



Village of Bloomingdale Almanac

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From the Desk of Mayor Bob Iden

Looking at the picture below, many residents will be reminded of the flood of August, 1987. Unfortunately these are from the weekend of September 13-14, 2008. There are several similarities in the two rainfall incidents. Both were, of course, record storms.

In 1987 we had 13 inches of rain in 36 hours. In September we had 10.34 inches in 72 hours. It might sound like less, but in this case, the last 7 inches fell within a 12-hour period. You may have heard the terms “100-year” and “500-year” storm. A 100-year storm is considered 7.54 inches of rain in 24 hours (the increment of inches in that definition was raised after 1987). The probability of any storm reaching that status in any given year is 1 in 100.

Bloomingdale is actually the highest point in DuPage County and we are at the top of three watersheds – the East Branch of the DuPage River, the West Branch of the DuPage River (Klein Creek is a tributary to this) and Salt Creek (Spring Brook is a tributary to this). Despite our enviable high elevation, we have “saucers on the top of the hill.”

We have many detention and retention facilities located throughout the Village. A detention area is normally dry and is used to collect, detain and slowly release storm runoff from heavy rains to minimize downstream flooding. A retention pond always has water up to a ‘normal’ level, but many retention ponds have room above the normal elevation to detain runoff during heavy rainfall which is also slowly released.

Modern storm drainage systems - the sewer collection, overland routes, and detention/retention facilities - are typically designed to accommodate a 100-year storm. When a storm, or several sequential storms, exceed these design parameters, the storm sewers reach full capacity and the detention/retention facilities fill to capacity and overflow. This excess runoff seeks “overland” routes, or stages in pools of water over the storm sewer system until the route to the receiving stream has drained.

During the recent September storms, the retention pond at Springbrook Shopping Center spilled over Lake Street into Circle Center as the water flowed north trying to empty into Spring Brook (a tributary of Salt Creek) behind Dunkin’ Donuts. (See photo below) Likewise, the rainwater flowed northward over land across Schick Road trying to reach the same creek. With seven inches of rain in 12 hours Saturday and Sunday on top of over 3-inches of rain on Friday, the storm drainage system capacity was exceeded.

Despite the flooding that occurred in some Village subdivisions, the local and regional storm drainage systems - storm sewers, detention/ retention facilities and pumping systems; and the Village sanitary sewer collection and treatment system - were working throughout the event. The volume of excess (*con’t on page 3*)



Taken from the south side of Lake Street looking north at Circle Center on Saturday, September 13. Note the individual who almost disappears from sight near the buildings.

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



The deadline for
the December issue
of the
Almanac is
NOVEMBER 10

Septemberfest 2008 Scholarship Winners



Mayor Iden with three of the four Septemberfest scholarship winners (l to r) Joseph Zanghi, Nicole Lomotan and Natalie Zeitoun. Not pictured: Michael Hannigan.

Mayor's Column (continued from page 1)

storm water exceeded the capacity of these systems.

We know this has been a trying couple of months for both residents and businesses. Our employees were out during these torrential rains trying to help where possible. Even Village facilities were affected as the East Branch of the DuPage backed-up into the sewage treatment plant on Glen Ellyn Road, and a part of the lower level of the Village Hall, as well as a stairwell to the lower level of the Police Building flooded due to heavy seepage. The recovery continues throughout the Village.

We are continually evaluating measures to improve the storm and sanitary drainage systems in the Village both locally and on a regional basis in conjunction with DuPage County and other agencies. For example several of the measures were put in place after the 1987 deluge, including the Lake Street Reservoir east of Glen Ellyn Road (a regional retention facility), and the gravity outfall sewer constructed to evacuate storm water from Lake Illini in the Indian Lakes Subdivision to supplement the then existing pump stations. There were all effective in alleviating the extent of flooding during this event. The current nearly \$12 million dollar project at the sewage treatment on Glen Ellyn Road also has a large tank structure to collect and treat the excess wet weather flows. The evaluation of these storm and sanitary systems both locally and regionally is an ongoing process to which we are committed.

We have information on p. 6 and 7 regarding sump pump connection concerns and a sanitary sewer service grant program, as well as suggestions for hiring reputable contractors for repairs you may need.

Mayor Bob Iden



Dates to Remember

October 7

Last day to register to vote (available at the Village Hall, 201 S. Bloomingdale Road and the Bloomingdale Public Library, 101 Fairfield Way)

October 8-22

Grace period for registration only at the County Office of Election Commission, 421 N. County Farm Road, Wheaton

October 13

Early voting begins -- DuPage County residents may vote early at any designated place in DuPage County. Bloomingdale Township, 123 Rosedale and Stratford Square Mall, outside of Macy's, upper level Entrance 4 -- closest locations. Go to www.dupageelections.com or call 630-407-5600 for hours or more information.

October 30

Last day of early voting

Absentee Ballots

Call DuPage County Election Commission at 630-407-5600 regarding absentee ballots.

November 4

Regular Election Day. Polls are open from 6:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Call 630-407-5600 if you are unsure of your polling place.

An Historical Gift

If you're getting ready to make out your Christmas list, consider giving the story of Bloomingdale with the book written earlier this year by the Bloomingdale Historical Society and published by Arcadia.

The history of Bloomingdale, as told entirely through photographs and captions, makes a unique and very affordable gift for anyone who has grown up or raised a family here. Covering the period from 1833 through 1983, *Images of America - Bloomingdale*, depicts the amazing transformation of Bloomingdale over a mere 150 years. Historic views of current areas and structures are featured, as well as many pictures of friends & neighbors from the past.

The book is available at the Bloomingdale Public Library, 101 Fairfield Way and the Bloomingdale Village Hall, 201 S. Bloomingdale Road for \$19.99. You may have your gift autographed with a personal note by calling the library at 630-924-2765 or the Village at 630-671-5600.

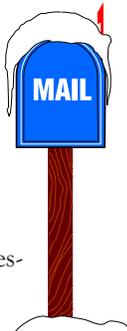


The year was 1944 and Mary Ann Kowalczyk Zidek, like many young wives and mothers during WWII, celebrated Christmas without her husband who was at the Battle of the Bulge when this photograph was taken. Her one-month old son, Emil Zidek II, is in her arms.

Before winter arrives . . .

Residents are requested to inspect mailboxes and posts to ensure sturdiness and compliance with the postal service installation requirements, and correct any problem identified. If you have questions as to whether or not your mailbox is in compliance with Village requirements, you may contact the Village Services Department – Street Maintenance Division at 671-5800.

Also, if ornamental rocks or planters are used for landscape beautification, residents need to ensure that they are a minimum of three feet in back of the curb or pavement on non-curb streets. If deemed necessary for safe snow removal operations, these obstacles will be removed by the Village.



