

Village of Bloomingdale Almanac



August 2011

Growth with Pride

State General Assembly Preserves Bloomingdale's Income Tax Share

As I previously informed our residents, threats to local government revenues were more realistic than ever during the last session of the General Assembly. As you probably know, the General Assembly continues to struggle to balance the State's budget, and will continue to do so for the immediate future. During the last session, many state officials and interest groups were looking to commandeer municipal revenues to help the State, but their solutions for the State would have deprived local governments of their ability to serve their constituents.

I am happy to report that the efforts to reduce or eliminate the State's contribution to the Local Government Distributive Fund (for shared income tax receipts), were not successful. The loss of this revenue, which could have amounted to anywhere from \$500,000 to \$1.6 million per year for Bloomingdale would have severely crippled Village operations. I would like to thank our local senators and representatives who supported balancing the State's budget, but not on the backs of municipalities. I would also like to thank any of our residents and business owners who supported Bloomingdale by contacting their State elected officials on the Village's behalf. You have performed a great service for your community.

As we look ahead to the November "veto session" and the start of the new session of the General Assembly in January 2012, local revenues could, once again, be threatened. The Mayor, Village Trustees and staff will work with officials in other communities to remain vigilant in protecting local government revenues, which are utilized to supply very critical Village services.

Septemberfest

Yes, it's coming back! Bloomingdale will be holding Septemberfest on Saturday, October 8, 2011. Although the event will be scaled down from the original, our dedicated commission members are planning on an opening parade, crafters, food vendors, local daytime entertainment and an evening band. I hope you are looking forward to it as much as I am. For more information, see the back page of this Almanac.

Mayor Bob Iden

Come to the Ice Cream Social On August 4



The Bloomingdale Public Library and the Village of Bloomingdale invite all residents to the Annual Ice Cream Social on Thursday, August 4, 2011 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. in front of the Library, 101 Fairfield Way.

In addition to the ice cream and other food available for purchase, there will be a number of free activities, including face painting, games and free rides. Overflow parking will be in the Village Hall parking lot and at Prudential Stark Realtors at 181 S. Bloomingdale Road.



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
7:00 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*

Michael D. Hovde
Facilities Infrastructure

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The
deadline
for the
October issue
of the
Almanac is
SEPTEMBER 10



There's Music in the Air!



There are three more Summer Concerts scheduled for Old Town Park: Od Tapo Imi (Carribbean Reggae) on August 9; American English (Beatles Tribute) on August 16; and Bopology (Swing, Jazz, Big Band Sound) on August 23. Participants may bring lawn chairs and refreshments. The concerts are sponsored by the Bloomingdale Park District, the Village of Bloomingdale and Old Town Bank & Trust. Old Town Park is a great venue for the Tuesday evening concerts. Catch the music before the summer and the concerts are gone.



Bloomingtondale Women's Club: Celebrating 40 Years of Community Service



Lions Milt Roberts, Jack Funk and Ralph Johnston take a break at a 1968 pancake breakfast fundraiser.

Former Bloomingtondale Trustee Ralph W. Johnston Served the Village, Community and Country

Condolences go out to the family of Ralph W. Johnston who passed away on July 4th at the age of 86. Ralph was a Bloomingtondale Village Trustee from 1961 until April 1972, serving with four mayors: Ed Barber, Stan Haverkamp, Robert Meyers and Paul Ahlrich. He went on to become one of the Park District Commissioners; the Park's Johnston Recreation Center is named after him.

Ralph was a World War II veteran and a member of the Bloomingtondale VFW. In 1961, he became a Charter Member of the Bloomingtondale Lions Club, serving as its President in 1965-66. He was granted a Life Membership in the Lions in 1989. Ralph and his wife Marilyn were also active in the first Bloomingtondale Historical Society.

The couple retired to Springdale, Tennessee in 1989. Their four sons and two daughters, along with their families, still live in the Chicago suburbs, two of them in Bloomingtondale. Ralph was one of the many vital members of the Bloomingtondale community as it was just beginning to come into its own. We were sorry to hear of his passing.

The Bloomingtondale Women's Club was formed in September 1971 by a group of local Bloomingtondale women who were civic minded with an interest in their community. They wasted no time. By 1972 they were hosting their first fashion show. Tickets were \$4.50; the members were the models and all proceeds went to a community project.



1972 craft fair

Another early event sponsored by the fledgling organization was a newspaper drive. It was advertised as "Recycling Comes to Bloomingtondale," more than a decade before Bloomingtondale began its pilot recycling program. Other events and fundraisers included a Country Fair, Easter Egg Hunt and Las Vegas Night. The last two events were held in conjunction with the Bloomingtondale Lions Club. The Las Vegas Night raised monies to help fund the Community Room in what was the "new Village Hall" on Bloomingtondale Road, back in the late 70s.

The schools, police and fire departments, library, park district, local sports teams, Marklund Children's Home, senior citizens, graduating high school seniors, women going back to school, countless charities – have all benefitted from the philanthropic efforts of the dedicated women of the Bloomingtondale Women's Club.

Although there are no "original" members still active, the longest standing member is Corrine Klimowski, who has been a member since 1973. While the faces have changed, the members are still "civic-minded with an interest in their community." Case in point: 39 years after that first fashion show, the 2011 Fashion Show still featured club members and family as the models and raised \$6,209 for the Volunteer Council of Bloomingtondale Township, which is the driving force behind the Township's Food Pantry and other assistance for those in need.

