

Village of Bloomingdale

Almanac

February 2018

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During the month of February, donations of Move in Essentials (listed below) will be accepted at the Bloomingdale Village Hall, Library, Fire Department and Park District (JRC) facilities. Donated items will be provided to Veterans who are exiting homelessness.

PERSONAL HYGIENE

Bath Soap
Shampoo
Conditioner
Razor
Shaving Cream
Deodorant
Combs
Hair Brush

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Celebrating the Best of Bloomingdale

In its second year, the 2018 Best of Bloomingdale continues to recognize outstanding members of Bloomingdale's business community. The Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce received over 180 nominations for the 2018 Awards. Nominated businesses that met the qualifications of the program were sorted into the following categories:

- **Health & Wellness (Large Business):** Alden Valley Ridge, Dr. Aimee & Associates, Eagle Falls Dentistry, Lakeview Memory Care Community, and Dupage Medical Group
- **Health & Wellness (Small Business):** Bloomingdale Body & Brain Yoga Center, Ducat Chiropractic & Sports Medicine, Fit4mom Greater Northwest Chicago
- **Suburbs, and Star Smiles** Orthodontics & Pediatric Dentistry
- **Non Profit:** Bloomingdale Lions Club, Bloomingdale Park District, Marklund Charities, and Phil's Friends
- **Restaurant (Full Service):** Anyway's American Grill & Pub, Dino's Café, Jimador Mexican Restaurant, and Mandarin Bistro
- **Restaurant (Quick Service):** Chick-Fil-A Bloomingdale, Firehouse Subs, Jersey Mike's Subs, and Steak Burrito Mexican Grill
- **Retail Business:** Annie Occasion For Any Occasion, D's Treats, Delish Cakes, Fruitful Yield, and Platt Hill Nursery
- **Service Business:** Bloomingdale School of Music, Catering



with Elegance,
Elements Massage,
and Tim's Auto Haus

Congratulations to all nominees! Winners will be announced at the March 1, 2018 awards dinner held from 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. at the Bloomingdale Golf Club. Recognition of nominees and award recipients will continue throughout the year. Tickets are available for the dinner through the Bloomingdale Chamber website www.bloomingdalechamber.com or by phone 630-980-9082. The cost is \$60 for members (\$70 for non-members).

Festival of Lights 2017

The December 1, 2017 Lighting of the Village Tree and Festival of Lights was a remarkable community gathering, with more people, more activities, more fun and more lights! Photos on back page.



Remembering Bloomingdale Police Officer Raymond Murrell

VILLAGE BOARD, COMMISSION &

The public is encouraged to attend all Board and Commission meetings

REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE VILLAGE BOARD

2nd and 4th Mondays of the month January - November

1st & 3rd Monday in December
7 p.m. – Village Hall

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

2nd and 4th Mondays of the month January - November

1st & 3rd Monday in December
6 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

SEPTEMBER FEST COMMISSION

2nd Thursday of the month
February through November
7:00 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



On January 19, 2018, the Bloomingdale Police Family honored the memory of its fallen brother, Bloomingdale Police Officer Raymond Murrell #145 who died in the line of duty, one year ago. Chaplain Tim Perry spoke and Officers Dominick Corsiglia and Michael Giovenco laid the memorial wreath on Ray's grave. He may be gone, but he will never be forgotten.

Stay in Touch

E-News is a great way to keep up with timely information on news in Bloomingdale, such as a heads-up about a street closing due to construction, a reminder about the branch pick-up schedule, or even a note about the Easter activities for the little ones.

And in the case of an unusual event, such as a major 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

Frank Bucaro
Planning, Zoning
& Environmental
Concerns

Jane E. Michelotti
Village Clerk

Bill Bolen
Finance and
Administration

Vince Ackerman
Facilities, Infrastructure

TRUSTEES

Judi Von Huben
Public Safety

Patrick Shannon
Intergovernmental and
Community Relations

Thanks to resident Alexandria Contes for her beautiful winter photo at Westlake Park.

A Message from Mayor Franco

What a magnificent evening for the Bloomingdale community at the Tree Lighting Ceremony and Kris Kringle Market, kicking off the annual Festival of Lights month-long activities in Old Town Park. The December 1st weather was mild and there were easily 1,000 people in attendance viewing various ice sculptures (sponsored by Bloomingdale Chamber businesses), enjoying horse drawn sleigh rides, snacking on Alcentro Trattoria's roasted chestnuts, D's Treats and sipping hot cocoa.

Youngsters and their families also visited Santa in Pan American Bank, as well as at the Park District Museum, where the huge Lego display featured nine running trains! It was a wonderful finale to 2017, and a prelude to an exciting 2018 with more progress continuing in Old Town, along Lake Street and at Stratford Square Mall.

In Old Town, both Alcentro Trattoria (casual Italian restaurant) and Wolfden Brewery (craft beer brew pub), continue construction and are projected for spring openings. Both eateries are anxiously awaited.

Looking eastward on the south side of Lake Street, Urban Air Bloomingdale, an indoor trampoline and adventure park (located in the old FIM building at the west end of Springbrook Shopping Center), opened in January.

Further east along Lake Street, the unsightly vacant gas station on the southeast corner of Lake Street and Circle Avenue was finally demolished on January 2. In its place, a new Dunkin' Donuts complete with drive-through facility, will be constructed. Across the street, on the north of Lake Street, the former Shell station will become Lucky's Dog House (fast food hotdogs). Both new restaurants have anticipated fall 2018 openings!



Harley Davidson opened in the mall in November

Davidson, will be the new 25 West (brew-pub restaurant) located in the old Ballydoyle space, opening this summer!

My best wishes to everyone for a wonderful 2018! I am looking forward to continuing our work in the community. Opening Day is right around the corner and that means warmer weather to enjoy!

Mayor Franco



Congratulations To These Village Employees!



Pictured are some of the 2017 Anniversary Award recipients. From left to right – Marianne McKeown, Allen Altic, Jim Monkemeyer, Jim Johnson, Robin Anderson, Ryan Benhart, John Beckman, John Krueger, David Spradling, Mark Garrison.

The Village of Bloomingdale celebrated 270 years of service when it recognized the 2017 milestone anniversaries of the following employees:

35 Years

Robin Anderson

30 Years

Paul Dublin
Mark Garrison
Jim Johnson
Stephen Abruzzo

25 Years

John Krueger
Jim Monkemeyer

15 Years

David Spradling
Karen Swanson

10 Years

Ryan Benhart
John Beckman

5 Years

Allen Altic
Jeremy Redic
Marianne McKeown



Preparing to 'SWING' into the 2018 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

This winter has sure taken a grip on us, but it won't be too long before we can begin swinging the clubs again! The golf professionals are currently updating all their programs and plan to have them made 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!

Adult Golf Clinics and our Junior Golf Program are a terrific means to start your golf season out right and to introduce the kids to this great game! Start planning now so when the registration material becomes available you won't be left out!

Mark your calendars!! Friday Night "Haddock Fish Fry" at the golf course begins February 16th and goes through March 30th. Doors will open at 4 pm and the last seating will be 8:30 pm. Seating is based on a first come, first served basis.

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



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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 \$10.00.

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

The Village of Bloomington is an Equal Opportunity Employer.



Thank You Village of Bloomingdale Commission Volunteers

The Village of Bloomingdale depends on the efforts of certain commissions 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 2017.

Police Pension Board

Jeff Fritz
Alan Birkley
Vince Bruett
Aaron Machek
Edward Levato, Jr.

Planning & Zoning Commission

Tim Coleman
J. Thomas Brice
Len Jaster
Patrick Shannon
Jim King
Anthony Damato
Shawn Flood
Christine Smith

Board of Fire & Police

Theodore Cucci
Louis Pavone
Frank Letizia

Septemberfest Commission

Bill Wolff
Mitch Frumkin
Vivi Frumkin
Carole Lockhart
Susan Lancaster
Kelly Lancaster
Pam Hager
Debbie Pasiewicz
Ed Aubin
Marilyn Johnson

Streetlight Conversion Program

The Village of Bloomingdale has contracted with Tenesis Energy to convert 561 of the Village-owned residential street lights with LED heads. This work is a result of a grant the Village received through ComEd's Energy Efficiency Program. The more energy efficient LED street lights will reduce annual energy and maintenance costs for the Village as well as improve visibility throughout the Village.

