



# Village of Bloomingdale Almanac

FEBRUARY 2011

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## From the Desk of Mayor Bob Iden

As we begin a new year, I'd like to share some of the projects we will see completed in 2011. Construction of the headquarters of the Scottish Rite Cathedral Association of Chicago is well underway at the corner off Lake Street and Medinah Road. The aerial photo below was taken in September; the second photo shows the progress in mid-January on the fly-tower portion of the theater located toward the southeast corner of the site. See p. 9 for more details on the project.

Wal-Mart will be undergoing a major expansion as it adds 66,000 square feet to become a super Wal-Mart. Some stores will have to be relocated to accommodate the addition which is slated to take about a year.

In late Spring the Village will become home to Smashburger at 148 South Gary, next to Starbucks and Baskin Robbins. They are a new fast-casual restaurant that is beginning to make its home in Chicago. They will specialize in burgers, plus offer a wide variety of side dishes and desserts, as well as beer and wine. Look for the new patio with festive umbrellas.

HH Gregg, an appliance and electronics retail store, will be taking over the space formerly occupied by Circuit City in Bloomingdale Court on Army Trail Road. In addition, Ross Dress for Less, featuring designer and brand name fashions for women, men, kids and home for less, will be filling the former Linens n Things store in October. Both these arrivals are among the first stores to open in Illinois. We are striving to keep our commercial vacancies down and with these additions, we will have filled all of the large store fronts in Bloomingdale Court.

Many people are curious as to what is happening in the parking lot of the Lake Street Dunkin' Donuts. A sheet piling retaining wall project has been underway to shore up the stream bank of the Springbrook Creek, which runs along the west and north sides of the donut shop. Over the years, rainstorm drainage and the flowing water have eroded the stream bank to the point that part of the parking lot was also being washed away. Dunkin Donuts' contractor has installed a steel sheet to protect the stream bank against any further erosion. There will be a decorative fence installed on top of the embankment wall to keep pedestrians and cars safe and landscape restoration work will be completed in the spring. This was a private property maintenance project, undertaken by the property owner.

Lastly, hats off to our snow and ice removal crews. I continually get positive comments from residents about the condition of Bloomingdale streets following a snowstorm. "Thanks for a job well done!"

Mayor Bob Iden



*Top: fly-tower portion of the theater of the Scottish Rite Cathedral Association of Chicago; Bottom: aerial photo taken in September.*

## 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*



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Residential E-NEWSLETTER

## Want to Keep Up With the News In Between Almanac Issues?

Sign up for the Bloomingdale E-News,  
published weekly and delivered to your  
email. Go to the Village website  
[www.villageofbloomingdale.org](http://www.villageofbloomingdale.org) and click  
on E-News Sign Up on the right side of the  
homepage.

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

## CHARACTER COUNTS! Pillar Award to be Presented To Postal Carrier Daryl Miller

Those who know  
Bloomingdale Postal Carrier  
Daryl Miller are used to his  
quick smile, friendly manner  
and dependability. What they  
might not be aware of is his  
ability to handle an emergency  
with swift and decisive action.  
On November 29th, Daryl wit-  
nessed a driver traveling east-  
bound on Lake Street lose con-  
trol of his vehicle, striking the  
side of Pickle Piano Company.  
Without hesitation, Daryl ran  
to the vehicle, taking immedi-  
ate action to help the driver as  
the car's engine was roaring  
and apparently stuck in gear.

He was able to assist the driver, who had been taken ill, away from the car as emergency personnel arrived on the scene. The Police Department commended Daryl for his swift action which contributed to this incident ending in a safe and positive manner. Police Chief Frank Giammarese thanked Daryl stating, "It is a noble act to help another in a time of need." The Bloomingdale CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition will also be recognizing Daryl with a Pillar Award later this month.



## Be on the Lookout for Emerald Ash Borers

EAB was confirmed in Bloomingdale in the spring of 2010. Village Forestry staff continues to monitor the extent of the infestation.

It is important for residents to become educated, aware, and vigilant, inspecting their ash trees for signs of infestation. Although most signs of infestation become apparent in the spring growing season, winter is a good time to check ash trees for woodpecker activity and damage. Woodpeckers feed on EAB larvae located under the bark, and may leave jagged holes in the bark.

If you suspect you have an EAB-infested ash tree, please contact the Village Forestry Division at 630-671-5800.



More information regarding EAB in Illinois can be found at these web sites:

[www.emeraldashborer.info/](http://www.emeraldashborer.info/)

[www.illinoiseab.com/](http://www.illinoiseab.com/)

[www.mortonarb.org](http://www.mortonarb.org)

[www.villageofbloomingdale.org/living-here/public-works-utilities/forestry-programs-tree-care/emerald-ash-borer-eab](http://www.villageofbloomingdale.org/living-here/public-works-utilities/forestry-programs-tree-care/emerald-ash-borer-eab)



## What if a Snowplow Damages My Mailbox?

The Village will replace and/or reimburse a resident up to \$50.00 for a mailbox and post which is damaged as a result of the Village snowplow operations, provided the homeowner notifies the Village of the damage, the Village performs an in-house investigation, and the mailbox is installed per Village setback requirements.

