



Village of Bloomingdale

Almanac

JUNE 2008

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From the Desk of Mayor Bob Iden

Well, the summer season may not be upon us yet, but the “construction” season certainly is. It seems everywhere you go there is roadwork. Army Trail Road has been no exception, but the end could be in sight. DuPage County Department of Transportation advises us that its Army Trail Road project is in the final stage and that the scheduled completion is June 30, weather permitting.

You might have also noticed some new delays on Bloomingdale Road in between Schick Road and Fairfield Way. The Village is having some of the utilities relocated underground prior to improvements that DuPage County is slating for Bloomingdale Road from Dunteman (near the Jewel Shopping Center) to Lake Street. Preliminary work for some road widening to allow for left turn lanes will begin this Fall. Most of the actual construction, as well as re-surfacing, will take place in Spring and Summer of 2009 (next year’s “construction” season).

While we’re on the subject of improvements, the Village recently retained Lohmann Golf Design/Golf Creations to take the initial steps toward the conversion of the property the Village purchased from Indian Lakes Resort to a passive open space. Lohmann has worked on several projects at the Bloomingdale Golf Club and is well qualified to ‘decommission’ the existing golf course features on the parcel.

Work will begin on or about June 16, 2008, weather permitting. This ‘initial phase’ will allow the Village to address the immediate concerns of the growing season now upon us, while providing some “breathing room” for the preparation of the formal master plan, to assure the best possible outcome for this important open space asset.

Speaking of Village assets, I’d like to acknowledge the careers of two of our longtime police officers. Deputy Chief Tom Schrieber, a 30+ year veteran and Sergeant Rich Blair, 29+ years on the force, who retired in early May. I thank them both for their many years of outstanding service to the residents of the Village of Bloomingdale. You can read their stories on p. 14.

Inside this issue, you will also read about many citizens who have been providing voluntary service to Bloomingdale in a variety of ways. This community is blessed with residents and business people with big hearts and generous spirits.

And lastly, if it’s June, then Family Fest is almost here! Read about what’s in store for fest-goers on pp. 17 and 18. Have a great summer.

Sincerely,

Mayor Bob Iden



Erickson students were all smiles when they finished planting an Autumn Flame Maple for Arbor Day. Behind the girls are Mayor Bob Iden and Social Worker Sue Noren. See whole story on p. 5.

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 atten-
tion, just E-mail it
to us. If you
wish to send
us an electronic
message, our
address is:



VILLAGE.BLOOMINGDALE@worldnet.att.net

Our website address is:
www.villageofbloomingdale.org

The deadline for
the August issue
of the
Almanac is
JULY 10

Historically Speaking



Three longtime residents (l to r) Diane McLaughlin, Brendan O'Dea and Ellie Alumbaugh chat about the Bloomingdale Historical Society's recently published book on Bloomingdale. The three friends reminisced at the society's May garage sale which earned the organization over \$500 for their efforts toward the documentation and preservation of the history of Bloomingdale and its residents. The book is available at the Bloomingdale Public Library and Village Hall for \$19.99.



Volunteers Plant for the Future

Bloomington has a great volunteer spirit! We had about 30 people come out to help plant tree seedlings in April, including a number of Cub Scouts from Bloomington and Roselle, as well as a few employees from Half Price Books who returned for the second year. Two hundred seedlings, this year Red Buckeye, Bald Cypress, Columnar English Oak and Red Maple trees, were transplanted into containers. Forester Jim Johnson and his assistant Tim Grant coordinated the annual event.

These tree seedlings will be nurtured for two to three years at the Grow Center located at the Public Works facility. The young trees will then be transplanted to the Village Nursery, located on Cardinal Drive at Wellhouse #3, where they will remain for another two to three years, or until they reach maturity. Once they mature, the trees are utilized throughout Village parks, parkways and landscape projects. This year's Arbor Day planting at Erickson School was an Autumn Flame Maple tree which was one of the seedlings planted about three years ago (see photos on page 5).

'Tip a Cop' Raises \$1,800 for Special Olympics

On May 15th the Bloomington Police Officers combined forces with the staff from TGI Friday's for the "Tip A Cop" event. As the officers and staff worked together in serving great food and beverages, they were able to raise awareness and funds, over \$1,800.00 to benefit Illinois Special Olympics. The Bloomington Police Department wants to thank the managers and staff of TGI Friday's for hosting the event and the public for their generosity and support of Special Olympic activities.



Sergeant Jackie Slater takes an order.

Canada Geese -- Protected by Law

The Canada goose, a migrating bird, has found a home in DuPage County. The ongoing development has done little to discourage these large birds from the area. They have become well-known visitors on the lawns and retention ponds of industrial complexes, residential subdivisions and golf courses throughout the county. At this time of year, conflicts with humans arise when great flocks of birds are grounded on a golf course or park area and leave large quantities of droppings. The geese can also be particularly aggressive this time of year if they feel their nest or their young are threatened.

All native birds, including the Canada geese, are protected by the Federal Migratory Bird Treaty Act. It is illegal for any person to possess birds, dead or alive, nesting material, eggs, feathers and bones of a bird without the proper permits from the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and the State of Illinois. It is also illegal to harm or kill a protected bird species, and it is illegal to remove or destroy nesting material from a nest once an egg is laid. Federal fines can range up to \$15,000.00 and up to 6 months in jail. Any such activity, like any other crime, should be reported to local authorities.