PLEASE NOTE: The price of salt has tripled since last year. As a result, the Village of Bloomingdale is going to have to use its salt supply conservatively this season to ensure we will have enough in the event of another very snowy winter. More information on this will appear in the December Almanac.

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Autumn Blaze Maple

2009 Tree Planting Program

The Village Board has again allocated funds for this very successful program which was started in 1982. For the 10th year, additional funds have been included for business/commercial properties. The program provides trees, including planting, at a 50/50 cost sharing with the Village. The trees will be planted next Spring and are available for street parkways, residential

front yards and business/school/commercial properties. Business/school/commercial properties that wish to participate should contact Jim Johnson, Urban Forester, at 630-671-5804.

The following are the guidelines of the program:

- Since the budget is limited, the program will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Requests should be submitted by December 1, 2008. No payment is required at this time. Bills will be sent about February 1, 2009.
- Trees will be 2 1/2 inch caliper, unless stated otherwise. Trees will be quality nursery stock but not specimen plants.
- The Village reserves the right to disapprove requests based on conflicts, safety, or proper spacing.
- Removal of dead trees, stumps and/or large roots is not included and must be performed by participants before March 15th.
- Each residential parcel will be limited to two trees per year. Each business/commercial property will be limited to four trees per year.
- Participants will be given the opportunity to mark the desired location for the tree; however, the Village retains the right to change the location, if necessary.
- We anticipate the cost of 2 1/2" caliper trees to be between \$250 and \$350 each, with the Village paying half of the amount.



Greenspire Linden



Autumn Flowering Cherry

Trees will be guaranteed for one year. Participants are responsible for all watering which will be described in instructions furnished by the Village.

For trees to be planted in the public parkway, this application will serve as the permit requirements of the ordinance regulating trees on public areas.

If further information is desired, contact Jim Johnson, Urban Forester, at 630-671-5804.

2009 Tree Planting Program — Residential Request Form

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ WORK PHONE: _____

PLANTING ADDRESS: _____

Indicate the number of each type desired:
(limit of two trees per residential parcel per year)

PARKWAY

_____ Autumn Flowering Cherry (*Prunus subhirtella autumnalis*)
This ornamental cherry tree bursts into bloom in the springtime with light pink flowers, but what makes this tree unique is that it may surprise you with a repeat bloom in the fall. It thrives in full/partial sun, and has good drought tolerance. Matures to a height of 20' to 40', and a width of 15' to 25'.

_____ Autumn Blaze Maple (*Acer x freemanii* 'Autumn Blaze')
A tree that lives up to its name, it exhibits brilliant and long lasting orange-red fall color. It combines the best characteristics of the Red and Silver Maples. Grows moderately to fast with a mature height of 40 to 50 feet.

_____ Chinkapin Oak (*Quercus muehlenbergii*)
A medium to large size oak with 4" to 6½" glistening dark leaves in summer turning yellow-orange/brown in fall. It produces 1" acorns. As this species matures, it becomes a magnificent specimen. Grows 40' to 50' high with a similar spread. Adapts to different soil types..

_____ Greenspire™ Linden (*Tilia cordata* 'Greenspire')
This littleleaf Linden is distinctly pyramidal in youth, becoming pyramidal-rounded with age. Creamy yellow fragrant flowers in June; dark green leaves turn golden-yellow in the fall. At maturity it can reach 50' in height.



Chinkapin Oak

FRONT YARD

_____ Autumn Flowering Cherry

_____ Autumn Blaze Maple

_____ Chinkapin Oak

_____ Greenspire™ Linden

_____ Douglas Fir (*Pseudotsuga menziesii*)
A great tree for the northern states, it is tall, airy, spirelike and soft-textured. Douglas Fir grows 40'-80' tall and 12'-20' wide in maturity.

_____ Prairifire Crabapple (*Malus* 'Prairifire')
This appealing tree is red-budded, with dark pinkish-red blooms in the spring, and colorful foliage in the fall. Birds devour its small, glossy dark red fruit. It is highly resistant to disease. It matures to a height of 20' and a width of 20', with a rounded growth habit.



Douglas Fir



Prairifire Crabapple

DELIVER OR SEND TO:
DEPARTMENT OF VILLAGE SERVICES, BLOOMINGDALE VILLAGE HALL
201 S. BLOOMINGDALE ROAD, BLOOMINGDALE, IL 60108

Deadline is December 1, 2008

Following the significant rains of September 12 - 14, the Village provides the following information, originally published in the 2006 Fall Almanac.

Flooding occurs in low-lying areas when large storms drop more precipitation than the storm drainage systems can drain away. Flooding is most likely to occur in areas delineated as floodplains on the Federal Emergency Management Agency Maps (FEMA). These maps can be viewed at the Village Hall, Engineering Division or on-line at www.msc.fema.gov.

Flooding is also sometimes due to blocked storm inlets or blocked storm sewers. If this is the case you can call Public Works at 630-671-5800 or the Police Department at 630-529-9868. In some instances, buildings located near the floodplains are susceptible to flooding from rising water in streams, ponds or lakes. Other flooding may be caused by sanitary sewer system backups during heavy rains. In this case call the Utilities Division at 630-671-5830 or the Police Department at 630-529-9868.

Village Services provides some tips to help alleviate potential problems.

- Make sure the sump pump is working properly and is large enough. Many times smaller pumps or older pumps cannot handle large amounts of water which results in sump pits overflowing.
- Sump pumps should be connected to a backup source of power such as a battery or generator in case of an electricity failure. Make sure the pump and sump-pit are clear of debris.
- The sump pump or other foundation drains should NOT be connected to the sanitary sewer. If this connection is made it will cause the sanitary drains (toilets, sinks, basement floor drain, etc.) to backup during heavy rains. This may also cause an overload in the main lines and contribute to backups to your home and neighboring homes.
- To prevent leakage from basement window wells, installing new windows or glass block windows should help solve the problem. However, homeowners should check with Building and Zoning Division to make sure they are following proper building codes to maintain escape exits and ventilation requirements.
- While some landscaping may prevent flooding for homeowners, it might also cause their neighbor's property or home to flood. Landscaping, fences and other obstacles are usually to blame for blocking the designed overland flow routes. When performing such work on your property be aware of, be careful not to alter, the drainage patterns in your yard.
- Waterproof cracks around pipes in basements from the outside or inside to prevent seepage. This can be done in some minor cases by the homeowner, or by a waterproofing contractor.
- Most homeowners' insurance policies do not cover property for flood damage. Homeowners should check with their insurance company for proper flood coverage.



Village Offers 50/50 Sanitary Programs

Sanitary Sewer Service Cleanout Reimbursement Program

Homeowners experiencing problems, such as root intrusion or other blockages, may benefit from this program to assist in maintaining the sanitary sewer service line. This program reimburses fifty percent of the homeowners cost up to \$500.00 to install a full size private sanitary service line cleanout outside the building. An outside cleanout will allow full access to maintain the service line.

