



Village of Bloomingdale Almanac

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From the Desk of Mayor Bob Iden

We are all aware of the significant financial issues facing all local and state governments. Earlier this year, I reported that the Village was able to develop a budget for our next Fiscal Year, which began on May 1, and that we had financial reserves to help us through this downturn. Since that time, the Village's main revenue sources which support our core services have been lower than we expected. For example, our major revenue source, Sales Tax, was 20% under budget in July, and Income Tax is running 23% under budget.

Since June, the Village Board has been conducting detailed reviews of our services and considering areas where costs can be reduced and revenues increased. For several years, the Board has been reviewing each vacancy as employees leave or retire, maintaining the number of employees at the lowest level while providing the services desired and expected. Residents and taxpayers alike are reminded that the portion of the property tax bill that goes to the Village for Police, Public Works, and other Village services is only about 2% of the bill. As we make further progress on this important matter, I will provide updates to the community.

With this in mind, I am very happy to introduce Bloomingdale E-News and Bloomingdale TV, two new vehicles to keep our residents informed.

The Bloomingdale E-News launched on June 24th, and includes a Residential E-Newsletter and a Business E-Newsletter. These E-Newsletters are e-mailed directly to your home and/or business computer with timely information on Bloomingdale events and news. To sign-up for Bloomingdale E-News go to the Village's Web Site @ www.villageofbloomingdale.org. The E-News sign-up is in the lower right section of the home page.



Village of Bloomingdale
Residential E-NEWSLETTER

Bloomingdale TV is a collaborative effort between the Village, Library and Park District and will be launched in August on Comcast Cable – Channel 6, and AT&T PEG Channel 99. Bloomingdale TV will air timely information on community meetings, events, services; public safety announcements, Village, Park District and Library news; youth, senior, and recreational activities, environmental events/initiatives and more. Note: you can only access these channels if you are a subscriber to either Comcast or AT&T U-verse. I hope you find these additional methods of reaching out to our residents and businesses both interesting and helpful.



I'm also happy to tell you about four new businesses we anxiously anticipate in town. Dino's Café, a breakfast /lunch restaurant is going into the old Wag's building on Lake Street, just east of Dunkin' Donuts. The whole building is being gutted and renovated by a Bloomingdale resident. Dino's Café will be a wonderful addition to the Lake street corridor. We look forward to its opening.

Two more restaurants are currently being built on the site of the old Tower Records on Army Trail Road. The first of these is 5 Guys Burgers & Fries, a chain that is very popular on the east coast and is now opening stores in this area. Burgers and fries are all they have. The 5 Guys chain's claim to fame is that President Obama ate there and loved it, so it's all the rage.

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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!!!

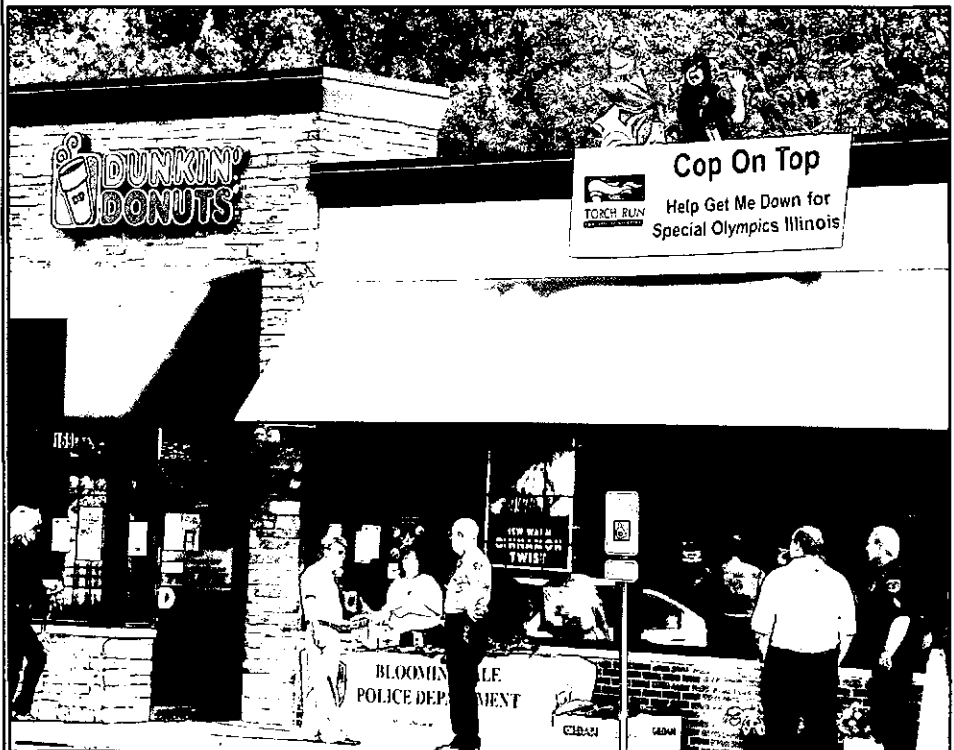
If you're "surfing the net" and have a question to ask or an issue to bring to our attention, just E-mail it to us. If you wish to send us an

electronic message, our website address is:
www.villageofbloomingdale.org



The deadline for
the October issue
of the
Almanac is
SEPTEMBER 10

Our Cop on Top



Dawn Odoi perched on the roof of our Lake Street Dunkin' Donuts in the name of Illinois Special Olympics this spring. A gracious and generous public contributed \$1,230 to the Special Olympic Fund during the six hours she spent on the roof.

Street Sweeping Scheduled for Fall; Leaf Pickup Available Thru Allied Waste

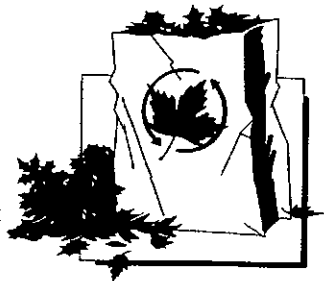
The Village provides street sweeping services through a private contractor periodically throughout the year. Several sweeps are scheduled to take place in the fall. Street sweeping maintains the Village's attractive appearance, while reducing the potential for flooding caused by debris at curb lines.

The Village does not provide leaf collection services, and residents are reminded that raking and/or blowing leaves into the street is a violation of Village Ordinance #2000-10, which prohibits the dumping or placing of any waste upon any Village street or other public property.

Residents are encouraged to participate in Allied Waste Industries' yard waste/leaf collection program. Leaves and yard waste placed in yard waste bags or cans (with handles) will be picked up by Allied Waste on regular trash days through November 30th. Weight limit of each bag or can is 50 pounds. A yard waste sticker (\$2.35 each) must be affixed to each bag or can. Stickers can be purchased at:

- Bloomingdale Village Hall,
201 S. Bloomingdale Road
- Bloomingdale Pharmacy,
156 S. Bloomingdale Road
- Butera Foods, 550 W. Lake Street, Roselle
- Caputo's Fresh Market, 166 E. Lake Street
- Len's Ace, 272 W. Lake Street
- Meijer Supermarket, 130 S. Gary Avenue
- Jewel Food Store, Bloomingdale & Army
Trail Roads

Questions concerning the yard waste/leaf collection program can be directed to Allied Waste at 847-429-7370.



Fight the Bite: Mosquitoes Are More Than Annoying -- They Carry West Nile Virus

DuPage County Health Department found its first positive mosquito batch for 2009 in Lisle in mid-June. Last year the first positive batch found in DuPage County was May 23. The health department reminds people to take precautions, such as wearing insect repellent and getting rid of standing water around your house, to reduce the risk of becoming infected with West Nile virus.



West Nile virus is transmitted through the bite of a mosquito that has picked up the virus by feeding on an infected bird. Surveillance for West Nile virus in Illinois began on May 1 and includes laboratory tests on mosquitoes, dead crows, blue jays, robins and other perching birds, as well as the testing of sick horses and humans with West Nile-like disease symptoms. Residents who observe a sick or dying crow, blue jay, robin or other perching bird, should contact the DuPage County Health Department at 630-682-7979 or the Bloomingdale Public Works at 630-671-5800.

Only about two people in 10 who are bitten by an infected mosquito will experience any illness. Illness from West Nile is usually mild and includes fever, headache and body aches, but serious illness, such as encephalitis and meningitis, and death are possible. Persons older than 50 years of age have the highest risk for severe disease.

Use common sense to reduce the number of mosquitoes around your house and to take personal precautions against mosquito bites. DuPage County residents with questions about West Nile virus may call the health department at 630-682-7400. Additional information about West Nile virus can be found at www.idph.state.il.us/envhealth/wnv.htm.

Mayor's Column (continued from page 1)

Qdoba Mexican Grill is the second restaurant to locate on the Army Trail site. This is another chain which recently hit this region. Qdoba features fast casual southwestern fare. The eateries will share a common outside patio and are looking at a fall opening.

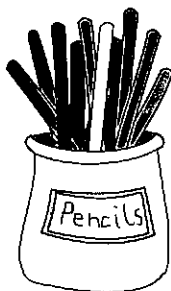
The fourth restaurant is Trattoria Sappori, which will be located at the corner of Franklin & Third Street in Old Town. The new eating establishment will consolidate three spaces – the former Bistro Maisonette, the old chamber office on Third Street, and a third adjacent space. This terrific addition to Old Town is the creation of two Bloomingdale business people who will own and operate the restaurant. Trattoria Sappori will offer upscale casual Italian food and provide seating for close to 100, as well as outdoor seating on the balcony.

Watch the business page in a future *Almanac* and upcoming issues of the Business e-newsletter for details when these restaurants open. In addition, look for more outdoor seating before the summer's end at the Starbucks and Baskin Robbins stores on Gary Avenue. The two will share a patio with seating for 30, the perfect place for a little coffee or ice cream under the stars.

We are very happy to see these developments in Bloomingdale and hope they might serve as a catalyst for more to come.

Mayor Bob Iden

Schools Are Open: Use Extra Caution Around The Kids



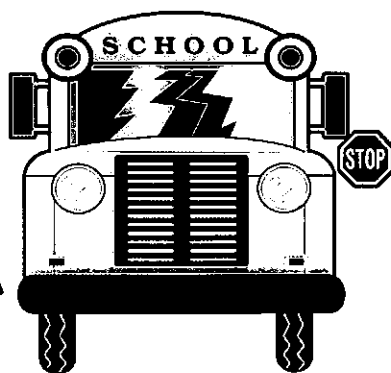
Another new school year has begun and it is an excellent time to review school safety with your children. "Common sense" rules can help promote safety at school and at play. Here are a few simple safety tips that can benefit children of all ages.