Although the Canada geese may create a nuisance at times, it would be best to be patient and seek proper methods to discourage them from certain areas. Many deterrent products or techniques will only last a short period of time, such as plastic or live swans, fake alligators in a pond, or brightly colored streamers and balloons. For a long-term solution, landscaping the area with native plants is recommended for open spaces and the perimeter of ponds as well.

Trees and bushes in yards and tall grass plantings around ponds add natural beauty and provide hiding spaces for predators, making the open spaces less attractive to these federally protected migrating birds.

The following information has been provided by the Willowbrook Wildlife Center – Glen Ellyn (630-942-6200). For further information, please contact the Illinois Conservation Police, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and/or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Regional Office.

Volunteer Spirit Extraordinaire!

The charitable spirit is alive and well in Bloomingdale – whether the contributions are monetary, goods or services, Bloomingdale’s sense of giving is a great source of pride to its residents.

On the Tuesday after Earth Day several Jewel-Osco managers representing 17 area stores, under the leadership of District Manager Maureen Mitchell, undertook the project of cleaning the nine Bloomingdale Park District parks in honor of Earth Day. These volunteers worked on Stratford, Tompkins, Westlake, Sunnyside, Circle, Indian Lakes, Seasons Four, Old Town and Lakeview parks.

A wet, chilly Saturday morning could not dampen the enthusiasm of members of the Medinah Baptist Church who planted flowers in all the Bloomingdale Parks on May 3. Fifty-five adults and 20 kids volunteered their time as part of Carefest 2008. Ed Reidy of the Bloomingdale Park District said he took one look at the wonderful turnout and sent his employees out to buy more flowers. Bloomingdale resident Don Muscari noted his group enjoyed this first-year experience so much that he expects an even bigger turnout next year!



The Jewel-Osco group stopped long enough to pose for a photo in Westlake Park.



Don Muscari, Ray Young and Dan Samborski worked on a bed on the northwest corner of Old Town Park.



(l to r) Tom and Kathy Bowman, along with Laura and Mary Rose Scott, fill the base of this flowering tree with white begonias.



More Medinah Baptist Church members worked under another tree.

Another Arbor Day for Bloomingdale, A Tree City

The Village of Bloomingdale is committed to planting trees in order to provide cool shade, clean air, conservation of energy and beautification of our community. For the past several years, the Village has collaborated with School District 13 to recognize the preservation of our environment as a priority and to encourage this practice through the active involvement of its students in the annual Arbor Day ceremony.

The annual Arbor Day celebration is one of the reasons the Village has earned a Tree City Award for the last 15 years. A proclamation in honor of Arbor Day is also read by Mayor Iden and presented to the school.

This year's Arbor Day observance took place at Erickson Elementary School. Planted was an Autumn Flame Maple tree which was one of the seedlings planted by volunteers about three years ago. Members of the CHARACTER COUNTS! Club at Erickson exhibited the pillar of citizenship by participating in the tree planting on the school site.





36th Annual Septemberfest to Feature Car Show, Motorcycle Show & Parade on September 6th!



Car Show

Bring your antique, classic, or unique car to the Septemberfest Car Show, which runs from 2-8 p.m. in Bloomingdale Old Town. There is **NO ENTRANCE FEE**. All exhibitors receive an engraved commemorative tag, and participate in various trophy classes. The first 50 cars to meet the eligibility requirements listed below will be selected for this show. You will receive written confirmation of your participation along with instructions.

Eligibility Requirements:

1. Cars must be unique in appearance.
2. You must be able to drive your vehicle into the display area.
3. Cars must arrive by 2:00 p.m. for staging.
4. Cars must be suitable for display, i.e. no in-progress restorations or questionable graphics.
5. You must complete and return the application on or before August 15, 2008.
6. All cars must carry liability insurance and have safety glass.

Applications are available at Village Hall, on the website www.villageofbloomingdale.org or by calling Marilyn Zaccardi at 630-893-0956 or Carol Dublin at 630-671-5720. Deadline for applications is Friday, August 15, 2008.

Be Part of the Parade and Float Contest!!!!

The Septemberfest Parade is looking for participants for the parade and the second annual Float Contest. This year's parade steps off at 11:00 am and arrives in Old Town at approximately noon. Line-up begins at DuJardin School, 166 Euclid Avenue, at 10:30 am. Parade applications are available at the Village Hall, on the website, www.villageofbloomingdale.org, or by calling Gloria Tomaras at (630) 980-8176 or Carol Dublin at (630) 671-5720. Deadline for parade applications is August 15, 2008. For details on the contest, visit the Village's website.

6th Annual Motorcycle Show

People's Choice Class (2:00 – 7:00 p.m.)

No Entry Fee – Ribbons Awarded

- American Touring • American Cruiser
- Sportster • Import Touring • Import Cruiser
- Import Sport • Antique (pre 1980) • Custom

Trophy Class (4:00 – 6:30 p.m.)

\$5 Entry Fee

- Best of Show • Best Softtail Custom • Best Hardtail Custom • Best Paint • Best Antique

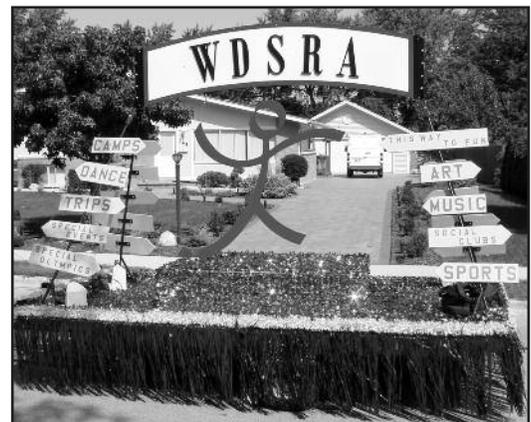
One winner from each category

All bikes to enter the show at Bloomingdale Road & Washington Street – Secure bike parking.

