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Old Town Bloomingdale Farmers' Market

We've got some exciting news regarding a long awaited attraction appearing in Old Town this summer. The Village of Bloomingdale will be hosting a farmers market to be held 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Thursdays, June 16 – October (rain or shine), in the Tiffany Point Parking lot on the NW corner of Schick Rd. and Third St. The Farmers' Market is a part of the revitalization of Old Town and a step designed to help create a community gathering spot over the summer months.

We have five (5) vendor stalls (and counting) of locally grown fruits & vegetables, plus eggs, honey and honey products, plants, flowers, delicious specialty baked goods and prepared foods, knife sharpening, including garden tools, chemical free toiletries and cleaners, specialty treats for the pooch and

more. Plans are in the works for cheese, meat and poultry vendors.

Various events and entertainment are also being developed for each market, including paper shredding and recycling collection, gardening,



cooking and art demonstrations, entertainment for the kids and for the kids at heart. The Park District will also provide weekly activities and entertainment. A community table will also be hosted by various local

organizations throughout the market season.

In the June issue we will have more details to share on the vendors, as well a partial schedule of the various events & entertainment to accompany the markets.

Upcoming Events

Quilts from the 30s, April 17 (see page 13)



Senior Day Fair, April 22 (see page 13)



Garden Club Flower Sale May 13 & 14 (see page 2)



Memorial Day Observance, May 30 (see page 10)



Garden Club Plant Sale on May 13 & 14

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



The Garden Club's very popular annual sale will be held on Friday, May 13 from noon to 6 p.m. and on Saturday, May 14 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Bloomingdale Park District Maintenance Building, 259 Springfield Drive, north end of Springfield Park. Find Geraniums, Proven Winners, herbs, vegetables, can-nas, grasses, Tuts, hanging baskets, annuals in flats, perennials and more. There will be tried and true varieties, and exciting new ones! Helpful Master Gardeners will be on hand. Gift certificates may be purchased in any denomination and are available until April 29. Contact bloomingtondalegardenclub@gmail.com for details.

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 pre-Thanksgiving record-breaking snowfall, the Village is able to get out critical information to all subscribers as it becomes available.

To sign up for the E-News, go to www.villageofbloomingdale.org and click on Village News on the right side of the homepage. Click on "Sign Up for Village E-News." It's easy and free!



Village of Bloomingdale Elected Officials

Franco A. Coladipietro
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Community Relations

Front page photo of the first tee at Bloomingdale Golf Club was provided by Golf Pro Dave Shallcross.

A Message from Mayor Franco

Spring is finally here! We look forward to the warmth of sunshine, blossoming flowers and more opportunities to get outside and play! I'll tell you what else we can look forward to, although we are going to have to wait until this summer.

If you saw the front page of this Almanac, you know that we are finally going to have a weekly Farmers' Market beginning mid-June through October in the Old Town area! There will also be weekly events and entertainment to coincide with the market. We have been talking about transforming Old Town into a center of activity for our community and this is a great step toward making that a reality.

Work has already begun on Third Street in Old Town to improve the infrastructure, and replace sidewalks, street lights, etc. plus add planting beds with seating walls to provide a fresh feel to Old Town, while maintaining the character of the area. The project is slated to be complete at the end of July.

Another long-awaited summertime favorite returns to Bloomingdale when fireworks will fill the Bloomingdale sky on July 2nd. At this time, the Village, Stratford Square Mall and Hilton Indian Lakes are partnering to have the pyrotechnics originate from the grounds of the resort. More details on this will appear in the June issue of the Almanac, as well as in upcoming E-news. Here's a hint, I love fireworks just about as much as I love Christmas lights!

In other areas of town, the DuPage Medical Group will be breaking ground soon for a 55,000 square-foot medical center just to the south of their existing medical building on Springfield Drive and the Stratford ring road. Additionally, the landscape architectural design plans are nearly finished for the 35-acre Indian Lakes open space project. We are continuing our efforts to transform this property into a passive park for use by our residents, as well as providing stormwater relief for the adjacent property owners.

Great things are continuing to happen in Bloomingdale. As an exciting reaffirmation that the Village Board's vision and planning has made a real difference, Moody's Investor Service recently notified the Village that we have maintained our credit rating of "Aa2," which reflects a very high quality credit position. The Aa2 rating slightly exceeds the median rating of Aa3 for US cities. This follows an upgrade by Standard & Poor's of the Village's bond rating in 2015.



In closing, I'd like to recognize Jane Hove, who has been the Chamber of Commerce president and CEO for the last nine years. She resigned in March to pursue new challenges and projects. Jane has been a dynamic force for the organization and has successfully connected the chamber with the community in so many ways. Read about Jane being named the 2016 Georgene Geils Business Woman of the Year on p. 14. We wish her well and know she will be successful in whatever path she chooses.

Mayor Franco



Good Weather Has Arrived . . . And So Have Garage Sales!

Important information:

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

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



For more information on requirements relative to garage sale signs, including size and placement restrictions, call the Police Dept at 630-671-9868.

