

Village of Bloomingdale *Ammanac*

October 2015

Growth with Pride

3/50 Project Support Our Local Independent Businesses

Members

Angelo Caputo's
Fresh Markets
Bentley's Pancake House
and Restaurant
Chicago Pastry
Classic Travel and Tours
Elite Sports Memorabilia
Enopi
Great Wraps
Jack and Jill's Children's
Boutique Ltd
Kammes Auto and Truck
Repair Inc.
La Campana Mexican
Restaurant
Mandarin Bistro
Masterpiece Framing
Rooster's Restaurant
Sportys Catering
Springsoft
Spring Wine & Spirits

Supporters

Bloomingdale Chamber of
Commerce
Burkhardt's Repairs R Us, Inc.
Village of Bloomingdale

Local Food Pantries Reap the Benefit of Community Gardens' Bountiful Harvest

The three gardens located at the north end of Springfield Park have been a great success for the Community Gardens' first season. Marilyn Johnson, committee chairperson for the Bloomingdale Garden Club's Plot to Plate Garden, says thanks to all who helped with planting, maintaining and harvesting the Bloomingdale Garden Club's Plot to Plate Garden. This first year certainly presented its challenges, with June receiving heavy amounts of rain.

Nevertheless, the Bloomingdale Garden Club members logged in 154 hours of volunteer work and harvested 49.1 pounds of fresh produce, all donated to the Bloomingdale Township Food Pantry. The committee is already in the



planning stages for 2016.

The Roselle Garden Club and DuPage Master Gardeners also cultivated gardens in Springfield Park, donating their crops to local food pantries.

Next year there will be opportunities to mem-

bers of the community to rent a garden plot for individual use. More information on that process will appear in the Park District's winter/spring brochure that comes out in December 2015.

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Warren Gnau - Fire & Police Commissioner - 31 Years of Service

Row 1 (l to r) Former Mayor Bob Iden, Warren Gnau, Former Mayor Sam Tenuto

Row 2 - (l to r) Former Police Chiefs Gary Schira & Tim Goergen, Fire & Police Commissioners Frank Letizia, Lou Pavone, Ted Cucci, Mayor Franco, Police Chief Frank Giammarese
(See story on p. 10)



Westfield Middle School Students Clean Circle Park Creek for Green Apple Day

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

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month 7:00 p.m. – Village Hall

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



In September Westfield Middle School students partnered with the Park District and the Bloomingdale-Roselle Rotary Club to complete a service project for Green Apple Day of Service. The young people were invited to participate through their science classes since it was environmental effort. They started by cleaning the creek that runs through Circle Park because of its direct impact with wildlife. With the school being adjacent to the park, the students can actually see how they are making a difference in Bloomingdale.

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
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 a glimpse of a Bloomingdale fall garden taken recently by resident David Von Huben.

A Message from Mayor Franco

Septemberfest 2015 was great – a little cooler perhaps, but sunny all day. A big thank you to the people who made it happen: Chairman Bill Wolff, and the Septemberfest Commission members - Pam Hager, Jeremy Heitkam, Mitch and Vivi Frumkin, Susan Lancaster, Carole Lockhart, Debbie Pasiewicz, and Jean Sloboda. Working alongside them were liaisons Stan Poplonski, Jo Peterson, Ken Lindhorn and Bruce Mason. In addition, Village staff from both Village Services and Police departments provided support. My thanks to everyone involved. Septemberfest is a great Bloomingdale end of the summer tradition.

Here we are already in the last quarter of the year. I have been happy to report the progress we have seen thus far and even happier to share more.

If you haven't heard, it is true that Mariano's will be opening a location in Bloomingdale in early 2017. The new store will replace the long-vacant Dominick's in the Stratford Crossing Shopping Center at Gary and Schick avenues. The filling of this location has been one of the top priorities for our Village Board. Mariano's is an upscale grocery chain owned by Milwaukee-based Roundy's. We are fortunate to add not just a dynamic new grocer, but a store that provides a culinary experience for foodies like me. The result was a team effort with the shopping center owners who continued to maintain the center during the vacancy, which had an effect on Mariano's decision to come to Bloomingdale.

Pier 1 is moving to 360 W. Army Trail Road, in between Ulta Cosmetics and Best Buy. The nearly completed store is 10,000 square feet and will replace the existing Pier 1, which is currently at 398 W. Army Trail Road. The new location is expected to open in November.

September saw two new restaurants opening. Mod Pizza opened at 364 W. Army Trail Road featuring individual artisan-style pizzas in a family-friendly dining atmosphere with fast service. Chick-fil-A, the American fast food restaurant chain, specializing in chicken sandwiches, opened its doors at Springfield and Army Trail Road. I am pleased to note that both restaurants paired their openings with a charitable event to benefit Bloomingdale schools.

October 26, 2015 marks Make a Difference Day, As you look through this Almanac, you will find several examples of how Bloomingdale residents and businesses make a difference all year long. Just one more reason I am proud to be Bloomingdale's mayor.