Through the grant, the Village will receive an incentive up to \$165,520.53 to complete the work. Tenesis crews have begun working on the east end of the Village, and expect to complete the project by the end of the year, weather permitting.

Primary Election Is March 20

March 20, 2018 is a General Primary for nominations for Federal, State and County positions which will be up for election in November. You have to declare a party in order to vote - Democratic, Republican or Independent.

There are also two referendums on the ballot:

1) To dissolve the DuPage County Election Commission and Consolidate with DuPage County Clerk; and

2) Proposition for Bloomingdale Fire Protection District No. 1 to issue a \$4.5 million General Obligation Bond to repair & improve fire stations and purchase emergency fleet & equipment.

More information on the Fire Department referendum on page 16.

Avoid Frozen Water 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 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.



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.



Winter Ice Activities Can be Fun: But Be Sure You Know if the Ice is Safe



Winter Phone Numbers

Village of Bloomington 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 Bloomington 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, Bloomington 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.

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 Bloomington Police Department at (630) 529-9868 or the Bloomington 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.



Thanks, Block Captains!

The Bloomingdale 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	Steve Higgins	Gail Rohlfing
Richard Baggio	Jacquelyne Hill	Roger Rossi
Bill Bahr	Francine Howard	Judi Rotondo
Giuseppe Battista	Janine Hnatusko	Rhonda Schubert
Paul &	Robert Jones	Kendra Siegle
Anna Marie Bergl	George & Gloria Kas	Milan Stevanovich
Joyce Boryla	Joy Klinowski	Steve Vitez
Gregg Burgess	Rita & Frank Letizia	Bill Wirkus
John Carroll	Rozanne Malott	
Lee Clarbourn	John Manos	Management Offices of:
Carol Cosentino	Jane & Gil Michelotti	Camden Apartments
Patricia Cox	Sharyn Murphy	One Bloomingdale Place
Janet Davitt	Carol Nies	Stratford Place Apartments
Roberta DiBasilio	Barb Nudo	Wilshire Tower Apartments
Mary Sue Fornari	Holly & Mark Paoletti	
Mitch & Vivi Frumkin	Kim Paprocki	
Laura Geraci	Albert Presco	
Patrick Griffin	Dorothy Prohaska	
Juanita Hathaway	Patrick Quigley	

Welcome Officers Spencer & Fitzenreider!

Two new police officers, hired on September 12, have finished their basic training and were sworn in at the Village Board meeting on December 11



Following the swearing in, the two new officers posed with Director of Public Safety Giammarese and Deputy Chief Roberts. (l to r) Spencer, Giammarese, Fitzenreider, Roberts.

by Mayor Franco Coladipietro. Donald Spencer worked with the Chicago Police Department for three and a half years before coming to Bloomingdale. Jason Fitzenreider was with the DuPage County Sheriff's Department, working in the department's jail before being hired here. Both men are currently in their field training working on the street with seasoned officers.



Awareness for Senior Safety



Director of Public Safety Giammarese welcomed seniors and others to the Safety for Seniors Awareness event.

The Bloomingdale Police Department held a Safety for Seniors Awareness event in December to talk about current crime trends and scams. Director of Public Safety Giammarese, opened the meeting and discussed current crime trends the Police Department has been investigating. The Bloomingdale Police Department, as well as many other surrounding towns, have recently seen an increase in "ruse entry" type home burglaries, where an individual(s) use pretense to enter your house or lure you outside.

Detective Hill went through a presentation on scams and crimes in our area and Officer Odoi provided safety tips to all those in attendance. The Police Department is continuing to provide information to all residents (especially Seniors) about not letting unknown persons into their homes.

Keep your windows and doors locked. Never open the door to strangers; you can talk through the door, if necessary. It is very important to call 911 to report any suspicious activity or if residents suspect foul play when someone comes to their home.

For more information, contact Bloomingdale Police Officer Dawn Odoi at 630-529-9868.

Save yourself from having a clogged drain! Grease Goes in the Garbage, Not in the Sink

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).

D. Ryan Tree & Landscape, LLC., 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 driveways, 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.

Grease Goes in the Garbage

Proper disposal of your cooking oil and other greases and fats may save you from a sewage backup in your home. Grease clogs cause about 40 percent of sewer blockages.

These items contribute to blockages and backups:

- Butter and margarine
- Cooking oil
- Food scraps with grease, butter or oil
- Meat fat, grease and juices
- Sauces that include grease, butter or oil
- Shortening



Take these simple steps to stop clogs at home:

- Pour cooking oils and grease in a container and dispose of it in the garbage.
- Place meat and greasy food scraps in your brown food/yard waste container (or in the garbage if you don't have food/yard waste service), not down the garbage disposal.
- Wipe pots and dishes with a used paper towel or napkin to remove grease.
- **Most importantly: grease goes in the garbage, not in your sink.**



The Bloomingdale Lions Club was happy to be able to provide 10 needy families (the most ever!) with a total of \$3511 in fresh groceries and gift cards through its 2017 Christmas Basket project. Thanks to Meijer for its generous \$500 donation to help with those expenses. The club also made donations of \$500 each to the Bloomingdale Township Food Pantry and to the DuPage Family Shelter Service. These are the kind of local contributions the Bloomingdale Lions are able to provide thanks to our residents and businesses who provide year-round support for their fundraisers.

Scholarship Opportunities This Spring

Through the ongoing generosity of its members, the Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce is able to present two types of scholarships. Applicants must be either a member (or child of a member) of the Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce or a current resident of Bloomingdale.

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 Bloomingdale Chamber Scholarship. Applications are available on the Chamber website www.bloomingdalechamber.com. Applications and supporting documents must be submitted by Friday, March 30, 2018.

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 9, 2018.

The **Lake Park Educational Foundation** is pleased to announce the availability of 30 scholarships totaling over \$23,000 that are available for Lake Park High School seniors in the class of 2018. Students must attach a completed 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 8** (note: the deadline for the Scott Bradley memorial Scholarship is **Thursday, Feb. 1**). 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 Bloomingdale between the ages of 17 and 20. Other requirements are noted on the application. The application packet will be available on the Village of Bloomingdale's website at www.villageof-bloomingdale.org by March 6 and is due April 15, 2018. Winners will be announced at the 45th annual Septemberfest on September 8, 2018.

The **Bloomingdale Artists Association (BAA)** offers a \$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 Bloomingdale. The applicant must be a senior in high school or 18 years or older. The scholarship award will be applied to 2018 college/art school tuition; the award recipient must participate in the 2018 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, 2018 will not be considered.



Love Our Vets: Your Donations Will Make a Difference!

PERSONAL HYGIENE *(continued)*

Nail Clipper
Toothpaste
Toothbrush

KITCHEN & CLEANING



Kitchen Trash Can (Plastic)
Windex
Pine Sol
Dishwashing Liquid
Dishcloth
Sponge
Mop
Bucket
Broom
Dustpan
Paper Towels
Laundry Detergent
Laundry Basket & Hamper

BATHROOM

Shower Curtain
Toilet Paper (4 or 6 pack)
Plunger
Toilet Brush
Toilet Bowl Cleaner
Bath Towels (2)
Wash Cloth

MISCELLANEOUS

Smoke Detector w/ Batteries
Flashlight w/Batteries
Garbage Bags

***ONLY NEW, STORE BOUGHT
ITEMS WILL BE ACCEPTED**

Business *News*

Colando Chiropractic Clinic (CCC): Bringing Balance Back to Your Life

Sometimes inspiration for a life choice comes when one is young. Such was the case for Dr. Anthony M. Colando, raised in a "chiropractic family" and inspired by his uncle who taught him early on about the powerful healing benefits of Chiropractic.

"This made quite an impact on me", says Dr. Anthony. "Deep down I knew I always wanted to do something with my life that would impact the health and well-being of others."

Dr. Anthony received his undergraduate degree from Illinois State University and his doctorate degree in Chiropractic from National University of Health Sciences. During his internship, he was considered the clinician's choice for their own personal chiropractic adjustments.

