



# Village of Bloomingdale Almanac

DECEMBER 2009

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## From the Desk of Mayor Bob Iden

We live in a world that expects communication to be swift and easily accessible. We fax, we text, we instant message. While the Almanac serves the Village well in terms of getting out information that is helpful and interesting to the residents and businesses, it is only published every other month. That leaves a lot of time in between issues for information on events, activities, important notices, etc. to come up.

Earlier this year, the Village launched an electronic-newsletter, which comes out every Friday. The weekly bulletin contains important notices, as well as timely reminders about village services, events in town and special activities. In various recent issues, the e-news reminded readers of the free branch pick-up dates, cautioned them about the traffic snarls as Bloomingdale Road was being repaved, and posted a notice that the electronic recycling at Bloomingdale Township was being discontinued. The e-news also lists happenings in town, from club activities and fundraisers to special events at the Library, Parks, Stratford Mall and elsewhere in town.

The e-news is short and to the point, typically running one page. In order to subscribe to this free service, go to [www.villageofbloomingdale.org](http://www.villageofbloomingdale.org) and click on E-News Sign Up just under the pictures on the right side. Take advantage of the Village's latest efforts to keep our citizens informed.

Speaking of communication: Every day you can read or hear about various ways that villages and cities across the state are finding ways to balance their budgets. At this point in time, Bloomingdale has cut back slightly on some programs, but not enough to adversely impact services to the citizens.

Our needs are being met at this time. It is premature for us to make any drastic cuts.

As we begin to look toward the budget year which begins in May of 2010, we are waiting for our tax receipts to come in in order to make decisions for the upcoming fiscal year. We intend to continue to prioritize our needs given the revenue we can anticipate.

Seems hard to believe we are already in the holiday season again. If you have the ability to make someone else's holidays a little brighter, a list of opportunities appears on p. 11.

Good News - the B-Card promotion will be back in February, this time for a full three weeks. You can read about the big kick-off event "Bloomingdale's Got Talent" featuring local talent on page 13. Got Talent? Try Out!

From my family to yours, warm wishes for happy holidays.

Mayor Bob Iden



*The Webelos from St. Isidore Cub Scout Pack 401 visited with Mayor Iden during October to learn more about local government. The fourth and fifth graders were working on their Citizenship badge.*

**VILLAGE BOARD,  
COMMISSION & COMMITTEE  
MEETINGS**

*The public is encouraged to attend all Board  
and Commission meetings*

**REGULAR MEETINGS  
OF THE VILLAGE BOARD**  
2nd and 4th Monday of every month  
7:30 p.m. -- Village Hall

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**  
1st, 2nd 3rd & 4th Mondays of every month  
7:30 p.m. -- Village Hall

**PLAN COMMISSION**  
1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month  
7:30 p.m. -- Village Hall

**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**  
Six times a year or as needed

**BOARD OF FIRE AND POLICE  
COMMISSIONERS**  
3rd Wednesday of every month  
5:00 p.m. -- Village Hall

**POLICE PENSION BOARD**  
Quarterly beginning in January  
4th Monday  
5:00 p.m. -- Village Hall

**FAMILY FEST COMMISSION**  
3rd Wednesday of every month  
9:30 a.m. -- Library

**SEPTEMBERFEST COMMISSION**  
2nd & 4th Thursday of the month  
March-December  
7:00 p.m. - Village Hall

**BUSINESS PROMOTION &  
CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT  
COMMITTEE**  
1st Friday of the month  
10:00 a.m. - Village Hall

**LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
2nd Wednesday of every month  
7:30 p.m. -- Library

**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**  
Board of Directors Meeting  
1st Thursday of every month  
8:00 a.m. -- Indian Lakes

**BLOOMINGDALE FIRE PROTECTION  
DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
1st Thursday of the month  
5:00 p.m. - Firehouse,  
179 S. Bloomingdale Road

**VILLAGE OF BLOOMINGDALE  
ELECTED OFFICIALS**

**Robert G. Iden**  
*Village President*

**Susan L. Bartucci**  
*Village Clerk*

**TRUSTEES**

**James M. Gebis**  
*Planning, Zoning  
& Environmental Concerns*

**Robert Czernek**  
*Traffic and Street Infrastructure*

**John Dabrowski**  
*Police and Community Relations*

**Judi Von Huben**  
*Intergovernmental Relations and  
Emergency Planning*

**Bill Bolen**  
*Finance, Personnel and  
Administration*

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

**New and Improved Village  
Website -- CHECK IT OUT!!!**

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

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



**The deadline for  
the February issue  
of the  
Almanac is  
JANUARY 10**

**Happy Holidays from All of Us!**



## United States Census 2010 BE COUNTED! – It's in our Hands



The U.S. Constitution requires a national census once every 10 years. The census is a count of everyone residing in the United States; including people of all ages, races, ethnic groups, both citizens and non-citizens. **The 2010 Census forms will be mailed out to every residence in March 2010.**

### Your participation in the 2010 Census is Important:

- The information the census collects helps to determine how over \$400 billion dollars of federal funding each year is spent on infrastructure and services like: hospitals, job training centers, schools, senior centers, bridges, tunnels, emergency services and other-public works projects.
- It creates hundreds of thousands of temporary jobs across the nation.
- Determines how many seats each state will have in Congress and impact redistricting of state and local districts.



### Completing the 2010 Census Questionnaire is Simple and Safe

When you receive your questionnaire, simply answer the 10 short questions and then mail the form back in the postage-paid envelope provided. If you don't mail the form back, you may receive a visit from a census taker, who will ask you the questions from the form.

### The 2010 Census is Confidential

Every Census Bureau worker takes an oath for life to protect the confidentiality of census responses. Violation would result in a jail term of up to five years and/or fine of up to \$250,000. By law, the Census Bureau cannot share an individual's answers with anyone, including welfare and immigration agencies.

## Representative Cross Sponsors Resolution To Make October 15 'D.A.R.E. Day'

### Local police departments go to Springfield

Illinois House Representative Tom Cross recently sponsored a resolution recognizing October 15, 2009 as D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) Day in the state of Illinois to encourage all citizens to support their local D.A.R.E. programs which help kids to "just say no" to drugs and violence.

The resolution passed unanimously in the Illinois House as representatives from a dozen police agencies looked on from the gallery of the Illinois House chamber.



Officer Dawn Odoi (top row, 2nd from right) joined fellow DARE officers on the dais of the Senate.

## Winter Salting Procedures for the 2009/10 Snow Plowing Season

As the winter season approaches, so also will the snow and ice. Here is some information on the salting procedures.

**Main Village Roads** (Brighton Drive, Butterfield Drive, Byron Avenue, Camden Drive, Cardinal Drive, N. Circle Avenue, Covington Drive, Edgewater Drive, Euclid Avenue, Fairfield Way, Fox Court, Glen Ellyn Road, Greenway Drive, Knollwood Drive, Madsen Drive, Schick Road, Scott Drive, Springfield Drive) . . . will be treated using a sand/salt mixture dosed with liquid calcium chloride. Each storm will dictate the amount of material placed down.

Just for clarification – Lake Street is State of Illinois owned, Bloomingdale Road, Army Trail, Medinah Road and Gary Avenue are DuPage County roads. Snow and ice control for these roadways are carried out by these respective agencies

- ❑ **Intersections** . . . will be treated 100 feet adjacent to each intersection using a sand/salt mixture dosed with liquid calcium chloride. Each storm will dictate the amount of material placed down.
- ❑ **Hills and Curves** . . . will be treated 50 feet adjacent to hazardous areas using a sand/salt mixture dosed with liquid calcium chloride. Each storm will dictate the amount of material placed down.
- ❑ **All Other Village Streets and Cul-De-Sacs** . . . will be either untreated or spot salted when conditions dictate using salt dosed with liquid calcium chloride. Each storm will dictate the amount of material placed down.



*The fleet stands ready.*

It should be noted that the above policy will serve as a general guideline. The policy may require adjustments after establishing weather and pavement conditions, as well as other factors in the interest of motorist safety.

**Please** use extreme caution this winter, and always, while driving during inclement weather. All the surrounding towns are in the same predicament and roads may be more hazardous than usual. Don't drive if you don't have to. If you must drive, give yourself additional time to get where you are going. Give yourself additional braking time in order to stop safely.

The Village of Bloomingdale continues to investigate new environmentally favorable materials and practices to deal with the snow and ice.

The Village also requests the cooperation of residents by not placing snow in the street at the end of driveways. If there are questions regarding the Village's Snow and Ice Procedures, please contact the Public Works Division at 630-671-5800.

## Thanks, Platt Hill!

We are very grateful for the generosity of one of our longtime businesses here in town.

A big thank you goes out to Platt Hill of Platt Hill Nursery for his kind donation of trees to the Village. This is the second year he has given trees to the Village.

Last year thanks to Platt's generosity, we were able to replace several trees which were damaged in the August tornado. This year the Village received 41 tree in a variety of species which have been planted in the parkways around the Village.

The history behind Platt Hill Nursery dates back to 1855 when Platt Hill's great-grandfather, a Scottish immigrant founded a nursery in Dundee. In the early 20th century he was the largest evergreen grower in the world. Platt followed in his footsteps. Platt Hill Nursery has been serving the planting and landscaping needs of Bloomingdale residents since 1983.

This time of year the nursery carries a wide selection of fresh and artificial Christmas trees, wreaths and poinsettias, as well as handmade kissing balls, pots of seasonal greens, and other holiday items. Visit the store at 222 W, Lake Street; phone number is 630-529-9394.



*This weeping crabapple tree is one of the species of trees donated by Platt Hill.*

# WINTER WONDERLAND

## A Pile of Snow Shoveling Tips



Be heart healthy and back friendly while shoveling this winter with these tips:

- If you are inactive and have a history of heart trouble, talk to your doctor before you take on the task of shoveling snow.
- Avoid caffeine or nicotine before beginning. These are stimulants, which may increase your heart rate and cause your blood vessels to constrict, which places extra stress on the heart.
- Drink plenty of water. Dehydration is just as big an issue in cold winter months as it is in the summer.
- Dress in several layers so you can remove a layer as needed.
- Warm up your muscles before shoveling, by walking for a few minutes or marching in place. Stretch the muscles in your arms and legs, because warm muscles will work more efficiently and be less likely to be injured.
- Pick the right shovel for you. A smaller blade will require you to lift less snow, putting less strain on your body. Newer shovels are manufactured from lightweight components that are ergonomically designed from high-impact molded polyethylene that won't rust, dent or bend, and are extraordinarily strong and durable. Aluminum tubing is also lighter and stronger than old-fashioned wooden handles.
- Begin shoveling slowly to avoid placing a sudden demand on your heart. Pace yourself and take breaks as needed.
- Protect your back from injury by lifting correctly.
- Stand with your feet about hip width for balance and keep the shovel close to your body. Bend from the knees (not the back) and tighten your stomach muscles as you lift the snow. Avoid twisting movements. If you need to move the snow to one side reposition your feet to face the direction the snow will be going.
- Listen to your body. Stop if you feel pain!

