



# Village of Bloomingdale Almanac

OCTOBER 2009

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## From the Desk of Mayor Bob Iden

Fall is upon us. In Bloomingdale this change of season is always preceded by our annual Septemberfest celebration. This year's event was marked by exceptional weather, the celebration of local talent, great food, terrific music and good times together with friends and neighbors. I thank Chairperson Bill Wolff and his dedicated committee members for another memorable day. See Bill's recap, words of thanks and pictures on pp. 16 and 19.

Inside this issue you will read about two people employed in Bloomingdale who went out of their way to help strangers in a most selfless way. For their actions both are receiving Pillar Awards from the Bloomingdale CHARACTER COUNTS Coalition. The Coalition has been receiving more nominations for these awards for adults. This is gratifying because the program itself encourages adults to model good character for our youth, specifically through the six "Pillars" of trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, citizenship, and caring. Coincidentally, the annual CHARACTER COUNTS! Celebration where American Youth Character Awards are presented takes place in Old Town Park on Tuesday, October 20. Read about it on p. 13.

In other news, the Bloomingdale Park District recently announced that the Illinois Association of Park Districts (IAPD) named Old Town Bank & Trust of Bloomingdale as the "Best Friend of Illinois Parks" in its annual "Best of the Best" Awards competition.

The "Best Friend of Illinois Parks – Business Category" is awarded to a business that has demonstrated exemplary support. Old Town Bank & Trust of Bloomingdale formed a partnership with the Bloomingdale Park District, with both annual financial underwriting support for a number of key programs and events, and with personal participation of the members of the management team. These programs partially include the Summer Concert Series, Movies in the Park, Winter Carnival, Halloween Happening, Make A Difference Day and Coin Dive.

According to Park District spokesperson Anita P. Escalante, Director, Marketing & Communications, "This partnership exceeds the typical sponsor affiliation in that Old Town Bank views park district programs as critical to their community. Together the Bloomingdale Park District and Old Town Bank & Trust of Bloomingdale have created a partnership where their business and agency philosophies mirror each other ultimately allowing us to best serve the residents of the Bloomingdale community in unison."

Congratulations to both parties for creating this outstanding relationship in order to benefit the community.

Mayor Bob Iden



Old Town Bank and Trust management team: Susan DiMeo, Christine Smith, Joseph Bohne, Ed Levato, Jr.

## 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 December issue  
of the  
Almanac is  
**NOVEMBER 10**

## Base Ball, 1858 Rules



The Bloomingdale All Stars took on the Lockport Sleepers in a 1858 Vintage Base Ball game on September 19. Final score Lockport 14 Bloomingdale 6.  
"Wait 'til next year!"

## Be Alert for Stranger Danger

As many people take advantage of the last warm weather days enjoying the great outdoors, the Bloomingdale Police Department cautions students and parents that some unscrupulous individuals seek the warm temperatures, as well. It is good opportunity for them to monitor the school and playground areas where today's youth gather. Both children and young adults are strongly encouraged to avoid contact with unfamiliar individuals who may ask for directions, attempt to provide gifts/money, or engage in any conversation. "Stranger Danger" talks apply to everyone, no matter the age or physical size of a person.

The Bloomingdale Police Department also stresses that if an encounter with a suspicious person and/or vehicle occurs, the police should be contacted as soon as possible, once safety has been established. Any questions or concerns regarding this information should be directed to Officer Dawn Odoi at (630) 529-9868.

Have a wonderful Fall season!

## What You Need to Know About the H1N1 Virus/Swine Flu

With all of the conflicting information out there regarding the H1N1 Virus (Swine Flu), the DuPage County Health Department advises the community to avoid rumors and to get the facts @ [www.protectdupage.org](http://www.protectdupage.org) or [www.flu.gov](http://www.flu.gov) or by calling the H1N1 Hotline at (630) 221-7600.

The DuPage County Health Department further encourages everyone to practice the following Good Health Habits to reduce the spread of the flu.

- Know the signs and symptoms of the flu: 100 degrees Fahrenheit or greater, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, and feeling very tired. Contact your physician with medical questions or concerns.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Do not share eating utensils, drinking containers, telephones, keyboards without cleaning or sanitizing first.
- Stay home from work, school, public gathering and errands when you are sick for at least 24 hours after there is no longer a fever (without use of a fever-reducing medication).
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue (or your upper sleeve) when you cough or sneeze, and throw the tissue away.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. Alcohol-based hand cleaner is also effective.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.
- Get plenty of sleep, be physically active, manage your stress, drink plenty of fluids and eat nutritious food.

Get vaccinated for the seasonal flu and the 2009 H1N1 flu when vaccines are available.

## Bloomingdale Police Department Offers Anonymous Crime Tip Line

The Anonymous Tip Line 630-529-7274 provides citizens an opportunity to report information about a crime or an incident of which they have knowledge. With the anonymous Tip Line, we hope to encourage the community to assist the police department by overcoming two key elements affecting the community: fear and apathy.



This tip line is part of an ongoing effort to develop innovative ways to reduce crime and violence in and around Bloomingdale. The tip line is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Anyone who has information concerning a homicide, gangs, guns, drug activity, or any other type of information that would aid police personnel are encouraged to call.

Often a seemingly unimportant or minor piece of information can solve a crime by providing the missing link.

### How Does the Tip Line Work?

When a citizen calls 630-529-7274, he or she will hear a taped recorded message. Explain the activity in as much detail as possible. You do not have to provide your name, address, or telephone number. All information remains confidential.

Some tips on leaving a message:

Speak clearly. Take your time leaving your message;

Be as specific as possible in providing the following information:

Location of building or house, name of nearest intersection;

Description of person(s) involved, such as height, sex, age, weight, clothing, hair color, eye color, skin color, and any distinguishing marks, names if known.

Description of vehicles involved, make, model, color, and license plate.

If you would like to speak with someone directly, you may either leave your contact information on the tape, or call 630-529-9868 (Bloomingdale Police Department, non-emergency).

If you need immediate police assistance: DIAL 911

## 50/50 Concrete Sidewalk/Curb Replacement Program Suspended

The current economy has necessitated that the Village of Bloomingdale suspend the resident 50/50 Concrete Sidewalk/Curb Replacement Cost Sharing Grant Program. This program reimbursed residents for a share of costs associated with the repair or replacement of public curb and sidewalk, when conditions did not meet the criteria for repair or replacement by the Village. Reinstating the 50/50 Concrete Sidewalk/Curb Replacement Cost Sharing Grant Program will depend on improved economic conditions.

The Public Works Streets Division will continue the systematic inspection and repair program of curbs and sidewalks to minimize hazards.

## Village's 2009-10 Road Salting Policies

While the costs are down from last year, the price of salt is still higher than historical pricing so the Village of Bloomingdale will once again have to use its salt supply conservatively to ensure we will have enough to last the winter season.

Residents should anticipate our response to snow and ice occurrences will be similar to that of last winter season.

More details will appear in the December Almanac issue.



*Autumn Blaze Maple*

## 2010 Tree Planting Program

The Village Board has again allocated funds for this very successful program which was started in 1982. The program provides trees, including planting, at a 50/50 cost sharing with the Village. The trees will be planted next Spring and are available for street parkways and residential front yards.

The following are the guidelines of the program:

- ❑ Since the budget is limited, the program will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Requests should be submitted by December 1, 2009. No payment is required at this time. Bills will be sent about February 1, 2010.
- ❑ Trees will be 2 1/2 inch caliper, unless stated otherwise. Trees will be quality nursery stock but not specimen plants.
- ❑ The Village reserves the right to disapprove requests based on conflicts, safety, or proper spacing.
- ❑ Removal of dead trees, stumps and/or large roots is not included and must be performed by participants before March 15th.
- ❑ Each residential parcel will be limited to two trees per year.
- ❑ Participants will be given the opportunity to mark the desired location for the tree; however, the Village retains the right to change the location, if necessary.
- ❑ We anticipate the cost of 2 1/2" caliper trees to be between \$250 and \$350 each, with the Village paying half of the amount.
- ❑ Trees will be guaranteed for one year. Participants are responsible for all watering which will be described in instructions furnished by the Village.
- ❑ For trees to be planted in the public parkway, this application will serve as the permit requirements of the ordinance regulating trees on public areas.



*Avalanche® Birch*



*Crimson King Maple*



*Red Jewel® Flowering Crabapple*



*Shingle Oak*

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

# 2010 Tree Planting Program — Residential Request Form

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ WORK PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

PLANTING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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

## PARKWAY

\_\_\_\_\_ Red Jewel® Flowering Crabapple (*Malus 'Jewelcole'*)  
This ornamental crabapple grows to a height of 15-18 ft. and a spread of 12 ft. The tree is loaded with white flowers in the springtime, and produces shiny, bright red fruit which turns dark red with the arrival of cold weather.

