

# Village of Bloomingdale

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Ask your favorite three independents to join.  
We'll list them here.

## 40th Annual Septemberfest - Old Town Park

September 7, 2013 marks the 40th anniversary of Bloomingdale's annual end-of-the-summer gathering, Septemberfest. From its low-key beginning with the gathering of neighbors, refreshments, including the Lions grilled corn and beverages, games and demonstrations of a corn shelling machine, Septemberfest has evolved into the current morning into late evening event with food and craft vendors, nearly continuous entertainment, a car show, scholarship recipients and

a street filled curb to curb with people enjoying the evening's band. We've come a long way, Baby!

The annual parade steps off at 11 a.m. from DuJardin School on Euclid, moves west on Schick Road, crosses Bloomingdale Road and empties into the Septemberfest site. At noon, the festivities begin with the official opening by Mayor Franco Coladipietro,

with the posting of the colors by Bloomingdale VFW Post 7539, the National Anthem and the honoring of the troops.

Entertainment begins at the Pavilion with dancers from Center Stage 12:45 – 1:15 and Dance Xplosion  
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## St. Paul Evangelical Church to Host Septemberfest Block Party

An addition to this year's annual Septemberfest is a Family Block Party to be held at St. Paul Evangelical United Church of Christ, located at 118 First Street. The Block Party will take place in the church's west

parking lot at Bloomingdale Road and Franklin, across the street from Septemberfest. Admission to the Block Party is \$2.00 for children ages 2-13 and \$3.00 for all admissions over age 13.

Paid admission will include games for children and adults, prizes, live entertainment and tickets to be redeemed at the carnival-themed concession stand. Gates open at 12:30 PM and will close at 4:30 PM

on Saturday, September 7, 2013.

For more information, please contact the church office at (630) 980-9196 or via email at [stpaul118@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stpaul118@sbcglobal.net).



# Summer Concert Series Wraps Up Another Great Season

## 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 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



*An annual favorite, American English, closes out the Summer Concert Series on Tuesday, August 13 at Old Town Park, 111 Third Street. The renown Beatles Tribute is FREE and begins at 7 pm. Participants may bring lawn chairs and refreshments. The 2013 Summer Concert Series has been sponsored by the Bloomingdale Park District, the Village of Bloomingdale, Bloomingdale Bank & Trust and Friendly Ford. There is no concert on Tuesday, August 6 as Bloomingdale celebrates National Night Out at the Park District Oasis.*

## 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 the 2013 spring flooding, the Village is able to get out critical information to all subscribers as it becomes available.

Go to [www.villageofbloomingdale.org](http://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

**Franco A. Coladipietro**  
Village President

**Jane E. Michelotti**  
Village Clerk

### TRUSTEES

**Judi Von Huben**  
Public Safety

**Robert Czernek**  
Traffic and Streets

**Bill Bolen**  
Finance and  
Administration

**Frank Bucaro**  
Facilities, Infrastructure

**Michael D. Hovde**  
Planning, Zoning  
& Environmental  
Concerns

**Jim King**  
Intergovernmental and  
Community Relations

*Thanks to David Von Huben for his photo of the 18th green at Bloomingdale Golf Club on the front page of this newsletter.*

## From the Desk of Mayor Franco

I'd like to thank everyone for the warm welcome I have received since being sworn in as Mayor on May 13. My first 10 weeks in office have been busy getting up to speed with what's happening in the various village departments, becoming acquainted with the village's current budget, hearing from residents and businesses alike and looking forward to some exciting changes on the horizon.

During my campaign I spoke about creating the Bloomingdale Mayor's Advisory Council (BMAC), a group that would be designed to give Bloomingdale residents a real voice in shaping the future of our community. The time has come to solicit volunteers to make up this innovative group. I would like to create a council that will be comprised of a cross section of the community - representatives from homeowner associations, the business community, social service providers, churches, schools, the library and the park district.

We need volunteers who are able to look at the big picture and are willing to collaborate as BMAC discusses village initiatives, presents new ideas and offers feedback on ways to improve our community. Once established, BMAC will meet on a quarterly basis. You can find an application to serve on this council on the homepage of the Village's website [www.villageofbloomingdale.org](http://www.villageofbloomingdale.org) or call Mary Ellen Johnson at 630-671-5600 to have one sent to you. Directions on returning the application are on the bottom of the form.

In other news, I am very proud to announce that **Congratulations!** are in order to the Finance Department on receiving its 23rd consecutive Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting, which is presented by the Government Finance Officers Association. We might note 23 years just happens to coincide with the length of time Gary Szott been our Treasurer. He is quick to point out the credit for this outstanding achievement goes to the entire Finance Department, with special recognition to Assistant Finance Director Allen Altic and Accountant June Fergus.

Hope to see you at the 40th Annual Septemberfest on September 7!

Mayor Franco



**A meeting of the Mayors:** Our Mayor Franco Coladipietro had the pleasure of meeting Clint, the "Mayor" of Marklund, and a great ambassador. The two became acquainted before dinner at the Marklund Golf Classic held at Indian Lakes on May 30.



## We'd Love to Have Your Thoughts . . .

The Village of Bloomingdale invites all residents to take part in the upcoming online Residential Survey, October 1 – 31, 2013. Understanding our residents' views and the value they place on various services is very important to the Village. Results of the residential survey will be a beneficial tool for the Village's future planning and budgeting purposes.

During the month of October, Bloomingdale residents will be able to complete the survey online in the comfort of their own home. The web address for the survey will be posted in late September on the Village website and E-News, and in the October **Almanac**.

Residents who do not own a computer or who are not familiar with computer use will be able to complete the online survey (with assistance if desired) on computers set up at the Bloomingdale Library and at Village Hall, during normal business hours.

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# Replacement program underway

## Village Replacing Trees Infested with EAB

### 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

### National Night Out On August 6

Bloomington's National Night Out Against Crime event takes place on Tuesday, August 6 at the Bloomington Park District, 172 S. Circle Avenue. It will begin at 6:00 p.m. and conclude at 9:00 p.m. (weather permitting). Hot dogs, hamburgers, etc. will be provided through Catering With Elegance by Glendale and will be served from 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. There will be games and prizes for kids and the pool is open to all.



Since 2010 when the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) infestation was confirmed in Bloomington, the Village has been implementing an EAB Response Plan, which calls for the removal and replacement of its entire ash tree inventory over a period of 15 years.

