



# Village of Bloomingdale Almanac

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## From the Desk of Mayor Bob Iden

In last April's Almanac I spoke about the kind of winter we had just come through, mentioning the effort put in by our employees to deal with the problems the winter weather provided. This year, I must once again take the time to extend my gratitude for a job well done.

As severe as the winter of '08 was, the winter of '09 was worse. We had more snow/ice incidents, a greater total number of inches of snow, along with a busy season of winter water emergencies and local flooding. So "thank you" to the men and women of Bloomingdale's snow & ice control crew and the rest of the team, as well as to the utility division employees handling winter water emergencies.

Of course, the winter precipitation is not the only kind of storm Bloomingdale and its citizens have been weathering. The economy continues to affect many aspects of our lives. I am pleased to tell you that the Village itself is in very good financial shape. In addition to conservative budgeting over the last five years, the Village is also seeing some businesses expand and others relocate here. Both of these will produce jobs for residents and revenue for Bloomingdale.

We are seeing additions to existing businesses, such as a 27,000 sq ft addition for production capacity to NOW Foods on Glen Ellyn Road, and an addition of 21,000 sq ft to Pitman, Inc, a graphic supply company located in the former Mary Kay building.

We look forward to the arrival of InSite Development in the former Tower Records on Army Trail Road, CVS Pharmacy in the old Sears Hardware building and Children of American Day Care on Bloomingdale Road, just north of the Village Hall. Scottish Rite, a Masonic organization, will also call Bloomingdale home when it builds a 56,000 sq ft headquarters near Medinah Road and Lake Street.

As I said, the economy continues to affect many aspects of our lives. More families than ever have found themselves in need of help. The Bloomingdale Township Food Pantry has been feeling the crunch for some time. Saturday, May 9th, marks the annual food drive sponsored by the National Association of Letter Carriers. Please do what you can by leaving donations of non-perishable foods, paper products and/or toiletries by your mailbox on Saturday, May 9. The mail carriers thank you and your generosity will mean so much to those who are in need.

Mayor Bob Iden



Renderings of the Scottish Rite: Top - view from the northwest; bottom - view from the southwest.

**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*

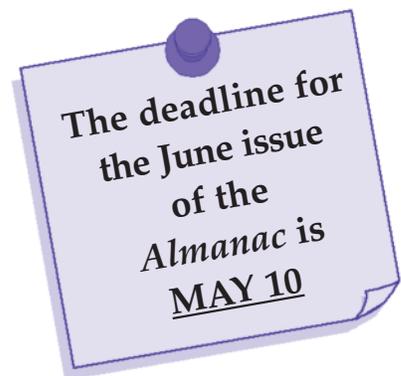
**Jim King**  
*Facilities and Golf Course*

**Village Website --  
CHECK IT OUT!!!**

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



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



**Lions Thank Cubs**



The Bloomingdale Lions Club sponsors Cub Pack 457. Lions Perry Knutson and Sue Crosson-Knutson were present at the pack's Blue and Gold Award Ceremony. Lion Sue presented the Lions Club banner patch to the cub scouts who helped with the Lions' Walk-a-Dog-a-Thon this past fall (2008).

# Play Ball!!!!



The Bloomingdale Historical Society in cooperation with the Bloomingdale Park District, will host a Civil War Era Base Ball Game on September 19. A Bloomingdale team will take on the Lockport and Downers Grove Vintage Base Ball teams in one of our parks. Proceeds from this family event will go toward marking the graves of War of 1812 and Civil War soldiers buried in St. Paul Cemetery on Lake Street.

We are looking for a few good men or women, age 17 and over to play for the Bloomingdale Nine. The rules of 1858 base ball will be played. Rules include: no gloves, no stealing bases, no wagering, no spitting or cursing!

The Bloomingdale Historical Society and Park District promise lots of fun for everyone. Please contact Bob Kurek at 630-894-0045 to sign up or for more information.

Sponsorships are also available for this nostalgic event::

- Bleachers: \$5.00
- Single: \$10.00
- Double: \$20.00
- Triple: \$30.00
- Home Run: \$50.00
- Grand Slam: \$100.00

Please make checks out to the Bloomingdale Historical Society and mail to Bob Kurek, 203-D College, Bloomingdale, Illinois 60108.

## Please Take a Moment to Complete the Bloomingdale Resident B-Card Survey

Now that the second annual B-Card promotion is completed, the Business Promotion & Cultural Development Committee would like to know what residents think. The committee is also sending a survey to the businesses which participated in the 2009 B-Card promotion.

Please fill out this form and mail your response to the Village of Bloomingdale, 201 S. Bloomingdale Road, Bloomingdale, IL 60108, or drop it into the water billing drop box at the Village Hall.

### Resident B-Card Survey

Did you take advantage of the B-Card?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Did you patronize a business or buy something you would not have if you didn't have the card?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Were the promotions worthwhile?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Are there other businesses you would like to see participate next time?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, which businesses?

\_\_\_\_\_

What was your favorite promotion?

