

# Village of Bloomingdale

## Almanac

April 2015

Growth with Pride

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## Tornado Season is Here

In the Spring, April showers can turn into heavy rains and tornados are a common occurrence in Illinois. Pre-planning is a critical activity to protect you and your family in the event of a tornado watch or warning. The following measures will help to sufficiently prepare for the tornado season.

**Keep abreast of weather forecasts** via TV or a battery operated NOAA weather radio. Because tornados often accompany thunderstorms, pay close attention to changing weather conditions when there is a severe thunderstorm watch or warning.

**Know the difference between a tornado watch** (favorable conditions) **vs. a tornado warning** (a funnel cloud has been spotted within a 5 mile radius of the Village limits).

**Know the observable conditions of likely**



**tornado activity** such as dark greenish sky, dark low-lying/rotating clouds, large hail and the sound of a large roar similar to a freight train.

**Know the sound and meaning of a tornado siren activation**, which is a steady wail lasting 3 -5 minutes in duration sounded for those located outdoors to seek immediate shelter in a building or structure. Tornado sirens never sound an all clear after severe weather has expired. Do not confuse a neighboring town's

later siren activation as an all clear.

**If you are already indoors when a siren is activated**, proceed to the basement or lowest level at your workplace. Homeowners who do not have a basement should proceed to the area of the home that has the most walls between you and the outside - away from windows, corners and doorways.

Link to the Red Cross Tornado Safety Checklist.

[www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org)

## Upcoming Events

Senior Day Fair, April 24  
(see page 13)



Civil War Quilts, April 26  
(see page 13)



Garden Club Flower Sale  
May 1 & 2 (see page 14)



Memorial Day Observance,  
May 25 (see page 14)





# Bloomington Celebrates Arbor Day 2015

## 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 p.m. – Village Hall

## BLOOMINGDALE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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



The Village of Bloomington's Forestry Division will celebrate Arbor Day at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, April 24 with students at DuJardin School, 166 S. Euclid. They will be planting a Swamp White Oak. Bloomington was recently named a Tree City USA for the 23rd consecutive year in honor of the Village's commitment to effective urban forest management.

## Stay In Touch

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

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

To sign up for the E-News, go to [www.villageofbloomington.org](http://www.villageofbloomington.org) and click on Village News on the right side of the homepage. Click on "Sign Up for Village E-News." It's easy and free!



## Village of Bloomington 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

*Front page photo of the putting green on Hole # 1 at Bloomington Golf Club was taken in 2014 by photographer Jeff Mezera.*

## A Message from Mayor Franco

Hello Spring and the warmth of the sun that you bring!

I don't often use my Mayor's column to comment on the doings of our Illinois legislature, but some important discussions are underway that will significantly affect the funding of our village budget. In the Governor's recent Budget Address to the General Assembly, he proposed reducing the local share of funding that Bloomingdale currently receives by 50% in order to shore up the State's budget. Yes, that's correct, a 50% cut.

The local government funding share has been an important revenue stream for municipalities since the income tax was first instituted in Illinois in 1969. Local communities have counted on it for 45 years to help fund key public services like police, fire, water and sewer treatment, infrastructure repair and construction and snow removal. A sweep of these funds at the level proposed will result in a reduction to the Village's budget by \$1,100,000. I am very concerned about how this cut will affect our ability to provide essential services to our residents. Unfortunately, the net result of this proposal is to transfer the State's budget problems to our local government.

The current discussion in Springfield is a healthy part of any budget process. The budget process requires setting priorities and funding programs based on what is important to its citizens. The Village of Bloomingdale, in response to the effects of the 2008 recession, has acted in a fiscally responsible manner by reducing personnel, cutting services and controlling spending to balance our budget. We have taken proactive steps to encourage economic development in our community, with our Lake Street and Old Town re-imaging plans and the positive redevelopment plans at Stratford Mall. Unfortunately, the Governor's proposed cuts are so significant that it will force us to consider even further layoffs in many departments that provide essential services and the delay and cancellation of infrastructure projects.

During the campaign, Governor Rauner spoke about working in partnership with local governments to better serve the residents of our State. Our Village Board stands ready to work with Springfield to find solutions that will help our local communities prosper and grow. As a former legislator, I sympathize with the enormity of the budget problem in Springfield. I applaud the Governor for having the courage to tackle our spending issues and look for common ground. However, solving the State's budget problems on the back of our community is not the answer for the long-term prosperity of our State. The budget discussions are just beginning and I will keep you posted as to the ongoing dialogue.

Our commitment to invest in our community will continue and you will begin to see positive developments on Lake Street and the Army Trail/Stratford corridor in the coming months. We will continue to take the necessary steps for the Village of Bloomingdale to grow and prosper! Happy Spring!

Mayor Franco



## Village Awarded for Excellence in Financial Reporting

The Bloomingdale Finance Department has earned its 25th consecutive Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting, which is awarded annually from the Government Finance Officers Association. This certificate of achievement is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting. Its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management. Congratulations to Finance Director Gary Szott and the Finance Department for consistently receiving this outstanding recognition.

## O'Hare Noise Updates

The Fair Allocation in Runways (FAiR) Coalition, is a citizen-led initiative of citizens from Chicago's Northwest side and suburbs seeking a voice to secure an equitable distribution of takeoffs and landings from O'Hare. To report an airplane noise complaint, or to learn more, please visit the FAiR website <http://www.fairchicago.org/>. In addition to a form to submit a complaint, there are press releases, a copy of the FAiR policy for O'Hare and much more information. There is also information about reporting aircraft noise through a new web app.

In other O'Hare news, Village Administrator Pietro Scalera attended the March meeting of the O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission (ONCC) meeting where the group actively discussed getting involved in conversations with the FAA and Aviation Department when rules which affect flight patterns and noise are set, rather than trying to deal with fallout from the rules after the fact.





