



Village of Bloomingdale

Almanac

December 2016

Growth with Pride

Thanks for Investing In Bloomingdale Spirit

The following businesses generously partnered with the Village to sponsor the Fireworks display in July. A portion of the monies donated by these community-minded businesses will also be used to help fund the Christmas light display which is expanded for the 2016 holiday season. New donors to date are listed in red.

Hilton Indian Lakes Resort
Stratford Square Mall
Angelo Caputo's Fresh Market
Pan American Bank
Old Town Bloomingdale
Property Owners Association
Catering with Elegance
Golf Plus Inc.

Hollywood Cleaners

Hyde-Near Properties LLC
Anyways American Grill & Pub
Blooming Nails
El Burrito Loco.
Johnny G's Quality Meats
Pickle Piano Company
Pink Hair Studio
Massage Envy Spa

Salting Operations for Winter 2017

After the extremely mild weather we've enjoyed this fall, it's hard to start thinking about snow and ice. But Midwestern reality will surely set in soon, so here are some reminders about the salting procedures. **Keep in mind, in all areas each storm will dictate the amount of material placed down.**

Main Village Roads . . . (Brighton Drive, Butterfield Drive, Byron Avenue, Camden Drive, Cardinal Drive, N. Circle Avenue, Covington Drive, Edgewater Drive, Euclid Avenue, Fairfield Way, Fox Court, Glen Ellyn Road, Greenway Drive, Knollwood Drive, Madsen Drive, Schick Road, Scott Drive, Springfield Drive) will be treated using salt dosed with liquid calcium chloride.

Just for clarification – Lake Street is State owned, Bloomingdale Road, Army Trail,



Members of the Snow and Ice Team have been waiting for the balmy November weather to give way to winter. The crew is ready to fight the elements to keep our streets clean and safe.

Medinah Road and Gary Avenue are DuPage County roads. Snow and ice control for these roadways are carried out by these respective agencies.

2016 Winter Salting Operation Intersections . . . will be treated 100 feet adjacent to each intersection using salt dosed with liquid calcium chloride.

Hills and Curves . . . will be treated 50 feet adjacent to hazardous areas using salt dosed with

liquid calcium chloride.

All Other Village Streets and Cul-De-Sacs . . . will be either untreated or spot salted when conditions dictate using salt dosed with liquid calcium chloride.

It should be noted that the above policies will serve as a general guideline. The policy may require adjustments after establishing weather and pavement conditions, as well as other factors in the interest of motorist safety.

Festival of Lights – Begins December 2

Beginning at 6:30 p.m., holiday magic returns to our beautiful Old Town, bigger and brighter than ever with new elements and expanded entertainment. The Park's museum features two exhibits, Legos & Super Heroes and Dolls & Dollhouses. See p. 7 for calendar of events.



Warming Soles, Socktober 2016

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

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

December
Village Board Meetings
7 p.m
Council Room
Mondays, Dec 12 & 19



Congratulations, Bloomingdale! Collectively, you donated 4571 pairs of socks to the homeless! Pictured with Socktober organizer Deyana Matt, are boxes containing 10,514 pairs of socks, all donated from locations in Illinois, including neighboring towns and from as far away as Galesburg, IL.

Stay in Touch

E-News is a great way to keep up with timely information on news in Bloomingdale, such as a heads up on the branch pick-up schedule, a reminder about special events, or even a note about upcoming recycling opportunities.

And in the case of an unusual event, such as last year's pre-Thanksgiving snowstorm, the Village can send 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
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

Thanks to Village Building Inspector and resident Terry Spradling for her great shot of last year's Holiday Lights at the Village Hall

A Message from Mayor Franco

It's hard to believe another year will soon be coming to a close. The holiday season is upon us, but before we look at family activities and new traditions, I'd like to take a minute to reflect on some highlights of Bloomingdale 2016.

The Old Town Farmers' Market debuted in June. Many thanks to all of you who supported our first season. We were pleased with the success of our first venture into this weekly outdoor attraction and the positive response of our community. Conversations with our vendors, both during and at the end of the season, yielded satisfaction, encouragement, and constructive criticism, along with promises to return next season.

Much to the delight of our residents, FIREWORKS returned to Bloomingdale in July after a long absence. This one night of great community spirit and incredible pyrotechnics was the talk of the town for a month!

Two months later, we revealed a reimagined Old Town and hosted one of the best attended Septemberfests in recent memory. The weather was incredible and everyone was smiling from the first step of the parade until the last note played by 7th Heaven.

A quick update of soon to open businesses – Jimador Mexican Restaurant, 156 S. Bloomingdale Road and D's Sweet Treats, on Third Street (in Old Town) are both planning December openings. Plus Mariano's is targeting a January 2017 debut. In fact, 2017 will see more openings in its first quarter of the year.

And now (drum roll, please), if you thought last year's holiday light show was fantastic, wait until you experience this year! The Village Campus will be even more breathtaking and Old Town will come alive with an expanded Festival of Lights and decorations which will extend north from the park all the way to Lake Street.

The Library's Open House was Tuesday, November 29. Santa arrived and the lights went on all over the Village Hall campus. On Friday, December 2, the Festival of Lights begins at 6:30 p.m. When the switch is thrown, all the lights in Old Town will come on. As part of a new tradition, we will be lighting a live tree placed in the circular planter on the piazza on Franklin Street. The following Spring, the tree will be planted somewhere in the Village to memorialize the season. We will continue this tradition each year.

There are plenty of family holiday activities going on this month. Check out the Festival of Lights calendar on p. 7. And subscribe to our E-news if you haven't already, to learn weekly about other activities in town.

Two more important thoughts: "Keep the Cheer Here" by buying in Bloomingdale when holiday shopping because it builds a stronger local economy and keeps your sales tax dollars in the Village. If you find an internet price for less, ask your local retailer if they will match it! I have had success doing this many times. And, if you are looking for ways to "Share the Cheer," check out p.9 for ideas to make the holiday season a little bit happier for someone less fortunate.

From the Coladipietro Family to your Family – Best Wishes for a Joyful Holiday Season.

Mayor Franco



Lake Street Lighting Installation in Progress

The long awaited replacement street lights for Lake Street finally arrived in mid-November and are being installed now by Meade Electric.

A total of 83 street lights will be replaced from Glen Ellyn Road to Maple Avenue, just west of Bloomingdale Road. The Village expects the entire installation project to take two to three weeks to complete.

Thank you to all the residents and business owners for your patience and caution while driving on Lake Street. The new lights will make the thoroughfare much brighter and safer.

20 Years of Giving Thanks



November 14 marked Erickson's annual Thanksgiving Feast - turkey with all the trimmings and entertainment!

Wishing You the Merriest of Holidays

The Bloomingdale Village Hall holiday closings:

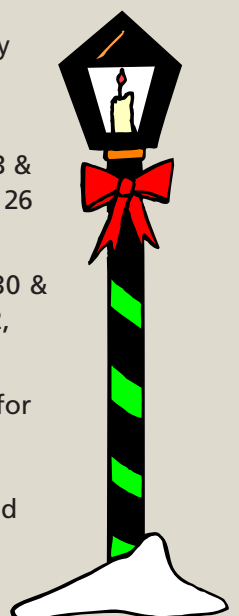
Christmas:

Friday, December 23 &
Monday, December 26

New Year's:

Friday, December 30 &
Monday, January 2,
2017

Best Wishes to all for safe and Happy Holidays from the elected officials and staff at the Village of Bloomingdale.



Mural Celebrates Bloomingdale's History

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

Bloomingdale Library
630-529-3120

Bloomingdale Park District
630-529-3650

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Check out the new historic mural on the south side of the old Post Office building, 109 S. Bloomingdale Road. A historic structure itself, it was built in 1962 pre-dating home mail delivery here by nine years. Read story on p. 10.

Detective Steve Abruzzo Promoted to Sergeant

Mayor Coladipietro administered the Oath of Office to Detective Steve Abruzzo promoting him to the rank of Police Sergeant. Sergeant Abruzzo is a 29-year employee of the Bloomingdale Police Department, having served as a Community Service Officer for two and a half years before becoming a sworn police officer in July, 1990.



Enjoy Your Live Christmas Tree . . . Then Dispose of It at the Curb

Republic Services, Inc. the Village refuse hauler, will pick up live Christmas trees, up to six-feet tall, at the curb on residents' first four scheduled pick up days in January. Place your Christmas tree at the parkway and follow these simple guidelines:

- Please do not put trees in plastic bags
- Be sure all decorations (and the stand) are removed
- Dispose of natural wreaths with the regular household trash
- Position Christmas trees with the cut end toward the curb for easy loading



Christmas tree pick-up ends on Friday, January 27, 2017.

Yard waste stickers are not required for Christmas tree disposal.

Wintertime Words to the Wise

With the seasonal snowfall just around the corner, the Village Services Department, Public Works Division is ready to combat snow and ice on the 151 miles of Village streets, making them safer for motorists. Village crews are promptly mobilized when a storm begins, day or night.



What Are the Village's Parking Regulations When It Snows?

The Village's winter parking ban takes effect after snowfalls of 2 inches or more. The ban applies to all vehicles on any Village-owned street and is in effect for a period of 24 hours or until the streets have been cleared of snow. Residents can assist Village crews in the snow removal efforts by parking vehicles in driveways or other off-street parking areas.

What if a Snowplow Damages My Parkway?

The Public Works Division understands that there could be some damage to parkways due to snow plowing operations. It is Village policy to repair parkways in April, May, and early June, weather permitting, as this is the best time for the germination of grass seed. Please call the Public Works Division at 630-671-5800 to inform us about damage to your parkway so we can put your location on the list.

