

**Village of  
Bloomingdale**

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## **Reconstruction of Douglas Drive, Pleasant Avenue; Resurfacing of 14 Streets Included In Summer 2008 Construction Program**

Days are longer, temperatures are warmer, trees are budding and flowers are ready to burst into bloom. After the long, hard winter, spring and summer are finally upon us, and the village of Bloomingdale is taking advantage of the long-awaited break in the weather to begin reconstructing and repairing streets throughout the Village. Following is a list of what's on the list for the 2008 road improvement season:

### **Pavement Reconstruction**

Road reconstruction is scheduled for Douglas Drive (Arbor to Bedford) and Pleasant Avenue (Spring Valley to Broker) which entails removal and replacement of the existing asphalt pavement, including curbs and gutters, and road base. The new roadway will be the same width as the existing road; no widening is planned. All work is funded 100% by the Village.

This work will begin mid-June and will take approximately 2 ½ months to complete. During construction, these roads will be closed to through traffic. If you live in the construction zone you will be permitted to proceed past the barricades to reach your residence.

As part of the work, the Village will be installing a depressed curb at each driveway. This means the "bump" at the curb of each driveway is being eliminated, and a smooth transition from the street to each driveway will be constructed. The Village will also be reconstructing the driveway aprons, that is, the concrete driveway between the sidewalk and the curb, as part of the project.

### **Pavement Overlay**

Overlay maintenance consists of pavement patching, curb and gutter repairs (continued on page 3)



# These Ordinances Protect Quality Of Life in the

# Neighborhood

At last, Spring weather is here and many people are happy to come out of hibernation. Based on recent questions from residents, the following information based on our local ordinances is summarized here.

## Dog Nuisances

No owner shall permit a dog:

- To be at large; run uncontrolled; or molest persons or vehicles by chasing, barking, or biting.
- To attack other animals.
- To damage property other than that of the owners.
- To bark, whine, howl or make other noises excessively.
- To defecate or urinate upon any public place...provided however that such defecation be completely and promptly removed by the owner or keeper of such dog.
- To injure, destroy or carry away any vegetable, plant, fruit, shrub, tree, flower or other thing which may be on any premises or which may be planted or seeded there without the consent of the owner of the property concerned.



Also, all dogs are required to be licensed with the Village of Bloomingdale (at no cost). Residents are allowed two dogs over the age of four months for a single family, detached residence and one dog over the age of four months for any single-family residence situated within a building or structure containing more than one (1) dwelling unit.

## Property Maintenance & Garbage

The snow has finally melted away, but may have left debris that was hidden during the winter months. Residents are required to pick up garbage, rubbish, junk, refuse or construction material/waste from their property and placed in containers.

These containers (which includes plastic bags constructed of not less than one and one-half (1.5) mil material, which is capable of being tightly closed by rolling or tying the top) are not to be stored in the front yard, including that area between the building and front yard, or stored in the corner-side or side yard of any property, including that area between the building and that yard, unless screened from view from the street.

Garbage containers and refuse shall not be set out earlier than 6:00 p.m. on the night before collection. All containers and refuse shall be removed from the specified location no later than the sundown on the day it was collected.

Garbage cannot be burned, buried, or illegally dumped on another person's property or public property.

**Note:** It is suggested, although not required by ordinance, that may be helpful is to adequately mark your address number on your garbage containers and/or recycling bins so that they may be returned in the event the wind blows them or rolls them off your property.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this information or crime prevention material, please contact Officer Dawn Odoi at the (630) 529-9868.



**WELCOME**  
Bloomingdale is a  
**CRIME WATCH**  
community



We immediately report  
all suspicious activities  
to our Police Department

**OUR SUCCESS IS  
MEASURED BY THE SCOPE  
OF YOUR INVOLVEMENT**

Sincerely,

Tim Goergen,  
Chief of Police

Dawn Odoi,  
Community Policing Officer

**529-9868**

# Summer 2008 Road Improvement Program

## Pavement Overlay *(continued from page 1)*

to correct drainage deficiencies, storm sewer repairs and a new asphalt road surface. The following streets will receive pavement overlay:

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|------------------|--------------------|
| Club House Drive | Dover Court        |
| Springdale Lane  | Brentwood Court    |
| Benton Lane      | Colony Court       |
| Longridge Drive  | Glen Ellyn Road    |
| Lehigh Lane      | Circle Avenue      |
| Larchmont Drive  | Independence Lane  |
| Lynbrook Drive   | Jefferson Lane     |
| Donna Lane       | Hancock Lane       |
| Tuttle Drive     | Jackson Lane       |
| Carey Court      | Constitution Drive |
| Edgewater Drive  | Winston Lane       |
| Lakeview Drive   | Washington Street  |
| Lakeview Court   | Day Street         |
| Harvard Lane     |                    |

Motorists are advised to use alternate routes around the construction zone to avoid delays. Local detour signage consisting of "Road Construction Ahead" signs will be posted prior to construction.