*Reprinted from North Dakota State University Extension Service*

## Village's Snow & Ice Teams Are on Duty 24/7 to Keep Streets Safe When Winter's Worst Arrives in Town

Going into winter, we are sure of only two things: It's going to be cold and it's going to snow. The Public Works Snow and Ice Control Team is ready to go at a moment's notice.

The Team is gearing up for its annual winter battle against the elements. Equipment preparations, salt purchases and plow driver training began in early October. The purpose is to provide the residents, visitors and consumers with the area's safest streets when Old Man Winter casts his fury on Bloomingdale.

A rigorous preventative maintenance program for all snow fighting vehicles and equipment helps ensure the equipment will perform in the event of winter storms.

Wonder why fully-outfitted snow plows are rolling down the street on sunny days in November? Plow drivers and secondary crews train to get familiar with their assigned routes. The drivers get out onto the streets so they can reacquire themselves with their routes, and take note of any hazards that may damage the equipment.

The Snow and Ice Control Team takes great pride in their efforts to keep the residents of the Village of Bloomingdale safe during the snow and ice season.

## Enjoy Your Christmas Tree . . . Then Recycle It at The Curb



Allied Waste Systems, the Village's refuse hauler, will pick up Christmas trees on regularly scheduled refuse pick-up days, for four weeks following the Christmas holiday. Place your Christmas Tree at the parkway and follow these simple guidelines:

- Please do not put trees in plastic bags.
- Be sure all decorations (and the stand) are removed.
- Dispose of natural wreaths with the regular household garbage.
- Christmas trees should be positioned with the cut end toward the curb for easy loading.

The last day Christmas Trees are picked-up depends on the residence's regular pick-up day, see below:

Wednesday: January 20, 2010

Thursday: January 21, 2010

Friday, January 22, 2010



# Winter Weather Words to the Wise

With the seasonal snowfall just around the corner, the Village Services Department, Public Works Division is ready to combat snow and ice on the 153 center lane miles of Village streets, making them safer for motorists. Village crews are promptly mobilized when a storm begins, day or night.



## Snowplow Operations

After a 1-inch to 2-inch accumulation of snow, crews begin the snowplow operations according to pre-determined snow routes. There are four (4) routes with eight (8) vehicles. There are also two (2) smaller vehicles which handle cul-de-sacs and dead ends. These routes have been carefully designed to allow for the optimum use of the available snowplowing equipment and personnel. All Village-owned streets will eventually be plowed, but main streets are cleared before side streets, which are cleared before cul-de-sacs and dead ends. The rate at which the streets are cleared depends on many factors including total accumulation, type of snow (wet or powder-like), temperature and volume of traffic on streets during plow operations.



## What Are the Village's Parking Regulations When It Snows?

The Village's winter parking ban takes effect after snowfalls of 2 inches or more. The ban applies to all vehicles on any Village-owned street and is in effect for a period of 24 hours or until the streets have been cleared of snow. Residents can assist Village crews in the snow removal efforts by parking vehicles in driveways or other off-street parking areas.



## What If a Snowplow Damages My Mailbox?

The Village will replace and/or reimburse a resident up to \$50.00 for a mailbox and post which is damaged as a result of the Village snowplow operations, provided the homeowner notifies the Village of the damage, the Village performs an in-house investigation, and the mailbox is installed per Village setback requirements. Residents are requested to inspect mailboxes and posts to ensure sturdiness and compliance with the postal service installation requirements, and correct any problem identified. If you have questions as to whether or not your mailbox is in compliance with Village requirements, you may contact the Village Services Department - Street Maintenance Division at 630-671-5800.



## What If a Snowplow Damages My Parkway?

The Public Works Division understands that there could be some damage to parkways due to snowplowing operations. It is Village policy to repair parkways in April, May, and early June, weather permitting, as this is the best time for the germination of grass seed. Please call the Public Works Division at 630-671-5800 to inform us about damage to your parkway so we can put your location on the list.



## Why Does My Driveway Get "Plowed In"?

The snowplows are designed to direct the snow to the curb side of the plow blade. "Side delivery plows" are the fastest and most efficient means available to remove snowfall from the streets. As a result, snow is discharged along the length of the curb, the parkways and the private driveway areas. The Village has thousands of private driveways abutting Village streets, the cleaning of which are the responsibility of the property owner.

Manpower and equipment limitations prohibit the Village from responding to routine requests to remove snow from private driveways. Therefore, we strongly recommend residents delay clearing the driveway until the snowplows have cleaned the majority of your street. Village ordinance PROHIBITS the discharge of snow onto the Village streets. This illegally placed snow may freeze or become compacted, creating a safety hazard for all motorists.



## Who Do I Call With Questions About Snow Removal Operations?

Questions regarding snow removal should be directed to the Village Services Street Division at 630-671-5800.



## Wintertime Words to the Wise

### Use extra caution when driving through intersections following a heavy snowfall.

Snow is piled on cross streets when intersections are plowed. Until crews have had their final pass to completely clear the intersection, the snow piles along the curb lane may hinder visibility.

### Please do not attempt to stop the snow plow operators to discuss questions or problems.

Such interruptions slow crews and reduce the speed of the truck and the efficiency of the snow removal operations. Drivers are instructed not to stop to talk to residents.

### If it is still snowing, or if snow is anticipated on the evening before garbage pick-up day, we ask that you delay putting out your garbage for as long as possible.

This will eliminate the problem of garbage containers being covered by snow that is pushed against the curb by the plows. Place garbage containers on the driveway or as close to the driveway as possible to give refuse collectors room to pick them up.

### Additional Snow Removal Information

Ornamental rocks along the curb or next to the pavement on non-curb streets present a serious safety hazard to snow removal equipment. **If residents use rocks or planters for landscape beautification, they need to insure that they are a minimum of three feet in back of the curb or pavement on non-curb streets.** If these obstacles are not removed by the residents, the Village will remove them, if deemed necessary for safe snow removal operations.

### Fire Hydrants

For the convenience of firefighters - if an emergency should occur (maybe at your address), dig a path to the fire hydrant in front of your house from the street. Dig out around the fire hydrant too. If firefighters can see a hydrant, they can get to it more quickly. Better yet, adopt a hydrant near your home and see that it is accessible.

### Motorists - Stay Back Three Car Lengths

Do not follow snowplows too closely. Sometimes they stop and then back up. You don't want to be right behind one when that happens. Give snowplows plenty of space. Also, remember driving on slick wintertime pavements is dangerous, even if they've been plowed. Take more time to get where you're going, begin slowing for stops sooner. Lastly, do not drink and then try to drive.



## Winter Phone Numbers

### Village of Bloomingdale

Snow Phone .....(630) 671-5800  
Call this number to report a problem. We regret that it is not possible to advise exactly when your particular street will be plowed.

### Village of Bloomingdale Police Department -

Non-Emergency .....(630) 529-9868  
Call this number for non-emergency general information.

### Bloomingdale Fire District -

Emergency .....911

### Information on State Roads

#### Illinois Department of Transportation

Information Line .....312-DOT-INFO  
(312-368-4636)

Call the above number for information on State roads (i.e., Lake Street). The District One Communication Center is open 24/7. All hazardous conditions should be reported to them at 847-705-4612 for immediate action. The Illinois Department of Transportation offers weather/road condition information on their web site at [www.dot.il.gov](http://www.dot.il.gov)

### Information on DuPage County Roads

#### Division of Transportation

DuPage County .....630-682-7321

Call the above number for information on DuPage County Roads (i.e. Army Trail Road, Bloomingdale Road, Gary Avenue, Schmale Road)

### Information Tollway Roadway Information Line

.....800-865-5394  
.....or 800-TOLLYFI

Call for tollway information including problems with fog, snow, ice, high winds and trailer bans. The information is updated every four hours or more often if weather conditions warrant.

## Village of Bloomingdale Offers Expanded Holiday Weekend Hours For Dial-A-Ride Transportation

The Village of Bloomingdale will again be offering Expanded Weekend Dial-A-Ride hours during the holiday season from Saturday, November 28th through Sunday, December 27th. The Holiday Weekend Service will run from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturdays and 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Sundays.

Bloomingdale residents may ride anywhere within the Bloomingdale Township boundaries and also to Central DuPage, Alexian Brothers and Glen Oaks Hospitals; DuPage Oncology Clinic, Monakea Medical Complex, Wheaton Medical Clinic and Wheaton Eye Clinic.

Bloomingdale's Weekend Dial-A-Ride one-way rates are:

\$3.00	for Adult Residents
\$1.50	for Village residents with a disability, Village senior citizens (age 65 & older) and for students

Free for children (under age 7) when accompanied by a fare-paying adult

Reservations shall be accepted up to one week in advance on a first come, first served basis. Same day service requests are accepted, however transportation cannot be guaranteed.

**Weekend Dial-A-Ride Reservations may be made by calling:**  
**1-800-713-7445**

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## Winter Maintenance Tips for Your Home

*From the Bloomingdale Building and Zoning Division*

Protect your home and family from fire and other hazards. These simple and easy tasks will help provide for a safe home environment during the cold winter months:

- ❑ Clean out gutters and downspouts. Failure to maintain gutters and downspouts from leaves and debris can lead to ice dams forming at the roof edge.
- ❑ Clean the kitchen exhaust hood and air filter. Keeping hood and filters clean of cooking grease will help keep a stovetop fire from spreading.
- ❑ Disconnect all garden hoses from exterior hose bibs to prevent water line freeze-up into the house.
- ❑ Make sure all electrical holiday decorations have tight connections. If possible use 3-prong plugs and cord sets. If possible unplug decorations when not in use. To reduce the chances of overheating and fire, electric cords and extension cords should never be bundled together or placed under rugs or carpet. Broken light bulbs need to be replaced.
- ❑ Check all exterior electrical fixtures for bird nests. Failure to remove nests from electrical fixtures may cause fire.
- ❑ All chimneys and flues (i.e. fireplace, water heater, furnace) need to be checked to insure that gases are properly vented. As part of a minimum annual fireplace cleaning, or annual furnace and water heater service cleaning/inspection, have the qualified technician check the flue piping to insure there are no blockages (bird or insect nests) and that the flue pipe or chimney is clean of any creosote build-up. Any filters should be replaced to insure proper appliance operation.
- ❑ Check all smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors for proper operation. Utilize the test buttons on the detectors to check that they operate. Replace batteries annually and clean dust from detectors. Detectors are to be installed per manufacturer's specifications and Village Code.
- ❑ Run all gas-powered lawn equipment until the fuel tank is empty, or remove fuel from tank. By doing this you are removing flammable liquid storage from your garage. Also make sure you are not storing dirty, oily rags in a pile – they can ignite spontaneously.



### Corrections to BHS 2009 Cook Books which were previously sold:

**Fudge Cake** under Cakes, Cookies....

Should be 2 eggs, not 4 eggs

**Sweet Sour Chicken** under Meats, Main Dishes

Missing one ingredient - One package of onion soup



# Here's What You Need to Know About Building & Engineering Permit Fees and Requirements



## New Engineering Fees & Requirements:

Effective January 1, 2010 engineering permit fees for a variety of building and development permits will increase.

Engineering permit fees have not been increased since 1992.

The Village recently adopted ordinances regulating stormwater runoff/pollution control, soil erosion control and storm water

quality best management practices. Engineering permits are now required for building and development work which affects these items regulated. Permit fee increases are targeted toward new construction, especially on large lot development and new subdivision construction.

