

Village of Bloomingdale *Almanac*

August 2014

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3/50 Project

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Septemberfest: Fun, Food & Community

On Saturday, September 6, 2014 the Village of Bloomingdale will gather to celebrate the 41st Annual Septemberfest. The day-long event is the well-loved, traditional end of summer event, held in Bloomingdale's Old Town Park, near the corner of Bloomingdale Road and Lake Street (Rt. 20).

Festivities start with the Septemberfest Parade, leading off at 11:00 AM from DuJardin School on Euclid. The parade heads north on Euclid and west on Schick Road into Old Town. The procession

concludes in Old Town Park, where participants can spend the afternoon and evening enjoying the fun activities and entertainment. The festival features: a variety of food and drink vendors, local business owner booths, live entertainment and much more! NEW THIS YEAR: we are pleased to announce family-friendly carnival rides and games located on the east corner of Bloomingdale Road and Franklin Street.

The Septemberfest Car Show is back again this

year, and will be held adjacent to Old Town Park, in the parking lot next to Rooster's Barn and Grill, 122 W. Lake St. *(continued on page 6)*



Summer Fun for Everyone in Bloomingdale!



Concert at Library, August 8
at Noon



September 6th, 11 am-10 pm



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SCORE Free Small
Business Workshop
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Jersey Mike's Raises Funds for One Full Joe Draghi Septemberfest Scholarship

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

3rd Monday of the months January-March, May thru November. 1st and 3rd Monday in April. First Monday in December. 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

SEPTEMBERFEST COMMISSION

2nd Thursday of the month February through November 6:30 - Village Hall

BLOOMINGDALE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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



Thanks to all the community members who supported the June fundraiser through Jersey Mike's for the Septemberfest Joe Draghi scholarship. One thousand thank yous to Jersey Mike's for the big check presented to the Septemberfest Commission. This check represents one full scholarship. Pictured (l to r) are Mark Michalak, store owner; Septemberfest Commission members Stan Poplonski, Carole Lockhart, Trustee Jim King, Vivi Frumkin, Mitch Frumkin, Mayor Franco and Gary Davis, store manager.

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 snow, ice and frigid temperatures caused by our polar vortex experience in early January, the Village is able to get out critical information to all subscribers as it becomes available.

Go to www.villageofbloomingdale.org and sign up for the E-news. It's easy and free!



Village of Bloomingdale Elected Officials

Franco A. Coladipietro
Village President

Robert Czernek
Traffic and Streets

Michael D. Hovde
Planning, Zoning
& Environmental
Concerns

Jane E. Michelotti
Village Clerk

Bill Bolen
Finance and
Administration

Jim King
Intergovernmental and
Community Relations

TRUSTEES

Judi Von Huben
Public Safety

Frank Bucaro
Facilities, Infrastructure

Thanks to David Von Huben for the photo on the masthead of the bridge over Bloomingdale Road between West and East Meacham Groves.

A Message from Mayor Franco

Well now that the temperature has been rising, we are feeling pretty secure that summer is here. I hope everyone is enjoying the sunshine (and the rain to make those vegetable gardens flourish), as well as the many summer activities around town.

Here's another reason to smile this summer. Standard & Poor's (S&P) Rating Services recently reviewed the Village of Bloomingdale's financial position, economic condition, budgetary performance and flexibility, as well as debt and contingent liabilities. As a result of this review, I am very pleased to announce that S&P has raised its long-term rating on Bloomingdale's general obligation bonds to AA+ from AA. S&P further stated it views the Village's management as strong with good financial practices.

Bloomingdale Finance Director Gary L. Szott stated, "The enhanced credit profile is a testament to the elected officials' thoughtful and disciplined approach toward achieving their vision and goals for Bloomingdale and a reflection of Village staff's respectful commitment to the established financial policies and practices."

In other good news, we have recently welcomed Charmain Later to our staff as our Economic Development Coordinator. She is an urban planner who has 20 years of land use and TIF consulting experience. Prior to that, Charmain worked for the cities of Evanston and Chicago.

Currently Charmain has been focused on assessing opportunities for potential development along Lake Street, especially for the vacant parcels, both east and west of Bloomingdale Road, in addition to exploring the potential for the Old Town area.

Looking ahead, coming up on September 6th is our annual Septemberfest celebration. Come out to Old Town Park to enjoy this great community tradition. Kicking off the 41st annual event is the Bloomingdale Parks Foundation Sunrise Shuffle 5K beginning at 8 a.m. Join me there to get your morning off to a running start! See www.bloomingdaleparks.org to learn more and sign up.

Enjoy the rest of the Summer and thank you for all of your support, comments and suggestions-keep them coming to franco@vil.bloomingdale.il.us

Mayor Franco



Pictured with Dr. Adam Szatkowski and his wife Tanya, Mayor Franco is ready to "Get His Grill On," at the "Grilling & Chilling With Your Dentist" groundbreaking for the upcoming Eagle Falls office, planned by the Associated Dental Care practice.



Take a Bite Out of Crime

Bloomingdale's National Night Out Against Crime event takes place on Tuesday, August 5th at the Bloomingdale Park District, 172 S. Circle Avenue. The event begins at 6:00 p.m. and concludes at 9:00 p.m. (weather permitting). Hot dogs, hamburgers, etc. will be provided free of charge 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.



Interested in Becoming a Bloomingdale Police Officer?



Application packages for Police Officer are available online at www.villageofbloomingdale.org or at the Bloomingdale Police Department. A \$40 non-refundable fee will be charged per application package. Completed applications must be returned by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, August 8, 2014. A mandatory orientation & testing is held on Saturday, August 23, 2014.

