



Village of Bloomingdale Almanac

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From the Desk of Mayor Bob Iden

We are all aware of the significant financial issues facing all local and state governments. Earlier this year, I reported that the Village was able to develop a budget for our next Fiscal Year, which began on May 1, and that we had financial reserves to help us through this downturn. Since that time, the Village's main revenue sources which support our core services have been lower than we expected. For example, our major revenue source, Sales Tax, was 20% under budget in July, and Income Tax is running 23% under budget.

Since June, the Village Board has been conducting detailed reviews of our services and considering areas where costs can be reduced and revenues increased. For several years, the Board has been reviewing each vacancy as employees leave or retire, maintaining the number of employees at the lowest level while providing the services desired and expected. Residents and taxpayers alike are reminded that the portion of the property tax bill that goes to the Village for Police, Public Works, and other Village services is only about 2% of the bill. As we make further progress on this important matter, I will provide updates to the community.

With this in mind, I am very happy to introduce Bloomingdale E-News and Bloomingdale TV, two new vehicles to keep our residents informed.

The Bloomingdale E-News launched on June 24th, and includes a Residential E-Newsletter and a Business E-Newsletter. These E-Newsletters are e-mailed directly to your home and/or business computer with timely information on Bloomingdale events and news. To sign-up for Bloomingdale E-News go to the Village's Web Site @ www.villageofbloomingdale.org The E-News sign-up is in the lower right section of the home page.



Village of Bloomingdale
Residential E-NEWSLETTER

Bloomingdale TV is a collaborative effort between the Village, Library and Park District and will be launched in August on Comcast Cable – Channel 6, and AT&T PEG Channel 99. Bloomingdale TV will air timely information on community meetings, events, services; public safety announcements, Village, Park District and Library news; youth, senior, and recreational activities, environmental events/initiatives and more. Note: you can only access these channels if you are a subscriber to either Comcast or AT&T U-verse. I hope you find these additional methods of reaching out to our residents and businesses both interesting and helpful.



I'm also happy to tell you about four new businesses we anxiously anticipate in town. Dino's Café, a breakfast/lunch restaurant is going into the old Wag's building on Lake Street, just east of Dunkin' Donuts. The whole building is being gutted and renovated by a Bloomingdale resident. Dino's Café will be a wonderful addition to the Lake street corridor. We look forward to its opening.

Two more restaurants are currently being built on the site of the old Tower Records on Army Trail Road. The first of these is 5 Guys Burgers & Fries, a chain that is very popular on the east coast and is now opening stores in this area. Burgers and fries are all they have. The 5 Guys chain's claim to fame is that President Obama ate there and loved it, so it's all the rage.

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**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*

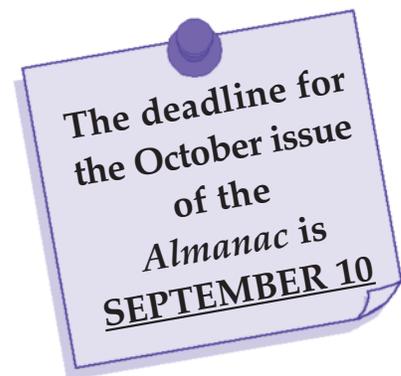
Jim King
Facilities and Golf Course

**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



Our Cop on Top



Dawn Odoi perched on the roof of our Lake Street Dunkin' Donuts in the name of Illinois Special Olympics this spring. A gracious and generous public contributed \$1,230 to the Special Olympic Fund during the six hours she spent on the roof.

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

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

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

Residents are encouraged to participate in Allied Waste Industries' yard waste/leaf collection program. Leaves and yard waste placed in yard waste bags or cans (with handles) will be picked up by Allied Waste on regular trash days through November 30th. Weight limit of each bag or can is 50 pounds. A yard waste sticker (\$2.35 each) must be affixed to each bag or can. Stickers can be purchased at:

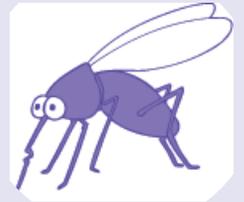
- Bloomingdale Village Hall, 201 S. Bloomingdale Road
- Bloomingdale Pharmacy, 156 S. Bloomingdale Road
- Butera Foods, 550 W. Lake Street, Roselle
- Caputo's Fresh Market, 166 E. Lake Street
- Len's Ace, 272 W. Lake Street
- Meijer Supermarket, 130 S. Gary Avenue
- Jewel Food Store, Bloomingdale & Army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

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



Fight the Bite: Mosquitoes Are More Than Annoying -- They Carry West Nile Virus

DuPage County Health Department found its first positive mosquito batch for 2009 in Lisle in mid-June. Last year the first positive batch found in DuPage County was May 23. The health department reminds people to take precautions, such as wearing insect repellent and getting rid of standing water around your house, to reduce the risk of becoming infected with West Nile virus.



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

Only about two people in 10 who are bitten by an infected mosquito will experience any illness. Illness from West Nile is usually mild and includes fever, headache and body aches, but serious illness, such as encephalitis and meningitis, and death are possible. Persons older than 50 years of age have the highest risk for severe disease.

Use common sense to reduce the number of mosquitoes around your house and to take personal precautions against mosquito bites. DuPage County residents with questions about West Nile virus may call the health department at 630-682-7400. Additional information about West Nile virus can be found at www.idph.state.il.us/envhealth/wnv.htm.

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Qdoba Mexican Grill is the second restaurant to locate on the Army Trail site. This is another chain which recently hit this region. Qdoba features fast casual southwestern fare. The eateries will share a common outside patio and are looking at a fall opening.

