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From the Desk of **Mayor Bob Iden**

While at the time of this writing it is cold and windy, we have had at least a couple tastes of Spring. So perhaps by April 1, it will be in full swing. And speaking of full swing, the Bloomingdale Golf Club will also be open by this date.

Last year, we debuted the golf club sign along Lake Street. We constructed and landscaped it without much fanfare, but we got rave reviews about it for the rest of the season. It's time to give some overdue credit to those people who helped design, create, construct and landscape the much talked about sign.

I credit our Director of Village Services, Michael Marchi, with the concept, but he is quick to point out, "Much more than me, many talented and creative individuals and Village Services employees assisted with the design and construction."

So "Thank You" to Assistant Village Engineer Bob Prohaska & the engineering staff, Forester Jim Johnson & the forestry crew, Supervisor Vern Fasse and the water distribution crews, Supervisor Ed Lewen and the streets crews, Golf Club Superintendent Bret Collins and the golf club crews, Building Commissioner Michael Gricus, Trustee John Dabrowski, Trustee Bob Czernek and Assistant Village Service Director Jim Monkemeyer, who Michael Marchi notes provides considerable assistance, which enables him to address these Village creative endeavors. (Of course, my sincerest apologies if I inadvertently left someone off that list.)

We've seen more changes in our police department as another longtime member takes on retirement. My congratulations and thanks to Chuck Mader who retired as Deputy Chief after 34 years of service to Bloomingdale. You can read more about Chuck on page 3.

In addition, the Bloomingdale Police Department has marked another milestone. We had our first woman officer attain the rank of sergeant in February. Jackie Slater is a 10-year veteran who has been actively involved in the growth of the organization. Among her many contributions have been involvement in new programs, such as the Child Safety Seat Program, Cultural Diversity Training and Firearms & Defensive Tactics Training. She has earned several professional certifications in the Law Enforcement field, and received her Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice Management in 2005 from Judson College, in Elgin. She is currently our Operations Sergeant. Congratulations Sergeant Slater!

Hope to see you at the Memorial Day observance at 9:30 a.m. in St. Paul's Cemetery on Lake Street. It's always very moving. Have a terrific spring.

Sincerely

Mayor Bob Iden



Jackie Slater being sworn in by Mayor Iden as the first female Bloomingdale Police Sergeant



EVENTS

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Valley View Condos Sales Center Now Open

Nitti Development has opened a sales center in Springbrook Shopping Center, 158B E. Lake Street for pre-construction sales of units for its Valley View condominium high-rise scheduled to be built this fall. Valley View Condominiums will be a nine-story, luxury high-rise complete with 114 condominium homes surrounded by 150 acres of the DuPage Forest Preserve. This unique type of resort-style condo living will be located one mile west of I-355 on Valley View Road, one block south of Army Trail Road.



“What most builders would consider an upgrade, we consider standard,” said Frank Nitti, president of the development company. “Our reputation has been built on the consistent use of high-quality materials.” For more information call Nitti Development at 630-980-4525 or visit the website at www.valleyviewbloomingdale.com.

The Dove Girls Are at It Again!
Villagers Club of Bloomingdale presents its members, daughters and granddaughters – all shapes and sizes - modeling fashions from Dress Barn and Jack & Jill Boutique at the Villagers 16th annual Fashion Show. The affair begins at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 5 at the Bloomingdale Public Library, 101 Fairfield Way. Evening includes refreshments, entertainment and raffles items. A \$10 donation is requested, but is not mandatory.



Bloomingdale Church Hosting Open House Depicting Christ's Passion on April 6

On Good Friday, April 6, Bloomingdale Church, 262 Glen Ellyn Road, host an open house to display the creative art of adults, teenagers, and children in the church community that depict Christ's passion. Church members invite your family to experience Good Friday through your five senses. Open House: 6-7 p.m. & 8-9 pm; Good Friday Service (Reflections on the Passion): 7-8 p.m. We invite anyone who would like to create an art expression about Christ's passion and resurrection to participate. If you have any questions, please contact danielr@bloomingdalechurch.org (630) 894-0090.



Coming Attractions!

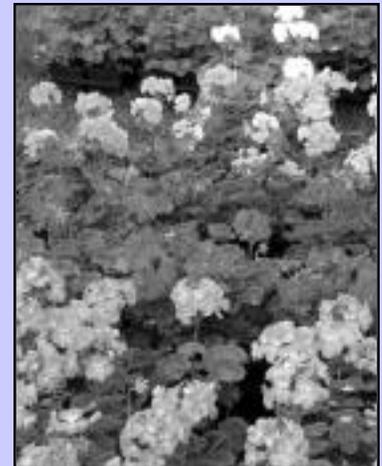
Century Theatres are scheduled to open a 16-screen theater at Stratford Square Mall during Summer 2007.

Bloomingdale Garden Club's April Meeting To Feature Shrubs

Bloomingdale Garden Club meets at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 18 at the Bloomingdale Public Library, 101 Fairfield Way in Room B. The topic will be Flowering Shrubs - Selection and Care.

The May 16th meeting takes place at 6:30 p.m. at the Bloomingdale Park District Museum, 108 S. Bloomingdale Road, and features a program on “Gardening with Children.”

Garden Club's Plant Sale Set for May 4 & 5



May 4 and 5 marks the Garden Club's annual plant sale featuring full flats of 48 plants and premium hanging baskets direct from their Michigan grower. Location is 337 Skylark Drive in Bloomingdale.

Sale hours:

Friday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Saturday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Contact Helen Price at 630-980-6585 or Joyce Basel at 630-529-9833 for more information on the meetings or the sale.

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Kindergarten Registration

Children who will be five years old on or before September 1, 2007, are eligible for kindergarten during the 2007-08 school year. Bloomingdale is served by four elementary school districts. Following is information about each district.

Parents wishing to register their child for Kindergarten in **District 13** schools should contact the elementary school they plan to attend. DuJardin School, 166 S. Euclid (894-9200) covers the east side of the district; students on the west side of the district attend Erickson School, 277 Springfield Drive (529-2223). If you do not know which school you should attend, please contact the district office at 893-9590. Kindergarten registration packets can be picked up at either school office from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Community Consolidated School **District 93** will conduct kindergarten registration for the 2007-2008 school year on Tuesday, April 10, at 7:00 p.m. at the respective schools. Bloomingdale students attend either Cloverdale School, 1182 Merbach Drive (630-784-3600) in Carol Stream or Elsie Johnson School 1380 Nautilus Lane (630-830-8770) in Hanover Park. For more information please contact your neighborhood school or the District Office at 893-9393.

Kindergarten Round-Up for School **District 15** Winnebago School will be held on Wednesday, April 11, 2007, from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m., at Winnebago School, 195 Greenway Drive, Bloomingdale. For additional information call 942-7105.

Keeneyville School **District 20** Kindergarten Registration will take place on Thursday, April 26, 2007 at Waterbury Elementary School, 345 Rodenburg Road in Roselle from 9am-12 noon and from 4 - 6 pm. For more information, please call Waterbury School at 893-8180.

All in districts, parents will need to bring the child's original birth certificate, as well as proof of residency, a real estate tax bill, mortgage papers, signed lease, or agreement of sale, along with one other form of identification which includes a driver's license, auto registration, voter registration, or a public aid card. If you don't know which school your child will attend, ask a neighbor with youngsters or call one of the district offices.

