



Village of Bloomingdale

Almanac

DECEMBER 2007

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From the Desk of Mayor Bob Iden

It's been a beautiful fall, especially once the leaves began turning. At this time, I want to give you an update on some items of interest to the residents:

Following the August 23 storm which caused major problems all over the Chicagoland area, we became aware that parts of Westlake, Indian Lakes, Heritage at Stratford and Bloomfield Hills had been experiencing significant problems with ComEd outages for weeks and months before that storm. Since then the Village has been working with representatives from these subdivisions to have ComEd respond to the problems, as well as to review the entire community for reliability issues. If you are not in one of the above areas, and have experienced frequent power interruptions, please contact us via phone or email with your address, and as much detail as you can provide as to the outages. Send to the office of the Village Administrator, at wennd@vil.bloomingdale.il.us, or phone at 630-671-5610.

As a result of the Business Districts formed at Hilton Indian Lakes and Stratford Square Mall earlier this year, both these entities will see a one percent increase (to 8.25 percent) in the sales tax collected beginning January 1, 2008. Hilton Indian Lakes will also see a one percent increase in their room tax, from five to six percent. The six percent room tax and the additional one percent sales tax collected at Hilton Indian Lakes will go toward repaying the bonds which were sold for the improvements to the facility.

The Village is currently in the process of negotiating an agreement with the owner of Stratford Square Mall which will assist them in funding the improvements to the mall. In both cases, the bulk of the sales tax is paid by residents of neighboring villages and out-of-towners patronizing the resort and the mall, more so than our residents. In addition, even with the increase in this sales tax, Stratford Square Mall still has a lower sales tax rate than some of the surrounding area malls.

Lastly, I am always being asked about construction going on in the Village. Three such sites are near the intersection of Bloomingdale Road and Lake Street. Just south of the Mobil Station on Bloomingdale Road and north of Four Seasons Amusement is a very nice looking, small brick building which will house professional offices when finished. Just east of the same Mobil, on the corner of Lake and First streets is another building under construction. This one, Olde Towne Shoppes, has two tenant spaces, with the tenants yet to be identified. The third is west on Lake Street, across from North Maple. This building, which is really coming along, will be Nuccio Optometrist and perhaps another commercial tenant.

And now, the holiday season is here once again. Thoughts of family and sharing the spirit are always a part of this time of year. And while the residents of Bloomingdale are traditionally generous about giving to charitable causes, at this time of year many of you are looking for specific ways to make the holidays a little brighter for others too. On page 9, you will find several opportunities to make a difference locally, as well as beyond our borders.

From my family to yours, best wishes for a wonderful holiday season.

Mayor Bob Iden



Mayor Iden once again welcomed Santa to Bloomingdale. (He put in a good word for the kids too!)

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 FIRE PROTECTION
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

New and Improved Village Website -- CHECK IT OUT!!!

If you're "surf
the net" and hav
question to ask
an issue to bring
our attention, jus
mail it to us. If
wish to send us
an electronic
message, our
address is:



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

Our website address is:
www.villageofbloomingdale.org

The deadline for
the February issue
of the
Almanac is
JANUARY 10

Retirement -- Something to Smile About

Bloomingdale said good-bye to another of its longtime police officers last month. Paul Deibel, 29-year veteran, retired on November 9. He was hired in November 1978 and moved into the detective division in 1985, where he worked for nine years. Paul was our first D.A.R.E.



Police Chief Tim Goergen had some funny stories to tell about Paul at his recent retirement dinner. Paul's fellow officers showed up in force to wish him luck, a tribute to the respect they have for him as a co-worker.

officer, serving at least 15 years in that capacity. As a detective he was involved in juvenile cases and public relations programs, such as the Citizen Police Academy and Neighborhood Watch. His quick smile and hearty laugh always made Paul fun to be around. We will miss him and wish him all the best in his retirement.

SHOP BLOOMINGDALE

The B Card

For participating businesses visit us at,
www.villageofbloomington.org

Valid March 7-16, 2008 at participating Bloomingdale Businesses

The Bloomingdale B-Card: The Best Business Opportunity in 175 Years

The Business Promotion & Cultural Development (BPCD) Committee has developed a community-wide promotion for Bloomingdale businesses, called the B-Card. The B-Card program will enable businesses to offer a special promotion or discount to all Bloomingdale residents through the use of a "B" (as in Bloomingdale) Card. This special B-Card promotion is to recognize the 175th anniversary of the founding of Bloomingdale (March 11, 2008), as well as to encourage Bloomingdale residents to Shop Bloomingdale. Use of the B-card will be available to residents at participating businesses for a limited time, from March 7 through March 16, 2008.

All a business needs to do is decide what promotion, (i.e. 20 percent off, Buy one, get one free, \$5 off a \$25 dollar purchase, etc) it wants to do. Call Mary Ellen at the Village Hall, 671-5600 to get an application to participate or complete the application on the Village's website at www.villageofbloomington.org

The BPCD committee will create and disseminate the B-Card through the February Almanac and selected locations, as well as create a small placard for your business window, to let customers know you are a participating business.

The 10-day promotion will be advertised through the Almanac, on the Village's new and improved website, and through other local media. In February, 2008, a list of participating businesses and their corresponding promotions will be published.

Join your fellow business people in taking advantage of the Best Business Opportunity in Bloomingdale in 175 Years! Look who's already jumped on the B-Card opportunity!

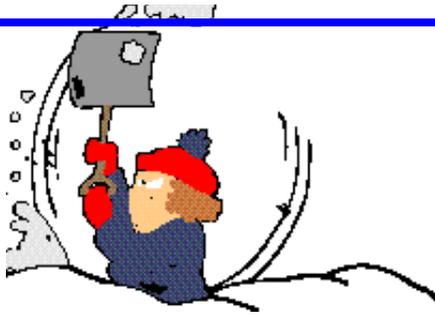
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 Angela & Christie Salon & Spa
 Bloomingdale Optical
 Carpet Cleaning by Pete
 Costco
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 Executive Realty Group
 Green Valley Mortgage
 Huntington Learning Center
 Inner Awareness Hypnosis Center
 La Estancia
 Lifetime Financial Partners
 Marathon Gas Station
 Midwest Bank
 Pasta Bella
 Photography by June
 Pizzeria Pronto
 Sassy's Originals
 Tina Davies, CPA
 Turano Bakery



Happy Holidays!