The fourth restaurant is Trattoria Sappori, which will be located at the corner of Franklin & Third Street in Old Town. The new eating establishment will consolidate three spaces – the former Bistro Maisonette, the old chamber office on Third Street, and a third adjacent space. This terrific addition to Old Town is the creation of two Bloomingdale business people who will own and operate the restaurant. Trattoria Sappori will offer upscale casual Italian food and provide seating for close to 100, as well as outdoor seating on the balcony.

Watch the business page in a future *Almanac* and upcoming issues of the Business e-newsletter for details when these restaurants open. In addition, look for more outdoor seating before the summer's end at the Starbucks and Baskin Robbins stores on Gary Avenue. The two will share a patio with seating for 30, the perfect place for a little coffee or ice cream under the stars.

We are very happy to see these developments in Bloomingdale and hope they might serve as a catalyst for more to come.

Mayor Bob Iden

Schools Are Open: Use Extra Caution Around The Kids



Another new school year has begun and it is an excellent time to review school safety with your children. "Common sense" rules can help promote safety at school and at play. Here are a few simple safety tips that can benefit children of all ages.

Walking to and from school:

- Choose a safe route for walking to and from school. Avoid walking by vacant lots, fields, or other areas where there aren't many people around.
- Use the buddy system. It is safer to walk in a group than by yourself.
- If you bike, skate or skateboard to school, wear a protective helmet on your head. Don't forget to lock up your bike, skates or skateboard at school.
- Cross the street at corners or crosswalks.
- Be careful when crossing the street; remember to stop and look in all directions.
- Never talk to strangers or accept gifts or rides from people you don't know. **If a stranger approaches you, RUN- YELL- TELL an adult or call 9-1-1.**
- Let your parents know if you need to stay late at school or if you plan to go to a friend's house instead of going straight home.
- If you see something that you think isn't right, tell a teacher or your parents right away.

On the bus:

- While waiting for a school bus, be sure that you are in a safe place away from the road.
- Be on time and only ride the bus assigned to you.
- When the bus approaches, stand at least three giant steps (six feet) away from the curb, and line up away from the street.
- Once the bus arrives, wait until the bus stops, the door opens, and the driver says it is okay before entering the bus. Enter in an orderly fashion. Be courteous to the driver and do what you are told at all times. Take your seat quickly and stay in your seat for the entire ride.
- Keep your arms and head inside the bus and never throw anything out of the windows. Help keep the bus clean by picking up trash and throwing it in a garbage can. Never write on or damage the bus seats.
- When you exit the bus, be very careful if you have to cross the street in traffic. Do not depend on traffic to stop because sometimes drivers don't pay attention to the actions surrounding a school bus. Always cross the street in front of the bus, and look both ways for cars before you cross the street.



At school:

- Stay away from strangers who hang around the playgrounds or bus stops. **A stranger is anyone that you do not know very well.** Do not accept anything from a stranger and tell an adult immediately if a stranger is bothering you or other children.
- If you see something that makes you uneasy or you think isn't right—a stranger hanging around school, a bully bothering other youths, vandalism or graffiti—tell a teacher or your parents right away.
- Learn to settle arguments with words, not fists. Walk away from an argument instead of fighting. Never bring weapons of any kind to school and tell a teacher immediately if someone else has a weapon.



With schools back in session, we want to remind everyone to be careful when traveling through these areas during school hours. Kids are not only active before and after school, but also during recess and physical education classes. Students acting as crossing guards are responsible for the safety of others in school zones and residential areas. **The school zone speed limit is twenty (20) miles per hour.** Please keep this in mind when traveling near school and take extra precaution for the sake of the children.



Thank you
and have
a safe
school
year!!!

WELCOME
 Bloomingdale is a
CRIME WATCH
 community



We immediately report
 all suspicious activities
 to our Police Department

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

Sincerely,

Tim Goergen,
 Chief of Police

Dawn Odoi,
 Community Relations
 Officer

529-9868

Following the Law

In response to the questions and concerns of the residents, the Bloomingdale Police Department provides the following information relating to the Illinois State Rifle Act and the Bloomingdale local ordinance regulating and limiting the Use of Weapons.

Under the **Illinois Criminal Code Air Rifle Act**, an “air rifle” includes any air gun, air pistol, spring gun, B-B gun, paint ball gun, pellet gun, or any implement that is not a firearm, which impels a breakable paint ball containing washable marking colors or a pellet constructed of hard plastic, steel, lead, or other hard materials with a force that is reasonably expected to cause bodily harm.

It is unlawful for any person under the age of 13 to carry an air rifle on public streets, roads, highways or public lands, unless the rifle is unloaded.

It is also unlawful for anyone to discharge any air rifle anywhere except on a safely constructed target range that has been designed as such.

An air rifle should be kept within the house of residence or other private enclosure and it should not allow any projectile to pass over any grounds or space outside the limits of such grounds or residence.

Bloomingdale Local Ordinance 75-49 regulating and limiting the use of weapons relating to air guns states the following in summary.

No person shall have in his possession, except within his own domicile, or carry or use, a revolver or pistol of any description, shotgun or rifle, or any air gun, b-b gun, gas operated or spring gun, including paint ball guns, or any instrument, toy or weapon, slingshot or “beany”, or bow made for the purpose of throwing or projecting missiles of any kind by any means whatsoever, whether such instrument is called by any name set forth above or by any other name.

The only other place that above listed items may be possessed, carried or used would be in licensed shooting galleries or in private ground or premises under circumstances when such instrument can be fired, discharged or operated in such manner as not to endanger persons or property; and that the carrying and transportation of such items should be not concealed, unloaded and properly cased, to and from any range or gallery.