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Shingle Oak (*Quercus imbricaria*)  
This stately native tree grows 40-60 ft. with an equal or greater spread, and a rounded canopy that provides medium to deep shade. The 4-6 in. long leaves start with a red to yellow cast, deepen to a rich green through the summer, then turn shades of yellow and rust in the fall before dropping.

\_\_\_\_\_ Avalanche® Birch (*Betula 'Avalzan'*)  
An elegant tree with unequalled exfoliating white bark. It is highly resistant to insects and disease, and requires little or no maintenance to maintain its form and beauty. Mature height of 50 ft. and spread of 30-40 ft.

\_\_\_\_\_ Golden Raindrops® Crabapple (*Malus 'Schmidtcutleaf'*)  
Finely textured, deeply cut foliage gives this unusual crabapple a delicate appearance. Slender limbs spread horizontally from upright branches. Blanketed with white flowers in the springtime, it produces abundant, very tiny golden yellow fruit. Grows to a height of 15 ft. and a spread of 20 ft.

\_\_\_\_\_ Crimson King Maple (*Acer platanoides*)  
A red-leaved cultivar of the Norway Maple, noted for its rich maroon leaves throughout the summer. Adaptable to a wide variety of soils, its mature height is 40-50 ft. and spread is 25-30 ft. Providing dense shade in the summer, its smooth bark, straight trunk and strong branching provide nice winter interest.

## FRONT YARD

\_\_\_\_\_ Red Jewel® Flowering Crabapple

\_\_\_\_\_ Autumn Blaze Maple

\_\_\_\_\_ Shingle Oak

\_\_\_\_\_ Avalanche® Birch

\_\_\_\_\_ Golden Raindrops® Crabapple

\_\_\_\_\_ Crimson King Maple

\_\_\_\_\_ Serbian Spruce (*Picea omorika*)  
The most graceful of all spruces, the Serbian Spruce offers thin arching branches with a slender straight trunk. The needles are light-green to blue-green with purple to cinnamon colored 1½ in. cones. Grows in partial shade to full sun. Grows 50-60 ft. with a 25 ft. spread.



Serbian Spruce



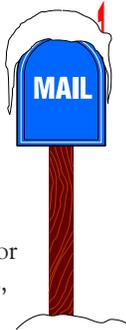
Golden Raindrops® Crabapple

**DELIVER OR SEND TO:**  
**VILLAGE OF BLOOMINGDALE FORESTRY DIVISION,**  
**BLOOMINGDALE VILLAGE HALL**  
**201 S. BLOOMINGDALE ROAD, BLOOMINGDALE, IL 60108**  
*Deadline is December 1, 2009*

## Before winter arrives . . .

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

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



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## Rx Disposal Made Easy

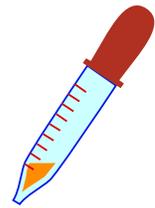
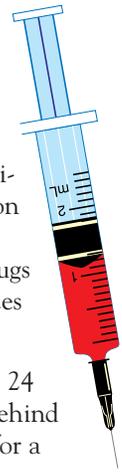
The Bloomingdale Police Department & DuPage County Health Department have joined forces in an Expired / Unused Medication Disposal Program. Expired or unused medications are a risk to families, the community and the environment. Disposing of prescription and over-the-counter drugs down a drain can contaminate public water supplies and waterways. Removing expired and unused drugs from our homes reduces accidental ingestion by children and reduces teen prescription drug abuse.

Bloomingdale Township residents may dispose of their medications 24 hours/7 days per week at no charge into the Rx drop box located behind the Bloomingdale Village Hall, 201 S. Bloomingdale Road. Look for a large white metal drop box labeled RxBOX located to the side of the Police Department

Items Accepted: Prescription Medications; Over-the-Counter Medications; Medicated Ointments; Medicated Shampoos; Liquids Containing Medications; Prescription Inhalers; Over-the-Counter Inhalers; Glass Thermometers containing mercury.

Items Not Accepted: Sharps or needles; Radioactive medicines; Any other medical waste; Household chemical waste - these items need to be disposed of using other methods. For sharps or needle disposal, please check with your physician or local hospital.

For more information, contact Sergeant Duane Kroll or Officer Dawn Odoi at the Bloomingdale Police Department at (630) 529-9868.



## Bloomingdale Resident FYI

When Bloomingdale experiences power outages due to weather conditions or overloaded electronic issues, the traffic control devices / traffic signals might malfunction. The Bloomingdale Police Department reminds drivers to pay attention at traffic intersections to make sure that the traffic signals are working properly.

If a traffic signal is not working at all or has conflicting signals (example: flashing red & green lights), drivers are to treat the intersection as a four-way stop, even without stop signs posted, reducing the opportunity for traffic crashes.

From time to time there are solicitors in our neighborhoods. The Village has solicitation regulations which include local registration procedures. If you have a concern about whether a solicitor in your neighborhood is registered or any question about any suspicious person(s), vehicle(s) or activity in the area, please contact the Bloomingdale Police Department at 630-529-9868.

**WELCOME**  
Bloomingdale is a  
**CRIME WATCH**  
**COMMUNITY**

We immediately report  
all suspicious activities  
to our police department

## Halloween Treats Are in the Bag!

Commander Rick Middleton of VFW Post 7539 makes a donation of patriotic Halloween bags to Tim Jarzemsky, director of the Bloomingdale Public Library, on behalf of the post. These bags, which have a patriotic theme, are reflective and have safety tips for parents and kids, will be distributed to the children attending the library's Halloween Party on October 31.



## Have a 'Hauntingly' Good Time at Police & Fire Department Open House on October 31

All are welcome to an Open House event on Saturday, October 31, 2009, from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., during which both the Bloomingdale Police and Fire Departments will conduct building tours with a Halloween theme. The Police Department is located at 201 S. Bloomingdale Road and the Fire

Department is situated at 179 S. Bloomingdale Road. Activities and games will be provided by our Police, Fire and Park District personnel. Refreshments will be served. Children are encouraged to wear their costumes for Trick-or-Treating (Children less than 10 years old need to be accompanied by an adult).



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

See the chart on page 18 for general child seat use information.

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

## Keep Your Trick or Treaters Safe & Happy This Halloween

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

**TRICK OR TREAT HOURS ARE  
FROM 3:00-7:00 PM  
ON  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31**





# THE BLOOMINGDALE

# BUSINESS BEAT

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

**Remember - BUY IN BLOOMINGDALE.**

## BUSINESS NEWS



### **THEATRE REOPENS IN BLOOMINGDALE COURT:**

The six screen theatre in Bloomingdale Court was reopened in August by Picture Show Entertainment, LLC. The Texas based movie exhibitor specializes in providing affordable family entertainment through high quality discount theatres. The theatre features an updated design with a bright inviting atmosphere, new seats and enhanced projection and sound presentation. The ticket price is \$1.75 all day, every day, with the exception of Tuesdays when tickets are \$1.00 all day. Bring your family out to the theatre, get some \$1 Hot Dogs, ice cold Cokes, and enjoy the newly remodeled theatre. For movie show times, call 630-529-8603.

### **INDULGE CHEESECAKES ADDS ICE CREAM TO THE MENU:**

If you've had a chance to enjoy Debbie Zempel's cheesecakes from Indulge Cheesecakes, owner/baker Debbie has a whole new way for you to "indulge." She has now added homemade ice cream to her menu - that is 10 kinds of creamy ice cream and 2 sorbets. In addition to the usual flavors, she makes cherry vanilla, cookies & cream and white chocolate raspberry cheesecake. The ice cream is available in single serving cups, which you can turn into a sundae, as well as family size servings.

In other news, every year Zempel donates three percent of the sales of her regular cheesecakes to a worthy cause. This year the charity was Family Shelter Service of Downer's Grove which is a safe-haven for women of domestic violence. Indulge Cheesecakes is turning one-year old on October 28. Stop by the store at 322 W. Army Trail Road, (right next to the Picture Show Theatre) during October for a birthday bonus or check the website [www.indulgecheesecakes.com](http://www.indulgecheesecakes.com) for details.

### **CARSON'S STRATFORD SQUARE COMMUNITY DAY WILL RAISE FUNDS FOR NON PROFITS, SCHOOLS:**

Carson's Stratford Square is hosting its fall Community Day on Saturday, November 14, 2009 from 6 am to 10 pm. The Care to Share Community Day is a fundraising event for non-profit organizations and schools. It is a day of special savings throughout the store. Mark your calendars for a day of fun and shopping. For more information you can contact the store at 630-351-8980.