The Village Hall will be closed:
 Monday, December 24 and Tuesday, December 25
 Monday, December 31 and Tuesday, January 1
 for the Christmas and New Year's holidays





A Pile of Snow Shoveling Tips

Be heart healthy and back friendly while shoveling this winter with these tips:

- ❑ If you are inactive and have a history of heart trouble, talk to your doctor before you take on the task of shoveling snow.
- ❑ Avoid caffeine or nicotine before beginning. These are stimulants, which may increase your heart rate and cause your blood vessels to constrict, which places extra stress on the heart.
- ❑ Drink plenty of water. Dehydration is just as big an issue in cold winter months as it is in the summer.
- ❑ Dress in several layers so you can remove a layer as needed.
- ❑ Warm up your muscles before shoveling, by walking for a few minutes or marching in place. Stretch the muscles in your arms and legs, because warm muscles will work more efficiently and be less likely to be injured.
- ❑ Pick the right shovel for you. A smaller blade will require you to lift less snow, putting less strain on your body. Newer shovels are manufactured from lightweight components that are ergonomically designed from high-impact molded polyethylene that won't rust, dent or bend, and are extraordinarily strong and durable. Aluminum tubing is also lighter and stronger than old-fashioned wooden handles.
- ❑ Begin shoveling slowly to avoid placing a sudden demand on your heart. Pace yourself and take breaks as needed.
- ❑ Protect your back from injury by lifting correctly.
- ❑ Stand with your feet about hip width for balance and keep the shovel close to your body. Bend from the knees (not the back) and tighten your stomach muscles as you lift the snow. Avoid twisting movements. If you need to move the snow to one side reposition your feet to face the direction the snow will be going.
- ❑ Most importantly listen to your body. Stop if you feel pain!

Reprinted from North Dakota State University Extension Service

Village's Snow & Ice Teams Are on Duty 24/7 to Keep Streets Safe When Winter's Worst Arrives in Town

Going into winter, we are sure of only two things: It's going to be cold and it's going to snow. The Public Works Snow and Ice Control Team is ready to go at a moment's notice. The Team stands ready to implement the Village's "bare pavement" policy of clearing every street of snow and ice from curb to curb when the snow flies.

The Team is gearing up for its annual winter battle against the elements. Equipment preparations, salt purchases and plow driver training began in early October. The purpose is to provide the residents, visitors and consumers with the area's safest streets when Old Man Winter casts his fury on Bloomingdale.

A rigorous preventative maintenance program for all snow fighting vehicles and equipment helps ensure the equipment will perform in the event of winter storms. Public Works begins purchasing its salt supply in November, having nearly 1,500 tons of salt on hand to deal with the winter storms.

Wonder why fully-outfitted snow plows are rolling down the street on sunny days in November? Plow drivers and secondary crews train to get familiar with their assigned routes. The drivers get out onto the streets so they can reacquaint themselves with their routes, and take note of any hazards that may damage the equipment.



Ice Control
is proud to
keep the resi-
dents of the
Village of
Bloomingdale
safe during
the snow and
ice season.

Enjoy Your Christmas Tree . . . Then Recycle it at the Curb

Allied Waste System, the Village's refuse hauler, will pick up Christmas trees on your regularly scheduled refuse pick-up day, December 26 through January 25th. Place your Christmas tree in the parkway and follow these simple guidelines:

- ❑ Do not put trees in plastic -- they will not be recycled.
- ❑ Remove all decorations including lights, garland, tinsel, and metal (such as nails). Be sure to remove the stand.
- ❑ Dispose of artificial or natural wreaths in the regular household garbage.
- ❑ Position the Christmas tree with the cut end toward the curb for easy loading.
- ❑ Do not place artificial trees at the curb for recycling.



Book on Bloomingdale Due Out in 2008

The first book of the history of Bloomingdale as told in photographs and captions is currently at the publisher. The volume covers Bloomingdale from 1832, the year before its founding until, 1983, the Village's 150th anniversary. This unique look at our past is full of faces and places in Bloomingdale's past and will be available for under \$20. In addition to the images borrowed from the Local History Room at the library, many other photographs have been gathered from current residents.

The Bloomingdale Historical Society has ordered a limited number of copies of the first run of the book. The books, published by Arcadia Publishing, will be available by March 11, 2008, the Village's 175th anniversary. If you are interested in reserving a copy, the BHS is taking pre-orders. Please fill out the form below and mail to the address listed along with a check for \$19.99 for each book ordered.



Bloomingdale Historical Book Order Form

Name: _____

Daytime Phone: _____

Address: _____

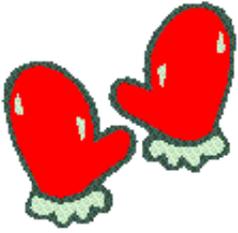
Number of books @ \$19.99 each _____

Please include check made out to Bloomingdale Historical Society

Mail to:
Bonnie Homola/BHS
Bloomingdale Public Library
101 Fairfield Way
Bloomingdale, IL 60108



Dig Out Those Boots & Mittens -- S



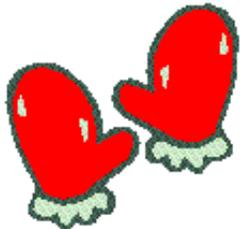
With the seasonal snowfall just around the corner, the Village Services Department, Public Works Division is ready to combat snow and ice on the 148 center lane miles of Village streets, making them safer for motorists.

When a storm begins, day or night, Village crews are promptly mobilized and begin spreading salt. The Village initially salts all Village streets approximately 100 feet before and after each intersection. The initial salt application mitigates icing conditions contributing to more effective snow removal operations. After a 1-inch to 2-inch accumulation of snow, crews begin the snowplow operations according to predetermined snow routes. The routes consist of 4 routes with 8 vehicles (2 separate vehicles handle cul-de-sacs and dead ends) and have been carefully designed to allow for the optimum use of the available snowplowing equipment and personnel. All Village-owned streets will eventually be plowed, but main streets are cleared before side streets, which are cleared before cul-de-sacs and dead ends. The rate at which the streets are cleared depends on many factors including total accumulation, type of snow (wet or powder-like), temperature and volume of traffic on streets during plow operations.



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

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



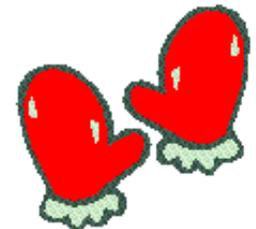
What If a Snowplow Damages My Mailbox?

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. 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.

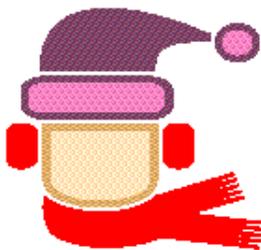


Why Does My Driveway Sometimes Get "Plowed In" When a Snowplow Truck Passes?