Also subject to permit review and inspection fee are engineering reviews in conjunction with Building Permit applications requiring work that may affect local drainage and storm water runoff and quality such as re-grading of yards, connecting private drains to storm sewer or drainage way systems, construction of pools, sheds, decks, gazebos, patios, driveways, and private walks. Engineering Division and Building and Zoning Division staff are available to work with you to determine the engineering permit requirements for your proposed construction.

Please remember engineering permits are required for:

- connections to the storm sewer or storm drainage system, such as buried pipes, manhole or catchbasins or other drainage ways. These connections might be for yard drains, sump pump drains or downspout extensions.
- filling in drainage ditches alongside public roadways, such as in the Indian Lakes Subdivision, Lakewoods Subdivision, Woodcrest Court and areas near Broker Road, as well as a few other locations.

For more information and details please contact the Engineering Division at 630-671-5676, visit Village Hall, or visit the Village web site on-line at [www.villageofbloomington.org](http://www.villageofbloomington.org)

## Building Permit Fees:

Effective January 1, 2010 the fee calculation for miscellaneous residential building permits (fences, pools, sheds, decks, gazebos, patios, windows, doors, roofing, driveways, approaches and private walks) will change from the current 'flat fee.'

Beginning on the effective date permit fees will be based on the cost of construction for a project. This is similar to the way all other building permit types are calculated. Typically the more extensive a project, the more time involved to insure that the project is in compliance with safety and construction code regulations. Permit fees were last evaluated and increased in 2003. The new miscellaneous residential building permit fees will be \$50.00, plus \$8.00 for every \$1,000.00 in cost of construction over the first \$1,000.00. Permit fees collected support the cost of the permit process, which includes permit document processing, plan review, field inspections and microfilming of permit documents.

## Business License Fee to Increase on January 1

Effective January 1, 2010, business license fees will increase by 10% for all business license types.

The cost increase is directly related to the annual cost of performing required on-site safety and property maintenance inspections at each licensed business location, license document processing and license issuance.

Business license fees have not been increased since 1981.

A typical business license fee costing \$50.00 will increase to \$55.00. Business owners should anticipate that the fee paid for the last license issued will be increased by 10% for the 2010 license year.

Village building inspectors are nationally certified for the work they perform. Our goal is to continue to assist Village residents and business owners in ensuring that their project or property is safe and complies with applicable codes and ordinances.

Any questions regarding the above fee increases can be directed to Building Commissioner Michael J. Gricus at 630-671-5660.

## CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition Announces Award Winners

The Bloomingdale CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition annual CHARACTER COUNTS! Celebration Night activity was held in mid-October at Old Town Park. This year's theme was Challenge of Choices. Students from Erickson, DuJardin, Westfield Middle, Winnebago, and St. Isidore Schools and Bloomingdale Park District performed and participated in a game of making correct choices. Miss Illinois, Erin O'Connor and Sergeant Randy Sater officiated the evening's events, and presented the 2009 American Youth Character Awards.



Top photo: 2009 American Youth Character Award Winners. Front Row: Pawel Wilisowski (Winnebago), Michael D'Agostini (Erickson), Jeremy Pilz (DuJardin), Megan Rosenberg (Westfield), Catherine Serio (St. Isidore). Back Row: Erin O'Connor (Miss Illinois), Mayor Bob Iden and Sergeant Randy Sater.

Left photo: Administrators from all five participating schools took a turn playing the game of choices

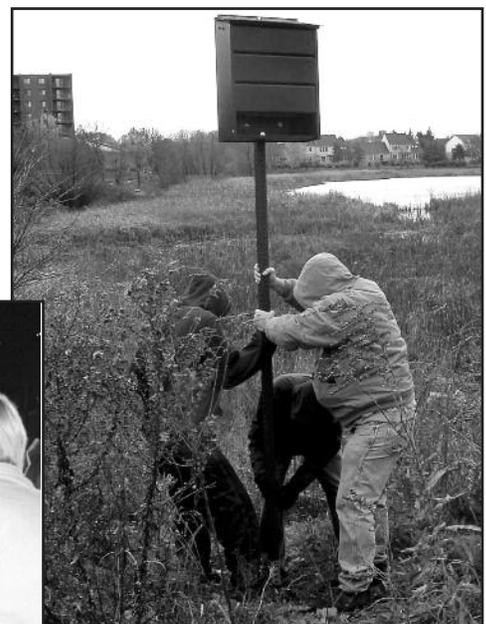
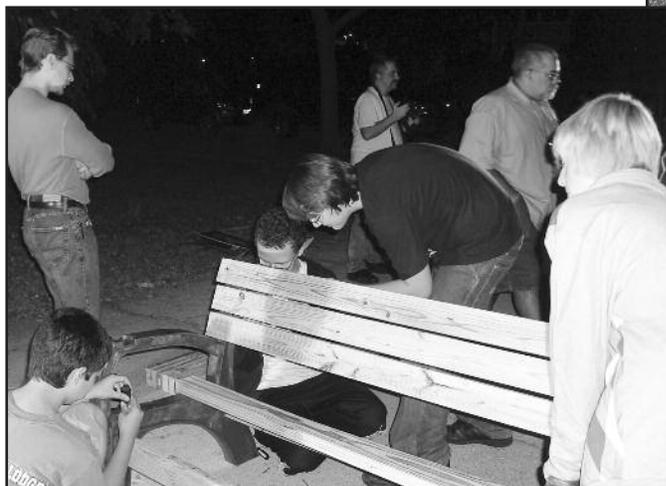


## Eagle Scout Projects Enhance Marklund Home And Springfield Park Wetlands

Twins Cameron and Cody Pombert recently earned their Eagle Scout awards. The brothers are both members of Boy Scout Troop 457, are juniors at Glenbard East High School, and hope to attend Northern Illinois University majoring in science.

Cameron's Eagle Scout project was to enhance Marklund Home's Peace Garden by organizing groups to build and deliver six benches for the garden at the Prairie Avenue home. Cody's Eagle Scout project was to organize workers to build and install four large bat houses to aid in the preservation of the wetlands at Springfield Park.

Both boys are following in the footsteps of older brother Christopher who earned his Eagle Award in June 2008.



Top: Members of Cody's team erect one of the bat houses at the wetlands.

Left: Volunteers help Cameron by assembling one of the benches for Marklund's Peace Garden.

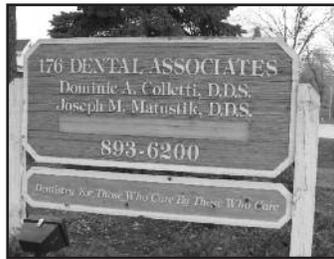


# THE BLOOMINGDALE

# BUSINESS BEAT

**DOMINIC COLLETTI DDS NAMED AS ONE OF THE TOP 40 DENTISTS IN CHICAGOLAND BY CHICAGO MAGAZINE:** Dominic A. Colletti, D.D.S., co-owner of 176 Dental Associates, Ltd., 176 S. Bloomingdale Road, was named one of the top 40 dentists in Chicagoland in the November 2009 issue of Chicago Magazine. The non-profit magazine, Chicago Consumer's Checkbook, surveyed 5000 dental patients regarding 252 dental practitioners, thereby compiling a list of the top 40 recommended dentists.

Dr. Colletti and Dr. Joseph Matustik take tremendous pride in both the treatment they provide to their patients, and in the number of years the entire staff has worked together. The office uses the latest technology, such as digital x-rays, but the staff knows the most important component of each visit is the ability to listen and treat the concerns and needs of the patients. If someone is unsure of their dental health or is looking for a second opinion, contact 176 Dental Associates at (630) 893-6200 or visit [www.176dental.com](http://www.176dental.com)



**'ORCHID' OPENS AT STRATFORD SQUARE MALL:** Orchid is Stratford Square's refreshing new restaurant that features contemporary Japanese and Asian cuisine. The newly opened 7,000-square foot restaurant has a swanky uptown look,



yet feels warm and inviting. With plenty of dining space it can accommodate private parties, business functions, or other social events. Orchid also offers a lounge and patio

where family and friends can enjoy food and drinks.

Owner Heather Kim teamed up with the well-respected Chef Soon Park, who harnesses years of experience and great artistic skills. Together, they bring fresh and creative ideas into a meal for a culinary experience that can't be missed. Not only will you find fresh sushi, but Orchid's pan asian/fusion inspired menu offers a diverse selection with tastes of Korea, Thailand, and China.

Orchid provides a great atmosphere with first class food and reasonable prices. Hours are: Lunch: Mondays – Sundays 11am-2:30 pm; Dinner: Mondays – Thursdays 4 pm–9 pm; Fridays & Saturdays 4 pm-10pm. The sushi bar is closed between lunch and dinner. For more information please visit [www.orchidchicago.com](http://www.orchidchicago.com)

**JULIA'S CASTLE OF COLOR: PAMPERING AND SERENITY UNDER ONE ROOF:**

Whether you are a princess, king, or just want to be treated like royalty, you'll find a relaxing experience all under one roof at Julia's Castle of Color in Old Town Bloomingdale.

A 20-year resident of Bloomingdale, owner Julia Castle has 34 years of experience and is an educator for Schwartzkopf, a German color company. She has been training hairdressers throughout Illinois and in the St. Louis area in the latest color and cutting techniques for 10 years.

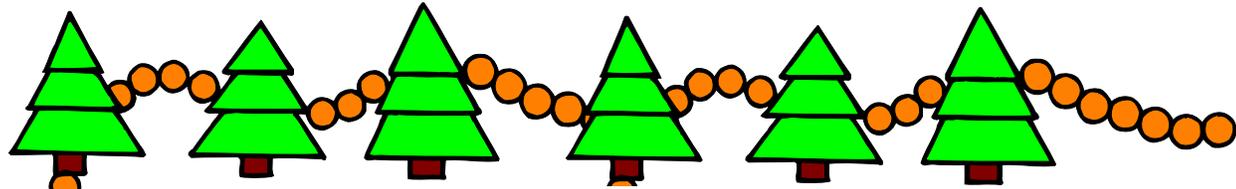


*Julia's staff - prepared to pamper*

Seven professionals offering a range of services work together at the salon, 110 S. 3rd Street. "I wanted to offer a happy and creative place for clients to come and for people to work," Julia said. Call Julia at 630-980-1972. The salon is open seven days a week, but each professional keep her own hours.

In addition to Castle, Cheryl Shoufer (630-253-7134) has 33 years of experience doing hair and nails in the area. Stylist Cathy Maropoulos (630-926-8374) is a Bloomingdale native with 29 years of experience. "My motto is 'satisfaction guaranteed,'" she says. Aesthetician Christina Coulolias (630-624-0204) operates Spa 110, specializing in skin care, body waxing and make-up application.

Three Reiki masters work as a team -- the Healing Triad -- to relieve stress, muscle aches and pains, and remove mental and emotional blockages, with an ancient hands-on healing technique called Reiki. For information see [www.thehealingtriad.com](http://www.thehealingtriad.com) or call 630-207-9409.