### **NEW DRAGON CHINESE RESTAURANT OPENS:**

Xing Jun Song and her husband Jian Rong Ding opened The New Dragon Chinese Restaurant at 120 Ridge Avenue in August. The couple, who formerly owned a restaurant in Virginia, serve "New York style" Chinese fare, which is where they are originally from. The menu is extensive, with many entrées to choose from, plus a variety of lunch & dinner specials and party tray offerings. They are also currently running a grand opening special on their dinners for 2, 3 or 4 people.

The New Dragon offers both pick-up and delivery, but also has limited in-house seating. They are open Mon-Thurs 11 am- 9:30 pm; Fri/Sat 11 am-10 pm and Sun Noon-9 pm. Call 630-351-5339 or 630-351-3858. You can also check out the menu and specials at [www.newdragon88.com](http://www.newdragon88.com)

### **SIGNS BY TOMORROW RANKED #15 IN 'BEST OF THE BEST':**

Signs by Tomorrow, family owned and operated in Bloomingdale since 1991, was rated #15 in *Wide Format* magazine's *Best of the Best: Top Shops of 2009*. Wide format is large printing typically up to 72 inches. The sign shop also prints grand format which is up to 16 ft wide, such as you see on billboards. Signs by Tomorrow now employs 35 employees including five members of the Schellerer family - Gary, Carla, Gary Jr, Mark and Alan. Signs by Tomorrow is located at 110 S. Ridge.



*The Century Theatre sign is an example of wide format printing as it was assembled with 60-inch panels.*



## The *B-Card*: Bringing Great Values Back to Bloomingdale in February!

The B-Card will be returning in February 2010! The B-Card program features Bloomingdale businesses offering a special promotion or discount to patrons who present a “B” (as in Bloomingdale) Card. Details on the exact dates of the 2010 promotion will be out in the December Almanac.

Encourage your favorite businesses to participate. See “Bloomingdale’s Got Talent” below for information about the exciting new kick-off event the Business Promotion and Cultural Development Committee is planning for the 2010 B-card. The public is invited!

### Bloomingdale’s Got Talent!

So you’ve seen the TV Show and you think, “I could be on that show.”

Now here’s your chance!

If you live here, work here, or attend a Bloomingdale school or feeder school ...you can audition for the “Bloomingdale’s Got Talent” Show.

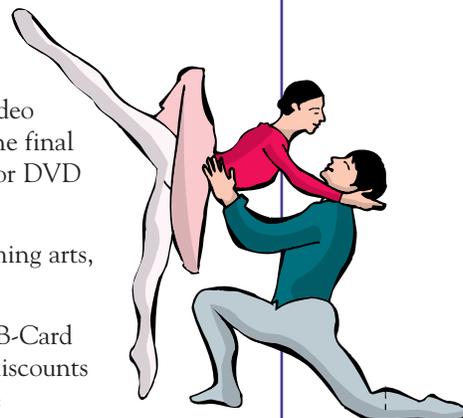
The Bloomingdale Business Promotion & Cultural Development Committee will be hosting a live talent show at Stratford Square Mall on Saturday, February 6, 2010.

To audition for the show, you must fill out an application and submit it along with a DVD or video showing the act you wish to perform. All talents will be considered. Performances 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 from the DVD and Video auditions submitted, and will be required to audition live for the committee. The final contestants will be chosen following the live audition. Submission of your CD or DVD must be postmarked by December 28, 2009.

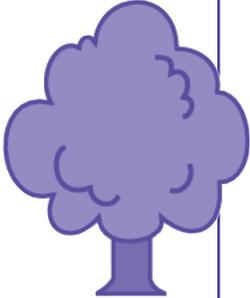
Final contestants will be judged by a panel with some experience in the performing arts, as well as a local figure. First, second and third place trophies will be awarded.

The “Bloomingdale’s Got Talent” event is a special kick-off for the 3rd annual B-Card promotion, through which participating Bloomingdale businesses offer special discounts to anyone holding a B-card. Applications are available on the Village’s website [www.villageofbloomington.org](http://www.villageofbloomington.org) or by calling Mary Ellen Johnson at 630-671-5600.



## 2009 Fall Branch Collection Program Begins October 19

Kramer Tree Specialists, Inc. will once again perform branch collection under the direction of the Village Forestry Division. Branch collection will begin on Monday, October 19. The program is only available to single family detached residences. Townhome residents should contact their association regarding branch collection.



### BRANCH COLLECTION GUIDELINES:

- Branches must be out by 7:00 a.m. on Monday, October 19.
- Woody branches 1/2 inch to 6 inches in diameter are the only items that will be picked up. (Note: any spikes, hooks or other metal objects must be removed.)
- Long lengths are favored provided branches do not block sidewalks and pedestrian access.
- All branches should be placed at the curb or pavement edge and stacked in an orderly fashion with the cut or larger end towards the pavement.
- Thorny tree branches should not be concealed inside piles. These require special care as to not cause injuries to the workers.

### THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE UNACCEPTABLE:

- Branches left out in a tangled mess.
- Woody branches under 1/2 inch in diameter.
- Leaves, vines, small (under 1/2 inch in diameter) flexible willow stems, herbaceous plants and weeds.
- Large stumps, roots and root balls.\*
- Wooden fencing and construction lumber.\*



The above items are considered yard waste and may be placed in bags or cans with tags for Allied Waste (our refuse hauler) pick-up. Yard waste pick-ups commence April 1st and continue through November 30th. Questions concerning Allied Waste pick-ups should be directed to 847-429-7370.

\***Large stumps, roots and root balls** are considered trash and do not require a yard waste tag, provided each item is of manageable size and under 50 pounds. **Wooden fencing and construction lumber** are also considered trash, but require a special pick-up. Contact Allied Waste for more information.

In the event of severe storms, the Village will provide storm damage collection of woody branches 1/2 inch to 6 inches in diameter. Contact the Forestry Division at 630-671-5800 within 72 hours of storm for branch collection.

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



*Branches should be stacked like this . . .*



*. . .NOT like this.*

## Hometown Heroes

**Jammie Meyer**, recreation supervisor and lifeguard trainer for the Bloomingdale Park District, was the first person on the scene of a tragic accident involving a motorcyclist in July. Finding the victim not breathing, she began CPR and was joined by three other Good Samaritans who also worked on him until paramedics arrived. The story has a sad ending as the young man, an Iraq veteran and father of 15-month old triplets, ultimately passed away. In addition to making a donation to the young family, the Bloomingdale Park District Board of Commissioners recognized Jammie for her quick thinking and heroic efforts. The Bloomingdale CHARACTER COUNTS Coalition will also be honoring Jammie with a Pillar Award.



*The Park Board was very proud of Jammie's heroic action. Pictured: Back row, l to r Commissioners Andre Burke, Mike Vogl, Lori Noonan. Front row, l to r Commissioner Karen Johns, Meyer and Commissioner Buzz Puccio.*

In August, a motorcyclist had just finished getting gas at the Meijer Store station on Gary Avenue and was leaving when a spark suddenly ignited some gas on his bike and flames shot up his clothes. **Anthony Perez**, a Meijer employee, was walking out of the store and saw the incident. He ran over and took off his own shirt to try to beat out the flames, while sending others to call 911 and get a blanket. He then had the victim roll over and over to smother the flames. The victim did suffer third degree burns, but the paramedics told Perez that his actions probably saved the motorcyclist's life. Meijer is planning to recognize the heroic efforts of Perez and he has also been recommended for a CHARACTER COUNTS Pillar award.

We are proud to have such brave and caring individuals working in our community. Their quick thinking and immediate action makes both of them "hometown heroes."

## Community Rallies Around Kacey Koster

**Kacey Koster**, a seven-year old student at Winnebago School, may look like most second graders, but she has been battling heart problems since birth. She's already had three open heart surgeries and has now been diagnosed with celiac disease and a growth defect, causing further complications.



Although the youngster functions normally, Kacey is now at a very high risk for a heart attack and has been placed on the list for a heart transplant. Friends, neighbors and other volunteers have been hosting fundraisers to help the Bloomingdale family with the mounting medical bills. Residents interested in helping out the family can make a donation to Kacey Koster, P.O. Box 475, Bloomingdale, IL 60108.



## E-News Brings Breaking Village News Right to Your Computer!

The Bloomingdale E-News has been up and running for over three months now.

Each week a short newsletter is emailed to subscribers directly to their home or business computer. Timely info on upcoming events and activities, meetings, services and environmental news are the kind of useful information provided.

To sign up for the Bloomingdale E-News, go to the Village's website at [www.villageofbloomingdale.org](http://www.villageofbloomingdale.org) The E-News sign-up is in the lower right section of the home page.

# EVENTS

## COMMUNITY

### Flowers & Gifts featured at Upcoming Bloomingdale Garden Club Meetings

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

On November 18, 2009, Garden Club members will create holiday gifts for the residents of the West Suburban Care Center in Bloomingdale. Visitors are invited to stop by and help with this meaningful project, as well as meet the Garden Club members.

