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From the Desk of Mayor Bob Iden

Since Stratford Square opened in 1981, the Village of Bloomingdale has enjoyed ample sales tax revenues which have enabled us to maintain high levels of service, while imposing a very low Village property tax. Unfortunately, our sales tax revenues, as well as other revenues have been declining over the past two years. In addition to this, the Governor is proposing to decrease the amount of income tax revenue municipalities would receive, and mandates created by the State are increasing our costs, especially for pensions. Collectively, we need to get pension reform passed at the State level.

In response to the lack of revenues, the Village has been actively reducing its costs, while striving to keep the level of services high. A few of the steps we have taken include:

- Reduced employee count through a voluntary program, and through attrition
- Deferred and reduced road repairs and resurfacing
- Deferred and reduced various maintenance projects
- Deferred purchase of various equipment for Public Works
- Suspended Family Fest for 2010
- Reduced Police Squad replacement costs by keeping vehicles longer

Despite the cost cutting measures we are implementing, it has become necessary to create a new and additional revenue source in order to maintain the critical services the Village provides. The source of this new revenue is a Municipal Telecommunications Tax (MTT), which is a tax on telephone, both cell and land lines, and other charges (such as DSL internet charges) billed to both business and residential customers. At this time, we are the only municipality in DuPage County that does not impose this tax.

The Village estimates that a 5% tax would generate roughly \$1.5 million per year in additional revenue for the Village. Action on this was taken at the March 15th Village Board meeting, and the tax will become effective on July 1, 2010. The Village will continue in its efforts to reduce costs even further in the upcoming months, and regrets the need to impose this tax. We might note that, unlike Bloomingdale, many other area communities have taxes in place on electricity, gas, vehicle stickers, real estate transfers and higher property taxes.

Reminder – if you want to keep up on the latest happenings in Bloomingdale, sign up for the Bloomingdale E-Newsletter. Information about services, upcoming events, activities and general news, such as other budget reductions, are sent directly to your email once a week. We will soon be rolling out the Bloomingdale Business E-news which will feature information of interest to our local businesses, as well as introductions to new businesses and newsworthy items about existing ones. To sign up for either or both of these free e-newsletters, go to www.villageofbloomingdale.org and click on the link on the right hand side of the homepage.

Mayor Bob Iden



Lifelong resident Laura Coppock celebrated her 106th birthday at Sunrise last month with nearly 50 friends and family. Mayor Iden was among the guests at this wonderful occasion. She is an inspiration to us all, not only because of her healthy longevity, but also because she spent her life as an active, giving and good person. Happy Birthday, Laura!

**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

**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 Streets

Judi Von Huben
Public Safety

Bill Bolen
Finance and Administration

Jim King
*Intergovernmental and
Community Relations*

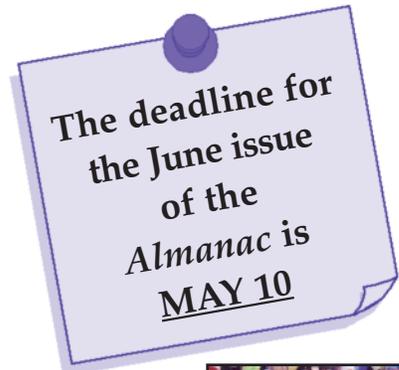
Jeff Dolce
Facilities Infrastructure

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

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



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



Freezin' for a Reason



Bloomington's Finest were represented in the 2010 Polar Plunge at Palatine's Twin Lakes on February 28. Four of our patrol officers took time from their personal lives to plunge into the lake in order to raise funds for the Law Enforcement Torch Run to benefit Special Olympics. They collected \$465 to add to the coffers for the Illinois Special Olympics. Pictured below with a special Olympic athlete are (l to r) Sally Zeiger, Sean Noonan, Dallas Janes and Tara Makowskyj. In the insert, the team members (in sombreros and mustaches) await their turn to "jump in the lake." For more opportunities to support Illinois Special Olympics, see page 8.

Frank Giammarese Tapped as Bloomingdale's New Police Chief



Police Chief Frank Giammarese

Our new "Top Cop" is **Frank Giammarese**. Mayor Bob Iden swore Frank in as Bloomingdale's new Police Chief on February 22nd before a packed house of colleagues and supporters. Beginning as a patrol officer in 1988, Frank has worked his way up the ranks of the Bloomingdale Police Department through 22 years of thoughtful and committed service to the Village.

Growing up, Frank wanted to be either a baseball player or a policeman. He was actually recruited to play baseball at a junior college in Iowa. After two years, he figured he'd better start thinking about his future so he began his third year of college going into criminal justice. He was still in school when Bloomingdale called him in 1988. He is proud of the fact that he went on to finish his bachelor's degree at Lewis University while he was working.

He spent seven years of his career in our detective division, as well as representing Bloomingdale on the DuPage Major Crimes Task Force for nine years. Frank is known as a "people" person who can get things done and will work as hard as it takes in order to accomplish the job.

The young man entered law enforcement at Bloomingdale hoping to be able to earn a leadership role here. He admits he never expected to be sitting in the chief's seat. He noted, "I have a lot to be thankful for."

Following his swearing in, Frank expressed his heartfelt gratitude and noted that his top priority will be continuing to give residents the same services they've come to expect.



Mayor Iden & Frank after he is sworn in

"We've been pretty fortunate with the leadership we've had in the past, and everyone is going through some pretty tough times, so I want to continue the good working relationship we have with the community in all aspects," he said.

In other Police Department news, replacing Frank as the new Deputy Chief of Operations is Watch Commander **Randy Sater**, a 28-year BPD veteran.

Bloomingtondale Police Chief Tim Goergen Retires



Retiring Police Chief Tim Goergen accepts Mayor Bob Iden's thanks for the 30-year veteran's many years of service to the Bloomingtondale Police Department.

Congratulations are in order for Bloomingtondale Police Chief Tim Goergen who recently retired from his position and moved on to new opportunities in private practice as a training consultant. Tim was appointed as a police officer on April 10, 1980 joining the force in the midst of Bloomingtondale's surge in growth and population. His professionalism and abilities were recognized early on, and in less than two years, Tim was moved into the Detective Division.

Over the past 29 plus years, Tim distinguished himself as a Police Officer, Detective, Sergeant, Watch Commander, Division Commander, and finally as Police Chief, demonstrating his commitment to serving the Village of Bloomingtondale and its residents with honor.

The 52-year old also shared his proficiency as a teacher/trainer, providing classes for fellow employees in such areas as communication, teamwork, personal security and officer safety, as well as the BASSET training for liquor license holders

Bloomingtondale was especially proud when the Department of Justice requested Tim Goergen's assistance in Iraq, where he completed two training assignments toward the establishment of its new police academy.

According to Mayor Iden, "Tim had a vision when he accepted the position of Police Chief and through his leadership, took a department that already had a great reputation in the law enforcement community, and made it even greater. We wish him all the best."

New Parking Fines Effective on April 1

For the past several years, the Village of Bloomingtondale and the Police Department have resisted increasing our parking fines. However, at this time the Village of Bloomingtondale has chosen to increase the amount of the parking fines to partially recover some of costs for police service, and to be more aligned with the fine amounts being imposed in the surrounding area jurisdictions.

The increase is also viewed to be a possible deterrent for those people choosing to repeatedly violate the parking laws of the Village.

These rates become effective April 1st, 2010.

Parked in fire lane	\$25.00
Parked in safety zone	\$25.00
No parking Zone	\$25.00
Overtime parking	\$25.00
No parking 2-5 AM	\$25.00
Parking where signs prohibit	\$25.00

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Extreme Weather Tornado Sirens

The Village installed four Extreme Weather/Tornado sirens in and around the Village to alert citizens who may be outdoors when a tornado warning is issued. The sirens are not intended to alert people indoors. It is highly recommended that each residence, business, school and church purchase weather alert radios that are automatically activated during severe weather occurrences. The Extreme Weather/Tornado sirens are activated when severe weather or a tornado is in the area. When sirens are activated they sound continuously for 3 minutes. Please take shelter immediately in the lowest floor of your home. If you do not have a basement, take shelter in an interior room away from windows for the most protection.

NO all clear signal or sound is activated when the warning has been canceled or expired. Please monitor local radio or TV for weather updates during severe weather or if you hear the siren activated. Please DO NOT call 9-1-1 when you hear these sirens.

Test of the system is conducted the first Tuesday of each month at 10 a.m. At that time the siren is sounded for 1 minute. The monthly tests are conducted to test the operation of the sirens and to familiarize the citizens with the sound of the siren should extreme weather/tornados be in our area. The system also allows an "attack" mode. This is a wavering sound and is only used for Homeland Security warnings.



Best Wishes to Retiring Fire Department Lieutenant Steve Horn

Lieutenant Steven Horn retired March 1, 2010 after 31 years of dedicated service. Lt. Horn was hired February 1, 1979 as a firefighter and was promoted to Lieutenant in March, 1994. In addition to his role as a company officer, Steve served the District as a Hazardous Materials Technician, Fire Investigator and a member of the Dive Team. Steve plans to spend more time with his wife, Lisa, and daughters Kasey and Madison. The Bloomingdale Fire Protection District wishes Steve well in retirement and would like to thank him publicly for his service.



Police Department Records Division Hours

The Bloomingdale Police Department Records Division hours are Monday through Friday 7:30 am until 7:00 pm.

Extended hours 7:30 am until 9:00 pm. are offered on Wednesdays.

Saturday hours are 8:30 am until 1:30 pm.

The Records Division will also accept payment on water bills and carries yard waste stickers during the summer months.

For more information call 630-529-9868.

Village's Spring Branch Collection Program Begins April 19

Kramer Tree Specialists, Inc. will once again perform branch collection under the direction of the Village Forestry Division. Branch collection will begin on Monday, April 19. The program is only available to single family detached residences. Townhome residents should contact their association regarding branch collection.

Branch Collection Guidelines:

- Branches must be out by 7:00 a.m. on Monday, April 19.
- Branches should not be placed at the curb/pavement edge any earlier than one week prior to the scheduled collection date.
- Woody branches ½ inch to 6 inches in diameter are the only items that will be picked up. (Note: any spikes, hooks or other metal objects must be removed).
- Long lengths are favored provided branches do not block sidewalks and pedestrian access.
- All branches should be placed at the curb or pavement edge and stacked in an orderly fashion with the cut or larger end towards the pavement.
- Thorny tree branches should not be concealed inside piles. These require special care as to not cause injuries to the workers.