Why Does My Driveway Get Plowed In?

The snowplows are designed to direct the snow to the curb side of the plow blade. "Side delivery plows" are the fastest and most efficient means available to remove snowfall from the streets. As a result, snow is discharged along the length of the curb, the parkways and the private driveway areas. The Village has thousands of private driveways abutting Village streets, the cleaning of which is the responsibility of the property owner.

Manpower and equipment limitations prohibit the Village from responding to routine requests to remove snow from private driveways. Therefore, we strongly recommend residents delay clearing the driveway until the snowplows have cleaned the majority of your street. Village ordinance PROHIBITS the discharge of snow onto the Village streets. This illegally placed snow may freeze or become compacted, creating a safety hazard for all motorists.

Who Do I Call About Snow Removal Operations?

Questions regarding snow removal should be directed to the Village Services Street Division at 630-671-5800.

Garbage Pickup Holidays

Refuse and recycling collection will be pushed back by one day, the weekdays following the Christmas and New Year's Holiday.

From
Wed 12/28 – Fri 12/30
Wed 1/4 – Fri 1/5

To
Thurs 12/29 – Sat 12/31
Thurs 1/5 – Sat 1/6



Winter Phone Numbers

Village of Bloomingdale Snow Phone (630) 671-5800

Call this number to report a problem. We regret that it is not possible to advise exactly when your particular street will be plowed.

Village of Bloomingdale Police Department - Non-Emergency (630) 529-9868

Call this number for non-emergency general information.

Bloomington Fire District - Emergency 911

Information on State Roads Illinois Department of Transportation Information Line 312-DOT-INFO (312-368-4636)

Call the above number for information on State roads (i.e., Lake Street). The District One Communication Center is open 24/7. All hazardous conditions should be reported to them at 847-705-4612 for immediate action. The Illinois Department of Transportation offers weather/road condition information on their web site at www.dot.il.gov.

Information on DuPage County Roads

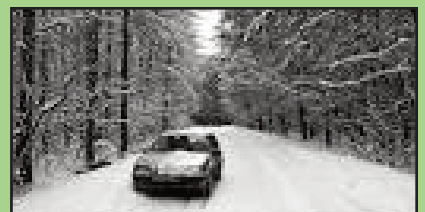
Division of Transportation DuPage County 630-682-7321

Call this number for information on DuPage County Roads (i.e. Army Trail Road, Bloomingdale Road, Gary Avenue, Schmale Road, Medinah Road)

Information Tollway Roadway Information Line

800-865-5394
or 800-TOLLYFY

For tollway information including problems with fog, snow, ice, high winds and trailer bans. The information is updated every four hours, or more often if weather conditions warrant.



ComEd Underground Electric Cable Replacement Project

Village of Bloomingdale Offers Expanded Holiday Weekend Hours for Dial-A-Ride Transportation

The Village of Bloomingdale will again be offering Expanded Weekend Dial-A-Ride hours during the holiday season from Saturday, November 26 through Saturday, December 31.

Hours are Saturday, 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Sunday, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. There is no Dial-A-Ride service on Thanksgiving Day or Christmas Day.

Bloomingdale residents may ride anywhere within the Bloomingdale Township boundaries and also to Central DuPage, Alexian Brothers and Glen Oaks Hospitals; DuPage Oncology Clinic, Monakea Medical Complex, Wheaton Medical Clinic and Wheaton Eye Clinic.

Bloomingdale's Weekend Dial-A-Ride one-way rates are: \$3.00 for Adult Residents, \$1.50 for Village residents with a disability, Village senior citizens (age 65 & older) and for students. Children (under age 7) when accompanied by a fare-paying adult are free.

Reservations shall be accepted beginning Thursday of the preceding week service is desired, and with as little as one (1) day advance notice. Same day service requests are not guaranteed.

Weekend Dial-A-Ride Reservations may be made by calling 1-800-713-7445.

During November and December of 2016, ComEd, and its sub-contractor Intren, will be replacing old underground electric cable in certain areas of the Village. The project location follows the location of the existing underground electric distribution network, usually in rear yards of properties. The project locations are:

- The east side of North Maple Ave at Lake Street
- Old Town, west of 3rd Street to South Maple Avenue
- Day Street north of Washington Street
- Between Jefferson Street and Constitution Street
- Both sides of Longridge Drive south, within 300 feet of Schick Road
- Harvard Lane, Dover Court, Colony Court and Brentwood Court

The work is part of ComEd's annual system reliability improvements. The majority of the work will be completed by Intren, a sub-contractor to Com-Ed. To minimize disturbance and the scope of restorations, horizontal directional drilling, a steerable trenchless method of installing underground pipes, conduits and cables, will be used to replace the underground cable. Only occasional excavations will be required to complete the work. Minimal, if any, electrical service disruptions are expected in completing the work. Both ComEd and Intren personnel will be working in rear yard and/or side yard easements to complete their various tasks.

Intren will place a door hanger notifying affected property owners in the work area. Both Intren and ComEd workers will be wearing or carrying identification. Both ComEd and Intren vehicles should be also be clearly marked. No workers should ask you for access to the interior of your residence to complete the work, as it is not necessary.

Areas disturbed by the work will be restored with top soil and seed blanket as weather permits; some restoration may need to be finished in the Spring of 2017 depending on the weather. Please direct any questions or concerns to Rick Ryman, Project Manager for Intren at (815) 482-0617. You may also contact the Village of Bloomingdale, Engineering Division at (630) 671-5676.

What if a Snowplow Damages My Mailbox?

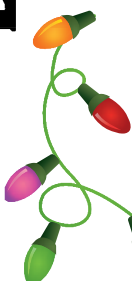
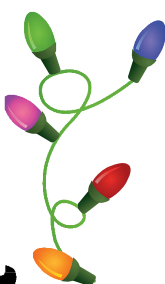
The Village will replace and/or reimburse a resident up to \$50.00 for a mailbox and post which is damaged as a result of the Village snowplow operations, provided the homeowner notifies the Village of the damage, the Village performs an in-house investigation, and the mailbox is installed per Village setback requirements.

Residents are requested to inspect mailboxes and posts to ensure sturdiness and compliance with the postal service installation requirements, and correct any problem identified. If you have questions as to whether or not your mailbox is in compliance with Village requirements, you may contact the Village Services Department - Street Maintenance Division at 630-671-5800.



Bloomington Park District

December Calendar of Events



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Opening Night 6:30PM Carriage Rides 6:30-8pm Holiday Craft 6-9pm	3 Cookie Decorating 6-8pm
4 Jeanie B-Children's Singer 3-4PM	5 St. Nick Stocking Fun 6-7pm	6 Holiday Canvas 7-9:30pm Ornament Making 5-6pm	7 Holiday Cupstacking 4:30-5:30pm	8 Holiday Bingo 6:30-8:30pm Rockin Santa 6:30-7:30pm	9 Carriage Rides 6:30-8pm St. Paul Church First Street Sound Jazz ensemble - Caroling 6:30-8pm	10 Chris Fascione 6-7PM Mom & Me Tea 9-11AM
11 Facepainting 1-4PM	12 Gingerbread House Making 4:30-5:30PM Parent and Baby Holiday Nursery Time 6:30-7pm	13 Tis the Season Canvas 7-9:30pm	14 Bedtime Stories with Santa 7-8:15pm Girls Night Out 5-6:30pm	15 Santa 6-8PM Holiday Craft 6-8:30PM	16 Craft Workshop 6-8:30PM Ms. Claus Storytime 6:30-8pm	17 Rockin Santa 6:30-7:30pm Carriage Rides 6:30-8pm St. Paul Church First Street Sound Jazz ensemble - Caroling 6:30-8pm Holiday Creations 10-11am
18 Holiday Train Rides (Ages 4-9) 1-4pm	19 Cookie Decorations 6:30-7:30pm Drawing Fundamentals Camp 10-11:30AM	20 Holiday Game Night 7-8pm	21 Drawing Fundamentals Camp 10-11:30AM	22 Ornament Workshop 6:30-8:30pm Rockin Santa 6:30-7:30pm	23 Carriage Rides 6:30-8pm Drawing Fundamentals Camp 10-11:30AM	24
25	26	27 New Years Cupcakes 10-11:30am	28	29	30	31

Museum Hours (December 2-23)

Thursdays: 6:00-8:30PM

Fridays & Saturdays: 6:00-9:00PM

Sundays: 1:00-4:00PM

■ - Requires registration & may charge a fee

Commendations for Life Saving Action

2017 Neighborhood Watch Meetings

January 11th

March 8th

May 10th

July 12th

September 13th

November 8th

All meetings are on Wednesdays evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Hall Council Room

Tuesday, August 1st, 2017 – National Night Out Against Crime event

The January 11, 2017 meeting is the annual Open Forum with Village Officials representing the Mayor's Office, Village Services, Police Department and Fire Protection District.

New Officer Hired

Dave Wolak was sworn in as Police Officer by Mayor Franco at the August 8, 2016 Village Board Meeting. While he is still in field training with his Bloomingdale police officer instructor, he will be on his own soon.



The three honorees (center -l to r) Sgt. Aaron Machek, Officers Raymond Murrell and Dallas Janes, are surrounded by Village Board members and Police Chief Frank Giammarese.

At the October 24 Village Board meeting, three Police officers were recognized with a commendation for their life saving actions in two separate incidents.

Sergeant Aaron Machek was recognized for properly assessing a heroin overdose situation upon arriving at the scene last June. He administered Narcan, definitely playing a role in saving the life of a young adult in dire need of medical attention.

Officers Raymond Murrell (l) and Dallas Janes (r) were honored for promptly administering an AED and CPR, playing a role in saving the life of a heart attack victim, until the Fire Protection District personnel arrived on the scene.