In the last five years alone, BWC has given \$42,000 to charity in monies and \$5,000 in scholarships, plus hours of service to different causes. Today the club has 31 members who also enjoy many social opportunities. According to BWC President Dorothy Arneri, they would like to grow to insure a future for the club.

Stop in at the 40th anniversary party (see p. 10) to meet members and learn more about the club. Or drop by their booth at Septemberfest. In the BWC, civic mindedness with an interest in the community is a 40-year tradition and Bloomingtondale is grateful for that.



Festival of Arts, late 1980s



Weather Watch: Severe Weather Emergency Alerts



Severe Weather Sirens

The Almanac publishes an article about the severe weather siren systems periodically. Questions arose regarding the severe weather sirens following the strong winds and thunderstorm that hit Bloomingdale and the surrounding suburbs in June. While some residents heard the sirens on June 21, many others did not.

The sirens are not meant to be heard inside our homes; they are outdoor warning sirens. Depending on the direction and velocity of the wind, you may hear them inside. However, these sirens are actually only meant to warn anyone out of doors that they should take cover. Indoors we should use television, radio or internet to monitor the weather conditions.

A battery-operated radio is always a handy item in the event of a power outage. In fact, it is suggested that a weather radio should be part of a home's standard emergency equipment, along with smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors. Weather alert radios are an excellent way to stay informed, are reasonably priced and can be operated with batteries. They will also wake you in case of storms at night. They provide weather advisories, watches and warnings.

For more information, see the Weather Emergency Alert Sirens article to the right.

Weather Emergency Alert Sirens

During severe weather, residents might hear a warning siren. This warning siren is meant to warn those outside to seek shelter, but it might also be heard indoors, depending on your location and the direction of the wind. While the Police Department actually activates the siren, information for activation of this warning system comes from the National Weather Service, State or Federal Agencies, local Public Officials and /or first hand observation. Most often, it comes from the National Weather Service's current information regarding storm conditions.

The Weather Emergency Alert system is activated when any of the following conditions are present:

- The National Weather Service has issued a Severe Storm/ High Wind Warning indicating damaging force winds.
- It has been confirmed that "damaging force" winds will be impacting the Village of Bloomingdale.
- The Village of Bloomingdale is in the path of an approaching tornado.
- Conditions exist for the development of a tornado within an approaching storm.
- A tornado sighting within the Village of Bloomingdale or nearby communities is confirmed.

There is no differentiation in the sound of the warning siren for a tornado or other damaging winds. The siren is a steady tone which rings for three minutes and warns us of any of these weather concerns. No matter which weather reason causes the activation of the warning siren, individuals should take cover. Once inside, they are encouraged to proceed to an interior room on the lowest level of their home or business. They should then monitor local television, radio, weather alert radio or current weather data for the most up-to-date information.

The four weather sirens in Bloomingdale are located: off Glen Ellyn Road and Carriage Way by the Village's Eastside pump station; in Old Town near the rear of the old Schoolhouse; at Stratford Park; and at Gary and Lawrence. The weather sirens are tested the first Tuesday of each month at 10:00 a.m.

There are also lightning detectors located at the Bloomingdale Golf Club and in the parks. These detectors are made to alert people on these properties of the danger of lightning and are only operational during daylight hours when the public would be in the parks and on the golf course.

The "warning" signal is a solid tone approximately fifteen to twenty seconds in length. This tone indicates an actual lightning strike to ground has occurred within a ten-mile radius. You should seek appropriate shelter when you hear this signal.

The system will continue to monitor the lightning and after fifteen minutes of no lightning activity in that ten-mile area, the "All Clear" signal will sound. The "All Clear" signal is an alternating high / low tone, also fifteen to twenty seconds in length. The sound made by the lightning detectors is not meant to carry beyond their designated areas.



Save Energy Save Money!

Here are some energy saving tips to help you stay comfortable, conserve energy and manage electricity bills during the summer.

- Keep thermostats at a constant, comfortable level - 78 degrees - when at home. Lowering the thermostat setting below the desired temperature will not cool the home faster.
- To save even more energy, use a ceiling fan along with raising your air conditioner temperature.
- To reduce heat and moisture during the warmest part of the day, run appliances such as ovens, washing machines, dryers and dishwashers in the early morning or evening hours when it's generally cooler outside. Also, barbecue outside, instead of using the oven.
- Keep shades, blinds and curtains closed. Simply drawing blinds and curtains, which act as a layer of insulation, can reduce heat gain to your home. Awnings are even better, and can reduce heat gain by up to 77 percent. Window coatings and window film can reflect additional heat energy from the sun.
- Keep doors to the outside, garage or attic firmly closed to keep cool air in and hot air out.
- Place window air conditioners on the north or shaded side of the house to avoid overworking the unit in the hot daytime sun.
- When leaving home for more than four hours, raise the thermostat five to 10 degrees in the summer. Do the same at night before going to bed.



Recycling Opportunities And Green Events

FREE Commercial Electronics Recycling Event - August 22 to August 26

DuPage County businesses have a FREE opportunity to recycle their old electronics for free from Monday, Aug. 22nd to Friday, August 26th. Businesses with more than 30 large electronic items can schedule a free pickup and businesses with less than 30 large items can drop off for free in Glendale Heights.

Visit www.dupageco.org/recycling for full details. This event is hosted by DuPage County Environmental Committee, Creative Recycling Services and Choose DuPage. Your business can be green, receive a Certificate of Recycling and save money on your electronics recycling services this year.

'Save the Date' for free recycling events near our community.

