

Village of Bloomingdale Almanac

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From the Desk of Mayor Bob Iden

In last April's Almanac I spoke about the kind of winter we had just come through, mentioning the effort put in by our employees to deal with the problems the winter weather provided. This year, I must once again take the time to extend my gratitude for a job well done.

As severe as the winter of '08 was, the winter of '09 was worse. We had more snow/ice incidents, a greater total number of inches of snow, along with a busy season of winter water emergencies and local flooding. So "thank you" to the men and women of Bloomingdale's snow & ice control crew and the rest of the team, as well as to the utility division employees handling winter water emergencies.

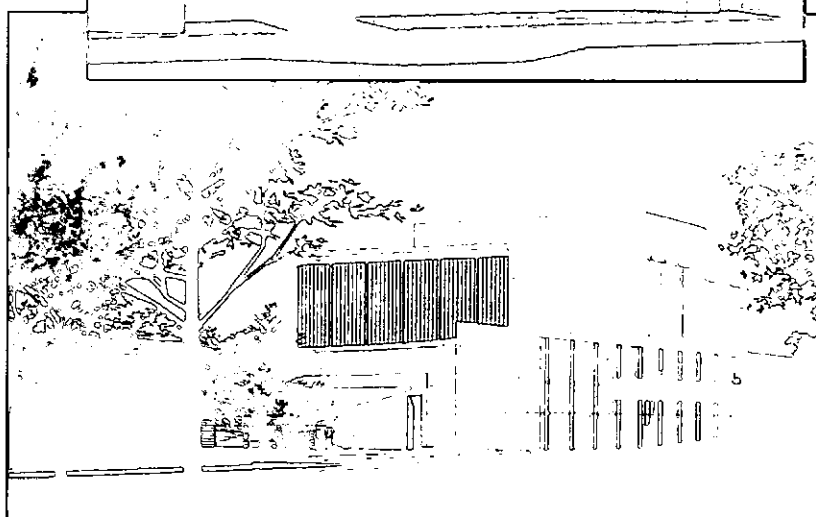
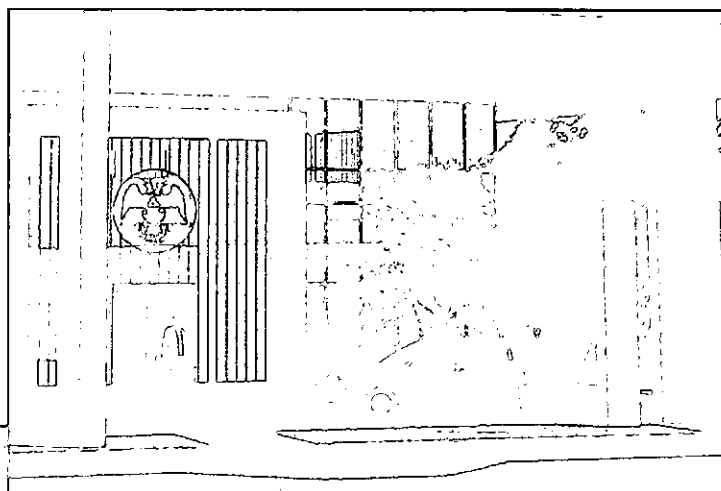
Of course, the winter precipitation is not the only kind of storm Bloomingdale and its citizens have been weathering. The economy continues to affect many aspects of our lives. I am pleased to tell you that the Village itself is in very good financial shape. In addition to conservative budgeting over the last five years, the Village is also seeing some businesses expand and others re-locate here. Both of these will produce jobs for residents and revenue for Bloomingdale.

We are seeing additions to existing businesses, such as a 27,000 sq ft addition for production capacity to NOW Foods on Glen Ellyn Road, and an addition of 21,000 sq ft to Pitman, Inc, a graphic supply company located in the former Mary Kay building.

We look forward to the arrival of InSite Development in the former Tower Records on Army Trail Road, CVS Pharmacy in the old Sears Hardware building and Children of American Day Care on Bloomingdale Road, just north of the Village Hall. Scottish Rite, a Masonic organization, will also call Bloomingdale home when it builds a 56,000 sq ft headquarters near Medinah Road and Lake Street.

As I said, the economy continues to affect many aspects of our lives. More families than ever have found themselves in need of help. The Bloomingdale Township Food Pantry has been feeling the crunch for some time. Saturday, May 9th, marks the annual food drive sponsored by the National Association of Letter Carriers. Please do what you can by leaving donations of non-perishable foods, paper products and/or toiletries by your mailbox on Saturday, May 9. The mail carriers thank you and your generosity will mean so much to those who are in need.

Mayor Bob Iden



Renderings of the Scottish Rite: Top - view from the northwest; bottom - view from the southwest.

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

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.villageofbloomingtondale.org



The deadline for
the June issue
of the
Almanac is
MAY 10

Lions Thank Cubs



The Bloomingdale Lions Club sponsors Cub Pack 457. Lions Perry Knutson and Sue Crosson-Knutson were present at the pack's Blue and Gold Award Ceremony. Lion Sue presented the Lions Club banner patch to the cub scouts who helped with the Lions' Walk-a-Dog-a-Thon this past fall (2008).

Play Ball!!!!



The Bloomingdale Historical Society in cooperation with the Bloomingdale Park District, will host a Civil War Era Base Ball Game on September 19. A Bloomingdale team will take on the Lockport and Downers Grove Vintage Base Ball teams in one of our parks. Proceeds from this family event will go toward marking the graves of War of 1812 and Civil War soldiers buried in St. Paul Cemetery on Lake Street.

We are looking for a few good men or women, age 17 and over to play for the Bloomingdale Nine. The rules of 1858 base ball will be played. Rules include: no gloves, no stealing bases, no wagering, no spitting or cursing!

The Bloomingdale Historical Society and Park District promise lots of fun for everyone. Please contact Bob Kurek at 630-894-0045 to sign up or for more information.

Sponsorships are also available for this nostalgic event::

Bleachers: \$5.00
Single: \$10.00
Double: \$20.00
Triple: \$30.00
Home Run: \$50.00
Grand Slam: \$100.00

Please make checks out to the Bloomingdale Historical Society and mail to Bob Kurek, 203-D College, Bloomingdale, Illinois 60108.

Please Take a Moment to Complete the Bloomingdale Resident B-Card Survey

Now that the second annual B-Card promotion is completed, the Business Promotion & Cultural Development Committee would like to know what residents think. The committee is also sending a survey to the businesses which participated in the 2009 B-Card promotion.

Please fill out this form and mail your response to the Village of Bloomingdale, 201 S. Bloomingdale Road, Bloomingdale, IL 60108, or drop it into the water billing drop box at the Village Hall.

Resident B-Card Survey

Did you take advantage of the B-Card?

Yes _____ No _____

Did you patronize a business or buy something you would not have if you didn't have the card?

Yes _____ No _____

Were the promotions worthwhile?

Yes _____ No _____

Are there other businesses you would like to see participate next time?

Yes _____ No _____

If yes, which businesses?

What was your favorite promotion?

Other comments: _____

Village's Spring Branch Collection Program Begins April 20

Kramer Tree Specialists, Inc. will once again perform branch collection under the direction of the Village Forestry Division. Branch collection will begin on Monday, April 20. The program is only available to single family detached residences. Townhome residents should contact their association regarding branch collection..

Branch Collection Guidelines:

- Branches must be out by 7:00 a.m. on Monday, April 20.
- Woody branches ½ inch to 6 inches in diameter are the only items that will be picked up. (Note: any spikes, hooks or other metal objects must be removed).
- Long lengths are favored provided branches do not block sidewalks and pedestrian access.
- All branches should be placed at the curb or pavement edge and stacked in an orderly fashion with the cut or larger end towards the pavement.
- Thorny tree branches should not be concealed inside piles. These require special care as to not cause injuries to the workers.

The following items are unacceptable:

- Branches left out in a tangled mess.
- Woody branches under ½ inch in diameter.
- Leaves, vines, small (under ½ inch in diameter) flexible willow stems, herbaceous plants and weeds.
- Large stumps, roots and root balls.*
- Wooden fencing and construction lumber.*



Branches should be neatly stacked like this . . .



. . . not left in a jumbled mess like this

The above items are considered yard waste and may be placed in bags or cans with tags for Allied Waste (our refuse hauler) pick-up. Yard waste pick-ups commence April 1st and continue through November 30th. Questions concerning Allied Waste pick-ups should be directed to 847-429-7370.

*Large stumps, roots and root balls are considered trash and do not require a yard waste tag, provided each item is of manageable size and under 50 pounds.

Wooden fencing and construction lumber are also considered trash, but require a special pick-up. Contact Allied Waste for more information.

In the event of severe storms, the Village will provide storm damage collection of woody branches ½ inch to 6 inches in diameter. Please contact the Forestry Division at 630-671-5800 within 72 hours of storm for branch collection.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated and will ensure a successful program.

Learn About Resources Available From Local Agencies & Services Providers At Senior Day Fair on May 1

The Bloomingdale Police Department, Bloomingdale Senior Citizen Advisory Council and Roselle Police Department cordially invite all senior citizens to the Annual Senior Day Fair on Friday, May 1st, 2009, from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. (noon) at the Medinah Shriners Banquet Facility in Addison (located on Swift Road just north of Army Trail Road). The Senior Day Fair was created by the Senior Citizen Advisory Council to give seniors the opportunity to visit with local agencies, service providers and businesses to help identify the resources that are available to them. This event offers a means to visit with many organizations/service agencies, in order to learn about or obtain senior health and welfare information in a comfortable, friendly setting. Refreshments will be available and there is no fee to enter.