## Share the Spirit of the Holidays

With the holiday season upon us, many residents look for opportunities to help others less fortunate. DuPage County has compiled the 2009-2010 Annual Giving Guide features seasonal and ongoing volunteer opportunities at 87 area agencies. Family and youth-friendly activities are highlighted. The guide can be viewed or downloaded at [www.givingdupage.org](http://www.givingdupage.org). The website also features an interactive volunteer match where one can search for opportunities throughout the year by zip code, area of interest and type of volunteer opportunity. "Giving DuPage" hopes that the holiday season brings peace and happiness to our residents and hopes that the spirit of generosity is alive and well in our community year-round.

Here are some of the local opportunities to share the spirit of the season.

Angel Tree tags will be arriving soon for the annual **Bloomingtondale Employees' Salvation Army Angel Tree Charity Drive**. The charity drive benefits needy boys and girls who have met the Salvation Army's eligibility requirements. Each Angel Tree tag indicates the gender and age range of the receiving child. Upon receipt of the gifts, the Salvation Army will separate items into gender/age categories for parents to select the appropriate gift for their children. If you're interested in participating and would like a tag when they arrive, call Barb Weber 630-671-5613 or Lori D at 630-671-5614, (indicating gender/age preference, if you have one), and a tag will be forwarded to you.

**Bloomingtondale Township Sharing Tree** - Last year the Volunteer Council of Bloomingtondale Township helped make the season brighter for over 750 children in Bloomingtondale Township. Names & wishes of local needy youngsters, as well as residents of convalescent and nursing homes will be on the Sharing Tree, located at the Township Transportation Building, 123 Rosedale Road from November 14 through December 12. Wrapped gifts must be returned by December 12.

The Council also notes so many of the "older children," aged 14 – 18, are forgotten each year because they are hard to buy for. Gift cards are a perfect choice for the older kids. The Transportation Building will be open weekdays 10 – 6, Saturday 10 – 5 and Sunday 11- 5 through December 12. For more information on the Sharing Tree Program, call Sue at (630) 529-9993.

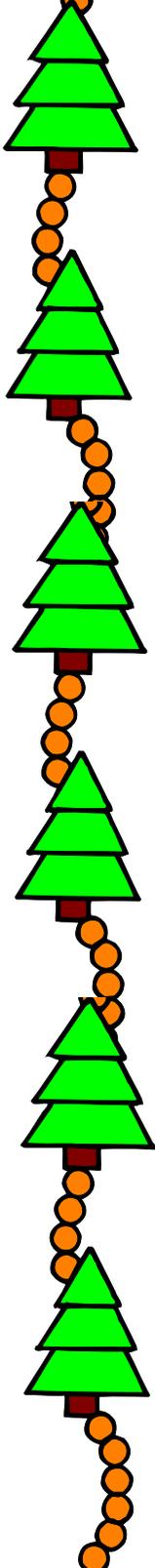
Ages, names and suggested gift ideas for **Marklund Home** residents will be placed on trees at:

Bloomingtondale Park District, 172 S. Circle  
Olive Garden, 332 W. Army Trail Road  
Pivot Point, 144 E. Lake Street (Springbrook Shopping Center)  
Marklund Children's Home, 164 S. Prairie  
Headlines, 156 East Lake Street, Suite G

Wrapped gifts, with names attached, should be returned to the site where the tag was picked up.

**Presents for Pets and People:** In the spirit of holiday giving, the Bloomingtondale Park District is once again participating in the annual Giving Tree program, as well as including our four-legged friends. All are invited to open up their hearts to light up this holiday season for Marklund residents, as well as for deserving pets. Stop by the 'Giving Tree Wreath' at the Johnston Recreation Center, 172 S. Circle Avenue, to pick up a wish list and cheer up the lives of children, canines and kittens! Happy Holidays!

**Bloomingtondale VFW Post 7539** continues to ship packages each month to the troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. This month these will include Christmas trees with all the supplies for decorating them, as well as Christmas cards. The Post has also been active in supporting the families of our troops overseas. Through the years, our VFW has been able to identify items the troops need in their packages. Visit [www.vfw7539.org](http://www.vfw7539.org) to see some of the items the troops "wish for." If you would like to donate any of these, just bring them to the Bloomingtondale Fire Department, 179 S. Bloomingtondale Road. If you would like to help defray the costs of sending the packages, click on the "donate" button to make a contribution. Also, if you have a member of your family or friend serving overseas, contact the VFW to see if they can provide them with some assistance. Your support of the VFW will help support our troops.



## Bloomingtondale's Got Talent!

Talent Show on February 6 is the official kick-off for the B-Card promotion

If you live or work here or attend a Bloomingtondale school or feeder school ... please audition for the "Bloomingtondale's Got Talent" Show.

To Kick-Off the 3rd Annual B-Card Promotion, the Bloomingtondale Business Promotion & Cultural Development Committee will host a live talent show at Stratford Square Mall on Saturday, February 6, 2010 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. First, second and third place prizes will be awarded.

Individuals interested in auditioning for the show must complete the audition application available on the village's website at [www.villageofbloomingtondale.org](http://www.villageofbloomingtondale.org) and submit it along with a DVD or video (three minutes or less) to Bloomingtondale's Got Talent, postmarked by December 28, 2009.

All talents will be considered, but must be suitable for family entertainment. This show is for amateurs only; no professional performers accepted. Semi-finalists will be chosen by the committee members, and will be required to audition live for the committee. Final contestants will be judged by a panel of local performing artists and public figures.

For more information visit the village's website or call Mary Ellen at 630-671-5600 or Barb at 630-671-5613.



**Bloomingtondale's Got Talent**

**SATURDAY FEBRUARY 6th, 2010** **PRIZES FOR TOP 3 ACTS!**  
**STRATFORD SQUARE MALL**  
**6:00PM - 8:00PM**

Calling All Talented Bloomingtondale Residents, Workers & Students Affiliated with Bloomingtondale.  
Submit Audition Application and Video/DVD (3 minutes or less) to Bloomingtondale's Got Talent, 201 S. Bloomingtondale Road  
**MUST BE POSTMARKED BY DECEMBER 28, 2009.**

For Application or More Info:  
[www.VillageofBloomingtondale.org](http://www.VillageofBloomingtondale.org) or Call 630-671-5600

Talents Must be Suitable For Family Entertainment & Semi-Finalists will need to audition live.

## B-Card Promotion Kicks off on February 7



The third annual B-Card promotion will officially begin on Sunday, February 7 and run through February 28. The promotion's kickoff will take place at Stratford Square Mall from 6-8 pm on Saturday, February 6, 2010 with a "Bloomingtondale's Got Talent" presentation. Attendees to the free show will get a jump start on the B-card shopping at participating mall stores that will remain open for one hour after the show.

The participating B-Card businesses and their promotions will be listed in the February Almanac, along with a clip out B-Card. A printable copy of the B-Card will also be posted on the Village website, and sent out through the Village E-News, prior to and during the event. Don't miss out on this opportunity for special discounts from our Bloomingtondale businesses. Ask your favorite store to participate.

## Happy Holidays!

Village Hall will be closed Thursday- Friday, December 24 & 25  
Thursday - Friday December 31 and January 1

Garbage pickup normally slated for Fridays, Christmas Day and New Year's Day, will be pushed to the following Saturday. Other pick up days are not affected.



## Running the Race for Special Olympics

This summer and fall Bloomingdale police officers took part in several fundraisers for the Illinois Special Olympics, including "Tip a Cop" at Red Robin, TGI Friday and Red Lobster, the Torch Run and Dunkin' Donuts "Cop on Top" event. Special thanks to the manager & staff of Red Lobster where the department was able to raise \$600 in one evening. After the fundraisers, t-shirt, hat and pin sales, as well as other donations, the Bloomingdale Police Department was able to donate \$7,115 to the Illinois Special Olympics.



## Keep Your Holiday Season Happy and Safe

"Are you ready for the Holidays?" The Bloomingdale Police Department hopes everyone has a safe holiday season and the following safety tips will encourage each one of us to take the proper precautions during this hectic time of the year.

### While shopping . . .

- ✓ Be alert and walk confidently. Pay attention to those around you.
- ✓ Keep your purse/wallet and packages with you at all times.
- ✓ Hold your purse close to your body and keep it in front of you.
- ✓ Place your wallet, money, etc. in your front pants pocket.
- ✓ Don't display large amounts of cash to others.
- ✓ Take only the appropriate amount of money, credit cards, or checkbook for the shopping you are conducting.
- ✓ Do not leave items unattended in a shopping cart, on a counter, or floor.
- ✓ Teach children to go to a cashier if they are lost.
- ✓ Be careful when giving out your credit card or when using an ATM facility.
- ✓ Place all valuables in your trunk. Anything in plain view may be taken.
- ✓ Park in well-lighted, busy areas. Consider the time of day or evening that you will be doing your shopping.
- ✓ Look around and inside your vehicle before opening your vehicle.
- ✓ Any problems, notify the security department or the police department.

### At home . . .

- ✓ Secure doors and windows at all times.
- ✓ Make your home appear to be occupied; use timers on lights, radio, and T.V.
- ✓ Do not advertise vacation plans with strangers or casually with businesses you may frequent.
- ✓ Ask a friend or relative to check on things while you are away.
- ✓ Notify the police department of the dates you will be away.



Please contact Officer Dawn Odoi at the Bloomingdale Police Department at (630) 529-9868 with any questions or concerns about this information or any other crime prevention information.



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## Neighborhood Watch: Protecting Our Community

### Upcoming meetings & events

All residents are encouraged to attend the Neighborhood Watch General Meetings. There is no pressure to become a member and everyone can benefit from the useful information regarding community activities and safety material. Meetings are held every other month, beginning in January, in the Village Hall – Council Room, 201 S. Bloomingdale Road. Each meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. and the following are the dates for 2010.

**Wednesday, January 20, 2010** – Open Forum with Bloomingdale Village Officials from the Mayor’s Office, Police Department, Fire Department and Village Services. Individuals will present an update on their departments and address the public on any questions or concerns within the Village. Please consider joining us for this unique opportunity to meet with your Village Officials.

Wednesday, March 17

Wednesday, May 19

Wednesday, July 21

Tuesday, August 3 – National Night Out Against Crime

Wednesday, September 15

Wednesday, November 17

For additional information or to register for any of these programs, please call Officer Dawn Odoi at (630) 529-9868.

**WELCOME  
Bloomingdale is a  
CRIME WATCH  
COMMUNITY**



We immediately report all suspicious activities to our police department

## Holiday Babysitting at Stratford Square Mall

### Location: Lower level near Carson Pirie Scott

Shop ‘til you drop, while the Bloomingdale Park District offers childcare services for children ages 3 – 9 during the busy holiday season for just \$4.00 per hour. Kids enjoy arts, crafts, free play, enrichment activities and more. Children must be toilet-trained.

**The Parks Foundation** will be offering gift wrapping services at the Stratford Square Mall this holiday season! (location Lower Level: Former Gloria Jean’s kiosk) Donations will benefit the Aim for the Fences campaign to make Springfield Park one of DuPage County’s finest.

Call the Park District at 630-529-3650 for hours and more information on both services.

