

# Village of Bloomingdale Almanac

FEBRUARY 2009

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## From the Desk of Mayor Bob Iden

We have all seen and heard reports in the local media about the financial problems municipalities all over DuPage County and elsewhere are currently experiencing. Some have had to take drastic measures including cutting jobs and services. I want to assure you the Village of Bloomingdale is in good shape and we hope to stay in that condition.

Because we have had a long term fiscal plan in place, we are currently healthy financially. Of course, we must be prudent in our expenditures. We are not anticipating service cuts and will continue to monitor our revenues. However, in light of the economy and in response to our citizens, we will re-focus some priorities.

As we prepare the budget for our upcoming fiscal year in the next few months, our emphasis will be on what is necessary to address the needs of the Village and its citizens. As the economic climate changes, we will examine our progress and discuss the necessity to modify our emphasis.

Be assured, the Village Board and I are working as a team aligning mutual concerns and planning for the future on the Village.

I'd like to take this opportunity to recognize and congratulate the employees who reached a milestone employment anniversary in 2008. In December we honored a combined 555 years of service to the village.

While you can find a complete list of employees recognized this year on p. 9, I'd like to make special note of the employees who have reached 20 years and more. The fact that our employees stay with us for so long is part of the reason we can be so proud of our services. The high level of service that our residents have come to expect was established by longtime employees, such as these.

Congratulations to Ed Lewis, Bruce Beck, Barb Kroll, Karen Maranto, Brian Healey, Mike Gicla and Frank Giammarese (Police), Tim Finnander (Village Services) and John Spikes (Finance) on completing 20 years; to Bob Jensen and Rob Blum (Village Services), Julie Jaster (Police) and Irene Jones (Administration) who celebrated 25 years; and to Len Jaster (Police), Rich Meyer, Bob Maguire and Tim Heffron (Village Services) for giving the Village 30 years of dedicated service. I sincerely thank these and all our employees who continue to make us look good.

Mayor Bob Iden



Thanks for 120 Years of Expertise: Police Watch Commander Len Jaster, Utilities Superintendent Bob Maguire and Buildings & Grounds/Vehicle Maintenance Supervisor Rich Meyer. Not pictured: Plant Operator #1 Tim Heffron.

## VILLAGE BOARD, COMMISSION & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

*The public is encouraged to attend all Board  
and Commission meetings*

**REGULAR MEETINGS  
OF THE VILLAGE BOARD**  
2nd and 4th Monday of every month  
7:30 p.m. -- Village Hall

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**  
1st, 2nd 3rd & 4th Mondays of every month  
7:30 p.m. -- Village Hall

**PLAN COMMISSION**  
1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month  
7:30 p.m. -- Village Hall

**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**  
Six times a year or as needed

**BOARD OF FIRE AND POLICE  
COMMISSIONERS**  
3rd Wednesday of every month  
5:00 p.m. -- Village Hall

**POLICE PENSION BOARD**  
Quarterly beginning in January  
4th Monday  
5:00 p.m. -- Village Hall

**FAMILY FEST COMMISSION**  
3rd Wednesday of every month  
9:30 a.m. -- Library

**SEPTEMBERFEST COMMISSION**  
2nd & 4th Thursday of the month  
March-December  
7:00 p.m. - Village Hall

**BUSINESS PROMOTION &  
CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT  
COMMITTEE**  
1st Friday of the month  
10:00 a.m. - Village Hall

**LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
2nd Wednesday of every month  
7:30 p.m. -- Library

**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**  
Board of Directors Meeting  
1st Thursday of every month  
8:00 a.m. -- Indian Lakes

**BLOOMINGDALE FIRE PROTECTION  
DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
1st Thursday of the month  
5:00 p.m. - Firehouse,  
179 S. Bloomingdale Road

## VILLAGE OF BLOOMINGDALE ELECTED OFFICIALS

**Robert G. Iden**  
*Village President*

**Susan L. Bartucci**  
*Village Clerk*

### TRUSTEES

**James M. Gebis**  
*Planning, Zoning  
& Environmental Concerns*

**Robert Czernek**  
*Traffic and Street Infrastructure*

**John Dabrowski**  
*Police and Community Relations*

**Judi Von Huben**  
*Intergovernmental Relations and  
Emergency Planning*

**Bill Bolen**  
*Finance, Personnel and  
Administration*

**Jim King**  
*Facilities and Golf Course*

## New and Improved Village Website -- CHECK IT OUT!!!

If you're "surfing  
the net" and  
have a question  
to ask or an  
issue to bring to  
our attention,  
just E-mail it  
to us. If you  
wish to send  
us an  
electronic  
message, our website address is:  
[www.villageofbloomingdale.org](http://www.villageofbloomingdale.org)



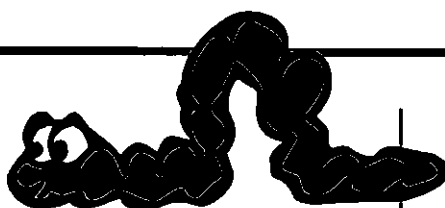
The deadline for  
the April issue  
of the  
Almanac is  
**MARCH 10**

## Be a Friend to a Fire Hydrant



Remember -- Adopt a Fire Hydrant near your home. We are all tired of moving snow, but this extra effort could help save a life or save someone's home from being destroyed by fire. Not just a good idea, but something we all should do for ourselves and our neighbors.

## Bagworms: Here's What You Need to Know



Over the past several years we have seen large numbers of this pest in our area. Although most of the outbreaks have been along our major roadways (Lake Street, Schick Road, Edgewater Drive, etc.), they have also been found in our neighborhoods. Bagworms spread slowly because the female is unable to fly, but they can be blown by the wind or crawl to other host plants. Landscapers may unintentionally transport bagworms in the process of pruning and moving infested plant material.

Bagworms are more easily identified in the winter and spring (from a distance they can be mistaken for cones), and when practical, can be removed and destroyed. Simply pick the bagworms off the plant and squash them. Be sure to cut the attachment silk band so that the branch will not be girdled in the future.



Twenty species of bagworms exist, affecting a wide range of host plants. Bagworms feed on the foliage of many evergreens, deciduous trees and shrubs, including arborvitae, juniper, false cypress, spruce, fir and pine in our area.

Severe infestations may require treatment. Spray applications of a bacterial insecticide such as Bt (*Bacillus thuringiensis*) are effective in controlling bagworms. Applications need to be administered in June, when the spray-timing indicator plants Northern Catalpa (*Catalpa speciosa*) and Japanese Tree Lilac (*Syringa reticulata*) are in full bloom. Applications are repeated at three to ten day intervals, dependent on weather. At least two applications are recommended.



Bagworms are often compared to caterpillar larvae, as the worm hides inside a self-constructed bag likened to a cocoon (hence the name bagworm). Bagworms create these cases out of silk and bits of twigs or leaves, interwoven to disguise and strengthen the case. When the larva is small, it feeds on the upper side of the leaf, resulting in a brown spot on the leaf. The larva moves to the lower surface as it grows and eats all of the leaf except for the larger veins. The change from pupa to adult requires seven to ten days, depending on weather. Adult females never leave the bag they constructed as a larva, but adult males emerge as moths. The male moth flies to the female, mates, and dies in a few days. The female produces 500 to 1,000 eggs that overwinter inside her bag. The eggs hatch and larvae emerge in late May to early June.

For more information, contact Jim Johnson, Village Forester, at 630-671-5804. Color photos can be found at <http://www.forestryimages.org/search/action.cfm?q=bagworms>.

(Source: *The Morton Arboretum and Kramer Tree Specialists*)

### Looking for a Summer Job?

The Village of Bloomingdale is seeking individuals to fill seasonal positions in the Public Works Maintenance and Utilities Divisions. These positions work approximately 40 hours per week. Work includes physical labor. Applicants must be 18 years of age and must have a valid Illinois Drivers License. Starting hourly rates are \$9.00.

Applications may be obtained at the Bloomingdale Village Hall, 201 S. Bloomingdale Road from 8:30AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday. For further information, please contact Human Resources Director Kay Argo at (630) 671-5616. The Village of Bloomingdale is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

## Spring

### Looking Forward to Branch Pick-Up

Think ahead to Spring for a minute – when all this winter's snow and ice are finally just a memory.

Kramer Tree Specialists, Inc. will once again perform branch collection under the direction of the Village Forestry Division during the week of April 20. Details to come in the April Almanac.

Admit it – it was nice to think about April, wasn't it?

# NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH IN ACTION

*The Bloomingdale Police Department publicly recognizes and expresses sincere gratitude to the residents listed below. The time and dedication as volunteer Neighborhood Watch Block Captains have led to the continued success of the program. Thanks to all of them for their contributions throughout the year to promote safety and enhance the quality of life for our community.*

Mary Albert	Juanita Hathaway	Lewis Sapien
Bill Bahr	Jacquelyne Hill	Jack Sassmann
Robert Becker	Donna Hoidas	Susan Schembari
Anna Marie Bergl	Dorothy Jaskey	Rhonda Schubert
Pam Brewer	Gretchen Johnson	John Schultz
Gregg Burgess	George & Gloria Kas	Robyn Scurek
Andre Burke	Joyce Klinowski	Kendra Siegle
Brad Butler	Joseph Kuzdzal	John Sofere
Lee Clarbourn	Rita & Frank Letizia	Nilofer Sohel
Bart Cohen	Anthony &	Juanita Soyaut
Carol Cosentino	Theresa Loblaco	Susan Voelker
Patricia Cox	Rozanne Malott	Mary Theresa Wedel
Susan Culhane	John Manos	Bob Wikrent
Ray Cullerton	Judy Martin	Bill Wirkus
Josephine Dabrowski	Patrick McNamara	Louise Zeitoun
Sam D'Amico	Jane & Gil Michelotti	
Janet Davitt	Carol Neff	<b>Management Offices of:</b>
Bonnie Decoursey	Carol Nies	Camden Apartments
Mary Ann Divenere	Nancy O'Leary	One Bloomingdale Place
Monica Dolhun	Holly Paoletti	Park Bloomingdale
Donna Doyle	Sandra Perakis	Condominiums
Paula Duffey	Dawn Percudani	Stratford Place
Patty Eagleton	Dorothy Prohaska	Apartments
Tim Fenner	Greg Puchalski	Wilshire Tower
Mary Sue Fornari	Patrick Quigley	Apartments
Amy Frane	Bernard Rapacz	
Mitch & Vivi Frumkin	Marvin Roehlke	
Laura Geraci	Gail Rohlfing	
Sally Gill	Roger Rossi	
Patrick Griffin	Cynthia Rothamer	
Charissa Hannigan	Judi Rotondo	
Connie Hasselbach	John Ruberti	

## Neighborhood Watch Calendar of Upcoming Events

**GENERAL MEETINGS**  
3rd Wednesday evening  
of every other month at  
7:30 PM in the Village  
Hall Council Room:

March 18  
May 20  
July 15  
September 16  
November 18

**NATIONAL NIGHT OUT  
AGAINST CRIME --  
BLOOMINGDALE PARK  
DISTRICT**  
Tuesday, August 4, 2009  
6:00-9:00 PM

**WELCOME**  
Bloomingdale is a  
**CRIME WATCH**  
community



We immediately report  
all suspicious activities  
to our Police Department

**OUR SUCCESS IS  
MEASURED BY THE SCOPE  
OF YOUR INVOLVEMENT**

Sincerely,

Tim Goergen, Dawn Odoi,  
Chief of Police Community Policing Officer

529-9868

# Neighborhood Watch: Crime Fighting Gets Personal

The Neighborhood Watch Program is a cooperative effort between the residents of Bloomingdale and the Bloomingdale Police Department designed to help reduce burglary, vandalism and other neighborhood crimes. Its operational objectives are to disseminate information to homeowners on how to protect themselves, their property, and their community; to establish communication and helpful relationships between neighbors; and to create real and psychological restraints for criminals.

Neighborhood Watch goes beyond the concept of securing your own home. It means caring about your neighbors, being aware of who is in the neighborhood, and what is happening. It also means calling the police and your neighbors if you see suspicious people, vehicles, or activity. It gives you and your neighbors a greater sense of security when you know someone cares.

As criminals become aware of areas having Neighborhood Watch groups, they avoid them and move to other neighborhoods, because they know that the residents are alert and will report their activities to the police.

Awareness and Involvement are the keys to a successful Neighborhood Watch Program – keeping interest high and continuing the groups' crime prevention education must be a primary focus for all participants. Through involvement, residents can take significant steps to deter, delay, or detect burglaries, vandalism, and theft, thus, making Bloomingdale a safer place to live.

The Bloomingdale Neighborhood Watch Program has general meetings on the third Wednesday of every other month (The third Wednesday of the following months: January, March, May, July, September, and November).

## WANTED: Neighborhood Watch Block Captains

The primary link / spokesperson of a particular residential area to the police department

Minimum number of homes involved with a Block Captain: 5

Responsibilities / Duties:

- ✓ Meet with each resident in your area and provide an invitation to be involved with the Neighborhood Watch Program.
- ✓ Maintain a listing of all your involved residents.
- ✓ Gather information, questions and concerns, from residents and then contact the Neighborhood Watch Coordinator (Officer Dawn Odoi) for answers.
- ✓ Provide current information from the Bloomingdale Police Department to your neighbors regarding criminal activity affecting your residential area.
- ✓ Distribute the Neighborhood Watch newsletter to neighbors' homes or by e-mail.
- ✓ Obtain recent Village and Police activities information through attendance at Neighborhood Watch General Meetings.

Being a Block Captain is not a hard or time-consuming job. It mostly involves becoming aware of activities in your area, taking the time to report them and disseminating information to your neighbors. A Neighborhood Watch Block Captain is a vital and necessary role for the success of the Neighborhood Watch Program and to preserve the safety and quality of life in Bloomingdale.

Any questions about the Neighborhood Watch Program or interested in becoming a Neighborhood Watch Block Captain, please contact Officer Dawn Odoi at (630) 529-9868.



## Safety Reminders

Keep doors and windows closed and locked at all times, including doors that connect from the garage to the home.

Utilize outside light and motion light detectors around your home.

