



# Village of Bloomingdale Almanac

JUNE 2010

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## From the Desk of Mayor Bob Iden

The Village of Bloomingdale purchases water from the DuPage Water Commission (DWC), which buys it from the City of Chicago. Over the past two years, the DWC has been increasing the amount it charges the Village, based upon the rate increases it received from the City of Chicago. These increases were deliberated by the Village Board and agreed to in September of 2008. The last of these rate increases, is 25 cents and went into effect for water used on or after May 1, 2010.

Now, just this past April, the DWC approved an additional rate increase of 36 cents per thousand gallons. This increase to us was also made effective May 1, 2010. Unfortunately, the Village's Water and Sewer Fund cannot absorb this increased cost of purchasing water. The Village Board was required to increase its rates effective for water used on or after June 1, 2010, by the same additional 36 cents.

The 25 cent increase already imposed as of May 1st would bring the water & sewer bill (which is for two months) for a typical single family home using 7000 gallons of water per month to \$118.30. The additional increase of 36 cents per 1000 gallons would add another \$5.04 to that bringing that bill to \$123.34.

Because our water bills are split into two mailings and are sent every other month, those who receive their next bill in June will only see the additional 25 cents on their water consumption from May 1st on. The bill they receive in August will reflect the entire 61 cents rate increase for water consumed in June & July. Alternately, those who receive their next bill in July will see the 25-cent increase for May & the 61-cent total rate increase for June water use. Their September bill will reflect the total increase on the total water use.

We have been very careful about watching our expenses and keeping them as low as possible. Since 2003, any increase to the water rate was due to increases we have seen from the DWC. And before that, the last increase the Village itself imposed on the water rate was in 1994. We also want to assure residents there is no increase to the sewer rate.

Rooster's Restaurant was awarded the Bloomingdale Business of Character Award by the Bloomingdale CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition. Rooster's received the award in May in recognition of the quality customer service demonstrated by its staff, and for the restaurant's ongoing support and commitment to the Bloomingdale community through dedicated and generous service in various community events.

Mayor Bob Iden



*Pictured left to right: Rooster's Owner Frank Cook and Manager Terri Zak, Sherry Douglas and Nancy Butler, CC! Coalition*

## 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 and 3rd Mondays of every month  
(Meetings held on the 3rd Monday  
of the month only during June, July,  
August and September)  
7:00 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

### 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 Streets*

**Judi Von Huben**  
*Public Safety*

**Bill Bolen**  
*Finance and Administration*

**Jim King**  
*Intergovernmental and  
Community Relations*

**Jeff Dolce**  
*Facilities Infrastructure*

## 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 August issue  
of the  
Almanac is  
**JULY 10**

## Employees, Family & Friends 'Run to Remember'



On Saturday, May 1, 2010, several of our police department employees, their friends and members of their families participated in the "Run to Remember" in Chicago. All proceeds benefited The Chicago Police Memorial Foundation.

Bloomington Police Department Employees, Friends & Family: Front row - Danielle Gicla, Lena Janes, Tari Bregman, Tara Giertz, Sally Zeiger, Jackie Slater, Jackie Roden, Katie Klasen; Back row - Vince Bruett, Levi McGhee, Angelo Tennerelli, Bruce Mason, Mike Gicla, Sean Noonan, Sam Bonilla, Michael Giammarese, Frank Giammarese, Dean Slater, Dallas Janes.

# Village's Annual Hydrant Flushing Begins June 7

The Village Services - Utilities Division will be performing the annual Hydrant Flushing Program beginning June 7, 2010 through June 21, 2010. The Program will be performed during the daytime hours of 8:00 am - 3:00 pm. Please DO NOT WASH LAUNDRY during the flushing hours, as rust staining of the clothing may result. Residents with water softeners are encouraged to check the cycle time of their softeners so that the unit does not regenerate during this period.

One question that is always asked is - "Why does the Village flush hydrants?" Hydrant flushing is routine maintenance for a water system. It accomplishes the following:

1. **Improves water quality:** Flushing removes minerals such as iron and magnesium that have collected in the water mains.
2. **Improves water flow:** By removing these minerals, the inside diameter of a water main is increased and therefore, allows a better flow of water.
3. **Hydrant maintenance:** A fire hydrant is a mechanical device. Operation of a hydrant lubricates internal mechanisms and gaskets.
4. **Hydrant inspection:** Any deficiencies are noted and repaired as necessary to insure that each hydrant will perform when needed for an emergency.