# Summer 2015 Road Construction

## Important Village & Community Phone Numbers

### Main Village Hall Number

630-893-7000

### Village Departments

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

### Other Useful Numbers

Fire Department non emergency  
630-894-9080

Bloomington Library  
630-529-3120

Bloomington Park District  
630-529-3650

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### Pavement Reconstruction

Pavement reconstruction will include the removal and replacement of all concrete curb and gutter, driveway aprons, and 2.5" of the existing asphalt pavement. As part of the work, the Village will be installing a depressed curb at each driveway. This means the "bump" at the curb of each driveway will be eliminated, and a smooth transition from the street to each driveway will be constructed. The following areas will receive pavement reconstruction: Winston Lane, Cunningham Drive and Cunningham Lane.

This work will begin mid-May and will take approximately 2 ½ months to complete. During construction, these roads will be closed to through traffic. If you live in the construction zone you will be permitted to proceed past the barricades to reach your residence.

### Pavement Overlay

Overlay maintenance consists of pavement patching, curb and gutter repairs to correct drainage deficiencies, sidewalk repair, storm sewer repairs and a new asphalt road surface. The following areas will receive pavement overlay:

Torrington Drive	Wendover Drive
Wickham Avenue	Ashfield Court
Parkway Avenue	Wentworth Lane
Wedgfield Lane	Greenfield Drive
Needham Drive	Essex Court
Warwick Drive	Wellington Drive
Radcliff Court and the short cul-de-sacs adjacent to these streets.	

This work will begin mid-May and will take approximately 2 ½ months to complete. Local signage consisting of "Road Construction Ahead" signs will be posted prior to construction.

### Asphalt Surface Treatment – Scrub or Fog Seal

A Scrub Seal is a light application of asphalt rejuvenator placed directly on the pavement and worked into the surface with a drag broom, with the intent of sealing the pavement and enriching the weathered and oxidized asphalt. A Fog Seal is similar to the Scrub Seal however it does not include application with a drag broom and is utilized on newer pavements. These surface treatments will extend the life of the pavement by slowing the deterioration of the asphalt surface. These areas will also receive pavement patching, curb and gutter repairs to correct drainage deficiencies, sidewalk repair and crack filling. The following streets will receive asphalt surface treatment:

Arbor Lane	Bedford Lane	Douglas Drive	Crestwood Lane
Durham Lane	Carlton Drive	Evergreen Lane	Freemont Court
Oxford Place	Oxford Lane	Langton Lane	Langton Drive
Villa Way			

This work will begin mid-May and will take approximately 2 ½ months to complete. Local signage consisting of "Road Construction Ahead" signs will be posted prior to construction. If you have any questions regarding this project you may call the Village Services Department, Engineering Division at 630-671-5676.



## Branch Pickup Begins April 20



Kramer Tree Specialists, Inc. will once again perform branch collection under the direction of the Village Forestry Division. Branch collection will begin on Monday, April 20. The program is only available to single family detached residences. Townhome residents should contact their association regarding branch collection.

### Branch Collection Guidelines:

- Branches must be out by 7:00 a.m. on Monday, April 20.
- Branches should not be

placed at the curb/pavement edge any earlier than one week prior to the scheduled collection date.

- Woody branches ½ inch to 6 inches in diameter are the only items that will be picked up. (Note: any spikes, hooks or other metal objects must be removed).
- Long lengths are favored provided branches do not block sidewalks and pedestrian access.
- All branches should be placed at the curb or pavement edge and stacked in an orderly fashion with the cut or larger end towards the pavement.
- Thorny tree branches should not be concealed inside piles. These require special care as to not cause injuries to the workers.

### The following items are unacceptable:

- Branches left out in a tangled mess.
- Woody branches under ½ inch in diameter.
- Leaves, vines, small (under ½ inch in diameter) flexible willow stems, herbaceous plants and weeds.
- Large stumps, roots and root balls.\*
- Wooden fencing and construction lumber.\*

The above items are considered yard waste and may be placed in bags or cans with tags for Republic Services (our refuse hauler) pick-up. Yard waste pick-ups commence April 1st and continue through November 30th. Questions concerning yard waste pick-ups should be directed to Republic Services at 847-981-0091.

\*Large stumps, roots and root balls are considered trash and do not require a yard waste tag, provided each item is of manageable size and under 50 pounds. Wooden fencing and construction lumber are also considered trash, but require a special pick-up. Contact Republic Services for more information.

In the event of severe storms, the Village will provide storm damage collection of woody branches ½ inch to 6 inches in diameter. Please contact the Forestry Division at 630-671-5800 within 72 hours of storm for branch collection.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated and will ensure a successful program.



## Yard Waste Collection Begins April 1

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

**Yard waste stickers** are available for purchase at a cost of **\$2.95 per sticker** (2015 cost) at the following locations::

**Butera Foods -**  
550 W. Lake Street

**Caputo's Fresh Market -**  
166 E. Lake Street

**Jewel Food Store -**  
2164 S. Bloomingdale Road,  
Glendale Heights

**Len's Ace Hardware -**  
272 W. Lake Street

**Meijer Supermarket -**  
130 S. Gary Avenue

**Village of Bloomingdale -**  
201 S. Bloomingdale Road

## Upcoming Holiday Will Affect Refuse Pickup

**Garbage pickup will be delayed by one day, due to the May 25 Memorial Day holiday.**

**Wishing all Bloomingdale residents a safe and happy Memorial Day weekend!**



## Scott's Law: Please Protect Those Who Protect Us



### “Rooftop Cop” at Dunkin’ Donuts (Lake Street)

Bloomington Police Officers unite with the Lake Street Dunkin’ Donuts staff to support the Special Olympics’ program and to recognize its athletes. From 5:30 a.m. to Noon on Friday, May 29, Bloomington officers will take part in a rooftop sit-in greeting the customers of the Bloomington Lake Street Dunkin’ Donuts and encouraging donations for Illinois Special Olympics.

So, come on in to Dunkin’ Donuts and don’t forget to look up!

**Sunday, June 7 marks the 2015 Illinois Law Enforcement Torch Run**, the single largest year-round fundraising event benefiting Special Olympics Illinois. Watch for more information in the June issue and on the Bloomington Police Department Facebook page.

The Bloomington Police Department also has 2015 Torch Run items for sale: T-shirt, \$15; Baseball Cap, \$15; Torch Run Pin, \$5; all three for \$25. For more information or to make a donation to Special Olympics, call Officer Dominick Corsiglia at 630-529-9868.

