



Village of Bloomingdale

Amanac

April 2012

Growth with Pride

Septemberfest 2012

Septemberfest will be held on Saturday, September 8 in Old Town. Returning will be the parade, food and vendor booths and musical entertainment. This year will also feature both car and motorcycle shows, as well as the Septemberfest/Joe Draghi Memorial Scholarship. Applications for vendors, crafters, parade participants, car show entries and scholarship applications may all be downloaded from www.villageofbloomingdale.org Enter Septemberfest in the Search box on the homepage.

New Refuse & Recycling Carts and Three Day Collection Schedule

Republic Services will deliver refuse and recycling carts to all residential curbside collection customers starting the week of April 9, with delivery occurring over several weeks thereafter.

Republic Services will deliver a blue 95 gallon refuse collection cart to detached residential units, a blue 65 gallon refuse collection cart to townhome residential units, and a brown 65 gallon recycling cart to all residential units.

Customers currently using a refuse cart will continue to use their existing refuse cart, but will no longer be charged an additional refuse cart rental fee.

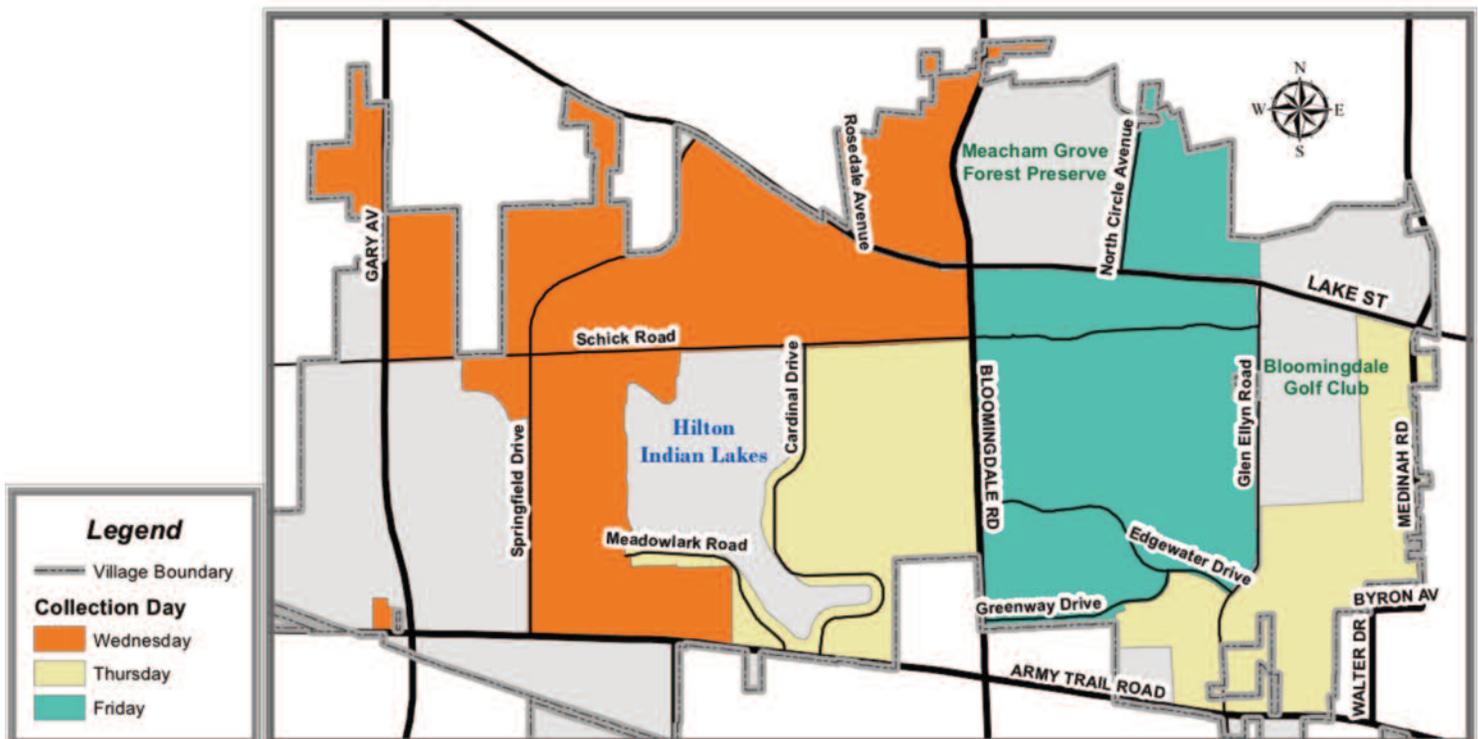
Should the cart size delivered not suit an individual household's needs, residents have ninety (90) days to exchange their refuse and/or recycling cart for a 95, 65 or 35 gallon refuse or recycling cart at no cost. (Please use the carts provided for at

least two weeks before requesting a different size cart) Should a customer (using a 95 gallon refuse) desire a second refuse cart, a second refuse cart may be rented for \$2.00 per month.

The yard waste collection services will remain unchanged.

Residents should start to use these carts as soon as they are delivered, in accordance with the new

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Bloomington Police Officers Welcome New Recruit Jeremy Redic (center) See page 7

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 7:00 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 7:00 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. – Hilton Indian Lakes

SEPTEMBERFEST COMMISSION
2nd Thursday of every month
6:30 p.m. – Conference Room

BLOOMINGDALE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
1st Thursday of the month
5:00 p.m. – Firehouse,
179 S. Bloomington Road



VILLAGE ALMANAC DEADLINE

Do you have news we should know about?
Articles and information for the JUNE issue of the *Almanac* must be submitted to Mary Ellen Johnson by **MAY 10**.
Email her at JOHNSONM@vil.bloomington.il.us

Stay in Touch

Consider signing up for the Village's E-News, which would be delivered weekly to your email address.

This is a good way to keep up with timely information on news, services and events in and around town. And in the case of an unusual event, such as last year's blizzard, the Village is able to get out critical information to all subscribers as it becomes available.

Go to www.villageofbloomington.org and sign up for the E-news on the homepage on the bottom half of the right hand side. It's easy and free!