Walking to and from school:

- Choose a safe route for walking to and from school. Avoid walking by vacant lots, fields, or other areas where there aren't many people around.
- Use the buddy system. It is safer to walk in a group than by yourself.
- If you bike, skate or skateboard to school, wear a protective helmet on your head. Don't forget to lock up your bike, skates or skateboard at school.
- Cross the street at corners or crosswalks.
- Be careful when crossing the street; remember to stop and look in all directions.
- Never talk to strangers or accept gifts or rides from people you don't know. **If a stranger approaches you, RUN- YELL- TELL an adult or call 9-1-1.**
- Let your parents know if you need to stay late at school or if you plan to go to a friend's house instead of going straight home.
- If you see something that you think isn't right, tell a teacher or your parents right away.

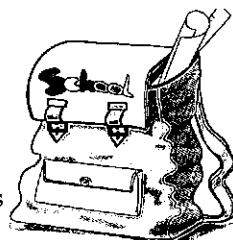
On the bus:

- While waiting for a school bus, be sure that you are in a safe place away from the road.
- Be on time and only ride the bus assigned to you.
- When the bus approaches, stand at least three giant steps (six feet) away from the curb, and line up away from the street.
- Once the bus arrives, wait until the bus stops, the door opens, and the driver says it is okay before entering the bus. Enter in an orderly fashion. Be courteous to the driver and do what you are told at all times. Take your seat quickly and stay in your seat for the entire ride.
- Keep your arms and head inside the bus and never throw anything out of the windows. Help keep the bus clean by picking up trash and throwing it in a garbage can. Never write on or damage the bus seats.
- When you exit the bus, be very careful if you have to cross the street in traffic. Do not depend on traffic to stop because sometimes drivers don't pay attention to the actions surrounding a school bus. Always cross the street in front of the bus, and look both ways for cars before you cross the street.



At school:

- Stay away from strangers who hang around the playgrounds or bus stops. **A stranger is anyone that you do not know very well.** Do not accept anything from a stranger and tell an adult immediately if a stranger is bothering you or other children.
- If you see something that makes you uneasy or you think isn't right—a stranger hanging around school, a bully bothering other youths, vandalism or graffiti—tell a teacher or your parents right away.
- Learn to settle arguments with words, not fists. Walk away from an argument instead of fighting. Never bring weapons of any kind to school and tell a teacher immediately if someone else has a weapon.



With schools back in session, we want to remind everyone to be careful when traveling through these areas during school hours. Kids are not only active before and after school, but also during recess and physical education classes. Students acting as crossing guards are responsible for the safety of others in school zones and residential areas. **The school zone speed limit is twenty (20) miles per hour.** Please keep this in mind when traveling near school and take extra precaution for the sake of the children.



Thank you
and have
a safe
school
year!!!

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,
Chief of Police

Dawn Odoi,
Community Relations
Officer

529-9868

Following the Law

In response to the questions and concerns of the residents, the Bloomington Police Department provides the following information relating to the Illinois State Rifle Act and the Bloomington local ordinance regulating and limiting the Use of Weapons.

Under the **Illinois Criminal Code Air Rifle Act**, an "air rifle" includes any air gun, air pistol, spring gun, B-B gun, paint ball gun, pellet gun, or any implement that is not a firearm, which impels a breakable paint ball containing washable marking colors or a pellet constructed of hard plastic, steel, lead, or other hard materials with a force that is reasonably expected to cause bodily harm.

It is unlawful for any person under the age of 13 to carry an air rifle on public streets, roads, highways or public lands, unless the rifle is unloaded.

It is also unlawful for anyone to discharge any air rifle anywhere except on a safely constructed target range that has been designed as such.

An air rifle should be kept within the house of residence or other private enclosure and it should not allow any projectile to pass over any grounds or space outside the limits of such grounds or residence.

Bloomington Local Ordinance 75-49 regulating and limiting the use of weapons relating to air guns states the following in summary.

No person shall have in his possession, except within his own domicile, or carry or use, a revolver or pistol of any description, shotgun or rifle, or any air gun, b-b gun, gas operated or spring gun, including paint ball guns, or any instrument, toy or weapon, slingshot or "beany", or bow made for the purpose of throwing or projecting missiles of any kind by any means whatsoever, whether such instrument is called by any name set forth above or by any other name.

The only other place that above listed items may be possessed, carried or used would be in licensed shooting galleries or in private ground or premises under circumstances when such instrument can be fired, discharged or operated in such manner as not to endanger persons or property; and that the carrying and transportation of such items should be not concealed, unloaded and properly cased, to and from any range or gallery.

Every person convicted of a violation of this Ordinance shall forfeit to the Village such dangerous or deadly weapon so concealed or displayed. In addition, any person violating any provisions of this Ordinance shall be fined not less than twenty five dollars (\$25.00) or more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for each offense.

Attention Parents:

Please be aware that paint ball guns, b-b guns, and other similar toys may resemble real weapons and it may be difficult for the public and law enforcement personnel to make this determination from a distance. The public and law enforcement personnel will appropriately respond to ensure the safety of the community. Also, please note that financial responsibility for such violations committed by juveniles is ultimately the responsibilities of the parents of such children.

Attention Parents: Here's What You Need to Know About Motorized Scooters

Since June 2002, there has been a Bloomington Village Ordinance that prohibits the usage of motorized skateboard, a snow vehicle, motorized scooters, motorized go-peds, go-cart, mini-bike or any similar engine powered (gas or electric powered) vehicle or device upon any public or private street, highway, parking lot, sidewalk, school ground, or bike path or any other public property within the Village of Bloomington.

The exception is for those individuals who are authorized to use motorized wheelchairs.

A violation of this Ordinance may be given a fine in an amount not to exceed \$1,000.00.

The parent or legal guardian of any person under the age of sixteen (16) years who violates the Ordinance shall be liable for any and all damages resulting from the operation of the vehicle and for any fine assessed.



BE KIND TO YOUR TREES & SHRUBS:

Watering Tips from the University of Illinois Extension Office & The Morton Arboretum

Trees and shrubs require just as much care as vegetable and flower gardens, according to the University of Illinois Extension Office. Watering is a common practice associated with all plants.

Contrary to popular belief, most roots are not located beneath the tree or shrub and few roots are found deep in the soil. Most tree or shrub roots that absorb water, called feeder roots, are within the top 15 inches of soil. If the soil is heavily compacted clay, roots may be even closer to the surface. These roots are generally congregated at the dripline, or outer branches, of the plant. Since the tree's branches act like an umbrella, it only makes sense that roots are past the dripline. Mature plants may have feeder roots extending 6 to 50 feet past the dripline.

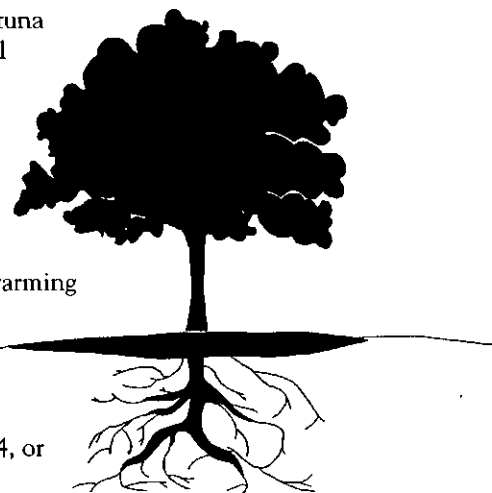


Feeder roots aren't large. Most are finer than a strand of hair. They are easily severed when digging or can dry out during droughts. Yet, they are easily replaced during the winter.

Watering should occur when less than an inch of rain has fallen in a two-week period and temperatures have passed 85° F. For practical purposes, plan on providing an inch or two of water every two weeks. In order to saturate the soil, apply the amount in a single application. Several light applications totaling an inch or two over a two-week period tends to force roots to the surface in search of water.

Here are additional watering tips from The Morton Arboretum:

- Let the top few inches of soil dry out between waterings to avoid saturation and to allow roots and soil organisms to breathe.
- Use soaker hoses and drip irrigation -- effective watering tools because they discharge even streams of slow, trickling water directly to the root zone beneath trees and shrubs. When combined with a 3 or 4-inch layer of organic mulch, plants can use nearly all of the water that's provided with little evaporation loss.
- Another effective means of watering a small tree is letting a hose run slowly at its base until the ground is moist. For large trees, let the hose run at various points around the tree's drip line - the imaginary line on the ground that encircles a tree's extended branches.
- Water shrubs at the plant base and under the spread of branches until soil is moistened to a depth of 6 to 8 inches.
- When using a sprinkler system, place a container (an inch-thick can, such as a tuna fish or cat food can, works well) nearby to measure when you have distributed 1 inch of water to the soil.
- Plants vary in their ability to tolerate water stress. Prioritize watering, caring for newly transplanted trees and shrubs first, then those that have been in the ground from 2 to 5 years and have under-developed root systems. Next, water "specimen" trees or important trees, then all other plants.
- Water strategically. Plants absorb more water in the early morning, before the warming sun can cause evaporation.
- Avoid using fertilizer during drought conditions. Fertilizer salts can cause root injury when soil moisture is limited.



For more information, call The Morton Arboretum's Plant Clinic at 630-719-2424, or visit the University of Illinois Extension web site at

<http://www.urbanext.uiuc.edu/news/news.cfm?NewsID=6983>

THE BLOOMINGDALE



BUSINESS BEAT

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 your Village portion of your property tax bill low.

Remember - BUY IN BLOOMINGDALE.

BUSINESSES NEWS



DANCE STUDIO EXPANDS SPACE AND CLASSES: Mohler Dance Academy in Old Town Bloomingdale is doubling its studio space and adding new classes and new faculty for Fall. The academy is expanding into the adjacent space formerly occupied by the Old Town Wedding Chapel, and its entrance will now face 3rd Street.

"I love the atmosphere of Old Town," owner and director **Tressa Mohler** says. With the additional space, the school will add hip hop, children's ballroom, and parent-toddler classes to its schedule of ballet, tap, jazz, modern, and tiny tots. Parents will also be able to attend fitness classes during their child's dance classes. New faculty members are all adult instructors, educated in their field of specialty.

The non-competitive, technique-based school focuses on fundamentals, Mohler says. "We teach the art form of dance." Students also learn grace, poise, discipline, etiquette and self esteem.

Mohler Dance Academy is located at 106 S. 3rd Street, near the intersection of Lake Street and Bloomingdale Road. For more information, visit www.MohlerDance.com or call 630- 893-1444.

MY LIFE SAVER CPR:

Use of Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) is known to save lives. If you've always wanted to learn CPR and other life-saving techniques, **My Life Saver CPR** offers on-site, customized classes for your business, group or even your neighborhood.