Scott’s Law, also called the “Move Over” Law, mandates that when approaching any police or other emergency vehicle that is stopped with its lights flashing along the roadway, drivers should do the following:

1. Reduce speed.
2. Change lanes if possible – Yield the right-of-way by changing lanes away from an authorized emergency vehicle.
3. Proceed with caution – Proceed with due regard to safety and traffic conditions.

An authorized emergency vehicle under Scott’s Law includes ANY vehicle authorized by law to be equipped with oscillating, rotating, or flashing lights while the owner or operator of the vehicle is engaged in his or her official duties.

Scott’s Law was named after Lieutenant Scott Gillen of the Chicago Fire Department who was struck and killed by an intoxicated driver while he assisted at a crash on the Dan Ryan Expressway.

A person in violation of Scott’s Law commits an offense punishable by a fine of not more than \$10,000.00. A Scott’s Law charge may be upgraded to an “aggravated” (felony) charge if the person committing the offense was under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or intoxicating compounds. If this is the case, a person’s driving privileges will be:

- Suspended for 90 days to one year if the violation results in damage to the property of another person;
- Suspended for 180 days to 2 years if the violation results in injury to another person;
- Suspended for 2 years if the violation results in the death of another person.

### You’re Invited!

See page 16 to learn about an opportunity to chat informally with both Mayor Franco Coladipietro and Police Chief Frank Giammarese on Saturday, April 11.



### ‘Officer Kane’ Visits Neighborhood Watch Meeting

Police Officer Levi McGhee and Canine Officer Kane attended the March Neighborhood Watch meeting and demonstrated their skills working together as a team. When Kane is wearing his work vest, he is on duty and always aware of his surroundings, ready to either take direction from his handler/partner Levi or spring into action, if needed. In the photo Kane goes into action after a perceived threat to his handler.



# Help Prevent Polluted Runoff Water

Polluted runoff water occurs when rain and melting snow carry pollutants from streets, parking lots, yards and construction sites, and wash them into our storm drains. Some of these pollutants are motor oil, anti-freeze, commercial fertilizers, and pesticides.

## Bloomington residents, you can help!

Your everyday activities can have a large impact on the water quality in and around the Village of Bloomington. By taking simple steps around your home or business, you can help to reduce the amount of polluted water, which enters our storm drains and makes its way untreated, to our local waterways.



## Storm Drains

Help keep storm drains clean. Only rain and snow melt water should ever go down a storm drain. Keep debris from homes, lawns, pets, and vehicles out of all storm drains. Remember, anything that enters a storm drain is untreated when it eventually finds its way into a lake, river, or stream.

## Pets

When walking your pet remember to Scoop the Poop and dispose of it properly. Bag it and place it in the garbage, or flush it. Leaving pet waste on the ground increases public health risks by allowing harmful bacteria and nutrients to wash into the storm drain and eventually into a waterway.

## Yard & Garden

- **Pesticides and Fertilizers:** Use fertilizers and chemicals sparingly. When their use is necessary, follow the directions set forth on the label. Do not apply if rain is forecast to prevent the chemical from being washed into the storm drain.
- **Lawn Care:** Don't over water your lawn and allow runoff water to flow down the street into the storm drain. It can carry fertilizer and lawn clippings with it.

## Vehicles

- **Car Washing:** Use a commercial car wash or wash your car on a lawn or other unpaved surface to allow the water to be filtered and to minimize the amount of dirty soapy water that flows through the storm drain system and enters a waterway, untreated.
- **Motor Oil and Other Automotive Fluids:** Check your car, truck, boat, and other machinery for leaks and spills. Make any needed repairs as soon as possible. Use an absorbent material to dry up leaks and spills. Do not let the spilled fluid enter a nearby storm drain! Dispose of any used absorbent in the proper manner. Recycle all automotive fluids at participating recycle centers. Do not pour them down the storm drain or place them in the garbage!

## Household Hazardous Waste

**Never** dump any kind of household hazardous waste into a storm drain! These are items such as paint, varnish, cleaners, acids, etc. These items need to be taken to an approved hazardous waste recycling center.

## Report Spills & Other Water Pollution

- Report all spills that are potentially life threatening or hazardous in nature by calling 911.
- Report any non-hazardous spills or illegal dumping to the Village of Bloomington **Utilities Division at 630-671-5830.**



# Water Conservation

Did you know that one of the single greatest causes of water waste is a leaky toilet? It could be as simple as a worn-out flapper valve that can waste up to one gallon of water every ten minutes. That could add up to 150 gallons of water waste per day and close to 9,000 gallons of water per billing cycle. Fixing your leaky toilet could potentially cut your bill by \$111.00 per billing cycle.

Bloomington residents can participate by signing an online Water Conservation Pledge and to learn more about water conservation visit [www.preservingeverydrop.org](http://www.preservingeverydrop.org)

## Be a Tree-Planter On April 25!

Residents are invited to volunteer at the Village's tree planting event to help plant 200 seedling Swamp White Oak and Sugar Maple trees. The seedlings will be potted up, kept at Public Works and nurtured by the staff until they are large enough to be planted at various locations throughout the Village. Participants are asked to bring gloves and enthusiasm. The event takes place from 9-10 a.m. on Saturday, April 25, 2015 at Bloomington Public Works, 305 Glen Ellyn Road. For more information or to volunteer, call 630-671-5800.