Two Police Veterans Retire

Jackie Slater, after 20 years with the Bloomingdale Police Department, retired in September. Most recently, her areas of concentration have been firearms training and emergency management. Jackie holds the distinction of being the first woman sergeant in the history of our department, as well as the first woman watch commander.



Tom Burns also retired in September after nearly 31 years of service to the department. In addition to working as a patrol officer, Tom was an evidence technician for a number of years, and served as a detective from 2005 until his retirement. Moreover, under his leadership for the last 12+ years, Tom took Bloomingdale's Peer Jury to a whole new level.



Congratulations to both fine officers. We wish them a happy and healthy retirement and best of luck in their future endeavors.



Raising Funds for Special Olympics

Seven members of our Police Department (Officers Han, Chrabot, Murrell, Giovenco, Corsiglia, Detective Cressman and Sergeant Mason) participated in the Red Robin Tip a Cop fundraiser for Special Olympics. They are pictured here with staff of the Stratford Red Robin. Thanks to everyone who supported this year's event, which raised over \$600.

Holiday Giving Opportunities

Each year many residents look for opportunities to help others less fortunate during the holiday season. Here are some of the local opportunities to share the spirit of the season.



Please be An Angel by joining together with the Village of Bloomingdale Employees this upcoming holiday season in support of the Salvation Army's Angel Tree benefiting infants (newborn to 24 months) with teen Moms and preschool age children (ages 2 to 5) attending Salvation Army's Red Shield Head Start program. Each Angel Tree tag indicates the gender, age and gift desired by each child.

If you're interested in participating and would like a tag, please e-mail Barb Weber at weberb@vil.bloomington.il.us or call 630-671-5613, (indicating gender/age preference, if you have one), and a tag will gladly be sent to you. Unwrapped gifts should be returned no later than December 14.

Bloomington Township Sharing Tree – Last year the Volunteer Council of Bloomington Township helped make the season brighter for more than 810 children in Bloomington Township. Names & wishes of local needy youngsters, as well as residents of convalescent and nursing homes are on the Sharing Tree, located at the Township Transportation Building, 123 Rosedale Road, now through December 16. Wrapped gifts must be returned by December 16.

The Council also notes so many of the "older children," aged 14 – 18, are forgotten each year because they are hard to buy for. Gift cards are a perfect choice for the older kids. The Transportation Building will be open weekdays 10 – 6, Saturday 10 – 5 and Sunday 11- 5 through December 16. For more information on the Sharing Tree Program, call Sue at (630) 529-9993.

Names and suggested gift ideas for **Marklund Home** residents will be placed on trees at:

Olive Garden, 332 W. Army Trail Road

Marklund Children's Home, 164 S. Prairie Ave.

Pivot Point, 144 E. Lake St.

Bloomington Park District, 172 S. Circle

Wrapped gifts, with names attached, should be returned to the site where the tag was picked up.

Presents for Pets and People: In the spirit of holiday giving, the Bloomington Park District is once again participating in the annual Marklund Giving Tree program, as well as including our four-legged friends. All are invited to open up their hearts to light up this holiday season for Marklund residents, as well as for deserving pets. Stop by the 'Giving Tree' at the Johnston Recreation Center, 172 S. Circle Avenue, to pick up a wish list and cheer up the lives of children, canines and kittens! Happy Holidays!

Bloomington VFW Post 7539 – Bloomington VFW Post 7539 is putting together holiday packages for our troops who are still far from home. Check out the Village's homepage www.villageofbloomington.org under "News Flash" Holiday Giving Opportunities. Items can be delivered to the Bloomington Fire Station at 179 S. Bloomington Road seven days a week, between the hours of 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Please enter on the south side of the building and ring the doorbell.

If shopping isn't your thing, but you still want to help, the VFW post can always use donations to help pay for shipping all the packages they send out. Please make checks payable to: VFW Post 7539. Send them to VFW Post 7539, c/o Bloomington Public Library, 101 Fairfield Way, Bloomington, IL, 60108, and in the memo put "Support the Troops."



Shop Online Securely This Holiday Season

As more people shop via the internet for gifts, more vigilance is needed to protect your private information. The following recommendations will be helpful.

Shop securely.

Use a secure virtual private network, known as a VPN, so cybercriminals cannot track your activity from your mobile device, desktop or laptop. Be wary of free Wi-Fi, because it may reveal your private information. Also, use a so-called disposable e-mail when visiting sites that require e-mail addresses and you don't want to provide your own. Visit www.privacy-mart.com to create your own disposable e-mails.



Watch your transactions: When paying online, make sure the connection is secure by the padlock emblem or the URL with the "https" at the top.

Stop before you share. Find out who is asking you for your information and be careful of any links they provide and ask you to click.

Watch your monthly credit card statements. If there are any unauthorized charges, report it. Also, check your annual credit report to make sure no one has opened new accounts in your name.

Beware of e-mail scams. Whenever a major retailer reports a major hack, scammers come out of the woodwork, sending bogus emails to victims seeking more personal information.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this information or other crime prevention material, please contact Officer Dawn Odoi at (630) 529-9868.

Courtesy of Anna Marie Kukec, Daily Herald (2015)

Mural Captures the Spirit of Our Past

The Bloomingdale Historical Society was thrilled when artist Thomas Roete wanted to paint a mural paying homage to the history of Bloomingdale. Roete, in collaboration with Matt Puchalski of Masterpiece Framing, had a vision to capture the village's past by creating a historic painting. Working with the Bloomingdale Historical Society, they identified prominent city landmarks and scenes that showcase Bloomingdale's history. Roete brought the vision together as he meticulously hand-painted an iconic collage that captures the essence of Bloomingdale and honors its roots.

Puchalski, who has owned and operated his business in Bloomingdale for over a decade, is proud to display an oversized reproduction of the original painting on the south side of his frame shop and art gallery, located at 109 South Bloomingdale Road. He partnered with ER2 Image Group, another longtime family-owned business and resident of Bloomingdale, who printed and installed the mural. The original painting is on permanent display in the Village Hall Council Room.

"With all of the recent renovation and revitalization of Bloomingdale, especially in the Old Town District, I believe it's important to remember our past and honor the individuals and businesses that came before us. This mural captures that spirit and sentiment beautifully," Puchalski says.

The mural was unveiled in mid-October with a small reception. Limited edition prints are available for purchase: matted for \$50; framed for \$100. Call Matt at 630-893-4390 for more information.



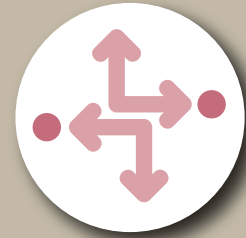
Matt Puchalski talks about honoring Bloomingdale's history.

VFW Post 7539 Honors Bentley's



VFW Post 7539 presented a plaque to Bentley's Pancake House and Restaurant, 142 E. Lake Street, in appreciation for their continued services to the community. Owner Peter Giasis' son Stathi accepted the plaque for the Giasis family.

Pictured l to r, Past VFW Post Commander Rick Middleton, Stathi Giasis, VFW Post Commander Randy Winter.



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 to These New Businesses

America's Best Contacts
48 W. Army Trail Road, #130

ServPro
108 W. Washington, Suite 100

Pan American Bank
108 W. Lake Street

Mercado Marketing
542 Stratford Square

The Sock Shop
814 Stratford Square

Silver City
512 Stratford Square

New Locations

ReMax AllPro moved to
66 Stratford Drive

**Ducat Chiropractic & Sports
Medicine moved to**
148 S Bloomingdale, Suite 107



Annie Occasion (for any occasion)



a Galena or Door County shop – but without the drive and with more affordable price tags.

Stepping into Annie Occasion, 148 S. Bloomingdale Road, is like finding the eclectic mix of merchandise with a subtle character and charm you might find in



Annie Kasak brings an eclectic merchandise mix to her shop

Owner Annie Kasak is always looking outside the box. This is evident in her floral designing (she specializes in weddings), in her unique gift and gourmet baskets, as well as her personal gift shopping creativity. Annie prides herself on finding one of a kind or unusual specialty items, whether it is for a personal shopping client or for merchandising her store. Her gourmet baskets feature several brands of quality food products you won't find elsewhere. Currently her best seller is a chocolate pretzel pizza made by Sweet Secrets.

Annie Occasion carries a myriad of gift items from original artwork and affordable luxury jewelry, to flasks, solar lighting and much, much more.

Annie understands the value of customer service. She embraces innovation and loves to produce the extraordinary. All of this is obvious when you visit her shop. If you are looking for a special gift for anyone, a visit to Annie Occasion will surprise and delight you, as will Annie.

The shop's address is misleading as it is not on Bloomingdale Road, but rather on the back side of that building's address, facing the Bloomingdale post office. Visit the website www.annieoccasion.com or call (630) 283-5973.

Hollywood Cleaners Jumps in to Help Homeless



This is what 648 pairs of socks looks like!

socks for people in need! Hollywood Cleaners is owned and operated by Bloomingdale residents who also take great pride in offering a 10% discount to all active duty military, military veterans, police officers, firefighters, and paramedics!

Hollywood Cleaners, 160 S. Bloomingdale Road, and Laced Marketplace joined forces to raise awareness for the Bloomingdale Socktober sock drive for the homeless. Laced Marketplace is a Facebook group of sneaker enthusiasts who make helping the less fortunate a #1 priority. Frank Luparello, owner of the cleaners, is a member of the group. Together they accumulated 648 pairs of



Small business is the lifeblood of the American economy, yet locally owned independent businesses are under more pressure than ever. Trying economic times, plus corporate buyouts of smaller businesses, have made it a treacherous business environment for the little guys.

