



Village of Bloomingdale Almanac

OCTOBER 2010

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Village Administrator Dan Wennerholm Retires After More Than 31 Years of Service

On Dan Wennerholm's first day as Village Engineer on April 30th, 1979, he was treated to a champagne breakfast at Indian Lakes. It turns out Dan's first day was a momentous day for the Village as there was a huge groundbreaking ceremony for Stratford Square Regional Mall. "It was a special start to my new job," he says.

Having spent a few years working in Ohio, followed by a short stint in Glen Ellyn, the young man came to the Village on the verge of what was to be a huge boom for Bloomingdale – in annexations, population, and rapid development in both business and housing. Although the land for the mall was annexed in 1973, the plans hadn't materialized until this time. The arrival of the mall alone involved so many projects that a fulltime engineer became a necessity.

By the summer of 1982, Dan and his wife, Richa, found they liked Bloomingdale so much that they moved their family, which included two little ones, Carl and Sarah, from Glen Ellyn to Bloomingdale.

As the Village of Bloomingdale grew through the completion of Stratford, annexations of land, booming residential growth, commercial development, the advent of Lake Michigan water, sewer projects, the expansion of Village facilities and the development of Bloomingdale Golf Club, Dan's roles increased in scope and responsibility.

In 1982 he was promoted to Director of Public Works & Engineering, then to Director of Community Services in 1985, and finally he was appointed Village Administrator in 1989.

While he was working for Bloomingdale, Dan was also sharing his time and talents with organizations for the betterment of the village. For a number of years he was part of the DuKane chapter of the Illinois Society of Professional Engineers, serving as president in 1988. As Village Administrator, he has been appointed to the DuPage County's Impact Fee Committee since 1997. He has also been an active member of the DuPage Mayors & Managers Conference, serving on the Transportation Committee, including as Chairman for a number of years.

Dan is a charter/founding member of the Bloomingdale Intergovernmental Group which fosters a cooperative relationship between the village and our schools, library, park, police, fire, township, county and chamber. He served as our representative to NORDCAT, the area government consortium established when Metrovision cable began serving Bloomingdale in the 80s.

With all that he has done over the last 31+ years, Dan is ready to retire and enjoy a slower pace. His immediate plans include spending more time with family, especially with his four granddaughters, all under the age of four, as well as continuing to stay involved with his church. Come spring, he'll enjoy being able to be out on the links any day he chooses (continued on page 3)



Dan's first day of work April 30, 1979 – from l to r – Dan, Bloomingdale Building Commissioner Joe Stella, (unknown) head of Inland Construction, Mayor Viola Morrisroe and Tom Klutznick, representative of Urban Investment and Development Company.

**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 and 3rd Mondays of every month
(Meetings held on the 3rd Monday of the month only during June, July, August and September)
7:00 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



Village of Bloomingdale
Residential E-NEWSLETTER

**Want to Keep Up With the News
In Between Almanac Issues?**

Sign up for the Bloomingdale E-News, published weekly and delivered to your email. Go to the Village website www.villageofbloomingdale.org and click on E-News Sign Up on the right side of the homepage.



2010 Septemberfest/Joe Draghi Scholarship Winners



Despite the cancellation of this year's Septemberfest celebration, eight Septemberfest/Joe Draghi Memorial Scholarships were awarded in early August as private donations had already been secured. Pictured above with the mayor (middle back) are the recipients, their college and major. From left to right, Sandra Weitzner, Western Michigan University - pre-medicine; Andrey Danilkovich, College of DuPage - computer science; Taylor Corsten, Loyola University - Business & Economics; Kelsey Mixer, Elmhurst College - Pediatric Nursing; Gracie Melendez, Northern Illinois University - Primary Special Education; Mark W. Percudani, Bradley University - Special Education; Garrett Gingras, Augustana College - Physics. Not pictured: Stephanie Khio, Roosevelt University - English & Secondary Education.

It's Still With Us . . . West Nile Virus Present in Our Area



The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) confirmed the first human West Nile virus case in Illinois for 2010 in August in Carol Stream. As of September 15, seven more cases have been reported – three of them located nearby in Lombard, Oak Brook and Elmhurst, all in August. So while

we are seeing cooler temperatures as we head into fall, the threat of West Nile is still present. It remains important to take precautions such as wearing insect repellent and getting rid of standing water around your house, to reduce the risk of becoming infected with West Nile virus.

To check the area for West Nile virus updates and get additional information, click on the Health Department's surveillance map at www.dupagehealth.org/wnv-map So far this year, 25 counties have reported mosquito batches or birds testing positive for West Nile virus.

DuPage County residents with questions about West Nile virus may call the Health Department at (630) 682-7400. From now through Oct. 15, the Health Department will be collecting freshly-dead perching birds (such as crows or blue jays) in DuPage County for WNV testing, provided the birds do not show signs of decay or trauma and they are able to pick them up in time to be shipped to the state laboratory by the end of the business day on Thursdays. To report a dead bird, call (630) 682-7400.

Dan Wennerholm Retires

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instead of scheduling golf around work and frequent meetings.

Mayor Bob Iden, who was a member of the Old Town Commission and Economic Development



Dan and Richa – ready to enjoy retirement together

Commission when Dan came to the Village, admits Dan's leaving will take some getting used to. Bob became a trustee six months after Dan's arrival and became Acting Mayor about three years after Dan was appointed Village Administrator.

"We have worked very closely for the last 20+ years and the "business" relationship has grown into a friendship," the mayor explained. Bob went on to say that he and Dan have a shared history in the growing pains of the town, as well as a shared pride in how far it has come in the 30 years they have worked together in their changing roles.

Dan too, speaks with pride, not only about what Bloomingdale has become, but also of the staff with whom he has had the pleasure of working along the way. He acknowledges there are working relationships that have evolved into lasting friendships. He says he is grateful for the career he has spent here and will always hold Bloomingdale close in his heart.