Residents are requested to inspect mailboxes and posts to ensure sturdiness and compliance with the postal service installation requirements, and correct any problem identified. If you have questions as to whether or not your mailbox is in compliance with Village requirements, you may contact the Village Services Department - Street Maintenance Division at 630-671-5800.

## Think Spring!

Spring branch pickup will take place the week of April 18th. More details will follow in the April 2011 Almanac.



## Yardwaste Pickup Begins April 1st

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

Small twigs, leaves and other yard waste may be placed in bags with stickers (\$2.57 each) for Republic Services pickup.

Questions should be directed to Republic Services at (847) 981-0091.



## Important Dates for the April 5, 2011 Election

Tuesday, March 8  
Last day to register to vote or transfer a registration

March 9  
First Day of Grace Period Registration & Voting only at DuPage County

March 14  
First Day for Early Voting

March 29  
Last Day for Grace Period Registration and Voting only at DuPage County

March 31  
Last Day for Early Voting

See the following two pages for information on the four individuals running for office for the Village of Bloomingdale.



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

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

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

Please call the Public Works Division at 630-671-5800 to inform us about damage to your parkway.

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**671-5600**

## Water Reclamation Facility: Phase 2A Construction Improvements Approved



Construction of the Phase 2A Improvements has been approved by the Village Board and will begin in March of 2011 at the Water Reclamation Facility on Glen Ellyn Road. The work begins the second phase of four phases of improvements recommended in the Village's Facility Plan Amendment. The total project will cost approximately \$6.1 million. The project is financed through a low interest loan from Illinois Environmental Protection Agency.

Phase 2A work includes installation of high efficiency turbo blowers to improve air distribution and efficiency; mechanical screening equipment upstream of new larger dry weather flow pumps; expansion to the existing odor control system; and related electrical, mechanical and demolition work.

The construction will be completed by Maxim Construction Corporation Inc., from Volo, IL. Final completion for this project is expected by April 2012.

The facility currently processes peak flows 8.625 million gallons per day (mgd) with an excess (wet weather) flow capacity of 15.1 mgd. The facility is operated pursuant to National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit requirements. The improvements will enable the facility to continue to comply with provisions of the NPDES permit.

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

The Village of Bloomingdale is accepting applications for seasonal employment only in the Public Works Maintenance and Utilities Divisions.

The type of work involves physical labor. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age and must have a valid Illinois Drivers License. Starting hourly rates are \$9.00. Applications may be obtained online at [www.villageofbloomingdale.org](http://www.villageofbloomingdale.org) and at the Bloomingdale Village Hall, 201 S. Bloomingdale Road, Bloomingdale, IL 60108 from 8:30AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday. Completed applications can be mailed into or dropped off at the Village Hall. The Village of Bloomingdale is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

# Neighborhood Watch: Working Together to Reduce And Report Crime



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

and to create real and psychological restraints for criminals.

Neighborhoods are less inviting to burglars if every home is secure. Make sure your home has good deadbolt locks, windows are secured, and sliding doors have additional locks or bars. In addition, all garage windows should be covered to prevent a burglar from looking in to see if the car is gone and what there is to steal. Shrubbery should not offer a hiding place for a criminal; and remember that lighting is a cheap and effective crime deterrent.

Neighborhood Watch goes beyond the concept of securing your own home. It means caring about your neighbors, being aware of who is in the neighborhood, and what is happening. It also means calling the police and your neighbors if you see suspicious people, vehicles, or activity. It gives you and your neighbors a greater sense of security when you know someone cares.

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

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

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



## Neighborhood Watch Information

The Neighborhood Watch Information Sheet is part of your community's Neighborhood Watch Program. It is designed to assist you in determining what information to report to the police. Since you may come across a crime in progress or suspicious activities suddenly, keep this sheet near your telephone for easy access.

### WHAT NUMBER TO CALL:

911: Use this number in cases of an emergency nature, such as life and/or property being threatened.

(630) 529-9868: Use this number for non-emergency situations and general information.

**IMPORTANT:** When you witness a crime in progress or suspicious activity, do not wait, call immediately. If you are in doubt whether a situation should be reported, call. Give us the opportunity to prioritize your information.

### What information to provide...

**WHO:** Individual(s), sex, age, race, height, weight, hair (color and length), eyes, unusual characteristics, clothing, (color and type), hat, shoes.

**VEHICLE(S):** License plate number, color, year, make, model, type (2 door/4 door/station wagon), unusual characteristics (damage, headlight / taillight burned out).

**WHAT:** What did you observe? Report what you observed not what crime you think might have occurred.

**WHEN:** When did it occur? Remember, call as soon as possible.

**WHERE:** Give exact location. Inaccurate or general location will increase response time.

### When reporting to police remember to...

- Keep calm.
- Speak clearly and slowly.
- Give as many details as possible.
- Give as complete a description of the suspect as you can.

### What is suspicious?

- People taking short cuts between houses may have broken into a home on the next street.
- Someone walking along looking into cars.
- A stranger ringing door bells, house to house (Could be a salesman or could be a burglar).
- Cars cruising slowly up and down the street or around the block.
- Someone sitting in a car with the engine running (Could be waiting for a girlfriend or boyfriend or acting as a lookout for a burglar).
- A stranger walking along with a television, a stereo, or a pillowcase, etc.
- The sound of breaking glass.