People's Choice – Show up anytime between 2:00 pm & 4:00 pm – Ribbons awarded at 6:30 pm.

Trophy Class – Bike must be registered for Trophy Class. Registration forms are available at the Village Hall, online at

www.villageofbloomingdale.org, by contacting Mark Garrison at 630-415-5385, or on the day of the show. One registration form per bike. Bike must be in show arena no later than 4 p.m. Judging to be conducted from 5:00 to 6:00 pm. Winners will be announced and trophies presented at 7:00 pm. Entry fee benefits the Septemberfest Scholarships. For more information contact Mark Garrison.



Summer Curbside Branch Collection Set for Week of July 21-25

The one-week summer branch collection will be conducted by Kramer Tree Specialists, Inc. under the direction of the Village Forestry Division beginning on Monday, July 21st. The program is only available to single family detached residences. Townhome residents should contact their association regarding branch collection.

Branch Collection Guidelines:

- Branches must be out by 7:00 a.m. on Monday, July 21st.
- Woody branches 1/2 inch to 6 inches in diameter are the only items that will be picked up. (Note: any spikes, hooks or other metal objects must be removed).
- Long lengths are favored provided branches do not block sidewalks and pedestrian access.
- All branches should be placed at the curb or pavement edge and stacked in an orderly fashion with the cut or larger end towards the pavement.
- Thorny tree branches should not be concealed inside piles. These require special care as to not cause injuries to the workers.

The following items are unacceptable:

- Branches left out in a tangled mess.
- Woody branches under 1/2 inch in diameter.
- Leaves, vines, small (under 1/2 inch in diameter) flexible willow stems, herbaceous plants and weeds.
- Large stumps, roots and root balls.*
- Wooden fencing and construction lumber.*

The above items are considered yard waste and may be placed in bags or cans with tags for Allied Waste (our refuse hauler) pick-up. Yard waste pick-ups commence April 1st and continue through November 30th. Questions concerning Allied Waste pick-ups should be directed to (847) 429-7370.

*Large stumps, roots and root balls are considered trash and do not require a yard waste tag, provided each item is of manageable size and under 50 pounds. Wooden fencing and construction lumber are also considered trash, but require a special pick-up. Contact Allied Waste for more information.

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

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated and will ensure a successful program.



Holiday Garbage Pickup Schedule Independence Day (July 4)

falls on Friday this year.
Therefore, Friday pickups will
take place on Saturday.



Branches should be stacked like this . . .



. . . not like this.

Village's Annual Hydrant Flushing Begins June 9

The Village Services - Utilities Division will be performing the annual Hydrant Flushing Program beginning June 9, 2008 through June 23, 2008. The Program will be performed during the daytime hours of 8:00 am - 3:00 pm. Please DO NOT WASH LAUNDRY during the flushing hours, as rust staining of the clothing may result. Residents with water softeners are encouraged to check the cycle time of their softeners so that the unit does not regenerate during this period.

One question that is always asked is - "Why does the Village flush hydrants?" Hydrant flushing is routine maintenance for a water system. It accomplishes the following:

1. Improves water quality: Flushing removes minerals such as iron and magnesium that have collected in the water mains.
2. Improves water flow: By removing these minerals, the inside diameter of a water main is increased and therefore, allows a better flow of water.
3. Hydrant maintenance: A fire hydrant is a mechanical device. Operation of a hydrant lubricates internal mechanisms and gaskets.
4. Hydrant inspection: Any deficiencies are noted and repaired as necessary to insure that each hydrant will perform when needed for an emergency.

The schedule for hydrant flushing by area will be as follows:

	Day	Date
Sunnyside, Westwind, Deer Glen, Medinah Lakes, Medinah Meadows, Medinah Grove, Dartmoor Homes, Vittoria Brooke Estates, Chateau of Medinah, Hamilton Lakes	Monday	June 9
Colony Green, College Quad Fours, Harvard, Brookdale, Wilshire Towers, South Glen Ellyn Rd. to Now Foods	Tuesday	June 10
North and South Suncrest, Medinah Country Estates, Dinah Road off Broker Road, Circle Center, Medinah on the Lakes, Lori Ct., Sunset Terrace, Westlake Highlands	Wednesday	June 11
Westlake Townhomes - Edgewater and Greenway, Lakeshore Townhomes, Fairfield, Milford, Fairfield Quads, Canterbury, Lexington Homes	Thursday	June 12
Springbrook Villas, Springbrook Shopping Center, North Bloomingdale Road, Bloomingdale Town Center, Fessler's Grove, Old Town, Bell Towers, North Maple, North Rosedale, Rosedale Estates, Seven Oaks, Lakewoods, South Bloomingdale Rd. to Edgewater	Friday	June 13
Founder's Pointe, Old Town Estates (East and West), Longridge (Levitt), West Pointe Estates, Indian Lakes Resort, Los Lagos, Indian Lakes (East)	Monday	June 16
Indian Lakes (West), Meadowlark to Skylark, Bloomfield Club, Stratford Place, Glengarry, Stratford Homes, Avalon at Stratford, Butterfield Rd., Springfield Rd. from Army Trail to Schick Rd.	Tuesday	June 17
Country Club Estates, Chateau Lorraine, Bloomfield Hills, On the Park, One Bloomingdale Place, Villas of Thornfield (Tantillo), Villa Way, Springfield Dr. from Schick Rd. to Lake St.	Wednesday	June 18
Stratford Lakes, Camden Apts., Bayview Crossing Phases 1 & 2, Stratford Square, Knollwood Dr., Heritage, Villa Veneto, Meijers	Thursday	June 19
Covington, Old Gary, Stratford Plaza, Bloomingdale Business Center, Bloomingdale Court, Fretter's Plaza, Schmale Rd. & South including Equity One and Klein Creek, Longview Dr.	Friday	June 20
West Schick Rd., Lake St., Army Trail Rd.	Monday	June 23