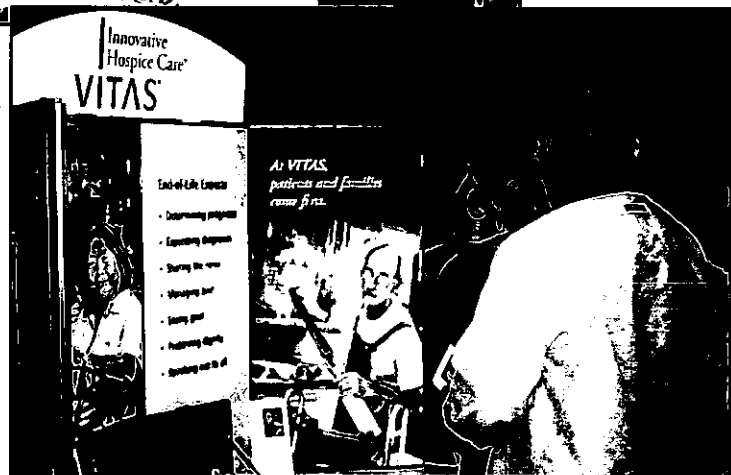
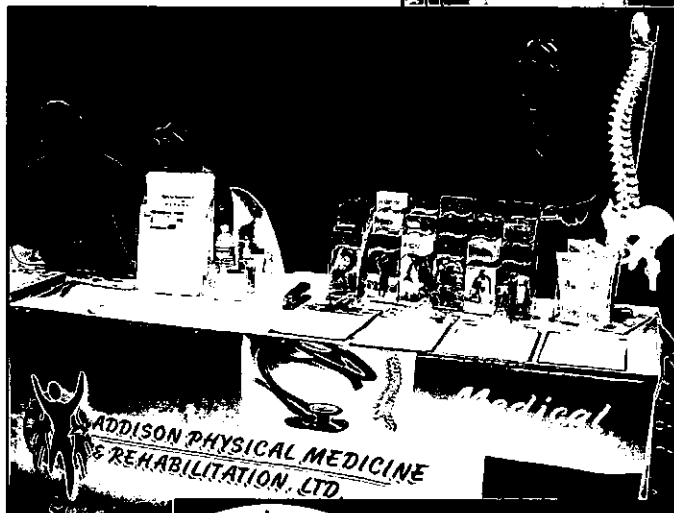
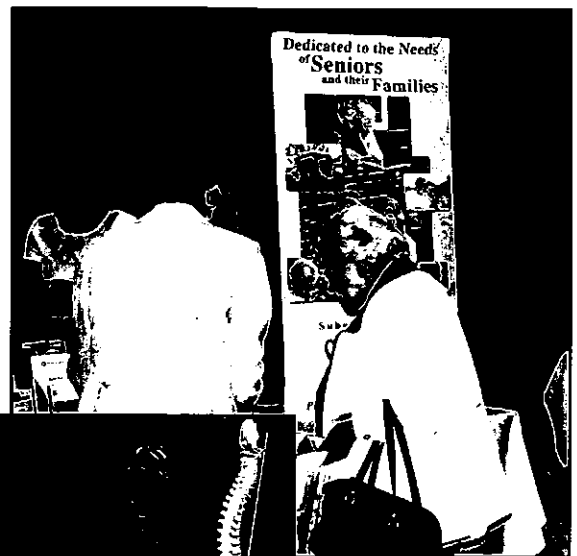
The Bloomingdale Senior Citizen Advisory Council is an organization established by the Bloomingdale Police Department to address the needs and concerns of the senior population. The Council consists of various senior citizen representatives from local organizations, homeowners associations, church groups and activity clubs. Giveaway bags and other items will be distributed upon arrival and throughout your visit. Door prizes will be given out each ½ hour during the event.

Over fifty agencies will be in attendance at the Senior Day Fair. Here are some of the agencies / services involved:

- Local hospitals: Alexian Brothers Medical Center, Central DuPage Hospital, Glen Oaks Hospital (providing health services, such as blood pressure checks)
- Local dentists, chiropractors, eye doctors, foot doctors, pharmacists
- Home Health Agencies, Adult Support Services and Extended Care Centers
- Meet with volunteers and consider joining Community Groups / Activity Clubs
- Governmental Units: Local Political Representatives, Village, Police, Fire, Park District, Library
- Wholesale stores and Fitness facilities
- Bloomingdale Lions Club – Collection of Used/Unwanted Eye Glasses
- Illinois Secretary of State – Renewal of Driver's License (those under the age of 75),
- Obtain Identification Cards, and Rules of the Road information will be available.

Plan to visit the Senior Fair and obtain the available materials to benefit you, your friends and family. Any questions regarding the event, please contact Officer Dawn Odoi at (630) 529-9868.

Please consider joining us, invite others and mark your calendars for The Senior Day Fair on Friday, May 1st, 2009, at the Medinah Shriners Banquet Facility (located on Swift Road just north of Army Trail Road).



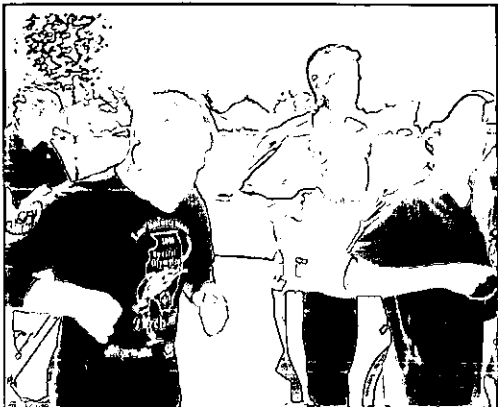
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Bloomington Police Officer Bruce Mason carried the torch for the Bloomington leg of the run last year.

Illinois Law Enforcement Torch Run Fundraising Events

Saturday, April 18, 2009, 12:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. – “Tip a Cop” Event at Red Robin Restaurant

The staff of Red Robin – Stratford Square Mall, Bloomington, and the Bloomington Police Officers will combine forces to serve great food and beverages, as well as to raise awareness and funds for Special Olympics Illinois. Torch Run t-shirts and hats will be available for purchase. Tax deductible general donations will also be accepted. Please join us to be served by local law enforcement and to help such a worthwhile cause.

Friday, May 22, 2009, from 5:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (Noon) – “Rooftop Cop” at Dunkin’ Donuts (Lake Street)

Bloomington Police Officers unite with the Dunkin’ Donuts staff to bring attention to the Special Olympics’ mission of recognizing the tremendous courage, strength and perseverance of its athletes on the playing fields and in life. Officers will conduct a rooftop sit-in to greet Dunkin’ Donuts customers and welcome donations for Illinois Special Olympics. So, come on in to Dunkin’ Donuts and don’t forget to look up!

Sunday, June 7, 2009 – Illinois Special Olympics Torch Run – Leg #14 - DuPage County
Location and time to be determined.

Please don’t miss out on the opportunity to contribute to the lives of these special individuals!

Bloomington Police Department Supporting Law Enforcement Torch Run Fundraiser Benefitting Special Olympics

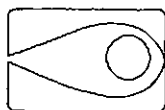
Illinois Special Olympics has a mission to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type games for children and adults with intellectual disabilities. The program helps empower people with intellectual disabilities to realize their full potential by enhancing their physical fitness and motor skills while building self-confidence and social skills.

The Illinois Law Enforcement Torch Run is the single largest year-round fundraising event benefiting Special Olympics Illinois. In 2008, the Illinois Torch Run raised more than \$2.1 million, 5th highest grossing Torch Run Program in the world. This intrastate relay has two goals: to raise money and increase public awareness for the athletes of Special Olympics. Each year, more than 3,000 officers in Illinois run more than 1,500 miles carrying the Flame of Hope through the streets of their hometowns and deliver it in June to the State Summer Games in Normal, Illinois.

The Bloomington Police Department has been an active participant to support the work of Special Olympics Illinois and currently has the following Special Olympic items available on sale for their Law Enforcement Torch Run fundraising efforts: T-shirt: \$15.00; Baseball cap: \$15.00; Torch Run pin: \$5.00; Combo set (t-shirt, hat, pin): \$25.00. To purchase an item or make a donation, please contact Officer Dawn Odoi of the Bloomington Police Department at (630) 529-9868.



WELCOME
Bloomington 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

Digging In Today for a Greener Tomorrow

The Village of Bloomingdale and School District 13 will celebrate Arbor Day by planting a Baldcypress tree (*Taxodium distichum*) at Dujardin School, 164 S. Euclid Avenue. The celebration will take place on Friday, April 24 at 1:30 p.m.

All residents are invited to join the Village of Bloomingdale, School District 13, and students and faculty of Dujardin School in the Arbor Day Observance.



Last year Erickson School students helped plant an Autumn Flame Maple for Arbor Day.

Get your Hands Dirty for a Cause! Volunteers Needed for Community Tree Planting

The Village Forestry Division is looking for volunteers to plant 200 seedlings, including Redbud, Carolina Silverbell, Paw Paw and Sugar Maple, on Saturday, April 25th, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Public Works Facility located at 305 S. Glen Ellyn Road. This is the 15th consecutive year for this popular event.

The Village will supply seedlings, soil and pots for the purpose of growing the seedlings into saplings for transplanting into the local community. Community Tree Planting involves a commitment from all participants to plant trees on public property, such as right-of-ways, school grounds, community parks, etc.

Participants are asked to bring gloves and enthusiasm. After this growing season, the trees will be planted in the Village's nursery for further growth.

For more information or to volunteer, please contact Helen Price at (630) 671-5800.



Yardwaste Pickup Begins April 1st

Yard waste pickups begin April 1st and continue through November 30th.

Small twigs, leaves and other yard waste may be placed in bags with stickers (\$2.35 each) for Allied Waste pickup. Questions should be directed to Allied Waste at (847) 429-7370.



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

PARTY BEE: The next time you need greeting cards or party goods, buzz on over to Party Bee, a new boutique party store on Gary Avenue and Schick Road, near Dominick's.

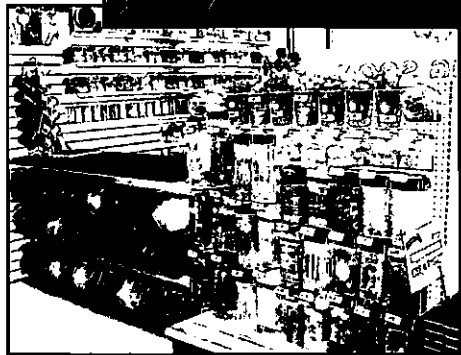
"We offer a little bit of everything," says Maria Avelar who owns the store with Carmen Ramirez. "We have party supplies and favors for all occasions. We have gift bags, candles, balloons, and more, and all greeting cards are only 99 cents."

"Our strength is customer service," she says. "We greet each customer, and if we don't have what you're looking for, we go the extra mile to find it. And our pricing is competitive or lower." Party Bee also accommodates Spanish-speaking customers.

The store, which faces Schick Road, is open Monday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Tuesday through Friday 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturday 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and Sunday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For information, call (630) 307-8180.

NEW SUPPORTIVE LIVING FACILITY: Alden Gardens of Bloomingdale is a Supportive Living Facility (SLF) currently under construction at 285 E. Army Trail Road. The SLF will provide an affordable housing alternative to seniors requiring some assistance with the activities of daily living. When complete, the SLF will offer three meals a day in the central dining room, housekeeping, medication reminders and assistance with bathing, dressing and laundry. Seniors who are eligible may use Medicaid to help pay for assisted living services.

The SLF will offer apartment-style housing with 60 one-bedroom units, 24 deluxe studio units and 2 two-bedroom units.



All units will feature a small refrigerator and microwave. The two-bedroom units will offer two bathrooms. The facility is expected to open early in 2010. For more information, contact Jo Petruncio at 630-307-7273.

MARY ELLEN JOHNSON HONORED WITH AWARD NAMED FOR GEORGENE GEILS: The Bloomingdale Area Women in Business (an arm of the Chamber of Commerce) recently created the Business Woman of the Year Award and named it after longtime Bloomingdale business woman Georgene Geils who with her husband, Wally, ran Economart for over 40 years. Anyone who knows Georgene can fully understand why they chose her. Few women in town had a greater positive impact on all facets of Bloomingdale - family, business, school, church, scouts, and politics. Georgene made her mark in all those areas.



Christine Smith of Old Town Bank & Trust, chairperson of BAWIB, Mary Ellen Johnson, Georgene Geils and Jane Hove, Executive Director of Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce, pose after the award ceremony in February.