Every person convicted of a violation of this Ordinance shall forfeit to the Village such dangerous or deadly weapon so concealed or displayed. In addition, any person violating any provisions of this Ordinance shall be fined not less than twenty five dollars (\$25.00) or more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for each offense.

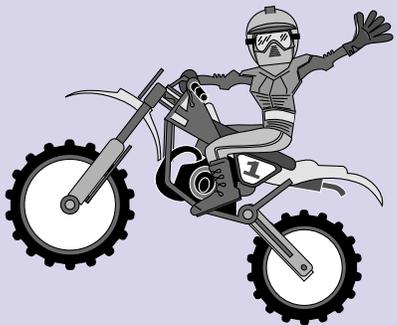
Attention Parents:

Please be aware that paint ball guns, b-b guns, and other similar toys may resemble real weapons and it may be difficult for the public and law enforcement personnel to make this determination from a distance. The public and law enforcement personnel will appropriately respond to ensure the safety of the community. Also, please note that financial responsibility for such violations committed by juveniles is ultimately the responsibilities of the parents of such children.

**Attention Parents:
 Here’s What You
 Need to
 Know About
 Motorized Scooters**

Since June 2002, there has been a Bloomingdale Village Ordinance that prohibits the usage of motorized skateboard, a snow vehicle, motorized scooters, motorized go-peds, go-cart, mini-bike or any similar engine powered (gas or electric powered) vehicle or device upon any public or private street, highway, parking lot, sidewalk, school ground, or bike path or any other public property within the Village of Bloomingdale.

The exception is for those individuals who are authorized to use motorized wheelchairs. A violation of this Ordinance may be given a fine in an amount not to exceed \$1,000.00. The parent or legal guardian of any person under the age of sixteen (16) years who violates the Ordinance shall be liable for any and all damages resulting from the operation of the vehicle and for any fine assessed.



BE KIND TO YOUR TREES & SHRUBS:

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

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

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

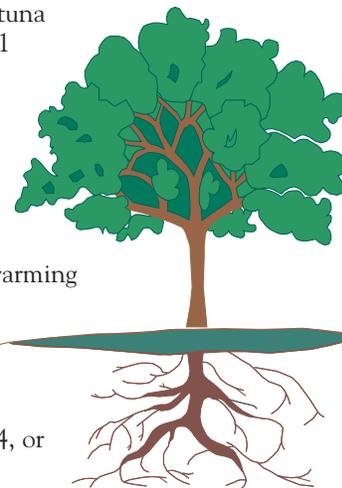


Feeder roots aren't large. Most are finer than a strand of hair. They are easily severed when digging or can dry out during droughts. Yet, they are easily replaced during the winter.

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

Here are additional watering tips from The Morton Arboretum:

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



For more information, call The Morton Arboretum's Plant Clinic at 630-719-2424, or visit the University of Illinois Extension web site at

<http://www.urbanext.uiuc.edu/news/news.cfm?NewsID=6983>



THE BLOOMINGDALE BUSINESS BEAT

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

Remember - BUY IN BLOOMINGDALE.

BUSINESSES NEWS



DANCE STUDIO EXPANDS SPACE AND CLASSES:

Mohler Dance Academy in Old Town Bloomingdale is doubling its studio space and adding new classes and new faculty for Fall. The academy is expanding into the adjacent space formerly occupied by the Old Town Wedding Chapel, and its entrance will now face 3rd Street.

"I love the atmosphere of Old Town," owner and director **Tressa Mohler** says. With the additional space, the school will add hip hop, children's ballroom, and parent-toddler classes to its schedule of ballet, tap, jazz, modern, and tiny tots. Parents will also be able to attend fitness classes during their child's dance classes. New faculty members are all adult instructors, educated in their field of specialty.

The non-competitive, technique-based school focuses on fundamentals, Mohler says. "We teach the art form of dance." Students also learn grace, poise, discipline, etiquette and self esteem.

Mohler Dance Academy is located at 106 S. 3rd Street, near the intersection of Lake Street and Bloomingdale Road. For more information, visit www.MohlerDance.com or call 630- 893-1444.

MY LIFE SAVER CPR:

Use of Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) is known to save lives. If you've always wanted to learn CPR and other life-saving techniques, **My Life Saver CPR** offers on-site, customized classes for your business, group or even your neighborhood.

"It's important for everyone to know CPR," says company owner and lead instructor **Jeff Skelley**, a Bloomingdale firefighter and paramedic. "You never know when you might need it." The company, which is a Bloomingdale Chamber member, offers CPR training quarterly at the Bloomingdale Public Library and on-site training in CPR, first aid, and the use of automated external defibrillators (AEDs) for businesses and organizations throughout Chicago and suburbs. "We come directly to our customers," Skelley says. "And we customize our classes for the needs of each group."



My Life Saver CPR even offers CPR Home Parties. "Call your friends and neighbors, and set a convenient time and date, and we'll do the rest. We work seven days a week." Skelley especially encourages new parents, babysitters and caregivers to learn first aid and CPR. "It's very easy to learn and we try to have fun in our classes." All instructors are full time paramedics. For more information, visit www.mylifesavercpr.com or call (847) 754-7403.

TICKLED PINK: **Gail Loss**, co-owner of **Pink Hair Studio**, and her husband **Edward** are "tickled pink" that their daughter, **Natalie Nicole Loss**, was named Miss Italia in the Columbus Day Queen pageant last month. The 21-year old, who is 75 percent Italian, just graduated from DePaul University and will be going on to law school.



As Miss Italia she will be featured in various media, serve as a representative of Italian American women, make many public appearances throughout the year, and reign over the 2009 Columbus Day parade. Gail Loss and her partner **Chris Laskowski** have owned Pink Hair Studio at 115 E. Lake Street for three years.