Sanitary Sewer Service Grant Program

Some homes are subject to basement back-ups because sanitary service lines exit the basement below the floor level; closer to the elevation of the Village mainline sanitary sewer. During rainstorms, storm runoff inflows and infiltrates into the Village sanitary sewer which may cause the mainline sanitary sewer to surcharge causing sanitary sewerage to back-up into the home. Overhead sewers, gate valves and flap valve installations or combinations of these, with pumped discharge capabilities for the basement level of the home, significantly reduce the frequency of back-ups. Retrofitting home sanitary plumbing systems is expensive which discourages many homeowners from taking necessary corrective actions.

The Village Sanitary Sewer Service Grant Program provides homeowners a one time 50/50 reimbursement in the amount not to exceed \$5,000.00 for the installation of overhead sewers to mitigate the potential of sanitary sewer backups in basements.

If you are interested in either of these programs or would like to obtain a grant application packet, please contact the Village Services Department – Utilities Division at 630-671-5690.

Read This Before You Hire A Sewer Contractor

Following the experiences many residents have had with recent tornado and/or flooding damage, we offer the following suggestions for hiring a contractor. We hope these general tips will assist you in obtaining a good contractor at a reasonable cost.



- Always get more than one estimate. Contractors vary in price for numerous reasons. You will see that in obtaining more than one estimate.
- Ask the contractor if they have worked in Bloomingdale before and are they familiar with the codes and permit requirements. Ask for references.
- Ask if the contractor is licensed, bonded, insured, and if copies are available if requested.
- Avoid signing a contract that backs you into a price and waives your right to change your mind. When asked to do so by a contractor, that quote is probably too high and you are being pushed because of the “EMERGENCY” nature of a repair.
- Emergency or after hours cost proposals are typically always higher than regular hours. In most cases you can wait and schedule work to occur during regular hours. It may be an inconvenience to do so, but it should result in lowering the cost. Ask the contractors who are providing you an estimate if there is any cost savings for scheduling the work during regular hours.

For information on Codes and Permits, the Building & Zoning Division can be reached at 630-671-5660 or go to www.villageofbloomingdale.org, then Quick Links “Building & Engineering.”

Radon: Got It?

Fall is a good time to check your home for radon. Radon is an indoor air pollutant; it is a colorless, odorless radioactive gas that comes from the soil.

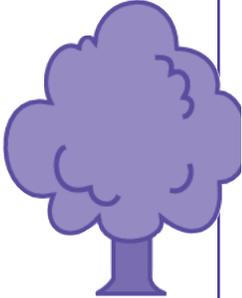
The only way to tell if you have radon is to test. For non-smokers, radon is the first leading cause of lung cancer. Fortunately, the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Radon Program is offering free radon test kits.

By logging onto www.radon.illinois.gov you can request a free test kit. You can also call the toll free number at 1-800-325-1245.

Taking care of the radon issue is one way to achieve a healthy indoor air environment for you and your family.

2008 Fall Branch Collection Program Begins October 20

The one-week fall branch collection will be conducted by Kramer Tree Specialists, Inc. under the direction of the Village Forestry Division beginning on Monday, October 20th. 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, October 20.
- 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. 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.



Branches should be stacked like this . . .



. . . NOT like this.



THE BLOOMINGDALE

BUSINESS BEAT

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

Remember - BUY IN BLOOMINGDALE.

BUSINESS NEWS

NEW COURSE AND DRIVING RANGE: The Hilton Chicago/Indian Lakes Resort Driving Range is now open! Be sure to visit the brand-new driving range and hit a bucket of balls. Driving Range hours of operation are seasonal and typically run 30 minutes before the first available tee time until 30 minutes before sunset. Please call the Pro Shop at 630-529-0200 ext. 6752 for exact hours of operation.

In addition, the signature "Island Course" is now complete, bringing a total of 27 holes of championship golf to the Hilton Chicago/Indian Lakes Resort. The new nine holes offer a 155-yard par 3 with an island green, and a 615-yard par 5 with an elevated green. The course was designed by renowned golf architect Rick Jacobson, who also designed the previous Blackhawk Trace course. The three nine-hole courses can now be rotated differently, offering up to six different golf course options to play 18 holes. For more information or to make a tee time, visit www.GolfIndianLakes.com, or call the Pro Shop directly at 630-529-0200 ext. 6752.

CHIROPRACTOR DR. BRIDGET HORAN EARNS BOARD CERTIFIED PEDIATRIC DIPLOMATE:

Dr. Bridget Horan Anaya of Family Chiropractic Center, Ltd. earned a Board Certified Pediatric Diplomate with the International Chiropractic Pediatric Association from the Council of Chiropractic Pediatrics in the Academy of Chiropractic Family Practice earlier this year. In addition to running her family practice in Bloomingdale, Dr. Horan spent three years of continuous education in advanced training emphasizing clinical excellence and practical application of the pediatric and pregnant population. While her focus has always been on the entire family, expectant mothers and children can benefit even more now from her additional specialization in their special needs. Diplomate status is the highest level a chiropractor can receive in a specialized field. She also has received certifications in acupuncture and cranial sacral therapy. Dr. Horan can be reached at 630-539-6705.



On hand for the ribbon cutting of the "Island Course" in August were (l to r) George Randazzo, Italian-American Sports Hall of Fame, Mayor Bob Iden, Hall of Famer Tommy LaSorda, Bob Habeeb, president & CEO of First Hospitality and professional golfer Mike Piazza.

SHIRAZ ON THE WATER: Hilton Chicago/Indian Lakes Resort is proud to announce the opening of a brand-new dining establishment, Shiraz on the Water. Shiraz on the Water offers contemporary American cuisine in an elegant setting overlooking the water. The menu offers a wide array of classic and contemporary recipes, including a "Lobster Corndog" and a mouth-watering Tallgrass Steak.

Plus, the restaurant offers over 1,000 wine varieties, including wine by the glass and wine flights. Wine classes and dinners will also be offered twice per month in addition to regular dining Monday through Sunday from 5pm – 10pm, and the return of Sunday brunch from 10am – 3pm. Reservations are strongly recommended, and can be made by calling 630-671-5013.

Is Your Child Safe When Traveling in a Vehicle?