For questions about the Bloomingdale Neighborhood Watch Program or information about becoming a Neighborhood Watch Block Captain, please contact Deputy Chief Randy Sater at (630) 529-9868.

# NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH IN ACTION

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

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

## Neighborhood Watch Calendar of Upcoming Events

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

**March 16**  
**May 18**  
**July 20**  
**September 21**  
**November 16**

**NATIONAL NIGHT OUT**  
**AGAINST CRIME --**  
**BLOOMINGDALE PARK**  
**DISTRICT**  
**Tuesday, August 2, 2011**  
**6:00-9:00 PM**

**WELCOME**  
Bloomingdale is a  
**CRIME WATCH**  
community



We immediately report  
all suspicious activities  
to our Police Department

**OUR SUCCESS IS**  
**MEASURED BY THE SCOPE**  
**OF YOUR INVOLVEMENT**

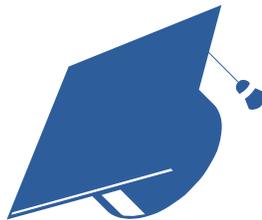
Sincerely,

Frank Giammarese,  
Chief of Police

Dawn Odoi,  
Community  
Policing Officer

630-529-9868

## Numerous Scholarships Available to Graduating High School Seniors



The **Bloomington Women's Club** is offering the opportunity to earn one \$1,000 scholarship to a graduating high school Senior, residing in the Village of Bloomington, with a "C" average or better. The major criteria for awarding the scholarship will be the evidence of Community Service and /or school involvement. The scholarship application packet is available through the Guidance offices at Lake Park, Glenbard North and Glenbard East high schools. You can also access the instructions and scholarship application online through the Bloomington Public Library at [www.mybpl.org](http://www.mybpl.org). The deadline for submission of completed application packages is April 1, 2011. Call Rose Fitzpatrick at 630-291-3667 or Bev Petrosius at 630-624-9545 with questions or for more information.

The **Bloomington Chamber of Commerce** will also be offering scholarships to graduating seniors and continuing post secondary students for vocational, business or a two- or four-year college. Candidates must be a Bloomington resident or employee of a Bloomington Chamber member. Previous Bloomington Chamber of Commerce scholarship winners will not be considered. Applications will be available after Monday, February 15 at the Chamber office, 108 W. Lake Street, on the website [www.bloomingtonchamber.com](http://www.bloomingtonchamber.com), at the Bloomington Village Hall, 201 S. Bloomington Road or at the Bloomington Library, 101 Fairfield Way. The deadline for submission is noon on Friday, April 15, 2011. For more information call the Chamber office at 630-980-9082.

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

The Parent-Teacher-Organizations from Bloomington District 13 Schools Erickson & DuJardin Elementary and Westfield Middle schools will each be offering a \$750.00 scholarship. Past students of both DuJardin and Erickson may apply to only the school most recently attended. Students who attended one of the elementary schools and Westfield Middle School may apply to the elementary school as well as to Westfield.

Applications will be available from Lake Park High School counselors' offices, the District 13 school offices and can be downloaded from the district's web page, [www.sd13.org](http://www.sd13.org). Applications must be submitted by **April 7**. Winners will be selected by a committee evaluating the students' applications, grade point averages, introductory letters, and letters of recommendation. Winners will be notified in early May. For more information, contact the District 13 office at (630) 893-9590.

If you thought the **Bloomington Garden Club** just planted flowers, think again. The organization has made several charitable donations as a result of its fundraising activities:

Bloomington VFW Post 7539	\$200.00
Volunteer Council of Bloomington Township Food Pantry	\$200.00
Peoples Resource Center (food pantry)	\$100.00
Heifer International	\$ 60.00
Local Needy Family	Food gift card for \$ 50.00
Dupage Convalescent Center	\$275.00
St. Paul Evangelical Church Food Pantry	\$100.00
Village of Bloomington - donation & planting of flowers	

They also plan to offer a **\$500.00 scholarship** this year to one area high school student who will pursue a college degree/certification in horticulture or a horticulture-related field for the 2011-2012 academic year. Details will appear in the April Almanac.

# Thanks!

The Village of Bloomington depends on the efforts of certain commissions and committees during the year. Each serves a specific purpose and is made up of volunteers, who contribute a good deal of time to carry out the work of the commission. We extend thanks to the following individuals who have given so freely of their time during 2010.

### Business Promotion & Cultural Development Committee

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

### Board of Fire & Police Commissioners

Warren Gnau	Frank Letizia
	Louis Pavone

### Police Pension Board

Jeff Fritz	Mark Kreciak
Steve Apostolopoulos	Alan Birkley
Randy Sater	

### Plan Commission

J. Thomas Brice	Guy Sanalidro
Jeff Dolce	Ron Fangusaro
Kelley Edmier	Dan Hauser
Len Jaster	



# 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.**

## BUSINESS NEWS

**KEVIN JORDAN AND JOE MICHALEC** of Edward Jones in Bloomingdale have accepted invitations to become limited partners or increase their limited partner holdings in The Jones Financial Cos., the holding company for the St. Louis-based financial services firm. Edward Jones provides financial services for individual investors in the United States and, through its affiliate, in Canada.