## Winter Driving Tips

Safe driving habits and vehicle maintenance should be practiced throughout the year, particularly during the winter season. A safe driver must adapt to road conditions as well as weather conditions as they travel. The following are some driving tips to help overcome winter driving hazards.

- Keep your car’s headlights on low beam. This provides better visibility particularly in fog or snow.
- Watch the car in front of you for signs of trouble. Anticipate and prepare for slippery roads or other dangers.
- If you travel below the posted speed limit, please stay in the far right lane to avoid any speeding vehicles.

**For any upcoming journey, follow these helpful hints to make sure you’re well prepared:**

- Keep your gas tank between half and three quarters full during the winter months.
- Be sure your car has a clean bill of health before your trip. A qualified technician should inspect all fluids, belts, wipers, tire pressure, and tire condition.
- Keep an emergency kit in the trunk, including jumper cables, tools, flares, warning triangles, first-aid kit and a flashlight with fresh batteries. You will also want to have an ice scraper, small shovel, blanket and perhaps a bottle of water ... just in case.
- If an emergency occurs and you are not able to fix the problem, please attempt to pull over to the far right lane or shoulder and remain in the vehicle. Ask those offering their assistance to notify the state or local police department.



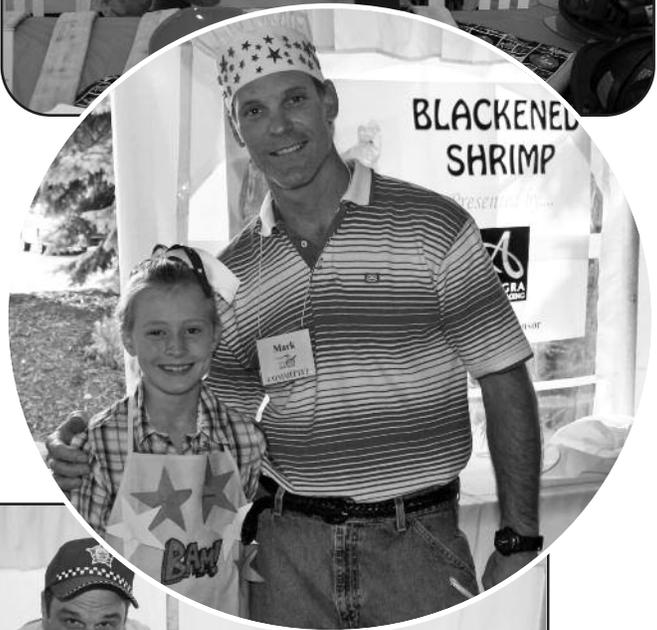
## 50 Men Who Cook

The first annual “50 Men Who Cook” fundraiser hosted by the Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce took place at the Hilton Indian Lakes Resort in September. Local chefs took part in the match for bragging rights in the community while helping raise money for the wellness programs of Bloomingdale schools. Lake Park students, administration and staff participated in the event by providing assistance to the chefs.

Participating chefs competed for the titles of best in a food category. The dishes included spicy chicken wings, stuffed mushrooms, “firehouse chili”, and fresh berry tart. Winning dish and its chef were:

- **Appetizer** – Seared Scallops with Wild Mushrooms prepared by Robert Mirabile of Sunrise Assisted Living
- **Entrée** – Spiedini (Italian Rolled Steak) prepared by Sam Tornatore of Tornatore Law Office
- **Side Dish** – German Potato Salad prepared by Andre Burke
- **Healthy Choice** – Home Made Granola prepared by Pat Jones of The Marketing Guy
- **Dessert** – Lemon Cookies prepared by Judge Ron Sutter
- **The Bloomingdale Fire Fighters won for best table decoration.**

The inaugural event raised \$4500 which was split between District 13’s DuJardin Elementary, Erickson Elementary and Westfield Middle School, as well as District 15’s Winnebago Elementary. The Chamber invites all to save the date for the 2nd annual 50 Men Who Cook on Saturday, September 25, 2010.



## December 9 Last Day to Recycle Electronics at Bloomingdale Township

Bloomingdale Township, 123 Rosedale Avenue, has been accepting a variety of electronic equipment for recycling on the first Saturday of the month. Unfortunately, DuPage County has advised Bloomingdale Township, that the manufacturer who supplied funding for Simms Recycling to do the pickup of recycled electronics, will no longer fund this program as of December 31, 2009. Therefore, **December 5, 2009**, will be the **last** day the Township will be able to accept electronic items. Equipment accepted 8 am - noon. Visit [www.bloomingtontownshiphighwaydept.com](http://www.bloomingtontownshiphighwaydept.com) for information on equipment accepted.

**EVENTS**

**'Reality and Beyond' Featured at Park District Museum**

The Bloomingdale Park District Museum, 108 S. Bloomingdale Road, presents The CHICAGO SOCIETY OF ARTISTS in an art exhibition entitled "REALITY AND BEYOND" now through December 18, 2009.

The Chicago Society of Artists is a non-profit organization begun in 1887. Much of the organization's renown is due to the versatility of its membership. They are composed of painters, printmakers, graphic artists, photographers, sculptors, art critics, and art educators. This exhibition will feature an extensive selection of their works in a variety of media.

Also on display and for purchase, are whimsical clay sculpture pieces by popular artist Charlotte Burgess. Special handmade soaps, jewelry, cards and ornaments by local artisans will be available to get you into the holiday spirit.

Museum Hours: Wed 4-8PM, Thur & Fri 10-4PM, Sat. Noon-4PM

Admission: Resident \$1.00, Non-resident \$2.00, Senior \$ .50

For general information: 630-539-3096 .

**Roselle/Bloomingdale Garden Plot at the Klaus Recreation Center In Roselle'**

This spring, the Bloomingdale & Roselle Garden Clubs started a vegetable garden with the intention of harvesting the produce and donating it to the DuPage County food pantry. Unfortunately, after the garden was planted, the unusually wet spring and, the fact that this plot had not been worked previously and was at the low end of the area, a huge influx of weeds took root. The ensuing dry spell made the clay-like soil unmanageable.

Just as both clubs were about to abandon the idea for this year, Bloomingdale Garden Club president Joyce Basel was approached by her grandson and two friends looking for community service work.

With the boys' energy and Joyce's daughter's supervision, the plot was totally revamped. Compost, lime and manure were added to the soil and the weeds were all removed. An assortment of new vegetables was planted. With some decent rain and the club members also watering, Roselle Garden Club members harvested a number of vegetables and took them to the Food Pantry in September.

The members of both clubs wish to recognize all three young men, Mikey van Aswegen (Joyce's grandson) and his friends Carlos Cortez and Giuseppe Amatore Salerno, as none of this would have happened without their huge efforts.



**Mark Your Calendar! March Book Sale**



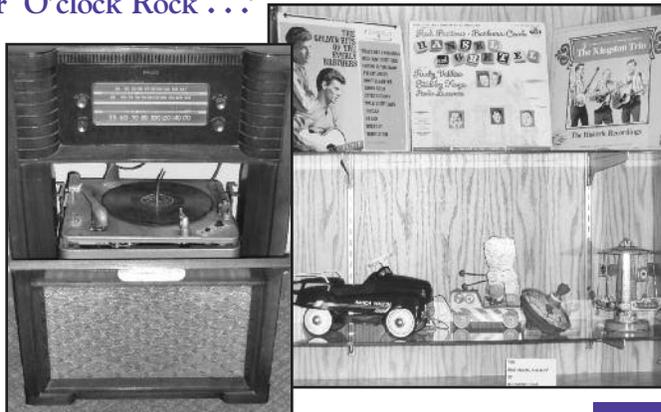
The Friends of the Library Used Book Sale will be the weekend of March 14th. Watch for more information to be posted in the library early next year. More details to come in the next Almanac. Save the date and we will see you there!

**Bloomingdale Garden Club Announces New Meeting Dates, Location**

The Bloomingdale Garden Club announces a change in program/meeting dates. Starting in January of 2010, the Club will meet at Bloomingdale Fire Station #1, 179 S. Bloomingdale Rd. at 6:30 pm on the third Tuesday of the month. The year begins with a Business Meeting on January 19. Visitors are welcome to drop in, meet the members, learn about the Club's programs and plans for 2010, as well as pick up a membership application.

**'One, Two, Three, Four O'clock Rock . . .'**

The History Room in the Bloomingdale Public Library, 101 Fairfield Way, currently features a nostalgic look at the 1950s. The display includes toys, books, record albums, and other memorabilia as well as a Zenith TV and a console Philco Radio. The exhibit will run through the end of December. Stop in for a "blast from the past!"





# Bloomington Fire Protection District #1



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## Holiday Trees, Candles Can Cause Home Fires

The winter holidays are a time for celebration, and that means more cooking, home decorating, entertaining, and an increased risk of fire due to heating equipment. The Bloomington Fire Protection District and the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) would like to provide you with some information to ensure your family enjoys a safe holiday season.

### Facts & Figures

- During 2003-2007, U.S. fire departments responded to an average of 250 home fires that started with Christmas trees per year. These fires caused an average of 14 deaths, 26 injuries, and \$13.8 million in direct property damage annually.
- During 2003-2006, an estimated 14,800 home structure fires started by candles were reported to local fire departments. These fires resulted in an estimated 160 civilian deaths, 1,340 civilian injuries and an estimated direct property loss of \$471 million.
- Four in 10 reported home fires start in the kitchen -- more than any other place in the home.
- Half of all home heating fires occurred in December, January and February in 2003-2006.

### Safety Tips

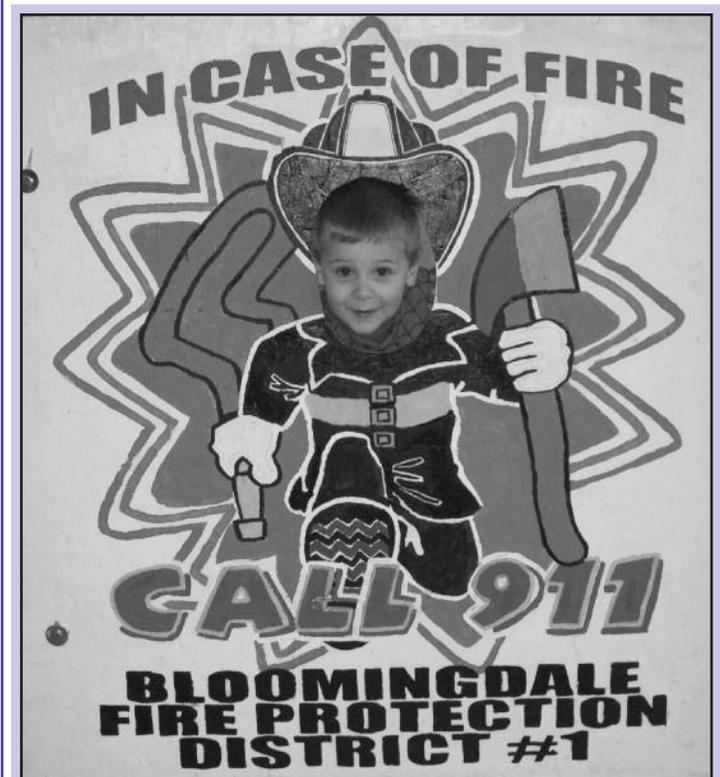
#### Holiday Decorating

- Be careful with holiday decorations. Choose decorations that are flame resistant or flame retardant.
- Keep lit candles away from decorations and other things that can burn.
- Use lights that have the label of an independent testing laboratory. Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use, but not both.
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Connect no more than three strands of mini light sets and a maximum of 50 bulbs for screw-in bulbs.
- Use clips, not nails, to hang lights so the cords do not get damaged.
- Keep decorations away from windows and doors.