For more information contact Sue Osicek at bpd@vil.bloomingdale.il.us or call (630) 671-5858.

Replacement program underway ComEd Installing New Smart Meters

Important Village & Community Phone Numbers

Village Departments

| | |
|------------------------|--------------|
| Administration | 630-671-5610 |
| Building & Zoning | 630-671-5660 |
| Engineering | 630-671-5676 |
| Finance | 630-893-7000 |
| 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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To modernize the electric system, ComEd is replacing the standard analog meters used by their customers with new digital meters, called "smart meters." Smart meters are digital electric meters that collect energy-usage information and securely send it to ComEd. This helps eliminate estimated bills and the need for a meter reader to visit your home. The installation of the smart meters is at no cost to the customers. ComEd Smart Meter installation has begun in Bloomington and will continue for several months. The following is what residents can expect related to installation of the smart meters:

- ComEd will notify residences by mail when installations are scheduled for their area, and will call customers on the phone number on file to advise when your home is scheduled for installation.
- Installations will take place between 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday. A uniformed meter installer from ComEd or Corix, a ComEd-authorized contractor, with appropriate identification will attempt to knock on your door upon arrival.
- During the week of your scheduled installation, please make sure there is nothing blocking access to the meter, such as locked gates, dogs or lawn furniture. If you normally have to be present to allow a meter reader access to the meter at your home, you will need to be home to allow the installer access to the meter.
- If ComEd cannot access your meter, they will contact you to schedule an appointment.
- Installation typically takes about 10 minutes, and will produce a brief interruption to your electric service. **Any residents with concerns regarding the impact of a brief loss of service, due to medical reasons, home alarm systems, or other reasons, should contact the ComEd Smart Meter Hotline at 866-368-8326.**

Just like standard meters, smart meters will measure the amount of electricity you use, but not how you use it. No customer-identifying information is stored in a smart meter or transmitted across the network. Some ComEd customers have asked about potential health risks associated with smart meters, including the effects of radio frequencies (RF) emitted from these meters. Smart meters do use radio technology, and under typical circumstances they emit significantly less RF than many other electronic devices used daily, including cordless phones, cell phones, microwave ovens and baby monitors.

Protect Yourself from the West Nile Virus

Make sure you are protecting yourself and your family from mosquito bites that could lead to West Nile virus (WNV) infection. With all of the rain thus far this summer, there are mosquitoes everywhere and they may be "unwanted guests" at your midsummer activities.

The DuPage County Health Department encourages residents to follow the "4 Ds of Defense," which include draining standing water, using insect repellent to defend yourself, dressing with long sleeves and pants to cover your skin and being especially careful between dusk and dawn, when mosquitoes are most active.

Following those simple steps will go a long way toward keeping your family healthy. The Health Department also encourages residents to check the Personal Protection Index (PPI) widget on its website to get the most current information on WNV in DuPage County. This easy-to-understand alert system informs people about the risk of contracting WNV. Visit www.dupagehealth.org/ftb



It's Back . . . The Citizens Police Academy

The Bloomingdale Police Department is eager to bring back the Citizen Police Academy Program for its community members.

The Citizen Police Academy has been a natural step from the Neighborhood Watch Program to enhance the lines of communication with individuals who live and/or work in Bloomingdale, by providing an insight into police work procedures. The seven-week session will consist of a series of instruction and discussion to provide an overview of various areas of law enforcement. The classes will be held on Wednesday evenings in October and November, each for a three hour interval, during which police officers instruct on the following topics: Department Organization, Testing Process, Building Tour, Adult and Juvenile Criminal Law and Procedures, Traffic Stops / Radar Enforcement, Accidents / Crash Reports, Use of Force/Liability, Defensive Tactics, Firearms Safety, and Interviewing / Interrogation overview.

If interested in participating in the Citizen Police Academy or for further information, please contact Officer Dawn Odoi at (630) 529-9868.

Date/Time: Wednesdays – October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, November 5, 12, 2014, from 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.

Location: Bloomingdale Police Department – Training Room

FOP Sponsoring Day at the Races at Arlington Park on September 14

The Bloomingdale Police Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) Lodge 175 will be hosting its annual Day at the Races at Arlington Park from Noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday, September 14, 2014.

The event is \$30 per person and includes admission, food and soft drinks. In addition, there will be a silent auction for sports collectibles in the tents near the race track. This is a great opportunity for a fun afternoon, where you can meet other Bloomingdale residents and socialize with our police officers, while enjoying the excitement of horseracing at Arlington Race Track. In addition, you can help the Lodge raise some funds to support its annual Kids Shop with Bloomingdale Cops, and other charitable endeavors.

Tickets are on sale now. For more information, contact Detective Bruett, Officer Odoi, Officer McGhee or Officer Cressman at 630-529-9868 or bruettv@vil.bloomington.il.us



Neighborhood Watch Meeting September 17

The September Neighborhood Watch General Meeting takes place in the Village Hall Council Room on Wednesday, September 17, 2014, beginning at 7:30 p.m. The topic will be DuPage County Animal Care and Control. Learn about the agency and how it works with our community.

All are welcome; you do not need to be a member of the Neighborhood Watch to attend.



Be Safe Heading Back to School

It's hard to believe that school will be beginning before the end of this month! This is an excellent time to review school safety with your children. Here are a few "common sense" safety tips that can benefit children of all ages.