Utilize timers to turn lights, radio(s) or television(s) on and off at appropriate times in different areas of your home.

Properly lock your unattended vehicles at all times, including in your driveway.

Remove all personal / valuable items from unattended vehicles, including GPS devices.

Report all suspicious person(s) and vehicles in your neighborhood.

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**671-5600**

*The Business Beat features news about businesses - newly opened ones, those under construction and those who have something special to tell the residents about - awards won, charitable fundraisers hosted, recent major remodels, etc. Retail businesses provide a significant part of the village's tax base. Supporting them helps keep the Village portion of your property tax bill low.*

**Remember - BUY IN BLOOMINGDALE.**

## NEW BUSINESSES



Owner Debbie Zempel, with Samantha Eldridge (left) and Cassie Slipkevych (right) encourage you to "indulge" in some cheesecake.

**INDULGE CHEESECAKE:** Could you choose your favorite among 22 flavors of cheesecake? White chocolate with a pretzel crust. Blueberry crumble. Chocolate espresso. Go ahead, indulge yourself at Indulge Cheesecakes, now open between Wal-Mart and Dick's Sporting Goods at 322 W. Army Trail Road.

Indulge Cheesecakes offers 21 standard flavors daily and one seasonal special, all baked on the premises. Six are low fat, made with Splenda, and gluten-free versions are available upon request. Cheesecakes come in 3", 6" and 9" sizes, and the store also has cheesecake pops and related gift items such as cake plates and cake servers. Surprise your Valentine with a chocolate cherry mousse cheesecake with chocolate graham crust.

"Desserts have always been my thing," says Debbie Zempel, who owns and operates Indulge Cheesecakes with her husband. "My cheesecakes went over so well with friends and family that people started to say I ought to sell them. My goal was to make them for fundraisers, but it grew into retail too."

Zempel continues to offer the cheesecakes as a "sweet" way for organizations to raise funds. (Call for details.) She also donates three percent of annual profits to charitable causes. The store is open from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, Noon to 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, and closed Monday. For information, call (630) 893-5714 or visit [www.indulgecheesecakes.com](http://www.indulgecheesecakes.com).

**ELEMENTS THERAPEUTIC MASSAGE:** Regular massage can boost your immune system and improve your mood. And therapeutic massage can spur your body's natural ability to heal itself, says Krystle Abbott, manager of Elements Therapeutic Massage which recently opened at 142 S. Gary Avenue (Suite 104), near Dominick's.

"Our goal is to help people be the healthiest they can be," Abbott says. "If people come to us with muscle pain, our trained therapists can help them to leave pain-free." Massage therapists at Elements are fully licensed and certified, and undergo an intensive four-step interviewing process. "We hire only the best," Abbot says.



Elements offers online scheduling, and membership options offer reduced rates with no sign-up or cancellation fees. Elements is open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday through Sunday. For information or to schedule an appointment, call (630) 894-5500 or visit [www.elementsbloomingtondale.com](http://www.elementsbloomingtondale.com).

**HIMALAYAN RESTAURANT:** If you're craving authentic Indian food close to home—or if you've always wanted to try Indian food but thought it might be

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## HIMALAYAN RESTAURANT: (continued)

too spicy—you're in luck...Himalayan Restaurant of Niles recently opened a second location in Bloomingdale at 398 W. Army Trail Road.

Sample the cuisine at the daily lunch buffet, which offers 25 different items and changes every day. Lunch is available from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, and from Noon to 3 p.m. on weekends. Dinner is served from 5 to 10 p.m. daily.



"People often think Indian food is spicy, but it can be mild, medium or spicy, made to your liking," says Vivek Kunwar, who co-owns the restaurant with Sudhir KC. "Some of our specialties are Chicken Tikka Masala, Fish Curry and Tandoori Prawn." Vegetarian dishes are also available.

"Right now, Indian food is becoming more popular with everyone," Kunwar says. "In the short two months since we have opened, some people have become regulars." Himalayan Restaurant offers carry-out, delivery and catering.

For more information, call (630) 523-5100 or visit [www.HimalayanRestaurant.com](http://www.HimalayanRestaurant.com).

**MASTERPIECE FRAMING:** Matt Puchalski of Masterpiece Framing has been in business for seven years in Bloomingdale. Despite last year's ailing economy, the young man had his best year yet in 2008. This caught the attention of Decor magazine who went behind the scenes to see how he cultivated the successful frameshop. The article tracks the development of the business, its struggles and its expansions, from its humble beginnings in his parents' basement to his current location in Springbrook Shopping Center on Lake Street. The author, Kristen Stefek Brashares, offers insight into the young

young entrepreneur's determination, as well provides a list of marketing tips from Matt which proved very profitable for him. Read the article and/or learn more about Matt and Masterpiece Framing at his website, [www.mframing.com](http://www.mframing.com).



## Last Minute Additions to the B-Card Program

### Elite Edge Salon

120 Ridge Avenue, Ste 10  
630-479-5117

*Free haircut with any color service. Shampoo, haircut and style for \$20 – first time clients only*

### Hairphazes

148-103 Bloomingdale Road  
630-529-0112

[www.hairphazes.com](http://www.hairphazes.com)

*\$5 off any service over \$25 or more*

### I Know A Guy - Repair Services

167 S. Circle Ave.  
630-336-6568

[www.iknowaguy.biz](http://www.iknowaguy.biz)

*One free hour of labor on any job, two hours or more.*

### Trust Nutrition

318 W. Army Trail Road, Unit 120  
630-893-9454

[www.trustnutrition.com](http://www.trustnutrition.com)

*30% off regular retail price – Not valid with any other offer*

### Center Stage Dance Studio

162C East Lake St.  
630-529-9085

[centerstage1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:centerstage1@sbcglobal.net)

*1 month free dance classes w/registration (Up to \$100 value) New customers only for Fall 2009 season*

## Dangerous Ground -- Winter Ice Safety

The winter season brings with it snow, cold weather and outdoor activities, which for many people might include ice-skating, snowmobiling and hockey.



If the water has turned to ice and it has been cold for a few days, the ice must be safe to use, right? Wrong! Unfortunately, people find this out the hard way year after year. Just because the water freezes over does not make it safe to walk or skate on. The International Association of Dive Rescue Specialists' manual on ice rescue states that there are (7) different types of ice. Clear ice is generally the strongest – it is new ice, formed by a long hard freeze, and new ice is stronger than old ice. It can be blue, black or green due to the color of the water seen through the ice.

The strength of ice, however, cannot be judged by appearance alone; a hole should be drilled in the ice to check its thickness. Ice does not necessarily have the same thickness in all locations either, due to the fact that the water seldom freezes at the same rate in a body of water. Daily temperatures, sun, water on the ice and even waterfowl or fish can prevent ice formation or cause thinner formations of ice.

General guidelines say that clear ice can support the following:

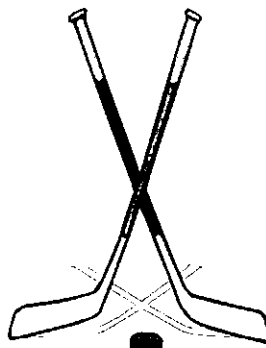
- 2" – Walking
- 4" – Fishing
- 5" – Snowmobiles

Children should stay off the ice until an adult checks it, but the only absolute in ice safety is stay off it. If the ice has been determined to be safe, there are a few safety precautions still to consider. They are the same as those used for swimming:

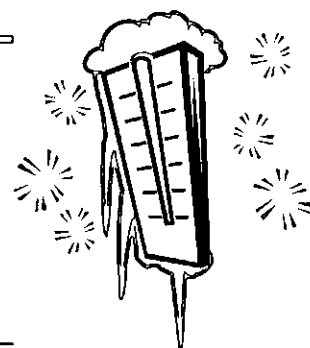
- ✓ Never skate alone
- ✓ Have life rings or hooks on shore for emergency use
- ✓ If the water is used for boating, keep a rowboat near the shore for quick emergency use
- ✓ Have a cellular phone available for emergencies

If someone is on or around ice, they should always watch for signs of weak ice. Some of those signs include:

- ☐ Ice that is of a different color, such as gray
- ☐ Ice that is near obstructions
- ☐ Slush or snow on the ice
- ☐ Bubbles or water on the ice surface
- ☐ A porous look to the ice
- ☐ Cracks in the ice
- ☐ Water running underneath the ice
- ☐ Pressure cracked shore ice
- ☐ Open water in the middle of a deep lake
- ☐ Water near a dam or spillway that will be weaker than the rest of the ice



The Bloomington Police Department and Bloomington Fire Protection District want everyone to enjoy the season, and if some simple safety rules are observed, it will be a safe season as well. If any further information is needed, please call the Bloomington Police Department at (630) 529-9868 or the Bloomington Fire Protection District at (630) 894-9080.



### When temperatures fall below zero:

If you have pipes that are vulnerable to freezing, allow a small trickle of water to run overnight to keep pipes from freezing. The cost of the extra water is low compared to the cost to repair a broken pipe. Open cabinet doors to expose pipes to warmer room temperatures to help keep them from freezing.

#### If your pipes freeze:

Shut off the water immediately. Don't attempt to thaw frozen pipes unless the water is shut off. Freezing can often cause unseen cracks in pipes or joints.

Apply heat to the frozen pipe by warming the air around it, or by applying heat directly to a pipe.

You can use a hair dryer, space heater, or hot water. Be sure not to leave space heaters unattended, and avoid the use of kerosene heaters or open flames.

Once the pipes have thawed, turn the water back on slowly and check for cracks and leaks.

#### When you are away:

Have a friend, relative or neighbor regularly check your property to insure the heat is working and the pipes have not frozen.

Also, a freeze alarm can be purchased for less than \$100 and will call a user-selected phone number if the inside temperature drops below 45 degrees.



## Numerous Scholarships Available to Graduating High School Seniors

The Bloomingdale Women's Club is pleased to announce their 2009 Scholarship application is now available for high school seniors who reside in the Village of Bloomingdale. The major criteria for awarding the \$1,000 Scholarship is demonstration of strong community service.

Applications are available at the area high schools' guidance office or at the Village Hall. Deadline for submission to the BWC is April 1, 2009. For more information or questions, contact Rose at 630-291-3667.



The **Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce** will also be offering scholarships to graduating seniors and continuing post secondary students for vocational, business or a two- or four-year college. Candidates must be a Bloomingdale resident or employee of a Bloomingdale Chamber member. Previous Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce scholarship winners will not be considered. Applications will be available after Monday, February 16 at the Chamber office, 108 W. Lake Street, on the website [www.bloomingdalechamber.com](http://www.bloomingdalechamber.com), at the Bloomingdale Village Hall, 201 S. Bloomingdale Road or at the Bloomingdale Library, 101 Fairfield Way. The deadline for submission is Monday, April 13, 2009. For more information call the Chamber office at 630-980-9082.

College-bound high school seniors who have attended **District 13** schools are invited to apply for scholarships available through the district.

A \$750 scholarship is being offered from the DuJardin Parent-Teacher-Organization (PTO); a \$750 scholarship is being offered from the Erickson PTO. Westfield Middle School is offering one \$750 scholarship from the Student-Teacher-Parent organization.

Past students of both DuJardin and Erickson may apply to only the school most recently attended. Students who attended one of the elementary schools and Westfield Middle School may apply to the elementary school as well as to Westfield.

Applications will be available from Lake Park High School and Driscoll High School counselors' offices, the District 13 school offices and can be downloaded from the district's web page, [www.sd13.org](http://www.sd13.org). Applications must be submitted by April 9. Winners will be selected by a committee evaluating the students' applications, grade point averages, introductory letters, and letters of recommendation. Winners will be notified in early May. For more information, contact the District 13 office at (630) 893-9590.

**State Representative Franco Coladipietro** is now accepting applications for students wishing to be considered for a 2009-2010 General Assembly Scholarship. The scholarship through his office is available to residents of the 45th representative district, which includes parts of Bloomingdale. It covers tuition for the fall, spring, and summer terms at any four-year Illinois public university.

Applications can be obtained at [www.coladipietro.com](http://www.coladipietro.com), by calling the district office at 630-582-0045, or at the district high schools and the College of DuPage. All applications and supporting materials must reach the district office no later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday April 24, 2009.

The recipients will be chosen by Representative Coladipietro's Scholarship Advisory Committee and will be notified by mail during the summer. For more information, please call Joyce at (630) 582-0045.

Watch the April issue of the Almanac for information on the 2009 **Joe Draghi Septemberfest Scholarship** available to Bloomingdale residents.

# Thanks!

The Village of Bloomingdale depends on the efforts of a variety of commissions and committees during the year. Each serves a specific purpose and is made up of volunteers, many of whom contribute a good deal of time to carry out the work of the commission. We extend thanks to the following individuals who have given so freely of their time during 2008.

### Business Promotion & Cultural Development Committee

Jacki Unger	John Vertnik
Branka Poplonski	Remo Turano
Georgene Geils	Bob Allen
Lori Selvaggi	

### Board of Fire & Police Commissioners

Warren Gnau	Frank Letizia
	Louis Pavone

### Police Pension Board

Jeff Fritz	Len Jaster
Steve Apostolopoulos	Alan Birkley
	Randy Sater

### Plan Commission

J. Thomas Brice	Guy Sanalidro
Jeff Dolce	Ron Fangusaro
Tim Lauing	Dan Hauser
Dan Proctor	Kelley Edmier

### Septemberfest Commission

Carole Lockhart	Marilyn Zaccardi
Dolores Orlik	Vivi Frumkin
Gloria Tomaras	Bill Wolff
Mitch Frumkin	

### Family Fest Commission

Guy Sanalidro	Milton Clark
Tim Jarzemyk	Kandice Kretler
Julie Deeke	Dennis Szafran

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# Residents Will Go To The Polls on April 7

*On Tuesday, April 7, residents will have the opportunity to elect a Mayor, Village Clerk and three Village Trustees. Following is a brief overview of the candidates running.*

## **Robert G. Iden, Village President** ☆☆☆☆☆☆☆

Bloomington residents since 1968, Bob & JoEllen Iden raised their two daughters here. They have seen the town grow and prosper in the last 41 years.