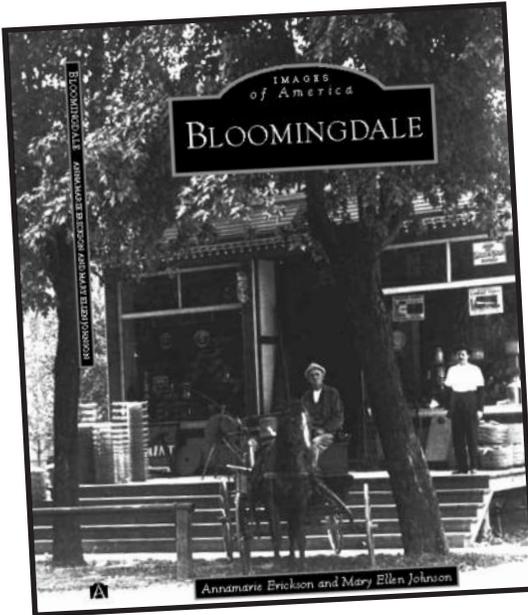
#### Holiday Entertaining

- Test your smoke alarms and tell guests about your home fire escape plan.
- Keep children and pets away from lit candles.
- Keep matches and lighters up high in a locked cabinet.
- Stay in the kitchen when cooking on the stovetop.
- Ask smokers to smoke outside. Remind smokers to keep their smoking materials with them so young children do not touch them.
- Provide large, deep ashtrays for smokers. Wet cigarette butts with water before discarding.

By following these simple suggestions, we can all look forward to a safe new year. For more information on winter safety or other safety tips, please contact Lieutenant Richard Kurka at (630) 894-9080.



Fire Department Open House, October 31, 2009



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## Holiday Shopping with the Bloomingdale Historical Society!

It's gift giving time again. Looking for something unique and very affordable? The Bloomingdale Historical Society offers three suggestions.

A 3 ½ inch snowy white ornament embossed with a rendering of the 1894 schoolhouse at the corner of Lake and Third streets when it served as the Bloomingdale Village Hall from 1938 – 1977.....\$5

The 2009 cookbook compiled from the favorite recipes of Bloomingdale residents past and present..... \$5

*Images of America – Bloomingdale* – the 128-page book, published in March, 2008 chronicles the story of the first 150 years of Bloomingdale, 1833 through 1983, as told through photographs and captions.....\$19.99

These items are available at the Village Hall, 201 S. Bloomingdale Road and at the Bloomingdale Public Library, 101 Fairfield Way. For more information, call Mary Ellen at 630-671-5600. Proceeds from these items go toward the purchase of display cabinets for historic artifacts from Bloomingdale, as well as for the preservation of oral histories of Bloomingdale residents.

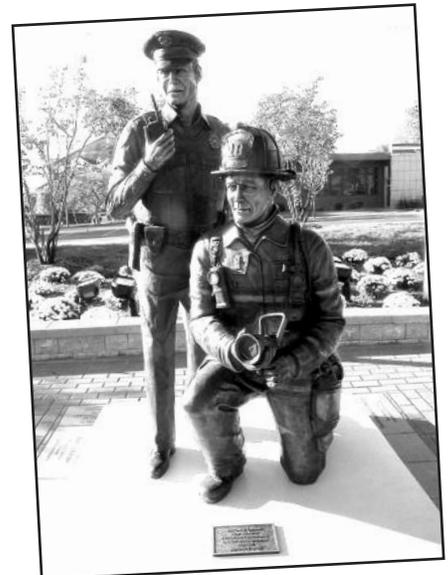
For a unique, personalized gift that will last a lifetime, you might purchase a brick from the Business Promotion & Cultural Development Committee to be placed at one of the statues in town. Bricks are still available at the library near the *Once Upon a Time* statue, by the *Mayor's Bench* at the Bloomingdale Golf Club or at the *Everyday Heroes* statue located in Old Town Park. A 4 x8 brick will hold three lines, 13 spaces each. A card announcing your gift is available at no charge. The bricks will be installed in mid summer 2010. Proceeds from the brick sales go into the statue program.



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### Spotlight On ... Pop Culture Universe

Ever get nostalgic for the way things used to be? Do you love the 80s? Remember fondly those big glasses and perms? To find information about life in the United States throughout our history, log on to the Library's subscription to *Pop Culture Universe*. This database covers life in the United States decade by decade - perfect for researching those birthday or anniversary parties.



Students will find the information extremely useful for history reports and also for gathering current information on pop culture and figures in the news. It's awfully fun to browse as well. The database covers news, fashion, culture, fads and much more. You can access *Pop Culture Universe* at the library or from your home computer. Log in using your library card number and PIN (default PIN is changeme).



### Winter Holiday Hours

The Library will be CLOSED on Thursday, December 24 and Friday, December 25; Thursday, December 31 and Friday, January 1 in observance of the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

### Let's Get Social!

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You can now keep up with what's new at the Library through Facebook. Become a fan! You can also follow us on Twitter at [@mybpl](https://twitter.com/mybpl) and [@mybplteens](https://twitter.com/mybplteens).

# Youth Services Programs

## Registration Information/Requirements for Programs

Some programs require registration as noted. You may register for programs online at [www.mybpl.org](http://www.mybpl.org) (click on "Calendar" at the top of the page), at the Youth Services Reference Desk, or by telephoning (630) 924-2740. Please have your library card when you register.

## WINTER READING PROGRAM 2010: 'READ FOR THE GOLD!'

**READ FOR THE GOLD:** (This is a family reading program for parents and/or caregivers and their infants, toddlers, preschoolers, and kindergartners.)

The athletes will be competing for medals this winter and you can too! Come in and sign up for our Winter Reading Program and "Read for the Gold." This program is designed for children who have not yet entered first grade. Beginning on December 21, you may register in person at the Youth Services Reference Desk to receive your information packet. Complete your reading log and turn it in at the Youth Services Reference Desk between December 28 and February 12 to receive your prizes and be entered into the Grand Prize Drawing.

## READ TO SUCCEED

(Grades 1-6)

Sponsored by the Chicago Wolves Hockey Team

Participants in this reading program have the chance to win exciting prizes such as Chicago Wolves merchandise! The program, sponsored by the Chicago Wolves, encourages children to spend more time reading at the library and reading for recreation.

Register in person at the Youth Services Desk to receive your information packet beginning on December 21. Complete your reading log and turn it in at the Youth Services Reference Desk between December 28 and February 12 to receive your prizes and be entered into the Grand Prize Drawing.



## STORYTIMES

### REGISTRATION INFORMATION/ REQUIREMENTS FOR PROGRAMS

Some programs require registration as noted. You may register for programs online at [www.mybpl.org](http://www.mybpl.org) (click on "Calendar" at the top of the page), at the Youth Services Reference Desk, or by telephoning (630) 924-2740. Please have your library card when you register.

Unless noted otherwise, programs requiring registration are limited to Bloomingdale cardholders.

Storytime registration for Bloomingdale residents will begin on December 14.

Storytime registration for non-residents will begin on January 4.

## ROMPER RHYMES

(3 months-15 months with parents or caregivers)

Tuesdays, January 12–February 16  
9:45 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Registration is required. Please bring only the child who is registered.

## BUDDING READERS

(16 months-23 months with parent or caregiver)

Tuesdays, January 12–February 16  
11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Registration is required. Please bring only the child who is registered.

## TIME FOR 2's

(24 months-42 months with parent or caregiver)

Mondays, January 11–February 15  
10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Registration is required. Siblings are welcome to attend.

## PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

(Ages 3-5)

Wednesdays, January 13–February 17  
1:30 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.

Registration is required.

Parents/caregivers and siblings are asked to remain outside the program area during the storytime.

## TELLING TALES WITH YOGA

(Ages 3 through grade K)

Thursdays, January 14–February 18  
10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Registration is not required. Siblings are welcome to attend.

## PRIMARY CONNECTIONS

(Grades K-1)

Mondays, January 11–February 15  
4:15 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Registration is required.

## FAMILY STORYTIME

(All ages)

Fridays, January 15–February 19  
10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Registration is not required.

## BEDTIME STORIES

(All ages)

Tuesdays, Jan. 12–Feb. 16  
7:00 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.

Registration is not required.

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### TALES UNDER THE TREE

(All ages)

**Mondays and Wednesdays,  
December 7 – January 6  
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

Registration is not required.

When you see five or more children in the Youth Services Department, you may ask a librarian for a fun 15 minute storytime under the story tree.

### QUICK CRAFTS

(Ages 5 and up)

**First Monday and Thursday of the month  
5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

Registration is not required.

Visit the librarians on the first Monday or Thursday of every month for a quick craft lesson. They'll supply the materials to get you started, and you can finish on your own.

### KIDS' GAME TIME

(Grades 3-6)

**Thursdays, December 10 and January 14  
4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.**

Registration is not required.

Drop in to the Library to try one of our video games. We have Nintendo Wii, PlayStation 2, and Xbox 360. Board games will also be available. Bring your friends for games and snacks.

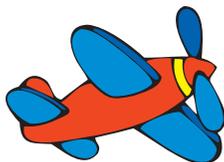
### TUESDAYS WITH TOYS

(3 months-5 years)

**Tuesdays, December 15 and December 29  
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.**

Registration is not required.

Tuesdays with Toys is an informal program giving parents with small children the



opportunity to meet and talk with other parents, while children play with toys and games. Toys and games are most appropriate for children ages 3 months to 5 years. Drop in for one session or both.

### YOGA TAKES A STRETCH

(Grades K-3)

**Wednesdays, January 20, 27 and February 3  
4:15 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

Registration for Bloomington residents will begin December 14. Registration for non-residents will begin on January 13.

This movement program will introduce children to simple yoga poses



through stories, engage them in group and art activities, and teach them simple relaxation techniques to help center themselves.

### POLISH CHRISTMAS CRAFTS

(Families)

**Thursday, December 17  
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.**

Registration is not required.

Drop in to make a holiday ornament for your tree. Refreshments will be served.

### LIBRARY CAPERS: 39 CLUES

(Grades 1–5)

**Thursday, December 17  
4:15 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

Registration for Bloomington residents will begin on November 9. Registration for non-residents will begin on December 10.

If you are reading this, then you are a member of the Cahill family. Come to this program to embark on an adventure that will unlock the Cahill family secret, and take you around the world!

### MONTHLY MONTAGE: GREETING CARD SURPRISE

(Grades 3-6)

**Monday, December 21  
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.**

Registration for Bloomington residents will begin on November 9. Registration for non-residents will begin on December 14.

Come and create a geometric surprise to hang in your room using a variety of holiday greeting cards that we will supply.

### DELICIOUS BOOKS: CHOCOLATE FACTORY FUN

(All ages, families)

**Monday, December 28  
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

Registration for Bloomington residents will begin on November 9. Registration for non-residents will begin on December 21.

