

Village of Bloomingdale *Annuaire*

June 2012

Growth with Pride

Power Outage? Text ComEd

ComEd has instituted a two-way text messaging capability that allows customers to text their outage to ComEd and enables ComEd to text restoration information back to customers.

The expanded outage alert text message program will provide added convenience for customers and help improve their experience. The new program enhancements:

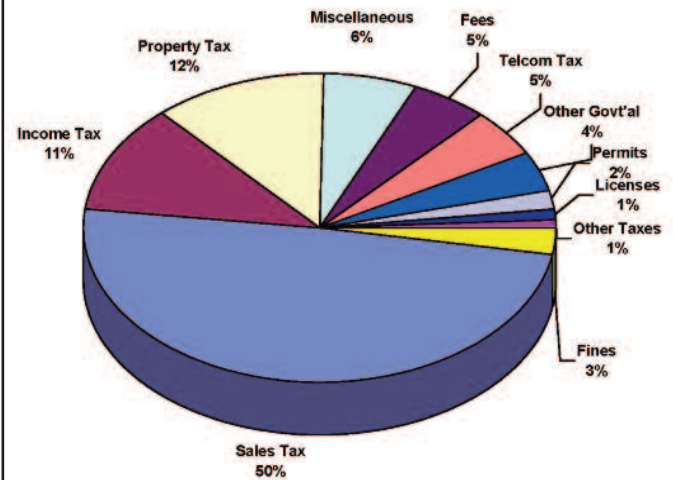
- Allow customers to text the company to report an outage,
- Offer real-time information on outages, and
- Allow customers to text ComEd to opt into the program.
- To report an outage, customers can text OUT to 26633 (COMED)
- Sign up at:
<https://www.comed.com/customer-service/outage-information/Pages/outage-alerts.aspx>

Sales Tax – A Vital Part of Village Revenue

Did you know?

- Shopping in Bloomingdale keeps Bloomingdale strong.
- Healthy business districts support stable property values.
- Sales taxes from Bloomingdale retail businesses are the largest source of revenue for Village operations. They contribute \$7.6 million or 46% of the Village budget of about \$16.3 million.
- Sales taxes reduce the need for property taxes, and allow the Village to provide a high level of service to its residents.
- Village residents pay less in property taxes to the Village because of the sales taxes it receives.
- Sales taxes contribute to police protection, street sweeping, street maintenance, snow plowing and de-icing, installation, removal and

Sales Taxes are a Major Source of Revenue for the Village and support \$7.6 million or 46% of the General Fund's budgeted expenses of \$16.3 million. Sales Taxes generate 50% of all the Revenues collected by the General Fund.



replacement of street trees, sidewalk repair, and inspections for property improvements and maintenance.

Look for more informa-

tion on the importance of shopping in Bloomingdale in future issues. Read about a longtime Bloomingdale business on page 8 of this newsletter.

The photo on the masthead of the bridge over Bloomingdale Road between West and East Meacham Groves was taken by David Von Huben. April's golf course masthead photo was taken by Dave Shallcross, BGC Golf Pro.

Septemberfest 2012

Preparations are well underway for the 2012 Septemberfest to be held on Saturday, September 8. In addition to the parade,

food and vendor booths will return, along with plenty of local entertainment.

Back by popular demand will be the New Invaders, with their "Rock & Roll Tribute to the 60s" to finish

off the night. This year will also feature both car and motorcycle shows.

Applications for vendors, crafters, parade participants, and the car show may be downloaded from the Village website at

www.villageofbloomingdale.org.

Plan to join your friends and neighbors at this well-loved, traditional end of the summer event.

For more information, call Mary Ellen at 630-671-5600.

Arbor Day 2012 at Erickson School

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

BLOOMINGDALE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

1st Thursday of the month 5:00 p.m. – Firehouse, 179 S. Bloomingdale Road



Arbor Day 2012 was observed with a tree planting at Erickson School on April 27th. The second grade Erickson Girl Scouts of Troop #43025 celebrated by planting a Burr Oak tree with Mayor Iden, the Village of Bloomingdale Forestry Division and the Principal Dr. Markgraf in honor of the Girl Scouts 100th Anniversary.

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.villageofbloomingdale.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 Bloomingdale 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

During May, we said good-bye to two of our long-time police employees. Scott Stick has been with the department since April, 1982. Randy Sater started a month later in May of 1982. When they started, the only grocery store in town was Kohl's in Springbrook (where Caputo's is today), construction of our first real library was in full swing and the Village was gearing up for its 150th birthday year-long celebration in 1983.

