

Village of Bloomingdale Almanac

August 2015

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Septemberfest: 42 Years of Fun, Food & Community

On Saturday, September 12, 2015, the Village of Bloomingdale will gather to celebrate the 42nd 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 a.m. 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!

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND: family-friendly carnival rides and games located on the east corner of Bloomingdale Road and Franklin Street in St. Paul Church's parking lot.

NEW THIS YEAR: The carnival will operate a preview night from 5:00-6:00 p.m. Friday, September 11, 2015, with unlimited carnival rides (continued on page 6)



Here's What's Happening in Bloomingdale!



Septemberfest Scholarship
Fundraiser See p.15



Annual Ice Cream Social,
Library parking lot, August 6



American English Concert,
Old Town Park, August 11



"Through Their Eyes,"
September 27 See p. 11

Sign Up for Septemberfest Food, Crafts, Car Show and Parade

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

3rd Thursday of the month 4:00 p.m. – Firehouse, 179 S. Bloomingdale Road



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, click on Community, then click on Septemberfest 2015.

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

William Belmonte
Traffic and Streets

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

Jane E. Michelotti
Village Clerk

Bill Bolen
Finance and
Administration

Vince Ackerman
Intergovernmental and
Community Relations

TRUSTEES

Judi Von Huben
Public Safety

Frank Bucaro
Facilities, Infrastructure

The photo on the top of p. 1 is Maple Lake in Meacham Grove East taken by resident David Von Huben last month.

A Message from Mayor Franco

Happy Summer - about this wet weather and record hatchings of mosquitoes....oh,....tired of that topic? Me too! Let's talk about something we can actually control, such as, some positive developments you will be seeing soon.

Starting with Lake Street, the two empty restaurants just east of St. Paul's Cemetery will be coming down very soon to make way for the Bloomingdale Memory Care Facility. The developer intends to break ground for the one-story building this fall. The site will be beautifully landscaped and makes a wonderful addition to Bloomingdale's eastern entrance.

We will soon be seeing activity at the southwest corner of Springbrook Shopping Center, as the builder installs compacted embankments in order to elevate the new building to allow for better drainage at this site. Construction of the three-tenant structure, anchored by Starbucks, will begin soon after that.

As part of the East Lake Street TIF, the Village recently purchased the shopping center adjacent to the vacant Shell station at Lake and N. Circle, and is in negotiations with an investor interested in combining the two parcels into a single redevelopment project. The Village is optimistic that an agreement can be reached this year with the project breaking ground in 2016.

Work has been continuing at our monument sign at Lake & Bloomingdale. By the time this *Almanac* hits your homes, the lettering and the logo will be attached and (barring lots more rain and mosquitoes), the entire site should be completed by the end of August.

Following the new monument sign, the Village's Old Town Streetscape and Infrastructure Project is set to begin later this year. The Village's plan for the area focuses on a number of design elements that will help improve walkability and circulation within the area. The plan provides a fresh look to Old Town while preserving the historical character of the area. For details about the plan, see the bottom of col 1 on p. 5.

Jumping to west Army Trail Road, the bricks are going up on the Chick-Fil-A building at Springfield Drive and the restaurant seems to be on target for an October opening. A little farther west, construction is getting underway for the Army Trail two-tenant Starbucks building, also looking toward opening in fall.

Speaking of fall, Septemberfest is around the corner. Hope to see everyone there. And check out the generous fundraiser Jersey Mike's is doing again for the Septemberfest Scholarship Fund on p. 15. Enjoy the rest of the Summer!

Mayor Franco



Mayor Franco had an unexpected opportunity for some one on one conversation with the Hall of Famer at the 6th Annual Tommy Lasorda Open at Hilton Indian Lakes Resort. The Mayor shared his fond childhood memories of seeing the baseball icon as a manager for the Dodgers while at Wrigley Field.



Our Sympathy to the Family of Former Trustee Paul Ahlrich

Longtime resident Paul Ahlrich of Bloomingdale passed away on July 13 at the age of 83. Deepest sympathies are extended to Esther, his wife of 62



Paul from the April 1967 election

years, and his children, grandchildren and great-grandchild.

Paul served as a Village Trustee, elected in April of 1967, serving in that position until September of 1972, when he was appointed Acting Mayor until April of 1973. Paul was on the Village Board when ground was broken for the Westlake Subdivision in 1969, when the building boom began. During the 60s, Bloomingdale's population surged by 136 percent from 1,262 to 2,974.

Take a Bite Out of Crime

Bloomingdale's Annual National Night Out Against Crime takes place from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. (weather permitting) on Tuesday, August 4 at the Bloomingdale Park District, 172 S. Circle Avenue.