While the misuse rate for child restraint seats has declined, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) still indicates approximately **80% of child seats are incorrectly installed.**

We can improve our child's safety when riding in a vehicle by placing them in the proper restraint for their age and/or size. Here are some general guidelines to follow:

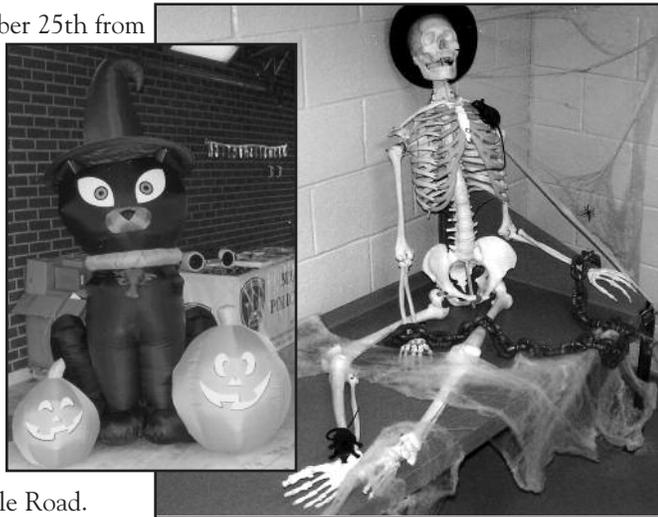
General Child Seat Use Information Buckle Everyone. Children Age 12 and Under in Back Seat!			
	AGE/ WEIGHT	SEAT TYPE/ SEAT POSITION	USAGE TIPS
INFANTS	Birth to at least 1 year and at least 20 pounds	Infant-Only or Rear-Facing Convertible <i>Seats should be secured to vehicle by seat belts or by the LATCH system</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● NEVER use in a front seat where an air bag is present ● Child seat should recline at approximately a 45 degree angle. ● Harness straps/slots at or below shoulder level ● Harness straps snug on child; harness clip at armpit level
	Less than 1 year/ 20-25 pounds	Rear-Facing Convertible (select one recommended for heavier infants) <i>Seats should be secured to vehicle by seat belts or by the LATCH system</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● NEVER use in a front seat where an air bag is present ● Child seat should recline at approximately a 45 degree angle. ● Harness straps/slots at or below shoulder level ● Harness straps snug on child; harness clip at armpit level
PRESCHOOLERS/ TODDLERS	1-4 years/at least 20 pounds to approximately 40 pounds	Forward-Facing Convertible or Forward-Facing Only <i>Seats should be secured to vehicle by seat belts or by the LATCH system</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Harness straps/slots at or above child's shoulders ● Harness straps snug on child; harness clip at armpit level
YOUNG CHILDREN	4 to at least 8 years/unless they are 4'9" (57") tall	Belt-Positioning Booster (no back, base only)/ High-Back Belt-Positioning Booster <i>NEVER use with lap-only belts -- belt-positioning boosters are always used with lap AND shoulder belts.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No-back Booster <u>must</u> be used in a rear seat position with head rest. ● All Booster seats are used with adult lap and shoulder belt in rear seat. ● Shoulder belt should rest snugly across chest, rests on shoulder; and should NEVER be placed under the arm or behind the back. ● Lap-belt should rest low, across the lap/upper thigh area -- not across the stomach.

The Bloomingdale Police Department has Certified Child Safety Seat Technicians and offers free child seat checks to Bloomingdale residents. These are done **by appointment only.** Also, Illinois law requires you to secure any child riding in your vehicle under the age of eight in an appropriate Child Seat Restraint. Contact the Police Department at (630) 529-9868 for more information. Additional child seat guidelines, information, and a list of Carseat Checkup Events are listed at www.car-safety.org and www.nhtsa.org

Remember . . . Buckle Up – Every One – Every Time!

Have a 'Hauntingly' Good Time at Police And Fire Open House on October 25

On Saturday, October 25th from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., both Bloomingdale Police and Fire departments will conduct building tours with a Halloween theme at their respective buildings: Police, 201 S. Bloomingdale Road (around the back) and Fire, 179 S. Bloomingdale Road.



Activities & games provided by our Police, Fire and Park District personnel. Refreshments will be served. Children are encouraged to wear their costumes for Trick or Treating. (Children under 10 years old need to be accompanied by an adult).

Child Safety Seat Checks will be conducted from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Note: Anyone interested in this service should contact the Police Department at (630-529-9868) for an appointment prior to the event.

If you have any questions or concerns, contact Officer Dawn Odoi at 630-529-9868.

Bring the Kids and the Costumes for More Halloween Fun at the Library on October 25

The Board and Staff of the Bloomingdale Public Library invite everyone to attend the 20th Annual Halloween Party to be held at the library, located at 101 Fairfield Way on Saturday, October 25, 2008 from 1:00 – 3:30 p.m. Children are encouraged to wear costumes.

Free games, refreshments and storytelling will be offered and tickets (required for all games) will be handed out from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. This event is free and will be held outside under a tent, rain or shine. Snapshot photos will be available on-site for \$1.00 each.

The event is sponsored by the Bloomingdale Public Library, The Friends of the Library and the Village of Bloomingdale.

For more information, please call the Youth Services Department of the Bloomingdale Public Library at (630) 924-2740.

Calling All Ghosts and Goblins!

After Trick or Treating, the Bloomingdale Park District invites youngsters, preschool through 6th grade, to attend its Halloween Happening on Friday, October 31 from 6:30 - 9 p.m. See details on the park's pages in this Almanac, on p. 3 of the park's brochure or on the park's website www.bloomingdaleparks.org

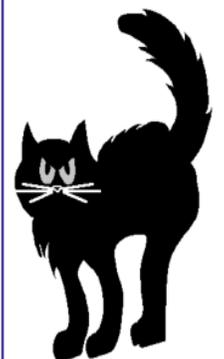
Keep Your Trick or Treaters Safe & Happy This Halloween

- NO candy should be eaten until it has been inspected by an adult.
- Discard any unwrapped items.
- Check all food wrappers for signs of tampering.
- Keep costumes simple. Costumes should be made of light, brightly colored or reflective material, so that your trick-or-treater can be easily seen at night. Costumes should not restrict either vision or movement.
- At least one person in the group should carry a flashlight while trick or treating.
- Trick or treat in groups whenever possible, accompanied by one or more adults.
- Instruct your children not to enter any home, and don't invite anyone else's child into your home.
- For safety's sake, trick or treat only at homes in your own neighborhood.
- Remind children to cross only at corners, and to look both ways before crossing the street. Children should use sidewalks whenever possible, obey traffic lights, and walk -- never run -- across streets.

**TRICK OR TREAT HOURS ARE
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**WELCOME
Bloomingdale is a
CRIME WATCH
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We immediately report
all suspicious activities
to our police department



EVENTS

Chocolate

Discover a new passion for chocolate during the ultimate epicurean chocolate experience at the October 9 meeting of the Bloomingdale Women's Club. You will have the opportunity to taste samples of diverse couverture chocolates from select parts of the world, while Pam Vieau from Chocolate Inspirations in Roselle will explain answers to most often asked questions.