Village of Bloomington Elected Officials

Robert G. Iden
Village President

Irene M. Jones
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

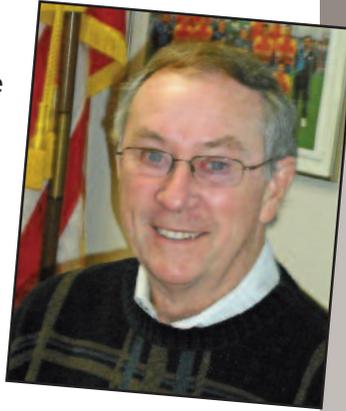
Jim King
Intergovernmental and
Community Relations

Michael D. Hovde
Facilities Infrastructure

From the Mayor's Desk

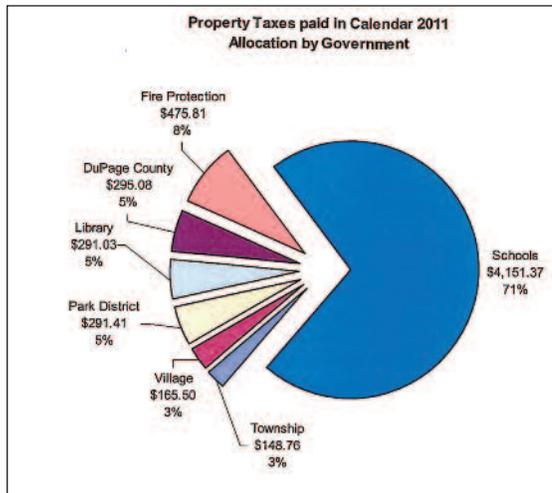
We have been fortunate in Bloomingdale to be able to balance our operating budget for the last few years. Through prudent spending and judicious use of revenues, we have kept most of our services at the same level. Our retail base is showing improvement and in the last six to seven months we have seen a slight improvement in our retail sales tax. While I am "cautiously optimistic," we will probably never get back to our 07-08 sales tax levels.

The DuPage County property tax bills will soon be in our mailboxes. The Village is just one of numerous governmental entities levying a property tax that will be on the bill. The chart below is a representation of the property taxes paid in the calendar year 2011, based on a home having a 2010 market value of \$310,000 (median value from the 2010 census). The graph reflects the various governmental units which assess a property tax and the amount



paid to each of the governmental units, based on a total property tax bill of \$5,818.96. We expect a similar distribution for the year 2012.

You will note that the percentage of your property tax bill that goes to the Village of Bloomingdale is three percent. In this particular instance, that amount is \$165.50. That would be the yearly amount the homeowner of a home valued at \$310,000



would pay the Village for services from the Village. These services include police protection, snow plowing, tree trimming, general road maintenance, street cleaning, forestry activities, fleet maintenance, street lighting, emergency preparedness and more.

I am happy to report that this year our Motor Fuel Tax monies from both the State and our local tax will totally fund our annual Road Improvement Program (see p. 4).

As we put this Almanac together, it is 80 degrees in Bloomingdale. I am going to say "Happy Spring" and hope it isn't snowing when you receive this issue at the beginning of April.

Mayor Bob Iden

Free Rx Drug Card Available from Bloomingdale Township

Bloomingdale Township has joined other townships throughout DuPage, Cook, Lake and McHenry Counties in offering the Coast2Coast Rx Card, a FREE prescription drug card that can benefit your entire family. While the card is generally for people without health insurance, in some cases it may offer better pricing than certain health insurance plans. So it is important for residents to compare pricing whether or not they have insurance. Plus, some medications might not be covered in health plans that are covered by the Coast2Coast Rx Card.

Here are some of the Coast2Coast Rx Plan Highlights:

- 59,000 plus participating pharmacies including major chains and most independents
- Over 60,000 drugs included in the formulary
- Savings of up to 65% on brand name generics
- Card is good for the entire family
- Card has no expiration date and may be used as often as needed
- Card is good for pet prescriptions when filled at a participating pharmacy

Stop by Bloomingdale Township offices to pick up your free Coast2Coast Rx discount prescription card today. Most pharmacies in the Township may also have cards available. To download your discounted prescription card go to: www.coast2coastrx.com. Click on Print Free Card, Township, and make sure to download the Bloomingdale Township Card.

The Coast2Coast Rx Card is not insurance and is not intended to replace insurance.

Our Apologies

Our sincere apologies to **Dr. Alex Zevan III**. His name was inadvertently deleted from the Commission Thank You in the February issue of the Almanac.

Alex has generously served as a member of the Plan Commission and Board of Appeals since January 4, 2010. His time and talents are most appreciated.



Work to begin mid-May 2012 Summer Road Construction

Important Village & Community Phone Numbers

Village Departments

Administration	630-671-5610
Building & Zoning	630-671-5660
Engineering	630-671-5676
Finance	630-671-5630
Mayor's Office	630-671-5600
Police – non-emergency	630-529-9868
Public Works	630-671-5800
Water Billing	630-671-5650
Utilities	630-671-5830

Other Useful Numbers

Fire Department
non emergency
630-894-9080

Bloomington Library
630-529-3120

Bloomington Park District
630-529-3650

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Pavement Reconstruction

Reconstruction of Brewster Court - 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 Norton Lane from Greenway to Norton Drive, Norton Drive from Norton Lane to Sutherland Lane, and Sutherland Lane from Greenway to Norton Drive – includes the removal and replacement of all concrete curb and gutter, driveway aprons, and 2.5" of the existing asphalt pavement. As part of the work, the Village will be installing a depressed curb at each driveway. This means the "bump" at the curb of each driveway will be eliminated, and a smooth transition from the street to each driveway will be constructed.

This work will begin mid-May and will take approximately 2 ½ months to complete. During construction, 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:

- Broker Road from St. Francis to North Circle
- St. Francis from Broker to end
- Fire Dept Access Road from Bloomington Road to the Village Hall parking lot

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.

Asphalt Surface Treatment – Fog Seal

A Fog Seal is a light application of asphalt rejuvenator placed directly on the pavement with the intent of sealing the pavement and enriching the weathered and oxidized asphalt. This will extend the life of the pavement by slowing the deterioration of the asphalt surface. The following streets will receive asphalt surface treatment:

- Colony Green Drive
- Elmwood Lane
- Oakwood Lane
- Birchwood Lane
- Pinewood Lane
- Applewood Lane
- Laurel Lane
- Acorn Lane

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.