The following items are unacceptable:

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



Branches should be neatly stacked like this . . .



. . . not left in a jumbled mess like this

The above items are considered yard waste and may be placed in bags or cans with tags for pick-up by Republic (formerly Allied Waste). Yard waste pick-ups commence April 1st and continue through Republic pick-ups should be directed to 847-981-0091.

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

Wooden fencing and construction lumber are also considered trash, but require a special pick-up. Contact Republic at the above number for more information.

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

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

Arbor Day 2010



The Village of Bloomingdale and School District 13 will celebrate Arbor Day on April 30 with the planting of an Ohio Buckeye at Erickson School, 277 Springfield Drive. Pictured above is a past Arbor Day at DuJardin Elementary.

Census Questionnaires are in the Mail

A reminder about completing the Census 2010 questionnaires - It is important for all Bloomingdale residents to participate in the 2010 Census. The head of your household should complete the questionnaire answering the 10 questions for every person living in the household, even if any of them are not yet a citizen, an extended family member or a non-relative. Every resident counted means \$1,400 annually in federal revenue support to the DuPage County region. All completed Census questionnaires are to be returned by mail on or about April 1st, the official Census Day. Census workers will visit homes that did not return questionnaires to secure the information requested.

The U.S. Census Bureau has issued a public security alert to help the public recognize fraudulent activity or unofficial data collections. Please note, the Census Bureau will never:

- Contact you via the Internet
- Ask for your full social security number
- Ask for money or donations
- Send requests on behalf of a political party
- Request PIN codes, passwords or similar access information for credit cards, bank or other financial accounts

Support the Illinois Law Enforcement's Upcoming Torch Run Fundraising Events

**Saturday, April 17, 2010,
12:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m. –
“Tip a Cop” Event at
Red Robin Restaurant**

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

**Friday, May 21, 2010, from
5:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (Noon) –
“Rooftop Cop” at Dunkin’ Donuts
(Lake Street)**

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

**Sunday, June 6, 2010 –
Illinois Special Olympics Torch Run –
Leg #14 - DuPage County**
Location and time to be determined.

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

Con and Scam Alert: Local Residents Being Victimized Through ‘Ruse Entry Burglaries’

Some unscrupulous people spend most of their time inventing ways to trick people out of their money, particularly preying on senior citizens. By reading the daily newspaper or watching the evening news, you can see/hear the stories about con artists working different scams. Usually, the stories that raise our awareness come from someone else’s misfortune.

Recently Bloomingdale and Elk Grove Village have been investigating incidents of a Ruse Entry Burglary. Seniors have been victimized by a group of men who use a ruse to enter their homes, in order to locate and steal cash, jewelry and other valuables. The suspects involved in these cases gained entry to the elderly victims’ residences by claiming to be working with the Village regarding water repair work (roofing or driveway repair services are common as well). During the incidents, an individual would keep the victim occupied in conversation inside the home or lure the victim outside, while other individuals would enter the residence and look for valuables. The reports have indicated that two male suspects may have been involved in these cases. The reports also describe the suspect vehicles to have been a white sport utility vehicle or a mini-van.

The Bloomingdale Police Department wants all citizens to be aware of home repair fraud, phone scams, mail fraud, and to practice the following safety tips.

- Keep doors and windows locked at all times.
- Never open the doors to strangers. Ask service people for identification and call the company for further verification.
- If you see ANY suspicious people or activity, contact the local police department **immediately**.
- Check with family, friends or the Village Building Department/Police Department for validity of a business.
- Don’t give personal or financial information over the phone.
- Hang up on nuisance callers and report them.
- Consult with trusted individuals regarding any business / financial affairs.

Senior citizens are not always the victims in these cases, but they are generally targeted. In order to reduce victimization, please be alert and aware of your surroundings, utilize good safety practices, and keep in contact with your neighbors and your local police department. Being “the eyes and ears of the community” will help reduce victimization for you and others.

If you have any questions, concerns, or are looking for more information about crime prevention material, please contact Officer Dawn Odoi of the Bloomingdale Police Department at 630-529-9868.

WELCOME
Bloomingdale is a
CRIME WATCH
community



We immediately report
all suspicious activities
to our Police Department

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

Sincerely,

Frank Giammarese,
Chief of Police

Dawn Odoi,
Community Policing Officer

630-529-9868

Summer 2010 Road Construction

Pavement Reconstruction

Reconstruction of Duxbury Court - includes removal and replacement of the existing asphalt pavement and the addition of concrete curbs and gutters. The new roadway will be the same width as the existing road; no widening is planned.

Reconstruction of Bridgewater Lane, Surrey Lane and Surrey Drive – includes the removal and replacement of all concrete curb and gutter, driveway aprons, and 2.5” of the existing asphalt pavement.

As part of the work, the Village will be installing a depressed curb at each driveway. This means the “bump” at the curb of each driveway will be eliminated, and a smooth transition from the street to each driveway will be constructed.

This work will begin mid-May and will take approximately 2 ½ months to complete. During construction, this road will be closed to through traffic. If you live in the construction zone you will be permitted to proceed past the barricades to reach your residence.

Pavement Overlay

Overlay maintenance consists of pavement patching, curb and gutter repairs to correct drainage deficiencies, storm sewer repairs and a new asphalt road surface. The following streets will receive pavement overlay:

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|------------------|-----------------|
| Lorraine Circle | Chamboard Court |
| Versailles Court | Dijon Court |
| Fontaine Court | Biarritz Court |
| Esprit Court | Alsace Court |

This work will begin mid-May and will take approximately 2 ½ months to complete. Local detour signage consisting of “Road Construction Ahead” signs will be posted prior to construction.

Schick Road Resurfacing

Schick Road Resurfacing will take place on Schick Road between Lorraine Circle and Gary Avenue. This work will include removal and replacement of the existing concrete curb followed by a 3” overlay of new asphalt over the existing concrete roadway.

This work is scheduled to begin in the beginning of May or when suitable weather permits and take approximately 3 months to complete. Motorists are advised to use alternate routes around the construction zone to avoid delays.

If you have any questions regarding this project you may call the Village Services Department, Engineering Division at 630-671-5676.



The Bloomingdale Lions Club annual Easter Egg Hunt on March 20 moved into Westfield gym due to snow. Some 4,000 eggs were collected by youngsters at the event.





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 the Village portion of your property tax bill low.

Remember - BUY IN BLOOMINGDALE.

BLOOMINGDALECOUPONS.COM:

BloomingdaleCoupons.com is a free and easy-to-use coupon website where anyone can save money by printing free coupons from participating Bloomingdale businesses directly from their computer.

The brainchild of 25-year resident and Westfield Middle School art teacher, Deyana Matt, BloomingdaleCoupons.com went live in March and so far has 14 businesses on board. They are GNC, Bloomingdale Kumon, Dina's Alterations, Foxtail Boutique, Tony Spavone's, Salon Blue, Center Stage, Subway (Lake Street), Old Town Cleaners, Pasta Bella, Ristorate Amalfi, Pushpin Designs, Cartridge World and Tony & Gia's.

The website is designed and targeted to assist both area residents and Bloomingdale businesses with the notion of "Shop Local - Save Local." Deyana's idea is not only to bring more business to Bloomingdale and to help shoppers save a little, but to also create a connection to community support by donating 5-10% of her proceeds to Bloomingdale School District 13 to enable students to do Character Counts projects within the Bloomingdale community.

Be sure to check out the website www.bloomingdalecoupons.com, as well as join the mailing list in order to get the free newsletters so you can be updated each month as to new local offers and monthly email reminders. Businesses interested in online exposure and advertising that encourages both local residents and others to visit and patronize your establishment can contact Deyana at 630-272-7137 or by email at Deyana@bloomingdalecoupons.com

"Shop Local, Save Local" Sounds like a winning combination!

PLAY N TRADE: Ron and Toni Tuttle recently opened **Play N Trade** at 158 Gary Ave #102 in Stratford Crossing Shopping Center. Play N Trade is a video game store where you can buy both new and used games. The Tuttles stock games for Play Station 3, X-Box and Wii, as well as a variety of retro games. They have a "try before you buy" policy meaning that you can try out any game, whether new or used, before you purchase it. Patrons are welcome to bring in old games to trade for in-store credit. Other services available at Play N Trade include disk repair and console repair. They even hold birthday parties.

Play N Trade also holds tournaments. The next one coming up is a Streetfighter Tournament taking place in May. For more information, call 630-690-2464 or stop in the store, which is located on an outlot in front of K-Mart.



Nicole Kneeland-Woods, Stratford Marketing, Mayor Bob Iden and Joel Edmondson, CLEAR corporate account executive, were on hand for the ribbon cutting festivities.

CLEAR HAS COME TO BLOOMINGDALE. The wireless internet service provider hosted a ribbon cutting on March 6th at Stratford Square Mall.

CLEAR features Internet On-the-Go for your laptop, as well as Internet and Digital Phone service for your home. Dish and Direct TV are also available for your television needs. You can pick one or more of the services, and of course, save if you bundle two or more services together.

CLEAR boasts it is the true unlimited on-the-go provider, and will never charge customers a usage overage charge. The company also notes that they provide super fast connections and don't have data caps on their digital phone service. Another difference is CLEAR does not require a technician to come out to install its service. It's a simple plug and play set up that does not require drilling holes and running wires.

CLEAR serves the entire Chicagoland area, so whether you are a casual internet user who just needs to check email and surf or you are an internet user who downloads, shops, streams music, plays games and more, CLEAR has a plan for you.

CLEAR is currently located in a kiosk near the mall's main entrance right across from Red Robin. Stop in to see store manager Kevin Farina or call him at 847-278-0916 to see how CLEAR can fill your internet needs.

Dump No Waste

The Storm Water collection system is completely separate from our Sanitary Sewer collection system. Although they both transport flows, their treatment and destinations are distinctively different.

The sanitary sewers flow to the Village's Water Reclamation Facility, where it is treated and then discharged into the East Branch of the DuPage River. Storm Water, however, flows directly into one of three tributary receiving streams - the East Branch DuPage River, the West Branch DuPage River, or Springbrook Tributary to Salt Creek, without any pre-treatment.