Are you wondering if chocolate really has health benefits?
What in chocolate provides the most health benefits?
What is considered a premium chocolate?

Have a chocolate question? The Bloomingdale Women's Club meets the 2nd Thursday of each month, starting at 7:00 p.m. in the 2nd floor Community Room at Sunrise Assisted Living, 129 E. Lake St. (across from Portillo's). For more information contact Maureen at 630-539-1674.

Habitat for Humanity Taking Applications on October 18

DuPage Habitat for Humanity announces its next home ownership application session at St. Isidore Catholic Church, corner of Army Trail Road & Gary Avenue on Saturday, October 18 from 10 a.m. to Noon. For more information visit www.dupagehabitat.org or call 630-510-3737.

Come to 'Oktoberfest' on October 2

Bloomingdale School District 13 Education Foundation is sponsoring a beer and wine tasting event to raise money for programs that benefit the children of District 13. "Oktoberfest" takes place on Thursday, October 2 from 6:30 – 9 p.m. at Bloomingdale Golf Club, 181 Glen Ellyn Road. Come sample, as well as purchase a variety of wines and beers. Hors d'oeuvres will be served. Tickets are \$50 and are tax deductible. Call Mike at 630-894-8500 or email ticketsales@chicagolegal.com for tickets.

Dispose of Household Hazardous Waste on October 25

The Village of Carol Stream will host a Household Hazardous Waste event on Saturday, October 25 at the Water Treatment Plant, 245 N. Kuhn Road from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Check the County website at www.dupageco.org for details.

Document Shredding/Electronics Recycling on October 4

The DuPage County Environmental Committee is sponsoring a Document Shredding Event from 9 a.m. to Noon on Saturday, October 4. The event takes place at the DuPage County Administration building, 421 N. County Farm Road in Wheaton.

State-of-the-art mobile shredding trucks are utilized, which are faster, more efficient, and have a high-volume destruction process. This will save you time and money if you are currently doing your own shredding. Destruction is done quickly while you watch and 100% of the paper is recycled.

Only residential documents are accepted and there is a limit of 3 boxes or 3 paper grocery bags. No documents will be accepted from businesses. Paper only, staples and paperclips are acceptable. No binder clips, binders, hard cover books etc.

Electronics recycling is also taking place at the same location from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information on either recycling program, call (630) 407-6700 or visit www.dupageco.org and click on "Waste" quick link.

Radio Host Mike Nowak**Featured Speaker****'Let's Talk Gardening' Topic of Garden Club's October 15 Meeting**

Mike Nowak, host of WCPT 820 AM radio show (and former host of WGN Radio's "Let's Talk Gardening" show), is the featured speaker for the October Garden Club meeting on Wednesday, October 15 beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Mike says he stumbled onto gardening somewhere in mid-life, and has since interviewed dozens of horticultural experts, who have taught him valuable lessons about gardening, environmental responsibility and life. Mike shares his humorous insights in his program "I'm Not Really a Garden Expert, I Just Play One on the Radio."

On November 19, the Garden Club's annual holiday craft workshop is to benefit residents of the

West Suburban Care Center in Bloomingdale. Each November members create small gift items to be presented to the residents of the Center. In the past they've created door swags, table centerpieces, bouquets, and floral pins. Visitors are welcome to join us for this fun and special evening beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Both programs will be held at the Police Department, lower level, 201 S. Bloomingdale Road, 60108. For more information, contact Debbie DeChinisto, 630-351-1010, or Roberta Pulido, 630-295-8315.



EVENTS

Villagers Finish the Year

The Villagers annual Auction takes place on Thursday, October 16 at Bloomingdale Golf Club, 181 Glen Ellyn Road beginning at 6:30 p.m. On the auction block are collectibles, foodstuffs, home accessories, handmade treasures, Holiday items and gift certificates to local businesses and hotels. Refreshments will be served and there will be special door prizes and a raffle. All are welcome to join the fun! All proceeds go to local charities. For more information call Maureen at 630-351-3345 or Joan at 630-529-9774.

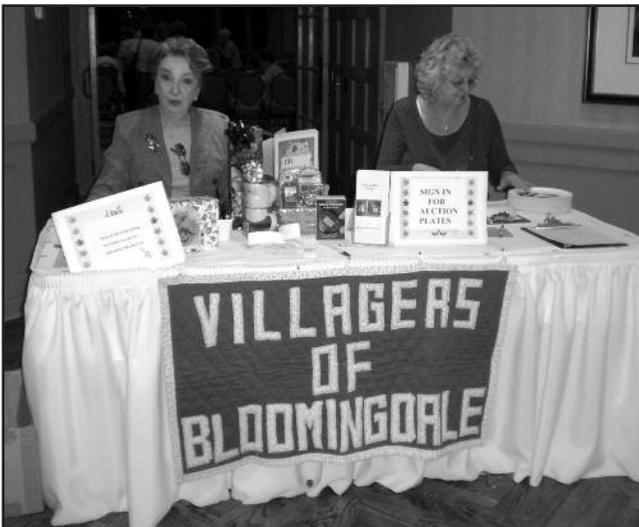
On November 6th, the Villagers present the "DETECTIVE DOG PROGRAM." Deputy John Bertuca of the Dupage Sheriff's Office, a certified K-9 trainer, will give a demonstration with his K-9 partner, Stitch. Stitch is a 3 year old German Shepherd trained in both narcotics and in tracking down human remains. Stitch, who was donated to the Sheriff's office by a local resident, is often utilized by area police agencies, as he is one of the few K-9s trained in the detection of human remains. Come out and watch Deputy Batuca work with his partner Stitch. This event, which is open to the public, couples and singles, takes place at Bloomingdale Public Library, 101 Fairfield Way on the Lower Level, beginning at 6:30 p.m. For more information call Juanita at 630-893-0907 or Joan at 630-529-9774



The Villagers Christmas Party, slated for December 4th, also

takes place at the Bloomingdale Library, lower level beginning at 6:30 p.m. Entertainment will be provided by The Center Stage Dance Studio Dancers, based in Bloomingdale. There will be a \$5.00 Grab Bag Exchange and a Cookie Exchange. All women of the area are invited to this fun way to start the Holidays.

For more information call Judy at 630-307-8776 or Joan at 630-529-9774



Celebrate CHARACTER COUNTS! Day in Bloomingdale

October 21st is CHARACTER COUNTS! Day in Bloomingdale. To help celebrate and promote the Six Pillars of Character in Bloomingdale, (trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship), a CHARACTER COUNTS! Celebration will be held the evening of Tuesday, October 21st at 7:00 p.m. in Old Town Park. The theme for this year's celebration will be – "Citizenship," and the children will be conducting a mock election with ballot boxes. The Coalition will be collecting food for the Bloomingdale Township Food Pantry, and there will be performances by local school and park district children. Don't miss this great event and your chance to show your support of the six pillars.