Here's to crisp mornings, pumpkins, hot apple cider, Indian summer and a very Happy Thanksgiving for all.

Mayor Franco



GO ORANGE For Hunger Awareness & Action

Among the many groups which helped to Stamp Out Hunger in September were:



Apply by December 1, 2015 2016 50-50 Tree Planting Program

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	630-893-7000
Mayor's Office	630-671-5600
Police – non-emergency	630-529-9868
Public Works	630-671-5800
Water Billing	630-671-5650
Utilities	630-671-5830

Other Useful Numbers

Fire Department non emergency
630-894-9080

Bloomington Library
630-529-3120

Bloomington Park District
630-529-3650

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The Village Board has again allocated funds for this very successful program initiated in 1982. The program provides trees, including planting, at a 50/50 cost sharing with the Village. The trees will be planted in Spring 2016 and are available for residential, business or commercial properties. The intent of the program is to further beautify the streetscape. All 50/50 trees must remain visible from the street, and must be planted in the front yard adjacent to the street or, if a corner property lot, may be planted in either the front or side yard adjacent to the street. Business and commercial properties wishing to participate should contact Jim Johnson, Urban Forester, at 630-671-5804 prior to submitting a Program Request Form. **Residents seeking parkway tree replacements should contact the Forestry Division at 630-671-5800. All parkway trees (whether ash tree replacements, infills, etc.) will be planted by the Village, if space allows, at no cost to the homeowner.**

The following are the guidelines of the program:

- The program is offered on a first-come, first-served basis subject to available annual funding amounts. Participants must complete and submit the Program Request Form by December 1, 2015. No payment is required at this time. Bills will be sent to successful Program Requests about February 1, 2016.
- Trees will be 2½" caliper, unless stated otherwise. **Trees will be quality nursery stock but not specimen plants.**
- The Village reserves the right to disapprove requests based on conflicts, safety, or proper spacing.
- Removal of dead trees, stumps and/or large roots is not included and must be performed by the applicant before March 15th.
- Each residential parcel will be limited to **one tree per year**. Each business or commercial property will be limited to two trees per year.
- Participants will be given the opportunity to mark the desired location for the tree; however, the Village Forester retains the right to change the location, if necessary.
- We anticipate the total cost of each 2½" caliper tree planted will range between \$200 and \$300, with the Village paying half of this amount.
- Trees will be guaranteed for one year. Participants are responsible for all watering which will be described in instructions furnished by the Village.
- If further information is desired, contact Jim Johnson, Urban Forester, at 630-671-5804.



Sienna Glen® Maple



Multi-Stem Royal Frost Birch



Black Hills Spruce

2016 50-50 Tree Planting Request Form

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: HOME: _____ WORK: _____ MOBILE: _____

PLANTING ADDRESS: _____ EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

INDICATE QUANTITY DESIRED. (limit of **one** tree per residential parcel; two trees per business/school/commercial parcel)

_____ **Multi-Stem Royal Frost Birch** (*Betula platyphylla* Royal Frost)

Royal Frost is an upright pyramidal birch featuring burgundy-red to purple foliage, showy yellow-orange to red fall color and attractive white bark. It typically matures over time to 30 to 40 feet tall and to 15 to 20 feet wide. It is the result of a cross between *Betula populifolia* 'Whitespire' (white bark) and *Betula* Crimson Frost (purple foliage).



Bur Oak

_____ **Sienna Glen® Maple** (*Acer freemanii* Sienna Glen)

This maple is a cross between a Silver Maple and a Red Maple. The tree was discovered in 1990 on an abandoned farm site in Lake Elmo, MN. It has a broad pyramidal form with a very uniform branching habit. The leaves are arrowhead in shape and small for a maple variety. This leaf type, along with fine uniform branching, gives the tree a more delicate appearance than other maple tree varieties. Summer foliage color is medium dark green, which is consistent throughout the growing season. Fall color is generally a mosaic of orange, red and burgundy colors. At maturity, it reaches a height of 50 to 60 feet and a spread of 35 to 40 feet.



Redbud

_____ **Bur Oak** (*Quercus macrocarpa*)

The stately Bur Oak, native to the Midwest, is a great choice. Its massive trunk has gray to brown furrowed bark and its branches bear fringed cap acorns and lustrous dark green leaves that turn yellow-brown in fall. With a mature height of 70 to 80 feet and mature width of 70 to 80 feet, it is an impressive shade tree and needs a spacious site.



Sienna Glen® Maple

_____ **Swamp White Oak** (*Quercus bicolor*)

The Latin name bicolor refers to the distinctive two-colored appearance of the leaves: green on the upper surface, and whitish on the undersurface. Also, unlike other oaks, the dark brown bark peels away in ragged curls exposing the lighter colored bark beneath. This oak grows to about 50 feet in most urban conditions. Fall color is yellow, with an occasional red-purple.