"We are very excited about becoming limited partners with Edward Jones," said Kevin. "Joe and I are happy to serve the residents of Bloomingdale and help them to prepare for the future." Kevin's direct line is 630-893-1996; Joe's is 630-893-0411. Both are located at 290 Springfield Drive, Suite 70.

**COMMUNITY DAYS AT CARSON'S:** Carson's Stratford Square will host its Spring Community Day on Saturday, February 26th from 7 am to 9 pm. The Care to Share Community Day is a fundraising event for all non-profit organizations. The group sells the booklets for \$5 each, keeping the total cost for the organization. Each book contains special savings coupons valid only for the Community Day One Day Sale. Support local groups such as the Bloomingdale Women's Club, Yellow River Performing Arts Group, Cloverdale Elementary PTA and the Friends of the Bloomingdale Library. Interested organizations can go to Carson's website at [www.communitydayevent.com](http://www.communitydayevent.com) or call 630-351-8980 Ext. 4005 for more information.

**SCOTTISH RITE HEADQUARTERS UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN BLOOMINGDALE:** As mentioned on p. 1 in the Mayor's column, the headquarters of the Scottish Rite Cathedral Association of Chicago is well underway at the northwest corner of Lake Street and Medinah Road (this photo taken in mid-January). When completed, the building will have about 60,000 square feet of space. The building will contain offices, meeting rooms, and a dining room, as well as a library, museum, and theatre with attendant make-up, wardrobe, and storage facilities. The site will also benefit from preservation of as many trees as possible, with abundant additional landscaping. The fly-tower is shown in the photograph. It is the part of the theatre that will house set pieces, some of which are over a hundred years old.



## NEW STORES:

Ageless Aesthetics – 142 E. Lake Street

## NEW STORES IN THE MALL

Northwest Laser (new owner)

Magic Vintage Studios (kiosk)

## B-Card is Coming

The fourth annual B-Card promotion will be launched on Saturday, April 2 and runs through Sunday, April 10, 2011. The Business Promotion Committee expects this will be the "best year ever" for this special event. Ask your favorite stores if they are participating in the B-Card. As the 2011 promotion only lasts nine days, make sure you get out there to take advantage of the special offers before they're gone!

This year, we have partnered with the Bloomingdale Public Library to let residents use their library card as their B-card. The library will also be helping us spread the word by keeping an updated list of the participating businesses on hand for their patrons. If you don't have a library card, stop in and get one at 101 Fairfield Way. Check the website [www.mybpl.org](http://www.mybpl.org) or call 630-6924-2750 for info on what you need to bring.

The list of participating businesses will be advertised at the library beginning in mid February, on the Village website, [www.villageofbloomingdale.org](http://www.villageofbloomingdale.org), and in the April edition of the Village Almanac. The B-Card will also be downloadable from the website, so encourage your friends outside of Bloomingdale to take advantage of this special promotion!

Remember, Buying in Bloomingdale also helps your taxes.





## 102 YEARS YOUNG

Another very special birthday was celebrated in Bloomingdale last month. Angeline Ruggiero was born in the city of Chicago on January 6, 1909, growing up in a large Polish-Italian family, the eldest of eight siblings. On January 6, 2011 she celebrated her 102nd birthday with family and friends at Alden Valley Ridge.



Angie has an extensive family, including her 96-year old sister living in Philadelphia, a daughter living in Chicago, a son living in Phoenix, five grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren, and three great-great grandchildren, with one more on the way. She loves her phone visits with those far away and the time she spends with those close by.

Mayor Iden stopped by the celebration to meet Angie and proclaim January 6, 2011 “Angeline Ruggiero Day” in Bloomingdale. He was both entertained and amazed by this lovely, animated lady. She has many stories and fond memories of time spent with friends – she enjoyed

road trips all across the country in a Winnebago with her best friends Jessie, Billie and Florie. On one of her many trips to New York, Angie and a friend attended an early performance by Frank Sinatra at the Astro Theatre in New York, noting they were not all that impressed with the skinny guy the girls were all screaming for.

Angie’s philosophy is “It’s a good life , if you make it one.” She advises “Give in to sad times for a half-hour, then let sadness go and keep moving forward. Life is too short!” Happy Birthday, Angie! Your zest for life is an inspiration to us all.

## District 13’s 2011 Kindergarten Registration Begins February 14

Children who will be five years old on or before September 1, 2011, are eligible for kindergarten during the 2011-2012 school year. Parents wishing to register their child for Kindergarten in District 13 schools should contact the elementary school they plan to attend.

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

February 14, Monday	8:00 - 4:00pm
February 15, Tuesday	8:00 - 4:00 pm
February 16, Wednesday	8:00 - 6:00 pm
February 17, Thursday	8:00 - 4:00 pm
February 18, Friday	8:00 - 4:00 pm

Parents will need to bring the child’s original birth certificate. In addition, parents who do not already have a child attending District 13 schools also need to bring one of the following documents for proof of residency from each category:

### Category I

Real estate tax bill  
Mortgage papers  
Signed lease  
Agreement of sale

### Category II

Driver’s license  
Auto registration  
Voter registration  
Utility Bill (Gas, Electric, Water)