Bob has served in our local government for 30 years. Starting as a trustee in 1979, he went on to be appointed Village President in 1992. Since then, he has been elected to four additional full terms. During his entire tenure on the Board, Bob has fostered a good working relationship with other governing bodies in Bloomington, such as the library, schools, park district, fire department and township, as well as with the Bloomington Chamber of Commerce.

He has served on the DuPage Regional Planning Commission almost as long as he has been Mayor, and has served as chairman of that body for the last six years. Bob also continues to be an active member of the DuPage County Mayors and Managers conference, currently serving as first vice president, as well as director of the group's Planning Committee. These affiliations keep him informed on the County level and in close network with the leadership of other towns.

"Right now, what is of utmost importance is maintaining the economic strength of the Village and retaining our sales tax base in order to keep up the high level of Village services. Beyond that, I will continue to foster the quality of future development."



## **Susan L. Bartucci, Village Clerk** ☆☆☆☆☆☆☆

Susan has resided in Bloomington for over 30 years. She has three daughters: Angela, Gina, and Cara, and a precious granddaughter, Autumn.

Susan has been involved in various community activities in the Village serving as a Girl Scout Leader for 10 years and as a Bloomington Bears Cheerleading Manager for three years. In addition, she held many volunteer positions at the schools her daughters attended.

She was appointed to the Village Clerk position in January 2001 to fill the vacant office. Susan was elected to this position in April 2001 and reelected in April 2005. Currently she is employed as a Project Manager at U.S. Cellular in Chicago. She obtained her Professional Project Manager (PMP) Certification in 2005.

Susan is proud to serve in the Village Clerk position, and she enjoys working with the Mayor and the current Board members. She brings extensive experience and a strong administrative background to this office.



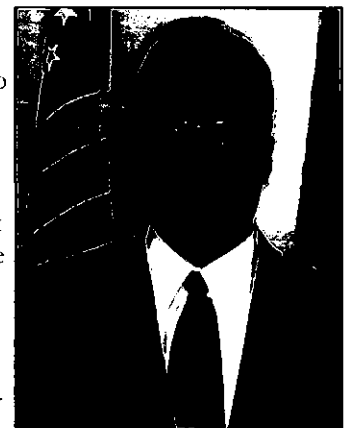
## **Bill Bolen, 4-year Trustee** ☆☆☆☆☆☆☆

Bill was appointed to the position of Village Trustee in 2003 to fill a vacancy. He was then elected to his first full term in 2005. He and his wife, Marla, have lived in Bloomington with their children Kelly and Ryan since 1990. Bill works for the US Environmental Protection Agency in the Great Lakes National Program office, formerly the Emergency Response Program.

Bill has been active in many community endeavors, especially in youth sports and other park district groups, including the Bloomington Parks Foundation and Friends of the Park. He has held offices in the Youth Basketball Association, Bloomington Baseball and Softball Association and Cub Scouts. He has received numerous awards in recognition of his volunteer efforts. Bill has also been actively involved in his parish community as a lector, coach, Sunday School teacher, and as a PADS volunteer.

Since his appointment to the Village Board, Bill has served as the lead trustee on legal and intergovernmental issues and is currently the lead trustee for finance and administration. Because of his occupation, he also brings a level of expertise on environmental and emergency response capabilities issues to the board.

"I am committed to maintaining the outstanding level of Village services that the residents are accustomed to, while continuing to safeguard a low Village tax rate. I also believed in protecting and preserving open and recreational space for our residents."



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# To Elect Village President, Clerk and Three Trustees

## James Gebis, 4-year Trustee ☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆

Jim has been active with the Village for the past 30 years, having served as a Plan Commission member and as a Village Trustee. With his focus on Planning and Development, he has been instrumental in implementing many of the quality of life features evident in the community today, including recreational paths, parks, landscaped corridors, and developments built to high standards. Jim and his wife Carol have raised three children in Bloomingdale and are proud of this community and what it has to offer. He is grateful for the excellent schools, library, and parks which formed the foundation for his children's success. He believes strongly in supporting and working together with the various community governments and groups. His engineering and management background has been an asset to him while serving the community in various projects.



Over the years, Jim has served as chairperson for the Golf Course Development Committee, Planning and Environmental Concerns Committee, Public Works Committee, and has worked on the North DuPage Recreational Path Committee. He has been liaison to the Plan Commission since 1991.

Over the years, Jim has supported keeping open spaces, including Bloomingdale Golf Course, Old Town Park, Indian Lakes Resort open area, and many other green areas in the Village.

Jim would like to continue keeping Bloomingdale the premier community in the western suburbs. "I thank you for all the support you have given me, and I am committed to keeping Bloomingdale a great place to live."



## Judi Von Huben, 4-year Trustee ☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆

Judi is seeking re-election for a third term. As the chairperson of the Intergovernmental Relations and the Emergency Planning Committee, she is the liaison to the Business Promotion & Cultural Development Committee, in addition to all intergovernmental agencies, including the Park District, Fire Protection District, Bloomingdale Public Library & Chamber of Commerce. Judi was a member of the Plan Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals for five years, as well as serving as vice chairman and chairman of the Old Town Review Committee. She also served on the Recreational Path Advisory Board.

Judi and her husband David have been residents of Bloomingdale for 24 years. She has worked as a product manager in the electronics industry, as well as in computer sales. Currently, she is employed doing marketing and computer consulting for small companies.

Judi has remained committed to carry on the Bloomingdale tradition of quality development. She supports numerous intergovernmental agreements for overall community improvement. She also has a passion for open space and environmental issues.

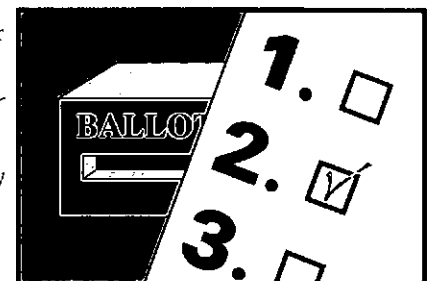
"I wish to continue to give residents strong fiscal management and sound planning. We have a dedicated team of people who care about our Village and actively work at quality of life issues. I want to continue to work on open space issues and provide a strong sales tax base."

## Voter Registration Information

If you have not registered at your current address, you must register at least 28 days prior to an election in order to vote in that election. You can register by mail or in person. The next election is Tuesday, April 7. Registration closes on Tuesday, March 10, 2009.

You can register in person at local City, Village, or Township Halls in DuPage County or at the Election Commission office, 421 North County Farm Road, Wheaton, Illinois, in addition to some local Libraries. When registering, be sure to bring two forms of identification with you, one of which must have your correct address on it.

By Mail: You can also register by mail using an approved registration application form by downloading a form from [www.dupageelections.com](http://www.dupageelections.com). Or you may call the Election Commission at 630-407-5600 to have a form sent to you. Instructions are included on the form for where to mail it.



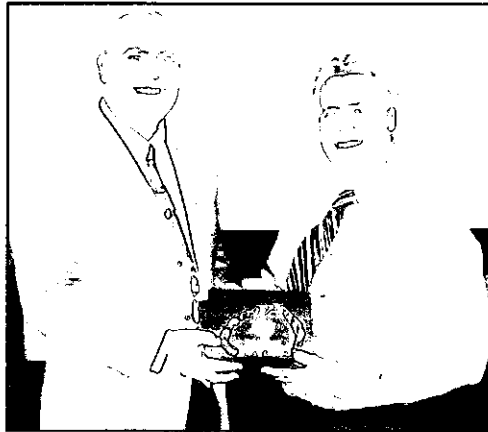
## Chamber Honors Rookie, Ambassador, Business & Business Person of the Year

On December 17th the Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce held its Annual Holiday Luncheon and Awards Recognition. One hundred forty members were on hand to celebrate the season, as well as to honor some outstanding members.

**Christine Smith, president of Old Town Bank, was chosen as this year's Business Person of the Year.** This past year, Christine was instrumental in the development of the Bloomingdale Area Women in Business. She serves as the chairperson to this organization whose mission statement is "strives to empower, embrace and equip women with the knowledge and resources to achieve their personal goals and reach their professional potential."

**Jameson's Charhouse was chosen as Business of the Year.**

Jameson's stands out for advancing the growth of its business, while at the same time actively supporting

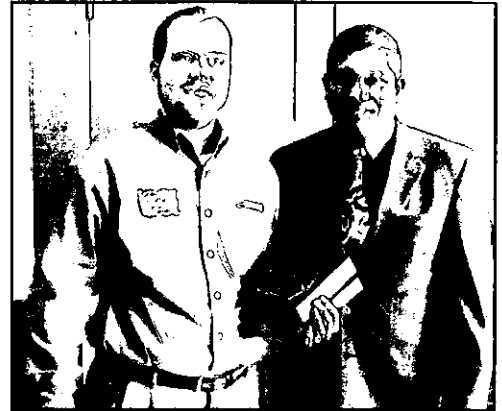


Tom Lewandowski of Insty-Prints (left) presented Bryan Ryndak of Ryndak Physical Therapy with the Rookie of the Year award.

members of the chamber and the community at large. In addition to donating gift cards for several of the chamber activities, Jameson's also hosted two of the chamber events this year.

**Bryan Ryndak of Ryndak Physical Therapy was chosen as the Rookie of the Year.** The board certified specialist in orthopedic physical therapy opened Ryndak Physical Therapy in January, 2008. Since joining the chamber, Bryan has been active in many areas, including being elected vice president of Bloomingdale One, the chamber's networking group. He also serves as one of the chamber's Ambassadors.

**Brian Kurtz of Sunrise Chevrolet was chosen Ambassador of the Year.** Brian has been with Sunrise since 2005, coming to the Bloomingdale area in 2007. As an Ambassador, Brian has helped foster growth and development of the chamber itself, by attending after hours, ribbon cuttings and luncheons, as well as serving on the 2009 Program Committee.



Brian Kurtz of Sunrise Chevrolet (left) received his Ambassador of the Year award from Feroz Ahmed, LPL Financial. As a retiring chamber director, Ahmed was also recognized for the donation of his time and talent to the chamber.

## Dianna Necka Wins VFW Voice of Democracy Contest

The Bloomingdale VFW Post 7539 proudly announced the winners of the 2008-2009 Voice of Democracy contest. Bloomingdale resident Dianna M. Necka, a senior at Lake Park High School, won 1st prize and a check for \$300. Lake Park freshman Kaitlyn E. D. Kesler of Roselle won 2nd prize and a check for \$200.

Photo: Post 7539 Commander Joe Palmer presented Dianna with a first place certificate and check for \$300 while Voice of Democracy Chairman Bill Bahr holds the plaque with Dianna's name which will be placed at Lake Park High School. Dianna also just won \$200 for placing 4th in the VFW District competition.



## DuPage County Senior Citizen Real Estate Tax Deferral Program

Senior Citizens (age 65+) with a household income below \$50,000, may qualify for the real estate deferral program which provides tax relief for qualified senior citizens by allowing them to defer their property tax on their principal residence.

For more information please contact the DuPage County Treasurer's office at 630-407-5900 or go to [www.dupageco.org/treasurer](http://www.dupageco.org/treasurer) and click on "Senior Serve."

## Big Mac and Little Mac

Dubbed "Little Mac and Big Mac" by Coach Daniel Bartka, Bloomingdale brothers Sophomore Brian McKeown and Senior Kevin McKeown recently helped the Lake Park boys' golf team win its first IHSA Regional Championship since 1987. The young men are the sons of Terry and Marianne McKeown.



## Santa's Helpers -- The Bloomingdale Lions

Twenty-one members of the Bloomingdale Lions Club went to the neighborhood Jewel-Osco on December 13th to purchase food for some families in need. They

annually put together these Christmas baskets and deliver them personally to the families. The names come from the Bloomingdale Township and the Lions meet with the families to learn about their specific needs. Employees of Jewel Osco get into the spirit of the day by decorating the shopping carts. Pictured as they ready to check out are (l to r) Lions Ron Fangusaro, Kelly Gits, Mark Bousquet, Dan L. Davis, John Vertnik and Warren Prescott.

## Not Just Dirty Hands

(right photo) At the November program Garden Club members created floral pins for the residents of the West Suburban Care Center on Edgewater Drive. Mary Fortino, pictured here with one of the 144 pins created,



delivered them to the Center.

(left photo) Members of the Garden Club decorated their tree at the Snowman Crossing at Bloomingdale Public Library with seed packets, snowflakes, and poinsettias.



Mark your calendars for May 15 & 16. The Garden Club will host its annual plant sale on the grounds of the Village Hall, 201 S. Bloomingdale Road.

# EVENTS

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### If You are 55 or Over and Love to Play Bridge, This Invitation is for You!

The Bloomingdale Park District invites anyone interested in meeting new people and playing Bridge to come to the Johnston Recreation Center every Friday from Noon - 4:00 p.m. Residents ages 55+ are welcome. The event is held in the Johnston Recreation Center, Community Room, 172 S. Circle Avenue. Phone: 630-529-3650. Complimentary coffee is provided.

### Magic Through the Ages for the Whole Family

Fun and entertainment for the whole family. Jim Jensen and his company of magicians take you on a magical journey of tricks and illusions from days past to the present. Kids and adults alike will be amazed at the high energy style of magic. Bring the whole family!

Saturday, February 7, 2009  
2pm and 7pm shows  
Wheaton Grand Theater  
123 Hale St., Wheaton  
\$10 per person, \$35 per family

Open to the public! Ticket proceeds will be donated to WDSRA. Families can register through the Wheaton Park District.

### School District 13 Announces Kindergarten Registration

School District 13 Kindergarten registration will take place during the week of February 16th this year. If you or anyone you know has a child who will be five years of age on or before September 1, 2009 and is a resident of Bloomingdale School District #13, make sure to register the child for kindergarten. Registration will take place at DuJardin School, 166 S. Euclid Ave., or Erickson Elementary, 277 Springfield Dr., on the following dates and times:

February 17, Tuesday. 8:00 - 4:00 pm  
February 18, Wednesday. 8:00 - 6:00 pm  
February 19, Thursday. 8:00 - 4:00 pm  
February 20, Friday. 8:00 - 4:00 pm

Kindergarten registration packets can be picked up in the school office starting February 2nd and completed prior to registration week.