Village Forestry staff continues to monitor the extent of the EAB infestation, tagging ash trees with orange ribbons for removal. These tree removals will be completed this season, and replacement trees will be planted this fall or next spring. A combination of Village employee labor and contracted labor will be utilized.

The current Village ash tree inventory is 1,744, which is 1,594 street trees (parkway, medians, etc) and 150 trees at Village facilities trees. During this fiscal year the budget projects 300 more ash trees are to be removed.

While the Village does not remove ash trees on private property, if you suspect your ash tree has EAB, contact the Forestry Division at 630-671-5800. A Forestry staff member will come out and inspect the tree for you and answer your questions.

### Summer Water Conservation

From May through September the sprinkling of lawns with automatic sprinkling devices is only allowed as follows:

**Single Family** residential with **odd** numbered addresses on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday between 5 a.m. and 9 a.m. or 5 p.m. and 9 p.m.

**Single Family** residential with **even** numbered addresses on Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday between 5 a.m. and 9 a.m. or 5 p.m. and 9 p.m.

**Commercial, Industrial, Manufacturing, Office Buildings and Multi-Family Residential Buildings** on Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday between 5 a.m. and 9 a.m. or 5 p.m. and 9 p.m.

The use of automatic sprinkling devices is prohibited on all Fridays. Violators are subject to a fine of \$25.00 to \$50.00 for each violation of the order. For more information, contact the Utilities Division at 630-671-5830.

### Watering New Trees

The Forestry Division has removed and replaced many EAB trees last year and this spring, and is requesting help from residents to keep these replacement trees watered when the temperature climbs and there isn't enough rain. Trees lose lots of water when the temperature climbs.

Proper watering is the single most important aspect of maintenance of transplanted trees. The goal is to provide at least 1 to 2 inches of water every two weeks, more often in very hot weather.

Here are two easy ways to accomplish watering:

1. Set a garden hose at the base of the tree, and let it trickle for 15 minutes.
2. Perforate a 5-gallon plastic bucket with several holes, place it near the trunk of the tree and fill it with water. Allow the water to seep out, then repeat.

Don't forget your own new trees. After a tree has been established for two years the root structure is better able to withstand a wider range of water conditions.



*How big is an emerald ash borer? This one is sitting the tip of a finger.*

## Aggressive Drivers = Danger on the Road

Summer in the Chicagoland area means, 'Construction Season,' which often brings out aggressive behavior in drivers. Some people want to get to their destination regardless of public safety and can be upset by the smallest things.

These high-risk drivers climb into the anonymity of an automobile and take out their frustrations on anyone at any time.

For these drivers, frustration levels are high and level of concern for fellow motorists is low.

They run stop signs and red lights, speed, tailgate, weave in and out of traffic, pass on the right, make improper and unsafe lane changes, make hand and facial gestures, scream, honk, and flash their lights.

They drive at speeds far in excess of the norm, follow too closely, change lanes frequently and abruptly without signals, pass on the shoulder or unpaved portions of the roadway, and leer at and/or threaten (verbally or through gestures) at motorists who might be "in their way."

When confronted by an aggressive driver:

- First and foremost make every attempt to get out of the way.
- Put your pride in the back seat. Do not challenge them by speeding up or attempting to hold-your-own in your travel lane.
- Wear your seat belt. It will hold you in your seat and behind the wheel in case you need to make an abrupt driving maneuver and it will protect you in a crash.
- Avoid eye contact; ignore gestures and refuse to return them.
- Report aggressive drivers to the appropriate authorities by providing a vehicle description, license number, location, and if possible, direction of travel.
- If you have a cell phone, and can do it safely, call the police.
- If an aggressive driver is involved in a crash farther down the road, stop a safe distance from the crash scene, wait for the police to arrive, and report the driving behavior that you witnessed.
- Avoid the challenges or confrontations of an aggressive driver and support law enforcement's efforts to rid the streets and highways of this menace.

Any questions or concerns about this information or other crime prevention topics, may be directed to Officer Dawn Odoi of the Bloomingdale Police Department at (630) 529-9868.

### A Few Reminders of Rules of the Road

**Seatbelts:** Everyone in the vehicle is required to wear a seatbelt. It's the law!  
**Turn signals** should be used to make turns (even in turning lanes) and to change lanes.

**Headlights** are to be "on" when the vehicle's wipers are "on" due to bad weather (rain).

**Slow traffic** should keep to the center and right lanes.

**No texting** when driving. It is the law!

**No cell phone** use in construction zones – 24 hours / 7 days a week.

**Handicap placards and license plates** are issued to individuals and should be used by those individuals only.



## Bloomingdale Cops on Top Raise \$1400 for Special Olympics

Patrol Officer Dominick Corsiglia was perched on the top of the Lake Street Dunkin' Donuts to help raise funds for Illinois Special Olympics on May 31. The 5:30 a.m – noon event brought in \$1400. Dawn Odoi and Sue Osicek also took turns on the roof. In addition, Patrol Officer Corsiglia, Patrol Officer Steve Giancaterino and his family, represented Bloomingdale in the 2013 Special Olympics Torch Run on June 9th.

## 'Drug Dealer in Your Medicine Chest?' Topic of September 18 Neighborhood Watch Meeting

The topic for the next Neighborhood Watch General Meeting on Wednesday, September 18 is AWARe Presentation – "Does a Drug Dealer Lurk in Your Medicine Closet?" All are invited to learn how to protect yourself, family and friends regarding prescription drug safety: misuse/abuse, proper storage/disposal, safe Internet purchasing, and dangers of counterfeit drugs.

The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Village Hall Council Room, 201 S. Bloomingdale Road. Join us for a real eye-opening experience!

# West Nile - County Update

## Dead Birds Can Now Be Reported Online

### Keep Cool Economically This Summer

Here are some energy saving tips to help you stay comfortable, conserve energy and manage electricity bills during the summer.