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Other comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Village's Spring Branch Collection Program Begins April 20

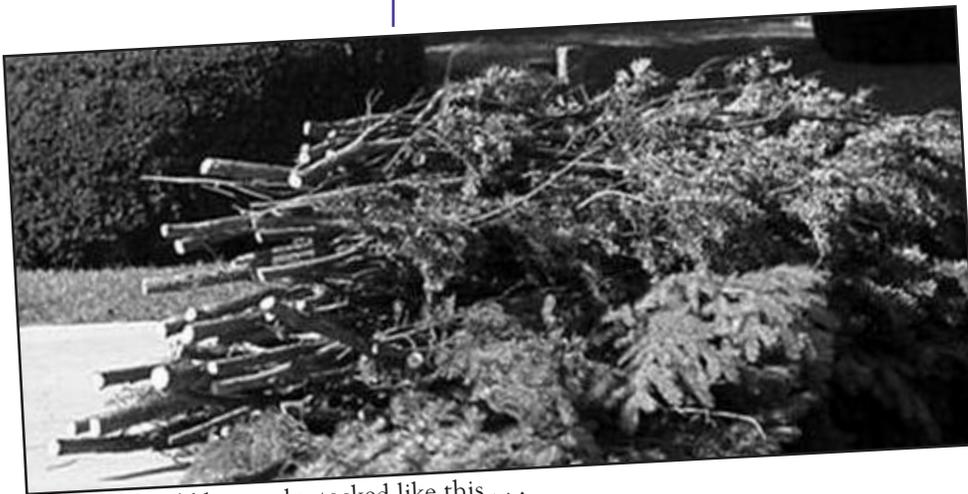
Kramer Tree Specialists, Inc. will once again perform branch collection under the direction of the Village Forestry Division. Branch collection will begin on Monday, April 20. The program is only available to single family detached residences. Townhome residents should contact their association regarding branch collection..

## Branch Collection Guidelines:

- Branches must be out by 7:00 a.m. on Monday, April 20.
- Woody branches ½ 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 ½ inch in diameter.
- Leaves, vines, small (under ½ inch in diameter) flexible willow stems, herbaceous plants and weeds.
- Large stumps, roots and root balls.\*
- Wooden fencing and construction lumber.\*



Branches should be neatly stacked like this . . .



. . . not left in a jumbled mess like this

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 ½ inch to 6 inches in diameter. Please contact the Forestry Division at 630-671-5800 within 72 hours of storm for branch collection.

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

## Learn About Resources Available From Local Agencies & Services Providers At Senior Day Fair on May 1

The Bloomingdale Police Department, Bloomingdale Senior Citizen Advisory Council and Roselle Police Department cordially invite all senior citizens to the Annual Senior Day Fair on Friday, May 1st, 2009, from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. (noon) at the Medinah Shriners Banquet Facility in Addison (located on Swift Road just north of Army Trail Road). The Senior Day Fair was created by the Senior Citizen Advisory Council to give seniors the opportunity to visit with local agencies, service providers and businesses to help identify the resources that are available to them. This event offers a means to visit with many organizations/service agencies, in order to learn about or obtain senior health and welfare information in a comfortable, friendly setting. Refreshments will be available and there is no fee to enter.

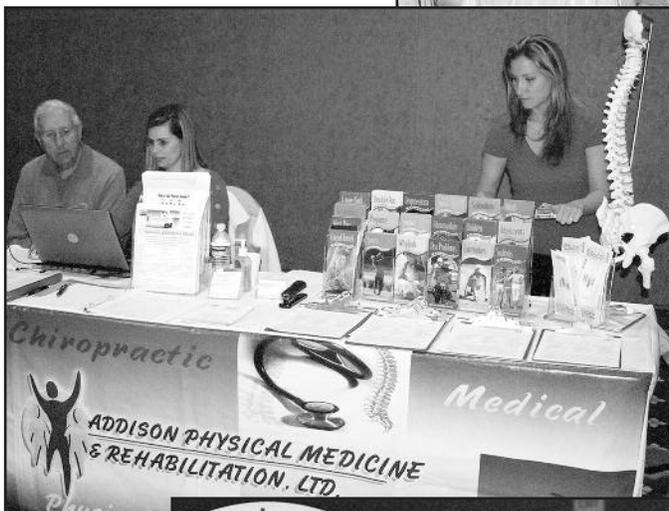
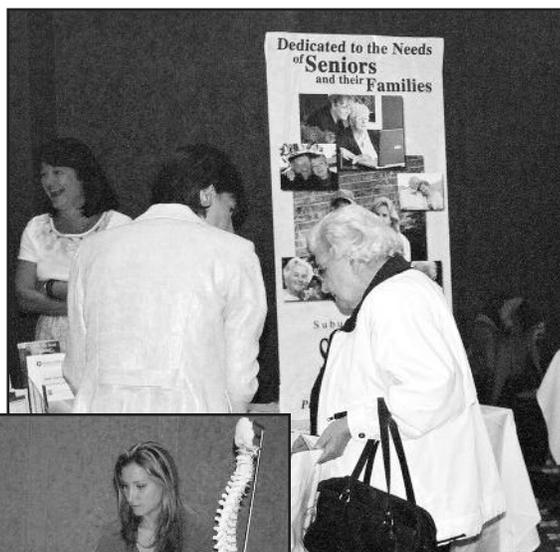
The Bloomingdale Senior Citizen Advisory Council is an organization established by the Bloomingdale Police Department to address the needs and concerns of the senior population. The Council consists of various senior citizen representatives from local organizations, homeowners associations, church groups and activity clubs. Giveaway bags and other items will be distributed upon arrival and throughout your visit. Door prizes will be given out each ½ hour during the event.

Over fifty agencies will be in attendance at the Senior Day Fair. Here are some of the agencies / services involved:

- Local hospitals: Alexian Brothers Medical Center, Central DuPage Hospital, Glen Oaks Hospital (providing health services, such as blood pressure checks)
- Local dentists, chiropractors, eye doctors, foot doctors, pharmacists
- Home Health Agencies, Adult Support Services and Extended Care Centers
- Meet with volunteers and consider joining Community Groups / Activity Clubs
- Governmental Units: Local Political Representatives, Village, Police, Fire, Park District, Library
- Wholesale stores and Fitness facilities
- Bloomingdale Lions Club – Collection of Used/Unwanted Eye Glasses
- Illinois Secretary of State – Renewal of Driver's License (those under the age of 75),
- Obtain Identification Cards, and Rules of the Road information will be available.