We all wish Dan the very best in his retirement – good health, sunny skies and the wind at his back on the golf course.

Register by October 5th to Be Eligible to Vote on November 2



November 2, 2010 marks the election for Federal, State and County officials. The deadline to register to vote for this election is October 5, 2010. Voter registration is available at both the Village Hall, 201 S. Bloomingdale Road and at the Bloomingdale Public Library, 101 Fairfield Way, both during regular business hours. Call the Library's Reference Desk at 630-924-2730 to confirm there is a registrar working at the library when you would like to register to vote.

Early voting for the November 2, 2010 Election is October 11 through October 28, 2010. Stratford Square is one of the early voting sites. See the DuPage Election Commission website www.dupageelections.com for more information on hours or other locations.

Advisory Referendum

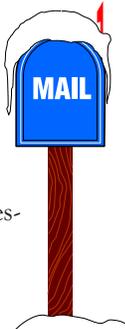
In our Village, along with many others, the November 2, 2010 general election ballot will also include an advisory referendum question to determine community support for public safety pension reform. The question will ask voters whether or not they support immediate action by the State of Illinois legislature to implement meaningful reform measures for the police and firefighter pension systems.

Those reforms would be in addition to the non-safety public employee pension reforms passed earlier this year for new employees.

Before winter arrives . . .

Residents are requested to inspect mailboxes and posts to ensure sturdiness and compliance with the postal service installation requirements, and correct any problem identified. If you have questions as to whether or not your mailbox is in compliance with Village requirements, you may contact the Village Services Department – Street Maintenance Division at 671-5800.

Also, if ornamental rocks or planters are used for landscape beautification, residents need to ensure that they are a minimum of three feet in back of the curb or pavement on non-curb streets. If deemed necessary for safe snow removal operations, these obstacles will be removed by the Village.



Village's 2010-11 Road Salting Procedure

As the cost of salt is still high this year, the Village of Bloomingdale will once again need to use its salt supply conservatively to ensure we have enough to last the winter season.

Residents should anticipate our response to snow and ice occurrences will be similar to that of last winter season.

More winter information will appear in the December issue of the Almanac.



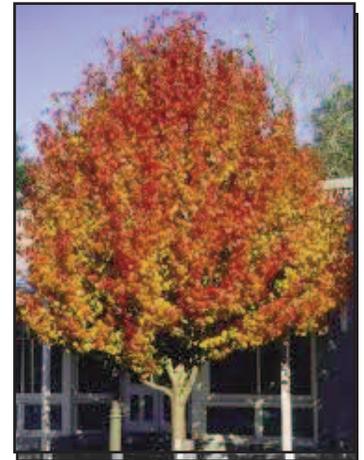
Firefall Maple

2011 Tree Planting Program

The Village Board has again allocated funds for this very successful program which was started in 1982. The program provides trees, including planting, at a 50/50 cost sharing with the Village. The trees will be planted next Spring and are available for street parkways and residential front yards.

The following are the guidelines of the program:

- Since the budget is limited, the program will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Requests should be submitted by December 1, 2010. No payment is required at this time. Bills will be sent about February 1, 2011.
- Trees will be 2 1/2 inch caliper, unless stated otherwise. Trees will be quality nursery stock but not specimen plants.
- The Village reserves the right to disapprove requests based on conflicts, safety, or proper spacing.
- Removal of dead trees, stumps and/or large roots is not included and must be performed by participants before March 15th.
- Each residential parcel will be limited to two trees per year.
- Participants will be given the opportunity to mark the desired location for the tree; however, the Village retains the right to change the location, if necessary.
- We anticipate the cost of 2 1/2" caliper trees to be between \$200 and \$300 each, with the Village paying half of the amount.
- Trees will be guaranteed for one year. Participants are responsible for all watering which will be described in instructions furnished by the Village.
- For trees to be planted in the public parkway, this application will serve as the permit requirements of the ordinance regulating trees on public areas.



Scarlet Oak



Miyabe Maple



Morton Euclid

If further information is desired, contact Jim Johnson, Urban Forester, at 630-671-5804.

2011 Tree Planting Program Residential Request Form

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ WORK PHONE: _____

PLANTING ADDRESS: _____

Indicate the **number** of each type desired:
(limit of two trees per residential parcel per year)

PARKWAY

_____ Scarlet Oak (*Quercus coccinea*)

Scarlet Oak is a popular shade tree best known for its brilliant autumn color. Pyramidal to rounded shape, it grows to a mature height of 70 ft. and spread of 50 ft

_____ Firefall™ Maple (*Acer x freemanii* 'Firefall')

Deeply cut foliage, exceptional cold hardiness, and bright red fall color are among the attributes of this tree, a cross of silver maple and red maple. This fast growing tree reaches a height of 50 ft and a spread of 35 ft at maturity

_____ Autumn Blaze Ornamental Pear
(*Pyrus calleryana* 'Autumn Blaze')

This beautiful tree is grown for its white flowers in spring and colorful leaves in fall. True to its name, the tree turns in blazing hues before turning a deep burgundy. It matures to a height of 30 ft.

_____ State Street® Miyabe Maple (*Acer miyabei* 'Morton')

An exciting new maple, selected from the collections of the Morton Arboretum for its excellent branching character, a uniform broad-pyramidal habit, superior heat/drought tolerance, clean foliage and good yellow fall color. It grows 20 to 25 ft in height with a 15 to 20 ft spread.

_____ Ovation™ London Planetree
(*Platanus x acerifolia* 'Morton Euclid')

Another Morton Arboretum selection, this hybrid exhibits vigorous growth rate, a uniform broadly pyramidal to rounded habit, attractive foliage, exfoliating bark, and disease resistance. It reaches a height of 60 ft. with a spread of 50 ft.