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



Manpower and equipment limitations prohibit the Village from responding to routine requests to remove snow from private driveways. Therefore, we strongly recommend you delay your schedule for clearing the driveway until the snowplows have cleaned the majority of your street. **THE VILLAGE ORDINANCES PROHIBIT THE DISCHARGE OF SNOW ONTO THE VILLAGE STREETS.** This illegally placed snow may freeze or become compacted, creating a safety hazard for all motorists.



Who Do I Call With Questions About Snow Removal Operations?

Any questions regarding snow removal should be directed to the Village Services Department - Street Division Superintendent at 630-671-5800.

Season is About to Sneak Up On Us!

Wintertime Words to the Wise

Use extra caution when driving through intersections following a heavy snowfall.

Snow is piled on cross streets when intersections are plowed. Until crews have had their final pass to completely clear the intersection, the snow piles along the curb lane may hinder visibility.

Please do not attempt to stop the snow plow operators to discuss questions or problems.

Such interruptions slow crews and reduce the speed of the truck and the efficiency of the snow removal operations. Drivers are instructed not to stop to talk to residents.

If it is still snowing, or if snow is anticipated on the evening before garbage pick-up day, we ask that you delay putting out your garbage for as long as possible.

This will eliminate the problem of garbage containers being covered by snow that is pushed against the curb by the plows. Place garbage containers on the driveway or as close to the driveway as possible to give refuse collectors room to pick them up

Additional Snow Removal Information

Ornamental rocks along the curb or next to the pavement on non-curb streets present a serious safety hazard to the snow removal equipment. **If residents use rocks or planters for landscape beautification, they need to insure that they are a minimum of three feet in back of the curb or pavement on non-curb streets.** If these obstacles are not removed by the residents, the Village will remove them, if deemed necessary for safe snow removal operations.

Fire Hydrants

For the convenience of firefighters - if an emergency should occur (maybe at your address), dig a path to the fire hydrant in front of your house **from the street.** Dig out around the fire hydrant too. If firefighters can see a hydrant, they can get to it more quickly. Better yet, adopt a hydrant near your home and see that it is accessible.

Motorists - Stay Back Three Car Lengths

Do not follow snow plows too closely. Sometimes they stop and then back up. If you're right behind one when that happens, well . . . Give snow plows plenty of space. Also, remember driving on slick wintertime pavements is dangerous, even if they've been plowed. Take more time to get where you're going, begin slowing for stops sooner and, for heaven's sake, don't drink and then try to drive.

Winter Phone Numbers



Village of Bloomingdale

Snow Phone (630) 671-5800

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

Village of Bloomingdale

Police Department -

Non-Emergency (630) 529-9868

Call this number for non-emergency general information.

Bloomingdale Fire District -

Emergency 911

Illinois Department of Transportation

**Information Line 312-DOT-INFO
(312-368-4636)**

Call this number for information on State roads (i.e., Lake Street)

The Illinois Department of Transportation

also offers weather/road condition information on their web site:

<http://www.dot.state.il.us/tpublic.html>

Division of Transportation -

DuPage County 630-407-6920

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

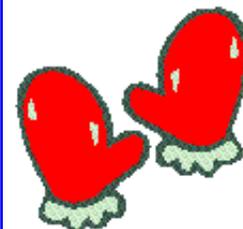
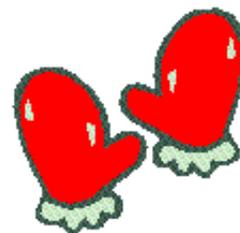
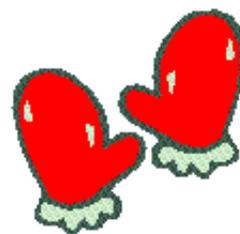
Illinois Tollway Roadway Information

Line 800-865-5394

Call this number for tollway information including problems with fog, snow, ice, high winds and trailer bans.



information updated every 15 minutes, or more often if weather conditions warrant.





Winter Gardening Tips Snow & Ice on Trees and Shrubs

The winter storm that poses the greatest danger to trees and shrubs is a heavy, wet snowfall followed by very cold temperatures and more snow. The result is a heavy accumulation on the crowns of trees and shrubs, which can cause stems to split and break.

Snow removal on trees and shrubs should only be done while the snow is fresh; once it becomes frozen, trying to remove it can cause damage, such as broken branches.

To remove snow, gently brush it or shake it from the branches to lessen the accumulated weight caused by the heavy snow. It is best to tap the branches carefully with your hand rather than using a utensil, such as a broom or brush, which may cause breakage.

Avoid using large amounts of de-icing salts around plants along sidewalks and driveways.

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Smart Tips to Help You Drive Safely This Winter

The leading cause of death during winter storms is transportation accidents. Many accidents could be avoided if drivers took time to learn and practice these tips for driving safely during snowy and icy conditions.

Perhaps the deadliest danger of all is "black ice." Black ice is ice which forms on a roadway, usually due to snow melting and re-freezing. Since it is almost invisible, drivers fail to recognize black ice conditions and may drive at normal speeds-often resulting in very serious accidents. Always be alert to the possibility of black ice when temperatures are near or below freezing. Pavement that looks dry, but appears darker in color and dull-looking, should alert you to the presence of black ice.

Failing to allow yourself enough time to stop is a major cause of winter driving accidents. During slippery conditions stopping distances can triple. Driving at a slower speed, anticipating stops at traffic lights and intersections, and applying brakes sooner than normal will help ensure accident-free stops. When braking, brake carefully with short, rapid application of the brakes. Always allow plenty of extra space between you and other vehicles to minimize the need for quick stops.

Acceleration, turning, and passing also present dangers during winter. Accelerate slowly to avoid loss of traction and subsequent loss of control. Turn slowly, with caution, to avoid sliding into a stationary object or the path of an oncoming vehicle. Avoid sudden movements. Pass with care because passing lanes are not maintained as well as driving lanes. Again, leave extra space between yourself and other vehicles so there's room to maneuver in case something goes wrong. During a skid, steer cautiously in the direction you want the car to go.

Here are some other tips you should remember for driving safely in winter:

- Always use your seatbelt.
- Turn on your headlights during adverse weather conditions. Overcast skies and falling snow limit visibility. It is important to see and be seen.
- Like all the signs say, bridges and overpasses freeze before the roadway. Use extra caution on these.
- Remember that driving in winter weather conditions causes physical and mental fatigue and reduces reaction times. Get plenty of rest and adequate nutrition. Don't drive while you're sleepy or on medication that causes drowsiness.
- Prepare your vehicle well ahead of time. Check fluid levels, tire pressure, lights, and the battery. Have a mechanic give your vehicle a winter check-up and make any necessary repairs.
- Stock an emergency kit containing heavy clothes and a blanket, traction material such as sand or kitty litter, tire chains, a small shovel, first aid kit, flashlight, jumper cables, and a bright cloth to use as a flag.