Walking to and from school:

- Choose a safe route for walking to and from school. Avoid walking by vacant lots, fields, or other areas where there aren't many people around.
- Use the buddy system; it is safer to walk in a group than by yourself.
- If you bike or skate to school, wear a protective helmet and don't forget to lock your bike.
- Cross the street at corners or crosswalks; Stop and look in **all** directions.
- **Never** talk to strangers or accept gifts or rides from people you don't know. If a stranger approaches you, **RUN- YELL- TELL** an adult or call **9-1-1**.
- Let your parents know if you need to stay late at school or if you plan to go to a friend's house instead of going straight home.

At school:

- If you see something that makes you uneasy or you think isn't right—a stranger hanging around school, a bully bothering other youths, vandalism or graffiti—tell a teacher or your parents right away.
- Learn to settle arguments with words, not fists. Walk away from an argument instead of fighting. Never bring weapons of any kind to school and tell a teacher immediately if someone else has a weapon.

2014 Bloomingdale Septemberfest: 41 Years of Fun, Food & Community

Be a Friend of Septemberfest/ Joe Draghi Scholarship

If you have enjoyed Septemberfest, have been a recipient of a Septemberfest scholarship or are the parent of a former recipient, won't you please consider making a donation to help the Septemberfest/Joe Draghi Scholarship going? It is supported entirely by donations.

Scholarships have been awarded to Bloomingdale students between the age of 16 and 20 as part of Septemberfest since 1987. It's been 20 years since the scholarship was officially named the Septemberfest/Joe Draghi Scholarship. Draghi was a longtime resident who was always willing to help with a cause, serving on many committees (including Septemberfest) and often volunteering for the most thankless jobs. Because of his commitment to the community, volunteer service is a big component of earning the scholarship.

Name (as you wish it to be listed)

Address

Daytime phone

Evening phone

I am enclosing a check for
☐ \$20 ☐ \$50 ☐ other

Make your check or money order payable to the Village of Bloomingdale. Please put "Septemberfest Scholarship 2014" in the memo line.

Mail to:
Friends of Septemberfest,
c/o Village of Bloomingdale,
201 S. Bloomingdale Road,
Bloomingdale, IL 60108

The Septemberfest Commission and future scholarship winners thank you.

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Owners receive a commemorative gift. At 4:00 PM, awards will be presented for The People's Choice, The Septemberfest Committee Selection and the Marilyn Zaccardi Trophy. The Zaccardi Trophy is named in honor of the grand lady who ran the Bloomingdale Septemberfest Car Show from 2005 through 2010. Winners also receive complimentary tickets to the 2015 Chicago Auto Show. For further information, call Mitch at 630.439.6637.

The Septemberfest/Joe Draghi Memorial Scholarship winners will be announced at the event. Over the years, this scholarship fund has given thousands of dollars to young adults in our community. Thanks to all who have given so far, and an extra special thank you to Jersey Mike's Subs of Bloomingdale for hosting a special fundraiser which raised \$1000.00 for the scholarship fund. Look below to see how Bloomingdale Bank & Trust has also committed to helping raise monies. Individuals could also consider becoming a "Friend of Septemberfest." The form is to the left. Your name will be listed on signs posted at the fest as a donor. Any way you help, your charitable contribution will help young men & women toward a better future.

The evening of Septemberfest will wrap up with this year's featured band, Infinity, live from 7:00 – 10:00 p.m. Check www.villageofbloomingdale.org for any updated info.

Bank Joins Effort to Raise Scholarship Funds



Mention this ad and Bloomingdale Bank & Trust will donate \$50 to the Septemberfest/Joe Draghi Scholarship when you open up a new total access checking account between now and August 31st. The \$50 donation will go toward a scholarship fund that provides for young adults who have been volunteers and workers in the community. An initial deposit of \$100.00 is required to open account. For more information about this fundraiser, please visit www.villageofbloomingdale.org or call the bank at 630-295-9111.

**Bloomingtondale Bank & Trust is a branch of Schaumburg Bank & Trust Company, N.A. At the end of the promotion, donations will be made to the Septemberfest/Joe Draghi Scholarship for each customer who opens up a new Total Access Checking account during the promotional period. Offer expires 8/31/2014. Offer may change, be adjusted or withdrawn at any time. See banker for more details. Member FDIC. Equal Housing Lender. ©2014 Bloomingdale Bank & Trust.*

Sign Up for Food, Crafts, Car Show, Parade

Septemberfest still has openings for food vendors, craft and non-food vendors, car show exhibitors and parade participants. Applications for each of these are available on the village's website, www.villageofbloomingdale.org. A link to Septemberfest is on the home page.



Reduce Pollutants & Think Green About Your Grass

In order to be mindful of water quality this summer, property owners may consider practicing natural lawn care and implementing green infrastructure projects to reduce pollutants reaching DuPage County waterways.



Commonly referred to as nonpoint source pollutants, these contaminants include fertilizer and pesticides, car oils, pet waste and litter. Once mixed in with stormwater runoff, they drain directly to streams and storm sewers off impervious surfaces, such as roadways, sidewalks and roofs.

Residents can reduce the amount of pollutants involved with lawn care by following natural practices, including:

- Use a simple and inexpensive soil test to determine what – if any – nutrients are needed.
- If nutrients are necessary, use natural compost instead of traditional fertilizer. Consider composting lawn clippings, leaves and other natural materials.
- Eliminate pesticide use by hand pulling any weeds.
- Allow grass to grow up to three inches before mowing, which improves its health by allowing roots to grow longer. These longer roots will also help remove pollutants from stormwater runoff.

In addition, residents may consider these green alternatives to common home improvement projects:

- Install a rain garden with deep-rooted native plants to filter pollutants from stormwater runoff.
- Use a rain barrel or larger rainwater harvesting system to capture rainwater for reuse, such as lawn irrigation.
- Instead of repaving driveways, consider installing permeable pavers or porous concrete that allows stormwater to permeate through instead of running off.