Now the former Medinah native and Lake Park graduate is excited to bring his own practice closer to home. Colando Chiropractic Clinic (CCC) opened in December at 360 W. Schick Road. He is also proud to be able to offer his patients The Ideal Protein Method Weight Loss Program, a Medically Designed and Supervised Weight Loss program.

CCC is an authorized Ideal Protein Clinic providing a weight loss protocol that helps dieters lose weight and learn to KEEP IT OFF. Patients learn how to target fat loss while maintaining muscle. The doctor also provides specific recommendations on nutritional supplements and healthy food choices to enhance his patient's return to optimal health.

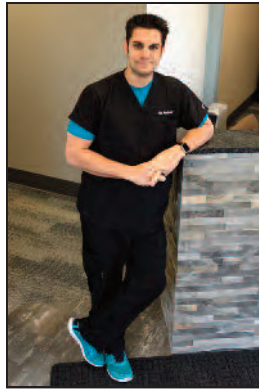
Dr. Anthony uses chiropractic care to improve the health and wellness in all areas of the patient's life. He takes a "whole person" approach in chiropractic care, which means looking for the underlying causes of disease, discomfort, and pain, as opposed to just treating the symptoms

Whether you are having problems with back pain or neck pain, just want to start feeling better when you wake up in the morning or are looking for some help with a medically designed weight loss protocol, you owe it to yourself to check Dr. Anthony M. Colando's website:

www.cccbloomingtondale.com or email him at dranthony@ccc.bloomingtondale.com You might even want to reserve a space in the free weight loss workshops held on the second & fourth Wednesday evenings. For more information, call 630-671-9850. Or stop by the clinic at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, February 16 for the ribbon cutting to meet Dr. Anthony and his staff in person!

Peace of Art Gallery Opens in February

The Peace of Art Gallery LLC held a ribbon cutting in early February at 152 Stratford Square (in the mall) Peace of Art is a charitable art gallery that promotes peace. They consign rotating artists and host live art events -- with a focus on giving back through art. For more information, call 919-671-5568.



Ready to Defy Gravity?

Urban Air Bloomingtondale, an indoor trampoline and adventure park, just recently opened at the west end of Springbrook Shopping Center, 140 E. Lake Street in the old FIM building.

The many attractions include Pro Zone trampolines, climbing walls, dodgeball courts, tubes obstacle course and much more! The facility offers open jump times, weekly events and birthday parties for all ages and fitness levels.

For more information, visit www.UrbanAirBloomingtondale.com email info@urbanairtrampolinepark.com or call 331-251-8335.



Dunkin' Donuts Coming to Lake Street & Circle Avenue

You might have been waiting for the unsightly vacant gas station on the southeast corner of Lake Street and Circle Avenue to disappear. The structure was finally demolished on January 2. Here's a rendering of the new Dunkin' Donuts complete with drive-through facility, which will be replacing it. A fall 2018 completion date is anticipated.



25 West Brewpub Coming to Stratford Square



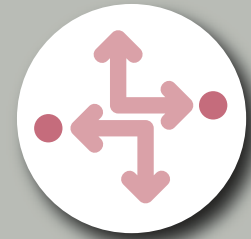
25 West will be operating a brewpub in the former Ballydoyle location, 327 Stratford Square, in Stratford Square Shopping Center. In addition to a restaurant, the brewpub will also house the brewing

equipment required to brew the beer that they will be serving in the restaurant. Guests will have the choice of several beers, brewed onsite, to complement their dinner or food choices. Similar to other brewpubs in the Chicagoland area and throughout the country (RAM, Rock Bottom and Granite City), guests will also have the option of ordering a sealed, "to-go" container in the form of a growler (64 oz. container) or crowler (32 oz. can), for consumption off-site. 25 West is scheduled to open in summer 2018.

New Location for Pearl Design Group

Pearl Design Group moved within Bloomingdale from 170 Covington Drive to a new showroom at 154 S. Bloomingdale Road. Pearl Design is an innovative kitchen and bath design group, specializing in all levels of cabinetry, countertops, plumbing, and hardware. They enjoy the challenges of designing - from fully functional gourmet kitchens, entertainment areas, home offices, and bars, to the simplicity of a powder room.

The new showroom hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 9am to 5pm; Wednesday from 9am to 7:30pm; and Saturday 9am to 2pm. Stop in the showroom to see what it's all about or visit their website: PearlDesignGroup.com



The Bloomingdale Business Beat

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

**Remember -
BUY IN BLOOMINGDALE**

Welcome to These New Businesses

Hissho Sushi
130 S. Gary (in Meijer)

Expeditors International
355 Longview Drive

Illinois Home Care Specialists
123 E. Lake Street

Colando Chiropractic Clinic
360 W Schick Road

Urban Air Bloomingdale
140 E. Lake Street

**European Wax Center
Bloomingdale**
358 W. Army Trail Road

Peace of Art Gallery, LLC
152 Stratford Square



Community Events

A New Class to Prepare for the Future

New this school year, Stratford Middle School has introduced Coding class to all students. Computer coding skills will continue to be increasingly important for future careers. Community Consolidated School District 93's goal is to use the class to give students a foundation in coding that will serve them well as they progress through high school, college, and into the workforce.



Learning coding skills.

The class teaches students current coding principles, which they then apply to various robotic technologies, such as drones.

The hands-on course is part of CCSD93's rotating related arts curriculum and encourages students to learn valuable coding skills centered around sequencing and programming through trial and error.

Find out more about CCSD93's Coding class at www.ccsd93.com/coding.

BAA Art Exhibit at Masterpiece Framing

Matt Puchalski of Masterpiece Framing will host the Bloomingdale Artists Association (BAA) Winter Art Exhibit from February 19 through March 19 at his framing shop at 109 S. Bloomingdale Road in Bloomingdale. The exhibit is open Monday/Wednesday/Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Tuesday/Thursday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The public is invited to the artists' reception on Thursday March 8 from 6 - 8:30 pm. Light refreshments will be served.



*Judi Kinal
photograph (2017)*

Friends of the Bloomingdale Library Host April Book Sale

The Friends of the Bloomingdale Public Library host the Spring Book Sale in the library's lower level Meeting Room A/B, 101 Fairfield Way, featuring gently-used Books for Adults & Children, Videos, DVDs, CDs, Games & more.

**Saturday, April 7 • 9:00-4:00 p.m.
and Sunday, April 8 • 1:00-3:00 p.m.**

Starting Saturday, March 31, 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.



Bloomingdale Garden Club Meetings

February 20, 2018 - Keep Your Back Happy and Your Garden Beautiful!

Garden related back and joint injuries spike every spring as we start to venture out into our yards and gardens. Dr. Erin Ducat, a Bloomingdale chiropractor and exercise specialist, will show how most gardening injuries occur, what to watch out for and how you can reduce your risk. She will be demonstrating stretches and exercises you can do at home so you can be pain free this year.

March 20, 2018 - The Love of Hummingbirds:

Nancy Carroll, Master Gardener/Landscape & Garden Designer will give a presentation on how to entice hummingbird activity in your yard and garden. Learn interesting and fascinating facts about hummers, how to identify different species, what to plant in a yard to attract them and information about feeders.



Social Time starts at 6:15, followed by Business Meetings at 6:45 p.m. at St. Paul Church, 118 First Street in Bloomingdale. Visit www.bloomingdalegardenclub.org or contact bloomingdalegardenclub@gmail.com for more information. Visitors are welcome.

Lions Hosting Spaghetti Dinner on February 9

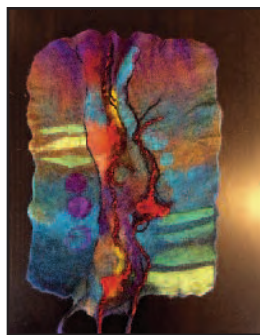
The Bloomingdale Lions Club hosts its annual winter Spaghetti Dinner on Friday, February 9 from 5-8 p.m. at Bloomingdale Golf Club, 181 Glen Ellyn Road. The cost is \$10 per person; children eight and under eat free. Proceeds from raffles and dinner will benefit visual and hearing impaired persons in the community, as well as other needs. For more info or tickets, contact Arlene Zilinsky at zilinsky1534@comcast.net or Stan Poplonski at 630-461-1283.