Share the Spirit of the Holidays

With the holiday season upon us, many residents look for opportunities to help others less fortunate. For the last few years, DuPage County has compiled a guide featuring 65 different agencies with their specific holiday needs to help make "giving back" as easy as possible for everyone. Family and youth-friendly activities are highlighted. The guide can be viewed or downloaded at www.givingdupage.org. The website also features an interactive volunteer match where one can search for opportunities throughout the year by zip code, area of interest and type of volunteer opportunity. "Giving DuPage" hopes that the holiday season brings peace and happiness to our residents and hopes that the spirit of generosity is alive and well in our community year-round.

Here are some of the local opportunities to share the spirit of the season.

Please be an Angel by joining together with the Village of Bloomingdale employees this holiday season in support of the **Salvation Army's Angel Tree Kids**, (ages 10 months through 5 years) attending the Salvation Army's Childcare Program in Chicago. Angel Tree tags identifying each child's gift needs and toy desires are available at the Village Hall. All gifts need to be purchased and returned **un-wrapped** to the Village Hall by Thursday, December 13th. The little angels will receive their gifts before they break for the holidays. If you are interested in participating and would like to be sent a tag, please call Barb Weber at the Village Hall (630) 671-5613.

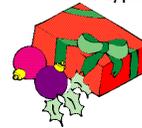


Bloomingdale Township Sharing Tree - Last year the Volunteer Council of Bloomingdale Township helped make the season brighter for over 750 children in Bloomingdale Township. The Council is asking for help again this holiday season. Names & wishes of local needy youngsters and residents of convalescent and nursing homes will be on the Sharing Tree, located at the Township Transportation Building, 123 Rosedale Road. Wrapped gifts must be returned by December 14.



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

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



Bloomingdale Park District, 172 S. Circle
Olive Garden, 332 W. Army Trail Road
Pivot Point, 144 E. Lake Street (Springbrook Shopping Center)
Marklund Children's Home, 164 S. Prairie

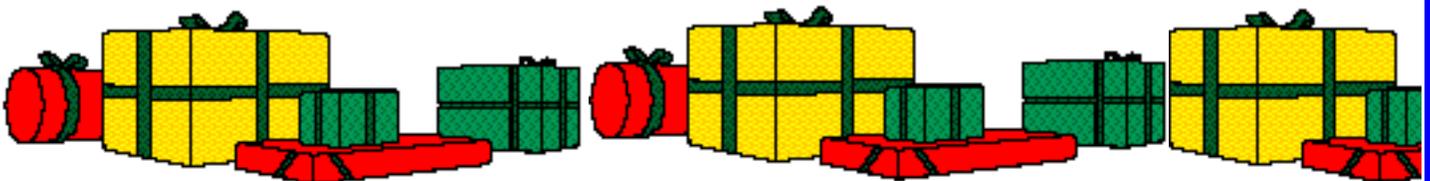
Wrapped gifts, with names attached should be returned to the site where the tag was picked up.



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



Bloomingdale VFW Post 7539 has been shipping 35-60 packages per month to the troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. The Post has also been active in supporting the families of our troops overseas. Through the years, our VFW has been able to identify items the troops need in their packages. Visit www.vfw7539.org to see some of the items the troops "wish for." If you would like to donate any of these, just bring them to the Bloomingdale Fire Department, 179 S. Bloomingdale Road. If you would like to help defray the costs of sending the packages, click on the "donate" button to make a contribution. Also, if you have a member of your family or friend serving overseas, contact the VFW to see if they can provide them with some assistance. Your support of the VFW will help support our troops.



When the Weather Outside is Frightful . . . Keep Yourself and your Water Pipes Warm

When it's bitter cold:

Let hot and cold water trickle from faucets located adjacent to an outer wall.

Open cabinet doors to allow heat to warm uninsulated pipes under a sink or an appliance near an outer wall.

Make sure the furnace thermostat is left on and never set below 55 degrees.

If you plan to be away, ask someone to check your home daily to make sure the furnace is sufficiently warming the house.

If pipes freeze:

Make sure you and your family members know how to shut off your home's water service.

Call a plumber and an insurance agent to inspect whatever damage has occurred.

Never try to thaw a pipe with an open flame or torch.

Always be careful of the potential for electric shock when working in or around ing water.



Thanks Again, Septemberfest Sponsors

In the October issue, we inadvertently ran an incomplete list of Septemberfest sponsors. With our apologies, we are running the entire list this issue. Thanks to the following:

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 Wal-Mart
 Windy City Amusement Inc.

FRIENDS OF SEPTEMBERFEST:

Threse Bonnan –Admission DeVry University
 Century 21 Lullo
 Poplonski Family
 Anthony, Tracy & Maria Fato
 Lights, Camera, Dancin'
 Associated DUI Centers.



Santa Arrives at Stratford

Left: Santa is greeted by mall security as the Bloomington fire Department brings him to Stratford Square.

Right: Mayor Bob Iden and Santa prepare to throw the switch to light all the holiday lights at the mall.





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 your Village portion of your property tax bill low.

Remember - BUY IN BLOOMINGDALE.

BUSINESS NEWS

BLOOMINGDALE DENTISTS SPONSOR A 'DO A GOOD DEED CONTEST':



Dr. Gilbert Abadilla and the Mayor Bob Iden, with "Do a Good Deed Contest," winner, Adriana Saia, as she holds her iPod and winner certificate.

Bloomington dentists, Drs. Claudio and Sharon Levato, and Dr. Gilbert Abadilla of Comprehensive Dentistry, 183 S. Bloomington Road, sponsored their annual "Do a Good Deed Contest." The contest asked local youths up to age 18 to write a short essay about a good deed they had done and the impact that it had on their life. The "Do a Good Deed Contest" rewards winners for good deeds performed to ultimately encourage youths to do good deeds for their community.

Dr. Gilbert Abadilla and the Mayor of Bloomington, Bob Iden, recently presented 16 year-old Adriana Saia, resident of Bloomington and St. Francis High School student, with an iPod as her prize for winning the contest. Adriana's good deed was joining her church for a week to help completely rebuild a family's house destroyed by Hurricane Katrina.

Adriana continues to devote quality time for turkey drives, making blankets for people in other countries who have nothing, being a counselor for a kid's bible camp, working for the Public Action to Deliver Shelter, and other service projects for her youth group.