The following events, beginning with Hanover Park, offer DuPage residents the opportunity to recycle or properly dispose of multiple household items. For more information/event details, contact the host community directly. These events are free and open to all DuPage County residents.

Saturday, September 17, 2011 - Hanover Park Recycling Extravaganza

8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, at the Municipal Building located at the intersection of Lake Street and Center Avenue. The following items will be accepted.

- Bicycles (must be in working, usable condition)
- Personal documents for shredding (3 box limit per vehicle) No businesses. No hard covers, binders, binder clips, or books. Staples and paper clips OK
- Motor oil and anti-freeze
- Eye glasses, hearing aids and keys
- Scrap metal
- Large lead-acid batteries (automobile, sump pump, SLA, marine only)
- Household batteries
- Cell phones and ink-jet cartridges
- CFL bulbs
- Clean, usable child and adult clothing
- Fire extinguishers
- Household office equipment and household electronic items (computers and monitors, TVs, VCRs, stereos, microwave ovens, cameras, video game equipment, etc.) All electronic items are recycled; none are resold or sent to organizations for re-use.

For more information call (630) 550-5005.

Other upcoming recycling opportunities:

Saturday, September 24, 2011 – Lombard Recycling Extravaganza

Saturday, September 24, 2011 - Downers Grove Recycling Extravaganza

Tuesday, September 27, 2011 - Recycling Event at Cantigny



Announcing . . . Bloomingdale CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition 2011 Recognition Award Recipients

Every spring the Bloomingdale CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition sponsors a breakfast to recognize members of the community living, working or attending school in Bloomingdale who have been nominated for exhibiting outstanding character.

Sue Crosson-Knutson has spent the past 20 years surprising hometown heroes with a public “atta boys” through her journalism. As a Bloomingdale Lion, Sue has involved herself in many community efforts including the Annual Walk-a-Dog-a-Thon.

Mary Ellen Johnson is the “go to” person to promote events and service initiatives of our community organizations in the Almanac. She has also volunteered time to District 13 School Board and to Bloomingdale Historical Society, co-authoring the “Images of America, Bloomingdale,” a historical account of Bloomingdale and fundraiser for the BHS.

Perry Knutson has served the Bloomingdale Lions Club for 10+ years, serving on the Board of Directors and as president. He organized the Westfield Middle School Leo Club, as well as several youth activities on the district and state level.

Polly MacDougall is a dedicated and dependable volunteer, generously giving hours of time weekly to Winnebago School. She is instrumental in running the school book fair, in addition to serving on the PTO Board as the Treasurer.

Setette Philipps is the current volunteer PTO president at Winnebago Elementary School. She balances a busy family life with the demands she faces as a special education teacher, as well as gives hours of her time to fill an important leadership role in the school community.

Bruce Root has served as a positive male role model demonstrating kindness, caring and patience and built a strong relationship with his mentee for the past two years in DuJardin School mentoring program.

Glenn Spachman has spent his one lunch hour a week over the last 2 years spending quality time with his mentee as part of the DuJardin School mentoring program. Glen is kind, extremely dependable and very committed to children.



Bloomingdale CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition 2011 Recognition Award Recipients (left to right front row): Mary Ellen Johnson, Setette Phillipps, and Polly MacDougall, (back row): Perry Knutson, Sue Crosson-Knutson, Bruce Root, Glenn Spachman, Dr. Jennifer Campbell and Dr. William McElroy.

McElroy Pediatric Dentistry, Ltd. – The second annual Bloomingdale Business of Character Award was presented to **Dr. William McElroy and Dr. Jennifer Campbell** of McElroy Pediatric Dentistry, Ltd. in recognition of the informational presentations conducted annually by both doctors on a voluntary basis for the Bloomingdale Park District’s 220 preschoolers.

This annual community recognition program is an effective way to make the community aware that the CHARACTER COUNTS! program is not only for kids. We applaud these adults for modeling good character on a daily basis and we commend the Bloomingdale Coalition for ten years of seeking out and publicly recognizing such individuals. Anyone interested in this event or more information about CHARACTER COUNTS! in Bloomingdale can learn more at www.character60108.org



Street Sweeping/ Leaf Collection

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

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

Residents are encouraged to participate in Republic's yard waste/leaf collection program. Leaves and yard waste placed in yard waste bags or cans (with handles) will be picked up by Republic on regular trash days through November 30th.

Weight limit of each bag or can is 50 pounds. A yard waste sticker (\$2.57 each) must be affixed to each bag or can. Stickers can be purchased at:

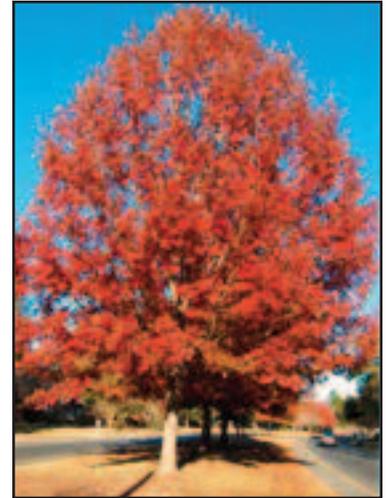
- **Bloomington Village Hall,**
201 S. Bloomington Road
- **Bloomington Pharmacy,**
156 S. Bloomington Road
- **Butera Foods,**
550 W. Lake Street
- **Caputo's Fresh Market,**
166 E. Lake Street
- **Len's Ace,**
272 W. Lake Street
- **Meijer Supermarket,**
130 S. Gary Avenue
- **Jewel Food Store,**
Bloomington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

Questions concerning the yard waste/leaf collection program can be directed to Republic at 847-981-0091.