Bloomingdale Artists Association Upcoming Meetings

Wednesday, February 14 , 7pm meet award winning fiber artist Tammy L. Deck on Valentine's Day.

Tammy is the owner of TLD Design Center & Gallery in Westmont. Supplies, tools & fiber will be provided for each participant to learn introductory concepts & strategies to harness the magic behind wet felting. Contrary to popular belief, felting is NOT knit or crocheted. Each participant will do a collage approach layout for one 8" x 10" textile.

Choose your own color palette, cut & layer your design elements & create the surface tapestry. Pieces will go home damp. Simply lay on a towel to dry & then mount for wall art or stitch into your vision of a final use.



Rhonda Popko Guest Speaker on Wednesday, March 14 at 7pm

Paste papers are one of the earliest methods used to decorate paper. From the late 16th century through to the 18th century they were predominantly used as book covers and as end sheets. Think about creating papers for collage, etc. Possibilities are endless. A marriage of paste & paint.

Rhonda Popko is an artist and teacher; her artwork has evolved over the past 40 years as an exploration of different media and materials applied to a mix of surfaces, materials, and subjects. She studied printmaking, drawing and painting at the Art Institute of Chicago and Northeastern Illinois University, and has been awarded for her dedication to bringing arts and cultural enrichment to her community.

The meetings will be held at the Bloomingdale Park District Museum, 108 S. Bloomingdale Road. Registration is required. \$25 registration fee. Contact Bev at 630-624-9545 or bpetrosius@gmail.com for details.

Hop on Over to the Lions Easter Egg Hunt!

The fun begins promptly at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 24 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.



CHARACTER COUNTS! Recognition Breakfast

**Nominations Due Friday,
March 30, 2018**

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 17th Annual Recognition Program will be held at 9:00 a.m. on April 28, 2018 at the Bloomingdale Golf Club. Nominations for this year's program are due no later than March 30, 2018. Forms are available on the CC! homepage, www.character60108.org Click on Awards

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



The 2017 recipient of the Bloomingdale Business of Character Award was Catering with Elegance. Don Helmig (right), Founder and President of Catering with Elegance, is pictured with son Jeff and daughter-in-law Karen.

Around & About Town

Shop with A Cop Brings Smiles to All!

On Saturday, December 9, 2017, the Bloomingdale Police Department FOP Lodge #175 hosted the 2017 Shop with the Bloomingdale Police event. The children and families were hosted for breakfast and then received a Police escort/ride to the Meijer Store in Bloomingdale.

A Special "Thank You" is extended to the following generous donors for their help in making the holidays a memorable one for families in need.
Meijer /Bloomingdale
Sporty's Catering
Costco
Salerno's Rosedale Chapels
Bloomingdale Township
Republican Party
John Dabrowski
Chicagoland Italian American Charitable Organization (CIACO)



Take a Chance on the Bloomingdale Lions

The Bloomingdale Lions are currently selling tickets for a repeat of their highly successful Centennial Raffle. Once again, only 200 tickets will be sold for \$100 each. The top prize is \$5,000, with nine more cash prizes being awarded. Proceeds will help fund community programs, help provide vision and hearing tests for all residents and provide for events such as Camp Lions which allows visually and hearing impaired children to go to summer camp for a week each just like other youngsters. All costs are paid by the Lions.

Buying a raffle ticket gives the Lions an opportunity to send more kids to camp. The drawing will take place at the Lions annual Steak Dinner in May.

VFW Post 7539 Announces Patriot's Pen Winners

Three 8th grade students, Nathan A. Meyers (St. Isidore School), Marion T. Krowczyk (St. Walter School), and Nicolas R. Breiter (Trinity Lutheran School), were selected out of 79 applicants by the Bloomingdale VFW Post 7539 as this year's Patriot's Pen winners. Each received a \$100.00 prize, and is now eligible to move on in the competition.

The Patriot's Pen youth essay writing contest is open to all students 6th thru 8th grades. This essay contest encourages young minds to examine America's history, along with their own experiences in modern American society. The students draft a 300 to 400 word essay, expressing their views based on a patriotic theme chosen by the VFW Commander-in-Chief. This year's theme was "America's Gift to My Generation." The essays are judged and graded on knowledge of the theme, theme development, and clarity of ideas.

Congratulations to all!

Winter Guard Home Show Scheduled for March 10

Lake Park High School's nationally ranked Varsity and Junior Varsity Winter Guard units will take center stage when the Midwest Color Guard Circuit hosts the Winter Guard Home Show at West Campus on Saturday, March 10 from 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The show will feature over 30 winter guard units from Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin.

Winter Guard, called the "Sport of the Arts" is an indoor version of Color Guard that brings music to life through the use of set design, costuming, flags, sabers, rifles and other equipment, as well as dance, interpretive movement and acting.

The entire performance schedule and ticket prices for the Winter Guard Home Show are available on the Midwest Color Guard Circuit website at www.midwestcolorguard.com.



Bench Honors Bill Wolff

Bloomingdale resident and volunteer Bill Wolff was honored with the installation of a bench bearing his name at St. Paul Evergreen Cemetery. Friend and neighbor Maryann Falco and family wanted to honor Bill and recognize his kindness and thoughtfulness to her family. She said that he has done so much for her family that it was a way to honor his selfless spirit.

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 16 from 6:30-9 p.m. (no kids please) and Saturday, March 17 from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (kids welcome, but please no strollers) at the St. Isidore Ministry Center, 433 W. Army Trail Road.

Tree Decorated in Memory of Two Advisory Council Members

Members of the Bloomingdale Police Department Senior Citizen Advisory Council decorated the organization's annual tree in Bloomingdale Library's Snowman Crossing in honor and loving memory of two longtime Council members who passed away near the end of 2017 - John Sofere and Lucy Michalec. They will both be sorely missed.



Lake Park Seniors Singled Out

Congratulations to two Lake Park seniors and Bloomingdale residents for being named to the 2017-18 Daily Herald Leadership Team. This annual recognition program is based on community service, leadership and academics. Jessica Angel was selected among the Top 10 High School Students in DuPage County and Brianna McAloon received honorable mention. Both young women were featured in the January 18 edition of the Daily Herald.

Jessica Angel, daughter of Nestor and Mabel Angel, was recognized for creating an "English as a Second Language" program for Hispanic parents, through the Spanish Honor Society to facilitate communication between teachers & parents; conducting activities for orphan children and adults with special needs in Colombia; as well as tutoring, mentoring and helping to organize fundraisers and events.



Brianna McAloon, daughter of Sally Engstrom- McAloon & Matthew McAloon, was recognized for her work with Illinois Association of Student Councils, hosting state service projects and leadership workshops, as well working with the Northeast District Student Council, assisting in service projects, events and working with other foundation and leadership award organizations.



Dial-A-Ride Offering Expanded Hours for Both Weekday and Sunday Service

Pace Dial-a-Ride Service has expanded its Bloomingdale service hours by one (1) hour for both Weekday and Sunday service.

Weekday, previously ending at 5 PM now ending at 6 PM.

Sunday, previously starting at 10 AM now starting at 9 AM.

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.

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.

For Dial-A-Ride reservations, call 1-800-713-7445.



Dial-a-Ride



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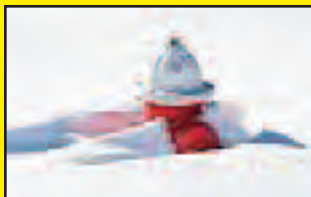
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Be a Friend to a Fire Hydrant This Winter

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.



Tragic Fire in New York That Killed 13 People is a Lesson For All of Us

On December 28, 2017, 13 people died and at least 23 more were injured in an apartment fire in the Bronx borough of New York City. While the cause of the fire remains under investigation, early reports are that a child was playing with a stove causing the fire, then, an exit door was left open during the family's escape.

It is tragic that people didn't make it out of the structure. We certainly hope that this never happens here. So many lessons can be learned from this tragedy.

Stoves, especially gas ones, should have "push and turn" knobs to attempt to prevent this exact scenario, similar to the idea of safety lighters. If a child tried to turn the stove on, it would require strength to push and turn the knob.

