

Village of Bloomingdale

Almanac

February 2017

Growth with Pride

Thanks for Investing In Bloomingdale Spirit

Thanks once again, to the very generous Bloomingdale businesses who partnered with the Village in 2016 to sponsor both the exceptional 4th of July Fireworks, as well as the stunning and expanded Christmas Light Displays at the Village Complex, Monument sign, and in Old Town.

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

Pass on the Salt Whenever Possible This Winter

So far this winter has been a mixed bag, mild beginnings to sub-zero temps and unforgiving winds, snow, rain, frigid cold, unseasonably warm temps, freezing rain, thunderstorms. What else "old man winter" has in store for us remains to be seen.

In regard to dealing with the snow and ice removal, residents are encouraged to utilize best management practices for snow and ice removal during the winter months. Please note, road salts are carried into storm drains and streams via storm water runoff. Once in waterways, these chlorides never fully dissipate and can be harmful for aquatic life.

Removing snow prior to applying a deicer, applying just enough to reduce hazard, and



sweeping up and properly storing road salt after a storm for reuse, are all ways to reduce the levels of chlorides in DuPage County waterways this winter.

For those residents who are not only looking to

use less road salt, but are also looking for a greener solution to deicing, there are now such products on the market available to consumers which are both environmentally friendly and pet friendly.



Monument Dedication Honors Our Vets

See page 10 for additional photos of the Veterans Memorial Monument Dedication Service at St. Paul's Cemetery.

St. Paul Brownie Troop Takes 1st Place at Arboretum Scarecrow Contest

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



The third graders of Brownie Troop #55216 from St. Paul's Church are pictured with their 1st Place scarecrow at Morton Arboretum. This is the first time the girls entered the competition for the Arboretum's Scarecrow Trail. They were so excited! The scarecrow was titled **Birds of a Feather, Living Together**.

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 extreme weather conditions or emergency situations, the Village can send out critical information to all subscribers as it becomes available.

Go to www.villageofbloomingdale.org and sign up for the E-news. It's easy and free!



Village of Bloomingdale Elected Officials

Franco A. Coladipietro
Village President

William Belmonte
Traffic and Streets

Michael D. Hovde
Planning, Zoning & Environmental Concerns

Jane E. Michelotti
Village Clerk

Bill Bolen
Finance and Administration

Vince Ackerman
Intergovernmental and Community Relations

TRUSTEES

Judi Von Huben
Public Safety

Frank Bucaro
Facilities, Infrastructure

Thanks to resident Alexandria Contes for her beautiful photo at Westlake Park, taken in November 2015, the day after our pre-Thanksgiving record breaking snowfall.

A Message from Mayor Franco

Happy New Year, everyone! If you thought 2016 was exciting in Bloomingdale, I think you'll be happy to hear about some great things in store for 2017.

Before we talk about the upcoming year, I'd like to reflect on the holidays. I hope everyone had a chance to visit Old Town to enjoy the expanded Festival of Lights, the addition of lights along Third Street, and especially our enormous Christmas tree. We were fortunate to have the 30-foot tree donated to us by the John and Jane Zenghi family. It certainly made a statement in the piazza and became the backdrop for many family holiday photos.

I sincerely thank the Zenghi Family for sharing their well-loved tree with all of Bloomingdale and for creating so many wonderful memories for the people of our community! We believe we may have started a new tradition of seeking big trees within our neighborhoods from residents who are interested in making their tree a future Bloomingdale Christmas tree in Old Town.

One of the first events in 2017 to be met with much enthusiasm was the grand opening of Mariano's in Stratford Crossing on January 17. We are proud to welcome the highly acclaimed grocer which has designed its own niche in the world of food stores, creating a shopping and foodie experience filled with amenities. Mariano's is an excellent addition to our business community. The strength of the Mariano's name brand will be a significant asset in our redevelopment efforts in the area, especially at Stratford Square Mall. (Read more about the store on page 9.)



Mayor Franco, self-acclaimed foodie, is very happy about the new Sushi Bar at Mariano's.

In the near future, we will also be seeing more exciting businesses – two of which are eateries. McAllisters Deli, a fast casual restaurant with a great following, will be opening at the southwest corner of Gary and Army Trail Road in the newly built Gateway Plaza. Firehouse Subs, a sandwich shop concept launched by firemen, is noted for its hearty sandwiches, both hot and cold. It will open at 398 W. Army Trail Road (the former Pier One location).

As we look ahead, we plan to capitalize on the development successes on Lake Street to continue our efforts in revitalizing the gateway to our community. We are planning streetscape beautification efforts on Lake Street and will be assisting in the redevelopment of our remaining vacant buildings. We also plan to focus on adding more community events as we take advantage of our redeveloped Old Town area. By focusing on these efforts, as well as our continued financial discipline, Bloomingdale will continue to prosper as an attractive community for people to live and raise their families.

My very best to you and your families for a healthy and prosperous 2017!

Mayor Franco



BIG Tree Lighting 2017



The tree is placed



The kids help flip the switch



The tree is lit!