For more information on reducing nonpoint source pollution this summer, visit [www.dupageco.org/EDP/Stormwater Management/Water Quality/45853/](http://www.dupageco.org/EDP/Stormwater_Management/Water_Quality/45853/).

Summer Water Conservation

From May through September of each year the use of the public water supply for sprinkling of lawns with automatic sprinkling devices is PROHIBITED except for:

- **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.



Village Continues Replacing Ash Trees Infested with EAB

The Village Forestry Division, through the use of in-house staff and contractual services, is diligent in its continuing efforts to remove and replace public ash trees due to the



The emerald ash borer: small enough to fit on the tip of a finger, big enough to kill a tree.

Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) infestation. Public tree removals and replacements are expected to continue for the next three to five years.

While the Village does not remove any private property trees, including ash, residents may be eligible to participate in the Village's annual 50/50 Tree Planting Program. Details on this cost sharing program will appear on the website and in the Village Almanac in October.

Forestry staff is also available to inspect private trees and answer questions. Please contact the Forestry Division at 630-671-5800.

Shredding Recycling Event September 27 9:00 am-Noon

DuPage County and the Village of Lisle are holding a Residential Shredding Event at the Lisle Commuter Parking Lot F – Corner of Burlington & Center Streets (next to the Metra Train north parking lot).

Residents may bring up to 5 boxes or bags of documents for on-site shredding and recycling – staples & paper clips ok. Please remove binder clips, books, binders, media disks, pencils, etc.

Community Events

Sunrise Shuffle September 6

Kicking off the 41st annual September-

fest is the Bloomingdale Parks Foundation Sunrise Shuffle 5K beginning at 8 a.m. on Saturday, September 6. Sponsored by Sunrise Chevrolet, this year the 5th annual run returns to the Hilton Chicago/Indian Lakes Resort for a run on crushed limestone paths behind the Blackhawk Trace Golf Course. For more information visit www.bloomingtonparks.org



Home Electronics Recycling Offered at Bloomingdale Township

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 a

<http://www.dupageco.org/sustainability/>



Friends of the Library Book Sale September 13 & 14

The Friends of the Bloomingdale Public Library Book Sale will be held on Saturday, September 13, 9 a.m.- 4 p.m. and Sunday, September 14, 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 for more details as the date gets closer.

LEGO Robotics Summer Camp at Lake Park

A LEGO Mindstorms Robotics summer camp was offered to junior high students from Lake Park High School's feeder schools this summer. Sixteen students participated in a team-centered and project-based learning experience to understand basic engineering as they explored mechanical design, gear ratios, motors, sensors and computer programming. were explored during the LEGO Mindstorms Robotics experience. This

hands-on and collaborative summer camp will introduce middle school students to basic engineering concepts prior to entering high school. In December 2013, Lake Park received a \$35,000 grant from Project Lead The Way (PLTW) to support the implementation of the PLTW engineering curriculum.



Lions Club Charity Golf Challenge August 7

The Bloomingdale Lions Club Charity Golf Challenge begins with an 11:30 a.m. lunch on Thursday August 7, followed by a 1 p.m. Shotgun Start. Greens fees, carts, lunch and dinner is \$125 per person. All proceeds benefit sight and hearing impaired kids in the community, as well as other local needs. For tickets or more information, contact Stan Poplonski at cell phone: 630-461-1283 or spoplonski@earthlink.net.

The Circus is Coming!

Sponsored by the Bloomingdale / Roselle Rotary Club, the Kelly Miller Circus will be at the Stratford Square Mall, September 12, 13 and 14. Tickets will be available starting the last week of August at the Bloomingdale and Roselle Park Districts and Libraries, Campanelli YMCA, Itasca Bank & Trust Co. in Roselle and the Roselle Village Hall. Hope to see you under the Big Top!

Bloomington Artists Association

Kimberly Mullarkey will lead members in an exploration of how colored pencil works with slate, a unique surface. They will discuss incorporating the variations of color and texture into a finished design and how to display this distinctive piece of art. Meeting starts at 6:45pm at the Bloomingdale Park District Museum, 108 S. Bloomingdale Rd. Visitor drop-in fee is \$5; a materials fee may apply. Contact Nicole Javvaji for more info at nicolejavvaji@yahoo.com

Dr. Tom Miller Competes in Ironman to Raise Funds for Smile Train

Doctor Tom Miller has been a dentist for nearly 30 years in Bloomingdale. About six years ago, he was inspired by one of his patients to try a triathlon. With his daughter's encouragement, Tom raced with her in his first Ironman triathlon in 2009. He was hooked. The dentist is currently gearing up to compete in his sixth full Ironman triathlon and this time he is combining his two passions – the profession of dentistry and triathlons.

Throughout his career, he has been in the business of helping patients to achieve their best smile. So when Tom competes in Ironman Arizona in November, he will be raising funds for Smile Train, an international children's charity that provides free surgery to poor children suffering from cleft lip and cleft palate, giving them, not only smiles, but a second chance at life. These children cannot eat or speak properly, are isolated and not allowed to attend school or hold a job, facing very difficult lives. Some are even abandoned or killed—because of the way they look. Poverty keeps them from the simple repair surgery, which takes only 45 minutes and costs as little as \$250 dollars. Tom is racing to help save these children and give them the life-changing surgery they both need and deserve.