If you have any questions regarding this project you may call the Village Services Department, Engineering Division, 630-671-5676.



## Planning a Garage Sale?

Spring cleaning often gets us thinking about having a garage sale. It's a great way to clean out the closets and make a few dollars, while meeting your neighbors. So if your spring and summer plans include turning your unwanted items into cash by having a garage sale, here are a couple of things you need to know.

There is no cost or permit necessary to hold a garage or yard sale, however, the person conducting the sale must notify the police department of the sale prior to the start of the sale.

No more than three rummage or garage sales may be held on the same premises in any calendar year. Each may not be more than 3 consecutive days and can only take place between the hours of 9 a.m. and 6 p.m.

There are also requirements relative to garage sale signs, including size and placement restrictions. For more information, contact the Police Department at 529-9868.



## Curbside Yardwaste Pickup Now Available

Yard waste pickups began April 1st and continue through November 30th.

Small twigs, leaves and other yard waste may be placed in bags with stickers (\$2.25 each) for Allied Waste pickup.

Questions should be directed to Allied Waste at (847) 429-7370.

# Thinking About a Fence, Deck, Patio or Pool? These And Many Other Improvements Require a Permit

Village residents planning to build or install an accessory use or structure on their property, or make improvements to their home or property, need to contact the Village Services - Building and Zoning Division prior to the start of the project. The Building and Zoning Division is staffed with certified/trained personnel who will be able to determine the various codes, requirements and permits involved with the construction of a specific type of project.

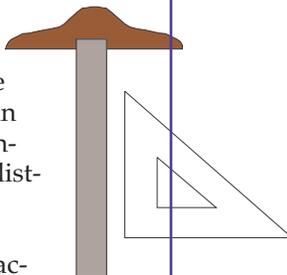
Common projects that require a building permit include, but are not limited to:

- Fences
- Decks
- Patios
- Fireplaces
- Driveways
- Water Heaters
- Sheds
- Porches
- Gazebos
- Furnaces
- Sidewalks
- Siding, Soffit/Fascia and/or Gutters
- Room Additions
- Basements (Finished)
- Air Conditioning Units
- Kitchen/Bathroom Remodeling
- Lawn Sprinkling Systems
- Swimming Pools (Above & In-ground)
- Roofing (Repairs and re-roofing)
- Garages (Attached and Detached)
- Electrical Work (including low voltage)
- Plumbing/Sewer Work
- Window/Door Replacements
- Property Re-grading/Retaining Walls



The Building and Zoning Division provides informational packets which outline the basic requirements for these types of projects. Although these packets provide the basic requirements, each project is unique and residents should consult with the Building and Zoning Division prior to the start of the project. Information packets are free of charge. Call 671-5660 for more information. If a contractor is being hired to perform the work on a project, it is advisable that certain precautions are taken prior to signing a contract or work agreement. The precautions listed are recommended and not limited to:

Check at least three references of the contrac-



tor's work, preferably work you can see and verify that the contractor actually performed the work. If possible, request to speak with the owner of the property where the work was performed to ask about the project and their working relationship and experience with the contractor.



Verify that the contractor has adequate insurance coverage specific to the proposed work to be performed (i.e. but not limited to: Products-Completed Operations, Contractual Liability, Underground Hazard Coverage, Personal Injury, Explosion Hazard Coverage, Collapse Hazard Coverage, Worker's Compensation and Employer's Liability, Bodily Injury and Property Damage).

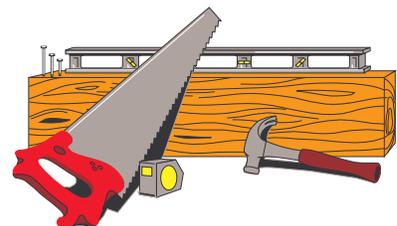
Verify that the contractor is licensed to perform the proposed work (i.e. roofing, electrical, plumbing, mechanical, alarm installer, etc.). Verify who will be responsible for obtaining the required permits.



**Check with the Better Business Bureau for any information or history on the contractor. Contact the Better Business Bureau at 1-312-346-3313.**

Once a Building Permit is secured, the yellow permit card is to be clearly posted either in the front door or window of the building or structure.