Upcoming Garage Sales

Bloomfield Hills

April 28, 29, 30
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
North side of west Schick

Bloomfield Club

Saturday, May 21
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
South side of west Schick

Stratford Lakes

May 13 & 14
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
North side of Schick
West of Springfield Drive

Bloomington Historical Society

May 19 & 20 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Corner of 3rd and Washington
Drop off donations May 18

Chateau Lorraine

June 17 & 18
9 a.m.-5 p.m.
North side of Schick
East of Springfield Drive



Summer 2016 Road Construction

Important Village & Community Phone Numbers

Main Village Hall Number

630-893-7000

Village Departments

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

Other Useful Numbers

Fire Department non emergency
630-894-9080

Bloomington Library
630-529-3120

Bloomington Park District
630-529-3650

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Pavement Overlay

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

Seneca Trail
Cayoga Court
Oneida Court
Saranac Court
Lori Court
Bloomfield Parkway (around the clubhouse)
Glen Ellyn Road (from Lake Street to Army Trail Road)
Otsego Court, Lawrence Avenue (west of Gary Avenue, east of Gary Avenue to Virginia Road, and at Garden Avenue)

This work will begin mid-May and will take approximately two and a half (2½) months to complete. Local signage consisting of "Road Construction Ahead" signs will be posted prior to construction.

If you have any questions regarding this project you may call the Village Services Department, Engineering Division at 630-671-5676.



Water System Protection

Community public water supplies are required by State regulations to maintain active cross-connection control programs to protect the safety of water consumers. Increased health and safety protection for water consumers necessitated by recent backflow incidents across the country and within Illinois have increased enforcement of cross-connection regulations.

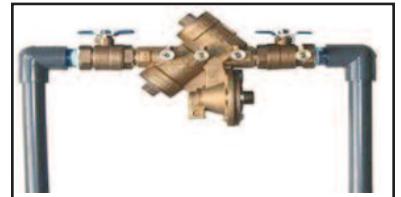
CROSS-CONNECTION CONTROL DEVICE

- **Compliance is required for commercial and residential connections** - Don't forget your annual inspection for your cross-connection control device for your irrigation system will be due in the month of May.

Reminder letters will be distributed the 1st week of May. Failure to have the device tested and certified will result in the disconnection of water service and will not be restored until compliance with IEPA requirements and the Village Code is verified and a \$250 reconnection fee is paid. The inspection and certification must be performed by a licensed plumber; for further protection consider hiring a plumber trained in cross-connection control to check your home.

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

For more information, please contact the Village of Bloomington Water Production Division at 630-671-5830 or email vegae@vil.bloomington.il.us



Branch Pickup Begins April 18



Kramer Tree Specialists, Inc. will once again perform branch collection under the direction of the Village Forestry Division. Branch collection will begin on Monday, April 18. The program is only available to single family detached residences. Townhome residents should contact their association regarding branch collection.

Branch Collection Guidelines:

- Branches must be out by 7:00 a.m. on Monday, April 18.
- Branches should not be

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

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

The following items are unacceptable:

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

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

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

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

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



Yard Waste Collection Begins April 1

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

Yard waste stickers are available for purchase at a cost of **\$3.05 per sticker** (2016 cost) at the following locations:

Butera Foods -
550 W. Lake Street

Caputo's Fresh Market -
166 E. Lake Street

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

Lens Ace Hardware -
272 W. Lake Street

Meijer Supermarket -
130 S. Gary Avenue

Village of Bloomingdale -
201 S. Bloomingdale Road

Upcoming Holiday Will Affect Refuse Pickup

Garbage pickup will be delayed by one day, due to the May 30 Memorial Day holiday.

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

Be aware: Notices for License Plates & Emissions Tests No longer Mailed



"Rooftop Cop" at Dunkin' Donuts (Lake Street)

Bloomingtondale Police Officers unite with the Lake Street Dunkin' Donuts staff to support the Special Olympics' program and to recognize its athletes. From 5:30 a.m. to Noon on Friday, May 20, Bloomingtondale officers will take part in a rooftop sit-in greeting the customers of the Bloomingtondale Lake Street Dunkin' Donuts and encouraging donations for Illinois Special Olympics.

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

Sunday, June 5 marks the 2016 Illinois Law Enforcement Torch Run, the single largest year-round fundraising event benefiting Special Olympics Illinois. Watch for more information in the June issue and on the Bloomingtondale Police Department Facebook page.

The Bloomingtondale Police Department also has 2016 Torch Run items for sale: T-shirt, \$15; Baseball Cap, \$15; Torch Run Pin, \$5; all three for \$25. For more information or to make a donation to Special Olympics, call Officers Dominick Corsiglia or Jin Han at 630-529-9868.

License Plate Renewal Notices: Due to the lack of a state budget, the Illinois Secretary of State's office suspended the mailing of vehicle registration renewal reminder notices. During this suspension motorists can sign up to receive their reminder notices electronically at <http://www.ilsos.gov/greenmail/>. To sign-up for an e-mail renewal notification, you will need to enter your Registration ID and PIN located on the Renewal Notice you received in the mail or your current registration card.

If you do not have a renewal notice or a current registration card, please call the Public Inquiry Division at 800-252-8980 to obtain your Registration ID and PIN number.

Vehicle Emissions Testing Notices: The Illinois EPA and Secretary of State's office issued a Press Release on February 9, 2016, announcing that the mailing of vehicle emissions test notices will be suspended due to the State Budget impasse. The email renewal notification for license plates (referenced above) will include a statement as to whether compliance with the Vehicle Emissions Inspection Law is required before a vehicle's registration can be renewed.

Motorists are encouraged to use the Illinois Secretary of State online tool to determine whether a vehicle is due for emissions testing. Motorists may also contact Illinois EPA at (847) 758-3400 or (800) 635-2380 for additional assistance.

You're Invited!

See page 16 to learn about an opportunity to chat informally with both Mayor Franco Coladipietro and Police Chief Frank Giammarese on Saturday, April 9.