Mary Ellen Johnson was chosen as the first recipient of this award for her contributions to the community as a Village employee, writer and volunteer. "I have long admired Georgene for being the kind of woman who makes a difference," Mary Ellen said. "To receive an award with her name on it is truly an honor."

Help Prevent Localized Flooding - Adopt A Storm Inlet

Flooding occurs in two ways:

- When large storms drop more precipitation than the storm drainage system can drain away, as experienced during the September 2008 storms; and
- When storm inlets, culvert inlets, and/or storm sewers are blocked.

While we cannot control the amount of precipitation which could lead to local flooding, we all can work together to minimize flooding caused by blocked storm inlet grates, clogged private driveway culverts, and storm sewers. The Village asks property owners to 'adopt an inlet' to keep the inlet grates clean of leaves, branches, and debris such as plastic bags, newspapers, plastic bottles and milk jugs; and in the winter time, snow

and ice. In areas with roadside ditches, such as the Indian Lakes Subdivision, the ditches should also be kept clean of debris, lawn clippings and leaves which could clog inlet grates and private roadway culverts.

The 114 miles of Village storm sewers include 900 public manholes and 2,800 public storm inlets for storm water run off. To maintain the system, the Village contracts for street sweeping services on curbed streets. Village personnel also clear inlets. Preventative maintenance programs, both contractual and in-house, are also in place to maintain the storm drainage system. However, inlet clogging can re-occur once, or even a couple times during a storm since debris and leaves are carried with the storm runoff to the inlet. Keeping the inlet grate or driveway culvert pipe clear of debris before, during, and after the storm will help drain the storm water.

The Storm Water Collection System is completely separate from the Sanitary Sewer Collection System. While they have similarities in the way they transport the flows received, the destinations are distinctive. The Sanitary Sewer Collection System discharges its flow to the Water Reclamation Facility located at Glen Ellyn Road near Edgewater Drive. Here the flow is treated prior to discharge to the East Branch of the DuPage River. However, the Storm Water Collection System discharges its flow without any treatment directly to one of three tributary receiving streams – the East Branch DuPage River, the West Branch DuPage River, or Springbrook Tributary to Salt Creek.

It is important to understand that anything dumped into any of the storm water inlets is eventually discharged into natural waterways and endangers the environment. Village Ordinance 92-31 strictly prohibits anything other than storm run-off to be discharged, dumped, placed or deposited into the storm water system. This includes garbage, debris, landscape waste, leaves, or flammable or toxic substances in liquid, gas or solid forms such as motor oil, gasoline, paint, paint cleaners and cleaning solvents. Fines in the amount of \$50.00 to \$500.00 can be levied per occurrence. Violators may be responsible for clean-up costs, which are typically thousands of dollars.

If you see anyone dumping anything into the inlets near your property, please call the Bloomingdale Police Department non-emergency at 630-529-9868, or the Village Services Utilities Division at 630-671-5830. Contact the Utilities Division if you would like more information.

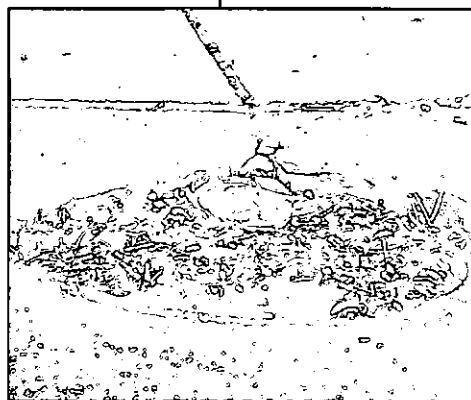
Please use caution for your personal safety when clearing the storm inlets and/or private culvert pipes.



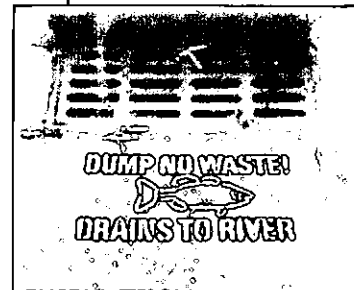
Storm inlet cleared of debris



Storm inlet covered with debris



Manhole clogged with leaves and debris



Is Your Address Posted?

Remember, every second counts in an emergency situation. In order for emergency personnel to locate your house, your address must be displayed either on your mailbox and/or house. Large reflective numbers are easier to read when it is dark. They only take minutes to install and could save precious minutes should you have an emergency.



You may now pay your utility bill by Visa or MasterCard, either in-person or by telephone.

To pay by phone, please call the Village Hall at (630) 893-7000.

Historical Society Garage Sale May 14-16



(photo) Longtime residents Diane McLaughlin and Brendan Odea look over the Historical Society's book while at last year's garage sale. Ellie Alumbaugh looks on.

The Bloomingdale Historical Society (BHS) hosts its annual Garage Sale on Thursday & Friday, May 14 & 15 from 9-5 p.m. and Saturday, May 16 from 9-3 p.m. Donations for the sale will be accepted on Wednesday, May 13 from 10 a.m. -3 p.m. The sale takes place at the corner of Third & Washington streets across from Old Town Park. Questions? Call 630-529-3120 ext 2801.

On Monday, April 6, the BHS will debut its new presentation on the history of Bloomingdale in Meeting Room A on the lower level at the Bloomingdale Library, 101 Fairfield Way beginning at 7 p.m. Different pictures, more information and stories than before. Feel free to bring some of your own photos to share following the 40-minute show.

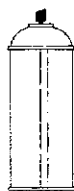
Year-Round Drop Off for Household Hazardous Waste Now Available

Regional Household Hazardous Waste Facility
1799 Brookdale Road, Fire Station #4
Naperville, IL

(One mile south of I-88 tollway off of IL Route 59.
Turn east onto Brookdale Road from Route 59)

www.naperville.il.us

Saturdays and Sundays (except holidays), 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.



Accepts:

Oil-based paint, stain, varnish, solvents, automotive fluids, aerosol cans, household cleaners, mercury, 20 pound propane tanks, poisons, pesticides, insecticides, flammables, household batteries, sealed fluorescent light bulbs and tubes, hobby chemicals, expired and unused prescription medications.

Not accepted:

Latex paint, smoke detectors, fire extinguishers and ammunition.

Septemberfest/Joe Draghi Scholarship Application Deadline is May 1, 2009

The Septemberfest/Joe Draghi Memorial Scholarship is once again being offered by the Septemberfest Commission. Over the past 34 years, this scholarship fund has given thousands of dollars to young adults in our community. Past scholarship winners have included young men and women who have been volunteers and workers within our community. These young adults have volunteered for various charitable agencies, the Park District, their church, or a Village committee, such as Peer Jury. The Village of Bloomingdale has benefited from the efforts of these young awardees. The award is funded through private, community and corporate contributions.

If you are interested in applying for this scholarship, please complete the scholarship application packet. This packet is available on the Village of Bloomingdale's website at: www.villageofbloomingdale.org then click on stay & play, annual local events and then Septemberfest.

Qualifications for Scholarship

The applicant must comply with the following criteria:

- Is a resident of incorporated Village of Bloomingdale, Illinois
- Is a U.S. citizen or permanent resident.
- Is between the ages of 16 and 20 years of age.
- Exhibits school and/or community involvement.
- Plans to attend an accredited two-year or four-year college, university, or in a vocational-technical program after graduation from high school or is currently enrolled in a college, university, or vocational-technical program.
- Complete the following application packet:
Application Form (typewritten preferable)
 - a. Two letters of recommendation – one letter must be from a high school teacher, college professor, volunteer coordinator or civic leader. The other letter must be from another professional adult source (not a family member or family friend). (Use forms from the packet.)
 - b. Compose an essay of a minimum of 500 words describing your life, contributions to the community, your activities, career plans, schools applied to, if applicable, and your opinions/ideas about living in the Village of Bloomingdale and attach it to



Mayor Iden with three of the four 2008 Septemberfest scholarship winners (l to r) Joseph Zanghi, Nicole Lomotan and Natalie Zeitoun. Not pictured: Michael Hannigan

the application form packet. Essays will be judged on content, grammar, and thoroughness.

- The application packet must be complete when submitted and all requirements must be met. Letters of recommendation must be submitted as a part of the packet in their final form (see directions on letter forms). The application packet should be mailed or delivered to:

The Septemberfest/Joe Draghi Memorial Scholarship
c/o Village of Bloomingdale
201 S. Bloomingdale Road
Bloomingdale, IL 60108

- There will be a mandatory judge's interview held at the Village of Bloomingdale, Council Room, 201 S. Bloomingdale Rd., on Sunday, May 17, 2009.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTAL OF COMPLETED APPLICATION PACKETS IS MAY 1, 2009. APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN MAY 1, 2009. ANY APPLICATION RECEIVED AFTER THAT DATE WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

Winners will be announced at the 37th Septemberfest on Saturday, September 12, 2009. Attendance to receive your award, if chosen, is not mandatory. Scholarships are limited to future tuition, books, and any other commensurate educational expenses. Scholarship checks are paid directly to the school. The Septemberfest/Joe Draghi Memorial Scholarship is a one-time grant.



Lake Park Grad Stephen Bach Breaks Track Record at Perdue

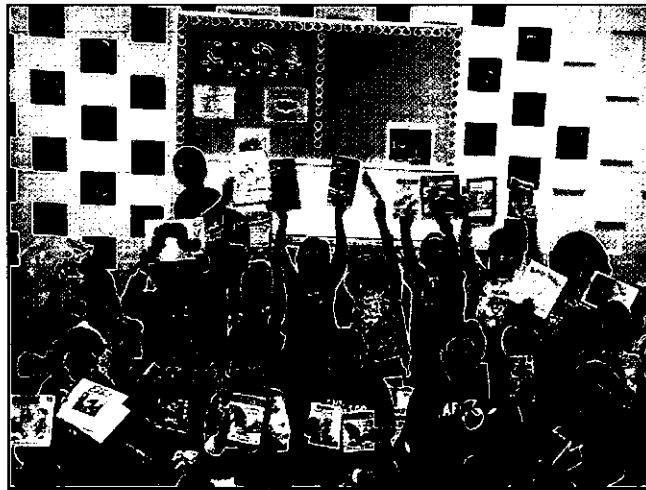
Stephen Bach graduated from Lake Park High School in 2005, leaving behind a legacy in track & field -- and a yet unbroken record in the 800 meter run. Not only are records hard to break, but so are old habits, as the Purdue University website highlighted when it recapped Stephen's performance at last week's Big Ten Conference Championship Track & Field meet:

"Senior Stephen Bach finished his final indoor season in grand fashion breaking the Boilermakers 600 meter run record, as he finished fifth with a time of 1:18:36, breaking the previous (Purdue) record set in 2002."

Bach, who is attending Purdue on an athletic scholarship, was voted the men's track team captain this year by his teammates. He is majoring in electrical engineering, and has also made his mark in academics, earning a Freshman Athlete Academic Award, and the impressive Academic All Big Ten Athletic Award three times.



Record breaker
Stephen Bach



What Do You Know About K.I.D.S.?