Plan to visit the Senior Fair and obtain the available materials to benefit you, your friends and family. Any questions regarding the event, please contact Officer Dawn Odoi at (630) 529-9868.

Please consider joining us, invite others and mark your calendars for The Senior Day Fair on Friday, May 1st, 2009, at the Medinah Shriners Banquet Facility (located on Swift Road just north of Army Trail Road).



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**671-5600**



Bloomingtondale Police Officer Bruce Mason carried the torch for the Bloomingtondale leg of the run last year.

## Illinois Law Enforcement Torch Run Fundraising Events

**Saturday, April 18, 2009, 12:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m. – “Tip a Cop” Event at Red Robin Restaurant**

The staff of Red Robin – Stratford Square Mall, Bloomingtondale, and the Bloomingtondale Police Officers will combine forces to serve great food and beverages, as well as to raise awareness and funds for Special Olympics Illinois. Torch Run t-shirts and hats will be available for purchase. Tax deductible general donations will also be accepted. Please join us to be served by local law enforcement and to help such a worthwhile cause.

**Friday, May 22, 2009, from 5:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (Noon) – “Rooftop Cop” at Dunkin’ Donuts (Lake Street)**

Bloomingtondale Police Officers unite with the Dunkin’ Donuts staff to bring attention to the Special Olympics’ mission of recognizing the tremendous courage, strength and perseverance of its athletes on the playing fields and in life. Officers will conduct a rooftop sit-in to greet Dunkin’ Donuts customers and welcome donations for Illinois Special Olympics. So, come on in to Dunkin’ Donuts and don’t forget to look up!

**Sunday, June 7, 2009 – Illinois Special Olympics Torch Run – Leg #14 - DuPage County**  
Location and time to be determined.

Please don’t miss out on the opportunity to contribute to the lives of these special individuals!

## Bloomingtondale Police Department Supporting Law Enforcement Torch Run Fundraiser Benefitting Special Olympics

Illinois Special Olympics has a mission to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type games for children and adults with intellectual disabilities. The program helps empower people with intellectual disabilities to realize their full potential by enhancing their physical fitness and motor skills while building self-confidence and social skills.

The Illinois Law Enforcement Torch Run is the single largest year-round fundraising event benefiting Special Olympics Illinois. In 2008, the Illinois Torch Run raised more than \$2.1 million, 5th highest grossing Torch Run Program in the world. This intrastate relay has two goals: to raise money and increase public awareness for the athletes of Special Olympics. Each year, more than 3,000 officers in Illinois run more than 1,500 miles carrying the Flame of Hope through the streets of their hometowns and deliver it in June to the State Summer Games in Normal, Illinois.

The Bloomingtondale Police Department has been an active participant to support the work of Special Olympics Illinois and currently has the following Special Olympic items available on sale for their Law Enforcement Torch Run fundraising efforts: T-shirt:\$15.00; Baseball cap: \$15.00; Torch Run pin: \$5.00; Combo set (t-shirt, hat, pin): \$25.00. To purchase an item or make a donation, please contact Officer Dawn Odoi of the Bloomingtondale Police Department at (630) 529-9868.



**WELCOME**  
Bloomingtondale 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, Dawn Odoi,  
Chief of Police Community Policing Officer

529-9868

## Digging In Today for a Greener Tomorrow

The Village of Bloomingdale and School District 13 will celebrate Arbor Day by planting a Baldcypress tree (*Taxodium distichum*) at DuJardin School, 164 S. Euclid Avenue. The celebration will take place on Friday, April 24 at 1:30 p.m.

All residents are invited to join the Village of Bloomingdale, School District 13, and students and faculty of DuJardin School in the Arbor Day Observance.



Last year Erickson School students helped plant an Autumn Flame Maple for Arbor Day.

## Get your Hands Dirty for a Cause! Volunteers Needed for Community Tree Planting

The Village Forestry Division is looking for volunteers to plant 200 seedlings, including Redbud, Carolina Silverbell, Paw Paw and Sugar Maple, on Saturday, April 25th, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Public Works Facility located at 305 S. Glen Ellyn Road. This is the 15th consecutive year for this popular event.

The Village will supply seedlings, soil and pots for the purpose of growing the seedlings into saplings for transplanting into the local community. Community Tree Planting involves a commitment from all participants to plant trees on public property, such as right-of-ways, school grounds, community parks, etc.

Participants are asked to bring gloves and enthusiasm. After this growing season, the trees will be planted in the Village's nursery for further growth.

For more information or to volunteer, please contact Helen Price at (630) 671-5800.



## Yardwaste Pickup Begins April 1st

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

Small twigs, leaves and other yard waste may be placed in bags with stickers (\$2.35 each) for Allied Waste pickup. Questions should be directed to Allied Waste at (847) 429-7370.



# THE BLOOMINGDALE

# BUSINESS BEAT

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

**Remember - BUY IN BLOOMINGDALE.**

## NEW BUSINESSES

**PARTY BEE:** The next time you need greeting cards or party goods, buzz on over to Party Bee, a new boutique party store on Gary Avenue and Schick Road, near Dominick's.



"We offer a little bit of everything," says Maria Avelar who owns the store with Carmen Ramirez. "We have party supplies and favors for all occasions. We have gift bags, candles, balloons, and more, and all greeting cards are only 99 cents."



"Our strength is customer service," she says. "We greet each customer, and if we don't have what you're looking for, we go the extra mile to find it. And our pricing is competitive or lower." Party Bee also accommodates Spanish-speaking customers.