Door to Door Solicitation

The Village of Bloomingtondale requires that all solicitors register with the Bloomingtondale 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.



Hours for soliciting in Bloomingtondale are 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. In addition, 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.

Please report any and all suspicious activity to the Bloomingtondale Police Department.

Help Prevent Polluted Runoff Water

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

Bloomingtondale residents, you can help!

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



Storm Drains

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

Pets

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

Yard & Garden

- **Pesticides and Fertilizers:** Use fertilizers and chemicals sparingly. When their use is necessary, follow the directions set forth on the label. Do not apply if rain is forecast to prevent the chemical from being washed into the storm drain.

- **Lawn Care:** Don't over water your lawn and allow runoff water to flow down the street into the storm drain. It can carry fertilizer and lawn clippings with it.

Vehicles

- **Car Washing:** Use a commercial car wash or wash your car on a lawn or other unpaved surface to allow the water to be filtered and to minimize the amount of dirty soapy water that flows through the storm drain system and enters a waterway, untreated.

- **Motor Oil and Other Automotive Fluids:** Check your car, truck, boat, and other machinery for leaks and spills. Make any needed repairs as soon as possible. Use an absorbent material to dry up leaks and spills. **Do not** let the spilled fluid enter a nearby storm drain! Dispose of any used absorbent in the proper manner. Recycle all automotive fluids at participating recycle centers. **Do not** pour them down the storm drain or place them in the garbage!

Household Hazardous Waste

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

Report Spills & Other Water Pollution

- Report all spills that are potentially life threatening or hazardous in nature by calling 911.

- Report any non-hazardous spills or illegal dumping to the Village of Bloomingtondale **Utilities Division at 630-671-5830.**



Bloomingtondale Water is Safe to Drink

After reading and listening to news reports about the water contamination problems in Flint, Michigan, some have questioned whether they should be concerned with the quality of Bloomingtondale's drinking water.

In short, the answer is: No. Flint Michigan's drinking water source was changed in 2014 from treated Lake Huron water purchased from the City of Detroit, to water drawn from the Flint River, treated by the City of Flint. It appears that Flint River water has been determined to contain certain high levels of unsafe contaminants, and containing high amounts of iron which contributes to corrosion of older plumbing systems containing lead.

Bloomingtondale's drinking water source is Lake Michigan, a recognized reliable source of safe drinking water. Since 1992, the Village has purchased its drinking water from the DuPage Water Commission (DWC), which in turn is supplied to the DWC pursuant to contract with the City of Chicago. Annually, USEPA / IEPA require the City, the DWC and the Village to publish a Consumer Confidence Drinking Water Quality Report which provides important information about your drinking water and the efforts made by all to provide safe drinking water.



Sign up today!

Golf Club Announces 2016 Schedule

2016 Junior Golf School – Ages 5-15

Bloomingtondale Golf Club offers summer Junior Golf School, taught by our PGA golf professional staff to interested boys and girls. The program will be structured around basic fundamentals of the golf swing, rules and etiquette of the game, safety, and fun contests. NEW this year, we will be introducing "SNAG" golf to our 5-7 year old classes. SNAG golf is an innovative way to introduce the game of golf to the youngsters, making it very easy, fun and enjoyable. For more information on SNAG Golf visit their website at, www.snaggolf.com. Classes will be a minimum of 4 and a maximum of 10 students. For more information or to register, visit www.bloomingtondalegc.com/junior-golf-school/



2016 Mixed Adult Clinics (17 years & older)

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

Welcome to the 2016 golf season! Bloomingtondale Golf Club is extremely excited to start the season and looks forward to seeing you soon. With the start of the season, we will have a NEW fleet of electric golf carts that are equipped with windshields, rain covers and USB ports allowing golfers to charge their smart phones! As a reminder, booking tee times on-line through our website, www.bloomingtondalegc.com, has never been easier and gives you a chance to view great deals on green fee rates. Don't wait! Visit us today and become familiar with our booking procedures!

2016 "COMMUNITY CARD" PROGRAM

With the 2016 golfing season getting into full swing, we would like to take this moment to remind you to visit the golf shop and sign-up for your 2016 Community Card. With this card you receive a very nice savings on our daily rates. To take advantage of this opportunity you will need to follow a couple of simple steps:

1. Visit the golf pro shop at Bloomingtondale Golf Club and fill out the registration form. Please bring with you a current Photo I.D. showing your address. This will be your proof of residency. Registration is currently on-going.
2. You may also visit our website and print out the form and bring it in.
3. Pay an annual fee of \$10.00.

Visit our website at www.bloomingtondalegc.com to see our 2016 golf rates and how much you will save by participating in this program.

2016 "SWING INTO SPRING" GOLF EVENT (9:00 am Shotgun start)

On Sunday, April 17th, we will be hosting our 11th annual opening season spring golf event. Three formats will be in play: 6-hole scramble, 6-hole alternate shot and 6-hole modified best-ball. Teams will sign up as foursomes. From within the foursomes, two-person teams will be determined by the players in the group before teeing off, and will play each of these formats as a two-person team. This is a great opportunity to start out your golf season in the company of your friends and family. Share a few laughs while working out those winter kinks. The day will be full of fun, food and prizes.

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

PRACTICE RANGE TO HAVE A NEW GOLF BALL DISPENSER

With the start of the golf season, a new golf ball range dispenser will be in operation. If you have a "Black" debit key from the previous year(s), please visit the golf shop to transfer the value on this key to our "new" debit key system.