**The schedule for hydrant flushing by area will be as follows:**

	<b>Day</b>	<b>Date</b>
Sunnyside, Westwind, Deer Glen, Medinah Lakes, Medinah Meadows, Medinah Grove, Eastgate, Vittoria Brooke Estates, Chateau of Medinah, Casa Bella, Hamilton Lakes	Monday	June 7
Colony Green, College Quad Fours, Harvard, Brookdale, Wilshire Towers, South Glen Ellyn Rd. to Now Foods	Tuesday	June 8
North and South Suncrest, Medinah Country Estates, Dinah Road off Broker Road, Circle Center, Medinah on the Lakes, Lori Ct., Sunset Terrace, Westlake Highlands	Wednesday	June 9
Westlake Townhomes - Edgewater and Greenway, Lakeshore Townhomes, Fairfield, Milford, Fairfield Quads, Canterbury, Lexington Homes	Thursday	June 10
Springbrook Villas, Springbrook Shopping Center, North Bloomingdale Road, Bloomingdale Town Center, Fessler's Grove, Old Town, Bell Towers, North Maple, North Rosedale, Rosedale Estates, Seven Oaks, Lakewoods, South Bloomingdale Rd. to Edgewater	Friday	June 11
Founder's Pointe, Old Town Estates (East and West), Longridge (Levitt), West Pointe Estates, Indian Lakes Resort, Los Lagos, Indian Lakes (East), Aprina Ct.	Monday	June 14
Indian Lakes (West), Meadowlark to Skylark, Bloomfield Club, Stratford Place, Glengarry, Stratford Homes, Avalon at Stratford, Butterfield Rd., Springfield Rd. from Army Trail to Schick Rd., Bloomingdale Walk	Tuesday	June 15
Country Club Estates, Chateau Lorraine, Bloomfield Hills, On the Park, One Bloomingdale Place, Villas of Thornfield (Tantillo), Villa Way, Springfield Dr. from Schick Rd. to Lake St.	Wednesday	June 16
Stratford Lakes, Camden Apts., Bayview Crossing Phases 1 & 2, Stratford Square, Knollwood Dr., Heritage, Villa Veneto, Meijers	Thursday	June 17
Covington, Old Gary, Stratford Plaza, Bloomingdale Business Center, Bloomingdale Court, Fretter's Plaza, Schmale Rd. & South including Equity One and Klein Creek, Longview Dr.	Friday	June 18
West Schick Rd., Lake St., Army Trail Rd.	Monday	June 21

If there are questions, please contact Vern Fasse, Water Distribution Supervisor at (630) 671-5830.



## Spring & Summer Maintenance Tips for Your Home

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

**Review your fire escape plan with your family.** Always have a multi-purpose fire extinguisher accessible.

**Review what to do and where to go during severe weather.** Determine the safest room in your home to go to during severe weather, typically a room with no windows interior to the home and on the lowest level.

**Check sump pumps for proper operation.** Check the sump pit for any debris that could impede pump operation. To test, fill the pit using buckets of water to make sure the pump turns on and the system operates properly. Consider installing a battery back-up sump pump if power outages are frequent in your area.

**Check all smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors for proper operation.** Utilize the test buttons on the detectors to check that they operate. Replace batteries annually and clean dust from detectors. Detectors are to be installed per manufacturer's specifications and Village Code.

**Check the exterior of your home for damage/deterioration** (roofing, siding, trim, windows and doors). Check for proper operation of window and door locks.

**Clean out gutters and downspouts.** Failure to maintain gutters and downspouts lead to rain water backing up into your home.

**Have a professional air conditioning contractor inspect and maintain your system as recommended by the manufacturer.** Replace or clean furnace filters. A dirty filter can decrease equipment efficiency including air conditioning equipment operation.

**Check your water heater for any signs of leakage or rust.** Flush if recommended by the manufacturer.

**All chimneys and flues (i.e. fireplace, water heater, furnace) need to be checked to insure that gases are properly vented.** Have a qualified technician check all chimney and/or flue piping to insure there are no blockages (bird or insect nests).

**Clean the clothes dryer exhaust duct, damper and space under the dryer.** Poor maintenance allows lint to build up in the exhaust duct and may cause a fire.

**Clean bathroom exhaust fan fixtures.** Poor maintenance allows dirt and dust to build up on the exhaust fan motor, and light if it is a fan/light combination unit, and may cause a fire.

**Clean the kitchen exhaust hood and air filter.** Keeping hood and filters clean of cooking grease will help keep a stovetop fire from spreading.

**Check water hoses on the clothes washer, refrigerator icemaker and dishwasher for cracks and bubbles.** Replace hoses that show signs of leaking.

**Familiarize responsible family members with the location and operation of the main water supply valve for the home (usually at the water meter) and water supply valves at all plumbing fixtures.** In case of a water pipe leak or break, or overflowing plumbing fixture, water can be turned off before flooding occurs.

**Test all ground-fault-circuit-interrupter (GFCI) receptacle outlets.** These should be tripped and reset once a month using the colored test buttons on the face of the receptacle outlets. If they do not trip or reset, have the receptacle outlet changed by a qualified electrician. These types of receptacle outlets are required around wet areas like bathrooms, kitchens and the exterior of the home to provide for protection against shock or electrocution.

**Check all exterior electrical fixtures for bird and insect nests.** Failure to remove nests from electrical fixtures may cause fire.

**If you have a swimming pool,** insure safety fencing is secure and all gates are self closing and latching, with lock, to keep children and unauthorized individuals from the pool area. Check all equipment for proper operation and electrical safety.