- Keep thermostats at a constant, comfortable level – 78 degrees – when at home. Lowering the thermostat setting below the desired temperature will not cool the home faster.
- To save even more energy, use a ceiling fan along with raising your air conditioner temperature.
- To reduce heat and moisture during the warmest part of the day, run appliances such as ovens, washing machines, dryers and dishwashers in the early morning or evening hours when it's generally cooler outside. Also, barbecue outside, instead of using the oven.
- Keep shades, blinds and curtains closed. Simply drawing blinds and curtains, which act as a layer of insulation, can reduce heat gain to your home. Awnings are even better, and can reduce heat gain by up to 77 percent. Window coatings and window film can reflect additional heat energy from the sun.
- Keep doors to the outside, garage or attic firmly closed to keep cool air in and hot air out.
- Place window air conditioners on the north or shaded side of the house to avoid overworking the unit in the hot daytime sun.
- When leaving home for more than four hours, raise the thermostat five to 10 degrees in the summer. Do the same at night before going to bed.

The DuPage County Health Department has launched an online reporting tool that will make it easier for County residents to report dead birds that may have died from West Nile virus (WNV).

In this region, WNV can be carried by a variety of birds, as well as Culex mosquitoes. Reports of recently deceased birds can be an indicator of early or localized WNV activity. This new form will be easy to use and helpful to the Health Department to "Fight the Bite."

The data collected will be shared with DuPage County entities that are responsible for mosquito abatement so they can make informed decisions about appropriate control measures, as well as alert the general public about precautions that should be taken if WNV activity increases.

Only birds that have been dead for less than 48 hours should be reported, including crows, blue jays, grackles, starlings, robins, cardinals, sparrows, finches, hawks and owls. These are the types of birds known to carry WNV in this region.

To report dead birds visit: <http://www.dupagehealth.org/dead-bird-sighting>

Among the questions that residents will be asked on the online form are address, number of dead birds, the type of bird and length of time that the bird has been dead.

For more information, visit [www.dupagehealth.org/ftb](http://www.dupagehealth.org/ftb) and follow Fight the Bite on Twitter [@fight\\_the\\_bite](https://twitter.com/fight_the_bite) or become a fan on Facebook at [facebook.com/fightthebitedupage](https://facebook.com/fightthebitedupage).

### Some Friendly Reminders About Refuse and Recycling Cart Storage

Refuse and recycling carts may be placed out at the curb after 6:00 p.m. the day before the scheduled pickup. A mechanical arm on the truck performs the collection of the refuse and carts, so it is important to place carts approximately one foot behind the curb (or one foot off the pavement, if there are no curbs) with the wheels facing away from the street (toward your house). Place the cart so that vehicles parked on the street don't obstruct it.

Cart(s) must be removed from the curb following pick-up on the day of collection. Please note that refuse, recycling and yard waste are all collected by different trucks running different routes, with different pick-up times.

On non-collection days, carts must be stored out of view from the street.

Village Code prohibits containers to be stored in the front yard, including that area between the building and front yard, or stored in the corner-side or side yard of any property, including that area between the building and that yard unless screened from view from the street. Carts may be stored within a garage or shed, or in a back yard. Carts may also be stored on the side of a house, provided they are sufficiently screened by shrubbery or a fence.





## Making a Difference in Our Community



### Tony Spavone

Resident and longtime Bloomingdale businessman, Tony Spavone, was honored in May in New York City as he received the Ellis Island Medal of Honor in the categories of humanitarian and performing arts. The award singles out those who dedicate themselves to serving others, while preserving their heritage and those who use their personal and professional gifts to promote humanity.

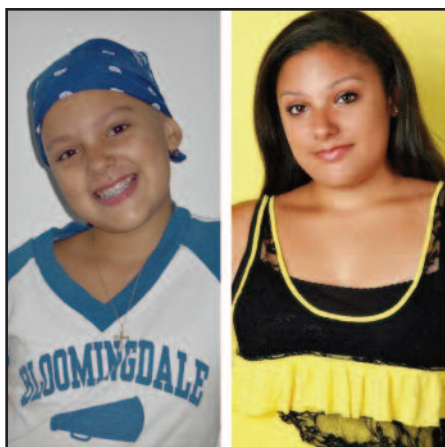
Anyone who has been to Tony Spavone's Ristorante on Lake Street in Bloomingdale, is well aware of the restaurateur's gift for song.

Not only do his patrons enjoy his musical talents. Tony entertains at Italian festivals around the country, as well as at fundraisers, with various celebrities and at special events, such as the 2000 Republican National Convention.

Tony's passion for giving back, his generous spirit and unwavering willingness to help those in need – especially veterans, children and seniors- have brought him honors from several organizations over the years. But, he said this Medal of Honor touched his heart in a special way as he recalled his late father's immigration to America, his toils to bring the family here, as well as what he taught and shared with young Tony. He would not have received this award, Tony said, had it not been for his Dad. Congratulations, Tony, on this well-deserved honor.

### Janine Delaney

Sixteen year-old resident Janine Delaney is a childhood cancer survivor. She has been raising awareness and raising funds since she was diagnosed with stage 3 cancer at nine years old. Janine has advocated for cancer research twice in Springfield and again this past April in Washington DC. It is her goal to bring childhood cancer awareness to our community. She is currently working with Mayor Coladipietro to possibly proclaim September Childhood Cancer Awareness Month in Bloomingdale.



Her goal is to eventually have CureSearch and childhood cancer recognized as much as the Susan G. Komen Foundation is recognized for breast cancer. In her words, "kids matter too!" Janine has always wanted to pay her survivorship forward so other children do not have to suffer from this disease. She will walk in the Great Lawn by Soldier Field this September when CureSearch hosts their annual walk in Chicago on September 7th.

Bloomingdale will be hearing more about CureSearch and Janine's mission to raise awareness about childhood cancer by wearing gold, as pink is recognized everywhere for breast cancer. CureSearch, like St. Baldrick's, donates 80 percent of funds raised to childhood cancer research. We can all help Janine's mission by wearing gold in September.



## 400 Bags of Food Collected by Bloomingdale Church for Interdependence Day

Pastor David Riemenschneider and the parishioners of Bloomingdale Church, 264 Glen Ellyn Road, want the community to know that the June 30 Interdependence Day was a great success. They send thanks to the many people who returned the bags of food to the church and to Circle Park. Thanks to their generosity, approximately 400 bags of groceries were split between four food pantries in our community, which are St. Paul Evangelical UCC, Bloomingdale Township, Bloomingdale Church and Evangel Assembly of God, Hanover Park.

