



Village of Bloomingdale Almanac

FEBRUARY 2010

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Trustee!
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Great Savings
in Bloomingdale!
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From the Desk of Mayor Bob Iden

As each January arrives, we usually take stock of the past year and make plans accordingly for the new year.

Since the Village of Bloomingdale is not immune from the financial difficulties caused by the severe recession, our plans involve meeting our budgetary needs. Sales and income tax revenue, which historically have provided most of our General Revenue for street maintenance, snow removal, police protection and administration, remain well below our budget estimates. In addition to the impacts of the overall economy, the village suffered the loss of a significant generator of sales taxes late in 2008.

Much has been and continues to be written about pension costs. What many do not know is that the pension benefits for public employees, including Police and Fire, are established by the state. They are paid for by the employee and by the employer as required by state law. The economy also took its toll on the pension funds, plus those annual costs are increasing at a significant rate, which we must pay. We will continue to be faced with those increasing costs until the state lawmakers are able to stop adding pension benefits.

While we have funds in reserve for such an economic "rainy day", those funds are limited. Accordingly, the Village continues to look toward our next fiscal year, which starts on May 1, with the need for additional reductions in expenses and for additional revenues.

The Village has always been careful to thoroughly justify filling of all personnel vacancies to keep staffing at a low level. In order to further reduce personnel costs, we have instituted a new program designed to reduce staffing levels on a voluntary basis. During this next year, the village will see the benefits of that program, without significant impacts to services.

We will be providing more updates on this important matter in the future, as we work toward meeting the needs of our community at the lowest possible cost.

As you will read on p. 3, we have bid farewell to John Dabrowski after 10+ years as a trustee. John ran and was elected to the position of Bloomingdale Township Assessor in 2009. He assumed his new office in December. I am very pleased to have appointed Jeff Dolce, former Plan Commission chairman, to complete John's term as trustee.

I also welcome Dr. Alex Zevan III and Len Jaster to the Plan Commission & Zoning Board of Appeals which puts that commission back at full strength. It is always wonderful to see the interest and dedication of our citizens to serve in this way.

Mayor Bob Iden



Mayor Bob Iden offers congratulations to Ellie Alumbaugh for achieving the status of "most seasoned" employee at 40 years! See page 12 for a list of other Village employees celebrating milestone anniversaries.

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

Jeff Dolce
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



The deadline for
the April issue
of the
Almanac is
MARCH 10

Be a Friend to a Fire Hydrant



Remember – Adopt a Fire Hydrant near your home. We are all tired of moving snow, but this extra effort could help save a life or save someone's home from being destroyed by fire. Not just a good idea, but something we all should do for ourselves and our neighbors.

Village Board Welcomes Jeff Dolce, Extends Thanks to John Dabrowski

Jeffrey Dolce was appointed to the position of Village Trustee, following the resignation of John Dabrowski, who was elected Bloomingdale Township Assessor. Mayor Iden swore in our newest trustee at the January 11th Village Board meeting.

Jeff, a Jamestown, NY native, moved to the Chicago area in 1976. Jeff and his wife Patty have lived in Bloomingdale since 1986. They raised two children here, Kristen, now married with one child, and Thomas, a Captain in the Army, currently serving in Iraq as a Medevac Helicopter Pilot.

Jeff has been employed for 20 years as Manager, Revenue Equipment Technology & Maintenance at the Chicago Transit Authority.

He has been an active member of the community over the years, including serving with the Westlake Townhome Owners Association Board of Directors, and coaching for the Bloomingdale Baseball Association and Bloomingdale Park District Basketball. He was a member of the Village of Bloomingdale Plan Commission 2001 - 2009, serving as chairman since 2006. He is also a communicant of St. Isidore Parish.

We welcome Jeff to the Village Board.



Thanks to John Dabrowski



After serving for 10+ years as a Village Trustee, John Dabrowski has resigned from the Village Board to serve as the Bloomingdale Township Assessor. John served as a member of Bloomingdale's Old Town Commission, Plan Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals and also as the Village Board Liaison to the Bloomingdale Police Department, Family Fest and Septemberfest Commissions. John has further demonstrated his commitment to the community, as a member of the Bloomingdale Parks Foundation, and as an active supporter of the Bloomingdale Public Library and Friends of the Library. The Village extends our sincere best wishes to John in his new position as Township Assessor.

Police Department Records Division Hours

The weekday hours for the Bloomingdale Police Department Records Division are Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. until 7:00 p.m., except for Wednesday, when the evening hours are extended to 9:00 p.m. The Saturday hours are 8:30 am until 1:30 pm.

The Records Department also takes payment on water bills and has yard waste stickers in the summer months.

Yardwaste Pickup Begins April 1st

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

Small twigs, leaves and other yard waste may be placed in bags with stickers (\$2.46 each) for Allied Waste pickup.

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





Parkway Damaged By Snow Plows? Let Us Know So We Can Make Repairs

The Public Works Division understands that there could be some damage to parkways due to snowplowing operations.

It is Village policy to repair parkways in April, May, and early June, weather permitting, as this is the best time for the germination of grass seed.

Please call the Public Works Division at 630-671-5800 to inform us about damage to your parkway so we can put your location on the list.

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Westfield Middle School's Student Council Seasonal Successes



Westfield's Student Council would like to say "Thank You" to all those who supported the November Clothing drive. It was very successful and a wonderful opportunity for students and the community to work together. Westfield Middle School brought in 3,921 donated items. All of the clothes were picked up by St. Paul Evangelical Church Pastor Brandon Woosley and his wife Christine. On Saturday November 27th the church made the donated clothes available to the community for anyone in need.