Within three years, Scott left the Patrol Division to become part of the Detective Division, where he helped to develop the Neighborhood Watch Program. Under his guidance, the program grew from five individuals in 1985 to 35 watch groups from all over the community by 1988. Today the group boasts nearly 90 watch groups with 1300 individual members.

Scott was also involved in the creation of the Citizen's Police Academy, an extension of the Neighborhood Watch. Scott coordinated the 10-week informative overview of the fundamentals of police work, which was designed to build a better understanding between citizens and police through education. Scott was also part of the Puppet Shows the department presented as a forerunner to the DARE program.

Scott was also a member of the department's tactical response team, serving as a hostage negotiator. He was promoted to sergeant in 1999 and for the last two years, has been the Administrative Sergeant for the entire department. Scott's last day of work was May 11. He intends to kick back and just enjoy his retirement.

As a patrol officer, Randy became involved with Accident Reconstruction, a subject he still teaches. He also started conducting the BASSET training for alcohol sellers and servers, as well as teaching the DUI class for Citizen Police Academy. When Randy moved to the Detective Division in 1993, he also became involved in community relations. He started teaching DARE in 1994 and began working with the Neighborhood Watch. He went on to help organize Citizen Police Academy II, as well as the Street Smart Seniors and T.A.L.K. (Teen and Law Enforcement Communicating) programs.

Randy became involved with the Bloomingdale CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition in 1998. In addition to serving as chairman of the group for several years, he also served as the voice of the Coalition as emcee at both the annual Awards Breakfast and Student Recognition Night held in Old Town Park.

In 2000, Randy was promoted to Sergeant and became a Watch Commander in 2004. In February of 2010, he was named Deputy Chief of Operations. His last day was May 4. In his retirement, Randy intends to continue teaching and officiating sports, but his biggest upcoming assignment will be walking his daughter, Kendall, down the aisle in June.

We wish both guys health, happiness and plenty of relaxation in their retirement.

Mayor Bob Iden



Water Rate and Fee Increase to Begin July 2012

Earlier this year, the City of Chicago adopted a multi-year plan that increased the cost for purchasing Lake Michigan water. This was a significant increase that the Village could not absorb, so the water rates charged to the Village's customers had to be increased. This rate increase addressed ONLY the cost of the water. It did not address the remaining operating costs of storing, distributing the water to customers and treating the water after it has been used. Nor did it address the cost of maintaining the Village's water and sewer mains and related infrastructure needed to provide a safe and reliable source of drinking water and sanitation.

Recently, a report that reviewed the current and future financial status of the water & sewer system was presented to the Village Board. The findings identified necessary financial changes, which were approved in April. Water and sewer rates and fees will increase again for all users in order to address operating costs and expected capital improvements. These are scheduled to go into effect on June 1, 2012 and will be reflected in July 2012 utility bills.

Details of the new water and sewer rates will be available on the back of your water bill beginning in June. To learn more about the new rates, please refer to the back of your bill.

What can you do to take control of your costs for water and sewer and minimize these rising costs? Conserving can make good financial sense because you reduce your water bill, as well as have a positive effect on the environment. See p. 12 for some specific conservation suggestions.



And the winners are . . .

CHARACTER COUNTS! 2012 Awards

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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Every spring the Bloomington CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition sponsors a breakfast to recognize members of the community, along with a Bloomington business exhibiting outstanding character. The 2012 Awards Breakfast was hosted through the generosity of Don Helmig, Catering with Elegance, on April 28th at Bloomington Golf Club.

Bill Bahr was recognized for his long standing active involvement with the Bloomington Neighborhood Watch program, Bloomington/ Roselle Rotary Club, VFW Post #7539, and Bloomington CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition.

Chad Bettencourt was recognized for his tireless efforts to save the lives of hundreds of dogs and cats as the Operations Manager at P.A.C.T. (People and Animals in Community Together) Humane Society in PETCO Bloomington.

Bonnie Homola was recognized for her passion of Bloomington history. As the President of the Bloomington Historical Society, she was instrumental in publishing the book "Bloomington: Images of America," detailing our village history.

Larry Kowalski was recognized for his many years of involvement with the Bloomington Lions Club serving on the Board Directors and as the Chairman of their Spaghetti Dinners and Relay for Life effort.

Meijers - The third annual Bloomington Business of Character Award was presented to Store Manager Terri Martin, in recognition of Meijers participation and generous donations made to the Bloomington Shop with a Cop, National Night Out, Lions Club Easter Bunny Event, Westfield Middle School Student Council Sharing Tree, various local families in need, as well as the Bloomington CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition.