New Refuse & Recycling Carts

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three day collection schedule on page 1. The new three-day collection schedule starts Wednesday, April 11.

The use of these carts is essential as Republic Services switches to a fully-automated program in our community. On occasions when extra or bulky material does not fit into the refuse or recycling cart, those items can be placed alongside the carts for manual pickup. Old refuse cans and recycling bins may be placed inside your refuse cart for disposal, since they are not recyclable. If for any reason your old can does not fit inside the refuse cart, simply place a note on the can requesting that it be discarded and the driver will throw it away.



Refuse and recycling carts may be placed out after 6:00 p.m. the day before the scheduled pickup, and must be removed following pickup on the day of collection. **On non-collection days, refuse and recycling carts must be stored out of view from the street**, and are prohibited in the front yard, including that area between the building and front yard, or in the corner-side or side yard of any property including that area between the building and that yard unless screened from view from the street.

Republic Services will provide an informational brochure that will be attached to the delivered carts. Please refer to the brochure for additional collection service information and frequently asked questions; or visit the Village website at www.villageofbloomingtondale.org.

For questions regarding the new collection service and/or collection day, call Republic Services at (847) 981-0091.

Words to the Wise

Now that the weather is getting so nice, we'll see more walkers, runners, bikers and skaters, as well as dog walkers – all sharing the same paths and trails. Many of these outdoor enthusiasts will be listening to some audio device while moving along. For safety's sake – yours and that of others, please keep one ear free in order to help you be aware of your surroundings. Blocking off all sound leaves you vulnerable. So enjoy your outdoor activity, just play it safe.

Letter Carriers' Food Drive May 12

On May 12th, the Bloomingdale Post Office will hold its annual food drive. This is the 20th year of feeding the needy people in our area. This food drive is very important, because with your help, we fill the shelves of the Township Food Pantry with food. Please give generously to those who need our help. Place your canned goods and non-perishables by your mailbox by 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 12. The Letter Carriers thank you in advance.

Veterans Clinic on April 7

A Veterans Clinic is being hosted by Trinity Lutheran Church in their Family Life Center, 405 South Rush Street in Roselle on Saturday, April 7 from 8:30 a.m. to noon.

Learn about your veteran benefits or file a medical claim with an authorized VFW Service Officer (make sure to bring your DD214). There will be free literature, as well as people, to answer questions concerning your benefits, jobs, and other related veteran issues. Open to all veterans and their families.

Save Energy, Save Money

Old refrigerators and freezers can consume as much as three times more energy than newer models. That older, second unit could be costing you up to \$150 a year in electricity. Let ComEd pick up those old, working appliances so you can begin reducing your energy use and lowering your electricity bill.

Recycle And Get \$50

When you recycle your second, working refrigerator or freezer, you earn more than bonus points in the "good sense" department. You'll receive \$50! Let ComEd pick up and recycle that inefficient refrigerator or freezer for FREE and you'll receive \$50! They even take room air conditioners, too.

Make your appointment today. Call 1-888-806-2273 7am-8pm M-F, 9am-5:30pm or schedule on-line through www.comed.com.



2012 Branch Collection Program

Bloomingtondale Awarded \$10,000 Grant to Replace Ash Trees



The Village of Bloomingtondale was recently selected to receive an Emerald Ash Borer Grant for Urban Restoration in the amount of \$10,000. This is an 80/20 grant, so the Village is also committing \$2000 for the project. The source of funding for this award is the United States Department of Agriculture 2008 Farm Bill Pest and Disease Revolving Loan Fund.

The Grant funds will supplement the Village's efforts to replace ash trees devastated by the Emerald Ash Borer. Replacement trees will be chosen to promote species diversity throughout our Village. Species diversity can reduce the vulnerability of the urban forest to species-specific pests and diseases. The grant is administered through the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus.

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 16. 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 16.
- 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 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.

Yardwaste Collection Begins April 1

Yard Waste pickups begin April 1st and continue through November 30th. Small twigs, leaves and other yard waste may be placed in bags or cans (not to exceed 34 gallons or 50 lbs.) affixed with stickers (\$2.66 each) for Republic pickup.

Yard Waste questions should be directed to Republic at 847-981-0091.

ComEd Issues Alert to Customers Amid Rising Impersonation Scams

ComEd, the utility, is alerting its customers to be wary of gimmicks and schemes that could cost them money and valuable personal information. According to Kevin Brookins, a ComEd senior vice president, "In just the past two months of this year, we've already received 28 reports of customers who have been lured into disclosing credit card information, handing over money to scam artists or allowing an impersonator to enter their homes." In many of the reported cases, the impersonators identified themselves as a utility employee.

Some of the perpetrators wore clothing, such as a hard hat, items bearing a utility company logo, or a generic orange safety vest. In other instances, the culprits executed the scam in plain clothes. In one recently reported case, a culprit posing as a ComEd representative contacted a customer by phone, claimed that the billing cycle had changed and requested credit card information to settle the customer's electric bill. Other incidents have included scammers asking customers for money to fix parts on their meter and threatening to shut off power if they didn't hand over cash to fix parts on the customer's circuit breaker.

Customers who believe they are a victim of a scam, should report the incident to the police. "Safety is our most important value at ComEd and we are very concerned about the safety of our customers," Brookins said. "That's why we want the public to be aware that ComEd employees always carry proper identification and that they'll never ask customers for cash or personal banking information. Customers also can verify if a ComEd worker is in the area by contacting us at 1-800-EDISON-1."

To help guard against impersonations, ComEd recommends that customers take the following safety precautions:

- Always ask to see a company photo ID before allowing any utility worker into your home or business.
- Be skeptical of individuals wearing clothing with old or defaced company logos. If you have any doubts, ask to see a company photo ID.
- Never pay on-site for services. ComEd employees never ask for cash payments or personal banking information.
- Remember that ComEd employees do not engage in door-to-door sales or telemarketing activities with customers.

Remember – if you are suspicious at all, call the Police Department at 630-529-9868.

Jeremy Redic Newest Recruit to Bloomingdale Police Department



Police Chief Frank Giammarese welcomes Officer Jeremy Redic to the force.

Welcome to our newest employee, Jeremy Redic. Mayor Bob Iden swore him in as a Probationary Police Officer at the February 26th Village Board Meeting.