**Sign up today!**

# **Golf Club Announces 2015 Schedule**

## **2015 Junior Golf School – Ages 5-15**

Bloomington Golf Club offers summer Junior Golf School, taught by our PGA golf professional staff to interested boys and girls. The program will be structured around basic fundamentals of the golf swing, rules and etiquette of the game, safety, and fun contests. Classes will be a minimum of 4 and a maximum of 10 students. For more information or to register, visit [www.bloomingtondalegc.com/junior-golf-school/](http://www.bloomingtondalegc.com/junior-golf-school/)



## **2015 Mixed Adult Clinics (17 years and older)**

Bloomington Golf Club will be offering a variety of adult golf clinics this season. Classes will meet at Bloomington Golf Club's practice range. There will be three types of classes offered. Each class is designed around participant's golfing knowledge and ability. All classes will meet once a week. For more information or to register visit [www.bloomingtondalegc.com/adult-clinics/](http://www.bloomingtondalegc.com/adult-clinics/)

**Welcome to the 2015 golf season!** Bloomington Golf Club is extremely excited to start the season and looks forward to seeing you soon. As a reminder, booking tee times on-line through our website, [www.bloomingtondalegc.com](http://www.bloomingtondalegc.com), has never been easier and gives you a chance to view great deals on green fee rates. Don't wait! Visit us today and become familiar with our booking procedures!

### **2015 "COMMUNITY CARD" PROGRAM**

With the 2015 golfing season getting into full swing, we would like to take this moment to remind you to visit the golf shop and sign-up for your 2015 Community Card. With this card you receive a very nice savings on our daily rates. To take advantage of this opportunity you will need to follow a couple of simple steps:

Visit the golf pro shop at Bloomington Golf Club and fill out the registration form. Please bring with you a current Photo I.D. showing your address. This will be your proof of residency. Registration is currently on-going.

You may also visit our website and print out the form and bring it in.

Pay an annual fee of \$10.00.

Visit our website at [www.bloomingtondalegc.com](http://www.bloomingtondalegc.com) to see our 2015 golf rates and how much you will save by participating in this program.



### **2015 "SWING INTO SPRING" GOLF EVENT (9:00 am Shotgun start)**

On Sunday, April 19th, we will be hosting our 10th annual opening season spring golf event. Three formats will be in play: 6-hole scramble, 6-hole alternate shot and 6-hole modified best-ball. Teams will sign up as foursomes. From within the foursomes, two-person teams will be determined by the players in the group before teeing off, and will play each of these formats as a two-person team. This is a great opportunity to start out your golf season in the company of your friends and family. Share a few laughs while working out those winter kinks. The day will be full of fun, food and prizes.

Entry fee is \$70 per player. This fee includes golf and cart fee, continental breakfast, soft drinks and beer, buffet lunch, welcoming gift, team and raffle prizes. For additional information on the event format and registration, visit our website at [www.bloomingtondalegc.com](http://www.bloomingtondalegc.com). Event is limited to the first 25 teams.

### **JUNIOR GOLF COURSE – NEW THIS YEAR**

Beginning this season, the golf course will be setting up junior, forward tees to allow youngsters to play and enjoy the golf course from a distance suited for their age and skill level. Even first time golfers can begin playing and learning the game from this non-intimidating distance. Bring Mom, Dad and the entire family and enjoy a day on the course! Scorecards will be available to reference this new course layout!



## Sunday, September 12 Mark Your Calendar for Septemberfest 2015!

The 42nd annual Septemberfest will be held on Saturday, September 12 in Old Town (Lake & Bloomingdale) beginning with the annual parade stepping off from DuJardin School at 11a.m. and traveling west on Schick Road into the Old Town area. Returning will be the food vendor and crafter booths, a variety of entertainment and the traditional evening crowd-pleasing band performance. This year will also feature another outstanding car show, as well as the presentation of the Joe Draghi Septemberfest Scholarships. Applications for food vendors, crafters, parade participants, car show exhibitors and scholarships can be found on the village's website at [www.villageofbloomingdale.org/258/Septemberfest](http://www.villageofbloomingdale.org/258/Septemberfest) Plan to join your friends and neighbors at this well-loved, traditional end of the summer event. More details will be posted as they unfold.



### Septemberfest/Joe Draghi Memorial Scholarship

The Joe Draghi Septemberfest Scholarship is once again being offered by the Septemberfest Commission. The award is funded through private, community and corporate contributions. Applicant must be a resident of Bloomingdale between the ages of 16 and 20. Other requirements are noted on the application.

The application packet is available on the Village of Bloomingdale's website at [www.villageofbloomingdale.org/258/Septemberfest](http://www.villageofbloomingdale.org/258/Septemberfest) or at the Village Hall. The completed application packet is due April 15, 2015. Applications must be postmarked no later than April 15, 2015.

There will be a mandatory judge's interview held at the Village of Bloomingdale, Council Room, 201 S. Bloomingdale Road on Sunday, May 17, 2015. Winners will be announced at the 42nd Septemberfest on Saturday, September 12, 2015. Attendance to receive your award, if chosen, is not mandatory.

## The Bloomingdale Education Foundation



### Beer & Wine Tasting Event

Date: Friday, April 24, 2015

Time: 7:00 - 10:00 P.M.

Place: Scottish Rite  
383 E Lake St.  
Bloomingdale, IL

**\$50 per ticket**



Includes tasting, hors d'oeuvres and desserts

*Featuring wine and beer from multiple vendors*

RSVP by calling 630-671-5035 or Emailing [foundation@sd13foundation.org](mailto:foundation@sd13foundation.org)



## Be a Friend to Septemberfest and the Joe Draghi Septemberfest Scholarship!

The Septemberfest Commission would like to invite all Bloomingdale residents and businesses to support the Joe Draghi Septemberfest Scholarship Fund. This fund annually provides scholarships to Bloomingdale residents between the ages of 16 and 20.

If you have enjoyed Septemberfest, have been a scholarship recipient, or are the parent of a recipient, won't you please consider a contribution to help keep the Joe Draghi Septemberfest Scholarship going? Any donation would be greatly appreciated.

Name (as you wish it to be listed)

\_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

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 2015" in the memo line.

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



Scholarship sponsor Susan Sargent of B'dale Bank & Trust, Scholar Hristo Ganev, Mayor Franco & scholarship sponsor Mark Michalak of Jersey Mike's.

# Hydrant Flushing Begins June 1

## Cross Connection Control Device



Don't forget your annual inspection for your cross-connection control device for your irrigation system will be due in the month of May. Reminder letters will be sent out 1st week of May. Failure to have the device tested will result in the disconnection of water service and will not be restored until compliance with the Village Code is verified and a \$250 re-connection fee is paid. The inspection and certification must be performed by a licensed plumber. For further protection, consider hiring a plumber trained in cross-connection control to check your home.