Hot dogs, hamburgers, etc. will be provided free of charge from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. through Catering with Elegance by Glendale. The pool is open to all attending the event and organized games and prizes are scheduled.



New electronic payment service Want to Pay Your Water/Sewer Bill Online?

Important Village & Community Phone Numbers

Village Departments

Administration	630-671-5610
Building & Zoning	630-671-5660
Engineering	630-671-5676
Finance	630-671-5030
Mayor's Office	630-671-5600
Police – non-emergency	630-529-9868
Public Works	630-671-5800
Water Billing	630-671-5650
Utilities	630-671-5830

Other Useful Numbers

Fire Department non emergency
630-894-9080

Bloomington Library
630-529-3120

Bloomington Park District
630-529-3650

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The Village is excited to offer a new service - **GREEN PAY** – that will allow you to pay your utility bill on-line, enroll in electronic billing (**Ebill**), or enroll in automatic electronic payments (**Auto Pay**).

Visit www.villageofbloomington.org and click on Utility Bill Payments on the right side of the changing picture. This link will direct you to a third-party website called GREEN PAY. Once you are at the GREEN PAY site you will need to register by following a few simple steps.

After you have registered with GREEN PAY you can:

- Pay your Village utility bill with a Visa or Mastercard credit or debit card.
- Enroll in AUTO PAY (EPay) for reoccurring utility bill payments directly from your bank account (checking or savings).
- Enroll in EBill for email notification that your Village utility bill is available; eliminating the need for paper bills.

Enrolling in Auto Pay is also easy from the Utility Bill Payment page through a direct link to the Village's Application For Electronic Payment of Utility Bills. Simply print, complete and return the completed form to the Village using any of the following ways:

Mail: Village of Bloomington, 201 S. Bloomington Road, Bloomington, IL 60108

Fax: 630-893-5136

Email: waterbilling@vil.bloomington.il.us

For more information, call 630-893-7000.

Another fast, convenient, efficient and cost effective way to pay your Village utility bill is to use your bank's website Bill Pay feature. Most banks offer this service. Please contact your bank to inquire if they provide this payment option.

Battling the Bites

The mosquitoes have been very bad this season due to all of the rain and flooding. Bloomington Township reports record mosquito hatching due to these conditions. There are many types of mosquitoes, but "floodwater" or "nuisance" mosquitoes are the ones most likely to be biting you so far this summer.

These mosquitoes do not carry West Nile Virus (WNV). The type of mosquito that spreads WNV is *Culex pipiens*, which breeds in stagnant water during the hot and dry months (usually July and August), when there is typically little rain. Since it is nearly impossible for the naked eye to identify floodwater and *Culex* mosquitoes, it is best to "Fight the Bite" of all mosquitoes.

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.

To get the most current information on WNV in DuPage County, see www.dupagehealth.org/ftb



Village Continues Replacing Ash Trees Infested with EAB

The Village Forestry Division, through in-house staff and contractual services, is continuing efforts to remove and replace public ash trees due to the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) infestation. Fewer than 100 parkway ash trees remain.



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 October issue of the Village Almanac.

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

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 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 Republic Services. 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.

Old Town Improvement Plan

Refer to Mayor's Message, p. 3.

The improvements include reconstruction of Third Street and Franklin Avenue; replacement of the sewer and storm systems; undergrounding of utilities; replacement of asphalt parking spaces along Third Street and Franklin with permeable pavers to increase infiltration of storm water flows into the ground and decrease the volume of runoff entering the storm system; the purchase of the 105 Third Street property to demolish and construct a new parking lot; improved lighting to make the area welcoming and safe in the evenings; and construction of a new entry sign at the corner of Third Street and Lake Street to serve as a welcoming point for visitors.



Please Give New Parkway Trees Regular Drinks When Heat & Dry Weather Kick In

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

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

Here are two easy ways to accomplish watering:

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

After the tree has been established for two years the root structure is better able to withstand a wider range of water conditions.

Hanover Park Recycling Event September 26

Hanover Park hosts its Annual Recycling Event on Saturday, September 26th, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. (rain or shine) at the Hanover Park Metra Station, 1975 W. Lake Street. Non-residents welcomed.

This event is very well organized and accepts a wide variety of items for recycling.

For a comprehensive list, please check out www.dupageco.org/recyclingevents/ for the Hanover Park flyer.

2015 Bloomingdale Septemberfest: 42 Years of Fun, Food & Community

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 and is funded entirely through resident and local business donations.

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.

The Septemberfest Commission and future scholarship winners thank you.

