



# Village of Bloomingdale Almanac

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## From the Desk of Mayor Bob Iden

The Village of Bloomingdale was recently commended by the Save Abandoned Babies Foundation for being one of the first 100 Illinois towns to be in compliance with a law passed last August requiring that all Illinois hospitals, fire stations, police stations and sheriffs offices that are "Safe Havens," post a sign on the exterior of the building in a conspicuous location.

This law gives parents in crisis a safe, legal, confidential and anonymous option to safely abandon their baby during its first days of life. This is when infants are most at risk of being killed or abandoned illegally. The Safe Haven signs show where a parent who cannot care for a newborn infant (up to seven days old) can legally hand their unharmed baby to a staff member and walk away, no questions asked.

We have had our sign posted in front of the Bloomingdale Police Department since fall of 2007 and would like to make the community aware of this. Protecting children is a shared community responsibility and we are happy to offer this option in the interest of providing a "safe haven" for these newborn babies.

So far this summer I have had an opportunity to take part in two very special events. On Monday, June 30, I was honored to carry the Olympic Torch on the final leg of the run around Circle Park in the opening ceremonies for the Bloomingdale Park District's 2008 Olympic Games. Once I declared the "games open," the Jesse White Tumblers, with Jesse White himself in attendance, took to the field to give an amazing performance. The official opening was just the beginning of a month and a half of events for all ages and abilities. The last three events take place in August so check the website ([www.bloomingdaleparks.org](http://www.bloomingdaleparks.org)) or call the park district (630-529-3650) for details. See photos from the June 30th event on p. 10.

On Saturday, July 19, I was able to take part in a parade at Marklund Philip Center for Children on Prairie Avenue as part of the opening ceremonies for their annual Children's Home Summer Games. I am pleased to have taken part in this uplifting event for several years. Marklund residents participated in a fun-filled day of games themed "Around the World." This year's games included Ireland Croquet and Antarctica Ice Fishing.

As the summer starts to slip away, we will look forward to our traditional end of the summer event, Septemberfest. This year the fest marks 36 years of celebrating with friends and family. Check page 11 to get the details.

Mayor Bob Iden



The sign denotes the Bloomingdale Police Department is a "Safe Haven" for newborns. The Bloomingdale Fire Department is also a designated Safe Haven.

**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**  
1st Thursday of the month  
5:00 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*

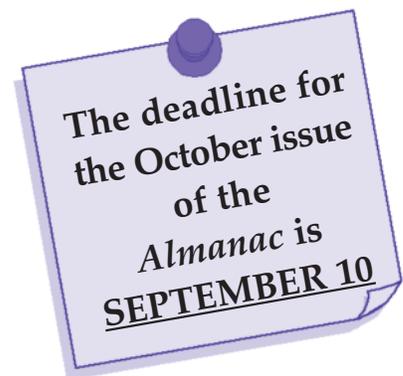
**Jim King**  
*Facilities and Golf Course*

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

If you're "surfing the net" and have a question to ask or an issue to bring to our attention, just E-mail it to us. If you wish to send us an



electronic message, our website address is:  
[www.villageofbloomingdale.org](http://www.villageofbloomingdale.org)



**Seven Scholarships Awarded**



The Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce held its annual Scholarship Breakfast on June 12. Chairperson Dr Bridget Horan announced that this year the Chamber awarded seven \$1000 scholarships due to the generosity of the following members: Joe Bohne of Old Town Bank & Trust, State Representative Franco Coladipietro of the 45th District, Salomon Diaz, proprietor of Outback Steakhouse, Mayor Bob Iden, Tom Itrich of Huskie Tools and Kevin Mottlowitz of Stratford Crossing Shopping Center which sponsored two scholarships.

Scholarship winners and business people who contributed: l to r) Amanda Grandinetti, Mottlowicz, Claudia Fantauzzo, Katie Lorenz, Susan DiMeo of Old Town Bank, Mayor Iden, Nicole Lomotan, Patrick Jecmen, and Itrich. Scholars Michael Hannigan and Patricia Monette and Chamber members Bohne, Coladipietro and Diaz are not pictured.

## Street Sweeping Scheduled for Fall; Leaf Pickup Available Thru Allied Waste

The Village provides street sweeping services through a private contractor periodically throughout the year. Several sweeps are scheduled to take place in the fall. Street sweeping maintains the Village's attractive appearance, while reducing the potential for flooding caused by debris at curb lines.

The Village does not provide leaf collection services, and residents are reminded that raking and/or blowing leaves into the street is a violation of Village Ordinance #2000-10, which prohibits the dumping or placing of any waste upon any Village street or other public property.

Residents are encouraged to participate in Allied Waste Industries' yard waste/leaf collection program. Leaves and yard waste placed in yard waste bags or cans (with handles) will be picked up by Allied Waste on regular trash days through November 30th. Weight limit of each bag or can is 50 pounds. A yard waste sticker (\$2.25 each) must be affixed to each bag or can. Stickers can be purchased at:

- Bloomingdale Village Hall, 201 S. Bloomingdale Road
- Bloomingdale Pharmacy, 156 S. Bloomingdale Road
- Butera Foods, 550 W. Lake Street, Roselle
- Caputo's Fresh Market, 166 E. Lake Street
- Len's Ace, 272 W. Lake Street
- Meijer Supermarket, 130 S. Gary Avenue
- Jewel Food Store, Bloomingdale & Army Trail Roads

Questions concerning the yard waste/leaf collection program can be directed to Allied Waste at 847-429-7370.



## Weather Emergency Alert Sirens Signal Severe Weather in the Area

During severe weather residents will sometimes hear a warning siren. Information for activation of this warning system comes from the National Weather Service, State or Federal Agencies, local Public Officials and /or first hand observation. Most often, it comes from the National Weather Service's current information regarding storm conditions.

The Weather Emergency Alert system is activated when any of the following conditions are present:

- The Village of Bloomingdale is in the path of an approaching tornado.
- Conditions of an approaching storm exist for the development of a tornado.
- A tornado sighting within the Village of Bloomingdale or nearby communities is confirmed.
- It has been confirmed that "damaging force" winds will be impacting the Village of Bloomingdale
- The National Weather Service has issued a Severe Storm/ High Wind Warning indicating damaging force winds.