**Fire Department Team 'Hustles Up the Hancock'!**

For the fourth year, the Bloomingdale Fire Department has sent a team, including family and friends, to "Hustle Up the Hancock" for the American Lung Association. Part of Team Bloomingdale Fire is pictured below before the event: Aaron Causey, Dan Phillips, Bailey Ziegler, Al Emody, Tom Manion, Kevin Bus, John Kowalski, Bill, Wolff, Wes Nebel, Gary Fronberg. Not pictured are Rich and Mitch Kurka, Holly Bentley, Laura Cole, Laura Webb, Donna and Aimee Bourdage.

Volunteers Needed For Community Tree Planting

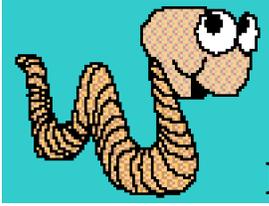
The Village Forestry Division is looking for volunteers to plant 200 seedlings, including Redbud, Sycamore, and English Oak, on Saturday, April 28th, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Public Works Facility, 305 S. Glen Ellyn Road. This is the 13th consecutive year for this popular event.

The Village will supply seedlings, soil and pots for the purpose of growing the seedlings into saplings for transplanting into the local community.

Participants are asked to bring gloves and enthusiasm. After this growing season, the trees will be planted in the Village's nursery for further growth.

For more information or to volunteer, please contact Helen Price at 630-671-5800.





Pest Alert!!!!



From Bagworms to Borers, Here's What You Need to Know

Bagworms

(Source: The Morton Arboretum and Kramer Tree Specialists)

Twenty species of bagworms exist, affecting a wide range of host plants. Bagworms feed on the foliage of many evergreens, deciduous trees and shrubs, including arborvitae, juniper, false cypress, spruce, fir and pine in our area. Bagworms are more easily identified in the winter and spring (from a distance they can be mistaken for cones), and when practical, can be removed and destroyed. Simply pick the bagworms off the plant and squash them. Be sure to cut the attachment silk band so that the branch will not be girdled in the future.

Severe infestations may require treatment. Spray applications of a bacterial insecticide such as Bt (*Bacillus thuringiensis*) are effective in controlling bagworms. Applications need to be administered in June, when the spray-timing indicator plants Northern Catalpa (*Catalpa speciosa*) and Japanese Tree Lilac (*Syringa reticulata*) are in full bloom. Applications are repeated at three to ten day intervals, dependent on weather. At least two applications are recommended.



For more information, contact Jim Johnson, Village Forester, at 630-671-5804. Color photos can be found at

<http://www.forestryimages.org/search/action.cfm?q=bagworms>

Emerald Ash Borer Update

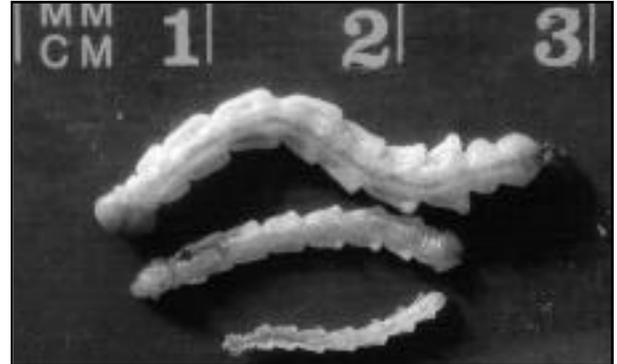
The Morton Arboretum is urging everyone with firewood remaining from the winter to use all of it up before the warm weather arrives,

just in case the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) is lurking inside.



Emerald Ash Borer (continued)

There are two EAB quarantine areas in Illinois, including 64 square miles of northern Cook County, and the entire county of Kane. These quarantines prohibit anyone from moving ash trees, limbs, branches, logs and other ash products out of the



Emerald Ash Borer larvae shown actual size. They can be transported to new locations while hidden under the bark of firewood.

area without a permit. In general, it's best not to move firewood, but instead, buy and use it locally.

Identifying EAB

If you have ash trees on your property or nearby parkways, watch for signs that could mean they are in trouble. It will take an expert to figure out if your tree has emerald ash borers, because most of the symptoms can be caused by other diseases or insects or by lingering effects of last year's vicious drought.

Here are some signs that might indicate the presence of emerald ash borer:

- Flagging, wilting or dying of the leafy canopy of the tree
- New green sprouts growing at the base or from the trunk
- Small D-shaped exit holes about one-eighth inch across
- Metallic green beetles about a half inch long
- Splits or cracks in the bark
- Serpentine channels under bark that easily pulls off

Woodpecker activity might also indicate the presence of emerald ash borer. Woodpeckers are a red flag for infested ash trees - they pound away at ash trees to get at the larvae of the little beetles.

For more information, contact Jim Johnson, Bloomingdale Village Forester at 671-5804, or visit

<http://www.mortonarb.org/plantinfo/plantclinic/EAB.htm>

Pest Alert!!!! (continued)

Periodical Cicadas in 2007

(thanks to Ron Wolford, University of Illinois Extension office, for this information)

Something not seen since 1990 is expected to reappear this year, the Northern Illinois Brood XIII of the 17-year periodical cicadas will make another appearance in northern Illinois, which includes the Chicago area."

"The timing of emergence is determined by soil temperature," says Ron Wolford "Abnormal springtime weather can delay or accelerate the timing of emergence. What causes them to emerge in a specific year is not well understood."

Full-grown brown, 3/4 inch-long periodical cicada nymphs will emerge this spring in late May. An indication of emergence is a series of soil chimneys that can be three inches high and 1/2 inch in diameter. They will also emerge through 1/2-inch diameter exit holes. "The nymphs will burst out of the chimneys and holes around sunset and crawl up trees and shrubs," he said. "Their skins will split down their backs, and the adults will emerge."

"The adults are short-lived. Their main purpose is reproduction. Adult periodical cicadas are 1-1/2 inch long, black insects with protruding red eyes. Their clear wings have bright orange



veins." About a week after emergence, the males will congregate and start singing loudly during the sunny part of the day to attract females.. The mating period lasts for two weeks, the males die, and the singing ends. The females will lay eggs for three to four weeks.

"The eggs will usually hatch in mid-summer about six to 10 weeks after egg laying," said Wolford. "After hatch, the new nymphs will drop from trees and shrubs and dig underground to find roots for feeding for another 17 years."

Even though periodical cicadas look a little scary, Wolford said they are not dangerous to humans or pets. Heavy egg laying in newly planted trees can cause twigs to break with leaves dying. Mature trees, even when covered with cicadas, will show little damage. Wolford recommends sitting back and enjoying this wonder of nature. "It won't occur again until 2024," he said. For more information on periodical cicadas, he recommends U of I Extension's website "Cicadas in Illinois."



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Beware of Clothes Dryer Fires

The Bloomington Fire Protection District would like to pass along the following information about safety in your home.

For many households, the clothes dryer is an indispensable convenience. However, if clothes dryers are not properly installed or maintained, critical fires can occur. Each year, there are an estimated 15,600 fires that require a fire department response. These clothes dryer fires cause an annual average of approximately 400 injuries and 15 fatalities. Failure to clean is the leading factor contributing to clothes dryer fires in residential buildings.