Both programs are held at 6:30 pm at Bloomingdale Fire Station #1, 179 S. Bloomingdale Road. For more information, contact Roberta

Pulido, 630-295-8315, [fortpulido@comcast.net](mailto:fortpulido@comcast.net).

### Food & Wine with Friends

Join the Friends of the Bloomingdale Library at 7PM on October 29th as they sponsor a program celebrating food and wine.

The executive chef of Hilton Indian Lakes has prepared an interactive presentation that will explore how to taste wine, distinguish old world from new world, and discuss concepts such as oakiness, earthiness, and minerality.



Guests will learn how to find bargain wines in stores, as well as find out about food and wine pairings. Hors d'oeuvres and a wine tasting will be available. Please note that only residents over 21 may sample wines.

This is free event but seating will be limited, so make sure to reserve your spot early. Register online by visiting [www.mybpl.org](http://www.mybpl.org) and clicking on calendar, or by calling the Adult Services Desk at 630-924-2730.

### Accessories Swap and More at Bloomingdale Women's Club

The Bloomingdale Women's Club invites all Bloomingdale and surrounding area women to their meetings which have special programs of interest every month. BWC holds their meetings the 2nd Thursdays of the month at 7 p.m. at the Bloomingdale Fire Station, 179 S. Bloomingdale Road.

The October 8 meeting will have presentations from representatives of the nominated charities and a vote will be taken for the winning recipient of April 2010 Fashion Show proceeds. The November 12 special program will be an "Accessories Swap." Members and guests are to bring 'gently used' or new items no longer needed but could be something someone else might find just right. Items that are not 'swapped' will be donated to the Marklund Home Resale Shop in Roselle. For more information contact Membership Co-chair Maureen at 630-539-1674.

### Bloomingdale Church Hosts Awana Club for Kids

Awana, Bloomingdale Church's energetic children's club program takes place every Wednesday and welcomes new children each Wednesday.

Awana Clubs are hosted in churches of many heritages in every state in the United States and in over 50 countries as well. The clubs at Bloomingdale Church gather at 4:15 pm & 6:55 pm.

The club, which is for children 3 years old through the 6th grade, focuses on active game times, a merit badge system and learning the important stories of the Bible.

Bloomingdale Church, 260 Glen Ellyn Road, has been an active faith community in Bloomingdale for 32 years and offers a host of programs for children and teens.

For more info go to [www.bloomingdalechurch.org](http://www.bloomingdalechurch.org) or [www.awana.org](http://www.awana.org) or call the church at 630-894-0090.



## EVENTS

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**Try Your Luck at Rotary Bags Tournament on October 10**

The Bloomingdale-Roselle Rotary hosts its annual Bags Tournament on Saturday, October 10th rain or shine at the American Legion Hall, 344 East Maple Street, Roselle. Team registration begins at 11:30 a.m. The tournament starts promptly at 12:00 noon. The team entry fee is \$50. First Prize is \$500.00; Second Prize \$250.00

Food and drink will be available for purchase. There will also be a cash bar. Sponsorship opportunities are also available. Go to [www.brrotary.org](http://www.brrotary.org) for more information or email Dan at [BRRotary.Bags@gmail.com](mailto:BRRotary.Bags@gmail.com)

**Come to the Lions Spaghetti Dinner on October 23**

The Bloomingdale Lions Club will host a Spaghetti Dinner from 5-8 pm on Friday, October 23 at the Bloomingdale Golf Club, 181 Glen Ellyn Road.

Adults are \$10, children 8-years and under are free. There will also be a Chinese Raffle and singer Tony Spavone will entertain. For more information or to order tickets contact [larry@epiceq.com](mailto:larry@epiceq.com) or call him at 630-351-0885.

**Bloomingdale Township Sharing Tree Makes the Season Brighter**

Last year the Volunteer Council of Bloomingdale Township helped make the season brighter for over 750 children in Bloomingdale 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 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.

**Bloomingdale Character Counts Night on October 20**

All are invited to the Character Counts Celebration to be held on Tuesday, October 20 in Old Town Park at 7:00 pm. This year's theme is Challenge of Choices, and students from Erickson, DuJardin, Westfield Middle, Winnebago, and St. Isidore will be performing that evening. Contestants will participate in a game of making correct choices, and Miss Illinois, Erin O'Connor, will participate throughout the evening's events. The winners of the American Youth Character Award will also be announced and presented with their awards. For more information, call 630-529-3120 ext. 2801.



Bloomingdale Police Watch Commander Randy Sater (l), Mayor Bob Iden (r) with the 2008 Character Counts winners

**Park District Museum Featuring 'Places To Go, People To See'**

WE LOVE ART..... so here were are again, featuring another exciting juried art show at the Bloomingdale Park District Museum through Saturday, October 24, entitled "PLACES TO GO PEOPLE TO SEE".

Approximately 100 pieces of paintings and photography, juried by Artist Eric Foresberg, make this show outstanding. We promise, this exhibit will please your artist's eye...who knows, you may want to begin your holiday gift shopping early!! Hours during the Show: Wednesdays - 4-8 pm; Thursday/Fridays - 10-4 pm; Saturdays- 12-4 pm.

Admission during the week is \$1.00/Res. \$2.00/Non-Res. \$.50/Seniors/Children Call the Museum, 108 S. Bloomingdale Road, at 630/539-3096 with any questions and leave a message.



## Bloomington Lions Elect First Female President

While not the first female to join the previously all male Lions, Kelly Gits did not hesitate to make her presence known in the club, and all in a positive way. Joining the club in September of 2005, she readily took on the chairing of projects such as Candy Day, the Spaghetti Dinner, the first ever Bean Bag tournament, the Lions Hearing Bus, and served as club newsletter editor for two years. Kelly demonstrated early that she was well organized, energetic and very serious about the Lion thing . . .serving the Sight and Hearing Impaired and our community.

When Kelly chairs a project she somehow seems to get her whole family to participate. She was elected to the office of President of the club last spring and began her presidential duties July 1, 2009. She was Rookie Lion of the Year in 2007, received a Melvin Jones Fellowship award in 2008, and was named Lion of the Year in 2009.

Kelly is a lifelong Bloomington resident and when not doing Lions' activities. likes to serve as an adult financial literacy educator, plays softball, serves on the Septemberfest Commission, and enjoys spending time with her family.



*Bloomington Lion and past District Governor Lion Ron Fangusaro gives Kelly Gits a congratulatory hug after inducting her as the first female president of the Lions club of Bloomington.*

## Voice of Democracy Scholarship Competition

Local High School Student Could Win a \$30,000 Scholarship and a Trip to Washington DC

Commander Rick Middleton of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7539 in Bloomington announced the kick-off of this year's Voice of Democracy Scholarship Competition. The contest is open to all high school students in grades 9 through 12, including home schooled students.



Students participate by writing and then recording a three to five minute audio essay expressing their views on this year's topic, "Does America Still Have Heroes?" Students' recordings are first judged at the post level with winning recordings advanced for judging at district, state and national levels. Monetary awards are given at each level. The top winner in each state earns a free trip to Washington DC and the first place winner in the national competition receives a \$30,000 scholarship plus the awards issued at the post, district and state levels.

Student entries including the recording, typed copy of the essay and a completed application form are due to our post by November 1. For complete information regarding this exciting competition, please contact our post Voice of Democracy chairman (Bill Bahr) at 630-307-3634 or see our web site at [www.vfw7539.org](http://www.vfw7539.org)

under Voice of Democracy Essay Contest. The Post itself offers a total of \$500 in prizes.

This competition is sponsored by the VFW and its Ladies Auxiliary throughout the country and has attracted over 7 million participants in its 60 year history. The members of Bloomington VFW Post 7539 are pleased to offer this opportunity to the students in our community. An award presentation ceremony will be scheduled later this year to honor the top winners in our post competition.

## Joe Draghi Scholarship Winners

Four outstanding students were awarded the Joe Draghi Septemberfest Scholarship at the Septemberfest celebration. This year's winners were all 2009 graduates of Lake Park High School.

**Kelsey Coleman** has spent much of her life working with people with special needs in school and recreational settings, including organizing programs at both middle school and high school for those with special needs. One of these was a Special Olympics track & field team at Lake Park. She is attending St. Louis University, planning to major in organizational studies or organizational leadership. She knows whatever path her future takes it will include her passion for working with the population with special needs.

**Neethnu Kaniyal** was very involved in a variety of organizations and activities during her high school years, which also included much volunteer work. She is attending St. John's University in Queens, New York having been accepted into the Physician Assistant program. She also hopes to earn a Master's degree in Public Administration and eventually hold an administrative role in a hospital setting.