For more information, please visit the Village Hall to meet with a Building and Zoning Division staff member or call 630-671-5660.





## Get a Group Together, Grab a Paint Brush, and Help Prevent Water Pollution

The Village is planning a storm water inlet identification program this coming summer. The program consists of marking inlets with a painted emblem. The emblem was designed by the Conservation Foundation of DuPage County and bears the message, "DUMP NO WASTE! - DRAINS TO RIVER," split by a silhouette of a small-mouth bass.

The program's primary purpose is to prevent pollution by increasing awareness.

The Village will supply the emblems, paint, and a liaison from Village Services-Utilities Division, to assist volunteer groups willing to donate their time and efforts.

Volunteer groups seeking more information or wishing to participate in the program should contact Vern Fasse, Distribution Supervisor at 630-671-5830.

## Honoring Our Vets, Past and Present, Now and Forever

The Bloomingdale Historical Society, the Bloomingdale Public Library, and the Village of Bloomingdale will again sponsor the annual Memorial Day Remembrance program on Monday, May 26, 2008.

This year's observance, "Respect," will be held at the St. Paul Cemetery on Lake Street beginning at 9:30 am. This special gathering honors the men and women who have served our country, and a special invitation is made to all veterans in our community. The placing of flags, taps, and a gun salute by VFW Post 7539 will be part of the program, as well as special patriotic music performed by the a cappella Ensemble of the Spirit of Life Chorus. Limited seating is available, so please bring lawn chairs, and remember your umbrellas if the weather appears unpleasant.

If you have questions, please call (630) 529-3120 ext. 2801



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## Help Protect Our Natural Waterways Against Pollution

The Village currently maintains 70 miles of underground Storm Sewers. As part of this system there are 900 manholes and 2800 inlets/basins, which allows access for maintenance and more importantly Storm water run off.

The purpose of the Storm Water Collection System is to take storm water run off away from streets and structures. The water enters the system at curb or yard inlets and is then transported by gravity through the Storm Sewer Mains. The Storm Sewer Mains deliver the water to retention or detention ponds, which in turn discharge into natural water ways.

The Storm Water Collection System is completely separate from the Sanitary Sewer Collection System. While they have similarities in the way they transport the flows received, the destination is different. The Sanitary Sewer Collection System discharges to the Water Reclamation Facility located at Glen Ellyn Road near Edgewater Drive where it receives treatment prior to discharge to the East Branch of the DuPage River. Whereas, Storm water receives no treatment prior to discharge to the receiving stream.

It is important to understand that anything dumped into any of the storm water inlets eventually is discharged into natural water ways and endangers the environment.

Village Ordinance 92-31 strictly prohibits the discharge of any flammable or toxic, in liquid, gas or solid forms into either sewer system. Examples would include motor oil, gasoline, paint, paint cleaners and cleaning solvents. Fines for violation of this ordinance can be levied from \$50.00 to \$500.00 per occurrence. In addition, violators can be responsible for clean up costs which normally run thousands of dollars.

The Village requests that all our residents help us combat this type of potential pollution. If you see anyone dumping anything into the inlets near your house, please call the Bloomingdale Police Department at 630-529-9868, or the Village Services-Utilities Division at 630-671-5830. If you would like more information, please contact the Village Services-Utilities Division.



### Ahh, Spring!

The Meacham Grove (west of Bloomingdale Road) Forest Preserve is filled with trillium and many other spring wildflowers throughout the month of May and into June.



# Water Conservation in Bloomingdale: Here's What You Need to Know

Although the winter brought us lots of snow, there's no guarantee that summer will bring us enough rain. The Village of Bloomingdale is reminding its water users that, once again Ordinance 90-30 will be in effect this year, which restricts the times and methods of water used for lawn sprinkling. These restrictions have been mandated by the State and Federal Authorities controlling the Lake Michigan water allocations. Water conservation is important to each person in our community and by actively participating in conserving water, you protect a valuable natural resource and save money.

## HIGHLIGHTS OF ORDINANCE NO. 90-30, WATER CONSERVATION AND CONTROL ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- A. Single Family residential addresses with odd numbers may use the public water supply for outside watering through automatic sprinkling devices only on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday between the hours of 5:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. or 5:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.
- B. Single Family residential addresses with even numbers may use the public water supply for outside watering through automatic sprinkling devices only on Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday between the hours of 5:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. or 5:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.
- C. Units of Government, Commercial, Industrial, Manufacturing, Office Buildings, and Multi-Family Residential buildings may use the public water supply for outside watering through automatic sprinkling devices only on Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday between the hours of 5:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. or 5:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.