Anything dumped into a storm water inlet will eventually discharge into a natural waterway, endangering our environment. Village Ordinance 92-31 strictly prohibits anything other than storm run-off to be discharged, dumped, placed or deposited into the storm water system. This includes garbage, debris, landscape waste, leaves, or flammable or toxic substances in liquid, gas or solid forms such as motor oil, gasoline, paint, paint cleaners and cleaning solvents. Fines in the amount of \$50 to \$500 can be levied per occurrence. Violators may be responsible for clean-up costs, which are typically thousands of dollars.



Storm inlet cleared of debris



Storm inlet covered with debris



Manhole clogged with leaves and debris

If you see anyone dumping anything into a storm water inlet, please call the Bloomingdale Police Department non-emergency at 630-529-9868, or the Village Services Utilities Division at 630-671-5830.

Pollutants that wash down storm drains go directly to the river. Storm water run-off is now one of the leading causes of surface water pollution in DuPage County according to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. For this reason, storm drains are stenciled with the message "DUMP NO WASTE - DRAINS TO RIVER".

Keeping these stencils legible is an on-going project as the lettering erodes away. Anyone is welcome to participate in the effort - families, homeowner associations, school groups, scouting groups and service organizations. To schedule a "stenciling" event contact our Village Services Utilities Division at (630) 671-5830. Please bring the following with you for your stenciling event: wear old clothes and shoes, whisk broom and/or wire brush to clean the surface to be stenciled, sheet of cardboard (broken down box) to guard against drifting paint, old rags and bags for cleaning up materials. You will have fun and help your community.



Project ChildSafe Provides Gun Locks to Local Residents

The Bloomingdale Police Department has partnered with a nationwide firearm safety education program known as Project ChildSafe. Project ChildSafe promotes the safe and responsible firearms ownership and storage by donating gunlocks to communities. It is hoped that individuals who legally possess a firearm will take the appropriate safety precautions in order to help prevent tragic firearm-related accidents, particularly involving children.

Those interested in obtaining a gunlock, should contact Police Officer Dawn Odoi at 630-529-9868.



Yardwaste Pickup Begins April 1st

Yard waste pickups begin April 1st and continue through November 30th. Small twigs, leaves and other yard waste may be placed in bags with stickers (\$2.46 each) for Republic (formerly Allied Waste) pickup. Questions should be directed to Republic at 847-981-0091.



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

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

Batter Up!!!!



The Bloomingdale Vintage Base Ball Team is looking for players to participate in a fun game of base ball as played during the American Civil War in 1861. The game will be played on September 19th. Men or women age 16 and over are invited to play the 1858 Base Ball Rules that were in effect at that time, which included no gloves, no base stealing, no bunting and no swearing!

The Bloomingdale Nine played two exciting matches last year against teams from Lockport and Downers Grove and acquitted themselves well against these "professional" teams! A great time was had by all! To sign up or for more information, please contact Bob Kurek at 630-894-0045.

Allied Waste Becomes Republic Services

Effective April 5, 2010 curbside residential refuse, recycling and yard waste collection will be serviced out of the Mt. Prospect facility by Republic Services (formerly Allied Waste). Back in December 2008, Republic Services (known locally as ARC Disposal Company Inc.) and Allied Waste Industries, Inc completed a merger to create one of the nation's leading waste and environmental service providers.

Wednesday Curbside Residential Refuse Collection Changing to Thursdays
Effective April 8, 2010 Bloomingdale households receiving Wednesday curbside refuse, recycling and yard waste collection will change to a Thursday collection. Republic Services (parent company of Allied Waste) will also display their logo on collection trucks and future bills. Households with Thursday and Friday collection will not change days; however, they may experience collection times that vary from what they may have grown accustomed to. As such, please remember to set out your refuse, recyclable and yard waste at the curb prior to 6:00 a.m. on your collection day.

Any questions, service requests, or other inquiries should be directed to Republic Services directly at 847-981-0091. Republic's Customer Service Department is staffed with live operators between the hours of 7:00 a.m. -5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon on Saturday.





**VILLAGE OF BLOOMINGDALE
APPLICATION FOR ELECTRONIC PAYMENT OF UTILITY BILLS**

The Village of Bloomingdale is pleased to offer our utility customers the convenience of electronic bill payment. No need to worry about writing checks, finding a stamp and mailing the envelope. No need to worry about late payments and late fees; it saves time and money. Just complete the following application, include the necessary documentation and return it to our office. If you have any questions, please call the Utility Billing Department at (630) 671-5650.

VILLAGE OF BLOOMINGDALE ELECTRONIC PAYMENT APPLICATION

Name, as it appears on your Bill (Please Print)

Name of your Bank (Financial Institution)

Utility Account Number

Bank Routing Number (ABA #) must be 9 digits

Service Street Address

___ Checking Account Or ___ Savings Account

City, State, Zip Code

Your Account Number at your Bank

(_____) _____
Daytime Telephone Number

(_____) _____
Bank Telephone Number

For a checking account please attach a voided check or a photocopy of a check.
For a savings account please attach a voided deposit slip.

Terms of Application:

I authorize the Village of Bloomingdale (the "Village") to initiate debit entries (withdrawals) to my checking/savings account at the financial institution indicated above and to withdraw the same from such account as instructed. I understand payment of the total amount due will be made on the bill's due date. This authority is to remain in full force and effect until the Village receives written notification from me revoking said authority in such time and in such manner as to afford the Village and the financial institution a reasonable opportunity to act on said revocation prior to debiting (withdrawing) the account. I understand I have the right to stop payment of a debit entry (withdrawal) by notifying the Village in writing at least five (5) business days prior to the due date on my bill. I further understand that either the Village or the financial institution named above reserve the right to terminate this agreement and my participation therein at anytime.

Printed Name of Authorizing Party: _____

Authorizing Signature: _____

Date: _____

I agree to the terms of this application

Return this form to:

The Village of Bloomingdale, Attn: Utility Billing, 201 S. Bloomingdale Rd., Bloomingdale, IL 60108

Park District's Head Gymnastics Coach Honored for 30 Years

Jo Witucki, Bloomingdale Park District's head gymnastics coach reached 30 years of service on March 3, 2010. Following a presentation at the Bloomingdale Park Board meeting on March 1st, the staff and public honored Jo in an informal open house later in the week. Jo is currently the longest standing employee with the Bloomingdale Park District. Former student Donna Biernacki (pictured to the right with her daughter, Grace) is only one of her many former students who are thrilled to have their own children follow in their footsteps with Miss Jo. Mayor Bob and JoEllen Iden, whose two daughters studied under Jo in the late '70's, early '80's, were also on hand to congratulate her.



Seated - Patti Szerlong, Georgene Geils; standing - Christine Smith, Old Town Bank & Trust, Jane Hove Bloomingdale Chamber

Patty Szerlong Honored as Woman of the Year

The Bloomingdale Area Women In Business (BAWIB) presented the second Georgene Geils Woman of the Year Award to Patty Szerlong of Artful Touch Spa in Bloomingdale. Fifty plus guests gathered at Jameson's Charhouse to honor Patty as she received her award.

The annual award is named for Georgene Geils, longtime businesswoman and active member of the community from the 1950's through today. It seeks to recognize a woman who strives to help women to achieve their personal goals and reach their professional potential, who demonstrates excellence, imagination and initiative in her business or profession, and contributes time and energy to improve the quality of life for others in the community.

Patty has been a Chamber member since 2004, winning Ambassador of the Year in 2005. She participated in the focus group which led to the formation of the Bloomingdale Area Women in Business and has mentored numerous individual women in their efforts to create and sustain small business.

In addition, Patty has been a member of the Lake Park Board of Education since 1996 and has been a strong advocate for students throughout her service. She is known for "dropping everything" to spend hours on a project to assist in fundraising efforts for worthy causes.

Dr. Darlene Ruscitti, the DuPage County Superintendent of Schools and past president of The Bloomingdale Township Republicans stated "No one is more deserving of this award than Patty. Her encouragement and support for women in business is legendary and her advocacy for quality education has been a constant for many years."

Bloomingdale Historical Society Event Features 'Mr. Tambourine Man'

The Bloomingdale Historical Society presents "Mr. Tambourine Man, a Sixties Coffeehouse Program," at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 11 at the Bloomingdale Public Library, 101 Fairfield Way. The 1960s were a time of rapid changes and coexisting contradictions. The music reflected the kaleidoscope of the decade. On almost any Top 40 radio station in 1965, you would have heard rock and roll, blues, British Invasion, Country and Western, Soul and even mild pop all in one afternoon of listening.

"Mr. Tambourine Man" attempts to capture and reproduce this special musical experience with a collection of songs a person might have heard in a coffee house setting in 1969 or 1970.

Come experience the coffee house of the 60's with us! Please call 630-924-2730 to register for this free program. Coffee and . . . will be served.

CHARACTER COUNTS!

Every Spring the Bloomingdale CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition sponsors a breakfast to recognize members of the community who live, work or attend school in Bloomingdale who exhibit outstanding character. Honorees are nominated with a description of the pillar of character that they exemplify. The 9th Annual Recognition Program will be held at 9:00 a.m. on May 1, 2010 at the Bloomingdale Golf Club. There is still time to make a nomination for this year's program. They are due by April 9, 2010. Forms are available at www.villageofbloomingdale.org on the homepage.



2009 CHARACTER COUNTS! Recognition recipients, (from left to right) Kelsey Coleman, Larry Jamis, Virginia Canchola, Carol Rushton, Greg Leyden, Matt Numrich, Dorothy Jaskey, Chuck Franzen, Nicholas Feeney, Peter Delgado, Jennifer Trimble, Fefe Ho, Emma Kirkham, Maggie Kriz (accepting posthumously for Jim Kriz), and Maryann Groner. Not pictured: Gayle Carr.

Bloomingdale Fire Department Receives Award for Saving Life

On January 28 at Eaglewood Resort in Itasca, Adventist GlenOaks Hospital honored local paramedics and firefighters during its second annual recognition dinner. The Bloomingdale Fire Department won the "Run of the Year" award for their quick response to a 911 call on January 19, 2009 after a 47 year-old Carol Stream man collapsed while exercising at a Bloomingdale fitness center. "We are blessed to have such a high-functioning EMS team as a partner in our community", said Christopher Larsen, Arrhythmia Coordinator at the hospital. "The expertise that these firefighters and paramedics delivered in their care and the rapid transport saved this patient's life. Way beyond CPR, it is dedication to excellence that saved this patient". Congratulations to the Bloomingdale Fire Department.