The 24-year old attended the Suburban Law Enforcement Academy, graduating on March 23rd. He is currently working with our officers in Field Training for three months.

WELCOME ABOARD, JEREMY!

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

May Neighborhood Watch Meeting Features Overview of Juvenile Justice System

The General Neighborhood Watch Meeting slated for Wednesday, May 16 at 7:30 p.m. will feature guest speaker Bloomingdale Detective Tom Burns who will give a brief overview of the Juvenile Justice system and explain how our Bloomingdale Peer Jury system operates.



Bloomingtondale organizations offering Scholarships for Graduating Seniors

Lake Park High School Announces Recent Pride in Performance Winners

Activities – Freshman

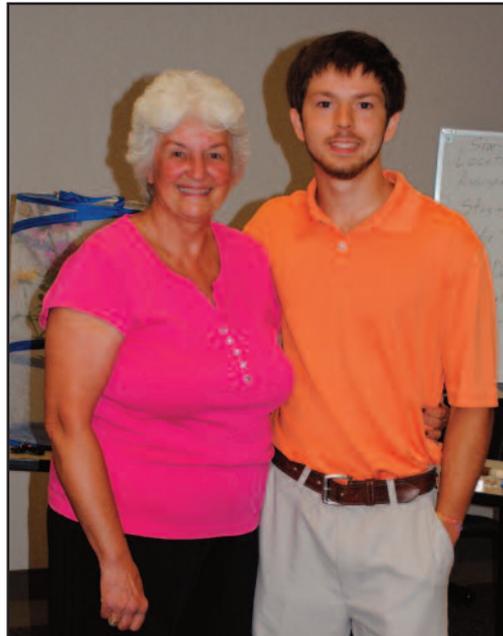
HARDEEP SINGH is a polite, self motivated, conscientious student who consistently goes above and beyond what is expected. She has been seen many times in the computer lab helping others and offering assistance to a variety of classmates.

Activities – Senior

MARIA CATALANO consistently demonstrates superior leadership skills and musical excellence in the Senior Concert Choir and Jazz Choir. She has recently participated in the Illinois Music Educators Association's District Jazz Honor Choir and will participate in the Organization of American Kodaly Educators National Concert Choir. Maria is a very mature young adult who exhibits great personal initiative, a caring attitude and impeccable character.

Athletics – Senior

TAYLOR JOHNS has been a state swimming qualifier all four years of high school. She has been a leader on the team since her freshman year, and has missed less than five practices during her entire high school career. Taylor broke two school records this year in the 200 freestyle and the 500 freestyle events.



First time Garden Club Scholarship winner James Wallich (pictured with Club President Joyce Basel) is currently attending Southern Illinois pursuing a degree in horticulture, with an emphasis on landscape design and green energy.

The Bloomingdale Garden Club

wishes to encourage interest in and the advancement of horticulture related education by making a \$500 scholarship available to 2012 graduating seniors from Addison Trail, Glenbard East, Glenbard North, Glenbard West and Lake Park High Schools and also to College of DuPage students who have graduated from any of these high schools. The scholarship is also open to past recipients.

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 2012-13 academic year.

Interested students may contact Joyce Basel at joyceb@inbox.com or 630-529-9833 for more information and a copy of the application. The scholarship application deadline date is April 30, 2012.

Bloomingtondale Area Women in Business offers a \$1,000 scholarship 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 Bloomingtondale area are eligible to apply. Applications are available at the Bloomingtondale Chamber of Commerce, Bloomingtondale Public Library, the Bloomingtondale Park District and Bloomingtondale Bank & Trust, as well as at www.bloomingtondalechamber.com. Completed applications are due at the Bloomingtondale Chamber office by April 13, 2012.

The Septemberfest/Joe Draghi Memorial Scholarship is once again being offered by the Septemberfest Commission. The award is funded through private, community and corporate contributions. Applicant must be a resident of Bloomingtondale between the ages of 16 and 20. See the application for other requirements.

The application packet is available on the Village of Bloomingtondale's website www.villageofbloomingtondale.org. Search "Septemberfest Scholarship." The deadline for submittal of completed application packet is April 16, 2012. Applications must be postmarked no later than April 16, 2012.

There will be a mandatory judge's interview held at the Village of Bloomingtondale, Council Room, 201 S. Bloomingtondale Road on May 20, 2012. Winners will be announced at the 39th Septemberfest on Saturday, September 8, 2012. Attendance to receive your award, if chosen, is not mandatory.

Swing into spring! Golf Club Offering Clinics & Classes

2012 Junior Golf School

Bloomingtondale Golf Club will be offering summer Junior Golf School, taught by our PGA golf professional staff, to all interested boys and girls. The program will be structured around basic fundamentals of the golf swing, rules and etiquette of the game, safety, and fun contests. Our objective is to provide juniors a good start to a game that can be played and enjoyed for a lifetime.

Youngsters between the ages of 6 and 14 are eligible to participate. Each class must have a minimum of 4 and will not exceed 10 students. All students should have a set of golf clubs. If there is a need for equipment, please inform the golf shop and we will attempt to provide some clubs.

Juniors need to wear proper attire and footwear. Golf shoes or tennis shoes are suggested. Please, no flip-flops or sandals. This is a very good starting point for learning proper golf etiquette.

This year, we will offer **two sessions**. Each session will go for two weeks, three days a week these weeks. The first week covers the short game; the second week of school focuses on the full swing. Registration begins on April 2nd, 2012. For more information on session dates and group times, as well as to register visit the website: www.bloomingtondalegc.com. You may also use the website for booking tee times and looking for specials.

2012 Adult Clinics (18 years and older)

Bloomingtondale Golf Club will be offering a variety of adult golf clinics this season. Classes will meet at Bloomingtondale Golf Club's practice range. There will be three types of classes offered. Each class is designed around participant's golfing knowledge and ability. **All classes will meet once a week.**

Classes must have a minimum of 4 students and will not exceed 8 students (subject to change). Range balls are included along with a training aid (if applicable). Register in person at the golf shop or fill out the registration form and mail it in. Registration began on March 19th, 2012. More information about the various clinics, as well as registration forms are available on-line at www.bloomingtondalegc.com. When required, you will need to bring golf clubs to each class. If you do not have golf clubs, please let us know in advance.