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for just \$15 per person. A special pre-sale price of \$12 per person may be purchased in advance at either St. Paul Church of Bloomingdale or Bloomingdale Village Hall beginning August 17, 2015. **Wristbands purchased on-site on Friday, September 11 will be \$15 per person.**

The ever-popular Septemberfest Car Show is open 12:30 'til 4 p.m. adjacent to Old Town Park, in the parking lot next to Rooster's Barn and Grill, 122 W. Lake St. At 4:00 p.m. awards will be presented for The People's Choice, Participant's Choice, 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. Specialty awards are also presented by a three-judge panel, as well as by Turtle Wax.



This year's Car Show participants receive two complimentary tickets to the 2016 Chicago Auto Show. For further information, call Mitch at 630-439-6637.

At 12:15, following the opening ceremonies, the Septemberfest/Joe Draghi Scholarship winners will be announced. 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 on August 10, 11 & 12 for the scholarship. See page 15 for details. As the scholarships are funded entirely through personal and local business donations, please consider becoming a "Friend of Septemberfest." Your name will be listed on a sign posted at the fest as a donor and your charitable contribution will help young men and women toward a better future. A form to donate is located to the left.

The afternoon will also feature entertainment from several local groups from tumblers to dancers, singers and more. At 4:30 p.m., Frank and Dave will bring their vocally driven, harmony rich performance to the stage as they play a wide variety of originals, classic rock and current pop hits with their acoustic signature style. Wrapping up the evening of Septemberfest from 7 – 10 p.m. will be Hi-Infidelity, the Chicago area cover band specializing in the music from the 80s rock period – songs from Journey, REO Speedwagon, Bon Jovi and Boston, to name a few.

For more information, go to the website: : www.villageofbloomingdale.org, click on Community, then Septemberfest 2015.

Sunrise Shuffle

Help support local parks and recreation at the Fifth Annual Bloomingdale Parks Foundation Sunrise Shuffle 5K, presented by Sunrise Chevrolet! The Sept. 12 run is a kick-off event for Bloomingdale's 42nd Annual Septemberfest and is held at Indian Lakes Resort, where part of the course is on crushed limestone behind Blackhawk Trace Golf Club. Get your day off to a running start! For more information visit www.bloomingdaleparks.org



IT'S TIME FOR → CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY

The Bloomingdale Police Department is once again bringing 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 nine-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 September, 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 and Radar Enforcement, Accidents/Crash Reports, D.U.I. Procedures, 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 : Wednesdays – September 16, 23, 30;
October 7, 14, 21, 28;
November 4, 11, 2015
Time: 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.
Location: Bloomingdale Police Department – Training Room

Carrying the Torch

Police Officer Jin Han represented Bloomingdale in this leg of the Torch Run on Bloomingdale Road, crossing Army Trail Road, in support of Special Olympics in June.



Medication Drop Off Box Now Located in Police Department Lobby

Update on the Prescription Program Collection Box at the Bloomingdale Police Department, 201 S. Bloomingdale Road. The collection box has been moved from the parking lot to the lobby of the police department. The only change is the location.



The program is for unused prescriptions and expired over-the-counter drugs generated by residents. No commercial or institutional waste will be accepted. **Please remove medications from original container and put in a plastic bag before dropping off to any location.** Any personal information should be blacked out for safety. Never place loose needles/sharps into waste or recycling bins.



Help Kids Have a Safe Start to the New School Year

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.

Community Events

Neighborhood Watch Meeting on September 9

The next Neighborhood Watch General Meeting takes place in the Village Hall Council Room on Wednesday, September 9 at 7:00 p.m.



Upcoming Garden Club Meetings

Incredible Bats! - August 18. Dan and Sharon Peterson, along with their Egyptian Fruit and African Straw-Colored Bats, have been educating people about bats since 1996. Their program will dispel myths as well as explain the many benefits of these misunderstood and feared creatures.

Thriving in Hard Soil-Community Gardens - September 15. Radio host Mike Nowak presents an informative and inspiring look at the possibilities and challenges of creating a community garden. The Club also provides an overview of the Bloomingdale Giving Garden located at Springfield Park.

Meetings are held at 6:30 pm at the Bloomingdale Police Department, lower level.

St. Isidore's Children's Fall Clothing & Equipment Sale September 25 & 26

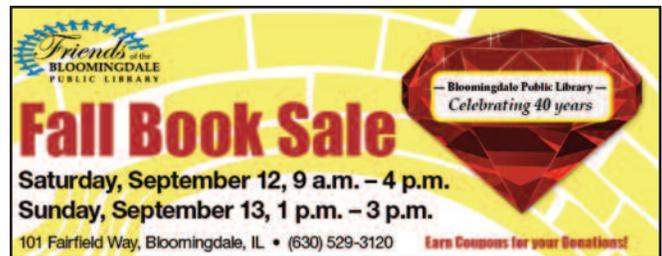
Approximately 125 sellers offering a wide variety of quality, gently used children's fall and winter clothing, sizes newborn to 16, including: Halloween costumes and Christmas outfits, snowsuits, boots and shoes, maternity clothes, school uniforms, as well as a variety of children's toys and equipment. Also baby furniture, car seats, strollers, toys, bikes, sports equipment, as well as books and DVDs. Detailed information for consignors, shoppers, volunteers and others is available on the school website at www.stisidoreparishschool.org under Support/Clothing Resale.

