

# Village of Bloomingdale *Almanac*

February 2013

Growth with Pride

## Support Our Local Independent Businesses

**Pick 3/Spend \$50 collectively each month**

### Members

Classic Travel and Tours  
Elite Sports Memorabilia  
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Jack and Jill's Children's Boutique Ltd

Kammes Auto and Truck Repair Inc.

Mandarin Bistro

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Sassy's Originals

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Springsoft

### Supporters

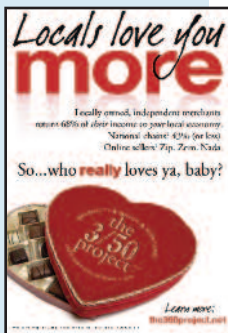
Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce

Bloomingdale Health-mart Pharmacy

Village of Bloomingdale

Ask your favorite three independents to join.

We'll list them here.

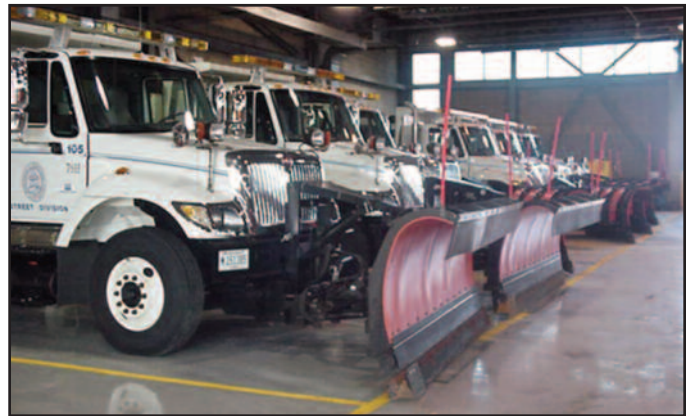


## 2013 Winter Salting Operation

In the event that the 2013 Winter season does bring us any snow and ice, here are some reminders about the salting procedures.

**Main Village Roads** (Brighton Drive, Butterfield Drive, Byron Avenue, Camden Drive, Cardinal Drive, N. Circle Avenue, Covington Drive, Edgewater Drive, Euclid Avenue, Fairfield Way, Fox Court, Glen Ellyn Road, Greenway Drive, Knollwood Drive, Madsen Drive, Schick Road, Scott Drive, Springfield Drive) . . . will be treated using salt dosed with liquid calcium chloride. Each storm will dictate the amount of material placed down.

Just for clarification – Lake Street is State of Illinois owned, Bloomingdale Road, Army Trail, Medinah Road and Gary Avenue are DuPage County roads. Snow and ice control for these roadways are carried out by these respective agencies.



**Intersections** . . . will be treated 100 feet adjacent to each intersection using salt dosed with liquid calcium chloride. Each storm will dictate the amount of material placed down.

**Hills and Curves** . . . will be treated 50 feet adjacent to hazardous areas using salt dosed with liquid calcium chloride. Each storm will dictate the amount of material placed down.

**All Other Village Streets and Cul-De-Sacs** . . . will be either untreated or spot salted when conditions dictate using salt dosed with liquid calcium

chloride. Each storm will dictate the amount of material placed down.

It should be noted that the above policy will serve as a general guideline. The policy may require adjustments after establishing weather and pavement conditions, as well as other factors in the interest of motorist safety.

Please use extreme caution this winter, and always, while driving during inclement weather. Don't drive if you don't have to. If you must drive, give yourself additional time to get where you are going.

## Village Welcomes New Police Officer

Bloomingdale's newest Police Officer is Dominick Corsiglia. He was sworn in by Mayor Iden at the January 14th Village Board

meeting. He is a recent graduate of Western Illinois University where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Law Enforcement & Justice Administration. Following graduation at the Suburban Law Enforcement

Academy at the College of DuPage, Dominick will begin his 12-week field training with our own officers before he is on his own.

*Mayor Iden congratulates Officer Corsiglia after he is sworn in*





# Cloverdale School Collects for Kids!

## 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 9:00 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



On December 6, 2012 Cloverdale Elementary School teachers and staff collected 150 new toys for the Toys for Tots Program. The toys were distributed to children in need throughout DuPage County. This is the second year the teachers and staff have participated in the program; they plan to make it an annual event.

## 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](http://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 Bloomingdale Elected Officials

**Robert G. Iden**  
Village President

**Robert Czernek**  
Traffic and Streets

**James M. Gebis**  
Planning, Zoning  
& Environmental  
Concerns

**Irene M. Jones**  
Village Clerk

**Bill Bolen**  
Finance and  
Administration

**Jim King**  
Intergovernmental and  
Community Relations

### TRUSTEES

**Judi Von Huben**  
Public Safety

**Michael D. Hovde**  
Facilities Infrastructure

Thanks to David Von Huben for his photograph of a home near Meacham Grove Forest Preserve taken last year after our one big snowfall.

## From the Mayor's Desk

In early January the Daily Herald published an article about the amount of taxes that 83 municipalities across six counties levy per person. The "per capita" property tax is the total amount of taxes collected from all property owners – whether that property be residential, commercial, industrial or agricultural - divided by the total population. This figure reflects how much residents pay per person for the services they receive from the village.

The Village of Bloomingdale, population 22,018, has boasted for at least the last 25 years, that it levies one of the smallest property taxes in the suburbs. The Daily Herald's research confirms it. The annual per capita tax paid in Bloomingdale in 2012 was \$78.22. That is \$78.22 per person for a year's worth of services, such as police protection, street sweeping, street maintenance, snow plowing and de-icing, sidewalk repair, installation, removal and replacement of street trees, inspections for property improvements and maintenance, etc.

Our neighboring towns, Roselle, Hanover Park and Glendale Heights have per capita tax figures of \$202.41, \$221.97 and \$210.48, respectively. The average per capita tax among all the suburbs polled is \$283.00 per resident. Bloomingdale has achieved and maintained a low property tax by spending wisely and developing the sales tax base for the benefit of the community.

In other financial news, Bloomingdale saw a boost in revenue during the September 2012 Ryder Cup event, most notably through the hotel tax income. In September 2011, the total hotel tax revenue for Bloomingdale's three hotels was at \$69,000; in September 2012, those revenues jumped to \$92,000.

Beyond that, Bloomingdale and the surrounding area, benefited from the world-wide exposure generated from Medinah Country Club hosting his prestigious event, something that cannot be measured in dollars and cents.