Arthur "Woody" Monroe, a WWII veteran, was recognized for his 40+ years of active participation in the many school, church and Roselle Lions Club activities, and for volunteering at the Bloomington Township Senior Center for 20 years.

Dennis Rouhas was recognized for his dedication, helpfulness, initiative, willingness to help, and great attitude while carrying out his everyday tasks at DuJardin School. He always has a smile on his face and is more than willing and ready to help students at a moment's notice.

Randy Sater, recent retiree from the Bloomington Police Department, was recognized for his active service in the Bloomington CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition since its inception in 1998 including serving as Emcee at both the annual Awards Breakfast and Recognition Night.

Bill Wirkus was recognized for his service as a Block Captain with the Bloomington Neighborhood Watch program and for considerable time donated to his church in his support of its Deacon's Team and for its Awanas kid's club.

Geralyn Zanoni was recognized as a kind-hearted person who is always willing to help others from a sick child to a parent looking for information, as well as volunteering a great deal of her time to support after-school sponsored activities at DuJardin School.



CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition 2012 Recognition Award Recipients (l to r): Dennis Rouhas, Geralyn Zanoni, Bill Bahr, Bonnie Homola, Larry Kowalski, Terri Martin (Meijers), Chad Bettencourt, Arthur "Woody" Monroe, and Randy Sater. (Not pictured: Bill Wirkus)

Hydrant Flushing Begins June 4

The Village Services - Utilities Division will be performing the annual Hydrant Flushing Program beginning June 4, 2012 through June 18, 2012. The Program will be performed during the daytime hours of 8:00 am - 3:00 pm. Please DO NOT WASH LAUNDRY during the flushing hours, as rust staining of the clothing may result. Residents with water softeners are encouraged to check the cycle time of their softeners so that the unit does not regenerate during this period.

The schedule for hydrant flushing by area will be as follows:

Sunnyside, Westwind, Deer Glen, Medinah Lakes, Medinah Meadows, Medinah Grove, Eastgate, Vittoria Brooke Estates, Chateau of Medinah, Casa Bella, Hamilton Lakes	Monday, June 4
Colony Green, College Quad Fours, Harvard, Brookdale, Wilshire Towers, South Glen Ellyn Rd. to Now Foods	Tuesday, June 5
North and South Suncrest, Medinah Country Estates, Dinah Road off Broker Road, Circle Center, Medinah on the Lakes, Lori Ct., Sunset Terrace, Westlake Highlands	Wednesday, June 6
Westlake Townhomes - Edgewater and Greenway, Lakeshore Townhomes, Fairfield, Milford, Fairfield Quads, Canterbury, Lexington Homes	Thursday, June 7
Springbrook Villas, Springbrook Shopping Center, North Bloomingdale Road, Bloomingdale Town Center, Fessler's Grove, Old Town, Bell Towers, North Maple, North Rosedale, Rosedale Estates, Seven Oaks, Lakewoods, South Bloomingdale Rd. to Edgewater	Friday, June 8
Founder's Pointe, Old Town Estates (East and West), Longridge (Levitt), West Pointe Estates, Indian Lakes Resort, Los Lagos, Indian Lakes (East), Aprina Ct.	Monday, June 11
Indian Lakes (West), Meadowlark to Skylark, Bloomfield Club, Stratford Place, Park Bloomingdale Condominiums, Stratford Homes, Avalon at Stratford, Butterfield Rd., Springfield Rd. from Army Trail to Schick Rd., Bloomingdale Walk	Tuesday, June 12
Country Club Estates, Chateau Lorraine, Bloomfield Hills, On the Park, One Bloomingdale Place, Villas of Thornfield (Tantillo), Villa Way, Springfield Dr. from Schick Rd. to Lake St.	Wednesday, June 13
Stratford Lakes, Camden Apts., Bayview Crossing Phases 1 & 2, Stratford Square, Knollwood Dr., Heritage, Villa Veneto, Meijers	Thursday, June 14
Covington, Old Gary, Stratford Plaza, Bloomingdale Business Center, Bloomingdale Court, Fretter's Plaza, Schmale Rd. & South including Equity One and Klein Creek, Longview Dr.	Friday, June 15
West Schick Rd., Lake St., Army Trail Rd.	Monday, June 18

Questions? Please contact Vern Fasse, Water Distribution Supervisor at 630-671-5830.