Swamp White Oak

_____ **Single Stem Redbud** (*Cercis canadensis*)

A stunning display in April and May, the branches and twigs of a Redbud tree are cloaked in purplish-pink, pea-like blossoms before its leaves open. Its mature size and form is 15 to 20 feet high and 20 to 25 feet wide.

_____ **Black Hills Spruce** (*Picea glauca* var. *densata*)

Excellent ornamental evergreen, dense, conical in shape, with bright green to bluish needles. Adapted to cold and very resistant to winter injury, it matures to a height of 30 to 60 feet and a spread of 15 to 25 feet.



Swamp White Oak

**SUBMIT TO: VILLAGE OF BLOOMINGDALE FORESTRY DIVISION
VILLAGE HALL, 201 S. BLOOMINGDALE ROAD,
BLOOMINGDALE, IL 60108
BY DEADLINE DATE OF DECEMBER 1, 2015**



Help prevent street flooding Leaves, Street Flooding & More

Upcoming Recycling Events

Shredding Events

Saturday, October 3
Bloomington Bank & Trust
165 W. Lake Street
10 a.m. – Noon

Saturday, October 17
Glenwood Municipal Parking Lot
9:00 a.m. – Noon
Prospect and Crescent, Glen Ellyn
Limit of 3 boxes per household.
No businesses

Also at Glen Ellyn:

Eyeglasses collected by the Lions Club.

Used **athletic shoes and cleats** collected by Run Today

For more information: Call Glen Ellyn Chamber of Commerce at 630-469-0907.

Recycling & Shredding Event

The Township of Winfield hosts a **Recycling Extravaganza & Shredding Event on Saturday, October 3** from 9 a.m. – noon, located at Winfield Township Road District Facility, 30W575 Roosevelt Road, West Chicago. Visit <https://www.dupageco.org/recyclingevents/> for details on the many items they will accept.

Electronics Recycling

Bensenville hosts a free **Electronics Recycling Event** at Bensenville Public Services Facility, 717 E. Jefferson, Bensenville - Saturday, October 10, Noon - 2 p.m. (NO TV'S ACCEPTED). For more information, go to www.bensenville.il.us/document-center/View/9316

Don't Leave the Leaves (in the street)!

As autumn leaves begin to pile up in the yard, the Village Building and Zoning Division reminds 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 often cover storm water inlets. This prevents water from flowing into the storm sewer system which often causes localized flooding during the fall rains. The deposits which eventually decay are also unsightly.



The Village provides street sweeping services through a private contractor periodically throughout the year. Several sweeps are scheduled to take place in the fall. Street sweeping maintains the Village's attractive appearance, while reducing the potential for flooding during rain events caused by debris at curb lines and in front of storm water inlets.

Residents are encouraged to compost their leaves or to participate in Republic's yard waste collection program. Leaves and yard waste placed in yard waste bags or cans (with handles) affixed with a sticker (\$2.95 each) will be picked up by Republic on regular trash days through November 30th. 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.

Help Prevent Street Flooding

The fall season often means heavy rains. We are asking residents to check and clean their storm grates along the curbs by their homes if heavy rains are forecasted. Keeping the drains open will help avoid the flooding of streets and walkways.

Our crews do circulate during a rain event to check for standing water and clear the grates to allow the standing water to drain, but your assistance could prevent potential flooding. Do not clean structures which are already under water. For standing water please call 630-671-5830 during regular hours (7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. weekdays) and 630-529-9868 after hours and on weekends to get crews to the site.

Township Highway Department's Last Three Electronic Recycling Dates for 2015

Only three more monthly collections for the Bloomington Township Highway Department's Electronic Recycling Collection Program during 2015. The Bloomington Township Garage, 123 N. Rosedale Ave., will be open from 8:00 a.m. to noon on the first Saturdays of the next three months - October 3, November 7 and December 5. The monthly electronic collections return the first Saturday of every month, resuming in April 2016 and running through December, except for holiday weekends.

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

Shredding Event at B'dale Bank & Trust - October 3, 10-Noon. See p. 13

Branch Collection Begins October 19

Kramer Tree Specialists, Inc. will once again perform branch collection under the direction of the Village Forestry Division. Branch collection will begin on Monday, October 19. 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, October 19.
- 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.



Community Gardens' Harvest

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Donating the excess produce from these garden plots will also be encouraged. A donation station will be erected at the Community Garden site and plans for a water source is also in the works.

Thanks to Bloomingdale Park District, Ball Seed, Len's Ace Hardware and Mayor Franco Coladipietro for their support in this worthy endeavor.

Safety Tip - Wipers On, Headlights On

Illinois law states that motorists must use their vehicle headlights from sunset to sunrise. Also, headlights must be used when there is rain, snow, fog, or poor weather conditions requiring the use of windshield wipers. Headlights are legally required when objects 1,000 feet away from your vehicle are not visible. Your bright headlights must be dimmed 300 feet before you plan to pass another vehicle.