**Kevin McKeown** focused his efforts during high school on both athletic and academic activities. His achievements and awards in both areas are impressive. Through both he had the opportunity to hone his communication and leadership skills. Kevin currently attends the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, pursuing a political science major and business administration minor. He plans to follow this with law school and hopes to eventually become a U.S. Congressman.

**Bryn Specher's** many activities during her high school years included playing basketball for four years, playing the flute in various school musical groups, making Highest Honor Roll every semester. She has taught youth sports and tutored students from elementary through high school in math. Her wide variety of volunteer activities have been focused on hearing-impaired causes. Hearing-impaired herself, Bryn has not let that stop her from achieving her goals. She is attending Augustana College working toward a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration or management.



## 160 Years of Wedded Bliss

Four couples, who met at St. Paul Evangelical United Church of Church and became fast friends, recently celebrated their 40-year wedding anniversaries by renewing their vows together. The joint renewal and celebration took place at the home of Bloomingdale residents Bob & Vicki Hettlinger. Eighty friends and family came to share the very special occasion. Joining the Hettlingers (3rd couple from left) in the moving ceremony were from l to r, Ralph and Joyce Daniels, Jim & Cheryl Lloyd, and Neal & Diane Miller.



# Many Thanks for a Great Event

What a wonderful day was provided for the Village of Bloomingdale and its 37th Annual Septemberfest.

Gloria Tomaras started the Fest off with the annual parade and once again, she did a wonderful job. This was Gloria's last year running the parade and the commission sure will miss her. Two trophies were awarded: Most Creative float went to Center Stage Dance Group and Best Presentation went to Stratford Crossing Shopping Center.

Mayor Iden performed the opening ceremony with the Bloomingdale Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7539 presenting the colors. The national anthem was sung by 11-year old Shealeigh Voigt. What a powerful voice! She sang her heart out for her country and for the world to hear. Thank you, Shealeigh.

The Septemberfest car show was once again a huge success thanks to Marilyn Zaccardi. Thirty seven cars participated. This year with the push for more fuel efficient vehicles, we saw a 2008 TESLA, a battery operated car that goes from 0 to 60 in less than 6 seconds and can go up to 200 miles on a single charge. The kids transportation contest had a tie again, but brothers Kevin and Tyler Murphy agreed to share the prize.

The Motorcycle Show this year was bigger and better than last year, with 57 Cycles participating throughout the day. Mark Garrison ran the motorcycle show and talked to the audience about the importance of watching out for motorcyclists while on the road.

Vivi and Mitchel Frumkin work as a team for Septemberfest. Vivi takes care of the vendors, making sure we have enough food and fun things for all the fest goers. Mitch takes care of all the publicity and advertising for Septemberfest, as well as getting out the fliers, emails and cable ads. He also helps to prep me for the cable interviews that he sets up.

Carole Lockhart has run the scholarship program for the past 5 years and states that this is what Septemberfest is all about, the kids and helping them to further their education. Four children received scholarships; Kevin McKeown, Bryn Spejcher, Kelsey Coleman and Neethn Kaniyal each received a \$2,000.00 scholarship to the school of their choice.

Newest commission member, Kelly Gits, jumped right in as our entertainment chairperson, setting up all of the entertainment for the fest from beginning to end. Judging from the continuous crowds, she did a pretty great job.

Of course no fest would be possible without the excellent work of Village Services. They put up lighting, picked up trash, set up picnic tables, ordered porta-potties and washing stations. These folks do it all, and then clean it all up. Thank you Village Services for all you do on a daily basis. Great Job Vern Fasse/ Bob Maguire and crews. Thanks also to the Police Department coordinated by Sergeant Tim Roberts, for re-routing traffic for the parade, assisting pedestrians across the street and making sure the fest area was a safe place to bring the family and have fun.

The Park District liaison, Jo Witucki, helps us work with the Park District, as well as offers help to any committee member who needs assistance. The Lions Club liaison, Sharyn Murphy, helps the Lions, who have a big presence at Septemberfest, stay ahead of the game.

Thanks also to Village Trustee liaison, John Dabrowski who keeps up the communication between the Village Board and Septemberfest Commission, Dolores Orlik, our Treasurer, who keeps track of all expenses and scholarship funds, and finally Carol Dublin, my secretary. Carol makes sure that the minutes of each meeting are kept and properly posted. She also assists all other commissioners with their entry forms, programs information and anything else that is needed to make Septemberfest run smoothly. Thanks to all of my committee members and liaisons from all the other entities for their assistance in bringing Septemberfest to the residents.

And to our sponsors, supporters, fest goers and Village of Bloomingdale, "Thank You." You are the reason we do what we do.

**Bill Wolff**  
*Septemberfest Chairman*



## 911 Remembrance

A dozen fire trucks and police cars filed into the front drive at Bloomingdale Church on Glen Ellyn Road, a silent, parade of red lights, greeted by the crowd gathered with lit candles. In remembrance of the events of 911, the group applauded in gratitude to the fire and police personnel of our community.

Inside the church they all viewed a media remembrance by Ralph Padron, heard words of thanks from various community people, including local businessman Vince DePaul, teenager Laura Hartigan and senior Frank Sofia.

Dr. David Riemenschneider, long-time pastor of Bloomingdale Church and Bloomingdale Fire District's volunteer chaplain, offered a short prayer of remembrance at exactly 9:11PM.



# Is Your Child Safe When Traveling in a Vehicle?

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

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

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

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

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



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## National Night Out Against Crime

This was the largest turnout in the 11 years we have been celebrating National Night Out. Approximately 1000 citizens passed through the Oasis at the Park District during the evening. The Dunk-a-cop/fireman was for Illinois Special Olympics and raised \$200 in less than 2 hours.

## Batter Up!

The Bloomingdale Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) played the Park District summer day camp kids in the annual Heroes vs Half-Pints softball game this summer. The Half-Pints staged a vicious rally in the bottom of the 7th inning to win the game 13-12. A great time was had by all.



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## Spotlight On ... Upcoming Events!

### The Polar Express is Coming . . . With Some Changes



Unfortunately, due to new group travel changes implemented by Metra, the Bloomingdale Public Library is no longer able to offer a Polar Express program on the Milwaukee District West Line (Roselle-to-Elgin route). Metra, which operates the commuter rail line, has informed us that due to increased ridership on the weekends and budget cuts, that they will not be able to

accommodate our annual event. Not to be de-railed, we have created a special movie event to be held at the Bloomingdale Public Library, and will include a special screening of the movie, *The Polar Express* along with numerous special surprises along the way. Seating is limited so make your plans to join us on Sunday, December 6, 2009 from 1:30 – 4:00 p.m., when we say all aboard to the Polar Express Movie Event! Please see the program details for this event advertised near the special events.

### DANIEL BURNHAM EXHIBIT

In honor of the 100th anniversary of Daniel Burnham and Edward H. Bennett's Plan of Chicago, the Burnham Plan Centennial Committee and The Newberry Library have created a photopanel exhibit entitled Make Big Plans: Daniel Burnham's Vision of an American Metropolis. To celebrate the historic Burnham Plan of 1909, the Bloomingdale Public Library will host the exhibit through December 2009.



Curated by the Newberry, the exhibit emphasizes the Plan's relevance to metropolitan development through the 20th century and into the future using photographic reproductions of stunning images from the Plan and other sources. For more information about Chicago's big celebration, visit: <http://burnhamplan100.uchicago.edu/>.

**Wednesday, October 14 – 6:30 p.m. – 8:45 p.m.**

#### Make Your Garden Green

In honor of Daniel Burnham's Plan of Chicago Centennial celebration and his vision of a "green" metropolis, representatives from DuPage County will discuss water resource planning for homeowners. Learn how to implement rain gardens, native plants, and rain barrels around your home, and how the benefits of these practices will help conserve water and contribute to a healthy environment. Please register in person, online, or call the Adult Reference Desk at (630) 924-2730.



# 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.

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



## STORYTIMES

### ROMPER RHYMES

(3 months-15 months with caregivers)  
Tuesdays, September 22 – October 27  
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 caregivers)  
Tuesdays, September 22 – October 27  
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 caregivers)  
Mondays, September 21 – October 26  
10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Registration is required.

### PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

(Ages 3-5)  
Wednesdays, September 23 – October 28  
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, September 24 – October 29  
10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. **No**  
class on October 15

Registration is not required. Siblings are welcome to attend.

### FAMILY STORYTIME

(All ages with a caregiver)  
Fridays, September 25 – October 30  
10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Registration is not required.

### BEDTIME STORIES

(All ages)  
Tuesdays, September 22 – October 27  
7:00 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.

Registration is not required.

FEEL FREE TO COME IN YOUR PAJAMAS!