Dispose of Medication Safely

The Bloomingdale Police Department takes part in DuPage County Health Department's Expired / Unused Medication Disposal Program. Expired or unused medications are a risk to families, the community and the environment. Disposing of prescription and over-the-counter drugs down a drain can contaminate public water supplies and waterways. Removing expired and unused drugs from our homes reduces accidental ingestion by children and reduces teen prescription drug abuse.

Bloomingdale Township residents may dispose of their medications into the RX Drop Box 24 hours/7 days per week at no charge. The drop box is located behind the Bloomingdale Village Hall, 201 S. Bloomingdale Road. Look for a large white metal drop box labeled RxBOX located to the side of the Police Department



Items

Accepted:

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

Items Not Accepted: Sharps or needles; Radioactive medicines; Any other medical waste; Household chemical waste - these items need to be disposed of using other methods. For sharps or needle disposal, please check with your physician or local hospital.



Police Department Promotes Tim Roberts, Sam Bonilla

National Night Out Against Crime is Tuesday, August 7



National Night Out Against Crime will take place on Tuesday August 7, 2012 at the Bloomingdale Park District Oasis Water Park and Circle Park from 6-9 p.m.

Enjoy a night of open swim, complimentary food and drink, games, prizes, music and fun, while also strengthening neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships nationwide.

No registration is necessary. Contact Officer Dawn Odoi at (630) 529-9868 with questions.

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

On the heels of the May Police Department retirements of Deputy Chief Operations Randy Sater and Administrative Sergeant Scott Stick (see p. 3), some duties have been reassigned within the department. Detective Watch Commander **Tim Roberts** was promoted to **Deputy Chief of Operations**. Patrol Watch Commander **John Krueger** has been assigned **Detective Watch Commander**. Sergeant **Matt Wolenberg** has been assigned as a **Patrol Watch Commander**.



Tim Roberts has been promoted to Deputy Chief of Operations.



Sam Bonilla was sworn in as a sergeant at the May 13, 2012 Village Board meeting.

Officer Sam Bonilla was promoted to **Sergeant**, effective May 14, 2012. He has been with the department since June 1997. He also holds the distinction of being the only officer to earn his law degree, receiving his Juris Doctorate in 2006. Congratulations to all these gentlemen on their new assignments.

All are invited to the July 18th Neighborhood Watch meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Village Hall Council Room, 201 S. Bloomingdale Road. There is always an interesting and timely presentation slated to further enhance communications between the Police Department and our residents. Refreshments served.



Please Don't Abandon Your Pets

In response to a situation we are beginning to see more often in Bloomingdale, the Village and the Police Department ask that residents please do not abandon their pets. If you have a domestic animal that you can no longer care for, there are shelters which will take it. DuPage County Animal Care and Control is one such place. For more information call 630) 407-2800

People and Animals in Community Together (PACT) Humane Society is another, actually located in Bloomingdale in the PETCO store on Army Trail Road. Because of limited space, some of these animals live in foster homes until space or adoption opportunities become available. For more information, call 630-307-1210. There are also several other pet shelters in DuPage County; please do not abandon your pet into the community. Every pet deserves an opportunity for a good home.



Be on the Lookout for Emerald Ash Borer

AB was first confirmed in Bloomingdale in the spring of 2010. Village Forestry staff is seeing increased EAB numbers and 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. Signs and symptoms include:

- ✓ Canopy dieback – thinning of the canopy throughout, which may start from the tips of the tree; initial stages may be difficult to see from the ground
- ✓ Sprouts growing from roots and trunk
- ✓ Splitting bark
- ✓ Serpentine galleries viewed if bark is removed
- ✓ Very small D-shaped exit holes which are difficult to see
- ✓ Increased woodpecker activity/damage; woodpeckers feed on EAB larvae located under the bark, and may leave jagged holes in the bark



To give you some perspective on the size of the ash borer, this one is sitting the tip of a finger.

If you suspect that your ash tree has EAB, contact the Village Forestry Division at 630-671-5800. More information regarding EAB can be found at these 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

Summer Branch Collection



Kramer Tree Specialists, Inc. will perform the Summer branch collection under the direction of the Village Forestry Division. Branch collection will begin on Monday, July 16. This free service is only available to single family detached residences. Townhome residents should contact their association regarding branch collection.

Branches must be out by 7:00 AM on Monday, July 16, but should not be placed at the curb/pavement edge more than one week earlier. Here is the link for more information about branch pickup guidelines on the village website:

<http://www.villageofbloomingdale.org/living-here/public-works-utilities/forestry-programs-tree-care/branch-collection-program> or call the forestry Division at 630-671-5800.

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.