Bloomington residents should also install a hose bib (sill cock) vacuum breaker on every single hose bib (sill cock) to isolate garden hose applications thus protecting the potable water supply, which is the most common offender of contamination. The device can be purchased at any local hardware store for less than \$7.00.

Simple ways to keep our water safe: Do not use a hose to unplug a drain. Do not leave a hose submerged in water while using a bucket or filling a pool. Do not leave fertilizer applicators attached to a hose while not in use.

For more information, contact the Village of Bloomington Water Production Division @ 630-671-5830 or email [cccsurvey@vil.bloomington.il.us](mailto:cccsurvey@vil.bloomington.il.us)

The Village Services - Utilities Division will be performing the annual Hydrant Flushing Program beginning June 1, 2015 through June 18, 2015. The Program will be performed during the daytime hours of 8:00 am - 3:00 pm. Please DO NOT WASH LAUNDRY during the flushing hours, as rust staining of the clothing may result. Residents with water softeners are encouraged to check the cycle time of their softeners so that the unit does not regenerate during this period.

Hydrant flushing is routine maintenance which improves both water quality and water flow. The hydrant flushing by area is as follows:

Byron Area, Westwind, Deer Glen, Medinah Lakes, Medinah Meadows, Medinah Grove, Eastgate, Vittoria Brooke Estates, Chateau of Medinah, Casa Bella, Hamilton Woods	Monday, June 1
Westlake Townhomes - Colony Green Area, College Quad Fours, Harvard, Brookdale, Wilshire Towers, Glen Ellyn Rd. (Army Trail Rd. to Now Foods)	Tuesday, June 2
North/South Suncrest, Medinah Country Estates, Dinah Road, Circle Center, Medinah on the Lakes, Lori Ct., Sunset Terrace, Westlake Highlands (South Circle/Euclid Area)	Wednesday, June 3
Westlake - Edgewater and Greenway, Westlake Townhomes - Lakeshore Area, Fairfield, Milford, Fairfield Quads, Canterbury, Lexington Homes	Thursday, June 4
Springbrook Villas, Springbrook Shopping Center, Bloomingdale Road - Edgewater to north Village limits, Bloomingdale Town Center, Fessler's Grove, Old Town, Bell Towers, North Maple, Rosedale, Rosedale Estates, Seven Oaks, Lakewood	Friday, June 5
Founder's Pointe, Old Town Estates, Longridge Area, West Pointe Estates, Indian Lakes Resort, Los Lagos, Indian Lakes East (Cardinal/Raven Area), Aprina Ct.	Monday, June 8
Indian Lakes - West (Meadowlark/Pheasant/ Skylark Area), Bloomfield Club, Stratford Place, Park Bloomington Condominiums, Stratford Homes, Avalon at Stratford, Butterfield Rd., Springfield Rd. (Army Trail to Schick Rd.) Bloomingdale Walk	Tuesday, June 9
Country Club Estates, Villa Way, Chateau Lorraine, Bloomfield Hills, On the Park, One Bloomingdale Place, Villas of Thornfield, Villa Way, Springfield Dr. (Schick Rd. to Lake St.)	Wednesday, June 10
Schmale Rd., Monroe Dr., Longview Dr., Bloomingdale Court, Fretter's Plaza, Madsen Dr., (Army Trail Rd. to Railroad), Heritage at Stratford, Villa Veneto, Stratford Lakes, Camden	Thursday, June 11
Old Gary, Madsen Dr. (Railroad to Fox Court), Covington, Stratford Plaza, Meijer Bayview Crossings	Friday, June 12
Stratford Square, Knollwood Dr., Scott Dr.	Monday, June 15
Schick Rd. (west of Bloomingdale Rd.)	Tuesday, June 16
Lake St.	Wednesday, June 17
Army Trail Rd.	Thursday, June 18
Questions? Please contact the Distribution Division at 630-671-5830.	



## Goodwill Store & Donation Center Celebrates Grand Opening

The new Bloomingdale Goodwill Store and Donation Center began its weekend grand opening celebration on January 29 with a ribbon cutting attended by Village officials, as well as several chamber members and Goodwill representatives. Pictured are Mayor Franco Coladipietro and Village Clerk Jane Michelotti to the right of Store Manager Colleen Rizzo (holding scissors).

The store, located at 420 W. Army Trail Road, offers a convenient drop off center with friendly donation attendants who will help you unload your car, seven days a week. Donations of gently used clothing, household items and electronics support Goodwill's mission of providing training and jobs for people with disabilities and disadvantages. Plus you're keeping usable items out of the landfills. With each new store opened, Goodwill reaches out to partner with a deserving community organization that serves those less fortunate. Here, the Bloomingdale Township Assistance program was given \$1,000 worth of vouchers by Goodwill.

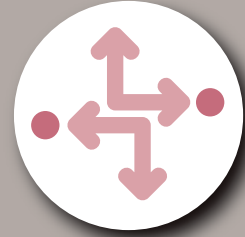


## Dr. Aimee Named Business Woman of the Year

Dr. Aimee Harris-Newton recently received the "Georgene Geils Business Woman of the Year Award" from the Bloomingdale Area Women in Business. A licensed clinical and sports psychologist, Dr. Aimee is the owner and director of Dr. Aimee and Associates, an integrative health and wellness practice specializing in family medicine, psychiatry, psychology and coaching.



Dr. Aimee is an active Bloomingdale Chamber Board of Director, an Advisory Board Member of the DuPage Young Professionals Network and volunteers her time as the Treasurer of 100 Women Who Care, West Suburban Chapter. Dr. Aimee specializes in educating and empowering people to create and achieve happiness, balance and health in their lives. Aimee is a wonderful role model of community service and mentoring others on a daily basis. Congratulations to her on this well-deserved recognition.