FRONT YARD

_____ Scarlet Oak

_____ Firefall™ Maple

_____ Autumn Blaze Ornamental Pear

_____ State Street® Miyabe Maple

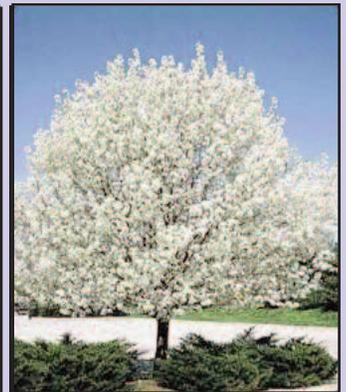
_____ Ovation™ London Planetree

_____ Serbian Spruce (*Picea omorika*)

The most graceful of all spruces, the Serbian Spruce offers thin arching branches with a slender straight trunk. The needles are light-green to blue-green with purple to cinnamon colored 1½ in. cones. Grows in partial shade to full sun. Grows 50-60 ft. with a 25 ft. spread.



Serbian Spruce

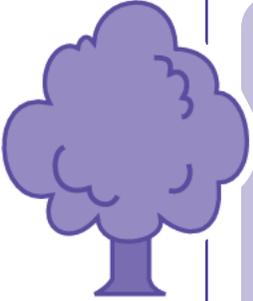


Ornamental Pear

DELIVER OR SEND TO:
VILLAGE OF BLOOMINGDALE FORESTRY DIVISION,
BLOOMINGDALE VILLAGE HALL
201 S. BLOOMINGDALE ROAD, BLOOMINGDALE, IL 60108
Deadline is December 1, 2010

2010 Fall Branch Collection Program Begins October 18

Kramer Tree Specialists, Inc. will once again perform branch collection under the direction of the Village Forestry Division. Branch collection will begin on Monday, October 18. 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, October 18.
- 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 1/2 inch in diameter.
- Leaves, vines, small (under 1/2 inch in diameter) flexible willow stems, herbaceous plants and weeds.
- Large stumps, roots and root balls.*
- Wooden fencing and construction lumber.*



The above items are considered yard waste and may be placed in bags or cans with tags for Republic Services (our refuse hauler) pick-up. Yard waste pick-ups continue through November 30th. Questions concerning Republic Services 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 Services for more information.

In the event of severe storms, the Village will provide storm damage collection of woody branches 1/2 inch to 6 inches in diameter. 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.

Have a Hauntingly Good Time At Police & Fire Department Open House on October 30

All are welcome to the Annual Open House events on Saturday, October 30, from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., hosted by both the Bloomingdale Police and Fire Departments. Tours with a Halloween theme will be conducted in each building and activities and games will be provided by our Police, Fire and Park District personnel. Refreshments will be served. Children are encouraged to wear their costumes for Trick-or-Treating (Children less than 10 years old need to be accompanied by an adult).

The Police Department is located at 201 S. Bloomingdale Road; the Fire Department is situated at 179 S. Bloomingdale Road. If you have any questions or concerns about the event, please contact Officer Dawn Odoi at (630) 529-9868.



Enjoy a Safe and Happy Halloween

- NO candy should be eaten until it has been inspected by an adult.
- Discard any unwrapped items.
- Check all food wrappers for signs of tampering.
- Keep costumes simple. Costumes should be made of light, brightly colored or reflective material, so that your trick-or-treater can be easily seen at night. Costumes should not restrict either vision or movement.
- At least one person in the group should carry a flashlight while trick or treating.
- Trick or treat in groups whenever possible, accompanied by one or more adults.
- Instruct your children not to enter any home, and don't invite anyone else's child into your home.
- For safety's sake, trick or treat only at homes in your own neighborhood.
- Remind children to cross only at corners, and to look both ways before crossing the street. Children should use sidewalks whenever possible, obey traffic lights, and walk -- never run -- across streets.

Please report any suspicious persons or acts of vandalism to the Bloomingdale Police Department by calling 9-1-1.

**TRICK OR TREAT
HOURS ARE FROM
2:00-7:00 PM
ON
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31**



Help Prevent Street Flooding

The fall season is upon us and with that often come heavy rains. We are asking residents to check and clean their storm grates along the curbs by their homes if heavy rains are forecasted. Keeping the drains open for stormwater will help avoid the flooding of streets and walkways. Our crews do circulate during a rain event to check for standing water and clear the grates to remove the standing water, but your assistance could prevent potential flooding. We do not encourage residents to clean structures which are already under water. For standing water, please call 630-671-5830 during regular hours and 630-529-9868 after hours and on weekends to get crews to the site.

Another word on the storm drains:

The Storm Water collection system is completely separate from our Sanitary Sewer collection system. Storm Water 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.

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".

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.

Don't Throw Those Unused Medications Down the Drain -- There's a Better Way!



Residents are able to dispose of expired or unused medications by dropping them off in a permanent drop box at the Bloomingdale Police Department, 201 S. Bloomingdale Road. Look for the large white metal drop box labeled **RxBX**, which is located at the edge of the parking lot, east of the police department main entrance. near the parking lot and east of the main entrance to the police department. There is no charge to drop off medications.

Improperly disposing of prescription or over-the-counter drugs, such as dumping them down a drain or flushing them down a toilet, may contribute to environmental concerns about our water supplies or waterways. The RxBX program also helps to reduce safety concerns that may occur with accidental ingestion of medication by children in a household, as well as one way to help address the growing issue of prescription drug abuse.

Items Accepted:

Prescription Medications; Over-the-Counter Medications; Medicated Ointments; Medicated Shampoos; Liquids Containing Medications; Prescription Inhalers; Over-the-Counter Inhalers; Glass Thermometers containing mercury.

Items Not Accepted:

Sharps or needles; Radioactive medicines; Any other medical waste; Household chemical waste – these items need to be disposed of using other methods. For sharps or needle disposal, please check with your physician or local hospital.