St. Paul Hosting Annual Pulled Pork Dinner on September 15

St. Paul Evangelical Church hosts its 2nd annual Pulled Pork Dinner on Saturday, September 15 from 4:00-8:00 p.m. This year's event will include a silent auction and an old fashioned Cake Walk to help fund some desperately needed repairs to the 100-year old structure. Among the items in the auction are a hand-made quilt, Lynfred Winery Basket, a sofa-size "oil on canvas" painting by local artist Georgette West, an African Safari and much more. Advance tickets are \$8 for adults and \$4.25 for children 3-11. St. Paul, located at 118 1st Street, has been ministering to the heart of Bloomingdale and surrounding areas for over 130 years. For more info, call 630-980-9196.

Friends of the Library Book Sale September 12 & 13

The Friends of the Bloomingdale Public Library Book Sale will be held on Saturday, September 12, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Sunday, September 13, 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.

Bloomingdale Artists Association

Painting on Glass, September 9. Suzette Horyza, BAA member since 2004, teaches how to transform glass objects into decorative pieces using paint. Bring a glass object (bottle, glass or plate) and brushes or sponges. Surface preparation, paint choices, finishing and care will be covered. \$5 drop-in fee/materials fee.

BAA meets September to May; dues are \$25. The group was formed to provide a place for people of all ages to discover, learn, and share their knowledge of the fine arts. For more information, contact Bev, 630-624-9545 or bpetrosius@gmail.com.

Meeting begins at 7 p.m. at the Park District Museum, 108 S. Bloomingdale Road.

VFW Meetings & Veterans Clinic Scheduled

Bloomingtondale VFW Post 7539 meets on the third Thursday of the month from 7-8:30 p.m. in Room B on the lower level of the Bloomingtondale Public Library. Arrive early at 6:30 for coffee and donuts prior to meeting. The next two meetings are August 20 and September 17.

Anyone interested in Veterans Benefits is invited to attend the Veteran Clinic and Expo sponsored by **Bloomingtondale VFW Post 7539** from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00p.m. on Saturday, September 26 at Trinity Lutheran Church, 405 South Rush Street, in Roselle

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

Take advantage of this event to learn more about your benefits, services available, and programs designed to help you, the Veteran.

Go Orange!

September is National Hunger Awareness Month. Go Orange and Fight Hunger is the battle cry. Last September, thanks to the residents, businesses, organizations, schools and churches who jumped on the orange bandwagon and generously gave to the Northern Illinois Food Bank and the Bloomingtondale Township Food Pantry, Bloomingtondale made a difference.



Last year the Bloomingtondale Park District employees teamed up (orange shirts and all) and carried out their own successful food drive.

This year, even though we are collecting and focusing on helping to fight hunger all month, Mayor Coladipietro will be proclaiming Thursday, September 3, 2015 as 2015 National Hunger Awareness Day in Bloomingtondale.

The proclamation will further urge everyone in the Bloomingtondale community to:

1. Wear Orange to Work or School
2. Donate Food/Supplies to local food pantries all year long, and during September Hunger Awareness month (at the Bloomingtondale Village Hall, Park District, Library and possibly more locations TBD)
3. Encourage conversation about hunger with your friends, family and coworkers, and on Social Media.
4. Volunteer your time working at a local food pantry, collecting and/or delivering food to those in need.

This year we plan to create a GO ORANGE Hunger Awareness campaign that incorporates Bloomingtondale businesses to help make an even bigger impact. Watch the e-news for more information as September approaches.



Garden Club 2nd Annual Photo Contest



The 2014 1st Place photo by Susan Abraham

The Bloomingtondale Garden Club said the first annual photo contest held last year was a lot of fun and a big success. Their Contest Committee is looking forward to seeing this grow bigger and better! Now that your plants are in the ground and hopefully starting to bloom, it is time to start taking photos and submitting them to the Garden Club for this year's contest.

Remember the plants should have been purchased at the 2015 Plant Sale. Photos can be submitted electronically to Carolyn Stein at cstein513@comcast.net or printed 4 x 6 and mailed to:

Bloomingtondale Garden Club Photo Contest
326 Whitehall Terrace
Bloomingtondale, IL 60108-1383.