Thanks are also extended to all those who worked the food drive and behind the scenes putting together the patriotic service and the afternoon picnic after the food drive, with special mention of Len Labrentz and Hans Hofmann, who stayed up all night roasting the pig for the picnic. Thanks also to the Bloomingdale Park District, Lake Park High School Marching Band Boosters and the Oasis Swimming team for their cooperation in use of the property.



# Community Events

## Back to School Health Fair Is August 7

The 23rd Annual DuPage County Back to School Fair is being held on August 7, 2013 from 11am-6pm at the Odeum Expo Center located at 1033 N. Villa Avenue in Villa Park. This is a "one-stop shop" for Health and Human Services, serving people living on low incomes in DuPage County. It is coordinated by Catholic Charities, Joliet Diocese. Contact Amy Lambert, coordinator Catholic Charities at 630-495-8008, ext 2110 or at [alambert@cc-doj.org](mailto:alambert@cc-doj.org)

## Home Electronics Recycling Offered First Saturday of Every Month

The Bloomingdale Township Highway Department sponsors an Electronic Recycling Collection Program the first Saturday of every month (except January, February, March & holiday weekends) at the Bloomingdale Township Garage, 123 N. Rosedale Ave., 8:00 a.m. to noon.

For more information about recycling initiatives and events, visit the DuPage County website at <http://www.dupageco.org/sustainability/>



## Friends of the Library Book Sale September 14 & 15

The Friends of the Bloomingdale Public Library Book Sale will be held on Saturday, September 14, 9 a.m.- 4 p.m. and Sunday, September 15, 1-3 p.m. in the library on the lower level, Meeting Rooms A/B. The sale will include thousands of books, including the nicest copies of recent withdrawals and donated materials. The Friends also welcome donations of gently used books, videos, DVDs and sound recordings. Check the library's website [www.mybpl.org](http://www.mybpl.org) for more details as the date gets closer.

## Recycling Events

### Elmhurst Green Fest & Recycling Event - August 3, 2013 - 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Wilder Park, 175 Prospect Ave., Elmhurst

The Elmhurst Park District Green Fest is an annual event promoting environmentally safe practices. The event showcases guest speakers, green vendors, family fun activities and a recycling drop off event. For more information and for a complete list of items accepted at the recycling event, visit the event web site, <http://www.elmhurstgreenfest.org/>, or call (630) 993-8980.

### Downers Grove Recycling Event - September 28, 2013 - 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Downers Grove Public Works Facility, 5101 Walnut Avenue, Downers Grove

For a complete list of accepted and not accepted items, visit the Downers Grove web site, <http://www.downers.us/res/garbage-and-recycling/recycling-extravaganza>. This recycling event is open to County residents, and not intended for businesses and organizations. For more information, contact David Rauch at (630) 434-6811.

### 'Save The Date' For Future 2013 Events:

'Save the Date' for green or recycling events held throughout DuPage County. Please visit the County web site,

<http://www.dupageco.org/recyclingevents/> for updates and details.

September 21 - Lombard Recycling Event

September 28 - Hanover Park Recycling Event



## FOP Fundraiser - Day at the Races

Bloomingdale's Day at the Races is sponsored by the Bloomingdale Police FOP Lodge 175 from Noon- 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 15. Tickets are on sale now for \$30 per person, which includes admission, food and soft drinks. A silent auction will also be going on in one of the tents near the racetrack. For tickets or more information, contact Officer Kreciak, Officer Janes, Officer Zeiger or Officer Tenerelli at 630-529-9868.

## Garden Club's Perennial & Bulb Sale September 28

A Fall Perennial & Bulb Sale will be sponsored by the Bloomingdale Garden Club from 9 am to 3 pm on Saturday, September 28 at the Bloomingdale Park District Maintenance Building, 259 Springfield Drive. (North end Springfield Park, south of Lake Street) The sale will feature perennials from members' gardens (favorites include hosta, iris, peonies, yarrow, coneflower, hydrangea, daylilies, ground cover, black-eyed Susans), and premium bulbs from Holland (a nice medley of daffodils, hyacinths, tulips, crocus, allium, muscari-grape hyacinths and more.) Come early for best selection. Proceeds go to benefit area charities. For more information, contact Linda Kunesh at 630-221-8684 or [kunesh310@comcast.net](mailto:kunesh310@comcast.net).



## WANTED: Fifty Men Who Cook

Tune up the grill and sharpen your taste buds for the 5th annual 50 Men Who Cook event hosted by the Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce. This culinary extravaganza takes place Saturday, September 28 from 6:00 - 8:00 PM at the Hilton Indian Lakes Resort.

50 Men Who Cook is a community event where 50 local chefs serve "tastes" of their favorite dishes. Last year's attendees enjoyed everything from crab cakes to chicken wings and lemon cookies to key lime pie. The fun-filled evening includes raffle prizes, terrific local musicians and a chance to vote for your favorite chef.



Proceeds from the event support wellness activities in local schools as well as the community events of the Chamber of Commerce. Enjoy an evening of culinary delight for \$25. Community members are invited to TASTE, COOK and SPONSOR! Check [www.bloomingtondalechamber.com](http://www.bloomingtondalechamber.com) or call 630-980-9082 for information about signing up as a cook, purchasing tickets or sponsorship opportunities.

## Bloomingtondale Artists Association

**GOLDEN Paints Product Demo - Understanding Acrylics - A to Z September 11, 7-9pm**

Presented by Sandie Bacon, a classically trained, versatile artist who is currently experimenting with a wide range of acrylic paints, gels and mediums. GOLDEN Artist Colors' products are professional quality art materials that are continuously extending creative opportunities for artists, leading to breakthroughs in painting and art making.

The product demo takes place at Bloomingdale Park District Museum, 108 S. Bloomingdale Road. There is a \$5 drop-in fee. Contact Nicole Javvaji, [nicolejavvaji@yahoo.com](mailto:nicolejavvaji@yahoo.com), 847-845-4471, for more information.

## Drive 55 – AARP Safe Driving Course

- Learn Driver Safety Tips • Learn Defensive Driving Strategies
- Be current with new driving laws
- You may qualify for an Auto Insurance Discount

This 8-hour Driving Safety Course will be divided into two sessions of 4 hours each day from noon – 4 p.m. on Tuesday, August 13 and Wednesday, August 14.

All classes will be held at the Bloomingdale Police Department.