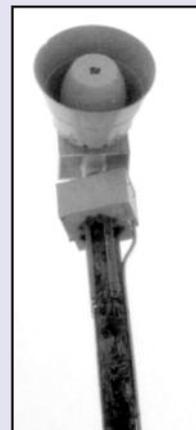
There is no differentiation in the sound of the warning siren for a tornado or damaging winds. The siren is a steady tone which rings for three minutes and warns us of any of these weather concerns. No matter which weather reason causes the activation of the warning siren, residents are encouraged to proceed to an interior room on the lowest level of their home or business. They should then monitor local television, radio, weather alert radio or current weather data for the most up-to-date information.

The four weather sirens in Bloomingdale are located: off Glen Ellyn Road and Carriage Way by the Village's Eastside pump station; in Old Town near the rear of the old Village Hall; at Stratford Park; and at Gary and Lawrence. The weather sirens are tested the first Tuesday of each month at 10:00am.

We also have lightning detectors located at the Bloomingdale Golf Club and in all parks, except the newly opened Erie Park which will be addressed in the near future. These detectors are made to alert people within the vicinity of these properties of the danger of lightning.

The "warning" signal is a solid tone approximately fifteen to twenty seconds in length. This tone indicates an actual lightning strike to ground has occurred within a ten-mile radius. You should seek appropriate shelter when you hear this signal.

The system will continue to monitor the lightning and after fifteen minutes of no lightning activity in that ten-mile area the "All Clear" signal will sound. The "All Clear" signal is an alternating high / low tone, also fifteen to twenty seconds in length. The sound made by the lightning detectors is not meant to carry far as they are for the designated areas.





## Ever Thought About Being a Bloomington Police Officer?

Application packages for Police Officer are currently available at the Bloomington Police Department. A \$25 non-refundable fee will be charged per application package.

Completed applications must be returned by 4:30 p.m. on August 8, 2008.

For more information, call Donna Hulata (630) 671-5703.

## Welcome Angelo Tenerilli!

Bloomington's newest police officer, Angelo Tenerilli, was sworn in by Mayor Iden at the July 14 Village Board meeting. A former graduate of William Rainey Harper College, Tenerilli entered the Suburban Law Enforcement Academy in July and is slated for graduation mid-September. He will come back to do field training with veteran officers. We welcome him to the force.

*The Tenerilli clan proudly turned out for Angelo's swearing in.*



## Yielding Safely to Emergency Vehicles: Here's What You Need to Know

The Bloomington Police ask for motorists' cooperation in making day to day commuting a safer experience. Questions recently raised by drivers include the proper response to approaching emergency vehicles and proceeding through an accident area where emergency vehicles are on call.

The Bloomington Police Department offers the following information and tips:

- Be aware of other vehicular and pedestrian traffic; always drive defensively.
- Check mirrors and be aware of flashing or fully engaged "opticom" emergency traffic control system at intersections (white flashing light on arm of traffic light control extending across lane of traffic)
- When approached by an emergency vehicle using sirens and flashing lights, yield and immediately drive to the right, waiting for emergency vehicle to pass. If stopped at an intersection with two-way traffic, remain stopped until emergency vehicle passes.
- When approaching a stationary emergency vehicle with lights flashing, proceed with caution, yield and change to a lane away from the emergency vehicle.
- When approaching or entering a highway construction area, slow down, yield to any authorized vehicle or pedestrian working within the area. Proceed with caution and change to a lane away from the workers.



**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 Relations  
Officer

529-9868

## 25th Annual National Night Out Set for August 5th at Park District

The Bloomingdale Police Department, the Bloomingdale Neighborhood Watch Program and the Bloomingdale Park District invite the public to the "25th Annual National Night Out Against Crime" event scheduled for Tuesday, August 5th, 2008, from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at the Bloomingdale Park District.

The National Night Out Against Crime event is a unique evening to thank the Neighborhood Watch Block Captains and the participating residents who have worked with the police department and other agencies in crime and drug prevention efforts. The event also encourages continued support and involvement of all residents in such efforts. Involvement by everyone (Village Officials, Police/Fire Personnel, residents, businesses, schools, churches, etc.) is the key to keeping Bloomingdale safe.

National Night Out Against Crime provides the opportunity to meet other active residents and create partnerships with your neighbors and Village agencies to work together to maintain the quality of life of our community. Food (hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, cookies, etc.) will be provided free of cost between 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. The pool is open to all attending the event and organized games and prizes are scheduled. Giveaway items will be distributed while they last.

Please consider joining us for this free, fun, family event and help us to  
"Take A Bite Out Of Crime".



## Parents & Kids: Be Extra Vigilant About Importance of 'Stranger Danger' During Summer Months

During the summer people enjoy spending time in great outdoors. The Bloomingdale Police Department cautions young people and their parents to be aware that there are unscrupulous individuals who also look forward to the warm temperatures when they can monitor the schools and playground areas where youngsters gather.

The Bloomingdale Police Department strongly encourages children and young adults to avoid contact with unfamiliar individuals who may ask for directions, attempt to provide gifts/money, or engage in any conversation. The "Stranger Danger" talks apply to everyone, no matter the age or physical size of a person.

The Bloomingdale Police Department also encourages anyone who has an encounter with a suspicious person and/or vehicle, to please notify our agency as soon as possible, once he/she is in a safe place.

Any questions or concerns regarding this information, can be directed to Officer Dawn Odoi at (630) 529-9868.

Have a safe and fun summer!

## Smoke Free Solutions

83% of DuPage County residents do not smoke. Join the Crowd.

Smoke Free Solutions is the DuPage County Health Department's Free smoking cessation class that can help you quit smoking and stay tobacco free for life.

The seven session class begins Thursday, September 4 from 6 – 7:30 p.m. at Central DuPage Hospital. Register by calling 630-933-4CDH.

To speak with a counselor immediately, you may call the Illinois Tobacco Quitline at 1-866 QUIT-YES.

### Need More Reasons?

- Save \$1,900 a year
- Nicotine leaves your body in three days
- Lower your risk of heart disease and types of cancer



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## Compact Florescent Light (CFL) Bulbs: Why Use Them?

Lighting accounts for close to 20 percent of the average home's electric bill. CFLs use up to 75 percent less energy than incandescent light bulbs, and last up to 10 times longer. If every home in America replaced just one incandescent light bulb with a CFL it would reduce greenhouse gas emissions (that contribute to global climate change) equal to that of 800,000 cars.