90 Feet Tall, 90 Feet Wide, 90 Gallons of Water a Day

There's an old adage that a 90-foot oak tree with a 90-foot spread will lose more than 90 gallons of water daily when the temperatures are about 90 degrees. Whether the story is 100 percent true or not, the point is that trees do lose lots of water when the temperature climbs. They just don't wilt as obviously as other plants.

Don't forget to give your trees and shrubs a drink of water during these extraordinarily dry and hot weather conditions. While Village Forestry crews are watering parkway trees, your help with this Village watering effort is also greatly appreciated - especially those parkway trees planted last Fall and this Spring as replacements for ash tree removals. Regular watering of the new trees during these 'drought-like' conditions will reduce stress; aiding in the trees' long term mortality.



Apply water at the tree or shrub's drip-line, not at the trunk. Few water-absorbing roots are located at the trunk or under the canopy of trees and shrubs. The hair roots, which take in the water, are located at the plant's drip-line, or outermost branches, and beyond. That layer is also the part of the soil that dries out the fastest during hot, dry conditions.

The Village Forester suggests a deep root soaking at least twice a week until regular rain returns. Over-watering in these hot, dry conditions is not a concern.

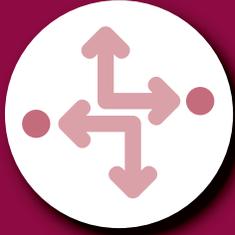
West Nile Virus Update

The first positive test for West Nile Virus in 2011 was discovered in a mosquito trap located in Lemont, which is in the southern portion of DuPage County. The mosquitoes that tested positive were collected on July 6 and tested July 7.

The wet and cool spring that the county experienced this year delayed the development of the mosquitoes that spread the WNV. The hotter temperatures we are now experiencing are more conducive to the spread of WNV, which explains the positive test discovered in Lemont. No human cases of West Nile virus have been reported in DuPage County in 2011.

DuPage County residents who want to track West Nile virus in their communities may visit www.dupagehealth.org/wnv-map. This map of mosquito traps throughout the county will be updated as mosquitoes test positive for WNV.

The Health Department is collecting freshly-dead birds (such as crows or blue jays) for WNV testing. The birds must not show any signs of decay or trauma and we must be able to pick them up in time to be shipped to the state laboratory by the close of business on Thursdays. To report a dead bird, call (630) 682-7400.



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.



RECENTLY OPENED BUSINESSES

J.C. Licht/Epc
158 S. Gary Avenue

Bentley's Restaurant
142 E. Lake Street
(new owner)

Stratford Square Mall

Art & More
Fascination
The Relax Section (moved)
Omar's Furniture



BUSINESS NEWS

CARSON'S COMMUNITY DAY EVENT

Carson's at Stratford Square will be hosting a 2-day Community Day event this year on Friday, November 11th from 9 am to 10 pm and on Saturday, November 12th from 6 am to 10 pm. Our Friday event will honor our Veterans and military families since it is "Veterans Day." Both days will feature doorbusters and special savings throughout the store. All non-profit organizations are invited to participate. Any interested group can contact the store at 630-351-8980 or go to our website at www.communitydayevent.com for information and to register.

BRING YOUR FRIENDS AND YOUR APPETITE: 50 MEN WHO COOK IS BACK!

It is that time of year to tune up the grill and sharpen your taste buds to get ready for the 3rd annual 50 Men Who Cook event in Bloomingdale. Hosted by the Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce, this culinary extravaganza will take place Saturday, September 24, 6 – 8:00 p.m. at the Hilton Indian Lakes Resort. Adventist GlenOaks Hospital will again be the Presenting Sponsor.

50 Men Who Cook is a community event where 50 local chefs serve "tastes" of their favorite dishes. In addition to having 50 dishes to taste, the fun-filled evening includes raffle prizes, terrific local musicians and a chance to vote for your favorite chef.



Proceeds from the event support wellness activities in local schools as well as the community events of the Chamber of Commerce.

Community members are invited to TASTE, COOK and SPONSOR! Tickets are \$25 per person and are available at the Chamber office. For ticket information, cook sign-up details and sponsorship opportunities, check the Chamber website at www.bloomingdalechamber.com or call 630-980-9082.



HH GREGG COMES TO BLOOMINGDALE

HH Gregg, an appliance & electronics retail store, will be making its entry into the Chicagoland Market, and Bloomingdale will be one of the first store locations opening in Bloomingdale Court this Fall.

It is located in the former Circuit City store, which is undergoing an extensive interior & exterior remodel for this new retail establishment.



2011 Chamber Scholars Nineteen Students Each Receive \$1,000



Summer Water Conservation

WATER CONSERVATION AND CONTROL VILLAGE ORDINANCE NO. 90-30

From May through September of each year the use of the public water supply for sprinkling of lawns with automatic sprinkling devices is PROHIBITED except for:

Single Family residential with odd numbered addresses on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday between 5 a.m. and 9 a.m. or 5 p.m. and 9 p.m.

Single Family residential with even numbered addresses on Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday between 5:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. or 5:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.

Commercial, Industrial, Manufacturing, Office Buildings and Multi-Family Residential Buildings on Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday between 5:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. or 5:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.

The use of automatic sprinkling devices is prohibited on all Fridays.

Violators are subject to a fine of \$25.00 to \$50.00 for each violation of the order. For more information, contact the Utilities Division at 630-671-5830.