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

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



## Upcoming Bloomingdale Park District Museum Events

**Gallery I & II - "Here, There - Anywhere!"**

**Reception:**

**Sunday, Sept. 22, 2-4PM  
108 S. Bloomingdale Road**

The Bloomingdale Park District Museum will present "Here, There, - Anywhere," a juried multi-media exhibition from September 14- October 19. This juried, mixed media art show appeals to everyone and showcases the best of the best! Exhibit includes various pieces of artwork, including photography. Be inspired and visually entertained. This show offers a tremendous opportunity to purchase artwork for yourself or as a gift.

### Free Drop-in Art Project

Children are invited to drop in at the Museum on Saturdays: Sept. 14 or 21, and Oct. 12 or 19, between the hours of 1-3 p.m. to create a free art project in conjunction with the Juried Mixed Media show. Please call 630-539-3096 to confirm the time.

**Interested in displaying your work in the "Here, There, Anywhere!" show?**

The show is open to any artist 18 and over. Both traditional and non-traditional media are eligible. A prospectus for the show may be downloaded at <http://www.bloomingtondaleparks.org/Facilities/BPD-museum/pdfs/Here-There-Anywhere!-2013.pdf>. Hard copies also are available at the Museum.

# Announcing the 2013 Bloomingdale Chamber Scholars

## Park District Partners with Village for Holiday Lights Festival

The Bloomingdale Park District is partnering with the Village of Bloomingdale on a new holiday tradition.

Beginning Nov. 29, 2013, the Festival of Lights will adorn Old Town Bloomingdale through New Year's Eve. Pedestrians and motorists alike will be treated to a sparkling display of holiday lights and sights.

In addition to visually-stunning displays, the Park District also will present special programming and entertainment activities sure to delight. Among these are extended hours for a Holiday exhibit at the Bloomingdale Park District Museum, as well as hot chocolate and cookies and holiday craft workshops.

A tree lighting ceremony, carolers, horse drawn carriage rides, live reindeer and Santa visits are only some of the holiday activities being planned. Watch the October issue of the Almanac for more details.

For questions about the event or partnership/sponsor opportunities, please contact Park District Director of Marketing & Communications Josh Hendricks at (630) 529-3650.



This year the Bloomingdale Chamber awarded nineteen scholarships. The students and the colleges they will attend are: (front row l to r) Emmanuel Carrera (brother of recipient Paola Carrera), Loyola University; Jaleen Rodriguez, College of DuPage; Jessica Vazquez, Marquette



University; Megan Jean McAvoy, College of DuPage; (back row l to r) Tom Auble, father of Nicole Kristen Auble, University of Illinois, Springfield; Sarah Reece, Illinois State University; Bryn Pearce Spejcher, Washington University of Medicine St. Louis; Riya Patel, Loyola University Chicago; Danielle Jecmen, Bemidji State University; Zamaan Sayeed Soheli, University of Illinois at Chicago; Jason Eisentraut, University of Illinois; Nicholas Zanghi, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. Not pictured are Pujan R. Patel, Yale University; Shivani R. Patel, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign Honors Program; Anusha Adkoli, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign or Loyola University.

These scholarships are made possible through the continued generosity of: Mayor Franco Coladipietro, former Mayor Bob Iden, Ed Levato of Bloomingdale Bank & Trust, Salomon Diaz of Outback Steakhouse, Kevin Mottlowitz of Stratford Crossing Shopping Center (2), Dr. Aimee Harris-Newton of Dr. Aimee & Associates (2), Jeannette Adcock of Wintrust Financial Corp.(2), Alden Rehabilitation and Health Care (includes Alden Gardens, Alden Valley Ridge, Alden Villages and Bloomingdale Horizon), Michelle Hess of Adventist Glen Oaks Hospital, Jim Emme of Now Foods and the Bloomingdale Fire Protection Union IAFF-Local 3272 (2). Thank you also to these members who helped fund a scholarship: Tom Itrich of Huskie Tools, Dr. John K Butts of Reed Custer SD 255 and Bryan Ryndak of Ryndak Physical Therapy.

## Septemberfest (continued from page 1)

1:15 – 1:45. Bloomingdale Gymnastics Center follows 1:45 – 2:15 with their routines. D.J. Tony "Slammin" Keas entertains 2:15 – 3:00. Rick Lindy & The Wild Ones will entertain the crowd with their 50's/60's Retro Rock from 3:00 – 4:30.

Beginning at 5:15 until 6, winners will rule the stage. From 5:15 – 5:30 the winner of Bloomingdale Park District's "Bloomingdale's Got Talent" competition will treat the audience to a winning performance. At 5:30 the winners of the Joe Draghi Septemberfest Scholarship will be introduced and from 5:45 – 6:00, the winner of the Bloomingdale Battle of the Bands will reprise its winning performance. Topping off the day, Hi Infidelity will take to the stage from 7:00 – 10:00 p.m. A Septemberfest favorite, the band plays music of all types, but mostly from the 80s Rock period. The group has been compared to Journey, REO Speedwagon and Bon Jovi, to name a few.

Please join us at the 40th annual Septemberfest. It promises to be a celebration to remember!



## Run 4 Covers is Last Library Lunchtime Concert

Catch *Run 4 Covers*, the last of the Bloomingdale Public Library's summer lunchtime concerts at the gazebo in front of the library on August 9. Run 4 Covers is a group of five musical marksmen who perform your favorite songs from the 70s until today. A family friendly act for fans of all ages. The free concert is held from noon to 1 p.m.



## Come to the Pulled Pork Dinner August 10!

The community is invited to attend a Barbeque Pulled Pork Dinner on Saturday, August 10 from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at St. Paul Evangelical UCC, 118 First Street. Tickets for this BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwich, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Drink and Dessert Dinner are \$7.50 for adults and \$3.50 for children, and are available by calling (630) 980-9196. The dinner is a fundraiser for the church's Septemberfest block party event. (See p. 1)

## Lake Park State Champions



*Pictured (L-R) Bottom Row: Lance Murphy, Jay Ivory, Joe Pierce, Bob Nihells, Tom Kaberna, Alex Rummelhart; Row 2: Gio Basso, Curtwan Evans, Mike Amerlan, Antonio Shenault, Scott Filip (w/ trophy), Per Johnson, Ian Smith, Doug Juraska; Top Row: Marcus Jegede, Derrick Smith, Shawn Koch, Mike Prestigiacomo, Tim Ehrhardt*

To end their 2013 season, the Lake Park Lancers Track Team captured their 4th straight IHSA 3A state championship, becoming the 5th team in the 119 year history of the meet to win four straight titles! Bloomingdale resident Scott Filip concluded an amazing high school career by finishing 3rd in the High Jump, 5th in the Long Jump and 7th as part of the 4x100 relay. Other Bloomingdale team members were Curtwan Evans and Per Johnson, who took ninth place in discus. In a true team effort, every LP athlete who qualified for the finals scored points towards the team championship.