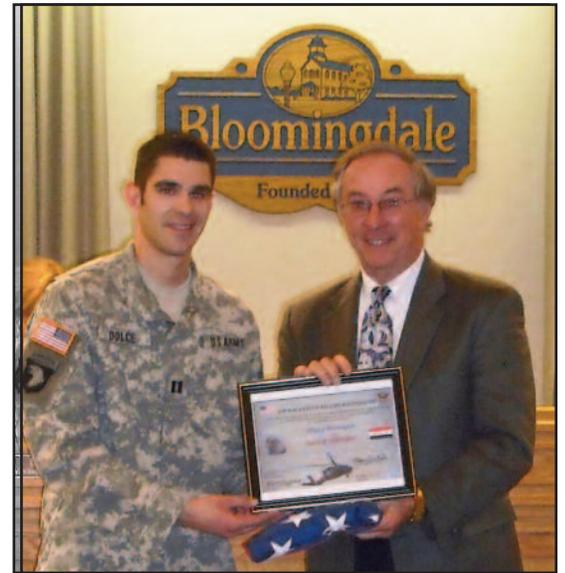
For more information, call DuJardin at 630-894-9200 or Erickson at 630-529-2223.

## Thomas Dolce Presents Village With Mission Flag Flown in Iraq

The Village Board was honored to have lifelong resident Captain Thomas Dolce, U.S. Army, 101st Airborne Division, Charlie Company, 7-101 AVN REGT Fort Campbell, Kentucky, in attendance at the January 10th Village Board meeting. The 27-year old returned from his 12-month rotation in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation New Dawn in December and hopes to be Stateside for at least a year.

The young man attended Marquette University on an ROTC Scholarship. Following his college graduation, he began his eight-year commitment to the U.S. Army. He is now 4 ½ years into his active duty serving as a MEDEVAC helicopter pilot.

Thomas sent an Iraq Mission flag home earlier this year. His company has a tradition of flying flags with them on missions. For each life saving mission, a member of the crew will send the flag to someone who has supported them during their service in some way. Thomas wanted to show his gratitude to his family and friends in Bloomingdale. So he sent the flag home earlier this year and wanted to present it to the Mayor of the Village upon his homecoming. The flag he presented to Mayor Iden will be displayed proudly in the Village Hall.



## Check Out These Upcoming Events at Stratford Square Mall

### Winter's Farmer's Market

Every Sunday from 1 – 5 pm; (market session will end on February 27)  
Lower level near Carson Pirie Scott

Encouraging entrepreneurial businesses, our inviting market offers an array of specialty products including homemade cherry preserves, salsa, designer jewelry, dog treats, homemade bakery and pastries, homemade soaps and decorative candles, leather purses and wallets, Pampered Chef products and more! Interested vendors offering a unique product can contact Stratford Square Mall's marketing department at 630-351-9400 or email Nicole Kneeland-Woods at [nwoods@feldmanmall.com](mailto:nwoods@feldmanmall.com)

### Healthy Heart Expo

Saturday, February 12th, 9:00 am – Noon

The first 300 adults to register will receive a FREE t-shirt! Sponsored by Adventist GlenOaks Hospital this expo will be life changing offering FREE screenings including HeartScore Specials, Blood Pressure Screenings and other great giveaways! The Bloomingdale Park District will be hosting the "Tot Trot" Obstacle course for the little "hearts" in our lives and Painted Penguin will launch the "Crayon Recycling Program."

### "Crayon Recycling Program"

Starts Saturday, February 12th

The "Crayon Recycling Program" offers the public a chance to get involved in going green, by donating used crayons (wrapped and unwrapped) to be used to make new crayons in fun shapes for preschools across the country. Guests who donate crayons at Painted Penguin will receive a FREE mini-heart to paint which will be donated to the Adventist GlenOaks Hospital Pediatrics Unit. Donated crayons will be accepted inside Painted Penguin starting February 12th through February 28th.

### Tea, Wine & Chocolate Expo

Saturday, February 12th from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm; Sunday, February 13th from 11:00 am – 3:00 pm

Specialty vendors featuring tea, wine and chocolate (and roses too) will be on-site offering free samples and great prices just in time for Valentine's Day.

## EVENTS

**CPR Instruction and MORE at the Bloomingdale Women's Club Upcoming Meetings**

On February 10, the Bloomingdale Women's Club program is a presentation of the new CPR Instructions and First Aid by Elk Grove Firefighter and Paramedic, George Eilers.

On March 10 the program will be "What Necklace Style Fits your Face Best?" by Natalie Smith from Jewelry by Natalie.

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 starts at 7 p.m., followed by the meeting and a program. Refreshments are served. For more information on the Bloomingdale Women's Club and activities contact Maureen Gibson at 630-539-1674.

**Lions' Spaghetti Dinner on February 11**

The Bloomingdale Lion's Club will host a Spaghetti Dinner on February 11 at the Bloomingdale Golf Club, 181 Glen Ellyn Road, from 5 – 8 p.m. Cost is \$10 per person, children under eight are free. Proceeds from the dinner will benefit the hearing and visually impaired persons in the community, as well as other needs.

**Library Used Book Sale Set for March 12 & 13**

The Friends of the Bloomingdale Library will hold their Spring Used Book Sale on Saturday and Sunday, March 12 & 13 on the lower level of the Bloomingdale Library. Gently used books, CDs, videos, DVDs and more will be offered. Hours are Saturday, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.; Sunday, 1-3 p.m. A Bag of Books costs \$5 all day Saturday and \$2 per bag all day Sunday. Donations of books for the sale will be accepted at the library beginning in March.