It should be noted that new home construction trends place clothes dryers and washing machines in more hazardous locations, such as bedrooms, second floor hallways, bathrooms and kitchens, away from outside walls.

A clothes dryer works by forcing hot air through a turning drum. Wet clothes placed in the drum are then dried by the moving hot air. Lint is created from the clothes as the water is removed and the clothes dry. While much of the lint is trapped by the dryer's filter, lint also is carried through the venting system, together with moist air. The accumulation of lint, both in the dryer and in the dryer vent, reduces the air-flow and creates a highly flammable fuel source.

In addition to the accumulation of lint, blockage in dryer exhaust vents also can occur from the nests of small birds and animals or from bends in the venting system itself. A compromised vent will not exhaust properly to the outside vent. Overheating may result. If enough heat is produced to ignite the lint itself or nearby combustible items, including the clothes in the dryer, a fire ensues.

Proper maintenance for clothes dryers involves removing the lint from the traps, vents, and surrounding areas of the dryer. Again, "failure to clean" accounts for 70% of dryer fire operational deficiencies.

A clothes dryer that has to work harder to evacuate lint and moisture can trigger enough heat to cause some dryer components to malfunction and can sometimes produce sparks or



even flames. The overheating can sometimes produce enough heat to ignite lint or other nearby combustibles.

As a good fire safety practice, combustibles such as clothing, boxes, and other items should not be placed near or around the clothes dryer.

If you notice heavy clothes, such as blue jeans or towels taking a long time to dry, or clothes feel hotter than usual at the end of the cycle, then a clogged dryer vent exhaust is likely the problem. Disconnect, clean and inspect the dryer duct and venting every couple of years. Some may need more frequent inspection, such as in homes with complex construction where the dryer vents exceed 6 feet from the outside.

If you do not feel comfortable cleaning or inspecting the dryer vent yourself, you can call a duct cleaning service. The Chimney Safety Institute of America (CSIA), a non-profit educational organization, also provides information on clothes dryer fires and can provide a list of CSIA-certified dryer exhaust duct technicians.

Tips to Avoid Dryer Fires:

- Never let your clothes dryer run while you are out of the house or asleep.
- Disconnect, clean and inspect the dryer duct and venting every couple of years.
- Have gas-powered dryers inspected by a professional annually to ensure that the gas line and connection are intact.

More information about how to prevent dryer fires can be obtained from the Bloomington Fire Protection District or go to www.usfa.dhs.gov/applications



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**Student Art Show at Park
District Museum Through April 21**

The Bloomingdale Park District Museum is delighted to host the 24th Annual Student Art Show at 108 S. Bloomingdale Road now through April 21st.

Participating schools are Blackhawk, Cloverdale, DuJardin, Elise Johnson, Erickson, Glenbard North High School, Lake Park High School, Marquardt Middle, St. Isidore, St. Walter, Stratford Middle, Trinity Lutheran, Waterbury, Westfield Middle and Winnebago.

During the exhibit, the Museum is open on Wed. 4-8 p.m., Thurs/Fri. 10-4 p.m. and Sat. 12-4 p.m. Please call the museum at (630) 539-3096 and leave a message if you need more information.



The 5-Star Expo, hosted by the Bloomingdale Chamber in February, provided a lot of networking for businesses from six towns. Best Buy, Sunrise Assisted Living and Stratford Square Mall were only three off the Bloomingdale businesses taking part.

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at Bloomingtondale Golf Club!

Bloomingtondale Golf Club 2007 Season



181 Glen Ellyn Road • 630-529-6232

Opening Day March 31 (weather permitting)

Spring rates offered

Check out our website at www.bloomingtondalegc.com
for the latest information on rates, classes, clinics, specials and more!



Hopefully by the time you read this, the snow is gone and the grass is turning green. Golf Season is HERE! With the beginning of another spring that golfing “itch” in each and every one of us comes alive!. What better way than being out on the golf course at Bloomingtondale Golf Club, inhaling the warm spring air and eliminating those winter blues! When finished, be certain to stop in the golf shop and see the new apparel and equipment available this golf season.



To make things easy, all golf rates, lesson and junior programs, and various information can be accessed on our website at www.bloomingtondalegc.com You can even book that first tee time of the year (and in the future) on-line!

To give you a heads up on activities being offered this year, the following page shows the scheduled Adult and Junior Clinics, along with the dates the junior course will be available.

If you have not signed up for our Loyalty Program, take a second to look on-line to see what you are missing! The cost to become a participant is ZERO DOLLARS and you have the chance to earn a free round of golf or two!

Finally, we will once again attempt to hold our 2nd Annual Opening Scramble Event on Sunday, April 22nd. Golf will begin at 9 a.m. (shotgun start) and the cost per player will be \$75.00. If possible, we ask that you sign-up as a foursome. More information and a registration form may be obtain in the golf pro shop or on-line.

We look forward to seeing you this season. Please give us a call if you have any further questions at 630-529-6232.

Happy Golfing,
The golf staff at Bloomingtondale Golf Club

2007 Junior Golf Program

REGISTRATION TO BEGIN SATURDAY, APRIL 1ST, 2007

Bloomington Golf Club will be offering a summer Junior Golf Program, taught by our PGA golf professional staff, to all interested boys and girls. The program will be structured around basic fundamentals of the golf swing, rules and etiquette of the game, safety, and fun contests. Our objective is to provide juniors a good start to a game that can be played and enjoyed for a lifetime.

Youngsters between the ages of 6 and 16 are eligible to participate. Each class must have a minimum of 4 and will not exceed 12 students. All students must have a set of golf clubs. If there is a need for equipment, please inform the golf shop and we will attempt to provide some clubs. Juniors need to wear proper attire and footwear. Golf shoes or tennis shoes are suggested. Please, no flip-flops or sandals. This is a very good starting point for learning proper golf etiquette.

Registration will begin on April 1st, 2007. You may do so by coming into the golf shop or by filling out the registration form and sending it in.

Registration forms will be made available on-line beginning April 1st, at:

www.bloomingtonlegc.com

If your junior golfer is in need of golf clubs, we offer Nike and Tour Edge equipment. Our PGA professional will be happy to assist you in finding the correct club(s), set and size. For juniors participating in the program, your purchase will be discounted 20% off the list price!

Four sessions are offered with a choice of 4 groups. When registering, select the session you wish your youngster to participate in and then the age group.

SESSION DATES and GROUP TIMES:

Session 1: Tuesday-Friday, June 12th-15th

Session 2: Tuesday-Friday, June 26th-29th

Session 3: Tuesday-Friday, July 10th-13th

Session 4: Tuesday-Friday, July 24th-27th

| <u>Group</u> | <u>Age</u> | <u>Time</u> | <u>Fee</u> |
|--------------|------------|---------------------|------------|
| Red1 | 6-7 | 9:00 am – 9:50 am | \$45.00 |
| Red2 | 6-7 | 10:00 am – 10:50 am | \$45.00 |
| White | 8-12 | 11:00 am – 12:15 pm | \$65.00 |
| Blue | 13-16 | 12:30 pm – 1:45 pm | \$65.00 |

Note: Fee includes golf handouts and contest awards

Days of inclement weather, please contact the golf shop at 630-529-6232 to find out if program was cancelled. Rain dates have been set aside for cancellations.