## 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

**Crane Worldwide**  
300 Madsen Drive

**Fit Body Boot Camp**  
160 S. Bloomingdale Road

**Mane Event**  
369 W. Army Trail Road  
Unit #23

# Community Events

## Bloomington Lions Club Spring Fundraisers

**How Sweet It Is!** – Once again, the Bloomington Lions Club is selling sweet, delicious Vidalia onions at \$10 for a 10 lb bag. Orders are being taken through April 25th. The onions may be picked up from noon to 5 p.m. on Friday, May 8th and 8 a.m. to Noon on Saturday, May 9th at Prudential Starck Realty, 181 S. Bloomington Road. There are always extra onions for walk-up customers. Need more info? Call Lion Walt at 708-436-4120 or e-mail [wcopper@yahoo.com](mailto:wcopper@yahoo.com). Proceeds will benefit a variety of community needs, as well as funding sight and hearing research.

**Get Your Grill On** – Our Lions are also hosting its annual Steak Dinner from 5-8 p.m. on Friday, May 8 at the Bloomington Golf Club, 181 Glen Ellyn Road. For more information or tickets contact Lion Jerry Markham at 708-764-4703 or [jmarkham1224@gmail.com](mailto:jmarkham1224@gmail.com)

## Breaking News!

The March 2015 edition of *West Suburban Living Magazine* featured its picks for "The Best of the West 2015." For the second year in a row, Bloomington Public Library was named one of the Best Libraries.



The Bloomington Public Library Board of Trustees currently has one vacancy. Residents interested in serving on the Library Board should visit the website at [www.mybpl.org](http://www.mybpl.org) to learn more about it.

## Garden Club Meetings

6:30 p.m. Bloomington Police Dept., 201 S. Bloomington Road, lower level

### Plant Sale Prep and Garden Art Project - Tuesday, April 21

Plans for the very popular Bloomington Garden Club plant sale will be the focus of this meeting. Following the meeting is a fun garden art project-- glass plate sculptures on a garden stake. Visitors are welcome; contact Bobbi at 630-295-8315.



**Crazy for Containers presented by Laura Christensen** - Tuesday, May 19  
Learn all about container gardening, from planning your color palette, to selecting containers, designing your arrangement, shopping for your materials, installing your plants and caring for your container garden. Laura will also create a seasonal container for a members' raffle. Visitors are welcome.

## League of Women Voters of Roselle/Bloomington

Join members of the LWVRB for a discussion on helping recent DuPage immigrants with Exodus World Service on Tuesday, April 21, at 7:00 pm, at the Roselle Fire Station, 100 East Maple. The mission of Exodus World Service is to mobilize the Christian Community to welcome refugees. The League of Women Voters has no religious affiliation. For more information on your local League, please visit [www.lwvrb.org](http://www.lwvrb.org), or call 630-283-2894. For more general information on the League of Women Voters, see [www.lwvus.org](http://www.lwvus.org) or [www.lwvil.org](http://www.lwvil.org)

## Bloomington Artists Association Meetings

7 p.m. Bloomington Park District Museum, 108 S. Bloomington Road

### Decoupage Collage Workshop - April 8

BAA Member Patty Eagleton shares her artistic talents in this workshop. Bring an object to decoupage (canvas, clear glass vase or plate), foam brushes and decorative papers (wrapping paper, scrapbook paper, etc.) \$5 drop-in fee.

### Create a Crystal Necklace and Earrings - May 13

Artist Natalie Smith designs one of a kind jewelry with semi-precious stones and crystals. Natalie will provide all materials, give step by step instructions, and discuss basic design principles. \$10 materials fee and \$5 drop-in fee. For more information or to register for either meeting, contact [nicolejavvaji@yahoo.com](mailto:nicolejavvaji@yahoo.com).



## Recycling Events in April and May

For Recycling Events during April and May, check the DuPage County website at [www.dupageco.org/recyclingevents/](http://www.dupageco.org/recyclingevents/) There are several scheduled in the area. Make sure to check on what recycled items the municipality accepts, and call to confirm the date.



## Senior Day Fair

The Annual Senior Day Fair, sponsored by the Bloomingdale Police Department and the Bloomingdale Senior Citizen Advisory Council, is on Friday, April 24, 2015, from 9:00 a.m. to Noon at the Medinah Shriners Banquet Facility in Addison (located on Swift Road just north of Army Trail Road). The Senior Day Fair was created to give seniors the opportunity to visit with local agencies, service providers and businesses to help identify the resources that are available to them.

Over fifty agencies will be in attendance at the Senior Day Fair, including Alexian Brothers Medical Center, Glen Oaks Hospital, chiropractors, eye doctors, foot doctors, pharmacists, home health agencies, adult support services, extended care centers, community groups & clubs, wholesale stores, fitness facilities, as well as representatives from local governmental entities, such as Village, Township, Police, Fire, Park District and Library.

**Bloomingdale Lions Club** – collecting used eye glasses and providing Hearing Screening Service

**Illinois Secretary of State** – Renewal of Driver's License (under the age of 75), Obtain Identification Cards, and Rules of the Road information.

**Healthy Food and Exercise / Fitness** presentations are scheduled:

9-10 a.m. – Food & Nutrition information;

10-11 a.m. Tai Chi Demonstration

11- Noon Chair Yoga demonstration.

There is no fee to enter and refreshments will be available. Giveaway bags and other items will be distributed. Door prizes will be given out each half-hour during the event. Please contact Officer Dawn Odoi at (630) 529-9868 with questions.



## A Bed Turning - Civil War Reproduction Quilts

In commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the end of the Civil War, the Bloomingdale Loose Threads Quilt Club, in conjunction with the Bloomingdale Historical Society, will present a Bed-Turning featuring Civil War Reproduction quilts. The quilts shown are all creations of the club members and will be representative of the patterns, fabrics and history of the era. In addition, the members will exhibit their handmade quilt blocks which tell stories of how "safe houses" sent messages of safety and directions to slaves fleeing the South for freedom.

The free event takes place from 2:00 to 3:30 on Sunday, April 26 in Room B at the Bloomingdale Public Library. Refreshments provided. Please register in person at the library or at [www.mybpl.org](http://www.mybpl.org) Click on "Calendar" on the homepage.