Seated from left to right: Samantha Millikan, Adriana Villasuso, Carolyn Coleman, Kelsey Bacon, Kathrine Waclawik, Lauren Eisentraut, Sarah Reece, and Sarah Steffens. Standing (l to r) Perry Allston, Pujan Patel, Kevin McKeown, Brian McKeown, Joe Zanghi, Scott Berka, Ryan Weber, Ryan Keith, Dad of Stephen Griffith, Adam Keith and David Perkins.

May is the Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce favorite month. During May it has the privilege of awarding scholarship money donated by our generous business community to deserving college students. This year, the Chamber awarded an unprecedented nineteen \$1,000 scholarships, up from twelve \$1000 scholarships last year.

With the challenges today's college students have in financing their education and in securing a job after college, our business community appreciates the need to recognize the accomplishments of local students. In addition to supporting the students financially, the Chamber provides two "meet and greet" opportunities for the scholarship donors and the students. Continued interaction between students and donors is encouraged as a means to help build networking and business communication skills.

An evening reception was hosted by Hilton Indian Lakes Resort on May 17. Scholarship winners, their families, scholarship donors and chamber members also attended a breakfast generously donated by Don Helmig at the Bloomingdale Golf Club on June 9. Each winner was introduced personally and given the opportunity to thank the donor who provided his/her scholarship. Scholarship winner Sarah Steffens expressed her gratitude for the opportunity to feel that she is a part of a business community which is available to support her now and in the future. The Chamber takes pride in providing this connection between our current and future leaders.

Congratulations to this year's winners and thanks to the generous donors. The students' names are followed by the business(es) who provided the scholarship.

We recognize Perry Allston, Bloomingdale ONE Leads Group; Kelsey Bacon, Huskie Tools; Scott Berka and Adam Keith, Stratford Crossing Shopping Center; Carolyn Coleman, Dr. John Butts, Ryndak Physical Therapy, Dr. Bridget Horan and Internet Marketing Period; Stephen Griffith, Comprehensive Dentistry; Kevin McKeown, State Representative Franco Coladipietro; Samantha Millikan and Pujan Patel, Alden Rehabilitation and Health Care (includes Alden Villages, Alden Garden, Alden Valley Ridge and Bloomingdale Horizon).

Also David Perkins, Mayor Bob Iden; Sarah Reece and Ryan Weber, Dr. Aimee Harris-Newon; Sarah Steffens, Outback Steakhouse; Kathrine Waclawik, Wintrust Wealth Management; Lauren Eisentraut, Ryan Keith, Brian McKeown, Adriana Villasuso and Joe Zanghi, Old Town Bank and Trust.

If you are interested in donating to this worthwhile cause, contact Marianne@bloomingdalechamber.com or at 630-980-9082. Any dollar amount is appreciated.

COMMUNITY EVENTS



Celebrating 40 Years



The Bloomingdale Women's Club is celebrating 40 years of community involvement and charitable contributions on September 8th. They invite area women to join them for cake, ice cream, fellowship and friendship! It will be a time to remember the past and celebrate the future! Mix, mingle and perhaps JOIN!Dues are still ONLY \$25.00 a year! Make a difference!

Bloomingdale Women's Club meetings are held the second Thursday of the month from September through April at the Bloomingdale Fire Station, 179 South Bloomingdale Road. Social time begins at 7 p.m. For more information on the Bloomingdale Women's Club and its activities, contact Maureen Gibson at 630-539-1674. (See p. 3 for pictures & a short history of BWC.)

Bloomingdale Artists Meet at Museum

The Bloomingdale Artists Association (BAA) is a versatile group of professionals who work diligently to remain on the cutting edge in the art world and keep abreast of the latest in art material. Several of the members currently have artwork displayed in the Bloomingdale Park District's "Lovely to Look At" exhibit.

The BAA holds regular meetings at 7:00 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month, September through May, at the BPD Museum. The September meeting features "Woven Fat Book" and begins at 6:45 p.m. Membership is \$25/year or \$45/meeting. Call the Museum at (630) 539-3096 for more information on becoming a member of the BAA.

Bloomingdale Garden Club Donations



This spring, the Bloomingdale Garden Club donated more than \$100 in flowers and donated \$200 towards the purchase of a new greenhouse for the DuPage Convalescent Center. The greenhouse is particularly important as residents begin their seeds in early spring and transplant the veggies into their gardens in May. The club toured the Garden at the DuPage Convalescent Center (DPCC) in Wheaton on June 26th to see the results of their donations.

The Bloomingdale Garden Club's August meeting will begin at 6:30 on Tuesday, August 9 at Fire Station #1, 179 S. Bloomingdale Road. The topic has not yet been determined. For more information about the August meeting, call Roberta Pulido at 630-295 8315.



The Garden Club also donated and planted the flowers in the planters in front and back of the Village Hall.

Gallery I & II - Juried Mixed Media Show

Local artists are displaying their talents at the annual Juried Mixed Media Show "Lovely to Look At" now through August 20 at the Bloomingdale Park District Museum, 108 S. Bloomingdale Road. Featured are photography, watercolors, oils, acrylics and one three-dimensional marble piece. Most of the work is for sale.

Admission is \$1 for residents; \$2 for non-residents and \$.50 for seniors 62+. The Museum is open only during exhibits. Hours for exhibits are Wednesdays, 4-8 p.m.; Thursdays and Fridays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Saturdays, noon to 4 p.m. For more information call 630-539-3096.