During this outstanding season, the team was also Indoor and Outdoor UpState 8 Conference Champions, Illinois Prep Top Times Indoor State Champions, IHSA Sectional Champions, and IHSA Outdoor State Champions. Congratulations to these athletes on their exceptional accomplishments this season.



## Trash or Treasure?

Want to know how much Aunt Jenny's vase is worth? Does that old doll your grandmother used to play with have more than sentimental value? The Bloomingdale Historical Society will be hosting Brian Meyer of Chicago Antiques Guide and Somerset Estate Sales from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. on Saturday, September 28 on the lower level at the Bloomingdale Public Library, 101 Fairfield Way.

Visitors will have the opportunity to have up to two items appraised at no cost by Mr. Meyer. They must be able to carry the items into the library and get them downstairs without help from library staff or Historical Society members. (There is an elevator.)

If time allows, additional items may be appraised at \$5 per item. Refreshments will be served. Please RSVP to 630-529-3120 ext 2801, so the Historical Society can plan accordingly.

## The Circus Comes to Town

On Sunday, October 6, the Bloomingdale Historical Society, along



with the Bloomingdale Public Library, cosponsor The Art of the Circus from 3-4 p.m. on the lower level at the library. Canvas banner artist Glen Davies, has spent the last 30 years designing and painting fun houses, dark rides, show fronts and sideshow banners. He will narrate a slide presentation featuring nearly 100 years of circus banner by various artists. To register, please call 630-924-2730 or go to [www.mybpl.com](http://www.mybpl.com)

This presentation immediately follows an Artists' Reception from 2 - 3 featuring Glen Davies' art, as well as The Night Circus-inspired art of the Bloomingdale Artists Association.

# Business News

## Alden Valley Ridge Receives 5-Star Rating

Alden Valley Ridge, specializing in short-term orthopedic recovery and post-acute services, has achieved a 5-Star Rating by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). CMS evaluated the rehabilitation center's health inspection reports from the past three years, quality of care residents receive and number of direct care hours provided per resident per day. Its online 'report card' provides information on every Medicare and Medicaid certified nursing home in each state. Each facility is rated on a scale of one to five stars, with five being the highest.

"We are honored at Alden Valley Ridge to receive the 5-star designation," says Emily Hanson, administrator. "Very few rehabilitation centers receive the highest rating, which recognizes the great work our nurses and staff do every day to meet the needs of our patients."

Many individuals come to Alden Valley Ridge for short-term rehabilitation and therapy services after hip or knee surgery, a stroke or other medical condition. Physical, occupational and speech therapies are offered daily to get patients back on their feet and home as quickly and safely as possible. The facility is located at 275 Army Trail Road.

## Charming Charlie's Fashion Accessories

Charming Charlie, the award-winning fashion accessories retailer, is the



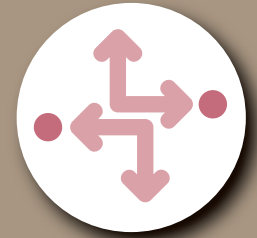
one-of-a-kind source of style that's been helping women find their "fabulous" since 2004. And while our fashion accessories have women turning heads around town, we've been turning a few ourselves

around the industry. Winner of several awards over the past few years, Charming Charlie has been recognized for leading a retail revolution. Our uniquely designed in-store experience features a breath-taking volume and variety of accessories, ingeniously arranged by color, making that perfect accent fun and easy to find. With more than 250 stores in the United States stocked full of the all latest trends, Charming Charlie is spreading style from coast to coast with fabulous, affordable fashions accessories and insider style advice that has women coming back again and again!

Come let Charming Charlie help you find your "fabulous" at our newest location in Bloomingdale Court, right off Army Trail Road, a couple doors west of Jo-Ann Fabrics. You will not be disappointed, we promise!



*Midge Hassing takes a break from morning exercise with Alden Valley Ridge Activity Aide Tess Baesa.*



## The Bloomingdale Business Beat

The Business Beat features news about businesses - newly opened ones, those under construction and those who have something special to tell the residents about - awards won, charitable fundraisers hosted, recent major remodels, etc.

Retail businesses provide a significant part of the village's tax base. Supporting them helps keep the Village portion of your property tax bill low.

### Remember - BUY IN BLOOMINGDALE

#### Welcome to These New Businesses

Hollywood Cleaners  
160 S. Bloomingdale Road

Charming Charlie's  
364 Army Trail Road

At Stratford Square

Vonage  
Tenka Restaurant  
Shiekh Shoes

#### Bloomingdale Pharmacy Closes

George Thies of Bloomingdale Pharmacy extends his sincerest thanks to all his loyal customers and friends. Bloomingdale will always hold a special place in his heart. He and his dad, George Thies, Jr., have felt they were a part of the community since the day they opened the doors in 1979. George is now working with Walgreens, and is currently at the 180 E. Lake Street store, just east of Springbrook Shopping Center.



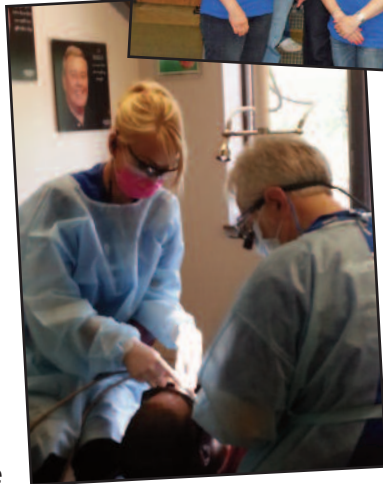


# Business News

## Dentistry from the Heart

On June 8th the staff of Comprehensive Dentistry participated in Dentistry from the Heart for the second year. This year they were able to help over 60 adults get some much needed dental care, giving away more than \$19,000 in dentistry that day. One patient wrote them a Thank You note stating, "I am so happy to have my smile back!"