## Bloomingdale Chamber Hosting Art Exhibit

Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce its third annual art exhibit at 108 W. Lake Street. Works created by talented artists of the Bloomingdale Artists Association will be on display. Selected pieces will be offered for sale; negotiations and delivery details will be handled by the artist. Questions may be directed to Jane Hove at 630-980-9082 or Bev Petrosius at 630-624-9545.



# Around and About Town

## Memorial Day Observance May 25

The annual Memorial Day Observance takes place at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, May 25 at St. Paul Cemetery on the north side of Lake Street, just east of Circle Avenue. The Bloomingdale Historical Society is joined by Bloomingdale VFW Post 7539, Bloomingdale Public Library, Village of Bloomingdale, Garden Club and Alden Valley Ridge for this touching tribute to our veterans. In addition to honoring all veterans in attendance, this year's program is "Sacrifice - All Some Gave, Some Gave All." The observance lasts about 45 minutes; free refreshments are available; patriotic music provided by the Legends Choral Ensemble. Parking is available in business lots not open that day. Bring a lawn chair if you wish, or an umbrella in case of inclement weather.

Following the Remembrance at the cemetery, Bloomingdale VFW Post 7539 will hold a noon ceremony at the gazebo on the corner of Bloomingdale Road & Fairfield, in front of the library. Here they will lay a wreath at the base of the Flag, and perform a three-gun salvo in recognition of those who paid the ultimate price to protect our freedom.



## Garden Club Annual Plant Sale

**Friday, May 1, Noon to 6pm and Saturday, May 2, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.**  
**Bloomingdale Park District Maintenance Building, 259 Springfield Drive**

The annual sale is held indoors, so rain or shine, stop by and choose from an amazing selection, featuring flats of 48 colorful flowers, premium 10" hanging baskets, geraniums in all hues, Proven Winners & Specialty Annuals, herbs, vegetables, accent plants, cannas, grasses, tufts, yard/garden art and perennials from members' gardens. Master Gardeners will be on hand for advice. Gift certificates are available in any denomination. For more information, contact [bloomingdalegardenclub@gmail.com](mailto:bloomingdalegardenclub@gmail.com), or visit [www.bloomingdalegardenclub.org](http://www.bloomingdalegardenclub.org).



## Relay for Life June 12

Relay for Life, Roselle, Bloomingdale, Itasca and Medinah takes place from 6 p.m. until midnight on June 12, 2015 at Lake Park High School East Campus in Roselle. The funds raised by this event go for cancer research, education, early detection programs, advocacy and support programs. Teams are forming now. To take part in any way, contact Event Chairperson Maryann Grygirl at 630-893-6647 or email [mobysmom2k1@yahoo.com](mailto:mobysmom2k1@yahoo.com). Attend the next Relay for Life Meeting on April 14 at 7 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran School Library, 405 S. Rush Street.

## Chuck Lovely Honored for Volunteer Service

Resident Chuck Lovely, Coordinator of the Police Department Senior Volunteers, recently received a Presidential Award for giving 500 hours of volunteer service to the Bloomingdale Police Department. Only a member of the volunteer force for six months, Chuck received a gold pin, a certificate of achievement and a letter of congratulations from President Obama. Chief Giammarese thanked Chuck for generously giving his time.



## Army Trail to be Closed for Railroad Crossing Repairs Beginning June 21

Canadian National Railway has scheduled repairs of the Army Trail Road grade crossing commencing at 8 a.m. on June 21, 2015 and concluding on or before 6pm on June 27, 2015. Complete closure of Army Trail Road (from Gary Avenue to County Farm Road) will be required for the duration of the project. Road closure and detour signs will be in place.

More info will appear in the June Almanac.





## St. Paul's Welcomes New Pastor

On Sunday, March 08, 2015, the congregation of St. Paul Evangelical Church officially called Jeremy Heitkam to serve as its next Pastor. Pastor Heitkam is originally from Lena, Illinois and is a graduate of Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in Deerfield, Illinois. He is the 15th Pastor to serve the congregation in its 137 year history, and previously served the congregation as Minister of Family Life for the last two years.

St. Paul Evangelical Church is an independent evangelical church located at 118 S. 1st Street in Bloomingdale.

## Letter Carriers Food Drive

Join us on Saturday, May 9, 2015 for our annual food drive. We give all donations to the Bloomingdale Township Food Pantry, which handles nine area communities. Please place non-perishables by your mailbox by 9 a.m. on Saturday, May 9; the Bloomingdale mail carriers will do the rest. This is the 23rd year of feeding the needy people in our area. The national Letter Carriers Food Drive is the largest food drive conducted in the country.

*Your Letter Carriers of the Bloomingdale Post Office*

## Partnership Between School District 93 and Windsor Park Retirement Community Bridges Two Generations

Twice each month starting in December, members of Community Consolidated School District 93's (CCSD93) technology department began conducting technology classes for residents at nearby Windsor Park Retirement Community using 25 laptop computers donated by CCSD93. By February, CCSD93's students had become the teachers of this course, as students from one of CCSD93's six elementary or two middle schools began visiting Windsor Park for each class and working directly with the retirees to lend their technological expertise.

It's amazing to see CCSD93's young students teach and mentor Windsor Park's retirees, many of whom are eight or nine times their age, on the use of technology. The classes began by covering the most basic computer functions. As the retirees become more advanced, CCSD93's students and staff are continuing to help them to expand their technological horizons by teaching them how to navigate the Internet, use email and FaceTime, download and share photos, create documents or spreadsheets, how to blog, and even how to navigate social media networks and consumer websites like eBay and Craigslist.

This partnership not only helps the retirees to become more tech-savvy, but allows them to gain an appreciation of the talents and resources of CCSD93's students, and enables the students to appreciate the wisdom and life experiences offered by members of the older generation.



## Planning a Garage Sale?

Important information:

There is no cost or permit necessary to hold a garage or yard sale; however, the person conducting the sale must notify the police department of the sale prior to the start of the sale.

No more than three rummage or garage sales may be held on the same premises in any calendar year. Each may not be more than three consecutive days and can only take place between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.



There are also requirements relative to garage sale signs, including size and placement restrictions.

For more information, contact the Police Department at (630) 529-9868.