Park District Museum Hosting 'About Face' Portrait Show & More

The Bloomingdale Park District Museum, 108 S. Bloomingdale Road, is currently hosting a juried portrait show, "About Face." This inspiring multi-media art show runs through Saturday, October 18. Call the museum at 630-539-3096 for hours or more information.

Running from November 8 through December 18 in Gallery I will be "Baby.Baby, Baby," sixty paintings by College of DuPage art students. These oil and acrylic works of art were originally made for a display to celebrate the Infant Welfare Society of Chicago. In Gallery II, Sue MacFarlan will exhibit "Side by Side," a dazzling interpretation of similar subjects in both watercolor and collage. MacFarlan will also present a watercolor workshop on November 15 at the museum. Call the museum at 630-539-3096 for more information.

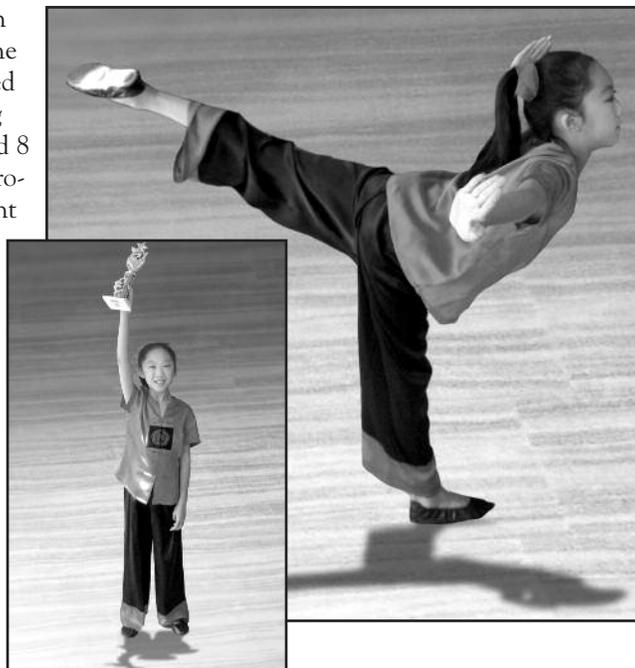


Fefe Ho Takes First Place Honors in DuPage County Fair Talent Show

Ten year old Fefe Ho, from Bloomingdale, competed in the DuPage County Fair Talent Show this summer. She performed a breathtaking Kung Fu routine and punched her way to first place in the Junior Division, surpassing over 40 contestants at the preliminary competition and 8 contestants at the County Fair. Her prize included a trophy and a \$100 check, plus the opportunity to represent DuPage County at Springfield, IL in January 2009 for the state finals.

Fefe is a talented sixth-grader at Westfield Jr. High. Her first performance came when she was only two years old, where she sang a patriotic solo to an audience of over 200 people. From then on, she has performed in numerous prestigious events around the Midwest and even in Fiji. Her hobbies include reading, writing short stories, playing computer games, and making crafts. Fefe's proudest craft is Cardboard Nation, a country made mainly out of cardboard, and one that is piling up in her room. Even though she keeps herself busy with Chinese lessons, Kung Fu, dance, and tumbling practices, she was a straight-A student at DuJardin Elementary.

We wish her the best at the IL state finals. For more information on the Talent Contest, please visit DuPageCountyFair.org.



Bloomingdale Garden Club Celebrates 45th Anniversary And Very Special Birthdays!

Mayor Robert Iden visited with Bloomingdale Garden Club members at their recent meeting in August. The Mayor honored the Club with a Proclamation on its upcoming 45th anniversary. The Club, begun by seven ardent gardeners and neighbors, had its first meeting in April of 1963, and officially joined the Garden Clubs of Illinois in October of the same year.

Today the Club remains active in the community with monthly programs and meetings. The Bloomingdale Garden Club pursues its goals to foster a love of gardening within the club and community, to encourage the protection of native trees and flowers, and to provide backyard habitat for birds and butterflies.

The Garden Club plant sale – held annually in May – is now a solid event eagerly anticipated by the public, who await the arrival of the finest plants from Michigan to begin their gardens. This plant sale yields much of the funding for the Club's programs, speakers and charitable endeavors.

Mayor Iden also helped the Club celebrate the birthdays of the senior members - our lovely ladies 80 years of age and better, who generously share their years of gardening wisdom and experience. The birthday celebration included a presentation of honorary certificates and rose bouquets created by our Club president, Joyce Basel.

Our Club continues to grow and we welcome new members. Please contact Pat Frank for a membership application, 630-894-3910, p-frank@comcast.net, or visit our web site www.gardencentral.org/illinois/bloomingdale.



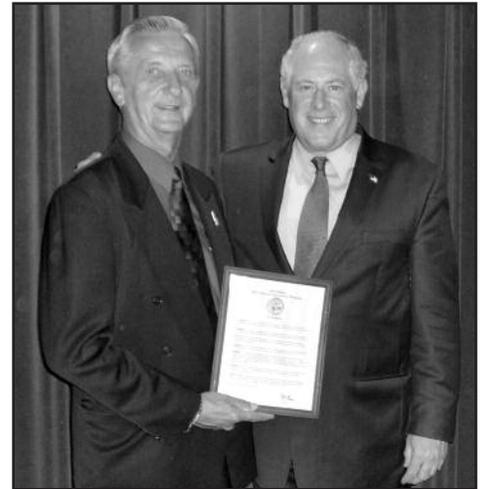
Top photo: Marian Jonas, 90 years young! Although not a Charter member, Marian joined in 1963. She has served the Garden Club in many capacities, including 4 terms as President. Bottom photo: President Joyce Basel accepted the proclamation from Mayor Iden.

Bill Wolff Honored with Homefront Hero Award

Lt. Governor Pat Quinn recently presented Homefront Hero Awards to 22 Chicagoland-area individuals and organizations, saluting their patriotism and efforts to lift the morale of Illinois service members deployed overseas. The awards are presented to people and organizations who are making a special effort to help our service members, military families and veterans.

Among the recipients for 2008 was Bloomingdale's Bill Wolff, whose name and/or face is well known to many Bloomingdale residents. The bio presented on Bill at the ceremony noted that he "...tirelessly works behind-the-scenes to help local veterans. A veteran himself, he makes regular visits to Hines Hospital to deliver cards and visit with residents. Bill also belongs to his local VFW and sends packages and cards to veterans in his local community."

Bill has also been known to cajole local businesses and their vendors into making donations for the USO located at O'Hare airport, especially when he hears there is a large group of service people passing through. He has spearheaded collections throughout the community to send foodstuffs and sundries to the troops since 2003. If you have a family member serving in Iraq or Afghanistan, call Bill at 630-894-5692 and he will do his best to get a care package to your service person.