Also, many may not think about closing doors when evacuating their location during a fire. But, basic fire science tells us that fire needs air to grow. If you leave doors open, there is plenty of air to feed the fire and allow it to grow larger.

In this scenario, the open door into the stairwell turned the stairwell into a chimney. None of us would ever want to stand in a fireplace, but that is what was created in New York. The fire was on the first floor and spread too quickly up the stairs (since heat rises) and made the stairs impassable.

Most importantly, if you live in a multi-unit structure, remember that your actions can affect others who live in the same building.

Please be fire safe. If you or your family is ever unsure of your home's fire safety, please feel free to contact Battalion Chief Richard Kurka of the Bloomington Fire Protection District at 630-894-9080.

Fire Protection District Referendum on March 20 Ballot

The Board of Trustees for the Bloomington Fire Protection District approved a referendum request to maintain, repair and replace apparatus, equipment, and stations. Rising operating costs combined with lower tax revenues have forced the district to make this decision.

In order to expand service capabilities and build a new headquarters station, the district received a bond referendum in 1998. That bond will expire in 2018 and the district is seeking to renew that bond. Approval of the bond would result in no increase to residents' tax bills. Money from the referendum cannot be used for personnel, hiring, salaries or pension but will be used to continue critical services to the district as well as improve some of the aging infrastructure.

The referendum question will appear on the March 20, 2018 ballot. The referendum will appear on the ballot in the form of a question:

"Shall the Bloomington Fire Protection District #1, DuPage County, Illinois, for fire station repairs and improvements and the purchase of emergency response fleet and equipment and issue its bonds to the amount of \$4,500,000 for the purpose of paying the costs thereof?"

The Bloomington Fire Protection District provides fire, medical and emergency services to 35,000 residents in six communities as well as unincorporated DuPage County. The district is staffed daily by eleven firefighters and paramedics and responds to over 4800 calls per year.





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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.



Festival of Lights



Bloomington Public Library



Federal and State Tax Forms

The library has common federal income tax forms available. Other forms may be printed at the library for 10 cents per page.

To order additional federal forms, call the IRS at 1-800-829-3676 or download forms at www.irs.gov/forms-instructions. To order state forms, call the Revenue Department at 1-800-356-6302 or download forms online at www.tax.illinois.gov.

Food for Fines is Back!

In honor of National Library Week, the Bloomington Public Library will hold a Food for Fines event from Monday, April 2 through Monday, April 30.

For every non-perishable food item or personal health and hygiene item donated, library staff will remove \$1 worth of fines from your record.* All items collected will be given to the Bloomington Township Food Pantry, which will distribute it to needy individuals and families in our community.

*** Food for fines does not apply to lost or damaged items, fees, and fines owed to another library, or associated collection and processing fees.**

FOOD FOR FINES

» romance readers «
book club



Romance Readers Book Club (NEW!)

Tuesday, March 27 | 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Three Weeks to Wed by Ella Quinn

Anyone who loves romance is welcome to join this book club. We will meet on the last Tuesday of every month and discuss books that fall into a particular romance subgenre. This month's theme is "Regency Rogues."

Friends of the Bloomington Library Spring Book Sale!

Save the date for the Spring Book Sale! Earn coupons for donating gently used books starting Sunday, April 1. The Book Sale will run Saturday, April 7 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Sunday, April 8 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

SPRING BOOK SALE

Saturday, April 7
& Sunday, April 8

SWAN MIGRATION

In May 2018, Bloomingdale Public Library is joining a new consortium. Membership in SWAN (System Wide Automated Network) means we'll be part of a larger library consortium, expanding from 8 libraries to 97!

How will this affect our patrons?

- Bigger library catalog (increasing 729% over current LINC catalog)
- Your library card will work at any SWAN library
- You can pick up your materials at any SWAN library
- SWAN uses the same catalog interface as BPL, so you'll already be familiar with placing holds, paying bills, and searching when we join our new consortium
- SMS and robo calls to notify patrons of holds and more!



Library staff has been working on getting everything ready to join SWAN. As Tuesday, May 1 approaches please be on the lookout for additional information about this exciting change!



FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

The Friends are a non-profit organization that supports the Bloomingdale Public Library. They raise funds to support the library in various ways, including promoting reading programs and purchasing equipment and materials for BPL.

The Friends generously sponsor the *On The Same Page* annual reading program and *1000 Books Before Kindergarten*. They volunteer their time at the Ice Cream Social, Halloween Party, Snowman Crossing, Brookfield Zoo tree decorating, Holiday Open House, and their bi-annual book sales.

The Friends also have generously donated the following items for the library: museum passes, Summer Reading T-Shirts, trees for Snowman Crossing, a sand table, low vision reader, smart table, 3D printer, smart display, Little Bits, and more!

Connect With the Library:

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www.mybpl.org

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Adult Services/Homebound: 630-924-2730
Youth Services: 630-924-2740
Local History: 630-924-2765
Computer Services: 630-924-2767
Email: bdref1@mybpl.org
Text a Librarian: Text "mybpl" to 66746

Hours:

Monday - Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Friday & Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

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Ongoing Adult Programs



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 Adult Services Reference Desk, or by calling (630) 924-2730.

Tai Chi

Fridays, February 2 & March 2 | 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Join us at the library for an hour of Tai Chi, which combines slow movement, meditation, breathing, and balance. Bob Plucinsky is a Tai Chi and Qi Gong instructor.



Scrabble Club (Drop-In)

Thursdays, February 8 & March 8 | 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Join us for an afternoon of Scrabble! The library will provide Scrabble boards and dictionaries, as well as snacks and beverages. Whether you play for fun or for the challenge, all skill levels are welcome. Come and enjoy some classic wordplay!

Downloadable Resources

Monday, February 12 & Wednesday, March 14 | 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 a 45 minute appointment.



Bloomington Seniors' Club (Drop-In)

Tuesdays, February 13 & March 13 | 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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

Genealogy Club (Drop-In)

Thursdays, February 22 & March 22 | 6:30 - 8:45 p.m.

Members share search strategies and explore library resources with guidance from genealogy librarian Leslie Drewitz.



Book Discussion Groups



Historical Book Group (Drop-In)

Tuesday, February 6 | 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Breaking Rockefeller: The Incredible Story of the Ambitious Rivals Who Topped an Oil Empire by Peter B. Doran

Tuesday, March 6 | 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Forging a President: How the Wild West Created Teddy Roosevelt by William Hazelgrove

Great Decisions

Wednesdays, February 21 & March 21 | 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 discussion, participants read the relevant chapter on a particular foreign policy issue in the Great Decisions book available for check out, followed by a moderated discussion.

Monday Night Page Turners (Drop-In)

Monday, February 19 | 7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

LaRose by Louise Erdrich

Monday, March 19 | 7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption by Bryan Stevenson

Romance Readers Book Club (Drop-In) **NEW!**

Tuesday, March 27 | 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Three Weeks to Wed by Ella Quinn

Drop-In Movie Matinee

We'll supply the popcorn! Come enjoy this new release at BPL's Movie Matinee and enter for a chance to win a copy of that day's movie on DVD. Movie giveaway will be held following the conclusion of the movie and you must be present to win.

Stronger | **Wednesday, February 21** | 1:00 - 3:30 p.m. (Rated: R | Running Time: 116 minutes)

The inspiring real life story of Jeff Bauman, an ordinary man who captured the hearts of his city and the world to become a symbol of hope after surviving the 2013 Boston Marathon bombing. Starring: Jake Gyllenhaal, Tatiana Maslany, Miranda Richardson

Marshall | **Wednesday, March 28** | 1:00 - 3:30 p.m. (Rated: PG-13 | Running Time: 118 minutes)

About a young Thurgood Marshall, the first African-American Supreme Court Justice, as he battles through one of his career-defining cases. Starring: Chadwick Boseman, Josh Gad, Kate Hudson

Adult Programs

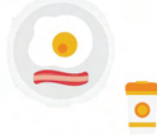
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The Sweet Art of Making Maple Syrup Monday, February 5 | 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.