According to Michelle Matthiesen, Director of Marketing for Comprehensive Dentistry "We LOVE doing this for the community! Its feels good to give back!"



Top photo: The Dentistry from the Heart team helped over 60 adults at Comprehensive Dentistry. Left photo: Joanna Behl and Dr. Claudio Levato treat a patient.

## Hollywood Cleaners Opens New Location in Bloomingdale

Hollywood Cleaners, Inc. was established on Milwaukee Avenue in Chicago in September 1947 by Nunzio "Bud" Raimondi and his wife, Marie Raimondi. In business for 50 years, Bud finally retired and sold the business to his daughter and son-in-law, Marie and Phil Luparello. They continue the family tradition with their sons Anthony and Frank and



The Luparello Family surround Mayor Franco Coladipietro, as he cuts the ribbon to their new location. (L to r) daughter-in-law Michele, holding granddaughter Guiliana, son Tony, Marie, Mayor Coladipietro, Phil, daughter-in-law Danielle and son Frank.

Bloomingdale," said Phil. "We are just off of Schick and Bloomingdale Roads (next to the College of Dupage Bloomingdale Center). Stop by and be treated like a star! Mention this article and receive a 10% discount on your entire order. Come check us out – we have the best prices in Bloomingdale and great service as well."

their growing family. The Chicago location has been around for 66 years and now is on its third generation.

2013 is the beginning of a new era. The Luparello family is excited to open a second location at 160 S. Bloomingdale Road in Bloomingdale where they have lived since 1990.

"We are bringing the same star treatment and friendly service to

## 3/50 Day in Bloomingdale

As part of the Village's ongoing commitment to Bloomingdale's Small Independent Businesses, the Bloomingdale Business Promotion Committee has declared the 1st Wednesday of every month as 3/50 Day in Bloomingdale.

The 3/50 Project is a national initiative for small independent businesses, based on a simple message: Pick 3 local businesses; Spend \$50 each month at them collectively. In addition to supporting 3 Bloomingdale businesses every month, residents are encouraged to patronize one of the participating 3/50 Project businesses on 3/50 Day.

Angelo Caputo's  
Fresh Markets  
Bentley's Pancake House  
& Restaurant  
Chicago Pastry  
Classic Travel and Tours  
Elite Sports Memorabilia  
Enopi  
Great Wraps  
Jack and Jill's  
Children's Boutique Ltd  
Kammes Auto and Truck  
Repair Inc.  
La Campana Mexican  
Restaurant  
Mandarin Bistro  
Roosters Bar and Grill  
Sassy's Originals  
Sporty's Catering  
Springsoft

Don't see your favorite Bloomingdale small independent business listed above? Let them know it, and also tell that you would miss their business if they were gone, and encourage to join the 3/50 Project movement for FREE publicity, online @ [www.the350project.net](http://www.the350project.net)



# Around and About Town



## Swimming & Pool Safety Tips

- Never leave a young child alone or with a sibling. If you must step away from the pool area, take the child, or children, out of the pool and with you.
- Have a poolside phone so there is no need to leave the area and know the emergency number to call.
- Teach your child to swim at a young age. Should they fall in, they might be able to help themselves by staying afloat.
- If you have a pool, make sure it is protected on all four sides from neighborhood kids. The fun of having a swimming pool makes it an inviting hazard.
- Place door latches on the pool entrance high off the ground so children can't open them.
- Make sure the door to the pool has a self-closure that will automatically close and latch.
- If you have a pool or hot tub, you have chemicals of some type to clean and correct the pH levels of the water. Make sure they are kept out of the reach of children. Pool and Spa chemicals should be stored by themselves as some of these products are oxidizers. Oxidizers can start fires or give off toxic gases if they come in contact with oil or gasoline.

Accidents happen. Attend a First Aid and CPR class. Know what to do before it occurs.

## Donovan Maloney Awarded Joliet Diocese Scholarship

Thirteen-year old Donovan Maloney, graduate of St. Isidore School, capped off his final days of grade school in grand fashion. The son of residents Mr. & Mrs Colin Maloney was one of only six recipients throughout the Diocese of Joliet to be awarded the prestigious Bishop Romeo R. Blanchette Scholarship. In addition, he is also a 2013 recipient of the Kasma Family Scholarship, administered and awarded annually by the Catholic Education Foundation of the Diocese of Joliet, in conjunction with the Kasma Family Foundation, Naperville.

Donovan will attend St. Francis High School in the fall. The straight A student was one of the first students to head up the school's Leadership Academy last year, and was instrumental, along with the team, in organizing the school and parish-wide food drive. The drive collected 1.1 tons (2,283lbs.) of food and more than \$2,000 in cash donations to help Hesed House, a homeless shelter in Aurora.



*Donovan Maloney is pictured with retired Joliet Diocese Bishop Joseph L. Imesch and St. Isidore Principal Cyndi Collins.*

## Veterans Clinic & Expo September 14

Anyone interested in Veterans Benefits is invited to attend the Veteran Clinic and Expo sponsored by Bloomingdale VFW Post 7539 on Saturday, September 14 at Trinity Lutheran Church, 405 South Rush Street in Roselle from 8:30 am to 2:00pm.

**Make sure you bring a copy of your DD214.** VA personnel will be on hand to help with enrollment in the VA Health Care System, file claims, get a free flu shot, and learn about current job opportunities. Local community colleges and CHAD affordable housing, as well as State and County agencies, will all be on hand to answer questions and provide information. Take advantage of this event to learn more about your benefits, services available, and programs designed to help you, the Veteran.

## Coming Soon with the Garden Club

### Flower Arrangements from the Bible, August 20, 6:30pm

Flower Arrangements from the Bible, presented by speaker Eileen Wanders. Eileen, a published artist and poet, will demonstrate flower arranging using plants that are referenced in the Bible.

### Bloomingdale Garden Club - Success with Bulbs, September 17, 6:30pm

Presented by speaker Joanne Rocchi, the retail perennial manager for The Growing Place in Aurora. Success with Bulbs features a variety of spring flowering bulbs; some unusual bulbs will be available for purchase.