- D. Permits for newly sodded or seeded lawns will be available from the Director of Village Services office upon application of such permit. Permits would allow for outside watering by means of automatic sprinklers for a period of thirty (30) consecutive days between the hours of 5:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. or 5:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.
- E. The use of hand-held water devices is permitted without restriction for any purpose except when the device is left on unattended, or no device is used to control the flow of water. If a hand-held watering device is left on unattended, it is considered to be an automatic sprinkling device and subject to the restrictions previously mentioned.

The times that automatic sprinkling is permitted have been established not only as a conservation method, but also are optimum times for effective lawn sprinkling with minimum loss due to evaporation or runoff.

THE WATER CONSERVATION AND CONTROL ORDINANCE NO. 90-30 IS EFFECTIVE FROM MAY THROUGH SEPTEMBER, ANNUALLY. Copies of the Ordinance are available at the Village Hall.

## Make Your Calendar for These Refuse Holidays

The following upcoming holidays may affect your regular garbage pickup day:

Memorial Day	Monday, May 26
Independence Day	Friday, July 4
Labor Day	Monday, September 1

All pickups will be one day later than usual  
Friday pickups will be on Saturday  
All pickups will be one day later than usual

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# Living with Coyotes in DuPage County

## Natural History

Not many residents of DuPage County have heard the howl of a coyote at night. But a growing number of sightings point to the presence of this North American wild dog within the county and its forest preserves. Seeing a coyote, however, is by no means a routine occurrence. Like most wild animals, they keep their distance from people and are still considered by Forest Preserve biologists to be uncommon.

The local coyote population appears to be stabilizing after a period of growth over the last two decades. In a time when most carnivorous animals are retreating in the face of dwindling open spaces, the coyote has been gradually extending its range into the northeastern U.S., moving into areas with preserves or other open country. Coyotes have been sighted at 25 forest preserves and other locations within DuPage County, with sightings most common in the western forest preserves.

## Characteristics

With a gray or reddish-gray color and adult weight between 20 and 45 pounds, the coyote resembles a wolf or husky, although it is markedly smaller. The footprints and droppings are also somewhat similar to those of domestic dogs.

## Offspring

Coyote parents, paired for life, are active in raising the young, which are born in litters that average six pups. Coyotes are well known for their group behavior, which centers around the family unit made up of the paired male and female, their newborn pups and possibly offspring from the previous year.

Howling together is an important social activity for the coyote. These prolonged musical cries can carry for miles. Usually one animal begins and the others join in. Theories about the reasons for this unique form of communication include establishing a territory and keeping family members together. Howling is not the only sound within the coyote's repertoire. Coyotes have been heard making barking sounds in a series of high or low-pitched yaps.

## Dangers

While it is prudent to be wary of any wild animal, coyotes shy away from human beings and do not present a real threat to humans. Unrestrained pets occasionally are attacked by coyotes, providing a good reason for keeping your pet on a leash, especially in forest preserves.

## Injured or Orphaned Animals

Injured or orphaned coyotes should only be approached by qualified personnel such as an animal control agent. Anyone who sees an injured or orphaned coyote in a



DuPage County forest preserve should contact the District's Willowbrook Wildlife Center at (630) 942-6200.

The Willowbrook Wildlife Center offers these techniques to discourage coyotes from interacting with the human population:

- Do not approach wildlife.
- Do not feed wildlife, causing them to become habituated to humans and their homes. Avoid overflowing bird feeders.
- Keep all trash containers closed and inaccessible. Adding ammonia or pepper spray to the trash container discourages rummaging.
- Be sure barbecue grills are kept clean to avoid attracting animals. Clean up after fruit bearing trees.
- Obey leash laws. Small dogs on the loose are attractive prey for coyotes, especially at night. Cats should be kept indoors, along with pet food and water bowls.
- Coyotes are creatures of habit and can learn our routines. To avoid encounters, vary the time of day or route used for walking your pet.
- Don't invite coyotes to build dens next to or under your home; seal crawl spaces of decks, concrete slabs, porches, and sheds with welded wire; keep garage doors closed.
- Thin out, trim, and clear away shrubbery and ground cover vegetation that may provide cover for prey or for coyotes.
- Use motion sensor lights for front, back, or side yards.
- Provide supervision at all times for small children.
- Share this information with your neighbors.