Medications can be brought in original containers or in a zipper top plastic bag. Cross off or remove any personal information on the label to reduce identity theft issues.

The medications will be removed from the secured drop box and transported to the Illinois EPA for safe incineration. If you have questions about this program, please contact Sergeant Duane Kroll or Officer Dawn Odoi at the Bloomingdale Police Department at 630-529-9868.

If you accidentally repeat or misuse your medicine, call your pharmacist or the Illinois Poison Control Center: 1-800-222-1222 or 9-1-1 (if necessary).

Refuse Collection -- Seasonal Reminders

Residential curbside refuse, yard waste, and recyclable collection services will be delayed by one day due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

Yard Waste pick-up for 2010 ends November 30th.

Since the Christmas and New Year's holidays fall on Sunday, there is no change in the refuse pickup dates.



It Is Easy Being Green

Did you know?

- In DuPage County, the average person uses 106 gallons of water a day.
- Approximately 69% of this water is used inside the home for daily tasks.
- A five-minute shower uses approximately 25 gallons (calculated at 5 gallons a minutes). A low flow shower head will reduce that use to 2.5 gallons a minute.
- A typical full bathtub can hold 35 gallons of water.
- A toilet uses 3.5 to 6 gallons of water depending on how old it is; a new toilet only uses 1.6 gallons or less per flush.
- Running water continuously while brushing your teeth can use 1-3 gallons of water per minute, depending on the flow rate of the faucet.

Visit the library and check out the display from the Bloomingdale Village Utilities Division, which will be up through the month of October. There is information on rain barrels, which you might want to check into next spring, but there are also pamphlets available with helpful hints on how to easily conserve more water.



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From the Police Department Phone Scams, Repair Fraud & More

Unfortunately, cons and scams are all too common. The Bloomingdale Police Department recently became aware of an attempt to scam a senior citizen in Bloomingdale. In the “relative in trouble” scam, senior citizens receive a phone call from an individual claiming to be related to them, such as their “favorite” (or “beautiful” or “handsome”) grandson / grand-daughter. When the senior citizen instinctively states the name of a family member, the caller assumes the identity of that family member, telling the senior citizen that he or she was in an accident or was under arrest and needs help to raise money to be released from the hospital or from jail. Thinking this is actually a family member in trouble, the senior citizen is willing to send the money (generally, via Western Union) to help. While in this case, the target was a senior, this type of scam can be aimed at any age group with the caller claiming to be a niece, nephew or some other relative.

The Bloomingdale Police Department encourages everyone to question any phone call that doesn’t seem quite right. Please do not provide any personal information and verify any information that you are given with family members, trusted friends or the police department.

For more information on cons and scams which have been attempted locally, visit the Village’s website www.villageofbloomingdale.org and type in Scam Alert in the “Search this site” box at the upper right-hand corner of the home page.

The Bloomingdale Police Department wants all citizens to be aware of home repair fraud, phone scams, mail fraud, and Internet scams 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 police department immediately 630-529-9868.
- Check with family, friends, the Village Building Department or Police Department for validity of a business and/or repair activity within the Village limits.
- Don’t give personal or financial information over the phone. Do not dial unfamiliar code numbers on the phone.
- Hang up on nuisance callers and report them.
- Consult with trusted individuals regarding any business or financial affairs.

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.

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



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.

IT'S DELISH!



Alicia Eisenmann might just be one of Bloomingdale's youngest entrepreneurs, having just opened **Delish Cakes** on Third Street, just south of Lake Street in Old Town. A Bloomingdale resident, Alicia took four years of Culinary Arts at Lake Park High School and went on to earn a Baking & Pastry degree from Kendall College. The 22-year old interned at Sea Island Resort in Georgia and is now living her dream of owning her own bakery.

Alicia specializes in cakes, cupcakes, cookies and candy. She offers an extensive variety of flavors in cakes, fillings and frosting options. Her imaginative designs and themes in both wedding and special occasion cakes led to an invitation for Alicia to take part in the Wedding Salon, a luxury bridal showcase put on by Tatiana Byron, premiere event planner, on October 4th at the Sofitel in Chicago Water Tower. Quite an honor!

Delish Cakes also features jumbo & specialty cookies for special occasions, a variety of special treats such as jumbo dipped marshmallows, rum balls and dipped fortune cookies, and daily cupcake specials. The bakery is open seven days a week. For hours or more information visit www.delishcakes.net or call 630-862-0174. Better yet, stop in and enjoy a cupcake or two!

BLOOMINGDALE STUDENTS HONORED FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS IN MATH AND READING

Students from the Kumon Math and Reading Center of Bloomingdale celebrated a list of achievements during their annual awards ceremony held in August at the Old Town Pavilion in Bloomingdale.

Nearly 300 students from preschool through high school were honored for their academic successes, including seven outstanding students who completed Kumon's reading and math programs.

Special awards also were presented to students who made Kumon's Advanced Student Honor Roll. Kumon Instructor

Urvi Shah presented the awards along with Will Walker, manager for Kumon's Chicago Branch.

"We are proud of our students' accomplishments," said Mrs. Shah. "They are committed to their success and have taken the steps to advance in the program. Our students continue to amaze us year after year."

The Kumon Math and Reading Center of Bloomingdale opened six years ago in Old Town Square and has helped hundreds of local students increase confidence and develop the skills necessary to have a richer, more successful educational experience.

The school will soon be moving within the shopping center to 154 S. Bloomingdale Road next to Fruitful Yield. The center is open Tuesdays and Fridays from 3:30 to 8 p.m. For more information about Kumon of Bloomingdale, call 630-539-7788 or visit www.kumon.com.