Here is a photo of the crew after receiving the award. From the left: FF/PM David Haas, Chief David Christensen, Lt Steve Horn, FF/PM Alan Emody, Dr Joe Shanahan Glen Oaks Hospital. Not pictured: FF/PM Allen Stough, FF/PM William McClintock, and FF/EMT Donald Kownacki.

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Go Fish!

The Bloomingdale-Roselle Rotary Club is proud to sponsor the stocking of two local ponds: Lakeview Park, 240 Broker Road in Bloomingdale and Turner Pond, 81 E. Devon Avenue in Roselle. Kids of all ages are invited to help release nearly 1000 fish into each of the ponds beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 10. Come join the fun and be sure to wear play clothes. The event is free, but the Rotary will be accepting non-perishable food donations during this event for the Bloomingdale Township Food Pantry.

'Star Spangled Style' Theme of Bloomingdale Women's Club Charity Fashion Show

The Bloomingdale Women's Club hosts its 35th Annual Charity Fashion Show, "Star Spangled Style" at noon on Sunday, April 11, 2010 at Alta Villa, 430 N. Addison Road in Addison. The Fashion Show will raise funds to benefit the Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans and other local charities. The Shelter, located in Wheaton, IL provides much needed services for U.S. Veterans of any era. Fashions from Carson Pirie Scott, Mona Lisa Boutique, Sassy's Originals, and York Furrier will be featured and modeled by local women and teens. The cost per ticket is \$ 37.00 which includes the fashion show, luncheon, and door prize entry. If you are interested in attending or volunteering to model, please contact Rose at 630-291-3667.

Need Child Care While you Look for a Job?

If you need help paying for child care while you look for a job, Page County currently has a program called the DuPage County Human Service Job Search Child Care Assistance Program. Eligible families will be approved for a maximum of three full-time days of child care per week based on the current Illinois Department of Human Services child care payment rates. Payments will be approved for a maximum of eight weeks. Call 630-790-3030, ext. 482 or visit www.ywcachicago.org for more information.

Lions Club is Golfing & Grilling in May

May is a busy month for the Bloomingdale Lions Club with three great events to benefit a variety of community needs, as well as funding for sight and hearing impaired research.

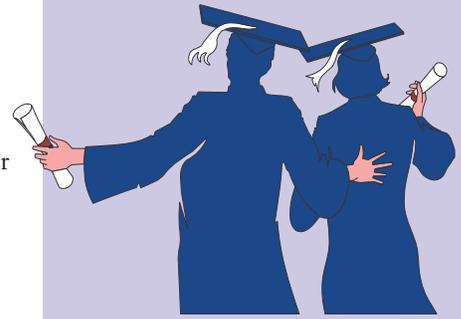
Get Your Grill On

The Bloomingdale Lions Club hosts its Steak Fry on May 7th from 5:00-8:00 p.m. at the Bloomingdale Golf Club, 181 Glen Ellyn Road. Choice of sirloin steak or BBQ chicken grilled to order by the Lions own Executive Chef Jerry Bertrand. Buffet includes tossed garden salad, baked potato with all the toppings, vegetable, roll and dessert. Tickets are \$18 per person. Guests will be entertained by the musical stylings of Funkyjazzypop. Check them out at www.funkyjazzypop.com For information or tickets for the Steak Fry, contact lionperry@hotmail.com

Fore!

On Monday, May 24th, the Bloomingdale Lions Club hosts its 14th Annual Charity Golf Challenge at the Bloomingdale Golf Club, 181 Glen Ellyn Road. Funds raised will go to the Bloomingdale Township Food Pantry and to fund needy children involved with programs at the Bloomingdale Park District. Events such as this golf tournament are the primary vehicle that all Lions Clubs use for funding. These funds are also used to provide assistance to those who are in need of services and cannot afford the associated costs.

The tournament will begin with a shotgun start at 8:00 a.m. and includes a continental breakfast, lunch and prizes. This is a best ball event; the cost is \$110 a person. A Ford Mustang has been donated by Joe Cotton Ford for a hole-in-one (special instructions apply). Entries and fees must be received by May 10, 2010. For additional information, contact Jim King at 630-894-0171, jkingrep@comcast.net or Perry Knutson at 630-894-7394, lionperry@hotmail.com.



Bloomingdale Area Women in Business Sponsoring \$1,000 Scholarship

The Bloomingdale Area Women in Business (BAWIB) will award one \$1,000 scholarship to a woman who is looking to improve herself professionally by furthering her knowledge and expertise by such means as continued education or professional development. Applications are available to women who are at least 21 years of age and are associated either residentially or commercially with the Bloomingdale area.

Applications are available at the Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce office, Bloomingdale Public Library, Bloomingdale Park District, Village of Bloomingdale, and online at www.bloomingdalechamber.com. Completed applications are due in to the Bloomingdale Chamber office, 108 W. Lake Street by April 15, 2010.

A committee consisting of active BAWIB members will evaluate applications based on established criteria. Applicants may be called in for an interview process.

Scholarship will be awarded at the May 18, 2010 BAWIB Fashion and Finance Luncheon.

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How Sweet It Is

The Bloomingdale Lions Club is selling those sweet, delicious Vidalia onions again for \$10 a bag. Orders are being taken through May 1st. The onions may be picked up on Friday, May 7th from noon to 5 pm and Saturday, May 8th from 8 am – noon at Prudential, 181 S. Bloomingdale Road. For more information or to obtain an order form, go to www.bloomingtondalelionsclub.org or call Sandy at 630-690-9281. Checks must be made out to Bloomingdale Lions Club.

Letter Carriers Food Drive in May 8

On May 8th, the National Association of letter Carriers and the U.S. Postal Service will hold its annual food drive. Please give generously. This year is especially critical because of the economy. Please leave non-perishables by your mailbox on May 8 and we will collect them. We will also have a drop box inside our lobby. Thank you in advance.

-- Your Bloomingdale Letter Carriers

Come to the Senior Day Fair on May 14

The Bloomingdale Police Department and the Bloomingdale Senior Citizen Advisory Council invite all senior citizens to the Annual Senior Day Fair on Friday, May 14th, 2010, from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. (noon) at the Medinah Shriners Banquet Facility, located on Swift Road just north of Army Trail Road in Addison. Refreshments will be available and there is no fee to enter. Door prizes will be given out each ½ hour. Over fifty agencies will be in attendance at the Senior Day Fair, including:

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

Any questions regarding the event, please contact Officer Dawn Odoi at 630-529-9868. Mark your calendars for the Senior Day Fair on Friday, May 14th, 2010.

Got Garage Sale Fever?

There are plenty of good choices coming up!

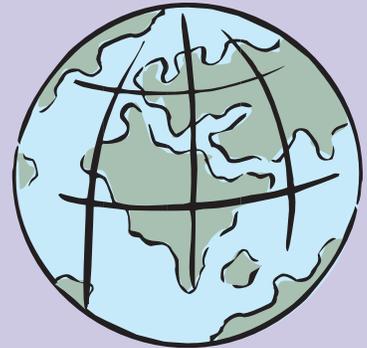
The Bloomingdale Historical Society hosts its annual garage sale on Thursday, and Friday, May 6 & 7 from 9-5 and Saturday, May 8 from 9-3. Donations for the sale will be accepted on Wednesday, May 5 from 10-3 p.m. The sale takes place at the corner of Third & Washington streets across from Old Town Park. Questions, call 630-529-3120, ext. 2801.

Neighborhood Garage Sales:

Bloomfield Hills (south side of Schick), April 29 & 30 and May 1, 9-5 p.m.

Longridge, May 7 & 8

Bloomfield Club (south side of Schick), May 15, 9-5 p.m.

**Green Landscapes Day On May 8**

DuPage County will be hosting the second Green Landscapes Day at the County Fairgrounds on Saturday, May 8th from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the DuPage County Fairgrounds, 2100 Manchester Road in Wheaton.

Vendors will be selling rain barrels and native plants, plus the County will be providing document shredding for residents. Education on composting and compost bins will also be available.

The County also advised us that several municipalities will be hosting recycling events for multiple items, including electronics.

Entities hosting events this spring/summer are Wheaton, Lisle, Naperville, Wayne Township, Addison, Glen Ellyn, and Itasca.

As these events are finalized, the County will be posting information on its website:

http://www.dupageco.org/recycling/generic.cfm?doc_id=4019. Check the website soon as there are already events scheduled for April and May.

The Village will also post these events on our website, as well as in our weekly e-news, as we learn of them.

For more information call 630-407-6706, DuPage County Stormwater Management Division and Office of Green Initiatives.

Emerald Ash Borers Have Arrived in Bloomingdale



The Illinois Department of Agriculture has confirmed the presence of the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) in parkway trees in Bloomingdale along Springfield Drive between Army Trail Road and Butterfield Drive.

Bloomingdale Forestry staff is now inspecting, and will continue to monitor the surrounding area to

determine the extent of the EAB infestation. The EAB is a small, metallic green insect. Because no fully effective insecticidal eradication treatment exists, the EAB poses a significant threat to the urban forest of Illinois. Locally the EAB has been detected in Addison, east of Bloomingdale, unincorporated areas of Bloomingdale Township to the southeast and unincorporated Glendale Heights to the south.

It is important for property owners including residents, homeowner associations, businesses, and other public entities to become educated, aware, and vigilant inspecting their ash trees for signs of infestation. An EAB infestation kills Ash trees relatively quickly. The EAB deposits eggs on the surface or cracks of the ash tree bark, which hatch to release larvae that feed on the tree's phloem and outer sapwood. Within several weeks larval feeding creates S-shaped galleries in the tree's inner bark that wind back and forth, becoming progressively wider and girdling the trunk and branches as larvae grow.

Village Forestry staff is available to confirm suspected infestation of (EAB). If you suspect that you have found an adult or larval form of this insect, freeze the insect and bring it to the Village of Bloomingdale's Public Works Facility, 305 Glen Ellyn Road, or contact the Public Works - Forestry Division at 630-671-5800 or the Illinois Department of Agriculture toll-free hotline 1-800-641-3934.

At the time of this writing, the Village is finalizing the details of its response plan for both the affected Village owned 'public' tree inventory and affected trees on 'private' property which will be released when completed. Watch our website www.villageofbloomingdale.org for information on that plan, as well as guidelines for residents.

It Must be Spring!