You may submit as many images as you wish. It is important to include your name and phone number, so you may be contacted if you win!

Winners receive gift certificates to be redeemed at the 2016 plant sale and winners' photos are proudly displayed for all to see!

Photos are not returned and become the property of the Bloomingtondale Garden Club.

Have a "photo-finish" summer!

September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month



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.



It's been three years since 16-year old Janine Delaney, a childhood cancer survivor herself, urged the mayor to proclaim September to be Childhood Cancer Awareness month in Bloomingdale. The community has embraced the cause with an enthusiastic and widespread response and Mayor Franco continues to make that proclamation. Janine is headed off to college this year, but will still be participating in the CureSearch Walk, which is being held on September 20 at Boomers Stadium in Schaumburg this year. Janine continues to pay her survivorship forward "to help change the odds for those children most at risk."

If you'd like to support Janine by donating to her CureSearch page, go to www.curesearchwalk.org, click on Chicago Walk, click on Donate, enter Janine Delaney and follow the donation instructions. Or check out the website and join the walk. Janine hopes to someday see all Bloomingdale residents and businesses alike sport the color gold in September in support of the mission to cure childhood cancer.

Pictured above from the 2014 Septemberfest Parade is Enzo Ravenna and his entourage. The four-year old joined Janine's fight and fundraising last year.

The Bloomingdale Park District Museum Features

Chicago Sculpture International: "Landfills"
from August 22 - September 26 with a Complimentary Reception from 2:00-4:00 p.m. on August 30.

"Landfills" promises to be a journey into the world of sculpture that is driven by collective consciousness and a never-ending source of individual inspiration. The exhibit means to present works whose materials have literally and physically metamorphosed from their original, fragmented street; meaning to become an object within a gallery context. Whether interpreted as landscape or lifestyle, beautiful or ugly, industrial or craft-made, intentionally designed or unearthed, the allegory of ideas and sculptures speaks about a culture of social disruption.



"Either Way"

'Through Their Eyes' - A Civil War Presentation

The Bloomingdale Historical Society, in conjunction with the Bloomingdale Public Library, is pleased to present "Through Their Eyes," accounts of life with the soldiers of the Civil War, as told from the perspective of three re-enactors.

Harry Reineke, IV is the Commander of Camp Douglas Memorial #516, Sons of Confederate Veterans. He re-enacts 2nd Kentucky Dismounted Cavalry, and will be sharing some of the Southern reasons for secession from the Confederate perspective.

Resident Bob Kurek, whose interest in history was kindled by two of his elementary teachers, is the Past Camp Commander of the P.H. Sheridan Camp 2, Department of Illinois, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW). He has created a fictional persona, Bob Arkansas Toothpick, a war correspondent who will explain how the war was covered in the 1860s.

Jeremy Heitkam, resident and pastor of St. Paul Church, also found his passion for history and the Civil War at an early age. He will provide insight into the role and experiences of the Civil War chaplain on and off the battlefield. This was the first war in which the chaplain was registered as a commissioned officer.

In addition, Leslie Drewitz, certified genealogical librarian and museum co-curator, will share her research on several of the Bloomingdale residents who enlisted with the Union Army.

The Underground Railroad quilt created by Bloomingdale's Loose Threads Quilt Club will also be raffled off during the afternoon. "Through Their Eyes" is a free presentation taking place from 2-4 p.m. on Sunday, September 27 in the AB Rooms on the lower level of the Bloomingdale Library, 101 Fairfield Way. Please register in person at the library or online at www.mybpl.org.



War Correspondent Mr. Toothpick

School Receives Books Written by Rosamond DuJardin

Emil Zidek, president of the Bloomingdale Historical Society, presented DuJardin Elementary School Librarian Peggy Schmuldt with a collection of books written by the school's namesake, Rosamond DuJardin, at the June 4 awards assembly.

The gift was made to the school in honor of DuJardin's 50th anniversary.

Rosamond was a prolific author who penned 17 very successful books for young people, in addition to syndicated newspaper contributions, and over 100 magazine short stories. Ms. DuJardin's granddaughter also attended DuJardin School.



Civil War Reproduction Quilt to be Raffled on September 27



This handmade quilt was assembled for a Civil War presentation jointly sponsored by the Bloomingdale Historical Society and the Bloomingdale Loose Threads Quilt Club in April. The program featured Civil War Reproduction quilts created by Loose Threads members.

The highlight of the presentation was this quilt made up entirely of blocks sewn by members to illustrate the messages placed in quilts during the Civil War to help runaway slaves make their way to the North and freedom. The "Underground Railroad" quilt was on display at the Park District Museum through August 1st and will be on display at the September 27th program.