# Mark Your Calendar: Summer Branch Collection on July 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, July 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, July 19.
- Branches should not be placed at the curb/pavement edge any earlier than one week prior to the scheduled collection date.
- Woody branches ½ inch to 6 inches in diameter are the only items that will be picked up. (Note: any spikes, hooks or other metal objects must be removed).
- Long lengths are favored provided branches do not block sidewalks and pedestrian access.
- All branches should be placed at the curb or pavement edge and stacked in an orderly fashion with the cut or larger end towards the pavement.
- Thorny tree branches should not be concealed inside piles. These require special care as to not cause injuries to the workers.

## The following items are unacceptable:

- Branches left out in a tangled mess.
- Woody branches under ½ inch in diameter.
- Leaves, vines, small (under ½ inch in diameter) flexible willow stems, herbaceous plants and weeds.
- Large stumps, roots and root balls.\*
- Wooden fencing and construction lumber.\*

The above items are considered yard waste and may be placed in bags or cans with tags for pick-up by Republic (formerly Allied Waste). Yard waste pick-ups commence April 1st and continue through November 30th. Questions concerning Republic pick-ups should be directed to 847-981-0091.

\*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 Republic at the above number for more information.

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

## Did You Know?

In the event of severe storms, the Village will provide storm damage collection of woody branches ½ inch to 6 inches in diameter.

Please contact the Forestry Division at 630-671-5800 within 72 hours of a storm for branch collection.



*Branches should be neatly stacked like this . . .*



*. . . not left in a jumbled mess like this*

## Summer Concerts 2010

Concerts are on Tuesdays at Old Town Park at 7PM sponsored by the Bloomingdale Park District and the Village of Bloomingdale.

### JUNE

15th: Soda  
Rock (70's and later)

22nd: The Wild Ones  
(70's & earlier)

29th: Neverly Bros.  
(Rock)

### JULY

6th No Concert

13th: Grand Avenue Big Band  
Big Band  
Dancing under the Stars

20th: The Lisa Rene Band  
Rock Variety

27th: The String Rays  
50's & 60's

### AUGUST

3rd: NO CONCERT ~  
National Night Out

10th: Chunky Monkey w/Tom  
Malouf

17th: American English  
Beatles Tribute

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## From the Police Department Here's What You Need to Know About Air Rifles, Paint Ball Guns & Motorized Scooters

*In response to recent resident and parent questions and concerns, the Bloomingdale Police Department provides the following information.*

### Illinois Law Regulates Air Rifles, Including Paint Ball Guns

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

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

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

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

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

### Motorized Scooters

Since June 2002, there has been a Bloomingdale Village Ordinance that prohibits the usage of motorized skateboards, a snow vehicle, motorized scooters, motorized go-peds, go-cart, mini-bike or any similar engine powered (gas or electric powered) vehicle or device upon any public or private street, highway, parking lot, sidewalk, school ground, or bike path or any other public property within the Village of Bloomingdale. The exception is for those individuals who are authorized to use motorized wheelchairs. A violation of this Ordinance may be given a fine in an amount not to exceed \$1,000.00. The parent or legal guardian of any person under the age of sixteen (16) years who violates the Ordinance shall be liable for any and all damages resulting from the operation of the vehicle and for any fine assessed.

**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,

Frank Giammarese,  
Chief of Police

Dawn Odoi,  
Community Policing Officer

630-529-9868



## The Little Buggers Are Back: Be On the Lookout for This Year's Crop of Emerald Ash Borers Here's What You Need to Know

The Illinois Department of Agriculture has confirmed the presence of the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) in parkway trees in Bloomingdale along Springfield Drive between Army Trail Road and Butterfield Drive. Bloomingdale Forestry staff is now inspecting, and will continue to monitor the surrounding area to determine the extent of the EAB infestation.

The EAB is a small, metallic green insect. Because no fully effective insecticidal eradication treatment exists, the EAB poses a significant threat to the urban forest of Illinois. Locally the EAB has also been detected in Addison, east of Bloomingdale, unincorporated areas of Bloomingdale Township to the southeast and unincorporated Glendale Heights to the south.



The Bloomingdale Public Library, 101 Fairfield Way, has completed a display on the Emerald Ash borer, integrating information and visual pieces provided by Village Forestry staff. Interested residents should find the exhibit informative and helpful. The display, which is located to the right of the teen area on the main level, will be up through fall.

It is important for property owners including residents, homeowner associations, businesses, and other public entities to become educated, aware, and vigilant inspecting their ash trees for signs of infestation. An EAB infestation kills Ash trees relatively quickly. The EAB deposits eggs on the surface or cracks of the ash tree bark, which hatch to release larvae that feed on the tree's phloem and outer sapwood. Within several weeks larval feeding creates S-shaped galleries (pictured below to the left on the log in photo) in the tree's inner bark that wind back and forth, becoming progressively wider and girdling the trunk and branches as larvae grow.

Village Forestry staff is available to confirm suspected infestation of (EAB). If you suspect that you have found an adult or larval form of this insect, freeze the insect and bring it to the Village of Bloomingdale's Public Works Facility, 305 Glen Ellyn Road, or contact the Public Works - Forestry Division at 630-671-5800 or the Illinois Department of Agriculture toll-free hotline 1-800-641-3934.

Visit our web site [www.villageofbloomingdale.org](http://www.villageofbloomingdale.org) for more information on the EAB. Residents are also invited to view the EAB display at the Bloomingdale Public Library.