"Swing into Spring"

SCRAMBLE EVENT

Sunday, April 22nd, 2012; 9:30 am Shotgun (registration begins at 8:00 am)

Start your 2012 golf season by joining us in our 7th annual spring scramble event. What better way to work out those winter kinks than a day on the links with your good friends? The day will be full of fun, food and prizes.

Entry Fee: \$65.00 per player – Includes golf and cart fee, continental breakfast, soft drinks, beer, lunch buffet, welcoming gift, team awards and a raffle. For more information on formats and registration forms, visit the website at www.bloomingtondalegc.com. Limited to the first 25 teams.

"FREQUENT PLAYERS GIFT CARD"

The purchase of the "Frequent Players Gift Card" allows the golfers an opportunity to pay for their "green fee" at a discounted rate. To earn more about the current requirements and guidelines for Bloomingtondale Golf Club's Frequent Players Gift Card, call the Pro Shop at 630-529-6232.



Resources to Help You 'Go Green'

- Visit: www.dupageco.org/recycling to learn more about Waste, Recycling and Green Initiatives, as well as upcoming events sponsored by local municipalities. In addition, while you're on the site, type in "DuPage County Recycling Guide" in the Search box to get information on all you ever wanted to know about where in DuPage County to recycle almost anything
- DuPage County recently launched the Green Grid www.dupageco.org/green-grid GIS map and free smartphone app, which highlights the many sustainable projects taking place county-wide. Specifically, the DuPage Green Grid plots alternative fuels stations, advanced vehicle technology programs and LEED-certified buildings located in our area. Future categories will be added as additional green projects are completed.
- **Electronic Recycling Program:** Bloomingtondale Township Highway Department sponsors an Electronic Recycling Program at no cost to taxpayers. Electronics may be dropped off at 123 N. Rosedale, (the annex Bldg) on the first Saturday of every month from 8:00 a.m. to Noon, except Holiday weekends. For further information or questions, please call Bloomingtondale Township Highway Department at 630-529-5221.



Celebrate the 21st Anniversary of the DuPage River Sweep 2012

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 three 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.



Upcoming Garage Sales:

Bloomfield Hills-Garage Sale
April 26-28 9-5
Schick & Springfield
Mary Sue Fornari
630-894-5208

Bloomington Historical Society
Garage Sale
May 17 & 18, 9 -5
May 19 10-3
Corner of 3rd & Washington

Plan to celebrate the 21st Anniversary of the DuPage River Sweep while enjoying the outdoors on the morning of Saturday, May 19th. Volunteers are needed, from 9:00-Noon to help remove trash and debris and to restore stream banks of the DuPage River and its tributaries. Since 1991 over 8180 volunteers have participated in this annual clean-up and have removed nearly 210 tons of trash. Everyone is welcome! Call Ed Reidy of the Bloomingdale Park District at 630-529-3650 to sign up to make a difference in our community.

Giveaways, door prizes and more at . . . Annual Senior Day Fair on May 4



The Annual Senior Day Fair, sponsored by the Bloomingdale Police Department and the Bloomingdale Senior Citizen Advisory Council will be held on Friday, May 4th, 2012, from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. (noon) at the Medinah Shriners Banquet Facility in Addison (located on Swift Road just north of Army Trail Road). The Senior Day Fair give seniors the opportunity to visit with local agencies, service providers and businesses in a comfortable, friendly setting to help identify the resources that are available to them. Refreshments will be available and there is no fee to enter.

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, including:

- Local hospitals, providing health services, such as blood pressure checks
- Local dentists, chiropractors, eye doctors, foot doctors, pharmacists
- Home Health Agencies, Adult Support Services and Extended Care Centers
- Volunteers from 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
- Illinois Secretary of State – Renew Driver's License (those under the age of 75), Obtain Identification Cards and Rules of the Road information

Questions? Contact Officer Dawn Odoi at (630) 529-9868.

New Location for Ducat Chiropractic & Sports Medicine

Ducat Chiropractic & Sports Medicine began serving Bloomingdale in 2008. Since that time Dr. Erin Ducat's practice grew from an office of 590 square feet and one doctor, to over 2500

square feet and a staff of four health care providers. "With rising health care costs and patients looking for alternatives outside of a pill bottle, Bloomingdale has a strong need for patient-centered, conservative health care," she notes.

Dr. Ducat recently celebrated the move of her practice to the new location at 125 S Bloomingdale Road Suite 11. For the last four years she has led her patient-focused team to help patients through chiropractic medicine, acupuncture, rehabilitation and massage therapy.

The newly remodeled office holds private exam rooms, a relaxation suite for acupuncture or massage therapy, and a spacious sports medicine room equipped with the latest equipment in rehabilitation. For more information, call 224-653-8094 or email frontdesk@ducatchiropractic.com



Local Thrivent Financial Office Relocates to Bloomingdale

The local office of Thrivent Financial recently relocated from Carol Stream to 134 W. Lake Street, Suite 100 in Bloomingdale. Thrivent Financial is a faith-based, not for profit financial services organization. As a Fortune 500 and membership organization, Thrivent answers to its 2.5 million members, not to shareholders or Wall Street. The organization educates, advises and provides product solutions that help members and clients meet their financial goals. Contact the Bloomingdale office at 847-466-5244. To find out more about Thrivent Financial, visit the website at www.thrivent.com

Dentistry from the Heart

Comprehensive Dentistry, Ltd., 183 S. Bloomingdale Road, Suite 200 is hosting a free dental event through Dentistry From the Heart on Saturday, April 21. The team of dental professionals at Comprehensive Dentistry, Ltd. – Dr. Claudio Levato, Dr. Sharon Levato and Dr. Gilbert Abadilla will provide the first 50 patients with a free extraction, filling or cleaning. There will also be several hygienists, dental assistants and other dental professionals donating their time and resources, in order to provide free dental care to as many residents in need as possible.

This event is a first come, first served event and patients are encouraged to arrive early. Registration begins at 8 a.m. and patients will be seen through 5 p.m. that day.

For more information visit www.ComprehensiveDentistry.com or call 630-529-2522.