Mayor Iden and a DSCC volunteer delivered meals in Bloomingdale

Mayors for Meals

Mayor Iden took part in the "Mayors for Meals" Day in March when DuPage County mayors assisted DuPage Senior Citizens Council (DSCC) staff and volunteers as they made meal deliveries to frail, homebound seniors in order to raise awareness of senior hunger and to encourage action on the part of local communities. Persons interested in learning more about DSCC programs, or those interested in volunteer opportunities, should call (630)620-0804 or visit www.dupageseniorcouncil.org

This national campaign was initiated by the Meals On Wheels Association of America.



Retailer highlight: George F. Thies, III, Owner, Bloomingdale Pharmacy and Medical Equipment

Resource Center for Area Seniors Now Open

Seniors residing in Roselle, Bloomingdale, Itasca and neighboring communities can now access hundreds of local resources with a quick phone call or few strokes on a keyboard.

The Adult Resource Center (ARC) is an outreach program of Trinity Lutheran Church's Senior Adult Ministry, designed to enhance the physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual well-being of seniors and those who care for them.

Sixteen months in the making, the ARC boasts three useful components: an office at Trinity (630-894-3263), a website www.trinityrosellearc.com with hundreds of resources, and a series of programs designed to encourage and educate seniors and their families.

"Our intent is to provide encouragement and practical support for seniors and those who love them, and the resources are free and available to anyone who can benefit by using them. We truly hope they will," said Ken Black, pastoral assistant for senior adult ministries.

Need Mulch?

Mulch is currently available at the Public Works facility, 305 Glen Ellyn Road, 7:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For more information, call the Forestry Division at 630-671-5800.

The Business Promotion and Cultural Development Committee plans to highlight a business or two each Almanac. Committee member Nicole Kneeland-Woods, CMD, Marketing Director for Stratford Square Mall, conducted the following interview with George Thies, Bloomingdale Pharmacy.



Q. What led you to be an entrepreneur?

A: My father was a pharmacist and businessman, so my motivation was generated as a child. As a 13-year old, I worked in the pharmacy and enjoyed the retail aspect of the business. As I became older, and my interests expanded into science and health, I knew I wanted to own my own drugstore.

Q. Why do you do what you do?

A: I truly enjoy this field, the retail aspect and an opportunity to be involved in the healthcare profession as a way to help others. My favorite part about what I do is educating people on their medications.

Q. What has been this store's greatest achievement?

A: It is its longevity in an ever changing and evolving world of varying customer needs. When the store opened its doors in 1979, a majority of our customers were young children. We delivered to families with sick kids almost nightly. Now our customers are more adults, people we have known for generations. By the way, we will still make deliveries to our customers.

Q. What makes your store different from your competitors?

A: We know our customers by first name when they walk through the door and when they call, we know their voice. We are also the only local, independent pharmacy and medical equipment source in this area. Customer service is a priority with our employees, most of whom have been with us for at least 5 years, some for 10 or more years. Our employees are like family.

Q. What do you believe has most contributed to the store's success over the last 33 years?

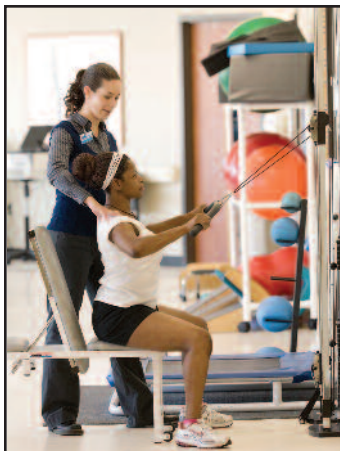
A: Definitely in the beginning, it was my father and his vast business knowledge. While traveling out of state, he would visit the local pharmacies to bring back ideas on how he could grow his business to be even better...a true entrepreneur. Now I would say it's more word-of-mouth about our customer service, prescription counseling and delivery service. I want to be viewed as the pharmacy that is friendly, caring and knowledgeable. We have very loyal customers and know their medical history because they have been coming to us for years.

Q. What's the future of your business?

A: We will continue to be the source for filling prescription orders, but we will also focus on expanding our medical supplies, including more remote lift chairs, manual wheelchairs, bath assistance products, adult walkers, medical support hosiery and much more. We are now part of the Health Mart franchise; this will provide new opportunities and services to prepare for the changes in pharmacy and healthcare. Our constant practice is that every new prescription comes with a consult with the pharmacist. We want to ensure that our customers are educated about the medicines that they are taking or treating their children with.