### EAB Traps

Village Forestry staff will hang a number of EAB traps in ash trees to assist the Illinois Department of Agriculture in monitoring EAB in Bloomingdale. The triangular purple traps, 12" x 24", will be in place through the end of the EAB flight season in August and will be examined for the presence of EAB.



The trap uses Manuka oil as an attractant to lure the beetle to it if EAB is in the area. The surface of the trap is coated with a sticky material which causes the EAB to adhere to it. The purple traps pose no risk to humans, pets, or wildlife; however, the non-toxic glue can be extremely sticky and messy if touched.

### Gypsy Moths Are Back, Too

The DuPage County Forest Preserve District stepped up efforts to ward off gypsy moth infestations for 2010. Local forest preserves, including Bloomingdale's Meacham Grove, were treated in May with Btk, a biologically derived pesticide for gypsy moths. For further information contact the Office of Public Affairs at 630-871-6402 or visit [www.dupageforest.com](http://www.dupageforest.com). Click on "District News," "Plans & Projects," and "Aerial Spray Treatments for Gypsy Moths."

# Building Permits: How to Know If You Need One

Village residents planning to build or install an accessory use or structure on their property, or make improvements to their home or property, need to contact the Village Services - Building and Zoning Division prior to the start of the project. The Building and Zoning Division is staffed with certified/trained personnel who will be able to determine the various codes, requirements and permits involved with the construction of a specific type of project.

Common projects that require a building permit include, but are not limited to:

- Fences
- Decks
- Patios
- Fireplaces
- Driveways
- Water Heaters
- Sheds
- Porches
- Gazebos
- Furnaces
- Sidewalks
- Siding, Soffit/Fascia and/or Gutters
- Room Additions
- Basements (Finished)
- Air Conditioning Units
- Kitchen/Bathroom Remodeling
- Lawn Sprinkling Systems
- Swimming Pools (Above & In-ground)
- Roofing (Repairs and re-roofing)
- Garages (Attached and Detached)
- Electrical Work (including low voltage)
- Plumbing/Sewer work
- Window/Door Replacements
- Property Re-grading/Retaining Walls
- Fire/Water Damage Repairs



## CALL US FIRST!

The Building and Zoning Division provides informational packets which outline the basic requirements for these types of projects. Although these packets provide the basic requirements, each project is unique and residents should consult with the Building and Zoning Division prior to the start of the project. Information packets are free of charge. Call 671-5660 for more information.

## HIRING A CONTRACTOR?

If a contractor is being hired to perform the work on a project, it is advisable that certain precautions are taken prior to signing a contract or work agreement. The precautions listed are recommended and not limited to:

- Check at least three references of the contractor's work, preferably work you can see and verify that the contractor actually performed the work. If possible, request to speak with the owner of the property where the work was performed to ask about the project and their working relationship and experience with the contractor.
- Verify that the contractor has adequate insurance coverage specific to the proposed work to be performed (i.e. but not limited to: Products-Completed Operations, Contractual Liability, Underground Hazard Coverage, Personal Injury, Explosion Hazard Coverage, Collapse Hazard Coverage, Worker's Compensation and Employer's Liability, Bodily Injury and Property Damage).
- Verify that the contractor is licensed to perform the proposed work (i.e. roofing, electrical, plumbing, mechanical, alarm installer, etc.).



- Verify who will be responsible for obtaining required permits.

Check with the Better Business Bureau for any information or history on the contractor. Contact the Better Business Bureau at 1-312-346-3313.

## AVOID POTENTIAL PROBLEMS

Residents may be unaware that their project may potentially cause drainage problems for themselves and their neighbors; that their proposed project is located in a public easement; that ordinances may prohibit certain types of projects; or that the project encroaches upon a neighbor's property. In addition, for some projects, the Building and Zoning Division will ensure that the design plans include the proper construction information and, during construction, will conduct an inspection(s) to verify permit compliance.

Once a Building Permit is secured, the yellow permit card is to be clearly posted either in the front door or window of the building or structure.

## FURTHER INFORMATION

Please visit the Village Hall to meet with a Building and Zoning Division staff member or call 630-671-5660.

## Thanks!

Thanks to the residents of Bloomingdale for another successful year for the Letter Carriers food drive. You donated 5300 pounds of food! The Bloomingdale Township Food Pantry and the letter carriers of Bloomingdale are grateful for your generosity.  
-- Coordinators Daryl Miller & Bryan Tober, U.S.P.S.



# 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.**



*(L to r) Diana Kirschbaum, Assistant General Manager, Barb Hutchinson, Director of Sales and Helen O'Hanlan, General Manager are excited about the new Bistro offerings to residents.*

**COURTYARD IN BLOOMINGDALE COMPLETES A MAJOR RENOVATION:** Marriott International, Inc. recently completed a major renovation of the lobby and guest rooms of the 93-room Bloomingdale Courtyard by Marriott, 275 Knollwood Drive.

The open, bright and contemporary new Courtyard hotel lobby provides individual welcome pedestals to create more personal and private interactions when guests check in. Flexible seating options range from a communal table in the middle of the action, to more private media booths with high-definition televisions, to a more intimate, semi-enclosed lounge area.