Thanks to residents John & Jane Zenghi



Preparing to 'SWING' into the 2017 Golf Season

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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Winter still has a good hold on us, but it won't be long before we can begin swinging the clubs again! As the golf staff has done in the past, they are currently updating all their programs and plan to make them available for viewing on the website by early February. In the meantime, here are a couple things and reminders that will interest you in anticipation for the golf season.



Remember to re-register for your Community Card. If you are unfamiliar with this program, by registering in the golf shop, it allows residents of Bloomington and selected communities in the area the opportunity to receive reduced green fee rates. It's a small annual fee, and if you play more than 2-3 times a year, you will definitely save money!

When you visit our website, you will notice a nice upgrade! We have altered the look and made it a bit easier to navigate. More importantly, when you access our website on your smart phone you will have a much easier time viewing pages and booking tee times.

This year the golf staff plans to set-up tee markers on the golf course identifying a junior "Short-Course." From these teeing locations, juniors (and beginning golfers) can play the course from a more manageable distance, making their time on the course more enjoyable. Additional information will be made available in the spring as they complete this project.

Mark your calendars!! Friday Night "Haddock Fish Fry" at the golf course begins March 3rd and goes through April 14th. Doors will open at 4 pm and the last seating will be 8:30 pm. Seating is based on a first come, first serve basis.

For more information on course activities, please visit our website at www.bloomingtonilegc.com or call the golf shop at 630-529-6232.

Looking for a Summer Job?

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

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

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

The Village of Bloomington is an Equal Opportunity Employer.



Thank You Village of Bloomingdale Committee & Commission Volunteers

The Village of Bloomingdale depends on the efforts of certain commissions and committees during the year. Each serves a specific purpose and is made up of volunteers, who contribute a great deal of time to carry out the work of the commission. We extend thanks to the following individuals who have given their time so generously during 2016.

Bloomingdale Mayor's Advisory Committee

Vince Ackerman
Lucien R. Battiato
Robert P. Bucaro
Andre Burke
Ross Caputo
Frank DeCarlo
Lynne Wallis Denmark
Cindy Franceschini
Russel Franceschina
Kelly Gits
Diana Hoke
Ben Hoyle
Julie Jaster
Bo Moon Johnson
Bill Kimball
Joy Klinowski
Terrence Linderman
Sam M. Menton
Lucy Michalec
John B. Mori
Branka Poplonski
Thomas Reboletti
Tammy Saia
Lora Troesken
Michael Vozar
Linda Wojcicki

Board of Fire & Police Commissioners

Theodore Cucci
Louis Pavone
Frank Letizia

Police Pension Board

Jeff Fritz
Steve Apostolopoulos
Alan Birkley
Vince Bruett
Jackie Slater
Aaron Machek

Plan Commission & Zoning Board of Appeals

Tim Coleman
J. Thomas Brice
Len Jaster
David Smith
Patrick Shannon
Jim King

Septemberfest Commission

Bill Wolff
Mitch Frumkin
Vivi Frumkin
Carole Lockhart
Susan Lancaster
Pam Hager
Debbie Pasiewicz
Ed Aubin
Donna Henk



Thanks to the many residents who joined with Bloomingdale employees to provide a nicer Christmas to the infants with teen-age moms and the preschool age children who attend the Salvation Army's Red Shield Head Start Program.



Congratulations Village Employees!



The Village of Bloomingdale celebrated 460 years of service when it recognized the 2016 milestone anniversaries of the following employees:

35 Years

Kurt Dominanus

30 Years

Pat Perry Mike Gricus

25 Years

Gary Szott Sally Zeiger

20 Years

Jackie Slater Sue Osicek
Tim Grant Elias Vega

15 Years

Ken Lindhorn Erick Cooper
Jeff Hill Chris Whitsell
Juan Arce Nicki Keane
Ruth Summers Mark Mason
Anthony Svoboda

10 Years

Mark Michaels Daryl O'Leary
Judy Grabemann Kay Argo
Ed Cieslak Jim Hunt
Tara Giertz Ken Petersen
Anthony Coronato Sean Noonan

Pictured above are some of the 2016 Anniversary Award recipients:

Front row—Sally Zeiger, Pat Perry, Kurt Domianus

Back row—Mark Michaels, Ed Cieslak, Mark Mason, Elias Vega, Kay Argo, Gary Szott, Tim Grant, Ken Lindhorn.

Thanks, Block Captains: Neighborhood Watch in Action

Neighborhood Watch Upcoming Meetings

7:00 P.M.
VILLAGE HALL
COUNCIL ROOM

MARCH 8
MAY 10

Save the Date:
National Night Out
Tuesday, August 2
6-9 p.m. Circle Park



Congratulations Tom Anzelmo
Retired Patrol Officer
28 Years of Service

WELCOME

Bloomingtondale is
a
CRIME
WATCH
community



We immediately
report all suspicious
activities to our
Police Department

OUR SUCCESS IS MEASURED BY THE SCOPE OF YOUR INVOLVEMENT

Sincerely,
Frank Giammarese,
Chief of Police

Dawn Odoi,
Community Policing
Officer
630-529-9868

The Bloomingtondale Police Department wants to publicly recognize and express sincere gratitude to the residents listed below for volunteering their time as Neighborhood Watch Block Captains. These individuals promote the lines of communication between their neighborhoods and emergency agencies to enhance the safety and quality of life for our community. Their dedication has led to the success of the Neighborhood Watch Program and other village-wide community events.