In addition, Westfield raised a grand total of \$2,161.87 in donations which Student Council spent on Christmas gifts for children in need for the Bloomingdale Township Sharing Tree.

Looking for a Summer Job? Check Out These Employment Opportunities with the Village!

The Village of Bloomingdale is accepting applications as a showing of interest in seasonal employment only in the Public Works Maintenance and Utilities Divisions. The type of work involves physical labor. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age and must have a valid Illinois drivers license. Starting hourly rates are \$9.00.

Applications may be obtained online at www.villageofbloomingdale.org and at the Bloomingdale Village Hall, 201 S. Bloomingdale Road, Bloomingdale, IL 60108 from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday. Completed applications can be mailed into or dropped off at the Village Hall.

The Village of Bloomingdale is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Neighborhood Watch: Crime Fighting Gets Personal



The **Neighborhood Watch Program** is a cooperative effort between the residents of Bloomingdale and the Bloomingdale Police Department designed to help reduce burglary, vandalism and other neighborhood crimes. Its operational objectives are to disseminate information to homeowners on how to protect themselves, their property, and their community; to establish communication and helpful relationships between neighbors; and to create real and psychological restraints for criminals.

Neighborhood Watch goes beyond the concept of securing your own home. It means caring about your neighbors, being aware of who is in the neighborhood, and what is happening. It also means

calling the police and your neighbors if you see suspicious people, vehicles, or activity. It gives you and your neighbors a greater sense of security when you know someone cares.

As criminals become aware of areas having Neighborhood Watch groups, they avoid them and move to other neighborhoods, because they know that the residents are alert and will report their activities to the police.

Awareness and Involvement are the keys to a successful Neighborhood Watch Program – keeping interest high and continuing the group's crime prevention education must be a primary focus for all participants. Through involvement, residents can take significant steps to deter, delay, or detect burglaries, vandalism, and theft, thus, making Bloomingdale a safer place to live.

The Bloomingdale Neighborhood Watch Program has general meetings on the third Wednesday of every other month - January, March, May, July, September, and November.

WANTED: Neighborhood Watch Block Captains

The primary link / spokesperson of a particular residential area to the police department

Minimum number of homes involved with a Block Captain: 5

Responsibilities / Duties:

- ✓ Meet with each resident in your area and provide an invitation to be involved with the Neighborhood Watch Program.
- ✓ Maintain a listing of all your involved residents.
- ✓ Gather information, questions and concerns, from residents and then contact the Neighborhood Watch Coordinator (Officer Dawn Odoi) for answers.
- ✓ Provide current information from the Bloomingdale Police Department to your neighbors regarding criminal activity affecting your residential area.
- ✓ Distribute the Neighborhood Watch newsletter to neighbors' homes or by e-mail.
- ✓ Obtain recent Village and Police activities information through attendance at Neighborhood Watch General Meetings.

Being a Block Captain is not a hard or time-consuming job. It mostly involves becoming aware of activities in your area, taking the time to report them and disseminating information to your neighbors. A Neighborhood Watch Block Captain is a vital and necessary role for the success of the Neighborhood Watch Program and to preserve the safety and quality of life in Bloomingdale.

Any questions about the Neighborhood Watch Program or interested in becoming a Neighborhood Watch Block Captain, please contact Officer Dawn Odoi at (630) 529-9868.

Two New Laws Affect Illinois Drivers

The new Illinois text messaging law went into effect on January 1st, 2010.

According to the new law:

"A person may not operate a motor vehicle on a roadway while using an electronic communication device to compose, send, or read an electronic message."

"Electronic message" includes, but is not limited to electronic mail, a text message, an instant message, or a command or request to access an Internet site."

Exceptions include emergencies, public safety officials and a driver using an electronic communication device in hands-free or voice-activated mode. Fines for the new offense begin at \$75.

Also in effect as of January 1, 2010 A person, regardless of age, may not use a wireless telephone in a school speed zone or a construction/maintenance speed zone.

Exceptions include a person engaged in a highway construction or maintenance, emergencies and when the phone is in voice-activated mode.



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH IN ACTION

The Bloomingdale Police Department publicly recognizes and expresses sincere gratitude to the residents listed below. The time and dedication as volunteer Neighborhood Watch Block Captains have led to the continued success of the program. Thanks to all of them for their contributions throughout the year to promote safety and enhance the quality of life for our community.

Mary Albert	Donna Hoidas	Jack Sassmann
Bill Bahr	Dorothy Jaskey	Rhonda Schubert
Anna Marie Bergl	Gretchen Johnson	John Schultz
Pam Brewer	George & Gloria Kas	Robyn Scurek
Gregg Burgess	Joyce Klinowski	Kendra Siegle
Andre Burke	Rita & Frank Letizia	John Sofere
Brad Butler	Anthony &	Nilofer Soheli
Lee Clarbourn	Theresa Lobraco	Milan Stevanovich
Bart Cohen	Rozanne Malott	Susan Voelker
Carol Cosentino	John Manos	Mary Theresa Wedel
Patricia Cox	Judy Martin	Bob Wikrent
Josephine Dabrowski	Patrick McNamara	Bill Wirkus
Sam D'Amico	Jane & Gil Michelotti	Louise Zeitoun
Janet Davitt	Wayne & Sharyn	
Bonnie Decoursey	Murphy	Management Offices
Mary Ann Divenere	Carol Neff	of:
Monica Dolhun	Carol Nies	Camden Apartments
Donna Doyle	Nancy O'Leary	One Bloomingdale Place
Paula Duffey	Holly Paoletti	Stratford Place
Patty Eagleton	Dawn Percudani	Apartments
Tim Fenner	Dorothy Prohaska	Wilshire Tower
Mary Sue Fornari	Greg Puchalski	Apartments
Amy Frane	Patrick Quigley	
Mitch & Vivi Frumkin	Bernard Rapacz	
Laura Geraci	Marvin Roehlke	
Sally Gill	Gail Rohlfing	
Patrick Griffin	Roger Rossi	
Charissa Hannigan	Cynthia Rothamer	
Connie Hasselbach	Judi Rotondo	
Juanita Hathaway	John Ruberti	
Jacquelyne Hill	Lewis Sapien	