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**

Welcome to These New Businesses

Angel Hair by Anna
448 W. Army Trail Rd. #104

R&T Auto
250 S. Gary Avenue #102

All That
Huggable Pets
(new location)
823 Stratford Square

Stratford Sunglasses
544 Stratford Square

Papa John's Pizza
Springbrook Center
156 E. Lake Street



Community Events

Upcoming Bloomingdale Garden Club Meetings

The April 17, 2012 meeting features "Herb Patch." Whether you're a new or advanced herb gardener, DuPage County Master Gardener Sandy Lentz can offer information useful in the selection, care and uses of a variety of herbs.

"How To Be a Locavore" is the topic for the May 15, 2012 meeting. A locavore is a person interested in eating food that is locally produced. Buying local food means we are eating foods when they are at their peak taste, and are the most abundant. Master Gardener Ginny Carlson helps us become more aware of our food sources.

Both meetings begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Bloomingdale Fire Station, 179 S. Bloomingdale Road. For more info, contact Roberta Pulido at 630-295-8315.

Volunteers Needed For 2012 Ryder Cup

Volunteer for the opportunity of a lifetime at the 39th Ryder Cup at Medinah Country Club the week of September 25, 2012. Volunteers are needed to help with parking and concessions. Lake Park High School District 108 has partnered with the PGA to provide rental space for parking and training, as well 500 volunteers per day during the week of the tournament.

For more information or to register to volunteer, visit the Lake Park website at www.lphs.org. Interested volunteers with additional questions can email rydercup@lphs.org or call 630-295-5402. Any volunteer working either one 12-hour shift or two 6-hour shifts will receive a complimentary full day entrance pass to the Ryder Cup.

Garden Club Flower Sale

The Bloomingdale Garden Club hosts its annual Flower Sale on Friday, May 4, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Saturday, May 5, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The healthy plants will be delivered fresh from the grower in Michigan.

Available for purchase will be Flats of 48 Annuals, Premium 10"

Hanging Baskets, Geraniums, Specialty Plants, Proven Winners, Accent Plants, Vegetables, Herbs and Perennials from the gardens of club members.



Pre-sale gift certificates for flower sale purchases are available by mail to Henia Sullivan, 1015 Tiverton, Schaumburg, IL 60193 by April 23.

The sale takes place at the Bloomingdale Village Hall, 201 S. Bloomingdale Road. For more information, contact: Linda Kunesh, 630-221-8684 or kunesh310@comcast.net

Save the Date -- Saturday, May 5

Lake Park is hosting two fundraisers on Saturday, May 5- a Family 5K Walk/Run and a Drive One 4UR School. The walk/run begins at 8 am; check-in will begin at 6:30 am and is designed for both the avid runner and the casual walker. All proceeds will benefit students recovering from domestic violence. Preregister at www.signmeup.com/80987.

From 9-3, stop by Lake Park High School East and test drive one of the NEW Ford vehicles with absolutely no obligation to buy. For each test drive taken, Ford will donate \$20 to the Lake Park Educational Foundation, up to a total of \$6,000.

The Boomer Generation: What You Need to Know About Alzheimer's Disease

Every 69 seconds, someone develops Alzheimer's disease...could it be you? Alzheimer's doesn't just happen to other people. Statistics show that over 10 million Baby Boomers are expected to develop it. Attend an informative and stimulating workshop that focuses on normal age-related memory loss, the warning signs of more serious memory loss, and what you can do to help in the fight against Alzheimer's. The program will be presented on Thursday, April 19 from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. at Sunrise of Bloomingdale, 129 E. Lake Street. There is no charge for the program, but registration is required. Call 815-744-0804 or visit www.alz.org/illinois

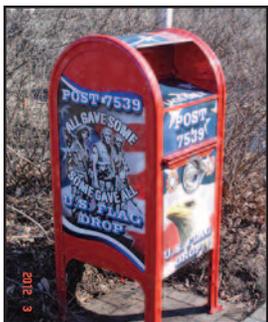
All That Jazz

The Bloomingdale Women' Club presents "All That Jazz," its 37th annual Fashion Show on Sunday, April 29, 2012. The event, which will benefit "The Humanitarian Service Project," along with other local charities, takes place at The Seville, 700 S. Barrington Road, in Streamwood. Cocktails begin at Noon, with luncheon following at 1 p.m. Fashions featured are from Carson Pirie Scott, Sassy's Originals and Bella Bianca Couture. Tickets are \$40 per person; \$45 after April 15. Raffles, door prizes, fun! Call Debby at 630-762-1125 to make your reservation.



VFW Unveils Refurbished Flag Drop Box

The Bloomingdale VFW recently refurbished the Flag Drop Box (which was originally painted by Westfield Middle School Students). The Vets had it sandblasted by a company which works on fire trucks, then Gary Schellerer of Signs by Tomorrow wrapped it in patriotic colors, symbols and words. VFW member Jerry Bertrand, said he has collected and burned some 12,000 flags since the flag drop box was placed six years ago next to the Founders



Gazebo at the corner of Bloomingdale Road & Fairfield Way. Bertrand joined Schellerer, Mayor Iden and VFW member Bill Wolff in admiring the eye-catching depository. The VFW also extends its thanks to Schellerer and the sandblasting company for their generous donation of services.



Chamber Fundraiser at Outback on May 10

The Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce hosts a fundraising luncheon at Outback Steakhouse in Bloomingdale on Thursday, May 10. All proceeds from the luncheon will be used to award \$1000 scholarships to deserving college students. Cost of the steak or chicken luncheon is \$25. Call the chamber at 630-980-9082 or send an email to Marianne@bloomingdalechamber.com to reserve your seat.

Bloomingdale-Roselle Rotary Club Sponsors Community-wide Food Drive in April

The Bloomingdale-Roselle Rotary Club is asking the generous residents of Bloomingdale and Roselle to help stock the shelves of the Bloomingdale Township Food Pantry. According to the Bloomingdale Township Food Pantry, there is a growing need for food and hygiene items for struggling families, particularly after the holiday season when people are less likely to donate.

In 2011, the Bloomingdale Township Food pantry serviced 3,400 people with over 20,000 pounds of food, bread and basic hygiene items. For a full list of accepted items please visit the Bloomingdale Public Library's website at www.mybpl.org or call the Bloomingdale Township Food Pantry at (630) 529-9993.