St. Isidore's Trifesta Celebration: Three Days of Fun

St. Isidore Catholic Church's annual Trifesta takes place August 21-23, featuring golf, a 5k run/walk and festival.

On Friday, August 21, join fellow golfers at Hilton Indian Lakes Resort, 250 W. Schick, for the fifth annual Trifesta golf outing sponsored by Cassidy Tire. Tee times begin at 11:40; fee is \$85 per golfer and includes golf, cart, dinner and prizes. The theme is "Mad Hatter," so wear a crazy, unusual or colorful hat and win fantastic prizes.

A helicopter drop "closest" to the pin will be held after play. Golfers vying for longest drive, longest putt and "Beat the Pro" will compete to win great prizes at the 19th hole pizza & pasta party immediately following golf. Raffle prizes and a silent auction are also featured at the party. "Dinner only" guests are welcomed for \$30. Register online at www.stisidoreparish.org and receive a free one-year subscription to Golf Digest.

On Saturday, August 22, the 5th Annual 5k Race to Grace takes place. Pre-race registration fee is \$22. Registration on the 22nd is \$25 and begins at 6 a.m. near the St. Isidore Ministry Center. The race begins at 7:30 a.m. with runners/walkers going around the Stratford Square Mall's circular drive twice totaling 3.1 miles. The race is a USATF certified course, and has champion-chip timing.

An award ceremony follows the race. New this year is a "health & fitness fair," raffle, and a "kiddie" walk/run (\$5) for ages 5-8 and 9-12, sponsored by the Red Robin Restaurant at Stratford Square Mall.

The big finale of Trifesta takes place on Sunday, August 23 with an outdoor Mass starting at 1 p.m. From 2 to 10 p.m., enjoy an ethnic food court prepared by the Filipino and Hispanic communities providing food and drinks costing \$2 or less per item. The fest also offers hamburgers, hotdogs, corn on the cob, frozen Margaritas, Sangria, beer, wine, pop/water, pizza and dessert. There will also be a dessert contest in the Ministry Center with plates for sale following the contest.

Live entertainment fills the main stage during the day and night from the Grand Avenue Big Band, Mariachi San Miguel, Whiskey and a Gun, to the closing with favorite Eleventh Hour. The Ministry Center stage will feature Couples for Christ and Hispanic Folkloric Dance. Bingo will be sponsored by Old Town Bank with games from 2 to 8 p.m.

For the kids, there will be a special KidZone amusement area with rides, such as the Berry Ride, Clowning Around and the Bounce House from Nagurski Rides Company. Maria the clown returns bringing her face painting, tattooing and balloon sculpting skills. Home Depot is again sponsoring a tent where they will set up a "Kids Workshop" with free fun activities to teach children do-it-yourself skills and tool safety while they build bird houses, toolboxes, fire trucks and other wooden items.

Games to test your skills include: St. Isidore corn hole (bean bag game), an organic lollipop garden, Fr. Jerry's football follies, fishing for ministries, deacon dash "a race to the promised land," knock'em out, target toss and bucket games. Entrance to the festival is free. A raffle sponsored by Salerno Rosedale Chapels will provide \$500 each to six lucky winners.

St. Isidore is located at 427 W. Army Trail Rd. in Bloomingdale at the intersection with Gary Ave. For more information, call the parish office at 630-529-3045. This year all proceeds will benefit the St. Isidore We Care Fund and Feeding Northwest DuPage Food Pantries.



Photos courtesy of Hank Steermann of Just Picture This.

Septemberfest 2009 --37 Years of Celebrating with Family and Friends!

By M.J. Frumkin

Bloomington prides itself on being a community where you can experience a small-town atmosphere in booming DuPage County. With that in mind, we present the 37th annual Septemberfest celebration, a day of fun and entertainment planned for you, your family and friends. Come join us on Saturday, September 12, 2009 in Bloomington Old Town (Lake and Third Streets).

Festivities will commence with the Septemberfest Parade, leading off at 11:00 a.m. from DuJardin School on Euclid. The parade then heads north on Euclid to Schick Road, and marches west on Schick Road into Old Town. There will be colorful floats, the Royal Airs Band, Chicago Highlanders Bag Pipers, Fresh 105.9 WCFS-FM, Benny the Bull, Jack-FM 104.3 and more. Your participation in the parade is welcome. For information, contact Gloria Tomaras at 630-878-4407 by August 17, 2009.

When the parade concludes in Old Town, join the fun activities and entertainment, with opening ceremonies at 12 noon. Enter the Pie Eating Contest at 12:30 p.m. The second annual Kids Transportation Contest will be held for anyone 15 years old and under. Bring your decorated bike, scooter, wagon or skateboard and compete for prizes. All entries receive a commemorative ribbon. Call Marilyn Zaccardi at 630-893-0956 for further details.

Entertainment includes Center Stage Dance Studios, Mohler Dance Academy, Dance Explosion, and Bloomington Park District Gymnastics Team. Live musical bands performing on stage: "Karen Hart Band" from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and "World Class Noise" from 7:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. There will be a variety of vendors offering a large selection of yummy treats and refreshing drinks to please the taste buds. Septemberfest also features creative arts and crafts for sale. Food and craft booth spaces are still available; call Vivi Frumkin at 630-894-6637 for information. Application deadline is August 24, 2009.

The 7th annual Motorcycle Show is scheduled from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. If you are interested in showing your motorcycle, please call Mark at 630-415-5385 for further details. The People's Choice Award benefits motorcycle safety and education. Also, the Classic Car Show runs from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. There is no entrance fee! Trophies are awarded for best vehicles and all entries receive a commemorative plaque. If you have a unique car or truck that you would like to display, contact Marilyn Zaccardi at 630-893-0956 by August 24, 2009.