The Business Promotion and Cultural Development Committee is looking forward to the 2011 B-Card Promotion. They are anticipating more businesses participating and even better discounts for the upcoming year. The 2011 B-card event will take place from Saturday, April 2 through Sunday April 10. A charity motorcycle run ending at Stratford Square Mall will kick off the first day of the promotion and will culminate in a concert at Ballydoyle Restaurant. This year Bloomingdale residents will be able to use their Bloomingdale library cards as their B-card to get special discounts at participating businesses. If you don't have a library card, get to the Bloomingdale Public Library, 101 Fairfield Way, and sign up!

CC! Celebration!



The Bloomingdale annual CHARACTER COUNTS! Celebration Night will be held October 19 at 7 p.m. at Old Town Park, 111 S. Third Street. Students from Erickson, DuJardin, Westfield Middle, Winnebago, and St. Isidore Schools will take part. Bloomingdale Police Department Deputy Chief Randy Sater will emcee the evening's events, and along with Mayor Iden, will present the 2010 American Youth Character Awards.

This year's theme is "Coins for Caring." Jumbo jars will be placed at Bloomingdale's Village Hall, Police Department, Fire Department, Public Library, Park District and Township offices, as well as at Erickson, DuJardin, Westfield Middle, Winnebago, and St. Isidore schools in order to collect coins for a local community charity. The three nominated charities are the Bloomingdale Lions Club, Marklund Center for Children and Bloomingdale "Shop with a Cop."

The receiving charity will be decided at the CHARACTER COUNTS! Celebration Night, as audience members will be able to vote for their favorite of the three charities. The charity with the most votes will be announced at the end of the October 19th program and will receive the total amount of money collected. Voting begins at 6:30 p.m. at Old Town Park. Make sure to be at the Celebration Night to vote and to recognize the 2010 American Youth Award winners. The CHARACTER COUNTS! Celebration Night is a project of the Bloomingdale CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition.



2009 American Youth Character Award Winners!
Front Row: Pawel Wilisowski (Winnebago), Michael D'Agostini (Erickson), Jeremy Pilz (DuJardin), Megan Rosenberg (Westfield), Catherine Serio (St. Isidore). **Back Row:** Erin O'Connor (Miss Illinois), Mayor Bob Iden and Sergeant Randy Sater.



Standing from left to right: Jay Ivory - Sprint/Hurdle Coach, Wes Lam - Glenbard North Athlete, Zach Ziemek, Jermaine Kline, Kevin Spejcher, Jeremy Kline, Bob Nihells - Throws Coach **Kneeling from left to right:** Danny Spejcher, Greg Block - Hanover Park, Tom Kaberna - Club's Head Coach, Chris Filip, Scott Filip

DuPage Track Club Scores at Nationals

A number of Lake Park students take part in the DuPage Track Club at the high school during the summer. In July, several of the members took part in the USATF National Junior Olympic Outdoor Track & Field Championships in Sacramento, CA, which attracts the best athletes from around the country. As a team the DuPage Track Club had the most All-Americans (means finishing in the top 8 in the nation) for the second year in a row from Illinois!

Two of the All Americans are Bloomingdale residents and Westfield Middle School graduates. Sophomore Scott Filip, finished 3rd in the intermediate decathlon and 6th in intermediate high jump. Scott ran as a freshman at Lake Park and broke 9 of the frosh/soph school records. Junior Kevin Spejcher finished 5th in the nation in young men high jump. Kevin's younger brother, Danny 5th grade - DuJardin, also competed in long jump and high jump for the club. In addition, Scott's brother Chris, 8th grade Westfield, made the national competition in long jump, triple jump and high jump.

Bloomingdale residents Vince Puzon, Kevin Reyes and Demetri Alimissis also made nationals in the 4x100m relay as well.

Other Lake Park All Americans include Hanover Park resident senior Jermaine Kline, 1st -young men discus and 2nd - young men shot put. Jermaine is the first national champion the DuPage Track Club has had in its short two year existence. Also senior Jeremy Kline, Hanover Park, 4th - young men shot put and 4th - young men discus; and senior Zach Ziemek, Itasca, 2nd - young men pole vault and 4th -young men decathlon.



Awana Clubs Are Back!

The Awana Clubs are back for the 24th year at Bloomingdale Church, 264 Glen Ellyn Road.

Awana, which is for children ages 3-years through the 6th grade, provides a safe, active learning and fun environment for kids. Awana Clubs start with registration on Wednesday, September 29. The clubs meet every Wednesday at 4:15 to 5:45 p.m. and 6:55 to 8:30 p.m.

Awana Clubs are divided into age groups and each week includes three parts: Game Time designed to help build teamwork, good sportsmanship and competition; Handbook Time in which volunteer leaders help children learn their materials for their merit awards; and Large Group Time including singing and stories.

For more information go to www.bloomingdalechurch.org, www.awana.org or call Bloomingdale Church at 630-894-0090.

Bloomingdale Sharing Tree

Last year the Volunteer Council of Bloomingdale Township helped make the season brighter for over 750 children in Bloomingdale Township. They are making a plea early this year as they expect this year's numbers to be even greater because of the economy. Names & wishes of local needy youngsters, as well as residents of convalescent and nursing homes will be on the Sharing Tree, located at the Township Transportation Building, 123 Rosedale Road from Saturday, November 13 through Saturday, December 18. Wrapped gifts must be returned by December 18.

The Council also notes so many of the "older children," aged 14 – 18, are forgotten each year because they are hard to buy for. Gift cards are a perfect choice for the older kids. The Transportation Building will be open weekdays 9 – 6, Saturday 10 – 5 and Sunday 11- 5 through December 18. For more information on the Sharing Tree Program, call Sue at (630) 529-9993.