ADVANCED JUNIORS

An additional group choice (BLACK) is available for juniors between the ages of 13 and 16 who have participated in a structured junior golf program a minimum of two years, have knowledge of rules and etiquette, demonstrate playing ability and received approval from the PGA professional. This class will focus on accelerated instruction and individual swing improvements. Contact the golf shop and speak to the PGA professional to determine if you are eligible.

Session 5: Tuesday-Friday, July 17th-20th (Advanced)

| <u>Group</u> | <u>Age</u> | <u>Time</u> | <u>Fee</u> |
|--------------|------------|--------------------|------------|
| Black | 13-16 | 10:30 am -11:45 am | \$65.00 |

10th Annual Junior Open Golf Tournament

Make a note on your calendar!

Where: Bloomington Golf Club

When: Tuesday, July 24th

Ages: 9-17 years
(Boys and Girls)

Register to play 6, 9 or 18 holes

Registration and further information: **Contact the Bloomington Park District at 630-529-3650.**



6-Hole Junior Course

Interested in playing a little golf with your child? We have a wonderful option for you!

Incorporated within the practice range is a 6-hole junior course with holes that vary in length from 45 to 90 yards. These holes are ideal for both juniors and beginning golfers wanting to get started in the game, and experienced golfers wanting to fine-tune their short game.

Since the practice range needs to be closed down to set-up the 6-hole course, Monday is the selected day between 10:00 am and 2:30 pm for the Junior Golf Course to be available.

Following are the dates:

June 18th, July 2nd, July 9th, July 16th, July 30th, and August 6th

The fee for using the short course is \$5.00 per player and tee times may be made one week in advance. Availability is subject to change, therefore, please call ahead

MIXED ADULT CLINICS

(18 years and older)



Bloomingtondale Golf Club will be offering a variety of adult clinics this season. Classes will meet once a week at Bloomingtondale Golf Club's practice range for one hour and fifteen minutes. There will be two stages offered. Stage 1 will last 7 weeks and Stage 2 will last 6 weeks. We have extended each stage in length and time in order to fully cover more areas of the game and to provide more practice time. We will also designate the 4th week of each session as "Practice with the Pro". During this time, focus will strictly be on working on what has been discussed and learned up to this point!

Classes must have a minimum of 4 and will not exceed 8 students (subject to change). The cost for each clinic will vary depending on which stage you select. Stage 1 will cost \$125.00 and Stage 2 will be \$105.00. A training golf grip and range balls are included in the fee.

Register in person at the golf shop or fill out the registration form and mail it in. Registration will begin on April 1st, 2007 with forms being available on-line at <http://www.bloomingtondalegc.com>. You will need to bring a set of clubs each week. If you do not have clubs, please notify us and we will provide them.

STAGE 1

This class offers novice and beginners an introduction to the fundamentals of golf. Learn about the make-up of a golf course, equipment, basic rules and golf course etiquette. Each session will begin with proper warm-up and stretching. Areas to be covered are; how to grip a club correctly, aim your body and golf club, and swing both woods and irons. Additionally, instruction will cover putting, pitching and chipping, sand play and improvement drills. There may even be a contest or two thrown into the mix. Questions are encouraged.

STAGE 2

This class is for students who have completed stage 1 or have a basic understanding of the topics mentioned in stage 1, and feel comfortable with moving forward. This stage will be a continuation of stage 1, but with more of an emphasis on discussing and correcting individual swing flaws. Improvement drills will be utilized to help students relate to necessary changes. Practice methods and simple golf course management approaches will be introduced. Each session will begin with proper warm-up and stretching. Individual progress will depend on how well you received information and performed from stage 1. Questions are encouraged.

| <u>Session</u> | <u>Day</u> | <u>Dates</u> | <u>Time</u> | <u>Stage</u> |
|----------------|------------|---|---------------------|--------------|
| A1 | Tuesday | April 24, May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, June 5 | 11:00 am – 12:15 am | 1 |
| B1 | Thursday | May 10, 17, 24, 31, June 7, 14, 21 | 6:00 pm – 7:15 pm | 1 |
| C1 | Saturday | May 19, 26, June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 | 10:00 am – 11:15 am | 1 |
| D1 | Wednesday | May 23, 30, June 6, 13, 20, 27, July 11 | 6:00 pm – 7:15 pm | 1 |
| E2 | Tuesday | May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, June 5 | 6:00 pm – 7:15 pm | 2 |
| F2 | Tuesday | June 19, 26, July 10, 17, 24, 31 | 6:00 pm – 7:15 pm | 2 |
| G2 | Thursday | July 12, 19, 26, Aug. 2, 9, 16 | 6:00 pm – 7:15 pm | 2 |
| H2 | Saturday | July 14, 21, 28, Aug. 4, 11, 18 | 10:00 am – 11:15 am | 2 |
| I2 | Wednesday | July 25, Aug. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 | 6:00 pm – 7:15 pm | 2 |

(Times and availability subject to change)





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 your Village portion of your property tax bill low.

Remember - BUY IN BLOOMINGDALE.

NEW BUSINESSES

SPECIALIZED ENDODONTIC SOLUTIONS, a dental practice specializing in root canal therapy and endodontic surgery, opened last summer at 1 Tiffany Pointe, Suite 212, at the northwest corner of Bloomingdale and Schick roads.

Endodontics is a specialty of dentistry that deals with diseases of the dental pulp and its supporting structures. Dr. William Nudera, DDS, MS, and Dr. Hong Chon, MS, DDS, are both endodontic specialists, dentists with post-graduate training in this field. Endodontists are also experienced at finding the cause of oral and facial pain that has been difficult to diagnose.

"Patients are usually referred to us from their general dentists," says office manager Kim LaManna. The staff also includes assistants Alinda and Piotr.

The office is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, with evening hours until 8 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and is open Saturdays by appointment. For more information, call 351-1100, or visit www.ses4endo.com.

DNR MUSIC STORE: Former patrons of Mar-Cole Music Store can get the same personalized service from three of the same staff members at DNR Music Store just a short distance east at 227 E. Army Trail Road. Dale, Nancy and Rory Newbrough opened their small, family-owned music store last December after the owner of Mar-Cole retired in September 2006.

"We all have a strong passion for music and wanted to continue to serve the clientele," Dale says of his family.

DNR offers a full line of instruments, accessories, music books, and band instrument rental "We have items for the earliest beginner up to the studio pro," Dale says. "We try to cater to young guitar player and drummers, to help get them started and keep going. We're looking forward to putting together some events over the summer. Our store motto is "Let the music begin" The store is also a guitar repair center and does band instrument repair.

DNR Music is open Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Friday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and closed Sunday. For more information, call 980-1234 or visit www.dnrmusicstore.com (currently under development).

PHOTOGRAPHY BY JUNE: Two dreams came true for June Cizowski when she opened her own photography studio last December and did so in Old Town Bloomingdale. Photography by June is located at 130 W. Lake Street, Suite 4. "I have always wanted to open my own studio. I've been in the business for seven years, but I've been taking photos since I was a kid," she says. "And I have always loved Old Town Bloomingdale because of the charm and the nice homey feeling."