Neighborhood Watch Calendar of Upcoming Events

GENERAL MEETINGS
3rd Wednesday evening
of every other month at
7:30 PM in the Village
Hall Council Room:

March 17
May 19
July 21
September 15
November 17

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT
AGAINST CRIME --
BLOOMINGDALE PARK
DISTRICT
Tuesday, August 3, 2010
6:00-9:00 PM

WELCOME
Bloomingdale is a
CRIME WATCH
community



We immediately report
all suspicious activities
to our Police Department

OUR SUCCESS IS
MEASURED BY THE SCOPE
OF YOUR INVOLVEMENT

Sincerely,

Tim Goergen, Dawn Odoi,
Chief of Police Community Policing Officer

(630) 529-9868

Numerous Scholarships Available to Graduating High School Seniors

The Bloomingdale Women's Club will once again be offering a \$1,000 scholarship to a graduating senior this Spring. The scholarship is available to applicants who reside in the Village of Bloomingdale with a "C" average or better. The major criteria for awarding the scholarship will be evidence of Community Service.

Applications will be available at the guidance counselors' offices at Lake Park and Glenbard North High Schools, or contact Rose Fitzpatrick at 630-291-3667.



The **Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce** will also be offering scholarships to graduating seniors and continuing post secondary students for vocational, business or a two- or four-year college. Candidates must be a Bloomingdale resident or employee of a Bloomingdale Chamber member. Previous Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce scholarship winners will not be considered. Applications will be available after Monday, February 15 at the Chamber office, 108 W. Lake Street, on the website www.bloomingdalechamber.com, at the Bloomingdale Village Hall, 201 S. Bloomingdale Road or at the Bloomingdale Library, 101 Fairfield Way. The deadline for submission is noon on Friday, April 9, 2010. For more information call the Chamber office at 630-980-9082.

College-bound high school seniors who have attended **District 13** schools are invited to apply for scholarships available through the district.

A \$750 scholarship is being offered from the DuJardin Parent-Teacher-Organization (PTO); a \$750 scholarship is being offered from the Erickson PTO. Westfield Middle School is offering two \$750 scholarships - one from the Student-Parent-Teacher organization and one from former Westfield Social Studies teacher Jay Perkins in memory of his late wife, Patti.

Past students of both DuJardin and Erickson may apply to only the school most recently attended. Students who attended one of the elementary schools and Westfield Middle School may apply to the elementary school as well as to Westfield.

Applications will be available from Lake Park High School counselors' offices, the District 13 school offices and can be downloaded from the district's web page, www.sd13.org. Applications must be submitted by April 9. Winners will be selected by a committee evaluating the students' applications, grade point averages, introductory letters, and letters of recommendation. Winners will be notified in early May. For more information, contact the District 13 office at (630) 893-9590.

Watch the April issue of the Almanac for information on the 2010 **Joe Draghi Septemberfest Scholarship** available to Bloomingdale residents.

Safety Reminders

- Keep doors and windows closed and locked at all times, including doors that connect from the garage to the home.
- Utilize outside light and motion light detectors around your home.
- Utilize timers to turn lights, radio(s) or television(s) on and off at appropriate times in different areas of your home.
- Properly lock your unattended vehicles at all times, including in your driveway.
- Remove all personal/valuable items from unattended vehicles, including GPS devices.
- Report all suspicious person(s) and vehicles in your neighborhood.

Thanks!

The Village of Bloomingdale depends on the efforts of a variety of commissions and committees during the year. Each serves a specific purpose and is made up of volunteers, many of whom contribute a good deal of time to carry out the work of the commission. We extend thanks to the following individuals who have given so freely of their time during 2009.

Business Promotion & Cultural Development Committee

Jacki Unger	John Vertnik
Branka Poplonski	Remo Turano
Georgene Geils	Nicole Kneeland
Lori Selvaggi	Woods

Board of Fire & Police Commissioners

Warren Gnau	Frank Letizia
	Louis Pavone

Police Pension Board

Jeff Fritz	Len Jaster
Steve Apostolopoulos	Alan Birkley
Randy Sater	Mark Kreciak

Plan Commission

J. Thomas Brice	Guy Sanalitro
Jeff Dolce	Ron Fangusaro
Kelley Edmier	Dan Hauser
Dan Proctor	

Septemberfest Commission

Carole Lockhart	Marilyn Zaccardi
Dolores Orlik	Vivi Frumkin
Gloria Tomaras	Bill Wolff
Mitch Frumkin	Kelly Gits

Family Fest Commission

Guy Sanalitro	Milton Clark
Tim Jarzemsky	Kandice Krettler
Julie Deeke	Dennis Szafran



THE BLOOMINGDALE

BUSINESS BEAT

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

Remember - BUY IN BLOOMINGDALE.