### Women's Club February Program Features 'Gems with Bling!'

The Bloomingdale Women's Club meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month from September through May and have changed their meeting venue in January to the community room at the Bloomingdale Fire Station, 179 S. Bloomingdale Road. The February 12th program is featuring "All about gems with lots of bling!" presented by Therese Balducci, graduate gemologist with Ancona Jewelers of Addison. Social time starts at 7 p.m. with meeting and program following. For more information about BWC contact Maureen at 630-539-1674.

### WDSRA Presents 'Evening at Sea'

Enjoy an "Evening at Sea" at the WDSRA Foundation's annual charity auction on Friday, March 6th at the Abbingdon, Glen Ellyn. With a fabulous dinner, silent and live auctions, raffle baskets and some surprises, this promises to be an evening you won't want to miss. For complete information visit [www.wdsra.com](http://www.wdsra.com). For more information about tickets, sponsorships, or donations, please contact Cindy Allston at [cindya@wdsra.com](mailto:cindya@wdsra.com) or 630-681-0962 ext 132.

Your support allows the Western DuPage Special Recreation Association (WDSRA) to continue to provide quality recreational programming, qualified staff, specialized equipment, needed scholarships, and ensures that the cost of programs stay low.

### "Springtime in Paris"

Springtime In Paris" is the 2009 theme of the Bloomingdale Women's Club 34th Annual Fashion Show on Sunday, April 26. Fashions from Carsons, Mona Lisa, Sassy's, Brides by Demetrios, York Furs and Men's Warehouse will be featured. This year's charity is Little Friends, Inc. a private, non-profit organization serving children and adults with disabilities. The agency operates to help senior adults, including early intervention, alternative schools, family support, respite care, vocational training, and community-based residential services.

One of the areas in which Little Friends has developed special expertise is in serving children with autism.

From diagnosing the disorder to providing intensive training in communication, social skills, self-help skills and more, the agency has helped hundreds of children make life-changing progress.

Little Friends was founded in 1965 and is based in Naperville. Each year the agency serves more than 800 people throughout DuPage, Kane, Kendall, Will, and western Cook County.

The luncheon and show will be at Alta Villa Banquets in Addison, starting a noon with lots of raffle prizes to win. Tickets will be available at the beginning of March, contact Candie at 630-462-0540 for reservations or more information.

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**Villagers Present 'Recession Fun for Women at Little or No Cost'**

Get yourself out of the house for an evening of fun in 2009. All three programs listed begin at 6:30 p.m. on the lower level of the Bloomingdale Public Library, 1010 Fairfield Way.

Due to the current recession, the Villagers of Bloomingdale are looking for ways to save money and cut back on expenses. So their February 5th program is back to the basics – "A Valentine Craft Project for your Valentine." Bring scissors, a glue stick and a snapshot of your Valentine. The club will supply the rest. No charge to anyone participating.

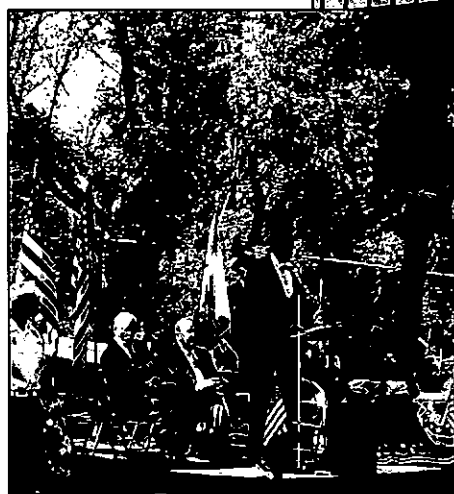
On March 5th the program will be an easy and fun game night with BUNCO 101, the latest craze to hit the women's groups. There will be prizes for winners of the evening.

On April 2nd, the Villagers will present their annual fashion show featuring the fashions of the Walk-In Closet, 107 S. Third Street in Old Town, where you can find beautiful clothes for women at reasonable prices. The Villagers will request a \$5 or \$10 donation for our local charities, for which you will receive a charity receipt. Refreshments will be served. More information on this event will appear in the next Almanac and in local newspapers.

For more information on any of the club or any of these programs, call Bette at 630-924-6861 or Joan at 630-529-9774.

**Come Meet President and Mrs. Lincoln**

Max and Donna Daniels will be portraying President and Mrs. Lincoln at a coffee/tea hosted by the Bloomingdale Historical Society on March 8, 2009, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Bloomingdale Public Library, 101 Fairfield Way. Mrs. Lincoln will talk about the fashions of the day, showing some of them off. The President



will talk about his inauguration. We hope that anyone interested in Lincoln will join us. There is no charge. This will be the third time that the Lincolns, as portrayed by Mr. and Mrs. Daniels, have appeared in our village.

**Happy Anniversary!**

Congratulations to the following Village Employees who celebrated special service anniversaries in 2008

**30 Years**

Rich Meyer  
Bob Maguire  
Tim Heffron  
Len Jaster

**25 Years**

Bob Jensen  
Julie Jaster  
Rob Blum  
Irene Jones

**20 Years**

Ed Lewis  
Bruce Beck  
Barb Kroll  
John Spikes  
Brian Healey  
Mike Gicla

Frank Giammarese  
Tim Finnander  
Karen Maranto

**15 Years**

Carol Dublin  
Dawn Odoi  
Paul Alcozer  
Donna Hulata  
Sandy Aronson  
Randy Petersen  
Barb Weber

**10 Years**

Sam Bonilla  
Chris Hajduk  
Sue Hill

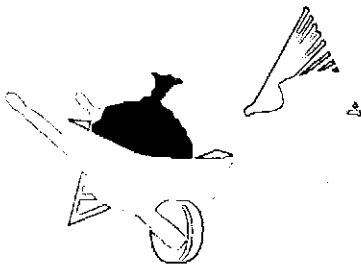
**Five Years**

Liz Spontella  
Michelle Lukasz  
Kim Lukowski  
Terry Spradling

## Parkway Damaged By Snow Plows? Let Us Know So We Can Do Repairs

The Public Works Division understands that there could be some damage to parkways due to snowplowing operations. It is Village policy to repair parkways in April, May, and early June, weather permitting, as this is the best time for the germination of grass seed.

Please call the Public Works Division at 630-671-5800 to inform us about damage to your parkway so we can put your location on the list.

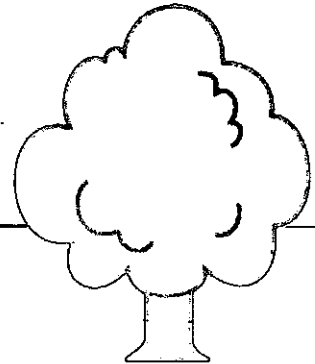


## Thinking About Trimming or Removing a Parkway Tree? You'll Need to Obtain a Permit

For any and all work by a resident or resident's contractor on a parkway tree, a permit is required by Ordinance No. 95-61, An Ordinance Regulating the Planting, Maintenance and Removal of Trees on Public Areas.

**Please Note:** Installing planter walls around parkway trees is work which requires a permit. The Village discourages the installation of planter walls around parkway trees because the parkway is Village property and the typical installation of a small diameter ring filled with soil is injurious to the tree. For those residents who have installed planter walls without permits, approval can be obtained by contacting James M. Johnson, Urban Forester, at 630-671-5804. The Village will be notifying residents of a violation when unacceptable planters are encountered.

The Village has a comprehensive, systematic pruning schedule which ensures each tree is trimmed every five years. Contract tree pruning occurs during February through April. In-house trimming can occur any time during the year. If a resident believes a parkway tree requires pruning, please contact the Forestry Division at 630-671-5800.



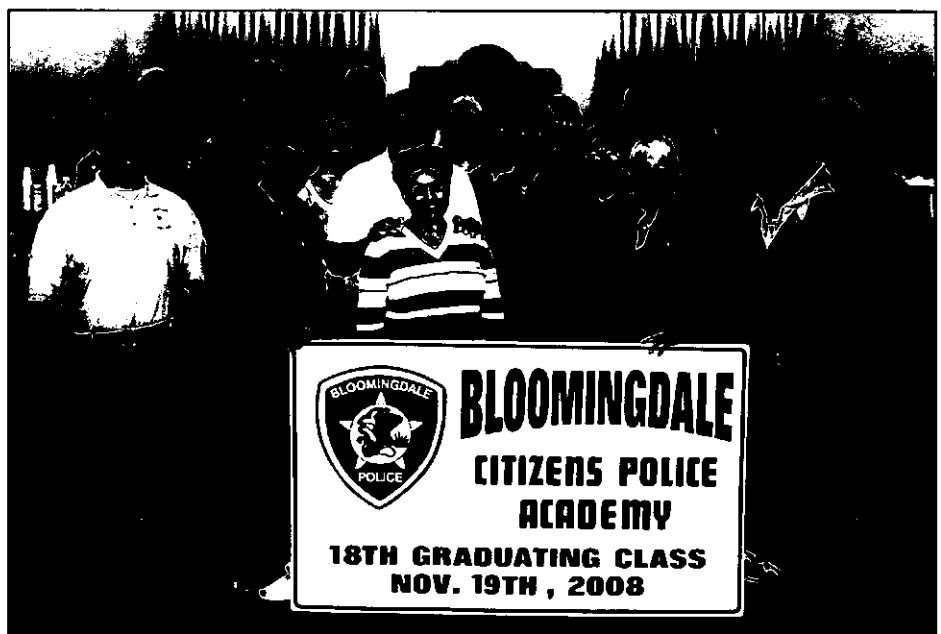
## Contract Tree Pruning To Begin in February

Ciosek Tree Service of Lombard, Illinois will begin parkway tree pruning for the Village in February. All trees with a diameter at breast height of eight or more inches will be pruned to improve tree health and structure in a careful and systematic manner. Areas included in this year's cycle are:

- Edgewater Subdivision
- Greenway Subdivision
- Byron Subdivision

## Congratulations Grads!

The 18th class of the Bloomingdale Citizens Police Academy graduated on November 19, 2008. Last year marked the 20th Year this program has been in existence in Bloomingdale. For information on the next academy for residents call Officer Dawn Odoi at 630-529-9868.







# The B-Card: Your Ticket to Great Values in Bloomingdale!

The Bloomingdale Business Promotion & Cultural Development Committee is happy to announce the second annual B-Card promotion. This year's B-Card offers Bloomingdale residents and workers special discounts from February 6 – February 22. There are over 80 participating businesses listed here, along with their specific discounts. Businesses signing up after the Almanac deadline are listed on the website ([www.villageofbloomington.org](http://www.villageofbloomington.org)) so check there for additional savings opportunities before you shop.

Participating businesses will have a sign in their window which looks much like the card you will be carrying. Take this opportunity to try a new store, new service or new

restaurant. Pull out the B-Card from this issue and remember to take it with you – the only way to get your discount is to present the B-Card.

Once again, the effective dates are February 6 - 22. These promotions are only good during this time - the card is no longer valid on February 23. Happy Shopping, and Remember – Buy in Bloomingdale!

See p. 7 for five last minute additions to the B-card participants. Make sure to check the website [www.villageofbloomington.org](http://www.villageofbloomington.org) for additional businesses taking part up until the program starts on February 6.

## Participating Business

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### Alterations U.S.A.

427 Stratford Square Mall  
630-582-0663

Receive 25% off on alterations. Excludes Express Service, Wedding Gowns, and Leather.

### Amici's Salon

156 S. Bloomingdale Road  
630-295-5999  
[www.amicissalon.com](http://www.amicissalon.com)

Feb 14 only - Hairstyle, make-up and 5X7 photo: \$75. Feb 7 & 21 only - Manicure & pedicure: \$35 - Appts necessary

### Angela Christie Salon & Spa

360 W. Schick Road #16  
630-351-2040

50% off total hair service – first time clients

### Antica Pizzeria

119 W. Lake Street  
630-307-0300

25% off the total bill

### Army Trail Shell LLC

250 E Army Trail Road  
630-894-8055

We will be working in conjunction with our vendors to offer a wide variety of discounts.

### Artful Touch Spa

154 S. Bloomingdale Road  
630-893-1145  
[Artfultouchdayspa.com](http://Artfultouchdayspa.com)

Full service spa for men, women & teenagers – 10% off all services.

### AVON

305 Stratford Square Mall  
630-351-0309

Anew Skin Care-Buy 1, Get 1 for Half Price; Perfumes-Buy 1 Get 1 for Free

### B.R.U.C. Computers

425 Stratford Square Mall  
630-702-9048  
[www.bruccomputersinc.com](http://www.bruccomputersinc.com)

The Sweet Heart Sale. Save 20% on ALL ASUS Laptops and Niteline Custom Computer Desktops.

### Back to Bed Bloomingdale

185 E. Lake St.  
630-980-0690  
[www.backtobed.com](http://www.backtobed.com)

25% off everyday low prices on Simmons Beautyrest sets, and free delivery. Excludes Tempurpedic.

### Baskin Robbins

148 S. Gary  
630-582-7515

10% off entire purchase

### Baskin Robbins

207 Stratford Square Mall  
630-351-4473

Get Regular SoftServe Cone for 59cents only! Limit 1 per customer.