Learn about the sweet process of making maple syrup. Our speaker, Roger Taylor, will use his expertise to guide us through the history of maple syrup production. He will also describe the process of boiling down, finishing, and bottling while showing us some of the equipment used. Delicious samples will be provided!

Chef Maddox Presents: Brunch! Tuesday, February 6 | 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.



Get your mid-morning started off right by learning some great recipes as well as methods & techniques when breakfast & lunch fans come together. The program will range from quiches to fruit salads to little sweets enjoyed with one's coffee. Registration is limited to 50 people.

Nursing Home Residents' Rights Monday, February 12 | 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.



Do you have a loved one in a nursing facility? What rights do you have as a family member and what rights does your loved one have? This seminar explores the rights of individuals living in supportive care and long-term care facilities, and also discusses the various benefit programs available to residents, including Medicare, Medicaid, and Veterans' Benefit programs.

Winter Concert: Love & Marriage - Musical Theater Style Tuesday, February 13 | 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.



Art imitates life, and in this heartwarming cabaret, Matt and Cynthia chronicle the many stages of relationships while performing varied and powerful songs from the Broadway stage!



Spring Cleaning with Essential Oils Monday, February 19 | 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.



Join us and learn how to clean your home naturally this spring and avoid those harsh chemicals. Samples of essential oils will be on display and the first 25 participants will get to take a sample home.

Stay up to date with what's happening at BPL by subscribing to our monthly email newsletter, **The BPL Buzz!**

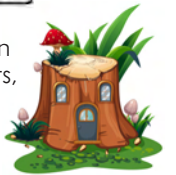
Go to www.mybpl.org, click on "eNewsletter" at the top righthand side of the screen, and enter your email address to sign up!

How to Make a Fairy Garden Monday, March 5 | 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.



Platt Hill Nursery will give a demonstration on how to create an indoor, potted fairy garden using live plants and how to plan an outdoor fairy garden. There will be a drawing at the end of the program for the finished fairy garden, and you must be present to win!

DIY Make & Take: Teacup Fairy Gardens Tuesday, March 6 | 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.



Learn how to make your own miniature fairy garden that fits inside a teacup! We will be using fake plants, so there is no need to water. Registration opens on Thursday, February 1, and participation is limited to 30 people.

Chicago Before Chicago Monday, March 12 | 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.



Join a virtual tour of the late prehistoric peoples and cultures of the Chicago area. We will examine the complex and little known prehistory of the Chicago area through an examination of the archaeological evidence left to us.

Relaxation Through Meditation Monday, March 26 | 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.



Join Michael Ribet, long time meditator and international speaker, as he discusses how meditation can evoke a deeper state of relaxation and more peace within. He'll also demonstrate a powerful meditation technique that can enrich one's life on all levels, and the audience will have a chance to practice this technique as well.

COMING SOON!

Dr. Kelly Presents: Vitamins and Supplements Tuesday, April 3 | 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. Health Lecture

Living in the Light: True and Amazing Stories of Angel Encounters and Miracles Monday, April 9 | 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. Author Talk

Ancient Life of Illinois Tuesday, April 10 | 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. Science Lecture

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For Learning...For Life

Teen Scene

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 Adult Services Reference Desk, or by calling (630) 924-2730. Open to 7-12th grades unless noted.

Cupcake Wars!

Wednesday, February 14 | 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.



Show off your decorating skills by frosting the perfect cupcake during our first annual Cupcake War! Bring in your own unfrosted cupcakes or use the ones we provide. Toppings and frosting will also be provided. Prizes will be awarded to the most creative and tastiest looking cupcakes!

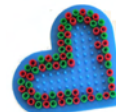


DIY Emoji Pillow

Thursday, February 22 | 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.



Have a favorite emoji? Come make it into a pillow! All supplies will be provided and no sewing required! Limited to 10 participants.



Mario Kart Madness

Wednesday, March 7 | 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.



March Madness is here, and we're kicking it off with a Mario Kart Tournament. Battle your friends and try to finish the race first! Snacks will be provided. A gift card will be awarded to the winner! Registration is required. Limited to 16 participants.



Perler Craft (Drop-In)

Wednesday, March 21 | 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

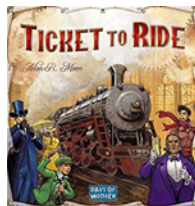
Craft up a Perler bead creation or two! Use some of our templates or create your own design. All supplies are provided.

Ongoing Teen Programs

Teen Game Night (Drop-In)

Thursdays, February 8 & March 8 | 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!



3D Print Club (Drop-In)

Wednesdays, February 28 & March 28 | 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Are you curious about 3D printing? Do you want to learn how to create your own designs and print them out? Teens are welcome to join us for an Introduction to 3D printing class, where we will create our own Tinkercad accounts, learn the basics of 3D Printing and design, and even get to see the 3D Printer in action. No experience is necessary!

Dungeons and Dragons Club (Drop-In) **NEW!**

Thursdays, February 1 & March 22 | 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.

We've started a Dungeons and Dragons Club! Grab your twenty-sided die, rev up your imagination, and embark on an adventure with some friends. Newbies and long-time players are welcome. All players ages 13 and up are welcome to join us.



TAB: Teen Advisory Board (Drop-In)

Thursdays, February 15 & March 15 | 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!



Computer Classes

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), in the Business Office, or by calling (630) 924-2720.

iPhone Basics

Monday, February 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.

Getting Started: Windows 10

Thursday, February 15 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Instructor: Charlie



This class will provide 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.

Internet Course: Google Docs

Monday, February 19 | 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.

Online Travel Planning

Monday, February 26 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Instructor: Sean



This class will teach students how to use many of the resources available online for travelers. Ways to save money as well as learning about your destination and avoiding unfortunate mistakes will be discussed. It's also a fun way to learn about using forums, online review sites, and other Web 2.0 technology for a practical purpose.

Getting Started: Word Processing

Thursday, March 1 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Instructor: Charlie



This class will be aimed at those with little or no experience using Microsoft Word or any word processors. Topics such as creating and saving files, formatting, and editing documents will be covered. There will be time available for questions and specific problems students have encountered.

Beginners Internet Course: Cloud Storage

Monday, March 5 | 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.

Smart TVs

Monday, March 12 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Instructor: Sean



In this class we will discuss different features and services available for modern TVs. Students will learn how to stream directly from the internet, connect to your computer, or easily display their pictures or movies.

3D Printing

Monday, March 19 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Instructor: Sean



Ever wanted to learn how to use a 3D printer? The library allows patrons to print objects using our equipment and it's easier than you think! Come to class to learn how to find free designs on the web, make edits, and print them through www.mybpl.org/3dprint.

Online Technology Classes

Didn't find what you were looking for? Does your schedule conflict with our times?

Explore our online technology classes with your BPL library card at www.mybpl.org/onlinelearning.

Lynda.com: Video courses on graphic and web design, photography, video production, job search tools, career skills, and much more!

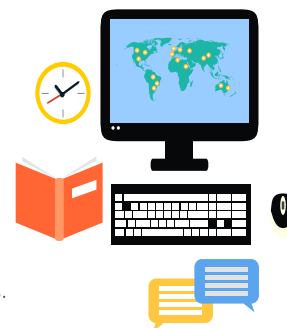
Gale Courses: Six-week long courses taught by college instructors and experts in the field. Courses support business professionals, teachers, health care workers, aspiring writers, artists, and musicians, genealogists, as well as people interested in health, wellness, technical skills, and lifelong learning. Technology courses include Adobe and Microsoft applications, web design, and computer fundamentals.

