



Village of Bloomingdale Almanac

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From the Desk of Mayor Bob Iden

In the February issue of the Almanac, I talked about some of the businesses and projects we are looking forward to in 2011. In keeping with that optimistic outlook, I'd like to share that our sales tax revenues have been on a steady increase for the last six months. In addition, we had seven restaurants open in Bloomingdale in 2010 and all are doing well. More good news comes from the following businesses:

Kohl's in the mall is planning a \$1 million interior and exterior entryway remodel.

Also in the mall, the **Food Court** is 100 percent leased.

Now Foods, 395 Glen Ellyn Road, has \$140,000 in Interior Production Area Improvements in the works.

JoAnn Fabrics, 362 W. Army Trail Road, will do a \$75,000 interior remodel, as well as reduce its square footage by 11,000 sq. ft. to the east to make room for a future Ulta Store.

Courtyard Marriott Hotel, 275 Knollwood Drive, is working on a \$220,000 lobby remodel.

With this kind of activity, we are cautiously optimistic that we are starting to move upward.

We are currently working on Phase 2A of the Water Reclamation Facility. It is approximately \$5 million in improvements, which is funded with a low interest loan through the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. Completion is slated for March 2012.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the employees of the Village of Bloomingdale for their determination in meeting the challenges presented by the Blizzard of 2011. From manning the Village Hall to keep residents informed, to plowing and re-plowing the roads, to answering emergency calls and everything in between, our employees take immense pride in the services they provide to the residents and businesses of Bloomingdale.

We received many grateful comments from residents and businesses alike regarding the results of the efforts of these employees. I'd also like to thank each of you who came to the aid of neighbors and others you might not have known at all during this historic storm. You will find some pictures on page 5.

Lastly, despite our hopeful look toward the future, the Village will not be hosting Family Fest or Fireworks yet this year. Instead, this year we are planning to work with other Bloomingdale entities to bring the community together by promoting a series of special community events. We will have more information about this plan and some of the upcoming events by the next issue. The first such special event scheduled is the Memorial Day Observance which is held annually at St. Paul's Cemetery on Lake Street. The event is free, well attended and a very moving observance. More details on this event can be found on page 15.

I look forward to warmer weather and wish you all a Happy Spring.

Mayor Bob Iden



It was A LOT of snow!!!

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.

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

Blizzard 2011



Yes, it was cold...it was wet...it was windy..but some of it was just plain beautiful!
(Photo courtesy of David Von Huben)

Summer 2011 Road Construction

Pavement Reconstruction

Reconstruction of Quincy Court (Brewster Court to end) - includes removal and replacement of the existing asphalt pavement and the addition of concrete curb and gutter. The new roadway will be the same width as the existing road; no widening is planned.

Reconstruction of Oxford Lane (Edgewater to Langton Drive), Oxford Place (Oxford Lane to cul-du-sac), Langton Drive (Oxford Lane to Langton Lane) and Langton Lane (Edgewater to Langton 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.

Reconstruction of Hillcrest Terrace (North Circle Avenue to end) – includes the removal and replacement of all concrete curb and gutter, driveway aprons and a new asphalt overlay of the existing concrete pavement. The new roadway will also be widened by 5' as part of the work.

This work will begin mid-May and will take approximately 2 ½ months to complete. During construction, these roads 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, sidewalk repair, storm sewer repairs and a new asphalt road surface. The following streets will receive pavement overlay:

Royal Lane (Country Club Drive to Royal Court)
Royal Court (Royal Lane to Scenic Drive)
Ridge Avenue (Lake Street to Schick Road)
Schick Road (First Street to Ridge Avenue)
Springbrook Drive (Fairfield Way to Ridge Avenue)

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

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



Get Info on Recycling Events Here!

We spoke with DuPage County regarding Household Hazardous Waste events and what they have told us so far is that there probably will not be any one day mobile HHW events due to budget constraints. Here is a link to the Naperville Regional Household Hazardous Waste Facility: <http://www.naperville.il.us/emplibrary/HHW%20Brochure%2009.pdf>

To check on some local recycling/shredding events coming up, go to www.scarcecoed.org/recycling and click on 2011 Recycling Extravanzas & Eco Events

Sign up for the Village's E-News to learn about any HHW or other recycling events that might be scheduled between now and the next Almanac. To sign up for this free E-newsletter, go to www.villageofbloomington.org and sign up on the homepage.



Village's Spring Branch Collection Program Begins April 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, April 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, April 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 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.*

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 commence April 1st and continue through November 30th. Questions concerning yard waste 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 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.



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 (\$2.57 each) for Republic (formerly Allied Waste) pickup. Questions should be directed to Republic at 847-981-0091.