Saturday, September 10 Mark Your Calendar for Septemberfest 2016!

The 43rd annual Septemberfest will be held on Saturday, September 10 in Old Town (Lake & Bloomingdale) beginning with the annual parade stepping off from DuJardin School at 11a.m. and traveling west on Schick Road into the Old Town area. Returning will be the food vendor and crafter booths, a variety of entertainment and the traditional evening crowd-pleasing band performance. This year will also feature another outstanding car show, as well as the presentation of the Joe Draghi Septemberfest Scholarships. Applications for food vendors, crafters, parade participants, car show exhibitors and scholarships can be found on the Village's website at www.villageofbloomingdale.org. Click on Community on the top of the home page. Septemberfest information is located under Community. Plan to join your friends and neighbors at this well-loved, traditional end of the summer event. More details will be posted as they unfold.



Septemberfest/Joe Draghi Scholarship

The Joe Draghi Septemberfest Scholarship is once again being offered by the Septemberfest Commission. The award is funded through private, community and corporate contributions. Applicant must be a resident of Bloomingdale between the ages of 17 and 20. Other requirements are noted on the application.



The application packet is available on the Village of Bloomingdale's website as listed above or at the Village Hall. The completed application packet is due April 15, 2016. Applications must be postmarked no later than April 15, 2016.

There will be a mandatory judge's interview held at the Village of Bloomingdale, Council Room, 201 S. Bloomingdale Road on Sunday, May 16, 2016. Winners will be announced at the 43rd Septemberfest on Saturday, September 10, 2016. Attendance to receive your award, if chosen, is not mandatory.

Looking for a Summer Job?

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

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

Find applications online at www.villageofbloomingdale.org under Employment Opportunities.

The Village of Bloomingdale is an Equal Opportunity Employer.



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 17 and 20.

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

Name (as you wish it to be listed)

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

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

Make your check or money order payable to the Village of Bloomingdale. Please put "Septemberfest Scholarship 2016" in the memo line.

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



2015 (l to r) parents of Scholar Jerry James, Scholar Katelyn Keith, Gary Davis of donor Jersey Mike's, Scholar Emily Stanfield, Susan Sargent of donor Bloomingdale Bank & Trust and Lion & donor Stan Poplonski

Hydrant Flushing Begins June 6

Memorial Day Observance May 30

The annual Memorial Day Observance takes place at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, May 30 at St. Paul Cemetery on the north side of Lake Street, just east of Circle Avenue.

The Bloomingdale Historical Society is joined by Bloomingdale VFW Post 7539, Bloomingdale Public Library, Village of Bloomingdale, Garden Club and Alden Valley Ridge for this touching tribute to our veterans. This year's program is "We Remember You."

In addition to honoring all veterans in attendance, the VFW will conduct a "Chapel Service" as performed at veterans' funerals. The entire program lasts about 45 minutes; free refreshments are available; patriotic music is provided by The Legends Choral Ensemble.

Parking is available in business lots to the west of the cemetery. Bring a lawn chair if you wish, or an umbrella in case of inclement weather.

Following the Remembrance at the cemetery, all are welcome to join Bloomingdale VFW Post 7539 at 11 a.m. as it holds a brief ceremony at the gazebo on the corner of Bloomingdale Road & Fairfield, in front of the library. Here they will lay a wreath at the base of the flag and perform a

gun salute in honor of those who served in the name of our country.



The Village Services - Utilities Division will be performing the annual Hydrant Flushing Program beginning June 6, 2016 through June 23, 2016. **The Program will be performed during the daytime hours of 8:00 am - 3:00 pm.** Please **DO NOT WASH LAUNDRY** during the flushing hours, as rust staining of the clothing may result. Residents with water softeners are encouraged to check the cycle time of their softeners so that the unit does not regenerate during this period.

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

Byron Area, Westwind, Deer Glen, Medinah Lakes, Medinah Meadows, Medinah Grove, Eastgate, Vittoria Brooke Estates, Chateau of Medinah, Casa Bella, Hamilton Woods	Monday, June 6
Westlake Townhomes - Colony Green Area, College Quad Fours, Harvard, Brookdale, Wilshire Towers, Glen Ellyn Rd. (Army Trail Rd. to Now Foods)	Tuesday, June 7
North/South Suncrest, Medinah Country Estates, Dinah Road, Circle Center, Medinah on the Lakes, Lori Ct., Sunset Terrace, Westlake Highlands (South Circle/Euclid Area)	Wednesday, June 8
Westlake - Edgewater and Greenway, Westlake Townhomes - Lakeshore Area, Fairfield, Milford, Fairfield Quads, Canterbury, Lexington Homes	Thursday, June 9
Springbrook Villas, Springbrook Shopping Center, Bloomingdale Road - Edgewater to north Village limits, Bloomingdale Town Center, Fessler's Grove, Old Town, Bell Towers, North Maple, Rosedale, Rosedale Estates, Seven Oaks, Lakewoods	Friday, June 10
Founder's Pointe, Old Town Estates, Longridge Area, West Pointe Estates, Indian Lakes Resort, Los Lagos, Indian Lakes East (Cardinal/Raven Area), Aprina Ct.	Monday, June 13
Indian Lakes - West (Meadowlark/Pheasant/ Skylark Area), Bloomfield Club, Stratford Place, Park Bloomingdale Condominiums, Stratford Homes, Avalon at Stratford, Butterfield Rd., Springfield Rd. (Army Trail to Schick Rd.) Bloomingdale Walk	Tuesday, June 14
Country Club Estates, Villa Way, Chateau Lorraine, Bloomfield Hills, On the Park, One Bloomingdale Place, Villas of Thornfield, Villa Way, Springfield Dr. (Schick Rd. to Lake St.)	Wednesday, June 15
Schmale Rd., Monroe Dr., Longview Dr., Bloomingdale Court, Fretter's Plaza, Madsen Dr., (Army Trail Rd. to Railroad), Heritage at Stratford, Villa Veneto, Stratford Lakes, Camden	Thursday, June 16
Old Gary, Madsen Dr. (Railroad to Fox Court), Covington, Stratford Plaza, Meijer, Bayview Crossings	Friday, June 17
Stratford Square, Knollwood Dr., Scott Dr.	Monday, June 20
Schick Rd. (west of Bloomingdale Rd.)	Tuesday, June 21
Lake St.	Wednesday, June 22
Army Trail Rd.	Thursday, June 23
Questions? Please contact the Distribution Division at 630-671-5830.	