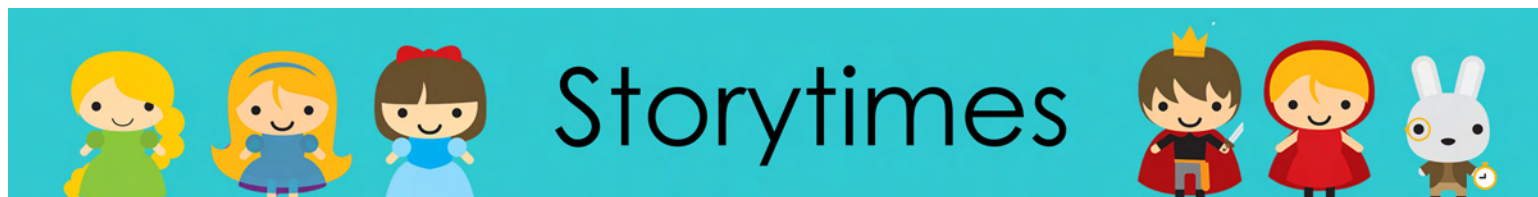
Learning Express Library: Learn to use popular computer programs, such as Microsoft Word and Adobe Photoshop. Learning Express Library offers online test preparation materials and interactive practice exams for the ACT, SAT, and GMAT. It also includes online computer tutorials, tests for various professions, U.S. citizenship preparation, and much more.

Brainfuse: Live online tutors for homework help in Math, Science, English, and Social Studies for students in grades K-12 and College Intro, 3:00-10:00 pm daily. 24/7 Writing Lab, Homework Question Center, and Skills Building available. Este servicio está disponible en español.

Pronunciator: Learn over 80 languages using Pronunciator, which includes courses, live conversation groups, and more.

ProCitizen: Prepare for the U.S. Citizenship Test with over 100 videos, drills, and quizzes.





Preschoolers of all ages can join us for a storytime. The Youth Services department provides age-appropriate, educational, and interactive fun with stories, sign language, music, and more. Each program runs for six weeks. Storytimes begin the week of March 5 and end April 20. There will be no storytimes the week of March 26 - 30 due to Spring Break. Registration for Bloomingdale residents begins Monday, Feb. 19 and for non-residents one week before each program begins.

Registration is required for the following storytimes 📅:

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 2s (24-35 months): Wednesdays, 10:00 - 10:30 a.m.
 Preschool Storytime (ages 3-5): Tuesdays, 10:30 - 11:15 a.m.
 OR Tuesdays, 1:30 - 2:15 p.m.
 Happy Books, Happy Cooks (ages 3-5): Mondays, 7:00 - 7:30 p.m.

The following storytime may be attended on a drop-in basis:

Family Storytime (all ages): Fridays, 10:30 - 11:00 a.m.



**New storytime
for ages 3-5!**



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LEGO Madness (Drop-In)

Mondays, February 5 & March 5 | 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. | grades K-6

Come stretch your imagination and make new friends while building with LEGOs.

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

Thursdays, February 1 & March 1 | 11:00 - 11:45 a.m. | all ages

Join us for a themed storytime the first Thursday of every month at Stratford Square Mall (meet by Cafe Court - lower level) and receive a treat for being a good listener! All ages welcome; caregivers must remain with their children.

Craft Time (Drop-In)

Thursdays, February 1 & March 1 | 3:00 - 8:00 p.m. | all ages

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

Make it, Take it Mardi Gras (Drop-In)

Sunday, February 11 | 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. | all ages

It's Mardi Gras Time! Stop in anytime between 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. and make a mask in time for Mardi Gras fun!

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

Mondays, February 12 & March 12 | 9:30 - 10:15 a.m. | all ages
 Location: Panera Bread, 370 W. Army Trail Road, Bloomingdale, IL

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

Arctic Animal Science and Stories

Tuesday, February 13 | 4:30 - 5:15 p.m. | grades K-2



Come to the library to learn about penguins and polar bears. How do they stay warm in the winter with all that snow and cold? We will learn about arctic animals through stories, then explore what we learned through games and experiments.

Chinese New Year Celebration

Thursday, February 15 | 10:00 - 10:45 a.m. | ages 3-5



Join us for stories and crafts as we celebrate the Chinese New Year.

Guys Read NEW!

Thursday, Feb. 15 & March 15 | 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. | grades 4-6

Guys Read is a book discussion just for guys. Come have a snack, discuss the book, play games and do activities. Selected book for the month can be picked up at the Youth Services desk. February's book is *PAX* by Sara Pennypacker.



Cosley Zoo (Drop-In)

Monday, February 19 | 2:00 - 2:45 p.m. | all ages

Home Sweet Habitat - Local Cosley Zoo will bring their animals to us and we'll learn about the animals and their habitats. Always a crowd favorite!



PostCrossing Club (Drop-In)

Mondays, Feb. 19 & March 19 | 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. | grades 1-6

Make and write postcards to send to special recipients all over the world - then come back to see what we get in return!

Kitchen Kids

Wednesdays, Feb. 21 & March 21 | 4:30 - 5:00 p.m. | grades 3-5

Come practice kitchen skills and make easy, kid-friendly snacks and treats! Food is prepared and served at this program, so please notify Youth Services if your child has dietary restrictions.





Kids Programs

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Time for Toys (Drop-In)

Friday, February 23 | 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.
ages 3 months-5 years + caregiver

Time for Toys is an informal program giving parents with small children the opportunity to meet and talk with other parents, while children play with toys and games. Provided toys and games are appropriate for children ages 3 months to 5 years.

LEARN with LEGOs for Preschoolers

Tuesday, February 27 | 11:00 - 11:45 a.m. | ages 3-5



Build with LEGOs and build your child's school readiness too! Come to the library for stories, learning, and fun. Each program has a different theme and learning objective like numbers, colors, or letters.

Mind Math

Tuesday, February 27 | 4:15 - 5:00 p.m. | grades 1-3



This mental math program is a complete brain exercise for kids that will also trigger their whole brain development. The program uses the abacus as a tool to train kids to do calculations mentally. This program is hosted by ALOHA Math of Bloomingdale.

STEAM with Seuss!

Saturday, March 3 | 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. | grades K-2



Let's get goofy and Seussical with Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math! Fun activities based on the Doctor's beloved books, and a story and treat, too!

Focus on FUNdamentals

Mondays, March 5 - April 16 | 4:15 - 5:00 p.m. | grades K-1



Join us for a fun twist on essential skills. We will focus on everyday skills that will prove essential to a successful school year — listening, following directions, and more. There will be no class on Monday, March 26.

Happy Books, Happy Cooks **NEW!**

Mondays, March 5 – April 16 | 7:00 - 7:30 p.m. | ages 3-5



A story time for all the budding chefs out there! Join in for a themed food craft followed by stories and a game. Registration is for a six session period. Please notify Youth Services if your child has any dietary restrictions. There will be no class on Monday, March 26. A new evening storytime for preschoolers!

Introduction to Little Bits **NEW!**

Thursday, March 8 | 4:30 - 5:15 p.m. | grades 3-6



The library just received an exciting collection of Little Bits! These toys make STEAM building and inventing electronic gadgets fun and easy. Join us as we start out talking about the basics and start building our first gadget. Provided through a generous donation from the Friends of the Library.

Celebrate Pi Day With Pie!

Tuesday, March 13 | 4:30 - 5:15 p.m. | grades K-2



Make a pie! Who knew math could be fun? We will investigate circles of all sizes to determine what Pi is and why it is so important. We will play games, do circle crafts, and end our investigations with some delicious pie! If your child has food allergies, please contact the library so we can accommodate your child.

Craft Room Clean Out – St. Patrick's Day (Drop-In)

Wednesday, March 14 | 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. | all ages

Just your luck, there are plenty of St. Patrick's Day crafts for all the wee lads and lasses. Stop in between 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. to create your own lucky charm.

Leprechaun Stories (Drop-In)

Friday, March 16 | 10:30 - 11:00 a.m. | all ages

It's almost St. Patrick's Day! Join us for this special family storytime in a world full of leprechauns, and where everyone wears green!



Spring Break Programs

Drop-In Movie

Monday, March 26 | 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. | all ages

Enjoy the matinee with some popcorn! Children 8 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Movie to be announced in March.

Origami Day (Drop-In)

Tuesday, March 27 | 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. | all ages

Stop in during the day and join us for some fun paper folding and origami. We will have an experienced paper folder there to help.

Peter Rabbit Comes to the Library (Drop-In)

Friday, March 30 | 10:30 - 11:15 a.m. | all ages

Peter Rabbit will be at the library to greet children of all ages. Come and visit with Peter and enjoy a few classic tales of Peter, his friends, and other fun stories!

Rediscover the Bloomington Park District!