A Picture is Worth 1,000 Words

The 2011 Blizzard began on February 1st and dropped over 20 inches of snow on Bloomingdale over a 24 hour period. The snowfall was accompanied by high winds and drifting, thunder snow, and low to zero visibility, followed by sub-zero arctic temperatures. On Feb. 2, Mayor Iden declared a State of Emergency in Bloomingdale. Here is some of the story in photos. Also, don't miss the "Blizzard Baby" story on p. 11.



Southbound on Bloomingdale Road near Schick Road



What a dog has to do to get to his tree!



Making a snowman makes any amount of snow fun.



Teens from Bloomingdale Church, organized by Daniel Riemenschneider, volunteered to help people dig out.



A lone car stuck at the intersection of Schick and Bloomingdale Roads.



Excess snow was moved from one location and dumped into open space areas.

Planning a Garage Sale This Summer?

Here are some important things to remember if you are planning a garage sale:

There is no cost or permit necessary to hold a garage or yard sale; however, the person conducting the sale must notify the police department of the sale prior to the start of the sale.

No more than three rummage or garage sales may be held on the same premises in any calendar year. Each may not be more than 3 consecutive days and can only take place between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

There are also requirements relative to garage sale signs, including size and placement restrictions.

For more information, contact the Police Department at (630) 529-9868.



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Be on the Lookout for Emerald Ash Borers

EAB was confirmed in Bloomingdale in the spring of 2010. Village Forestry staff continues to monitor the extent of the infestation.

It is important for residents to become educated, aware, and vigilant, inspecting their ash trees for signs of infestation. Although most signs of infestation become apparent in the spring growing season, winter is a good time to check ash trees for woodpecker activity and damage. Woodpeckers feed on EAB larvae located under the bark, and may leave jagged holes in the bark, such as pictured to the right.

If you suspect you have an EAB-infested ash tree, please contact the Village Forestry Division at 630-671-5800.



More information regarding EAB in Illinois can be found at these web sites:

www.emeraldashborer.info/

www.illinoiseab.com/

www.mortonarb.org

www.villageofbloomingdale.org/living-here/public-works-utilities/forestry-programs-tree-care/emerald-ash-borer-eab

Lions 2011

All of the Bloomingdale Lions Club events 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 6th from 5-8 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 Chefs Mark Bousquet and Corey Viger. 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

How Sweet It Is

The Bloomingdale Lions Club is selling those sweet, delicious Vidalia onions again for \$10 for a 10 lb bag. Orders are being taken through April 27th. The onions may be picked up on Friday, May 6th from noon to 5 pm and Saturday, May 7th from 8 am – noon at Prudential Starck Realty, 181 S. Bloomingdale Road. For more information or to obtain an order form, go to www.bloomingdalelionsclub.org Checks must be made out to Bloomingdale Lions Club.

Fore!

On Monday, June 29, the Bloomingdale Lions Club hosts its 15th Annual Charity Golf Challenge at the Bloomingdale Golf Club, 181 Glen Ellyn Road. More info to come in June issue or check the Lions website www.bloomingdalelionsclub.org

50 Years Old!

Coming this fall – The Bloomingdale Lions Club will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of its Charter Meeting which took place on November 18, 1961. Watch E-news, future Almanacs, the Lions' website and local papers for details.

Protecting Our Streams

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.

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 let-



Storm inlet covered with debris



tering 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.

Help Prevent Flooding

We ask residents to check and clean their grates if heavy rains are forecasted, especially in spring and fall. Our crews then circulate during a rain event and check for standing water and will clear the grates to remove the standing water. We do not encourage residents to clean structures under water, but rather have them call into to our non-emergency dispatch, at 630-529-9868, so our crews can get them.

Arbor Day 2011

The Village of Bloomingdale and School District 13 will celebrate Arbor Day at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, April 29. Forestry staff will plant a Swamp White Oak at DuJardin Elementary School, with the participation of school staff and students. Pictured is the 2010 Arbor Day planting at Erickson Elementary.



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

The Bloomingdale Golf Club is OPEN For the 2011 Season!

A four-person Spring Scramble is scheduled for April 17th. The event will be a 9:30 Shotgun start. Cost will be \$65 per player. Play will be limited to the first 20 teams. Additional information is available on our website at www.bloomingdalegc.com or by calling the pro shop at 630-529-6232.

NEW FOR 2011!

- Senior Cart Fee reduced
- Frequent Players Gift Card
- Monthly Newsletter sent via e-mail
- Special Promotions on website





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.

BUSINESS NEWS

THE NEW ANGELA CHRISTIE SALON IS HERE.

Nestled in Bloomingdale for over 5 years this privately owned salon offers hair, nail, and waxing services. The decor is French Neo-Classic where we offer refreshing drinks and treats while waiting for your service. State of the art equipment such as granite-topped salon stations, adjustable shampoo bowls, and a private wax room make the experience even richer. This five-chair salon allows individual attention in a relaxed atmosphere.