COMMUNITY EVENTS



Don't Miss the Last Sunshine Serenade on August 5

The Bloomingdale Public Library has one more Sunshine Serenade coming up this summer. August 5th will feature "Connection" from noon to 1 p.m. The Connection Band offers a mix of music that includes Big Band, Swing, Motown, R&B, Rock, 50s, 60s, 70s, 80s, 90s and today's current Dance Music. All concerts feature family-friendly singers that will inspire you to jump up and dance. Come spend your lunch time at the gazebo right outside of the library.



Pamela Rose and Windy City Country, the group that played the Gazebo in June.

Bloomingdale Lions Turn 50

The Bloomingdale Lions Club will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary on Friday, October 14 at the Bloomingdale Golf Club. For 50 years the



Lions have not only supported the Hearing and Sight Impaired projects they are known for, but they have also supported countless local causes and the needs of local people over the many years. The Lions would like to share this milestone with as many of their former members as possible. So if you are a former Lion or know of a former Lion who has moved away, please contact Marv Roehlke at 630-980-7448 so an invitation can be sent.

Village Offers Option to Pay Your Utility Bill Electronically

The Village of Bloomingdale offers its utility customers the convenience of electronic bill payment.

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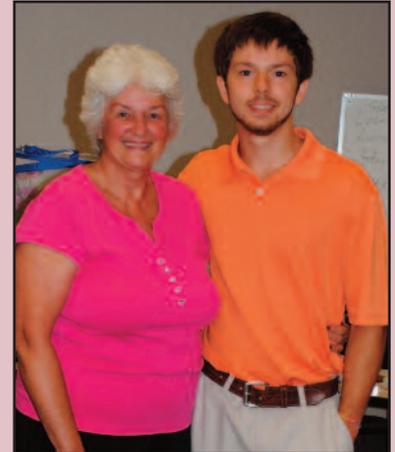
No need to worry about late payments and late fees; electronic bill payment saves time and money.

Call us at (630) 671-5650 to receive an application or log onto our website at <http://www.villageofbloomingdale.org>

Bloomingdale Bucks



The Bloomingdale Bucks, our Civil War Vintage Baseball Team, has two more home games this season. The next game takes place on Sunday, August 14 against the Delton, Wisconsin team. The last home game will be Sunday, August 28 against the Milwaukee Grays. Both games begin at 1:30 at Springfield Park, south of the intersection of Lake Street and Springfield Drive. The club, which is sponsored by the Bloomingdale Park District and the Bloomingdale Historical Society, plays baseball using 1858 rules, which includes no gloves, base stealing or swearing.



Garden Club President Joyce Basel and James Wallich

Bloomingdale Garden Club Awards \$500 Scholarship

The Bloomingdale Garden Club awarded a \$500 scholarship to James Wallich (17) of Bloomingdale. A recent graduate of Lake Park High School, the young man will be attending Southern Illinois University and plans to pursue a degree in horticulture with an emphasis on landscape design and green energy.

James is the son of James M. Wallich and Jackie Tufo Hovde. His volunteer experience has included working with the Bloomingdale Food Pantry and the Bloomingdale Garden Club Annual Plant Sale for the past two years.

The Bloomingdale Garden Club has a rich history in the community and surrounding area for the past 48 years. In addition to fostering a love of gardening within the Club and community, the Club has expanded its mission to include various philanthropic endeavors, such as awarding this scholarship to a deserving high school graduate pursuing a post-secondary degree or certificate in a horticulture-related field.

Around & About Town

A Hero Among Us

Shirley Burger, the Village's Water Reclamation Facility Supervisor was recognized as a Water Hero by the Water Environment Federation (WEF). A Water Hero is an everyday professional who protects public health and the environment by cleaning the world's water day after day. WEF's acknowledgment of Water Heroes is their way of saying thank you to those who work to improve water quality.



Shirley says she is in this field because she personally saw the pollution that had occurred growing up in the Western PA region and knew that those conditions had to stop. The factory outfalls, mining and local run off, to name a few, were damaging most of the small rivers and streams and causing an unsightly backdrop to her environment. She knew she wanted to be involved in creating a solution.

After 32 years in water quality, Shirley feels her greatest achievement as a water quality professional is "...informing the public and teaching our children that they can make a difference, I always remember that the water we use today is the water our children use tomorrow. I am making sure that every drop of water that leaves our facility is the best quality it can be."

Bloomingtondale Photographer Focuses on Cantigny

Resident Kirk Steinbruecker is a finalist in the Cantigny in Focus Photo Contest for the second year in a row. The annual contest for amateur photographers began in 2006. Guests submit images they've taken on the grounds of Cantigny all year long, and at the end of the year, Cantigny staff members and resident photographers choose the finalists. There were 40 photos selected this year; Kirk is the only one from Bloomingtondale. The contest runs the entire year. The photos will remain on the wall in the visiting center at Cantigny through December for guests



Look for Kirk Steinbruecker's floral closeup at Cantigny.

to vote on their favorite. Winners are named in January when the next year's finalists are named. If you get out to Cantigny before the end of the year, stop by and cast your vote for Bloomingtondale's homegrown talent!

Interdependence Day -- Celebrating and Serving



One of several vans full of groceries for the food pantries

Bloomingtondale Church is always looking to find ways to be relevant to people's lives. Knowing people by name who are working hard, but not getting paid, as well as people who are not able to get enough hours of work to provide for their families, inspired the Sunday July 3, Interdependence Day food drive. The Jewel Company gave Bloomingtondale Church 6,000 grocery bags. Over 70 church members placed some 5,500 bags at the doors of Bloomingtondale homes. On Sunday July 3, they collected around 550 bags of groceries and took the bags directly to the Bloomingtondale Township, Family in Faith Church, St. Paul Church, and Bloomingtondale Church food pantries.