### When **NOT** to Use CFLs:

- In Vibrating Fixtures (i.e. ceiling fans, garage door opener), as vibration can cause the CFL to fail.
- In Recessed Lights, as some fluorescent ballasts are unreliable in ambient temperatures much over 120°F (50°C). This can sometimes be a problem in enclosed or recessed ceiling fixtures if heat in the fixture builds up.
- With a Dimmer Switch, unless you buy a CFL specifically made to work with dimmers. Using a regular CFL with a dimming switch can shorten bulb life.
- In Fixtures Turned On/Off Frequently, as CFL bulbs work best if they are left on for over fifteen minutes each time they are turned on. Frequently switching them on and off will shorten the life of the bulb.

### Disposal of Burnt-Out CFL Bulbs:

- Illinois permits burnt-out and/or broken CFL bulbs to be placed in the regular garbage. The CFL bulb should be placed in two plastic bags before being set in the trash. CFLs should not be disposed of in an incinerator.
- Residents may stop by the Village Hall, 201 S. Bloomingdale Road or the Bloomingdale Public Library, 101 Fairfield Way, to pick up a complimentary CFL bulb - one per family while supplies last.

For more information on CFL bulbs and disposal/clean-up, and recycling, visit [www.epa.gov/mercury](http://www.epa.gov/mercury) or [www.energystar.gov/cfls](http://www.energystar.gov/cfls)

## Fall Branch Collection Begins on October 20; Special Pickups Following Severe Storms

If you missed the summer branch collection, don't despair. There is one more free branch collection for residents this year. Our fall branch collection will begin on Monday, October 20. Kramer Tree Specialists, Inc. will once again perform branch collection under the direction of the Village Forestry Division. The program is only available to single family detached residences. Townhome residents should contact their association.

In the event of severe storms, the Village will provide storm damage collection of woody branches ½ inch to 6 inches in diameter. Please contact the Forestry Division at 630-671-5800 within 72 hours of storm for branch collection.



# BE KIND TO YOUR TREES & SHRUBS:

## Watering Tips from the University of Illinois Extension Office & The Morton Arboretum

Trees and shrubs require just as much care as vegetable and flower gardens, according to the University of Illinois Extension Office. Watering is a common practice associated with all plants.

Contrary to popular belief, most roots are not located beneath the tree or shrub and few roots are found deep in the soil. Most tree or shrub roots that absorb water, called feeder roots, are within the top 15 inches of soil. If the soil is heavily compacted clay, roots may be even closer to the surface. These roots are generally congregated at the dripline, or outer branches, of the plant. Since the tree's branches act like an umbrella, it only makes sense that roots are past the dripline. Mature plants may have feeder roots extending 6 to 50 feet past the dripline.

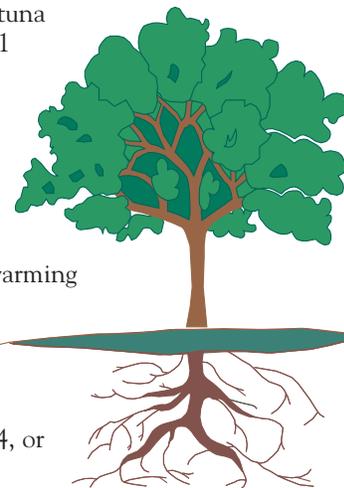


Feeder roots aren't large. Most are finer than a strand of hair. They are easily severed when digging or can dry out during droughts. Yet, they are easily replaced during the winter.

Watering should occur when less than an inch of rain has fallen in a two-week period and temperatures have passed 85° F. For practical purposes, plan on providing an inch or two of water every two weeks. In order to saturate the soil, apply the amount in a single application. Several light applications totaling an inch or two over a two-week period tends to force roots to the surface in search of water.

Here are additional watering tips from The Morton Arboretum:

- Let the top few inches of soil dry out between waterings to avoid saturation and to allow roots and soil organisms to breathe.
- Use soaker hoses and drip irrigation -- effective watering tools because they discharge even streams of slow, trickling water directly to the root zone beneath trees and shrubs. When combined with a 3 or 4-inch layer of organic mulch, plants can use nearly all of the water that's provided with little evaporation loss.
- Another effective means of watering a small tree is letting a hose run slowly at its base until the ground is moist. For large trees, let the hose run at various points around the tree's drip line - the imaginary line on the ground that encircles a tree's extended branches.
- Water shrubs at the plant base and under the spread of branches until soil is moistened to a depth of 6 to 8 inches.
- When using a sprinkler system, place a container (an inch-thick can, such as a tuna fish or cat food can, works well) nearby to measure when you have distributed 1 inch of water to the soil.
- Plants vary in their ability to tolerate water stress. Prioritize watering, caring for newly transplanted trees and shrubs first, then those that have been in the ground from 2 to 5 years and have under-developed root systems. Next, water "specimen" trees or important trees, then all other plants.
- Water strategically. Plants absorb more water in the early morning, before the warming sun can cause evaporation.
- Avoid using fertilizer during drought conditions. Fertilizer salts can cause root injury when soil moisture is limited.



For more information, call The Morton Arboretum's Plant Clinic at 630-719-2424, or visit the University of Illinois Extension web site at <http://www.urbanext.uiuc.edu/news/news.cfm?NewsID=6983>



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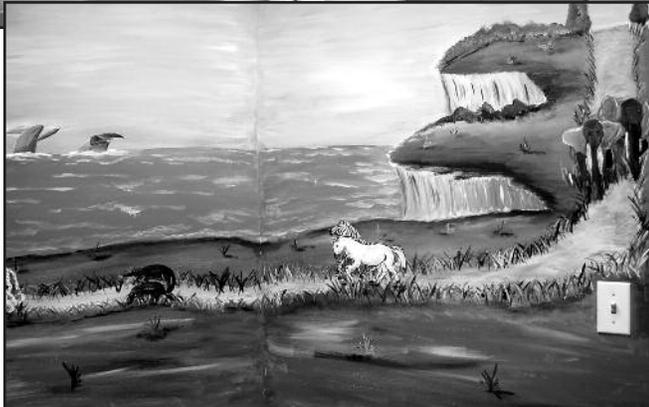
# BUSINESS BEAT

*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.**

## BUSINESSES NEWS

**PATIENTS IN THE CENTRAL DUPAGE PHYSICIAN GROUP OFFICE OF DRs. VOSICKY, MCGRAW AND ZORETIC IN BLOOMINGDALE** (245 S. Gary Ave., Suite LLA) are seeing double. Patient Services Representative and resident artist Maureen Schmidt (pictured in photo) recently hand painted a mural of Noah's Ark and many of the animals that plan to board it -- in pairs, of course. The mural has been painted in an infant exam room and has been a wonderful distraction technique to calm frightened children. "The nurses ask the children to find the different animals, it really seems to lower their level of stress," said Practice Manager Sheila Fehrenbach. Schmidt, who graduated from Loyola with a major in art history, creates murals on the side. She donated her time and labor for the project in the doctor's office.