June's portfolio includes weddings, family portraits, special events, models, babies, and more. "Requests for maternity and pet photography are growing," she says. She also works with clients to design their albums or model's portfolio. "Another new trend is for brides to make a photo book for their husbands." June works in the studio, at events, on location, or at a client's home. "My photographs are not the traditional type, although I do those as well," she says. "My style is more casual, like photojournalism." These candid shots complement traditional portraits in the wedding albums she creates. "A whole wedding is basically your day."

Clients can view their photo sessions, and even order photos, online at www.photographybyjune.com. The studio is open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday, and Saturday from noon to 5 unless a wedding or other event is scheduled. For additional information, call 307-2997 or visit her web site.

NEWS & EVENTS FROM LOCAL BUSINESS

Resident Branka Poplonski, a real estate consultant with Century 21 Lullo, has received the prestigious 2007 CENTURION Producer Award for the sixth consecutive year. The CENTURION Award is a symbol of excellence earned by only an elite group of Century 21 Producers.

She was honored for these accomplishments at the Century 21 International Convention in Las Vegas.

Branka has recently moved to Century 21 Lullo's new office in Bloomingdale and can be reached at 630-918-3439 or 630-283-9401.



NICHOLAS STRUTZEL ATTAINS EAGLE SCOUT RANK

Nicholas J. Strutzel, member of Boy Scout Troop 20, recently joined the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest award a boy scout can earn. He completed all the required merit badges in various skills and areas of knowledge, and worked on several projects including volunteering his time with the Bloomingdale Food Pantry.

Nick's major Eagle project was coordinated with the Bloomingdale Park District and involved installing and painting new signs throughout the nature trail in Springfield Park, as well as water-sealing the observation deck and wooded walkway / fishing pier at the park. In all, over a dozen volunteers spent a day completing the work and used over 40 gallons of water seal. The project was approved and supervised by Bloomingdale Park District Director of Parks and Planning Ed Reidy in August, 2006.

Nick received his Eagle Scout Award at a special court of honor held March 31, 2007 at the Bloomingdale Public Library. The young man is a senior at Lake Park High School in Roselle, where he is on the highest honor roll and has perfect attendance for all 4 years. He intends to attend either DePaul University or University of Illinois at Chicago in the fall and plans on becoming a history teacher. When not studying, he works for Werner Brothers Gutters and Chipotle Mexican Grill in Bloomingdale.



ELIZABETH NECKA QUALIFIES AS NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLAR FINALIST

Bloomingdale resident **Elizabeth Necka** is the one Lake Park High School senior to qualify as National Merit Scholarship finalist. She is among 15,000 finalists nationwide who are being considered as one of 8,200 Merit Scholarship award winners. The National Merit Scholarship Competition will begin mailing scholarship offers to winners through the spring. Elizabeth was also the winner of the Bloomingdale VFW Post 7539's Voice of Democracy Audio Essay Contest for 2006.

CHRISTOPHER BAHR NAMED TO DEAN'S LIST AT U.S. MILITARY ACADEMY

Cadet **Christopher Bahr** has been named to the Dean's List for the fall semester at the U.S. Military Academy. The 2003 graduate of Lake Park High School plans to graduate from West Point in May, 2007 and will be commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army. He is the son of residents William and Mary Bahr.



VINCENZO PALMIERI NAMED TO LOYOLA DEAN'S LIST

Vincenzo Palmieri was named to the College of Arts and Sciences Dean's List of Loyola University of Chicago. He is the son of residents Anna and Massimo Palmieri. Vincenzo was a 2005 graduate of Lake Park. Vincenzo is currently majoring in biology and plans to move on to pre-med.

Bloomingdale Golf Club Offers Special Brunches On Easter and Mother's Day

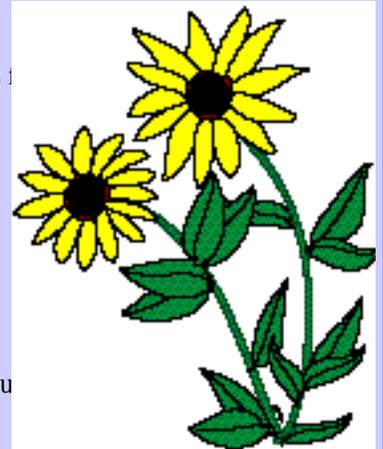
Spend that special time with family and friends by making reservations for Easter Sunday, and Mother's Day brunch at Bloomingdale Golf Club, 181 Glen Ellyn Road.

Don't miss out on the opportunity to experience a food selection that would be hard to beat! Made to order omelets, Belgium Waffles, carving meats and hot buffet, seafood, salad bar and that all important chocolate fountain with sweet table are on the menu.

Easter Sunday – April 8th Mother's Day – May 13th

Adults - \$27.95 plus sales tax; Children - \$14.95 plus sales tax; 6 yrs. and under \$10.95 plus sales tax.
Serving is from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Reservations are required and can be made by calling (630) 529-3380.





Septemberfest/Joe Draghi Scholarship Application Deadline is May 1, 2007

GET YOUR TEACHER RECOMMENDATIONS NOW!

The Septemberfest/Joe Draghi Memorial Scholarship has awarded hundreds of thousands of dollars to young adults in our community over the last 34 years. Community service has played a large part in the lives of past scholarship winners. **COMPLETED APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN MAY 1, 2007.**

The applicant must comply with the following criteria:

- Is a resident of incorporated Village of Bloomingdale, Illinois
- Is a U.S. citizen or permanent resident.
- Is between the ages of 16 and 20 years of age.
- Exhibits school and community involvement.
- Plans to attend a college, university, or trade school after graduation from high school or is currently enrolled in a college, university or trade school.
- Complete the following application packet:
 - Application Form (typewritten preferable)
 - a. Two letters of recommendation – one letter must be from a high school teacher, college professor, volunteer coordinator adult source (not a family member or family friend).
 - b. Compose an essay of a minimum of 500 words describing your life, contributions to the community, your activities, career plans, schools applied to, if applicable, and your opinions/ideas about living in the Village of Bloomingdale and attach it to the application form. Essays will be judged on content, grammar, and thoroughness.
- The application packet must be complete (including letters of recommendation) when submitted and all requirements must be met. The application packet should be mailed or delivered to:

The Septemberfest/Joe Draghi Memorial Scholarship
c/o Village of Bloomingdale
201 S. Bloomingdale Road
Bloomingdale, IL 60108
- There will be a mandatory judge's night interview to be held at the Village of Bloomingdale, Council Room, 201 S. Bloomingdale Rd., Bloomingdale, IL 60108. A date will be determined in the future.

COMPLETED APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN MAY 1, 2007. ANY APPLICATION POSTMARKED AFTER THAT DATE WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.



The 2006 Joe Draghi Septemberfest scholarship winners – Elizabeth Necka, Colleen Bryers, Mark Poplonski, Katie Johnson

If you are interested in applying for one of these scholarships, pick up an application form at the Village Hall, 201 S. Bloomingdale Road, the Bloomingdale Public Library, 101 Fairfield Way, or at the counselors' offices at the local high schools. This packet is also available on the Village of Bloomingdale's website at: www.vil.bloomingdale.il.us. For more information, call 671-5720.