The following agencies in Bloomingdale have pledged their support and are accepting donations:

Bloomingdale Public Library,
101 Fairfield Way,
Bloomingdale, IL 60108

Bloomingdale Village Hall,
201 South Bloomingdale Road,
Bloomingdale, IL 60108

Bloomingdale Park District
(Johnson Rec Center), 172
South Circle Avenue,
Bloomingdale, IL 60108



Around and About Town



Mayor Iden, the birthday girl and Josh Anderson, the Executive Director of Alden Gardens Bloomingdale Supportive Living Facility.

102 Years Young

Mary Greifenkamp celebrated her 102 birthday with friends, family and staff at a birthday bash at Alden Gardens of Bloomingdale.

Mary has eight children, over 20 grandchildren and more than 50 great-grandchildren. She enjoys playing Bingo, listening to books on tape, and attending Bible study. She also enjoys weekly manicures and the musical entertainment provided by Alden Gardens.

Bloomingdale Area Women in Business Presents 4th Annual Georgene Geils Woman of the Year Award

Bloomingdale Area Women in Business presented the Georgene Geils Woman of the Year Award during its annual dinner at Jameson's Charhouse on February 28. The 2012 winner is Cindy Blaski of Allegra-Marketing-Print-Mail of Glendale Heights. Cindy was nominated by co-worker and friend Larry Naselli. Cindy is an active volunteer in the community. She is on the board for the Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce, leads a large motorcycle ministry out of Willow Creek Community Church, is the Chairman of the Five Star Business Expo Committee, is a member of the National Day of Prayer Committee and is in the process of organizing another ministry at Willow Creek which will create a community of support for military, past and present, along with their families.



Gary and Cindy Blaski

In Naselli's nomination, he wrote "Cindy is a woman who has positively impacted our community through her leadership in business and her commitment to the community...she is a person of the highest integrity, and one who puts others first. Cindy clearly deserves this award and lives the mission of BAWIB as she...strives to empower, embrace and equip women with the knowledge and resources to achieve their personal goals and their professional potential."

For those lucky enough to know Cindy, her tireless volunteer work only tells part of the story. It is Cindy's generosity, humility, contagious enthusiasm and great faith that make her unique and the perfect candidate for the BAWIB Woman of the Year award.

Historically Speaking

How long have you lived in Bloomingdale? While Bloomingdale just marked the 179th anniversary of its founding, the real population boom occurred between 1975 and 1980. We went from 2,974 residents in 1970 to 12,659 in 1980 according to those two decennial census reports. The 1980s marked a huge amount of growth, not only in population, but also in construction of subdivisions and commercial entities.

The Bloomingdale Historical Society is hosting a meeting on Monday, April 2nd at 7 p.m. at the Bloomingdale Library featuring "Reminiscing about the '80s in Bloomingdale." Open discussion will be encouraged and conversation will be taped for posterity, as well as for research for the next Bloomingdale history book, which will document life here from 1970 to present day. The organization is also looking for photos from that time period, which would be scanned and returned to their owners.

The meeting will take place on the lower level of the Bloomingdale Public Library, 101 Fairfield Way. Light refreshments will be served. There is no charge for the meeting, but please RSVP to 630-924-2730 so the group can plan for refreshments.



The Marshall Field anchor store for Stratford Square Mall was one of the first structures to begin construction.



The Village of Bloomingdale Forestry Division will celebrate Arbor Day with the students at Erickson School, 277 Springfield Drive at 1 p.m. on Friday, April 27, 2012 as they plant a Bur Oak tree. All residents are invited to join them.

Vintage Baseball

Think you know baseball? Well you haven't played it like this before. Take a step back in time to the Civil War Era and play baseball featuring the 1858 rules. This living history program is brought to Bloomingdale in partnership with the Bloomingdale Historical Society. Both men and women are welcome to join this exciting Park District program featuring the Bloomingdale Bucks playing up to eight games throughout the summer. Home games are played at Springfield Park. Players will travel to Cantigny and Milwaukee for away games. Not sure if you want to join the team? Register for the free practice day through the Park District, (630) 529-3650 and give it a try.

Location: Springfield Park

Instructor: Bob Kurek **MIN/MAX:** 12/35

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR	Fee	Code #
14-Adult	Sa,Su	TBA	5/6-10/13		\$25/38	403320-A1
Practice Day						
14-Adult		TBA	TBA	TBA	FREE	403320-B1

Upcoming Games

Sunday, May 6 - Opening Day –DuPage Plowboys at Bloomingdale

Sat, May 12 –Demo House of Bob game at Chicago Salmon (Lincoln Park)

Sunday, May 20 – Springfield Long Nine at Bloomingdale

Sunday, June 3 at Creston

If you would like more information about Vintage Baseball please call Bob Kurek at (630) 894-0045.



Get Your Grill On!

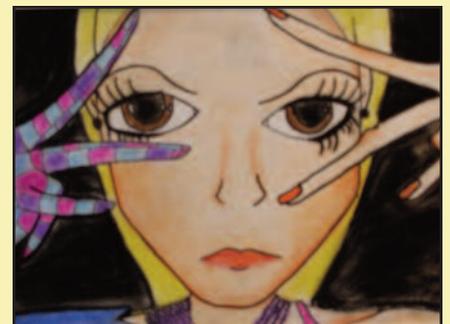
The Bloomingdale Lions Club hosts its Steak Fry on May 4th from 5-8 p.m. at the Bloomingdale Golf Club, 181 Glen Ellyn Road. You have a choice of sirloin steak or BBQ chicken, grilled to order. Buffet includes tossed garden salad, baked potato with all the toppings, vegetable, roll and dessert. Tickets are \$18 per person. For information or tickets for the Steak Fry, contact Stan Poplonski at 630-461-1283 or Jerry Markham 708-764-4703.

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 11th from noon to 5 pm and Saturday, May 12th from 8 am – noon at Prudential Starck Realty, 181 S. Bloomingdale Road. For more information or to obtain an order form, contact Sharyn at stmurphy@ameritech.net or call Sandy at 630-715-4060. Checks must be made out to Bloomingdale Lions Club.

Art Show

The 29th annual Student Art Show runs through April 14 at the Bloomingdale Park District Museum, 108 S. Bloomingdale Road. Call 630-539-3096 for hours.