Wouldn't it be fun to work in a candy factory? We're celebrating the 45th anniversary of *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. Join us for the movie *Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory*, which was inspired by the book. School is out but the chocolate factory is open! Join the fun activities and come watch the movie. (runs 100 min.) This is a family program; however, children nine and over may attend on their own.

### CRAFT IN A BAG

(All ages)

**Wednesday, December 30  
10:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

Registration is not required.

Our craft room will be open for you to pop in and make an amazing creation from the materials in a mystery bag.



### KIDS' NIGHT OUT WEDNESDAYS (K.N.O.W.)

(Grades 3-6)

**Wednesday, January 13  
6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.**

Registration for Bloomington residents will begin on Monday, December 14. Registration for non-residents will begin on Wednesday, January 6.

This month, K.N.O.W. participants will learn what it takes to be a successful pirate when they attend Pirate School! We'll learn how to dress, how to talk, and how to get ahead in the colorful, cutthroat world of piracy—and we'll still be done before bedtime.



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### MONTHLY MONTAGE: HIEROGLYPHIC PRINTING

(Grades 3-6)

**Monday, January 18 (School Holiday:  
Martin Luther King Day)**  
1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.

Registration for Bloomingdale residents will begin on December 14. Registration for non-residents will begin on January 11.

Using a variety of materials you will travel to ancient Egypt to discover the mystery of hieroglyphics.

### LIBRARY CAPERS: SUPER BOWL™ PARTY

(Grades 1-5)

**Thursday, January 21**  
4:15 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Registration for Bloomingdale residents will begin on December 14. Registration for non-residents will begin on January 14.

It's Super Bowl™ time! Come learn trivia, play games, and hear some very unusual sports stories.



## WINTER HOLIDAY EVENTS

### 21ST ANNUAL HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

The Bloomingdale Public Library and the Village of Bloomingdale cordially invite you to attend our 21st Annual Holiday Open House on Tuesday, December 1, 2009 from 6:45 – 8:45 p.m.

The Snowman's Crossing Tree Lighting Ceremony will take place at 6:45 p.m. in front of the library (a special guest is scheduled to show up!) Musical guests include the Lake Park High School Swing Choir, Harpist Laura Fako Utley and Pianist Eugene Kwok. Children will have an array of activities and get a chance to interact with a mime and juggler. Light refreshments will be available for all patrons.

### BREAKFAST AND BRUNCH WITH SANTA

#### 16TH ANNUAL BREAKFAST AND BRUNCH WITH SANTA

Children of all ages and their families are invited to attend the 16th Annual Breakfast/Brunch with Santa to be held at the Bloomingdale Golf Club on Saturday, December 12, 2009. This event is sponsored by the Bloomingdale Public Library and the Bloomingdale Golf Club.

Breakfast and Brunch will be held at the Bloomingdale Golf Club, which is located at: 181 Glen Ellyn Road in Bloomingdale.

**Event date: Saturday, December 12**

**Breakfast - 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.**

(Breakfast will be served from 9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.)

(Activities will be offered from 9:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.)

**Brunch - 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.**

(Brunch will be served from 11:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.)

(Activities will be offered 12:00 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.)



**Ticket sales date:** Tickets for this event will be available for purchase beginning at the Library on Saturday, November 7, 2009 beginning at 1:00 p.m. The cost of the breakfast is \$13.00 per adult, \$10.00 per child (ages 4-12), and free for kids under age 4 (a ticket is required). For more information or to register, please contact the Business Office at (630) 924-2720. Checks may be made payable to the Bloomingdale Public Library. Sorry, we cannot accept credit/debit cards.

Photos with Santa will be available for purchase at the event.

## Museum Adventure Passes @ Your Library

Begin your museum adventure at the Library! The Library now has a limited number of passes available for 17 local museums. Present your valid Bloomingdale Public Library card at the Adult Reference Desk or the Youth Services Reference Desk to receive either free admission or a special discount at one of the participating museums. Passes check out for one week and must be checked out in person. The passes are issued on a first come, first served basis and cannot be reserved.

For more details, visit [www.museumadventure.org](http://www.museumadventure.org). Your museum adventure is supported by the participating organizations that are generously donating your free admission or discounts, by Macy's, and by your regional library system.

### Participating Museums

- Arlington Heights Historical Museum
- Bronzeville Children's Museum
- Brookfield Zoo (Chicago Zoological Society)
- Cantigny Park
- Chicago Botanic Garden

- Cuneo Museum and Gardens
- Elgin History Museum
- Elgin Public Museum
- Graue Mill and Museum
- KidsWork Children's Museum
- Kohl Children's Museum
- Lake County Discovery Museum
- Mitchell Museum of the American Indian
- Morton Arboretum
- National Hellenic Museum
- Oriental Institute Museum
- St. Charles Heritage Museum





# Adult Services Programs

All programs are free and open to everyone, unless otherwise noted. To register, please call the Adult Services Desk at (630) 924-2730, online at [www.mybpl.org](http://www.mybpl.org) or in person.

## ADULT/TEEN WINTER READING PROGRAM: READ FOR THE GOLD!

Be a champion reader and join our winter reading program! All Bloomingdale adults and teens are invited to participate in Read for the Gold! Registration begins on December 21. The program runs through February 12. For each book you complete, you will receive an entry into our final drawing. Take the challenge this winter – Read for the Gold!

## SENIORS' GAME DAY

Thursday, December 10

Thursday, January 14

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

We're now offering a special game day for the 55 and over set. Stop at the Library and enjoy a board game or try out the Wii Sports game and other video games. Refreshments will be provided. Come alone or bring a friend – it's fun!



## ENGLISH CONVERSATION GROUP IS MOVING

Our English Conversation Group is moving to 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. beginning in December. The group will still meet on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month. The English Conversation group is co-sponsored by Literacy DuPage. This drop-in conversation group is designed to give adult English-as-a-second language learners practice speaking English in an informal, relaxed atmosphere. There is no registration required for this free program. Come meet others who are interested in improving their English language skills!

## GENEALOGY CLUB

Thursday, January 28

6:30 p.m. – 8:45 p.m.

If researching your family tree is one of your New Year's resolutions, our Genealogy Club is a great place to get started. The club meets on the fourth Thursday of the month, except in November and December. Members share search strategies and explore library resources with expert guidance from Local History Room staff member Leslie Drewitz. Registration is not required for this free program.



# Joyful Traditions

## LIBRARY TOURS

Saturday, December 5 10:00 a.m.

Saturday, January 2 10:00 a.m.

Saturday, February 6 10:00 a.m.

If you are a new resident in Bloomingdale or would like to find out more about the library, attend our Library tour offered on the first Saturday of each month. Join a reference librarian as we give a short overview of all the library has to offer. We will show you where various items are located, and tell you about the services we offer, so you can get the most out of your library. We also offer library tours by appointment. Call the Reference Desk at (630) 924-2730 to schedule your tour.

# Adopt-A-Magazine

The Bloomingdale Public Library is conducting its annual Adopt-A-Magazine drive. This is a great way for local businesses and families to demonstrate your support for the Library. We will affix a name plate to the magazine you "adopt" to acknowledge your gift. Donations are gratefully accepted from individuals and businesses in the community.

If you are interested in making a tax deductible donation, please contact Julie Keating at (630) 924-2733 for more information and a list of available magazine titles. There are all levels of participation – adopt a magazine today and show your support for your library!



# Adult Services Programs

## THE BEST CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS IN CHICAGOLAND

**Tuesday, December 15**  
**6:30 p.m.—8:00 p.m.**

For millions of Americans, driving around to look at Christmas decorations is as much a part of holiday tradition as trimming the tree. Native Chicagoan Mary Edsey logged over 15,000 miles in her car during ten holiday seasons to discover and photograph displays, and interview their creators for her book, *The Best Christmas Decorations in Chicagoland*. In this entertaining yuletide slide presentation, she will show you photographs of the displays featured in her book and tell stories of their enthusiastic creators. A book signing will follow the presentation. Please register in person, or call the Adult Reference Desk at 630-924-2730, or register online at [www.mybpl.org](http://www.mybpl.org).



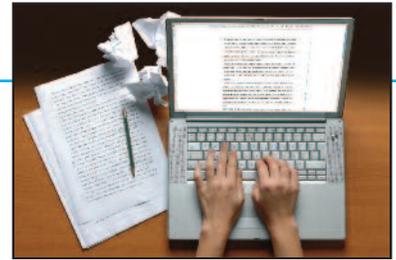
## SUPPORTING FAMILIES DEALING WITH DEMENTIA

**Tuesday, January 5**  
**6:30 p.m. — 8:00 p.m.**

At this seminar, you will learn important information concerning dementia and the caregiver's challenges of caring for a loved one with this disease. Chris Gerardi, from Home Helpers, will talk about some of the signs to look for and what to do next. Attorney John Pankau will discuss elder law issues and the importance of estate planning as early as possible when caring for a loved one. You will also learn how to protect your loved one's assets and avoid probate. Please register in person, or call the Adult Reference Desk at 630-924-2730, or register online at [www.mybpl.org](http://www.mybpl.org).

## INSIDE WRITING AND PUBLISHING

The popular Inside Writing and Publishing series returns this winter with a new lineup of Chicago area authors and publishers. The much anticipated series of six programs is a collaborative effort between eleven DuPage county libraries. Programs are hosted at participating libraries throughout the county. The programs are aimed toward aspiring authors and anyone who is interested in the writing and publishing process. This year's lineup includes programs on travel writing, tips for writing novels, writing for children, and writing memoirs. For a complete series listing, see our website, [www.mybpl.org](http://www.mybpl.org).



### TRAVEL WRITING WITH MARC HEIDEN

**Saturday, January 23**  
**Bloomington Public Library**  
**2:00 p.m.—3:30 p.m.**

Join Mark Heiden for the kick-off to the Inside Writing and Publishing series. Whether you're on a trip around the world or across town, you have the chance to bring back experiences that people will enjoy reading about. But how can you turn a good vacation story into great travel writing? Learn how domestic and international travel guides are put together, and how the Internet has opened possibilities for you to publish your own travel writing and photography. Please register in person, or call the Adult Reference Desk at 630-924-2730, or register online at [www.mybpl.org](http://www.mybpl.org).

### 20-20-20: DIALOGUE-PLOT SETTING WITH LIBBY FISCHER HELLMANN

**Tuesday, January 26**  
**Warrenville Public Library**  
**7:00 p.m.**

Three of the tentpoles of fiction writing are dialogue, plot, and setting. These crucial elements can make or break your novel. Libby Fischer Hellmann, an award-winning suspense writer will discuss the basics of each element and how to make them work in your own fiction. Please register for this program by calling Warrenville Public Library at 630-393-1171.



## SNOWFLAKE SERENADES

**Dave Ziffer: Solo Guitar**  
**Saturday, January 9**  
**2:00 p.m.—3:30 p.m.**

Come to the Library to hear the jazz/fusion guitar music of Dave Ziffer. Dave will play tunes by Pat Metheny, Chick Corea, and Russ Freeman, and treat you to new interpretations of jazz standards, classical music, and familiar pop tunes. Bring all the music lovers in your life to this program to hear Ziffer's beautiful instrumental modern jazz. Please register in person, or call the Adult Reference Desk at 630-924-2730, or register online at [www.mybpl.org](http://www.mybpl.org). This is the first of a series of music programs that the Library will be presenting this winter.