### Berman's Big & Tall Men's Shop

148 E. Lake Street  
630-351-4866  
[Bermansbigtall@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Bermansbigtall@sbcglobal.net)

10 % off your total purchase – includes sale merchandise

### Bloomingdale Optical

152 S. Bloomingdale Road  
Suite 102  
630-980-4446  
[www.bloomingdale-optical.com](http://www.bloomingdale-optical.com)

20% off Frames and Lenses or \$10 off Contacts. Not valid with insurance

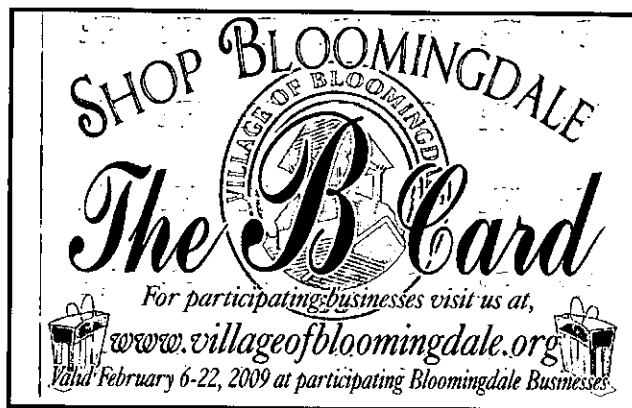
**This is the Best Business Opportunity in Bloomingdale in 175 Years!**

# Participating Business

<b>Bloomington Pharmacy</b> 156 S. Bloomington Road 630-980-9198	20% off purchase- excludes prescriptions, stamps, yard waste stickers. \$2 off prescriptions	<b>Ducat Chiropractic &amp; Wellness Center</b> 107 S. Third St, Suite #2 224-653-8094 www.ducatchiropractic.com	Living up to your full potential? Call for a complimentary fitness evaluation & consultation with Dr. Erin Ducat.
<b>Bloomington's Salon Vasi &amp; Wigs</b> 120 N. Bloomington Road 630-307-9000	20% off salon services and wigs	<b>Dunkin Donuts</b> 169 E. Lake Street 630-894-3021	99c Large Coffee
<b>Bloomington School of Music</b> 108 South Third Street 630-351-0023 www.bloomingtonschoolofmusic.com	20% discount on music, lesson materials and boutique items. New students save \$20.00 with registration for private lessons.	<b>Dunkin Donuts</b> 142 S. Gary Avenue #109 630-582-3360	99c Large Coffee
<b>Burkhardt's Repairs R Us, Inc.</b> 306 Orchard Lane www.repairsrusonline.com	\$25 off any job over \$200 & \$100 off any job over \$1000	<b>Edible Arrangements</b> 156 A E. Lake Street. 630-893-8740 www.ediblearrangements.com	\$3.00 off delivery in local area or \$5.00 off pickups
<b>Cartridge World</b> 358 W. Army Trail Road Suite 150 630-893-6300 www.cartridgeworldusa.com	\$5.00 Off Any Cartridge Refill with Purchase of \$30.00 or more .Not valid with other offers or previous purchase	<b>Elements Therapeutic Massage</b> 142 S. Gary Avenue, Suite 104 630-894-5500 www.elementsbloomingdale.com	New Client Special \$49.00 for a 55-Minute Massage Session
<b>CENTURY 21 Lullo</b> 107 W. Lake Street 630-283-9400 www.c21lullo.com	Free Comparative Market Analysis on your Property!	<b>GNC - Springbrook Center</b> 156J East Lake Street 630-582-0959 www.nutraserve.com	15% discount every day
<b>CERAGEM</b> 822 Stratford Square Mall 630-307-8535	Upon registration, one month free trial provided for the automatic thermal therapy of the CERAGEM	<b>The Goddard School</b> 92 Stratford Drive 630-893-5633 www.Goddardschools.com	50% off the tuition for first month
<b>Chicago Pastry (Casa Dei Dolci)</b> 142 N. Bloomington Road 630-529-6391 www.chicagopastry.com	Use B-Card as \$1 for every \$7 spent	<b>Half Price Books</b> 366-370 W. Army Trail Road 630-893-8907 www.halfpricebooks.com	\$5 off \$25 purchase, can't be used for gift cards or combined with other sales/discounts, See store for full details.
<b>Courtyard Hotel by Marriott</b> 275 Knollwood Drive 630-529-9200 www.marriott.com/chibg	Weekend Special! \$59.00/night Thurs. - Sun. nights through March 31, 2009	<b>C. A. Hanck Graphics</b> 309 Hempstead 630-582-2456 www.cahanckgraphics.com	Design Services for Graphics or Web - Receive 10% OFF
<b>Dina's Alterations</b> 120 N. Bloomington Rd. 630-307-0177	20% discount on all alterations. Tailor on premises, specializing in bridal wear.	<b>Headlines</b> 156 E. Lake Street 630-351-1313	20% off All Services Haircuts/Styles - Color - Highlightes (1st time clients only)
<b>Disc Replay</b> 348 W. Army Trail Road, #140 630-671-0454	Word of Honor Discount - Promise to Refer a Friend When You Leave Disc Replay and Get 10% Off Immediately	<b>High Tech Auto &amp; Truck Repair Centers</b> 250 S. Gary Avenue #114 630-529-4300 www.HTATRC.com	20 % off any service
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<b>La Campana Mexican Restaurant</b> 306 W Army Trail Road 630-924-8699	10% off lunch or dinner check of over \$20, but not to exceed \$100. Not valid Fridays or Saturdays.	<b>The Painted Penguin</b> 105 Stratford Square 630-894-0005	\$10 off any Party Package booked with B-card or 20% off one retail item in stock. Not valid with other offers.
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<b>Pivot Point</b> 144 C. East Lake Street 847-985-5900 www.pivot-point.com	50% salon or spa services for first time clients.	<b>SAS Comfort Shoes</b> 326-120 W. Army Trail Road (630) 307-9910 www.sassshoes.com	10.00 off any shoe, sandal, or handbag
<b>Plaques Plus</b> 111 Stratford Square Space C-18 630-671-0933	20% off Custom Jerseys	<b>Sassy's Originals</b> 360 W Schick Road 11-12 630-894-1395 www.sassysoriginals.com	20% off all regular priced merchandise
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<b>Platinum Salon &amp; Medical Spa</b> 81 Stratford Drive 630-893-2100 www.platinumsalon-spa.com	\$10 off any service \$50 or greater, 15% off your total retail purchase	<b>TFT Tomorrows Fashions Today</b> 820 Stratford Square Mall 630-893-5370	20% off any regular priced item and personalized shopping consultant services to enhance your shopping experience
<b>Platt Hill Nursery</b> 222 West Lake Street 630-529-9394 www.plathillnursery.com	\$5 OFF a \$25 one-time purchase	<b>T Shirts Plus</b> 819 Stratford Square Mall 630-894-8990	B-card promotion 20% discount All others 15% discount
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<b>Residence Inn by Marriott</b> 295 Knollwood Drive 630-893-9200 www.marriott.com/chibd	Weekend Special! \$69.00/night Thurs. - Sun. nights through March 31, 2009	<b>Tony &amp; Mikey's Italian Deli &amp; Cafe</b> 231 E. Army Trail Rd. 630-295-9130	FREE 6" Regular SUB! When you buy any Sub, Sandwich, Panini & 2 large fountain drinks. A \$4.50 value!
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# Bloomington Fire Protection District #1



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## January & February Leading Months for Home Fires

Two recent fires in Bloomington have prompted the need to remind everyone that the winter months are especially hazardous. The Bloomington Fire Protection District and The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) urge residents to take extra fire safety precautions this winter in the wake of these incidents as well as several multiple fatality fires over the past few weeks that have occurred nationally.

According to NFPA, December, January and February are the leading months for home fires. In 2007 there were an estimated 399,000 home fires resulting in nearly 3,000 deaths. Cooking is the leading cause of home structure fires and home fire injuries. Smoking is the leading cause of home fire deaths. Heating ranks second in home fire deaths overall, but in one- or two-family dwellings it is the leading cause.

The Bloomington Fire Protection District and NFPA recommend the following key fire safety tips:

- **Watch your cooking**

Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling, or broiling food. If you must leave, even for a short time, turn off the stove.



- **Give space heaters space**

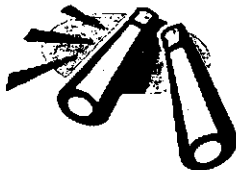
Keep fixed and portable space heaters at least three feet from anything that can burn. Turn off heaters when you leave the room or go to sleep.

- **Smoke outside**

Ask smokers to smoke outside. Have sturdy, deep ashtrays for smokers.

- **Keep matches and lighters out of reach**

Keep matches and lighters up high, out of the reach of children, preferably in a cabinet with a child lock.



- **Inspect electrical cords**

Replace cords that are cracked, damaged, have broken plugs, or have loose connections.

- **Be careful when using candles**

Keep candles at least one foot from anything that can burn. Blow out candles when you leave the room or go to sleep.

- **Have a home fire escape plan**

Make a home fire escape plan and practice it at least twice a year.

- **Install smoke alarms on every level of your home, inside bedrooms and outside sleeping areas.**

Interconnect smoke alarms throughout the home. When one sounds, they all sound. Test smoke alarms at least once a month and replace batteries once a year or when the alarm "chirps" to tell you the battery is low. Replace any smoke alarm that is more than 10 years old.



- **Install carbon monoxide alarms**

Install CO alarms in a central location outside each separate sleeping area and on every level of the home and in other locations where required by applicable laws, codes or standards. For the best protection, interconnect all CO alarms throughout the home.

The Bloomington Fire Protection District is dedicated to your safety and well being. For more information about home fire safety or other topics, please contact Lieutenant Richard Kurka at 630-894-9080.





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February/March 2009

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## Spotlight On

## E-Pay

Can't make it into the Library to pay your fines? Try our new E-Pay service!

### What is E-Pay?

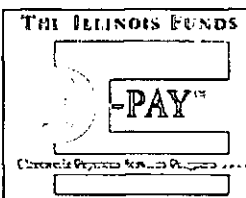
The Bloomington Public Library has partnered with the Illinois E-Pay Program to provide you with a secure, convenient, and easy way to make online payments of fines and fees. You may pay with a Visa, MasterCard, American Express, or Discover credit or debit card.



### How Do I Make an Online Payment?

Follow these simple steps:

1. Log in to My Account via the Library's web page.
2. If you have any fines or fees click on the "# bills (Pay Online)" link in your My Account summary at the top of the page.
3. Your bills will appear on the screen. You can either select an individual bill to pay by clicking the "Bill Now" button at the end of that line, or you can pay all bills by clicking the "Pay All Bills" button at the bottom to do all of them at once.
4. Complete the online form with all of the requested information.
5. You will receive a confirmation number by e-mail once your transaction is complete. Print this form for your records and bring it with you the next time you come to the Library.
6. Allow 2 business days for your account to be updated and fines to be cleared from your account. If you are paying fees so you can check out today, complete your e-payment, and then bring the printed receipt to the Circulation Desk as proof of payment, so your account can be credited right away.



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Please contact the circulation desk at (630) 924-2750 with any questions. And remember: You can prevent overdue charges by renewing materials by phone or online. To see what you have checked out or to

**The Library will be closed on  
Sunday, April 12 in observance of  
the Easter holiday.**





## Youth Services Programs

### Registration Information/Requirements for Children's Programs

Please note that some of the following programs require registration and, unless otherwise noted, are open to Bloomington cardholders only. Beginning on February 1, you may register for these programs at the Youth Services Reference Desk, or by telephoning (630) 924-2740. When registering for programs requiring you to be a cardholder, please have your Library card available.



## STORYTIMES

### ROMPER RHYMES (3 months – 15 months)

Tuesdays, March 10-April 21

(Romper Rhymes will not be held on March 31.)

9:45 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Registration is required.

Romper Rhymes is a language-enrichment program in which nursery rhymes, songs, and fingerplays are shared with babies and their parents or caregivers. Please bring only the child who is registered for the program.

### BUDDING READERS (16 months – 23 months)

Tuesdays, March 10-April 21

(Budding Readers will not be held on March 31.)

11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Registration is required.

Budding Readers is designed to prepare toddlers and their parents or caregivers for Time for 2's storytime. The program includes stories and nursery rhymes, fingerplays, flannel board stories, and music. Please bring only the child registered for the program.

### TIME FOR 2's (24 months – 42 months)

Mondays, March 9-April 20

(Time for 2's will not be held on March 30.)

10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Registration is required.

Time for 2's is designed to have parents or caregivers interact with their two-year-olds to help them develop listening skills. The program includes interactive stories, flannel board stories, fingerplays, and music. Please bring only the child who is registered for the program.

### PRESCHOOL STORYTIME (Ages 3 – 5)

Wednesdays, March 11-April 22

(Preschool Storytime will not be held on April 1 and 8.)

1:30 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.

Registration is required.

Help your child get ready for school with Preschool Storytime! This program includes stories, rhymes, and music. Parents/caregivers and siblings are asked to remain outside the program area during the storytime.

### TELLING TALES WITH YOGA

(Ages 3 through grade K)

Thursdays, March 12-April 23

(Telling Tales with Yoga will not be held on April 2.)

10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Registration is not required.



Join us in this delightful program where children will learn some yoga in a playful way and have fun with related stories, musical, art, and group activities.

### PRIMARY CONNECTIONS (Grades K – 1)

Mondays, March 9-April 20

(Primary Connections will not be held on March 30.)

4:15 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Registration is required.

Primary Connections is a program for the child who has outgrown preschool storytime, but has not outgrown the library. The children will enjoy a fun-filled session of stories, crafts, and musical fun selected for their newly developing skills. Parents/caregivers and siblings are asked to remain outside the program area during the class.

### FAMILY STORYTIME (All ages)

Fridays, March 13-April 24

(Family Storytime will not be held on April 3.)

10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Registration is not required.

Family Storytime is designed to serve families with babies, toddlers, and/or preschoolers who want to attend morning storytime together. Children will enjoy a variety of book sharing, flannel stories, musical activities, and/or puppets during these sessions.

### BEDTIME STORIES (All ages)

Tuesdays, March 10-April 21

(Bedtime Stories will not be held on March 31.)

7:00 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.

Registration is not required.

Bedtime Stories is designed to serve families with babies, toddlers, and/or preschoolers who are unable to attend daytime sessions. **FEEL FREE TO COME IN YOUR PAJAMAS!**





## Youth Services Programs

### Kids' Games (Grades 3 – 6)

Thursday, February 12 and Thursday, March 12  
4:15 p.m.-5:15 p.m.  
Registration is not required.

Drop in to the library to show off your video gaming skills and enjoy some snacks.

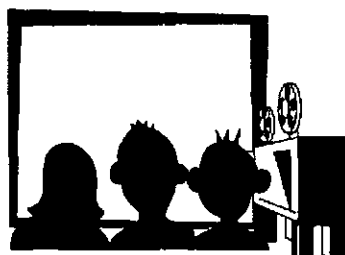
### Honest Abe's 200th Birthday Party Celebration (Grades 1 – 5)

Monday, February 16  
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.  
Registration is required.