Electronics Recycling Program

The Bloomingdale Township hosts an electronic recycling program on the first Saturday of every month from 8:00a.m. to 12:00 Noon, except during Holiday weekends. Electronics may be dropped off at 123 N. Rosedale, at the annex Building. The following items are accepted:

Computers and Peripherals:

CPU's	laptops	monitors
flat panels	keyboards	mice
cable	printers	plotters
external hard drives	tape drives	
network hardware (i.e.: servers, routers, hubs)		
communication hardware (i.e.:modems)		
subassemblies of any of the above		

Data Center Equipment:

Power Distribution Units (PDU's)
uninterrupted power supplies (UPS Systems)

Office and Telecommunication Equipment:

Copiers	fax machines	phone systems
cell phones	hand held devices	
projection equipment	audio equipment	video equipment
TV's	calculators	
security equipment	typewriters	



For further information or questions please call, Bloomingdale Township Highway Department at 630-529-5221.

Community Events

COME TO THE PLAY!

Lake Park High School announces its upcoming lineup of theatre productions:

Children's Theatre features Aladdin. Performances for area elementary and middle school students will be held on Thursday, October 7 and Friday, October 8 at 9:15 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. The public performance will be held on Thursday, October 7 at 7:00 p.m. Admission: free.

The fall play is Pride and Prejudice. Performances: Thursday, November 5 at 7:00 p.m.; Friday, November 6 at 7:30 p.m.; and Saturday, November 7 at 7:30 p.m. Admission: \$5 Adults, \$3 non-Lake Park students; seniors and Lake Park students are free.

The winter play is Noises Off. Performances are Thursday, December 2 at 7:00 p.m.; Friday, December 3 at 7:30 p.m.; and Saturday, December 4 at 7:30 p.m. Admission: \$5 adults, \$3 non-Lake Park students; seniors and Lake Park students are free.

Call 630-295-5313 or email lptheatreboxoffice@lphs.org for tickets.

LIONS SPAGHETTI DINNER NOVEMBER 5

Bloomington Lions host a Spaghetti Dinner on Friday, November 5 from 5-8 p.m. at the Bloomington Golf Club, 181 N. Glen Ellyn Road. Cost is \$10 per person; children 8 and under eat FREE. There will also be a raffle featuring baskets and other items.

As always, proceeds from the dinner will benefit visually and hearing impaired persons in the community, as well as other local needs. For information contact larry@epiceq.com



BLOOMINGDALE GARDEN CLUB OCTOBER & NOVEMBER PROGRAMS

Tuesday, October 19: "No More Pink Flamingos!" How to Decorate Your Garden with Style presented by Shirley Remes, nationally published garden writer, award-winning journalist, and popular speaker.

Tuesday, November 16: "Craft Workshop." Our annual event to benefit the residents of the West Suburban Care Center in Bloomington. At last year's workshop we created door hangers which we presented to the residents for the holiday season.

Programs meet at 6:30pm at Bloomington Fire Station #1, 179 S. Bloomington Road. For more information, contact Roberta Pulido at 630-295-8315 or fortpulido@comcast.net.

VOICE OF DEMOCRACY CONTEST DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 1

Bloomington VFW Post 7539 once again offers its Voice of Democracy Audio Essay Contest. The winner will receive a \$500 prize and progress to judging at the District level. The theme for the five-minute audio essay this year is "Does My Generation Have a Role in America's Future?" Entries must be submitted by November 1, 2010. More details on the contest can be found at www.vfw7539.org/vod.htm

LOW FAT, LUCIOUS HERBAL TREATS FEATURED AT BLOOMINGDALE WOMEN'S CLUB ON OCTOBER 14

Learn how to make "Low-fat and Luscious Herbal Treats" on October 14 at the Bloomington Women's Club's regular meeting held at 7 p.m. at the Bloomington Fire Station, 179 South Bloomington Road. Social time starts at 7 p.m., followed by the meeting and the program. Refreshments are served.

Barbara Collins, 20-year veteran horticulture teacher at the College of DuPage, will prepare "tasty treats" such as Oranges with Garden Sage, Rosemary Drop Cookies and Pizza Popcorn which are "kind to our bodies." Collins also taught at the Morton Arboretum and the Chicago Botanical Gardens. She presents programs for garden clubs, community and special interest groups across the United States.

Women in Bloomington and the surrounding area are invited to find out more about the Bloomington Women's Club, and are welcome to attend BWC's monthly meetings, which are held the 2nd Thursday of the month from September through April.

For more information about this meeting or the Bloomington Women's Club contact Maureen Gibson at 630-539-1674,

The Woman's Club will be hosting its 35th Annual "Charity" Fashion Show in April and also sponsor a scholarship for local high school students.

EMERALD ASH BORER UPDATE

The Village Services Forestry Division continues to monitor the extent of the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) infestation throughout town. Recently Forestry staff visually confirmed an additional 20 village-owned trees with EAB, which brings the total confirmed 70 trees since the first visual confirmation in Spring 2010. There are confirmed infestations of village-owned ash trees on the west side of the Village in the subdivisions and parkways along the Springfield Drive corridor and subdivisions immediately east, as well as in subdivisions in the central and eastern parts of the Village. The Village's ash tree inventory totals approximately 2400, about 24% of the total village-owned tree inventory of 10,334.

With the guidance of the Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDA), the Village has developed the following response to a confirmed infestation of EAB of Village-owned trees. The Forestry Division will be:

- Surveying and inspecting the trees on an ongoing basis, prioritizing those showing stress
- Removing infested trees to slow the spread.
- Implementing a 15-year removal and replacement plan anticipating that the EAB infestation will affect the entire village ash population and recognizing that the Village has a large number of ash trees with concentrations in a number of neighborhoods
- Planting replacements of infested trees in either spring or fall with a diversity of species not susceptible to EAB.
- Attempting to replace a tree removed within one year of removal.
- Pilot testing insecticidal treatments on a limited basis as the science to thwart the infestation evolves
- Completing replacement of trees infested by the EAB as a priority over infill trees and other replacements, as funds are available
- Prohibiting planting Ash trees (*Fraxinus* species) on any property for any reason within the municipal boundaries of the Village of Bloomingdale.