# Adult Services Programs

## BEGINNERS SUDOKU

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**Tuesday, January 12**  
6:30 p.m.—8:00 p.m.

Solving sudoku puzzles is easier than it looks and all but the very hardest puzzles can be solved using just a few simple techniques. You do not need to be a math whiz to be good at sudoku; it only requires knowing the numbers 1-9. In this presentation, Om Johari will introduce you to the game of sudoku, and discuss the health and wellness benefits of logic puzzles. Please register in person, or call the Adult Reference Desk at 630-924-2730, or register online at [www.mybpl.org](http://www.mybpl.org)

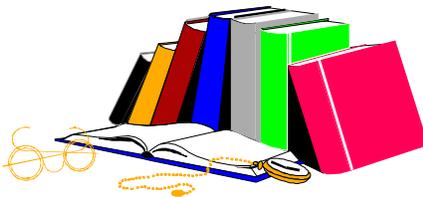
## EXOPLANETS

**Tuesday, January 19**  
6:30 p.m.—8:00 p.m.

In a multi-media presentation, Jim Kovac, a Solar System Ambassador for NASA and The Jet Propulsion Lab, will explore the recent discoveries of extra-solar planets – planets orbiting distant stars within our neighborhood of the Milky Way Galaxy. We will first look at our own solar system in order to get perspective and then discuss the detection methods used by the Planet Hunters to make these incredible discoveries. We will then examine the images of these distant worlds and cover the remarkable results to date, and discuss the possibility of other Earths. Please register in person, or call the Adult Reference Desk at 630-924-2730, or register online at [www.mybpl.org](http://www.mybpl.org).

## BOOK GROUP NEWS

Whether your reading tastes run to mysteries or history, or somewhere in between, our book groups offer something for everyone. If you enjoy reading and talking about good books, try one of our book groups. Come to one, or try all three! Selections are available at the Circulation Desk one month in advance of the discussion. If you have any questions about any of our groups, please call the Reference Desk at (630) 924-2730.



**Adult Book Discussion Group** meets on the third Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. No meeting in December.

### Thursday, January 21

*American Wife* by Curtis Sittenfeld

On what might become one of the most significant days in her husband's presidency, Alice Blackwell considers the strange and unlikely path that has led her to the White House—and the repercussions of a life lived, as she puts it, "almost in opposition to itself."

**Historical Book Discussion Group** meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a.m.

### Tuesday, January 5

*Unsolved Mysteries of American History: An Eye-Opening Journey through 500 Years of Discoveries, Disappearances, and Baffling Events* by Paul Aron

In a collection of 30 articles, *Unsolved Mysteries of American History* takes some of the most notable quandaries of the American past and tries to offer some solid answers, or at least alternate explanations. Paul Aron takes on the serious ("Why did Truman drop the bomb?") as well as the frivolous ("Did Babe Ruth call his shot?").

### Tuesday, February 2

*Disaster! The Great San Francisco Earthquake and Fire of 1906*  
by Dan Kurzman

The George Polk Memorial Award-winning historian investigates the San Francisco earthquake of 1906, bringing to life this horrible natural disaster—registering 8.3 on the Richter scale—and the subsequent fire that raged through the rubble killing ten thousand people.

**Mystery Mavens** No meeting in December. Beginning in 2010, Mystery Mavens will meet on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m.

### Wednesday, January 27

*If I am Missing or Dead*  
by Janine Latus

A dual portrait of the author and her late sister, based on an "Essay of the Year" award-winning article, traces how both suffered from years of abuse at the hands of men before the author successfully escaped her own cycle of violence, a survival that was overshadowed by her sister's murder by a lover.

### Wednesday, February 24

*Godwulf Manuscript*  
by Robert B. Parker

A private detective's investigation into the theft of a rare manuscript from a university library brings him face to face with clues to a young man's murder.





## Young Adult Spot

Open to Teens 7th–12th grades only

### ANIME CLUB

1st Thursday of the Month  
Thursday, December 3  
Thursday, January 7  
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Watch anime on the library's big screen! Help plan new anime and manga events, suggest new anime to watch, and eat some great snacks. Registration not necessary!

### TEEN GAME NIGHT

2nd and 4th Thursdays  
of the Month  
Thursday, December 10  
No game night on the 4th Thursday of  
December  
Thursday, January 14  
Thursday, January 28  
6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.



Now with even more games! Rock out to Guitar Hero 5 and Rock Band, battle in Super Smash Bros. Brawl, or show off your moves

in Dance Dance Revolution! Bring your friends and enjoy free food. Registration not necessary, just stop on by!

A Yu-Gi-Oh! card tournament will be held every first Teen Game Night of the month (the 2nd Thursday of the month). Tournaments are single duel, and no proxy cards are allowed during tournament play.



### SPA BEAUTY FOR TEENS

Wednesday, December 9  
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.  
Registration limit: 12

Pamper yourself! Learn to make fizzy bath bombs, relaxing bath salts, and lip balm. Keep them for yourself or give them as holiday gifts! Register at the Reference Desk, online, or by phone at (630) 924-2730. Open to 7th-12th graders.

### MAKE YOUR OWN CUSTOM BUTTONS

Wednesday, January 20  
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.  
Registration limit: 12

Customize pin buttons for your bags, belts, and clothes using images from your favorite TV shows, movies, musicians, or anime. Bring your own pictures, draw your own designs, or cut out images from magazines. Buttons will be 2 ¼ inches round. Register at the Reference Desk, online, or by phone at (630) 924-2730. Open to 7th-12th graders.

### DUELER'S GUILD

(Ages 9 and older)  
3rd Saturday of the month  
Saturday, December 19  
Saturday, January 16  
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
No registration required

The Dueler's Guild is a group for players of Collectible Card Games (CCG's) to learn, play, and socialize. We currently support Yu-Gi-Oh! and Magic: The Gathering, but players of all games are welcome to attend. There are no fees and membership is open to both residents and non-residents. All players ages 9 and up are welcome to join us.

### TEEN ADVISORY GROUP (TAG)

December Date TBA  
January Date TBA

Are you a teen with great ideas for the library, but don't know where to start? Then check out the library's Teen Advisory Group! If you're in 7th- 12th grade, you can earn volunteer hours through projects such as suggesting

purchases or planning teen events. To join the group, please fill out a sign-up form, available at the Reference Desk, the YA Spot, or online in the Teen section of the library website. Please turn in completed forms to the Reference Desk.



### CHECK OUT BOARD GAMES & VIDEO GAMES @ THE LIBRARY!

Did you know you can check out a wide variety of games from the library? We collect video games for the Nintendo Wii, DS, GameCube, Xbox 360, Xbox, PS3, PS2, and PSP. Our full list of video games and policies are available on our website. Some of our newest releases include Mario and Sonic at the Olympic Winter Games, WWE Smackdown vs Raw 2010, Uncharted 2, Scribblenauts, Forza 3, and many other popular games.

We also carry a large selection of board games including Scrabble, Twilight Scene It, Ticket to Ride, and many more. Stop by and get your game on today!





## COMPUTER CLASSES

Computer class registration will begin on Saturday, November 21, 2009, in the Business

Office of the Library. A \$10.00 refundable deposit per class is required upon registration to hold your space for the class unless otherwise noted. We accept cash and checks only for the registrations. Sorry, we are unable to accept debit/credit cards.

There are no charges for the classes aside from the \$10.00 refundable deposit per class. We regret we are unable to register patrons over the telephone. A 24 hour cancellation notice (prior to the start of the class) is required in order to receive a refund of the \$10.00 deposit.

Please contact a staff member in the Business Office at (630) 924-2720 if you have any additional questions about registering for computer classes.

### Beginner Computer Course

**Date:** Monday, January 4  
Tuesday, January 5  
Monday, January 11  
Tuesday, January 12  
**Time:** 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.  
**Instructor:** Sean

This four session course will provide the basic tools needed for the areas of computer use people are most interested in. Getting comfortable with Windows and the mouse while learning about the Internet, email, word processing and printing will be the primary focus. This course is intended for anyone, whether they're interested in refreshing old skills or have never touched a computer before. Much of the class will be devoted to questions and all topics will include hands-on practice. No previous experience necessary. Please note: The course requires a \$40.00 deposit, per person and all four classes must be attended in order to receive your full refund.



### Basic Computer Course for the Visually Impaired

**Date:** Monday, December 7  
**Time:** 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.  
**Instructor:** Sean

Responding to requests from the community the Bloomingdale Library is offering a specially designed version of our basic computing course. This class will be intended to provide instruction in computer basics to the visually impaired. Computer concepts and the use of adaptive technology will be discussed.

### Understanding Your Computer 2

**Date:** Monday, December 7  
**Time:** 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.  
**Instructor:** Sean

Class will cover more advanced Windows topics such as changing settings, manipulating/customizing toolbars, properties screens and startup/recovery disks. (Having taken "Understanding Your Computer 1" or equivalent experience is strongly recommended.)

### Resumé Writing/ Online Job Hunting

**Date:** Tuesday, December 8  
**Time:** 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.  
**Instructor:** Chris

In this class students will learn how to use Microsoft Word to create sharp, easily read and understood résumés. They will also learn how to create accounts on and perform searches with job finding sites online like Hotjobs and Monster. This course is about the technical skills required to create the résumés, not about proper style, content, or design. The instructor cannot judge whether or not a student's résumé looks good, he can only show them how to make whatever changes they want. (Having taken "Introduction to Microsoft Word" is helpful but not necessary.)

### How to Buy a Computer

**Date:** Thursday, December 10  
**Time:** 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.  
**Instructor:** Chris

In this course we will discuss the specifications associated with computers and how to best make an educated decision when shopping for and purchasing a computer.

### Understanding Your Computer 3

**Date:** Monday, December 14  
**Time:** 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.  
**Instructor:** Sean

The final session of Understanding Your Computer will cover more advanced hardware topics. Learning to install, remove, and update components of the computer will be covered as well as understanding the basics of how they work. Understanding device drivers and why they're important will be covered. (Having taken "Understanding Your Computer 1 & 2" is strongly recommended.)

### Using the Internet

**Date:** Monday, January 11  
**Time:** 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.  
**Instructor:** Brian

This course will cover all from the most basic Internet questions and topics to more intermediate material such as search engines and downloading. This class is intended for those with little or no computer experience.

### Introduction to Access

**Date:** Monday, January 18  
**Time:** 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.  
**Instructor:** Sean

This class will provide a basic understanding of using Microsoft Access. Topics such as creating Tables, Queries, Forms, and Reports will be covered. (Having taken "Introduction to Microsoft Word" or equivalent experience is recommended.)

### Virus and Spyware Protection

**Date:** Thursday, January 21  
**Time:** 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.  
**Instructor:** Chris

This course will examine the problems caused to computers by Viruses, Spy-Ware, Pop-Ups, and other malicious programs; while discussing ways to avoid and remove them if necessary. (Having taken Introduction to the Personal Computer & Introduction to the Internet is recommended.)