Mayor Bob Iden



## Community to Vote On Pool

The Lake Park High School Board of Education is going to referendum in the April 9, 2013 election to fund the construction of a pool and associated costs of operating a pool.

For 20 years, the pool has been a point of ongoing community discussion. Following a feasibility study last year, the Board agreed to consider an 18,210 square foot facility which would include a an eight lane, 25-yard by 59-foot pool, a four lane warming pool and seating capacity for 350 people to be built at Lake Park East Campus. A four-foot deep warming/teaching pool was added for community activities, such as swim lessons and water aerobics.

The cost to construct this type of facility is \$8 million; the annual total operating costs are expected to be approximately \$380,000. The referendum is being divided into two questions. In order to proceed with construction of the pool, both questions on the referendum would need to pass. The Lake Park High School Board of Education would not accept the operational funds for the pool if the voters did not approve the construction of it.

If the referendum passes, an \$8 million bond would be paid off over a 10 year period. The total annual tax increase for the construction and operational costs will be \$31.88 per household on a \$300,000 home or \$21.25 on a \$200,000 home. For more information, visit the following website:

<http://www.lphs.org/news/news/news0005.html>



*Thanks to the generosity of both Bloomingdale employees and residents, the holiday wishes of over 40 needy children were filled. The youngsters, aged infant through pre-school, are served by the Red Shield Head Start Childcare Program in Chicago.*





# Water Rate and Fee Increase Effective January 1, 2013

## 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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The Village's water source comes from Lake Michigan through the City of Chicago and the DuPage Water Commission (DWC). In 2012, the City of Chicago adopted a multi-year water rate increase plan for the purchase of Lake

Michigan water. The increase plan was assessed to the DWC and subsequently passed-through to the Village. The Village can not absorb these rate increases and as a result, a water rate increase of 64 cents per thousand gallons of water used went into effect on January 1, 2013 and will begin to be reflected on Village utility bills issued in February 2013. The average residential bill is projected to increase \$7.68, or approximately 6%. Details of the new water and sewer rates are available on the back of your water 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. The following are some specific conservation suggestions.

**Fix leaks** – Probably the single greatest water waster is a leaky toilet. A simple worn-out flapper 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.



## Looking for a Summer Job?

The Village of Bloomington is accepting applications for seasonal employment only in the Public Works Maintenance and Utilities Divisions.

The type of work involves physical labor. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age and must have a valid Illinois driver's license. Starting hourly rates are \$9.00.

Find applications online at [www.villageofbloomington.org](http://www.villageofbloomington.org) and at the Bloomington Village Hall, 201 S. Bloomington Road, from 8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Completed applications can be mailed to or dropped off at the Village Hall.

The Village of Bloomington is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

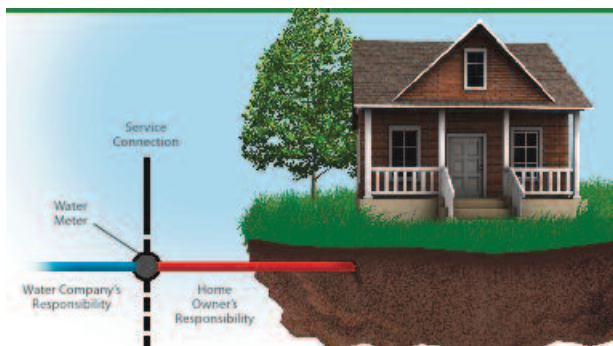
# ComEd Improvements

During January, February, and March of 2013, ComEd and its sub-contractor Intren (also known as Trench-it), will be replacing nearly four (4) miles of underground electric cable throughout the Village. The work is part of ComEd's annual system reliability improvements. To minimize disturbance and the scope of restorations, horizontal directional drilling, a steerable trenchless method of installing underground pipes, conduits and cables, will be used to replace the underground cable. Only occasional excavations will be required, and minimal electrical service disruptions are expected in completing the work.

Both ComEd and Intren personnel will be working in rear yard and/or side yard easements to complete their various tasks. Intren will place a door hanger notifying affected property owners in the work area. All workers are required to wear/carry identification, and their vehicles should be clearly marked. No workers should ask you for access to the interior of your residence to complete the work, as it is not necessary. Areas disturbed by the work will be restored with top soil and seed blanket as weather permits in the spring of 2013. Please direct any questions or concerns to Jason Schmitt, Intren Project Manager at (815) 923-2300 X306. You may also contact the Village of Bloomingdale, Engineering Division at (630) 671-5676.

## Water Service Line Breaks

In the majority of cases, the water service line that runs underground on private property from the Village's shut-off valve box (commonly known as the b-box) to the interior of a home or business is the owner's responsibility to repair should there be a break, leak or other need for maintenance.



Both the shut-off valve and the meter inside the home or business are owned, operated and maintained by the Village. The homeowner or business owner is also responsible for the sanitary sewer service that runs underground on private property from the property line to the building.

While the majority of Homeowner and Commercial insurance policies do not provide coverage to repair or replace broken water service lines, such coverage may be available through the purchase of a Rider to Coverage, or through separate other insurance coverage options.

Recently American Water Resources (AWR), a subsidiary of American Water of Illinois, has advised the Village that it intends to mail a letter to Bloomingdale residents and businesses, informing them of the availability of a "Water Line Protection Program" - essentially a pre-paid maintenance program. Bloomingdale residents and businesses are hereby advised that AWR's solicitation is independent of the Village of Bloomingdale, and that the Village does not list, partner with, or endorse this program, or any such pre-paid maintenance programs or insurance coverage offered by other companies. Bloomingdale residents and businesses are encouraged to fully evaluate all details and coverage provisions of any such programs before joining, or agreeing to pay any amount.



## Brrrr! When Temperatures Fall Below Zero

- If you have pipes that are vulnerable to freezing, allow a small trickle of water to run overnight to keep pipes from freezing. The cost of the extra water is low compared to the cost to repair a broken pipe.
- Open cabinet doors to expose pipes to warmer room temperatures to help keep them from freezing.

### If your pipes freeze:

- Shut off the water immediately. Don't attempt to thaw frozen pipes unless the water is shut off. Freezing can often cause unseen cracks in pipes joints.
- Apply heat to the frozen pipe by warming the air around it, or by applying heat directly to a pipe. You can use a hair dryer, space heater, or hot water. Be sure not to leave space heaters unattended and avoid the use of kerosene heaters or open flames.
- Once the pipes have thawed, turn the water back on slowly and check for cracks and leaks.