**MICKEY'S CAR WASH**, formerly the DO-IT-TO-IT Car Wash, is located at 377 Glen Ellyn Road in Bloomingdale. The family owned business is operated by Mickey and Laurie Ruffolo and son, Vince. Though the Ruffolos recently purchased this location, they have been in the car wash industry for 22 years and will use their expertise to continually improve this facility.

They have already modernized the building and installed new vacuums and shampoo machines, as well as two touch free automatic car washes. In addition to providing the best possible service, the Ruffolos also hope to become active in the community. Mickey's Car Wash is open 24 hours a day.

## OWN FOR THE SAME AS RENT!!!

**ROSA WAYDA OF EXECUTIVE REALTY GROUP**, along with four other professionals, John Rossini of Amber Mortgage, Renee Kuruc from Country Financial, Jeff Lisse of At Home Inspection, and a local real estate attorney will join together in hosting a seminar to explain how to "Own for the Same as Rent."

The team will educate and guide attendees through the process of turning your rent payment into a mortgage payment. This free seminar will be held on Tuesday, August 19th 7:00 pm at Executive Realty Group, 140 W. Lake St. (at the corner of Lake Street & south Maple). R.S.V.P. to Rosa (630) 774-2396 to reserve your seat.

## Fight the Bite!

Dr. Damon T. Arnold, state public health director, announced the first birds testing positive for West Nile virus this year were found in crows collected in late June in Rockford, Winnebago County. Mosquito batches testing positive for West Nile virus have since been reported in Adams, DuPage, Cook, Jackson, St. Clair and Tazewell counties.

“These positive results remind us that we need to protect ourselves against mosquitoes, especially with all the recent flooding,” said Dr. Arnold. “As the waters from the flooding recede and pools of water are left behind, we’ll start seeing more and more mosquitoes that carry West Nile virus. I urge everyone to get rid of any stagnant water around their homes to reduce the number of mosquitoes, and to make sure you wear insect repellent to protect yourself.”

Last year 46 of the state’s 102 counties were found to have a West Nile positive bird, mosquito, horse or human case. A total of 101 human cases of West Nile disease, including four deaths, were reported last year in Illinois.

Surveillance for West Nile virus in Illinois began on May 1 and includes laboratory tests on mosquitoes, dead crows, blue jays, robins and other perching birds as well as the testing of sick horses and humans with West Nile-like disease symptoms. Residents who observe a sick or dying crow, blue jay, robin or other perching bird, should contact the DuPage County Health Department at 630-682-7979 or the Bloomingdale Public Works at 630-671-5800.

West Nile virus is transmitted through the bite of a mosquito that has picked up the virus by feeding on an infected bird. Most people with the virus have no clinical symptoms of illness, but some may become ill three to 15 days after the bite of an infected mosquito. The first human case in Illinois is not usually reported until July or later.

Only about two people in 10 who are bitten by an infected mosquito will experience any illness. Illness from West Nile is usually mild and includes fever, headache and body aches, but serious illness, such as encephalitis and meningitis, and death are possible.



The best way to prevent West Nile disease or any other mosquito-borne illness is to reduce the number of mosquitoes around your home and to take personal precautions to avoid mosquito bites. Precautions include:

- Avoid being outdoors when mosquitoes are most active, especially between dusk and dawn. Use prevention methods whenever mosquitoes are present.
- When outdoors, wear shoes and socks, long pants and a long-sleeved shirt, and apply insect repellent that includes DEET, picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus or IR 3535 according to label instructions. Consult a physician before using repellents on infants.
- Make sure doors and windows have tight-fitting screens. Repair or replace screens that have tears or other openings. Try to keep doors and windows shut, especially at night.
- Eliminate all sources of standing water that can support mosquito breeding, including water in bird baths, ponds, flowerpots, wading pools, old tires and any other receptacles.

Public health officials believe that a hot summer could increase mosquito activity and the risk of disease from West Nile virus. Contact Clarke Mosquito Hotline at 800-942-2555 to report areas of stagnant water in roadside ditches, flooded yards and similar locations that may produce mosquitoes.

Additional information about West Nile virus can be found at [www.idph.state.il.us/envhealth/wnv.htm](http://www.idph.state.il.us/envhealth/wnv.htm).

## Calling All Dogs

At 2 p.m., Sunday, September 28, the Bloomingdale Lions Club, Westfield Middle School Leo Club, Erickson School Cub Scout Pack #457, and (new this year!) the Bloomingdale VFW Post 7539 will present the Third Annual Walk-a-Dog-a-Thon at Springfield Park Nature Trail. More details coming in the Fall issue or check the Lions website at [www.bloomingtonlionsclub.org](http://www.bloomingtonlionsclub.org).