In addition, the infested trees removed will be chipped and/or tub ground pursuant to IDA recommended practices. Ash tree tub ground mulch product is considered safe for use. Therefore both Village programs of applying mulch products and offering tub ground mulch products for pick-up will continue.

Although replacing the village-owned trees infested with EAB will take priority, the Village will continue its program of planting trees where empty spaces in parkways permit, as well as continue to plant replacements of trees that die for other reasons, as funds permit.

All property owners should also be aware and vigilant, inspecting their own ash trees for



signs of infestation. Signs and symptoms of EAB include:

- ✓ Canopy dieback – thinning of the canopy throughout, which may start from the tips of the tree. Initial stages may be difficult to see from the ground
- ✓ Sprouts growing from roots and trunk
- ✓ Splitting bark
- ✓ Serpentine galleries viewed if bark is removed
- ✓ Very small D-shaped exit holes which are difficult to see
- ✓ Increased woodpecker activity/damage

Here are links to help you determine if you have ash trees on your property:

<http://www.emeraldashborer.info/files/E2892Ash1.pdf>

<http://www.emeraldashborer.info/files/E2942.pdf>

Here is a link to help identify signs and symptoms of EAB infestation:

<http://www.emeraldashborer.info/files/E-2938.pdf>

If you suspect that your ash tree has EAB, contact the Public Works Forestry Division at 630-671-5800, or the Illinois Dept. of Agriculture hotline at 800-641-3934. If the Illinois Dept. of Agriculture confirms your ash tree has EAB, please contact the Public Works Forestry Division, to help us monitor the spread of EAB in town.

If your tree is infested with EAB, owners can consider the following Response Options:

1. Tree Removal/Replanting
2. Treatment
3. Do Nothing – NOT an advisable option.

For details regarding Response Options, please visit the following link:

<http://www.villageofbloomingdale.org/living-here/public-works-utilities/forestry-programs-tree-care/emerald-ash-borer-eab/emerald-ash-bor>

More information regarding EAB in Illinois is also available at these web sites:

www.emeraldashborer.info/

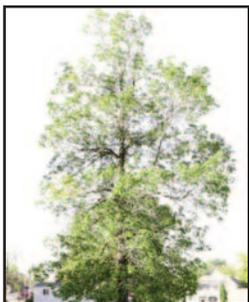
www.illinoiseab.com/

www.mortonarb.org

PHOTOGRAPHIC ILLUSTRATION OF ASH TREE CANOPY THINNING AND DIE BACK

Effectively treating EAB-infested ash trees can be tricky. Observing the degree of thinning and die back provides useful information in the ash tree condition which may be a sign of EAB infestation. This photo guide (see link below), courtesy of Dave Smitley, Michigan State University entomologist, illustrates the stages of ash canopy thinning and dieback. These stages may help the homeowner determine if a tree is a candidate for treatments in an effort to try to save the tree, or if it may be best to take it down. Trees 12 to 15-inches in diameter with less than 30% thinning and die back are the best candidates for treatment consideration.

http://www.villageofbloomingdale.org/sites/default/files/tos_of_Ash_Tree_Canopy_Thinning_and_Die_Back.pdf



HISTORICALLY SPEAKING

The Bloomingdale Library was featured in American Libraries "American Libraries Direct" online magazine as the Digital Library of the Week for the Local History Collection on-line. Thanks go out to library employees Julie Keating, Abby Budzynski and Leslie Drewitz, along with computer services, for maintaining these wonderful collections.

The on-line Local History Collection contains images of the Midwest town's former Adventureland Amusement Park, located in nearby Addison, which, according to library Director Timothy Jarzemyk, "really captures the mood of the American family during the booming growth of suburbs in the 1960s and 1970s" to photos and clippings that document highlights of the town's 177-year history. Included is a 20th century photo of the late 1800s home of George Washington Meacham, descendent of an original founder; a 1900 photo of the Charles Hollenbach mansion, the stately summer home of the sausage maker from Chicago; and a 1933 barn-raising. Visit the library's website at www.mybpl.org and click on Local History on the homepage.

The Bloomingdale Historical Society is always looking for photographs from residents past and present to add to the library's collection, as well as to include in the next book on Bloomingdale. Call Leslie at 630-924-2765 or Bonnie at 630-582-8101 if you are interested in sharing some of your photos. They will scan the photos and give them back to the family. On this page are three photos which are part of the History Room collection.

The Bloomingdale Historical Society is also featuring a "Show and Tell" evening on Monday, November 1st, beginning at 7 p.m. at the Bloomingdale Public Library, 101 Fairfield Way. Do you have something "old" you'd like to show? Maybe you have an unusual tool or gadget. Bring it in to try to "stump" the audience. It promises to be a fun and interesting evening. Call Kandy at 630-529-3120 Ext. 2801 for more information.



Stuerzebecher farm on Lake Street about 1920 in back of where the Rendezvous Restaurant used to stand and Spavone's currently stands at Lake & Springfield.



View of St. Isidore Church looking east on Army Trail Road in the 1920s.



The Bicentennial Picnic in 1976 located on the land where Circle Park is today.

Belle of the Ball

This dress is on display in the History Room on the upper level of the Library. It is owned by Laura (Veronica) Reiner of Clarendon Hills and is an authentic reproduction which she wore when she attended Civil War Era Re-enactment Balls.

The ball gown was made in 1987 by Sherry Caudell, who resided in Joliet. Civil War Living History was a hobby she and her husband shared. She used to sew her own period clothes, as well as make period clothes for others.

The design is authentic and accurate, but there are some hidden modern touches such as hooks. The main fabric is Sateen with a black lace overlay on the skirt. It also has black velvet on the sleeves and black ribbons and bows as accent.