The Septemberfest/Joe Draghi Memorial Scholarship Contest winners will be announced at 6:00 p.m. This scholarship fund has given thousands of dollars to young adults in our community. Thanks to all who have given so far. If you would like to help, please consider becoming a "Friend of Septemberfest." Your name will be listed on signs posted throughout the fest as a donor and your charitable contribution will help young men and women toward a better future. A form to donate is located to the right.

Be sure to designate Saturday the 12th of September on your calendar and make plans to be a part of Septemberfest 2009. It promises to be a most enjoyable time for family and friends. For further information, call the Septemberfest Hotline at 630-671-5680, or click on <http://www.villageofbloomington.org/stay-play/annual-local-events/septemberfest>.

Support the 37th Anniversary Celebration

Be a Friend of Septemberfest!

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

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

Name (as you wish it to be listed)

Address _____

Daytime phone _____

Evening phone _____

I am enclosing a check for
 \$20 \$50 other

Mail your check or money order made payable to Septemberfest 2009 to: Friends of Septemberfest, c/o Village of Bloomington, 201 S. Bloomington Road, Bloomington, IL 60108.



EVENTS

COMMUNITY

St. Paul's Vacation Bible School August 3-7

St. Paul Evangelical United Church of Christ offers a free vacation Bible School open to youngsters ages K-6th grade. "Son Rock Kids Camp" runs from 9:30 a.m. to noon on August 3-7. The church is located at 118 1st Street. Go to www.stpaulbloomingdale.org or call 630-980-9196 for more information.

Activities planned include a scavenger hunt, decorating backpacks and painting birdhouses. Campers will learn through crafts, music, games, snacks and Bible stories. The week will end with a family picnic at noon on Friday, Aug 7. Each family who attends will receive a Son Rock CD.

Go Green! First Annual Hybrid Car Show on August 8

Go Green with the Bloomingdale Lions Club and the Bloomingdale Park District as they present the 1st Hybrid Car Show and Recycle project on Saturday, August 8 from 10:00 am-2:00pm at DuJardin Elementary School, 166 S. Euclid Avenue. The cars on display will include new hybrids from Joe Cotton Ford in Carol Stream as well as currently owned hybrids from local residents. This will include a Toyota and Lexus hybrid.

In addition, a recycling event will include the collection of used eyeglasses and hearing aids by the Bloomingdale Lions Club, old American flags by the Bloomingdale VFW, as well as scrap metal, old gym shoes and old/used cell phones. For more information, contact Perry Knutson at lionperry@hotmail.com or call 630-894-7394.

Bloomingdale Chamber Hosting Annual Golf Classic on August 19

Join the Chamber for its Annual Golf Classic to be held this year at the Bloomingdale Golf Club on Wednesday, August 19. The day includes lunch, shotgun start at 12:00 PM, a complimentary massage and a dinner of BBQ ribs, chicken and roast pig. This is a great place to network outside of the ordinary business environment. Last year's event was attended by over 125 golfers from various area businesses.

Bring your own foursome, or the chamber can put one together for you. The cost is \$135 per golfer or \$500 per foursome. If you prefer not to golf, you can join them just for Dinner for \$50.

Sponsorship opportunities are still available and are a great way to get your business name prominently displayed to everyone at the golf course that day. For more information or to register for the outing, call the Bloomingdale Chamber office at 630-980-9082 or visit www.bloomingdalechamber.com

BWC Hosting 'Get to Know You' Social on September 10

The Bloomingdale Women's Club (BWC) will host a "Get to Know You" social at their September 10 meeting. BWC holds their meetings at the Bloomingdale Fire Station, 179 S. Bloomingdale Road, on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. Every meeting has a special program with interesting topics such as "Dressing for Your Body Shape" and "Know Your Chocolates." The BWC will be presenting its 35th annual Fashion Show in April 2010. All Bloomingdale and surrounding area woman are welcome to attend and are invited to stop by the club's booth at Septemberfest. For questions and more information, contact Maureen at 630-539-1674.

Bloomingdale Garden Club Announces Fall Programs

On September 16 Glenn Grosch, horticulturist with the Chicago Botanic Garden, presents "Growing Small Fruits." Small fruits are easy to grow and can fit into almost any landscape. Glenn shares his expertise in growing strawberries, blueberries, raspberries, currants and grapes in the home garden.

The October 21 meeting will feature Mari Mackenbach, who has 28 years of gardening experience, and has an Ornamental Horticulture degree from the College of DuPage. Flower arranging is her passion. Mari presents "Arranging with Everlastings," using dried flowers and roadside treasures. She will demonstrate how to create a fresh flower wreath that can be dried and will last for years.

Programs are held at 6:30 pm at Bloomingdale Fire Station #1, 179 S. Bloomingdale Road.

For more information, contact Roberta Pulido, 630-295-8315, fortpulido@comcast.net.



Garden Club held its flower sale in May.

EVENTS

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Bloomingtondale Vintage Baseball News



A Civil War Era baseball game will be played in Bloomingtondale at DuJardin Elementary School, 162 Euclid Avenue on September 19, hosted by the Bloomingtondale Historical Society & the Bloomingtondale Park District. A Bloomingtondale

team will play the Lockport Sleepers and the Downers Grove Plowboys, both vintage baseball teams. The rules of 1858 base ball will be played -- no gloves, no stealing bases, no wagering, no spitting or cursing!

The team is open to anyone 17 and over and everyone who signs up will play! Call Bob Kurek at 630-894-0045 for more information. The September 19th games will begin at noon. Pack a picnic lunch, bring a chair or blanket and come watch some baseball!