New Rehabilitation Services Clinic Opens in Bloomingdale

Cadence Health, the health system created through the merger of Central DuPage Health and Delnor Community Health System, recently opened a new Central DuPage Hospital rehabilitation clinic at 245 South Gary Avenue. The clinic offers a full range of physical and occupational therapy services provided by a caring and experienced team led by licensed and certified therapists. The physical therapy services offered can help restore functioning, improve mobility, increase strength and relieve pain for adults and children. The occupational therapy services offered can help adults and children develop or restore skills necessary for an independent lifestyle focusing on activities that use fine-motor skills, hand-eye coordination or memory recall. To meet the needs of patients, convenient appointment times from early morning to evenings are available. For more information, please visit www.cadencehealth.org, or call 630-315-8710.



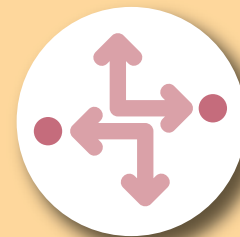
Bridgestone Awarded for 10 Years of Service



Bridgestone Retail Operations, LLC (BSRO) sponsored the Du Page Forest Preserve's "Spring Into Volunteering" event at Spring Creek Reservoir on April 14, 2012. Employees, friends and family came out for a fun clean-up event led by the Forest Preserve team. In total, 27 volunteers came out and collected 33 bags of trash. The Du Page Forest Preserve is honoring BSRO with the Hawk Award in 2012 to recognize ten consecutive years of sponsoring and supporting Forest Preserve events.

Happy Anniversary Brianna's Flowers

Brianna's Flowers, corner of Lake Street & Bloomingdale Road, is celebrating its 1st anniversary on Friday, June 8 from 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. There will be free gelato, free mini cupcakes, free coupons and free balloons, plus 50% OFF All gift items (does not include vases or baskets). Brianna's appreciates the support of Bloomingdale and looks forward serving the area with premium flowers and plants for many years to come. Stop in and join the celebration!



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.

Remember -
BUY IN BLOOMINGDALE

Welcome to These New Businesses

Metsovo Baking Company
(temporary retail bakery)
290 Madsen Drive

Discount /Mattress Unit 400
383 W. Army Trail Road

Papa John's Pizza
156 E. Lake Street, Unit 56

Salon 26
126 W. Lake Street

Fix 4 Less Computer
T Mobile
Stratford Square

The Village Board recently lowered the minimum usage for commercial water bills from 10,000 gallons to 5,000 gallons every two months. For some 400 small businesses in town, this will bring their bill closer to actual usage and is the same as the residential minimum. Based on a report recently presented to the Village Board, this change was proposed and the trustees were happy to offer small businesses some relief.

Around and About Town

District 13 Superintendent Steps Down



Dr. Kim Perkins, Bloomingdale School District 13 Superintendent, is retiring at the end of this school year. He can be proud of the district's many accomplishments in his nine-year tenure.

District 13 student pass rates on state exams increased from 78% in 2003 to 94% in 2011. All three schools – DuJardin, Erickson and Westfield - are now achieving at the 90+% rate. Recent parent and student survey data show parents feel their children are safe and nurtured while in school. Bullying is down; fighting is rare. In addition, District 13 has earned a perfect 4.00 Annual Financial Rating for the past eight years.

Perkins admits the time he spent leading District 13 was the best part of his career. He said District 13... "is blessed with more than its fair share of dedicated, hard working, and talented teachers and staff." Dr. Kim Perkins came to an outstanding school district, and leaves it even better. We wish him all the best in his retirement.

YMCA Seeking Volunteers for Crisis Hotline

The YMCA needs volunteers for the west suburban rape crisis hotline, in-person intervention, and to present prevention programs in DuPage County schools. No experience necessary. Training will be provided. Training begins July 14, 2012. To apply, contact Bianca at 630-790-6600, ext. 2485 or Bianca.michuda@ywcachicago.org. You may also visit us online at www.ywcachicago.org.

Cloverdale Students Participate in National 'Diversity Means' Art Program

Several students from the Cloverdale School recently participated in the national arts recognition program known as PTA ReflectionsSM. The Cloverdale PTA received three student-themed submissions for the 2011–2012 Reflections Program, "Diversity Means..."

The works, which included entries in the areas of photography, literature and visual arts, were highlighted during a recent recognition celebration at the school. Students honored this year included: Patty DeLavergne for Visual Arts, Sam Ferengul for Literature; and Allan Miller for Photography.



Pictured from left to right are this year's student honorees Allan Miller, Bloomingdale; Sam Ferengul, Carol Stream; and Patty DeLavergne, Bloomingdale.