The store, which faces Schick Road, is open Monday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Tuesday through Friday 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturday 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and Sunday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For information, call (630) 307-8180.

**NEW SUPPORTIVE LIVING FACILITY:** Alden Gardens of Bloomingdale is a Supportive Living Facility (SLF) currently under construction at 285 E. Army Trail Road. The SLF will provide an affordable housing alternative to seniors requiring some assistance with the activities of daily living. When complete, the SLF will offer three meals a day in the central dining room, housekeeping, medication reminders and assistance with bathing, dressing and laundry. Seniors who are eligible may use Medicaid to help pay for assisted living services.

The SLF will offer apartment-style housing with 60 one-bedroom units, 24 deluxe studio units and 2 two-bedroom units.

All units will feature a small refrigerator and microwave. The two-bedroom units will offer two bathrooms. The facility is expected to open early in 2010. For more information, contact Jo Petruncio at 630-307-7273.

**MARY ELLEN JOHNSON HONORED WITH AWARD NAMED FOR GEORGENE GEILS:** The Bloomingdale Area Women in Business (an arm of the Chamber of Commerce) recently created the Business Woman of the Year Award and named it after longtime Bloomingdale business woman Georgene Geils who

with her husband, Wally, ran Economart for over 40 years. Anyone who knows Georgene can fully understand why they chose her. Few women in town had a greater positive impact on



*Christine Smith of Old Town Bank & Trust, chairperson of BAWIB, Mary Ellen Johnson, Georgene Geils and Jane Hove, Executive Director of Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce, pose after the award ceremony in February.*

all facets of Bloomingdale – family, business, school, church, scouts, and politics. Georgene made her mark in all those areas.

Mary Ellen Johnson was chosen as the first recipient of this award for her contributions to the community as a Village employee, writer and volunteer. "I have long admired Georgene for being the kind of woman who makes a difference," Mary Ellen said. "To receive an award with her name on it is truly an honor."

# Help Prevent Localized Flooding - Adopt A Storm Inlet

## Flooding occurs in two ways:

- When large storms drop more precipitation than the storm drainage system can drain away, as experienced during the September 2008 storms; and
- When storm inlets, culvert inlets, and/or storm sewers are blocked.

While we cannot control the amount of precipitation which could lead to local flooding, we all can work together to minimize flooding caused by blocked storm inlet grates, clogged private driveway culverts, and storm sewers. The Village asks property owners to 'adopt an inlet' to keep the inlet grates clean of leaves, branches, and debris such as plastic bags, newspapers, plastic bottles and milk jugs; and in the winter time, snow



*Storm inlet cleared of debris*

and ice. In areas with roadside ditches, such as the Indian Lakes Subdivision, the ditches should also be kept clean of debris, lawn clippings and leaves which could clog inlet grates and private roadway culverts.

The 114 miles of Village storm sewers include 900 public manholes and 2,800 public storm inlets for storm water run off. To maintain the system, the Village contracts for street sweeping services on curbed streets. Village personnel also clear inlets. Preventative maintenance programs, both contractual and in-house, are also in place to maintain the storm drainage system. However, inlet clogging can re-occur once, or even a couple times during a storm since debris and leaves are carried with the storm runoff to the inlet. Keeping the inlet grate or driveway culvert pipe clear of debris before, during, and after the storm will help drain the storm water.

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 destinations are distinctive. The Sanitary Sewer Collection System discharges its flow to the Water Reclamation Facility located at Glen Ellyn Road near Edgewater Drive. Here the flow is treated prior to discharge to the East Branch of the DuPage River. However, the Storm Water Collection System discharges its flow without any treatment directly to one of three tributary receiving streams – the East Branch DuPage River, the West Branch DuPage River, or Springbrook Tributary to Salt Creek.

It is important to understand that anything dumped into any of the storm water inlets is eventually discharged into natural waterways and endangers the environment. Village Ordinance 92-31 strictly prohibits anything other than storm run-off to be discharged, dumped, placed or deposited into the storm water system. This includes garbage, debris, landscape waste, leaves, or flammable or toxic substances in liquid, gas or solid forms such as motor oil, gasoline, paint, paint cleaners and cleaning solvents. Fines in the amount of \$50.00 to \$500.00 can be levied per occurrence. Violators may be responsible for clean-up costs, which are typically thousands of dollars.

If you see anyone dumping anything into the inlets near your property, please call the Bloomingdale Police Department non-emergency at 630-529-9868, or the Village Services Utilities Division at 630-671-5830. Contact the Utilities Division if you would like more information.

Please use caution for your personal safety when clearing the storm inlets and/or private culvert pipes.



*Storm inlet covered with debris*



*Manhole clogged with leaves and debris*



## Historical Society Garage Sale May 14-16



(photo) Longtime residents Diane McLaughlin and Brendan Odea look over the Historical Society's book while at last year's garage sale. Ellie Alumbaugh looks on.

The Bloomingdale Historical Society (BHS) hosts its annual Garage Sale on Thursday & Friday, May 14 & 15 from 9-5 p.m. and Saturday, May 16 from 9-3 p.m. Donations for the sale will be accepted on Wednesday, May 13 from 10 a.m. -3 p.m. The sale takes place at the corner of Third & Washington streets across from Old Town Park. Questions? Call 630-529-3120 ext 2801.

On Monday, April 6, the BHS will debut its new presentation on the history of Bloomingdale in Meeting Room A on the lower level at the Bloomingdale Library, 101 Fairfield Way beginning at 7 p.m. Different pictures, more information and stories than before. Feel free to bring some of your own photos to share following the 40-minute show.