Dining has been completely redesigned with The Bistro, which offers casual, flexible seating; easier access to food and higher quality, healthier menu options for breakfast, as well as Starbucks coffees, specialty drinks and dinner selections. Lighter selections, such as appetizers and snacks and cocktails, wine and beer are also available. The Market™, a 24/7 shop, is always open for late-night cravings or the toothpaste you forgot to pack.

A signature element of the new lobby is the exclusive Courtyard GoBoard™, a 52-inch LCD touch screen packed with local information, maps, weather, and news, business and sports headlines. Guests can navigate using the touch screen to find restaurants, local attractions and directions. Other amenities include large 60" HD television located in the lounge, complimentary wireless Internet, as well as an enlarged

business library features several complimentary computer terminals along with a free printer.

For more information or reservations, call the Courtyard Chicago Bloomingdale hotel directly at 630-529-9200, or visit [www.marriott.com/chibg](http://www.marriott.com/chibg).



*Pictured (l to r) are Chamber members Lori Selwaggi, Tom Lewandowski, Bryan Ryndak, Mark Nelson, Synergy, Mayor Iden, Joe Capparelli, Synergy and Chamber member, Liana Mirea.*

**SYNERGY STAFFING COMES TO BLOOMINGDALE.** On January 14, 2010, Synergy Staffing held a ribbon cutting at their offices at 160 S. Bloomingdale Road. Synergy co-founders Mark Nelson and Joe Capparelli welcomed Chamber ambassadors and board members as Mayor Bob Iden cut the ribbon. You can learn more about Synergy Staffing at [www.synergystaffing.us](http://www.synergystaffing.us)

**KUMON SCHOOL ON THE MOVE:** Urvi Shah, director of Bloomingdale Kumon Math & Reading Center, is excited to announce that the school has moved to bigger quarters. Kumon is now located at 154 D. S. Bloomingdale Road, two doors down from Bloomingdale Pharmacy in Town Square of Bloomingdale. Kumon is an after-school math and reading program that unlocks the potential of children (ages 3 – 14 years) so they can achieve more on their own.

Shah suggests, "A great school year begins in the summer. Don't let your child's mind take the summer off. Learning is like exercise. Take three months off, and the treadmill feels a lot steeper when you finally get back on."

The Bloomingdale Kumon has been part of the Bloomingdale community for nine years and currently serves 350 children.

## CHARACTER COUNTS! Presents Two Pillar Awards

Before a standing-room only crowd, the Bloomingdale CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition presented two Pillar Awards at the April 26th Village Board meeting. A Pillar Award for Caring was presented to Pamela Ramsey of Naperville, and a Pillar Award for Responsibility was presented to Bloomingdale Police Officer Steven Abruzzo. The two were recognized for their life-saving actions on Sunday, February 28, 2010.



Dwight Henricksen, a 46-year old man from Columbus Ohio, fell to the ground and struck his head while walking in the Bloomingdale Golf Club parking lot. First on the scene was Ramsey, who determined Henricksen was not breathing and had no pulse. Utilizing the CPR training she received as preschool teacher at Bright Horizons in Lisle, she jumped into action. She continued CPR until Officer Abruzzo arrived on the scene who then took over administering the CPR until the paramedics arrived and transported Mr. Henricksen to Glen Oaks Hospital.

Henricksen flew in from Ohio for the Pillar Award presentation, and with tears in his eyes stated “I’m very happy to be here.” He went on to express his heartfelt gratitude to both Pamela and Steve, for saving his life following his heart attack. The two Good Samaritans modestly replied that they did what they would hope anyone would do in that situation. They also both noted that they were very thankful for their CPR and First Aid training.

## Terrific Trifesta Coming in August

Be sure to mark your calendar for the annual St. Isidore Trifesta, offering 3 days of fun later this summer – golf, run and fest. Mark your calendars for Aug 20, 21 & 22.

## Putting the ‘Bloom’ in Bloomingdale!

The Bloomingdale Garden Club held their annual plant sale at the Village Hall recently. In thanks to the Village, the members used some of their remaining flowers to fill the containers in front of the Village Hall. They also donated others to the Village to be planted at the Village Hall, Police Department, Public Works and Water Reclamation Facility.

The Garden Club also donated flowers to the Park District Historical Museum and the West Suburban Care Center on Edgewater. Thanks, Garden Club members, for your generosity and your part in putting the “Blooming” in Bloomingdale!



## Fashions For a Cause

The Bloomingdale Women's Club extends thanks to all in the community for supporting its 35th Annual Fashion Show, "Star Spangled Style" held on April 11, 2010 to benefit the Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans and other local charities. Some of the featured prizes included a Kindle e-book reader, autographed baseball bat by Mr. Cub himself, Ernie Banks, Season Passes to the Symphony of Oak Park & River Forest, Cubs tickets, and many other donated items from local restaurants and businesses. Also, one of the silent auction items offered was an African Photo Safari to one of Sulu Nayala's South African Lodges.



*Models Mike Richard and his daughters, Maddy and Gina*

Fashions were featured from Carson Pirie Scott, Sassy's Originals, Wave Kids, Monalisa Boutique, York Furrier and Brides by Demetrios. Gossip Salon provided hair and make up for some of the beautiful models.