For additional information on coyotes and other nuisance wildlife animals, visit [www.dupageforest.com/education/coyotes.html](http://www.dupageforest.com/education/coyotes.html).

# 5 Ways to Resolve Conflicts with Your Wild Neighbors

Source: *Chicago Tribune Home & Garden*, 2/4/07, and *Willowbrook Wildlife Center*

**1. De-skunking.** If Fido gets spritzed by a skunk, here's an instant fix: mix together in a bowl 1 quart 3% hydrogen peroxide, 1/4 cup baking soda and 1 teaspoon liquid dish soap. Apply to dog with a towel. Then bathe and rinse dog. The solution also works on clothes and objects sprayed by the skunk – just dunk them in. A word of warning: hydrogen peroxide may give a dark-furred animal “highlights,” or may bleach clothing. Be sure to mix the formula fresh and use right away.



**2. Woodpeckers and woodchucks.** Get rid of those birds drilling holes in the side of your house and the woodchucks digging in your yard (and geese for that matter) by hanging shiny Mylar balloons (get ones that have a “face” on them with big eyes) from windows or downspouts or tie them to garden posts. The woodpeckers, woodchucks and geese will think the balloons are predators.

**3. Squirrels/raccoons at your door.** If squirrels and raccoons are venturing onto your patio or deck and coming too close to your door for comfort, remove all food sources, such as cat food or birdseed. If they keep coming back, run the vacuum cleaner for a few minutes. That sound is particularly frightening to wild animals, and they will scurry away.



**4. Squirrels/raccoons in your chimney.** Get a chimney cap. That will prevent such situations. But if you have a squirrel down there, it ventured in by mistake (and can't climb back out), perceiving your chimney as a hollow tree. Make sure your damper is shut, so the squirrel can't get into your house. Lower a 3/4 inch diameter rope down the chimney / flue from the roof – or hire a handyman to do it for you. The squirrel will climb up it and out. (Drape the other end of the rope down the side of your house. When the squirrel's out, you can pull the rope down without getting atop the roof again.)

But if you have raccoons in your chimney, they mean to be there. They are capable of shimmying up the chimney, but have chosen yours as a “nice private den to raise their babies.” The good news is they will move out in six weeks. If you can't wait that long, set up a “harassment system.” Play loud hard rock music and put a bowl of ammonia in the fireplace at dusk (again, make sure the damper remains shut). Between the noise and odor, Mama Raccoon will relocate. Then hire a chimney sweep to clean the place out and install a chimney cap, pronto.



**5. Skunks in the window well.** A window well cover is the answer. But if you have a fallen skunk to deal with first, you can get him to walk. Method One. Place a roughened board at a 45° angle into the window well. Make sure the board is long enough to act as a ramp to the top. A towel or carpeting around the board provides better traction for the skunk, who is not a good climber. Place fish-scented cat food, Twinkies or brie cheese at the top of the ramp to entice the skunk. Skunks are nocturnal (active at night) and may not leave the window well until night. (This method also works well for opossums). Method Two. Tie a rope around a rectangular kitchen garbage can. Put the food in the bottom of the can. Put the can on its side and lower it into the window well with the open end facing the skunk. The skunk will walk right in to get his feast. Then gently tip the can up and raise it – elevator style – to ground level. Gently lower the can on its side again to allow the skunk to amble out. It's prudent to wear gloves and try to stay out of the skunk's sight.



For more information, contact the Willowbrook Wildlife Center at (630) 942-6200, or visit [www.dupageforest.com/education/livingwith.html](http://www.dupageforest.com/education/livingwith.html) and [www.wildlifehotline.org](http://www.wildlifehotline.org)

## Planting a Tree, Building a Deck or Putting In a Pool? Call J.U.L.I.E. First!

You may be surprised by what's buried in your yard. That's because today, more power, gas, water and telecommunications companies are delivering utility services underground. To avoid damaging those lines, state law requires you to call JULIE (811 or 800-892-0123) before any digging project, regardless of the project size or depth.

JULIE, Inc. is a not-for-profit message handling service for homeowners and contractors. JULIE operators are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The call is free and so are the services. Just call a helpful call center operator at JULIE and they'll alert member utility companies of your plans to dig so they can come out and mark their underground lines at your site.

All you need to do is call two working days in advance. For more information, visit

[www.illinois1call.com](http://www.illinois1call.com).

You'll know who was there by their color-coded flags, stakes or paint:

Red – Electric  
Yellow – Gas, oil, or petroleum  
Orange – Communications  
Blue – Potable water  
Green – Sewer  
Purple – Reclaimed water  
Pink – Temporary survey  
White – Proposed excavation



Check out the photos above and below. See what can happen if you don't call J.U.L.I.E.? Someone broke into a watermain.