### Is Your Address Posted?

Remember, every second counts in an emergency situation. In order for emergency personnel to locate your house, your address must be displayed either on your mailbox and/or house.

Large reflective numbers are easier to read when it is dark.

They only take minutes to install and could save precious minutes should you have an emergency.



You may now pay your utility bill by Visa or MasterCard, either in-person or by telephone.

To pay by phone, please call the Village Hall at (630) 893-7000.

### Year-Round Drop Off for Household Hazardous Waste Now Available

Regional Household Hazardous Waste Facility  
1979 Brookdale Road, Fire Station #4  
Naperville, IL

(One mile south of I-88 tollway off of IL Route 59.  
Turn east onto Brookdale Road from Route 59)

[www.naperville.il.us](http://www.naperville.il.us)

Saturdays and Sundays (except holidays), 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.



#### Accepts:

Oil-based paint, stain, varnish, solvents, automotive fluids, aerosol cans, household cleaners, mercury, 20 pound propane tanks, poisons, pesticides, insecticides, flammables, household batteries, sealed fluorescent light bulbs and tubes, hobby chemicals, expired and unused prescription medications.

#### Not accepted:

Latex paint, smoke detectors, fire extinguishers and ammunition.

# Septemberfest/Joe Draghi Scholarship Application Deadline is May 1, 2009

The Septemberfest/Joe Draghi Memorial Scholarship is once again being offered by the Septemberfest Commission. Over the past 34 years, this scholarship fund has given thousands of dollars to young adults in our community. Past scholarship winners have included young men and women who have been volunteers and workers within our community. These young adults have volunteered for various charitable agencies, the Park District, their church, or a Village committee, such as Peer Jury. The Village of Bloomingdale has benefited from the efforts of these young awardees. The award is funded through private, community and corporate contributions.

If you are interested in applying for this scholarship, please complete the scholarship application packet. This packet is available on the Village of Bloomingdale's website at: [www.villageofbloomingdale.org](http://www.villageofbloomingdale.org) then click on stay & play, annual local events and then Septemberfest.

## Qualifications for Scholarship

The applicant must comply with the following criteria:

- Is a resident of incorporated Village of Bloomingdale, Illinois
- Is a U.S. citizen or permanent resident.
- Is between the ages of 16 and 20 years of age.
- Exhibits school and/or community involvement.
- Plans to attend an accredited two-year or four-year college, university, or in a vocational-technical program after graduation from high school or is currently enrolled in a college, university, or vocational-technical program.
- Complete the following application packet:  
Application Form (typewritten preferable)
  - a. Two letters of recommendation – one letter must be from a high school teacher, college professor, volunteer coordinator or civic leader. The other letter must be from another professional adult source (not a family member or family friend). (Use forms from the packet.)
  - b. Compose an essay of a minimum of 500 words describing your life, contributions to the community, your activities, career plans, schools applied to, if applicable, and your opinions/ideas about living in the Village of Bloomingdale and attach it to



Mayor Iden with three of the four 2008 Septemberfest scholarship winners (l to r) Joseph Zanghi, Nicole Lomotan and Natalie Zeitoun. Not pictured: Michael Hannigan

the application form packet. Essays will be judged on content, grammar, and thoroughness.

- The application packet must be complete when submitted and all requirements must be met. Letters of recommendation must be submitted as a part of the packet in their final form (see directions on letter forms). The application packet should be mailed or delivered to:

The Septemberfest/Joe Draghi Memorial Scholarship  
c/o Village of Bloomingdale  
201 S. Bloomingdale Road  
Bloomingdale, IL 60108

- There will be a mandatory judge's interview held at the Village of Bloomingdale, Council Room, 201 S. Bloomingdale Rd., on Sunday, May 17, 2009.

**THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTAL OF COMPLETED APPLICATION PACKETS IS MAY 1, 2009. APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN MAY 1, 2009. ANY APPLICATION RECEIVED AFTER THAT DATE WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.**

Winners will be announced at the 37th Septemberfest on Saturday, September 12, 2009. Attendance to receive your award, if chosen, is not mandatory. Scholarships are limited to future tuition, books, and any other commensurate educational expenses. Scholarship checks are paid directly to the school. The Septemberfest/Joe Draghi Memorial Scholarship is a one-time grant.

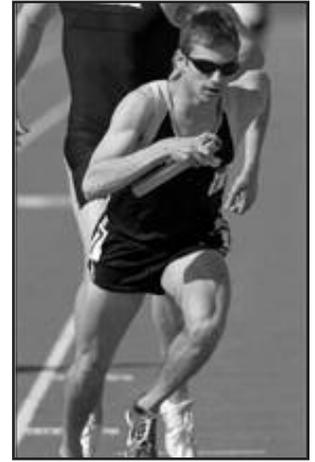


## Lake Park Grad Stephen Bach Breaks Track Record at Perdue

**Stephen Bach** graduated from Lake Park High School in 2005, leaving behind a legacy in track & field -- and a yet unbroken record in the 800 meter run. Not only are records hard to break, but so are old habits, as the Purdue University website highlighted when it recapped Stephen's performance at last week's Big Ten Conference Championship Track & Field meet:

"Senior Stephen Bach finished his final indoor season in grand fashion breaking the Boilermakers 600 meter run record, as he finished fifth with a time of 1:18:36, breaking the previous (Purdue) record set in 2002."

Bach, who is attending Purdue on an athletic scholarship, was voted the men's track team captain this year by his teammates. He is majoring in electrical engineering, and has also made his mark in academics, earning a Freshman Athlete Academic Award, and the impressive Academic All Big Ten Athletic Award three times.