### KIDS' NIGHT OUT WEDNESDAYS: FRANKENLIBRARY'S LABORATORY

(Grades 3-6)  
Wednesday, November 11  
6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Registration is required and begins on October 12.

K.N.O.W. continues with a visit to the laboratory of mad scientist Dr. Frankenlibrary, where we'll become mad scientists, too! Participants should bring an adult-sized plain T-shirt (will be cut; doesn't need to be new) and should dress to get messy!

### HOMEWORK HELPERS

Tuesdays and Thursdays  
Now through December 10  
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Homework Helpers is back in session! Lake Park High School National Honor Society students will be providing free homework help at the Library for school-age students from K-10th grades on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Assistance will be offered on a walk-in basis. Students must bring any textbooks, calculators, and other materials needed to complete their assignments. For more information, call the Youth Services Desk at (630) 924-2740.

No sessions on Thursday, November 26 and Tuesday, December 1.

### LIBRARY CAPERS: BIG BAD WOLF? (GRADES 1-5)

Thursday, November 19  
4:15 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Registration is required and begins on October 12.

Who says all wolves are bad? Maybe you've just never heard their side of the story. Find out for yourself if all the rumors are true!



### DUELER'S GUILD

(Ages 9 and older)  
3rd Saturday of the Month  
Saturday, Oct. 17; Saturday, Nov. 21  
1:00 – 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.





## Youth Services Programs

### CHESS CLUB

(Ages 9 and up)

Wednesdays

4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Registration is not required. Everyone is welcome.

If you are nine years of age or older and know a little or a lot about the game, this is your chance to sharpen your skills. Players of all levels are encouraged to attend for the opportunity to play new people and receive helpful lessons.

### KIDS' GAME TIME

(Grades 3-6)

Thursdays, October 8,

November 12, and December 10

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.

### TUESDAYS WITH TOYS

(Children ages 3 months-5 years and their caregivers)

Tuesdays, November 24,

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.

### DELICIOUS BOOKS: TOPS AND BOTTOMS

(Grades 1-4)

Saturday, October 3

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Registration is required and began on September 14.

Can a lazy bear outwit an industrious rabbit? Who else wants to see how much fun it can be to grow and eat our vegetables?

### READ FOR THE RECORD:

#### *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*

(Ages 3-5)

Thursday, October 8

1:30 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

Registration is required and began on September 14.

Jumpstart's "Read for the Record" is back and better than ever. We'll try to set a new record by reading Eric Carle's *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* with the rest of the world! Join the record-breaking fun!

### FIREFIGHTER FRIENDS @ YOUR LIBRARY

(Children ages 4-Grade 1 and their caregivers)

Monday, October 12

1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Registration is required and began on September 14.

In honor of National Fire Prevention Month, our firefighter friends from the Bloomingdale Fire Protection District No. 1 will be presenting this very special program. Join them as they read some stories, show us firefighting equipment, and teach us about fire safety. A craft will follow the program.

### LIBRARY CAPERS: Haunted Mansion

(Grades 1-5)

Thursday, October 15

4:15 p.m. – 5:00 pm

Registration is required and began on September 14.

Enter the Haunted Mansion if you dare! Spooky stories, gruesome games and a chilling craft await you.

### MONTHLY MONTAGE: MARACAS

(Grades 3-6)

Wednesday, October 21

4:15 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.

Registration is required and began on September 14.

Come on down to the land of Reggae and Limbo rhythms in the Caribbean and assemble and decorate your own maracas.

### ZOO ORNAMENT WORKSHOP

(Families)

Monday, November 9

6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Registration is required and begins on October 12.

The Bloomingdale Public Library and The Friends of the Library will once again be sponsoring the Village Of Bloomingdale Community Tree at the Brookfield Zoo. You are invited to come create a craft that will be on display on the Friends of the Library tree at the Brookfield Zoo. The families of all who have created ornaments will be eligible to win tickets to the zoo so that that they can come and decorate the tree on Saturday, Nov. 21 from 1:30-3:00 p.m.

### MONTHLY MONTAGE: TIN PUNCH

(Grades 3-6)

Wednesday, November 11

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Registration is required and begins on October 12.

This month brings us south to our neighbor, Mexico, where we will create a tin punch art piece you can be proud to show as your own.

### HOLIDAY BAGS

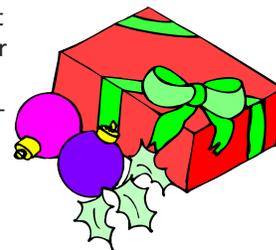
(Grades K-6)

Wednesday, November 11

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Registration is required and begins on October 12.

Join us and get a jump on your gift wrapping. Come and decorate some bags to wrap your perfect presents.





# 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.

## BANNED BOOKS WEEK: Celebrating the Freedom to Read

September 26–October 3, 2009

Banned Books Week: Celebrating the Freedom to Read is observed during the last week of September each year. This annual event has been observed since 1982 and reminds Americans not to take this precious democratic freedom for granted. Banned Book Week celebrates the freedom to choose and the freedom to express one's opinion even if that opinion might be considered unorthodox or unpopular.

Librarians, teachers, and booksellers across the country use Banned Books Week each year to teach the importance of our First Amendment rights and the power of literature, and to draw attention to the danger that exists when restraints are imposed on the availability of information in a free society.

Celebrate your freedom to read with a trip to the Library!



## Thanksgiving Holiday Hours

The Library will be open from  
9:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. on  
Wednesday, November 25.

The Library will be closed on  
Thursday, November 26  
in observance of the  
Thanksgiving holiday.

## BOOK GROUP NEWS

If you enjoy reading and talking about good books, considering joining one of our book discussion groups. We have a book group to suit almost every reader. All of our book groups welcome new members. Copies of the selections are available at the Circulation Desk approximately one month before the discussion.



**Adult Book Discussion Group** meets on the third Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m.

**Thursday, October 15**

*The Golden Spruce: A True Story of Myth, Madness, and Greed*  
by John Vaillant

**Thursday, November 19**

*The Sun Also Rises*  
by Ernest Hemingway

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

**Tuesday, October 6 10:00 a.m.**

*Love and Hate in Jamestown: John Smith, Pocahontas, and the Start of a New Nation*  
by David A. Price

**Tuesday, November 2 at 10:00 a.m.**

*Founding Brothers: The Revolutionary Generation*  
by Joseph J. Ellis

**Mystery Mavens** meets on the third Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, October 21**

*In the Woods*  
by Tana French

**Wednesday, November 18**

*Blue Heaven*  
by C.J. Box

## ABOUT THE LOCAL HISTORY ROOM

Have you ever visited the Local History Room located on the upper level of the Library? This is an area of the Bloomingdale Public Library dedicated to the preservation of information about our community's past.

When you visit the Local History Room, you will find a collection of books and files about the history of Bloomingdale and the surrounding area. There are books to help you get started researching your family tree as well. If you have an interest in genealogy, consider attending our Genealogy Club, which meets on the fourth Thursday of the month from January through October. The Local History Room is staffed from 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, but a librarian will help you any time if you come to the Reference Desk.

The Library is committed to preserving information about our local history and making it available to all.

## READ ON THE WILD SIDE

Congratulations to everyone who participated in the Summer Reading Program.

A total of 671 children registered for the program and earned prizes based on the amount of time they spent reading, which totaled 5977.5 hours.

A total of 224 adults participated; 81 of them finished five books. A total of 120 teens enrolled in the program; 64 of them completed six hours of reading.

Thank you again to the Friends of the Bloomingdale Public Library and the many local businesses and organizations for their donations of prizes. They all helped make the Summer Reading Program a success.



# Adult Services Programs

## FOOD AND WINE WITH FRIENDS

Please join us at 7PM on October 29<sup>th</sup> as the Friends of the Bloomingdale Library sponsor a program celebrating food and wine. Eoin O'Donnell – Certified Sommelier and Director of Food and Beverage at Hilton Chicago/Indian Lakes Resort – will provide information that will explore how to taste wine, distinguish old world from new world, and discuss concepts such as oakiness, earthiness, and minerality. Guests will be encouraged to participate as they learn how to find bargain wines in stores and, most importantly, discuss food and wine pairings. Hors d'oeuvres and wine tasting will be available. Please note that only residents over 21 may sample wines. This is a free event, but seating will be



make sure to reserve early. You may Register by visiting [bpl.org](http://bpl.org) and clicking on the Adult Services Desk at 630-924-2730.