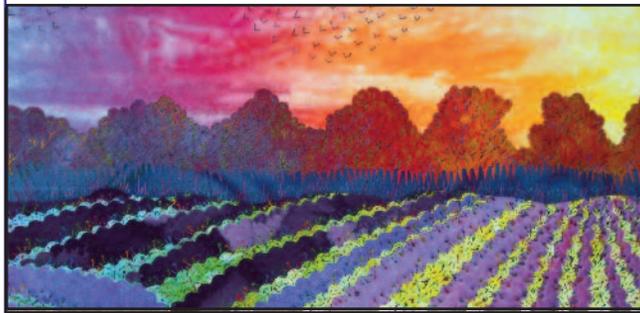


Quilters Take Note

The Bloomingdale Park District Museum, 108 S. Bloomingdale Road, hosts the local Midwest Meditations Quilt Group and Studio Art Quilt Associates through October 23.

Gallery I features 30 special quilt selections from Midwest Meditations Group in a display of vivid colors of various hand-dyed fabric and threads, some with fused appliqué piecing and hand embroidering. Gallery II offers 35 exquisite quilts made by Studio Art Quilt Associate members from around the globe to celebrate their 20th anniversary.

Hand dyed fabrics, patterns and quilt books are on sale. Admission is \$1 for residents; \$2 for non-residents and \$.50 for seniors 62+. Museum hours are Wednesday - 4 to 6 p.m.; Thursday & Friday - 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturday - noon to 4 p.m. Call 630-539-3096 or visit bpdmuseum@bloomingdaleparks.org for more info.



Bloomingdale Church Hosts 9-11 Remembrance

On September 11th, Bloomingdale Fire District #1 and Bloomingdale Police Department personnel and vehicles formed a silent parade to the Bloomingdale Church where they were greeted with an ovation of gratitude by awaiting members of the community in the annual tribute hosted by the Bloomingdale Church.

The program included a video remembrance, TAPS by Bob Randall, Moment of Silence and Prayer by Dr. David Riemenschneider, The Star Spangled Banner with the accompanying verses sung by Dan Bailey, "Thank You" by Kirk Steinbruecker, and additional comments by our Fire Chief David Christensen, Police Chief Frank Giammarese and Village Trustee James King.





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'The Sound You Can Live With'

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**Smoke Alarms:
A sound you
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In an effort to better educate communities throughout the U.S. about smoke alarm recommendations, the nonprofit National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) is promoting **"Smoke Alarms: A Sound You Can Live With!"** as the theme for this year's Fire Prevention Week campaign, October 3-9.

"Many homes in Bloomington may not have any smoke alarms, not enough smoke alarms, alarms that are too old, or alarms that are not working," says Lt. Richard Kurka of the Bloomington Fire Protection District. "We want residents to understand that working smoke alarms are needed in every home, on every level (including the basement), outside each sleeping area and inside each bedroom. And, if a smoke alarm is 10 years old or older, it needs to be replaced."

According to Lt. Kurka, smoke alarms can mean the difference between life and death in a fire. NFPA statistics show that working smoke alarms cut the chance of dying in a fire nearly in half. But they must be working properly to do so. The association's data shows that many homes have smoke alarms that aren't working or maintained properly, usually because of missing, disconnected or dead batteries. Roughly two-thirds of all home fire deaths result from fires in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms.

COME TO THE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OPEN HOUSE ON OCTOBER 30

The Bloomington Fire Protection District will be hosting an Open House Saturday, October 30 from 10-2 promote **"Smoke Alarms: A Sound You Can Live With!"** locally, and to help Bloomington residents understand NFPA's smoke alarm recommendations. Through this educational, family-oriented event, residents can learn more about the power of

smoke alarms, newer options for installing and maintaining them properly, and ultimately, how to better protect their loved ones from fire.

NFPA and the Bloomington Fire Protection District agree that interconnected smoke alarms offer the best protection; when one sounds, they all do. This is particularly important in larger or multi-story homes, where the sound from distant smoke alarms may be reduced to the point that it may not be loud enough to provide proper warning, especially for sleeping individuals.

"Most people have a sense of complacency about smoke alarms because they already have one in their homes. Fire Prevention Week provides an excellent opportunity to re-educate people about smoke alarms, new technologies and expanded options for installation and maintenance," says Judy Comoletti, division manager for NFPA public education. "Ultimately, we want this year's campaign to serve as a call to action for households nationwide to inspect their homes to ensure that their families have the full smoke alarm protection that's recommended."



The Bloomington Fire Protection District offers the following tips for making sure smoke alarms are maintained and working properly:

- Test smoke alarms at least once a month using the test button, and make sure everyone in your home knows their sound.
- If an alarm "chirps," warning the battery is low, replace the battery right away.
- Replace all smoke alarms, including alarms that use 10-year batteries and hard-wired alarms, when they're 10 years old (or sooner) if they do not respond properly when tested.
- Never remove or disable a smoke alarm.

To find out more about Fire Prevention Week programs and activities in Bloomington, please contact the Bloomington Fire Protection District at 630-894-9080. To learn more about "Smoke Alarms: A Sound You Can Live With!," visit NFPA's Web site at [www. firepreventionweek.org](http://www.firepreventionweek.org).



John Vespa, resident at Sunrise, celebrated his 102nd birthday on August 1st. Trustee Jim Gebis (pictured with John) read an official proclamation declaring August 1, 2010 **John Vespa Day** in Bloomingdale. Notice his favorite ball cap proclaiming his age "102 Years Young."

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Home Run!

The Bloomingdale Historical Society hosted a Vintage Baseball game (1858 rules) on Saturday September 18th at Circle Park. The Bloomingdale All Stars played the Elk Grove Plowboys, and as good hosts, let them win 10-4. This is the second time this type of event was held and the Historical Society is hoping to form an official team that would play a whole season by next year. Anyone interested should contact Leslie in the Bloomingdale Library History Room at 630-924-2765.