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## Bloomington Women's Club's 'A Rainbow of Fashion' Raises \$6,000 to Benefit People's Resource Center



Fay Herbach, BWC President and Fashion Commentator

The Bloomington Women's Club April 6th Fashion Show, "A Rainbow of Fashions," raised over \$6,000 raised in raffle prizes and silent auction. The recipient of the proceeds is the non-profit organization People's Resource Center which helps an average of 2,000 families in DuPage County each month. The center has been a lifeline to people in temporary emergencies, as well as a pathway of opportunity for their future. Ninety-five cents of every dollar goes to services for the clients.

Fashions featured were from Carson Pirie Scott, Monalisa Boutique, Jack and Jill, Brides by Demetrios, York Furriers and Gentlemen's Quarters for

formal wear. Roselle resident and sophomore at Benedictine College, Miss Illinois of the American National Teen Scholarship Organization Chrissy

Sitariski, was a special guest and model. She enjoyed having her photo taken with a number of the young girls in attendance and gave them encouragement to do well in school.



Alexis Arneri, granddaughter of co-chair Dorothy Arneri

Rose Fitzpatrick and Dorothy Arneri were co-chairs of the event. The members of BWC, besides helping to organize the show, were diligent in contacting local businesses for products, gift certificates, program ads and cash donations. In the 36 years of service to the community, BWC has given over \$355,000 to various charities and individuals.

For more information regarding the Bloomington Women's Club, contact Membership Chair, Gayle Richard at (630) 539-1615.



Ms. Illinois ANTSO, Chrissy Sitariski escorted by Frank DeCarlo

## Village Services Division Phone Numbers

Administration	671-5690
Building & Zoning	671-5660
Engineering Division	671-5676
Forestry Division	671-5804
Public Works Maintenance Division/Streets	671-5800
Utilities Division/Water Production/Water Distribution	671-5830
Wastewater Treatment Plant	671-5850



## Bloomingtondale Artists & fotoMuses Holding Spring Show May 17-June 21

The Bloomingtondale Artists' Association and fotoMuses photographers will hold their Spring Show, in Galleries I & II, at the Bloomingtondale Park District Museum at 108 S. Bloomingtondale Road in Bloomingtondale; from May 17 through June 21, 2008.

In Gallery I, the Bloomingtondale Artists Association will hold its Fine Art Show. The annual exhibition of this local group of outstanding artists will feature a variety of media including drawing, painting, photography and more. The Bloomingtondale Artists Association meets at 7 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month from September through June at the museum, for a hands-on learning experience in various art techniques.

Gallery II will feature "Portals," from The fotoMuses, a group of accomplished women photographers from the area.

A door. A window. An eye. An opening. A portal.

A single step can be a portal to one's own journey. That single step...into the unknown.

This defines the images that will be presented in the fotoMuses photography exhibit. Once again the creative forces of these culturally diverse female photographers will bring excitement to Gallery II.

The public is invited to come to a complimentary reception on Sunday, May 18 from 2-4 p.m. to meet the artists. During the length of the exhibit, the museum will be open on Wed., 4-8 p.m.; Thurs./Fri. 10-4 p.m. and Sat. 12-4 p.m. At that time there will be an admission fee of \$1/ residents/ \$2/ non-residents/\$.50 seniors and children.

For more information, please call the museum curators at 630-539-3096.

## Park District Bids Farewell to Executive Director Steve Scholten

Steve Scholten, Executive Director at the Bloomingtondale Park District for the past 16 years, is leaving Bloomingtondale to take a similar position with the Arlington Heights Park District. Mike Vogl, president of the park board reflected on Steve's departure.

"It is a great opportunity for Steve, but a big loss for Bloomingtondale. He has been a great asset to our district. Among his many accomplishments are the renovation of the Johnston Recreation Center, the renovation of the park district museum, the development of Old Town Park and the development of the Oasis Water Park.

Also under his leadership, we earned the 2006 National Gold Medal Award for Park and Recreation Management Excellence, developed our soon-to-be-opened Erie Park, and are near completion on the soccer fields and maintenance building in north Springfield Park. Steve has also put together a great professional staff. As of this writing, we are beginning the process of finding his replacement. These are large shoes to fill."