Both programs are held at Bloomingdale Police Dept, 201 S. Bloomingdale Road. Contact Roberta Pulido for more information, 630-295-8315.

The Bloomingdale Garden Club celebrates its 50th Anniversary in October. Members welcome gardeners of all ages and experience. Contact [bloomingdalegardenclub@gmail.com](mailto:bloomingdalegardenclub@gmail.com) for membership information.



## Lake Park Band Tag Days on August 10

Please support Lake Park High School Band on Tag Day, Saturday, August 10. Tag Day is one of the two primary fundraisers for the Lake Park Band Auxiliary. On August 10, band members in uniform go door to door in Lake Park High School District 108 communities, soliciting monetary donations for the organization. Funds raised go to help offset costs associated with running a nationally recognized marching band organization, in addition to helping fund other Lake Park bands/instrumental music groups.

## Vincenzo Palmieri Receives Degree in Medicine and Podiatry

Vincenzo Palmieri, a 2005 graduate of Lake Park High School and graduate of Loyola University of Chicago, is now a graduate of the Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Podiatry. He received the degree of Doctor of Podiatric Medicine on June 7, 2013. Doctor Vincenzo Palmieri is currently working for Mount Sinai Hospital and North Chicago V.A. Medical Center. He is the son of residents Massimo and Anna Palmieri.



*Dr. Vincenzo Palmieri*

## St Isidore Students Collect Craft Supplies for Resident of Lexington Health Network



*Front Row: Ms. Myrna Martin (Activity Director at Lexington Health Care), St. Isidore Student Leadership Academy student Lisa Testolin, Ms. Samantha Hoover (St. Isidore School Counseling Office Intern) Back Row: SIS LA students Zac Barry, Henry Breyne, Brendan Dunbar and Mr. Trevor Simpson (SIS School Counselor).*

Breyne were asked to create, develop, and implement a project that demonstrated leadership in their community. The students selected Lexington Health Care after being moved by the needs of the elderly from some of their previous site visits. Students from the Leadership Academy personally delivered the crafts to the Lexington facility in Bloomingdale in late May.

Middle school students from the St. Isidore Leadership Academy organized a school and parish-wide craft drive this spring that collected over 500 craft supplies to help the elderly residents and patients of Lexington Health Network. Eighth graders Jenna Jamieson, Donovan Maloney, Isabella Sansone, Brendan Dunbar and Olivia Dorman, and seventh graders Marissa Testolin, Jenny Hauser, Zach Barry and Henry



## Sunnyside Accessible Park

Sunnyside Park's playground structures have undergone a complete renovation and are now fully-accessible for children of all abilities ages 2-12. The basketball and tennis courts also have been resurfaced to give the entire park a brand new appearance.

Come celebrate the grand opening of Sunnyside Accessible Park, 291 Glen Ellyn Road, and enjoy a morning full of festivities with fellow residents, Park District staff and local leaders from 10 a.m. to Noon on Saturday, August 24. Scheduled activities include a ribbon-cutting at 10:15 a.m., followed by sidewalk chalk contests, jump rope and hula hoop competitions, bubble blowing fun, face painting, hot shot and free throw contests, mini tennis clinics and more. Call (630) 529-3650 or visit [www.bloomingtondaleparks.org](http://www.bloomingtondaleparks.org) for more information.



## Bloomington Garden Club Celebrates 50th Anniversary

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# Bloomingtondale Fire Protection District #1



## Flight for Life: Plan Your Escape Route From a Fire

Fire can spread rapidly through your home, leaving you as little as two minutes to escape safely once the alarm sounds. The Bloomingtondale Fire Protection District and the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) would like to provide you and your family with these escape planning tips.

### Escape Planning

In 2012, there were an estimated 370,000 reported home structure fires and 2,520 associated civilian deaths in the United States. Fire can spread rapidly through your home, leaving you as little as two minutes to escape safely once the alarm sounds. Your ability to get out depends on advance warning from smoke alarms, and advance planning — a home fire escape plan that everyone in your family is familiar with and has practiced.

### Clear Your Escape Routes

Clear all escape routes. Items that block doors and windows in your home could keep you from escaping in the event of a home fire. And that could mean the difference between life and death. So unblock your exits today!

Key to your family's safety is planning and practicing a home fire escape plan twice a year. Start by identifying two escape routes out of each room, if possible, then make sure that each of those escape routes can be used safely by everyone.

### Escape Planning in Tall Buildings

Fire drills are important for all homes, including apartment buildings and other high-rise structures. You need to know the basics of escape planning, from identifying two ways out of every room to getting low and going under smoke, and the importance of practicing how you would respond in an emergency. Be aware that sometimes the safest thing you can do in a tall building fire is to stay put and wait for the firefighters.

- **Know the plan:** Be familiar with your building's evacuation plan, which should illustrate what residents are supposed to do in the event of an emergency. When looking for an apartment or high-rise home, look for one with an automatic sprinkler system.
- **Practice is key:** It's essential that you and your family are prepared to respond to a fire alarm. Identify all of the exits in your building and the stairways, in case one is blocked by fire.
- **Never use the elevator:** In case of fire, always use the stairs to get out, never the elevator.
- **Stay low:** When you hold your fire drill, everyone in the family should practice getting low and going under the smoke to the exit.
- **Seal yourself in for safety:** If you can't exit an apartment building, call the fire department to report your exact location. Gather in a room with a window, create a seal around the door.
- **Stay by the window:** If possible, you should open your windows at the top and the bottom so fresh air can get in. Don't break the window. If smoke enters the room from outside the building, you won't be able to protect yourself.
- **Signal to firefighters:** Wave a flashlight or light colored cloth at the window to let the fire department know where you are located.

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## Some Sobering Statistics

### Facts and figures

- Only one-third of Americans have actually developed and practiced a home fire escape plan to ensure they could escape quickly and safely..
- One-third of American households who made an estimate thought they would have at least 6 minutes before a fire in their home would become life-threatening. The time available is often less. And only 8% said their first thought on hearing a smoke alarm would be to get out!







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## Septemberfest Then and Now

Over 40 years, some elements of Septemberfest have not changed – food, music, the gathering of neighbors, and the location. What was once an open prairie behind Bender's Hardware near the corner of Third Street and Franklin streets is now paved streets and a beautiful passive park with a permanent pavilion stage. Here's a glimpse back in time.