### When you are away:

- Have a friend, relative or neighbor regularly check your property to insure the heat is working and the pipes have not frozen.
- Also, a freeze alarm can be purchased for less than \$100 and will call a user-selected phone number if the inside temperature drops below 45 degrees.

# 2,500 miles – Group Cycles to Fight Huntington's Disease

## No Text on Board - It Can Wait Pledge

Take out your wireless device and read aloud the last text message you sent or received. Now ask yourself if reading or responding to that text message from behind the wheel would be worth the risk of getting into a car accident.

Did you know that:

- Drivers who text are 23 times more likely to get into a car crash;
- Texting while driving increased 50% in 2010;
- A driver's reaction time doubles when reading or sending a text message;
- 9 out of 10 teens expect a reply to a text or email within 5 minutes, putting pressure on them to respond while driving.
- For more alarming information on the dangers of texting while driving, go to [www.itcanwait.com](http://www.itcanwait.com).

The Village urges all residents to make the **It Can Wait Pledge**.



Bloomington resident Michael Behrend, along with a group of Lake Park High School students and alumni will be cycling 2,500 miles around the Great Lakes this summer to raise awareness and funds for Huntington's Disease Society of America. The group, called Camp Earth, biked all the way across America, from New Jersey to San Francisco, and raised over \$10,000 for the Huntington's Disease Society of America two years ago.

Founded in 2011, the group was the brainchild of Patrick Dimpsey, along with his friend AJ Fisher. Joining them on the first great adventure were friends Tim Fergus, Nick Ciaglia, Marc Ostrowski, Steve Krauss, Ryan Jorgensen, and Tim Layer. The team members share a mutual friend whose family has been affected by HD.

Huntington's Disease is a devastating, hereditary, degenerative brain disorder for which there is, at present, no cure. Eventually, the person with HD becomes totally dependent upon others for his or her care. There are an estimated 200,000 people at risk for HD in the United States.

Donations can be made online with a credit card. All donations are secure and sent directly to Huntington's Disease Society of America by FirstGiving, who will email a printable record of your donation. Camp Earth is planning a 5k fundraiser called "The Camp Earth Hustle For Huntington's" on May 11 at Lake Park High School West Campus. For information, go to [www.mycampearth.com](http://www.mycampearth.com).

For more information, check out these sites:

Donation page: <http://www.firstgiving.com/fundraiser/campearth/canada>

Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/campearth>

## Happy Anniversary!

Congratulations to the following Village Employees who celebrated milestone anniversaries in 2012. They were recognized for their dedicated service at an employee holiday luncheon held in December.

**30 Years:** Scott Stick, Randy Sater, Jack Libman, Robin Anderson

**25 Years:** Colin Trusk, Mark Garrison, James Johnson, Stephen Abruzzo, Paul Dublin

**20 Years:** James Monkemeyer, John Krueger

**15 Years:** Thomas King

**10 Years:** David Spradling, Karen Swanson

**5 Years:** Chad Farrell, Ryan Benhart, John Thorpe, John Beckman

## AARP Safe Driving Course

- Learn Driver Safety Tips & Defensive Driving Strategies
- Be current with new driving laws
- The 8 hour course will be divided into two sessions of 4 hours each day from 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. and will be held at the Bloomington Police Department . Classes scheduled:

Tue. March 5th & Wed. March 6th

Wed. May 15th & Thurs. May 16th

- Cost – AARP members \$12.00; Non-Members \$14.00

Please contact Officer Dawn Odoi at (630) 529-9868 to register.



## Neighborhood Watch In Action

*The Bloomingdale Police Department publicly recognizes and expresses sincere gratitude to the residents listed below. The time and dedication as volunteer Neighborhood Watch Block Captains have led to the continued success of the program. Thanks to all of them for their contributions throughout the year to promote safety and enhance the quality of life for our community.*

Mary Albert	Kathleen Heinz	Roger Rossi
Richard Baggio	Jacquelyne Hill	Cynthia Rothamer
Bill Bahr	Donna Hoidas	Judi Rotondo
Anna Marie Bergl	Dorothy Jaskey	John Ruberti
Pam Brewer	Gretchen Johnson	Rhonda Schubert
Gregg Burgess	George & Gloria Kas	John Schultz
Andre Burke	Joyce Klinowski	Robyn Scurek
Brad Butler	Gina Kubica	Andrea Sherman
Lee Clarbours	Dorothy Lester	Kendra Siegle
Warren Clark	Rita & Frank Letizia	John Sofere
Steve Clarke	Anthony &	Nilofer Sohel
Bart Cohen	Theresa Lobraco	Milan Stevanovich
Carol Cosentino	Rozanne Malott	Steve Vitez
Patricia Cox	John Manos	Susan Voelker
Josephine Dabrowski	Judy Martin	Mary Theresa Wedel
Sam D'Amico	Patrick McNamara	Bill Wirkus
Janet Davitt	Jane & Gil Michelotti	Andrew Wolf
Bonnie Decoursey	Wayne & Sharyn	Louise Zeitoun
Roberta DiBasilio	Murphy	
Mary Ann Divenere	Carol Neff	
Monica Dolhun	Carol Nies	
Donna Doyle	Barb Nudo	
Donna Dwyer	Nancy O'Leary	
Mary Sue Fornari	Holly Paoletti	
Amy Frane	Dawn Percudani	
Mitch & Vivi Frumkin	Albert Presco	
Laura Geraci	Dorothy Prohaska	
Sally Gill	Greg Puchalski	
Patrick Griffin	Patrick Quigley	
Charissa Hannigan	Bernard Rapacz	
Connie Hasselbach	Marvin Roehlke	
Juanita Hathaway	Gail Rohlfing	

### Management Offices of:

Camden Apartments  
One Bloomingdale Place  
Stratford Place Apartments  
Wilshire Tower Apartments

## Neighborhood Watch Calendar of Upcoming Events



**NEXT TWO UPCOMING  
NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH  
GENERAL MEETING DATES**  
**MARCH 20 & MAY 15**  
**7:30 P.M. VILLAGE HALL  
COUNCIL ROOM**

**GENERAL MEETINGS**  
3rd Wednesday evening of  
every other month at  
7:30 PM in the  
Village Hall Council Room:

March 20  
May 15  
July 17  
September 18  
November 20

**NATIONAL NIGHT OUT  
AGAINST CRIME --  
BLOOMINGDALE PARK  
DISTRICT**

Tuesday, August 6, 2013  
6:00-9:00 PM

### 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



# Check Out These Scholarships!

## Garden Club Will Celebrate 50 Years In 2013

The Bloomingdale Garden Club will celebrate its 50th anniversary with a gala celebration on October 19, 2013 at the Bloomingdale Golf Club.