Along with new décor comes a new standard of customer service. We applaud your visit and offer a \$5 credit to pre-book future hair appointments, a \$15 credit for each and every referral, as well as our Birthday Club with free gift. Salon hours are: Tuesday – Friday, 10:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m., Saturday, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., and Sunday, 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Call 630-351-2040, look for us on Facebook or visit our website: www.angelachristiesalon.com.

MARK LEWAN HEADING UP COLLEGE WORKS PAINTING:

Mark Lewan is a Roselle native, but Bloomingdale was a big part of his youth as he lived within the Bloomingdale Park District boundaries and was active in its programs and sports. He graduated from Lake Park High School in the top 1% of his 2009 class. In addition to pursuing a degree in General Engineering, the current sophomore at U of I Urbana-Champaign plays for the Illinois Men's Volleyball club and is also pursuing a Business minor. As such, he is working for College Works Painting in a hands-on internship running a branch of their business for the second summer in a row.



This year he is running the Bloomingdale branch, as he did last summer. He will be doing estimates, hiring painters, painting homes, organizing payroll and managing customer relations. If you are interested in having your home painted, while helping young people earn money for college, you might want to give Mark a call at 630-532-9986.

BRANKA POPLONSKI HONORED WITH GEORGENE GEILS AWARD

On February 22, 2011, Branka Poplonski was named the third annual recipient of the Georgene Geils Award presented by the Bloomingdale Area Women in Business. Branka has been a pillar of our community for many years. As an immigrant to this country almost 40 years ago, Branka had to learn a new language and customs while building a career in the financial industry. She pursued continuing educational opportunities to supplement the degree she had attained in her native country of Slovenia. In 1995, Branka changed career direction and became a realtor for Century 21 Lullo. Since that time, Branka has been inducted into the Century 21 Centurion Honor Society for listing and selling over \$100

million in properties, and is also ranked 14th out of all real estate agents in Illinois and north-west Indiana. Her fellow real estate professionals note that she is also generous with her help to others starting out in the business, mentoring and offering suggestions which have worked for her.



Business Woman of the Year Branka Poplonski with one of her sons, Eric and her husband, Stan.

As busy as her career keeps her, Branka has also served her community as a member of many business, civic, school and church organizations. Personally, whenever she becomes aware of someone in need (financially, spiritually, or even politically), she is always the first person to volunteer to help and encourages others to do the same. It might involve spearheading fundraising, getting petitions signed for a candidate, selling tickets for an event, or be as simple as bringing over food, or stopping by to cheer someone with a visit and small gift.

Branka consistently demonstrates excellence in her business and professional life. She is a true model and mentor for the core values of the Bloomingdale Area Women in Business.

B-Card Starts April 2nd

The fourth annual B-Card promotion will be launched on Saturday, April 2 and runs through Sunday, April 10, 2011. As the 2011 promotion only lasts nine days, make sure you get out there to take advantage of the special offers before they're gone!

This year, we have partnered with the Bloomingdale Public Library to let residents use their library card as their B-card. If you don't have a library card, stop in and get one at 101 Fairfield Way. Check the website www.mybpl.org or call 630-924-2750 for info on requirements to get a new card.

The businesses listed below signed up before the Almanac deadline. The complete list of participating businesses is advertised at the library and on the Village website, www.villageofbloomingdale.org. The B-Card will also be downloadable from the Village website, so encourage your friends outside of Bloomingdale to take advantage of the special promotion! Remember, Buying in Bloomingdale also helps your taxes.

AccuQuest Hearing Center of Bloomingdale
113 E. Lake Street

Angela Christie Salon
360 W. Schick Rd.

Anyways Pub
304 W. Army Trail Road

Ardent Care Health Group, Inc.
120 S. Ridge Ave., Unit 13

AT&T
408 Stratford Square Mall

Ballydoyle Irish Pub & Restaurant
327 Stratford Square Drive

Back To Bed
185 East Lake Street

Bloomingdale Kumon Math and Reading Center
154 S. Bloomingdale Rd, Suite 103

Bloomingdale Optical
152 S. Bloomingdale Rd. Suite 102

Bloomingdale Park District
172 S. Circle

Bloomingdale Pharmacy
156 S. Bloomingdale Road

Branka Poplonski
Century 21

C. A. Hanck Graphics & Website Design
309 Hempstead Lane

Cartridge World
358 W. Army Trail Road Ste 150

Chicago Pastry
142 N. Bloomingdale Road

Costco Wholesale
505 W. Army Trail Road

DQ/Orange Julius
148 S. Bloomingdale Road

Disc Replay
348 W. Army Trail Rd #140

Dress Barn
346 W. Army Trail Road

Ducat Chiropractic & Wellness Center
107 S. Third St. Suite #2

Free To Be Me Wellness Spa and Salon
154 S. Bloomingdale Rd.