In support of Bloomingdale's Small Independent Businesses, the Village of Bloomingdale is a member of the 3/50 Project, which is a national initiative created for the primary mission of saving the "Brick & Mortars Our Nation is Built On." There is a simple message, "Pick 3 local businesses; Spend \$50 collectively at them each month."

So this holiday season, as you make your gift purchases- "Keep the Cheer Here." Your loyalty keeps local businesses around. Remember, every dollar spent in Bloomingdale returns money to our economy. When you spend it on-line, nothing comes home! If your favorite independent business is not a 3/50 member, encourage them to join the 3/50 Project movement online at www.the350project.net for free publicity.

**Shop
Bloomingdale!!!!**

Community Events

Georgene Geils Business Woman of the Year Award

The Bloomingdale Area Women in Business (BAWIB) will be seeking nominations in January, 2017 for the Georgene Geils Award. This award is named for prominent local business woman Georgene Geils (1928-2011), who was a forerunner in the movement of professional women, known for mentoring through her involvement in the community and within her own business.

To honor her memory the Bloomingdale Area Women in Business and Bloomingdale Chamber annually recognize a woman who:

- Strives to empower, embrace and equip women with the knowledge and resources to achieve their personal goals and reach their professional potential.
- Demonstrates excellence, imagination, and initiative in their business or profession.
- Contributes time and energy to improve the quality of life for others in the community.

Contact the Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce at info@bloomingdalechamber.com or call 630-980-9082 for more information or a nomination form. The presentation takes place in February.



Jane Hove, former Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce President/CEO, received the Georgene Geils Award in 2016

2016 American Youth Character Award Winners



The Bloomingdale CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition's annual Celebration Night was held on Tuesday, October 11 in Old Town Park. The evening included the presentation of the 2016 American Youth Character Awards. Mayor Franco, Village Trustee Michael Hovde Jr., and the respective nominating officials pictured with the award winners (left to right): Jeremy Zakic (Erickson), Nicole Cozzi (Westfield), Sydney LaVallie (BYBA), Priyanka Achanta (DuJardin), Julia Ryan (St. Isidore), and Evelyn Mendez (Winnebago)

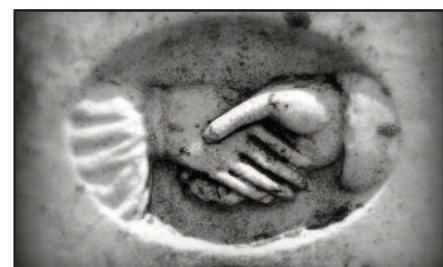
Lions Hosting Spaghetti Dinner on February 3

The Bloomingdale Lions Club hosts its annual spring Spaghetti Dinner on Friday, February 3 from 5-8 p.m. at Bloomingdale Golf Club, 181 Glen Ellyn Road. The 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, as well as other needs. For more info or tickets, contact Denny Mahoney at mahoneyden@comcast.net.

'Headstones and History' at Historical Society February 19

The Bloomingdale Historical Society will host a program on Cemetery Art Symbolism presented by Laurel Mellien of Headstones and History on February 19, 2017. The program focuses on the rich symbolism displayed in cemeteries of the Victorian Era. Headstone art during this time period was carefully chosen by family members to properly represent the deceased.

The program takes place at the Bloomingdale Library at 2 p.m. in Rooms A-B on the lower level. Details on the program and registration will appear in the February Almanac.



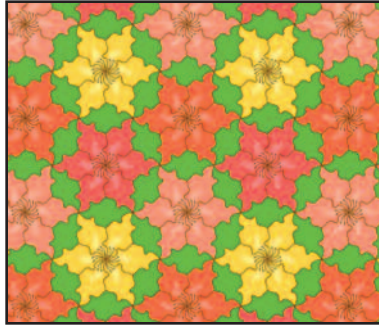
Bloomingtondale Artists Association Upcoming Programs

January 11 - Tessellation

Artist and BAA member Toni Fogarty will lead a workshop on tessellation, which is created on a surface when a shape is repeated over and over again without any gaps or overlaps. They were popularized by M.C. Escher in the 50s; reproductions of his work remain in strong demand.

February 8 - Mobile Photography for Artists

Retired music teacher Jerry Hug now enjoys exhibiting fine art photography. His workshop/demo focuses on taking better photos with iPhones, iPads and Smart Phones. Good color correction will also be covered. For a hands-on experience, please download the free "Snapseed" app.



Both programs will be held at 7pm at the Bloomingtondale Park District Museum, 108 Bloomingtondale Road. There is a \$10 visitor fee. For more information, contact Bev at bpetrosius@gmail.com.

Lake Park 35th Annual Craft Fair



Lake Park High School will host the 35th Annual Holiday Craft Fair on Saturday, December 3 at the West Campus field house from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Admission to the fair is \$2.00 for adults and free for senior citizens and children.

Park District Historical Museum Holiday Shows Appeal to All

As part of the Festival of Lights in Old Town, the Park District Historic Museum, 108 S. Bloomingtondale Road, sparkles with lights, seasonal decorations and attractions appealing to the entire family at the annual Holiday Show from December 2-December 23. See details about events on p. 7. Special hours during this time are: Thursdays: 6-8 p.m.; Fridays-Saturdays: 6-9 p.m. and Sundays: 1-4 p.m.

Gallery I: "LEGO Train and Super Heroes"

The popular LEGO exhibit returns, this year featuring super heroes of all kinds.

Gallery II: "Hello Dolly"

All kinds of antique dolls and exquisite doll houses from the 1920s to the present highlight this exhibit.

Call the Museum at (630) 339-3570 or email bpdmuseum@bloomingtondaleparks.org for more information.



Bloomingtondale Garden Club Upcoming Meetings

January 17 -

Annual Business Meeting

Agenda items include the Club's exciting programs for 2017, such as the annual spring flower sale, charitable endeavors, and the Community Giving Garden at Springfield Park. Visitors are invited to drop in and meet the members who welcome gardeners of all ages and experience.

February 21 -

Lurie Garden: Innovation in Design and Managements

Scott Stewart, Director of the Lurie Garden in Chicago's Millennium Park, will share his insights into the



overall management, programming, outreach, and planning for the Garden and surrounding park areas. The published author has an extensive background in ecological restoration and is currently working on two new books. – one about the Lurie Garden and another on native plant conservation.

Meetings begin at 6:30 p.m. at St. Paul Church, 118 First Street in Bloomingtondale. For more information about the Bloomingtondale Garden Club, visit the Club's website at www.bloomingtondalegardenclub.org or contact bloomingtondalegardenclub@gmail.com.

Around and About Town

Thanks for Halloween 2016



Thank you to all those involved with the Bloomingdale Police Department & Bloomingdale Fire Protection District Open House event and to the Bloomingdale Library and Bloomingdale Park District Halloween Party that took place on Saturday, October 22, 2106, at the Village Complex.

The event is successful due to the time and hard work of staff members and police volunteers who help contribute so that the children and their families enjoy the day of fun-filled activities. Special thanks to the generous donations from Mori Milk and Chick-fil-A (especially the "cow"), and to the DuPage County Sheriff's Department for their contributions to the event. See you next year!



SCARCE Award for Bloomingdale Library

Congratulations to the Bloomingdale Library which has been awarded an Earth Flag by SCARCE (School & Community Assistance for Recycling and Composting Education), at the November 9, 2016 Board meeting.

The SCARCE program works to inspire people through environmental education. Their goal is to preserve the Earth's natural resources, while working to build sustainable communities. Bloomingdale Library was awarded a SCARCE flag because it has adopted several new green initiatives, while maintaining its already existing eco-friendly projects.



Library Board members and staff proudly hold up their Earth Flag

New initiatives include supplying eco-green vending machines, adding more recycling cans in the building, and placing more plants throughout the building for improved air quality. To stay up-to-date on Bloomingdale Library's green initiatives, please check the website www.mybpl.org to all who participated and supported the event.

Lions Join in to Warm Soles of Homeless



Bloomingdale Lions filled a box with socks for the Socktober collection for the homeless at their October dinner meeting. Socktober coordinator Deyana Matt was on hand to accept the donations.

Also taking part in the collection drive were: School District 13 office and three schools - DuJardin, Erickson and Westfield Middle School; Incarnation and St. Isidore churches; the library, park district, village and township offices; as well as three businesses - Delish Cakes, Ducat Chiropractic and Hollywood Cleaners (see p. 11). St. Isidore Parish was the top sock donor in Bloomingdale with 1,222 socks.

THANK YOU, BLOOMINGDALE!

50 Men Cook Up Health & Wellness Benefits for Area Schools

Bloomington Chamber of Commerce's 8th Annual 50 Men Who Cook presented by AMITA Health was held on September 24, 2016 at Hilton Indian Lakes Resort. With cooks and helpers, we had more than 50 men, women, and children from the community who prepared tastings of their favorite home-cooked recipes to be sampled and judged. The multi-course culinary competition guaranteed none of the more than 200 attendees walked away hungry.



photos courtesy of Just Picture This . . .!

Musical entertainment was provided by the Lake Park High School Jazz Combo, and the event included an amazing raffle full of prizes donated by area businesses.

The event raised funds to support the Bloomington Chamber of Commerce as well as benefit health and wellness programs at area schools. Each of the three area school districts received \$1,500 to support their programs and continue the good work they do. Musical entertainment was provided by the Lake Park High School Jazz Combo, and the event included an amazing raffle full of prizes donated by area businesses. Thank you to all who participated and supported the event.