*Record breaker  
Stephen Bach*



## What Do You Know About K.I.D.S.?

You may know many kids – relatives, neighbors, friends, but do you know K.I.D.S.? They are the Kind Involved DuJardin Students. K.I.D.S. has been an active group at DuJardin Elementary School since January 2003. The K.I.D.S. program offers kids the opportunity to “make a difference in our community & the world,” by highlighting an organization every month, then collecting & distributing needed items. From new or gently used school supplies & backpacks for Dzil Libie Elementary School in Cameron, AZ. and juice boxes & travel toiletries for the PADS organization to canned goods for the

Bloomington food pantry and new stuffed animals for Children's Memorial/Central Dupage Hospitals, the youngsters learn about those in need and experience the joy of taking part in such a caring program that helps people, young & old, who may be less fortunate than they are. All year, K.I.D.S. collect used soccer cleats, used coats, old cell phones and even old eyeglasses! For more information, contact **Linnea Corsten** at 630-894-1580.

## Two Lefties Strike It Right For State Championship

Two Bloomington lefties led the way to first place for the Lake Park High School Bowling Team at the State Championship earlier this year. Sophomore **Adam Keith** finished fourth in the individual competition with a 12-game total of 2,721 (226.8 average) and his twin brother **Ryan** was just four pins behind in fifth.

It was quite a performance by the Lancers as they became just the second Chicago-area school to win the title, their 13,129 pinfall was the second-highest total in state finals history and was 234 better than their runner-up Lockport.



## Lake Park Lancettes Dance Team Brings Home State Champion Trophy

After an outstanding season marked by several first place trophies, the Lake Park Varsity Lancettes Dance Team returned from Team Dance Illinois' State Championship in Peoria on Sunday, March 8th with a new title to add to their list of accomplishments this year; AAA Open Dance State Champions.

Coached by Lake Park alum and former 4-year Varsity Lancette, **Stephanie Hageman**, the talented 17-member Varsity dance team is a diverse group comprised of six seniors, five juniors, three sophomores and three freshmen. Congratulations on your accomplishments, Lancettes!



## Glenbard East Cheer Squad Takes First Place

The Glenbard East CoEd Cheer Squad took first place in the DuPage Valley Conference Championship, beating out eight other participating schools. The team under the coaching skills of **Jana Yetzke** went on to make it to the State finals.

## CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition Honors Trevor Koehn

The Bloomingdale CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition recently honored resident **Trevor Koehn** with a Pillar Award for the pillar of citizenship. He was nominated by Westfield Middle School teacher **Donna Marino** because he was chosen to attend the Presidential Youth Inaugural Conference January 17-21. For five days, the high school junior took part in activities commemorating the presidential inauguration in Washington D.C. As an Inaugural Scholar, Trevor heard speakers such as Colin Powell, Sandra Day O'Connor, General Michael Hayden, Kenneth Starr and Lance Armstrong. He also participated in discussions and debates, witnessed the inaugurations of President Obama and Vice President Biden, the inaugural parade and he attended an inaugural ball.

Trevor is an alumnus of the National Young Leaders State Conference (NYLSC). He was one of the few from Illinois who were invited to participate in the Presidential Inaugural conference. There were others from other parts of the country participating as well. After the young man accepted the award from the coalition, he shared some of his experiences and memorabilia with the members. Trevor is the son of Scott and Julie Koehn.



## EVENTS

**Learn Floral Design Tips & Tricks at Garden Club's April 15 Meeting**

The Bloomingdale Garden Club will hold a demonstration of floral design using fresh plant materials presented by Nancy Hollmeier and Maggie Walkington. Learn the tricks of the trade and design techniques. The program, which takes place on April 15 at 6:30 p.m. at the Bloomingdale Fire Station, 179 S. Bloomingdale Road, is free, and about an hour in length. For more information, contact Roberta Pulido: phone 630-295-8315, email [fortpulido@comcast.net](mailto:fortpulido@comcast.net).

**Try Your Luck at Bloomingdale Education Foundation's Texas Hold 'em**

The Bloomingdale Education Foundation is holding a Texas Hold 'em Fundraising Tournament on Saturday, April 25 at Shiraz on the Water in Hilton Chicago Indian Lakes Resort, 250 West Schick Road. Check-in is from 6-7pm with the tournament starting promptly at 7pm. The buy-in of \$100 is due in cash at the door. Spectators are \$20 per person, also cash only. The final six players will receive a cash payout, and 50% of the proceeds from the event go toward the payout pool. Hors d'oeuvres will be served along with a cash bar. To reserve a spot in the event contact Mark Dwyer at 630-894-9200 or at [mdwyer@sd13.org](mailto:mdwyer@sd13.org). The event is limited to 100 players so early registration is recommended. Visit the Foundation website for further information at [www.sd13foundation.org](http://www.sd13foundation.org).

**How Sweet They Are**

The Bloomingdale Lions Club is selling those delicious Vidalia onions again for \$10 a bag. Orders are being taken through April 29th. The onions may be picked up Friday, May 8th from noon to 5 p.m. and on Saturday, May 9 from 8 a.m. until noon at Prudential Stark Realty, 181 S. Bloomingdale Road. For more information or to obtain an order form, call Sandy Kozlowski at 630-690-9281. Checks must be made out to Bloomingdale Lions Club.