Motorcycles must be equipped with one headlight that shows objects 500 feet ahead. However, the motorcycle's headlight must remain on whenever the vehicle is in operation.



Here's how to Pay Your Water/Sewer Bill Online

10 Year Old's Lemonade Stand Raises Awareness for Prostate Cancer



Gabrielle Burgess, 10, of Bloomingdale, put up a "SEA of Blue Lemonade Stand" in August to raise awareness for prostate cancer and the SEA Blue Prostate Cancer Walk/Run which took place on September 13 in Chicago.

Gabrielle, an ambitious and caring young lady, has been a participant in the SEA Blue event for four years. She said she held the lemonade stand in her neighborhood, because she has met many families whose lives have been turned upside down due to prostate cancer. Gabrielle donated all proceeds from her stand to the SEA Blue walk, and said she is determined to make a "splash" to raise awareness. "I dressed all in blue, because blue is to prostate cancer as pink is to breast cancer," said Gabrielle.

More than 220,000 men are diagnosed each year with prostate cancer. September was Prostate Cancer Awareness Month. For more information on the SEA Blue Prostate Cancer Walk, please visit: www.seablueprostate-walk.org

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.villageofbloomingdale.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 Bloomingdale, 201 S. Bloomingdale Road, Bloomingdale, IL 60108

Fax: 630-893-5136

Email: waterbilling@vil.bloomingdale.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.

Street Sweeping, Leaf Collection Continue Through November 30

The Village provides street sweeping services through a private contractor periodically throughout the year. Several sweeps are scheduled to take place in the fall. Street sweeping maintains the Village's attractive appearance, while reducing the potential for flooding during rain events caused by debris at curb lines and in front of storm water inlets.

The Village does not provide leaf collection services, and residents are reminded that raking and/or blowing leaves into the street is prohibited by ordinance.

Residents are encouraged to compost their leaves or to participate in Republic's yard waste collection program. Leaves and yard waste placed in yard waste bags or cans (with handles) affixed with a sticker (\$2.95 each) will be picked up by Republic on regular trash days through November 30th.

Bring the Kids and Join the Fun at the Community Halloween Party on October 24!

All of Bloomingdale is invited to join in the grandest of Halloween parties on Saturday, October 24, presented by the Bloomingdale Park District, Bloomingdale Public Library, The Friends of Bloomingdale Library and the Bloomingdale Police & Fire Departments. The party is held in the areas between the Library, Village Hall and Fire Department. Please note – parking is in the surrounding residential areas as there is no parking on-site.

Police & Fire Department Activities (10AM-2PM)

- Halloween-themed building tours
- Activities and games
- Trick-or-treating

Park District Activities (Noon-3PM)

- Arts & Crafts
- Tumbling Playstation (10:00 AM-3:00 PM)
- Family Pumpkin Decorating Contest (while supplies last)
- Entertainment

Library Activities (Noon-3PM)

- Hay maze
- Inflatable moonwalk
- Games & prizes
- Balloon artists
- Face painters
- Pictures available
- Free refreshments and candy

New This Year: “Trunk or Treat” vehicles from participating entities.

This is No Trick – Treat the Troops

Bloomingdale dentists Drs. Dominic Colletti and Joseph Matustik are joining forces with Operation Gratitude to help reduce the amount of candy kids consume this Halloween while also providing a special treat package for our Troops overseas.

During the week of November 2-6, bring your children to the dental office at 176 S. Bloomingdale Road to cash in their unopened candy. They will receive \$1 per pound of candy, up to \$5 per child. Last year over 800 pounds of candy was collected.

Call 630-893-6200 or visit www.176dental.com for collection times each day or for further information.



Enjoy A Safe and Happy Halloween

NO candy or any other treats should be eaten **until** it has been inspected by an adult.

Discard any unwrapped items.

Check **all** food wrappers for signs of tampering.

Keep costumes simple. Costumes should be made of light, brightly colored or reflective material, so that your trick-or-treater can be easily seen at night. Costumes should not restrict either vision or movement.

At least one person in the group should carry a flashlight while trick or treating.

Trick or treat in groups whenever possible, accompanied by one or more adults.

Instruct your children not to enter any home and don't invite anyone else's child into your home.

For safety's sake, trick or treat only in your neighborhood.

Remind children to cross only at corners and to look both ways before crossing the street. Children should use sidewalks, whenever possible obey traffic lights, and walk – **never** run-across the streets.

Please report **any** suspicious persons or acts of vandalism to the Bloomingdale Police Department by calling **9-1-1**.

TRICK OR TREAT HOURS WILL BE ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31ST, FROM 2:00 – 7:00 P.M.





Warren Gnau Retires After 31 Years

AARP Safe Driving Course

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

This 8-hour Driving Safety Course will be divided into two sessions of 4 hours each day from Noon – 4 p.m. on Tuesday, November 17 and Wednesday, November 18.