If there are questions, please contact Vern Fasse, Water Distribution Supervisor at (630) 671-5830.



THE BLOOMINGDALE

BUSINESS BEAT

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

Remember - BUY IN BLOOMINGDALE.

NEW BUSINESSES

ARDENT CARE HEALTH GROUP, INC.

Ardent Care Health Group, Inc. opened in 2007 in the Bloomingdale Professional Centre, 123 E. Lake Street, Suite 201. Founded by Lou Batalla-Toya, Lynette Mackowick and Annie Morley, Ardent Care is committed to

“caring for people like family.” Licensed as medical doctors in the Philippines, Batalla-Toya and Mackowick wanted to make a difference in the health field here. Their private care organization caters to the practical needs of homebound adults, chronically or terminally ill, physically or mentally challenged and individuals who need care following a hospital stay.

Batalla-Toya noted when they hire therapists they stress that character is very important, as is compassion for the elderly. Ardent Care’s basic services range anywhere from feeding, bathing and dressing to companionship to 24-hour live-in care. They also have trained and compassionate caregivers for clients with dementia and Alzheimer, as well as clients under hospice care.

If you have a family member who might benefit from any of these services, give Ardent Care Health Group a call at 630-539-8339. They offer a free assessment and are committed to providing first class, client-sensitive service.

TOWN CENTER CLEANERS, Town Centre Cleaners, formerly located in the center at the northeast corner of Bloomingdale and Lake, has moved and taken on a new name. Now known as **JULIA CLEANERS**, the dry cleaning establishment is now located at 120 Ridge Avenue, Suite 12. The new phone number is 630-894-1234. New name, new location, but same great service.



Lynette Mackowick of Ardent Care checks a senior's blood pressure at a senior health fair last year.

BUSINESSES NEWS



JEWEL-OSCO, BLOOMINGDALE OUTBACK JOIN IN MARCH OF DIMES FUNDRAISER: Salomon Diaz, manager of the Bloomingdale Outback, hosted two area fundraisers recently. On April 13 the North Area Managers Association (NAMA) for Jewel-Osco joined hands with the steakhouse to raise funds for March of Dimes. On May 8, the beneficiary of the fundraiser was the Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce scholarship fund (photo above). Thanks to Diaz, Outback, and other local donors, the chamber will be awarding seven \$1,000 scholarships later this month.

AVIVA BEAL WINS CENTURY 21 AWARD:

Bloomingdale resident Aviva Beal was recently awarded “Rookie of the Year,” by Century 21 Lullo at its annual “Century 21 Lullo Awards Dinner.” In addition, she was named a “Million Dollar Producer” for having sold over a million dollars in real estate. The recognition for her remarkable first year as a real estate agent was based, not only on her amazing sales, but also on her initiative, enthusiasm and on the fact that she is always willing to go that extra mile.

Century 21 Lullo has 80 agents between the Bloomingdale and Addison offices.



(l to r) Michael Lullo (Broker/Owner), John Devermann (manager of Bloomingdale office), Beal, Joan Sinnott (senior vice president of operations)

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Bloomington Church 'Day Camp 2008' Runs from June 17-21

Day Camp 2008 at Bloomington Church, 264 Glen Ellyn Road, takes place from Tuesday, June 17 through Friday, June 20. All children who have completed Kindergarten through 6th grade are invited to



come "fly" around the

world on this year's charter adventures departing from Bloomington International Airport (at Bloomington Church). The children will take fantasy flights to Israel, Jamaica, Mexico and Italy. They will learn



about character qualities such as trustworthiness, respect, responsibility and caring. Each day's action-packed flight will include crafts, Olympic games, drama and music.

Flight reservations for passengers Kindergarten through 6th grade are being taken at Bloomington Church. The first day (Tuesday) registration begins at 9AM. with a daily gate departure time at 9:45AM. Return arrival time each day is 12:30PM. For more information, call the church office at (630) 894-0090. Pre-registration is available at www.bloomingtonchurch.org Written parental consent must be provided the first day the child attends or be sent to the church office in advance. No fees (it's free).

Calling All Kids!