Mayor Bob Iden added his accolades. "Steve has not only been a champion for the Bloomingtondale Park District; he also became involved in the community. He was one of the founding members of the Bloomingtondale Intergovernmental Group, has been a charter member and long-time treasurer of the Bloomingtondale-Roselle Rotary and a long-time director of the Bloomingtondale Chamber of Commerce, serving as president this year. Steve's contributions to this community have been felt far beyond the park district. We all wish him the very best."



*At the April 5th Parks Foundation Volunteer Event Steve (standing middle) was presented with an Appreciation Award by the Foundation. He was surprised by the attendance of many of his family members. This family photo truly captures Steve's sense that family is very important.*

## Tip a Cop at TGI Friday's

The staff of TGI Friday's – 302 W. Army Trail Road, Bloomingdale and the Bloomingdale Police Officers cordially invite you to "Tip A Cop" to benefit The Illinois Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Illinois on Thursday, May 15 from 6 – 10 p.m.



The TGIFriday's staff and the Bloomingdale Police Officers will combine forces to serve great food and drinks, as well as to raise awareness and funds for Special Olympics Illinois.

Torch Run t-shirts and hats will be available for purchase, as well as raffle tickets for a 2008 Harley Davidson FXCWC Rocker C motorcycle and other great prizes. Tax-deductible general donations will also be accepted.

For further information, please contact Officer Dawn Odoi of the Bloomingdale Police Department at (630) 529-9868.



## Tackle the Tower

Several Bloomingdale Police Department members competed in an event held by the American Lung Association called "Tackle the Tower." "Tackle the Tower" is a vertical climb of stairs consisting of 31 floors (62 flights of stairs/680 steps) in Oakbrook Terrace Tower. The Bloomingdale team competed against other Police Department teams and came in 2nd place. This is the second year we had a team participate in this event and both times they placed 2nd!

The Bloomingdale PD Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #175 generously donated money to the American Lung Association to cover a partial amount of each participant's registration fee. The Bloomingdale team raised \$665.00 for the American Lung Association.

Participants pictured are L-R: Bruce Mason, Jackie Slater, Dean Slater, Tara Makowskyj, Matt Wolenberg, Sean Noonan, Mike Gicla, and Frank Giammarese.



## Recording Artist Tajci to Perform at St. Isidore's on Mother's Day

On Mother's Day, Sunday May 11, internationally acclaimed recording artist Tajci (TY-chee) will perform a faith filled concert in the main church at St. Isidore Catholic Church, 427 W. Army Trail, Bloomingdale, Ill. The show is free and begins at 4 p.m.

Since the spring of 2000, Tajci has shared her emotional programs in over 600 concerts, building a nationwide following for the artist, who as a teenager was a pop music superstar in communist central Europe. She abandoned her fame at age 21 and fled to the United States, where she eventually began performing in America. She is now married with three children.

The concert features the singer/songwriter on keyboards, backed by renowned musician Denny Bouchard, in an emotional portrayal of the life of the Blessed Mother. She will perform her hit song "Let It Be – Mary's Story" and many other songs she has composed. She will offer many of her CDs at the concert.

"Anyone who loves a great story of faith and inspiring music will love Tajci's concert," said Deacon John Freund at St. Isidore.

The free concert will be held in St. Isidore's main church on the corner of Army Trail Rd. and Gary Ave. in Bloomingdale. Free will donations will be accepted. For more information call: (630) 529-3045. You can also visit St. Isidore's web site at: [www.stisidoreparish.org](http://www.stisidoreparish.org).



## Celebrating Our Seniors

The 5th and 8th grade students at St. Isidore grade school recently hosted their annual Senior Celebration to show their appreciation and love for senior citizens in the parish and their grandparents. The event included celebration of the Mass, a breakfast, musical show performed by the students, photos and gifts. Pictured is fifth grader Isabella Thomason of Bartlett, (left), serving coffee to her grandparents, Jonathan and Maureen Howell of Bloomingdale.

"This (event) was absolutely adorable, full of St. Isidore's sweet spirit," said Mrs. Howell.



# Bloomingtondale News Briefs

## **BLOOMINGDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S SENIOR DAY FAIR IS FRIDAY, MAY 9**

The Bloomingtondale Police Department and the Senior Citizen Advisory Council will be sponsoring a Senior Day Fair on Fri., May 9 from 9 am – noon. The fair provides seniors with an opportunity to meet with local agencies, service providers and area businesses in a comfortable & friendly atmosphere to learn about the various services available to them. Free admission, refreshments, giveaways and door prizes. The fair will be held at the Medinah Shriners Banquet Facility located on Swift Road just north of Army Trail Road.