For more information, please contact club president Joyce Basel at 630-529-9833 or [joyce@inbox.com](mailto:joyce@inbox.com)



## Are Your Kids Struggling with Unhealthy Weight? Proactive Kids Can Help

The ProActive Kids Foundation is a 501c (3) foundation dedicated to helping kids (and their families) who struggle with unhealthy weight at three sites in DuPage County.

ProActive Kids teaches kids (and their families) fun ways to improve health through Exercise, Nutritional Lessons, and Open Discussion over 8 weeks.

This life-changing experience is offered FREE to kids ages 8-14 who want to learn new exercises, lose weight, eat right and be more confident.

Winter session - January 28 – March 22, 2013; Spring Session - April 15 - May 31

Visit [www.proactivekids.org](http://www.proactivekids.org) for more information, pictures, and registration.

### The Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce Scholarship

The Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce will be offering scholarships to graduating seniors and post-secondary students. Candidates must be either a resident of a Bloomingdale or an employee or child of an employee of a Bloomingdale Chamber member. Applications will be available after Monday, February 11th at the Chamber Office, 108 W. Lake Street, or on the web-site at: [www.bloomingdalechamber.com](http://www.bloomingdalechamber.com). The deadline for submission is noon on Friday, April 12, 2013. For more information call the Chamber office at 630-980-9082.

### Bloomingdale Area Women in Business Scholarship

Bloomingdale Area Women in Business offers a \$1,000 scholarship to a woman who is looking to improve her professional standing through continuing education or professional development. Women who are at least 21 years old and who either work or live in the Bloomingdale area are eligible to apply. Applications are available at the Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce, Bloomingdale Public Library, the Bloomingdale Park District, and Bloomingdale Bank & Trust, as well as [www.bloomingdalechamber.com](http://www.bloomingdalechamber.com). Completed applications are due at the Bloomingdale Chamber office by April 12, 2013.

### Illinois Prairie Path Scholarship

The Illinois Prairie Path announced its High School Scholarship. Local high school students can earn scholarship money for their continuing education while helping to promote and improve the Illinois Prairie Path (IPP). Students must be a junior or senior during the 2012/2013 school year and reside in one of the counties along the path – DuPage, Cook or Kane. Awards totaling \$4,500 will be split among the top three entrants. Each applicant is required to submit a pilot program that promotes the Prairie Path and its natural environment. Applications are accepted from February 1 through May 15, 2013. For more information see the scholarship tab at [www.ipp.org](http://www.ipp.org).

## Check it Out: February 4 Historical Society Meeting Features Power Point Presentation

The Bloomingdale Historical Society (BHS) invites residents to attend a 45-minute Power Point presentation on the history of Bloomingdale to be shown at their February 4, 2013 meeting. New pictures have been added.

The March 4th meeting features a presentation on furniture refinishing by BHS president member and longtime resident, Emil Zidek. Both free presentations begin at 7 p.m. and will be held on the lower level of the Bloomingdale Public Library, 101 Fairfield Way. Registration at 630-529-3120 is encouraged for both programs to plan for refreshments.



Top photo: Cub Scout Pack 57 - 1950; bottom photo: Lions Club Half-a-thon 1983



# Business News

## **NOW Foods Moving to 224 Knollwood Drive**

**NOW Foods**, one of Bloomingdale's fastest-growing companies, has been manufacturing natural supplements, foods, sports nutrition and personal care products for more than 40

years. Its mission is to provide value in products and services that empower people to lead healthier lives.

NOW Foods built their corporate headquarters and manufacturing facility at 395 S. Glen Ellyn Road in Bloomingdale in 1998. With the addition of more than 140 new positions over the past year, and increasing domestic and international sales, the company has outgrown this location.

NOW Foods has purchased the four-story office building located at 244 Knollwood Drive, next to Stratford Square Mall as the company's new headquarters. It will house more than 140 corporate office staff, including corporate, accounting, sales and marketing, information technologies, administration, and other departments.

The move frees up much-needed space at the Glen Ellyn Road location, for laboratory and manufacturing expansions, as well as to house NOW's growing quality assurance and operations departments.

In addition, NOW Foods owns and operates more than 12 Fruitful Yield health food stores throughout the Chicago suburbs. The Bloomingdale store, located at 154 S. Bloomingdale Road in the Town Square of Bloomingdale shopping center, has been serving local residents since 1998. For more information visit [www.nowfoods.com](http://www.nowfoods.com) and [www.fruitfultyield.com](http://www.fruitfultyield.com)

## **Chamber and SCORE Create a Partnership!**

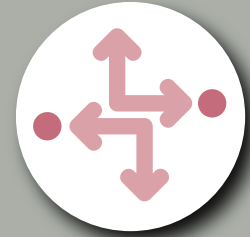
This month kicks off the Village of Bloomingdale and the Chamber's new partnership with SCORE!

SCORE is a nonprofit association dedicated to helping small businesses get off the ground, grow and achieve their goals through education and mentoring. For the past 50 years, SCORE has been assisting business owners through their network of volunteer mentors, free business tools and templates, workshops and business counseling. SCORE mentors will be available for one-on-one business counseling in the Village's Old Schoolhouse, 108 W. Lake Street, where the Chamber of Commerce office is located.

Mentoring Sessions are available the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. You must register in advance to participate. For more information on how SCORE can help your small business or to make an appointment, go to [www.ScoreFoxValley.org](http://www.ScoreFoxValley.org)



*NOW Foods is relocating to 244 Knollwood Drive.*



## **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**

## **VILLAGE ALMANAC DEADLINE**

**Do you have news we  
should know about?  
Articles and information  
for the APRIL issue of the  
Almanac must be submitted to Mary Ellen Johnson by MARCH 10.  
Email her at  
[JOHNSONM@vil.bloom-  
ingdale.il.us](mailto:JOHNSONM@vil.bloom-<br/>ingdale.il.us)**



# Residents Will Go to the Polls on April 9

On Tuesday, April 9, 2013, residents will have the opportunity to elect a Mayor, Village Clerk and three Village Trustees. Following is a brief overview of the candidates who are running.

## Franco Coladipietro, Village President

Franco, his wife Amy, and their children, Alyssa and Joey, have been proud to call Bloomingdale their family home since 2000.