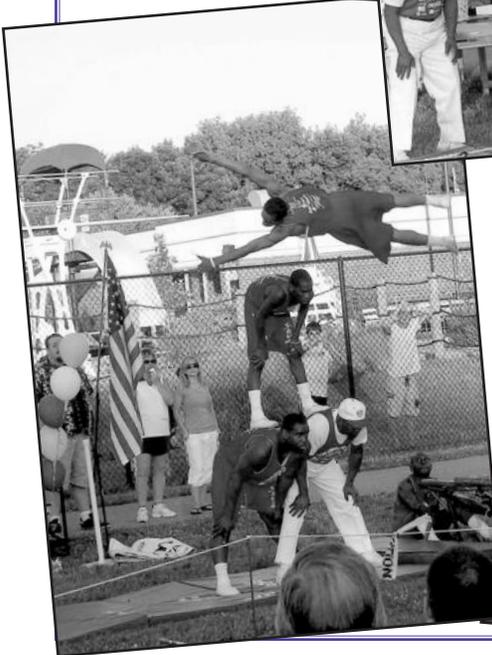
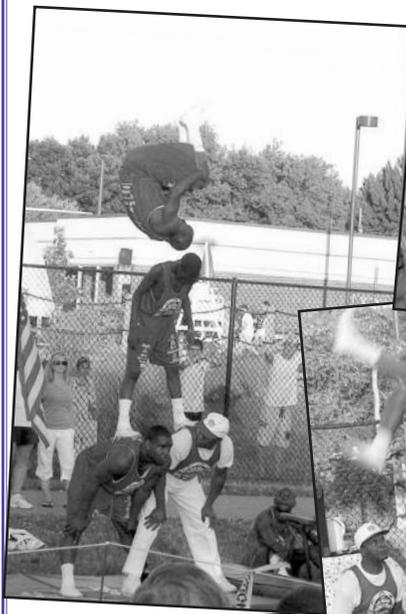


## Opening Ceremonies for the 2008 Bloomingdale Olympic Games

Mayor Iden carried the Olympic torch the last leg of the run around Circle Park bringing it to the stage as the Bloomingdale Park District kicked off its own Summer Olympics on June 30. Once the Mayor officially declared the "Games Open," the Jesse White Tumblers put on an amazing show as the festivities of the opening ceremonies continued. It was especially fun to see Secretary of State Jesse White take part in the performance.

A variety of fun and challenging events for all ages have been held each week since the opening ceremonies on June 30. Check the park website at [www.bloomingdaleparks.org](http://www.bloomingdaleparks.org) or call the park district at 630-529-3650 to learn about the remaining Olympic events slated for August.

*Photos of Jesse White Tumblers courtesy of Ken Lindhorn.*



# Septemberfest 2008 --36 Years of Celebrating with Family and Friends!

By M.J. Frumkin

Bloomington prides itself on being a community where you can experience a small-town atmosphere in booming DuPage County. With that in mind, we present the 36th annual Septemberfest celebration, a day of fun and entertainment planned for you, your family and friends. Come join us on Saturday, September 6, 2008 in Bloomington Old Town (Lake and Third Streets).

Festivities will commence with the greater Septemberfest Parade, leading off at 11:00 a.m. from DuJardin School on Euclid. The parade then heads north on Euclid to Schick Road, and marches west on Schick Road into Old Town. There will be colorful floats, marching bands, the Medinah Clown Unit, Medinah Black Horse Troop, and a one-of-a-kind, 1/3 scale model of a Piper Navajo "street cruising" airplane. Your participation in the parade is welcome. For information, contact Gloria Tomaras at 630-878-4407 by August 17, 2008.

When the parade concludes in Old Town, join the fun activities and entertainment, with opening ceremonies at 12-noon. New this year, is the Kids Transportation Contest, where anyone 15 and under can bring their decorated bike, scooter, wagon and skateboard, and compete for prizes. Everyone who enters receives a commemorative ribbon.

Live musical bands performing on stage include, "The Sting Rays" from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and "The New Invaders" with their '60's flashbacks from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

There will be a variety of vendors offering a large selection of yummy treats and refreshing drinks to please the taste buds.

Septemberfest also features creative arts and crafts for sale. Booth spaces are still available; call Vivi at 630-894-6637 for information by August 17, 2008.

The 6th annual Motorcycle Show is scheduled from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. If you are interested in showing your motorcycle, please call Mark at 630-415-5385 for further details. The People's Choice Award benefits motorcycle safety and education.

Also, the Classic Car Show runs from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. There is no entrance fee! Trophies are awarded for best vehicles and all entries receive a commemorative plaque. If you have a unique car or truck that you would like to display, contact Marilyn Zaccardi at 630-893-0956 by August 17, 2008.

The Septemberfest/Joe Draghi Memorial Scholarship Contest winners will be announced at 5:00 p.m. This scholarship fund has given thousands of dollars to young adults in our community. Thanks to all who have given so far. If you would like to help, please consider becoming a "Friend of Septemberfest." Your name will be listed on signs posted throughout the fest as a donor and your charitable contribution will help young men and women toward a better future. A form to donate is located to the right.

Be sure to designate Saturday the 6th on your calendar and make plans to be a part of Septemberfest 2008. It promises to be a most enjoyable time for family and friends. For further information, call the Septemberfest Hotline at 630-671-5680 after August 15.

Support the 36th Anniversary Celebration

## Be a Friend of Septemberfest!

The Septemberfest Commission encourages Bloomington residents and businesses to support the Joe Draghi Scholarship Fund which provides the scholarship awards to Bloomington residents between the ages of 16 and 20.

To become a friend, fill out the form below and mail to the Village Hall, 201 S. Bloomington Road.

Name (as you wish it to be listed)

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I am enclosing a check for  
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Mail your check or money order made payable to Septemberfest 2008 to: Friends of Septemberfest, c/o Village of Bloomington, 201 S. Bloomington Road, Bloomington, IL 60108.



## EVENTS

**Treasure or Trash?**

On Saturday, August 2, the Bloomingdale Historical Society will sponsor an Antique Appraiser Program at the Bloomingdale Public Library, 101 Fairfield Way, from 10:00 am-2:00 pm. During that time, Brian Meyer from Somerset Estate Sales will be appraising items brought in by anyone who would like to discover what their treasured items might be worth. The number of items per person will be restricted to three. The first item will be free with a total charge of \$5.00 for the next two items.

This appraisal opportunity is available to all items with the exception of extremely heavy objects, large gemstones, and weapons. Advanced registration for this program is required, so please call Kandy Jones at 632-529-3120 ext. 2801.

**Heartland Blood Center Gives 'Udder' Thanks to Summertime Donors**

Bloomingdale Church, 264 Glen Ellyn Road, sponsors a blood drive for Heartland Blood Centers in the church's gym on Saturday, August 9 from 8 a.m. – Noon. Call the church office at 894-0090 for more information or to make an appointment. A photo ID is required.

If you give blood at this drive, you will receive a MOOLA card from Oberweiss Ice Cream & Dairy store, pre-loaded with a free quart of Oberweiss ice cream. It's just one more reason to donate blood this summer.