All classes will be held at the Bloomingdale Police Department Training Room.

Cost – AARP members \$15.00. Non-Members \$20.00.

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



Longtime resident Warren Gnau retired after 31 years of service as a Bloomingdale Board of Fire & Police Commissioner serving from August 13, 1984 through June 7, 2015. He earned the distinction of being the longest-serving commissioner on any of Bloomingdale's commissions – past and present.

Warren participated in the interview and hiring process of every single sworn officer currently on the force, including every ranking officer. He has also worked under three mayors and with three police chiefs during his tenure, all of whom were present on August 19 to wish Warren the very best in his retirement and all future endeavors. Pictured are Chief Frank Giammarese, Warren, former Chief Gary Schira and former Chief Tim Goergen.

Tip a Cop to Benefit Illinois Special Olympics



Last year Tip a Cop raised \$753 at the Stratford Red Robin.

From 11 a.m.-3 p.m. and 4-8 p.m. on Saturday, October 24, the Stratford Red Robin Restaurant staff and Bloomingdale Police Officers will combine forces to serve great food and beverages to raise awareness and funds for Illinois Special Olympics. Torch Run T-shirts and hats will be available for purchase, as will raffle tickets for a 2015 Harley Davidson motorcycle and other great prizes. Tax-deductible general donations will also be accepted. For further information, contact Bloomingdale Police Officers Dominick Corsiglia or Jin Han at (630) 529-9868.

Regulations for Door to Door Solicitors

The Village of Bloomingdale requires that all solicitors register with the Bloomingdale Police Department. If a solicitor comes to your door, be sure to check that they have a clearly visible solicitor's badge issued by the Village before you answer the door. The badge displays the solicitor's photograph, the name of the organization, and an expiration date. Charitable solicitors, in lieu of a name tag or badge, may choose to wear their appropriate uniform.



The hours for soliciting in Bloomingdale are 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Solicitors are not allowed to disregard the "No Solicitors Invited" signs posted prominently at your front door. If a solicitor violates any of these rules, or if they seem to be over aggressive in trying to sell you something, please call 9-1-1 to inform police of the violation. If possible, provide 9-1-1 with the clothing description of the solicitor and their direction of travel.

"No Solicitor's Invited" stickers are available at the Village Hall and Police Department. For more information call the Police Department at 630-529-9868.

Business News

Mod Pizza Now Open

Seattle-based Mod Pizza opened at 364 West Army Trail Road (in the former Fox and Hounds space) on September 4. The company was founded in 2008 by Scott and Ally Svenson, inspired by the couple's love of Italian street-style pizza, their desire for authentic, affordable and fast dining options for their busy family.



MOD's individual artisan-style pizzas are made on demand, using fresh-pressed dough and signature sauces. Customers create their own pizzas and salads, using any combination of over 30 featured toppings, or they can choose from a menu of MOD classics. The price always remains the same regardless of the number of toppings. Pizzas are hand-cooked in an 800 degree oven in less than 3 minutes and salads are individually hand-tossed for each customer. The menu is rounded out with handspun milkshakes, house-made lemonades and iced teas, and local craft beers and wine.

If you can't dine in, you can always take out. MOD has an easy online ordering system via the website and pick up is a snap. Call 630-523-5296, or go to www.modpizza.com

Dance Xplosion Opens Second Location at 266 Glen Ellyn Road

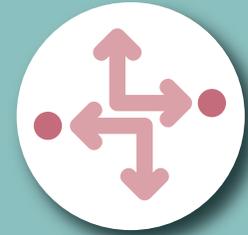


Dance Xplosion announces the completion of its second Bloomingdale location, a 3,000 square foot space which includes two large dance rooms and an elegantly decorated lobby at 266 Glen Ellyn Road. Conveniently situated next to

Palmer's Gymnastics, Dance Xplosion celebrated its grand opening September 9th, and held classes at the new facility that morning.

Talia Baliija, Dance Xplosion's Owner/Director, is excited to start her ninth year as a member of Bloomingdale's business community. With over 250 students, and two locations to choose from, opportunities are available to experience one of the area's most accomplished dance studios. Ranging in age from 2-18, Dance Xplosion boasts both regionally and nationally acclaimed instructors and choreographers. Talia, and her staff, pride themselves on the development of dancers of all levels and backgrounds, thus allowing a full spectrum of class offerings from the entry level dancer to the very competitive.

PDX, Dance Xplosion's competitive team, is riding high after winning three consecutive National Dance Championships: one in Minnesota and two in Wisconsin. Here is the Senior Division performing at one of the national championships.



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.

Remember -
BUY IN BLOOMINGDALE

Welcome New Businesses

Chick-fil-A
Army Trail & Springfield

Mod Pizza
364 W. Army Trail Road

Bamboo Grove Restaurant
738 Stratford Square

Executive Realty Group Celebrates 10 Years

Executive Realty Group, a residential and commercial brokerage, celebrates 10 years in Bloomingdale! The team of 47 real estate professionals is dedicated to providing exceptional, personalized service for all of their clients.