Bloomingdale Golf Club is open! Visit the website at www.bloomingdalegc.com or call the Pro Shop at 630-529-6232 to get the latest info on this upcoming season. The fifth annual Swing into Spring Opening Scramble event takes place on Sunday, April 25, beginning at 9:00 a.m. with a shotgun start. Cost is \$65 per person (\$10 less than last year!). More information and a registration form may be obtained in the golf pro shop or on-line.



Bloomingdale Garden Club Upcoming Programs & Flower Sale



April 20: Winning Combinations for Containers, presented by Joe Heidgen of Shady Hill Gardens. Whether your containers are in the sun or the shade, there are many new and unique plants to use in containers. Joe's demonstration using new varieties or old favorites will make your containers really stunning.

Joe and his brother Matt own Shady Hill Gardens, which was founded by their father in 1974. Their state of the art glass greenhouses in Elburn are a destination for many Chicagoland gardeners each season.

May 18: New and Underused Perennials, presented by Mary Russell of Contrary Mary's Plants and Designs in Minooka. Mary's program showcases perennials on her favorites list, and she'll have a good selection with her for sale after the program.

Both programs begin at 6:30 p.m. and are held at Fire Station #1, 179 S. Bloomingdale Road.

Annual Flower Sale

Just in time for Mother's Day - healthy plants delivered fresh from our grower in Michigan . . . at irresistible prices! This year's very popular flower sale will be held on Friday and Saturday, April 30 and May 1 at the Bloomingdale Village Hall, 201 S. Bloomingdale Road.

Sale hours:

Friday, April 30, 10:00 am to 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 1, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Our sale features flats of thriving, vibrant flowers (48 plants per flat), premium hanging baskets, geraniums in all hues, Wave petunias, Proven Winners, accent plants, vegetables and herbs, purple fountain grass, and perennials from our gardens.



Bloomington Fire Protection District #1



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Spring Safety Checklist for Warm Weather Activities

The Bloomington Fire Protection District and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention would like you and your children to stay safe this spring. In order to help, we would like to provide you with the following statistics and safety information:

Bike and Pedestrian Safety

In 2005, 18 children ages 14 and under died in bicycle-related incidents, and more than 236,000 were injured in 2007. Head injury is the leading cause of death in bicycle crashes. A collision with a motor vehicle causes nearly 90 percent of bicycle-related deaths. One hundred seventy-nine children ages 14 and under died in 2005 from pedestrian injuries. Nearly 27,500 children received emergency room treatment for pedestrian injuries in 2007.

Many head injuries can be prevented with safe play rules. Here are some basic safety tips to keep children safe:

- Children under 10 should ride on sidewalks or safe areas only like a bike path. Teens may ride in the street, riding with traffic, after they learn the rules of the road.
- Require children (and adults) to wear a helmet every time you ride a bike, scooter, skateboard, in-line skate, ice skate, snow board or ski.
- Make sure children ride bikes in safe areas and never at night.
- Teach children to always come to a complete stop before entering a driveway, path or sidewalk. Look left, right, and left again for other bikes, cars, or pedestrians.
- Encourage children to use the proper hand signals when turning to let drivers know their intent.
- Children should walk, not ride a bike across the street, and cross only with a grown-up.
- Children under 10 should never cross a street alone.
- Grown-ups and older children should be role models and set a positive example by practicing safe street-crossing rules.
- Teach children how to cross the street. Stop at the curb or edge of the road and look left then right, then left again for moving cars. Wait until the street is clear; keep looking left and right until you have safely crossed the street.
- Never allow children to play in a driveway or parking lot.

Falls Prevention

Unintentional falls are the leading cause of nonfatal injuries among children. More than 2.1 million children 14 and under were treated in hospital emergency rooms for fall-related injuries in 2007. Eighty-two children ages 14 and under died from falls in 2005. Lack of supervision is associated with 40% of playground injuries.

Many fall injuries can be prevented with safe play rules. Here are some basic safety tips to keep children safe:

At Play

- Inspect playground equipment to make sure it is age appropriate and in good condition.
- Play areas should be covered with at least 12 inches of shredded mulch, wood chips, pea gravel, and fine sand or covered with rubber or rubber-like material designed for use under playground materials. Dirt, grass and sand do not provide proper fall protection.
- Encourage children to take turns on playground equipment.
- Encourage children to play gently –pushing and roughhousing can lead to falls.
- Never allow children to wear jackets with drawstrings, jewelry, or scarves around the neck. They can get caught on playground equipment.

In the Home

- Keep stairs clear of toys and other items that could cause someone to trip. Teach children to hold the handrail when on stairs or escalators and always tie their shoelaces to avoid tripping over them.
- Windows opened as little as five inches pose a danger to children under 10. Install window guards with quick release mechanisms that can be opened easily from the inside in case there is a fire.
- Make sure tall furniture, clocks, televisions, etc. are secured to the wall to prevent falling on children.

If you would like more information about safety or other safety related topics, please contact Lieutenant Richard Kurka at the Bloomington Fire Protection District, 630-894-9080.



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27th Annual Student Art Show

The 27th annual Student Art Show is running now through April 23 at the Bloomingdale Park District Museum, 108 S. Bloomingdale Road. One of the museum's most popular exhibits, this year's show features the creative, inspiring and unique works of students from 17 area schools.

The 2010 exhibitors come from Blackhawk, DuJardin, Erickson, Glenbard North, Hall, Lake Park, Marquardt, Reskin, Roselle Middle, Springhill, St. Isidore, St. Matthew, St. Walter, Stratford, Waterbury, Westfield and Winnebago schools. The free exhibit is open Wed - 4-8 p.m., Thurs-Fri - 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Sat - Noon- 4 p.m. Donations are accepted.



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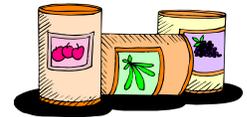
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Spotlight On ... Food for Fines: April 1-30, 2010

The Bloomingdale Public Library will be holding a Food for Fines event during the month of April 2010. For every non-perishable food item* or personal health and hygiene item** donated, the Library will remove one fine from your record. Any single fine, for any amount, for one donated item! This offer does not apply to lost or damaged items, fees and fines due to another library, or associated collection and processing fees. All items collected will be given to the Bloomingdale Township Food Pantry, which will distribute it to the needy.

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

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



**Acceptable personal health and hygiene items include but are not limited to:

- Formula, wipes, and other infant care items
- Deodorants, lotions
- Toothpaste, toothbrushes, floss
- Feminine products



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

(If you prefer to make a monetary contribution to the food bank, you can send them a check or gift card. Additionally, the Township of Bloomingdale welcomes gift cards in small increments to Butera, Aldi, and Caputo's food stores; however, monetary or gift contributions will not count against library fines.)

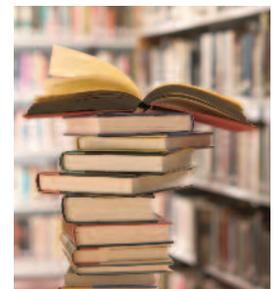
In these tough economic times, there is a greater need for services like the food pantries.

Exam Cram

Monday, May 24
Tuesday, May 25
Wednesday, May 26
1:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Open to high school students (9th-12th grades)

Get ready for finals at the Library's Exam Cram! We'll have group and individual study areas, Wi-Fi and computer access, and reference help. We'll provide doughnuts, caffeine and other snacks throughout the event - you provide the brain power! Pizza will be served at 7 p.m. We'll also stay open an extra hour just for high school students.





Youth Services Programs

Youth Services Winter Reading Program



Thank you to all the children who participated in our winter reading program, "Read for the Gold!" We had a record number of readers who won gold medals, books of their own, and other prizes. A special thanks to the Chicago Wolves for donating tickets, t-shirts, and pennants for the winners of the prize drawing.

CELEBRATE NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK, APRIL 11-17

Drop in to the library any time this week and help us celebrate National Library Week. The theme this year is Communities Thrive @ Your Library. Come in and vote for your favorite community helper and see who wins the race.

CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK ACTIVITIES, MAY 10-16

6th Annual Guess That Shredded Book Contest (Grades 1 - 6) May 10-16

Come join the fun in Youth Services as you try to guess the two books that have been, oh my, shredded by the librarians! Use your magnifying glass to identify the title and author of each tattered book. If there's more than one correct guess, each savvy sleuth will be entered into a drawing. Pick up a "Children's Book Week" bookmark when you turn in your vote.

Children's Choice Awards – Bloomingdale Votes (All ages through Grade 6) May 10-16

This week is the 91st annual observance of Children's Book Week. Join in on the fun by stopping by the Youth Services Department and voting for your favorite titles from the list of 2010 finalists. The first twenty-five children to vote will receive the 2010 "Children's Book Week" poster featuring the artwork from artist and author Jon J. Muth, who was selected as the Children's Choice Illustrator of the Year in 2009.

Moppet Mania (Preschool-Kindergarten) May 10-16

We're back and we've brought along some new friends to celebrate Children's Book Week. Children from preschool through kindergarten may try to make a perfect match. A drawing of all correct entries will be held to award the special prize.

SCARE UP A GOOD BOOK

June 7-July 31

The Youth Services Department is busy planning this year's Summer Reading Program, "Scare up a Good Book." Special features will include story time programs for babies, preschoolers, and families. Families and school age children will also be invited to join us in our scary (and some not-so-scary) adventures at special programs and activities.

Watch for Youth Services Librarians who will be visiting Bloomingdale schools in May! A brochure with detailed program and registration information will be mailed to Bloomingdale residents in late May.

The Donna Beth Froio Foreign Language and Cultural Collection

The Youth Services Department houses a special collection called the Donna Beth Froio Foreign Language and Cultural Collection. The collection began in 1982 with a generous donation by Mr. Dominic and Mrs. Barbara Froio in memory of their loving daughter Donna Beth Froio, who died at the age of 16. The interest from these invested funds is used each year to purchase new items. Titles selected may be in one language, multilingual, or bi-lingual. Currently, we have been adding language materials in CD format replacing older cassette items. In addition to books we now have over 33 DVDs, 54 CDs, and 5 CD-ROMS to educate and delight children in our global world. More than 60 items have been added to the collection during the last fiscal year. We hope to add new materials such as KITS containing musical instruments from around the world, and other hands-on cultural items that can be checked out. The Library wishes to thank the Froio family for their continued support. If you are interested in this collection please contact the Youth Service Department at 630-924-2740.