Bloomington Memories of Glenbard High School

Congratulations to Glenbard High School District 89, which celebrated its 100th anniversary in November. Bloomington has a long history with the school district as that was the closest high school for 39 years until Lake Park High School District opened in 1955. From oral histories located in the Bloomington Public Library History Room, former student Lois Speckman recalled the bus that would take her to Glenbard in the 1930s. "It had more mechanical problems that you could shake a stick at," she said. Ruth Hillman, who was a little older than Speckman, recalled having to get out and push the bus when the snow got too high. The route was Bloomington to Schaumburg to Roselle, back through Bloomington to Cloverdale and Glen Ellyn, then to school. Hard to believe that bus could hold so many students!



The Glenbard H.S. bus circa 1934

Today, Bloomington still has 202 residents attending Glenbard East and 171 attending Glenbard North.



Bountiful Harvest 2016



The Plot-to-Plate Committee of the Bloomington Garden Club (Joyce Boryla, Kathy Mikutis, and Gail Sanders) is happy to report that the garden produced 571 pounds of organically grown fresh vegetables, and donated to local food pantries during the 2016 growing season. With the help of 17 members, the Club supplied kale, swiss chard, lettuce, spinach, sugar snap peas, green beans, green peppers, jalapeño peppers, hot banana peppers, cucumbers, basil, dill, parsley, radishes, eggplant, zucchini, yellow summer squash, beets, potatoes, onions, and tomatoes. The Club eagerly anticipates another bountiful harvest next year.

In other news, the first annual Harvest Fest, with a variety of tempting potluck dishes, was held to celebrate the end of the Community Garden season. The weather cooperated, the food was delectable, and the community garden participants enjoyed each other's company.



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Fire Department Open House 2016



Winter Safety Tips: Have a professional check your furnace, chimney and fireplace

The Bloomington Fire Protection District and the National Fire Protection Association remind you that it's not too early to begin preparing for the heating season. Check these tips off your list and get ahead of the winter freeze.

- The furnace has been inspected and serviced by a qualified professional during the last 12 months. (A furnace should be serviced at least once a year.)
- The chimneys and vents have been cleaned and inspected by a qualified professional. (Not cleaning your chimney is the leading cause of chimney fires from built up creosote. This service needs to be done at least once a year.)
- The fireplace screen is metal or heat-tempered glass, in good condition and secure in its position in front of the fireplace.
- A covered metal container is ready to use to dispose cooled ashes. (The ash container should be kept at least 10 feet from the home and any nearby buildings.)
- Any portable space heaters have an automatic shut-off.
- Any portable space heaters will be plugged directly into an outlet (not an extension cord) and placed at least three feet from anything that can burn; like bedding, paper, walls, and even people.
- We have tested our smoke alarms and made sure they are working. (You need smoke alarms on every level of the home, inside each sleeping room and outside each separate sleeping area. For the best protection, the smoke alarms should be interconnected so when one sounds, they all sound.)
- We have tested our carbon monoxide alarms and made sure they are working. (Carbon monoxide alarms should be located outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home.)



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

Holiday Tips

- Water your fresh Christmas tree every day.
- Inspect lights for frayed wire or other defects before using.
- Do not leave lights on unattended.
- Consider using flamesless (battery operated) candles

Wishing Everyone Happy and Safe Holidays
Bloomington Fire Protection District



Protect Your Family When Seconds Count – Register for Smart911!

What is Smart911? – Smart911 is a confidential service that allows you to create a profile that is activated when you dial 9-1-1. The electronic safety profile provides essential household information about family members, home, pets, and vehicles. This information will display automatically on the 911 call taker's screen when users make an emergency call. It is private and secure, and you control what information is in your profile.

Who can use Smart911? – Anyone who lives, works, or visits DuPage County can create a profile. It is free and completely confidential – the information provided is available only to emergency responders during a 911 call. The service can be especially valuable to households with young children, senior citizens, or anyone with a physical or cognitive disability.

What information can be included? – Anything you think could be useful, including:

1. Family members' ages, photos, or physical descriptions.
2. Information about your home, including address, utility shutoff valves and key holders.
3. Medical information, such as medications, medical conditions, or disabilities.
4. Special considerations like language restrictions, restraining orders, or rescue notes.

How do you sign up? – Visit www.smart911.com to create a profile. The step-by-step online process lets you decide which information you want to include on your profile – and you can update or change your profile at any time.

Make A Difference Day 2016

Bloomington Park District's Third Annual Make a Difference Day was held October 22 at Springfield Park. Over 70 volunteers helped clean up trash, clear invasive plants and vegetation, seed native plants and vegetation, and replace various wood planks of the bridge and walkways in the Springfield Park Wetlands. Wolff Construction once again sponsored the event for the park district and provided several of the volunteers.

In addition, over 550 Lake Park Lancers, supported by 50+ adults, committed to giving back on Saturday, October 1, their 2nd annual "Make a Difference Day." Sites such as DuPage Habitat for Humanity, Phil's Friends, Feed My Starving Children, Busse Woods, and local nursing homes, were only a few of the many places students volunteered to help as many as possible at the same time.



Avoid Ruptured Pipes This Winter

Here are a few ways to prevent water pipes from freezing during extreme cold snaps in winter:



- Seal cracks in doors, windows and foundations. Small openings can create a concentrated blast of air that can quickly freeze pipes.
- Make sure that all rooms in the house that have plumbing fixtures are heated. Water pipes in unheated rooms can freeze, rupture, and cause extensive water damage.
- Consider installing pipe insulation around the water pipes. Local hardware stores carry the proper type of insulation for this task. Remember to check the insulation to make sure it is not wet. Wet insulation is worse than no insulation.
- Advise all family members where the main water shutoff valve is located (usually near the water meter) in case of emergency.
- Open cabinet and closet doors so that warm air can circulate around the pipes.
- Allow cold water to trickle through the faucets at the highest part of the house to prevent water from freezing in the pipes.

If pipes freeze, NEVER thaw frozen pipes with an open flame. This is a fire hazard.

- Use hot air from a hair dryer, the exhaust from a vacuum cleaner, heat lamps, heat tape, or electric heaters to thaw a frozen pipe.
- Consider using the heat from a light bulb to thaw pipes slowly. Be sure to keep the bulb away from combustible material to avoid starting a fire.



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Memorial Honors All Veterans, Past and Present, War and Peacetime

In October, a memorial was installed at St. Paul Evergreen Cemetery, dedicated to "all veterans of every war, conflict and peacetime era in U.S. history."

A Service of Dedication for the Veteran's Memorial monument took place on Saturday, November 19, 2016, at St. Paul Evergreen Cemetery located on the north side of Lake Street in Bloomingdale, just east of Circle Ave. Bloomingdale VFW Post 7539, Bloomingdale Historical Society, Bloomingdale Garden Club and the Village of Bloomingdale all participated. VFW member Bill Wolff was the keynote speaker.

The Memorial monument is a beautiful addition to the recently renovated flag pole area, and was made possible through the hard work of Chuck Franzen and Bill Bahr.

The engraved black granite stone was purchased by the Bloomingdale Historical Society, thanks to the generous underwriting of eight individuals who immediately stepped forward when they learned of the plan: Franco Coladipietro, Bob Czernek, John Dabrowski, Paul Fichtner, Bridget Mondt, Don Puchalski, Joe Salerno, and Sam Tornatore.



Bloomingdale VFW Post 7539 held their annual November 11 Veterans Day 11 a.m. service at the gazebo by the library.

Bottom – The Vets visited with Westfield Middle School staff members over "coffee and..." before visiting with the students.



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A Blizzard of Books

December 19 - February 10

ADULT/TEEN WINTER READING PROGRAM

Snowed in? Feeling cabin fever? Liven up the season with our Adult & Teen Winter Reading Challenge! Read a book and log the title for a chance to win our final prize. New this year: for readers ready to break their routine, tackle our book challenges! Read a book in different genres, settings, and more, and you'll be entered in a separate drawing for challenge readers. Adults and teens can sign up in person or online - www.mybpl.org/winterreading.

YOUTH SERVICES WINTER READING PROGRAM

Winter is the perfect time for A Blizzard of Books. Our Winter Reading Program is designed for children from infants-6th grade. Beginning Monday, December 19, you may register in person at the Youth Services Reference Desk to receive your information packet and starting prize. Complete your reading log by reading for just three hours. Turn in your log to Youth Services by Friday, February 10 to receive a book for your final prize and be entered into the Grand Prize Drawing.



Exam Cram

Tuesday, December 13

4:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 14

Thursday, December 15

3:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Open to all high school students (Grades 9-12)

Get ready for finals at the library's Exam Cram! We'll have

group and quiet study areas, Wi-Fi, and computers. We'll

provide caffeine, snacks, and opportunities to de-stress (like a visit from therapy dogs) - you provide the brain power! Pizza served at 7:00 p.m.

Attendance at library programs and events and participating in any library-related activity constitutes consent to be photographed for Bloomingdale Public Library publicity purposes.



LIBRARYEVENTS



MYBPL HOLIDAY HOURS

The library will be closed the following days for the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

Saturday, December 24 - **CLOSED**

Sunday, December 25 - **CLOSED**

Monday, December 26 - **CLOSED**

Tuesday, December 27 - 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 28 - 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 29 - 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Friday, December 30 - 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 31 - **CLOSED**

Sunday, January 1 - **CLOSED**

Monday, January 2 - **CLOSED**

Regular hours resume January 3, 2017

**On behalf of the Board and Staff of BPL,
have a great holiday season!**

ON THE SAME PAGE

Thank you to all who participated in our sixth annual On the Same Page series of programs and book discussions of *The Coast of Chicago* by Stuart Dybek. This program is made possible in part by our sponsors, Itasca Bank & Trust, Friends of the Bloomingdale Public Library, Rotary Club of Bloomingdale-Roselle, and Salerno Rosedale Chapels.