Whether your goal is to purchase a new home, investment property, navigate a short sale, purchase a distressed property, or find a rental instead, ERG agents are here to help. ERG takes pride in our community and believes it is vital to give back, donating to the DuPage PADS organization from every closing to help the mission to end homelessness.

ERG is located at 107 S Bloomingdale Rd; 630-894-1030;
www.ERGHomes.com

Community Events

26 Years of Crafting

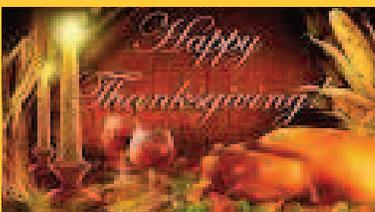
Members of the St. Isidore Council of Catholic Women (CCW) are preparing for the 26th Annual CCW Holiday Craft Show to be held on Saturday, November 7th from 9 AM - 3 PM in the St. Isidore Ministry Center, northeast corner of Army Trail Road and Gary Avenue. All items for sale must be handmade. World's best bake sale also included! Admission to the show is \$2.00. Strollers are welcome and all entrances to the Ministry Center are handicapped accessible. Profits from this event support local and international charities.



Thanksgiving Holiday Refuse Pickup

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday on Thursday, November 26, Republic's refuse pickup will be delayed one day each for Thursday and Friday pickup that week.

Wednesday's pickup remains the same.



Upcoming Programs for Bloomingdale Artists Association

October 14 - Suminagashi - Japanese Paper Marbling - Watch and learn the relaxing art of suminagashi with Carla Klausler. Suminagashi literally means "floating ink" and is a form of Japanese paper marbling. We'll use black and color ink on different types of paper. Please bring newspapers to carry your creations home.

November 11 - Zentangle Ornaments - BAA members Carol Balabanow and Suzette Horyza will demonstrate the art of creating Zentangle holiday ornaments. The Zentangle Method (www.zentangle.com) is an easy-to-learn, relaxing, and fun way to create beautiful images by drawing structured patterns.

Both programs begin at 7p.m. at the Bloomingdale Park District Museum, 108 S. Bloomingdale Road. \$5 drop-in fee. Contact Bev for more details, 630-624-9545 or bpetrosius@gmail.com.

Upcoming Programs for the Bloomingdale Garden Club

October 20 - Seasonal Flower Arrangements: Kathy Rose, owner of Kaleidoscope Floral in Roselle, will delight with a demonstration of five seasonal floral arrangements. She will discuss flowers and photography, and have an open question/answer session.

November 17 - Candy Cane Centerpiece Workshop: Join Garden Club members and help create festive centerpieces for the residents of the West Suburban Care Center in Bloomingdale. Volunteer crafters are most welcome; all materials will be supplied.

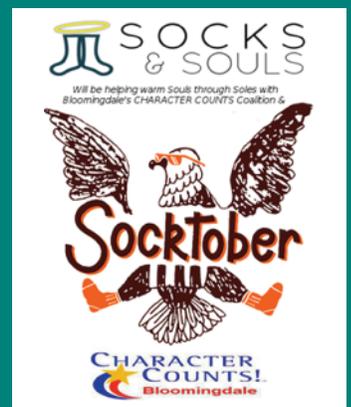
Programs begin at 6:30pm at the Bloomingdale Police Dept. located at 201 S. Bloomingdale Road. Visitors are welcome. Visit www.bloomingdalegardenclub.org for more information.



CHARACTER COUNTS! Celebrating 'Socktober'

In honor of CHARACTER COUNTS! Month this October, the Bloomingdale CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition has teamed up with Socks & Souls to help celebrate 'Socktober' to prove that even the smallest acts of caring and citizenship, like donating a pair of new socks, can make a big difference in the lives of our neighbors who are homeless.

For more information on how to participate in Socktober and show your support for CHARACTER COUNTS!, please visit: www.socksandsouls.com/socktober and help warm some souls through soles!



Thank You Septemberfest Donors! We Couldn't Do It Without You

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THANKS, Jersey Mike's!



The Bloomingdale Septemberfest Commission extends a huge thank you Jersey Mike's Subs on Army Trail Road for sponsoring the 2015 fundraiser for the Septemberfest scholarship. Thanks also to everyone who participated in the Jersey Mike's fundraiser; we raised over \$900 and Jersey Mike's made up the difference for one full \$1,000 scholarship.



This kiss was "on the house!"

Bloomingdale Bank Hosts Shredding Event

Bloomingdale Bank & Trust, 165 W Lake Street, is holding a **Shred Day** in the bank parking lot from 10 a.m. – Noon on Saturday, October 3.

Safeguard your personal information by shredding documents instead of casually throwing them into the trash. Safely dispose of outdated financial reports,



credit card statements and other documents. Simply drive up and watch as all of your documents are shredded on-site. You do not have to be a customer of the bank to take advantage of this service.