**Villagers Club Upcoming Activities**

The Villagers Club of Bloomingdale presents its annual summer social on Thursday, August 28 at 6:30 pm at the Bloomingdale Public Library, 101 Fairfield Way. Meet the members and learn about the many interest groups to join - bridge, Bunco, canasta, bowling and golf, as well as monthly salad luncheons in members' homes and other activities. If you are looking for friendship and activities, come out for a night of fun and see what they are about. The Villagers is open to all area women. Refreshments will be served. For more information call Sandy at 630-351-4170 or Joan at 630-529-9773.

The September meeting will challenge members to "Think Green! Kay McKeen of S.C.A.R.C.E. (School and Community Assistance for Recycling & Composting Education) will present "21st Century Solutions to 20th Century Problems." McKeen, who is one of the ten top environmentalists in Illinois, will provide a hands-on demonstration of how to save energy and recycle. Find out how you can go green on Thursday, September 4 at 6:30 p.m. at the library. Couples and singles welcome. For more info call Bette at 630-924-6861 or Joan at 630-529-9773

Thursday, October 2 marks the Villagers' annual auction, which has been a charity fundraiser for the club for over twenty years. Collectibles, foodstuffs, home accessories, handmade items, holiday gifts and gift certificates from local businesses are all up for auction. The evening of bargains and fun starts at 6:30 p.m. at the Bloomingdale Golf Club, 181 Glen Ellyn Road. Questions - call Maureen at 630-351-3345 or Joan at 630-529-9773.



*There will be lots of great buys at the Villagers charity auction.*

**Garden Club's Annual Meeting Business Honors Members Age 80 and More**

The Bloomingdale Garden Club's annual Business Meeting will be held at 6 p.m. at the Village Hall Council Room, focusing on the club's goals and future plans, including membership, finances, programming and publicity. Members will also take time to recognize those who have reached the age of 80 and better. The group will also celebrate its 45-year anniversary in the Garden Clubs of Illinois with an official proclamation. For more information, contact Joyce Basel at 630-529-9833.

The Garden Club's September 17 meeting features "Creating Eco-Gardens on Sterile Residential Landscapes" presented by Dennis Paige, Environmental Educator/Interpretive Naturalist. Program begins at 6:30 p.m., at a location to be determined. Paige has successfully utilized native landscaping to create interesting and ecologically sound gardens (including a rain garden) at the Schaumburg Condo Complex in which he resides. This free program will address environmentally friendly natural landscaping. For more information, including location, contact Debbie DeChinistso at 630-351-1010,

## November 15, 2008 Marks Carson's Stratford Square Community Day

The "Care to Share Community Day" is a fundraising event for all non-profit and school organizations. Participating organizations sell coupon booklets for \$5.00 each and 100% of the price is retained by the organization. Each booklet contains special savings coupons valid on the Community Day One Day Sale to be held on Saturday, November 15th, 2008 from 6 am to 10 pm. Customers can purchase a Community Day booklet from any participating organization or in the Stratford Carson store preceding the event.

Interested organizations can go to our website at [www.communitydayevent.com](http://www.communitydayevent.com) for information or please contact our store at 630-351-8980.

## St. Isidore's 'Trifesta' Weekend Celebration August 15-16

Amusement rides, live stage bands, food vendors, bingo, 5k run/walk, golf outing, a 3 on 3 youth basketball tournament and many more fun activities for the whole family are planned at this year's annual "Trifesta" weekend celebration at Bloomingdale's St. Isidore Catholic Church campus on August 15-16.

"This year's weekend 'Block Party In The Burbs' will be expanded for more entertainment for little children, teenagers, adults and senior citizens," said veteran chairperson Lynne Denmark. "Come one, come all. The public is invited to this festival for all ages with more to do and enjoy than ever before. Trifesta is not just a church event, it's for everyone all over the Chicago area," Denmark said.

Trifesta begins on Friday, August 15 from 3 to 11 p.m. with over two dozen amusements, rides and arcade games provided by Alpine Amusements. Affordable food vendors and St. Isidore groups will provide plenty of food, snacks and drink, while a variety of live entertainment is provided at two separate stages over the two days.

Other attractions include Bingo and pull tabs, a "Kids Workshop" sponsored by Home Depot with free fun activities, micro-reality stock car racing, a Battle of the Bands and a kids' Cyclones 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament. In addition, the Cassidy Tire Golf Outing and a 5k run/walk called "The Race To Grace" are slated for Saturday morning. An outdoor Mass will be celebrated on the main stage at 5 p.m. Saturday afternoon.

Proceeds from Trifesta will benefit St. Isidore's Education Endowment Fund and the St. Isidore Future Fund. The church's large campus is located at the corner of Army Trail Road and Gary Avenue.



For information on all the events check out the website at [www.stisidoreparish.org](http://www.stisidoreparish.org) or by calling the parish office at (630)529-3045.

Online registration is available for the golf outing, 5k run/walk, 3 on 3 basketball tournament and to purchase Mega Raffle tickets.

## Wanna Golf?

The Bloomingdale Lions Club hosts its annual golf outing on Friday August 1 at Bloomingdale Golf Club. Lunch is at noon, followed by a 1 p.m. shotgun start. The \$100 ticket also includes a chance at the "Hole in One" car sponsored by Friendly Ford of Roselle, prizes and a terrific dinner. For tickets or more information, contact Mark Bousquet at 630-267-9380.

As always, it is a great time for a great cause. The Bloomingdale Lions Club is very generous to both the visually and hearing impaired and to the Bloomingdale community.

The Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce hosts its Annual Golf Classic 2008 on Tuesday, August 12 at Hilton Indian Lakes Resort. The day includes lunch, a noon shotgun start (best ball), dinner and more. Check the website [www.bloomingdalechamber.com](http://www.bloomingdalechamber.com) or call the chamber office at 630-980-9082 for more information or to register.



## Bloomington Blast Black Team Invited to National Competition

The 14U Bloomington Blast Black is a travel Fast Pitch softball team associated with the Bloomington Baseball and Softball Association (BBSA). They recently qualified and accepted a bid to the NSA Nationals which was held at the end of July in Peoria, IL. This has been a good season for the close knit team.