LOW VISION SERVICES NOW OFFERED AT WOHL EYE CENTER:

Millions of Americans lose some portion of their vision every year. Some eye conditions that cause low vision include macular degeneration, diabetic retinopathy, cataracts and glaucoma. Wohl Eye Center in Bloomington now offers low vision rehabilitation services to help visually impaired people make better use of their remaining vision. "Once we have tried all medical treatment options, there are therapies and devices that can help patients have functional daily vision," says practice manager Judy O'Hara.

Wohl Eye Center will conduct a low vision evaluation—including a thorough eye exam and in-depth evaluation of the patient's daily needs—to determine the most appropriate low vision therapy and vision aids. If needed, a specially-trained occupational therapist may evaluate the patient at home. "People with low vision no longer have to travel long distances to receive these services," O'Hara says.

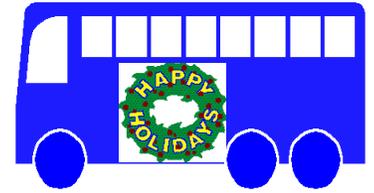
Residency-trained in low vision rehabilitation, Dr. Jenna Lee recently joined Wohl Eye Center. She received her Doctorate of Optometry in 2006 from the Illinois College of Optometry. She completed her dual residency in Low Vision Rehabilitation and Ocular Disease at the Deicke Center, Lighthouse for the Blind in Chicago and the Illinois College of Optometry.

Open since 1990, Wohl Eye Center is located in the Glen Oaks Medical Center at 303 E. Army Trail Road, just east of Glen Ellyn Road. For more information or an appointment, call (630) 351-2030 or visit www.wohleyecenter.com.

AVIVA BEAL JOINS CENTURY 21 LULLO IN BLOOMINGTON:

After 25 years of working as a consultant in the field of nutrition, Aviva Beal decided it was time to do something else. She recently joined the realty office of Century 21 Lullo in Bloomington. Aviva is a longtime resident with a history of community involvement and a penchant for helping others. Combined with her ability to make friends wherever she goes, this new career seems like a natural. She agrees there is the "helping people" aspect of real estate. "You see people in different situations, needing to make a change for whatever the individual reason. It's a great feeling to help people get into a home that is a perfect fit for them." It looks like a perfect fit for Aviva too; despite the housing market situation, she has been very busy. To talk to her about your housing needs, call Aviva at 630-740-5165.

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



The Village of Bloomingdale will again be offering Expanded Weekend Dial-A-Ride hours during the holiday season from Saturday, November 24th through Sunday, December 30th. The Holiday Weekend Service will run from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturdays and 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Sundays.

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

Bloomingdale's Weekend Dial-A-Ride one-way rates are:

- \$3.00 for Adult Residents
- \$1.50 for Village residents with a disability, Village senior citizens (age 65 & older) and for students

Free for children (under age 7) when accompanied by a fare-paying adult

Reservations shall be accepted up to one week in advance on a first come, first served basis. Same day service requests are accepted, however transportation cannot be guaranteed..

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

Keep Your Holiday Season Happy and Safe

“Are you ready for the Holidays?” Thanksgiving Day dinner is quickly enjoyed, followed by the Christmas shopping workout. Safety should be carefully considered at all times, but particularly now when so many will be shopping for those large purchases or for those few last minute items. During this hectic time of the year, the following safety measures can help to ensure the protection of your belongings and your personal well being.

While Shopping . . .

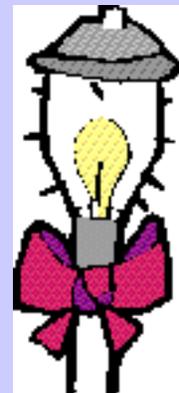
- ✓ Be alert and walk confidently. Pay attention to those around you.
- ✓ Keep your purse/wallet and packages with you at all time.
- ✓ Hold your purse close to your body and keep it in front of you.
- ✓ Place your wallet, money, etc. in your front pants pocket.
- ✓ Don't display large amounts of cash to others.
- ✓ Take only the appropriate amount of money, credit cards, or checkbook for the shopping you are conducting.
- ✓ Do not leave items unattended in a shopping cart, on a counter, or floor.
- ✓ Teach children to go to a cashier if they are lost.
- ✓ Be careful when giving out your credit card or when using an ATM facility.
- ✓ Place all valuables in your trunk. Anything in plain view may be taken.
- ✓ Park in well-lighted, busy areas. Consider the time of day or evening that you will be doing your shopping.
- ✓ Look around and inside your vehicle before opening your vehicle.
- ✓ Any problems, notify the security department or the police department.



At home . . .

- ✓ Secure doors and windows at all times.
- ✓ Make your home appear to be occupied; use timers on lights, radio, and T.V.
- ✓ Do not advertise vacation plans with strangers or casually with businesses you may frequent.
- ✓ Ask a friend or relative to check on things while you are away.
- ✓ Notify the police department of the dates you will be away.

Any questions or concerns about this information or any other crime prevention information please contact Officer Dawn Odoi at the Bloomingdale Police Department at (630) 529-9868.



Adventist Glen Oak's Hospital's New 'No Waiting Room' Emergency Department Provides More Immediate Treatment for Patients

"This is an exciting time in our history," said Brinsley Lewis, president and CEO of Adventist GlenOaks Hospital. "Adventist GlenOaks Hospital is setting a new standard by opening the first Emergency Department in Illinois featuring a special No Waiting Room System for ER Care."

In 2006, Press Ganey Associates, Inc. reported that Illinois ranked 26th in the nation with an average ER patient experience lasting 3 hrs and 36 minutes. Adventist GlenOaks Hospital is proud to announce that since opening their doors in June, their revolutionary "no waiting room system" has reduced their average visit to only 87 minutes. Upon arrival, patients are escorted directly to a private treatment suite where their condition will be promptly assessed and treated. It's a comfortable environment because the suites were designed with enough space and seating for family members to stay at the patient's bedside.

Joe Shanahan, M.D., medical director of Emergency Services at Adventist GlenOaks Hospital said, "Treating the patient comes first; registration is second and occurs at the bedside – making patients' safety and health our first priority."

The new 23,000 sq. ft. Emergency Department consists of 19 private treatment suites, including primary exam suites, cardiac exam suites, trauma and pediatric suites as well as psychological exam rooms. The private suites each have televisions, tele-phones, internet access, natural light and nurse call buttons. There are also separate family lounges to give family members the ability to remain close while giving the patient and health care professional's privacy when needed.

Among the hospital's new technology is a state-of-the-art cardiac cath lab and MRI suite, PACS film less digital x-ray technology and an electronic medical record system. "Through the new ED, Adventist GlenOaks Hospital will continue its mission of partnering with physicians and the community to provide whole-person care and promote wellness," said Lewis.