Thanks to all for their contributions throughout the year!

Mary Albert
Richard Baggio
Bill Bahr
Giuseppe Battista
Anna Marie Bergl
Joyce Boryla
Pam Brewer
Gregg Burgess
Andre Burke
Brad Butler
John Carroll
Lee Clarbourn
Steve Clarke
Bart Cohen
Carol Cosentino
Patricia Cox
Josephine Dabrowski
Sam D'Amico
Janet Davitt
Roberta DiBasilio
Mary Ann Divenere
Donna Dwyer
Mary Sue Fornari
Mitch & Vivi Frumkin
Laura Geraci
Sally Gill
Patrick Griffin
Juanita Hathaway
Kathleen Heinz

Steve Higgins
Jacquelyne Hill
Francine Howard
Janine Hnatusko
Gretchen Johnson
Robert Jones
George & Gloria Kas
Joy Klinowski
Rita & Frank Letizia
Anthony &
Theresa Loblaco
Rozanne Malott
John Manos
Patrick McNamara
Jane & Gil Michelotti
Sharyn Murphy
Carol Neff
Carol Nies
Barb Nudo
Nancy O'Leary
Holly & Mark Paoletti
Kim Paprocki
Dawn Percudani
Albert Presco
Dorothy Prohaska
Patrick Quigley
Gail Rohlfing
Roger Rossi

Cynthia Rothamer
Judi Rotondo
Rhonda Schubert
John Schultz
Robyn Scurek
Andrea Sherman
Kendra Siegle
Milan Stevanovich
Steve Vitez
Mary Theresa Wedel
Bill Wirkus

Management Offices of:

Camden Apartments
One Bloomingtondale
Place
Stratford Place
Apartments
Wilshire Tower
Apartments



Dangerous Ground: Winter Ice

Among the many outdoor winter sports, special precautions must be taken when the activity involves ice, such as ice-skating, snowmobiling and hockey.

If the water has turned to ice and it has been cold for a few days, the ice must be safe to use, right?

Wrong! Just because the water freezes over does not make it safe to walk or skate on. Clear ice is generally the strongest – it is new ice, formed by a long hard freeze, and new ice is stronger than old ice. But daily temperatures, sun, water on the ice and even waterfowl or fish can prevent ice formation or cause thinner formations of ice.

Children should stay off the ice until an adult checks it. A hole should be drilled in the ice to check its thickness. General guidelines say that clear ice can support the following: 2" – Walking; 4" – Fishing; 5" – Snowmobiles.

Even if the ice has been determined to be safe, remember - Never skate alone; Have life rings or hooks on shore for emergency use; Have a cellular phone available for emergencies. For more information, please call the Bloomingdale Police Department at (630) 529-9868 or the Bloomingdale Fire Protection District at (630) 894-9080.



Winter Driving Safety Tips

1. Keep your car's headlights on low beam. This provides better visibility particularly in fog or snow.
2. Watch the car in front of you for signs of trouble. Anticipate and prepare for slippery roads or other dangers.
3. If you travel below the posted speed limit, please stay in the far right lane to avoid any speeding vehicles.
4. If you need to slow down or stop on a slick road, apply the brakes firmly and steadily, but not so firmly that they lock up. As you begin to slow, gently ease up on the brakes. Do not pump the brakes.
5. If you skid, don't panic. Take your foot off the brake and then steer in the direction of the skid. Once the car regains traction, you can straighten the wheel.
6. Keep an emergency kit in the trunk, including jumper cables, tools, flares, warning triangles, first-aid kit and a flashlight with fresh batteries. You will also want to have an ice scraper, small shovel, blanket and perhaps a bottle of water...just in case.
7. If an emergency occurs and you are not able to fix the problem, please attempt to pull over to the far right lane or shoulder and remain in the vehicle. Ask those offering their assistance to notify the state or local police department.



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.

Bloomingdale 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)

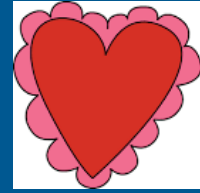
Information Tollway Roadway Information Line

800-865-5394
or 800-TOLLYI

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.



Love Our Veterans on Valentine's Day



Parkway Tree Pruning Begins In February



The Village has a comprehensive, systematic tree pruning schedule. This includes in-house and contractual tree pruning (for trees with a diameter at breast height of 6 or more inches).

Powell Tree Care, under the direction of the Village Forester, will begin maintenance tree pruning in February. Pruning improves the health, structure, form and appearance of the trees. Removing diseased or insect-infested wood; thinning the crown to increase airflow and reduce some pest problems; and removing crossing and rubbing branches encourages trees to develop a strong structure and reduce the likelihood of damage during severe weather.

Pruning also involves removing branches that could fall and cause injury or property damage, trimming branches that interfere with lines of sight on streets or drive-ways, and removing branches that grow into utility lines.

No tree pruning on Village parkways is to be done without a permit from the Forestry Division.