He served three terms as Illinois State Representative representing the Village of Bloomingdale. He served as minority spokesman on the Financial Institutions Committee and on the Legislative Ethics Commission.

Franco has made many contributions to both his profession and local community. He is the managing partner of the Bloomingdale law office of Amari & Locallo. He serves on the Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce Board and served on the Boards of the DuPage County Area Project and Glen Oaks Hospital Foundation.

Franco has received many professional recognitions during his career. He was named a "Top Forty Lawyer under Forty" and ISBA Young Lawyer of the Year. He has also received the Business Ledger Young Executive Award, JMLS Alumni Distinguished Service Award and Bloomingdale Chamber's Rookie of the Year Award.

"Bloomingdale's greatest asset is our wonderful sense of community, making it a great place to live and raise a family. We should strive to preserve the rich traditions and history of our community and at the same time foster an environment that helps our business community prosper. I will make it a priority to promote economic growth and to aggressively expand and revitalize business development in an eco-friendly manner to improve our business tax base. I will also monitor our budgetary process to ensure that costs are contained and our residents' taxes are not increased during these difficult economic times."



## Robert G. Iden, Village President

Bloomingdale residents since 1968, Bob & JoEllen Iden raised their two daughters here. They have seen the town grow and prosper in the last 45 years.

Bob has served in our local government for 34 years. Starting as a trustee in 1979, he went on to be appointed

Village President in 1992. Since then, he has been elected to five additional full terms. During his entire 20-year tenure on the Board, Bob has fostered a good working relationship with other governing bodies in Bloomingdale, such as the library, schools, park district, fire department and township, as well as with the Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce.

Since 2011, he has served on the Executive Board of the Mayors' Caucus, which is comprised of 272 Chicagoland regional municipalities. Bob also continues to be an active member of the DuPage County Mayors and Managers Conference (DMMC), currently serving on the group's Intergovernmental and Planning Committee. He is also a past president of the DMMC. These affiliations keep him informed on the County level and in close network with the leadership of other towns.

"Right now, what is of utmost importance is maintaining the economic strength of the Village and retaining our sales tax base in order to keep up the high level of Village services. Beyond that, I will continue setting goals and policies which are in the best interest of Bloomingdale and its citizens."



## Jane E. Michelotti, Village Clerk

Jane has resided in Bloomingdale for almost 40 years. She and her husband, Gil, have been married for over 34 years and have a blended family of four children and eight grandchildren.

In the past, Jane served as P.T.O. President at Winnebago School. She has also been actively involved in her church, St. Paul Evangelical U.C.C. in Bloomingdale. She was the part-time church secretary, served on the Women's Ministry Board, and worked with the Food Pantry. She continues to assist with PADS serving breakfast once a month at St. Isidore Church.

She also serves as a Neighborhood Watch Block Captain, is a graduate of the Bloomingdale Citizen's Police Academy I and II, and attended the Female Defense Class.

Jane is a Certified Professional Secretary, now known as Certified Administrative Professional (CAP). She has retired status in the International Association of Administrative Professionals (IAAP) where in the past she served as an officer on the Board in the Elgin Chapter.

Jane has worked over the years as an administrative professional at Carl Walker, Inc., an engineering firm, ENESCO, and various other employers. She was employed by the Village of Hanover Park for over 6 years, and retired as Deputy Village Clerk. She is familiar with duties of the Village Clerk, working in a municipal government environment, and looks forward to serving the people of Bloomingdale.





### **Bill Bolen, Four-year Trustee**

A Bloomingdale resident since 1990, Bill has been a Village trustee since 2003. He is currently employed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and oversees the \$50 million dollar per year program addressing the threat posed by Asian carp to the Great Lakes.



Prior to becoming a Village Trustee, Bill was active in many community endeavors, especially in youth sports and other park district groups. He has held offices in these organizations and has been recognized for his volunteer efforts. Bill has also been actively involved in his parish community as a lector, coach, catechist teacher, and as a homeless shelter volunteer.

Bill is currently the lead trustee for finance and administration. This committee is well suited for his skills and abilities due to his 25 years of experience in both the private and public sector. Not only does he oversee a multi-million dollar budget, but his experience in personnel management, as well as grants and contracts management, is very beneficial for a wide variety of Village issues that come before the board.

"I am committed to maintaining the outstanding level of Village services our residents are accustomed to, while continuing to safeguard a low Village tax rate. I also want to find ways to expand our retail tax base and provide incentives to businesses to locate in Bloomingdale in order to provide employment and additional services to our community. I assure you that as a Village Board member, every decision that I make for our community will be based on what is in the best interests of our residents."

### **Frank Bucaro, Four-year Trustee**

Frank Bucaro is a lifelong resident of Bloomingdale, residing in the same home his parents built in 1975. He is married to Lauren and has three young children, Frankie, Sammy, and Mackenzie Rose. Frank is a 1998 graduate of Worsham College and a licensed Funeral



Director. Employed at Brust Funeral Home in Lombard for 16 years, he is also a member of the Teamsters, Local 727.

Frank sits on the Board of Directors for the Bloomingdale Athletic Club, and enjoys coaching youth football & baseball. He was elected as an alternate delegate at the 2012 Republican National Convention, is a member of the National & Illinois Funeral Directors Association, and Chicagoland Italian American Charitable Organization.

Frank has an extremely strong sense of community. Growing up in a neighborhood that still has three different public grade and high schools, he knows community involvement, such as sports, activities, and village events was one of the only ways children and parents could get to know one another. From personal experiences, Frank wants to continue building strong community support and pride for all Bloomingdale residents.

"I will be a strong advocate on reducing property taxes and fees, especially for seniors. I know in this economy, and the issues facing seniors, giving them all the help we can goes along way for some of them."

Frank wants to help attract new business and retain existing business and secure our tax base. "I want Bloomingdale to be a place where entrepreneurs and corporations, big and small, want to be located and do business in."



### **Ted Cucci, Four-year Trustee**

Ted and his wife Joanne have been longtime residents of Bloomingdale, moving to Bloomingdale in 1992. Ted and Joanne have three children who attended

Erickson Elementary, Westfield Junior High, and Lake Park High School. Ted's two sons currently work as an Evanston Police Officer and Certified Fraud Examiner, his daughter as a Cosmetologist.



Ted currently serves as the Chief Operating Officer for Network Merchants Inc. Network Merchants Inc. (NMI) builds e-commerce payment gateways for companies that want to process credit cards in real-time anywhere in the world.