Do you want to participate in the car show at the September 6th Septemberfest? Starting this year, Septemberfest will be having a car show contest for kids aged 15 and under. Decorate your bike, scooter, wagon, skateboard...anything you use to get around! For more information and the application, have your parents go online to www.villageofbloomington.org

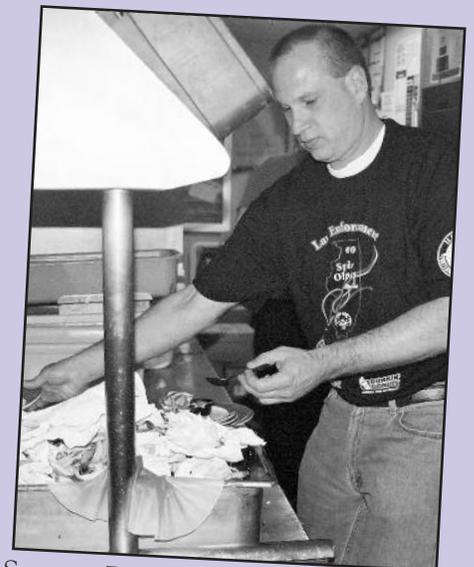
Westlake Townhome Garage Sale June 20-22

Westlake Townhome Owners Association Annual Garage Sale takes place from Friday, June 20 through June 22 from 9-5 each day. Map & directions are available at the Clubhouse, 299 Edgewater Drive.

Police Department Takes Orders to Help Support Special Olympics



Officer Tony Pagan visits with one of his customers.



Sergeant Duane Kroll handling KP duty.

The Bloomington Police Department thanks the Bloomington TGI Fridays for hosting the "Tip a Cop" event which raised \$1,800.00 to

benefit Illinois Special Olympics. As the officers and staff worked together in serving great food and beverages, they were able to raise awareness and funds. Check out the June Special Olympic Torch Run route through Bloomington on p. 15.

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Sign Up for 14th Annual Women's Golf Outing on June 16

Ahoy matey! Registration is open for the 14th Annual Women's Golf Outing on Monday, June 16 at Naperbrook Golf Course in Plainfield. Tickets are \$130 after June 1st. Register at (630) 681-0962 or www.wdsra.com.

The day includes continental breakfast, 18 holes w/cart, scramble format, lunch on the course, refreshments, dinner, raffle prizes and door prizes. This year me hearties, we golf as pirates, complete with a Captain Jack caddy! Start the day by bidding on one of our swashbuckling rogues bearing bountiful booty in our male caddy auction! Each comes bearing some spectacular gifts to tempt you and boost the fun. Once the golf starts they will share their golf expertise and act as your private host for the day retrieving balls, providing refreshments, etc.

Our swashbuckling hosts for the day include: Captain Jack Sparrow (celebrity impersonator), and two Bloomingdale businessmen - Terrance Wittman, Financial Advisor, LPL Financial Services and Ed Levato, Personal Banker, Old Town Bank and Trust.

Villagers' 3rd Annual Garden Walk Set for July 20

The Villagers of Bloomingdale will host their third annual Garden Walk on Sunday, July 20 from 1-5 p.m. Tickets are \$10 per person and can be purchased on the day of the walk at Bloomingdale Village Hall, 201 S. Bloomingdale Road from 11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. For more information or advance sales, call Bette at 630-924-6861.

Six area gardens will be featured: the Woodland Sun Garden has a front yard filled with a field of flowers and a natural forest view in the back; the Pool & Gazebo Garden features an outstanding floral landscape, as well as beautiful floral containers surrounding a pool and gazebo; the Woodland Shade Garden is nature at its best with several paths surrounded by flowers, shrubs and trees.

The Terrace Garden offers a beautiful Koi pond and a unique fish fountain in addition to brightly colored flowers of all species; the Waterfall and Pond Garden begins with a waterfall in the front, a turtle pond off the deck and several ponds and streams throughout the yard; the Hidden Garden is a beautiful surprise at the end of a dead end street, complete with a unique variety of tree, shrubs and flowers with a few mystical statues decorating the garden paths.

Raffle prizes will be offered during the day. Once again, Roosters Restaurant in Old Town is offering a Garden Walk special.

Beautiful gardens! (right) the Hidden Garden; (below) the Terrace Garden



Passport to Adventure!

Once again the Bloomingdale Park District Museum will participate in the annual Kane DuPage Regional Museum Association (KDRMA) passport program.

This program encourages children to visit museums throughout DuPage and Kane counties. Participation is recorded at each facility on a "passport" that is stamped upon entry. This provides a wonderful opportunity for children and their parents to become familiar with local resources and enjoy summer outings together.

Begin your journey at Bloomingdale Park District Museum, 108 S. Bloomingdale Road. Call 630-539-3096 for museum hours.



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Fire Department Announces Retirements and Staff Changes

The Bloomingdale Fire Protection District is proud to announce the retirement of two of its valued members. Deputy Chief Nels Olson is leaving the District after 29 years of dedicated service to the community. Nels served as a firefighter/paramedic until he was promoted to Lieutenant in 1982. In 2004, Nels was promoted to Battalion Chief, and, in 2006, he became Deputy Chief. Among his responsibilities during his distinguished career, Nels served as Paramedic Coordinator, Vice President of the Bloomingdale Professional Firefighters Association, and Hazardous Materials Coordinator for MABAS Division XII. In between long bike rides, Nels plans to catch up on some reading.



On May 1, Lieutenant Al Svihla retired after 30 years of service. Al was among the first full time firefighters hired in Bloomingdale. He served as a firefighter/paramedic until his promotion to Lieutenant in 2004. He served as president of the Pension Board and lent his many talents to a variety of areas in the District. With the announcement of his retirement, fish everywhere have been placed on high alert. We wish both Nels and Al a long, healthy retirement.

As a result of these retirements, opportunities have opened to several members of the organization. Battalion Chief Michael McNamara was promoted to Deputy Chief, and Lieutenant Scott Koehn was promoted to Battalion Chief. Firefighter/Paramedic Chris Soderstrom and Firefighter/Paramedic Fred Goret were promoted to Lieutenant. All promotions took effect June 1. We wish all of these gentlemen success in their new positions.