Glowgolf
810 Stratford Square Mall

GNC – Springbrook Center
156 J E. Lake Street

Goddard School
92 Stratford Drive

Himalayan Restaurant
398 W. Army Trail Road #116

Headlines
156 E. Lake Street

Huntington Learning Center
369 W. Army Trail Road Suite 18

Indulge Cheesecakes & Bakery
322 W Army Trail Road

JKA WF Chicago Karate Institute, Inc.
227 E Army Trail Rd.

Jack and Jill's Children's Boutique Ltd
156F East Lake Street

Jasper Meats Inc.
220 Madsen Ave

Julia Cleaners & Tailors
120 Ridge Ave #12

Just Picture This...
130 N. Bloomingdale Rd, Suite 101

KinderCare Learning Center
355 S. Glen Ellyn Rd.

KinderCare Learning Center
290 Knollwood Dr.

La Campana Mexican Restaurant
306 W Army Trail Road

Legends Sports Grille
170 E. Lake St.

Life Uniform
220 Stratford Square Mall

Little Poland Deli & Catering
160B E Lake St

Majic Shoe Repair
425 Stratford Square

Norgetown Cleaners
156 E. Lake Street, Unit K

Old Town Bank & Trust of Bloomingdale
165 W. Lake Street

The Olympian Centre
301 Stratford Square Mall

Orchid Restaurant
201 Stratford Square Drive

Pack & Mail Plus
360 West Schick Road, Suite 23

Pasta Bella
360-18 West Schick

Pizzeria Antica
119 W Lake Street

Plaques Plus
111 Stratford Square

Play N Trade Bloomingdale
158 Gary Avenue Suite 102

Prestige Cleaners
360 W. Schick Rd

Ristorante Amalfi
298 Glen Ellyn Road

Rooster's Bar & Grill
122 W Lake Street

Salon Blue
132 Ridge Avenue

Salon Floreani, Inc.
300 Glen Ellyn Rd.

SAS Comfort Shoes
326 W. Army Trail Road

Sassy's Originals
360 W. Schick Road 11-12

Sign*A*Rama
369 W. Army Trail Rd.

Things Remembered
113 Stratford Square

The Ups Store
358 W Army Trail Rd Ste #140

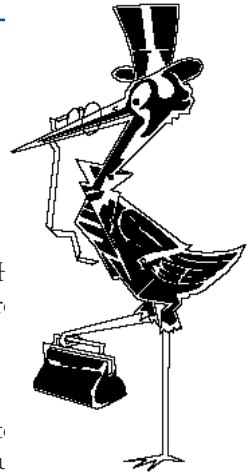
Bloomington's Blizzard Baby

Bloomington resident Leanna DeMarre delivered her first baby, Adalaide Vesper DeMarre, in the middle of February's historic blizzard, arriving at Adventist GlenOaks Hospital in Glendale Heights at 2 a.m. Wednesday in an ambulance trailing a snow plow.

Leanna woke up at 12:30 a.m. Wednesday, February 2, when her water broke. Her husband, Sean, began furiously shoveling, but soon realized that even if he were able to dig out the car, they wouldn't get very far on the snow-covered streets. The couple called an ambulance, which got stuck in the snow down the street from their home. A fire truck from the Bloomington Fire Department also responded to the scene, as did a Village snow plow. Firefighters shoveled a route from the front door to the ambulance and the plow cleared a path for the ambulance travel three miles south to Adventist GlenOaks Hospital.

Adalaide was born at 5:51 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 2, weighing 6 pounds 11 ounces, measuring 19.5 inches long. She was delivered by Dr. Krishna Upputuri. Leanna, who had planned to deliver her baby at a different hospital, is grateful for the first responders who brought her to the hospital safely and for the care she received at Adventist GlenOaks Hospital.

It was an exciting night for all involved. Congratulations to the DeMarre family and welcome little Adalaide!



Want to be a Bloomington Bear?

Our program has been providing football and cheer opportunities to boys and girls, ages 7-15, from the Roselle, Medinah, Keeneyville, Bloomington and Itasca communities for over 40 years. The Bears program is designed to provide an opportunity for young people to learn the basic fundamentals of football and cheer in an atmosphere which stresses sportsmanship, teamwork, safety, and fun. We have no mandatory fundraising, unlike other programs. We work with Lake Park coaches who share the same values. For more information, email us at bacfootball@gmail.com or baccheer1@gmail.com. Also, visit us on our website at www.bac-bears.com for more information. We offer online registration that is open 24/7.



\$1,000 Scholarship Offered by Bloomington Area Women in Business

Bloomington Area Women in Business is encouraging women to apply for a \$1,000 scholarship offered through the organization. The scholarship will be awarded to a woman who is looking to improve herself professionally by furthering her knowledge and expertise through continuing education or professional development. Women who are at least 21 years old and who either work or live in the Bloomington area are eligible to apply. Applications are available at the Bloomington Chamber of Commerce, Bloomington Public Library, The Village of Bloomington, select local businesses, and at www.bloomingtonchamber.com or www.mybpl.org/bpl/files/documents. Completed applications are due at the Bloomington Chamber office by April 15, 2011.