The Village of Bloomingdale, Bloomingdale Park District and Bloomingdale Public Library are joining forces to be collection sites to help support Bloomingdale VFW Post 7539 and Military Outreach USA as we **Love Our Veterans on Valentine's Day!**

When a veteran moves from a shelter or transitional housing into a permanent residence, they often bring only the clothes on their backs and the items they carried on the streets. They lack the needed basic essentials to set up their new residence. Items we take for granted, such as toilet paper, cleaning supplies, basic hygiene products and more are required.

Move-in essentials can include virtually any household item that you can think of. Paper Towels, personal hygiene products, bath towels, cleaning supplies and more. Working with the Veteran's Administration caseworkers, the Bloomingdale Veterans of Foreign Wars developed a list of what items a Veteran Exiting Homelessness can use. This list can be accessed at www.villageofbloomingdale.org on the homepage at "News Flash."

For the month of February the Village of Bloomingdale, 201 S. Bloomingdale Road; Bloomingdale Park District JRC, 179 S. Circle; and the Bloomingdale Library, 101 Fairfield Way, will be accepting donations of Move In Essential items* to provide to Veterans who are exiting homelessness. Any items from the list on the Village's website can be brought to any of the three locations.

*Items donated must be new.

Young Artist's Submission in International Competition

Seventh grader Ashley Zhang won the Westfield Middle School International Peace Poster Contest "The Future of Peace," which was sponsored in the local schools by the Bloomingdale Lions Club. Following the school competition, the Bloomingdale Lions Club chose Ashley's artwork to enter into its Illinois District competition between 70 west suburban locations. Winning that step led to the ALL-Illinois competition, which Ashley also went on to win. Currently, the young artist's artwork is entered into the 4th and final step – the international competition, taking place in early February. The Bloomingdale Lions are thrilled. They have never sponsored this contest before.

Ashley's art teacher at Westfield said: "Congratulations, Ashley for being honored by the Bloomingdale Lions Club

for winning the State of Illinois Lions Clubs International Peace Poster Contest! We all wish her the best of luck as her artistic poster moves into the final level of the International Peace Poster Contest where she will compete with artists from around the world! What a wonderful opportunity for Ashley, as now her talents will be shining worldwide!"



Top photo: Ashley and her winning poster. Bottom photo: Mayor Franco, Art Teacher Deyana Matt, Lions President John Argyrakis and artist Ashley Zhang at Lions dinner.

Business *News*

The Signature 'Mariano's Experience' Has Arrived in Bloomingdale!

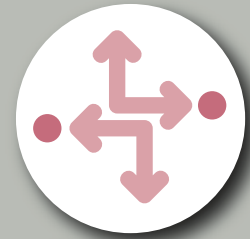
The long-awaited opening of Mariano's finally arrived on January 17. Mariano's offers a totally different approach to food shopping. The upscale grocer has designed its own niche in the world of food stores, creating a unique shopping and foodie experience, complete with amenities.

Mariano's will provide Bloomingdale patrons with a variety of its signature Mariano experiences, including Fresh Squeezed juices, a Sushi Bar, Wine Bar, In-store Grill and much, much more.

The store features hundreds of varieties of fresh fruit and vegetables, including an expansive assortment of USDA certified organic produce, as well as organic grocery and meat. Other distinctive offerings include hot prepared foods, gluten free offerings, a fresh soup and salad bar, free WiFi Café, a Sweet Shoppe and catering, to name a few. Add exceptional customer service with Mariano's placing a premium on the customer experience and you have an exceptional food shopping experience.

The store is located at 144 S Gary Avenue. At 71,000 square feet, there is a lot to explore. The store hours are 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. daily. There is also a full service pharmacy on site.

Mariano's likes to become an integral part of the community it serves. In celebration of the Bloomingdale opening, Mariano's graciously presented the Neighborhood Food Pantry (a partner with Northern Illinois Food Bank) and the Bloomingdale Township Food Pantry each with a check for \$2,500, and then filled a Fire Truck and a Police Squad with food donations for the Neighborhood Food Pantries. Thank you, Mariano's!



The Bloomingdale Business Beat

The Business Beat features news about businesses - newly opened ones, those under construction and those who have something special to tell the residents about awards won, charitable fundraisers hosted, recent major remodels, etc. Retail businesses provide a significant part of the village's tax base. Supporting them helps keep the Village portion of your property tax bill low.

**Remember -
BUY IN BLOOMINGDALE**

Welcome to These New Businesses

Munchie P's
121 Stratford Square

Center Stage Dance Studio
738 Stratford Square
(moved from 162 E. Lake Street)

Happy Animals
812 Stratford Square

Mariano's
144 S. Gary Avenue



Bloomington Lions Shop 'Til They Drop to Provide for Area Residents

VFW Announces Scholarship Winners



Tom Spencer was chosen as the Veterans Of Foreign Wars Bloomington Post 7539's Voice of Democracy winner for 2016. The topic was "My Responsibility to America." Tom received a plaque and a check for \$500 from the post. The young man is a junior at Lake Park High School and will now move on to the District 19 competition.

Pictured left to right are: John Bryla, Post Adjutant; Tom Spencer, VOD Winner; Randy Winter, Post Commander.