You may know many kids -- relatives, neighbors, friends, but do you know K.I.D.S.? They are the Kind Involved DuJardin Students. K.I.D.S. has been an active group at DuJardin Elementary School since January 2003. The K.I.D.S. program offers kids the opportunity to "make a difference in our community & the world," by highlighting an organization every month, then collecting & distributing needed items. From new or gently used school supplies & backpacks for Dzil Libie Elementary School in Cameron, AZ. and juice boxes & travel toiletries for the PADS organization to canned goods for the

Bloomington food pantry and new stuffed animals for Children's Memorial/Central Dupage Hospitals, the youngsters learn about those in need and experience the joy of taking part in such a caring program that helps people, young & old, who may be less fortunate than they are. All year, K.I.D.S. collect used soccer cleats, used coats, old cell phones and even old eyeglasses! For more information, contact Linnea Corsten at 630-894-1580.

Two Lefties Strike It Right For State Championship

Two Bloomington lefties led the way to first place for the Lake Park High School Bowling Team at the State Championship earlier this year. Sophomore Adam Keith finished fourth in the individual competition with a 12-game total of 2,721 (226.8 average) and his twin brother Ryan was just four pins behind in fifth.

It was quite a performance by the Lancers as they became just the second Chicago-area school to win the title, their 13,129 pinfall was the second-highest total in state finals history and was 234 better than their runner-up Lockport.



Lake Park Lancettes Dance Team Brings Home State Champion Trophy

After an outstanding season marked by several first place trophies, the Lake Park Varsity Lancettes Dance Team returned from Team Dance Illinois' State Championship in Peoria on Sunday, March 8th with a new title to add to their list of accomplishments this year; AAA Open Dance State Champions.

Coached by Lake Park alum and former 4-year Varsity Lancette, **Stephanie Hageman**, the talented 17-member Varsity dance team is a diverse group comprised of six seniors, five juniors, three sophomores and three freshmen. Congratulations on your accomplishments, Lancettes!



Glenbard East Cheer Squad Takes First Place

The Glenbard East CoEd Cheer Squad took first place in the DuPage Valley Conference Championship, beating out eight other participating schools. The team under the coaching skills of **Jana Yetzke** went on to make it to the State finals.

CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition Honors Trevor Koehn

The Bloomingdale CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition recently honored resident **Trevor Koehn** with a Pillar Award for the pillar of citizenship. He was nominated by Westfield Middle School teacher **Donna Marino** because he was chosen to attend the Presidential Youth Inaugural Conference January 17-21. For five days, the high school junior took part in activities commemorating the presidential inauguration in Washington D.C. As an Inaugural Scholar, Trevor heard speakers such as Colin Powell, Sandra Day O'Connor, General Michael Hayden, Kenneth Starr and Lance Armstrong. He also participated in discussions and debates, witnessed the inaugurations of President Obama and Vice President Biden, the inaugural parade and he attended an inaugural ball.

Trevor is an alumnus of the National Young Leaders State Conference (NYLSC). He was one of the few from Illinois who were invited to participate in the Presidential Inaugural conference. There were others from other parts of the country participating as well. After the young man accepted the award from the coalition, he shared some of his experiences and memorabilia with the members. Trevor is the son of Scott and Julie Koehn.



EVENTS

Learn Floral Design Tips & Tricks at Garden Club's April 15 Meeting

The Bloomingdale Garden Club will hold a demonstration of floral design using fresh plant materials presented by Nancy Hollmeier and Maggie Walkington. Learn the tricks of the trade and design techniques. The program, which takes place on April 15 at 6:30 p.m. at the Bloomingdale Fire Station, 179 S. Bloomingdale Road, is free, and about an hour in length. For more information, contact Roberta Pulido: phone 630-295-8315, email fortpulido@comcast.net.

**Try Your Luck at Bloomingdale Education Foundation's Texas Hold 'em**

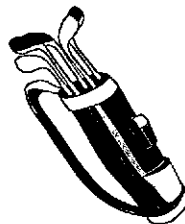
The Bloomingdale Education Foundation is holding a Texas Hold 'em Fundraising Tournament on Saturday, April 25 at Shiraz on the Water in Hilton Chicago Indian Lakes Resort, 250 West Schick Road. Check-in is from 6-7pm with the tournament starting promptly at 7pm. The buy-in of \$100 is due in cash at the door. Spectators are \$20 per person, also cash only. The final six players will receive a cash payout, and 50% of the proceeds from the event go toward the payout pool. Hors d'oeuvres will be served along with a cash bar. To reserve a spot in the event contact Mark Dwyer at 630-894-9200 or at mdwyer@sd13.org. The event is limited to 100 players so early registration is recommended. Visit the Foundation website for further information at www.sd13foundation.org.

How Sweet They Are

The Bloomingdale Lions Club is selling those delicious Vidalia onions again for \$10 a bag. Orders are being taken through April 29th. The onions may be picked up Friday, May 8th from noon to 5 p.m. and on Saturday, May 9 from 8 a.m. until noon at Prudential Stark Realty, 181 S. Bloomingdale Road. For more information or to obtain an order form, call Sandy Kozlowski at 630-690-9281. Checks must be made out to Bloomingdale Lions Club.

Fore! Lions' Charity Golf Outing Set for June 13

On Friday, June 12, the Bloomingdale Lions host their 13th Annual Charity Golf Challenge at the Bloomingdale Golf Club to raise funds for the community. The tournament begins with a shotgun start at 1:00 pm. The club provides a lunch at noon and dinner and prizes after the tournament. This best ball event is \$100 a person. Entries and fees must be received by May 29, 2009. For additional information, contact Dan L. Davis at 630-351-3345, liondanldavis@gmail.com or Perry Knutson at 630-894-7394, lionperry@hotmail.com

**CHARACTER COUNTS!™ Recognition Program**

This program, sponsored by the Bloomingdale CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition, recognizes people exhibiting outstanding character. The program is easy! All you have to do is complete a nomination form when you see a member of the Bloomingdale Community who lives, works, or attends school in Bloomingdale exhibiting outstanding character. Just check the pillar that applies and write a brief description of what you saw the individual doing. Return the form to School District 13, Westfield Middle School, Erickson School, DuJardin School, Winnebago School, Village Hall, the Johnston Recreation Center, Bloomingdale Township, or the Library. Public recognition will be awarded at the CHARACTER COUNTS! Annual Recognition Breakfast on May 9th. Forms must be submitted by April 24th. CHARACTER COUNTS!™ in Bloomingdale. To obtain a form see page 18 or call Sandy Johnson at 630-529-3650.

Villagers Taking a Break from Fundraising, But Club's Other Activities Continue Full Speed Ahead

The Villagers of Bloomingdale's April 2nd meeting will feature Mayor Bob Iden giving an overview of the State of the Village. For an inside look at what's up in Bloomingdale, join the Villagers at 6:30 p.m. at the Bloomingdale Public Library, 101 Fairfield Way.

The Villagers Club of Bloomingdale will be taking the year of 2009 off from fundraising. The club's fashion show has been cancelled along with the summer Garden Walk and Fall Auction.

The Villagers social interest groups will continue through the year. If you are interested in joining one of these groups, they are:

Golf or Bridge groups -
Call Anita at 640-080-4576

Bunco, Dominos or Canasta -
Call Maureen at 630-351-3345

Bowling group -
Call Joan at 630-529-9774

The good news is the club earned enough from fundraisers to donate approximately \$8,500.00 to our local charities this year.

EVENTS

Lions Club Steak Fry Set for May 1

The Bloomingdale Lions Club will hold their 3rd Steak Fry (Sirloin Steak or BBQ Chicken) on May 1st from 5-8 p.m. at the Bloomingdale Golf Club, 181 N. Glen Ellyn Road. Proceeds from the fundraiser will go to community programs and vision tests and eyeglasses for needy Bloomingdale adults and children. For information about this event please contact Lion Jerry Bertrand at Jerryb1202@aol.com

Garden Club Plant Sale May 15 & 16

The Bloomingdale Garden Club will host its annual plant

sale at the Bloomingdale Village Hall, 201 S. Bloomingdale Road on May 15 & 16. In addition to flats (48 plants for \$14) and premium hanging baskets, Garden Club members will also have plenty of perennials from their own gardens available for sale.



New Historical Presentation

On Monday, April 6, the Bloomingdale Historical Society will debut its new presentation on the history of Bloomingdale in Meeting Room A on the lower level at the Bloomingdale Library, 101 Fairfield Way beginning at 7 p.m. Different pictures, more information and stories than before. Feel free to bring some of your own photos to share following the 40-minute show.



Bruce Mason Honored as Bloomingdale Officer of the Year

Congratulations to Bruce Mason who was named the 2008 Bloomingdale Officer of the Year. Each year the Police Department's supervisory staff recognizes the hard work and dedication of a particular officer. Deputy Chief Frank Giammarese and Chief Tim Goergen presented Bruce with this distinguished award.

Donna Rozycki Selected to Participate in Lincoln Series

Donna Rozycki was recently selected to participate in the Illinois Lincoln Series Class of 2009, a training program for women who are believed to have the potential to shape the future of the Republican Party. A member of St. Isidore Catholic Church, the 20-year resident is a Committeeman for the Bloomingdale Township Republican Party and also serves as an Ambassador for the Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce.

Women's Club Fashion Show April 26

Bloomingdale Women's Club is proud to present their 34th Fashion Show, "Springtime in Paris," on Sunday, April 26 at Alta Villa Banquets, Addison. Fashions from Carsons, Mona Lisa, Sassy's, Brides by Demetrious, York Furriers 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.

Many area merchants have provided donations toward the 20+ raffle packages that each have a combined worth of over \$200. Donations received include a California Pizza Kitchen Children's Tour and Pizza Party for 20, an overnight stay at Aldrich Guest House in Galena, and a fully-loaded, notebook lap top, a retail value of \$500.

Proceeds from the raffle ticket sales plus luncheon tickets will be presented to Little Friends, Inc.

The afternoon begins at noon with cash bar cocktail hour and raffle packages viewing and bidding; luncheon served at 1:00 with the Fashion Show following with the raffle drawings between segments. Tickets are \$37.00 until April 9 then increase to \$40. To make reservations or for more information, contact Candie at 630-462-0540. The Bloomingdale Women's Club meets the second Thursday of the month at the Bloomingdale Fire Station next to the Village Hall at 7:00 p.m.



Alexis Arneri models a flower girl's dress from Brides by Demetrious at last year's Fashion Show.



The Teeing Ground

at Bloomingdale Golf Club!

Bloomingdale Golf Club 2009 Season

Welcome back to start of what we anticipate to be an enjoyable 2009 golf season! Over the past few seasons, we have shared with you many of the programs and events offered here at the golf course. Additionally, we have outlined our pricing structure for playing golf.

This season, we are going to keep things simple and direct you to our "Newly Designed", Bloomingdale Golf Club website. The only thing that remains the same is the address, www.bloomingdalegc.com. Everything else within the website has changed, especially booking your tee times on-line. Here are some of the features you will encounter:

- On-line Tee Time Booking
- Golf Club information updated regularly
- Adult Clinic Registration Forms
- Lesson Pricing
- Tee Time Specials (only obtained when booking on-line)
- E-Club and Birthday Club Registration
- Junior Golf Class Registration Forms
- Banquet and Wedding packages

We ask you to take a look at our site and find out all the neat things we have done!