BUSINESSES NEWS

COMPREHENSIVE DENTISTRY REWARDS GOOD DEEDS:

Comprehensive Dentistry, 183 S. Bloomingdale Road, has sponsored an annual essay contest that rewards GOOD DEEDS done by children and teenagers since 1976 to encourage them to make the right choices in life. Everybody on the planet has a vested interest in providing a stable foundation of moral values to our children. Comprehensive Dentistry believes that children deserve a helping hand to make their own choice, of what is right and wrong, to make their own choice of how to reach their goals without compromising their morals.

This contest is open to any youth under the age of 18 years of age. The rules are simple: "DO A GOOD DEED" and tell them in a short essay what you did, why you chose to do it. Essay must be submitted by April 1, 2010. For more information or for an entry form go to www.comprehensivedentistry.com, click on Our Office, then Events and Contests or call the office at 630-529-2522.

CARSON'S STRATFORD SQUARE COMMUNITY DAYS WILL RAISE FUNDS FOR NON-PROFITS, SCHOOLS:

Carson's Stratford Square will host their fall Community Day on Saturday, February 27th, 2010 from 6:00 am to 9:00 pm. The Care to Share Community Day is a fundraising event for all non-profit organizations. Organizations sell booklets for \$5.00 each and 100% of the price is retained by the organizations. Each book contains special savings coupons valid on the Community Day One Day Sale on Saturday, November 14th. Join local groups like the Bloomingdale Women's Club, Yellow River Performing Arts Group, Westfield Middle School and My Day Foundation Inc. Interested organizations can go to Carson's website at www.communitydayevent.com for information or contact the store at 630-351-8980 x4005.

B-Card Kicks Off February 7

Don't forget the Bloomingdale B-card is in effect Sunday February 7 through Sunday, February 28. See inside for a list of participating businesses, as well as a card you can clip and carry with you. Check the Village's website at www.villageofbloomingdale.org for a complete list of businesses including those who signed up after the Almanac deadline. Also check out "Bloomingdale's Got Talent," a live juried show on Saturday, February 6 from 6-8 p.m. next to the Food Court at Stratford Square.



ALDEN SUPPORTIVE LIVING FACILITY NOW OPEN IN BLOOMINGDALE:

The Alden Foundation is happy to announce the February grand opening of Alden Gardens of Bloomingdale Supportive Living Community, 285 E. Army Trail Road, near the corner of Glen Ellyn and Army Trail roads.

Alden Gardens of Bloomingdale offers a warm, friendly and secure home-like setting for residents. Creative programming options and activities are available daily, all in a nurturing and carefree environment.

The multi-million dollar venture offers 86 spacious studio, one- and two-bedroom apartments with kitchenettes, weekly house-keeping and laundry services, three meals a day, personal assistance with activities of daily living and medication reminders. Certified nursing assistants are on duty 24 hours a day, seven days a week to provide personal care and services to residents in the privacy of their apartments.

In addition to an array of standard programs and services, residents of Alden Gardens of Bloomingdale are encouraged to live an active and healthy lifestyle. The supportive living facility offers a daily schedule of recreational, therapeutic and social activities, as well as transportation to shopping and cultural events throughout the area. The building will feature a host of amenities, including a billiards room, library, computer lab, activities center and more.

Most services are included in one monthly fee. Financial assistance is available to those who qualify. Deposits are now being taken. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call Sandra Horvath or Jo Petruncio at 630-307-7273.

Alden Gardens of Bloomingdale is part of Alden, which currently operates more than 40 rehabilitation and health care facilities, assisted living communities, memory care residences and skilled pediatric nursing facilities. Bloomingdale Horizon Independent Senior Living, located on west Lake Street, is among their facilities.

Dangerous Ground -- Winter Ice Safety

The winter season brings with it snow, cold weather and outdoor activities, which for many people might include ice-skating, snowmobiling and hockey.



If the water has turned to ice and it has been cold for a few days, the ice must be safe to use, right? Wrong! Unfortunately, people find this out the hard way year after year. Just because the water freezes over does not make it safe to walk or skate on. The International Association of Dive Rescue Specialists' manual on ice rescue states that there are seven different types of ice. Clear ice is generally the strongest – it is new ice, formed by a long hard freeze, and new ice is stronger than old ice. It can be blue, black or green due to the color of the water seen through the ice.

The strength of ice, however, cannot be judged by appearance alone; a hole should be drilled in the ice to check its thickness. Ice does not necessarily have the same thickness in all locations either, due to the fact that the water seldom freezes at the same rate in a body of water. Daily temperatures, sun, water on the ice and even waterfowl or fish can prevent ice formation or cause thinner formations of ice.