There will be three seven-inning games played. This should be a fun afternoon, come for a game, inning or the whole afternoon! Civil War era songs by The Battlefield Balladeers. Watch for future announcements.

4th Annual Walk-a-Dog-a-Thon Set For September 20



The Bloomingtondale Lions Club, Bloomingtondale Westfield Middle School Leo Club, Erickson School Cub Scout Pack #457 and Bloomingtondale VFW Post 7539 join together to present the 4th annual Walk-A-Dog-A-Thon on Sunday, September 20 at 2 p.m. The event takes place at Springfield Park Nature Trail, 269 Springfield Drive (Springfield Drive south of Lake Street).

Registered dogs and walkers can win a prize for tallest dog, oldest dog walker, youngest dog, etc. Prizes also awarded to the three "Top Dogs" who raise the most money. Registration is \$15 in advance; \$20 on the day of the event.

For a registration envelope, contact bloomingtondalelion@netscape.net, call 630-894-7394 or visit www.bloomingtondalewalkadogathon.org. One hundred percent of the proceeds will be donated to Canine Companions for Independence, a non-profit organization that raises and trains dogs for the physically disabled.

50 Men Who Cook



Grab your aprons and spatulas, mark your calendar for September 26 and find your favorite recipe. "50 Men Who Cook" is coming. On Saturday, September 26 from 6 – 8 pm at the Hilton Indian Lakes Resort, 50 local men will demonstrate their cooking prowess. This 1st annual community event is hosted by the Bloomingtondale Chamber of Commerce and will benefit wellness programs in local schools. Your dinner check will be \$25 for the opportunity to taste the best our local cooks have to offer.

This fun-filled evening will feature live entertainment by local musicians, raffle prizes, votes for your favorite dishes and, best of all, great food. The "50 Men Who Cook" honorary co-chairs are State Representative Franco Coladipietro and Mayor Bob Iden. Check www.bloomingtondalechamber.com for information about sponsorship opportunities, signing up as a cook and/or purchasing tickets. You can also call the Chamber office for more information at 630-980-9082.

Gentlemen, start your grills!

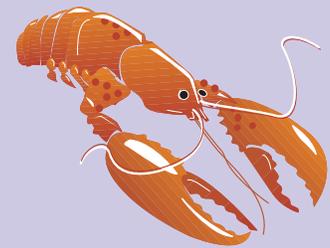
Lobsterfest Set for September 26

The Church of the Incarnation Church offers LOBSTERFEST on Saturday, September 26th. You can order 1 ¼ pound fresh New England Lobsters, either live or cooked. The lobsters may be frozen for future enjoyment! They will be flown in the morning of September 26. Price is \$17 uncooked and \$19 for cooked.

New this year, a special Lobsterfest package will be offered for \$2 which will include a lobster bib and a claw cracker. The proceeds of this fundraiser will be used for continued Community Outreach.

Order forms are available on the church's website www.churchofincarnation.org and at Incarnation's booth at Septemberfest. Forms will also be available on Sunday mornings at the 9 a.m. service, and from the Church Office, 261 N. Army Trail Road, which is open Tues. Wed. & Thurs. from 9-1.

For more information check the website or call the church office at 630-351-3249.



Bloomingtondale CHARACTER COUNTS! Honors Outstanding Residents

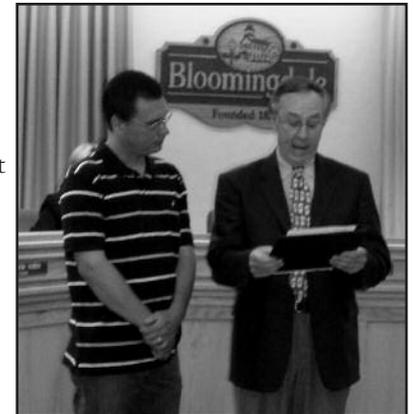
The Bloomingtondale CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition has recently honored local people with Pillar Awards for actions displaying outstanding character.

Gary Harding from Andy's Lawn Maintenance and Tom Seilor of Seiler Remodeling were recognized for their quick thinking and heroic efforts in saving the life of a pet belonging to a Bloomingtondale Horizon resident. Janet Jacob was walking her dog by the Lake Street entrance when a Rottweiler came out of nowhere and pounced on her 18 lb. dog. The Rottweiler had no collar or leash and the resident was afraid to try to pull him off her dog by herself. As she started to scream for help, Harding and Seilor were suddenly there. One grabbed the Rottweiler off her dog and held it until the owner came. They called police and provided a description of the owner and the dog. Janet said the outcome could have been so much worse and she is so very grateful to both Gary and Tom for their bravery.



Harding, Seilor, Jacob holding Ronan and Christine Smith of Old Town Bank & member of the Bloomingtondale CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition.

Tim Grant, member of the Bloomingtondale Forestry Division, was also honored by the Bloomingtondale CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition. While working, Tim observed a small boy wandering wearing no shoes or coat and unaccompanied by an adult. He consoled the anxious boy, contacted the police department and accompanied him to the Police Station. He also went with to return the boy to the arms of his grateful parents. The CHARACTER COUNTS Coalition said Tim's act uniquely represented the Caring Pillar of Character. Mayor Iden presented Tim with the Pillar Award for Caring on behalf of the Coalition at a Village Board Meeting. We're all proud of you, Tim!



A third Pillar award was presented to Arsalan Bin-Kamran by the Coalition and the Bloomingtondale Fire Protection District. Read more about it on p. 17.