Committee Helps Get Lake Street Looking Great for the Holidays!

The Business Promotion & Cultural Development Committee worked on sprucing up the wreaths which adorn Lake Street during the holiday season. Pictured with a finished product are from left to right, Trustee Judi Von Huben, Georgene Geils, formerly of Economart (seated), John Vertnik of Starck & Co, Remo Turano of Turano Bakery, Assistant Village Administrator Barb Weber and Bob Allen of Stratford Square.

This group is also sponsoring the "B-Card" promotion for all Bloomingdale businesses. Check page 3 for details.



Vision * Loyalty * Integrity * Teamwork

Neighborhood Watch: Protecting Our Community

Upcoming meetings & events

All residents are encouraged to attend the Neighborhood Watch General meetings. There is no pressure to become a member and everyone can benefit from the useful information regarding community activities and safety material. Meetings are held every other month, beginning in January, in the Village Hall – Council Room, 201 S. Bloomington Road. Each meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. and the following are the dates for 2008.

January 16, 2008 – Open Forum with Village Officials from the Mayor’s Office, Police Department and Fire Department. Individuals will present an update on their departments and address the public on any questions or concerns within the Village.

March 19

May 21

July 16

August 5 – National Night Out Against Crime

September 17

November 19

WELCOME
Bloomington is a
CRIME WATCH
COMMUNITY



We immediately report all suspicious activities to our police department

“T.A.L.K.” Program -- Teens Wanted!

Young adults have an academy of their own, the “Teen And Law Enforcement “K”ommunicating (T.A.L.K.) Program. This program promotes positive police contact and gives the participants an open forum to ask pertinent questions and to clarify misinformation passed on to them by their peers. Classes are held on six Thursdays from 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Dates and topics are as follows:

January 10	Illinois Vehicle Code, DUI/Zero Tolerance Laws
January 17	Juvenile Law, Retail Theft
January 24	Team Building
January 31	Gangs, Drugs, Searches
February 7	Tour of Jail Facility
February 21	Internet Safety, Personal Safety, Graduation

Citizens Police Academy News

Classes are being scheduled to begin February 20, 2008. Sign up now!!!!

For additional information or to register for any of these programs, please call Officer Dawn Odoi at (630) 529-9868.

Community Safety Alert

The holiday season is upon us and many feel charitable toward others this time of the year. Although you may want to spread the “good feelings” to those in need, the Bloomington Police Department wanted to alert the public about suspicious activities occurring around commercial areas of our town.

Individuals have been approaching citizens and asking them for money to purchase gasoline for their vehicles. They claim that their car ran out of gas and they have no other way to get back home. In one incident, the citizen who was approached contacted the police department. When the police officer offered the person in need a ride home, the person suddenly had a friend waiting for her. This ruse has taken place in front of business entrance ways and in the parking lots as citizens are entering, exiting, or sitting inside their vehicle. Incidents have occurred near Wal-Mart, the Springbrook shopping area (Lake Street) and Stratford Square Mall. These individuals have asked citizens for money ranging from \$4.00 -\$10.00 to help their cause. Some have been quite persistent in their request for financial help.

The Bloomington Police Department strongly discourages citizens from getting involved with such a matter and to notify the police department if someone needs assistance.

Although, many want to lend a hand to their fellow citizen, it would be better to play it safe and get help for the situation. There are unscrupulous individuals who will say or do anything for a buck. Note: Donations to any charity/organization should be verified as legitimate worthwhile causes and their donation procedures fully explained.

Please be alert and aware of your surroundings at all times and contact store personnel, security officers and/or local police departments regarding any and all suspicious persons and activity. If you have any questions or concerns about this or any other crime prevention information, please contact Officer Dawn Odoi at (630) 529-9868.

Around & About Town



LEOS CLUB MAKES A DIFFERENCE AT SPRINGFIELD PARK:

As part of the annual "Make a Difference Day"

event, the Bloomingdale Leos Club was out in force helping to clean up Springfield Park. Ed Reidy, director of parks and planning for the Bloomingdale Park District, helped guide their efforts. The Leos also helped on Make a Difference Day by painting pots for residents of local nursing homes (top right photo).

BLOOMINGDALE CARE FACILITY FOR THE DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED EARNS

STATE AWARD: Alden Trails Intermediate Care Facility for the Developmentally Disabled in Bloomingdale received the Publication of the Year Award at the recent Illinois Health Care Association Convention held in Peoria. The publication, "Happy Trails," is a newsletter created and written by two residents – Kurt Junger and Derek Dyokas – as a way to share information with other residents about topics that are of interest to them.

"At Alden Trails, our mission is to provide a structured lifestyle with a stable and loving environment that encourages individuals with developmental disabilities to lead active lifestyles," says Melissa Allison, administrator. "Happy Trails' is a wonderful example of an activity that promotes and increases active participation. It is written, edited, typed and printed solely by Kurt and Derek, without any help from staff or families. Kurt even prints off the newsletter from his computer."

The quarterly publication is distributed to all residents living at Alden Trails and additional copies are placed in common areas for staff and families to read so everyone is informed of facility happenings.

Alden Trails Intermediate Care Facility for the Developmentally Disabled is located at 273 E. Army Trail Rd. in Bloomingdale, 630-671-1990 or visit www.thealdennetwork.com.

SCOUT BOOK DRIVE FOR LITERACY IN

CHICAGO: Tired of moving those books from shelf to shelf at cleaning time? How about giving them to a worthy cause? David Limberg, member of Boy Scout Troop 457, asks residents' help with his Eagle Project.

"My project is a book drive to benefit the Family Empowerment Centers of Chicago. The literacy rate in that area is rather low, and I want to share the joy of reading with them." David would like to provide the center with the following new or used items:

Children's story books	Children's chapter books
Classic novels	Spanish Bibles
Novels	Bibles (NIV or NAS)
Spanish books	Audio books on tape or CD
Tape players and CD players (walkman style) with headphones and batteries	

If you would like to donate any of the above items, please call David Limberg at 630-351-0262 to arrange a drop off time at his house in Bloomingdale, or e-mail djdp1@juno.com. He will be collecting these books through the end of January.



Eagle Scout David Limberg with Scott Manke, the Director of the Family Empowerment Centers in Chicago, who will receive the books David collects.

DISTRICT 93 HONORED WITH 2007 LINCOLN AWARD: The Lincoln Foundation for Performance Excellence recently honored Community Consolidated School District 93 with the 2007 Lincoln Silver Award for "Progress Toward Excellence." The award recognizes the district for demonstrating sound and notable continuous improvement processes. Representatives of District 93 will accept the award on Wednesday, December 5 at the Award Ceremony to be held at the Westin Hotel in Lombard.