Can't wait until March? Check out the collection of used library materials across from the circulation desk on sale at bargain prices at all times. There's always something interesting on the shelves!

**Historical Society Hosting WWII Veterans on February 20**

On Sunday, February 20, the Bloomingdale Historical Society will host a gathering of WWII veterans who will share their memories of serving our country. This event will also be an open sharing time for anyone to tell their personal non-military stories of that era or share memories told to them by their parents or grandparents. Refreshments will be served and there will be WWII uniforms on display. The program will begin at 2:00 pm and conclude by 4:30 pm at the Bloomingdale Public Library, 101 Fairfield Way.

This FREE program will be a great opportunity for children and young adults to learn about the "Greatest Generation" and what life was really like in the 1940's. All of your friends and family are welcome to this event. If you have questions or would like to register, please call 630-529-3120 ext. 2801.



*Pictured is the late Bloomingdale Mayor Robert J. Homola, who served as a First Lieutenant in the Army Air Corps.*

**Bloomingdale Garden Club Upcoming Events**

**Tuesday, February 15, 6:30 pm**  
**Sea of Sand, Land of Water**  
presented by Club President  
**Joyce Basel.**

On the southwest coast of Africa lies the delightful country of Namibia, famous for the largest sand dunes in the world, the magnificent Namib desert with its strange and unique plant life, and the marvelous wilderness of Etosha National Park. And, landlocked, to the east, is the fabulous country of Botswana with the greatest inland delta system in the world, the Okavango Delta, with its myriad of lakes, lagoons, rivulets and islands containing a huge wealth of Africa's wild animals and birds. This presentation takes us from the deserts of Namibia to the water wonderland of Botswana's delta and then on to the greatest waterfall in the world – Victoria Falls.

**Tuesday, March 15, 6:30 pm**  
**Tool Care Workshop** presented by Don Nekrosius, University of Illinois Master Gardener.

Learn how to clean and sharpen your garden tools. Bring your favorite garden hand tool (i.e., pruners, shears) and dress for mess. Don advises we'll be tackling dust, rust and other kinds of gunk, but it will be more fun than work!

Programs are held at  
Bloomingdale Fire Station #1,  
179 S. Bloomingdale  
Road.

Please contact Maureen  
Gibson for more  
information,  
630-539-1674, [mgibson@drgconsulting.com](mailto:mgibson@drgconsulting.com).

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## Bloomington Women's Club Fashion Show Benefits the Volunteer Council of Bloomington Township

The Bloomington Women's Club is pleased to announce its 36th Annual Charity Fashion Show and Luncheon on April 3, 2011 at the Alta Villa Banquet Facility in Addison. This year's theme is "Spring Into Fashion." Fashion Houses including Carson Pirie Scott, Sassy's Originals and Here Comes The Bride, are participating.



A wide variety of raffle packages will be available, as well as a silent auction of an "African Safari," a 50/50 RAFFLE, door prizes and FUN! Enjoy a good time and benefit our community. Proceeds will go to the Volunteer Council of Bloomington Township, the Bloomington Food Pantry and other local charitable organizations.

Tickets for the Bloomington Women's Club Charity Fashion Show and Luncheon are \$37.00 until March 28; then they are \$40. Cocktails are at Noon with luncheon at 1:00PM; the Fashion show follows. To purchase tickets or for more information contact Debby Bodnar at (630) 762-1125.

## Seniors, Mark Your Calendars

The Bloomington Police Department and the Bloomington Senior Citizen Advisory Council cordially invite all senior citizens to the Annual Senior Day Fair on Friday, April 29th, 2011, from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. (noon) at the Medinah Shriners Banquet Facility – Addison, Illinois (located on Swift Road just north of Army Trail Road). Event is free. More details in the April Almanac.

## Bloomington Chamber Announces Award Winners



Chamber awards winners (l to r) Michael Hooper (Indian Lakes), Don Helmig, Cindy Blaski and Tim Jarzemsky.

Resort, and Leadership Award was presented to Cindy Blaski of Allegra Marketing/Print/Mail of Glendale Heights. Don Helmig of Catering with Elegance and the Bloomington Golf Club was honored with the prestigious Heritage Award. Don joins a select group of people who have received this award based on their "above and beyond" service to the community.

The Bloomington Chamber of Commerce presented annual awards at its Holiday Luncheon on December 9. Ambassador of the Year was presented to Tim Jarzemsky of the Bloomington Public Library. Business of the Year Award was presented to Hilton Chicago Indian Lakes



Mayor Iden thanks and congratulates Kevin O'Dea, who celebrated 30 years of service.

## Happy Anniversary!

Congratulations to the following Village Employees who celebrated milestone anniversaries in 2010.