Bill Wolff poses with Lt. Governor Quinn after accepting his award.



VFW Donates Bench at St. Paul's Cemetery

The Bloomingdale VFW Post 7239 recently installed this bench at St. Paul's cemetery on Lake Street. The structure is made entirely of recycled material. Our VFW has always been a part of the Memorial Day observance in Bloomingdale and joined with the Bloomingdale Historical Society 10 years ago to revive the tribute. The organization believes this placement to be very appropriate as the cemetery is the final resting place of many veterans of several wars, including seven from the War of 1812 and 32 from the Civil War.

Bloomingdale Police Officer Dawn Odoi Races to Win

In her spare time, Officer Dawn Odoi, known to many residents and businesses for her Community Relations efforts for the Bloomingdale Police Department, is a national championship race car driver. She took first place in the "C-mod Ladies Class" after two days of competition at the Sports Car Club of America Solo National Championships in Topeka, Kansas. Odoi beat her competition by 2.5 seconds, driving her 1983 Reynard Formula Ford. Her sponsor, our local Signs by Tomorrow, did the graphics on her car. The 11-year veteran driver also wants to give a "shout out" to Dr. Bridget Horan who helped her prepare physically for the race. Some 1100 drivers come out for the 4 days of national competition.





Being Prepared: More Than Just a Good Idea

With two major weather emergencies in less than two months, Bloomingdale residents and businesses have had a double dose of dealing with adversity. Over the next few issues, the Almanac will be printing suggestions for preparing and/or dealing with different emergencies. Some of the information may be very familiar to you, but hopefully residents will find the forthcoming information helpful.

Create a Family Emergency Plan:

The next time a disaster strikes, you may not have much time to act. Prepare now for a sudden emergency. Learn how to protect yourself and cope with disaster by planning ahead. This checklist will help get you started. Discuss these ideas with your family and prepare a family emergency plan that can be posted where everyone can see it (refrigerator/bulletin board). Remember to practice it regularly.

- As a family, discuss the dangers of fire, severe weather, floods and other emergencies.
- Find a safe spot in your home for each type of disaster.
- Discuss what to do in the event of power outages and personal injuries.
- Draw a floor plan of your home, and mark two escape routes from each room.
- Show how and when to shut off water, gas, and electricity at main switches.
- Post emergency telephone numbers near telephones, and program into cell phones.
- Teach children how and when to call 911 for police and fire emergencies.
- Purchase a weather radio, and familiarize yourself with weather warning terminology.
- Pick two emergency meeting places, one near and one away from your neighborhood.
- Pick one out-of-state and one local friend or relative to call if separated during a disaster.
- Take a basic First Aid and CPR class.
- Keep family records in a water and fireproof container.
- Install smoke detector on each level of your home, and replace batteries semi-annually.



Create a Family Disaster Supply Kit



A disaster of any kind may interfere with normal supplies of food, water, heat and day-to-day necessities. It is important to keep a stock of emergency supplies on hand sufficient to meet your family's needs for at least a three-day period. It is also advisable to update your kit regularly. You should replace the water supply and any food that may have reached its use-by or expiration date. An easy way to remember to update your kit is to use Daylight Savings Time. When you change your clocks, you should also change your kits. **An emergency supply kit should include the following:**

- A battery powered weather radio, and flashlights, with extra batteries.
- Bottled drinking water – 3 day supply - one gallon – per household member. (Date and replace every 6 months)
- A three day supply of canned or sealed packaged foods that do not require refrigeration or cooking.
- One change of clothing and footwear per person
- Mess kit, electric can opener and utility knife
- Paper towels, toilet paper, soap and detergent
- Household laundry bleach (unscented)
- A blanket or sleeping bag for each member of the family
- Fire extinguisher
- Shut-off wrench, to turn off household gas and water
- Signal flare, matches and whistle
- Cell phone and extra battery
- An extra set of car keys and a credit card, cash or traveler's checks
- A list of family physicians
- First-aid kit and manual: Non-prescription medicines or foods needed by family members such as insulin, heart medication, dietetic food and baby food (Do not store in the kit for long period of time but add at the last minute)
- If needed – formula, diapers, and bottles
- Denture needs, extra eye glasses and contact lens supplies
- You can store additional water by filling bathtubs and sinks with water if an emergency is declared. Clean water is also available in toilet tanks, presuming chemicals and other cleaning agents are not used in the water tank.
- If you have pets, include the following items in your kit:
 - ~Identification collar and rabies tag
 - ~Pet carrier or cage
 - ~Leash
 - ~Medications
 - ~Newspaper, litter, trash bags for waste
 - ~Two-week supply of food and water
 - ~Veterinary records (necessary if your pet has to go to a shelter)



The *B-Card*: Your Ticket to Great Values in Bloomingdale!

The B-Card will be returning in February 2009! For those of you who missed its inaugural 10-day run in March 2008, the B-Card program featured Bloomingdale businesses offering a special promotion or discount to all Bloomingdale residents who presented a “B” (as in Bloomingdale) Card.

Residents had great things to say about the program, but

asked if it could be longer. In response, the Business Promotion Committee is planning the 2009 B-card will be valid from February 6 through February 22, 2009, which will include three weekends. The cards and a listing of participating businesses will be included in the February Almanac delivered to every residential and business address in town. Encourage your favorite businesses to participate.

‘Under Construction’

If you haven’t noticed some scaffolding in the front of the Village Hall, you will be surprised to soon see what appears to be a chimney under construction in the front of the hall. This feature is a result of a re-design of the fresh air intake for both floors of the village offices. The existing air intake was not bringing in adequate fresh air and often pulled in exhaust from idling cars, fumes from landscapers’ leaf blowers, etc.

The air intake improvements will move the venting up high to allow for improved air quality. The trustees agreed on the stone to be used because it ties in with the prairie style of the building. The improvement should be completed in December. This is the first change to the Village Hall’s façade since it was built in 1977.



New Look at On the Park

The On the Park subdivision recently replaced its stabilized embankment with this large block precast concrete retaining wall along the south boundary, making an attractive addition to the area.

Many Thanks for a Great Event

The 36th annual Septemberfest started off without a hitch, with beautiful weather once again. Gloria Tomaras got things going with the annual Septemberfest parade stepping off at 11 a.m. with 500 walkers, 30 vehicles, 7 floats, an airplane, horses, clowns, and an occasional politician. This parade will go down in history as being one of the largest ever. The opening ceremony began with the Boy Scouts saying the Pledge of Allegiance as our National Colors were raised. Mayor Iden had a few kind words and introduced the board members who were present.

Mark Garrison once again ran the motorcycle show with categories of Best Hardtail, Best Softtail, Best Paint, Best Antique, and of course Best of Show. Paint jobs this year were unbelievable. The cycles that were in the show were works of art, and could have been hanging on a wall at any art museum.