Following the deliveries, 300 people from the community and the church gathered at an outdoor patriotic service in Circle Park to sing patriotic hymns and hear Major Josh Eggar, who has done three tours of duty in Iraq, speak on the power of prayer. After the thirty minute service, virtually everyone stayed to eat, play games, swim at the Oasis and make new friends.



The Paisley family (l to r) Grant, Diane, Grace, and Graham pick up donated bags of food for Interdependence Day.

Around & About Town

Thanks, Theodore Cucci!

Bloomington resident Theodore Cucci, was recently recognized at a Village Board meeting with a Resolution of Appreciation for his civic-mindedness and generosity. Mr. Cucci took the initiative to research the Automated Camera License Plate Recognition System. This camera system is a spectacular tool to make the community safer by enhancing the capability of police surveillance within areas experiencing episodes of increased criminal activity, and improving the overall enforcement efficiency of the department by enabling officers to accomplish more in less time.

Mr. Cucci's generous and all-inclusive donation consisted of the cost of the Camera System, delivery, installation and training. He stated simply he "wanted to give back to the community and make a difference." Village officials join the Police Department in extending their sincere appreciation to Mr. Cucci for providing the resources necessary to support the purchase of the Camera System, especially during these difficult economic times.



Chief Frank Giammarese thanks Ted Cucci, along with his son Nick, for his generous contribution to the Police Department.

Planning a Garage Sale?



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 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 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.

Eagle Projects Benefit Bloomingdale Township

Seventeen-year old **Scott Grenfeldt** of Troop 95 recently earned his Eagle Scout Award, the highest honor a scout can achieve. As the Bloomingdale Food Pantry was in need of general painting and repairs, Scott chose this for his Eagle Scout project. Volunteers spent 90 hours combined prepping and painting walls, hanging a new shelf and replacing broken door trim. The pantry now has a brighter, cleaner environment for those who work there, and for those who visit there who are struggling with hunger and other basic needs. All material was graciously donated by Warnimont's Do it Best of Wood Dale, IL. (Warnimonts was located in Bloomingdale for a number of years.

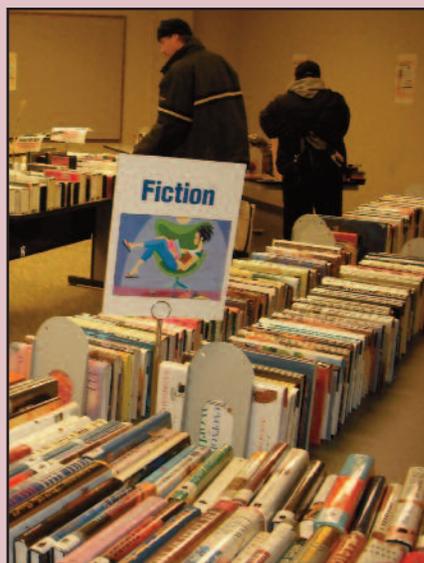


Scott Grenfeldt

Nathan Flynn of Troop 194, also recently earned his Eagle Scout Award. His Eagle Scout project also benefited the Bloomingdale Township Complex. Nathan directed the building of ten garden benches at the Bloomingdale Township to provide much needed seating for the Senior Center, Food Pantry and Township office.

Library Book Sale September 17 & 18

The Friends of the Bloomingdale Public Library Book Sale will be held on Saturday, September 17 and Sunday, September



18, 2011 in the library on the lower level, Meeting Rooms A/B. The sale will include thousands of books, including the nicest copies of recent withdrawals and donated materials.

The Friends also welcome donations of gently used books, videos, DVDs and sound recordings. These may be dropped off at the circulation desk be-

fore the first date of the sale. Check the library's website www.mybpl.org for more details as the date gets closer.



It's that time of year: Kids Are Heading Back to School in August

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

Walking to and from school:

- Choose a safe route for walking to and from school. Avoid walking by vacant lots, fields, or other areas where there aren't many people around.
- Use the buddy system. It is safer to walk in a group than by yourself.
- Cross the street at corners or crosswalks; remember to stop and look in all directions.
- Never talk to strangers or accept gifts or rides from people you don't know. If a stranger approaches you, RUN- YELL- TELL an adult or call 9-1-1.
- Let your parents know if you need to stay late at school or if you plan to go to a friend's house instead of going straight home.
- If you see something that makes you uneasy or you think isn't right—a stranger hanging around school, a bully bothering other youths, vandalism or graffiti—tell a teacher or your parents right away.



Reminder to Adults:

Be careful when traveling through these areas during school hours. Kids are not only active before and after school, but also during recess and physical education classes. Students acting as crossing guards are responsible for the safety of others in school zones and residential areas. The school zone speed limit is twenty (20) miles per hour. Another reminder: **cell phone use is not allowed in school zones**. Please keep this in mind when traveling near school and take extra precaution for the sake of the children. Have a safe school year!!!



Man's Best Friend

Per Ordinance 81-40, dogs are not allowed to be at large, run uncontrolled, to damage property of others or to bark, whine, howl or make other noises excessively. Owners must also clean up after their dogs in any public place. Please, be a good neighbor.

Also, all dogs are required to be licensed with the Village of Bloomingdale (at no cost). Residents are allowed two dogs for a single family, detached residence and for any single-family residence situated within a building or structure containing more than one (1) dwelling unit.