### Upcoming Garage Sales:

#### Bloomfield Hills

April 23, 24, 25  
9am-5 pm  
North side of West Schick

#### Bloomington Historical Society

May 14 and 15  
9am-5pm  
Corner of 3rd and Washington; Drop off donations May 13

#### Bloomfield Club

May 16  
9am-5pm  
South side of West Schick

#### Stratford Lakes

May 14-15  
9am-4pm  
North side of Schick,  
West of Springfield Drive

# Deputy Chief Koehn: 30 Years of Service

## Bloomington Park District Finance Department Earns GFOA Award

The Bloomington Park District's finance department was awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for the fourth straight year.

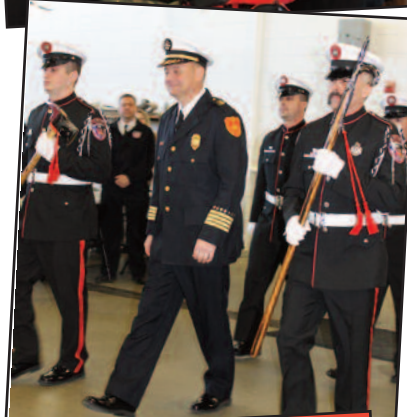
"This is a great honor for the Park District," said Bloomington Park District Executive Director Carrie Fullerton. "Congratulations are in order for Finance Director June Fergus and our auditors, Lauterbach & Amen, LLP, who worked together on the comprehensive annual financial report and achieved this prestigious award."

## Looking for a Summer Job?

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

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

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



Deputy Chief Scott Koehn retired from the Bloomington Fire Protection District on February 27 after over 30 years of service. He began his fire service career in Bloomington as a dispatcher in October of 1981 but left to begin his life as a firefighter with the Itasca Fire District in 1983. In 1985, he returned to Bloomington where he served as a Firefighter/Paramedic.

Scott was promoted to Lieutenant in 1994, Battalion Chief in 2008 and Deputy Chief in 2014. He was a charter member of the firefighter union--Local 3272, was a long-time member of the MABAS Division 12 Hazardous Materials Response Team -- where he served as our coordinator, and taught technical rescue at the Arlington Heights Fire Academy where he was able to share his passion and love of the fire service. Scott served on the Foreign Fire Insurance Board and he worked countless hours designing many of the apparatus in our fleet today. He served as the Building and Grounds Coordinator and most recently was the project manager for our Station 23 remodel. He was a charter member of our Training & Safety Committee, and coordinated our vehicle maintenance program, as well as countless other teams, committees, and programs.

Whenever there was an issue, Deputy Chief Koehn was always there to help. And most of all, he left things better than the way he found them. It was not uncommon to see Chief Koehn commanding a fire in the morning and fixing the garbage disposal that afternoon. He was one of those guys who spent his career giving the same dedication and sense of duty on the last day of his career as he did on the first day of his career.

## You're Invited to Coffee with The Mayor and Chief of Police

Saturday, April 11, 2015

9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in the Village Council Room

Bring your comments & concerns and chat with Mayor Franco Coladipietro and Chief of Police Frank Giammarese over a cup of coffee.

Whether you are a resident, business owner or community member, this is a great opportunity to discuss issues affecting our community in an informal setting.





# Bloomingtondale Fire Protection District #1



## Koehn Headquarters Fire Station: Named in Honor of Former Chief and Family

The Koehn family name has been synonymous with the Bloomingtondale Fire District since 1953 when a young man by the name of Lawrence Koehn became a Bloomingtondale firefighter. Harve, as he was known among friends, served the District until 1985 and retired as the Fire Chief.



Prior to 911 or dispatch centers, the Koehn family's home telephone served as access to the Fire Department; Harve would then run to the firehouse and alert the other firefighters by blowing the whistle. Chief Koehn gave his wife Carol two sons, Robert and Scott, and a daughter, Cathy; Robert Koehn currently serves as the Assistant Fire Chief of the Boone County Fire District #2, and Scott, who retired in February with over 30 years of service to the Bloomingtondale Fire District. The stories about Harve Koehn are legendary...he was a tough man, but a fair man and he loved the Bloomingtondale Fire District and his family—and I know he would be proud of them today--He always left things a little better.

Deputy Chief Koehn's wife, Julie was the fire district's Administrative Assistant and served the district for over 33 years. Any Chief will tell you that they are only as good as their Administrative Assistant, and we had one of the best. Julie enjoyed a relatively quiet and uncomplicated life, which revolved around her family, friends and the fire department. She gave so much to others, but asked for so very little in return. With her sensitive and caring qualities, Julie was the ideal person to work with. She became like a mother to us, and would help develop us, guide us and watch out for us. She became like a sister to us, someone we could talk to, have fun with, and share our life with. And she became like a daughter to us, someone who we watched out for and protected. Although Julie isn't with us today, there is no doubt that she is smiling down on us, proud of her family and what they've become-- and proud of all of us. Julie's work ethic and love for the Bloomingtondale Fire District were second to none and she too, always left things a little better.

Deputy Chief Scott Koehn was a great firefighter and leader and he lived and breathed the Bloomingtondale Fire District. Over 30 years of selfless service is quite an accomplishment and he made the most of every day. He gave more than he took, he did more than what was asked, and took less credit than he deserved. His leadership, passion and love for the job are an example for all of us. He also, left things a little better.

In recognition of their duty, pride and selfless service to the Bloomingtondale Fire District, Fire Station 21 at 179 S. Bloomingtondale Road has been dedicated as the Koehn Headquarters Fire Station. May their dedication and passion be an inspiration for all of those who serve.

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## Sharing Memories



*Firefighter paramedic John Lowczyk shared humorous memories about working for Deputy Chief Koehn at the retirement ceremony.*



*Retired Assistant Chief Bill Wolff told stories about a very young Scott who loved hanging out at the firehouse.*





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## Student Art Show Features 400 Pieces From Young Artists

Ten area schools, grades K through 12, submitted some 400 pieces of artwork for the 32nd Annual Student Art Show at the Park District Museum, 108 S. Bloomingdale Road. The exhibit runs through April 11, 2015.