NATIONAL PET MONTH, MAY, 2010

You Read to Me, I'll Bark for You! Pet Photo Contest (All ages through Grade 6)

We again invite Bloomingdale residents, birth--grade six, to celebrate National Pet Month in May with us! Bring in a color (3x5" or 5x7") photograph of any pet you own or love. Photo should include a book, too. List child's name, age, and Bloomingdale library card number, and a home phone number on the back of the photo and place photo (no more than two photos please) in an envelope marked "Pet Photo Contest" and submit at the Youth Services desk anytime in April. Photos will be displayed May 1-15, with 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners announced the week of May 16. Gr-r-reat prizes await!





Youth Services Programs

Registration Information/Requirements for Programs

Some programs require registration as noted. You may register for programs online at www.mybpl.org (click on "Calendar" at the top of the page), at the Youth Services Reference Desk, or by telephoning 630-924-2740. Please have your library card when you register.

QUICK CRAFTS

(All ages)

First Monday and Thursday of the month
5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Registration is not required.

Visit the librarians on the first Monday or Thursday of every month for a quick craft lesson. They'll supply the materials to get you started, and you can finish on your own.

KIDS' GAMES

(Grades 3-6)

Thursdays, April 8, May 13, and June 10
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.

LIBRARY CAPERS: MESSY ROOM

(Grades 1–5)

Thursday, April 15
4:15 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Registration for Bloomingdale residents will begin April 5. Registration for non-residents will begin April 8.

Is your room as messy as Frankie Pickles'? Find out whose mess is best!

MONTHLY MONTAGE: HOLOGRAPHIC SCRATCH ART

(Grades 3-6)

Wednesday, April 21
4:15 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Registration for Bloomingdale residents will begin on April 5. Registration for non-residents will begin on April 14.

Come and use your imagination to reveal a picture as you scratch away on a glittering holographic scratchboard.

TUESDAYS WITH TOYS

(3 months - 5 years)

Tuesdays, May 4 and May 18
4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Registration is not required.

Tuesdays with Toys is an informal program giving parents with small children the opportunity to meet and talk with other parents, while children play with toys and games. Toys and games are most appropriate for children ages three months to five years. Drop in for one session or both.

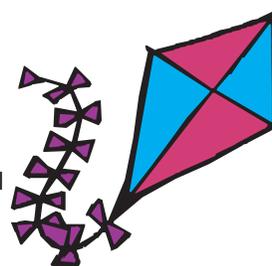
KIDS' KLUB: GO FLY A KITE!

(Grades 2-6)

Wednesday, May 5
4:15 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Registration for Bloomingdale residents will begin April 5. Registration for non-residents will begin April 28.

Kids' Night Out Wednesdays (K.N.O.W.) is now Kids' Klub! Note new time, too! For our last Kids' Klub until fall, we're going to grab some wood, newspaper, string, and other materials to design and make our very own kites! It's the perfect time to go fly a kite!



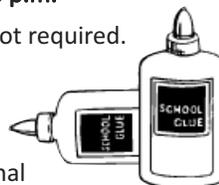
DROP IN CRAFTS

(Ages 3-10)

Tuesday, May 11
1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Registration is not required.

Stop by anytime from 1:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m. to make a fun animal craft to enjoy at home!



DOODLE BUGS

(Children ages 2-3 and their caregivers)

Tuesday, May 11
11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Registration for Bloomingdale residents will begin Monday, April 5. Registration for non-residents will begin May 4.

This is a special art class just for toddlers and parents. Little fingers will experiment with painting, gluing, sticking and creating, while developing fine motor skills.

LIBRARY CAPERS: MY WEIRD SCHOOL

Thursday, May 20
4:15 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Registration for Bloomingdale residents will begin April 5. Registration for non-residents will begin May 13.

Celebrate the end of the school year with the crazy kids and teachers from the "My Weird School" Series by Dan Gutman.

VOLUNTEERS

The VolunTEEN program at Bloomingdale Public Library is open to students in grades 7-12 who would like to gain work experience and/or earn community service hours while assisting the Youth Services Staff. Volunteers work two to four hours per month preparing craft materials, keeping the department tidy and helping with special projects. Teens learn punctuality, responsibility and can earn volunteer hours that will count toward confirmation, honor society, or other service requirements. A minimum commitment of six volunteer hours is required.

Applications for the summer session of volunteering may be obtained beginning on Monday, May 3 by contacting Tiffany Erickson either in person, by phone at 630-924-2745, or by email at terickson@mbpl.org. All applications are due by Friday, May 28. No late applications will be accepted. If you have any questions, contact the Youth Services Department at 630-924-2740.



Adult Services Programs

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

LIBRARY ORIENTATIONS

Saturday, April 3

Saturday, May 1

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.

VEGETABLE GARDENING

Tuesday, April 6

6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

You can successfully grow your own vegetables! In this presentation by University of Illinois Extension Master Gardener Beth Corrigan you will learn the basics of vegetable gardening, including how to prepare the soil, choosing the right location, and how to select the right plant varieties. Please register in person, or call the Adult Reference Desk at 630-924-2730, or register online at www.mybpl.org.

ENGLISH CONVERSATION GROUP

Meets on the second and fourth

Wednesday of the month from

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Learning a new language can be difficult. New English speakers can practice their English in an informal, relaxed atmosphere at our English Conversation Group. 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.

BLOOMINGDALE HERITAGE COLLECTION

It's said that a picture is worth 1,000 words. Now you can see for yourself as you witness the history of Bloomingdale unfold through photographs, postcards and other images through our new online history collection. During National Library Week (April 11-17), Bloomingdale Public Library is unveiling the Bloomingdale Heritage Collections online at www.mybpl.org/localhistory. This ongoing digitization project provides free online access to digital images, photographs, postcards, and other items of historical and cultural interest to Bloomingdale residents, as well as students, researchers, and anyone curious about the rich history of the Bloomingdale area. The collections represent select holdings from the Bloomingdale Public Library Local History Room. Currently over 150 historical images of historic Bloomingdale and Adventureland have been scanned and cataloged, and the collections will continue to grow. This ambitious digitization initiative will help us further our commitment to preserving information about Bloomingdale's fascinating local history and making it available to all.



MUSEUM ADVENTURE PASSES @ YOUR LIBRARY

Begin your museum adventure at the Library! Now that spring is in the air, it's a perfect time to plan an outing for the family. The Library now has a limited number of passes available for 17 local museums. Present your valid Bloomingdale Public Library card at the Adult Reference Desk or the Youth Services Reference Desk to receive either free admission or a special discount at one of the participating museums. Passes check out for one week and must be checked out in person. The passes are issued on a first come, first served basis and cannot be reserved. For more details, visit www.museumadventure.org. Your museum adventure is supported by the participating organizations that are generously donating your free admission or discounts, by Macy's, and by your regional library system.

Participating Museums

Arlington Heights Historical Museum
Bronzeville Children's Museum
Brookfield Zoo (Chicago Zoological Society)
Cantigny Park
Chicago Botanic Garden
Cuneo Museum and Gardens
Elgin History Museum
Elgin Public Museum
Graue Mill and Museum
KidsWork Children's Museum
Kohl Children's Museum
Lake County Discovery Museum
Mitchell Museum of the American Indian
Morton Arboretum
National Hellenic Museum
Oriental Institute Museum
St. Charles Heritage Museum





Adult Services Programs

SUPER COUPONING

Monday, April 12
6:30 p.m.—8:00 p.m.

Super-Couponing will change the way you shop. It combines the best techniques for following sales with using newspaper and internet coupons to their fullest advantage. Super-Couponer Jill Cataldo will teach you how to effectively use coupons to buy groceries for pennies on the dollar. You'll learn the secrets of the couponing professionals, the number one mistake most coupon users make, what products you will never have to pay for again, which stores allow "coupon stacking" for bigger savings, how you can use the internet to find coupons, and how to get the stores to pay you to shop. Registration for this program is required. Please register in person or call the Adult Reference Desk at 630-924-2730 or register online at www.mybpl.org.

BLOOMINGDALE SENIORS' CLUB

Tuesday, April 13
Tuesday, May 11
11:00 a.m.

Do you play bridge or other card games? Are you interested in meeting once a month with others who share your interests? If so, Bloomingdale Seniors' Club is the club for you. The Club meets on the second Tuesday of every month in the lower level of the Library. A short business meeting begins at 11:00 a.m., snacks or a light lunch follows, and then an afternoon of card/game playing is enjoyed by all members. Join the group whenever you are able!

MONEY SMART WEEK: WILL YOU BE ABLE TO RETIRE?

Tuesday, April 20
6:30 p.m. — 8:00 p.m.

A representative from First American Bank will provide helpful tips on the following key issues: how much money you will need to live comfortably at retirement, how to make your retirement money last, and where to invest your money during these tough economic times. Please register in person, or call the Adult Reference Desk at 630-924-2730 or register online at www.mybpl.org.

GENEALOGY CLUB

Thursday, April 22
Thursday, May 27
6:30 p.m. — 8:45 p.m.

Genealogy Club meets on the fourth Thursday of the month, except in November and December. Members share search strategies and explore library resources with expert guidance from Local History Room staff member Leslie Drewitz. Registration is not required for this free program.

HEARTSAVER CPR

Saturday, April 24
9:00 a.m. —12:00 p.m.

Learn CPR basics from local firefighter and paramedic Jeff Skelley, owner of My Life Saver CPR. This hands-on class designed for the general public will cover adult, child, and infant CPR and choking, and how to use an Automated External Defibrillator for heart attacks. The class costs \$25 for the three-hour session, and each attendee will receive a Heartsaver CPR card from the American Heart Association that is good for two years. Please register for this course in the Business Office. In order to receive a full refund, you must cancel your registration 48 hours before the program begins. For questions regarding this program please call 630-924-2730.



eBAY 101 — SELLING BASICS

Monday, April 26
6:30 p.m. — 8:00 p.m.

Are you ready to make money selling your "stuff" on eBay? Plan to attend this informative and fun eBay Selling 101 program by eBay University Instructor Jack Waddick. In just 90 minutes, Jack will walk you through the keys to successful eBay selling. This session will include live demos on eBay.com and allow plenty of time for your questions. This program has been very popular in the past, so please register early. Please register in person, or call the Adult Reference Desk at 630-924-2730, or register online at www.mybpl.org.