The Patriot Pen youth essay program is similar to the Voice of Democracy, but is open to students in 6th through 8th grades. This year St. Isidore student Stephanie L. Macasa, Trinity Lutheran student Megan R. Blackwell, and St. Walter Student Alyssa N. Wojtowicz, were Post 7539's winners for their essays on "The America I Believe In". Each winner received a certificate of participation and \$100.



VFW Post 7539 & Military Outreach USA is collecting move-in essential items for veterans. See page 8 for information.



A large contingent from the Bloomington Lions Club shopped at the Bloomington Meijer store for eight deserving families this holiday season. They provided \$900 in groceries, plus \$1500 in gift cards for the families. Meijer generously added another \$500 in gift cards for the families. In addition, the Bloomington Lions gave \$500 to the Township Food Pantry and another \$500 to the Family Shelter Service for the battered women's shelter.

As you can tell from the photo, this is an annual event that is looked forward to with great enthusiasm by the Lions.

Veterans Memorial Monument Dedicated at St. Paul's Cemetery

Thank you to St. Paul's Evangelical Church for organizing the Veteran Memorial Monument Dedication Service at St. Paul's Cemetery in November, as well as for providing the music and the refreshments. It was a respectful and moving event.



Village Says Farewell and Best Wishes to . . .



Congratulations to these two long-time employees who recently retired. Best wishes for a long and happy retirement.

Kurt Domianus

35 Years, Water Reclamation Facility

Irene Jones

33 Years in Administration

Scholarship Opportunities This Spring

The **Bloomingtondale Chamber of Commerce** is committed to providing a connection from classroom to career by developing tomorrow's leaders, annually offering two types of scholarships. Applicants must be either a member (or child of a member) of the Bloomingtondale Chamber of Commerce or a current resident of Bloomingtondale.

Multiple scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$1,000 are available as one-time awards to students graduating high school or currently enrolled in post-secondary school who are planning to continue their education. Two \$1,500 Alumni Scholarships (one-time awards) are available to individuals enrolled full-time in a community college, four-year university, vocational school, or graduate program who have previously won a Bloomingtondale Chamber Scholarship. Applications are available on the Chamber website www.bloomingtondalechamber.com. Applications and supporting documents must be submitted by Friday, March 31, 2017.

College-bound high school seniors who have attended **District 13 schools** may apply for scholarships available through the district. The Parent-Teacher-Organizations from Schools Erickson & DuJardin Elementary, as well as Westfield, will each be offering a \$750.00 scholarship. Past students of both DuJardin and Erickson may apply only to the school most recently attended. Students who attended one of the elementary schools and Westfield Middle School may apply to the elementary school, as well as to Westfield.

Applications will be available from Lake Park High School counselors' offices, the District 13 school offices and can be downloaded from the district's web page, www.sd13.org. Applications must be submitted by Monday, April 3, 2017.

The **Lake Park Educational Foundation** is pleased to announce the availability of 28 scholarships totaling over \$19,000 that are available for Lake Park High School seniors in the class of 2017. Students must complete common scholarship application, essay(s), and appropriate supporting materials for each scholarship. Scholarship applications are due to the Career Center at Lake Park West Campus by Thursday, March 9 (note: the deadline for the Scott Bradley memorial Scholarship is Friday, Feb. 24). Please visit www.lphs.org/Foundation to view scholarship information.

The **Joe Draghi Septemberfest Scholarship** is once again being offered by the Septemberfest Commission. The award is funded through private, community and corporate contributions. Applicants must be a resident of Bloomingtondale between the ages of 17 and 20. Other requirements are noted on the application. The application packet will be available on the Village of Bloomingtondale's website at www.villageof-bloomingtondale.org by March 6 and is due April 15, 2017. Winners will be announced at the 44rd annual Septemberfest on September 9, 2017.

The **Bloomingtondale Artists Association (BAA)** offers one \$1,000 scholarship to a qualified applicant pursuing a Visual Fine Arts Degree. The scholarship is co-funded by the BAA and Masterpiece Framing of Bloomingtondale. The applicant must be a senior in high school or 18 years or older. The scholarship award will be applied to 2017 college/art school tuition; the award recipient must participate in the 2017 Spring BAA Member Exhibit. For more details on the scholarship, contact Bev Petrosius at bpetrosius@gmail.com. Applications received after the deadline date of April 1, 2017 will not be considered.



ComEd Reliability Improvements Begin This Spring

During the Spring of 2017, 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 Location boundaries are Glen Ellyn Road on the west, Army Trail Road on the south, Walter Drive on the east and Deer Glen Way on the north. 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 in the Spring of 2017.

Please direct any questions or concerns to Rick Ryman, Project Manager for Intren at (815) 482-0617. You may also contact the Village of Bloomingtondale, Engineering Division at (630) 671-5676.

Community Events

'Headstones and History' at Historical Society February 19

The Bloomingdale Historical Society and the Bloomingdale Library will co-sponsor a program on "Cemetery Art Symbolism" presented by Laurel Mellien of Headstones and History on Sunday, 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. Many clues about the lives of the dearly departed can be discovered by learning the language of cemetery art symbolism.

The program takes place at 2 p.m. at the Bloomingdale Library, Rooms A-B, lower level. Please register in person, or call the Adult Reference Desk at 630-924-2730, or register online at www.mybpl.org



Save the Date . . .