Tom invites anyone interested to please help him reach or surpass his goal, through whatever donation you can. To learn more, make a donation, or just send him a good luck note, contact Tom at trkskier@aol.com



Dr. Tom Miller

Illinois Watercolor Society at Bloomingdale Park District Museum

The Bloomingdale Park District Museum will host the Illinois Watercolor Society and the work of its talented artists August 23 through September 27. There is a complimentary reception between 2 and 4 p.m., September 14 at the Museum, located at 108 S. Bloomingdale Road in Bloomingdale.

The exhibit features a variety of water-media paintings from some of the 200 associate and signature members of the Illinois Watercolor Society (IWS). The variety includes not only subject matter but also the handling of water and pigment on different substrates.

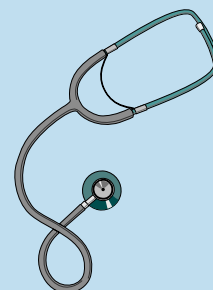
Call (630) 529-3650 or visit www.bloomingdaleparks.org for more information. Museum hours are 4 to 8 p.m., Wednesdays; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Thursdays and Fridays; and noon to 4 p.m., Saturdays.



Back to School Health Fair for Low Income Families on August 6

The 23rd Annual Back to School Fair is a "one stop" event for health and social services and back to school needs for families living on low incomes in DuPage County with children ages newborn to 18 years. Needy children are prepared for a new school year with a variety of services, including free school supplies, immunizations, physicals, dental exams, haircuts and more!

The Fair takes place on Wednesday, August 6, 2014, 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. at the ODEUM Expo Center, 1033 N. Villa Avenue, Villa Park.



Parents interested in attending the event should contact Coordinator Amy Lambert at 630-495-8008 ext. 2110 or alambert@cc-doj.org, to learn what information needs to be presented to receive assistance.

VFW Post 7539 Hosting Veteran Clinic & Expo

Anyone interested in Veterans Benefits is invited to attend the Veteran Clinic and Expo sponsored by Bloomingdale VFW Post 7539 on Saturday, September 20 at Willow Creek Church 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. Take advantage of this event to learn more about your benefits, services available, and programs designed to help you, the Veteran.

Announcing the 2014 Bloomingdale Chamber Scholars

WANTED: 50 Men Who Cook

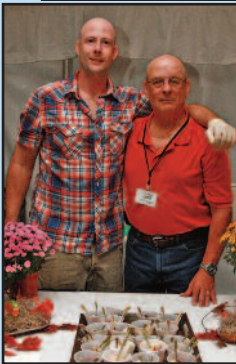
Tune up the grill and sharpen your taste buds for the 6th annual 50 Men Who Cook event hosted by the Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce. This culinary extravaganza takes place Saturday, September 27 from 6:00 - 8:00 PM at the Hilton Indian Lakes Resort.

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 \$30. Community members are invited to TASTE, COOK and SPONSOR!

Check www.bloomingtonchamber.com or call 630-980-9082 for information about signing up as a cook, purchasing tickets or sponsorship opportunities.



This year Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce businesses awarded \$20,500 in scholarships. The Award Breakfast took place in June. Recipients pictured are Row 1 (l to r) Ashlyn Worcester, Sovmya George, Sharon Abraham,

Irene Jose, Jasmine Yang and Faith Teodoro; Back Row (l to r) Rida Ansari, Lauren Pauling, Alexandra Maycut, Kevin Siciak, Amanda Siciak, Lisa Naselli, and Riya Patel. Not pictured are Shivani Patel, Evan Finger, Andrew Birkley, Hristo Ganev, Tapas Patel and Alexa Mirandola.



The following Chamber businesses donated a scholarship: Adventist GlenOaks Hospital, Bloomingdale Professional Firefighters Association (2), Alden Group, ANYWAY'S Pub/ Chris Karountzos & George Lamberis, Dr. Aimee & Associates/Dr. Aimee Harris Newon (2), Michael Hovde, Dr. John K Butts, Hispanos Unido Ahora y Siempre/Dolly Rosario, NOW Foods/Jim Emmie, LEADS One/BBC/John Rossini and Jeff Hill, Stratford Crossing Shopping Center/Kevin Mottlowitz (2)/ Mayor Franco Coladipietro, Outback Steakhouse/Salomon Diaz (3), Bloomingdale Bank & Trust/Susan Sargent, Tom Itrich, Wintrust Wealth Management/Jeanette Adcock (2).

Help Prevent Local Flooding

Please do not rake, pile or blow debris, grass clippings leaves or tree branches into the street or into, over or near a storm sewer drain. They can cover storm water inlets, preventing water from flowing into the storm sewer system creating a greater chance for localized flooding.

When autumn leaves begin to pile up around the yard, the **Village Building and Zoning Division would like to remind all property owners that raking or blowing leaves into the street or curb is a violation of section 5-2-4 A.2 of the Village's Municipal Code.** When leaves are raked or deposited into the street, they can also cover storm water inlets. Not only does this create a greater chance for localized flooding, the deposits which eventually decay are also unsightly. The Village's street sweeping program is designed to only collect those leaves that fall naturally onto the street, **NOT** leaves that are raked or deposited into the street by the property owner or landscape maintenance contractors.

If you have any questions regarding compliance with Village Code, please contact Building & Zoning/Code Enforcement at 630-671-5660.

Please collect and deposit leaves in brown kraft paper yard waste bags. Each yard waste bag must have a yard waste sticker affixed, or it will not be collected by Allied Disposal. Yard waste stickers are sold at the Village Hall, and local retailers such as Caputos, Jewel and Ace Hardware. Tagged yard waste bags may be placed at the curb after 6 p.m. on the night before your collection day. If you have any questions regarding the yard waste collection program please contact the Village at 630-671-5613.