The quilt will be raffled off the afternoon of the "Through Their Eyes" presentation. The shared proceeds will be used by the quilt club for programs and by the historical society for its educational initiative in the local schools.



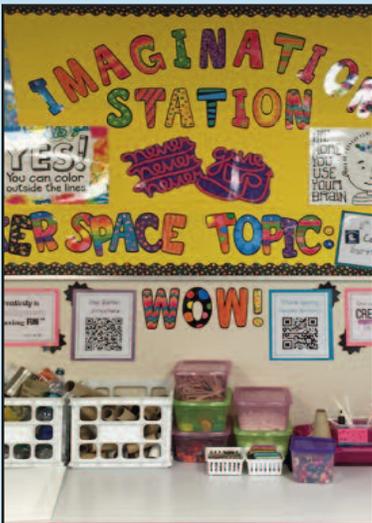


Around and About Town

Maker Spaces Enhances Learning at Cloverdale

Maker spaces is a concept whereby students are enabled to learn by doing and encouraged to create their own learning. The 5th grade teachers at Cloverdale Elementary School have begun incorporating maker spaces time in their classrooms as a form of authentic assessment that encourages students to become self-directed learners, creative learners, and better problem solvers. All are necessary skills to develop in order to succeed in modern colleges and careers.

Students collectively brainstorm about a topic or subject matter introduced by their teacher, and then they are given time to create a project based on the topic that will help them to learn as they create. Students can choose to create their project using almost any format, from low technology to high technology, including lego projects, video game creation, and more.



Lions Install New Officers, Honor Members



The men and women of the very active Bloomingdale Lions Club

Bloomingdale Lions recently installed new officers and recognized the performance of some of their members.

Karen Vitale was installed as the new President and was also named the club's newest Melvin Jones Fellow. This Fellowship Award, named after Lions Founder, Melvin Jones, is the highest form of recognition and embodies humanitarian ideas consistent with the nature and purpose of Lionism. The recipient of this award becomes a model because of the exemplary service to the club and the community it serves.

Other awards presented included John Argyrakis as the club's Citizen of the Year, Cory Viger as Lion of the Year and Samia Hefferan, one of the newest members, as the club's Rookie of the Year. In addition two members were recognized for 40-plus years as Bloomingdale Lions, Jim King, 40 years and John Vertnik, 45 years. Both gentlemen continue to be very active in the club's activities.



Jim King & John Vertnik - 85 years of Lionism

Bloomingdale Township Offers Electronics Recycling on the 1st Saturday of the Month

The Bloomingdale Township Highway Department sponsors an Electronic Recycling Collection Program the first Saturday of every month (except January, February, March & holiday weekends) 8:00 a.m. to noon at the Bloomingdale Township Highway Department, 6N030 Rosedale, Bloomingdale

The recycling program is for township residents only. Please be certain to bring proof of Township residency. (NO EXCEPTIONS !) For more information about recycling initiatives and events, visit the DuPage County website at <http://www.dupageco.org/sustainability/>



Congratulations!

This year the Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce awarded \$18,000 in scholarships to the following students:

Top row-left to right:

Nicholas Zanghi, University of Illinois; Jarissa Sabal, Notre Dame; Arianna Diaz, North Park University; Amanda Siciak, Olivet Nazarene University; Nico Carmen Mirandola, University of Illinois; Jerry James, University of Illinois; Claire Dwyer, Illinois State University.

Bottom row-left to right: Sarah Dvorak, University of Iowa; Stephanie Gulik, Indiana University; Emily Stanfield, University of Illinois; Juliana Grandinetti, North Central College; Katarina Martucci, Fordham University; Carly Ogletree, Marquette University; Nikolas Mirjanic, Bradley University.

Not pictured: Ally Badalamenti, DePaul University; Ethan Kurtz, Lewis University; Annie Mauro, University of Illinois; Nicholas Worcester, William Penn or Goshem.

The following Chamber members donated Adventist GlenOaks Hospital, Alden Group, Amari & Locallo, ANYWAY'S American Grill & Pub, Bloomingdale Bank and Trust, Bloomingdale Fire Protection Union IAFF Local 3272, Bloomingdale ONE / Bloomingdale Business Connections, Dr Aimee & Associates, Dr. Aimee & Associates/ Ducat Chiropractic & Sports Medicine, Dr. John K. Butts / Hovde & Tufo, NOW Foods, Outback Steakhouse, Stratford Crossing Shopping Center, Stratford Square Mall, Tom Itrich and Wintrust Wealth Management.