## HOW TO MEDITATE

**Tuesday, October 13**  
7:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m.

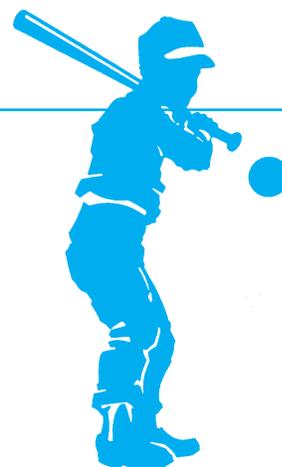
Learn how to relieve stress with meditation. Om Johari will discuss the mental, physical and spiritual benefits of daily meditation and guide you through a meditation session. Please register in person, or call the Adult Reference Desk at 630-924-2730, or register online at [www.mybpl.org](http://www.mybpl.org).

## PEOPLE EDUCATING PEOPLE

You are invited to join the the College of DuPage People Educating People (PEP) Volunteers as a classroom tutor in an ESL, reading or basic math class. You'll work once a week for two to three hours at one of our many sites. We'll equip you in a 12½-hour training on November 7 and 14. For more information, go to [www.cod.edu](http://www.cod.edu) and click on People Educating People in the Site Index. Interested? Contact Joan Morris, PEP Coordinator, at 630-942-3788 or [morisjo@cod.edu](mailto:morrisjo@cod.edu). Don't wait! Registration ends October 12.

## BASEBALL MOVIE SERIES

Gear up for the World Series with a series of baseball movies at the Library. There is no need to register to attend. The movies will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the lower level meeting rooms. All the movies are rated PG.



### FIELD OF DREAMS

**Tuesday, October 6**  
6:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m.

Against all odds, Ray Kinsella, a simple Iowa farmer finds the courage to believe in his dreams. When Ray hears voices telling him to build a baseball diamond, his magical journey filled with baseball greats begins. Featuring Kevin Costner, James Earl Jones, Burt Lancaster and Ray Liotta.

### EIGHT MEN OUT

**Tuesday, October 20**  
6:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m.

In 1919, eight members of the Chicago White Sox conspired to throw the World Series to the Cincinnati Reds. Learn what possessed these talented players to betray the national pastime in this acclaimed film. Featuring Charlie Sheen, John Cusack, and Christopher Lloyd.

### THE NATURAL

**Monday, October 26**  
6:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m.

An unknown middle-aged batter with a mysterious past appears out of nowhere to take a losing 1930s baseball team to the top of the league in this magical sports fantasy. Featuring Robert Redford, Robert Duvall, Glenn Close, Kim Basinger and Barbara Hershey.

## JACK THE RIPPER

### The Whitechapel Murderer

**Tuesday, October 27**  
6:30 p.m.—8:00 p.m.

Learn about one of the most notorious and mysterious crimes in history. Linda Putnam will present a slide show presentation on the Whitechapel area of London in the 1880s, the character and situation of each of Jack's victims, the criminal detection tools available to the London police, and the leading theories on the identity of Jack the Ripper. 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).

## THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!

The Bloomingdale Public Library staff would like to thank the fifteen teens who volunteered their time and talents during the summer reading program and at the Ice Cream Social.

These great young people worked a total of 196 hours, and they all were of tremendous help in making the Summer Reading Program a great success.



# Adult Services Programs

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## NAVIGATING HEALTH INSURANCE IN TOUGH FINANCIAL TIMES

Monday, November 2  
6:30 p.m.—8:00 p.m.

Dan Cantu of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois will present an overview of health insurance options and how to choose the right plan for your budget. During this informative session, he will explain group, individual, retiree, COBRA, temporary insurance, and Medicare options as well as the differences between PPOs, HMOs, POSs, and CDHPs. 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).

## HEARTSAVER CPR

Saturday, November 14  
9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Learn CPR basics from local firefighter and paramedic, Jeff Skelley, owner of My Life Saver CPR. This hands-on class designed for the general public will cover adult, child, and infant CPR and choking, and how to use an Automated External Defibrillator for heart attacks. The class costs \$25 for the three hour session, and each attendee will receive a Heartsaver CPR card from the American Heart Association that is good for two years. Please register for this course in the Business Office. In order to receive a full refund, you must cancel your registration 48 hours before the program begins.

## THANKSGIVING CENTERPIECE WORKSHOP

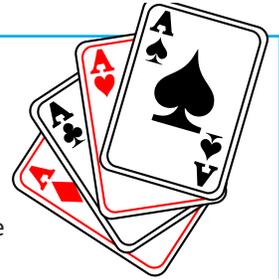
Thursday, November 19  
7:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m.

Peggy Garvin of Garvin Gardens will show you how to create a Thanksgiving centerpiece for your table using fresh flowers, candles, and leaves. Each participant will leave with a centerpiece for their Thanksgiving feast. A \$15 fee covers the cost of materials and is due at

## SENIORS' GAME DAY

Thursday, October 8 and Thursday, November 12  
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Why let the kids have all the fun? Video games are becoming popular with all ages, including the 55 and over crowd. We have proclaimed the second Thursday of the month Seniors' Game Day. Join us for an afternoon of Wii Sports, trivia, board games, and fun! There is no registration necessary for this free program.



## BLOOMINGDALE SENIORS CLUB

Do you play bridge? Pinochle? 31? Any other card game? Dominoes? Any board game? Are you a senior living in Bloomingtondale or one of the surrounding communities? Do you like to take an occasional trip on a coach bus? Are you interested in meeting once a month with others who share your interests?



If you answered yes to any of the above questions, Bloomingtondale Seniors' Club is the club for you. The Club meets on the second Tuesday of every month in the lower level of the Bloomingtondale Public Library. A short business meeting begins at 11 a.m., snacks or a light lunch follows, and then an afternoon of card/game playing is enjoyed by all members.



Join the group whenever you are able!

the time of registration. Please register for this program in the Business Office. In order to receive a full refund, you must cancel your registration 48 hours before the program begins. For additional information about this program, please call 630-924-2730.

## CREATING HOLIDAY GREETING CARDS FOR THE TROOPS

Tuesday, November 3  
6:30 p.m.—8:00 p.m.

People of all ages are invited to the Library to show your support of our troops by sending handmade cards to anonymous soldiers. Kathie Bakken of the Stamp Your Heart Out project will show you how to have some fun, while giving something back to the wonderful people who have put their lives on the line for us. Don't worry if you've never stamped before. Samples and instructions will be provided. All supplies will be provided, you supply the labor. We will be making holiday cards for our soldiers (which you may sign, and include a personal note, if

you wish), and cards for the soldiers to send back to their loved ones at home. 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 ROUND-UP

Tuesday, October 20  
6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Do you belong to a local book group? You are invited to participate in our first Book Group Roundup. Here is your chance to meet and network with other local book group members and talk about which titles worked and which titles didn't. Join a community of readers and share your group's successes and get tips for improving your discussions. Bring a list of your recent selections to share. Adult Services Librarian Julie Keating will explain how the Library can help you choose titles and demonstrate how the Library's resources can help you formulate interesting questions and enrich your discussions. Please register in person, online, or call the Adult Reference Desk at (630) 924-2730.



# Young Adult Spot

Open to Teens 7th–12th grades only

## TEEN READ WEEK

**Sunday, Oct. 18 – Saturday, Oct. 24**  
**Read Beyond Reality @ your library**

Celebrate Teen Read Week with a variety of teen programs @ your library. At the ACT vs. SAT Workshop, learn skills to improve your ACT and SAT scores beyond reality. Get virtual at Teen Game Night, and check out the library's numerous video games. Or join fellow Twilighters at the library's Twilight Night, which will feature a showing of the hit movie, a film trivia contest, and giveaways.

## ANIME CLUB

**1st Thursday of the Month**  
**Thursday, Oct. 1**  
**Thursday, Nov. 5**  
**6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.**

New night! 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, Oct. 8**  
**Thursday, Oct. 22**  
**Thursday, Nov. 12**  
**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! Open to 7th-12th graders.

## ACT/SAT COMBO PRACTICE TEST

**Saturday, Oct. 10**  
**10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**  
**Registration limit: 30**

Not sure whether you should take the ACT or SAT? Then sign up for this combo test, which features sections from both exams. A Kaplan representative will proctor the exam, which will last approximately 3.5 hours. Students will receive their test results and an analysis of their exam performance at the ACT vs. SAT Workshop, held on Monday, October 19 from 7:30-8:30PM. Parents are encouraged to attend this workshop.

There will be short breaks during the exam, but no time for lunch, so please eat beforehand. Please also bring extra #2 pencils and a calculator (graphing is acceptable). Space is limited, so register at the Reference Desk, online, or by phone at (630) 924-2730.

## ACT VS. SAT WORKSHOP

**Monday, Oct. 19**  
**7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.**

In this companion workshop to the ACT/ SAT Combo Practice Test, a Kaplan representative will help you further explore the ACT and SAT exams. Major topics will include:

- Interpreting your combo test results
- Top factors in college admissions
- SAT at a glance
- ACT at a glance
- What do colleges think?
- Test strategies
- Creating your preparation plan

Parents and teens are encouraged to attend together. Even if you are unable to take the ACT/SAT Combo Practice Test, you are still welcome to attend. Register at the Reference Desk, online, or by phone at (630) 924-2730.