Mayor Declares September Childhood Cancer Awareness Month in Bloomingdale

Last Year Mayor Coladipietro proclaimed September to be Childhood Cancer Awareness Month in Bloomingdale upon the urging of now 17-year old resident Janine Delaney, a childhood cancer survivor herself. The community embraced the cause with an enthusiastic and widespread response.

The newly expanded Bloomingdale WalMart adopted the cause at its grand re-opening last September where Walmart employees and guests sported gold ribbons in recognition of Childhood Cancer Awareness and our WalMart made a \$2500 grant to CureSearch, a charity benefiting children's cancer research in the Chicago area.

The Bloomingdale Bears 93lb NFC Gold Team led the Bears' walk in the Septemberfest parade, wearing gold in support of Janine and her mission; in addition, all 400 boys & girls in the Bloomingdale Bears youth football & cheer program wore gold ribbons throughout the month. Large gold ribbons hung on the goalposts in Circle Park and on the front of the fire department. The Bloomingdale Blast 10U Travel softball team donated a portion of the proceeds from a travel tournament at Springfield Park to CureSearch. The football teams of Glenbard North and Glenbard East (Janine's school) both wore gold ribbons on their helmets during the game they played against each other.

Mayor Coladipietro will be proclaiming September as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month once again, and Janine will be walking in the CureSearch Walk again on September 6. Janine continues to pay her survivorship forward so other children do not have to suffer from this disease.



Glenbards North and East - Opponents united for a good cause



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.

Free SCORE Workshop – Financial Statements 101

SCORE provides seminars and free mentoring to startup and existing small businesses. The Bloomingdale Business Promotion Committee, in cooperation with the Bloomingdale Public Library, is sponsoring three workshops beginning this fall. The first is **Financial Statements 101**, to be held on September 10, 2014 in Meeting Room B at the Bloomingdale Public Library.

Numbers are the language of business, telling you what business resources are invested in, who is financing the business and how it is doing overall. This workshop introduces you to the three major financial statements: the Balance Sheet, Profit and Loss or Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows, and shows how they are related. Learn how owners and managers determine the breakeven point and calculate financial metrics they can use to track and manage the business's health and progress. A must for any business owner or operator. Please register at the Library's Reference Desk, by phone at 630-924-2730 or call Mary Ellen at the Village at 630-671-5600.

Check-in & Light Refreshments Begin 9 a.m.

Workshop runs 9:30 – 11:30 a.m., including Q&A

Room B – Bloomingdale Public Library, 101 Fairfield Way, Bloomingdale

See info on October workshop, page 13.

Aloha Mind Math Center Opens on Lake Street

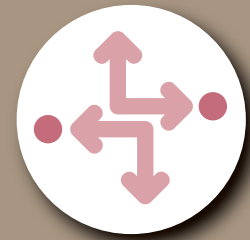
Mala Mohanty opened the ALOHA Mind Math Center, at 185 E. Lake Street Unit F in Bloomingdale in May. As owner and director of the center, she is the lead mathematics teacher, as well as holds an MBA from Northern Illinois University. With over 4300 centers worldwide, Aloha Mind Math focuses on teaching children to use mental math using Abacus as a tool. The program is directed toward children ages 5 through 12, as they are the most receptive to using both the right and left side of the brain at these ages. Aloha's whole brain development program has been accredited as a "perfect and solid foundation in math" for younger children by both teachers and parents.



The after school teacher-led classes are helpful for both student enrichment and for youngsters who are struggling with focus, attention and visualization skills. Mala is so convinced that Mind Math will help youngsters, that she offers a FREE two-hour Abacus-based math trial class for potential students before parents choose to enroll them in a class.

ALOHA has also developed a Reading, Writing and Language arts program for kids in Kindergarten – Grade 5, with special focus on writing skills. As both a mother and a teacher, she is very excited for her students when they discover just how successful they can be, and how it boosts their confidence.

ALOHA will be holding a national OPEN HOUSE on August 23rd and 24th. Visit ALOHA Bloomingdale Center to learn more about the programs and to avail of special discounts. For more information, visit www.alohamindmath.com or call 630-295-8605 or email at bloomingdale@aloha-usa.com. Visit soon and discover the genius in your child!



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

Sprint
319 Stratford Square

All That
820 Stratford Square

Meineke Car Care Center
250 S. Gary Ave. # 114

Aloha Learning Center
185 E. Lake St. Unit F

The Vape House
185 E. Lake St. Unit E

Taj Mahal Restaurant
398 W. Army Trail Rd.

Hobby Lobby
160 S. Gary Ave.

China Star
360 W. Schick Rd.

Business News

Prestige Cleaners Celebrates 25 Years

Prestige Cleaners, located at 360 W. Schick Road, is celebrating 25 years of business in Bloomingdale. John & Eunice Lee have been in the dry cleaning business for 35 years, starting in Carol Stream and Roselle. They felt Bloomingdale would be a great dry cleaning location. Prestige was one of the first businesses in the strip center at the corner of Schick and Springfield. Their son Mark, took over the reins seven years ago, although his parents are still involved in the business today.

The business started with 2,000 square feet, but quickly outgrew the space. Instead of outsourcing the garments, they decided to expand. In 1998, another 1,000 square feet was added, which doubled all the dry cleaning machinery, as well as adding a shirt pressing machine so all work could be done on the premises. This was vital to maintaining quality control.

Mark has remained true to the family's core belief in customer service. "We are in a service industry and it is our intention to provide first class service to all our clients. Although we have many clients, we try to cater to each individual needs and preferences," he said.