General guidelines say that clear ice can support the following:

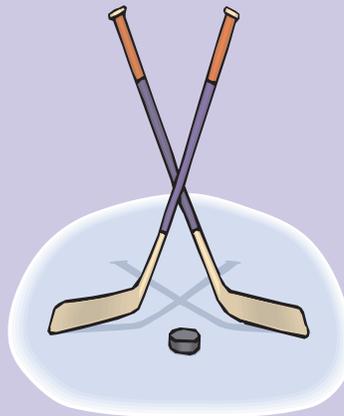
- 2" – Walking
- 4" – Fishing
- 5" – Snowmobiles

Children should stay off the ice until an adult checks it, but the only absolute in ice safety is stay off it. If the ice has been determined to be safe, there are a few safety precautions still to consider. They are the same as those used for swimming:

- ✓ Never skate alone
- ✓ Have life rings or hooks on shore for emergency use
- ✓ If the water is used for boating, keep a rowboat near the shore for quick emergency use
- ✓ Have a cellular phone available for emergencies

If someone is on or around ice, they should always watch for signs of weak ice. Some of those signs include:

- Ice that is of a different color, such as gray
- Ice that is near obstructions
- Slush or snow on the ice
- Bubbles or water on the ice surface
- A porous look to the ice
- Cracks in the ice
- Water running underneath the ice
- Pressure cracked shore ice
- Open water in the middle of a deep lake
- Water near a dam or spillway that will be weaker than the rest of the ice



The Bloomingdale Police Department and Bloomingdale Fire Protection District want everyone to enjoy the season, and if some simple safety rules are observed, it will be a safe season as well. If any further information is needed, please call the Bloomingdale Police Department at (630) 529-9868 or the Bloomingdale Fire Protection District at (630) 894-9080.



When temperatures fall below zero:

If you have pipes that are vulnerable to freezing, allow a small trickle of water to run overnight to keep pipes from freezing. The cost of the extra water is low compared to the cost to repair a broken pipe. Open cabinet doors to expose pipes to warmer room temperatures to help keep them from freezing.

If your pipes freeze:

Shut off the water immediately. Don't attempt to thaw frozen pipes unless the water is shut off. Freezing can often cause unseen cracks in pipes or joints. Apply heat to the frozen pipe by warming the air around it, or by applying heat directly to a pipe. You can use a hair dryer, space heater, or hot water. Be sure not to leave space heaters unattended, and avoid the use of kerosene heaters or open flames.

Once the pipes have thawed, turn the water back on slowly and check for cracks and leaks.

When you are away:

Have a friend, relative or neighbor regularly check your property to insure the heat is working and the pipes have not frozen. Also, a freeze alarm can be purchased for less than \$100 and will call a user-selected phone number if the inside temperature drops below 45 degrees.

Chamber Winners Recognized at Annual Awards Luncheon

On December 10, the Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce held its Annual Holiday Luncheon and Awards Recognition. 140 members were on hand to celebrate the season, as well as to honor some outstanding members.



Dr. Kim Perkins, Superintendent of Bloomingdale School District 13, was chosen as this year's Ambassador of the Year. In addition to serving on the Chamber Board, Kim was an active member of the 50 Men Who Cook Planning Committee and served as emcee

Kim Perkins is presented his Ambassador award by 2009 recipient Brian Kurtz.

at the event. Kim is also a member of the State Superintendent's Advisory Council, chair of the operational board for the North DuPage Special Education Cooperative and chair of the New Ministries Committee at the First Church of Lombard. Kim serves as a great example of an ambassador by personally greeting every new Chamber member with a welcoming e-mail that encourages their active participation in the Chamber.

Huskie Tools was chosen as Business of the Year. Huskie Tools has been a Chamber member for over 10 years. Huskie Tools continued their active participation and support of the Bloomingdale Chamber in 2009. Huskie Tools is a Platinum member of the Chamber and generously sponsors our



Frank Grumeretz, Gerald J Marshall and Tom Itrich show off their awards.

golf, scholarship and 50 Men Who Cook events. In addition to serving on the Chamber Board, Tom Itrich, founder of Huskie Tools, also serves on our Classroom to Career Initiative and is a Chamber representative for Character Counts. Loralee Pearson and Laura Norek, also of Huskie Tools, generously give of their time as members of the steering committee of the Bloomingdale Area Women in Business.

Gerald J. Marshall was chosen as the Business Person of the Year. Jerry Marshall assisted the Chamber in 2009 as a sponsor of the Holiday Luncheon, Administrative Professionals Day and the Annual Golf Outing. Jerry also sponsored and was a chef for 50 Men Who Cook. Jerry is a Chamber ambassador and serves on the Chamber Program Committee. Jerry is active in chamber events and can be seen at most of our luncheons and after hours events.

Frank Grumeretz of Turning Point Video Productions was chosen as Rookie of the Year. A member since February 2009, Frank has been very involved with the Chamber. Frank is the owner of Turning Point Video Productions, a Bloomingdale

based video production company that specializes in unique, high quality and creative productions. Turning Point Productions has been nominated for several awards including Best Feature Comedy in both the Oceanside International Film Festival in October 2009 and in the IndieFest USA in August 2009.

They also won the Award of Merit for Feature Length Film in the Indie Fest in July 2009. You can see his creativity first hand in the new video for the Chamber at www.bloomingdalechamber.com.

Egidio Turano of Chicago Pastry in Bloomingdale was named Director Emeritus. Egidio is the co-owner of Chicago Pastry in Bloomingdale and has been a Chamber member since 1997. Egidio served on the Chamber Executive Committee starting in 1999 and was Chamber Board President in 2001. After serving as President, Egidio continued to serve on the Chamber Board through 2009. He has been involved on the Golf Committee, serving as the Chairperson. Egidio also served on the Program Development Committee.



Current Chamber President Ed Levato congratulates Egidio Turano on his Director Emeritus award.

Michelle Tipner Honored with Pillar of Citizenship

The Bloomingdale CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition has been very busy this year catching people modeling the Six Pillars of Character in our Community: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, and Citizenship.

Michelle Tipner - On September 10, 2009 a preschool aged child attending Erickson's Curriculum Night, separated from his parents and left the building. Michelle noticed the child walking alone at the corner of Schick Road and Springfield Drive. She turned her car around and comforted the child while phoning the Bloomingdale Police Department. Michelle's observant call to action, uniquely represents the Pillar of Citizenship.