If there is one thing we don't want to miss pointing out it is our Loyalty Program. If you have not registered, you're missing out on an opportunity to earn free golf!! The cost to become a participant is ZERO DOLLARS. Visit the pro shop to fill out a basic registration card and receive your ID tag.

Finally, we will be holding our 4th Annual Swing into Spring Opening Scramble Event on Sunday, April 26th. Golf will begin at 9:00 a.m. (shotgun start) and the cost per player will be \$75.00. If possible, we ask that you sign-up as a foursome. More information and a registration form may be obtain in the golf pro shop or on-line.

We look forward to seeing you this season. Please give us a call at 630-529-6232 if you have any further questions.

Happy Golfing,
The golf staff at Bloomingdale Golf Club



Bloomington Fire Protection District #1



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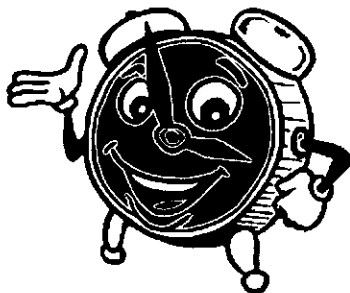
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Some Sound Advice: Change Your Clock, Change Your Battery

Daylight Savings Time, which started March 8, is a great time to change the battery on a home smoke alarm. An estimated 890 lives could be saved each year if all homes had working



smoke alarms. The Bloomington Fire Protection District and the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) would like to remind you that smoke alarms that are properly installed and maintained play a vital role in reducing fire deaths and

injuries, and have contributed to an almost 50% decrease in fire deaths since the late 1970s.

Facts & figures

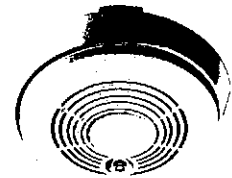
- A 2004 telephone survey found that 96% of U.S. households had at least one smoke alarm, yet in 2000-2004, no smoke alarms were present or none operated in almost half (46%) of the reported home fires.
- 65% of reported home fire deaths in 2000-2004 resulted from fires in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms.

Installation and maintenance tips

- Install smoke alarms on every level of your home, including the basement, making sure that there is an alarm outside every separate sleeping area. New homes are required to have a smoke alarm in every sleeping room and all smoke alarms must be interconnected.
- Hard-wired smoke alarms operate on your household electrical current. They can be interconnected so that



every alarm sounds regardless of the fire's location. This is an advantage in early warning, because it gives occupants extra time to escape if they are in one part of the home and a fire breaks out in another part. Alarms that are hard-wired should have battery backups in case of a power outage, and should be installed by a qualified electrician.



- If you sleep with bedroom doors closed, have a qualified electrician install interconnected smoke alarms in each room so that when one alarm sounds, they all sound.
- If you, or someone in your home is deaf or hard of hearing, consider installing an alarm that combines flashing lights, vibration and/or sound.
- Mount smoke alarms high on walls or ceilings (remember, smoke rises). Ceiling mounted alarms should be installed at least four inches away from the nearest wall; wall-mounted alarms should be installed four to 12 inches away from the ceiling.
- If you have ceilings that are pitched, install the alarm near the ceiling's highest point.
- Don't install smoke alarms near windows, doors, or ducts where drafts might interfere with their operation.
- Never paint smoke alarms. Paint, stickers, or other decorations could keep the alarms from working.

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



Recognize Good Character CHARACTER COUNTS!SM

Recognition Program Nomination Form

The program is easy! All you have to do is complete this form when you see a member of the Bloomingdale Community who lives, works, or attends school in Bloomingdale exhibiting outstanding character. Just check the pillar that applies and write a brief description of what you saw the individual doing. Return this form to School District 13, Westfield Middle School, Erickson School, DuJardin School, Winnebago School, Village Hall, the Johnston Recreation Center, Bloomingdale Township, or the Library. Public recognition will be awarded at the CHARACTER COUNTS! Annual Recognition Breakfast on May 9th. Forms must be submitted by April 24th. CHARACTER COUNTS!SM in Bloomingdale.

_____ Trustworthiness
_____ Fairness

_____ Respect
_____ Caring

_____ Responsibility
_____ Citizenship

Name & address of person being nominated: _____

Name, address & phone # of person submitting form _____

Description of nominee's display of character (Attach an additional sheet if necessary.)

For additional information, please call Sandy at (630)529-3650 or email sandy@bloomingdaleparks.org or fax to (630) 529-9184.

The CHARACTER COUNTS!SM Recognition Program is a project of the
Bloomingdale CHARACTER COUNTS!SM Coalition.

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OFF THE SHELF

April/May 2009

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Monday - Thursday9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
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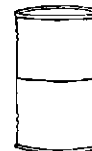
Attendance at Library programs and events and participating in any Library related activity constitutes consent to be photographed for Bloomington Public Library publicity purposes.

Food for Fines April 1-30

The Bloomington Public Library will be holding a Food for Fines event 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 distribute it to the needy.

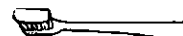
Acceptable non-perishable food items include, but are not limited to:

- ✓ Canned foods, like vegetables, fruit, beans, meat and fish, peanut butter, pasta sauces, or ready-to-eat foods like ravioli.
- ✓ Dry beans, rice, or pasta.
- ✓ Macaroni and cheese and other packaged dinners.
- ✓ Cereal and crackers.



Acceptable non-food personal health and hygiene items include, but are not limited to:

- ✓ Diapers, wipes, and other infant care items.
- ✓ Deodorants, and lotions.
- ✓ Toothpaste, toothbrushes, and floss.
- ✓ Feminine products.



Please do not bring: items that are past the expiration date; indented, corroded, ripped, open, or otherwise damaged packaging; prescription medications; or home-canned goods.

(If you prefer to make a monetary contribution to the food bank, you may send a check or gift card; however, monetary contributions do not count against library fines.)

In these tough economic times, there is a greater need for services like the food pantries. **Thanks for your support in helping to alleviate hunger in Bloomington Township!**

Holiday Hours

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

The Library will be closed on Monday, May 25 in observance of the Memorial Day holiday.



Youth Services Programs

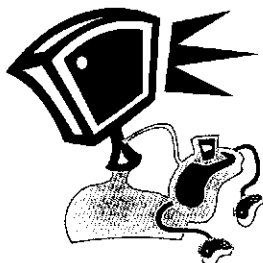
Registration Information/Requirements for Children's Programs

Please note that some of the following programs require registration and unless otherwise noted, are open to Bloomington cardholders only. You may register for these programs at the Youth Services Reference Desk or by phone at (630) 924-2740. Beginning on May 1, you will also be able to register online at the Library's website (www.mybpl.org). Click on "Calendar" at the top of the page, and then click on the "Register" button beneath the desired program. When registering for programs requiring you to be a cardholder, please have your library card available.

Kids' Games (Grades 3 – 6)

Thursday, April 9 and
Thursday, May 14
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.



Library Capers: Just Joking

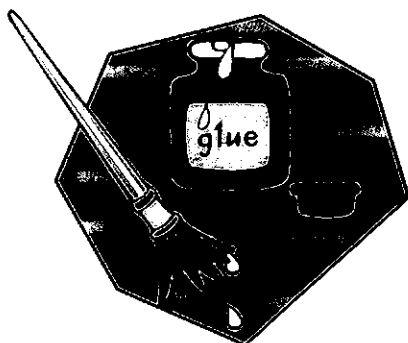
(Grades 1 – 5)
Thursday, April 16
4:15 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Registration is required.

April is National Humor Month, so tickle your funny bone at Library Capers. We'll read hilarious books, practice our joke telling, and ponder why the chicken crossed the road. There are some surprises in store, so sign up today.

Monthly Montage (Grades 3 – 6)

Saturday, April 18
10:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.
Registration is required.

Join us for this monthly montage as we meet, this time on a Saturday morning, to cut papers and images to make a collage of your own. Collages can be as creative and expressive as you want them to be! You will get your passport stamped from China, where techniques of collage were first used around 200 BC.

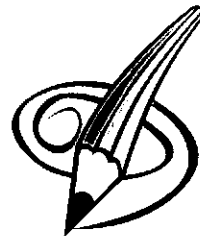


DIA DE LOS LIBROS CRAFTS

(All ages)

Wednesday, April 29
1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Registration is not required.

Dia de los libros celebrates Hispanic authors and illustrators. You are invited to drop-in and make crafts inspired by some amazing books, while learning to appreciate Hispanic culture.



Tuesdays with Toys

(Ages 3 months – 5 years)

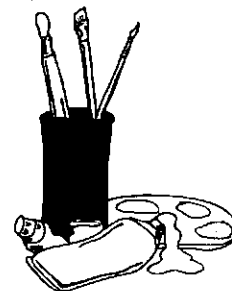
Tuesdays, May 5 and May 19
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Registration is not required.

Tuesdays with Toys is an informal program giving parents with small children the opportunity to meet and talk with other parents, while children play with toys and games. Toys and games are most appropriate for children ages 3 months to 5 years.

Mother's Day Crafts (All ages)

Friday, May 8
2:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Registration is not required.

Drop in and make Mom a gift from the heart! We'll provide the materials, you bring the creativity, and together we'll end up with a great gift.



Children's Book Week (All ages)

May 11-17
Registration is not required.

Come to the library during Children's Book Week to play the *I Spy* surprise game. Search our giant *I Spy* pictures for the clues to solve the mystery.

Library Capers: *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*

(Grades 1 – 5)
Thursday, May 21
4:15 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Registration is required.

It's the end of the school year, so celebrate with the *Wimpy Kid*. We'll play games, draw our own cartoons, and learn the *Wimpy Kid*'s rules to a perfect summer. With plenty of wimpy giveaways, this is a program not to be missed!



Youth Services Programs

Read on the Wild Side

June 8 – August 1, 2009

The Youth Services Department is busy planning this year's Summer Reading Program, **Read on the Wild Side**. Special Features will include storytime programs for babies, preschoolers, and families. Families and school age children will also be invited to join us in our wild adventures at special programs and activities. Watch for Youth Services librarians who will be visiting Bloomingdale schools in May! A brochure with detailed program and registration information will be mailed to Bloomingdale residents in late May.

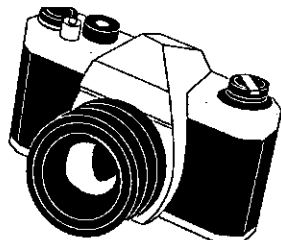


Pose, Fido, Pose!

(All children up through grade 6)

Photos may be submitted between April 4 and April 30. Photos will be displayed during National Pet Month (May).

Ever see those posters showing movie stars reading a book? Don't they make you want to read and read? Yeah, us, too, but we don't know any movie stars. Instead, we thought, why not take pictures of pets reading to celebrate National Pet Month? What could be more inspiring than a snapshot of one's pet hamster reading, say, *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* or *Curious George*? (What, you thought all they did day after day was run on that annoying wheel?)