Bloomingtondale Women's Club Awards Scholarships

The Bloomingtondale Women's Club is pleased to announce their 2009 \$1,000 Scholarship winner is 5.0 G.P.A. **Lake Park High School graduate Kelsey Coleman**. Daughter of Susan Coleman of Bloomingtondale, Kelsey will be attending St. Louis University and plans to have a career that assists and benefits those with special needs. Besides excelling in advanced academics and athletic abilities, Kelsey volunteered much of her time with WDSRA (Western DuPage Special Recreation Assoc.), NEDSRA (Northeastern DuPage Special Recreation Assoc.) and NDSEC (North DuPage Special Education Cooperative).

Carson's Stratford Square Community Day Will Raise Funds for Non-Profits, Schools

Carson's Stratford Square will host their fall Community Day on Saturday, November 14th, 2009 from 6 am to 10 pm. The Care to Share Community Day is a fundraising event for all non-profit organizations. Organizations sell booklets for \$5.00 each and 100% of the price is retained by the organizations. Each book contains special savings coupons valid on the Community Day One Day Sale on Saturday, November 14th. Join local groups like the Bloomingtondale Women's Club, Yellow River Performing Arts Group, Westfield Middle School and My Day Foundation Inc. Interested organizations can go to Carson's website at www.communitydayevent.com for information or contact the store at 630-351-8980 x4005.

Illinois Xplosion Win State Title

The Illinois Xplosion 16U girls Fastpitch Softball team is the United States Specialty Sports Association (USSSA) Illinois State Champions. The Illinois Xplosion represented Roselle, Medinah and Bloomingdale at the state tournament this past weekend (July 11-12) in Rockford, IL with their win over 27 teams from the state.

The Illinois Xplosion allowed only 7 runs in 6 games through the shut down pitching of Hannah Hoffmann and Laura Behnke which was caught by catchers Jenna Gorniack and Alissa Schweizer. The team received key RBI hits over the weekend from Nikki Bloch and Diane Denson. The defense was also aided by outstanding infield work from Stephanie Aronson, Hanah Wilson, Sammi Vega and Bianca Catalano. Spirit from the bench came from injured player Courtney Raschk. Not pictured are players Lisa Baumgart and Chelsea Henshaw.



The Illinois Xplosion are coached by former Lake Park High School Varsity Softball Coach Cray Allen and DePaul University softball standout and Lake Park Alum. Lynsey Ciezki. They are assisted by parent coaches Matt Bloch and Mike Aronson and managed by Dave Behnke and John Wilson.

The Illinois Xplosion went on to represent the state crown in the USSSA national tournament in Columbus, Indiana after press time.

'Layers III' at Park District Museum Features 18 Artists

A new exhibit is on view at the Bloomingdale Park District Museum 108 S. Bloomingdale Road until August 22, 2009. The Midwest Collage Society is featuring "Layers III", an exciting show representing a group of approximately 18 artists. Many nuances and thought went into the exhibit and the "Exquisite Corpse(s)" are whimsical and funky!

The show is open to the public on Wednesday, 4-8 p.m.; Thursday and Friday 10-4 p.m. and Saturday noon to 4 p.m. Please call the curators at 630-539-3096 for further information. Admission: \$1/res.-\$2/non-res./\$.50 seniors.

Check Out the Check!



Pace presented the Village of Bloomingdale with a "big check" representing Pace's increase in funding toward the Village of Bloomingdale's Dial-a-Ride Program.

Thanks, Family Fest Sponsors!

The Village of Bloomingdale and the Family Fest Committee would like to thank the following sponsors and Event Fund Contributors for supporting the 2009 Family Fest:

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Village Bids Farewell to 31 Year Police Veteran Len Jaster



Len and his wife, Julie, share a laugh at his retirement party with fellow employees.

Bloomingdale bid farewell to another of its finest as Len Jaster, nearly 31-year veteran, retired last month. He came to the department in November 1978 at the tender age of 22, along with four other young men. This was the largest group of officers the Village ever hired at one time, as we prepared for the huge growth spurt that the 1980's brought. A graduate of the University of Illinois, Champaign, with a degree in criminal justice, Len was made corporal in the mid-80's, then promoted to sergeant in 1988 and was made watch commander in 2006. His thoroughness, attention to detail and dedication to the job made him an invaluable part of our police force.

Len has enjoyed being an integral part of this community and he and his wife, Julie, also live in town. Although they plan to continue traveling in Len's retirement, he also would like to give back to the community by serving on a committee or as a Village Trustee. We wish Len all the best and look forward to seeing him around town.

An Open Letter of Thanks

Family Fest was held on June 25, 26, 27 and 28. The event was a great success, and this was due to the planning, cooperation, and hard work of a number of individuals who deserve special recognition for their almost year around work on planning this event. We would like to thank the following individuals who served on this year's Family Fest Committee:

Milton Clark
Julie Deeke
Guy Sanalidro
Dennis Szafran
Sandy Raucci, Recording Secretary
John Dabrowski, Village Board Liaison
Sgt. Tim Roberts, Police Department Liaison
Sgt. Duane Kroll, Police Department Liaison
Ed Lewen, Public Works Liaison
Jim Monkemeyer, Public Works Liaison
Ed Reidy, Park District Liaison
Deputy Chief Michael McNamara, Fire Department Liaison
Barb Weber, Village Liaison



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

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

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

Kandy Jones, Rachel Rosenbloom, Paul Gendusa, Rita & Tony Scorzo, Sam D'Amico, Linda Szrmiak, Gloria Elder, Kiran Shah, Joanna Seebeck, Bob Przyborowski, Kiran Shah, Jerry Gaetano, Keri Winkowski, Kaushik Shah, Divya Shah, Bonni Rothbaum, and Pam King.