You are invited to celebrate the 200th birthday of Abraham Lincoln, or "Honest Abe" as he is called. We'll have games, fun, and, of course a birthday cake!



### "Reading Rainbow" Fest (All ages)



Monday, February 16  
1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Registration is required.

Picture books turned into short films? Sure! Join us for a celebration of the "Reading Rainbow" books and movies at our "READING RAINBOW"

FILM FEST, set in movie-theatre style, great for the whole family to enjoy. The concession stand will be full of free goodies! Register, but also pick up your ticket(s) any time beginning February 1. Get your free ticket at the Youth Services Reference Desk. You don't want to miss this. Seating is limited.

### Monthly Montage (Grades 3– 6)

Wednesday, February 18  
4:15 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
Registration is required.

Travel with us to Egypt, where ancient Egyptians used papyrus to fashion books in the form of scrolls. You will be giving a new life to an old book by turning it into an art object. It's fun and easy. You don't have to know how to draw or paint to make an ALTERED BOOK. Come embellish your books with stamps, collage, photos, charms, and a variety of trinkets to make it a piece of art. Bring your imagination, we will provide the materials!



### Library Capers: Oh RATS! (Grades 1– 5)

Thursday, February 19  
4:15 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Registration is required.

Rats are popping up everywhere in books. Sometimes they are villains, sometimes they are heroes, but you are guaranteed to learn something disgusting and gross about rats at this program. There is sure to be lots of rat-related fun, so sign up today.

### Tooth Fairy Tales (Grades K – 2)

Tuesday, February 24  
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Registration is required.

Have you lost a tooth yet, or maybe you're waiting for your first tooth to fall out? We'll answer all your questions about the tooth fairy. How does she carry all those quarters? What does she do with all those teeth? We'll even play games and make a tooth box, so the tooth fairy can find your teeth easily.

### Fancy Nancy Party (Ages 4 – 7)

Saturday, February 28  
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
Registration is required.

Join us for this fun program celebrating the popular character Fancy Nancy from the books by Jane O'Connor.

### Library Capers: Fractured Fairy Tales (Grades 1– 5)

Thursday, March 19  
4:15 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Registration is required.

You know all about the Three Little Pigs, Cinderella, and the Princess and the Pea—or you think you do. What if the wolf was really a good guy? Or maybe the princess was an amazing chef? There's a whole world of fairy tales that you need to hear about, so sign up for a program that's full of surprises!

### Monthly Montage (Grades 3– 6)

Monday, March 30  
1:00 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.  
Registration is required.

Do you want to get your passport stamped from the beautiful island of Japan? Japan is known for beautiful fish prints called Gyoaku. Originating in 19th century Japan, they were first developed to record the size of trophy fish. We won't be using "real" fish, but will use rubber replicas of life-size fish for our printing. Come and create an aquarium of your own!





# Adult Services Programs

## Spotlight on . . . Chicago Tribune Historical Archive

If you have Chicago roots that go back generations, you will enjoy browsing through the *Chicago Tribune* Historical Archive. This online database contains the full text and images from the *Chicago Tribune* from 1849-1985. It includes obituaries, wedding notices, articles, historical photos, and advertisements. You can use the Historical Archive to find articles about your ancestors, or refresh your memory about an incident that took place in your childhood. It can be used to research what life was like in Chicago on your birth date. We have used it to find primary source material on *The Devil in the White City*, and read about the World's Fair murders as they unfolded in the paper. Genealogists have uncovered interesting facts about their family tree by searching through the archives.

You can access this database at the library and from your personal computer by going to [www.mybpl.org](http://www.mybpl.org) and clicking on the research link.



## Register Your Book Group with the Library

Are you in a local Bloomington book group with your friends, neighbors, or church group? Our Reference Librarians get many requests to borrow books for book groups. In an effort to make it easier for your group to obtain the books you need, the Library is offering a new service. You can now register your book group with the Library, and we will borrow multiple copies of the selections for your group and notify a designated contact person when they are ready. We'll ask you how many books you need, how often you meet, and whether any of your members need large print or audiobooks. You can give us your selections at least six weeks before your group meets, or you can give us your list for the entire year. Be aware that some newer titles may not be available to borrow. If enough copies aren't readily available, we will contact you in time for you to choose an alternate title. Don't strain your pocketbook buying each month's selection. Let us take care of locating your books for you.

The Library also has a number of book discussion kits available to check out. These kits include multiple copies of titles used in our in-house book groups and questions for discussion. A full list of titles is available through our website at [www.mybpl.org](http://www.mybpl.org) on the /Books, Movies and Music/ page under /Support for Book Groups/. Have your designated contact person stop by or call the Reference Desk at (630) 924-2730 to register your group or to find out more about this new program.

## Federal and State Tax Forms Available

The Library has federal and Illinois state income tax forms available to the public. The most common forms are available in print. Less popular forms may be photocopied or downloaded for ten cents per copy. If you would like to download the forms from your home computer, visit [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) for federal forms, and [www.revenue.state.il.us](http://www.revenue.state.il.us) for Illinois state tax forms.

## New Magazine Subscriptions

We invite you to stop by to enjoy a cup of coffee and browse through the new magazines we have added to our collection. Look for these new titles the next time you are at the Library.

<b>Yen Plus (YA)</b>	<b>Metropolitan Home</b>
<b>Anime Insider (YA)</b>	<b>Interweave Knits</b>
<b>Jet</b>	<b>Reminisce</b>
<b>Family History</b>	<b>Where to Retire</b>



## English Conversation Group

Meets on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month from 12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

This drop-in conversation group is designed to give adult English-as-a-second-language learners practice speaking English in an informal, relaxed atmosphere. Individuals are welcome to attend whenever they can. All adult English learners are welcome. Registration is not necessary for this free program held in the Library Conference Room.

This program is co-sponsored by Literacy Volunteers of DuPage and Bloomington Public Library. Contact Julie Keating for more information at (630) 924-2733.



# Adult Services Programs



## Book Discussion News

Curl up with a good book this winter and join one of our adult book groups. We offer three book discussion groups. Come to one, or to all three! Newcomers are always welcomed to our fun and thought-provoking discussions. Copies of the selections are available at the Circulation Desk approximately one month before the discussion.

### Adult Book Group

Meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Thursday of the month.

Thursday, February 19

*A Passage to India*

by E.M. Forster

A group of English visitors want to see the "real" India, and in Dr. Aziz they find a highly civilized companion. During a visit to the Marabar caves, one of the women accuses Dr. Aziz of assaulting her, triggering a chain of events that will change the lives of people on both sides of this complex conflict.

Thursday, March 19

*Water for Elephants*

by Sara Gruen

When Jacob Jankowski, recently orphaned and suddenly adrift, jumps onto a passing train, he enters a world of freaks, grifters, and misfits, a second-rate circus struggling to survive during the Great Depression, making one-night stands in town after endless town.

### Historical Book Group

Meets at 10:00 a.m. on the first Tuesday of the month.

Tuesday, February 3

*Seeking Pleasure in the Old West*

by David Dary

Dary's irresistible narrative recreates card games on Mississippi steamboats, New Orleans balls, frontier campfires and cafe-theatres, Santa Fe saloons, and Wyoming bicycle clubs and mineral spas, and it charts the emergence of a middle class that came to disapprove of prostitution, gambling, drinking, bear-baiting, and buffalo-hunting.

Tuesday, March 3

*The Presidency of William Howard Taft*

by Paolo Coletta

Theodore Roosevelt selected William Howard Taft to be his successor and gave him vital support during the presidential campaign of 1908. Taft was a conservative of upper-middle-class background with a long career on the bench, and he aspired to a judicial rather than a political career. Roosevelt nevertheless believed that Taft, a close personal friend, was the best man to continue his policies.

### Mystery Mavens

Meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month.

Wednesday, February 18

*Holmes on the Range*

by Steve Hockensmith

When Big Red and Old Red Amblingmeyer sign on as ranch hands at the secretive Bar VR cattle spread, they're not expecting much more than hard work, bad pay, and a comfortable campfire around which they can enjoy their favorite pastime: scouring Harper's Weekly for stories about the famous Sherlock Holmes. When the boys come across a dead body that looks a whole lot like the leftovers of an unfortunate encounter with a cattle stampede, Old Red sees the perfect opportunity to employ his Holmes-inspired "deducifiyin" skills.

Wednesday, March 18

*Glass Key*

by Dashiell Hammett

This is said to be one of Hammett's favorite novels. It features hardboiled hero Ned Beaumont, gambler and racketeer, who stumbles across the body of a local senator's son as a potential gang war brews, and it looks like murder.

The Bloomington Public Library will be holding **Food for Fines** during the month of April 2009. For every non-perishable food item or personal health and hygiene item donated, the Library will remove one fine from your record. Any single fine, for any amount, for one donated item!

This offer does not apply to lost or damaged items, fees and fines due to another library, or associated collection and processing fees. All items collected will be given to the Bloomington Township Food Pantry, which will be distributed to the needy.





# Adult Services Programs

All programs are free and open to everyone., unless otherwise noted. Please call the Adult Services Desk at (630) 924-2730 to register.

## The Soul of South Africa: Heartbreak and Hope

Tuesday, February 3  
6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Recognize National Black History Month with a travel program about South Africa by world traveler, Bill Helmuth. Emerging from the scars of Apartheid, South Africa is striving to balance its natural riches of gold, diamonds, and platinum with the development of its long suppressed human potential. Explore the legacies of Mahatma Gandhi and Nelson Mandela, the remarkable cities of Cape Town and Johannesburg, and the extraordinary beauty of the countryside as seen from one of the world's great train trips. Please register in person or call the Adult Reference Desk at (630) 924-2730.

## Lincoln Bicentennial Program: "Lincoln, Commander and Chief"

Thursday, February 12

6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.



Celebrate Lincoln's 200th birthday by attending a fascinating presentation by Jim Weren, an award- winning artist and Civil War

researcher. Mr. Weren has created more than fifty amazingly detailed and realistic illustrations of Lincoln, his generals, his cabinet members, his secret agents, and his friends, just for this program! Learn about Lincoln's achievements as our nation's greatest war president, discover his sense of humor, and meet the people whose loyalty and patriotic service helped him achieve success. Bring the history buffs, veterans, and artists in your life to this program—you will be impressed! Please register in person or call the Adult Reference Desk at (630) 924-2730.

## Don't Pay the College Sticker Price

Tuesday, January 13  
6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Think you can't afford to send your children to college? Join Joe Orsolini of College Aid Planners for this informational program to learn the options that can place you in a winning position when it comes to financing your child's college education. Please register in person or call the Adult Reference Desk at (630) 924-2730.

## Heartsaver CPR

Saturday, February 21  
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.



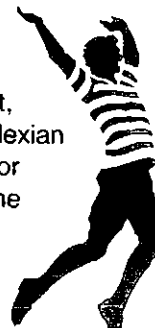
Learn CPR basics from local firefighter and paramedic, Jeff Skelley, owner of My Life Saver CPR. This hands-on class designed for the general public, will cover adult, child, and infant CPR and choking, and how to use an Automated External Defibrillator for heart attacks. The class costs \$25 for the three hour session, and each attendee will receive a Heartsaver CPR card from the American Heart Association that is good for two years. Please register for this course in the Business Office. Cash and checks are accepted; sorry, we are unable to accept debit/credit

cards. There is a limit of 25 participants for this session. Please register in person for this course.

## Lifestyles for a Healthy Heart

Monday, February 23  
6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Recognize American Heart Month with a program by cardiologist, Dr. Sarah Johnson of Alexian Brother's Hospital. Doctor Johnson will speak on the importance of exercise, diet, managing stress, and other lifestyle changes you can make to reduce the risk of heart disease. Please register in person or call the Adult Reference Desk at (630) 924-2730.



## Genealogy Club

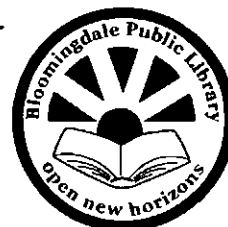
Thursday, February 26  
Thursday, March 26  
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Are you interested in networking with other genealogy buffs? Join the Genealogy Club! The Genealogy Club meets on the fourth Thursday of the month. Participants share search strategies and explore the library resources with expert guidance. Registration is not required. Please register in person or call the Adult Reference Desk at (630) 924-2730.

## Library Orientations

Saturday, February 7 at 10:00 a.m.  
Saturday, March 7 at 10:00 a.m.  
Saturday, April 4 at 10:00 a.m.

Did you know that the library circulates video games and board games? Did you know that you can check out back issues of magazines? If you have trouble finding the mystery section or the foreign language films, this program is for you. Make the most of your library experience by taking a short tour of the library. We'll give an overview of all the library has to offer. This program is perfect for new residents, but everyone is invited to attend and find out more about their library. Call the Reference Desk at (630) 924-2730 to make your reservation.





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## Oral History Workshop

Wednesday, March 11  
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Are you interested in preserving your family's history? Erin McCarthy, professor of History and Cultural Studies at Columbia College Chicago, will discuss the different steps and techniques of successfully documenting the life history and family stories of a member of your family through an oral history interview. Please register in person or call the Adult Reference Desk at (630) 924-2730.

## St. Patrick's Day Music With Phil Passen

Monday, March 16  
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Enjoy the traditional Irish music of Phil Passen, hammered dulcimer player and singer, who will play for us on the night before St. Patrick's Day. Mr. Passen will play a combination of slow airs, rousing reels, and jigs. He will perform such classics as "Danny Boy", "Irish Washerwoman", "Down by the Sally Gardens", "Kilkelly, Ireland", and "No Irish Need Apply." After the performance, you are invited to try your hand at playing the hammered dulcimer. Please register in person or call the Adult Reference Desk at (630) 924-2730.



## Color in Your Garden

Tuesday, March 24  
6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Are you planning on creating a garden this year but don't know which plants to use, or which colors to choose? Do you have an established garden and are looking for ways to make it really "pop" this year? Learn how to coordinate plants, color, and texture in your garden using the color wheel in this program by Master Gardener, Carol Strelecky of the University of Illinois Extension. Please register in person or call the Adult Reference Desk at (630) 924-2730.