That's when we thought up the first annual Bloomingdale Public Library Youth

Services You Read to Me, I'll Bark to You Pet Photo Contest! Pets can be anything from trained fleas to horses and should be featured in a color photograph (between 3x5" and 5x7") that features the pet and any book(s) checked out from the Bloomingdale Public Library.

Photos (placed in an envelope listing the child's name, age, Bloomingdale Library card number, and phone number) may be submitted to the Youth Services Information Desk April 4-30 and will be displayed beginning May 1. Patrons may cast their vote for their favorite photo May 1-10, with the winner selected and notified the week of May 11.

Annual Guess That Shredded Book Contest (Preschool – grade 6)

National Library Week, April 12-18

Come join the fun in the Youth Services department as you try to guess the two books that have been, oh my, shredded by the librarians! Use your magnifying glass to read the tattered pages of the books and identify the title. If there is more than one correct guess, the sleuth-savvy participants' names will be entered into a drawing for a special prize.

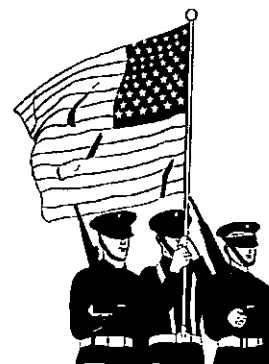
MEMORIAL DAY REMEMBRANCE

Monday, May 25, 9:30 a.m.

The Bloomingdale Historical Society, the Bloomingdale Public Library, and the Village of Bloomingdale will again sponsor the annual Memorial Day Remembrance program on Monday, May 25, 2009. The observance will be held at the St. Paul Cemetery on Lake Street in Bloomingdale at 9:30 a.m.

This gathering is to honor men and women who have served our country, and a special invitation is made to all veterans in our community. The placing of flags, Taps, and a gun salute by VFW Post 7539 will be part of the program, as well as special patriotic music performed by the a cappella Ensemble of the Spirit of Life Chorus. Limited seating is available, so please bring lawn chairs, and remember your umbrellas if the weather appears unpleasant.

If you have questions about this event, please call (630) 529-3120 ext. 2801.

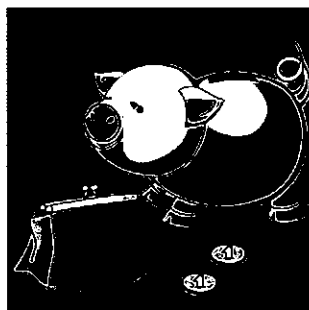




Adult Services Programs

Money Smart Week April 18-24

Money Smart Week® began in 2002 as a coordinated effort of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago and the Money Smart Advisory Council to help consumers better manage their personal finances. Hundreds of organizations across the state and Midwest including businesses, schools, libraries, not-for-profits, and government agencies offer programs throughout the week that educate people on the importance of financial literacy and provide free educational seminars and activities throughout the week.



We are participating by hosting **Getting Help Through Tough Financial Times** on Monday, April 20, a program that focuses on making your dollars stretch as far as they can in this uncertain economy. A calendar of events throughout the Chicago Metropolitan area can be found at www.moneysmartweek.org.

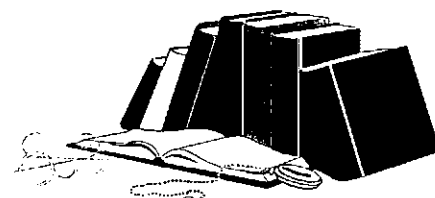
For those of you who are watching your investments and trying to make informed decisions on where to put your money, our Morningstar online database is a great place to start. If you would like to learn how to use this valuable database to search for stocks, mutual funds, and exchange traded funds (ETFs), Morningstar is providing a virtual tour of their database for interested patrons on April 29 at 3:00 p.m. It will be done over the web, so you can attend at home, in the office, or anywhere else with an internet connection. Simply visit our web site, www.mybpl.org, and follow the research link to the Health and Education page of the Morningstar Investment Research Center. You will see a link there called Live Patron Web Training where you can sign up for the free seminar. If you have any questions about Morningstar, or any of our online resources, call the Reference Desk at (630) 924-2730.

Adult/Teen Summer Reading Program

Adult Services and Young Adult Services invite you to **Read on the Wild Side** this summer and participate in this year's summer reading program.

Each time you read or listen to a book between June 8 and August 1, stop at the Reference Desk and we will record your title. If you read at least one book, you will be eligible for one of our weekly prizes that are donated by local businesses.

The more books you read, the better your chances are of winning one of our final drawing prizes that are announced at the end of the program.



Book Discussion Groups

Our book discussion groups always welcome new members. Copies of the selections are available at the Circulation Desk approximately one month before the discussion date. Join one, two, or all three groups. Stop in and pick up your copy today. If you have any questions about any of these groups, call the Reference Desk at (630) 924-2730.

Adult Book Discussion

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

Thursday, April 16

A Walk Across America
by Peter Jenkins

Thursday, May 21

The Lizard Cage
by Karen Connelly

Historical Book Group

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

Tuesday, May 5

Worst Hard Time: The Untold Story of Those Who Survived the Great American Dust Bowl
by Timothy Egan

Tuesday, June 2

Ghost Mountain Boys: Their Epic March and Terrifying Battle for New Guinea
by James Campbell

Library Tours

Saturday, April 4 and Saturday, May 2
10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

Libraries are busier than ever as people are trying to stretch their budget dollars. If you haven't visited the library in a while, library tours are offered on the first Saturday of each month. We'll meet at the Reference Desk at 10:00 a.m., and give you an overview of the valuable services we offer, and show you where to find movies, magazines, audiobooks and more. Call the Reference Desk at (630) 924-2730 to reserve your spot.



Mystery Mavens

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

Wednesday, April 15

Heat of the Moon
by Sandra Parshall

Wednesday, May 20

The Virgin of Small Plains
by Nancy Pickard

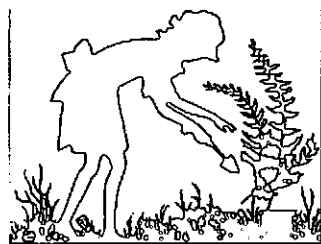


Adult Services Programs

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

Perennials: Workhorses in the Garden

Monday, April 6
6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.



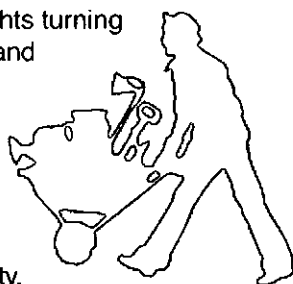
Perennials are plants that grow and bloom during the spring and

summer, die back every autumn and winter, and bloom again the following spring. These low-maintenance, long-blooming plants are wonderful additions to any garden. Beth Corrigan, Master Gardener, from the University of Illinois Extension will offer selection and growing advice about perennials. Please register in person or call the Adult Reference Desk at (630) 924-2730.

Ask the Master Gardener Help Desk

Saturday, May 2 and June 6
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Are your thoughts turning toward spring and dreams of a beautiful garden? Take the first step to making that backyard paradise a reality.

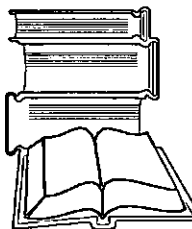


Stop at the Library on the first Saturday of May and June between 10:00 a.m. and noon to have your gardening questions answered by a Master Gardener. Master Gardeners from the University of Illinois Extension are a group of volunteers trained by University of Illinois educators who will share their expertise by answering your gardening questions. They will have brochures, gardening fact sheets, and other pertinent information available. No appointment is necessary.

Connecting Worlds @

Your Library National Library Week, April 12-18

National Library Week is a time to celebrate the contributions of libraries, librarians, and library workers in schools, campuses and communities nationwide - and the perfect time to discover how worlds connect @ your library. First sponsored in 1958, National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries across the country each April.



Bloomington Public Library is celebrating National Library Week by coordinating all of our library displays to reflect the Connecting Worlds theme. Check out a book from our Connecting Worlds @ Your Library displays during National Library Week and be entered into a drawing for a \$50 Angelo Caputo's Fresh Market gift certificate. One entry per patron.

Autism

Tuesday, April 14
6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Autism is a complex neurological disorder that often lasts throughout a person's lifetime. One in 150 individuals is affected by autism and it is four times more likely to strike boys than girls. Please join a representative from Alexian Brothers Healthcare for this informative seminar that will address evaluation, symptoms, interventions and the existing therapeutic treatment options that are available. Please call AlexianConnects at 1-866-ALEXIAN to register for this program.



Getting Through Tough Financial Times

Monday, April 20
6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

To help individuals and families during time of financial stress, Katherine Reuter, Consumer and Family Economic Educator, with University of Illinois Extension will provide tips to consider during hard times such as how to keep a roof overhead; deciding which bills to pay first; setting spending priorities; strategies to spend less; and how to deal with credit issues. Please register in person or call the Adult Reference Desk at (630) 924-2730.

Register Your Book Group

Do you belong to a local book group with your friends or neighbors? We would like to know about your group. Register your book group with the Reference Desk, and we will be able to borrow multiple copies of your book group selections. We can also notify you about book-related news, services, and programs. Stop at the Reference Desk to sign up today, or call us at (630) 924-2730.

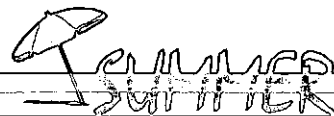
Summer Hours

Beginning May 24, the Library will be closed on Sundays for the summer. Regular Sunday hours will resume on September 13, 2009.

Monday – Thursday
9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Friday & Saturday
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Sunday
CLOSED



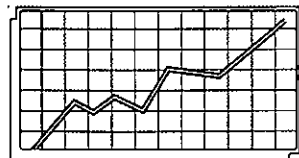


Adult Services Programs

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How to Start a Small Business in Illinois

Tuesday, April 28
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.



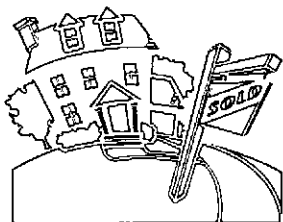
Have you considered starting your own business? Explore the

risks and rewards of starting a small business in today's economy. David Gay, from the Small Business Development Center at College of DuPage, will examine the pros and cons of small business ownership and help you make an informed decision about taking the big step of becoming your own boss. Please register in person or call the Adult Services Desk at (630) 924-2730.

Landscaping for Curb Appeal

Monday, May 4
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Curb appeal is one of the most important factors to consider when selling

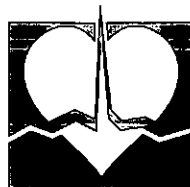


your home. Stephanie Dalton, DuPage County Master Gardener, will show you how to bring your yard from drab to WOW -- even if you aren't planning to sell. Please register in person or call the Adult Reference Desk at (630) 924-2730.

Heartsaver CPR

Saturday, May 16
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

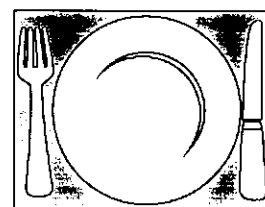
Learn CPR basics from local firefighter and paramedic, Jeff Skelley, owner of My Life Saver CPR. This hands-on class designed for the general public will cover adult, child, and infant CPR and choking, and how to use an Automated External Defibrillator for heart attacks. There is a non-refundable fee of \$25 for the three hour session. 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. Checks should be made payable to: My Life Saver CPR.