CAREER SEMINAR: LINKEDIN

Tuesday, May 4
6:30 p.m.—8:00 p.m.

This demonstration seminar will teach participants about the valuable job searching tool, LinkedIn. Ranging from building a branded profile, to searching for jobs, discovering company information, building credibility in your field, and networking, this seminar will cover all aspects of LinkedIn. Please note: Attendees will not be creating a LinkedIn profile during this presentation, but you will leave the presentation with an information packet about the program. Please register in person, or call the Adult Reference Desk at 630-924-2730, or register online at www.mybpl.org.

SENIORS' GAME DAY

Thursday, April 8
Thursday, May 13
2:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.

Join us for an afternoon of cards, board games and even video games especially for adults 55 and over! This monthly program is a great way to take a break from your day and meet others who share your interests. The Library provides the refreshments and a great selection of games. There is no registration needed for this free program. Come alone or bring a friend!





Adult Services Programs

LAWN AND GARDEN WEEDS

Tuesday, May 11
6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Do you want to have the best lawn on your block? Are you seeking ways to manage the weeds in your garden? Come to the Library to learn lawn and garden care tips from Jan Hanson, a Master Gardener from the University of Illinois Extension. During this seminar, you will discover the key characteristics of twenty-two common lawn and garden weed species in Illinois, and how to effectively manage them. Please register in person, or call the Adult Reference Desk at 630-924-2730, or register online at www.mybpl.org.

ALL ABOUT GUARDIANSHIP

Tuesday, May 18
6:30 p.m.—8:00 p.m.

Are your children or family at risk? Does your estate plan include provisions for your children if something should happen to you? Who will take care of your children if you can't? Learn when guardianship may be necessary, the different types of guardianship, and how to establish and maintain guardianship in this seminar by estate planning attorney, John Pankau. Please register in person, or call the Adult Reference Desk at 630-924-2730, or register online at www.mybpl.org.

DONOR CORNER

Thank you to the KARA Foundation for their continued generous donation to the Library. We have used the funds to augment our collection of Playaway audiobooks for adults and teens and increase our holdings of English as Second Language materials.

ADULT BOOK DISCUSSIONS

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



Adult Book Discussion Group meets on the third Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. The group reads classic and contemporary fiction and nonfiction.

Thursday, April 15

The White Tiger
by Aravind Adiga

Thursday, May 20

The Quiet American
by Graham Greene

Historical Book Discussion Group meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a.m. Books are selected on topics of American history from pre-Revolutionary War to current time including biographies, history books, historical fiction and classics.

Tuesday, April 6

Truman
by Roy Jenkins

Tuesday, May 4

As Seen on TV: The Visual Culture of Everyday Life in the 1950's
by Karal Ann Marling

Bloomingtondale Mystery Mavens

Join fellow mystery fans for an illuminating discussion of mysteries at the Bloomingtondale Mystery Mavens book discussion. The Mystery Mavens meet on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m., except June, August, and December.

Wednesday, April 28

The Chicago Way
by Michael T. Harvey

Wednesday, May 26

The Actress
by Elizabeth Sims

ADULT/TEEN SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Adult Services and Young Adult Services invite you to Scare Up a Good Book! this summer and participate in this year's summer reading program. Each time you read or listen to a book between June 7 and July 31, stop at the Reference Desk and we will record your title. If you read at least one book, you will be eligible for one of our weekly prizes that are donated by local businesses. The more books you read, the better your chances are of winning one of our final drawing prizes that are announced at the end of the program.

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK: THE GREAT BOOK GIVEAWAY

The theme of the 2010 National Library Week (April 11-17) is **Communities Thrive @ Your Library**. We believe that lifelong learning helps our community thrive, so we are celebrating by releasing donated books throughout

our community to share and discuss.

Be on the lookout for donated books at locations throughout the village. Take one, read it, and pass it along to your friends and neighbors. Please take a moment to visit



www.mybpl.org/communitiesthrive to comment on the book you found or had passed along to you. We'd like to hear your thoughts on how reading and learning help foster a vital community.



Young Adult Spot

Open to Teens 7th–12th grades only

ANIME CLUB

1st Thursday of the Month
Thursday, April 1
Thursday, May 6
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

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

TEEN GAME NIGHT

2nd and 4th Thursdays
of the Month
Thursday, April 8
Thursday, April 22
Thursday, May 13
Thursday, May 27
6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Now with even more games! Shred to Guitar Hero 5 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!



A Yu-Gi-Oh! card tournament will be held every first Teen Game Night of the month (the 2nd Thursday of the month). Tournaments are single duel, and no proxy cards are allowed during tournament play.



DIY SPA PRODUCTS FOR TEENS

Wednesday, April 14
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Registration limit: 12

Looking for a great Mother's Day gift? Want to pamper yourself? Learn to make fizzy bath bombs, relaxing bath salts, and lip balm. Register at the Reference Desk, online, or by phone at (630) 924-2730. Open to 7th-12th graders only.

DUELER'S GUILD

(Ages 9 and older)
3rd Saturday of the month
Saturday, April 17
Saturday, May 15
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
No registration required

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

Space is limited so please register at the Reference Desk, by phone at (630) 924-2730, or online through the Library's calendar.

JUNK DRAWER JEWELRY

Wednesday, May 19
7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Registration limit: 20

Raid our jewelry junk drawer to create custom bracelets, necklaces, or other accessories! We'll have beads, charms, and fixings for all your jewelry needs, including beads that change color in the sun, cute glass charms, and fuse beads for 8-bit pixel creations. Register at the Reference Desk, online, or by phone at (630) 924-2730. Open to 7th-12th graders only.



TEEN ADVISORY GROUP (TAG)

Dates TBA

Are you a teen with great ideas for the library, but don't know where to start? 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 events. To join the group, please fill out a sign-up form, available at the Reference Desk, the YA Spot, or online in the Teens section of the library website. Please turn in completed forms to the Reference Desk.



COMPUTER CLASSES

Computer Class registration guidelines:

- Registration for computer classes will begin on

Thursday, April 1, in the Business Office of the Library. You must register in person.

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

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

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

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

Introduction to Excel

Date: Tuesday, April 13
Time: 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

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

Basic Home Networking

Date: Thursday, April 15
Time: 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Chris

A beginner's class intended for those interested in connecting more than one computer in their home. Helpful for anyone who's confused about the difference between DSL and Cable, wondering what all those confusing acronyms mean (PPPoE, DNS, TCP/IP), or just wants both their computers to be able to use one printer. Learn what these things mean, and how they impact a home network.

Intermediate Excel

Date: Tuesday, April 20
Time: 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 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.)

Using Email 2

Date: Wednesday, April 21
Time: 6:30p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Brian

Using Email 2 takes users beyond the basics of sending and receiving email and teaches them to take advantage of the many features their email services provide. Topics such as attachments, folders, address books, mail options, spam protection, and more will be covered. (Having taken Using Email or similar experience is recommended.)

Advanced Excel

Date: Tuesday, April 27
Time: 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

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

Using Power Point

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

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



Beginner Computer Course

Date: Monday, May 10
Tuesday, May 11
Monday, May 17
Tuesday, May 18
Time: 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

This four session course has been redesigned to better focus on topics useful to beginning computer users.

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



Using Power Point 2

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

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

CD Burning

Date: Tuesday, May 25
Time: 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Instructor: Chris

This class will teach students how to burn computer files to a CD, an essential skill for backing up pictures, documents, or other important information. The basics of working with music and data CDs, as well as CD copying, will be discussed. The class works in a Windows XP environment but attention will be paid to the issues that come up when burning CDs with an older operating system. Re-writable CDs will also be discussed.



The Oasis attractions:

Cuda Cove: an 8-lane Competitive Pool, with a drop slide and 1-meter & 3-meter diving boards.

Mango Bay: a zero-depth entry leisure pool with geysers, spilling buckets, sprayers, Palm Tree Pass, and thrill slides Tropical Twister and Typhoon Tunnel.

Otter Island: an interactive water playground.

2010 Oasis Season Passes on sale.

It's easy to get your 2010 Oasis Season Pass. Purchase your 2010 pass at the JRC or on-line beginning February 11! If you need a new picture taken you can stop by the JRC during regular office hours anytime before you use your 2010 pass.

Purchase your pass early and save money!

Early Bird **Summer**
*Apr 1 – May 31 June 1 – Summer

	R/NR	R/NR
Individual	\$105/155	\$129/189
Family 2 /3	\$139/189	\$165/215
Family of 4	\$145/195	\$169/219
Family of 5	\$149/199	\$175/225
Family of 6	\$155/205	\$179/229
7 or more	\$159/209	\$185/235

***Purchase your season pass by May 31 and your name will be entered in a raffle to win a Private rental!**

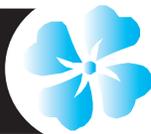
Have your celebration or party at The Oasis this summer!

Whether it's a birthday, graduation, office party, or family reunion we have the solution for you. The Oasis offers a wide range of private rental and party options. Stop by the JRC front desk or look on-line at www.bloomingtonparks.org to check out the rental and party packages. Reservations accepted beginning April 1st, 2010.



Passholder benefits:

- Early daily admission
- Option to purchase a VIP Pass
- Four free one day guest passes
- Discounted Oasis programs, Private rentals, Parties
- Coupons for Coconut Café
- Free admission to many Oasis Special events
- Extra Splash Hours
- Member daily raffles, nights, give-aways



where recreation revolves around you.

Trips

AND more...

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Imagine the fun the entire family will have when they break free on Friday night. The JRC will be open to families for open gym, games, and contests. Join the fun! All children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

April 9 - Flower Power
May 21 - Kite Decorating

Times: 6:30-8:30pm
Fee: \$5 per family

Free Family Movies

Showtime 7:00PM
April 23 & May 14

(call the JRC for movie titles
(630) 529-3650)

The Bloomington Park District is excited to present Free Family Movies for families and children of all ages. Parental supervision is required for children under the age of 6, but all parents are welcome and encouraged to stay and enjoy the movie with their children.

All movies are shown on our big screen in the JRC Gym at 7pm!