. . . for the Senior Day Fair, Friday, April 21 from 9-Noon at Medinah Shriners Banquet Facility. More info in the April Almanac. Contact: Officer Dawn Odoi 630-529-9868.

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. Entertainment by Tony Spavone. 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

Hop on over to the Bloomingdale Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt beginning promptly at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 8 at Circle Park, 163 Fairfield Way. There is no wristband needed to participate in the egg hunt which is sponsored by the Lions Club with candy donated by Meijer. The Park District's Bunny Bash follows at 9:45 a.m. at the adjacent Johnston Recreation Center.



St Isidore Children's Clothing & Equipment Sale



This biannual resale event raises money in support of St. Isidore School. It features more than 100 Consignors offering a wide variety of high-quality, gently-used children's clothing and equipment at a fraction of the regular sale price!

Public shopping for the event will be Friday, March 17 from 6:30-9 p.m. (no kids please) and Saturday, March 18 from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (kids wel-

come, but please no strollers) at the St. Isidore Ministry Center, 433 W. Army Trail Road.

Garden Club Programs

February 21 - Innovation in Design and Management: 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.

March 21 - Responsible Outdoor Lighting: Drew Carhart, board member of the Illinois Coalition for Responsible Outdoor Lighting will discuss the importance of that overlooked half of nature, and how the choices we make, especially concerning how we use light, can have serious negative effects, from wasting energy, doing ecological harm, and reducing safety, right up to taking the stars from the sky.

Meetings begin at 6:15pm at St. Paul Church, 118 First Street in Bloomingdale. Visitors are welcome. www.bloomingdalegardenclub.org or contact bloomingdalegardenclub@gmail.com for more information.



Save the Date: 2017 Garden Club Plant Sale: Friday, May 5, 2017, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, May 6, 2017, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Bloomingdale Park District Maintenance Building, 259 Springfield Dr.

Friends of the Bloomingdale Library Host March Book Sale

The Friends of the Bloomingdale Public Library host the March Book Sale in the library's lower level Meeting Rooms A/B, 101 Fairfield Way.

WHAT: The event will feature gently-used books for adults & children, videos, DVDs, CDs, games & more, as well as eReaders and LPs.

WHEN: Saturday, March 25 • 9:00-4:00 p.m. and Sunday, March 26 • 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Starting Saturday, March 18th, you can donate hardbacks, paperbacks, best sellers and classics, DVDs, CDs and games to the Library for the Sale. All proceeds benefit the Friends of the Library for children's reading programs. Ask for details at the main desk or call 630-529-3120.



Take a Chance on the Lions

The Bloomingdale Lions Club will be holding a Raffle this spring. They will be selling only 200 tickets for \$100 each. There will be 10 cash prizes with the top prize being \$5000. Winners will be announced at the Lions Steak Dinner in May, although winners do not need to be present to win. After the prizes have been distributed, the remainder of the money will go directly to the Bloomingdale Lions Club in order for them to help others in our community, as well as the visually and hearing impaired, and other community charities this spring.

Bloomingdale Artists Association Events

Mobile Photography for Artists, February 8: BAA members Bev Petrosius and Helen Price will help participants create beautiful flower plate garden art, one to keep and one to be donated to the spring silent auction to benefit the BAA scholarship fund.

Gouache Demo, March 8: Botanical artist and teacher Suzanne Wegener will demonstrate gouache, a water soluble medium. Gouache is similar to watercolor but has a higher ratio of pigment to binder, or has white added. This medium is perfect for rendering lush flowers or tiny details such as lichen. After the demonstration you will have time to try this versatile medium.

Both programs begin at 7pm and are held at the Bloomingdale Park District Museum, 108 S. Bloomingdale Road, Bloomingdale IL 60108. There is a \$10 visitor/materials fee. Contact Bev at bpetrosius@gmail.com or 630-624-9545 for details.

Art Exhibit at Masterpiece Framing: Matt Puchalski of Masterpiece Framing will host the BAA Winter Art Exhibit from February 20 through March 24 at his framing shop at 109 S. Bloomingdale Road in Bloomingdale. The exhibit is open Monday/Wednesday/Friday, 10am to 5pm; Tuesday/Thursday, 10am to 7pm; and Saturday, 10am to 2pm.

The public is invited to the artists' reception on Thursday, March 9, from 6 to 8:30pm. Light refreshments will be served.



CHARACTER COUNTS! Recognition Breakfast

Nominations Due March 31, 2017

Every Spring the Bloomingdale CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition sponsors a breakfast to recognize members of the community who live, work or attend school in Bloomingdale who exhibit outstanding character. Honorees are nominated with a description of the pillar of character that they exemplify. The 16th Annual Recognition Program will be held at 9:00 a.m. on May 6, 2017 at the Bloomingdale Golf Club. Nominations for this year's program are due no later than March 31, 2017. Forms are available on www.character60108.org

Completed forms are to be sent by U.S. mail, fax or email to:

Bloomingdale CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition
201 S. Bloomingdale Road
Bloomingdale, IL 60108
FAX: 630-893-5136
Email: info@character60108.org

Georgene Geils Business Woman of the Year Award Set For February 23

The annual Georgene Geils Business Woman of the Year Award will be presented by the Bloomingdale Area Women in Business on February 23 at



Jane Hove,
2016 winner

Jameson's Charhouse. The recognition dinner begins at 5:30. For more information or tickets, email info@bloomingdalechamber.com or call the Chamber at 630-980-9082.