Real Food for Busy People

Monday, May 18
6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Are you looking for ways to eat healthfully while on the run? Learn what influences our eating habits, and discover how to avoid the obstacles to choosing healthy foods. Elizabeth Smith, a registered dietician, will discuss these topics and teach you how to plan nutritious meals and snacks using the new food pyramid. Please call AlexianConnects at 1-866-ALEXIAN to register for this program.

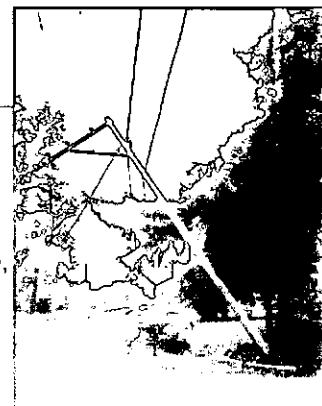


Emergency Preparedness

Tuesday, May 26
6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Being prepared for emergencies is crucial at home, school, work and in your community. Disaster can strike quickly and without warning, forcing you to evacuate or confine you to your neighborhood, workplace, or school. What would you do if basic utility services were cut off? Local relief workers will eventually arrive on the scene; however, they can't reach everyone right away.

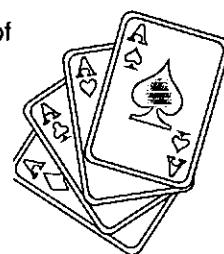
Come to the Library for a presentation on emergency preparedness by the Bloomington Police Department and learn the best ways of protecting yourself and your family during an emergency. Please register in person or call the Adult Reference Desk at (630) 924-2730.

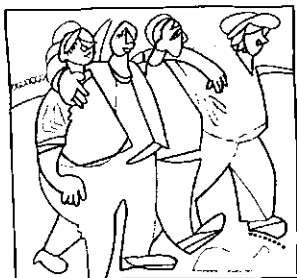


Bloomington Seniors Club

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?

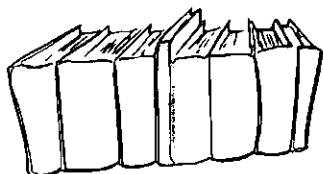
If you answered yes to any of the above questions, Bloomington Seniors Club is the club for you. The club meets on the second Tuesday of every month in the lower level of the Bloomington Public Library. A short business meeting begins at 11 a.m., snacks or a light lunch follows, and then an afternoon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





Worlds Connect @ Your Library National Library Week, April 12-18

Celebrate National Library Week with a book display contest! Teens will have the chance to win a new book or graphic novel. Just stop by during National Library Week and check out an item from any of the Worlds Connect displays. Bring your checkout receipt to the Reference Desk to enter the contest. One entry per teen. Three winning entries will be drawn at the end of the contest.



Open Game Night

(All ages -- children under 9 must be accompanied by an adult)

Tuesday, April 7

Tuesday, May 5

6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Need a night away from the TV? Looking for something different to do? Bring your friends and family to the Bloomington Public Library for a night of fun and games. For more information contact the Youth Services Department at (630) 924-2740.

Teen Game Night

Thursday, April 9

Thursday, May 14

6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Now with even more games! Rock out to Rock Band, battle in Super Smash Bros. Brawl, or show off your moves in Dance Dance Revolution! Bring your friends and enjoy free food. Registration not necessary, just stop on by! Open to 7th-12th graders.

Young Adult Spot

Open to Teens 7th–12th grades only, unless otherwise noted.

Dueller's Guild

(Ages 9 and older)

Saturday, April 18

Saturday, May 16

1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

The Dueller's Guild is a group for players of Collectible Card Games (CCG's) to learn, play, and socialize. We currently support Yu-Gi-Oh! and Magic: The Gathering, but players of all games are welcome to attend. There are no fees and membership is open to both residents and non-residents. All players ages 9 and up are welcome to join us--

Ouran Library Host Club

Wednesday, April 22

6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

You are cordially invited to the Anime Club's Ouran High School Host Club event! Enjoy the comedic anime while being served Japanese snacks and drinks by our own cosplaying club members! We'll also be celebrating Hunny-senpai's love of sweets by making candy sushi. Registration not necessary. Open to 7th-12th graders.

Anime Club

Wednesday, April 22 (See Ouran

Library Host Club event)

Wednesday, May 27

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)

Dates TBA

Are you a teen with great ideas for the library, but don't know where to start? 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. Snacks will be provided.

Customized Pin Buttons

Wednesday, May 6

6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Registration limit: 15

Customize pin buttons for your bags, belts, and clothes using pictures from your favorite TV shows, movies, musicians, or anime. Bring your own pictures, draw your own designs, or cut out pictures from magazines. Buttons will be 2 ¼ inches round. Register at the Reference Desk or by phone at (630) 924-2730. Open to 7th-12th graders.

PEP Volunteers

How would you support your family without a high school diploma? How would you survive in the U.S. without a basic command of English? Be part of the answer! Join the College of DuPage People Educating People (PEP) Volunteers as a classroom tutor in an ESL, reading or basic math class. You'll work once a week for two to three hours at one of our many sites. We'll equip you in a 12½-hour training on July 25 and August 1.

Interested? Call Joan Morris, PEP Coordinator, at (630) 942-3788. Don't wait! Registration ends June 22.





COMPUTER CLASSES

Computer Class Registration Guidelines:

Registration for computer classes will begin on Monday, March 30, 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.

Beginner's Computer Course

Date: Monday, May 11
Tuesday, May 12
Monday, May 18
Tuesday, May 19
Time: 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

This four session course will provide the basic tools needed for the areas of computer use people are most interested in. Getting comfortable with Windows and the mouse while learning about the Internet, email, word processing, and printing will be the primary focus. This course is intended for anyone, whether they're interested in refreshing old skills or have never touched a computer before. Much of the class will be devoted to questions and all topics will include hands-on practice. (No previous experience necessary.) All four classes must be attended. Please do not register for this course if you are unable to attend all four classes. This specific class requires a \$40 deposit.

Introduction to the Personal Computer

Date: Tuesday, April 14
Time: 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Instructor: Chris

Those with little or no knowledge of computers will benefit from this class. Skills and techniques to perform basic functional operations with a computer will be covered. Through hands on practice and extensive examples students will become more comfortable using computers.

Introduction to Word

Date: Thursday, April 16
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, printing, saving files, formatting, and editing documents will be covered. There will be time available for questions and specific problems related to Microsoft Word.

Introduction to Excel

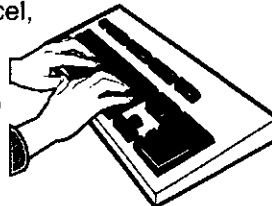
Date: Wednesday, April 22
Time: 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

This class will cover the basic concepts creating and using spreadsheets. Formatting, designing, and sorting spreadsheets will be discussed along with the first steps towards creating formulas and using functions. (Having taken Introduction to using Microsoft Word or equivalent experience is recommended.)

Intermediate Excel

Date: Wednesday, April 29
Time: 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

This class covers more advanced topics in Excel such as formulas, graphs, and linking between multiple worksheets. (Having taken Introduction to Microsoft Excel, or equivalent experience is recommended.)



Advanced Excel

Date: Wednesday, May 6
Time: 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

This class will provide a deeper investigation of Excel topics introduced in the Intermediate Excel course, as well as examining other functions provided by Excel. (Having taken Intermediate Excel is recommended.)

Intermediate Word

Date: Thursday, May 7
Time: 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Chris

This class is intended for users who have some experience with computers and Microsoft Word. It will cover how to use many of the more advanced options available. The lecture will include using outlines, adding images, and other formatting/design topics. (Having taken Introduction to using Microsoft Word is recommended.)

Digital Cameras

Date: Thursday, May 14
Time: 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Chris

This class will give students a clearer understanding of the terms, features, and reviews associated with digital cameras as well as thoroughly covering taking, transferring, and printing pictures. Students are welcome to bring their own cameras to class to personalize the lessons learned.

Résumé Writing/Online Job Hunting

Date: Thursday, May 21
Time: 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Chris

In this class students will learn how to use Microsoft Word to create sharp, easily read and understood résumés. They will also learn how to create accounts on and perform searches with job finding sites online. This course is about the technical skills required to create the résumés, not about proper style, content, or design. (Having taken Introduction to Microsoft Word is helpful but not necessary.)



Back by popular demand... Sunshine Serenades!

Sponsored by the Village of Bloomingdale
and the Bloomingdale Public Library.

12:00 - 1:00 p.m. on:
Friday, June 19
Friday, July 17
Friday, August 14



Friday, June 19 from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Featuring - Juke Box Band

Please join us for the kick-off of our summer gazebo concert series with Juke Box Band. Please join us for this lively, interactive concert featuring music of the 50's, 60's, and 70's performed by this crowd pleasing group! **Wear your favorite pair of sunglasses and receive a free gift!** Please check in at the Library's pop-up tent. Old Neighborhood Hot Dogs will be selling hot dogs and chips. The Friends of the Library will be selling pop, water, and frozen novelties.

Friday, July 17 from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Featuring - Dave Rudolf

Please join us as we take a walk on the wild side with this award winning children's performer! **Wear your favorite animal print t-shirt or shirt, and receive a free gift!** Please check in at the Library's pop-up tent. Old Neighborhood Hot Dogs will be selling hot dogs and chips. The Friends of the Library will be selling pop, water, and frozen novelties.



Friday, August 14 from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

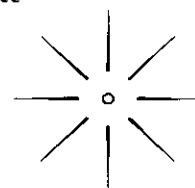
Featuring - Mr. Myers

Mr. Myers blends the tropical sounds of calypso and ska, the rhythms of Reggae, and a little rock-n-roll with some favorite classic tunes to create their own special style of music - Caribbean Rock. **Wear your favorite Hawaiian shirt and receive a free gift!** Please check in at the Library's pop-up tent. Old Neighborhood Hot Dogs will be selling hot dogs and chips. The Friends of the Library will be selling pop, water, and frozen novelties.



Each concert will be held at Founders Park Gazebo, located in front of the Library at 101 Fairfield Way in Bloomingdale on the above dates from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. For more information, please call the Business Office of the Library at (630) 924-2720. Please note: concerts will be held rain or shine.

Attend all three concerts and be eligible to enter the grand prize drawing for a \$50.00 Stratford Mall Gift Certificate! Winner must be present to win.





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Destination

Stay-ca-tion!

Plan your escape to the Oasis Waterpark Opens May 30, 2009

Attractions Include:

- Cuda Cove - 8-lane Competitive Pool
- Pineapple Plunge - drop slide, 1-meter & 3-meter diving boards
- Mango Bay - zero-depth entry leisure pool
- Typhoon Tunnel - 110' speed slide
- Tropical Twister - 160' open-air thrill slide
- Other play features include geysers, sprayers, spilling buckets, and a brand new Nautical Spinnaker!
- Otter Island - Interactive water playground

Oasis Season Passes

Enjoy unlimited visits all summer long with our Oasis 2009 Season Pass. A family is considered two designated adults & all children under the age of 21 residing in the same household. An individual season pass may be purchased for nephews, nieces, cousins, aunts, uncles, grandchildren, grandparents, and babysitters, non-resident rates will apply. One guest pass may be purchased along with a season pass.