Garage Sales Galore!

The **Bloomington Historical Society** hosts its annual garage sale on Thursday and Friday, May 12 & 13 from 9-5 and on Saturday, May 14 from 9-2. Donations for the sale will be accepted on Wednesday, May 11 from 10-3. The garage sale takes place at the corner of Third and Washington streets across the street from Old Town Park. Questions? Call 630-529-3120 ext. 2801. And be sure to mark your calendar for the annual **Bloomfield Hills Subdivision** Garage Sale on Thurs - Sat April 27-29, from 9:00a.m.-5:00 p.m. each day.

Bloomington Garden Club Offers Scholarship

The Bloomington Garden Club wishes to encourage interest in, and the advancement of, horticulture-related education by making a \$500 scholarship available to 2011 graduating seniors from Addison Trail, Glenbard East, Glenbard North, Glenbard West and Lake Park high schools.

To be considered, applicants must be planning to pursue a post-secondary degree/certification in horticulture or a horticulture-related field, including but not limited to agronomy, biology, botany, chemistry, conservation, earth science, ecology, environmental studies, forestry, landscape design, ornamental horticulture, plant genetics, plant physiology, plant & soil science for the 2011-2012 academic year.

For more information and a copy of the application, email p-frank@comcast.net.



Stellar Performances by Lake Park Lancettes and Cheerleaders

LP Lancettes Crowned AAA State Grand Champions

Congratulations to the Lake Park Varsity Lancettes dance team on being named State Grand Champions, after capturing the AAA Lyrical State Title and ranking 3rd Place in the Open Dance Category at the recent Team Dance Illinois State



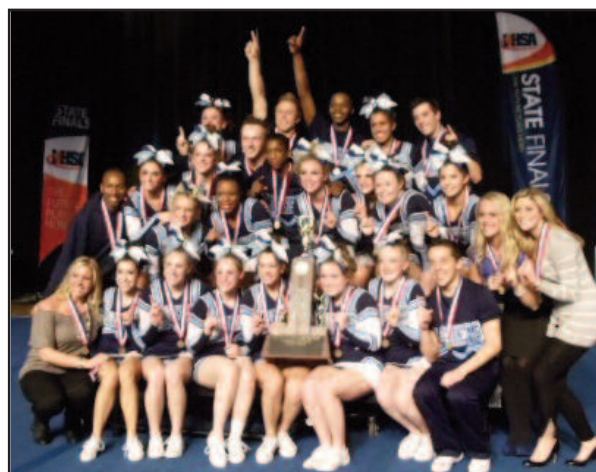
Championship Competition in Peoria. Both the Grand Championship and Lyrical Title are firsts in Lake Park history and add to other record-breaking accolades earned this season in regional competition, including repeated artistic and technical wins as the highest scoring team across all categories and divisions.

The team clinched the State Championship with their chilling Lyrical performance "Calm Under the Waves" choreographed by Varsity Coach Stephanie Hageman. In the Open Dance category, the Lancettes celebrated cultural dance forms in "Waving Flag," choreographed by Maria DiPrizio and Lauren Caputo.

Lake Park Cheerleaders Win State

Congratulations to the Lake Park High School cheerleading squad on winning state in this year's Illinois High School Association (IHSA) Competitive Cheerleading Co-Ed Championship held in Bloomington.

This was the second year in which the Lancers competitive cheerleading squad participated in the IHSA co-ed category. This year, Lake Park prevailed by taking the title with a score of 90.14 out of a possible 100 points.



Winning the state title was the culmination of an impressive season with the Lancers also being crowned the IHSA Sectional Champions and Upstate Eight Conference Champions. Congratulations to the team and head coach Samantha Pavesich and her assistant coaches Kelli Mildren and Lyndsey Urbik.

EVENTS

Bloomington Women's Club Welcomes 'SPRING' at Platt Hill Nursery on April 14

Join the Bloomington Women's Club on April 14, as they hold a meeting at Platt Hill Nursery, 222 West Lake Street. Social and shopping begins at 7:00 p.m., followed by the meeting and a program. The presentation will be "What You Need to Know for Spring," followed by Q&A. Refreshments are served.

Bloomington Women's Club provides an opportunity to get together to benefit others through charitable work, and an opportunity for fellowship and friendship. For more information on the Bloomington Women's Club and its activities, contact Maureen Gibson at 630-539-1674.

Garden Club Events**Tuesday, April 19**

Susan Schmitz from the Ball Seed Company will be the featured speaker.

Susan is the Trials and Education Manager at Ball Seed Company's West Chicago facility, and she manages the North American new variety trials. Join us and learn about Ball Seed's exciting new introductions in annual and perennial plants.