"It's important for everyone to know CPR," says company owner and lead instructor **Jeff Skelley**, a Bloomingdale firefighter and paramedic. "You never know when you might need it." The company, which is a Bloomingdale Chamber member, offers CPR training quarterly at the Bloomingdale Public Library and on-site training in CPR, first aid, and the use of automated external defibrillators (AEDs) for businesses and organizations throughout Chicago and suburbs. "We come directly to our customers," Skelley says. "And we customize our classes for the needs of each group."

My Life Saver CPR even offers CPR Home Parties. "Call your friends and neighbors, and set a convenient time and date, and we'll do the rest. We work seven days a week." Skelley especially encourages new parents, babysitters and caregivers to learn first aid and CPR. "It's very easy to learn and we try to have fun in our classes." All instructors are full time paramedics. For more information, visit www.mylifesavercpr.com or call (847) 754-7403.

TICKLED PINK: Gail Loss, co-owner of **Pink Hair Studio**, and her husband **Edward** are "tickled pink" that their daughter, **Natalie Nicole Loss**, was named Miss Italia in the Columbus Day Queen pageant last month. The 21-year old, who is 75 percent Italian, just graduated from DePaul University and will be going on to law school.

As Miss Italia she will be featured in various media, serve as a representative of Italian American women, make many public appearances throughout the year, and reign over the 2009 Columbus Day parade. Gail Loss and her partner **Chris Laskowski** have owned **Pink Hair Studio** at 115 E. Lake Street for three years.



Chamber Awards Seven \$1,000 Scholarships

The Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce hosted its annual Scholarship breakfast in June at the Bloomingdale Golf Club. Seven \$1,000 scholarships were awarded thanks to the generosity of the following individuals and businesses:

State Representative Franco Coladipietro
 Bloomingdale Mayor Bob Iden
 Tom Itrich, Huskie Tools
 Kevin Mottlowitz,
 Stratford Crossing Shopping Center
 (2 scholarships)
 Joe Bohne, Old Town Bank and Trust
 Salomon Diaz, Outback Steakhouse

The \$1,000 scholarships were awarded to the following students:

Kelsey Coleman – graduated in 2009 from Lake Park High School and will attend St. Louis University

Colin May – graduated in 2009 from Elk Grove High School and will attend Northern Illinois University

Kevin McKeown – graduated in 2009 from Lake Park High School and will attend University of Illinois at Urbana/Champaign

Eric Poplonski – graduated from Lake Park High School in 2005, from Northern Illinois University in 2009 and will attend Northern Illinois University Law School

Bryn Spejcher – graduated from Lake Park High School in 2009 and will attend Augustana College

Jeremy Wilk – graduated from Driscoll Catholic High School in 2009 and will attend Grand Valley State University

Hiromi Yazawa – graduated from Lake Park High School in 2009 and will attend University of Illinois at Urbana/Champaign



Jeremy Wilk, Kevin Mottlowitz, Stratford Crossing Shopping Center, Eric Poplonski, Bryn Spejcher, Mayor Bob Iden, Kevin McKeown, Tom Itrich – Huskie Tools, Hiromi Yazawa, Joe Bohne, Old Town Bank & Trust, Kelsey Coleman, IL State Representative Franco Coladipietro, Colin May and Salomon Diaz – Outback Steakhouse.



The Bloomingdale Fire Protection District recently celebrated Family Safety Night at Lifetime Fitness.

Congratulations, Gentlemen!

Bloomingdale Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7539 proudly announces that it has achieved the status of All State Post for the second year in a row, and that at the recent State Convention, it was also named as an All American Post. This is the highest honor and recognition that can be bestowed upon a Post by the National VFW. In the words of the immediate past Post Commander Joe Palmer, the group might "...be small, but we have a big heart." Indeed, they do. Service to fellow veterans and the community at large has been a hallmark of this Post.

One example of that big heart is that they continue to ship supplies to the troops in both Iraq and Afghanistan. Anyone interested in contributing to that effort, should check the Post's website www.geocities.com/vfw7539 (Scroll down to "Support of Troops") for suggestions of needed and appreciated supplies.

St. Isidore's Trifesta Celebration: Three Days of Fun

St. Isidore Catholic Church's annual Trifesta takes place August 21-23, featuring golf, a 5k run/walk and festival.

On Friday, August 21, join fellow golfers at Hilton Indian Lakes Resort, 250 W. Schick, for the fifth annual Trifesta golf outing sponsored by Cassidy Tire. Tee times begin at 11:40; fee is \$85 per golfer and includes golf, cart, dinner and prizes. The theme is "Mad Hatter," so wear a crazy, unusual or colorful hat and win fantastic prizes.

A helicopter drop "closest" to the pin will be held after play. Golfers vying for longest drive, longest putt and "Beat the Pro" will compete to win great prizes at the 19th hole pizza & pasta party immediately following golf. Raffle prizes and a silent auction are also featured at the party. "Dinner only" guests are welcomed for \$30. Register online at www.stisidoreparish.org and receive a free one-year subscription to Golf Digest.

On Saturday, August 22, the 5th Annual 5k Race to Grace takes place. Pre-race registration fee is \$22. Registration on the 22nd is \$25 and begins at 6 a.m. near the St. Isidore Ministry Center. The race begins at 7:30 a.m. with runners/walkers going around the Stratford Square Mall's circular drive twice totaling 3.1 miles. The race is a USATF certified course, and has champion-chip timing.

An award ceremony follows the race. New this year is a "health & fitness fair," raffle, and a "kiddie" walk/run (\$5) for ages 5-8 and 9-12, sponsored by the Red Robin Restaurant at Stratford Square Mall.

The big finale of Trifesta takes place on Sunday, August 23 with an outdoor Mass starting at 1 p.m. From 2 to 10 p.m., enjoy an ethnic food court prepared by the Filipino and Hispanic communities providing food and drinks costing \$2 or less per item. The fest also offers hamburgers, hotdogs, corn on the cob, frozen Margaritas, Sangria, beer, wine, pop/water, pizza and dessert. There will also be a dessert contest in the Ministry Center with plates for sale following the contest.

Live entertainment fills the main stage during the day and night from the Grand Avenue Big Band, Mariachi San Miguel, Whiskey and a Gun, to the closing with favorite Eleventh Hour. The Ministry Center stage will feature Couples for Christ and Hispanic Folkloric Dance. Bingo will be sponsored by Old Town Bank with games from 2 to 8 p.m.

For the kids, there will be a special KidZone amusement area with rides, such as the Berry Ride, Clowning Around and the Bounce House from Nagurski Rides Company. Maria the clown returns bringing her face painting, tattooing and balloon sculpting skills. Home Depot is again sponsoring a tent where they will set up a "Kids Workshop" with free fun activities to teach children do-it-yourself skills and tool safety while they build bird houses, toolboxes, fire trucks and other wooden items.

Games to test your skills include: St. Isidore corn hole (bean bag game), an organic lollipop garden, Fr. Jerry's football follies, fishing for ministries, deacon dash "a race to the promised land," knock'em out, target toss and bucket games. Entrance to the festival is free. A raffle sponsored by Salerno Rosedale Chapels will provide \$500 each to six lucky winners.

St. Isidore is located at 427 W. Army Trail Rd. in Bloomingdale at the intersection with Gary Ave. For more information, call the parish office at 630-529-3045. This year all proceeds will benefit the St. Isidore We Care Fund and Feeding Northwest DuPage Food Pantries.



Photos courtesy of Hank Steermann of Just Picture This.

Septemberfest 2009 --37 Years of Celebrating with Family and Friends!

By M.J. Frumkin

Bloomington prides itself on being a community where you can experience a small-town atmosphere in booming DuPage County. With that in mind, we present the 37th annual Septemberfest celebration, a day of fun and entertainment planned for you, your family and friends. Come join us on Saturday, September 12, 2009 in Bloomington Old Town (Lake and Third Streets).

Festivities will commence with the Septemberfest Parade, leading off at 11:00 a.m. from DuJardin School on Euclid. The parade then heads north on Euclid to Schick Road, and marches west on Schick Road into Old Town. There will be colorful floats, the Royal Airs Band, Chicago Highlanders Bag Pipers, Fresh 105.9 WCFS-FM, Benny the Bull, Jack-FM 104.3 and more. Your participation in the parade is welcome. For information, contact Gloria Tomaras at 630-878-4407 by August 17, 2009.

When the parade concludes in Old Town, join the fun activities and entertainment, with opening ceremonies at 12 noon. Enter the Pie Eating Contest at 12:30 p.m. The second annual Kids Transportation Contest will be held for anyone 15 years old and under. Bring your decorated bike, scooter, wagon or skateboard and compete for prizes. All entries receive a commemorative ribbon. Call Marilyn Zaccardi at 630-893-0956 for further details.

Entertainment includes Center Stage Dance Studios, Mohler Dance Academy, Dance Explosion, and Bloomington Park District Gymnastics Team. Live musical bands performing on stage: "Karen Hart Band" from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and "World Class Noise" from 7:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. There will be a variety of vendors offering a large selection of yummy treats and refreshing drinks to please the taste buds. Septemberfest also features creative arts and crafts for sale. Food and craft booth spaces are still available; call Vivi Frumkin at 630-894-6637 for information. Application deadline is August 24, 2009.

The 7th annual Motorcycle Show is scheduled from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. If you are interested in showing your motorcycle, please call Mark at 630-415-5385 for further details. The People's Choice Award benefits motorcycle safety and education. Also, the Classic Car Show runs from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. There is no entrance fee! Trophies are awarded for best vehicles and all entries receive a commemorative plaque. If you have a unique car or truck that you would like to display, contact Marilyn Zaccardi at 630-893-0956 by August 24, 2009.

The Septemberfest/Joe Draghi Memorial Scholarship Contest winners will be announced at 6:00 p.m. This scholarship fund has given thousands of dollars to young adults in our community. Thanks to all who have given so far. If you would like to help, please consider becoming a "Friend of Septemberfest." Your name will be listed on signs posted throughout the fest as a donor and your charitable contribution will help young men and women toward a better future. A form to donate is located to the right.

Be sure to designate Saturday the 12th of September on your calendar and make plans to be a part of Septemberfest 2009. It promises to be a most enjoyable time for family and friends. For further information, call the Septemberfest Hotline at 630-671-5680, or click on <http://www.villageofbloomington.org/stay-play/annual-local-events/septemberfest>.

Support the 37th Anniversary Celebration

Be a Friend of Septemberfest!

The Septemberfest Commission encourages Bloomington residents and businesses to support the Joe Draghi Scholarship Fund which provides the scholarship awards to Bloomington residents between the ages of 16 and 20.