Tickets are \$40 for BAWIB and Chamber members; \$45 for all others.

Around & About Town

Bloomington Lions – Who We Are & What We Do

The Bloomington Lions Club quietly passed its 55th anniversary in 2016. The Bloomington Club was organized in 1961. Since then, we've grown from a handful of members, all men, to a current size of 51 men and women. In that time we have raised and donated more than \$500,000 to local and Lions supported charities. In 2015, we donated more than \$25,000. We work on spreading our donations between sight, hearing, diabetes causes as well as social service agencies and local community organizations. In the simplest terms, our mission is to raise money in order to give it away to non-profits that rely on organizations like ours. Some of our activities are listed and described below.

Among the Organizations and causes we support are: Vision: Guild for the Blind; Spectrios Institute (Diecke); Chicago Light-house for the Blind; Lions International SightFirst Initiatives; Hadley School for the Blind; Camp Lions; Lions Ski for Sight; as well as provide eye exams and glasses for those in need.

Hearing: Lions Hearing Bus (exams), plus we provide exams and hearing aids for those in need in and around Bloomington.

Other areas supported: American Diabetes Association (mobile screening unit for diabetes caused macular degeneration of the eyes); Lions Canine Companions for Independence; Leo Club (Jr HS youth club) and Cub Pack 457.

We also support People's Resource Center, Children's Home and Aid Society, Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans, Family Shelter Services, Easter Seals, American Cancer Society, St. Baldrick's Foundation and Bloomington Character Counts, among others.



Stratford Square Welcomes New Stores

Mall owner David Jackson, Bloomington Chamber members, Village officials and others celebrated a Stratford Mall Ribbon Cutting in December for Victoria Secret Pink, Bath & Body Works, Center Stage, Munchie P's and Gloria Jean Coffee.

VFW Honors RE/MAX All Pro

On behalf of the Bloomington VFW Post 7539, Rick Middleton had the honor and privilege to make a presentation to Tim and Laura Binning, owners of RE/MAX All Pro in Bloomington. The couple was awarded a plaque to show the post members' appreciation for their, as well as that of the agents in their three offices, continued support of the VFW's mission to send care packages to our service members in harm's way.



Chamber Honors Members

The Bloomington Chamber of Commerce presented three awards to members at its Annual Holiday Dinner on December 7. Presented with the Leadership Award was Dr. Aimee Harris-Newton of Dr. Aimee & Associates for her significant contribution to both the Chamber and the business community through her active participation in Chamber activities and community affairs.



Dr. Jon Bartelt, Dr. Aimee Newton-Harris, Susan Sargent, VPI Bank Manager Bloomington Bank & Trust

to both the Chamber and the business community through its active participation in Chamber activities and community affairs.

Dr. Jon Bartelt of School District 13 was awarded the Ambassador of the Year for promoting growth in Chamber membership and fostering development of business in Bloomington. Bloomington Bank & Trust was named Business of the Year for its significant contribution

to both the Chamber and the business community through its active participation in Chamber activities and community affairs.

Residents Will Go to the Polls on April 4

The offices of Village President, Village Clerk and three Trustees are up for re-election. Following is a brief overview of those who are running.

Franco Coladipietro
Village President



Franco, his wife Amy, and their children Alyssa and Joey have called Bloomingdale home since 2000. He also works in Bloomingdale as

managing partner of the Bloomingdale law office of Amari & Locallo. Franco is finishing his first term as Mayor. His first four years have brought about positive changes in town, most notably to the Lake Street corridor and the Old Town area.

"We'll continue to revitalize the gateway to our community with streetscape beautification and assistance in redeveloping our remaining vacant buildings. With those efforts and continued financial discipline, Bloomingdale will continue to prosper as a attractive community."

Bill Bolen
Village Trustee



A Bloomingdale resident since 1990, Bill has been a trustee since 2003. He is employed by the U.S. Environmental Protection

Agency. In his position he oversees a multi-million dollar budget, which makes him well suited as the lead trustee for Finance and Administration. Bill's experience in personnel, grant and contract management is also helpful for a variety of issues which come to the Village Board.

"I assure you that, as a Village Trustee, every decision I make for our community will be based on what is in the best interest of our residents."

Judi Von Huben
Village Trustee



Judi Von Huben and her husband, David have lived in Bloomingdale for 31 years. She is currently self-employed providing marketing and

computer consulting for small businesses. The senior trustee has been on the Village Board since April 2001. She has been chair or liaison to several intergovernmental groups that promote development and fiscal management.

Judi has remained committed to carry out the Bloomingdale tradition of quality development. She also has a passion for open space and environmental issues.

"I look forward to helping move Bloomingdale into a new era of redevelopment and working to keep our services and quality of life strong."

Jane Michelotti
Village Clerk



Jane has resided in Bloomingdale for over 40 years. She and her husband, Gil, have been married for 38 years and have a blended family of four chil-

dren and eight grandchildren. Jane has been an active member in the community, starting back when she was active in her children's school. She also volunteered for several years at PADS and the St. Paul Food Pantry.