Day Camp 2012

Children who have completed K through 6th grade are invited to Day Camp 2012, June 12–15 (9:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.) at Bloomingdale Church, 264 Glen Ellyn Road.

This year features "Sonshine Farm" and will include crafts, gym or outside games, drama, music and practical lessons on personal character. Register online today at bloomingdalechurch.org/daycamp or in person at 9 a.m. on June 12. Written parental consent is required. The day camp is FREE. For more info call the church office at 630-894-0090.



Marquardt Middle School Symphonic Band Strikes a Winning Note!



Band members are grateful to the Marquardt District 15 School Board and Superintendent Dr. Loren May for sponsoring the trip, and for their support of the fine band program.

The Marquardt Middle School Symphonic Band traveled downstate to the annual "Illinois SuperState Concert Band Festival" on May 4th. This is an extraordinary honor as only 12 junior high bands were invited to this state wide band festival sponsored by the University of Illinois

According to the SuperState webpage, "Only the finest concert bands are selected to participate at this exclusive event." The 30-member band, which is made up of 7th, 8th and a few exceptional 6th graders, performed *Summer Resounding!* by Brian Balmages, *Epiphany* and *March Of The Patriots*, both by Erik Morales, led by Mr. Ian Nevins, Marquardt District 15 Band Director.

Play Ball!

The Heroes vs Half-Pints baseball game will take place Tuesday, July 17th at 7:30pm at Springfield Park. This annual event pits members of the Bloomingdale Police Department against



youngsters from the Bloomingdale Park District Day Camp. For the past several years, the quest for bragging rights has always been won by the half-pints (well, they are younger and faster). Come on out and cheer for whichever side you prefer. It's always a great time.



Recycling Resource

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.

Dispose of Flags Respectfully

Reminder that there is a Flag Drop Box located next to the Founders Gazebo near the corner of Bloomingdale Road and Fairfield Way. Bloomingdale VFW Post 7539 sponsored the placement of the



repository to ensure flags are disposed of properly. VFW member Jerry Bertrand notes he has collected and

burned approximately 12,000 flags in the six years the flag drop box has been there.

Landmark Keepsake

The Bloomingdale Historical Society is offering a limited edition brass ornament, featuring four Bloomingdale landmarks for \$12 each. The collectible is currently on sale at the Village Hall, 201 S. Bloomingdale Road, Park District Museum, 108 S. Bloomingdale Road and Chamber office in the Old School House at Lake & Third streets. Proceeds from the sales will go toward local history educational presentations for our local schools.



Community Events

Water Conservation Tips

What can you do to take control of your costs for water and sewer



and minimize the rising costs? Conserving can make good financial sense because when you reduce your consumption through conservation actions, you also reduce your water bill, as well as have a positive effect on the environment. Here are a few specific actions you can take to both conserve water and control your water use, which should also help control or possibly reduce your water bill.

Fix leaks – Probably the single greatest water waster is a leaky toilet. A simple worn-out flap-per valve could waste a gallon of water every ten minutes. This is almost 150 gallons of water wasted each day. Fixing the leaky toilet could reduce your water bill by \$88.

Install water flow restrictors – While a long, hot shower might feel good in the winter months it's an easy way to use an extra 500 gallons of water a month. Install water flow restrictors on your shower heads and possibly reduce your water bill by \$10.

Lawn watering – A deep, green lawn really looks great, but all that watering might be costing you an extra \$20 each water bill. When you step on your grass, if it springs back up, it's healthy and might not need as much water. Cut back on the unnecessary watering and reduce your water bill.

Garden Club June and July Programs

Low Maintenance Gardening – June 19

Speaker Carol Cichorski learned about gardening the hard way. Her first garden was high maintenance and had no winter interest. The new berm Carol and her husband created was surprisingly inexpensive and is definitely low maintenance. Carol shares her gardening principles for less work, low cost and winter interest.

She also writes a great gardening blog, <http://www.ohwhatabeautifulgarden-chicagoland.com/>, and was a speaker at the recent Flower and Garden Show held at Navy Pier.

Insects, Diseases & Weeds – July 17

Bill Karges tackles a gardener's foes - Insects, Diseases & Weeds. Bill, from Pioneer Garden and Feed Supply in Villa Park, offers sound advice to conquer insects, diseases and weeds in home gardens.

Visitors are welcome. All programs begin at 6:30pm and are held at Bloomingdale Fire Station #1, 179 S. Bloomingdale Road. Contact Roberta Pulido at 630-295-8315, fortpulido@comcast.net for more information.