To become a friend, fill out the form below and mail to the Village Hall, 201 S. Bloomington Road.

Name (as you wish it to be listed)

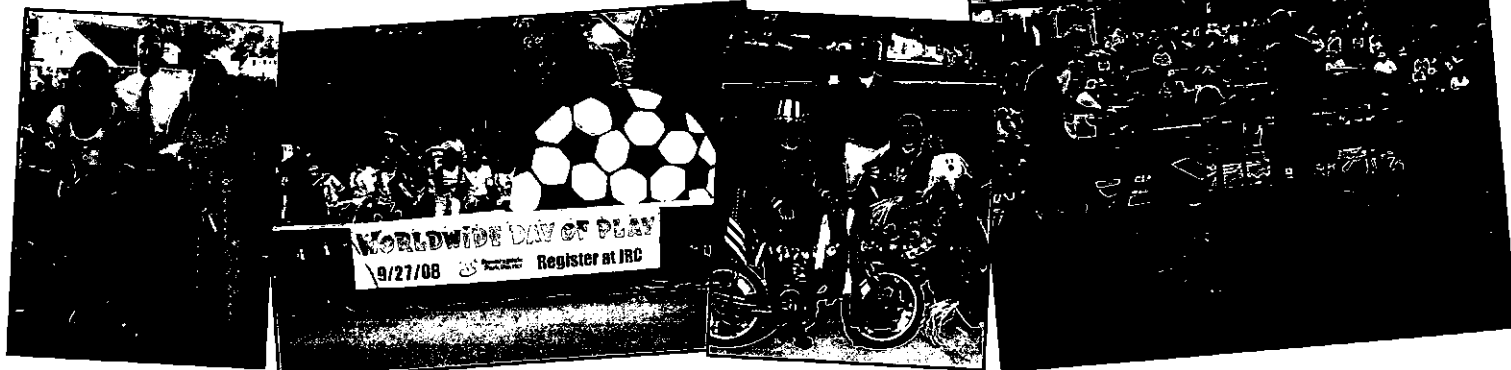
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EVENTS

St. Paul's Vacation Bible School August 3-7

St. Paul Evangelical United Church of Christ offers a free vacation Bible School open to youngsters ages K-6th grade. "Son Rock Kids Camp" runs from 9:30 a.m. to noon on August 3-7. The church is located at 118 1st Street. Go to www.stpaulbloomingdale.org or call 630-980-9196 for more information.

Activities planned include a scavenger hunt, decorating backpacks and painting birdhouses. Campers will learn through crafts, music, games, snacks and Bible stories. The week will end with a family picnic at noon on Friday, Aug 7. Each family who attends will receive a Son Rock CD.

Go Green! First Annual Hybrid Car Show on August 8

Go Green with the Bloomingdale Lions Club and the Bloomingdale Park District as they present the 1st Hybrid Car Show and Recycle project on Saturday, August 8 from 10:00 am-2:00pm at DuJardin Elementary School, 166 S. Euclid Avenue. The cars on display will include new hybrids from Joe Cotton Ford in Carol Stream as well as currently owned hybrids from local residents. This will include a Toyota and Lexus hybrid.

In addition, a recycling event will include the collection of used eyeglasses and hearing aids by the Bloomingdale Lions Club, old American flags by the Bloomingdale VFW, as well as scrap metal, old gym shoes and old/used cell phones. For more information, contact Perry Knutson at lionperry@hotmail.com or call 630-894-7394.

Bloomingdale Chamber Hosting Annual Golf Classic on August 19

Join the Chamber for its Annual Golf Classic to be held this year at the Bloomingdale Golf Club on Wednesday, August 19. The day includes lunch, shotgun start at 12:00 PM, a complimentary massage and a dinner of BBQ ribs, chicken and roast pig. This is a great place to network outside of the ordinary business environment. Last year's event was attended by over 125 golfers from various area businesses.

Bring your own foursome, or the chamber can put one together for you. The cost is \$135 per golfer or \$500 per foursome. If you prefer not to golf, you can join them just for Dinner for \$50.

Sponsorship opportunities are still available and are a great way to get your business name prominently displayed to everyone at the golf course that day. For more information or to register for the outing, call the Bloomingdale Chamber office at 630-980- 9082 or visit www.bloomingdalechamber.com

BWC Hosting 'Get to Know You' Social on September 10

The Bloomingdale Women's Club (BWC) will host a "Get to Know You" social at their September 10 meeting. BWC holds their meetings at the Bloomingdale Fire Station, 179 S. Bloomingdale Road, on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. Every meeting has a special program with interesting topics such as "Dressing for Your Body Shape" and "Know Your Chocolates." The BWC will be presenting its 35th annual Fashion Show in April 2010. All Bloomingdale and surrounding area woman are welcome to attend and are invited to stop by the club's booth at Septemberfest. For questions and more information, contact Maureen at 630-539-1674.

Bloomingdale Garden Club Announces Fall Programs

On September 16 Glenn Grosch, horticulturist with the Chicago Botanic Garden, presents "Growing Small Fruits." Small fruits are easy to grow and can fit into almost any landscape. Glenn shares his expertise in growing strawberries, blueberries, raspberries, currants and grapes in the home garden.

The October 21 meeting will feature Mari Mackenbach, who has 28 years of gardening experience, and has an Ornamental Horticulture degree from the College of DuPage.

Flower arranging is her passion. Mari presents "Arranging with Everlastings," using dried flowers and roadside treasures. She will demonstrate how to create a fresh flower wreath that can be dried and will last for years.

Programs are held at 6:30 pm at Bloomingdale Fire Station #1, 179 S. Bloomingdale Road.

For more information, contact Roberta Pulido, 630-295-8315, fortpulido@comcast.net.



Garden Club held its flower sale in May.

EVENTS

Bloomington Vintage Baseball News



A Civil War Era baseball game will be played in Bloomington at Dujardin Elementary School, 162 Euclid Avenue on September 19, hosted by the Bloomington Historical Society & the Bloomington Park District. A Bloomington

team will play the Lockport Sleepers and the Downers Grove Plowboys, both vintage baseball teams. The rules of 1858 base ball will be played -- no gloves, no stealing bases, no wagering, no spitting or cursing!

The team is open to anyone 17 and over and everyone who signs up will play! Call Bob Kurek at 630-894-0045 for more information. The September 19th games will begin at noon. Pack a picnic lunch, bring a chair or blanket and come watch some baseball!

There will be three seven-inning games played. This should be a fun afternoon, come for a game, inning or the whole afternoon! Civil War era songs by The Battlefield Balladeers. Watch for future announcements.

4th Annual Walk-a-Dog-a-Thon Set For September 20

The Bloomington Lions Club, Bloomington Westfield Middle School Leo Club, Erickson School Cub Scout Pack #457 and Bloomington VFW Post 7539 join together to present the 4th annual Walk-A-Dog-A-Thon on Sunday, September 20 at 2 p.m. The event takes place at Springfield Park Nature Trail, 269 Springfield Drive (Springfield Drive south of Lake Street).

Registered dogs and walkers can win a prize for tallest dog, oldest dog walker, youngest dog, etc. Prizes also awarded to the three "Top Dogs" who raise the most money. Registration is \$15 in advance; \$20 on the day of the event.

For a registration envelope, contact bloomingtonalelion@netscape.net, call 630-894-7394 or visit www.bloomingtonwalkadogathon.org. One hundred percent of the proceeds will be donated to Canine Companions for Independence, a non-profit organization that raises and trains dogs for the physically disabled.



50 Men Who Cook

Grab your aprons and spatulas, mark your calendar for September 26 and find your favorite recipe. "50 Men Who Cook" is coming. On Saturday, September 26 from 6 - 8 pm at the Hilton Indian Lakes Resort, 50 local men will demonstrate their cooking prowess. This 1st annual community event is hosted by the Bloomington Chamber of Commerce and will benefit wellness programs in local schools. Your dinner check will be \$25 for the opportunity to taste the best our local cooks have to offer.

This fun-filled evening will feature live entertainment by local musicians, raffle prizes, votes for your favorite dishes and, best of all, great food. The "50 Men Who Cook" honorary co-chairs are State Representative Franco Coladipietro and Mayor Bob Iden. Check www.bloomingtonchamber.com for information about sponsorship opportunities, signing up as a cook and/or purchasing tickets. You can also call the Chamber office for more information at 630-980-9082.

Gentlemen, start your grills!



Lobsterfest Set for September 26

The Church of the Incarnation Church offers LOBSTERFEST on Saturday, September 26th. You can order 1 ¼ pound fresh New England Lobsters, either live or cooked. The lobsters may be frozen for future enjoyment! They will be flown in the morning of September 26. Price is \$17 uncooked and \$19 for cooked.

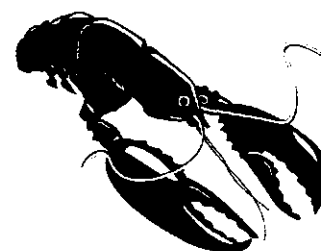
New this year, a special Lobsterfest package will be offered for \$2 which will include a lobster bib and a claw cracker. The proceeds of this fundraiser will be used for continued Community Outreach.

Order forms are available on the church's website

www.churchofincarnation.org

and at Incarnation's booth at Septemberfest. Forms will also be available on Sunday mornings at the 9 a.m. service, and from the Church Office, 261 N. Army Trail Road, which is open Tues. Wed. & Thurs. from 9-1.

For more information check the website or call the church office at 630-351-3249.



Bloomingtondale CHARACTER COUNTS! Honors Outstanding Residents

The Bloomingtondale CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition has recently honored local people with Pillar Awards for actions displaying outstanding character.

Gary Harding from Andy's Lawn Maintenance and Tom Seiler of Seiler Remodeling were recognized for their quick thinking and heroic efforts in saving the life of a pet belonging to a Bloomingtondale Horizon resident. Janet Jacob was walking her dog by the Lake Street entrance when a Rottweiler came out of nowhere and pounced on her 18 lb. dog. The Rottweiler had no collar or leash and the resident was afraid to try to pull him off her dog by herself. As she started to scream for help, Harding and Seiler were suddenly there. One grabbed the Rottweiler off her dog and held it until the owner came. They called police and provided a description of the owner and the dog. Janet said the outcome could have been so much worse and she is so very grateful to both Gary and Tom for their bravery.



Harding, Seiler, Jacob holding Roman and Christine Smith of Old Town Bank & member of the Bloomingtondale CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition.