Just A Taste Confections Opens at 369 W. Army Trail Road

The Carol Stream Chamber of Commerce, along with Bloomingdale Mayor Franco Coladipietro, recently took part in the ribbon-cutting ceremony for Just A Taste Confections, 369 W. Army Trail Road. Tammy LoVerde held the scissors alongside co-owners Jody Trenda, Julie Heck and Lisa Boucher. Just A Taste Confections offers hand-made chocolate, specialty candies and gifts. For more information, contact the shop at 630-539-0541. To view the creative confections, visit

www.facebook.com/jatconfections.



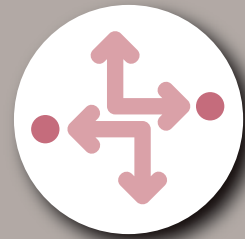
Bloomington Fashion Retailers Rank Top in Nation

Findings from a new large-scale consumer study conducted by Market Force Information® reveal the nation's top twelve (12) favorite fashion retailers; eight (8) of which are located in Bloomington (Marshalls, Ross, Kohl's, Macy's, T.J. Maxx, Old Navy and Walmart).

The Market Force Study polled more than 5,700 consumers on the seven key areas that drive satisfaction with fashion retail: merchandise selection, value, store atmosphere, ability to create an outfit, checkout speed, ease of finding items and size selection.

Delish Cakes Celebrates New Location

Delish Cakes held a ribbon cutting on February 18 at its new location at 148 S. Bloomington Road. Owner and lifelong resident Alicia Eisenmann opened her bakery 5 ½ years ago on Third Street. The larger location allows her to have a wider variety of cakes and cupcakes available for walk in customers, as well as have more room for children's birthday parties and cake decorating classes. Coming soon will be healthy cooking classes. Stop in and see the new Delish; no doubt you'll leave with a sweet treat! 630-303-2235; www.delishcakes.net.



The Bloomington 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

Delish Cakes (new location)
148 S. Bloomington Road
(new location)

LaVezzi Precision
250 Madsen Drive

Expeditors International
280 Madsen Drive

Mondo 6
603 Stratford Square



Community Events

Bloomington Lions Club Spring Fundraisers

How Sweet It Is! – Once again, the Bloomington Lions Club is selling sweet, delicious Vidalia onions at \$10 for a 10 lb bag. Orders are being taken through April 22. The onions may be picked up from Noon to 5 p.m. on Friday, May 6 and 8 a.m. to Noon on Saturday, May 7 at Berkshire Hathaway Starck Real Estate, 181 S. Bloomington Road. There will be a LIMITED number of bags of onions available for walk-up customers on Saturday.

Need more info? Call Lion Walt at 708-436-4120 or email wcropper@yahoo.com. Orders can also be mailed to Bloomington Lions, P.O. Box 318, Bloomington, IL 60108.

Last year the proceeds from 264 bags of onions benefited a variety of community needs, as well as funded sight and hearing research.

Get Your Grill On – Our Lions are also hosting their Steak Fry from 5-8 p.m. on Friday, May 6 at the Bloomington Golf Club. Tickets are \$18 per person for a choice of steak or BBQ chicken, grilled to order. The Buffet Includes Tossed Garden Salad, Baked Potato, Vegetable, Rolls & Butter and Dessert.

All proceeds will fund community programs, help provide vision and hearing tests for all residents and send a special needs child to summer camp! Call Cory Viger at 630- 893-1042 for tickets and information.



Bloomington Artists Association Upcoming Events

April 13 – Gelatin Printing - Artist Nancy Staszak will demonstrate this method of creating unique, handmade prints which is a simple, versatile and addictive process. Print making can get a little messy - wear old clothes or bring a smock/apron.

May 11- Japanese Bookbinding Program - Member artist Toni Fogarty will demonstrate the Japanese method of bookbinding, which is an ancient tradition. Although it comes in many forms, the 4-hole stab binding method is quick to learn and is truly classic.

For more info on materials to bring for both programs, please contact Bev at bpetrosius@gmail.com. The above programs are held at the Bloomington Park District Museum, 108 S. Bloomington Road. There is a \$5 guest fee; an additional materials fee may apply. Please contact Bev at bpetrosius@gmail.com.

Garden Club Announces Programs

April 19 - Plant Sale Prep. A discussion of the annual plant sale held on May 13 and 14 is the focus of this meeting (see p. 2). A quick and easy garden craft follows the meeting.