## Resumes and Cover Letters That Get Results

Monday, March 30  
6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

If you are in the job market or thinking about a career change, come listen to Doug Blanchard talk about the importance of making a good first impression. This program will cover what you will want to include in your resume and cover letter to attract attention to your accomplishments and focus on your achievements. Strategies for a successful first interview will also be discussed. Please register in person or call the Adult Reference Desk at (630) 924-2730.



## Adopt-A-Magazine

The Bloomington Public Library would like to thank the following for participating in the Adopt-A-Magazine program:

Harriet Smolla  
James and Karen Petrus  
Vivian Krotz  
Anonymous Donor  
Diane Doll  
Joyce Reparsky

Gerald Revelly  
Guy Sanalidro  
Evelyn Deeke  
Douglas and Donna Dwyer  
First Chicago Bank and Trust  
Joseph and Joyce Boryla

## Osteoporosis Screening

Tuesday, March 17  
6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Early detection of osteoporosis is essential to maintaining health and wellness. Osteoporosis develops slowly over time, but usually a diagnosis of the condition occurs after a bone fracture. Come to the Library for a free bone density ultrasound screening by Alexian Brothers Healthcare to determine the health and strength of your bones. Please register in person or call the Adult Reference Desk at (630) 924-2730.

## Bloomington Seniors Club



Do you play bridge? Pinochle? 31? Any card game? Are you a senior living in Bloomington or one of the surrounding communities? Do you like to take an occasional trip on a coach bus? Are you interested in meeting once a month with others who share your interests?

If you answered yes to any of the above questions, Bloomington Seniors Club is the club for you. The club meets on the second Tuesday of every month in the lower level of the Bloomington Public Library. A short business meeting begins at 11:00 a.m., snacks or a light lunch follows; and then an afternoon of card playing is enjoyed by all members. Join the group whenever you are able!



## Young Adult Spot

Open to Teens 7th–12th grades only.

### Death by Chocolate

Thursday, February 5

7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Registration limit: 20

Open to teens 7th – 12th grades only. Chocolate lovers unite! Teens are invited to the Library's Death by Chocolate party, which will feature games, trivia, crafts, and chocolate tasting! Space is limited, so register at the Reference Desk or by phone at (630) 924-2730.

### Teen Game Night

Thursday, February 12

Thursday, March 12

6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Show off your skills in Rock Band, compete against opponents in Super Smash Bros. Brawl, or battle against friends in Soul Calibur IV! Bring your friends and enjoy free food. Registration not necessary, just stop on by!

### Anime Club

Wednesday, February 25

Wednesday, March 25

6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Watch anime on the Library's big screen! Help plan new anime and manga events, suggest new anime to watch, and eat some great snacks. Registration not necessary!

### Teen Advisory Group (TAG)

February and March dates TBA

Are you a teen with great ideas for the library, but don't know where to start? Do you wish the library had gaming tournaments or would purchase a popular new series? Then check out the Library's Teen Advisory Group! If you're in 7th- 12th grade, you can earn volunteer hours through projects such as suggesting

purchases or planning teen programs. To join the group, please fill out a sign-up form, available at the Reference Desk, the YA Spot, or online in the "Teens – What's Happening" section of the library website. Please turn in completed forms to the Reference Desk.

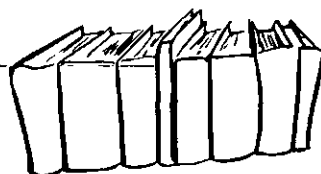
### 8-Bit Pixel Crafts

Monday, March 9

7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Registration limit: 15

Open to Teens 7th – 12th grades only. Gamers and anime fans, this retro craft is for you! Using fuse beads, you'll make a pixel art craft of your favorite video game and anime characters. Register at the Reference Desk or by phone at (630) 924-2730.



## Book Sale

Sponsored by the Friends of the Bloomington Public Library!

**Saturday,  
March 14, 2009  
from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

The used book sale will include: gently used books for adults and children, videos, magazines and much more!

The sale will be held downstairs in Meeting Rooms A/B at the:  
Bloomington Public Library  
101 Fairfield Way  
Bloomington, IL 60108  
(630) 529-3120

The Library is located on the east side of Bloomington Road, at the corner of Fairfield Way and Bloomington Road in Bloomington.

## TEEN TECH WEEK – PRESS PLAY @ YOUR LIBRARY

**Sunday, March 8-Saturday, March 14**

**Open to teens 7th-12th grades only**

Celebrate Teen Tech Week @ the Library! Get crafty making 8-bit pixel creations of gaming and anime characters. Later that week, check out the monthly Teen Game Night.

Throughout the week, stop by the Library's "Books with Byte" display, rent a DVD, or see what's available in the console video game collection, which features PS3, PS2, Xbox 360, Wii, DS, and GameCube games.



## COMPUTER CLASSES

### Computer Class Registration Guidelines:

Registration for computer classes will begin on Monday, February 2, 2009, in the Business Office of the Library. You must register in person.

A \$10.00 refundable deposit per class is required upon registration to hold your space for the class. We accept cash and checks only for computer class registrations. We regret we are unable to accept debit/credit cards.

There are no charges for the classes aside from the \$10.00 refundable deposit per class.

A 24-hour cancellation notice (prior to the start of the class) is required in order to receive a refund of the \$10.00 deposit.

Please contact a staff member in the Business Office at (630) 924-2720 if you have any additional questions about registering for computer classes.

### Introduction to Microsoft Word®

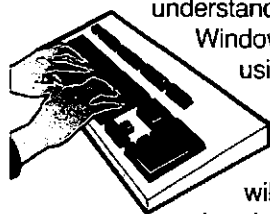
Date: Thursday, February 12  
Time: 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.  
Instructor: Chris

This class will be aimed at those with little or no experience using Microsoft Word®. Topics such as creating and saving files, formatting, and editing documents will be covered. There will be time available for questions and specific problems related to Microsoft Word®.

### Windows® for Beginners

Date: Tuesday, February 17  
Time: 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.  
Instructor: Chris

This class will provide a basic understanding of how to use Windows®. Topics such as using the desktop, manipulating Windows®, and understanding files will be covered. This class is intended for those with little to no knowledge of computers.



### Introduction to Microsoft Access®

Date: Wednesday, February 18  
Time: 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.  
Instructor: Sean

This class will provide a basic understanding of using Microsoft Access®. Topics such as creating Tables, Queries, Forms, and Reports will be covered.

### Microsoft Access® Queries

Date: Wednesday, February 25  
Time: 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.  
Instructor: Sean

A logical next step in learning Microsoft Access®. Queries allow the user to search, sort, and investigate their database. In essence a query is a question asked to the database, which then answers by showing the appropriate records. This class is about learning how to ask the questions.

### Beginner Computer Course

Date: Monday, March 9  
Tuesday, March 10  
Monday, March 16  
Tuesday, March 17  
Time: 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.  
Instructor: Sean

This four session course has been redesigned to better focus on topics useful to beginning computer users. This course should provide a solid base for students to get started using and enjoying computers. General computer knowledge, word processing, Internet, and Email will be covered. Please note: this course requires a \$40.00 deposit and all four classes must be attended. Please do not register for this course if you are unable to attend all four classes.

### Designing Web Pages with HTML

Date: Wednesday, March 11  
Time: 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.  
Instructor: Sean

In this course we'll learn how to create basic web pages using HTML code. We will cover basic topics like inserting text, links, pictures, and background colors; as well as, more



advanced design topics, as time allows. While the Library does not provide a location on the internet for students to post their web page, they will learn the skills required to develop one. This class is intended to be introductory but some Internet experience may help to understand topics discussed.

### Creating a Web Site

Date: Wednesday, March 18  
Time: 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.  
Instructor: Sean

This class will pick up where Designing Web Pages with HTML left off. It will teach students how to acquire web space online, transfer their files to the Internet, weave together multiple pages to make their web sites more efficient and easier to understand, and cover more advanced HTML topics more thoroughly.

### Using Microsoft Power Point®

Date: Thursday, March 19  
Time: 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.  
Instructor: Chris

Power Point® can be used to create slides, overheads, audience handouts or on-screen presentations. This class will cover the basics of creating and organizing a presentation.

### Using Microsoft Power Point® 2

Date: Thursday, March 26  
Time: 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.  
Instructor: Chris

Extending on the basic skills learned in Using Microsoft Power Point®, this class will teach students to make their slide shows more dynamic and complex. Going beyond the presets and designing your own slides, creating slide transitions, sounds, animations, and slide show options will all be covered.

# *Breakfast and Brunch with the Bunny*

## *Saturday, April 4, 2009*

The event will be held at the Bloomingdale Golf Club located at:  
181 Glen Ellyn Road  
in Bloomingdale  
on Saturday, April 4, 2009.

Tickets will be available beginning Saturday, March 14, 2009  
at 9:00 a.m. in the Business Office of the Library, located at:  
101 Fairfield Way  
in Bloomingdale.

### *Breakfast (1st seating):*

9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Breakfast will be served from 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Activities will be offered from 9:15 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

### *Brunch (2nd seating):*

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Brunch will be served from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Activities will be offered from 11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.

### *Menu for both seatings:*

Assorted boxed cereals, scrambled eggs, sliced ham,  
sausage links, fried potatoes, French toast sticks and  
beverages.

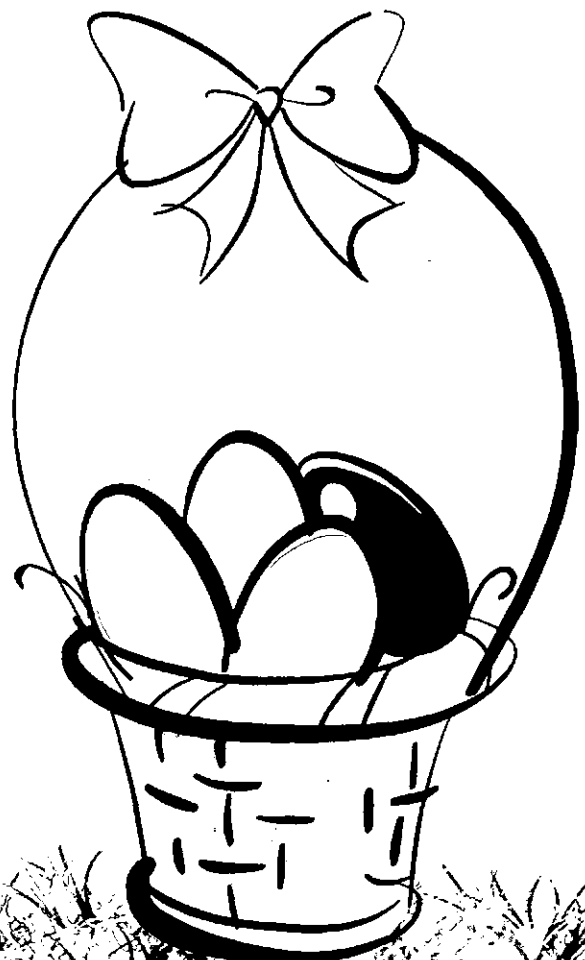
### *Cost:*

\$13.00 per adult

\$10.00 children ages 4-12

Free for children under four, however a ticket is  
required!

Tickets will be available until Wednesday,  
April 1, 2009, or until sold out, whichever comes  
first. Please make checks payable to the  
Bloomingdale Public Library. Cash or checks only,  
sorry we cannot accept debit/credit cards.





## Adult Programs

### Gentle Yoga for Seniors

Enjoy a one-hour class of stretching, strengthening, and relaxing. We will use chairs and blankets for support in many poses. It will improve your posture, increase your mobility, and make you feel great! Yoga mats are provided. DROP IN RATE IS \$10R/\$12NR PER CLASS.

**Location:** Aerobics Studio

**Instructor:** Beth McCown

**MIN/MAX:** 6/16

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
Adult	M	01:00-02:00P	03/16-04/13	\$40/50	203507-B1
Adult	Tu	11:00-12:00P	03/17-04/14	\$40/50	203507-B2
Adult	Th	09:00-10:00A	03/19-04/16	\$40/50	203507-B3

\*NO CLASS 02/16, 02/17, 02/19

### Belly Dancing

Belly dancing is a great way to get some exercise. It will help improve your posture, balance, muscle strength and coordination. This class will focus on basic belly dance steps, technique, and movement. No prior experience is required. Please wear exercise type clothing (no jeans or gym shoes please). Belly dancing is fit for all body types as well as personalities. Get ready to have some fun! DROP IN RATE IS \$12R/\$15NR PER CLASS.

**Location:** Aerobics Studio

**Instructor:** Mahira

**MIN/MAX:** 6/20

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
Adult	M	06:00-07:00P	03/09-04/20*	\$60/80	203533-A2
Adult	M	06:00-07:00P	05/04-06/08	\$60/80	203533-A3

\*NO CLASS 02/16, 03/30

### Watercolor Wonders

This class will introduce students to the basic fundamentals of using watercolors. Each participant will learn how to use the color wheel and how to paint a variety of pictures provided by the instructor. No experience is needed. A supply list is available at the JRC front desk or on-line at bloomingdaleparks.org.

**Location:** Museum

**Instructor:** Jack Sartain

**MIN/MAX:** 5/15

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
Adult	Th	07:00-09:00P	03/05-04/30	\$65/85	203442-A1

### Valentine Spa Escape

Looking for that special gift for that special someone? Treat them to total relaxation at the Spa Escape. They will enjoy the experience of this relaxing evening, which includes a mini facial, foot treatment, hand and lip facials. Techniques they can learn to do at home. Please wear comfortable clothing and bring a towel and washcloth.



**Location:** Museum

**Instructor:** Annmarie Vlastnik

**MIN/MAX:** 3/10

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
Adult	M	07:00-08:15P	02/09-02/09	\$25/30	203667-A1

### Hatha Yoga

The practice of Hatha Yoga elicits harmony in our lives. People of every religion, culture, and age group can practice and benefit from Hatha Yoga. Hatha is the yoga of physical postures. The gentle stretching movements of Hatha can make your life less stressful, bringing deep relaxation and greater flexibility to your body and mind. Treat yourself to an hour of rejuvenation through this ancient art. Mats are available, but it is recommended that you bring your own. Participants should bring a towel to each class. DROP IN RATE IS \$11R/\$13NR PER CLASS. Instructor on Monday PM, Wednesday AM & PM, and Friday AM is Evelyn Walsh-Boyna. Instructor on Monday AM and Thursday PM is Beth McCown.