Prestige is a full service dry cleaner. In addition to cleaning garments and textiles, they also clean rugs, blinds & drapery/curtains, table linens and comforters, as well as Ugg's. They also have an excellent professional seamstress on site, who has worked there for over 20 years. If you sign up for Prestige's route service, pick-up and delivery is free.

Open Mon – Thurs 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.; Fri 7 a.m. – 6 p.m.; Sat 7a.m. – 5 p.m. Closed Sunday. Call 630-893-2112 or visit www.prestigebloomingdale.com



Prestige Cleaners, 360 W. Schick Road

Associated Dental Care Soon to Have New Name, Location

In 1972 Dentist Frank Szatkowski opened the first dental practice in Bloomingdale on North Bloomingdale Road. In 1981 he and his dental partners moved the growing practice to 183 S. Bloomingdale Road, naming it Associated Dental Care. Dr. Frank has since passed away, but the dental office remains with his son, Adam Szatkowski, now on staff with three other dentists.

The practice will be making a move to a new location at 76 Stratford Drive, in order to provide the most state of the art dental care in a modern and comfortable environment. The practice's new name, "Eagle Falls," is in honor of Dr. Frank and his family roots. It is an emotional tie to the importance of spending time with his family. The dental office held a groundbreaking on the new site in July, celebrating with a "Grilling & Chilling with your Dentist" event.

In other news, on Friday, October 17, Associated Dental Care will be holding a "Dentistry from the Heart" event providing patients who cannot get dental care elsewhere, a free service on that day. The dental staff will be donating their time and resources to provide this free service.

More information will be forthcoming in the October issue of the **Almanac**.



A "Getting Started with Email Marketing" workshop will be held on from 9:30- 11:30 a.m. on October 7, 2014 at the Bloomingdale Public Library. Whether you want help creating your first email campaign or are looking for tips on what makes a great newsletter, this class provides the resources you need. More info coming in October Almanac. Registration begins Monday, September 29 for this free workshop. Please register at the Library's Reference Desk, by phone at 630-924-2730 or call Mary Ellen at the Village at 630-671-5600.

Thomas Interior Systems Voted 'One of the Best Places to Work in Illinois'

Bloomingdale business Thomas Interior Systems is located at 476 Brighton Drive in Covington Corporate Center. Building the Bloomingdale facility in 1997, this 37-year old full service office planning and furnishing firm has repeatedly been voted as "One of the Best Places to Work in Illinois," most recently in 2013. The Best Places to Work in Illinois is an annual workplace analysis and competition. The program was designed to identify, recognize and honor the best places of employment in Illinois, benefiting the state's economy, its workforce and businesses. Thomas Interior Systems feels in order to help others create great places to work... you have to be a great place to work! Congratulations to Thomas Interior Systems!

To learn more visit www.thomasinterior.com



Around and About Town

Party in the Park

Smartphones took a back seat to people ages 2 to 72 enjoying a bevy of activities on a perfect summer evening in Bloomingdale. The Party in the Park sponsored by Bloomingdale Church in cooperation with the Bloomingdale Park District attracted over 400 people as they heard live music, ate hot dogs, had their faces painted, and played games.

The newly renovated park made it easy for adults to meet one another while their children climbed, came down sliding boards, and jumped onto the cushioned flooring that covers the play area.

People poured out of the homes in the neighborhood of Byron Avenue as they sensed that it was going to be a fun night. Teens took part in a 3v3 basketball tournament, played volleyball, and twisted balloons for younger children.



Dentistry from the Heart

On Sunday, June 22, Bloomingdale's Pure Dental Spa, located at 108 E. Lake Street, held its first "Dentistry From the Heart" event. Starting at 6 a.m., Dr. Rajul Patel and staff saw 55 patients and donated more than \$20,000 in free dental care services to our community. The staff was happy that they didn't have to turn anyone away. Everyone who left was so thankful and appreciative. At the end of the event, Dr. Patel said, "My heart is so full and I'm so happy that we had an amazing turn out."



In addition to Dr. Patel, other service providers were: Dr. Robert Lee, Dr. Joshua Foxson, Hygienist Megha Patel and Hygienist Jazmin Delgado, along with staff members, Jessica O and Rocio S.

Attention All Ice Cream Lovers!

The annual Ice Cream Social takes place at the library, 101 Fairfield Way from 5:30-8:30 on Thursday, August 7th. Rides, games, food, entertainment and of course, ICE CREAM!



Sponsored by the Friends of the Bloomingdale Public Library, the annual ice cream social marks the end of the summer reading program. It takes place at the Library, 101 Fairfield Way, from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

The Fire Department has its equipment and interesting fire safety information on site and the Police Department provides child-centered safety tips and games.

Upcoming Garden Club Meetings

August 19 - Microclimates

Presented by Cindy Tyley, owner of Carriage House Garden Design in LaGrange. A microclimate is defined as a local atmospheric zone in which the climate differs from the surrounding area. Cindy's program places special emphasis on growing plants not normally considered hardy in northern Illinois growing zone 5.

September 16 - Viva les Vines

Nancy Bell from the University of IL Extension talks about maximizing your garden space by growing up. Learn all about vines, the support structures they need and some of the best perennial and annual vines for our growing area.

Meetings begin at 6:30pm at the Bloomingdale Police Department, lower level, 201 S. Bloomingdale Road. Visitors are welcome.



Congratulations!

Bloomington Fire Protection District #1 held a Promotion Ceremony on June 19 for the following: (l to r) Deputy Chief Zackary Riddle, Deputy Chief Scott Koehn, Battalion Chief Chris Wilson, Lieutenant Dennis Kuntzman and Fire Chief Jeff Janus.