VALENTINES

FOR VETERANS

Monday, December 19 - Wednesday, February 1

Children are invited to make Valentine cards for men and women serving in the military and for veterans in Hines Veterans Hospital. Craft supplies will be available at the Youth Services desk. Stop by and make a card to show how much we care.

Holiday Family Event

Frosty's Winter Wonderland (Drop-In)

Families

Sunday, December 11

2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Frosty and his friends gather to celebrate the holidays in this delightful show presented by Dave Herzog's Marionettes.

Winter Concert Series

David Flippo Presents: Jazz Goes Pop! *R*

Tuesday, January 10 - 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

The Dave Flippo Trio Presents "Jazz Goes Pop" - a collection of jazz arrangements of classic rock and contemporary gems that brings a new twist to familiar melodies.



Dangerous Folk *R*

Tuesday, February 14 - 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

David, Doug, and Julie are Dangerous Folk presenting "Blowing in the Wind" - a mighty wind of classic folk music from the 50's and 60's.





ADULT PROGRAMS

Registration (*R*) is required unless noted. Please register at the Reference Desk, by phone (630) 924-2730, or online at www.mybpl.org.

NEW YEAR, NEW YOU!

Tea 102: The Health Benefits of White & Green Teas *R*

Tuesday, January 3 - 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Last January we celebrated National Hot Tea Month by tasting a variety of teas from Serene Teaz in Wheaton, and this year we're graduating to the next level. In Tea 102, we review white & green teas, go over their health benefits, caffeine levels, and how to steep these teas. We will also discuss how to lose weight by incorporating these teas into our diets. *Presented by Sarine Crotteau, owner of Serene Teaz in Wheaton.*



Postpone Procrastination Now! *R*

Monday, January 9 - 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Procrastinators often find it difficult to engage in relaxing activities as the anxiety of unfinished responsibilities nag at our consciousness and thoughts of "I should be" fill our minds. This interactive class helps participants live a more engaging and active life by promoting action instead of delay and forward movement as opposed to stagnation. *Presented by Rev Tom Wendt—Certified DreamBuilder Coach.*

Color Analysis: Are You a Spring, Summer, Fall, or Winter? *R*

Monday, January 30 - 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Color, when used wisely, can enhance any wardrobe and become a significant part of your personal style. In this workshop, you'll learn to choose colors that enhance your body's unique color pattern, define the properties of hue, temperature, value and resonance, and choose and define your color range. *Presented by Nancy Plummer, author and owner of Fine Threads, a consulting firm that specializes in one-on-one fashion analysis, closet consultations, and personal shopping.*

Tai Chi *R*

Friday, December 2 & Friday, January 6 - 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
Join us at the library for an hour of Tai Chi, which is all about slow movement, meditation, breathing, and balance. *Bob Plucinsky is an instructor of Tai Chi and Qi Gong from the Bloomington Township Senior Center. He has a B.S. in Physical Education and a M.S. in Health Education.*

Great Decisions - Coming in January! *R*

Wednesday, December 21 - Informational Meeting
Wednesday, January 18
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

The library is hosting the Great Decisions discussion program, a civic education program administered and produced by the Foreign Policy Association. In preparation for the discussion, participants read the relevant chapter on a particular foreign policy issue in the *Great Decisions* briefing book that will be available for check out. A short DVD will be shown followed by a moderated discussion among the participants. Please join us for a short informational meeting on Wednesday, December 21 at 7 p.m. in the Conference Room. The first discussion on "The Future of Europe" will be Wednesday, January 18 at 7 p.m. The monthly discussions will be held the third Wednesdays of January-May. Register at the Reference Desk or online at www.mybpl.org. For more information, please contact Julie Deeke at jdeeke@mybpl.org.



Vintage Holiday Cocktail Parties *R*

Monday, December 5 - 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Travel back through holiday celebration decorations and food trends from past decades with cookbook collector Amy Alessio. Enjoy a vintage inspired snack and leave with recipes.

Pearl Harbor: A Day That Will Live in Infamy *R*

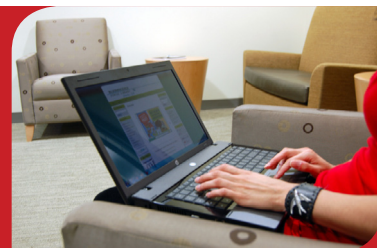
Tuesday, December 6 - 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
In commemoration of the 75th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor, historian Jim Gibbons will present the story of Pearl Harbor and how the United States was suddenly and deliberately surprise-attacked by Japanese Naval and Air Forces and then thrust from isolationism into World War II.



Heartsaver CPR Training *R*

Saturday, December 10 - 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Learn CPR basics from local firefighter and paramedic, Jeff Skelley, owner of My Life Saver CPR. This hands-on class designed for the general public will cover adult, child, and infant CPR and choking, and how to use an Automated External Defibrillator for heart attacks. The cost is \$40 for the three hour session.

ADULT PROGRAMS



The Essential Christmas Carol *R*

Monday, December 12 - 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

For The Essential Christmas Carol, William Pack tells the story from Dickens' 1867 abridged reading script. Besides the reading, there will be a Q&A where you'll hear the fascinating story of the creation and cultural response to the work. Experience a modern recreation of a magic lantern slide show, like the ones popular during Charles Dickens' life.

Find & Save Extra Money for the Holidays *R*

Tuesday, December 13 - 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

The Illinois State Treasurer's Office and the Citizens Utility Board (CUB) are teaming up to help you find money you didn't know you had. Through the I-Cash program, the Illinois State Treasurer's Unclaimed Property Division connects state residents with their unclaimed property. With CUB's Utility Bill Clinic, you can bring in bills and find out if you may be paying too much. *Patrons will meet with Illinois State Treasurer reps and CUB reps in 15 minute increments; first come, first served.*

DIY Make & Take: Washi Tape Greeting Cards and Gift Wrapping *R*

Monday, January 23 - 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Save money this year by making your own washi tape embellished greeting cards and gift wrap. Several examples will be on display for you to make and take home. You'll also learn how to search Pinterest for more homemade cards and gift wrapping ideas!



Movie Matinee (Drop-In)

We'll supply the popcorn. Come enjoy these new releases and enter for a chance to win a copy of that day's movie on DVD.

Florence Foster Jenkins (PG-13)

Wednesday, December 14 - 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Sully (PG-13)

Wednesday, January 18 - 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

MONDAY NIGHT PAGE TURNERS

NO MEETING IN DECEMBER

Monday, January 16
7:30 p.m.

The Rosie Project
by Graeme C. Simsion

HISTORICAL BOOK GROUP

Tuesday, December 6
10:00 a.m.

Jefferson's America: The President, the Purchase, and the Explorers who Transformed a Nation
by Julie M. Fenster

Tuesday, January 9
10:00 a.m.

Assassination Vacation
by Sarah Vowell

MYSTERY MAVENS

NO MEETING IN DECEMBER

Wednesday, January 25
7:30 p.m.

Bad Little Falls
by Paul Doiron

ONGOING PROGRAMS

GAMES FOR GROWNUPS (Drop-In)

Thursday, December 8, Thursday, January 12
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Join us for an afternoon of cards, board games, and video games. Refreshments provided.

BLOOMINGDALE SENIORS' CLUB (Drop-In)

Tuesday, December 13, Tuesday, January 10
11:00 a.m.

Do you enjoy playing cards and meeting others who share your interests? Join the Seniors' Club!

GENEALOGY CLUB (Drop-In)

Thursday, January 26
6:30 - 8:45 p.m.

Members share search strategies and explore library resources with guidance from certified genealogist Leslie Drewitz.

GREAT DECISIONS *R*

Wednesday, December 21 (Informational Meeting), January 18
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

The Great Decisions discussion program is a civic education program administered and produced by the Foreign Policy Association. In preparation for the discussion, participants read the relevant chapter on a particular foreign policy issue in the Great Decisions briefing book that will be available for check out, followed by a moderated discussion among the participants.

DOWNLOADABLE RESOURCES *R*

Tuesday, December 27, Tuesday, January 17
4:00 - 7:30 p.m.

We'll have a librarian available to get you started using eBooks, audiobooks, and digital magazines. Contact the Reference Desk to schedule an appointment.



KIDS CORNER

- Some programs require registration as noted. You may register for programs online at www.mybpl.org (click on "Calendar" at the top of the page), at the Youth Services Reference Desk, or call (630) 924-2740. Have your library card when you register.

R - Registration required

Registration for Bloomington residents begins Monday, December 5. Non-residents: one week before each program begins.

Drop-In - No registration required.

Programs

Lego Madness (Drop-In)

Grades K-6

Monday, December 5 & January 9

6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Come challenge yourself and learn new techniques with the monthly theme, or stretch your imagination with free building.

Storytime with a Surprise at Stratford Square Mall (Drop-In)

All ages

Thursday, December 1 & January 5

11:00 - 11:45 a.m.

Join us at Stratford Square Mall (meet by the Jolly Express Train) and receive a treat for being a good listener! Caregivers must remain with their children. December will be a special storytime with Santa!



Craft Time (Drop-In)

All ages

Thursday, December 1 & January 5

3:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Stop by the Youth Services department the first Thursday of every month anytime between 3:00-8:00 p.m. to make a fun craft. We'll supply all the materials needed.

Tuesdays with Toys (Drop-In)

Ages 3 months - 5 years with caregiver

Tuesday, December 6

10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Tuesdays with Toys is an informal program giving parents with small children the opportunity to meet & talk with other parents, while children play with toys and games.