**Location:** Aerobics Studio

**Instructor:** Evelyn Walsh-Boyna

**MIN/MAX:** 8/16

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
Adult	M	09:30-10:45A	03/16-04/13	\$47/57	203503-B1
Adult	M	07:15-08:30P	03/16-04/13	\$47/57	203503-B2
Adult	W	09:30-10:45A	03/18-04/15	\$47/57	203503-B3
Adult	W	07:15-08:30P	03/18-04/15	\$47/57	203503-B4
Adult	Th	08:00-09:15P	03/19-04/16	\$47/57	203503-B5
Adult	F	09:30-10:45A	03/20-04/17	\$47/57	203503-B6



# Bloomington Park District

Feb 09 - March 09

where recreation revolves around you.

## upcoming events...

### 26TH Annual Student Art Show

March 14 - April 25, 2009

#### Complimentary Reception:

Sunday, March 22 - 2-4 p.m.

Area schools, having children from Bloomington in attendance, always look forward to contributing student artwork for this colorful and artistic show. There will be art on exhibit from kindergarten through high school, highlighting the outstanding talent of our local students. The entire family will enjoy this colorful show!



Bloomington Park District Museum

# CLICK!

A Juried Photography Exhibition"

**Thru Feb 21**

108 South Bloomington Road | Phone: 630.539.3096 | Fax: 630.9802447 | Email: bpdmuseum@earthlink.net

# ★ INAUGURAL BUNNY BASH ★

**Date:** Saturday, March 28th  
**Location:** Circle Park and JRC  
**Time:** 9am - NOON

- Bounce House - 9-12pm
- Coloring Contest - 9-12pm
- Petting Zoo - 9-11am
- Bunny Ear Decorating - 9-12pm
- Peep Eating Contest - 9-12pm
- Annual Lion's Club Easter Egg Hunt - 10:30am
- Marshallow Slingshot Game - 9-12pm
- Puppet Show - Peter Rabbit - 11am
- ★ DJ

## ★ FEATURING THE BLOOMINGTON LIONS CLUB EASTER EGG HUNT ★

We've teamed up with the Bloomington Lion's Club to offer this Inaugural Bunny Bash. There will be plenty of activities and fun for the entire family.

This event is free.

Simply stop by the JRC beginning March 1, 2009 to pick up a wristband needed for free admission.



**Westfield WALKING TRACK**  
 RECREATION CENTER

The Westfield Track consists of two lanes. The inside lane is for walkers and the outside lane is for runners/joggers. 15 laps=1 mile.

Residents using the indoor track must present a photo ID verifying Bloomington Park District residency. Non-residents must purchase a track pass at the Johnston Recreation Center.

Indoor Track Pass Fee: FREE for residents/\$30 nonresident. Seniors receive a discount. Join the 500 Mile Club for \$10.00 and receive a 500 Mile Club t-shirt upon walking 500 miles. Call the JRC for more information.

The track is for use by persons 16 years old and over. Children 12 to 16 years old are permitted only when accompanied by an adult. Children under 12 years are not allowed on the track. Track etiquette will be followed.

**Indoor Track Pass Fee: FREE for residents/\$30 nonresident**

## Hours of operation

### Monday-Thursday

5:30-8:00A; 4:00-9:45P

### Friday

5:30-8:00A; 4:00-8:00P

### Saturday

8:00A-12:00P

### Sunday

8:00A-12:00P

# Trips

## Chicago Flower and Garden Show

The all new 2009 BELGARD Chicago Flower & Garden Show offers something for everyone...From the intricately designed lush themed-gardens of the midway, to hands-on demonstrations and in-the-soil workshops, to realistic garden displays that can translate into your own yard or balcony and educate you about sustainable and achievable results, you will find Chicago's first blush with spring to be invigorating. The 2009 Show will offer free educational seminars daily that will range in topics and skill levels from novice to expert, from shade gardening to sustainable landscaping to cross-pollination and more...these seminars are just one more reason to spend the day at the 2009 Chicago Flower & Garden Show. Hands-on, in-the-soil, workshops on container gardening, planting and perennials will also be offered. So whether you are a beginning gardener seeking information on what plants work well in the sun or shade, or a frustrated gardener who needs some help taking things to the next level, or a horticultural aficionado who is looking for what's new and trendy in landscape design and horticulture, you'll find it all at the 2009 BELGARD Chicago Flower & Garden Show. Be prepared to be inspired, educated and motivated! This is held at Navy Pier in Chicago. Registration deadline is February 11, 2009.

**Pick-up location:** JRC Parking Lot  
**Instructor:** Staff

**MIN/MAX:** 7/12

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
Adult	W	09:30-03:45P	03/11-03/11	\$30/35	203243-A1

## The Taffetas

Journey back into a time when hula hoops were hot, angora sweaters were fashionable, and poodle skirts were the talk of the town. A quartet of sisters from Muncie, Indiana, is determined to sing their way onto national television to appear on The Ed Sullivan Show. Enjoy being a part of their debut studio audience as they knock your bobby socks off with a swell music revue of the 1950's, including the hits "Johnny Angel", "Mr. Sandman", "You Belong to Me", and many more. Fee includes lunch, show, and transportation. This show is located at the Pheasant Run Resort in St. Charles. Registration deadline is February 5, 2009.

**Pick-up location:** JRC Parking Lot  
**Instructor:** Staff

**MIN/MAX:** 7/10

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
Adult	Th	11:30-05:00P	03/05-03/05	\$65/70	203240-A1

## Mary Poppins

Spring time is here! Get your family and friends together and enjoy a wonderful day at the theater. Based on P.L. Travers' cherished stories and the classic 1964 Walt Disney film, MARY POPPINS features the Academy Award winning music and lyrics of Richard M. Sherman and Robert B. Sherman. The stage production has been created, in collaboration with Cameron Mackintosh, by Academy Award winning screenwriter Julian Fellowes, who has written the book, and the Olivier Award winning team of George Stiles and Anthony Drewe, who have composed new songs and additional music and lyrics. Fee includes the show and transportation. This show is held at the Cadillac Palace Theater in Chicago.

Registration deadline is March 18, 2009.

**Pick-up location:** JRC Parking Lot  
**Instructor:** Staff

**MIN/MAX:** 7/13

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
Adult	W	12:00-05:15P	04/01-04/01	\$70/75	203241-A1

## Chicago Bulls Trip

Your family will thank you for this chance to see our champion Chicago Bulls take on the Miami Heat at the United Center. Register now, as there are only a limited number of tickets available. Transportation and tickets are included in the price. Children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Registration Deadline: February 6th, 2009.

**Location:** JRC Parking Lot  
**Instructor:** Staff

**MIN/MAX:** 20/38

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
Adult	Th	04:00-10:30P	02/12-02/12	\$43/48	202207-A1

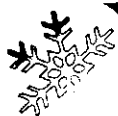
## Chicago Blackhawks Trip

The Blackhawks are back on the ice for the first time in over a year. Come see a game before ticket prices get too expensive!!! Register early because tickets need to be ordered ahead of time. Transportation and tickets are included in the price. An adult must accompany children under 18. Registration Deadline: February 28th, 2009.

**Location:** JRC Parking Lot  
**Instructor:** Staff

**MIN/MAX:** 10/36

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
Adult	Tu	05:30-11:30P	03/03-03/03	\$31/36	202208-A1



# Bloomington Park District

Feb 09 - March 09

where recreation revolves around you.

# Youth Programs

## I Want To Be A Police Officer

Is your child fascinated with Police Officers and what they do? Let them explore the wonderful world of law-enforcement learning from the real-life police officer. Kids will visit the Police Station, inspect a patrol car, have their fingers printed and see what goes on behind the scenes! Registration deadline is February 20.

**Location:** Police Station  
**Instructor:** Sandy Moore

**MIN/MAX:** 10/20

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
3-6	Sa	10:30-12:00P	03/07-03/07	\$15/20	201117-A1

## Daddy Daughter Dance

Looking for a perfect evening for dad and daughter to spend together? Join us at our annual Daddy Daughter Dance. Couples will have a memorable evening together dancing to the music of our D.J., enjoying refreshments and having their picture taken. Come dressed in your best for the night of your life. Additional children are \$13.

**Location:** JRC Gym  
**Instructor:** Staff

**MIN/MAX:** 30/140

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
3-12	Sa	06:30-08:30P	02/21-02/21	\$25/30	204301-A1

## Princess Wreath

Hang your very own Princess Wreath in your room. You'll be amazed at your creativity when you add glitz and sparkle to your wreath. Registration deadline February 13.

**Location:** JRC Kitchen  
**Instructor:** Sandy Moore

**MIN/MAX:** 5/10

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
4-7	Sa	12:00-01:15P	02/21-02/21	\$18/23	201118-A1

## FRIDAY NIGHT MOVIES

**Admission is FREE! 7:00PM**  
**\$1.00 for popcorn and a drink**

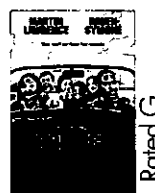
The Bloomington Park District is excited to present Friday Night movies for families and children of all ages. Parental supervision is required for children under the age of 6, but all parents are welcome and encouraged to stay and enjoy the movie with their children. All movies are shown on our big screen in the JRC Gym!

**College Road Trip**

February 13

**Enchanted - Rated G**

March 27



## 2009-2010 PRESCHOOL YEAR

Registration dates for the 2009-2010 school year are listed below. A \$50.00 non-refundable deposit, the first month's payment, a \$20.00 graduation fee for Pre-K, and a copy of your child's birth certificate are required at the time of registration. Intro, Tiny Tot and Pre-K classes begin September 8, 2009. A complete list of program dates will be available in August. Field trips and events may be planned throughout the year at an additional fee. Pre K students will participate in a graduation ceremony in May. Payments are due the first of each month. Late payments will be assessed a \$5.00 fee for each business day past due after the 1st of the month. ALL PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION MUST BE MADE IN PERSON AT THE BLOOMINGDALE PARK DISTRICT, 172 S. CIRCLE AVENUE, BLOOMINGDALE. Instructors and room locations are subject to change.

## Registration

**Residents (New Students)**

**Feb 9-Mar 6, 2009**

**Priority for Returning Non-Resident students**

**March 16, 2009**

**Open Registration**

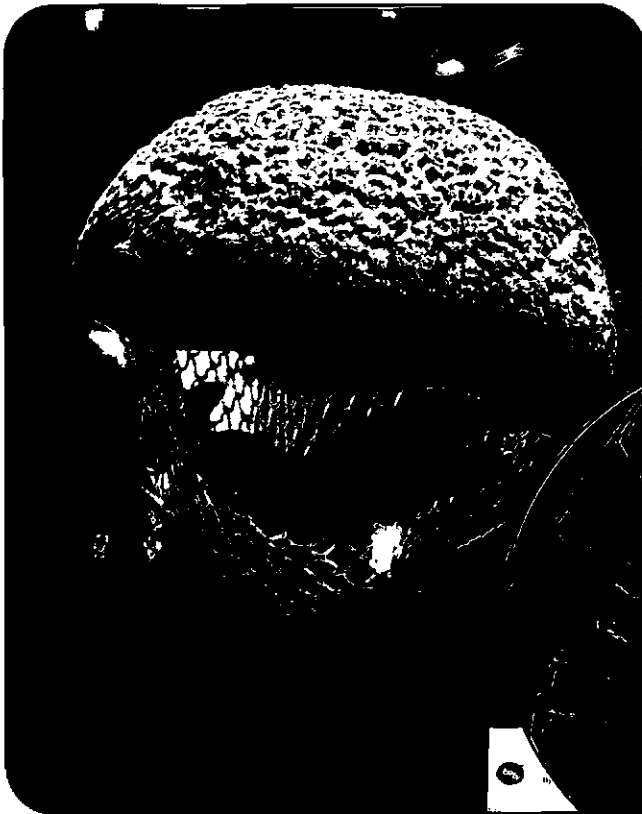
**March 30, 2009**

Village of Bloomingdale  
201 S. Bloomingdale Road  
Bloomingdale, Illinois 60108

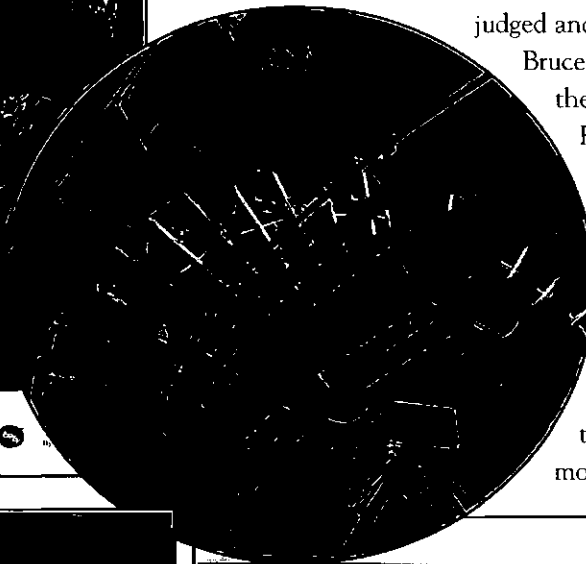
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## Shutterbugs' Talents on Display



The Bloomingdale Park District Museum, 108 S. Bloomingdale Road, is currently featuring "CLICK" a prestigious photography show. Awards were presented for both black/white and color photos! You won't be disappointed in this impressive show of talent! There will be over 100 pieces of photography (framed and unframed, reasonably priced), by outstanding photographers from in and around the Bloomingdale area. The pieces will be available for your viewing and/or purchase.



This annual show at the museum, which was judged and juried by Photographer Bruce VanPelt, will be open to the public through Saturday, February 21. Hours during exhibit only: Wed., 4-8 pm; Thurs./Fri. 10-4 pm and Sat. 12-4 pm. Admission - \$1 resident; \$2 nonresident; \$.50 children 12+ or seniors 62+). Please call the curators at 630-539-3096 for more info. Bring the family!