Marilyn Zaccardi, our local car show promoter, was very pleased with the 40 cars participating. Marilyn made sure each winner received a custom crystal trophy from the Septemberfest Committee. A new addition in this year's car show was modes of transportation for our younger generation. Bicycles, wagons, tricycles, or even skate boards were decorated and even participated in the parade. The lucky winner received the \$20.00 gift certificate to Baskin Robins so they could throw an ice cream party with their friends.

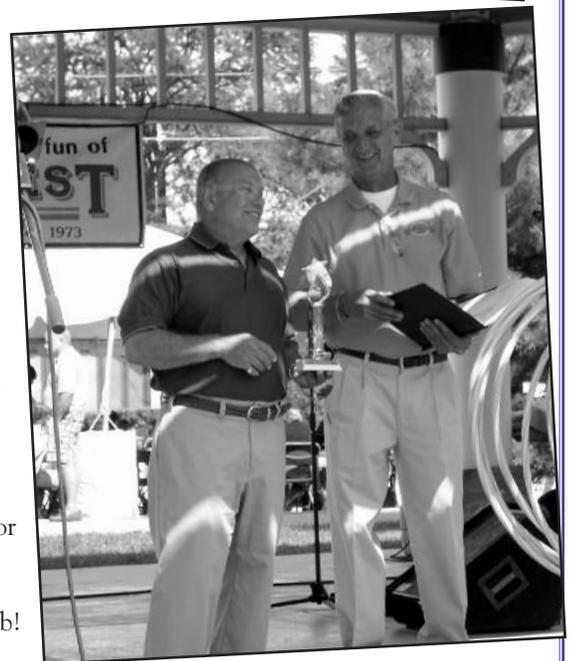
Vivi Frumkin, an excellent addition to our committee this year, was responsible for the relocation of vendors along Third Street. Putting all the food vendors in one location made it easier for fest-goers to find exactly what their looking for. Vivi's husband, Mitch, was responsible for all the advertising and promotional materials. His efforts making up fliers to all school children also paid off as this year's parade was the most watched ever. Nice job Mitch.

Once again, Carole Lockhart played a significant role in organizing, promoting, and directing the scholarship program, one of the most important features of the fest. She handled everything from sending out applications to arranging for judges to providing flowers for the winners. This year's four scholarship winners were Natalie Zeitoun, Joseph Zanghi, Michael Hannigan, and Nicole Lomotan.

One of the big crowd pleasers is entertainment and again M & R Music provided the DJ work, plus color highlights of all the events, as well as contests for the kids. The Park District Gymnastic and Drill team showed what it takes to become an Olympic Gymnast. Dance Explosion and Center Stage Dance Studio showed everyone the energy levels of the younger generation. Great job! Both main stage bands, The Sting Rays in the afternoon and The New Invaders at night were big hits. Between the two bands they covered all of the 50's, 60's, and 70's.

Of course, no Fest is run by just one person; it took a lot of hard work by the committee consisting of those whose names are listed above, plus Dolores Orlik who made sure all the bills were paid. I also extend thanks to: Kelly Gits, our Lions Club liaison; Jo Witucki, Park District liaison; John Dabrowski, our Village Board representative; Tim Roberts, Police Department liaison; Barb Weber, assistant village administrator; Vern Fasse and Bob Maguire and their Village Services staff and Carol Dublin our committee secretary. My personal thanks to each of you! In closing I would to thank the Village of Bloomingdale for this appointment and look forward to seeing all of you at the 37th. Annual Septemberfest on September 12, 2009.

Bill Wolff
Septemberfest Chairman





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Prevent Home Fires

A pot holder too close to a lit burner or a space heater left on overnight could be all it takes to start a home fire. In fact, cooking and heating are among the leading causes of home fires in the United States, according to the non-profit National Fire Protection Association (NFPA).

That's why the Bloomington Fire Protection District is teaming up with NFPA from October 5-11 to urge Bloomington residents to "Prevent Home Fires" during Fire Prevention Week. This year's campaign focuses on preventing all the leading causes of home fires – cooking, heating and electrical equipment, and smoking materials. Additionally, fire safety educators will be teaching local residents how to plan and practice escape from a home in case a fire occurs.

According to the latest research from NFPA, more than 2,500 people died in home fires in the United States in 2006, and 12,500 were injured. Fire departments responded to 396,000 home fires, which accounted for 80% of civilian deaths and 76% of injuries that year.

"While the number of home fires is daunting, the good news is that many are easily preventable when residents take simple steps to increase their safety from fire," said Lieutenant Richard Kurka. "Whether it's smoking outside the home, keeping space heaters at least three feet away from anything that can burn, or staying in the kitchen when you are using the stovetop, there are easy things you can do to keep your home and family safe from fire."

Do you know how to keep your home safe from fire hazards? Reviewing the following information and taking action can help you "Prevent Home Fires" during Fire Prevention Week and year-round.



- **Cooking:** Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling, or broiling food. If you leave the kitchen for even a short period time, turn off the stove.
- **Heating:** Keep all things that can burn, such as paper, bedding or furniture, at least 3 feet away from heating equipment.
- **Electrical:** Replace cracked and damaged electrical cords; use extension cords for temporary wiring only. Consider having additional circuits or receptacles added by a qualified electrician.
- **Smoking:** If you smoke, smoke outside; wherever you smoke, use deep, sturdy ashtrays.

Fire Prevention Week is actively supported by fire departments across the country. For 85 years fire departments have observed Fire Prevention Week, making it the longest running public health and safety observance on record. For more information on Fire Safety contact Lieutenant Richard Kurka (630) 894-9080.



Sparky the Fire Prevention Dog Reminds You To be Careful in the Kitchen

- Keep pot and pan handles turned inward to avoid accidentally knocking them off the stove or allowing young children to grab them.
- Do NOT wear loose clothing while cooking, especially loose sleeves. These can easily catch fire.
- Keep oven mitts, potholders, curtains, towels, and so on away from the stove.
- Make sure to turn your stove off as soon as you're finished cooking.
- Keep your kitchen and stove clean to cut down on grease buildup.
- If you have a fire in your oven, turn off the oven and keep the door closed.
- Don't reach above the stove for anything while cooking. This may mean reorganizing your cupboards so that items you need while cooking are stored elsewhere.

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Photos from Record Breaking Rainfall

(Counter-clockwise from the top photo left)

A storm sewer cover is forced up by the overflow.

The dam at the Spring Creek Reservoir (Lake Street) takes on the look of a waterfall as excess water pours in.

A culvert becomes a racing stream.

The open space recently purchased by Village from Indian Lakes pools when ground can't absorb any more rain.

Aerial view of same open space area along Meadowlark Road.