\$1.00 for popcorn and a drink

Cubs Trip

Join us on a trip to see the Chicago Cubs take on the Florida Marlins for an afternoon game at beautiful Wrigley Field. Participants 17 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Fee includes ticket and transportation. Seats: Terrace Reserved

Location: JRC Parking Lot
Instructor: Staff

MIN/MAX: 27/34

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
Adult	W	11:00-05:30P	05/12-05/12	\$29/39	403219-A1

Arboretum of South Barrington

Join us for a day of shopping at South Barrington's newest and most exciting place to shop, dine and play. The open-air center is named for the lush treescapes and gardens of its landscape, and for the large tree farm that formerly stood on the site. For a complete store listing, visit www.ShopTheArboretumSB.com. Shopping and lunch is on your own. Registration deadline is April 28, 2010.

Location: JRC Parking Lot
Instructor: Staff

MIN/MAX: 5/8

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
Adult	W	09:45-04:00P	05/05	\$10/15	203248-A1

2010-2011 PRESCHOOL YEAR

Proudly serving families from Bloomington and surrounding communities since 1973. Once Upon a Time Preschool encourages the development of a well-balanced child. We offer a comprehensive readiness for school program addressing physical, emotional, social and intellectual needs. Our goal is to creatively and effectively teach students socialization, fine and gross motor skills, and basic academics including language arts, math, science, and art. We are proud of the work we do and the children we teach. Visit us to see why our program is so outstanding. For detailed information and/or to visit our classrooms, please call us at 630-529-3650.

Registration is currently being accepted for the 2010/2011 school year. Forms are available online at www.bloomingtonparks.org and at the JRC, 172 South Circle Avenue, Bloomington. Completed forms should be mailed, faxed, or dropped off in person.



Bloomington Park District

April 09 - May 10

where recreation revolves around you.

Kickboxing

Achieve the top-notch physical condition of a professional kickboxer or boxer without the bumps and bruises. Learn the techniques of boxing and kicking while participating in a fun and well-supervised workout. This is not a contact program. Using your new skills for self-defense will also be covered. Kickboxing uses every major muscle group of the body and is highly effective for developing cardiovascular fitness and body fat reduction.

Location: Westfield Gym
Instructor: Top Fitness Staff

MIN/MAX: 5/20

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
Adult	M	07:00-08:00P	05/03-06/07*	\$50/70	203501-C1
Adult	W	07:00-08:00P	05/05-06/02	\$50/70	203501-C2
Adult	M,W	08:00-08:30P	05/03-06/07*	\$75/105	203501-C3

*NO CLASS 05/31

Hatha Yoga

Hatha is the yoga of physical postures, incorporating the gentle stretching and breathing techniques that will make your life less stressful and bring deep relaxation and greater flexibility to your mind and body. Mats and blankets are available or bring your own. Punch cards can be purchased for your savings and convenience at the front desk. DROP IN RATES ARE \$11R/\$12NR. Purchasing a punch card is cheaper than the drop in rates. Instructor on Monday PM, Wednesday AM & PM, and Friday AM is Evelyn Walsh-Boyna. Instructor on Monday AM and Thursday PM is Beth McCown.

Location: Aerobics Studio
Instructor: Evelyn Walsh-Boyna

MIN/MAX: 8/16

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
Adult	M	09:30-10:45A	04/19-05/17	\$49/59	203503-C1
Adult	M	07:15-08:30P	04/19-05/17	\$49/59	203503-C2
Adult	W	09:30-10:45A	04/21-05/19	\$49/59	203503-C3
Adult	W	07:15-08:30P	04/21-05/19	\$49/59	203503-C4
Adult	Th	08:00-09:15P	04/22-05/20	\$49/59	203503-C5
Adult	F	09:30-10:45A	04/23-05/21	\$49/59	203503-C6

Gentle Yoga

Improve your posture, increase mobility and feel great all at once. We will use chairs and blankets for support in many poses. Yoga mats are provided or you can bring your own. Punch cards are available at the JRC front desk. DROP IN RATE IS \$10R/\$12NR. A 20% discount is available for students over 62 who sign up for a 6-week session. Purchasing a punch card is cheaper than the drop in rate.

Location: Aerobics Studio
Instructor: Beth McCown

MIN/MAX: 8/16

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
Adult	M	01:00-02:00P	04/19-05/17	\$39/49	203535-C1
Adult	Tu	11:00-12:00P	04/20-05/18	\$39/49	203535-C2
Adult	Th	09:00-10:00A	04/22-05/20	\$39/49	203535-C3

AM Yoga

Join us at the Westfield Gym for a terrific way to start your day. We will begin class with slow movement and yoga postures. Class will end with relaxation and a short meditation. Please bring your own yoga mat. Punch cards are available at the JRC front desk.

Location: Westfield Gym
Instructor: Beth McCown

MIN/MAX: 10/25

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
Adult	W	07:00-08:00A	04/21-05/19	\$39/49	203536-A2

Adult Programs

Pilates

Start the New Year by being active! This mind-body exercise class focuses on your core posture muscle to help keep your body balanced. It will improve your flexibility, agility, and motion. You will build strength, get a sleek toned body, and improve your posture.

Location: Aerobics Rm. / Dance Studio
Instructor: Karen Pittro

MIN/MAX: 5/15

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
Adult	Su	11:30-12:30P	04/18-05/30*	\$45/55	203539-C1

*NO CLASS 04/04, 05/09

Step and Sculpt

Step and Sculpt is an excellent way to keep you fit! This fun and energetic class will give you a great workout and burn tons of calories. You will tone your legs, strengthen your heart and lungs, and is overall a great workout! It's time to get active and get in shape!

Location: Dance Studio
Instructor: Karen Pittro

MIN/MAX: 5/15

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
Adult	Su	10:00-11:00A	04/18-05/30*	\$45/55	203540-C1

*NO CLASS 05/09

Adult Tennis Lessons

Get in shape while you experience the game of tennis! Each participant will be introduced to the basics of tennis including the forehand, backhand, serving, positions, and scoring. This is a chance to improve your skills and meet participants with your same interests!

Location: Lakeview Park
Instructor: Leo Lopez

MIN/MAX: 4/8

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
Beginner					
Adult	Sa	09:00-09:50A	04/10-05/15	\$49/59	203307-A1
Intermediate					
Adult	Sa	10:00-10:50P	04/10-05/15	\$49/59	203307-A2

Bocce Ball League

Explore and play the game of bocce while socializing with your friends! This non-competitive league is created to have fun, relax, and socialize with other participants. Teams may consist of up to 6 players. 1st and 2nd place winners will receive prize money.

Location: Springfield Park
Instructor: Staff

MIN/MAX: 6/10

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
Adult	Su	12:00-03:00P	04/11-06/06*	\$80/100	203316-A1

*NO CLASS 5/09



Bloomington Park District

April 09 - May 10

where recreation revolves around you.

Upcoming events

Angelina Ballerina TEA FOR TWO

Friday, May 21, 2010 - 6:00pm-8:00pm
Goodwin-Sedgwick Rm.

You are invited to a very special party this lovely evening! There will be lots of sweets, tasty teas, and of course, dance lessons. Put on your prettiest tutu and dance slippers for a magical and enchanting evening. Dance and dream and be a star just like little Angelina. Girls should be dropped off at 6:00 for their dance lesson. Moms can join us at 7:00 for a very special performance. Tea and treats will be served afterwards, as you both create a pretty project. Additional ballerinas are \$15.



Age: 3-8
R \$30/ NR \$35
Code: 204302-A1

Summer Day Camp

where fun and smiles are guaranteed!

Registration Information

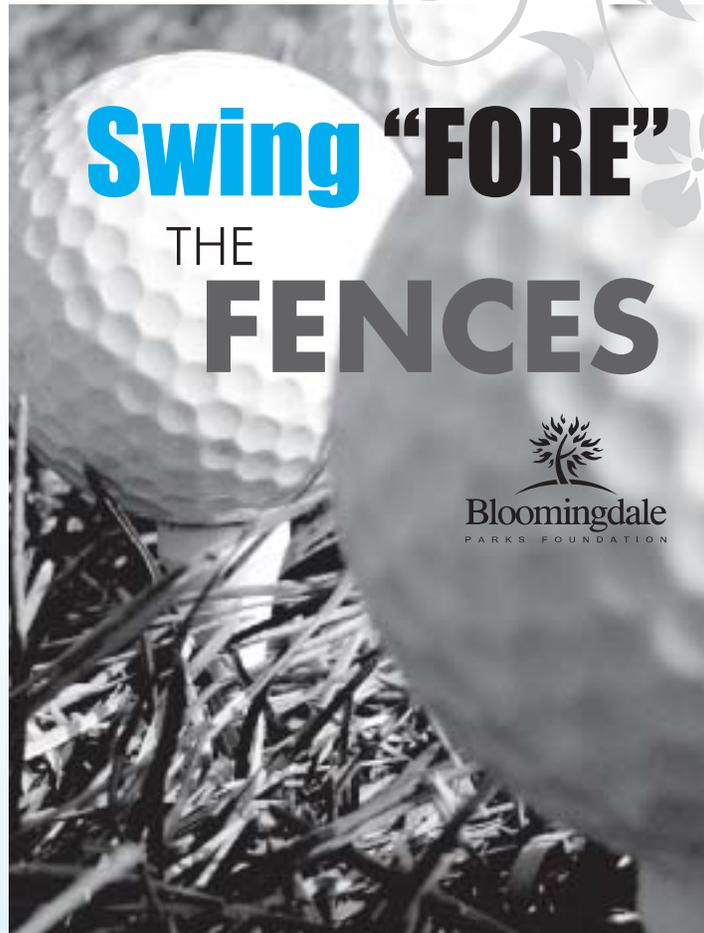
Registration for summer day camp is currently being accepted. Payment for your first session and registration forms are due at time of registration. Registration for subsequent sessions will be accepted and do not require a deposit. A \$25 registration fee, a \$100 non-refundable payment towards your first registered session, punch card payment, and \$25/session non-resident fee if applicable.

Sessions Dates: 8:30am-3:30pm

Session 1	6/14-7/2
Session 2	7/5-7/23
Session 3	7/26-8/13

Annual Golf Outing

Let's Aim for the Fences Together!



Benefiting the "Aim for the Fences" campaign to make Springfield Park one of the finest parks in DuPage County.

The **Bloomington Parks Foundation** and the Bloomington Baseball & Softball Association are hosting a day of sportsmanship and exciting prizes.

Mark your calendar now.

Call (630) 529-3650 for more information or visit

www.BloomingtonParks.org

Limited sponsorships are available.

Save The Date!

Thursday, July 29th, 2010

Hole-in-One, Putting Contest and more!

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