Winners will be publicly announced at the 35th annual Septemberfest on Saturday, September 8, 2007. Attendance to receive your award, if chosen, is not mandatory. Scholarships are limited to future tuition, books, and any other commensurate educational expenses. Scholarship checks are paid directly to the school. The Septemberfest/Joe Draghi Memorial Scholarship is a one-time grant.

Don't Miss Out!

If you thought you missed The Bloomingdale Historical Society's "Reflections" called **Now, When I Was a Kid**, in March, you are in for a treat. The program by author Dan McGuire about growing up in Chicago in the 40's and 50's was re-scheduled for Sunday, May 6 at 2 p.m. at the Library, 101 Fairfield Way. The program is free, but registration is required. Call 924-2730.



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH IN ACTION

Planning to Get Out on Your Bike? Great! But Remember To Put on Your Helmet and Follow the Rules of the Road



With warmer temperatures, many will venture outdoors to walk or bicycle around the neighborhoods. Exercise is encouraged for people of all ages, but emphasis should be placed on good safety habits as well. Pedestrians, cyclists, and drivers have a responsibility to one another and need to understand sharing the roadways, pathways, and sidewalks is necessary to ensure the safety of all.

Bicycling has no age limit and is one of the most popular leisure activities, for both youngsters and health conscious adults. The importance of bike safety should be taught at an early age because this is a child's first vehicle. Young children should always ride on the sidewalk and be supervised.

A bicycle helmet should always go on before the wheels go in motion. Begin the helmet habit right away, and insist that your children wear it. Regardless of the rider's age, bicycling without a helmet can lead to severe head injuries, or even death. In order to protect yourself and your family, buy a certified helmet for every rider. Make sure the helmet fits correctly, resting it low on your forehead just above your eyebrows. The chinstrap should be comfortable, yet tight. Be sure that the helmet does not move when pressure is applied to the front, back, or sides of the helmet. Set a good example; wear your helmet every time you ride your bicycle, even on short trips. Remember to replace

your adult helmet every five years, or without delay if it has been involved in an accident. Children's helmets may need to be replaced more frequently due to growth spurts or unusual wear-and tear to their helmet.

The Rules of the Road apply to bicycles, as well as to vehicles for both safety and orderly movement of traffic flow. For this reason, bicycles are to be on the right side of the road, the same as cars. Motorists expect to see you on the right and can be aware of your actions. Wearing bright, light-colored clothing will help visibility to motorists. If you must bicycle at night, then wear white or reflective clothing. Also, the law states that your bicycle must have a front light visible from at least 500 feet and a rear red reflector that can be seen for up to 600 feet.

While bicycling, be aware of road conditions and hazards. Also, check

all traffic when entering an intersection; don't assume that others will give you the right-of-way. The right-of-way is something that is given, not taken. If others do not follow the rules, let them have the right-of-way, for safety's sake.

Bicycles should be thoroughly inspected at the beginning of the year and periodically throughout the year. When your bicycle is not in use, please store it in the garage or house; do not leave it on the sidewalk or driveway. If you are leaving your bike at any other location, then use a good sturdy lock to help protect your property. Please take the time to record the serial number of the bicycles in your household. If your bicycle is ever stolen, the information will aid the police department in identifying the owner upon recovery.

It is hoped that all bicyclists have fun while observing this information for their safety and the safety of others.

WELCOME
Bloomingdale 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,

Tim Goergen,
Chief of Police

Dawn Odoi,
Community Policing Officer

529-9868

**VILLAGE BOARD,
COMMISSION & COMMITTEE
MEETINGS**

The public is encouraged to attend all Board
and Commission meetings

**REGULAR MEETINGS
OF THE VILLAGE BOARD**
2nd and 4th Monday of every month
7:30 p.m. -- Village Hall

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
1st, 2nd 3rd & 4th Mondays of every month
7:30 p.m. -- Village Hall

PLAN COMMISSION
1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month
7:30 p.m. -- Village Hall

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
Six times a year or as needed

**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

FAMILY FEST COMMISSION
3rd Wednesday of every month
9:30 a.m. -- Library

SEPTEMBERFEST COMMISSION
2nd & 4th Thursday of the month
March-December
7:00 p.m. - Village Hall

**BUSINESS PROMOTION &
CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE**
1st Friday of the month
10:00 a.m. - Village Hall

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
2nd Wednesday of every month
7:30 p.m. -- Library

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
Board of Directors Meeting
1st Thursday of every month
8:00 a.m. -- Indian Lakes

**BLOOMINGDALE FIREPROTECTION
DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES**
2nd Tuesday of the month
7:30 p.m. - Firehouse,
179 S. Bloomingdale Road

**VILLAGE OF BLOOMINGDALE
ELECTED OFFICIALS**

Robert G. Iden
Village President

Susan L. Bartucci
Village Clerk

TRUSTEES

James M. Gebis
*Planning, Zoning
& Environmental Concerns*

Robert Czernek
Traffic and Street Infrastructure

John Dabrowski
Police and Community Relations

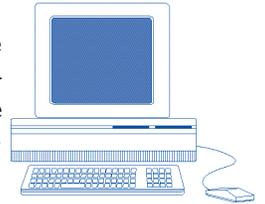
Judi Von Huben
*Intergovernmental Relations and
Emergency Planning*

Bill Bolen
*Finance, Personnel and
Administration*

Jim King
Facilities and Golf Course

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Please note our website
address --**

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tion to ask or an issue
to bring to our atten-
tion, just E-mail it to us.
If you wish to send us



an electronic message, our address is:

**VILLAGE.BLOOMINGDALE@world-
net.att.net**

Our website address is:
www.vil.bloomingtondale.il.us

**The deadline for
the June issue
of the
Almanac is
MAY 10**



Thrilling Trilliums

Meacham Grove is part of the DuPage County Forest Preserve. Meacham Grove West, (Bloomingdale Road, north of Lake Street) is well known for its outstanding collection of spring wildflowers. From late April to early June the trillium provide a carpet of color in many areas. Park on Rosedale (first stoplight west of Bloomingdale Road) just north of Lake Street and enter the woods through the west entry path).

Construction Now Underway on Army Trail Road

The DuPage County Highway Department is widening Army Trail Road between Regency Drive and Schmale Road. The project consists of: extending the existing six-lane divided highway cross section from Regency Drive to Bloomingdale Road; construction of a center bi-directional turn lane between Bloomingdale Road and Schmale Road; building additional intersection capacity; and installation of a traffic signal at Bloomingdale Road and Greenway Drive.

The project is being constructed by the DuPage County Highway Department. Construction is expected to continue through November 2007.

There are no road closures planned as part of this project. However, there will be traffic delays during the work, and temporary lane closures at various times throughout the project.

As this is a DuPage Country project, all questions, comments and complaints may be directed to Kent Kuper, project engineer, at (630) 407-6900.



Deputy Police Chief Chuck Mader Retires

The Bloomingdale Police Department has seen another retirement from its ranks. Chuck Mader, a 34-year veteran, and the Deputy Chief since 1991, retired January 26, 2007.