Michelle receives her award from (left to right) Police Chief Tim Goergen, Bloomingdale CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition President, Sherry Douglas, and Police Watch Commander Randy Sater.

Bloomingtondale VFW Announces Contest Winners

Amanda Sebert, Lake Park High School, took 1st Prize of \$500 in the Voice of Democracy Audio Contest. The following awards were made In the Patriot Pen Essay for Middle School:

First Place: \$100 : Elizabeth B Arco – Trinity Lutheran; Branson R Paul - Trinity Lutheran; Colleen H. Ochab - St Walters

Second Place: \$50: Erica E. Baltmazar – Trinity Lutheran; Darcey A Wilkinson - Trinity Lutheran; Cassidy J. Henshaw -Trinity Lutheran

Congratulations to all!

She's 105 Years Young!

Bloomingtondale resident **Lillie Williams** celebrated her 105th birthday in January. She was born January 3 1905 in Glover, Alabama, the fourth oldest child of 15. She remembers the sinking of the luxury ship Titanic in 1912, saying she was seven years old when it happened.

Lillie was married in 1920 and had two children, Dorothy and Eddie Lee. Now she has six grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. She moved to Bloomingtondale in 2002 and lives with her granddaughter and her husband, **Lura and Norman Bowens**.

She loves to pray and quote from her Bible – her favorite quote is Exodus 20:12 “Honor thy mother and father.” Her favorite color is pink, favorite TV shows are on the Food Network, her favorite team is the Cubs.

Ms. Williams attributes her longevity to “No drinking , no smoking and being obedient to your Mother and Father.”



Mayor Robert Iden brought Lillie flowers, and John Potempa presented her with a plaque with a “Key to Westlake.” Pictured are: front - Grandson Jerry Jackson and “Big Momma.” Back row: Granddaughter Lura Bowens, Westlake President John Potempa, Mayor Bob Iden and grandson Quarry Jackson.

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Fundraiser for Donna Virgilio Set for February 5

DuJardin Elementary Paraprofessional and long-time Bloomingdale resident, Donna Virgilio, was diagnosed with ovarian cancer in May, 2008. Since then, she and her family have been persistent in their efforts to vigorously treat the cancer which has recently recurred. Currently, Donna is seeking treatment at the Oasis of Hope in Mexico. A fundraiser is planned for Friday, February 5 at Bloomingdale Golf Club to assist the family with medical expenses. The cost of the ticket is \$25, which includes hors d'oeuvres. A silent auction and a 50/50 raffle will be held. If you have a donation for the auction, please bring it to DuJardin Elementary at 166 S. Euclid in Bloomingdale. For more information, call Cindy Rynning or Joann Dunn at 630-894-9200.

School District 13 Schedules 2010 Kindergarten Registration

Children who will be five years old on or before September 1, 2010, are eligible for kindergarten during the 2010-2011 school year. Parents wishing to register their child for Kindergarten in District 13 schools should contact the elementary school they plan to attend.

DuJardin School, 166 S. Euclid, covers the east side of the district; students on the west side of the district attend Erickson School, 277 Springfield Drive. If you do not know which school you should attend, please contact the district office at 630-893-9590. Kindergarten registration packets can be picked up at either school office beginning Monday, February 1st. Completed packets can be dropped off at your child's school during registration on the following dates and times.

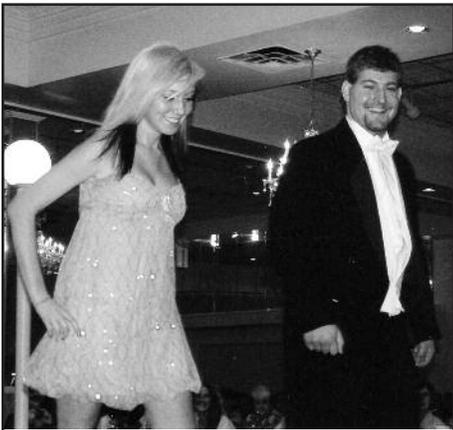
- Feb. 16, Tues. 8:00 - 4:00 pm
- Feb. 17, Wed. 8:00 - 6:00 pm
- Feb. 18, Thurs. 8:00 - 4:00 pm
- Feb. 19, Fri. 8:00 - 4:00 pm

Parents will need to bring the child's original birth certificate. In addition, parents who do not already have a child attending District 13 schools also need to bring one of the following documents for proof of residency: a real estate tax bill, mortgage papers, signed lease, or agreement of sale, along with one other form of identification which includes a driver's license, auto registration, voter registration, public aid card, gas or electric bill.

For more information, call DuJardin at 630-894-9200 or Erickson at 630-529-2223.

Bloomingdale Women's Club Fashion Show 2010

The Bloomingdale Women's Club invites all to attend their 35th Annual Charity Fashion Show, *"Star Spangled Style,"* to be held at 12:00 Noon on Sunday, April 11, 2010 at Alta Villa, 430 N. Addison Road. The Fashion Show will raise funds to benefit the *Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans* and other local charities. The Shelter, located in Wheaton, IL, provides much needed services for U.S. Veterans of any era – our unsung heroes. Fashions from Carson Pirie Scott, Mona Lisa Boutique, Sassy's Originals, and York Furrier are just a few to be featured and modeled by local women and teens. The cost per ticket is \$ 37.00 each which includes the fashions, luncheon, and door prize entry. If you are interested in attending or volunteering to model, please contact Rose at (630) 291-3667.