Postal Carriers' Food Drive Had Stamp of Success

The Bloomingdale Postal Carriers thank the Bloomingdale residents for their continued generous support of their annual food drive. This year the May 10th collection netted 5,800 pounds of non-perishables for the Bloomingdale Township Food Pantry.

Summer Concert Series Begins on June 10

The annual Summer Concerts Series, sponsored by the Bloomingdale Park District and Village of Bloomingdale begins this month. All concerts begin at 7 p.m. The park is located at 111 Third Street, in the heart of Old Town.

For more information call 529-3650 or check the website at bloomingdaleparks.org

June 10
Tin Horse
Country



June 17
Bopology
Jazz/Blues

June 24
Mr. Meyers
Caribbean/Reggae



June 26
Aurora American Legion Band
(Patriotic/Other)

July 1
Chicago Rat Pack
Casino Swing

July 8
Route 66
50/60's Legends

July 15
Shirley King
Jazz/Blues



July 22
Dooley Bros.
American Folk, Irish, Swing 50-60's

July 29
The Flat Cats
Jazz/Blues/Swing



August 5
NO CONCERT

August 12
American English
Beatles Tribute

August 19
The Renditions
50-60's



August 26
Bobby Sanders Orchestra
Big Band

Summer Concerts are sponsored by the
Bloomingdale Park District and the
Village of Bloomingdale

Fight the Bite!

As temperatures climb and the public spends more time outdoors, the health department reminds residents that mosquitoes will not only be an annoying part of the landscape, but possibly a disease-carrying one, as well. Spring is the time to start thinking about protection and prevention of mosquito-borne disease.



West Nile virus is transmitted through the bite of a mosquito that has picked up the virus by feeding on an infected bird; human illness occurs when an infected mosquito bites a person. Most people infected with WNV have no symptoms of illness and never become ill. But some may become ill three days to 15 days following a bite. Symptoms can include fever, headache and body aches. People over the age of 50 and those with chronic diseases such as heart disease or cancer may be more at-risk for meningitis or encephalitis, two life-threatening diseases. But, people of any age can contract West Nile illness.

The health department urges everyone to “Fight the Bite” and make sure they are properly protected:

- Apply mosquito repellent containing 20-35 percent DEET primarily to clothing. Concentrations of 10 percent or less are indicated for children. Use sparingly on exposed skin.
- Limit time outdoors when mosquito activity is heaviest (dusk through dawn)
- Keep skin covered if outdoors between dusk and dawn. Wear long-sleeved shirts, pants and socks.
- Be sure screens in homes are intact and tight fitting to prevent entry of insects.
- Keep gutters around home cleared of debris and in good repair.
- Eliminate any containers that may hold water from around the outside of the home. Water that is allowed to stagnate for three or four days becomes a breeding ground for mosquitoes.
- Report areas of standing water to Clarke Mosquito Control at its “Mosquito Hotline,” at 1-800-942-2555.

Adequate mosquito control is important. Bloomingdale Township, by contract with Clarke Mosquito, is the agency responsible for mosquito abatement services throughout the Township, which includes the Village of Bloomingdale. Clarke’s mosquito abatement services include chemical larviciding and spraying.

Larviciding is performed at locations where mosquito larvae are present. Larviciding eliminates mosquito larvae, reducing the number of future adult biting mosquitoes.

Spraying for adult mosquitoes reduces the local adult biting mosquito population. The product used by Clarke is environmentally safe for use in residential areas. This product is used in very low doses and therefore is considered not harmful to most adults, children and household pets. If there is any concern of allergy or of chemical sensitivity, residents can request to be placed on a call list for advance notice of pesticide use. Residents may report these and any other concerns directly to Clarke Mosquito Control at its “Mosquito Hotline,” 1-800-942-2555.

Dead birds will be tested for West Nile Virus. Residents may contact the DuPage County Health Department directly at 630-682-7979, Extension 7046, or contact Bloomingdale Public Works at 630-671-5800.

For additional information, visit www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvbid/westnile/.

To Prevent Mosquito Production and Prevent Mosquito Bites:

- Remove and properly dispose of old tires, tin cans, buckets, drums, bottles or any water-holding containers.
- Fill in or drain any low places (puddles, ruts, etc.) in your yard.
- Keep drains, ditches and culverts free of weeds and trash so water will drain properly.
- Keep roof gutters free of leaves and other debris.
- Cover trash containers to keep out rainwater.
- Repair leaky pipes and outside faucets.
- Empty plastic wading pools at least once a week and store indoors when not in use.
- Unused swimming pools should be drained and kept dry during the mosquito season.
- Fill in tree rot holes and hollow stumps that hold water.
- Change the water in bird baths and plant pots or drip trays at least once each week.
- Keep grass cut and shrubbery well trimmed around the house.
- Make sure ornamental ponds have fish that will eat mosquito larvae.
- Repair window screens.
- When outdoors in the evening or when mosquitoes are biting, use personal protection measures to prevent mosquito bites (proper use of insect repellent and appropriate clothing).

Senior Day Fair -- Were You There?

The Bloomingdale Police Department and the Senior Citizen Advisory Council hosted the 4th Annual Senior Day Fair on Friday morning, May 9th, at the Medinah Shriners Banquet Facility in Addison. The Senior Day Fair was quite successful with over 50 vendors and agencies meeting with approximately 200 senior citizens. The event allowed participants to obtain information concerning senior health and welfare in a comfortable and friendly setting. Those involved with the experience look forward to next year's event!