If you are interested in obtaining any additional information about the Bloomingdale Women's Club or becoming a member please contact Maureen at 630-539-1674.

## 50 Men Who Cook Is Back by Popular Demand on September 25

The Second Annual 50 Men Who Cook will take place on Saturday, September 25 at Hilton Indian Lakes Resort from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. Tickets are \$25/person and proceeds from the event benefit the Bloomingdale schools.

For more information or to sign up as a chef, contact the Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce at 630-980-9082.



## 100 Years of Living Life to the Fullest

Louise Naomi Malmberg Wennerholm celebrated her 100th birthday with family and friends on April 22 at Sunrise in Bloomingdale. A Chicago native, she was a woman ahead of her time, having earned her degree in education at Chicago Normal College, and a Master's degree from Northwestern University. In addition to raising two children, she taught for many years in the Chicago Public Schools. Family, church, friends and music have always played important roles in her life. In the words of her daughter, Marion, "She continues to set an example...of grace in adversity, personal resilience and faith." We wish Louise continued health and happiness.

*(right photo) Daughter Marion helped her mom blow out the birthday candles. Louise's son Dan (not pictured) was also part of the celebration.*

*(far right photo) Mayor Iden was in attendance to present a proclamation in honor of Louise's milestone birthday.*



# Community Events

## ART EXHIBIT AT BLOOMINGDALE PARK DISTRICT MUSEUM

The Bloomingdale Artists Association is holding its "Spring Members' Show", presenting art in various media; in conjunction with the fotoMuse Photography Show entitled "The Complex Nature of Simple Things". Both exhibits are of high quality and highlight the work of our local artists/women photographers. The exhibit is running through Saturday, June 19, 2010. Most items are for sale. The exhibit is open Wednesday 4-8 pm; Thursday/Friday 10 am – 4 pm; and Sat Noon-4 pm.



## CALL FOR ARTISTS . . .

The Bloomingdale Park District Museum is soliciting artists for its upcoming mixed media show entitled "A Time and A Place." The show runs from July 10 through August 21, 2010, with a complimentary reception on Friday, July 16th, from 6-8 p.m. Call the museum at 630-539-3096 for more information or e-mail [bpdmuseum@bloomingdaleparks.org](mailto:bpdmuseum@bloomingdaleparks.org) to receive a prospectus for the show. Drop off dates are Tues., June 22 4-8 p.m. and Wed., June 23 10-2 p.m.

## BLOOMINGDALE CHURCH HOSTS 29TH ANNUAL DAY CAMP FOR AREA CHILDREN

In the early 1980's Marina Riemenschneider recalls loading up a wagon of craft supplies and games and going up and down her Bloomingdale neighborhood rounding up children eager for something fun to do. "We've grown a bit since those days," says Riemenschneider, wife to Bloomingdale Church's Senior Pastor David Riemenschneider, DMIN. Nearly 30 years later, hundreds of children who have completed kindergarten through the sixth grade arrive at Bloomingdale Church, 264 Glen Ellyn Rd., to meet "Miss Marina," have a great time and make new friends at Day Camp.



This year's theme "Friendship National Park" celebrates the important lessons about getting along with others and working together. Tuesday, June 22 through Friday June 25 from 9:30 am – 12:45 pm all children are welcome to come to play games, sing fun songs, do crafts, learn valuable lessons and make new friends. There is no cost to participate in "Friendship National Park" Day Camp, however, registration is required.

Registration can be completed online at [www.bloomingdalechurch.org/kids](http://www.bloomingdalechurch.org/kids) or in person the first day of camp. Goals of the program parallel the Character Counts program: to actively build and nurture trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship throughout our community.



## The Fight Against Cancer Needs You!

The American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Roselle, Bloomingdale and Itasca is looking for individuals who want to make a positive difference in the fight against cancer.

Teams of local businesses, schools, churches, community groups and families raise funds - prior to and at the event - to help support cancer research, community educational programs and advocacy initiatives, and support services for patients and their families in Roselle, Bloomingdale and Itasca

This year's event will be held from 6:00pm on June 11th to 6:00am on June 12th at Lake Park High School's West Campus in Roselle.

Don't miss the opportunity to join with cancer survivors, caregivers, volunteers and team members from throughout the community to "Celebrate. Remember. Fight Back."

For more information or to register a team, contact the American Cancer Society at 630-932-1141 or visit [www.relayforliferbi.com](http://www.relayforliferbi.com).

# Community Events

## COULD YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW USE SOME HELP?

St. Paul Evangelical United Church of Christ is sponsoring a **FREE BACK TO SCHOOL CLINIC** on Saturday July 24, 2010, from 10:00 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M. Licensed medical professionals will provide School Physicals. **Please pre-register your child** for the **free** school physical by calling (630) 980-9196.

Also provided are lunch, food pantry, school supplies, clothing for all ages, prayer partners, entertainment and companionship. St. Paul is located near Old Town, one block south of the intersection of Lake Street and Bloomingdale Road on the east side of Bloomingdale Road. For more information or directions, please visit the web site at [www.stpaulbloomingdale.org](http://www.stpaulbloomingdale.org) or call (630) 980-9196.