Lions Present Awards at Annual Dinner

Several Bloomington Lions were singled out for awards at the organization's Installation Dinner in June. Lions John Argyrakis, Sam D'Amico and Stan Poplonski received Melvin Jones Fellowship Awards, the highest form of recognition in Lionism. Lion Stan's is a progressive-second-Melvin Jones Award. Lion Karen Vitale was named Lion of the Year; Lions Sharyn



Ron displays his plaque surrounded by friends in Lionism: first row (l to r) Lion Tom Zaccardi, Ron's wife Elisabeth, Lions Vitale and Poplonski; 2nd row Lions Dan L. Davis, Guy Sanalidro, Murphy and Mark Bousquet, the club's newly installed president; 3rd row Lions Roehlke, Kevin Jordan & son and Markham.

Murphy, Marv Roehlke, John Vertnik and Jerry Markham received President Appreciation Awards. Lion Stan also received a plaque recognizing his outstanding service as club president for the last two years and an International Membership Key for recruiting multiple new members. Since Lion Ron Fangusaro couldn't make the dinner due to his continuing rehab, 11 Bloomington Lions made a surprise visit

and brought his awards to him. Ron received Certificates of Service for his work as last year's Candy Day Chair and as a LEO Club Advisor, a certificate from Lions International for service as an outstanding LEO Club Advisor, as well as a plaque from the Bloomington club for Ron's support of LEOs for our club and statewide.

Thanks from the Historical Society!

The Bloomington Historical Society sincerely thanks residents who have submitted photos of their homes and/or neighborhood. Keep those photos coming, please. BHS would also love to see shots of homes or subdivisions in progress. Printed photos will be scanned and returned. Email digitals to johnsonm@vil.bloomington.il.us. Call Bonnie at 630-582-8101 for more information.



Special News: Garden Club & Bloomington Artists Association

The Bloomington Garden Club continued its support of the DuPage County Convalescent Center by planting flowers in the Resident Garden recently. In a thank you received, the Garden Club was told, "Thanks to all of you for giving your time and talents over Memorial Day Weekend to help plant the many, many flowers at DuPage Convalescent Center. Every person who enters the Resident Garden is struck by its beauty and serenity."



Marianne Albers McKoveck, member of the Bloomington Artists Association, is the "Artist in Residence" at the Lynfred Winery in Roselle through August 31st. Among Marianne's pieces in the exhibit is Spring Sisters for which she recently won Best in Show at the Bloomington Artists Association Members' Spring Show. The Lynfred Winery is open daily from 10am to 7pm.



Bloomington Fire Protection District #1



Vacation Plans?

Take Safety With You on Your Travels



Many of us will be taking vacations this summer. Along with safety precautions we'll take on the road and in-flight, let's also keep safety in mind once we reach our destination. If you plan to stay at a hotel/motel, the Bloomington Fire Protection District and the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) would like to remind you of some safety tips:

- Choose a hotel/motel that is protected by both smoke alarms and a fire sprinkler system.
- When you check in, ask the front desk what the fire alarm sounds like.
- When you enter your room, review the escape plan posted in your room.
- Take the time to find the exits and count the number of doors between your room and the exit. Make sure the exits are unlocked. If they are locked, report it to management right away.
- Keep your room key by your bed and take it with you if there is a fire.
- If the alarm sounds, leave right away, closing all doors behind you. Use the stairs — never use elevators during a fire.
- If you must escape through smoke, get low and go under the smoke to your exit.

If you can't escape...

- Shut off fans and air conditioners.
- Stuff wet towels in the crack around the doors.
- Call the fire department and let them know your location.
- Wait at the window and signal with a flashlight or light colored cloth.

For those of you planning to stay in hotel/motel accommodations that include kitchenettes, the same cooking safety tips apply as those used at home. Check out NFPA's cooking safety information and the hotel safety tips page on the NFPA website to help you keep your vacation safe and enjoyable.

For more information about travel safety or other safety information, contact Battalion Chief Richard Kurka at 630-894-9080.



The Bloomington Fire Protection District uses a variety of educational opportunities to help residents learn how to safely escape a fire.

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Always in Our Memory

Sadly, the Bloomington Fire Department suffered two great losses in July. Julie Koehn was hired as a dispatcher and secretary in 1981. Her role evolved into administrative assistant where she worked for six chiefs over 33 years. She was the heart, soul and backbone of the Fire District. Julie passed away suddenly at home on July 1, surrounded by family and friends. She was 53 years old and is survived by her husband Deputy Chief Scott Koehn and two sons, Nathan and Trevor.

Retired Chief Michael McNamara served the district for over 27 years working his way through the ranks from firefighter and paramedic to Chief of the District. He was instrumental in forming the Bloomington Professional Firefighter's Union Local 3272 in 1989. He passed away at home on July 12 surrounded by family and friends. Michael was 57 years old and is survived by his wife Jean, three sons; Patrick, Ian, and Shane, and daughter, Megan.

Please keep their families in your thoughts and prayers.





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Summer in Bloomingdale

Top left photo: Over 400 people recently joined Bloomingdale Church members for a party in Sunnyside Park on a perfect summer evening.

Top right photo: More than a dozen local students entering grades 6, 7 and 8 actively participated in a LEGO Mindstorms Robotics summer camp offered by Lake Park High School to introduce middle school students to basic engineering concepts.

Middle photo: The Mouse Hole Campers from Bloomingdale Park District enjoyed a morning last month visiting with Officer Dawn Odoi for a safety talk and a tour of the Bloomingdale Police Department. The first and second-graders especially liked the opportunity to sit in the police car.

Bottom photo: The last Concert in the Park will take place at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 12 in Old Town Park, featuring the ever popular American English.