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Police Officers Tom Schrieber, Rich Blair Retire After Combined 60 Years of Service

Two longtime members of the Bloomingdale Police Department retired during the month of May. Tom Schrieber has been with the Village over 30 years. He came to Bloomingdale when Schick Road was a gravel road past Indian Lakes, which was only a golf course then. There was no hotel yet. The only restaurant was Golden Bear on Lake Street (most recently Enzo's).

He became part of the 1978 Crime Prevention Unit helping to educate residents to help prevent home burglaries. Even back then we were proactive in crime prevention. In 1979, Tom joined Chuck Mader to become one-half of the two person detective division.

As early as 1980, Tom was being recognized both here, and in neighboring communities, for his skills as an investigator. Tom always had a way of getting suspects to confess. He wasn't demanding or hard-nosed; he would just talk to them, "treat them well," and before long, suspects were telling him everything he needed to know.

His titles changed over the years, but Tom remained with the detective division. He laughed remembering some of the stories (which we aren't printing). He acknowledges he has had a great career here; he's met some wonderful people and made some great friends.

Tom will be working in these early retirement years, but he's looking at a field other than police work. He also hopes to spend more time fishing & boating where the only suspicious stories he hopes to come across are the exaggerations of fellow fishermen.



Rich Blair started here on November 2, 1978 – a year after the Village offices moved to Bloomingdale Road and growth was beginning in earnest.

When he first started on the street, Rich asked a motorist, "Sir, do you know why I stopped you?" The motorist sarcastically replied, "Don't you know why you stopped me?" That was the last time Rich used that line.

Rich says it feels like he's been at the Village forever and it's true, he has spent his whole adult life working for the police department, something he admits he has always enjoyed. Meeting his wife Kim here was an unexpected bonus. Her parents still live in town.

Being here so long, Rich has had an opportunity to do almost everything - the traffic unit, evidence technician, major crash investigator, SWAT team, instructor at the academy, and more. He also served in both Desert Shield and Desert Storm with the Marine Corps during his tenure here.

He's already been working as a part-time police officer in Pingree Grove near Huntley, his hometown. Rich will continue part-time through the summer and in September he will become a full time sergeant there. When he started, Pingree Grove had three officers; there are now nine. The population is only 2500, but they are annexing a lot of land.

Someday, he and his wife may buy some property for retirement, but for right now, Rich will begin his retirement from Bloomingdale by working as a cop in a small town. Déjà Vu.

Bloomingdale is losing two great guys. We thank them for spending their careers protecting Bloomingdale and wish them both much luck in their future endeavors.



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

Remember — Watch the Clock! Curfew Hours Strictly Enforced

Reminder: The Village of Bloomingdale enforces a Village wide-curfew ordinance that affects all people under the age of seventeen. It is illegal for a person under the age of seventeen to be at any public place without adult supervision between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. Sunday night through Friday morning or 12:00 midnight and 6:00 a.m. Saturday and Sunday.

In addition, the driver's license of any person affected by this curfew law is not valid during the above curfew hours. Any teenager under the age of seventeen found to be driving during curfew hours might be arrested for driving without a valid driver's license. The only exceptions to this law include minors driving directly home from work after the curfew hours and minors who are accompanied by an adult.

Bloomingdale Police Department Carrying The Torch for Special Olympics on June 8

The Bloomingdale Police Department has been an active supporter of Special Olympics Illinois and will be participating in the Law Enforcement Torch Run that is being held on Sunday, June 8th, 2008 from 8:00 a.m. until approximately 1:00 p.m. Law Enforcement Officers from all over DuPage County will be carrying the Special Olympics Flame of Hope and running in intervals along a planned route to show support and unity for this great cause.

The Torch Run will begin in Bloomingdale at the Forest Preserve's Spring Creek Reservoir area located at Lake Street east of Glen Ellyn Road. The route will then proceed westbound Lake Street to Glen Ellyn Road and then will continue southbound into Glendale Heights. The route will continue into parts of Carol Stream, West Chicago, Winfield, Wheaton, Glen Ellyn, Lombard, Villa Park, Elmhurst and Addison. At approximately 12:00 p.m., the participants will be running westbound Lake Street from northbound Addison Road and the route will end at the Spring Creek Reservoir.

Please consider joining us and cheer us to support such a worthwhile event. Thank You!!!!!!!!!!



Ordinance Protects the Quality of Life in Our Neighborhoods

As the warmer weather continues, residents are opening their windows to let the fresh air in their homes and sitting outdoors visiting with neighbors. Many are planning graduation parties, barbecues and other social gatherings. With these summer celebrations, it may be helpful to be considerate of others regarding the noise ordinance.

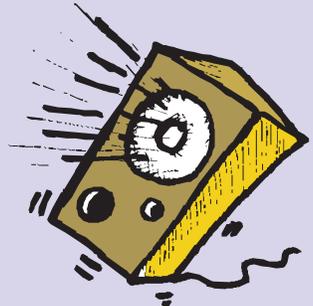
As a reminder, it is unlawful for any person to make, continue, or cause to be made or continued, any loud, unnecessary, or unusual noise or any noise which either annoys, disturbs, injures, or endangers the comfort, repose, health, peace, or safety of others within the limits of the Village.

The use of radios, phonograph, or any similar machine/device shall not disturb the peace, quiet, and comfort of the neighboring inhabitants at any time with louder volume than is necessary for convenient hearing for the person or persons who are in the room, vehicle, or chamber in which the machine

or device is operated. Such a machine or device used during the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. may be in violation of this ordinance.