Tuesday, May 17

Bill Sheffler, owner of Pure Prairie Organics in Wheaton, will present "Why Every Gardener Should Be Using Yogurt, Vinegar, Molasses, and Ammonia in Their Garden." Bill is an advocate of using natural products to maintain our gardens. We'll have plenty of time for questions.

Programs begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Bloomington Fire Station, 179 S. Bloomington Rd. Contact Roberta Pulido for more information, 630-295-8315. See page 14 for information on the Bloomington Garden Club flower sale.

Perennial Plant Sale by Organic Garden Club

On Saturday, May 14, from 9:00 am – 12:00 noon, the DuPage Organic Garden Club will hold its Annual Perennial Plant Sale. Hundreds of specimens dug from members' gardens will be at the Carol Stream Town Center, located on the corner of Gary Avenue & Lies Roads in Carol Stream. For more details, contact organicgardenclub@comcast.net

Bloomington Chamber Hosting Fundraiser on May 12

The Bloomington Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a fundraising luncheon on Thursday, May 12 at Outback Steakhouse in Bloomington. All proceeds from the luncheon will be used to award \$1000 scholarships to deserving college students. All members of the community are invited to attend. The cost of the luncheon is \$25 and includes your choice of steak or chicken, salad, potato, dessert and a beverage. All attendees will also be entered into a drawing for a raffle. If you are interested in attending, please call the Bloomington Chamber at 630-980-9082 or send an e-mail to Marianne@bloomingtonchamber.com.

**'Big Name' Entertainment at Golf Outing on June 17**

Planning your summer fun? Be sure to join all your friends on June 17 at the Annual Golf Outing at Hilton Indian Lakes sponsored by St. Isidore Parish.

There will be interactive entertainment with "big name" entertainer impersonators throughout the day.

Here's your chance to get into the fun of the 50s and 60s, by wearing your favorite togs from the era.

"Tony Bennett" or "Elvis" might just sneak up to sing to you on the green.

The fun will begin with a Shotgun Start at 1:00 p.m. Included in the fun will be a Helicopter Drop. By the time you're ready for your favorite foods at dinner, the Awesome Auction and Remarkable Raffles will be going on.

You might just win tickets to the Million Dollar Quartet, Sports Events, American Girl Doll or Wine and Cheese Tastings. Who knows?

This is a major event of the summer. Come join us for golf and dinner or just for dinner. For more information, call St. Isidore Parish, 630-529-3045 or www.stisidoreparish.org

EVENTS

Bloomington Bucks Vintage Base Ball Club - The New Game in Town

The Elk Grove Bucks Vintage Base Ball Club has moved to Bloomington and will play an eight-game schedule. The club plays "1858 rules base ball" which includes no gloves, base stealing or swearing.

Four home games will be played at Springfield Park: June 5th against the Sandwich Millers; July 10th against Lemont; August 14 against the Beloit Olympians; and August 28 against the Milwaukee Grays. The four away games will be played in Cantigny Park in Wheaton; Milwaukee, Rockford and Lemont. The team will play under the auspices of the Bloomington Park District and will be co-sponsored by the Bloomington Historical Society.

For sign up information, please see the latest Bloomington Park District brochure or the Park District web page @ www.bloomingtonparks.org or contact Bob ("Do Nothing") Kurek, Manager, Bloomington Bucks at 630-894-0045 or kurek47@comcast.net



Letter Carriers' Food Drive on May 14

Please give generously to the National Association of Letter Carriers food drive this year on Saturday, May 14, 2011. The need is greater than ever before with the economy. The residents of Bloomington have come through for us every year. Help make this year the best ever; you will be blessed. Leave canned goods and non-perishables by your mailbox and we will pick them up. All donations go to the Bloomington Township Food Pantry.

Thank You, The Letter Carriers of Bloomington

Garden Club Flower Sale on May 13 & 14



Just in time for spring planting, the Bloomington Garden Club will host its annual Flower Sale on Friday, May 13 from 10 am – 6 pm and Saturday, May 14 from 9 am to 2 pm. The healthy plants will be delivered fresh from our grower in Michigan.

The colorful collection will feature: Flats of 48 flowers, Premium 10" Hanging Baskets, Specialty Plants, Proven Winners, Accent Plants, Geraniums, Ornamental Grasses, Vegetables & Herbs, as well as Perennials from Garden Club members' own gardens. There will also be a Master Gardener Help Desk and Container Garden Demos for anyone interested.

The sale will take place at the Bloomington Municipal Center, 201 S. Bloomington Road. New this year –the Garden Club will offer Gift Certificates for flower sale purchases. Want a unique Easter or Mother's Day gift? Contact bgcgift@att.net to learn about getting a gift certificate.