He came on board in 1973, when the department consisted of seven fulltime officers and some part-timers, when Schick Road was still a gravel road and nothing existed beyond Indian Lakes. He rose through the department, over the years serving in several leadership roles, as well as continually sharing his expertise in many training areas including use of force, control tactics, physical fitness and others.

Chuck Mader has distinguished himself as a police officer and leader on many occasions, both as an individual and as a member of the team. His impact on and contributions to the Bloomingdale Police Department will long be remembered. Despite his retirement, Chuck will continue to contribute to Bloomingdale as a part-time police officer conducting training and investigations for our police department.

Bloomingdale FOP Tacked the Tower!

Several Bloomingdale Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #175 members recently competed in an event held by the American Lung Association called "Tackle the Tower." "Tackle the Tower" is a vertical climb of stairs consisting of 31 floors (62 flights of stairs/680 steps) in Oakbrook Terrace Tower. They competed against other Police Department teams and came in 2nd place. They also raised a total of \$1,105.00 as a team! Great job!

Pictured below are (l to r): Dawn Odoi, Bruce Mason, Sam Bonilla, Jackie Slater, Dean Slater, Mike Gicla, and Tara Makowskyj.



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Take Note

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION ON JUNE 2

A Household Hazardous Waste Collection will be held on Saturday, June 2, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The location is the DuPage County Administration Building at 421 North County Farm Road in Wheaton.

For a list of acceptable and unacceptable items, contact the HHW Hotline at (630) 510-2810 or visit DuPage County's web site at <http://cc.dupage.co.org/solidwaste>

LETTER CARRIER'S FOOD DRIVE IS MAY 12

The National Association of Letter Carriers 15th annual Food Drive takes place on Saturday, May 12. Please leave non-perishable items by your mailbox that morning. All donations go to the Bloomingdale Township Food Pantry. Over the years, Bloomingdale residents have contributed over 66,000 pounds of food. Let's keep it going.

JOIN US FOR VILLAGE'S 2007 ARBOR DAY OBSERVANCE

The Village of Bloomingdale and School District 13 will celebrate Arbor Day by planting a Tuliptree (*Liriodendron tulipifera*) at DuJardin School, 166 S. Euclid Avenue. The celebration will take place on Friday,

April 27th at 2:00 p.m. All residents are invited to join the Village of Bloomingdale, School District 13, and students and faculty of DuJardin School in the Arbor Day Observance.



BRANCH COLLECTION BEGINS APRIL 16

REMINDER: Kramer Tree Specialists, Inc. will once again perform branch collection under the direction of the Village Forestry Division. Branch collection will begin on Monday, April 16.

Branches must be out by 7 a.m. on Monday, April 16. Woody branches 1/2 inch to 6 inches in diameter are the only items that will be picked up.

The program is only available to single family detached residences. Townhome residents should contact their association regarding branch collection.

In the event of severe storms, the Village will provide storm damage collection of woody branches 1/2 inch to 6 inches in diameter. Please contact the Forestry Division at (630) 671-5800 within 72 hours of storm for branch collection.

VILLAGE'S PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT NOW HIRING FOR SEASONAL POSITIONS

The Village of Bloomingdale is seeking individuals to fill seasonal positions in the Public Works Maintenance and Utilities Divisions. These positions work approximately 40 hours per week. Work includes physical labor. Applicants must have a valid Illinois Drivers License. Starting hourly rates are between \$8.00 to \$8.50 per hour.

Applications may be obtained at the Bloomingdale Village Hall, 201 S. Bloomingdale Road from 8:30AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday. The Village of Bloomingdale is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

CURBSIDE YARDWASTE PICKUP BEGINS APRIL 1ST

Yard waste pickups begin April 1st and continue through November 30th. Small twigs, leaves and other yard waste may be placed in bags with stickers (\$2.00 each) for Allied Waste pickup. Questions concerning yard waste pickups should be directed to Allied Waste at 847-429-7370.

2007-2008 General Assembly Scholarship Applications Now Available

State Representative Franco Coladipietro is now accepting applications for students wishing to be considered for a 2007-2008 General Assembly Scholarship.



The scholarship through his office is available to residents of the 45th representative district, which includes parts of Bloomingdale, Carol Stream, Glen Ellyn, Glendale Heights, Itasca, Medinah, Roselle, Wheaton and Winfield. It covers tuition for the fall, spring, and summer terms at any four-year Illinois public university.

Applications can be requested by calling the district office. Applications are also available at the district high schools and the College of DuPage. All applications and supporting materials must reach the district office no later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, April 20, 2007.

The recipients will be chosen by Representative Coladipietro's Scholarship Advisory Committee and will be notified by mail during the summer. For more information, please call Joyce at (630) 582-0045.

State Senator Carole Pankau is also offering applications to all college students and high school seniors who reside in the 23rd Senate District for her General Assembly Scholarship. To be eligible, students must reside in her district, be attending an Illinois public university in Fall 2007, and have their application notarized before submitting it.

Applications can be obtained by contacting her office at 630-582-0390, or by e-mailing her at carole@pankau.org. Senator Pankau appoints a screening committee of community leaders to review all applications and make recommendations to her. The eight selected students will receive one year's paid tuition, including summer of 2008. The deadline is April 15 and winners will be announced in July.

General Assembly Scholarships are presented by all Illinois lawmakers to college students across the state. Selection is based upon merit of the applicants.

Requirements for Restraining Children in Vehicles

State law requires all children under the age of 16 be restrained when riding in a vehicle. The law also requires that children four years of age through and including children 15 years of age be secured in the vehicle by either a child restraint or seat belt, no matter where they are sitting. Drivers are still required to transport children under the age of four in a child seat.

The Bloomingdale Police Department has Certified Child Safety Seat Technicians and offers free child seat safety checks at the police station by appointment only for Bloomingdale residents. Please contact Sergeant Jackie Slater at 529-9868 for more information.

In addition, free Child Seat Safety Checkpoint events are displayed at www.seatcheck.net.

In Memoriam: Frank Szatkowski, D.D.S., Bloomingdale's First Dentist

Another piece of Bloomingdale history quietly slipped away in early March when Frank Szatkowski D.D.S. succumbed to ALS, commonly known as Lou Gehrig's disease, at the age of 60. Szatkowski was the first dentist to open an office in town, locating on north Bloomingdale Road in what was the first structure to be built as an office building.

He opened his practice in 1972, taking on a partner some months later. As his practice grew and other dentists also located here, Szatkowski and others came together to create a dental/medical center at 183 S. Bloomingdale Road. The concept of having a variety of dental specialties in one Bloomingdale location became a reality.

Resident Diane McLaughlin, who worked with Szatkowski for 27 years, remembers the young man as "...charismatic, generous and very intelligent. He was an excellent dentist and ahead of his time in various procedures."

A Chicago native, Loyola graduate and Vietnam vet,

Szatkowski and his wife Judy, raised three sons in Itasca. All three are in the medical field: Frank is an emergency room physician in Wisconsin, Adam took over his father's dental practice here in Bloomingdale and Dane is an area paramedic.

An avid handball player, he and two friends built Killshot on Edgewater Drive in 1979, a racketball/handball facility, which is now the Bloomingdale Athletic Club. Friends and family remember Szatkowski as a man who had room in his heart for everyone, a man of great spirit and strength who made a difference in the lives of all those he touched.