Museum Exhibit Features Two Local Artist Groups

View a wide variety of work by the Bloomingdale Artists Association and the fotoMuses through June 23 at the Bloomingdale Park District Museum, 108 S. Bloomingdale Road. In addition to the outstanding work on display, the museum is holding an on-going silent auction with proceeds going toward a student scholarship fund. See more information and pieces on auction on the back page of this Almanac.

Bloomingdale Artists Association (BAA), is a versatile group of professionals who work diligently to remain on the cutting edge in the art world and keep abreast of the latest in art material. Their exhibit in Gallery I, "Dawn of Summer," proudly presents art in various media. Most work is for sale.

The BAA holds regular meetings at 7 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month, September through May, at the BPD Museum. Cost is \$25/year or \$45/meeting. Call the Museum at (630) 539-3095 for more information on becoming a member of the BAA.

The fotoMuses are a unique group of professional women who display their photos in a creative way. "One by One" in Gallery II celebrates both their individuality and unity, showcasing how well they work solo and as a group.

Admission is \$1 for residents; \$2 for non-residents and \$.50 for seniors 62+. 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. Call (630) 539-3096 for more information.

Lions Golf Outing July 6

Bloomingdale Lions Club hosts its 16th annual Golf Outing on Friday, July 6 at the Bloomingdale Golf Club, 181 Glen Ellyn Road. The tournament begins with lunch provided by the club at 11:30 a.m., followed by a shotgun start at 1:00 pm (best ball event). Dinner, awards, prizes and raffle gifts follow after the tournament. The cost is \$125 per person. For more info or tickets, contact Cory Viger at 630-893-1042 or e-mail vigerfrog@aol.com.

Bloomington Fire Protection District #1



Tornadoes: Nature's Most Violent Storms

We have recently witnessed the devastation a tornado brings as towns across southern Illinois recover from the damage this spring. The Bloomington Fire Protection District and ready.gov would like to provide some reminders to prepare for this treacherous weather.

Tornadoes are nature's most violent storms. Spawned from powerful thunderstorms, tornadoes can cause fatalities and devastate a neighborhood in seconds. A tornado appears as a rotating, funnel-shaped cloud that extends from a thunderstorm to the ground with whirling winds that can reach 300 miles per hour. Damage paths can be in excess of one mile wide and 50 miles long. Every state is at some risk from this hazard. Some tornadoes are clearly visible, while rain or nearby low-hanging clouds obscure others. Occasionally, tornadoes develop so rapidly that little, if any, advance warning is possible. Before a tornado hits, the wind may die down and the air may become very still. A cloud of debris can mark the location of a tornado even if a funnel is not visible. Tornadoes generally occur near the trailing edge of a thunderstorm. It is not uncommon to see clear, sunlit skies behind a tornado.

Before a Tornado

- To begin preparing, you should build an emergency kit and make a family communications plan.
- Listen to NOAA Weather Radio or to commercial radio or television newscasts for the latest information. In any emergency, always listen to the instructions given by local emergency management officials.
- Be alert to changing weather conditions. Look for approaching storms.
- Look for the following danger signs: Dark, often greenish sky; large hail; a large, dark, low-lying cloud (particularly if rotating); loud roar, similar to a freight train.

If you see approaching storms or any of the danger signs, be prepared to take shelter immediately.

Tornado Facts

Quick facts you should know about tornadoes:

- They may strike quickly, with little or no warning.
- They may appear nearly transparent until dust and debris are picked up or a cloud forms in the funnel.
- The average tornado moves Southwest to Northeast, but tornadoes have been known to move in any direction.
- The average forward speed of a tornado is 30 mph, but may vary from stationary to 70 mph.



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Senior Fair 2012



More than 200 seniors attended the May 4th Senior Fair, sponsored by the Bloomingdale Police Department and the Bloomingdale Senior Citizen Advisory Council. Seniors visited with 50 vendors, including hospitals, dentists and doctors, home health agencies and several community groups, as well as a number of governmental bodies.

Bloomingdale Community Services Officer Dawn Odoi says the Senior Fair continues to be popular because it offers seniors the opportunity to visit with local service providers in a friendly setting while identifying resources that are available to them.



Art on Auction

The Bloomingdale Park District Museum is holding a silent auction with proceeds going to a student scholarship fund. The fund is a project of the Bloomingdale Artists Association (BAA). The Silent Auction consists of 17 pieces of artwork on canvas, donated by members of the Bloomingdale Artists Association. The Silent Auction begins at \$20 and increases at \$5 intervals. Other works of art/photography will be available for purchase throughout the museum.