In 2011, Ted donated an automated license plate recognition system to the Bloomingdale Police Department. This four-camera system is mounted onto one of the squad cars that has been patrolling Bloomingdale ever since. "Our police officers here in Bloomingdale really have that community friendship attitude." Ted has also been a long time supporter of our local Bloomingdale Township Food Pantry.

In 2012, Ted became a Paul Harris Fellow for Rotary International. A Paul Harris Fellow is someone who contributes to the Rotary Foundation to help with the PolioPlus Program, Humanitarian Grants Program, and Annual Programs Fund.

"I will bring the common sense of a small business owner to the village board and strive for an equitable balance between providing excellent services to Bloomingdale's citizens while keeping taxes low in these tough times. I believe in prudent decision making based upon sound financial principles and being responsive to residents' needs and concerns."

# Residents Will Go to the Polls on April 9

On Tuesday, April 9, 2013, residents will have the opportunity to elect a Mayor, Village Clerk and three Village Trustees. Following is a brief overview of the candidates who are running.

## James Gebis, Four-year Trustee

Jim believes Bloomingdale is a great community in which to live and raise a family. Leading his agenda as trustee are Quality of Life values, such as tree preservation and replacement, open space acquisition, and main-

maintaining one of the lowest village tax rates in DuPage County. Jim believes continuing to work with all governmental bodies, community

organizations, and businesses, such as the Park District, Library, Indian Lakes Hilton Resort, and Stratford Square Mall, is key to Bloomingdale's success.

Jim has worked on many committees during his 24-year tenure. Currently, he is active on the Northern DuPage Recreational Path Committee, DuPage Mayors and Managers Transportation Policy Committee, and chairs the Planning and Environmental Concerns Committee.

Jim and his wife Carol have lived in Bloomingdale over 35 years, raising their three children here. Since making Bloomingdale his home, he has been continually involved in the community, first on the Plan Commission, and then on the Village Board. Jim supports the excellent schools, parks, and the library and is proud of the accomplishments achieved by working together. His mechanical engineering background has proven beneficial in his attention to detail in comprehensive planning, zoning and fiscal management, while focusing on long term objectives.

Jim continually finds new and innovative ways to meet the changing demands that face the Village. He strongly believes in "having a Mayor, Village Trustees, Village Clerk and staff who work together with the same objective and goals to protect Bloomingdale's quality of life, serve the community, and face challenges that may arise."



## Judi VonHuben, Four-year Trustee

Judi is seeking re-election for a 4 year term. As the chairperson of the Public Safety and the Emergency Planning Committee, she works with the Police and Fire departments to maintain high levels of service to the residents. She is also liaison to the Business Promotion Committee. Working with this committee and the Chamber of Commerce, she lends her knowledge of small business and helps to keep our businesses strong and viable. Judi was a member of the Plan Commission and Zoning board of Appeals for five years, as well as serving as Vice Chairman and Chairman of the Old Town Committee. She also served on the Recreational Path Advisory Board.

Judi and her husband Dave have been residents of Bloomingdale for 27 years. She has worked as a product manager in the electronics industry, as well as in computer sales. Currently she is self employed doing marketing and computer consulting for small companies.

Judi has remained committed to carry on the Bloomingdale tradition of quality development. She supports numerous intergovernmental agreements for overall community improvement. She also has a passion for open space and environmental issues.

"I wish to continue to give residents strong fiscal management and sound planning. We have a dedicated team of people who care deeply about our Village and actively work at quality of life issues. I want to continue to work on small business issues and provide a strong sales tax base to our residents."



## Election Information

- Last day to register to vote for the Consolidated Election is March 12. You will need two forms of identification, one of which has your current address.
- Grace period for registering is March 13 through April 6. Grace period registration is only at the DuPage County Election Commission.
- Early Voting: March 25 - April 6
- Early Voting Sites can be found on the DuPage County website: [www.Dupageelections.com](http://www.Dupageelections.com)
- Polls open at 6 a.m. and close at 7 p.m. on April 9, 2013

Information on Lake Park High School's Swimming Pool Referendum on page 3.





## Bloomington Park District Seeks Input For Sunnyside Park Renovation

Bloomington Park District invites residents to help select color schemes and activity panels for a planned renovation of the playground structure at Sunnyside Park, 291 Glen Ellyn Road in Bloomington. The open house is scheduled for 6 to 7:30 p.m., Feb. 20 in the Community Room of the Johnston Recreation Center, 172 S. Circle.

Plans for the new accessible play structures will be on display, and refreshments will be served. Parents are encouraged to bring children and come at any time during the open house. No formal presentation will be given.

The park will undergo a complete renovation of its playground structure, becoming fully-accessible for children of all abilities, ages 2-12 years. The Park District received a \$43,404 grant from Little Tikes to assist in building the playground structures. The renovation is scheduled to begin in mid-May with a targeted date of completion late-June to early-July.

For more information on the park project, visit <http://www.bloomington-park.org/Parks/Sunnyside-Park-Renovation.htm> or call the Park District at (630) 529-3650. Executive Director Carrie A. Fullerton, CPRP and Director of Parks & Planning Joe Potts are the contacts for the project.

## Garden Club Plant Sale – New Location

Bloomington Park District Maintenance Building (North end, Springfield Park), 259 Springfield Drive

Friday, May 3 (10am to 6pm) and Saturday, May 4 (9am to 2pm)

The new location is indoors, so rain or shine, stop by and choose from our amazing selections, featuring flats of 48 colorful flowers, premium 10" hanging baskets, geraniums in all hues, Proven Winners & Specialty Annuals, herbs, vegetables, accent plants, and perennials from our gardens. Exciting new offerings include cannas, grasses, mandevillas, specialty petunias and more. Our prices continue to be lower than most independent nurseries and big box stores, and our profits support our monthly programs and various local charities.



## Nominations Being Accepted for 'Woman of the Year'

**Bloomington Area Women in Business** is looking for nominations for its annual Georgene Geils "Woman of the Year" Award. Nomination forms are available at [www.bloomingtonchamber.com](http://www.bloomingtonchamber.com) and must be submitted by fax, scanned or mailed to the Bloomington Chamber of Commerce, 108 W. Lake Street by January 25, 2013. The recognition dinner will be held at Jameson's Charhouse on February 28, 2013. For more information, contact Jane Hove at 630-980-9082.



*Cindi Blaski, 2012  
Bloomington Business  
Woman of the Year*

## Bloomington Park District Museum Photo 2013: FOCUS!

Gallery I and II  
Through February 16, 2013  
108 S. Bloomington Road  
630-539-3096

Various local photographers highlight this annual show featuring contemporary artistic photography.