Bloomington Garden Club Receives Quality of Life Grant



Memorial Day Observance

The annual Memorial Day Observance takes place at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, May 28 at St. Paul Cemetery on the north side of Lake Street, just east of Circle Avenue. The Bloomington Historical Society is joined by the Bloomington Public Library, Village of Bloomington, Bloomington 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 business lots not open that day. Bring a lawn chair if you wish, or an umbrella in case of inclement weather.

The Bloomington Garden Club, in collaboration with the University of Illinois Extension DuPage Master Gardeners, has received a \$10,748 Quality of Life Grant from the Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation Quality of Life Grants Program, to benefit the Residents of the DuPage Convalescent Center (DPCC) in Wheaton, IL. The collaborative proposal, Gardening Year Round, focuses on Therapeutic Horticulture, and essentially extends the gardening season to residents of DPCC.

Three primary components comprise Gardening Year Round:

1. Garden Craft Projects during the "non-traditional gardening months" of January, February, March, November, and December.
2. Design and installation of a new wheelchair-accessible Cutting Garden of Everlastings in spring 2012. Harvests of dried flowers will supplement the Garden Craft Projects.
3. Master Gardeners from U of I Extension DuPage will extend their Gardening Lessons, to these "non-traditional gardening months," which support, reinforce, and challenge residents' cognitive abilities.

The DuPage Convalescent Center serves more than 300 residents ranging in age from 23 to 106 who have long-term medical needs and/or various disabilities. An essential part of their programming is recreational therapy, which includes Therapeutic Horticulture.

The "Resident Garden" at the Center has undergone tremendous transformation and growth. It is now 11,525 sq. ft., with nine wheelchair-accessible raised beds totaling more than 700 sq. ft. There are also smaller areas dedicated to additional vegetables, herbs, and flowers. The Garden also features a Sensory Garden providing a beautiful outside setting for the residents and their families to enjoy nature.

The Bloomington Garden Club is proud to support Therapeutic Horticulture for DPCC residents. Since 2010, the Bloomington Garden Club has donated flowers and supplies, along with funds for the purchase of a new greenhouse. The Club has also committed 10% of the proceeds from its 2012 Flower/Plant Sale to help establish the DPCC Cutting Garden of Everlastings.

"The Bloomington Garden Club is honored to receive this award. We thank the Reeve Foundation for its generous support of our collaborative efforts with the DuPage Master Gardeners to benefit the DPCC residents ...", said Joyce Basel, Bloomington Garden Club President.





Thunderstorms: What You Need to Know to Keep Your Family Safe

Every year people are killed or seriously injured by severe thunderstorms despite advance warning. While some did not hear the warning, others heard the warning and did not pay attention to it. The Bloomingtondale Fire Protection District and the Red Cross would like to remind you of the dangers of thunderstorms. The following information, combined with timely watches and warnings about severe weather, may help save lives.

A thunderstorm is considered severe if it produces hail at least 1 inch in diameter or has wind gusts of at least 58 miles per hour. Every thunderstorm produces lightning, which kills more people each year than tornadoes or hurricanes. Heavy rain from thunderstorms can cause flash flooding and high winds can damage homes and blow down trees and utility poles, causing widespread power outages.

How Can I Prepare Ahead of Time?

- Learn about your local community's emergency warning system for severe thunderstorms.
- Pick a safe place in your home for household members to gather during a thunderstorm. This should be away from windows, skylights and glass doors that could be broken by strong winds or hail.
- Make trees and shrubbery more wind resistant by keeping them trimmed and removing damaged branches.
- Protect your animals by ensuring that any outside buildings that house them are protected in the same way as your home.
- Put together an emergency preparedness kit. For a list of supplies, visit www.ready.gov

What Should I Do During a Thunderstorm?

- Listen to local news or NOAA Weather Radio for emergency updates. Watch for signs of a storm, like darkening skies, lightning flashes or increasing wind.
- Postpone outdoor activities if thunderstorms are likely to occur. Many people struck by lightning are not in the area where rain is occurring.
- If a severe thunderstorm warning is issued, take shelter in a substantial building or in a vehicle with the windows closed.
- If you can hear thunder, you are close enough to be in danger from lightning. If thunder roars, go indoors! The National Weather Service recommends staying inside for at least 30 minutes after the last thunder clap.
- Avoid electrical equipment and telephones. Use battery-powered TVs and radios instead.
- Shutter windows and close outside doors securely. Keep away from windows.
- Do not take a bath, shower or use plumbing.
- If you are driving, try to safely exit the roadway and park. Stay in the vehicle and turn on the emergency flashers until the heavy rain ends. Avoid touching metal or other surfaces that conduct electricity in and outside the vehicle.

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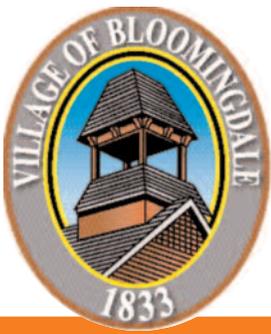


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Girl Scouts Celebrate 100 Years of Service at Stratford Square Mall

On Monday, March 12th, 2012 from 6:30 pm until precisely 7:12 pm, the Girl Scouts Organization celebrated 100 years of service in center court at Stratford Square Mall. "We were honored to host this momentous Girl Scout celebration," stated Nicole Kneeland-Woods, the mall's Marketing & Sponsorship Manager. Over 2,500 Girl Scouts from the Greater Chicago and Northwest Indiana Region, their families and other supporters attended the historic celebration which included touching moments of young girls and women, singing songs, reciting the Girl Scout Pledge and participating the Girl Scout Promise Circle at precisely 7:12 p.m.

The Promise Circle represents the unbroken chain of friendship among Girl Scouts and Girl Guides throughout the local council and around the world.



Once a Scout, Always a Scout – (l to r) Sue Heinelein of Wisconsin, Cheryl Constanty of Lockport, IL, Jillian Latto of Illinois, Sarah Hommowun of Bloomingdale, Sarah Hommowun of Bloomingdale, Cheri Kirkpatrick of Downers Grove, Liz Jacobson of Villa Park and Charlene English of Bloomingdale.

Second grade Erickson School Girl Scouts of Troop 43025 joined over 2000 other scouts for a once-in-a-lifetime event at Straford Square.



2,500 Scouts of all ages