Food and Fun For Everyone at Annual National Night Out

Our National Night Out Against Crime event will be held on August 2 at the Bloomingdale Park District, 172 S. Circle Avenue, and will begin at 6:00 p.m. and conclude at 9:00 p.m. (weather permitting).

Hot dogs, hamburgers, etc. will be provided through Catering With Elegance by Glendale and will be served from 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. There will be games and prizes for kids and the pool is open to all.





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Home Fires: The Best Defense is a Good Offense

What's the best way to protect your family from fire? Be ahead of the game, of course. With more than 360,000 home fires reported in the United States in 2009, according to the nonprofit National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), your best defense is a good offense. That's why the Bloomington Fire Protection District is teaming up with NFPA during the October 9-15, 2011, to let our community know: "It's Fire Prevention Week. Protect your Family from Fire!" This year's campaign focuses on preventing the leading causes of home fires -- cooking, heating and electrical equipment, as well as candles and smoking materials. Additionally, it urges people to protect their homes and families with life-saving technology and planning.

"In 2009, 2,565 people died in home fires. Nearly all of these deaths could have been prevented by taking a few simple precautions like having working smoke alarms and a home fire escape plan, keeping things that can burn away from the stove and always turning off space heaters before going to bed," says Lt. Richard Kurka of the Bloomington Fire Protection District. "Fire is a dangerous opponent, but by anticipating the hazards, you are much less likely to be one of the nearly 13,000 people injured in home fires each year."

The Bloomington Fire Protection District offers the following tips for protecting your home and family from fire:

- Stay in the kitchen while you are frying, grilling, or broiling food. If you leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, turn off the stove.
- Keep anything that can burn at least three feet away from heating equipment, like the furnace, fireplace, wood stove, or portable space heater.
- Have a three-foot "kid-free zone" around open fires and space heaters.
- Replace or repair damaged or loose electrical cords.
- If you smoke, smoke outside.
- Use deep, wide ashtrays on a sturdy table.
- Blow out all candles when you leave the room or go to bed. Avoid the use of candles in the bedroom and other areas where people may fall asleep.

"While preventing home fires in Bloomington is always our number one priority, it is not always possible," Lt. Kurka continued. "Bloomington's residents need to provide the best



protection to keep their homes and families safe in the event of a fire. This can be achieved by developing an escape plan which you practice regularly and equipping homes with life-saving technologies like smoke alarms and home fire sprinklers."

The following tips will help keep your family safe if there is a fire in your home:

- Install smoke alarms inside each bedroom, outside each sleeping area, and on every level of the home (including the basement).
- Interconnect all smoke alarms in the home so when one sounds, they all sound.
- Test smoke alarms at least monthly and replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old or sooner if they do not respond when tested.
- Make sure everyone in your home knows how to respond if the smoke alarm sounds.
- Pull together everyone in your household and make a plan. Walk through your home and inspect all possible ways out. Households with children should consider drawing a floor plan of your home, marking two ways out of each room, including windows and doors.
- If you are building or remodeling your home, consider installing home fire sprinklers.

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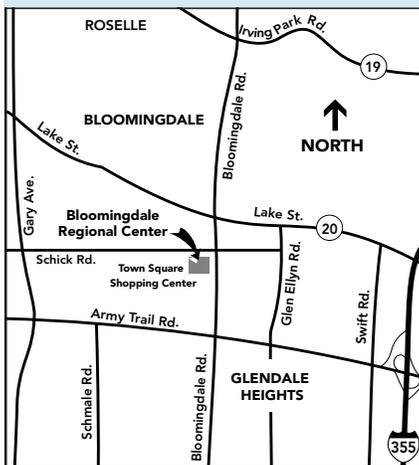
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Please note: Hours are subject to change.



Location and Directions

The College of DuPage Bloomingtondale Center is conveniently located on the west side of Bloomingtondale Road, one-half block south of the intersection of Bloomingtondale and Schick roads in Town Square of Bloomingtondale.



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Want the latest information about Septemberfest activities?

Website: <http://www.village-ofbloomingdale.org/stay-play/local-events/septemberfest>.

Hotline : 630-671-5680 which will be updated as needed.

Updates will also be sent through Bloomingdale's E-News. Not signed up yet? Go to www.villageofbloomingdale.org and sign up on the right-hand side of the homepage.



Septemberfest: Celebrating with Family & Friends

Bloomingdale will celebrate the 38th annual Septemberfest on Saturday, October 8, 2011, in Bloomingdale Old Town (Located between Lake Street & Schick Road – and – Third Street & Bloomingdale Road).

Septemberfest offers a day of fun, food and entertainment planned for you, your family and friends. Festivities will commence with the Septemberfest Parade, leading off at 11:00 AM from DuJardin School on Euclid Ave. The parade will head north on Euclid and west on Schick Road into Old Town.



The parade concludes in Old Town, where you can join the fun activities and entertainment, in and around Old Town Park. Opening Ceremonies begin at 12:00 PM. Stage entertainment includes a live musical band, the Bloomingdale Park District Gymnastics Team, Mohler Dance Academy, Dance Explosion, and Center Stage Dance Studios.

A variety of vendors will offer tasty foods and refreshing drinks to please all taste buds. Stroll among the booths featuring Creative Arts and Hand-made Crafts to admire and purchase.

If you would like to participate in the parade, or rent a vendor booth for Business, Craft or Food, call Vivi at 630-894-6637. The commission is also looking for another volunteer who would be willing to serve as its secretary. Please call Vivi if interested.

Update your virtual or digital calendar to designate Saturday the 8th of October for Bloomingdale Septemberfest 2011. It promises to be a most enjoyable time for family and friends.