STORYTIMES

Preschoolers of all ages can join us for a storytime. The YS department provides age-appropriate educational fun with stories, sign language, music, & more. Each program runs for five weeks. Winter Storytimes begin the week of January 9 and end of the week of February 6.

Registration is required for the following storytimes *R*:

ROMPER RHYMES (3-15 months):

Thursdays, 9:45 - 10:30 a.m.

BUDDING READERS (16-23 months):

Thursdays, 11:00 - 11:30 a.m.

TIME FOR 2's (24-36 months):

Wednesdays, 10:00 - 10:30 a.m.

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME (ages 3-5):

Mondays, 1:15 - 2:00 p.m.

OR Tuesdays, 10:30 - 11:15 a.m.

Drop-In Storytimes

FAMILY STORYTIME (All Ages):

Fridays, 10:30 - 11:00 a.m.

Storytime, Milk, and Cookies at Panera (Drop-In)

All ages

Monday, December 12 & January 9

9:30 - 10:15 a.m.

Location: Panera Bread, 370 W. Army Trail Rd., Bloomington, IL

Enjoy a special themed storytime with music and nibble on some yummy cookies and milk from Panera!



Parent/Baby Holiday Storytime *R*

Birth - 23 months

Monday, December 12

6:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Location: Bloomington Park District Museum at 108 S. Bloomington Road

Come bring the little one for this festive holiday storytime! We will sing songs, play with some jingly bells, and get into the holiday spirit. Seasons Readings! **Register through the Bloomington Park District.**

Music and Movement - Songs of the Season *R*

3 years - Grade K

Tuesday, December 13

1:00 - 1:30 p.m.

Come for half hour of musical exploration through song, dance, movement activities, and instrument play, with a focus on some favorite songs of the season.

LEGO Robotics *R*

Grades 3-6

Wednesday, December 14

4:15 - 5:15 p.m.

Build and program LEGO creations to move and make sounds with Education WeDo software in this fun, hands-on program.

Grinchmas Storytime (Drop-In)

All ages

Thursday, December 15

10:00 - 10:45 a.m.

OR

1:00 - 1:45 p.m.

Join us for a "Wholiday" storytime that is sure to grow your heart by three sizes! Stay for a craft that is sure to make any Grinch smile.



Doodlebugs *R*

2-3 years old with caregiver

Monday, December 19

11:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Little fingers will experiment with painting, gluing, sticking and creating, while developing fine motor skills.

Family Holiday Ornament Program (Drop-In)

Families

Monday, December 19

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Stop by with the whole family and make some holiday ornaments for your tree. Refreshments will be served.

DuPage Children's Museum Play to Learn *R*

Up to age 6 and their families

Wednesday, January 4

1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

The DuPage Children's Museum brings their interactive portable museum exhibits to the library. Together, children and caregivers will enjoy the museums exhibits and learn additional hands-on activities that can be done together at home!

Focus on FUNDamentals *R*

Grades K-1

Monday, January 9 - February 6

4:15 - 5:00 p.m.

Focus on everyday skills that will prove essential to a successful school year—listening, following directions, and more. There will be no class on January 16.

Getting Excited About Science (Drop-In)

All ages and families

Monday, January 16

2:00 - 2:45 p.m.

Steve Bellivue uses dramatic demonstration, humor, music and audience participation to teach science. He brings basic science ideas to life, complete with experiments, explosions, and fun!



Winter Break Programs

Bingo with a Holiday Twist (Drop-In)

Families

Tuesday, December 20 - 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Join us for a new twist to an old favorite, as we play bingo with holiday flair. Drop in anytime between 2:00-4:00. Games will be ongoing. Winners will receive prizes!

Make a Masterpiece *R*

Grades 2-4

Thursday, December 22 - 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Make a Masterpiece is back with a special winter edition to celebrate our "Blizzard of Books" Winter Reading Program! Join us to create a beautiful snowy landscape with watercolors and other art materials.

Drop-in Movie: *Secret Life of Pets*

Families

Tuesday, December 27 - 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

Get comfortable, have some popcorn, and enjoy the matinee. Children 8 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Rated PG.

Kits 'N' Caboodles (Drop-In)

Grades 3-5

Wednesday, December 28 - 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Drop in to take a look at some of the library's Science Kits, with hands-on interaction and guidance available. Finish with a chance to check out your favorite kit!

Bubble Blow Out New Year's Eve Party *R*

Ages 2-5

Thursday, December 29 - 10:30 - 11:00 a.m.

Rock out and celebrate the New Year! We will dance, read stories, and blow bubble as we count down to our own ball drop!

Early Learning Kickstart *R*

Ages 3-5

Wednesday, January 18

1:00 - 1:30 p.m.

This program is designed to build an academic foundation and foster curiosity and a love of learning. Children will begin to connect words, learn letter sounds, and work with pencil skills to prepare for writing numbers and letters. Presented by the Bloomingdale Kumon Center.

DIY Dinos *R*

Grades 2-3

Wednesday, January 25

4:15 - 5:00 p.m.

Come learn cool dinosaur science, make some dino-munchies, and create your own dinosaur fossil (to be picked up later, once dry.)



Chinese New Year (Drop-In)

All ages

Saturday, January 28

11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

It's the Chinese New Year, the Year of the Rooster. Stop by to make something special for the holiday.

Bookbonding *R*

Grades 1-3, with a favorite adult

Thursday, February 9

2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Create bonding moments and continue the joy of reading with this beginning chapter book program for parents and children. Pick up *Chicken Squad: The Case of the Weird Blue Chicken* at the circulation desk and join us for discussion and crafts.



TEENBEAT

OPEN TO TEENS 7th GRADE & UP

Unless otherwise noted



Registration is required for some teen programs.

Register at the Adult Reference Desk, online,
or by phone at (630) 924-2730.

R - Registration required

Drop-In - No registration required

3D PRINT YOURSELF *R*

Wednesday, December 7 - 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Come create a 3D printed version of yourself! Learn the basics of 3D printing, scanning, and design. We'll make a 3D scan of you, which you can customize to create a small statue or holiday ornament. We'll print your finished design on the library's new 3D Printer for you to keep.

TEEN GAME NIGHT (DROP-IN)

2nd & 4th Thursdays of the month

December 10, no Game Night on December 22,

January 12, January 26

6:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Join other teens for gaming on our big screens or a tabletop! Have a dance-off using our Kinect, start your own Rock Band, race in Mario Kart 8, battle in Super Smash Bros., or discover your new favorite tabletop or board game!

EXAM CRAM (DROP-IN)

Tuesday, December 13

4:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 14

Thursday, December 15

3:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Open to all high school students (grades 9-12). Get ready for finals at the library's Exam Cram! We'll have group and quiet study areas, Wi-Fi, and computers. We'll provide caffeine, snacks, and opportunities to de-stress (like a visit from therapy dogs) - you provide the brain power! Pizza served at 7:00 p.m.



TAB: TEEN ADVISORY BOARD *R*

Wednesday, December 21, January 18 - 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Make your voices heard! Join us monthly to meet over pizza to help plan programs for teens, make decisions for the library's teen space, play games, promote the library, earn volunteer hours, and more!

THROWBACK THURSDAY *R*

Thursday, December 22 - 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

- De-stress during Winter Break by turning back the clock and being a little kid again. Come relax in your pajamas, build blanket forts, eat sugary cereal, color, and watch cartoons. It's the greatest #TBT ever!

OTAKU TUESDAY *R*

4th Tuesday of the Month

December 27, January 22 - 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Watch anime, make some crafts, and learn about Japanese culture. Otaku Tuesdays are perfect for die-hard fans and newbies alike. In December, we'll have a Happy Kawaii-liday by watching *My Neighbor Totoro* and creating our own Totoro plushy. In January, we'll have a *Black Butler* tea party.

FANDOM BRAINIAC *R*

Wednesday, January 4 - 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Calling all Potterheads, Whovians, Otaku, and Nerdfighters! Come test your knowledge and more in an epic trivia night, including a fandom spelling bee. Cosplay is encouraged! We'll have prizes, snacks, and tons of nerding out.



OPERATION CODEBREAK *R*

Wednesday, January 11 - 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

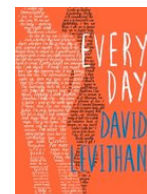
Open to teens in grades 6-12. Become a master spy! Learn how to crack codes and passwords and put them to work on a code breaking scavenger hunt. We'll learn about different cryptography and code breaking methods, make our way through "laser" booby traps, disarm dangerous "bombs", and learn how to craft the best passwords so you can keep all of your secrets safe.

TEEN BOOK CLUB: EVERY DAY *R*

Monday, January 16 - 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Offsite location: Starbucks (170 E. Lake St., Bloomington)

Discuss the novel *Every Day*, the story of a teen named A who wakes up in a different body every morning, over some snacks and beverages.



COMPUTER CLASSES



TO REGISTER FOR A COMPUTER CLASS, PLEASE CONTACT THE COMPUTER SERVICES DEPARTMENT
IN PERSON, BY PHONE (630) 924-2767, OR ONLINE AT WWW.MYBPL.ORG.

iPhone Basics

Monday, December 12, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

Learn to download and run apps, organize your icons, configure your settings, find and use your pictures, play your music, synchronize your phone with other devices, and much more.

Internet Safety

Thursday, December 15, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Instructor: Charlie

Don't call the number on your screen! Learn about common security threats, how to remove most virus and spyware issues, what to do to reduce your risk of infection, and how to recover if your computer is infected.

Using iPads

Thursday, January 5, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Instructor: Charlie

Become more comfortable working with apps, the touchscreen interface, and navigating the settings and tools that can make your iPad as fun and useful as possible.