Construction or repairing of buildings (including the demolition, erection or alteration) may operate between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., except in case of urgent necessity in the interest of public health and safety, and then only with a permit from the Director of Building and Zoning.

If you have any questions about this information, please contact the Village of Bloomingdale Building & Zoning Division at 630-671-5660 or Officer Dawn Odoi (Bloomingdale Police Department) at 630-529-9868.





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Open Burning & Landscape Waste

With the arrival of spring, the Bloomington Fire Protection District would like to take this opportunity to remind residents about the regulations involving open burning and the disposal of landscape waste.

Landscape waste means all accumulations of grass or shrubbery cuttings, leaves, tree limbs, and other materials accumulated as the result of the care of lawns, shrubbery, vines and trees.

Open Burning means the combustion of any matter in the open or in an open dump. Refuse means waste of all kinds. (definitions from Ordinance OWR-001-90, the DuPage County Waste Management Ordinance).

What is allowed:

- Open burning shall be allowed for recreational purposes. This is defined as an outdoor fire utilized to cook food for human consumption.
- Fires in approved containers shall be permitted, provided that they are not less than 15 feet from any structure. Approved containers are defined as containers designed for this purpose. Examples are the Weber outdoor fire-place or other similar listed devices.
- Any open burning shall be constantly attended until the fire is extinguished. Fire extinguishing equipment such as dirt, sand, garden hose, etc. shall be available for immediate use.

- Within the village's boundaries, all open burning shall be confined to approved containers designed for the designated purpose.

What is not allowed:

- It is unlawful for any person to cause or allow any open and uncontrolled burning of landscape wastes in the Village of Bloomington.
- It is unlawful for any person to cause or allow the burning of any refuse including landscape waste in any chamber not specifically designed for the purpose and approved by the Illinois EPA.
- It is unlawful for any person to cause or allow the open dumping or disposal of any waste, including landscape waste, at any site in Bloomington, except at a site approved by the Illinois EPA.
- It is unlawful for any person to abandon, dump, or deposit any waste, including landscape waste, upon the public highways or other public property, except at a site approved by the Illinois EPA.

The Bloomington Fire Protection District #1, and village and county officials shall have the final approval for open burning, and in certain cases may determine that the fire needs to be extinguished for health and safety reasons.

If you have questions about these regulations or any other fire safety issue, contact Lt. Richard Kurka at 630-894-9080.

Thanks for the Support!

Many Bloomington Fire Protection District 1 firefighters supported the North Area Jewel-Osco managers fundraiser for the March of Dimes at the Bloomington Outback Steakhouse in April. This second annual charitable event drew 160 people and earned over \$5,000 for the worthy cause. The Jewel-Osco managers send a big thank you to Outback's manager Sal Diaz and his gracious employees for their generosity in hosting this event.



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Honoring Those Exhibiting Outstanding Character

Every Spring the Bloomingdale CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition sponsors a recognition breakfast to recognize members of the community who live, work or attend school in Bloomingdale who exhibit outstanding character. Each of the honorees was nominated by someone who described what he/she does that should be recognized. The May 3rd breakfast was held at Bloomingdale Golf Club.

Shown l to r (front row) Georgene Geils, Fefe Ho and Sharon Varga. Also, (back rows) Larry Healey, Tom Schrieber, Frank Giammarese, Karen Johns, Norm Johns, Roger Rossi, Jennifer Okun, Margaret Gaynor and Scott Okun. Not pictured are Sophia Kelly, Anne Black, Mike Beagley and Haidee Gospodarek.



Park District Museum Hosting National Quilt Show July 12-August 23



The Quilt National Show 2007 "B" Collection and "Women Packing Irons" – Quilt Arts from the Chicago School of Fusing exhibits run from July 12 – August 23 at the Bloomingdale Park District Museum at 108 S. Bloomingdale Road. A complimentary reception takes place 2-4 pm on Sunday, July 20.

In Gallery I, the Faculty of the Chicago School of Fusing returns with new, exciting art work featuring work by Frieda Anderson, Ann Fahl, Anne Lullie, Emily Parson, Judy Coates Perez, and Laura Wasilowski. Each artist creates

original designs from abstract to pictorial using the fine art of fusing as their construction techniques. In addition to creating beautiful art quilts and teaching at the Chicago School of Fusing, the faculty participates in challenging sporting events as members of The Iron Maidens Sports Team and Press On Chicago Fuse! Hand dyed fabrics, patterns and books about fusing will be available.

In Gallery II, there will be twenty-five quilts in the Quilt National 2007 "B" Collection exhibit produced and circulated by the Dairy Barn Southeastern Ohio Cultural Arts Center, located in Athens, Ohio. Included in the touring show are quilts from Kathy Weaver from Highland Park and Barbara Schneider from Woodstock. The innovative art quilts that merge continuing traditions with new ones will delight you. The entire group of participants in the 2007 show represents quilt artists from 27 states and 9 foreign countries. Quilt National 2008 books may be purchased. This exhibit is produced and circulated by the Dairy Barn Southeastern Ohio Cultural Arts Center, Athens, Ohio.

The museum is open Wed 4-8 p.m.; Thurs/Fri 10-4 and Sat Noon-4 p.m. Admission is \$4, resident; \$6, non-resident; \$2, resident senior; \$3, non-resident senior. For more information call 630-539-3096.