## TWILIGHT NIGHT

**Wednesday, Oct. 21**  
**6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.**  
**Registration limit: 50**

Get bitten at our free showing of Twilight, the hit film based on Stephenie Meyer's Twilight Saga series! Cheer for Team Edward or Team Jacob, show you're the ultimate Twilighter during the film trivia contest, and pick up some free Twilight Saga giveaways. Film rated PG-13. Register at the Reference Desk, online, or by phone at (630) 924-2730. Open to 7th-12th graders.

## TEEN ADVISORY GROUP (TAG)

**Oct. Date TBA**  
**Thursday, Nov. 19**

Are you a teen with great ideas for the library, but don't know where to start? Do you wish the library had gaming tournaments or would purchase a popular new series? 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 programs. To join the group, please fill out a sign-up form, available at the Reference Desk, the YA Spot, or online in the "Teens – What's Happening" section of the library website. Please turn in completed forms to the Reference Desk.





## COMPUTER CLASSES

Computer class registration will begin on Saturday, October 3, 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. 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, October 19  
Tuesday, October 20  
Monday, October 26  
Tuesday, October 27  
**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. 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.

### Using the Internet

**Date:** Tuesday, October 13  
**Time:** 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.  
**Instructor:** Chris

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.

### Basic HTML

**Date:** Wednesday, October 14  
**Time:** 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.  
**Instructor:** Sean

In this course we'll learn how to create basic web pages using HTML code. We will cover basic topics like inserting text, links, pictures, and background colors; as well as more advanced design topics, as time allows. This class is intended to be introductory but some internet experience may help to understand topics discussed. (Having taken Using the Internet is recommended.)

### Introduction to Word

**Date:** Thursday, October 15  
**Time:** 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.  
**Instructor:** Chris

This class will be aimed at those with little or no experience using Microsoft Word. Topics such as creating and saving files, formatting, and editing documents will be covered. There will be time available for questions and specific problems related to Microsoft Word.

### Intermediate Word

**Date:** Thursday, October 29  
**Time:** 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.  
**Instructor:** Chris

This class is intended for users who have some experience with computers and Microsoft Word. It will cover how to use many of the more advanced options available. Lecture will include using outlines, adding images, and other formatting/design topics.

### Using the Internet 2

**Date:** Tuesday, November 3  
**Time:** 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.  
**Instructor:** Chris

In Using the Internet 2 we will add to and expand on the topics covered in Using the Internet. Areas such as browser options, adding links, downloading, advanced searching, high speed Internet access, and more will be covered.

### Introduction to Excel

**Date:** Wednesday, November 4  
**Time:** 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.  
**Instructor:** Sean

This class will cover the basic concepts creating and using spreadsheets. Formatting, designing, and sorting spreadsheets will be discussed along with the first steps towards creating formulas and using functions.

### Printing Mailing Labels

**Date:** Thursday, November 5  
**Time:** 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.  
**Instructor:** Chris

In this course students will use MS Word and other Microsoft Office tools like Mail Merge to automate repetitive tasks like the creation of mailing labels to save time. A great idea for mailing holiday cards!

### Using Email

**Date:** Tuesday, November 20  
**Time:** 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.  
**Instructor:** Sean

This class will introduce the students to creating an email address, performing basic functions such as using attachments.

### Excel Formulas

**Date:** Wednesday, November 11  
**Time:** 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.  
**Instructor:** Sean

This class will focus on all aspects of creating formulas in Excel. From the basic techniques used and common pitfalls to more advanced ideas involving conditional formulas and linking. Participants are expected to be comfortable with basic Excel concepts but much of the class will be allotted for questions and in-class practice drills.

### Creating Greeting Cards with Publisher

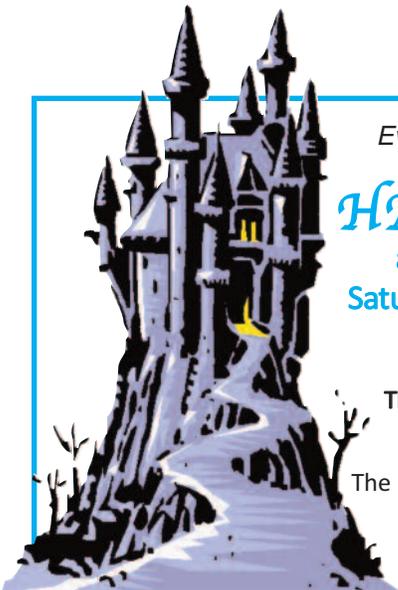
**Date:** Thursday, November 12  
**Time:** 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.  
**Instructor:** Chris

Students will learn to use Publisher's design tools to create and print interesting and fun cards for any occasion. Folding layouts, working with images, text tools, borders and more will be discussed.

### Using Email 2

**Date:** Tuesday, November 17  
**Time:** 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.  
**Instructor:** Sean

Using Email 2 takes users beyond the basics of sending and receiving email and teaches them to take advantage of the many features their email services provide. Topics such as attachments, folders, address books, mail options, spam protection, and more will be covered.



Everyone is invited to attend the 21st Annual

## HALLOWEEN PARTY

at the Bloomingdale Public Library  
Saturday, October 31, 2009, 12:00-2:30 p.m.

Sponsored by

The Bloomingdale Public Library, the Friends of the Library, and the Village of Bloomingdale.

The Halloween Party will be held outside under a tent, rain or shine! Children are encouraged to wear costumes. Tickets for games will be available from 12:00-2:00 p.m on this date only.

This event will feature storytelling, free games, free refreshments, and much more!

Please call the Youth Services Reference Desk at (630) 924-2740 to register for this event, or for more information!

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  
7:00-9:00 p.m.

#### Activities

A variety of activities will be available throughout the evening including:

Children's crafts, musical performers, and refreshments.

Please visit our website at [www.mybpl.org](http://www.mybpl.org), or call the Library at (630) 529-3120 for more details.



The Bloomingdale Public Library and the Friends of the Library are pleased to announce the Eleventh Annual Community Decorated Holiday Tree Program. The holiday trees will be displayed along the sidewalk at the Library. Twenty holiday trees will be available. The Library and the Friends are inviting community groups, classes, and clubs to participate by decorating a tree between November 25 and November 30, 2009. Trees must be decorated by Monday, November 30, 2009, for the annual Holiday Open House, which will be held on Tuesday, December 1, 2009 at the Library.

Trees will be assigned on a first come, first serve basis. However, the number of trees schools, and or other groups can decorate will be limited so that all areas of the Village are represented. Each participating group will receive a location map of its tree and a list of the rules and regulations. Once your tree reservation is received and confirmed, you may begin planning your decorations. There is no required theme. There are, however, certain rules all groups must follow:

- Decorating may not begin until Wednesday, November 25 and must be completed by Monday, November 30, 2009.
- Groups must remove their own ornaments from their tree. Decorations must be removed from the trees between Saturday, December 26, 2009 and Sunday, January 3, 2010. Beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, January 4, 2010, all remaining decorations will be removed and discarded from trees in preparation for chipping (chipped trees are used as mulch throughout the Village). PLEASE NOTE: Ornaments left on trees will not be saved.
- The Bloomingdale Public Library and the Friends of the Library are not responsible for any lost, stolen, or damaged decorations.
- This event is open to Bloomingdale clubs, groups, and/or classes. The groups must either be from Bloomingdale or has Bloomingdale residents in order to participate. If groups wish to laminate ornaments, the Library has a laminator available. Please call ahead to reserve a time.

We are very excited about the Eleventh Annual Community Decorated Holiday Tree program. If you wish to participate, please contact Jenny Slavik in the Business Office at (630) 924-2721.



## Polar Express® Movie Event!

Please join us on Sunday, December 6, 2009 as the North Pole arrives at the Bloomingdale Public Library!

The Library will present the movie, *The Polar Express*, in Meeting Rooms A/B on the lower level beginning at 1:30 p.m. Please join us for special activities that will be available throughout the showing of the movie including: crafts, storytelling, a raffle, train exhibit, and more! Activities will be offered until 4:00 p.m. on this date.

Please note the following registration information:

- Limited to Bloomingdale residents.
- Tickets are free. However, each person attending this event must have a ticket.
- Tickets will be limited to six per family.
- Space for this program is limited, please register early!
- You must register for this program in the Business Office beginning Saturday, November 7, 2009.



Refreshments will be available for purchase at the event.

16th Annual

## Breakfast/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 at the Library beginning on Saturday, November 7, 2009 at 9:00 a.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).

Please register in the Business Office.

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.