# Community Events

## Playground Fun For Everyone

DuJardin Elementary School has been working to raise \$250,000 to rebuild a section of their playground to be all inclusive with wheelchair accessibility and many components to provide a unique play experience for all our children.

DuJardin Principal Mark Dwyer stated, "The playground will provide recreational opportunities to individuals with disabilities and "at risk" early childhood students who require special assistance in order to participate in play.

This wheelchair accessible playground will be available to DuJardin Elementary students and Marklund Children's Home, which is located adjacent to DuJardin's property. Marklund Children's Home provides 24-hour skilled nursing care for developmentally disabled children. This all-accessible playground will be open to many adjacent towns, as well as to the 4,000 homes in the immediate vicinity.

The all-inclusive playground will offer a unique play experience for ALL our children.

For information on the project please visit the website at <http://www.sd13.org/dj/playground/PFFEwebsite.html> or call Dwyer at 630-894-9200.

## CHARACTER COUNTS! Nominations Due by March 13

Every Spring the Bloomingdale CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition sponsors a breakfast to recognize members of the community who live, work or attend school in Bloomingdale who exhibit



*Pictured above are 2012 individual CHARACTER COUNTS! honorees. Not pictured is Business honoree, Meijers.*

outstanding character. Honorees are nominated with a description of the pillar of character that they exemplify. The 12th Annual Recognition Program will be held at 9:00 am on April 27, 2013 at the Bloomingdale Golf Club. There is still time to make a nomination for this year's program. They are due no later than March 13, 2013. Forms are available at [www.villageof-bloomington.org](http://www.villageof-bloomington.org) on the homepage, [www.character60108.org](http://www.character60108.org) and on [www.bloomingtonparks.org](http://www.bloomingtonparks.org)

Completed forms may be dropped off at Westfield Middle School, Erickson School, DuJardin School, Winnebago School, Bloomingdale Village Hall, the Johnston Recreation Center, Bloomingdale Township, or the Bloomingdale Library. They may also be faxed to (630) 529-9184. For more information, please call Sandy at 630-529-3650 or email [sandy@bloomingtonparks.org](mailto:sandy@bloomingtonparks.org)

## Bon Appetito

The Bloomingdale Lions Club will host a Spaghetti Dinner on Friday, February 8 at the Bloomingdale Golf Club, 181 Glen Ellyn Road, from 5-8 p.m. The cost is \$10 per person; children under eight are free. Proceeds from the dinner will benefit the hearing and visually impaired persons in the community, as well as other needs.

## The Friends of the Bloomingdale Public Library March Book Sale

Gently-used Books for Adults & Children, Videos, DVDs, CDs & more

Saturday, March 9 • 9:00-4:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 10 • 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Bloomington Public Library, 101 Fairfield Way  
Downstairs in Meeting Room A/B

## Book Sale

Starting Saturday, March 2nd, you can donate hardbacks, paperbacks, best sellers and classics, DVDs and CDs to the Library for the sale. All proceeds benefit the Library. Ask for details at the main desk or call 630-529-3120.



## Register for the April Fools 5k Run!

Join us for a USATF-certified 5k race in Bloomingdale's beautiful Springfield Park on Saturday, April 6th at 8am. You can support Stepping Stones for Women of Domestic Violence by running or walking the 3.1 mile course, enjoying music mixed by the DJ and receive a running technical shirt for completing the event. Early bird rate is \$25. Register today at [www.AprilFools5k.com](http://www.AprilFools5k.com)



## Beer & Wine Tasting Event

The Bloomingdale School District 13 Education Foundation is hosting a Beer & Wine Tasting event with proceeds benefiting the teachers and children of the district. It is being held on Friday, March 8th, from 7-10 pm at the Shiraz on the Water restaurant in Indian Lakes Resort. Your \$50 donation includes the tasting, hors d'oeuvres, and desserts. Support your community and order tickets by calling 630-671-5035 or emailing: [foundation@sd13foundation.org](mailto:foundation@sd13foundation.org). Sponsorship opportunities are also available. Learn more about the Foundation at [www.sd13foundation.org](http://www.sd13foundation.org)

## Bloomingdale Artists Exhibit at Chamber

The Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce, located at 108 W. Lake Street, will host an exhibit of BAA artwork from March through May. Chamber hours are 9am to 4pm, Monday to Friday. Some of the pieces on display will be for sale. Contact Bev Petrosius (630-624-9545) or Diane Duffy (630-539-3096) for more information.

## 2013 Garden Club Meetings in New Location

**Bloomingdale Police Department,  
201 S. Bloomingdale Road, lower level**

**February 19 - Back Yard Composting.** Speaker Don Nekrosius firmly believes that the answer to many gardening problems is COMPOST. In addition to being beneficial to soil and plants, composting lessens what goes into the municipal waste stream. Various composting methods will be discussed.

**March 19 - Handmade Greeting Card Workshop -** Local artist Ivan Micek. Ivan embraces creativity in his pursuits, whether it be gardening, photography or inspirational greeting cards. In this workshop, you'll be inspired to create unique handmade cards. Meetings are 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

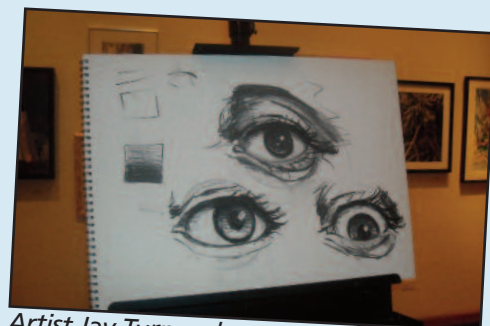
Contact Roberta Pulido at 630-295-8315 for more information.



*Ivan's shade coleus which recently won third place in the Kinsman Company Living Wreath Photo Contest.*



## Bloomingdale Artists Association



*Artist Jay Turner demonstrated drawing the human eye at a recent meeting.*

### February 13 – Botanical Mosaic Collage

Botanical Mosaic Collage presented by Susan Bartlett includes a brief history of botanical "mosaics" and how they inspire her current work, as well as sharing the entire process of making a collage. Attendees will have time to make a bookmark or a study page.

### March 13 – Paint a Bird on It!

Learn the art of whimsical bird painting in acrylic with Chicago Artist Anna Todaro. Using different types of materials and techniques, create beautiful birds using a range of brush and shading techniques.