A dults, rediscover the Bloomington Park District! It's not just for kids anymore. Enroll in one of our active adult programs designed for, though not limited to, folks aged 43+ and realize the indisputable health benefits of being active, being challenged and staying connected to those in your community.

French & Spanish Gourmet

Delve into the heart of Spain in Week 1. Learn to create the most delicious paella, a mixed olive salad, prosciutto pate, shrimp fritters, and a sweet bread specialty from Spain. Then travel, in Weeks 2-4, from Normandy down to the French Riviera making foods such as coq au vin, stuffed veal napoleon, fish/seafood stew, French onion soup, and madeleines.

Location: Lake Park H.S. East

Instructor: Chef Pina

MIN/MAX: 8/20

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
Heart of Spain					
Adult W	6:00-9:00P	2/21		\$42/42	203678-A1
Normandy					
Adult W	6:00-9:00P	3/21		\$42/42	203678-A2

Italian Cooking Classes

Fall in love with preparing and eating Italian cuisine. In the introduction course, participants start with an appetizer. Learn the history of and make original bruschetta. You'll prepare fresh liver pate, Pina's famous stuffed meatballs with pasta and fresh sauce, a lovely salad, and Pina's country bread. Finish with a beautiful tiramisu. Subsequent classes prepare multi-course meals specific to a topic or region.

Location: Lake Park H.S. East

Instructor: Chef Pina

MIN/MAX: 8/20

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
Introduction					
Adult W	6:00-9:00P	2/28		\$42/42	203679-B1
Solely Mediterranean					
Adult W	6:00-9:00P	3/7		\$42/42	203679-B2

Recipe Swap

Calling all cooks and those that want to learn! Sign your child up for Unicorn Funfetti Party and while they are in their program, meet with other parents to share recipes and cooking ideas! Feel free to bring samples of any recipe, though that is not required or expected. Please bring enough copies to share. This is a great chance to share your recipes as well as gain some new ones! This is a partner program with Unicorn Funfetti Party 202624-A1.

Location: Cody Room

Instructor: Staff

MIN/MAX: 6/24

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
Adult Sa	11:00-1:00P	4/21		\$10/15	203636-A1



Retirement Planning

Keep more of what you earn and make your money work harder for you. Above all, this course shows you how to assess your financial situation and develop a personalized plan to achieve your retirement goals. Whether you are just beginning to develop a retirement plan or rapidly approaching retirement, you will learn how to define long-term goals and return from the class with practical information you can apply immediately. This course includes a 224-page illustrated textbook. Couples may attend together for a single registration fee. Class sizes are limited so register today. Coffee and light refreshments are provided. Note: Saturday classes are held at the Johnston Recreation Center. Instructor Mark Strefner is a senior partner with Infinity Wealth Management, LLC, a financial and estate-planning firm, and seeks to bring clarity to the financial planning process. A sought-after public speaker in the insurance and investment industry, Mark has been honored with a number of corporate and industry awards including the Million Dollar Round Table, Centurion, Chairman, and Ben Franklin Awards.

Location: Lake Park H.S. East

Instructor: Mark Strefner

MIN/MAX: 2/30

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
Adult W	6:00-9:00P	2/21-2/28		\$49/49	203688-A1
Adult Sa	9:00-12:00P	2/24-3/3		\$49/49	203688-A2

Step by Step Drawing

Have you always wanted to draw? Need a refresher on art fundamentals? Step by Step Drawing is a six-part course designed by artist Kathy Steere for adults who haven't drawn since grade school. Participants learn about lines, shading, shadows, one-point perspective, composition, and color. Other than a pencil, there is no supply list. Instructor will have materials available for in-class use, though you are welcome to bring any of your own drawing supplies.

Location: Lake Park H.S. East

Instructor: Kathy

MIN/MAX: 6/20

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
Shading - Make the subject look dimensional					
Adult	W	6:00-8:00P	2/21	\$25/25	203695-A2
Shadows - Anchor the subject					
Adult	W	6:00-8:00P	2/28	\$25/25	203695-A3
One-point perspective - Distance looks real					
Adult	W	6:00-8:00P	3/7	\$25/25	203695-A4
Composition - Placement of subject					
Adult	W	6:00-8:00P	3/14	\$25/25	203695-A5
Color - Intro to the color wheel					
Adult	W	6:00-8:00P	3/21	\$25/25	203695-A6

Grandparent Gardening Day

Bring your grandparents out for a nature adventure! We'll play games, go on a scavenger hunt, and explore Springfield Wetlands. The DuPage County Farm Bureau will join us for a fun lesson about soil and to make a unique garden plant with the grandchildren to take home! Fee is per child, Grandparents are free. Registration deadline is: April 31.

Location: Springfield Pavilion

Instructor: Staff

MIN/MAX: 8/12

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
5-12	Sa	10:45-12:45P	5/12	\$18/23	201114-A1

Sand Art Terrarium

You are never too old to play in the sand! Create your own terrarium using different colors of sand. Each participant receives a 6" bubble vase, live plants, different colors of sand to choose from, as well as decorations to put on top. Spend quality time making memories and a work of art to show off and display. Fee includes one parent/grandparent and one child.

Location: Cody-Hills

Instructor: Christine, Thirsty Gardner

MIN/MAX: 6/10

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
6-12	Sa	1:00-3:00P	3/3	\$55/55	202631-A1
Additional Child					
6-12	Sa	1:00-3:00P	3/3	\$18/18	202631-A2

P.A.A.R.C.

(Purely Active Adult Recreation Club)

Looking for something to do this winter? Drop in at the Johnston Recreation Center every Friday beginning January 5th for a FREE activity or event. Try a new activity, socialize or maybe just relax. Cards and games are always available along with refreshments. No registration is required.

Transportation is available on a limited basis. Contact Nicole at least one week in advance to schedule a pick-up. Nicole can be reached at nicole@bloomingtondaleparks.org or 630-529-3650.

Location: Johnston Recreation Center

Age: 55+ **Days:** Friday

Time: 10AM-Noon **Dates:** January 5 – May 18

February 16th - Social and Movie Day

Devour our FREE popcorn and soda while watching our featured Friday film. Contact Nicole for movie title.

February 23rd - Coffee and Chat

Enjoy a cup of coffee as you chat with your PAARC friends.

March 2nd - Brain Teaser Day

Join us to test your skills at crossword puzzles, word searches, and much more!

March 9th - Social and Movie Day

Devour our FREE popcorn and soda while watching our featured Friday film. Contact Nicole for movie title.

March 16th - Arts & Crafts Day

Supplies will be provided for participants to decorate their own Spring craft.

March 23rd - Bingo Day

Four corners or cover all? Choose your favorite style and take turns being the bingo caller for a PAARC bingo day.

March 30th - National Take a Walk in the Park Day

Put your walking shoes on and join us at OldTown Park to learn about interesting historical Bloomington facts for National Take a Walk in the Park Day.

April 6th - National Caramel Popcorn Day

Enjoy a special Caramel Popcorn treat in honor of Caramel Popcorn Day.

BUNNY BASH!

Crafts!



Saturday, March 24

9:45-11:30AM

@ JRC

Bloomington Public
Library Bookwalk!



Entertainment!



Easter Egg Hunt
@ Circle Park

Starts promptly at 9:30AM

Ages 9 and younger • Free! • No wristband needed



Inflatable Fun!



Pick up your free wristband at the
JRC front desk beginning March 1.

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The Oasis Water Park

Season Passes go on sale Feb. 1!

Passholder Benefits

- Early daily admission
- Option to purchase a VIP pass
- Discounted private rentals
- Discounted parties
- Free admission to many Oasis special events
- Passholder Appreciation Night
- Two one-day guest passes per family

	Early Bird Rate Feb. 1 – April 30 R/NR	Season Rate Beginning May 1 R/NR
Individual	\$43/63	\$53/79
VIP	\$55	\$75
Super Pass	\$30/\$50 add'l	\$30/\$50 add'l



2018 Season Pass Kick Off Events

Johnston Recreation Center

February 15, 2018

6-8PM

February 17, 2018

10AM-12PM

Purchase your 2018 Oasis season pass during one of the two kick-off events and save \$5 per pass. The first 50 individuals to purchase a season pass receive an Oasis drink tumbler with straw!