*Members are (front row, l to r) Nikki Bloch, Isa Tangorra, Tara Palandri, Dianne Denson, Rachel Weslo. Also (back row, l to r) Stephanie Aronson, Jenna Marie Gomiack, Hanah Hoffmann, Lisa Baumgart, Kelly Davies, Hannah Wilson, Breanna Burden and Sammy Vega. Also pictured behind the girls are coaches: Dave Hoffmann, Mike Aronson. John Wilson (Manager) and Matt Bloch.*



## Bill Wolff Honored by Illinois VFW

Congratulations are in order for resident Bill Wolff as he was just elected Junior Vice Commander Dept of the Illinois VFW of the US at the Illinois VFW Convention held in Springfield at the end of June. A very active member of Bloomington VFW Post 7539, Wolff will represent the Illinois VFW at events and festivities throughout the state. Among his many affiliations, Wolff is a retired Bloomington assistant fire chief, serves as a District Trustee for the Bloomington Fire Protection District 1 and is currently the chairman of the Bloomington Septemberfest Commission.

## Senior Spells “Stroganoff” to Win Spelling Bee

Ten area seniors (age 50 and over) participated in the qualifying round of the 2008 Illinois State Senior Spelling Bee held on June 10 at Bloomington Horizon Independent Senior Living Community. Denise Woodward, a 56-year-old from northwest suburban Palatine, won the qualifying round at Bloomington Horizon in the 56th round after correctly spelling the word “stroganoff.” The finals will be held during the Illinois State Fair on “Senior Day” Monday, August 11.

*Bloomington Horizon Senior Living Community residents Janet Jacob, left, and Geri Catalano, right, recently participated in the qualifying round of the Illinois State Senior Spelling Bee. The spellers were joined by their home’s Property Manager, Ellen Currie, who helped organize the event at the independent senior living community, is located at 160 W. Lake St. in Bloomington.*



## Play Ball!!

Five-year old Daniel Alarcon, a Bloomingdale Park District's t-ball player, was selected to throw out the first pitch at the Thursday, July 10, Chicago Cubs game. This was a once-in-a-life opportunity for Daniel – a true-blue Cubs fan.

This opportunity also had special meaning for Daniel because his step-father serving overseas was able to see the televised game. Daniel's step-father, 26-year-old Private First Class Christopher Raya, has been serving in the Army since April 2007 and has been stationed in Sadir City, Iraq since October 2007.



This occasion was made possible by the Illinois Park and Recreation Association which has been hosting group outings with the Chicago Cubs since the mid-1980s. Daniel Alarcon was chosen randomly by the Bloomingdale Park District for this honor. Not only did Daniel get to throw out the first pitch at the game, but t-ball teams from seven area park districts were also given the chance to play t-ball in the Wrigley Field outfield before the start of the game. The Illinois Park and Recreation Association began this outing as a means to give young kids the experience of playing on a major league ball field, as well as raise awareness of parks and recreation in Illinois.

## Bloomingdale Park District Names New Director

Last month, the Bloomingdale Park District welcomed a dynamic park and recreation administrator with extensive programming experience to serve as its new executive director. Carrie Ann Hauptert, a Certified Park and Recreation Professional (CPRP) was named to fill the position held by Steve Scholten for over 16 years.

Hauptert came to Bloomingdale from the Village of Hinsdale, where she was the director of parks and recreation. Under her leadership, the park and recreation department experienced unprecedented growth, emphasized community outreach and generated greater exposure for all Village areas to increase agency revenues.

Bloomingdale Park Board President Mike Vogl noted, "Carrie has the experience, professional expertise, and enthusiasm to build on the park district's foundation and lead us to leverage our strengths and enhance our community collaborations."

Hauptert says she is already impressed with what she knows about Bloomingdale Park District and the community. She is anxious to get to know her staff and become acquainted with the community they serve. The Park District will be hosting a public event inviting everyone in the community to come out and meet the new director in the coming weeks.



# Thanks, Family Fest Sponsors!

The Village of Bloomingdale and the Family Fest Committee would like to thank the following sponsors and Event Fund Contributors for supporting the 2008 Family Fest:

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## Leos Shine at Banquet

The 1st Illinois Leo conference was held at the Medinah Banquet facility in Addison in May. There were 50 Leos and 34 Lions present. The following 12 Leo Clubs attended:

Bartlett Leo Club  
 Bradley Leo Club  
 Bloomingdale Westfield Leo Club  
 Bridgeview Leo Club  
 Elmhurst Noon Leo Club  
 Geneva Leo Club  
 Glendale Heights Barangay Leo Club  
 New Lenox Leo Club  
 South Elgin Leo Club  
 Spring Valley Leo Club  
 Triad Community Leo Club  
 Westview Hills Leo Club



*Pictured are those who attended the conference. Bloomingdale Lion Jerry Bertrand with Bloomingdale Westfield Leos – standing Chris Necka (r), kneeling Alex Fuchs (l) and Kaitlyn Szabo.*

## An Open Letter of Thanks

Family Fest was held on June 26, 27, 28 and 29. The event was a great success, and this was due to the planning, cooperation, and hard work of a number of individuals who deserve special recognition for their almost year around work on planning this event. We would like to thank the following individuals who served on this year's Family Fest Committee:

Milton Clark  
Julie Deeke  
Guy Sanalidro  
Dennis Szafran  
Sandy Raucci, Recording Secretary  
John Dabrowski, Village Board Liaison  
Sgt. Jackie Slater, Police Department Liaison  
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Jim Monkemeyer, Public Works Liaison  
Ed Reidy, Park District Liaison  
Asst. Chief Nels Olson, Fire Department Liaison  
Deputy Chief Michael McNamara, Fire Department Liaison  
Barb Weber, Village Liaison



In addition we would like to acknowledge and thank the following departments for their great cooperation, hard work, and support throughout the Fest:

- Chief Dave Christensen, Deputy Chief Michael McNamara, and the entire staff of the Bloomingdale Fire Department.
- Chief Tim Goergen, Sgt. Jackie Slater, Det. Tim Roberts, and the entire staff of the Bloomingdale Police Department.
- Assistant Director of Village Services Jim Monkemeyer, Ed Lewen, and the entire staff of the Bloomingdale Public Works Department.