For more information, please contact Officer Dawn Odoi at (630) 529-9868.

## **BLOOMINGDALE LIONS CLUB STEAK FRY, FRIDAY, MAY 9**

Bloomingtondale Lions Club Steak Fry takes place on Friday, May 9 from 5-8 pm at the Bloomingtondale Golf Club, 181 Glen Ellyn Road. For \$17 per person, you get a sirloin steak or BBQ chicken dinner grilled to order, along with salad, baked potato, rolls & dessert. Proceeds go to community programs, as well as vision tests and eyeglasses for the needy.

## **GARDEN CLUB PLANT SALE MAY 16-18**

Direct from the club's Michigan grower, flats of annuals (48 per flat) - Proven Winners, wave petunias, hanging baskets, accent plants and geraniums in all hues. Also perennials from garden club members' gardens. Held: Fri, May 16 from 10 am – 4 pm; Sat, May 17 from 9 am – 4 pm; and Sun, May 18 from 11 am – 2 pm at Bloomingtondale Village Hall, 201 S. Bloomingtondale Road. For more info: call Helen at (630) 980-6585 or email [mittens2@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mittens2@sbcglobal.net)

## **LIONS' MOBILE HEARING UNIT OFFERING FREE HEARING TESTS ON MAY 9**

Bloomingtondale Lions Club is sponsoring the Mobile Hearing Unit where free hearing screenings are administered to anyone 18-years or over. Children 10-18 may be screened if accompanied by a parent or guardian who sign a permission slip available at the screening.

Screening takes a few minutes and persons who fail the screening are referred to hearing professionals for further evaluation and treatment. The mobile hearing unit will be located at the Medinah Shrine Facility on the east side of Schick Road, just north of Army Trail Road on Fri May 9 from 9 am – noon.

## **BLOOMINGDALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY GARAGE SALE MAY 8-10**

The Bloomingtondale Historical Society holds its annual Garage Sale on Thurs, May 8 and Fri, May 9 from 9 am – 5 pm and Sat, May 10 from 9 am – 3 pm at the corner of Washington & Third Street across from Old Town Park. Donated items will be accepted on Wed, May 7, from 10 am – 3 pm.

## **CANCER SOCIETY'S RELAY FOR LIFE JUNE 6-7**

American Cancer Society Relay for Life - Bloomingtondale/Roselle/Itasca at Lake Park High School West Campus. Sign up teams, get involved. Contact Ashley Carlson, 630-932-1141 or email at [Ashley.Carlson@cancer.org](mailto:Ashley.Carlson@cancer.org)

## **GARDEN CLUB'S MEETING FEATURES 'ECO-GARDENS'**

"Creating Eco-Gardens on Residential Landscapes," will be presented by Dennis Paige, an environmental educator and interpretive naturalist at the Spring Valley Nature Center in Schaumburg. Free admission. Meeting held on lower level of the Bloomingtondale Public Library, May 21, 6:30 pm.

## **ANNUAL POSTAL FOOD DRIVE ON MAY 10**

Saturday, May 10 marks the National Association of Letter Carriers annual food drive. Have non-perishables by your mailbox by 9 a.m. Donations are given to Bloomingtondale Township Pantry which benefits local residents.

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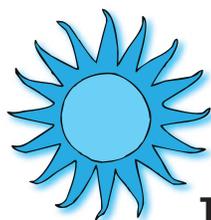
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## Stumped for Mother's Day or Father's Day This Year? We Can Help!

Looking for something different?

Tell the world that Mom or Dad is your personal hero by placing a brick with your sentiments at the "Everyday Heroes" statue in Old Town Park. The 4x8 bricks are \$100 each and hold three lines of copy at 13 spaces each. Bricks are also still available at the golf course and the library statue sites for \$75 each. All orders placed by June 16, 2008 will be installed this summer. A card announcing your gift to either parent is available at no charge. Call Mary Ellen at the Village Hall at 671-5600 for more information or to place an order.

Another "novel" gift idea is a copy of the newly published "Bloomingdale" book which covers the story of Bloomingdale from 1982 through 1983, as told through photographs and captions. Historic views of current areas and structures are featured, including historic photographs of the recently renovated old school at Lake and Third Street. There are also many pictures of friends & neighbors from the past. The book is available for \$19.99 from the Bloomingdale Public Library or the Village Hall.

If you would like an autographed copy with a personal message for your gift, email your request to [mej221@hotmail.com](mailto:mej221@hotmail.com) and specify if you would like to pick up your book at the Bloomingdale Library or at the Village Hall.