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

- The Board and staff of the Bloomingdale Park District for the use of the land and sponsoring tumbling activities at the event.
- Village of Bloomingdale and the Bloomingdale Park District for the spectacular fireworks display.
- Village officials for their support.
- Staff of the Village Hall.
- The Board and staff of the Bloomingdale Public Library for their cooperation and assistance.
- Antonio Kapsouris and the staff of LaCampana Restaurant, as the Fest beer garden vendor.
- Bloomingdale VFW Post #7539 for their Color Guard presentation.
- All food vendors, business tent vendors and sponsors.

In closing, we hope everyone who attended Family Fest had a great time. We're looking forward to seeing each and every one of you at Family Fest 2010!

Tim Jarzemyk
Family Fest Co-Chair

Kandice Krettler
Family Fest Co-Chair



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Natural Disasters Can Cause Home Fires

A wide range of natural disasters occurs within the United States every year. Natural disasters can have a devastating effect on you and your home. The Bloomington Fire Protection District and the Federal Emergency Management Agency's U.S. Fire Administration encourage you to use the following safety tips to help protect yourself, your family and your home from the potential threat of fire during or after a summer storm. You can greatly reduce your chances of becoming a fire casualty by being able to identify potential hazards and following the outlined safety tips.

- Lightning associated with thunderstorms generates a variety of fire hazards. The power of lightning's electrical charge and intense heat can electrocute on contact, splitting trees and causing fires.
- Pools of water and even appliances can be electrically charged.
- Appliances that have been exposed to water can short and become a fire hazard.
- If your home has sustained flood or water damage, and you can safely get to the main breaker or fuse box, turn off the power.

- Assume all wires on the ground are electrically charged. This includes cable TV feeds.
- Remove standing water, wet carpets and furnishings. Air dry your home with good ventilation before restoring power.
- Have a licensed electrician check your home for damage.
- Smell and listen for leaky gas connections. If you believe there is a gas leak, immediately leave the house and leave the door(s) open.
- Never strike a match. Any size flame can spark an explosion.
- Before turning the gas back on, have the gas system checked by a professional.



For more information about severe weather safety or other safety information, contact Lieutenant Richard Kurka at 630-894-9080.

Arsalan Bin-Kamran Honored for Alerting Residents to Fire

At approximately 5:15 pm on April 27, 2009, Arsalan Bin-Kamran was walking along South Brandon Drive in Glendale Heights when he noticed a fire in the garage at 1953 South Brandon Drive. According to police, Arsalan knocked on the door to alert residents then he called 911 for assistance.

Because of Arsalan's swift actions, damage to the home was contained mostly to the garage and the exterior of the home. Without his help, the house would have sustained considerable damage were the fire to go undetected or unreported for much longer.

On June 4, 2009, Arsalan Bin-Kamran was awarded a Citizen Citation by the Bloomington Fire Protection District and the Pillar Award for Citizenship from the Bloomington Character Counts! Coalition. Our congratulations and gratitude go out to Arsalan.



See you at Septemberfest!



Outback Steakhouse & Chris Clark Of Farmer's Insurance Sponsor March of Dimes Luncheon

In June, Sal Diaz of Bloomingdale's Outback Steakhouse and Chris Clarke of Farmer's Insurance hosted the third annual North Area Managers Association March of Dimes luncheon. Diaz and his employees served up 60 terrific meals to a hungry crowd. Nancy Coutu of Money Managers Ltd. added a very generous donation of \$1250 to the proceeds. Farmer's Insurance then matched the total monies raised which brought the grand total to \$5400 for the March of Dimes.

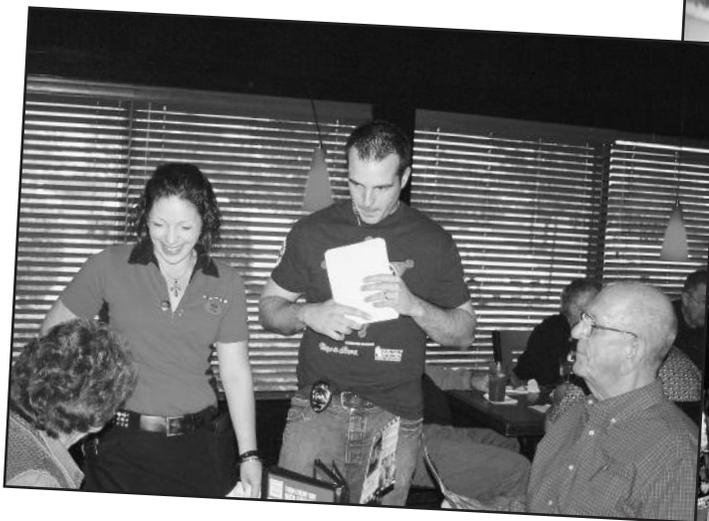
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Tip a cop

Police Departments across the country are loyal supporters of Special Olympics. Fundraising for this program goes on at various times of the year. Earlier this year, the Bloomingdale TGI Friday hosted "Tip a Cop" and members of the Bloomingdale force waited on customers to earn tips for Special Olympics. In four hours, the Bloomingdale crew earned \$1650 for the very special cause. Thanks, TGI Friday for continuing to host this event!



Fall Branch Collection Begins October 19

Fall branch collection for single family detached residences is the week of October 19. Watch the October issue for branch collection guidelines.

What's Cooking?

Don't forget to send your favorite recipes to the Bloomingdale Public Library, 101 Fairfield Way, Bloomingdale, IL 60108 or email to dmcl32@sbcglobal.net. The Bloomingdale Historical Society wants to include your culinary talents in their second cookbook. Be a part of the Tastes of Bloomingdale! What are you waiting for? The club plans to have the book on sale at Septemberfest.