Additional thanks are also extended to the following volunteers who helped out on-site in the Information Tent:

Joyce Roteman, Sandy Dauber, Rita Scorzo, Paul Gendusa, Saumin Shah, Crystal Kosmas, Justin Kuhn, Rachel Egel, Linda Szramiak, Anna Wilmes, Amye Wilmes, Julie Keating, Tony Scorzo, Umi Syeda, Bob Przyborowski, Bonni Rothbaum, Kaushik Shah, Kiran Shah, Keri Winkowski, Patricia Horak, Dave Strutzel, and Sam D'Amico.

We would also like to thank the following individuals and organizations who also contributed much to the success of the Fest:

- The Board and staff of the Bloomingdale Park District for the use of the land and sponsoring tumbling activities in the Family Fun Activity Tent.
- Village of Bloomingdale and the Bloomingdale Park District for the spectacular fireworks display.
- Village officials for their support.
- Staff of the Village Hall.
- The Board and staff of the Bloomingdale Public Library for their cooperation and assistance.
- Antonio Kapsouris and the staff of La Campana Restaurant, as the Fest beer vendor.
- All food vendors, business tent vendors and sponsors.

In closing, we hope everyone who attended Family Fest had a great time. We're looking forward to seeing each and every one of you at Family Fest 2009!

**Tim Jarzemsky**  
Family Fest Co-Chair

**Kandice Krettler**  
Family Fest Co-Chair



# Bloomington Fire Protection District #1



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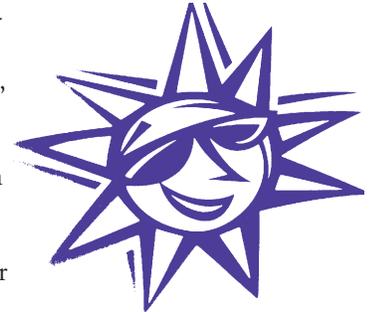
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## Coping with Heat Emergencies

The body works most effectively within a very narrow range of temperatures. High temperatures cause the body to react by increasing its metabolic rate. It also causes the body to lose fluids through perspiration and the dilation of blood vessels in an attempt to cool the body. Infants and young children, the elderly, amateur athletes, and outdoor workers are more susceptible to these emergencies. Medical emergencies associated with heat exposure include: heat cramps, heat exhaustion, and heat stroke.

- **Heat Cramps:** A person may experience cramps, especially in the large muscles, after strenuous exercise. Move the person to a cool place and remove excess clothing. Do NOT massage cramped muscles. You may give electrolyte-containing solutions such as: Gatorade, All Sport, etc., if it is available.
- **Heat Exhaustion:** The person will be sweating, have moist clammy skin, might be nauseous, and possibly vomiting. They might have a slightly elevated temperature, with a headache and mental confusion. For treatment, move the person to a cool place and cool them by removing as much clothing as possible and applying cool moist cloths. You may give something to drink if the person is alert and not nauseous. Stop cooling the person if goose bumps or shivers develop. If the person's medical condition doesn't improve, call for medical assistance.
- **Heat Stroke:** This is the most serious of the heat-related emergencies. The person will have an elevated temperature (greater than 105 degrees), hot dry skin, and appear confused. This is a true emergency. Call for medical assistance immediately. While waiting, move the person to a cool place and begin rapid cooling.

Remove as much clothing as possible and apply cold compresses to the chest, groin, armpits, neck, temples, and behind knees. Sponge or mist with cool water and fan, or cover the body with a wet sheet and fan. Do not give this person anything to drink. Do not give them aspirin or other medication to lower their temperature. Do not give either the heat exhaustion or heat stroke person any stimulant, including alcohol or cigarettes.



Certain medications will make an individual more likely to suffer a heat emergency. These include; antihistamines, beta-blockers, antihypertensives, tranquilizers, antidepressants, antipsychotics, MAO inhibitors, alcohol, amphetamines, and diuretics.

Heat Emergency Sites are available for seniors throughout DuPage County. They include the DuPage County Administrative Offices (M-F 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.), libraries, city halls, township offices, senior centers, park districts, malls, and P.A.D.S. (Daysite 630-682-3846). Check your local telephone directories for numbers. Please call ahead for availability. For cooling sites and heat-related information in DuPage County call the Heat Hotline 1-800-942-9412, TDD/TTY (630) 407-6502, hours 8:00 - 4:30. If there is an emergency, please call 911.

For more information about heat emergencies or other safety information, please contact Lieutenant Richard Kurka at 630-894-9080.



### Farewell and Best Wishes to 30 Year Veteran Jim Kesick

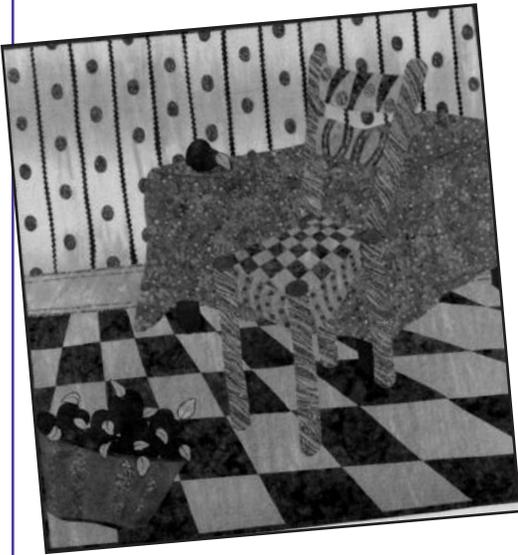
The Bloomington Fire Protection District is proud to announce the retirement of Firefighter/ EMT Jim Kesick after 30 years of service to the community. Jim started with the district August 1, 1978 working as a firefighter, paramedic, and as an Acting Lieutenant for several years.

We will miss his expertise and wish him many summers on the lake relaxing with his family.

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## The Quilts Are Here!!! Don't Miss Them!!!

The Bloomingdale Park District, 108 S. Bloomingdale Road, is pleased to present the Quilt National Show "B" collection and WOMEN PACKING IRONS from the Chicago School of Fusing Exhibit through August 23, 2008. (Wed-4-8 pm; Thurs/Fri-10-4; Sat. 10-4 pm)

Coming September 13 to Galleries I and II is "About Face." This multi-media show is a juried portrait exhibit with prizes and ribbons to be presented at the September 19th opening reception. This popular art exhibit and sale is always inspiring. Call the curators at 630/539-3096 in order to receive a prospectus for entering.