Henry A. Gmitro, Ed.D., District 93 Superintendent of Schools, expressed his gratitude to the staff for their dedication to providing the best possible education to the students the district serves and for continually striving to meet higher standards. He also stated, "Being a recipient of the 2007 Lincoln Silver Award for Progress Toward Excellence validates our quest for continuous improvement and encourages us to go forward with the processes that have enhanced the quality of education in District 93 to this point."

District 93 is an elementary, pre-kindergarten through grade 8, education system with approximately 4,300 students serving portions of Carol Stream, Bloomingdale, and Hanover Park.

FIVE YOUNG PEOPLE PRESENTED WITH 2007 AMERICAN YOUTH CHARACTER AWARDS:

The 2007 CHARACTER COUNTS Celebration was held in October. Once again, five young people were honored as they were presented with the 2007 American Youth Character Awards. Each student is chosen by the faculty at his/her respective school year as a true example of the six pillars of character – trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring & citizenship. Police Watch Commander Randy Sater (left) and Mayor Bob Iden stand behind this year's winners: Mariana Virgilio, DuJardin; Antoinette Zaino, Winnebago; Jordan Caticchio, Westfield; Kylee Read, St. Isidore; and Ceci Komp, Erickson.



GREETING CARDS FROM THE GARDEN: Ivan Micek, artisan, garden consultant, and container gardening expert, entertained and educated the Bloomingdale Garden Club at their October 17 program. In Ivan's hands-on presentation – "From Garden to Greeting Card" - he shared creative tips to extend the beauty of gardens, through the use of photographs, and creation of unique and personal greeting cards.

The Bloomingdale resident's patio container garden was prominently featured in this summer's Garden Walk. This event, hosted by the Bloomingdale Villagers Club, was the perfect venue to showcase Ivan's clever use of recycled objects, his use of vibrant colors and textures, and his striking one-of-a-kind containers. Prior to the Garden Walk, Ivan's patio container garden was twice recognized in the Chicago Tribune Glorious Gardens contest.



Ivan's creativity, knowledge and congeniality makes for a winning combination. The Bloomingdale Garden Club most certainly looks forward to a future program with Ivan. For more information on the Garden Club and Ivan's future participation, contact Joyce Basel at 630-529-9833 or Helen Price at 630-980-6585.

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Villagers Hosting Annual Christmas Party on December 8

The Villagers of Bloomingdale invite all area women to their annual Christmas party beginning at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 8 at the Bloomingdale Public Library, 101 Fairfield Way. The Lake Park Jazz Choir will provide the entertainment with a trip down memory lane through song and dance. Guests can participate in a \$10 grab bag and a member cookie exchange. Start the holiday season by joining the fun with the Villagers of Bloomingdale. For more information call Eileen at 630-924-1296 or Joan at 630-529-9774.



Friends of the Library Selling Entertainment Books

The Friends of the Bloomingdale Public Library are selling Entertainment Books containing discounts from local and national restaurants, hotels, entertainment venues, local retailers and more. The books are \$20 and are available at the Bloomingdale Public Library, 101 Fairfield Way through the end of December. A portion of each sale goes to the Friends to help raise funds for activities such as the annual reading program, Ice Cream Social, Snowman Crossing and other activities.

Want to Make a Difference in Someone's Life This Holiday Season?

With the holiday season upon us, many residents look for opportunities to help others less fortunate. For the last few years, DuPage County has compiled a guide featuring 65 different agencies with their specific holiday needs to help make "giving back" as easy as possible for everyone. Family and youth-friendly activities are highlighted. The guide can be viewed or downloaded at www.givingdupage.org. The website also features an interactive volunteer match where one can search for opportunities throughout the year by zip code, area of interest and type of volunteer opportunity. "Giving DuPage" hopes that the holiday season brings peace and happiness to our residents and hopes that the spirit of generosity is alive and well in our community year-round.

Bloomingdale VFW Accepting Donations for Packages Being Sent to Troops in Iraq and Afghanistan

Bloomingdale VFW Post 7539 has been shipping 35-60 packages per month to the troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. The Post has also been active in supporting the families of our troops overseas. Through the years, our VFW has been able to identify items the troops need in their packages. Visit www.vfw.org to see some of the items the troops "wish for." If you would like to donate any of these, just bring them to the Bloomingdale Fire Department, 179 S. Bloomingdale Road. If you would like to help defray the costs of sending the packages, click on the "donate" button to make a contribution. Also, if you have a member of your family or friend serving overseas, contact the VFW to see if they can provide them with some assistance. Your support of the VFW will help support our troops.

Holiday Housewalk in Medinah Woods to Raise Funds for Pet Rescue of Bloomingdale

On Friday, December 7, from 4 to 9 p.m., five beautifully decorated homes will be showcased at the 1st Annual Open-House Holiday Housewalk in Medinah Woods Club of Itasca, located on Rohlwing Road (Route 53) between Lake Street and Irving Park Road.

In addition to many exciting raffle prizes, some of the holiday decorations featured in the homes will be available for purchase. Tickets are \$20 in advance at Pet Rescue, 151 N. Bloomingdale Road; Sassy's Originals, 360 W. Schick Road; Old Town Cleaners, 148 S. Bloomingdale Road; or \$25 the evening of the event.

All proceeds will benefit Pet Rescue of Bloomingdale, a no-kill, non-profit sanctuary for orphaned animals. The facility was founded in 1973 by Dale Armon, a pioneer in the humane rescue field. Help turn her dream into a reality and join your friends for a festive evening that will warm your hearts and brighten your spirits. For more information call Sharon at 630-440-4667.



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Purrfect Poses and Wet Noses

This current exhibit runs through December 20, 2007 at the Bloomingdale Park District Museum, 108 S. Bloomingdale Road. The holiday show will be a "purrfect" combination of rave barks and meows. You will be smitten by the kittens of Ann Fahl's quilt exhibit "Black and White Tales." Each has a

theme and is very unique. You will be bow-wowed by the picture quilts of the "Dog Lady," Sharon Malec. Charlotte Burgess' whimsical ceramic dogs and cats are truly the "cat's meow." Her unique style is both comical and creative.

The colored pencil "petraits" of Frederica Krauss Howard are beautifully executed drawings that reveal her love of line and expressive light and dark. Call the museum at 539-3096 for further details.