**Fore! Lions' Charity Golf Outing Set for June 13**

On Friday, June 12, the Bloomingdale Lions host their 13th Annual Charity Golf Challenge at the Bloomingdale Golf Club to raise funds for the community. The tournament begins with a shotgun start at 1:00 pm. The club provides a lunch at noon and dinner and prizes after the tournament. This best ball event is \$100 a person. Entries and fees must be received by May 29, 2009. For additional information, contact Dan L. Davis at 630-351-3345, [liondanldavis@gmail.com](mailto:liondanldavis@gmail.com) or Perry Knutson at 630-894-7394, [lionperry@hotmail.com](mailto:lionperry@hotmail.com)

**CHARACTER COUNTS!SM Recognition Program**

This program, sponsored by the Bloomingdale CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition, recognizes people exhibiting outstanding character. The program is easy! All you have to do is complete a nomination form when you see a member of the Bloomingdale Community who lives, works, or attends school in Bloomingdale exhibiting outstanding character. Just check the pillar that applies and write a brief description of what you saw the individual doing. Return the form to School District 13, Westfield Middle School, Erickson School, DuJardin School, Winnebago School, Village Hall, the Johnston Recreation Center, Bloomingdale Township, or the Library. Public recognition will be awarded at the CHARACTER COUNTS! Annual Recognition Breakfast on May 9th. Forms must be submitted by April 24th. CHARACTER COUNTS!SM in Bloomingdale. To obtain a form see page 18 or call Sandy Johnson at 630-529-3650.

## Villagers Taking a Break from Fundraising, But Club's Other Activities Continue Full Speed Ahead

The Villagers of Bloomingdale's April 2nd meeting will feature Mayor Bob Iden giving an overview of the State of the Village. For an inside look at what's up in Bloomingdale, join the Villagers at 6:30 p.m. at the Bloomingdale Public Library, 101 Fairfield Way.

The Villagers Club of Bloomingdale will be taking the year of 2009 off from fundraising. The club's fashion show has been cancelled along with the summer Garden Walk and Fall Auction.

The Villagers social interest groups will continue through the year. If you are interested in joining one of these groups, they are:

**Golf or Bridge groups -**  
Call Anita at 640-080-4576

**Bunco, Dominos or Canasta -**  
Call Maureen at 630-351-3345

**Bowling group -**  
Call Joan at  
630-529-9774

The good news is the club earned enough from fundraisers to donate approximately \$8,500.00 to our local charities this year.

# EVENTS

## Lions Club Steak Fry Set for May 1

The Bloomingdale Lions Club will hold their 3rd Steak Fry (Sirloin Steak or BBQ Chicken) on May 1st from 5-8 p.m. at the Bloomingdale Golf Club, 181 N. Glen Ellyn Road. Proceeds from the fundraiser will go to community programs and vision tests and eyeglasses for needy Bloomingdale adults and children. For information about this event please contact Lion Jerry Bertrand at [Jerryb1202@aol.com](mailto:Jerryb1202@aol.com)

## Garden Club Plant Sale May 15 & 16

The Bloomingdale Garden Club will host its annual plant

sale at the Bloomingdale Village Hall, 201 S. Bloomingdale Road on May 15 & 16. In addition to flats (48 plants for \$14) and premium hanging baskets, Garden Club members will also have plenty of perennials from their own gardens available for sale.



## New Historical Presentation

On Monday, April 6, the Bloomingdale Historical Society will debut its new presentation on the history of Bloomingdale in Meeting Room A on the lower level at the Bloomingdale Library, 101 Fairfield Way beginning at 7 p.m. Different pictures, more information and stories than before. Feel free to bring some of your own photos to share following the 40-minute show.



## Bruce Mason Honored as Bloomingdale Officer of the Year

Congratulations to **Bruce Mason** who was named the 2008 Bloomingdale Officer of the Year. Each year the Police Department's supervisory staff recognizes the hard work and dedication of a particular officer. Deputy Chief **Frank Giammarese** and Chief **Tim Goergen** presented Bruce with this distinguished award.

## Donna Rozycki Selected to Participate in Lincoln Series

**Donna Rozycki** was recently selected to participate in the Illinois Lincoln Series Class of 2009, a training program for women who are believed to have the potential to shape the future of the Republican Party. A member of St. Isidore Catholic Church, the 20-year resident is a Committeeman for the Bloomingdale Township Republican Party and also serves as an Ambassador for the Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce.

## Women's Club Fashion Show April 26

Bloomingdale Women's Club is proud to present their 34th Fashion Show, "Springtime in Paris," on Sunday, April 26 at Alta Villa Banquets, Addison. Fashions from Carsons, Mona Lisa, Sassy's, Brides by Demetrious, York Furriers and Men's Warehouse will be featured. This year's charity is Little Friends, Inc. a private, non-profit organization serving children and adults with disabilities.

Many area merchants have provided donations toward the 20+ raffle 'packages that each have a combined worth of over \$200. Donations received include a California Pizza Kitchen Children's Tour and Pizza Party for 20, an overnight stay at Aldrich Guest House in Galena, and a fully-loaded, notebook lap top, a retail value of \$500. Proceeds from the raffle ticket sales plus luncheon tickets will be presented to Little Friends, Inc.

The afternoon begins at noon with cash bar cocktail hour and raffle packages viewing and bidding; luncheon served at 1:00 with the Fashion Show following with the raffle drawings between segments. Tickets are \$37.00 until April 9 then increase to \$40. To make reservations or for more information, contact Candie at 630-462-0540. The Bloomingdale Women's Club meets the second Thursday of the month at the Bloomingdale Fire Station next to the Village Hall at 7:00 p.m.



Alexis Arneri models a flower girl's dress from Brides by Demetrious at last year's Fashion Show.



# The Teeing Ground at Bloomingdale Golf Club!

## Bloomingtondale Golf Club 2009 Season

Welcome back to start of what we anticipate to be an enjoyable 2009 golf season! Over the past few seasons, we have shared with you many of the programs and events offered here at the golf course. Additionally, we have outlined our pricing structure for playing golf.