Bloomingdale Township also hosts its Electronic Recycling Event the same day. See p. 6 for details.

Around and About Town

Cliff Hall's Poppy Display Wins National Honors



Cliff Hall from Bloomingdale VFW Post 7539 brought back a national recognition to Bloomingdale after the VFW National Convention.

Cliff designed and assembled a Poppy Display for the annual local VFW District 19, taking first place for his category. At the June VFW State of Illinois Convention on Springfield, he once again placed first in his category. Going on to the July National Convention in Pittsburgh, PA, Cliff participated in the VFW National Poppy display competition judging where his display received second place.

Bloomingdale Post 7539 is very proud of Cliff and all his efforts in designing his award-winning Poppy display.



Bloomingdale VFW will hold a short memorial service at 11:00 a.m. on November 11 at the Gazebo at Bloomingdale & Fairfield. The public is invited.

Veteran Nation – How We Can Help

The Bloomingdale VFW Post 7539 will present a moving 30-minute documentary, *Veteran Nation*, from 7:00-8:30 pm on Veterans Day, Wednesday, November 11, 2015 at the Bloomingdale Public Library. The film offers an overview of how the nation has treated its veterans from the American Revolution to the present, and focuses on the current and future challenges of serving the nation's veterans. *Veteran Nation* will inspire you to help serve those who served. After the video there will be a discussion on how we can help our veterans of all eras. Our VFW invites everyone to learn more about the lives of those who have served our country. To register for the program or ask questions, please call 630-529-3120 ext. 2801.

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Lake Park Hosts Night of Fine Dining & Theatre

The Lake Park High School Educational Foundation invites guests to an evening of culinary offerings and theatre on Friday, December 11 at East Campus. The Night of Fine Dining & Theatre begins at 5 p.m. and includes musical entertainment, a silent auction, and the production of "It's a Wonderful Life." Tickets are \$35 per person. For tickets or more information, visit <http://www.lphs.org/Page/262>

Lions Club Spaghetti Dinner November 6

The Bloomingdale Lions Club sponsors its annual Spaghetti Dinner on Friday, November 6 from 5-8 p.m. at the Bloomingdale Golf Club, 181 Glen Ellyn Road. Cost is \$10 per person; children eight and under eat FREE. Proceeds from raffles and dinner will benefit visual and hearing impaired persons in the community.

For more info or tickets, contact contact Dennis Mahoney at mahoneyden@comcast.net



Two Milestone Birthdays

We recently had two lovely residents mark the milestone age of 100. Each birthday girl received a proclamation from Mayor Franco in honor of their special day.

August 5, 2015 was proclaimed **Angeline Radwan Day** in Bloomingdale. Angeline is pictured on the right with her niece Maryann Grygiel, nephew Wally Kotarba and great-nephew, Nick Grygiel as they survey her 100+ birthday cards, including ones from President Obama, Governor Rauner and Pope Benedict.



September 6, 2015 was proclaimed **Sophie Wentzel Day** in Bloomingdale. Sophie, to the left, is pictured with her son Gerald Wentzel. There was not a dry eye in the house when he wheelchair-danced with his mom to the Temptations' song "My Girl."

CHARACTER COUNTS!®
Oct 13, 2015 at 6:30 PM
Old Town Park

The whole community is invited to Celebration Night in Old Town Park Oct. 13 for fun and entertainment. Show your support of the Six Pillars of Character! Children will amaze the audience with performances honoring the Six Pillars, and the American Character Awards are presented to school children and youth athletes who exhibit outstanding character. This years theme is rainbow of character.

CHARACTER COUNTS!® in Bloomingdale
 For more information call Sandy Vangundy at (630) 529-3650.
character60108.org

'Fall Back' on November 1

Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, November 1 at 2:00 am. Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour.



It's also a good time to check the batteries on your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

Thanks to Matt Puchalski for BAA Scholarship Support

The Bloomingdale Artist Association is offering a \$1,000 visual fine art scholarship to local art students again in 2016. Matt Puchalski, from Masterpiece Framing, will contribute \$500 to our fund to make this possible. Matt has been an ongoing BAA supporter having sponsored the BAA Chamber Show Artist Reception for the last two



years, as well as contributing a handmade box to the scholarship auction.

More information about the scholarship and how to apply will be in the February *Almanac*.

P.S. Support our local businesses!



Another Great Septemberfest!

Congratulations to the 2015 Septemberfest Scholarship Winners!

Four outstanding young people were recipients of the Septemberfest Joe Draghi Scholarship this year.

Jerry James is a freshman attending the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, majoring in computer science.

Emily Stanfield is a freshman at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, majoring in industrial engineering.

Stephanie Gulik is attending the University of Indiana and has chosen a major in business.

Katelyn Keith will be graduating from Lake Park in 2016. She plans to go into nursing, but has not yet selected a school.