Adam Longi and Kody Hattendorf strut their stuff on the 2009 BWC runway.

Happy Anniversary!

Congratulations to the following Village Employees who celebrated milestone anniversaries in December, 2009.

40 Years

Ellie Alumbaugh

30 Years

Dan Wennerholm
Shirley Burger

25 Years

Helen Schober
Ed Lewen
Dolores Orlik
Gary Fuchs

20 Years

Tom Anzelmo
Vince Bruett
Lynn Heitz
Duane Kroll
Patrick Maranto
Bob Prohaska
Joe Chambers
Denise Doherty
Judy Ritchie
Mary Ellen Johnson

15 Years

Tim Roberts
Calvin Boyd
Helen Price
Tari Bregman

10 Years

Wendy Reiter
Ben Koechling
Matt Wolenberg
Tony Pagan
Mike Young

5 Years

Chris Mitchell
Andy DiBasilio
Steven Giancaterino

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Bloomingtondale Lions aka Santa's Elves

The Bloomingtondale Lions Club personally brightened the holidays for nine families with Christmas baskets, and for several more which are served by the battered women's shelter and the Bloomingtondale Township. Twenty-three lions shopped at Meijer's, who also provided \$400 in gift cards for the \$5,100 shopping trip.

The Lions raise money for charitable endeavors throughout the year with many fundraisers. During the 2008-2009 Lions Year, over \$21,000 was donated by the Bloomingtondale Lions to such charities as: Lions of Illinois Foundation to support Camp Lions, K-9 Companions for Independence, American Diabetes Association, Guild for the Blind, Child's Voice, Chicago Lighthouse for the Blind, eye exams and glasses for deserving individuals, Family Shelter Services, Bloomingtondale Township Food Pantry, Bloomingtondale VFW (packages to troops in Iraq), Marklund Home, Peoples Resource Center, Children's Home and Aid Society, St. Baldrick's Cancer

Fund, Easter Seals, Chicago Sandwich Run, Lake Park High School Band, Bloomingtondale Park District Halloween Party, Easter Egg Hunt, 3 Fires Scout



Council and the Joe Draghi Scholarship (Septemberfest). And you thought they only sold candy and served spaghetti!

Speaking of which, their next Spaghetti Dinner will be held on Friday, February 12 at 5 p.m. at the Bloomingtondale Golf Club, 181 Glen Ellyn Road. It will be from 5:00-8:00 p.m. and the price of the tickets will be \$10.00; children under 8 eat for free.

Remembering a Great Neighbor

In December, Westlake Townhome Association lost a well-loved member and friend. George Wedel, also fondly known as the "Corn King" from the annual corn roasts held at Westlake, lost his long courageous battle with illness. He was the Vice President of the Association, as well as serving on multiple committees. He was one of the most active members the association has seen. Westlake residents say George will be deeply missed, but never forgotten for all his hard work for the community.

Come to the Spring Book Sale on March 13!

The Bloomingtondale Public Library will be hosting its Spring Book Sale on the lower level of the library during the weekend of March 13. Check in at the library or visit the Library's website at www.mybpl.org for more details closer to the date.

'Take Aim! Photo 2010' Now at Park District Museum

Bloomingtondale Park District Museum presents *Take Aim! Photo 2010*, A Juried Photography Exhibition running now through February 20. Hours are W: 4-8 p.m.; Th/Fr: 10 -4 p.m.; Sat: 12-4 p.m. Admission: Residents \$1.00; Non-residents \$2; Seniors \$.50. For more information call 630-539-3096.

Bloomingtondale Garden Club News

The 2010 Garden Club meetings will begin at 6:30 pm at Fire Station #1, 179 S. Bloomingtondale Road. Upcoming meetings are:

- February 16 -- Ornamental Grasses;
 - March 16 -- Basics of Pruning
- Remaining meeting dates are:
- April 20 May 18
 - August 17 September 21
 - October 19 November 16

The organization hosts many excellent speakers and/or creative workshops, and visitors are always welcome.

The Garden Club's very popular annual plant sale will be held on Friday and Saturday, April 30 and May 1 -- just in time for Mother's Day -- at our Village Hall, 201 S. Bloomingtondale Road.

Program/workshop details and plant sale information can be found on the Bloomingtondale Garden Club web site,

<http://www.gardencentral.org/illinois/blomingdale/>.



The Garden Club has participated in the Library's Snowman Crossing tree decorating since 2000. Here Roberta Pulido and Joyce Basel (above) decorate the tree with seed packets. Mary Fortino and Henia Sullivan (below) add the finishing touches.



What Are Bagworms?

Bagworms are caterpillars that make distinctive spindle-shaped bags on a variety of trees and shrubs. They attack both deciduous trees and evergreens, but are especially damaging to juniper, arborvitae, spruce, pine and cedar.

Although numbers have declined over the last year, residents are encouraged to be vigilant at this time of year. Bagworms are more easily identified in the winter and spring (from a distance they can be mistaken for cones).

They can be easily removed and destroyed – simply pick the bagworms off the plant and squash them. Be sure to cut the attachment silk band so that the branch will not be girdled in the future.

For more information, contact Jim Johnson, Village Forester, at 630-671-5804.

Color photos can be found at <http://www.forestryimages.org/search/action.cfm?q=bagworms>.