**30 Years**  
Kevin O'Dea

**25 Years**  
Michael Marchi  
Tom Burns  
Brian Siebrasse

**20 Years**  
Mark Kreciak  
Al Bruno

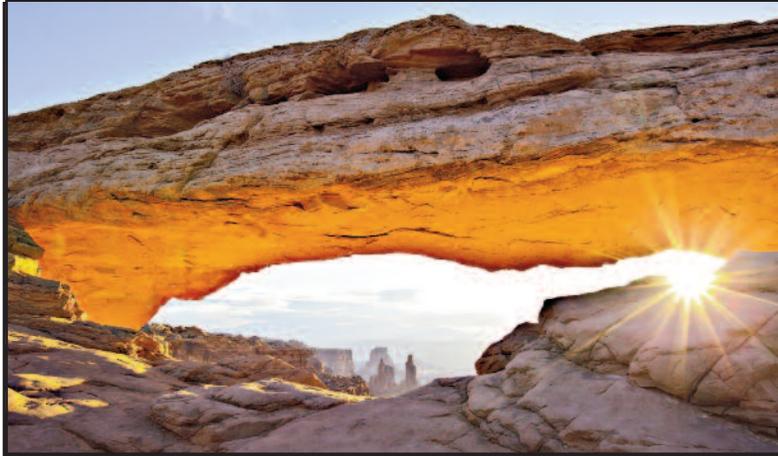
**15 Years**  
Bill Darre  
Aaron Macheck  
Juana Stoiser

**10 Years**  
Rose Dalke  
Nadine Hugmeyer  
Dallas Janes  
Bruce Mason  
Brian McCoy  
Sandy Raucei  
Brian Sisco

**5 Years**  
Larry Hall  
Grant Sharp  
Lauren Moore  
Kieth Klampert  
Michelle Mila  
June Fergus

# EVENTS

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*Mesa Arch Sunrise by Randy Curtis.*

### From the Ordinary to the Extra-Ordinary

Begin the New Year with one of the Bloomingdale Park District Museum's most popular annual juried events: "From the Ordinary to the Extra-Ordinary."

This annual photography exhibit features 100+ framed photos and 50 unframed pieces from talented artists/photographers from all over the Chicagoland area. Selected work is always of outstanding caliber and includes all types of photographic processes. The exhibit runs through Feb. 19, 2011.

Admission is \$1 for residents; \$2 for non-residents and \$.50 for seniors 62+. Call (630) 539-3096 or visit <http://www.bloomingdaleparks.org> for more information.

### Patriot Pen

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Patriot's Pen Essay Contest gives 6th, 7th and 8th grade students the opportunity to express their opinion on a patriotic theme and improve their writing skills, while they compete for worthwhile awards and prizes. This year's theme was "Does Patriotism Still Matter?" Bloomingdale VFW Post 7539 selected three winners who each received \$100.00: Monica K Van Duyne of St. Walters; Kelsey L Kaufmann and Cassidy J Henshaw of Trinity Lutheran. Mike Lopez, chairman of the Post's Patriot Pen contest reported Post 7539 received 85 applications this year and were able to submit 1 winner for every 15 applications, thus they were able to submit three winners to the district competition.

### Leos Honored for Service

For the second year in a row, the Bloomingdale Westfield Leo Club was named Leo Club of the Year for Lions District 1-J. This group of middle school students was chartered only five years ago. They hit the ground running back then with several service projects and charitable endeavors and haven't stopped since.

This past year they have participated in a number of projects including the Bunny Bash, Snowman Crossing, Spaghetti Dinners, Walk a dog-a-thon, Decorated Pumpkins for Alden Valley Ridge, and Christmas cards for the Troops.

Advisors Lions Ron Fangusaro & Sandy Koslowski acknowledge these young people possess boundless energy and a real sense of service to their community.



*Lion Ron Fangusaro and some of the Westfield Leos at a recent bowling outing.*

## CHARACTER COUNTS! Recognition Breakfast on April 30

Every Spring the Bloomingdale CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition sponsors a breakfast to recognize members of the community who live, work or attend school in Bloomingdale who exhibit outstanding character.

Honorees are nominated with a description of the pillar of character that they exemplify. The 10th Annual Recognition Program will be April 30th at the Bloomingdale Golf Club.

There is still time to make a nomination for this year's program. They are due by March 15, 2011.

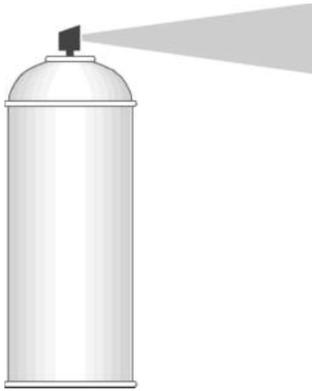
The nomination form is available at [www.villageofbloomingdale.org](http://www.villageofbloomingdale.org), [www.character60108.org](http://www.character60108.org) and on [www.bloomingdaleparks.org](http://www.bloomingdaleparks.org)



*2010 Bloomingdale CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition Chairperson Sherry Douglas and one of the honorees from last year, Sam Galante.*

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## Household Hazardous Waste Disposal

Household Hazardous Waste, which is material purchased for cleaning or maintaining a home, is not accepted at the Public Works Facility on Glen Ellyn Road. For more information, call the County's Household Hazardous Waste Hotline at (630) 407-6760 or check the Naperville website at [www.naperville.il.us](http://www.naperville.il.us) for information about the Regional Household Hazardous Waste Facility in Naperville which is now open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays excluding holidays.

We do try to keep residents informed about upcoming HHW collections in the area as we learn about them.