Tim Grant, member of the Bloomingtondale Forestry Division, was also honored by the Bloomingtondale CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition. While working, Tim observed a small boy wandering wearing no shoes or coat and unaccompanied by an adult. He consoled the anxious boy, contacted the police department and accompanied him to the Police Station. He also went with to return the boy to the arms of his grateful parents. The CHARACTER COUNTS Coalition said Tim's act uniquely represented the Caring Pillar of Character. Mayor Iden presented Tim with the Pillar Award for Caring on behalf of the Coalition at a Village Board Meeting. We're all proud of you, Tim!

A third Pillar award was presented to Arsalan Bin-Kamran by the Coalition and the Bloomingtondale Fire Protection District. Read more about it on p. 17.



Bloomingtondale Women's Club Awards Scholarships

The Bloomingtondale Women's Club is pleased to announce their 2009 \$1,000 Scholarship winner is 5.0 G.P.A. Lake Park High School graduate Kelsey Coleman. Daughter of Susan Coleman of Bloomingtondale, Kelsey will be attending St. Louis University and plans to have a career that assists and benefits those with special needs. Besides excelling in advanced academics and athletic abilities, Kelsey volunteered much of her time with WDSRA (Western DuPage Special Recreation Assoc.), NEDSRA (Northeastern DuPage Special Recreation Assoc.) and NDSEC (North DuPage Special Education Cooperative).

Carson's Stratford Square Community Day Will Raise Funds for Non-Profits, Schools

Carson's Stratford Square will host their fall Community Day on Saturday, November 14th, 2009 from 6 am to 10 pm. The Care to Share Community Day is a fundraising event for all non-profit organizations. Organizations sell booklets for \$5.00 each and 100% of the price is retained by the organizations. Each book contains special savings coupons valid on the Community Day One Day Sale on Saturday, November 14th. Join local groups like the Bloomingtondale Women's Club, Yellow River Performing Arts Group, Westfield Middle School and My Day Foundation Inc. Interested organizations can go to Carson's website at www.communitydayevent.com for information or contact the store at 630-351-8980 x4005.

Illinois Xplosion Win State Title

The Illinois Xplosion 16U girls Fastpitch Softball team is the United States Specialty Sports Association (USSSA) Illinois State Champions. The Illinois Xplosion represented Roselle, Medinah and Bloomingdale at the state tournament this past weekend (July 11-12) in Rockford, IL with their win over 27 teams from the state.

The Illinois Xplosion allowed only 7 runs in 6 games through the shut down pitching of Hannah Hoffmann and Laura Behnke which was caught by catchers Jenna Gorniack and Alissa Schweizer. The team received key RBI hits over the weekend from Nikki Bloch and Diane Denson. The defense was also aided by outstanding infield work from Stephanie Aronson, Hanah Wilson, Sammi Vega and Bianca Catalano. Spirit from the bench came from injured player Courtney Raschk. Not pictured are players Lisa Baumgart and Chelsea Henshaw.

The Illinois Xplosion are coached by former Lake Park High School Varsity Softball Coach Cray Allen and DePaul University softball standout and Lake Park Alum. Lynsey Ciezki. They are assisted by parent coaches Matt Bloch and Mike Aronson and managed by Dave Behnke and John Wilson.

The Illinois Xplosion went on to represent the state crown in the USSSA national tournament in Columbus, Indiana after press time.

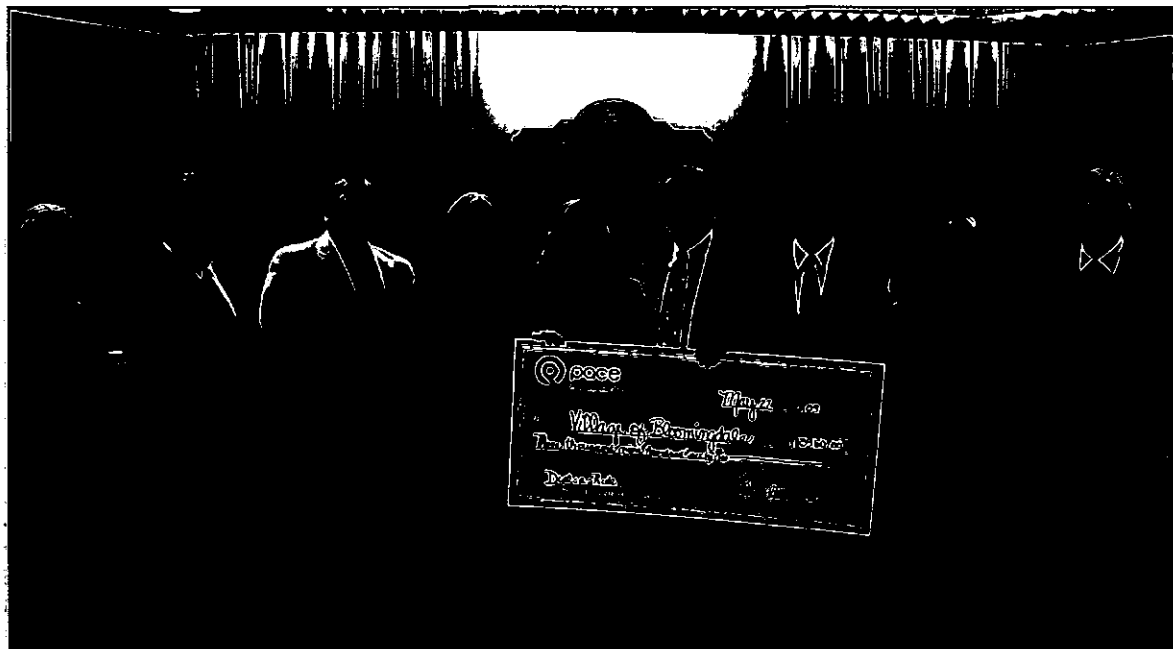


'Layers III' at Park District Museum Features 18 Artists

A new exhibit is on view at the Bloomingdale Park District Museum 108 S. Bloomingdale Road until August 22, 2009. The Midwest Collage Society is featuring "Layers III", an exciting show representing a group of approximately 18 artists. Many nuances and thought went into the exhibit and the "Exquisite Corpse(s)" are whimsical and funky!

The show is open to the public on Wednesday, 4-8 p.m.; Thursday and Friday 10-4 p.m. and Saturday noon to 4 p.m. Please call the curators at 630-539-3096 for further information. Admission: \$1/res.-\$2/non-res./\$.50 seniors.

Check Out the Check!



Pace presented the Village of Bloomingdale with a "big check" representing Pace's increase in funding toward the Village of Bloomingdale's Dial-a-Ride Program.

Thanks, Family Fest Sponsors!

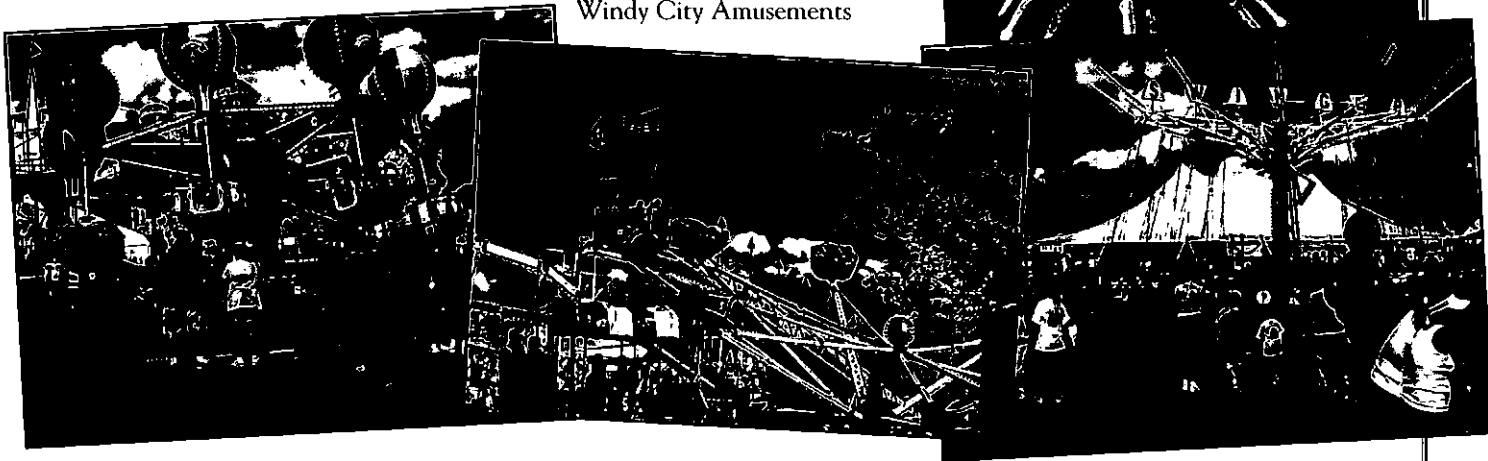
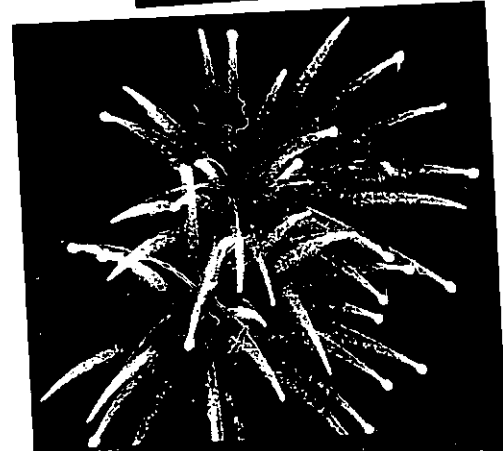
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Village Bids Farewell to 31 Year Police Veteran Len Jaster



Len and his wife, Julie, share a laugh at his retirement party with fellow employees.

Bloomingdale bid farewell to another of its finest as Len Jaster, nearly 31-year veteran, retired last month. He came to the department in November 1978 at the tender age of 22, along with four other young men. This was the largest group of officers the Village ever hired at one time, as we prepared for the huge growth spurt that the 1980's brought. A graduate of the University of Illinois, Champaign, with a degree in criminal justice, Len was made corporal in the mid-80's, then promoted to sergeant in 1988 and was made watch commander in 2006. His thoroughness, attention to detail and dedication to the job made him an invaluable part of our police force.

Len has enjoyed being an integral part of this community and he and his wife, Julie, also live in town. Although they plan to continue traveling in Len's retirement, he also would like to give back to the community by serving on a committee or as a Village Trustee. We wish Len all the best and look forward to seeing him around town.