(Source: *The Morton Arboretum and Kramer Tree Specialists*)



The Bloomingdale Education Foundation Has Set a Goal To Raise \$25,000 in 2010 to Help Support Educational Excellence in School District 13

The Bloomingdale Education Foundation has set a goal to raise \$25,000 in 2010 to help support educational excellence in School District 13. The Foundation supports projects involving arts and humanities, core academic areas, sciences, technology and wellness.

Dr. Kim Perkins, Ed.D. Superintendent of Schools for District 13 said "We are very fortunate to have an Education Foundation in Bloomingdale. Not every innovative instructional idea can be funded by the District's budget. The Education Foundation supports teacher innovation by funding teacher projects aimed at better serving students. The monetary grants to teachers from our Foundation make these special opportunities possible for our students."

Since our inception "we have donated thousands of dollars to DuJardin, Erickson and Westfield teachers who have submitted project and special needs requests" said Mark Dwyer, Director and Principal at DuJardin Elementary School. "Every dollar donated goes back into the District 13 system."

The Foundation, was founded in 1998 by former District 13 Superintendent, Dr. Jerome Gordon who retired from the Foundation at the end of 2009. "The Bloomingdale District 13 Education Foundation board has been far more active than was ever envisioned. They have raised many more dollars, organized more fund raising activities, and provided teachers and students with many more educational opportunities than was ever considered possible," Dr. Gordon noted.

Past grants have included telescopes for the 5th grade science classes, a swing for the playground for special education students, microphones and band instruments, as well as several for books and reading projects. Recently the middle school's library received a grant for a How-to-Play Sports book series.

The Foundation's goals for 2010 include providing several fundraisers such as casino nights, wine tasting and other community wide events, as well as applying for a number of grants from public, private, and corporate funders. The Foundation is looking for assistance from grant writers to assist in this process and for Bloomingdale residents who have employers that provide matching grants to identify the Bloomingdale Education Foundation as their non-profit of choice. Please e-mail Scott Okun at sokun@autodriveaway.com for further information or assistance in identifying companies that participate. If you would like to help further the goals of the Foundation by volunteering for events or donating you may also call Scott Okun at 630-893-1834.



This climbing wall at Westfield is not only used for physical exercise, but for academic exercise as well. Students climb the wall while spelling words, studying vocabulary words, or even doing math facts. The Foundation has provided funding for the wall and will continue to do so as donations come in (like from the Chamber's 50 Men Who Cook event) and as Westfield continues to expand the size and use of the wall. This is just one of the unique projects that the Foundation has funded over the years.



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Carbon Monoxide Detectors: Here's What You Need to Know

Although the popularity of carbon monoxide (CO) alarms has been growing in recent years, it cannot be assumed that everyone is familiar with the hazards of carbon monoxide poisoning in the home. The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and the Bloomington Fire Protection District would like to share the following information about carbon monoxide.

Often called the silent killer, carbon monoxide is an invisible, odorless, colorless gas created when fuels (such as gasoline, wood, coal, natural gas, propane, oil, and methane) burn incompletely. In the home, heating and cooking equipment that burn fuel are potential sources of carbon monoxide. Vehicles or generators running in an attached garage can also produce dangerous levels of carbon monoxide.

Facts & Figures

- The dangers of CO exposure depend on a number of variables, including the victim's health and activity level. Infants, pregnant women, and people with physical conditions that limit their body's ability to use oxygen (i.e. emphysema, asthma, heart disease) can be more severely affected by lower concentrations of CO than healthy adults would be.
- A person can be poisoned by a small amount of CO over a

longer period of time or by a large amount of CO over a shorter amount of time.

- In 2005, U.S. fire departments responded to an estimated 61,100 non-fire CO incidents in which carbon monoxide was found, or an average of seven such calls per hour. The number of incidents increased 18 percent from 51,700 incidents reported in 2003. This increase is most likely due to the increased use of CO detectors, which alert people to the presence of CO.



Safety Tips

- CO alarms should be installed in a central location outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home and in other locations where required by applicable laws, codes or standards. For the best protection, interconnect all CO alarms throughout the home when one sounds, they all sound.
- Follow the manufacturer's instructions for placement and mounting height.
- Choose a CO alarm that has the label of a recognized testing laboratory.

A Well Deserved Thank You

West Suburban Care Center on Edgewater treated several members of the Fire Department, Police Department and Village Hall staff to a "Thank You" luncheon close to Thanksgiving. We thank them for their generosity and for the delicious meal. Pictured here are four of our fire-fighters/paramedics who were able to attend (l to r) Chris Wilson, Tom Manion, Jason Provenzano and John Lowczyk.



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Cops and Community Capture Christmas for Kids

Police Officers from the Bloomingdale Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #175 held their annual "Kids Shop with Bloomingdale Cops" in December at Meijer on Gary Avenue. Our F.O.P. receives a list of families from the Bloomingdale Township Office which provides public assistance. This year 21 children between the ages of four and twelve were given the opportunity to purchase gifts for themselves and family members with the help of the Bloomingdale Police Officers. Each youngster also received a stuffed animal, breakfast and a Christmas stocking, a new coat, hat and gloves, as well as a new bicycle of their choice.

In addition to the fundraising events held by the Bloomingdale F.O.P., several local residents and organizations provided assistance to make this day possible. Thanks to the Bloomingdale Township Republican Party, the Chicago Italian American Charitable Organization (CIACO), resident Domenic Torsen, Kids in Need - Warren & Barbara Gnau, Meijer, Old Country Buffet, Salerno Rosedale Chapels, Village Trustee John Dabrowski, and resident Walter Ascher.



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