'The Uncivil War'

Bob Kurek, resident and Civil War Historian, spoke on "The Uncivil War, the Bloodiest War in American History" in July, followed by playing Taps, the origin of which dates back to 1862, during the Civil War. Kurek will take part in "Through Their Eyes" on September 27 at the Library. Read more about it on p. 11.



Virginia Harper Crowned Miss Pre-Teen Illinois



Miss Fox River's Pre-Teen Virginia Harper of Bloomingdale, participated the Miss Illinois Pre-Teen Preliminaries at the Marion Cultural & Civic Center in June.

The first night of competition, Virginia won the Preliminary Award for Lifestyle and Fitness and made it into the final round. The next night the Marquardt Middle School student was crowned Miss Pre-Teen Illinois, after performing a lyrical gymnastics routine to "Girl on Fire."

The Pre-Teen program is a little sister program to Miss Illinois. As Miss Illinois' Outstanding Pre-Teen, Virginia will make appearances across the state assisting the Outstanding Teen and Miss Illinois 2015, and speaking about her own platform, which is "Everyone Matters," a topic near and dear to her heart, inspired by her great-grandmother.

Virginia is an outstanding student, active in a number of areas, including gymnastics, ballet, basketball and community service.

Thomas Interior Systems Again Named One of Best Places to Work in Illinois

Located at 476 Brighton Drive in Covington Corporate Center, Thomas Interior Systems has made Bloomingdale its home since 1997. The 37-year old full service office planning and furnishing firm has once again earned the distinction as "One of the Best Places to Work in Illinois," making that six times in the 10 years that the Daily Herald has run the program, which is managed by Best Companies Group. The recognition program is an annual workplace analysis and competition, 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 on its continued achievement of that goal. To learn more visit www.thomasinterior.com



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 -
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Welcome to These New Businesses

Metro PC
114 Stratford Square

The Threading Zone
148 E. Lake Street

House of Beauty & Hair Design
120 N. Bloomingdale Road

SERVPRO
108 Washington Street

Bear Paddle Swim School
225 S. Gary Avenue

Threading Zone Beauty, Salon and Spa Opens Second Location

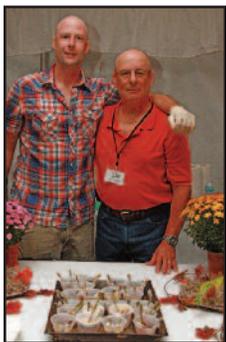
After building a successful business in St. Charles, Foram Sheth has recently opened her second **Threading Zone Beauty, Salon and Spa** in Springbrook Shopping Center. As the name implies, the specialty is eyebrow threading, waxing, facials, and henna tattoo, but the salon and spa offers so much more. There are hair services for men, women and children, including haircut, color and style, as well as scalp treatments, such as deep conditioning.

Foram and her associates also offer make-up, tint and lash services, and a variety of facials from an express facial to a Gold, Pearl or Oxygen facial. In addition, several waxing services are provided, along with ear piercing and Henna. Bridal Make-Up, Henna Tattoo parties and hair packages are also available. Call Foram at 630-237-4835, or stop in and meet her in person at 148 E. Lake Street (next to Hallmark).



Before (top); after (bottom photo)

WANTED: 50 Men Who Cook



Sharpen your taste buds for the 7th annual 50 Men Who Cook event hosted by the Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce which takes place Saturday, September 26 from 6:00 - 8:00 PM at Hilton Indian Lakes Resort. At this community event 50 local chefs serve "tastes" of their favorite dishes. The evening includes raffle prizes, terrific local musicians and a chance to vote for your favorite chef.

Proceeds from 50 Men Who Cook support wellness activities in local schools and 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.bloomingtondalechamber.com or call 630-980-9082 for information about signing up as a cook, purchasing tickets or sponsorship opportunities.



Business News

Jersey Mike's Raising Funds for Septemberfest Scholarship

Once again, Jersey Mike's Subs, Bloomingdale has stepped forward to help the Septemberfest Commission raise funds for the Septemberfest/Joe Draghi Scholarships.

Jersey Mike's prides itself on building relationships with its customers and is committed to serving the community by helping local charities & schools. Last year's fundraiser brought in close to \$900 and Jersey Mike's kindly raised the amount to an even \$1,000, which paid for one full scholarship. This year, the store will again create coupons pre-printed for the Scholarship to be redeemed for a FREE regular 7-inch sub with a \$2 donation. 100% of the donations goes to the Scholarships.



Coupons can only be redeemed in person from 10 a.m. – 9 p.m. at the Bloomingdale store, 383 W. Army Trail, on August 10, 11 & 12. No phone orders. **Every person receiving a free 7-inch sub sandwich for a \$2 donation to the scholarship fund must present that coupon in person. NO EXCEPTIONS.** Coupons may be obtained from the Bloomingdale Village Hall and Library (Max 4 tickets per adult) beginning Thursday, August 6.