For more information on the sale, contact: Linda Kunesh, 630-221-8684, kunesh310@comcast.net or Helen Price, 630-980-6585, mittens2@sbcglobal.net



Walk Your Dog for a Cause

The Bloomington Lions Club's 5th Annual Walk-a-Dog-a-thon takes place at 2 p.m. on Sunday, May 1, 2011 at the Springfield Park Nature Trail, Springfield Drive south of Lake Street. Joining the Lions will be Bloomington Westfield Middle School Leo Club, Erickson School Cub Scout Pack #457 and Bloomington VFW Post 7539.

The registration fee is \$15 in advance; \$20 day of the event. Prizes will be awarded for the three "TOP DOGS" that raise the most money. Other prizes will also be awarded.

To register: email bloomingtonlion@aol.com, call 630-894-7394, or visit www.bloomingtonwalkadogathon.org.

All proceeds benefit Canine Companions for Independence, a non-profit organization that raises and trains dogs for the physically disabled, including veterans.

Senior Day Fair at Medinah Shriners Banquet Facility On April 29

The Bloomingdale Police Department and the Bloomingdale Senior Citizen Advisory Council invites all senior citizens to the Annual Senior Day Fair on Friday, April 29th, 2011, from 9:00 a.m. until Noon at the Medinah Shriners Banquet Facility – Addison, Illinois (located

on Swift Road just north of Army Trail Road). The Senior Day Fair was created by the Senior Citizen Advisory Council to give seniors the opportunity to visit with local agencies, service providers and businesses to help identify the resources that are available to them. The

event has been established to provide a means to visit with many organizations/service agencies, in which to obtain senior health and welfare information in a comfortable, friendly setting. Refreshments will be available and there is no fee to enter.

The Bloomingdale Senior Citizen Advisory Council is an organization established by the Bloomingdale Police Department to address the needs and concerns of the senior population. The Council consists of various senior citizen representatives from local organizations, homeowners associations, church groups and activity clubs. The members of the Senior Citizen Advisory Council are diligently working on the event to provide a wide variety of services, in which participants can gather information and meet with representatives to ask questions and address the issues of seniors. Giveaway bags and other items will be distributed upon arrival and throughout your visit. Door prizes will be given out each ½ hour during the event.

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

Local hospitals: Alexian Brothers Medical Center, Central DuPage Hospital, Glen Oaks Hospital (providing health services, such as blood pressure checks)

Local dentists, chiropractors, eye doctors, foot doctors, pharmacists: Discuss options with Home Health Agencies, Adult Support Services and Extended Care Centers

Meet with volunteers and consider joining Community Groups/Activity Clubs

Governmental Units: Local Political Representatives, Village, Police, Fire, Park District, Library

Wholesale stores and Fitness facilities

Bloomingdale Lions Club – Collection of Used/Unwanted Eye Glasses and Hearing Screening Service

For further information, contact Officer Dawn Odoi at (630) 529-9868.



Memorial Day Celebration

The Annual Memorial Day Observance takes place at 9:30 am on Monday, May 30th at St. Paul's Cemetery, on the north side of Lake Street, east of Circle Avenue.

The Bloomingdale Historical Society is joined by the Bloomingdale Public Library, Village of Bloomingdale, Bloomingdale VFW Post #7539 and Alden Valley Ridge for this touching tribute to our veterans.

The observance lasts about 45 minutes; free refreshments are provided.

Parking is available in businesses lots not open that day. Bring a lawn chair if you wish or an umbrella in case of inclement weather.

The Historical Society is looking for star flag families – whether they are blue, silver or gold.

So far the BHS is aware of two blue star families in town. Flag families are encouraged to register with the Historical Society by calling Kandy at 630-529-3120 ext. 2801 or Bonnie Homola at 630-582-8101.



Generous Donation Allows Bloomingdale Park District Bunny Bash Free for All Participants

Thanks to the generous donation of longtime Bloomingdale resident Joe Salerno, the Bunny Bash, one of the Bloomingdale Park District's most popular annual events, will be completely free to all participants.

The annual event begins at 9:30 a.m., April 16 with the Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt. The egg hunt has always been free, and Mr. Salerno, a 6+ year member of the Lions Club, wanted the whole event to be complimentary. Thus, he was kind enough to reach out to the Park District and donate the additional resources necessary.

The facts that the Bunny Bash is affiliated with the Lions Club and benefits children were the two reasons Mr. Salerno cited as to his generosity toward this particular program. In the past, he's donated to the local Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program, as well to the holiday Cops & Kids Shopping event.

Mr. Salerno, who is also the owner of Salerno's Rosedale Chapels, plans to attend this year's event and hopes to bring his six grandchildren.

"I just wish everyone luck at the egg hunt, and I'm hoping for some good weather," Salerno said.

Making a Difference Through Leadership

Halia Lodewyck, a Marquardt Middle School seventh grader, recently had a special opportunity to take part in a unique leadership development program. She was nominated by one of her teachers for the program and was ultimately accepted, taking part in a four-day conference held in Oak Brook last month.