Our condolences go out to all of his family members and countless friends.



Bloomingtondale Residents to Elect 3 Trustees in April 17 Election

Three trustee positions are open for this April 17 election. The following four candidates are on the ballot. They are listed in alphabetical order.

Bob Czernek

Bob Czernek, his wife Barb, and two daughters have resided in Bloomingtondale since 1986 and are members of St. Isidore Church. Bob has operated a small distribution company for 25 years.

Prior to becoming a trustee in 1997, Bob was a member of the Bloomingtondale Plan Commission & Zoning Board of Appeals for two years. As a trustee, he has worked hard to continue to reduce the property tax levy, supported economic growth and has maintained the highest quality of life by supporting the golf course and other open space initiatives.

He is chairman and Bloomingtondale liaison to Northern DuPage Cable Television Consortium working to provide quality cable programming and reasonable rates. As chairman of traffic and street infrastructure, Bob is working to provide and maintain the streets in Bloomingtondale for our residents' safety. Other activities as trustee include serving on the Old Town Review Committee and the Bloomingtondale Golf Course Advisory Committee.

In the community, Bob is chairman of DuPage Area County Project (DuCAP), which works with underprivileged children in DuPage County. He is also a member of CIACO (Chicagoland Italian American Charitable Organization).

"I am seeking re-election as trustee to continue my work on providing open space, prudent redeployment to protect the sales tax base and to continue to be fiscally responsible. The current board is working well together and is approachable to all Village residents with any of their concerns.

"Collectively as a board, we improved the signalized intersections at Lake and Springfield and Gary and Lawrence, worked with developers to fill vacant retail space and also supported the DuPage County area "Meals on Wheels." I would like to continue to be part of the team."



Bob Czernek

John Dabrowski

A union electrician and manager of D.J. Electric, John has lived and worked in Bloomingtondale for 30 years, serving on the Village Board for the past eight years. He is currently seeking his third term as Village Trustee.

As a long-time resident of the community, John has channeled his pride in Bloomingtondale into a life of public service. He served as a member of the village's Old Town Commission, the Plan Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals prior to election as trustee. He is currently in his 20th year on the Board of Directors for the Fairfield Condo Association and is the vice president of the Roselle Chamber of Commerce. John also presently serves as a liaison to the Bloomingtondale Police Department and to the Family Fest and Septemberfest Commissions.

John believes that any service to the community must involve promoting strong values such as education, open space and charitable work. This is why John has served as a member of the Bloomingtondale Parks Foundation and is an active supporter of the Bloomingtondale Public Library and Friends of the Library. He is also Vice-Chairman of DuPage County Area Project (DuCap), an organization that works with underprivileged children in DuPage County, as well as a member of CIACO, Chicago Italian-American Charitable Organizations. He and his family are active members of St. Isidore's.

John is seeking reelection in order to continue serving the people of Bloomingtondale by maintaining one of the lowest village tax rates in the area and preserving open space.

"The current board and I have worked continuously to improve village services, protect our parks and recreational areas and to maintain a strong commercial sales tax base. I wish to continue working hard to give the residents of Bloomingtondale the life they deserve and a community they can continue to take pride in."



John Dabrowski



Bloomingtondale Residents to Elect 3 Trustees in April 17 Election

Jim King

Jim and his wife, Diane moved into Bloomingtondale in 1971. His three children, Darcy, Tracy and Ryan attended Central School, Westfield Junior High and Lake Park High School. While Jim was appointed to the village board in April of 2006, it was not his first experience as a trustee. He served as a trustee from 1973 to 1977. During his tenure the village hired the first village administrator, annexed the Stratford Square property and the current village hall was conceived and built.



Jim King

Jim has been in advertising sales since 1964 and continues to represent an outdoor magazine. He served on the Plan Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals from 1994 to 2006 and was the chairman of these groups from 1996 until 2006 when he was appointed as a trustee to fill a mid-term vacancy. Jim is a lector at St. Isidore and is a member of the Friends of the Library. He joined the Bloomingtondale Lions Club in 1974 and continues to be an active member. Jim has also served as an election judge for the last four years.

Jim sees differences in the way Bloomingtondale government is able to work today, as opposed to back in the 70's. He says, even though three of our main concerns are still planning, zoning and finance, now we have so many more tools to work with. Long-range planning has become more sophisticated; our finances are much better organized. And of course, the village is in a much better financial position now due to our physical and economic growth.

"Maintaining Bloomingtondale's strong emphasis on planning and open space is very important to me. I want to keep a strong and secure financial base with sales tax, while looking to reduce taxes on property owners. I believe continuing to improve village services and the 'quality of life,' issues are key to keeping Bloomingtondale a great place to live."

Lori Noonan

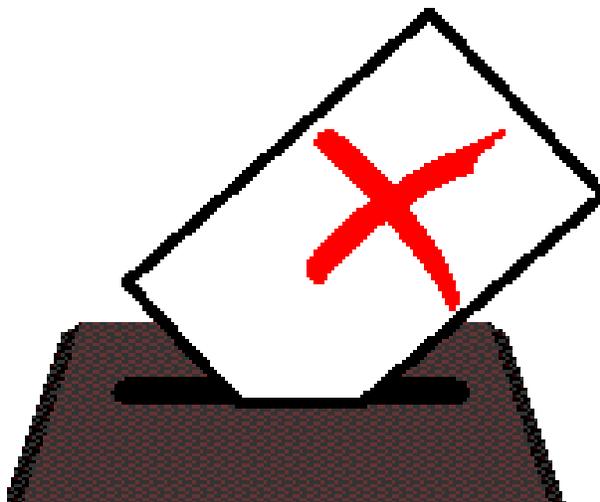
Lori Noonan, and her husband, Bill, have raised their four children in Bloomingtondale since 1987 and have been active in the community almost from the beginning. Lori has been a Bloomingtondale Park District commissioner for the last 14 years, serving 5 years as President of the Board. Her engineering and administrative backgrounds have aided her in her carrying out her board duties.



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Lori has been an active school volunteer for Elementary School District 13 and Lake Park High School, and has served as a Junior Great Book leader, Junior Achievement leader, ACE committee member, and head room parent. Lori has served the scouting community as a consultant, day camp leader, delegate and trainer along with being a Cub Scout leader and a 15-year Girl Scout leader. She is a member of the Bloomingtondale Parks Foundation and is currently President of the Blue Harbor Resort Condominium HOA. Her other activities have included religious education teacher and Confirmation Group leader at St. Isidore, PADS volunteer, and countless activities with her children. Lori has received a number of recognitions for her volunteer activities, but is most proud of receiving the CHARACTER COUNTS! award in 2005.

Lori believes that she would be an approachable, and more importantly, a responsive Trustee. "I believe it is important for the Village of Bloomingtondale Board of Trustees, with the help of citizens, to develop a vision of what it would like to look like in 20 years and chart a course on how to achieve that vision. A number of issues will need to be addressed in order to complete the vision including relieving congestion, defining open space, reducing building vacancies, and developing safe and fun places for our youth to congregate. I'm committed to working tirelessly to achieve this vision."



**Remember to
cast your vote on
April 17!**

Elections are also taking place for Bloomingtondale Public Library, Park District, Fire Protection District and our local school districts. Check local papers for information on those candidates.