May 17 – Foraging for Wild Edibles. This presentation by David Brooks of the Spring Valley Nature Center in Schaumburg provides an introduction to the ancient skill of foraging for wild plants, traveling through the seasons from the first dandelions of spring to the wild apples of autumn.

Both programs start at 6:15 p.m. at the new location, St. Paul Church, 118 First Street in Bloomington. Visit www.bloomingtongardenclub.org or contact bloomingtongardenclub@gmail.com for more information. Visitors are welcome.

Free Day Camp for Kids June 14-17 at Bloomington Church

Bloomington Church welcomes kids 1st through 7th grade (2016-17 school year), to come fly around the world at Day Camp. The "flights" depart daily June 14-17, 9:30am-12:45pm, from "Bloomington International Airport" (Bloomington Church, 264 Glen Ellyn Road). The children will take fantasy flights to Israel, Jamaica, Mexico, and Italy. Each day's flight will include crafts, games, drama, and music as youngsters learn about the personal qualities of love, patience, kindness, and joy in our lives, as well as focus on the foundational character qualities of Character Counts.

On Friday, June 17, Bloomington Church is throwing a free party for our community from 6-8pm at Sunnyside Park (1 block southeast of the church). We will be serving hot dogs, chips, popcorn and drinks for your family. The Day Camp kids' band will be performing live. There will be carnival games and face painting, in addition to the playground for children. We will also host a volleyball and basketball tourney for teens.



Reservations for children are now being taken at www.bloomingtonchurch.org/daycamp, or by completing and sending the registration form to the Bloomington Church main office. In person registration begins at 9 a.m. on June 14. For more information, call the church office at 630-894-0090 or go to www.bloomingtonchurch.org/daycamp.

Relay for Life on June 10

Teams for the Relay For Life (Roselle, Bloomingdale, Itasca and Medinah) are forming now. The relay will be on Friday June 10th at Lake Park High School East Campus in Roselle. Relay For Life is a tribute to those who have lost to cancer, a celebration for survivors, and hope for those who currently face cancer.

To learn more about team formation, please attend one of the upcoming meetings, April 5 or May 10 at 7:00 p.m. at Trinity School Library, 405 Rush Street in Roselle. Or contact the event chairperson, Maryann Grygiel at 630-893-6647 or mobysmom2k1@yahoo.com.

Come to the Senior Day Fair on April 22!

The Annual Senior Day Fair, sponsored by the Bloomingdale Police Department and the Bloomingdale Senior Citizen Advisory Council, is on Friday, April 22, 2016, from 9:00 a.m. to Noon at the Medinah Shriners Banquet Facility in Addison (located on Swift Road just north of Army Trail Road). The Senior Day Fair was created to give seniors the opportunity to visit with local agencies, service providers and businesses to help identify the resources that are available to them.

Over 50 agencies will be in attendance at the Senior Day Fair, including Alexian Brothers Medical Center, Glen Oaks Hospital, chiropractors, eye doctors, foot doctors, pharmacists, home health agencies, adult support services, extended care centers, community groups & clubs, wholesale stores, fitness facilities, as well as representatives from local governmental entities, such as Village, Township, Police, Fire, Park District and Library.

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

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

Healthy Food and Exercise / Fitness presentations are scheduled:

9-10 a.m. – Food & Nutrition information
10-11 a.m. Health Information
11- Noon Fitness Demonstration

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



The Softer Side of Hard Times: A Bed Turning of 1930s Quilts

The Bloomingdale Historical Society is pleased to once again present a Bloomingdale Loose Threads Quilt Club Bed Turning. The Loose Threads will feature more than 20 quilts of the Great Depression era (1929 through the late 1930s) with authentic quilts interspersed with those created with reproduction fabrics. During this era, quilting became an outlet for self-expression, using cheerful fabrics to sooth the soul.

The 30s quilts are known for their pastel or light sunny fabrics. The Dresden Plate, Grandmother's Flower Garden, Sunbonnet Sue and Double Wedding Ring were among the most popular patterns. In addition to the bed turning, the club will also have books and samples of quilt blocks on display, as well as five quilts made by Loose Thread members using the exact same reproduction fabrics, but having dramatically different finished designs.

The free event takes place from 2:00 to 3:30 on Sunday, April 17 in Rooms A-B at the Bloomingdale Public Library, 101 Fairfield Way. Refreshments will be provided. Please RSVP by calling either Bonnie at 630-582-8101 or Mary Ellen at 630-671-5600 or emailing johnsonm@vil.bloomington.il.us with your name and the number of guests attending.



Around and About Town

Jane Hove Named 2016 Business Person of the Year

Jane Hove, Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce President/CEO, received the Georgene Geils Business Woman of the Year Award from the Bloomingdale Area women in Business. During her nine-year tenure, Jane has led the Chamber with skill and excellence, as the number of annual events, annual budget and level of involvement have grown significantly. With her leadership, the Chamber has supported business success, connected with the community, served as champion of our youth and continued to grow as a vibrant, responsive organization.



As a founding member of the Bloomingdale Area Women in Business, Jane and her team have created many opportunities for area women to enhance their skills and expand their networks. In addition, she has mentored two young mothers through Stepping Stones. Both women are strong, successful survivors who continue to do well. Jane has also been the impetus behind many other charitable endeavors on a personal level. Congratulations to Jane on receiving this prestigious honor and best wishes from the community as she leaves the chamber and embarks on a new adventure in her life.