Congratulations and Best Wishes to all of them.



Pictured (from l to r), are the parents of Jerry James, Katelyn Keith, Gary Davis of Jersey Mike's, Emily Stanfield, Susan Sargent of Bloomingdale Bank & Trust, and Bloomingdale Lion Stan Poplonski.

The 42nd annual Septemberfest was a cool, dry day that was perfect for sitting in the park, enjoying some entertainment, visiting vendors or strolling through the car show.

The parade, coordinated by Susan Lancaster, featured the Bloomingdale Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7539 color guard, floats, Medinah Shriners, classic cars, many walkers and 40 total units. During opening ceremonies, Mayor Coladipietro welcomed the crowd, introduced dignitaries and discussed the changing face of Bloomingdale, especially the Old Town area. The VFW raised the flag while Allison Ford did a wonderful performance of the National Anthem.

The four 2015 Joe Draghi Septemberfest scholarship winners were announced. Congratulations to Stephanie Gulik, Jerry James, Katelyn Keith, and Emily Stanfield. On hand to offer congratulations were representatives from Jersey Mike's, Bloomingdale Bank & Trust, and the Lions Club all of whom donated to the scholarships. Thanks to Carole Lockhart for coordinating the scholarships.

A total of 78 vendors, 11 of them offering food or beverages, packed the streets of Third and Franklin, orchestrated by Vivi Frumkin. Our Chicago Auto Show Historian Mitch Frumkin attracted over 82 vehicles in another large Septemberfest car show.

Entertainment organizer Debbie Pasiewicz gathered local talent, from the Park District Gymnastics teams, Center Stage, Dance Explosion, Bloomingdale PD's K-9 Kane Show, and singers from the Bloomingdale School of Music. The bands included Frank and Dave and the closing band, Hi Infidelity.

Publicity was handled by Jeremy Heitkam who publicized the event and coordinated the family carnival held in St. Paul's parking lot. A huge thanks to all the rest of the Septemberfest team – Jean Sloboda (volunteers), Pam Hager (Treasurer/Secretary, Liaisons: Stan Poplonski (Lions Club), Jo Peterson (Park District), Trustee Vince Ackerman, Ken Lindhorn (Village Services), and Bruce Mason (Police Department) Thank you to our Mayor Franco Coladipietro and the Board of Trustees for their continued support. Our fantastic sponsors are recognized on p.13. Thanks to all of you who came out to support this great tradition!

If you have any suggestions or comments, please feel free to email me directly at acbwolff@sbcglobal.net.

God Bless You,

Bill Wolff

Thanks to our 2015 Septemberfest Scholarship Donors:

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Bloomingdale Lions Club
Jim & Diane King
Bloomingdale Republican Organization
Bloomingdale Historical Society
Genoa Italian Concession
B'dale Township Democratic Committee
Terri & Cindi Bronke
Plus \$500 in contributions from our vendors

Bloomingtondale Fire Protection District #1



Smoke Alarms: Put Them in Bedrooms Too, So You Will 'Hear the Beep When You Sleep'

Location matters when it comes to your smoke alarm. That's the message behind this year's Fire Prevention Week campaign, "Hear the Beep Where You Sleep. Every Bedroom Needs a Working Smoke Alarm!"

Along with firefighters and safety advocates nationwide, The Bloomingtondale Fire Protection District is joining forces with the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) during Fire Prevention Week, October 4-10, to remind local residents about the importance of having working smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each sleeping area, and on every level of the home, including the basement.

In a fire, seconds count. Half of home fire deaths result from fires reported at night between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. when most people are asleep. Home smoke alarms can alert people to a fire before it spreads, giving everyone enough time to get out.



According to the latest NFPA research, working smoke alarms cut the chance of dying in a fire in half. Meanwhile, three out of five fire deaths resulted from fires in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms.

This year's Fire Prevention Week campaign includes the following smoke alarm messages:

- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area and on every level of the home, including the basement.
- Interconnect all smoke alarms throughout the home. This way, when one sounds, they all do.
- Test alarms at least monthly by pushing the test button.
- Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old or sooner if they don't respond properly.

For more information about smoke detectors or other fire safety information, contact Battalion Chief Richard Kurka of the Bloomingtondale Fire Protection District at 630-894-9080.



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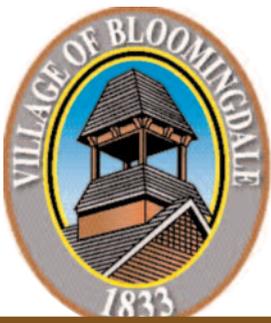
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Extraction Demonstration



In September, the Bloomingtondale Fire Protection District #1 hosted members of the Bloomingtondale Chamber of Commerce for lunch and a presentation on the department's extraction process (photo to left) in the case of a severe accident with passengers trapped inside a vehicle. Battalion Chief Rich Kurka (above) narrated and answered questions on the procedures.



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