## BLOOMINGDALE GARDEN CLUB

Upcoming programs - 6:30pm, Fire Station #1, 179 S. Bloomingdale Rd.

**August 17:** Ron Zick of Wild Birds Unlimited presents "Birds and Feeders" and shares tips on bringing song, color and life to your garden.

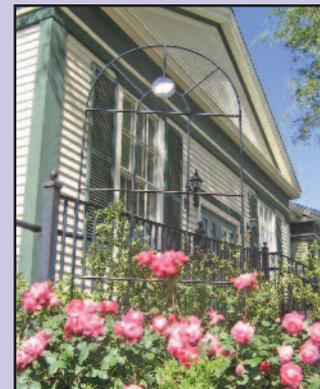
## COME OUT SWINGING FOR 2010 F.O.P. GOLF OUTING ON JULY 24

The Bloomingdale Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 175 invites golfers to attend its annual golf outing on Saturday, July 24th at the Hilton Indian Lakes, 250 W. Schick Road. Shotgun start is 1 p.m. Win a car for a hole in one, donated by Glendale Nissan! Registration is \$125 per golfer, which includes 18 holes w/ cart, cookout and two hours of open bar. Non-golfers are invited to join them for the cookout and cocktails for \$50 per person. For further info contact Officer Tony Pagan at 630-361-5778 or Detective Bruce Mason at 630-671-5787. Businesses wishing to sponsor a hole should also call either Tony or Bruce.

## ERICKSON SCHOOL CELEBRATES ARBOR DAY

For the 15th year in a row, Bloomingdale has been named a "Tree City USA Community" by the Arbor Day Foundation. This year's Arbor Day observance was held at Erickson School where Student Council members helped to plant an Ohio Buckeye tree.

"We commend Bloomingdale's elected officials, volunteers and citizens for providing vital care for its urban forest," said John Rosenow, chief executive and founder of the Arbor Day Foundation. "Trees provide numerous environmental, economical and health benefits to millions of people each day, and we applaud communities that make planting and caring for trees a top priority."



## Something New for Something Old

The front of the Bloomingdale Park District Historical Museum, 108 S. Bloomingdale Road, is getting a fresh new cottage garden look this spring. The park had recently received a request to plant a rose bush in memory of a loved one. Trees and benches have been requested in prior years, but this was a new request and the museum seemed like the perfect site for the rose.

Coincidentally, at almost the same time, part-time employee and Garden Club member Georgette West volunteered to do some updating of the landscaping at the museum. West moved the Crystal Fairy roses from their shady spot into the sun as a backdrop to the new double pink knockout rose which was selected for the dedication planting. She also planted stock, black-eyed susan, feverfew and needle spurge – all old-fashioned perennials for the informal cottage garden. "An old fashioned garden for an old building," she quipped. Next she'll be tackling the shady spot on the south side of the historic building.



*West and her friend Hulda Griffin plant annual dianthus at the front of the flower bed.*

## Planning a Garage Sale This Summer?

Check out these upcoming garage sales:

**Chateau Lorraine,**  
June 11 & 12 – 8-4 each day  
**Westlake,**  
June 25, 26, 27 –  
9-5 each day

Here are some important things to remember if you are planning a garage sale:

There is no cost or permit necessary to hold a garage or yard sale; however, the person conducting the sale must notify the police department of the sale prior to the start of the sale.

No more than three rummage or garage sales may be held on the same premises in any calendar year. Each may not be more than 3 consecutive days and can only take place between the hours of 9 a.m. and 6 p.m.

There are also requirements relative to garage sale signs, including size and placement restrictions.

For more information, contact the Police Department at (630) 529-9868.



## Senior Fair 2010

The 6th annual Senior Fair sponsored by the Bloomingdale Police Department and the Senior Citizen Advisory Council in May was another success. This year some 60 vendors and agencies met with nearly 200 seniors citizens. The event provided participants with information concerning senior health and welfare in a comfortable and friendly setting.



## Lions Steak Fry a Sizzling Success!

Bloomingdale Lions Club fed some 180 people at their Steak Fry on May 7.

Executive Chef Lion Jerry Bertrand was grilling up a storm to raise monies to provide assistance to the sight and hearing impaired, as well as to local causes.



## Would You Block Their Path?

Please be a good neighbor. Parking a vehicle on or extending over a Village sidewalk makes it impossible for pedestrians and bicyclists to safely use the public sidewalks. Furthermore, parking in this manner is prohibited in Bloomingdale and subject to an illegally parked vehicle fine of \$25.00. The Bloomingdale Police Department encourages residents to clean out their garage to free up room for vehicle storage, and to provide sufficient parking space for all of the household cars.





# Bloomington Fire Protection District #1



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## Summer Fire Safety



The Bloomington Fire Protection District and the United States Fire Administration believe summertime should be a time for fun and making happy memories.

Every year Americans look forward to summer vacations, camping, family reunions, picnics, and the Fourth of July. Summertime, however, also

brings fires and injuries due to fireworks and outdoor grills. Annually just under 10,000 Americans are injured by fireworks and almost 5,000 are injured by charcoal/wood-burning and propane grill fires. In 2007, 64 percent of fireworks injuries occurred between June 22 and July 22.