An Open Letter of Thanks

Family Fest was held on June 25, 26, 27 and 28. The event was a great success, and this was due to the planning, cooperation, and hard work of a number of individuals who deserve special recognition for their almost year around work on planning this event. We would like to thank the following individuals who served on this year's Family Fest Committee:

Milton Clark
Julie Deeke
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Jim Monkemeyer, Public Works Liaison
Ed Reidy, Park District Liaison
Deputy Chief Michael McNamara, Fire Department Liaison
Barb Weber, Village Liaison



In addition we would like to acknowledge and thank the following departments for their great cooperation, hard work, and support throughout the Fest:

- Chief Dave Christensen, Deputy Chief Michael McNamara, and the entire staff of the Bloomington Fire Department.
- Chief Tim Goergen, Sgt. Tim Roberts, Sgt. Duane Kroll, and the entire staff of the Bloomington Police Department.
- Assistant Director of Village Services Jim Monkemeyer, Ed Lewen, and the entire staff of the Bloomington Public Works Department.

Additional thanks are also extended to the following volunteers who helped out on-site in the Information Tent:

Kandy Jones, Rachel Rosenbloom, Paul Gendusa, Rita & Tony Scorzo, Sam D'Amico, Linda Szramiak, Gloria Elder, Kiran Shah, Joanna Seebeck, Bob Przyborowski, Kiran Shah, Jerry Gaetano, Keri Winkowski, Kaushik Shah, Divya Shah, Bonni Rothbaum, and Pam King.

We would also like to thank the following individuals and organizations who also contributed much to the success of the Fest:

- The Board and staff of the Bloomington Park District for the use of the land and sponsoring tumbling activities at the event.
- Village of Bloomington and the Bloomington Park District for the spectacular fireworks display.
- Village officials for their support.
- Staff of the Village Hall.
- The Board and staff of the Bloomington Public Library for their cooperation and assistance.
- Antonio Kapsouris and the staff of LaCampana Restaurant, as the Fest beer garden vendor.
- Bloomington VFW Post #7539 for their Color Guard presentation.
- All food vendors, business tent vendors and sponsors.

In closing, we hope everyone who attended Family Fest had a great time. We're looking forward to seeing each and every one of you at Family Fest 2010!

Tim Jarzemsky
Family Fest Co-Chair

Kandice Krettler
Family Fest Co-Chair



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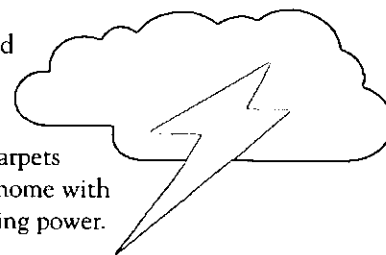
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Natural Disasters Can Cause Home Fires

A wide range of natural disasters occurs within the United States every year. Natural disasters can have a devastating effect on you and your home. The Bloomington Fire Protection District and the Federal Emergency Management Agency's U.S. Fire Administration encourage you to use the following safety tips to help protect yourself, your family and your home from the potential threat of fire during or after a summer storm. You can greatly reduce your chances of becoming a fire casualty by being able to identify potential hazards and following the outlined safety tips.

- Lightning associated with thunderstorms generates a variety of fire hazards. The power of lightning's electrical charge and intense heat can electrocute on contact, splitting trees and causing fires.
- Pools of water and even appliances can be electrically charged.
- Appliances that have been exposed to water can short and become a fire hazard.
- If your home has sustained flood or water damage, and you can safely get to the main breaker or fuse box, turn off the power.

- Assume all wires on the ground are electrically charged. This includes cable TV feeds.
- Remove standing water, wet carpets and furnishings. Air dry your home with good ventilation before restoring power.
- Have a licensed electrician check your home for damage.
- Smell and listen for leaky gas connections. If you believe there is a gas leak, immediately leave the house and leave the door(s) open.
- Never strike a match. Any size flame can spark an explosion.
- Before turning the gas back on, have the gas system checked by a professional.



For more information about severe weather safety or other safety information, contact Lieutenant Richard Kurka at 630-894-9080.

Arsalan Bin-Kamran Honored for Alerting Residents to Fire

At approximately 5:15 pm on April 27, 2009, Arsalan Bin-Kamran was walking along South Brandon Drive in Glendale Heights when he noticed a fire in the garage at 1953 South Brandon Drive. According to police, Arsalan knocked on the door to alert residents then he called 911 for assistance.

Because of Arsalan's swift actions, damage to the home was contained mostly to the garage and the exterior of the home. Without his help, the house would have sustained considerable damage were the fire to go undetected or unreported for much longer.

On June 4, 2009, Arsalan Bin-Kamran was awarded a Citizen Citation by the Bloomington Fire Protection District and the Pillar Award for Citizenship from the Bloomington Character Counts! Coalition. Our congratulations and gratitude go out to Arsalan.



See you at Septemberfest!

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Spotlight On ... Upcoming Events!

Ice Cream Social: Read on the Wild Side!

Thursday, August 6 from 5:30 – 9:00 p.m.

You are invited to the 21st Annual Ice Cream Social celebrating the end of the summer reading program! This event will be held at the Bloomingdale Public Library, located at 101 Fairfield Way. Refreshments will be sold by Pronto's, Old Neighborhood Hot Dogs, and the Friends of the Library. Items for sale will include: ice cream sundaes, pop, pizza, hot dogs, and popcorn. Special exhibits by the Bloomingdale Fire & Police Departments. Overflow parking will be available along Fairfield Way, Milford Lane, the Village Hall, and Prudential Starck Realtors located at 181 S. Bloomingdale Road. This event is sponsored by the Bloomingdale Public Library, the Village of Bloomingdale, and the Friends of the Bloomingdale Public Library.



Passport to the World: Celebrating the Cultural Treasures within Our Community

Saturday, August 15 – Old Town Park; 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Free admission (food and activities require a fee).

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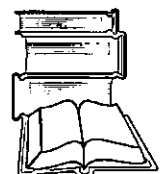


Come out and celebrate the ethnic diversity of Bloomingdale. Enjoy Henna art, craft activities, live music, cultural storytelling, and demonstrations by local Zumba, belly dancing, and the Bloomingdale Beavers. You won't want to miss the opportunity to tempt your palette by tasting the tantalizing cuisine of various local ethnic vendors. Bring the whole family out for a culturally enticing afternoon of great entertainment, delicious foods, and fun activities for everyone! This event is co-sponsored by the Bloomingdale Park District and Bloomingdale Public Library. Generously supported by the Village of Bloomingdale.

Friends of the Library Sidewalk Sale

The Friends of the Library Book Sale will be held on Saturday, September 19, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

The sale will include thousands of books including the nicest copies of recent withdrawals and donated materials. In case of inclement weather, the sale will be held in the library in the lower level meeting rooms A/B.





Youth Services Programs



STORYTIMES

Programs for children ages three months through five years.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION/ REQUIREMENTS FOR PROGRAMS

Romper Rhymes, Budding Readers, Time for 2's, Preschool Storytimes, and Primary Connections require registration. Bedtime Stories, Family Storytimes, and Telling Tales with Yoga are drop-in, with no registration required. Children must be of the designated minimum age at the time of the first program for this session. Other programs may require registration as noted. You may register for programs online at www.mybpl.org, at the Youth Services Reference Desk, or by telephoning (630) 924-2740. Please have your library card when you register.

Unless otherwise noted, programs requiring registration are limited to Bloomingdale cardholders. We regret that we cannot accommodate non-resident attendance at all programs.

ROMPER RHYMES (3 months - 15 months)

Tuesdays, September 22—October 27

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

Registration is required and begins on August 10.

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

BUDDING READERS (16 months - 23 months)

Tuesdays, September 22—October 27

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

Registration is required and begins on August 10.

Budding Readers is a transition class designed to prepare toddlers for our two-year-old storytime. Children and their parents/caregivers will enjoy nursery rhymes, songs, and fingerplays in addition to stories and flannel boards. Please bring only the child who is registered.

TIME FOR 2's (24 months - 42 months)

Mondays, September 21—October 26

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

Registration is required and begins on August 10.

Time for 2's is designed to have parents or caregivers interact with their two-year-olds to help them develop listening skills. Programs feature interactive stories, fingerplays, flannel board stories, and musical activities. Siblings are welcome to attend.

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME (Ages 3 - 5)

Wednesdays, September 23—October 28

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

Registration is required and begins on August 10.

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

TELLING TALES WITH YOGA

(Ages 3 through grade K)

Thursdays, September 24-October 29

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

Registration is not required.

Join us in this program in which children will learn some yoga poses and have fun with related stories and activities. Siblings are welcome to attend.

PRIMARY CONNECTIONS (Grades K - 1)

Mondays, September 21—October 26

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

Registration is required and begins on August 10.

Primary Connections is a program for the child who has outgrown preschool storytime, but not outgrown the library. The children will enjoy a fun-filled session of stories, crafts, and musical fun selected for their newly developing skills.

Read for the Record:

The Very Hungry Caterpillar (Ages 3-6)

Thursday, October 8

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

Registration is required and begins on September 14.

Jumpstart's "Read for the Record" is back and better than ever. We'll try to set a new record by reading Eric Carle's *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* with the rest of the world! Join the record-breaking fun!



Youth Services Programs

FAMILY STORYTIME (All ages)

Fridays, September 25—October 30

10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Registration is not required.

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



BEDTIME STORIES (All ages)

Tuesdays, September 22—October 27

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

Registration is not required.

Bedtime Stories is designed to serve families with babies, toddlers and preschoolers who are unable to attend daytime sessions.

FEEL FREE TO COME IN YOUR PAJAMAS!

Drop-In Crafts (Ages 5 - 10)

Tuesday, August 11

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Registration is not required.

Stop by and make a fun decoration for your window.

Kids' Game Time (Grades 3-6)

Thursdays, August 13, September 10, and October 8

4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Registration is not required.

Drop in to the Library to try one of our video games. We have Nintendo Wii, PlayStation 2, and Xbox 360. Board games will also be available. Bring your friends for games and snacks.

Delicious Books (Grades 1-4)

Saturdays, September 12 and October 3

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Registration is required and begins on August 10 for the September 12 program, and September 14 for the October 3 program. Sign up for one or both sessions.

Both months we feature activities centered around Janet Stevens' books *Cook-a-Doodle-Do* and *Tops and Bottoms*. In September, we'll see the riot created in the kitchen as strawberry shortcake is made. In October, who wants to see how much fun it can be to grow and eat our vegetables? Can Hare outwit Bear? Or is it the other way around?

Grandparents' Day Tea Party (All ages)

Sunday, September 13

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Registration is required and begins on August 10.

Non-residents are welcome.

Grandparents, bring your grandchildren! Kids, bring your grandparents! Our Grandparents' Day Tea Party promises to be a special event for grandparents and grandchildren alike. We'll share stories and a craft while we enjoy tea and treats and our special guest!