Beginners Internet Course: Cloud Storage

Monday, January 9, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

Internet based or cloud tools offer more and more opportunities for computer users. One of the most versatile resources is cloud storage. Students will learn to use one of the many options available to either work collaboratively with other people, keep resources available to themselves anywhere in the world, and/or provide a safety net in case of computer failure.

Getting Started: Windows 10

Tuesday, January 10, 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Instructor: Charlie

This class provides a basic understanding of how to use Windows. Topics such as using the desktop, settings, manipulating windows, understanding files, and installing new programs will be covered. This class will also discuss the visual changes associated with Windows 10.

Digital Archiving

Thursday, January 12, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Instructor: Charlie

Learn to convert VHS tapes, 35mm slides, documents, and photos into digital files. Great for record keeping and making it easier to share memories.

Getting Started: Your Files

Tuesday, January 17, 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

Every time a picture is taken, a letter is written, or a song is purchased on your computer a file goes somewhere. Learn all about where these files are and how to find, copy, delete, and restore them. A great class for anyone with a lot of personal information or pictures they're worried about losing or moving to a new computer.

Google Docs

Monday, January 23, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

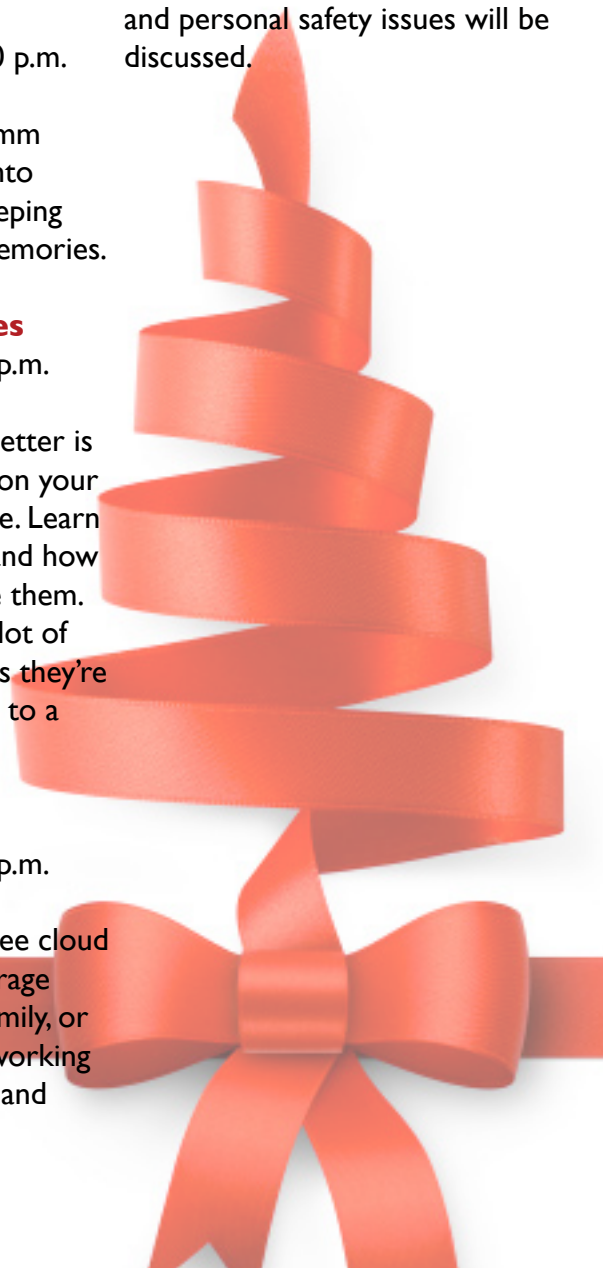
Google provides a number of free cloud applications perfect for safe storage or collaboration with friends, family, or colleagues. Learn the basics of working with these tools to create, edit, and share documents.

Social Networking

Tuesday, January 24, 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

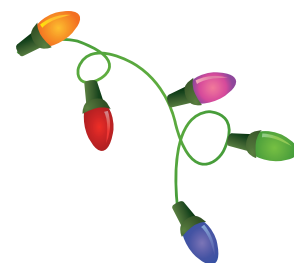
Students learn how to create and use accounts with popular social media sites Facebook and Twitter. An emphasis will be placed on popular functions such as finding friends using your email account, adding pictures, searching topics, and much more. Privacy and personal safety issues will be discussed.





Festival of Lights

**December 2 - 31
@ Old Town Park**



Programming and entertainment to include:

- Holiday Show at the Museum
 - o Gallery I: "LEGO Train and Super Heroes" - The popular LEGO exhibit returns featuring super heroes of all kinds.
 - o Gallery II: "Hello Dolly" - All kinds of antique dolls and exquisite doll houses from the 1920s-present highlight this exhibit.
- Museum Hours (Dec. 2 – Dec. 23)
 - o Thursdays: 6-8:30PM
 - o Fridays-Saturdays: 6-9PM
 - o Sundays: 1-4PM
- Additional entertainment to include:
 - o Horse-drawn carriage rides
 - o Craft workshops
 - o Carolers
 - o Holiday Bingo
 - o Santa Visits
 - o Cookie Decorating
 - o Rockin' Santa
 - o Ms. Claus Storytime
 - o Train Ride



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December Calendar of Events



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Opening Night 6:30PM Carriage Rides 6:30-8pm Holiday Craft 6-9pm	3 Cookie Decorating 6-8pm
4 Jeanie B-Children's Singer 3-4PM	5 St. Nick Stocking Fun 6-7pm	6 Holiday Canvas 7-9:30pm Ornament Making 5-6pm	7 Holiday Cupstacking 4:30-5:30pm	8 Holiday Bingo 6:30-8:30pm Rockin Santa 6:30-7:30pm	9 Carriage Rides 6:30-8pm St. Paul Church First Street Sound Jazz ensemble - Caroling 6:30-8pm	10 Chris Fascione 6-7PM Mom & Me Tea 9-11AM
11 Facepainting 1-4PM	12 Gingerbread House Making 4:30-5:30PM Parent and Baby Holiday Nursery Time 6:30-7pm	13 Tis the Season Canvas 7-9:30pm	14 Bedtime Stories with Santa 7-8:15pm Girls Night Out 5-6:30pm	15 Santa 6-8PM Holiday Craft 6-8:30PM	16 Craft Workshop 6-8:30PM Ms. Claus Storytime 6:30-8pm	17 Rockin Santa 6:30-7:30pm Carriage Rides 6:30-8pm St. Paul Church First Street Sound Jazz ensemble - Caroling 6:30-8pm Holiday Creations 10-11am
18 Holiday Train Rides (Ages 4-9) 1-4pm	19 Cookie Decorations 6:30-7:30pm Drawing Fundamentals Camp 10-11:30AM	20 Holiday Game Night 7-8pm	21 Drawing Fundamentals Camp 10-11:30AM	22 Ornament Workshop 6:30-8:30pm Rockin Santa 6:30-7:30pm	23 Carriage Rides 6:30-8pm Drawing Fundamentals Camp 10-11:30AM	24
25	26	27 New Years Cupcakes 10-11:30am	28	29	30	31

Museum Hours (December 2-23)

Thursdays: 6:00-8:30PM

Fridays & Saturdays: 6:00-9:00PM

Sundays: 1:00-4:00PM

- Requires registration & may charge a fee

SCHOOL'S OUT!

Days Off Of School Program

School's Out! provides endless opportunities for kindergarten through fifth-graders on days off of school. Each day offers a variety of structured yet relaxed activities for your child to enjoy including games, sports, arts and crafts, indoor and outdoor playtime, cooking, trips, special events and more!

Upcoming Days Off Options

December 21-23, 28-30

January 15, 18, 20

SUMMER JOB FAIR

Calling everyone 16 and older interested in working at the Bloomington Park District this summer! We are hosting an open house job fair for positions in aquatics, parks maintenance and summer camp and we want to meet you! This is a one-stop shop for a summer job and there are many opportunities available. Stop in between 3:00-6:00 pm on January 5 to apply and have your initial interview. If you have questions or to send your application or resume ahead of time, please contact Liz at liz@bloomingtonparks.org

Westfield Walking Track

Get Moving. Get in Shape. Get Healthy. Feel Great!

Did you know the Westfield Walking Track is free for residents of Bloomington?

The track consists of two lanes. The inside lane is for walkers and the outside lane is for runners/joggers. 15 laps=1 mile.

All persons using the indoor track must have a photo ID to show residency. Non-residents must purchase a pass at the Johnston Recreation Center. Passes are good for one year from the date of purchase.

Fee: Free resident/\$30 non-resident

**Hours of Operation beginning January 2 - May 31
(subject to change)**

Mon.-Tues.	Wed.-Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
5:30-8AM	5:30-8AM	5:30-8AM	8AM-12PM	8AM-12PM
4-9PM	4-10PM	4-9PM		

*Gym will close at 9PM Mon-Thu if no one attends

500 Mile Club

\$10 to join

The Westfield staff keeps a record of miles walked for each member. Club members receive a 500 Mile Club T-shirt upon achieving 500 miles.

Adult Trips

Chicago Auto Show

Location: Roselle Park District

Instructor: Staff

MIN/MAX: 4/4

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR	Fee	Code #
Adult	Tu	9:00-4:00P	2/14	\$15/20		203271-A1

Matinee at the Opera

Location: Roselle Park District

Instructor: Staff

MIN/MAX: 4/4

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR	Fee	Code #
Adult	W	12:30-6:15P	2/15	\$88/93		203277-A1

Murder Myster Show

Location: Medinah Park Dist

Instructor: Staff

MIN/MAX: 3/10

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR	Fee	Code #
Adult	Tu	11:15-2:00P	1/24	\$59/64		203274-A1