This season, we are going to keep things simple and direct you to our “Newly Designed”, Bloomingdale Golf Club website. The only thing that remains the same is the address, [www.bloomingtondalegc.com](http://www.bloomingtondalegc.com). Everything else within the website has changed, especially booking your tee times on-line. Here are some of the features you will encounter:

- On-line Tee Time Booking
- Golf Club information updated regularly
- Adult Clinic Registration Forms
- Lesson Pricing
- Tee Time Specials (only obtained when booking on-line)
- E-Club and Birthday Club Registration
- Junior Golf Class Registration Forms
- Banquet and Wedding packages

We ask you to take a look at our site and find out all the neat things we have done!

If there is one thing we don't want to miss pointing out it is our Loyalty Program. If you have not registered, you're missing out on an opportunity to earn free golf!! The cost to become a participant is ZERO DOLLARS. Visit the pro shop to fill out a basic registration card and receive your ID tag.

Finally, we will be holding our 4th Annual Swing into Spring Opening Scramble Event on Sunday, April 26th. Golf will begin at 9:00 a.m. (shotgun start) and the cost per player will be \$75.00. If possible, we ask that you sign-up as a foursome. More information and a registration form may be obtain in the golf pro shop or on-line.

We look forward to seeing you this season. Please give us a call at 630-529-6232 if you have any further questions.

Happy Golfing,  
The golf staff at Bloomingdale Golf Club



## Recognize Good Character

### CHARACTER COUNTS!<sup>SM</sup>

### Recognition Program Nomination Form

The program is easy! All you have to do is complete this form when you see a member of the Bloomingtondale Community who lives, works, or attends school in Bloomingtondale exhibiting outstanding character. Just check the pillar that applies and write a brief description of what you saw the individual doing. Return this form to School District 13, Westfield Middle School, Erickson School, DuJardin School, Winnebago School, Village Hall, the Johnston Recreation Center, Bloomingtondale Township, or the Library. Public recognition will be awarded at the CHARACTER COUNTS! Annual Recognition Breakfast on May 9th. Forms must be submitted by April 24th. CHARACTER COUNTS!<sup>SM</sup> in Bloomingtondale.

Trustworthiness       Respect       Responsibility  
 Fairness               Caring       Citizenship

Name & address of person being nominated: \_\_\_\_\_

Name, address & phone # of person submitting form \_\_\_\_\_

Description of nominee's display of character (Attach an additional sheet if necessary.)

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For additional information, please call Sandy at (630)529-3650 or email [sandy@bloomingtondaleparks.org](mailto:sandy@bloomingtondaleparks.org) or fax to (630) 529-9184.

The CHARACTER COUNTS!<sup>SM</sup> Recognition Program is a project of the Bloomingtondale CHARACTER COUNTS!<sup>SM</sup> Coalition.

The Character Counts Coalition is always part of the Septemberfest parade.





# Bloomington Fire Protection District #1



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## Some Sound Advice: Change Your Clock, Change Your Battery

Daylight Savings Time, which started March 8, is a great time to change the battery on a home smoke alarm. An estimated 890 lives could be saved each year if all homes had working



smoke alarms. The Bloomington Fire Protection District and the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) would like to remind you that smoke alarms that are properly installed and maintained play a vital role in reducing fire deaths and

injuries, and have contributed to an almost 50% decrease in fire deaths since the late 1970s.

### Facts & figures

- A 2004 telephone survey found that 96% of U.S. households had at least one smoke alarm, yet in 2000-2004, no smoke alarms were present or none operated in almost half (46%) of the reported home fires.
- 65% of reported home fire deaths in 2000-2004 resulted from fires in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms.

### Installation and maintenance tips

- Install smoke alarms on every level of your home, including the basement, making sure that there is an alarm outside every separate sleeping area. New homes are required to have a smoke alarm in every sleeping room and all smoke alarms must be interconnected.
- Hard-wired smoke alarms operate on your household electrical current. They can be interconnected so that



every alarm sounds regardless of the fire's location. This is an advantage in early warning, because it gives occupants extra time to escape if they are in one part of the home and a fire breaks out in another part. Alarms that are hard-wired should have battery backups in case of a power outage, and should be installed by a qualified electrician.



- If you sleep with bedroom doors closed, have a qualified electrician install interconnected smoke alarms in each room so that when one alarm sounds, they all sound.
- If you, or someone in your home is deaf or hard of hearing, consider installing an alarm that combines flashing lights, vibration and/or sound.
- Mount smoke alarms high on walls or ceilings (remember, smoke rises). Ceiling mounted alarms should be installed at least four inches away from the nearest wall; wall-mounted alarms should be installed four to 12 inches away from the ceiling.
- If you have ceilings that are pitched, install the alarm near the ceiling's highest point.
- Don't install smoke alarms near windows, doors, or ducts where drafts might interfere with their operation.
- Never paint smoke alarms. Paint, stickers, or other decorations could keep the alarms from working.

The Bloomington Fire Protection District is dedicated to your safety and well being. For more information about smoke alarms or other topics, please contact Lieutenant Richard Kurka at 630-894-9080.



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## 26th Annual Student Art Show

The 26th Annual Student Art Show at the Bloomingdale Park District Museum, 108 S. Bloomingdale Road, runs through April 25th. One of the museum's most popular exhibits, the show features the refreshing, exciting, bright artwork of students from 14 area schools. The exhibit is free and open to the public on Wed. 4-8pm; Th./Fri. 10-4pm; Sat. 12-4pm through April 25th.