**Unusual Vegetables topic of January Garden Club Meeting**

The Bloomingdale Garden Club's January 16th meeting will feature Chad Nichols. Nichols Farm of Marengo, Illinois is known for its wide variety of vegetables, many of which are not found in grocery stores. Nichols Farm is dedicated to producing only the highest quality vegetables, and offers its unique produce at local Chicagoland farmers' markets. Nichols will enlighten attendees on growing heirloom vegetables, and will acquaint them with some very unique potato varieties. The meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. at the Bloomingdale Public Library, 101 Fairfield Way. Contact Debbie DeChinistso at 630-351-1010 for more information.

Make a Difference in Someone's Life!

Volunteers are needed at the YWCA West Suburban Center for its sexual assault services. Training begins January 26.

24-hour crisis intervention services

Prevention education programs for kindergarten through college age

Male & female volunteers needed

Bi-lingual volunteers needed

Call the YWCA west suburban center at (630) 790-6600, ext. 289 or email tammy.james@ywcachicago.org

Santa Surprises From the Bloomingdale Lions Club

Everyone knows the holiday season is a very busy time for old Santa. So, for the second year in a row, the Bloomingdale Lions Club will be giving Santa some help with his overwhelming schedule of appearances. Santa and his elves will greet good little girls and boys from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, December 15 at the Bloomingdale Pharmacy, 156 S. Bloomingdale Road. Old St. Nick will have a treat for each boy and girl, so be sure to stop by with the youngsters.

Santa is also available for visits to Bloomingdale homes. You can invite



Santa to make a visit to your home from 5-7 p.m. weekdays; 2-7 p.m. weekends from December 10 through December 23 for \$50.

Santa will visit homes within a two-hour time frame and visits will be at least 15 minutes long. Limited reservations are also available on December 24 and 25 for \$75.

Call 630-894-7394 or e-mail lionperry@hotmail.com for more information or to make an appointment. Your payment will be

mailed to:

Bloomingdale Lions Club,
P.O. Box 318,
Bloomingdale, IL 60108.

As with all Lions projects, all proceeds will go directly to help the hearing and sight-impaired, as well as to local charities.



Bloomington Fire Protection District #1



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Have a Fire-Safe Holiday Season!

December, January and February / Peak Months For Home Fires

Many people are unaware that December, January and February are the leading months for home fires and home fire deaths in the United States. According to the NFPA, more than one-third of home fire deaths in the U.S. occur during the winter months.

According to the United States Fire Administration, each year fires associated with the holiday season injure 1,200 individuals and cause over \$250 million in damage.

There are simple life-saving steps you can take to ensure a safe and happy holiday. By following some of these tips, you can greatly reduce your chance of becoming a holiday statistic.

Electrical decorations and strings of lights can help brighten the holiday season, but misusing or using damaged decorations may lead to dangerous situations—including injury from shock or fire.

The safety experts at Underwriters Laboratories Inc. (UL) and the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) encourage you to use this handy checklist when decorating your home this holiday.

- Does your live tree or greenery have fresh green needles?
- Is your tree a safe distance (at least three feet) from fireplaces, radiators, space heaters, heating vents, and other sources of heat? Is it blocking an exit?
- Do you use light strings that carry the UL Mark?
- Before plugging in newly purchased electrical decorations, or those you've used previous seasons, do you carefully inspect each decoration?
- Do you unplug light strings and electrical decorations before replacing light bulbs or fuses?



Keep light strings and electrical decorations out of the reach of children?

Do you check for red or green UL Marks on light strings? - the green holographic UL Mark means that the light string should only be used indoors. The red holographic UL Mark indicates the light string can be used both inside and out—and can withstand conditions related to outdoor use.

- Do you turn off electrical light strings and decorations before leaving your home going to bed?

- Have you made sure your home is equipped with working smoke detectors?
- Have you developed a fire escape plan for your household?

If you answered "yes" to all of these questions, congratulations! If you answered "no" to any of these questions, you owe it to yourself and your loved ones to correct the electrical hazards in your home.

For more information visit the district's website at www.bloomingtonfire.com or contact Lieutenant Richard Kurka at 630-894-9080.



Learning That Fits Your Lifestyle

Bloomingtondale Center

College of DuPage

“Working 30 hours a week while attending college presented a real challenge. But the staff and instructors at the Bloomingtondale Center were so helpful, and the flexibility of independent study courses made it possible for me to complete my associate’s degree.”

Michelle Buno
College of DuPage Graduate
Elmhurst College Student



Visit College of DuPage in your neighborhood

Bloomingtondale Center
Town Square of Bloomingtondale
162 S. Bloomingtondale Road
Bloomingtondale, IL 60108
(630) 942-4900

The College of DuPage Bloomingtondale Center offers classroom courses and flexible independent courses that provide you with learning that fits your lifestyle.

Services at the Bloomingtondale Center:

- **New on-site registration:** You may now register for ANY C.O.D. class at the Bloomingtondale Center.
- **Counseling and Advising**
- **All placement testing** (no appointment necessary)

Twelve-week classroom courses begin Feb. 13:

Accounting 1150
Anthropology 1100
Business 1100
Computer Basics 0800
Computer Information Systems 1150
Economics 2201
English Composition 1102
History 1130
Math 1100
Psychology 1100

Sixteen-week classroom courses begin Jan. 14:

Math 0482
Office Technology 1200
Speech 1100

Plus many exciting non-credit classes!

Center Hours

Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Sunday, 1 to 4 p.m.



We also offer more than 200 courses in a flexible learning format:

Accounting	GED
Anthropology	Health Information Technology
Biology	History
Business	Humanities
Communications	Management
Computer Information Systems	Marketing
Criminal Justice	Mathematics
Earth Science	Music
Early Childhood Education and Care	Philosophy
Economics	Physics
Education	Political Science
English	Psychology
ESL	Reading
French	Sociology
	Spanish

Spring term begins Monday, Jan. 14.

For more information, call the Bloomingtondale Center, (630) 942-4900, or visit: www.cod.edu/cil/bloomingtondale.

For Americans with Disabilities Act accommodations, call (630) 942-2141 (voice) or (630) 858-9692.



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The Holiday Season Arrives In Bloomingdale!



Hang Some History on Your Tree

Hang a piece of history on your tree this holiday season. The Bloomingdale Historical Society is selling ornaments that feature a vintage etching of the Old School (located at Lake & Third streets) at Christmas. The original pen and pencil sketch was drawn by resident and artist Diane Duffy. The historical group is pleased to offer this nostalgic look at a Bloomingdale landmark as Bloomingdale prepares to celebrate its 175th birthday in 2008. The 3 1/4 inch shatterproof ornament has a white satin finish and sells for \$6.00. The ornaments are available at the Bloomingdale Village Hall and the Bloomingdale Public Library through the end of the year, as supplies last, and at the Bloomingdale Park District Museum during the holiday exhibit through December 20.