Families also enjoy camping in the summer. It is important to follow the park's rules for the use and extinguishing of campfires.

Knowing a few fire safety tips and following instructions will help everyone have a safe summer.

### Fireworks Safety

- The best way to enjoy fireworks is to visit public fireworks displays put on by professionals who know how to safely handle fireworks.
- If you plan to use fireworks, make sure they are legal in your area.
- Never light fireworks indoors or near dry grass.
- Always have a bucket of water and/or a fire extinguisher nearby. Know how to operate the fire extinguisher properly.
- Do not wear loose clothing while using fireworks.
- Stand several feet away from lit fireworks. If a device does not go off, do not stand over it to investigate it. Put it out with water and dispose of it.
- Always read the directions and warning labels on fireworks. If a device is not marked with the contents, direction and a warning label, do not light it.
- Supervise children around fireworks at all times.

### Barbecue Safety

- Before using a grill, check the connection between the propane tank and the fuel line. Make sure the venturi tubes - where the air and gas mix - are not blocked.
- Do not overfill the propane tank.
- Do not wear loose clothing while cooking at a barbecue.
- Be careful when using lighter fluid. Do not add fluid to an already lit fire because the flame can flashback up into the container and explode.
- Keep all matches and lighters away from children. Teach your children to report any loose matches or lighters to an adult immediately. Supervise children around outdoor grills
- Dispose of hot coals properly - douse them with plenty of water, and stir them to ensure that the fire is out. Never place them in plastic, paper or wooden containers.
- Never grill/barbecue in enclosed areas - carbon monoxide could be produced.



### Congratulations Lt. Glenn Stahl



Thirty-year veteran of the Bloomington Fire Protection District, Glenn Stahl, was promoted to lieutenant in April. Glenn has served as a Firefighter/Emergency Medical Tech and Firefighter/Paramedic prior to this promotion.

(photo inset) Fire Protection District Trustee Secretary Bill Wolff administered the Oath of Office to Glenn. Behind them, (l to r) Battalion Chief Scott Koehn, Battalion Chief Wally Beahan and Deputy Chief Mike McNamara witnessed the swearing-in.

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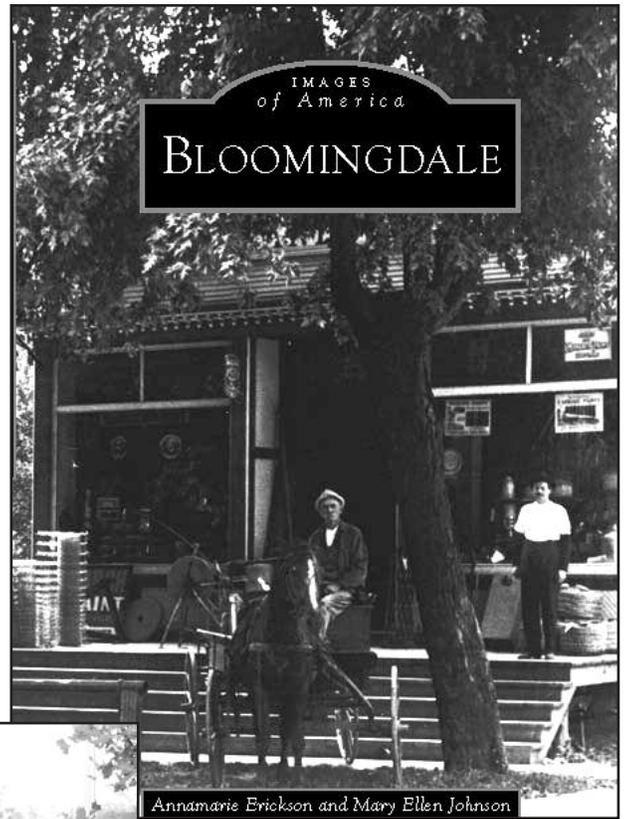
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## Stumped for Father's Day This Year? Looking for Something Different?

Tell the world Dad is your personal hero by placing a brick with your sentiments at the "Everyday Heroes" statue in Old Town Park. The 4x8 bricks are \$100 each and hold three lines of copy at 13 spaces each. Bricks are also still available at the golf course and the library statue sites for \$75 each. All orders placed by June 25, 2010 will be installed this summer. A card announcing your gift to Dad is available at no charge. Call Mary Ellen at the Village Hall at 671-5600 for more information or to place an order.

Another "novel" gift idea is a copy of the Images of America - Bloomingdale book published by the Bloomingdale Historical Society through Arcadia. The story of Bloomingdale from 1833 through 1983, the town's 150th birthday, is told through photographs and captions. Historic views of current areas and structures are featured, including historic photographs of the renovated old school at Lake and Third Street. There are also many pictures of friends & neighbors from the past. The book is available for \$19.99 from the Bloomingdale Public Library or the Village Hall. This photographic journal also makes a great birthday or anniversary gift for anyone who lives in town.



*Annamarie Erickson and Mary Ellen Johnson*