## Bloomington Police Department Offers Safety Tips for Residents

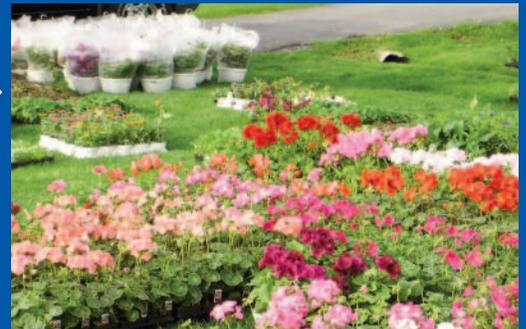


The Bloomington Police Department reminds residents to take the necessary steps to avoid being a victim of a residential break in to their home. Police departments have been seeing more of this type of activity, possibly because the economy is causing more individuals to resort to desperate measures (i.e. stealing personal property).

- Lock doors and windows.
- Use interior and exterior lighting in and around the house.
- Utilize timers to turn lights, radio(s) or television(s) on and off at appropriate times in different areas of your home.
- Residential alarm system: verify it is operational and use it anytime you leave your home.
- Keep bushes and trees trimmed.
- Don't leave newspapers/mail/garbage cans out for days.
- Do not post your travel plans on a social network.
- Verify the overhead garage door is closed and the side door locked.
- Lock the doors of cars parked on your driveway & on the street; remove garage door openers and GPS devices,
- Report suspicious vehicles or persons in your area - call the police (630-529-9868) to check things out.

## Mark Your Calendar: Flower Sale Set for May 13!

The Garden Club's 2011 Flower Sale will be held at the Village Hall on Friday, May 13 and Saturday, May 14. More information will appear in the April Almanac. New this year . . . the Bloomington Garden Club is offering gift certificates. The perfect Easter or Mother's Day gift! Contact Marilyn Johnson at [bgcgift@att.net](mailto:bgcgift@att.net).



## More Options for Pace Riders to Stay Informed

Pace riders have a new option for staying informed about service changes, programs, public hearings and more. The agency recently launched a pre-recorded phone line, updated twice monthly, to announce important updates and information.

The phone line is expected to prove particularly helpful to those without access to a computer or who have visual impairments that make it difficult to read notices posted on-board vehicles. It's available 24 hours a day at 847-228-2322 and covers updates to fixed route service, paratransit, the RideShare and vanpool programs and other agency information.

## Electronic Payment of Utility Bills

The Village of Bloomington offers its utility customers the convenience of electronic bill payment. No need to worry about writing checks, finding a stamp and mailing the envelope. 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 [www.villageofbloomington.org](http://www.villageofbloomington.org)



# Bloomington Fire Protection District #1



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## Put a Freeze on Winter Fires

The Bloomington Fire Protection District, the United States Fire Administration (USFA) and National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) are working together to remind everyone that home fires are more prevalent in winter than in any other season. This is due in part to an increase in cooking and heating fires. Holiday decorations and winter storms that can interrupt electrical service and cause people to turn to alternative heating sources also contribute to the increased risk of fire in winter. Winter fires can be prevented! Learn more about maintaining a fire-safe home this winter season at USFA's website, and protect your home and family by following these winter fire safety tips from NFPA.



### A Focus on Heating Safety

Heating equipment is one of the leading causes of home fires during the winter months. In fact, half of all home heating fires occur in December, January, and February. According to NFPA's Home Fires Involving Heating Equipment report, heating equipment was involved in an estimated 66,100 reported home structure fires in 2008, resulting in 480 civilian deaths, 1,660 civilian injuries, and \$1.1 billion in direct property damage.

### Be Safe and Warm this Winter

- 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.
- Never use your oven to heat your home.
- Have a qualified professional install stationary space heating equipment, water heaters or central heating equipment according to the local codes and manufacturer's instructions.
- Have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional.
- Remember to turn portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed.
- Always use the right kind of fuel, specified by the manufacturer, for fuel burning space heaters.
- Make sure the fireplace has a sturdy screen to stop sparks from flying into the room. Ashes should be cool before putting them in a metal container. Keep the container a safe distance away from your home.
- Test smoke alarms monthly.

For more information about winter fire safety or related topics, call Lt Richard Kurka at the Bloomington Fire Protection District, 630-894-9080.

### It Was Cold In There . . .

The Bloomington Fire Protection District hosts training for water rescue divers from area fire departments. These Ice Water Training exercises were conducted at the Fairfield Subdivision Lake.





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## Cops, Kids & Christmas

Bloomingdale FOP Lodge 175 held its annual Cops & Kids for

Christmas event in December for several local disadvantaged youngsters and military families. Thanks to Meijers, John Dabrowski, the Bloomingdale Township Republican Party, Chicagoland Italian American Charitable Organization, Joseph Salerno & Salerno Rosedale Chapels and Old Country Buffet for their most generous donations to this program.



## A Day in the Life of Bloomingdale Church

On December 19, one hundred and sixty members of Bloomingdale Church met at the church for lunch, then fanned out throughout the community in small groups to serve others. Seven groups went to make repair in homes of single parents, three groups went to local nursing homes to visit with seniors, and two large groups went to community centers and homeless shelters in the city to bring food and Christmas gifts to for hurting people. Bloomingdale Church, located at 264 Glen Ellyn Road has been an active church in Bloomingdale for the past 33 years.