Kids' Night Out Wednesdays: Mummy Mia! (Grades 3-6)

Wednesday, September 16

6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Registration is required and begins on August 10.

Kids are invited to their very own night out as we explore a variety of fun and fascinating subjects that they should K.N.O.W! Held every other month, we'll learn a little, play a little, and make a nifty craft to take home. Each session will be on a different topic. This month, we'll travel back to ancient Egypt to see how mummies are made!

Library Capers: Percy Jackson and the Olympians (Grades 1-5)

Thursday, September 17

4:15 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Registration is required and begins on August 10.

Enter Camp Half-Blood and join the adventures of Percy Jackson with trivia, games, and more!

Sculpey®Day

(Families with children ages 5 and up)

Sunday, September 20

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Registration is required and begins on August 10.

Would you like to make your very own robot, dinosaur, or dog? This is your chance! We will provide the Sculpey® (oven-bake clay), all you need to bring is your imagination!

Monthly Montage (Grades 3-6)

Wednesday, September 23

4:15 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.

Registration is required and begins on August 10.

Join our creative bunch as we travel to a new place each month and create art inspired by the special location. Hear a story, anecdote, or book-talk. Get your passbook stamped and note your experiences.



Adult Services Programs

Learn a New Language @ Your Library

If you are interested in learning a foreign language, you will be happy to learn that the Library has recently added the Mango Languages online language-learning system to our offerings. You can access it through the research link on our website at www.mybpl.org. Mango's online language learning system focuses on teaching actual conversation skills for a wide variety of languages. Each lesson combines real-life situations and audio from native speakers with an easy-to-follow interface. Mango Languages currently offers 12 language courses — Brazilian Portuguese, Spanish, Japanese, French, German, Italian, Greek, Russian, Mandarin Chinese, ESL for Polish speakers, ESL for Spanish speakers, and ESL for Brazilian Portuguese speakers — with many more on the way.

So whether you are a native English speaker trying to learn a new language or a native Polish or Spanish speaker looking to improve your English, you will find Mango Languages to be a helpful tool. You can sign up to keep track of your progress with a user name and password or click right into the program to start learning immediately. Use it remotely from your home or office computer. Start learning today!



Library Orientations

Saturday, August 1 at 10:00 a.m.

Saturday, September 5 at 10:00 a.m.

Make the most of your library experience by taking a short tour of the library. We'll give an overview of all the library has to offer. This program is perfect for new residents, but everyone is invited to attend and find out more about their library. Call the Reference Desk at (630) 924-2730 to make your reservation.

Library Holiday Hours

Saturday, September 5 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 6 CLOSED

Monday, September 7 CLOSED

Sunday hours will resume on September 13, 2009 from 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Thanks to Summer Reading Partners

We know that the success of our summer reading program depends in large part to the generous donations of our partnering organizations and businesses. Thanks to the following organizations and businesses that helped make our summer reading program the most successful ever!

Adler Planetarium	Kuipers' Family Farm
Art Institute of Chicago	Kumon Learning Center
Brookfield Zoo	Lynfred Winery
Brunswick Bowl	Mandarin Bistro
Brunswick Zone	Marcus Theatres
Buona Beef	Corporation
Buona Restaurants	McDonald's
Carol Stream Park District	Morton Arboretum
Chicago Architecture Foundation	Museum of Contemporary Art
Chicago Children's Museum	Museum of Science and Industry
Classic Cinemas	Panera Bread
Dunkin' Donuts	Platt Hill Nursery
DuPage Children's Museum	Ristorante Amalfi
Dupage County Fair	Ruby Tuesday
Gameworks	Sbarro
Illinois Railway Museum	Shedd Aquarium
Kane County Cougars	Superstar Karate
	WNBA Chicago Sky

English Conversation Group

Second and fourth Wednesdays of the month
12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

New English speakers can practice their English in an informal, relaxed atmosphere at our English Conversation Group. Individuals are welcome to attend whenever they can. All adult English learners are welcome. Registration is not necessary for this free program held in the Library Conference Room. This program is co-sponsored by Literacy Volunteers of DuPage and Bloomingdale Public Library. Contact Julie Keating for more information at (630) 924-2733.

Literacy DuPage Tutor Training

Literacy DuPage has over 100 adult learners waiting to be matched with a tutor. Would you like to help?

Tutor training teaches people like you how to help a neighbor read, write, speak, and understand English better. No prior teaching or tutoring experience is needed. The next 6 class training session begins on Monday, September 14 at Addison Public Library. Call (630) 416-6699 to register or visit www.literacydupage.org for more information.



Adult Services Programs

Local History Room Presents Daniel Burnham Exhibit

The Library has been chosen to host a photopanel exhibit in honor of the 100th anniversary of Daniel Burnham and Edward H. Bennett's Plan of Chicago.

The Burnham Plan Centennial Committee and The Newberry Library have created the exhibit titled *Make Big Plans: Daniel Burnham's Vision of an American Metropolis*. To celebrate the historic Burnham Plan of 1909, the Library will host the exhibit through December 2009.

The exhibit emphasizes the Plan's relevance to metropolitan development through the 20th century and into the future using photographic reproductions of stunning images from the Plan and other sources. For more information about Chicago's big celebration, visit: <http://burnhamplan100.uchicago.edu/>



Tuesday, September 15

7:00 p.m. – 8:45 p.m.

Daniel Burnham – Make No Little Plans

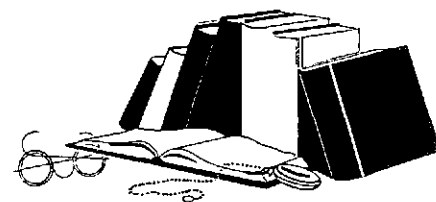
In 2009, the city of Chicago is celebrating the 100th anniversary of Daniel Burnham's vision for the city. Celebrate with Bloomington when architect Daniel Burnham comes to the Library through the realistic portrayal performed by actor R.J. Lindsey. Mr. Burnham will narrate a slide program documenting Chicago's rise from the ashes of the Chicago Fire to the remarkable White City of the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition. The famed architect will also discuss his innovative buildings: Montauk, Monadnock, Reliance, and the Rookery, and present the historic Burnham Plan of 1909 advocating sensible city growth. A selection of original 1893 World's Fair souvenirs will be available for display.

Wednesday, October 14

6:30 p.m. – 8:45 p.m.

Make Your Garden Green

In honor of Daniel Burnham's Plan of Chicago Centennial celebration and his vision of a "green" metropolis, representatives from DuPage County will discuss water resource planning for homeowners. Learn how to implement rain gardens, native plants, and rain barrels around your home, and how the benefits of these practices will help conserve water and contribute to a healthy environment.



Book Discussion Group News

We have a book group to satisfy almost any reading taste! Our book groups always welcome new members. Books are available approximately one month in advance at the Circulation Desk. If you have any questions, please call the Reference Desk at (630) 924-2730.

Adult Book Group

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

Thursday, August 20

Osage County

by Tracy Letts

Thursday, September 17

Child 44

by Tom Rob Smith

Historical Book Group

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

Tuesday, August 4

Sleepwalking Through History:

America in the Reagan Years

by Haynes Johnson

Tuesday, September 1

Banana: The Fate of the Fruit that

Changed the World

by Dan Koeppel

Mystery Mavens

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

No meeting in August

Wednesday, September 16

The Lonely Silver Rain

by John D. MacDonald



Adult Services Programs

All programs are free and open to everyone, unless otherwise noted. Please register by calling call the Adult Services Desk at (630) 924-2730, online at www.mybpl.org or in person.

C.J. Spensley's Amazing Quilts

Wednesday, August 5
7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

C.J. Spensley is an award-winning quilter who specializes in appliqué. Come to the Library to see her quilts and hear the stories behind each of them. This program is co-sponsored by the Loose Threads Quilt Group. Please register in person, call the Adult Reference Desk at (630) 924-2730, or register online at www.mybpl.org.

Food Talk: French

Monday, August 10
6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Learn how to speak a bit of French while enjoying a slice of clafoutis, a French dessert, in this program by Ruth Hoffman of Language Resources. She will demonstrate how to make the dish and introduce you to French words for cooking and eating. No previous knowledge of French is necessary—simply sign up and bring your sweet tooth. We expect this program will fill quickly, so register early to reserve your place. Please register in person, call the Adult Reference Desk at (630) 924-2730, or register online at www.mybpl.org.

Senior Living Myths Unmasked

Monday, August 17
6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

In this program, you will learn how to evaluate independent living, assisted living, and nursing home options for your loved one. You will also discover the differences between types of communities and learn the essential questions you should ask before making this important decision. Please register in person, call the Adult Reference Desk at (630) 924-2730, or register online at www.mybpl.org.

Lifesaver CPR

Saturday, August 22
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. 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. The class costs \$25 for the three hour session. In order to receive a full refund, you must cancel your registration 48 hours before the program begins.

The History of Golf: From Tartans to Tiger

Tuesday, September 1
6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Trick shot golfer and television and radio personality Peter Longo will guide you through an interactive history of golf. Learn about the first golf game, see some of the most beautiful golf courses in the world in a slide show presentation, and hear stories about the legends of the game. Please register in person, call the Adult Reference Desk at (630) 924-2730, or register online at www.mybpl.org.

Improve Your Interviewing Skills

Monday, September 28
6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Learn how to turn your job interview into job search success. Behavioral interview questions, interview techniques, and the importance of body language will be discussed in this presentation by the Community Career Center. Please register in person, call the Adult Reference Desk at (630) 924-2730, or register online at www.mybpl.org.

The History of the Chicago Mob

Tuesday, September 29
6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Author and researcher John Binder will talk about the history of the Chicago Mob from the 19th century to the present day, and display a selection of his photographs of the mob in a slide show presentation. Learn all about the Chicago Mob's leadership and business activities as well as the violence and political corruption they use to achieve their ends. Binder will be signing copies of his book, "The Chicago Outfit" following the presentation. Please register in person, call the Adult Reference Desk at (630) 924-2730, or register online at www.mybpl.org.

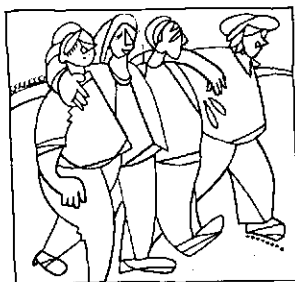
Genealogy Club

Thursday, August 26
6:30 p.m. – 8:45 p.m.

Are you interested in networking with other genealogy buffs? Join the Genealogy Club!