The National Young Leaders State Conference (NYLSC) is sponsored by the Congressional Youth Leadership Council, an independent educational organization dedicated to identifying and nurturing leadership. The NYLSC challenges the young scholars to work within each activity presented in order to hone their own plan of personal leadership. The conference helps students get at the heart of their innate talents and skills, as well as helps them identify how best they can serve within their communities.

Halia is already active in several sports, takes part in Tech Club and Student Council and volunteers at the Park District. She was very enthusiastic about her whole experience. She was amazed at how quickly the students connected with each other. The classes and workshops presented core leadership tools and helped the students gain a new perspective on how they view their role as leaders within the community. Halia said the weekend a lot of fun and she learned a lot. The 13-year old also made it clear that she came away from the whole experience, not only wanting to become even more involved in her community, but also to be able to make a difference.



Halia with her Commencement Certificate. She was one of the four emcees for the Commencement ceremony.

'Cops on a Rooftop' Fundraiser Set for May 20

The Bloomingdale Police Department is once again fundraising for the Illinois Special Olympics. The "Dunkin' Donuts Cops on a Rooftop Fundraiser" takes place on Friday, May 20 at the Dunkin' Donuts at Lake Street from 5 am to noon. More events will be advertised as they are scheduled. Officer Tara Giertz also has Torch Run for Special Olympics T-Shirts for \$15; hats for \$15 and pins for \$5. You can also get all three for \$25. If interested call her at 630-529-9868 or email giertz@vil.bloomington.il.us

Bloomington Fire Department District Personnel Honored with 'Run of the Year'

Members of the Bloomingdale Fire Department were recently honored at Adventist Glen Oaks Hospital's third annual recognition dinner. They were awarded the Run of the Year for helping with a young girl having a stroke. Pictured left to right are Lt Richard Kurka, FF/PM Chris Wilson, FF/PM Dan Prokop, FF/PM John Paliga, and FF/PM Tom Manion; not pictured is FF/EMT John Kowalski.





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Hidden Electrical Hazards at Home

Electricity and cooking are two of the most frequent causes of house fires and burn injuries. The Bloomington Fire Protection District and National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) encourage you and your family to use safe practices in your home.

Hidden Electrical Hazards

Ignoring your home's electrical system can be a costly mistake. Our lives literally depend on the safe use of electricity in our homes, and often safety hazards can go unnoticed or unseen. Even what homeowners might think of as a "minor" problem can lead to a devastating fire. In fact, electricity is a leading cause of home fires in the U.S. Each year fires that start in electrical systems or lighting equipment:

- damage more than 24, 000 homes
- kill 320 people
- injure 830 more

In addition, the Consumer Product Safety Commission estimates that 50 people die every year from accidental electrocutions involving residential wiring, panel boards, circuit breakers, and outlets. Another 40 electrocutions each year involve household appliances that are connected to the wiring of homes.

By making sure you have a thorough electrical inspection completed by a qualified electrician before buying, selling, or remodeling a home, you can help ensure your home's electrical system operates at the highest level of safety possible.

Cooking

Two-thirds (66%) of home cooking fires started with the ignition of food or other cooking materials.

Facts & figures

- Cooking equipment fires are the leading cause of home structure fires and associated civilian injuries. These fires accounted for 40% of all reported home structure fires and 36% of home civilian injuries.
- Cooking equipment was involved in two of every five (41%) reported home fires.

- Unattended cooking was by far the leading contributing factor in these fires.
- Clothing was the item first ignited in less than 1% of these fires, but these incidents accounted 15% of the cooking fire deaths.
- Ranges accounted for the largest share (59%) of home cooking fire incidents. Ovens accounted for 16%.
- Three of every five (59%) reported non-fatal home cooking fire injuries occurred when the victims tried to fight the fire themselves.

NFPA Safety Tips:

Be on alert! If you are sleepy or have consumed alcohol, don't use the stove or oven.

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

If you are simmering, baking, roasting, or boiling food, check it regularly, remain in the home while food is cooking, and use a timer to remind you that you are cooking.

For more information on home fire safety or other safety topics, contact Lt Richard Kurka at the Bloomington Fire Protection District 630-894-9402.



Teacher Jan Gillespie and her special needs class from Stratford Middle School recently took a community trip to the Bloomington Fire Station on Bloomington Road. As you can see, a good time was had by all!



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Art at the Park

Over 15 schools are represented as local grade school and high school students showcase their talent at the 28th Annual Student Art Show through April 15 at the Bloomingdale Park District Museum, 108 S. Bloomingdale Road. The annual show, which is one of the museum's most popular exhibits, fills galleries I and II and encompasses all art forms.

The Museum is open Wednesdays, 4-8 p.m.; Thursdays and Fridays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Saturdays, noon to 4 p.m. The exhibit is free, but donations are accepted. Call (630) 539-3096 or visit <http://www.bloomingtonparks.org> for more information.