House of Beauty Offers Spa Treatment, Personal Care & More

House of Beauty opened in June at 120 N. Bloomingdale Road. Owner Cindy Perez has been in the beauty business for 15 years. Focusing on beauty, spa treatment and personal care, Cindy and her stylists have a passion for the industry and their main goal is to help their clientele see their beauty and embrace it.

House of Beauty's hair services are designed for special events, however they also offer a wide range of traditional hair services including haircuts, colors, and facial waxing. Whether you are seeking a glamorous up-do for a wedding or you just need a trim, these professional hair stylists can turn your expectations into reality!

House of Beauty also provides the following services: hair styling, women's thermal press, blow-outs, conditioning treatments, perms, and haircuts for men and children. For more information call the salon at (630) 283-0388 or like them on Facebook.



Bloomingdale's Giving Garden



Three gardens, located at the north end of Springfield Park, will be planted, tended, and harvested by the Bloomingdale Garden Club, Roselle Park District Garden Club, and University of Illinois Extension DuPage Master Gardeners. ALL produce will be donated to the Bloomingdale Township Food Pantry and other local food pantries to help those in need.

The site for the Bloomingdale Community Giving Garden was generously donated by the Bloomingdale Park District. Other donors include Ball Seed, Len's Ace Hardware and Bloomingdale Mayor Franco Coladipietro.

In 2016 more gardens will be added and community members may rent a space to plant, tend, and harvest their produce; a perfect opportunity to get to know other like-minded gardeners! All community giving gardeners will be encouraged to periodically donate a portion of their produce to the on-site "Donation Station" for transport to food pantries.



Bloomingtondale Fire Protection District #1



Words of advice for the Grill Master at Your House

When the warmer weather hits, there's nothing better than breathing in the smell of magnificent food on the grill. For everything from hamburgers to sausage to eggplant, even pizza, grills are a mainstay at most homes. The Bloomingtondale Fire Protection District and the National Fire Protection Association would like to remind you that three out of five households own a gas grill, which translates to a lot of tasty meals in the months ahead. But it also means there's an increased risk of home fires.

America's favorite grilling holidays are Fourth of July and Labor Day and food is often the main attraction. With lots of activity and people around though, it's easy to become distracted while cooking. Each year an average of 8,800 home fires are caused by grilling, and close to half of all injuries involving grills are due to thermal burns. One of every six home structure fires involving grills started because something that could catch fire, like a dish towel, oven mitt, or food packaging, was too close to the heat.

This may sound scary, but preventing grill fires is not as hard as you think. All it takes is a little preplanning. By following a few simple summer safety precautions and guidelines, you can enjoy delicious grilled meals all season long. As you prepare to light up your grill, consider the following:

- Use propane and charcoal grills outdoors only.
- Place the grill well away from your home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- Put safety rules for kids in place. Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area.
- Clean your grill often, removing any grease or fat buildup from the grates and in the trays below.
- Stay next to your grill at all times while cooking; never leave the area unattended.

For more information and resources, contact Battalion Chief Richard Kurka at 630-894-9080 or check out NFPA's Cooking Fire Safety Central webpage and enjoy your next great grilled meal safely!



Trying the big fire hose is always popular at National Night Out, August 4.

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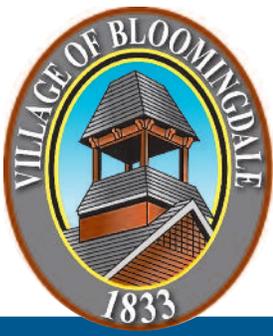


Firefighter/Paramedic Rich MacDonald started with the Bloomingtondale Fire Protection District on June 29.



See us at the Ice Cream Social on Thursday, August 6!





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Lincolns Honored Guests at Museum Midwest Quilt Show

As part of the Park District's Museum's Homage to the Civil War, President Lincoln and Mrs. Lincoln (Max and Donna Daniels) attended the reception for the Midwest Art Quilt Challenge and unique painted chair exhibit "Chairish" by artist Geri Greenman.

The Lincolns posed by the handmade Reproduction Underground Railroad Quilt which will be raffled at the September 27 "Through Their Eyes" Civil War presentation at the Library.

In the Midwest Quilt Gallery, (l to r) Co-curator Marje Bristow, Quilter JoEllen Iden, who designed and assembled the Underground Railroad Quilt, and Artist Geri Greenman, share a conversation.

Civil War period attendees: a Union soldier, a Confederate soldier and a sutler, a "traveling salesman," who plied his goods to the Union troops during the Civil War at a 600% markup, pose with a Civil War Maritime figure.