Arbor Day 2016 at DuJardin School

The Village of Bloomingdale's Forestry Division will celebrate Arbor Day on Friday, April 29 with students at DuJardin School, 166 S. Euclid by planting a London Planetree near the new playground. Bloomingdale was recently named a Tree City USA for the 24th consecutive year in honor of the Village's commitment to effective urban forest management.

Bloomingdale Education Foundation Hosts Fundraiser on April 29

The Bloomingdale Education Foundation hosts its annual fundraiser, a Beer and Wine Tasting, from 7- 10 p.m. on Friday, April 29 at the Scottish Rite, 383 E. Lake Street. The event will feature beer and wine from multiple vendors. Tickets, which include tasting, hors d'oeuvres and desserts are \$50 per person before April 25, 2016 and \$60 at the door. The proceeds raised go to fund teacher grants to be used in classrooms for the students of School District 13 for extra activities and programs that the district does not supply. RSVP by calling 630-671-5035 or e-mailing foundation@sd13foundation.org.



Condolences Extended

The Seniors Club from the Bloomingdale Library and the Senior Center of Bloomingdale Township join with the Bloomingdale Public Library to extend their sympathy to the family and friends of Gloria Elder, who passed away suddenly on March 1. Gloria served as the library's liaison for the Library Seniors Club for several years, as well as a co-group leader on many bus trips from the Township Senior Center. Gloria also worked in Adult Services for eight years delivering materials to homebound patrons, where she made a friend of every person she came in contact with. She will be sorely missed.

Shredding Event April 30

Berkshire Hathaway Starck Real Estate, 181 S. Bloomingdale Road, will sponsor a shredding truck from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 30 in the back of their building. Bring your bags and/or boxes of documents. You can watch them being shredded, if you wish.

24th Annual Letter Carriers' Food Drive May 14

Did you know the National Letter Carriers Food Drive is the largest food drive conducted in the country? Our Bloomingdale Letter Carriers invite all to participate in the 24th annual food drive on Saturday, May 14. They give all our donations to the Bloomingdale Township Food Pantry, which serves nine area communities. Please put your non-perishables by your mailbox by 9 a.m. on Saturday, May 14 and the Bloomingdale mail carriers will do the rest. Our help is needed and appreciated. Thank you from the Bloomingdale Post Office.

In Thanks for Community Service

Ron Fangusaro and Guy Sanalitra both served for 16 years each on the Village's Plan Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals. While the gentlemen served the Village well in this capacity, they have also dedicated much of their time in Bloomingdale to other civic endeavors including Lions Club, Friends of the Bloomingdale Library, Family Fest and School District 13. In thanks, Mayor Franco presented each of these community-minded individuals with a limited edition print of a historic mural which will soon grace the south outdoor wall of Masterpiece Framing on Bloomingdale Road.



(l to r) Ron Fangusaro, Mayor Franco, Guy Sanalitra

Chamber of Commerce Art Exhibit and Sale

A variety of works created by members of the Bloomingdale Artists Association are currently featured in the 4th Annual Chamber of Commerce Art Exhibit and Sale. Selected works are offered for sale; negotiation/delivery details will be handled by the artists. The Chamber office is located at 108 W. Lake Street in Bloomingdale. The exhibit is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 am-3:00 pm, through May 27. Contact BAA President Bev Petrosius, at 630-624-9545 with any questions.



Training & Employment Opportunities for Young Adults

The DuPage County Workforce Development Division offers help for young adults (ages 17 to 24) to start good careers through a variety of support and assistance, including money for college or technical training, and help with job placement.

For information about services offered, including services for adults, visit www.worknetdupage.org.



Recycling Events in April & May

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Wheaton Environmental Commission Shred Event - April 9, 2016 - Wheaton's Commuter Parking Lot 9, Wheaton, near the intersection of Carlton Avenue and Liberty Drive from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. City of Wheaton.

Lisle Township Shred Event - April 23, 2016 - Lisle Township, 4711 Indiana Ave., Lisle from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Lisle Park District Shred Event - April 23, 2016 - Sean Lion Aquatic Park Parking Lot - 1825 Short St., Lisle from 9 a.m. - noon. Limit of 5 disposable bags per car, no exceptions and no cardboard boxes.

The Woodridge Rotary Club hosts its 8th Annual Recycling Extravaganza on May 14, 2016, 8:00 a.m. until Noon at Cypress Cove Family Aquatic Park, 8301 Janes Ave., Woodridge.

Televisions are accepted for recycling with a \$20.00 charge for each TV, CASH ONLY (no pick up, no projection TVs).

For more info about the event, visit: www.woodridgerotary.org. Call Susan McNeil-Marshall at 630-964-4997, Kathleen Rush at 630-719-4707 or email woodridgerotary@gmail.com with questions.

Internship Offers Great Business Experience



Tornado Season is Here

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

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

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

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

Know the sound and meaning of a tornado siren activation, which is a steady wail lasting 3 -5 minutes in duration sounded for those located outdoors to seek immediate shelter in a building or structure.

Resident Sammy Pellegrino was selected for a highly competitive College Works Painting internship. The program puts students at the helm of a small business for a single summer. The 2013 Lake Park graduate is a junior business student at DePaul University in Chicago. This spring, he'll be backing up those classroom lessons with some real world experience, thanks to a highly selective internship with College Works Painters.



For Sammy, who is interested in a career in marketing or management, the internship is an opportunity to branch out and pick up new skills.

The young man was hired this year to manage a team of young painters, marketers and other employees operating in Bloomingdale. The company provides its college interns with painting supplies, a budget and extensive mentoring, then steps back as the student takes charge of building revenue, controlling costs and maintaining all other aspects of a small exterior painting business.