The Genealogy Club meets on the fourth Thursday of the month, except in November and December. Participants share search strategies and explore library resources with expert guidance from Leslie Drewitz from our Local History Room. Registration is not required, just stop on by!





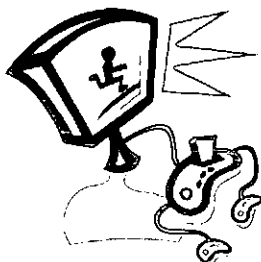
Young Adult Spot

Open to Teens 7th–12th grades only

Teen Game Night

Thursday, August 13
Thursday, September 10
Thursday, September 24
6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Starting in September, get ready for two Teen Game Nights per month! Rock out to Guitar Hero and 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!



Bleach T-Shirts

Wednesday, August 19
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Registration limit: 10

Customize a t-shirt using bleach, stencils, quotes, household objects, or whatever else you can find! Make a shirt with your favorite *Twilight* quote or show off your artistic skills making a custom stencil. The Library will provide a black t-shirt for this project, but you can also bring in your own shirts, totes, or other clothing from home. When registering, please indicate your preferred shirt size. You can register at the Reference Desk, by phone at (630) 924-2730, or online through the Library's calendar.



Anime Club Cosplay Party

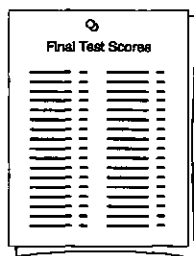
Wednesday, August 26
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Get ready for another Anime Club special event! Dress up in your best anime or gaming cosplay and compete in our cosplay contest, watch some anime, eat Japanese snacks, take purikura photos (print club stickers), and much more! Registration not necessary.

Practice ACT Exam

Saturday, August 29
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Registration limit: 30

Prepare for the ACT with a free practice test! Are you taking the ACT in September, October, or December? Do you want to know what to expect on test day? Then this practice exam is for you! A Kaplan representative will proctor the full-length exam,



which will last approximately 3.5 hours. Students will be mailed test results and an analysis of their exam performance, detailing their strengths and weaknesses.

There will be short breaks during the exam, but no time for lunch, so please eat beforehand. Please also bring extra #2 pencils and a calculator (graphing is acceptable). Space is limited, so register at the Reference Desk, by phone at (630) 924-2730, or online through the Library's calendar.

Anime Club

Thursday, September 3
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Now on the first Thursday of the month! 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? Do you wish the library had gaming tournaments or would purchase a popular new series? Then check out the library's Teen Advisory Group!

If you're in 7th–12th grade, you can earn volunteer hours through projects such as suggesting purchases or planning teen programs. To join the group, please fill out a sign-up form, available at the Reference Desk, the YA Spot, or online in the "Teens – What's Happening" section of the library website. Please turn in completed forms to the Reference Desk.





COMPUTER CLASSES

Registration for computer classes will begin on Monday, August 10, 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 Computer Course

Date: Monday, August 17
Tuesday, August 18
Monday, August 24
Tuesday, August 25
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. Please note this course requires a \$40 deposit. (No previous experience necessary.)

Introduction to Word

Date: Thursday, August 13
Time: 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Chris

This class will be aimed at those with little or no experience using Microsoft

Word. Topics such as creating and saving files, formatting, and editing documents will be covered. There will be time available for questions and specific problems related to Microsoft Word.

Intermediate Word

Date: Thursday, August 20
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. Lecture will include using outlines, adding images, and other formatting/design topics. (Having taken Introduction to using Microsoft Word is recommended.)

Digital Cameras

Date: Wednesday, August 26
Time: 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

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.

Using Powerpoint

Date: Tuesday, September 8
Time: 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Instructor: Chris

Powerpoint can be used to create slides, overheads, audience handouts, or on-screen presentations. This class will cover the basics of creating and organizing a presentation. (Having taken Introduction to Microsoft Word or equivalent experience is recommended.)

Using Powerpoint 2

Date: Tuesday, September 15
Time: 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Instructor: Chris

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

Introduction to Excel

Date: Wednesday, September 9
Time: 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

This class will cover the basic concepts of 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, September 23
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.)

Understanding Your Computer 1

Date: Tuesday, September 29
Time: 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

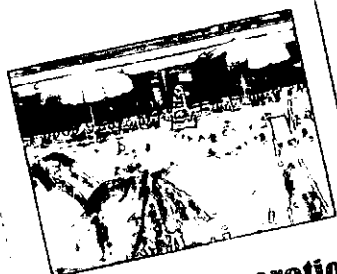
This class is the first of three sequential courses in which we will cover more advanced topics than those discussed in the Beginner's Computer Course. This class will continue over three sessions and will allow more time for explanations. Topics to be covered include: Windows functions such as using/installing software, finding and organizing files, and more. We will also discuss basic hardware ideas and how to use disks, CDs, and the hard drive.

Library E-Books

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

Students will learn to use MyMediaMall to take advantage of the electronic books the library makes available for checkout. Details regarding checkout policy, possible snags in downloading, searching the catalog, and more will be discussed.

Summer's not over yet!



**Last day of operation
is September 7th!**

The Oasis is open daily through
August 16th.
Post season hours:
Weekends
August 22-September 7

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**Hurry! Get your \$99
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(Available online at bloomingtonparks.org
or in person at the JRC front desk)

STAY ACTIVE AT ANY AGE

Youth Flag Football League

The flag football program has been designed to introduce children to the game of football. Players will learn and develop the fundamentals of football, teamwork, and sportsmanship in a non-contact environment. Practices will be held on weeknights at Springfield Park. Games will be played on Saturday mornings at Winnebago School.

September 14 - November 11, 2009
Fee: Resident \$85; Non-resident \$105

Grade	Time	Code #
K-1	5:00-7:00P	102315-B1
2-3	5:00-7:00P	102315-B2
4-5	5:00-7:00P	102315-B3

Co-Rec 14" Softball League

This Co-Rec league will consist of 8-10 games with top teams making the post-season tournament. Monetary awards will be given to first and second place league and tournament champs.

Location: Stratford Park MIN/MAX: 6/E
Age Day Time Date R/NR Fee
Adult Sa 09:00A-02:00P 09/12-11/14 \$99/549
Code #: 403311-A1

Women's Softball League

The league will consist of approximately 8-10 games with a post-season single-elimination tournament.

Location: Springfield Park MIN/MAX: 6/12
Age Day Time Date R/NR Fee
Adult W,F 06:30-09:30P 08/12-10/16 \$499/549
Code #: 403313-A1

2ND ANNUAL KIDS TRIATHLON

Splash, Peddle, Dash!

50 yard swim, 1 mile bike ride, 1/2 mile run
(shorter distances for the 6 and 7 year old age group)

Advance registration is required.

Swimsuit, running shoes, bicycle and helmet required
R \$19 / NR \$25

Saturday, August 1st at Circle Park

Age	Time	Code #
6-7	09:00	404703-A1
8-9	09:30	404703-A2
10-11	10:00	404703-A3
12-14	10:30	404703-A4

Passport to the World

Celebrating the Cultural Treasures within our Community

Co-sponsored by the Bloomingdale Park District and Bloomingdale Public Library. Generously supported by the Village of Bloomingdale

Saturday, August 15, 2009 - Old Town Park

(food and activities require a fee)

Come out and celebrate the ethnic diversity of Bloomingdale. Enjoy Henna Art, craft activities tents, live music, cultural story telling, and demonstrations by local Zumba, Belly Dancing, and Bloomingdale Beamers. You won't want to miss out on the opportunity to tempt your palette by tasting the tantalizing cuisine of various local ethnic vendors. Bring the whole family out for a culturally enticing afternoon of great entertainment, delicious foods and fun activities for everyone!



Main stage Entertainment

DJ

Bella Blu, Classic Italian / American Band

Cultural Story Teller, Marcia Gutierrez

Zumba Demonstration

Belly Dancing Demonstration

Cultural Dance Demonstration and much more...



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

11:15 Zumba Demonstration

11:30 Cultural Storyteller, Marcia Gutierrez

11:45 Beamers - Italian Style

11:50 Belly Dancing

12:00 DJ

12:10 Cultural Storyteller, Marcia Gutierrez

12:30 Bella Blu - Classic Italian / American Band

1:30 DJ

1:40 Cultural Storyteller, Marcia Gutierrez

PLUS YOU'LL ALSO ENJOY.....

Bounce House, Face Painting, Ethnic Cuisine, Henna Art, International Crafts for kids, and much more.

Kids Curriculum Night

September 10, 2009

It's Curriculum Night just for kids! Parents can drop their child(ren) off at the JRC while they attend Curriculum Night at DuJardin School or Erickson School. Kids Curriculum Night will be all play and no work! The evening will feature age appropriate activities, games, crafts, cartoons, free time, and a snack. Parents may drop off their child(ren) anytime during the event, children do not have to stay for the entire evening.

Location: Preschool C

MIN/MAX: 10/50

Age Day Time R/NR Fee Code #

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FAMILY FUN PICNICS

Monday, August 10

6:30-8:00pm

Jodi Koplin: Jigglejam Show-Musician

Seasons 4 Park

Get your family and friends together for a relaxing evening picnicking in the park. Food is not provided.

For more details visit www.bloomingdaleparks.org!



Outback Steakhouse & Chris Clark Of Farmer's Insurance Sponsor March of Dimes Luncheon

In June, Sal Diaz of Bloomingdale's Outback Steakhouse and Chris Clarke of Farmer's Insurance hosted the third annual North Area Managers Association March of Dimes luncheon. Diaz and his employees served up 60 terrific meals to a hungry crowd. Nancy Coutu of Money Managers Ltd. added a very generous donation of \$1250 to the proceeds. Farmer's Insurance then matched the total monies raised which brought the grand total to \$5400 for the March of Dimes.

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Tip a cop

Police Departments across the country are loyal supporters of Special Olympics. Fundraising for this program goes on at various times of the year. Earlier this year, the Bloomingdale TGI Friday hosted "Tip a Cop" and members of the Bloomingdale force waited on customers to earn tips for Special Olympics. In four hours, the Bloomingdale crew earned \$1650 for the very special cause. Thanks, TGI Friday for continuing to host this event!



Fall Branch Collection Begins October 19

Fall branch collection for single family detached residences is the week of October 19. Watch the October issue for branch collection guidelines.

What's Cooking?

Don't forget to send your favorite recipes to the Bloomingdale Public Library, 101 Fairfield Way, Bloomingdale, IL 60108 or email to dmcl32@sbcglobal.net. The Bloomingdale Historical Society wants to include your culinary talents in their second cookbook. Be a part of the Tastes of Bloomingdale! What are you waiting for? The club plans to have the book on sale at Septemberfest.