Visitor drop-in fee: \$5. Contact Carol Balabanow, [balabanowc@ada.org](mailto:balabanowc@ada.org), 312-440-2767 for more information. Both meetings take place at Bloomingdale Park District Museum, 108 S. Bloomingdale Road from 6:30 – 8:30pm.



*Member Bev Petrosius tries her hand at drawing the human eye.*

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## Carbon Monoxide: A dangerous wintertime silent killer

Recently firefighters in Bloomington responded to a medical call. Upon their arrival, they found toxic levels of carbon monoxide. The residents were minutes away from being poisoned and a catastrophe was avoided. It may never have occurred if a CO detector was properly installed. The Bloomington Fire Protection District would like to remind you of the dangers of carbon monoxide.

### What is carbon monoxide?

Carbon monoxide (CO) is a non-irritating, odorless, colorless gas that is somewhat lighter than air. A by-product of incomplete burning of coal, wood, charcoal, natural gas, fuel oil, kerosene, gasoline, fabrics and plastics, it is the leading cause of poisoning deaths in the United States.



### How does the carbon monoxide law affect me?

*Effective January 1, 2007, every Illinois home is required to have at least one carbon monoxide alarm in an operating condition within 15 feet of every room used for sleeping purposes. Homes that do not rely on the burning of fuel for heat, ventilation or hot water; are not connected to a garage; and are not near a source of carbon monoxide (as determined by the local building commissioner) are not required to install carbon monoxide detectors. (Public Act 94-741)*

### How can I avoid CO poisoning in the home?

CO poisoning is entirely preventable, if you follow a few simple steps:

- Have your gas appliances checked periodically for proper operation and venting.
- Make sure flues, chimneys and vents are clear of debris and in good working order.
- Install CO monitors in the home. Check them regularly and make sure they are maintained properly.
- Do not use unvented space heaters, gas stoves, charcoal grills or Sterno-type fuels as sources of heat. Do not cook on charcoal grills indoors.
- Check the exhaust system of your car regularly and keep it in good condition. Do not run the car or other gasoline-powered engines in a garage, even with the doors open. Crack car windows when driving.

If you suspect CO exposure or poisoning, call emergency personnel and leave the area immediately. Affected individuals should be led to fresh air and provided with oxygen, if necessary. Follow standard first aid practices: Keep victims warm and quiet until help arrives.

For more information about carbon monoxide and other safety tips, contact Battalion Chief Richard Kurka of the Bloomington Fire Protection District at 630-894-9080.



## Jeff Janus Promoted to Deputy Fire Chief

Jeff Janus has been promoted from Battalion Chief to Deputy Chief. He will replace Walter Beahan. The promotion was effective January 1. The ceremony will be Tuesday, February 5.

Jeff was recently named Illinois Fire Service Instructor's "Instructor of the Year." He brings a strong background in Training and Safety to the position.

Also promoted are Matthew McAloon to Battalion Chief and Joseph McClimon to Lieutenant.

Congratulations, gentlemen.





# Around and About Town

## Chamber Honors Members

On December 5, 2012, more than 100 Chamber members came together to celebrate the season and honor the chamber's Annual Award Winners!

Larry Naselli of Allegra Marketing Print Mail was awarded this year's Leadership Award; Bill Vlcek of Vlcek Consulting took home the Ambassador Award.



George Lamberis and Chris Karountzos (first and third left) accepted the award for Anyways American Grill & Pub as Business of the Year! Presenting were Erin Gerber and Marshall Gray Jr. (second and fourth from left) from last year's winner, Adventist GlenOaks Hospital.

## District 13 Kindergarten Registration Underway

Children who will be five years old on or before September 1, 2012, are eligible for kindergarten during the 2012-2013 school year. Parents wishing to register their child for Kindergarten in District 13 schools should contact the elementary school they plan to attend. Packets may be picked up at either school. For more information, call DuJardin at 630-894-9200 or Erickson at 630-529-2223.

## Congratulations BAC State Champion Cheerleaders!

The second grade pom squad of the Bloomingdale Athletic Club (BAC) has a lot to cheer about. On December 2nd the girls competed in the Illinois Recreational Cheerleading Association State Finals at the Sears Centre. They brought home



the title of State Champions. The 16 little girls that fought very hard for the title are Mia Abraham, Michelina Adamo, Jenna Annecca, Mia Giammarese, Talia Guarino, Machkenzie Hunn, Gina Kent, Jordyn Miles, Nicolette Miranda, Abby Pellegrino, Angelica Positano, Brooke Ross, Kaley Schrimmenti, Olivia Silberbauer, Ayleen Vazquez, and Carina Yanez. The two coaches are Denise Miranda and Katie McGovern.

## Attention Bloomingdale Golf Enthusiasts

The start of the 2013 golf season at Bloomingdale Golf Club is just around the corner and with it, a new approach on how to receive the best price on the purchase of your green fees will be introduced.

The finishing touches are almost complete, at which time we will be rolling out the program. We will tell you that it is called our "Community Card" program, and along with the residents of Bloomingdale, it invites the residents of a select number of neighboring communities to be participants.

Further information will soon be available in the coming weeks via e-mail, the Village of Bloomingdale website ([www.villageofbloomingdale.org](http://www.villageofbloomingdale.org)) and Bloomingdale Golf Club's website ([www.bloomingdalegolfclub.com](http://www.bloomingdalegolfclub.com)). Keep an eye open for more information!

Happy Golfing!







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## Westfield Middle School Students Share Spirit Of the Season



The Westfield Middle School's Student Council 2012 Township Sharing Tree project raised an amazing total of \$2,217 through the generosity of parents and students. The Bloomingdale Meijer's graciously donated another \$1,000.00 worth of gift cards.

With all of the donations collected, Westfield's Student Council not only purchased gifts for 63 children on the Bloomingdale Township's Sharing Tree, but also gave 40 \$25.00 (\$1,000.00 total) Meijer's Gift Cards to the Bloomingdale Township's Sharing Tree.

Westfield Student Council thanks everyone who came together in such a generous spirit.

## Cops and Kids for Christmas

Bloomingdale FOP Lodge 175 held its annual "Cops & Kids for Christmas" for several Bloomingdale Township youngsters. Many thanks are extended to Old Country Buffet, Meijer, Joseph Salerno & Salerno Rosedale Chapels, Bloomingdale Township Republican Party, Chicago Italian American Charitable Organization, Dick Schneibel, John Dabrowski, Michelle & Thomas Potter and Walter Ascher for their most generous donations to this program.