Although the painting season doesn't start until June, Sammy already has his hands full scouting out potential clients, hiring his team and setting business initiatives in motion. His main goal is to help the people of Bloomingdale by offering his services, but also getting to know everyone in the town he calls home.

"I think the most valuable thing I'm hoping to get from this program is learning all the ins and outs of running a business. The experience that I will gain and the people I will meet is something that keeps me determined to work hard and succeed at everything I do," Sammy said.

A proud Bloomingdale resident, Sammy is the Head Coach of the 11U Bloomingdale Bulldogs and Assistant Coach on the 14U Bloomingdale Bulldogs, the local travel baseball organization. Giving back to the community is why Sammy volunteers to coach boys travel baseball, as well as to mentor kids as they grow into young adults.

For questions about the internship, inquiries about the services, or just to get to know Sammy, reach him at (630) 854 9543 or email him at sammypellegrino@comcast.net.

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

Saturday, April 9, 2016

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

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

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

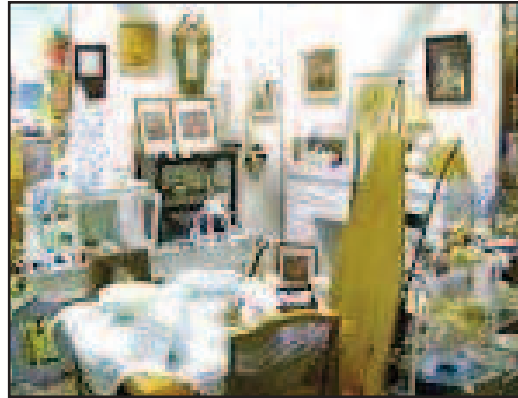


Bloomington Fire Protection District #1



Hoarding Can Cause Special Risks to Homeowners And Firefighters

The Bloomington Fire Protection District and the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) would like you to know that many fire departments are experiencing serious fires, injuries, and deaths as the result of compulsive hoarding behavior. The excessive accumulation of materials in homes poses a significant threat to firefighters fighting fires and responding to other emergencies in these homes and to residents and neighbors. Often, the local fire department will be contacted to help deal with this serious issue. Since studies suggest that between three and five percent of the population are compulsive hoarders, it is important to become familiar with this issue and how to effectively handle it.



What is hoarding?

Hoarding is defined as collecting or keeping large amounts of various items in the home due to strong urges to save them or distress experienced when discarding them. Many rooms in the home are so filled with possessions that residents can no longer use the rooms as designed. The home is so overloaded with things that everyday living is compromised.

Why do people become hoarders?

Hoarding is a mental disorder that can be genetic in nature, triggered by traumatic events, or a symptom of another disorder, such as depression, obsessive compulsive disorder, or dementia. Studies have found that hoarding usually begins in early adolescence and gets worse as a person ages. It is more common among older adults.

Why is hoarding an issue for the fire service?

- Hoarding can be a fire hazard. Many occupants die in fires in these homes. Often, blocked exits prevent escape from the home. In addition, many people who are hoarding are injured when they trip over things or when materials fall on them.
- Responding firefighters can be put at risk due to obstructed exits, falling objects, and excessive fire loading that can lead to collapse. Hoarding makes fighting fires and searching for occupants far more difficult.
- Those living adjacent to an occupied structure can be quickly affected when a fire occurs, due to excessive smoke and fire conditions.

For more information about fire safety issues, contact Battalion Chief Richard Kurka at the Bloomington Fire Protection District 630-894-9080.

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BFPD Awarded Top 2% PPC Rating

The Bloomington Fire Protection District #1 is comprised of over 50 dedicated professionals committed to service, safety, and teamwork. In 2015, the Bloomington Fire Protection District responded to 4,250 emergency calls, averaging 11.6 calls per day.

Recently, the Bloomington Fire Protection District (BFPD) was awarded a Public Protection Class (PPC) score of "2." This places Bloomington in the top two percent of all fire departments in the U.S. for its ability to respond to emergencies. This Classification is based on emergency communications, fire department operational considerations, and water supply. It also includes a community risk reduction section which recognizes community efforts to reduce losses through fire prevention, public fire safety education, and fire investigation.

An added benefit of this award is that many insurance companies use this information to help determine their customer's property insurance premiums.





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Bloomingdale Park District Museum Hosts Spring Exhibit and Silent Auction May 7-June 4

The 2016 Spring Show and Silent Auction at the Bloomingdale Park District Museum, 108 S. Bloomingdale Road runs May 7 to June 4 and features the artwork of the members of the Bloomingdale Artists Association.

Exhibit hours are Wednesdays 4 pm to 8 pm, Thursdays/Fridays 10 am to 4 pm, and Saturdays Noon to 4 pm. The artwork of the 2015 Jack Sartain Memorial \$1,000 Scholarship recipient will also be featured.

"Garden Art" is the theme of this year's silent auction and proceeds will benefit next year's scholarship. Selected works may be offered for sale; negotiation/delivery details will be handled by the artists. The public is invited to join members at the Artists Reception on May 15, 2016 from 2:00 pm to 4 pm.



Marianne Alberts McKoveck

33rd Annual Student Art Show

The 33rd Annual Student Art Show runs through April 9 at the Bloomingdale Park District Museum, providing an opportunity for the public to view the work of talented students in more than 10 local schools. Students from first grade through high school use a variety of materials and techniques to create dynamic 2-D and 3-D works in this highly-popular show.