Currently, Jane belongs to the Municipal Clerks of DuPage County, is a Block Captain for Neighborhood Watch, and is an active member in her church. Jane has enjoyed being the Village Clerk for the past four years and hopes to continue serving the people of Bloomingdale.

Frank Bucaro
Village Trustee



Frank Bucaro is a lifelong resident of Bloomingdale, residing in the same home his parents built in 1975. He is married to Lauren and they have

three children, Frankie, Sammy and Mackenzie Rose. Frank has been a licensed Funeral Director since 1996; he is also a proud member of the Teamsters, Local 727.

Frank is currently the lead trustee for Facilities and Infrastructure and is finishing his first term as a trustee. Active in community activities in Bloomingdale and beyond, Frank has an extremely strong sense of community and wants to continue building strong community support and pride for all residents.

Election Information

Tuesday, March 7 is the last day to register or transfer a registration by mail or in person to be eligible to vote in the **April 4, 2017 Consolidated General Election**. To register in person, you will need two forms of identification, one of which has your current address.

Grace period for registration and voting at the same time is:

Election Commission Office:
March 8 – April 4

Designated Early Voting Locations:
March 20-April 3

Voter's Designated Polling Place on Election Day: April 4

Early Voting: March 20-April 3

Early Voting Sites found on
www.dupageelections.com

Polls open at 6 a.m. and close at 7 p.m. on April 4, 2017.

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Tim Deutschle
Lydia DiBuono
Bill Wolff

Commissioners
Marshall Gray, Jr.
Shawn Flood
Joseph Zeno

Be a Friend to a Fire Hydrant This Winter

The Bloomington Fire Protection District would like to remind you that you can help firefighters help you.

Snow accumulation or the results of plowing and snow clearing can completely cover or restrict access to fire hydrants. Blocked hydrants mean slower response to extinguishing fires which can result in catastrophic consequences if firefighters have to spend time locating a buried hydrant and/or clear snow away from it, especially if the snow is heavily compacted from snow plowing.

"Adopt" a hydrant and make it part of your shoveling and snow clearing routine. It will only take a few extra minutes and is a quick and easy way to help us to help you and your neighbors.



Carbon Monoxide Poisoning: Know These Easy Steps to Protect Your Family

This is the time of year when carbon monoxide emergencies are most frequent. The Bloomington Fire Protection District would like to remind you of the dangers of carbon monoxide.

What is carbon monoxide?

Carbon monoxide (CO) is a non-irritating, odorless, colorless gas that is somewhat lighter than air. A by-product of incomplete burning of coal, wood, charcoal, natural gas, fuel oil, kerosene, gasoline, fabrics and plastics, it is the leading cause of poisoning deaths in the United States.

How does the carbon monoxide law affect me?

Effective January 1, 2007, every Illinois home is required to have at least one carbon monoxide alarm in an operating condition within 15 feet of every room used for sleeping purposes. Homes that do not rely on the burning of fuel for heat, ventilation or hot water; are not connected to a garage; and are not near a source of carbon monoxide (as determined by the local building commissioner) are not required to install carbon monoxide detectors. (Public Act 94-741)

How can I avoid CO poisoning in the home?

CO poisoning is entirely preventable, if you follow a few simple steps:

- Have your gas appliances checked periodically for proper operation and venting.
- Make sure flues, chimneys and vents are clear of debris and in good working order.
- Install CO monitors in the home. Check them regularly and make sure they are maintained properly.
- Do not use unvented space heaters, gas stoves, charcoal grills or Sterno-type fuels as sources of heat. Do not cook on charcoal grills indoors.
- Check the exhaust system of your car regularly and keep it in good condition. Do not run the car or other gasoline-powered engines in a garage, even with the doors open. Crack car windows when driving.

If you suspect CO exposure or poisoning, call emergency personnel and leave the area immediately. Affected individuals should be led to fresh air and provided with oxygen, if necessary. Follow standard first aid practices: Keep victims warm and quiet until help arrives.

For more information about carbon monoxide and other safety tips, contact Battalion Chief Richard Kurka of the Bloomington Fire Protection District at 630-894-9080.

Where There's Smoke, There's Fire

The photo below is from a recent car fire the firefighters responded to when it was below zero, which accounts for the massive amount of smoke.





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What if a Snowplow Hits 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.

Kids Shop with Bloomingdale Cops

In December, the Bloomingdale Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #175 celebrated the holiday Spirit of Giving with local families through the annual "Kids Shop with Bloomingdale Cops" event. Families in need were able to have their holidays enhanced through the generous donations of the following: Meijer-Bloomingdale, Costco, Joseph Salerno/Salerno Rosedale Chapels, Chicagoland Italian American Charitable Organization (CIACO), Bloomingdale Township Republican Party, John Dabrowski and other private donors. Seventeen police officers met with the families over breakfast and then went shopping at Meijer's to purchase Christmas items for the children and other family members. Thank you to the community members who support the efforts of the Bloomingdale F.O.P. #175 and to all the police officers who donated their time to the event! The youngsters and their families were especially grateful for the opportunity to take part.