- Renew your 2008 pass online, or purchase a 2009 pass online.
- 2008 pass pictures don't need to be re-taken.
- New 2009 passes will require a pass picture to be taken at the JRC prior to entering The Oasis.

Early Bird Rate

Now - April 30

R/NR

Individual
Family 2 or 3
Family of 4
Family of 5
Family of 6
Family of 7 or more

\$79/129
\$115/165
\$119/169
\$125/175
\$129/179
\$135/185

Regular Rate

May 1 - summer

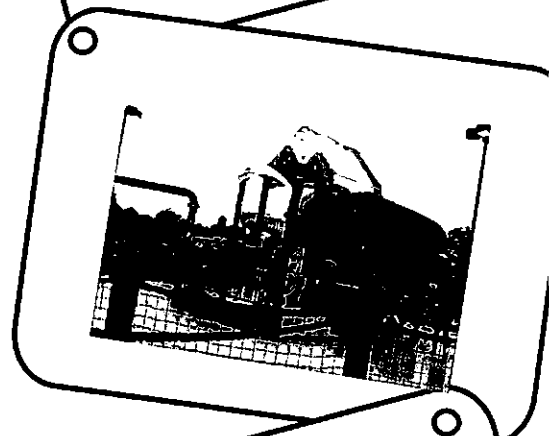
R/NR

\$105/155
\$139/189
\$145/195
\$149/199
\$155/205
\$159/209

Private Rentals and Parties at The Oasis!

Birthday Parties - Family Reunions - Office Retreats - Special Occasions

The Oasis offers a wide range of private rental and party options. Stop by the JRC front desk or visit us online at www.bloomingtonparks.org to check out the rental and party packages. Reservations for parties and rentals will be accepted at the Johnston Recreation Center beginning April 1, 2009. A rental/party request form and a non-refundable deposit are required to secure your reservation. Make your reservation early as dates fill quickly!



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Branson Show Trip Extravaganza

Come join us and Diamond Tours to get the chance to see 7 fabulous Branson Shows! We will be traveling from Monday, October 12 thru Friday, October 16. For an incredible value of \$584 per person (non-residents are \$624.00 per person) prices are based on double occupancy. For this great price, you will receive the following:

- Motor coach transportation (video-equipped, restrooms, overhead storage; bus is guaranteed to be younger than 3 years old) to and from the Bloomington Park District.
- 4 nights of lodging, including 4 consecutive nights in Branson
- 8 meals including : 4 breakfasts and 4 dinners
- Admission to seven Fabulous Branson Shows which include
The Brett Family Show,
The Twelve Irish Tenors
The Baldknobbers Jamboree Show,
Lee Greenwood and The Bellamy Brothers,
The Hughes Brothers
The Red Hot and Blue Show
The Showboat Branson Belle
- And much more!

Cubs Trip

Join us on a trip to see the Chicago Cubs take on the San Francisco Giants for an afternoon game at beautiful Wrigley Field. Participants 17 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Fee includes ticket and transportation. Walk-in registration is currently being accepted for this trip. Registration deadline is May 1st.

Seats: Terrace Reserved
Bus departs from JRC Parking Lot

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
Adult	Tu	10:30A-05:30P	05/05	\$25/35	403219-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!

Journey to the Center of the Earth
April 24



IGOR PG
May 15



Your detailed itinerary is available at the Bloomington Park District front office and online at www.bloomingtonparks.org. A \$75.00 deposit is due upon registration, and PLEASE NOTE: that amount is non-refundable after September 28 2009. Trip cancellation insurance is available and encouraged to offer you protection should you need to cancel after September 28, 2009. FINAL PAYMENT is due on August 5, 2009. Information on the insurance is distributed along with the detailed itinerary at the Bloomington Park District front office. Diamond Tours, Inc. will greet the group at the various destinations, and then proceed with guiding the tours. A park district representative will assist in managing the trip.

Travel dates: October 12-16

Fees:

Single: \$704 Resident per person
\$744 Non Resident per person
Double: \$584.00 Resident per person
\$624 Non Resident per person
Triple: \$564 Resident per person
\$604 Non Resident per person

Min/Max 24/34
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Youth Programs

Dodgeball Tournament

Register today for the Bloomington Dodgeball Classic! Players will be placed on a team that consists of 6-10 players. At the time of registration, players can request to play on the same team with someone else. Each player will receive a t-shirt. An award is given to the 1st place team. Registration Deadline: Saturday, April 11th A1, B1 Individual sign up A2, B2 Team sign up

Location: JRC Gym
Instructor: Staff

Grade	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
6-8	Sa	01:00-03:30P	04/18-04/18	\$10/15	204304-A1
6-8	Sa	01:00-03:30P	04/18-04/18	\$100/105	204304-A2
9-12	Sa	10:00-12:30P	04/18-04/18	\$10/15	204304-B1
9-12	Sa	10:00-12:30P	04/18-04/18	\$100/105	204304-B2

Pitch, Hit & Run

Come compete in a local Pitch, Hit & Run competition. Local Champions advance to Sectional Competitions in the area. Top performers at the Sectionals become eligible to advance to Team Championships hosted by Major League Baseball teams at Major League Parks! Team Championship finalists receive an all-expense paid trip to the National Finals. The National Finals will occur During the MLB All-Star week in St. Louis, MO. Age as of July 17, 2009. The fee will be waived for residents who register before April 24th.

Location: Springfield Park
Instructor: Staff

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
7-8	Sa	01:00-01:00P	05/02-05/02	\$5/10	402336-A1
9-10	Sa	01:30-01:30P	05/02-05/02	\$5/10	402336-A2
11-12	Sa	02:00-02:00P	05/02-05/02	\$5/10	402336-A3
13-14	Sa	02:30-02:30P	05/02-05/02	\$5/10	402336-A4

Bloomington Barracuda Swim & Dive Team

Registration Dates:

Saturday April 18 9am-12pm
Wednesday April 22 6pm-8pm

Location: Johnston Recreation Center

Fees:

	Res/Non-Res
Swim Team	\$100/\$130**
Dive Team	\$100/\$130**
Both	\$150/\$190**



Jr. Jazzercise - NEW!

Jr. Jazzercise is an exciting dance fitness class that is designed especially for kids. With an emphasis on fun, Jr. Jazzercise combines the newest dance moves and music with coordination, flexibility, strength, endurance and the importance of physical fitness. Kids will enjoy staying fit with Jr. Jazzercise.

Date: 04/17-5/22

Day: Fridays

Time: 4:15-05:00P

Location: Aerobics Studio

Instructor: Diane Weaver

Age: 5-11

Fee R/NR: \$40/50 **Code:** 202640-A2

2009-2010 PRESCHOOL YEAR

Registration for the 2009-2010 school year are currently being accepted. 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.

ALL PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION MUST BE MADE IN PERSON AT THE BLOOMINGDALE PARK DISTRICT, 172 S. CIRCLE AVENUE, BLOOMINGDALE.

2 days/week

\$79/month

3 days/week

\$104/month

5 days/week

\$155/month



Bloomington Park District

April 09 - May 09

where recreation revolves around you.

Upcoming events

Tot Specials

Teddy Bear Picnic

Come and find your "beary best" friend at the picnic. You will be making a very special one-of-a-kind hat for your new friend, a Teddy Bear. Then enjoy a picnic complete with drink and cookies. Registration deadline is April 20.

Location: JRC Kitchen
Instructor: Sandy Moore

Age	Day	Time	Date	Fee	Code #
3-6	Su	11:00-12:15P	04/26	\$18/23	201106-A1

Green Eggs & Ham Breakfast

Wear your favorite PJ's while you prepare your own green eggs and home breakfast. After the breakfast, the breakfast chefs will listen to the book of "Green Eggs and Ham". Registration deadline is May 22.

Location: JRC Kitchen
Instructor: Sandy Moore

Age	Day	Time	Date	Fee	Code #
3-6	Sa	09:30-11:30A	05/30	\$18/23	201112-A1

Munchkin Garden Club

This Garden Club will have fun by decorating your own flowering pot and planting flowers with their very own gardening tools. Registration deadline is April 24.

Location: JRC Kitchen
Instructor: Sandy Moore

Age	Day	Time	Date	Fee	Code #
3-6	Su	10:00-11:30A	05/03	\$15/20	201114-A1

Summer Day Camp

Registration for summer day camp is currently being accepted. Payment for your first session and registration forms are due at time of registration. Registration for subsequent sessions will be accepted and do not require a deposit. The \$25.00/session non-resident fee is also due at the time of registration.

Angelina Ballerina Tea for Two - NEW!

You are invited to a very special party this lovely afternoon! There will be lots of sweets, tasty teas, and of course, dance lessons. Put on your prettiest tutu and dance slippers for a magical and enchanting afternoon. Dance and dream and be a star just like little Angelina. Girls should be dropped off at 6:00 for their dance lesson. Moms can join us at 7:00 for a very special performance. Tea and treats will be served afterwards, as you both create a pretty project.

Location: Goodwin-Sedgwick Rm.
Instructor: Staff

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
3-8	F	06:00-08:00P	05/22-05/22	\$20/25	204302-A1

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

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

Wedding Fiesta Workshop

Be a part of the fiesta and learn to dance Latin, Ballroom, and Contemporary dance music. This is perfect for anyone that is in or going to a wedding and needs a quick one class lesson! Zesty Cha Cha, romantic Waltz, and Contemporary movement will be taught. ("Getting Married?" Bring your song in on tape or CD. Instructor can give you some quick ideas on dances at the end of class.) Couples are recommended, but not necessary. Couples will not rotate partners. Singles are not guaranteed a partner. Please wear comfortable clothing and shoes.

Location: Aerobics Studio
Instructor: Dance Techs Inc.

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
Adult	Tu	07:05-09:00P	05/19-05/19	\$30/40	203532-A1

Save Your Sole Foot Spa

Enjoy a relaxing foot spa for those tired over-stressed soles. Learn how to maintain that soft silky feeling for your feet all year round. Your feet will thank you! Receive a wonderful food spa kit to take home. Please bring a towel to class and wear comfortable clothing.

Location: Museum
Instructor: Annmarie Vlastnik

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
Adult	F	06:30-07:30P	05/15-05/15	\$25/30	203678-A1

Registration forms are available at the JRC front desk or at www.bloomingtonparks.org or call (630) 529-3650.



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26th Annual Student Art Show

The 26th Annual Student Art Show at the Bloomingdale Park District Museum, 108 S. Bloomingdale Road, runs through April 25th. One of the museum's most popular exhibits, the show features the refreshing, exciting, bright artwork of students from 14 area schools. The exhibit is free and open to the public on Wed. 4-8pm; Th./Fri. 10-4pm; Sat. 12-4pm through April 25th.

