

# Almanac



June 2011

Growth with Pride

## State Legislation Threatens Village of Bloomingdale Revenue and Services

Threats to local government revenues are more realistic than ever this legislative session. As the General Assembly struggles to balance their own budget, many state officials and interest groups are looking to commandeer municipal revenues. These threats are coming from many places, including the Governor's Taxpayer Action Board, the Civic Committee of the Commercial Club of Chicago, Governor's 2011 Budget, the Illinois Policy Institute, and the Senate Republican Caucus. The threats are real, and they will be a significant blow to our Village budget. The result will mean that Bloomingdale taxpayers will end up paying more to the State for the current or lesser amount of State services and more for the same municipal services.

In 1969, the Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF) was created so that a percentage of the state income tax was provided to Bloomingdale as a steady revenue stream for local services, including police, fire, snow removal, etc. The LGDF was established in a direct exchange for municipalities not imposing their own local income tax. Several other municipal revenue sources are also filtered through the state in this manner, including the motor fuel tax. The State of Illinois is currently lagging four (4) months behind in remitting these funds to municipalities, impacting the Village's ability to pay its bills in a timely manner.

Certain State Budget proposals include taking \$300 million from the LGDF, resulting in a decrease of \$23.00 per year for every person in Bloomingdale. Based on the 2010 Census, if this proposal passes, Bloomingdale would lose revenues of over \$500,000. That is roughly equivalent to six (6) police officers, or two (2) years of snow removal operations, or the maintenance costs for Village Street lights and traffic signals for six (6) years, or enough gasoline to fuel all of Village vehicles (police, public works and utility) for two (2) years.

The proposals coming out of Springfield are not State budget cuts. They are diversions of promised monies desperately depended upon by the Village to fund critical local public services. Unlike the State, Bloomingdale has spent the last three (3) years cutting its budget, reducing staffing, delaying projects, deferring maintenance, and cancelling community events. We believe that the State should never push the brunt of its financial burden onto local government taxpayers.

Mayor Bob Iden



### Local Government Distributive Fund

**\$500,000**

Annual loss of revenue to the Village of Bloomingdale if proposed legislation passes in Springfield

**\$300 million**

Annual loss to municipalities throughout Illinois if proposed legislation is enacted.

**\$23.40**

Per capita reduction in local funding to Bloomingdale with the diversion of State collected income taxes.

**4 months**

Amount of time Springfield is currently delinquent in remitting State collected income taxes to municipalities.

## 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*

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



Sign up for the  
Bloomingdale  
E-News, pub-  
lished 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  
August issue  
of the  
Almanac is  
**JULY 10**



## Bulldogs Prepare to Honor a Marine



The 10u (10 and under) Bloomingdale Bulldogs digging the hole for the Memorial dedication to honor former resident and fallen marine, Jean-Claude Francis Nolan (see story p. 11).



## Michael D. Hovde, Jr. Is Sworn as Village of Bloomington Trustee



Mike Hovde was newly sworn in as a Village Trustee on May 9th replacing Jeff Dolce. Mike is a longtime Bloomington

resident, having attended kindergarten through eighth grade in Bloomington and graduating from Lake Park High School. He is married to Jackie and has three step children Alexandra, Cassondra, and Jimmy. Mike opened his law practice in Bloomington's Old Town in 1995, and has been there ever since. He currently partners with his wife, Jacqueline Tufo Hovde in the Bloomington Law Firm of Hovde & Tufo P.C.

Mike has been an active member of the Bloomington Chamber of Commerce since 1995, and has mentored students through the Lake Park Career internship program. He also helped found the Bloomington School District 13 Education Foundation, serving as the Chairman of the Foundation since 1998.

Mike is proud to have grown up in, as well as to work and live in Bloomington, and is looking forward to serving the citizens of Bloomington as our newest trustee.

We thank Jeff Dolce for his service on the Bloomington Village Board as his term has ended. He was appointed to fill a vacancy in January 2010. Jeff came to the Board after nine years of serving on the Plan Commission, his last four years as chairman. Jeff was a valuable asset to the Board and we are grateful for the time and energy he was willing to share.

## Lauren Eisentraut Wins BWC Scholarship

Congratulations to the Bloomington Woman's Club 2011 Scholarship winner, Lauren Eisentraut, graduating senior from Glenbard North High School.

Lauren's community service was a strong factor in being selected as the scholarship winner. She regularly volunteers with the Bloomington Township Youth and Senior Connection and participates in her church's charity projects. She also is a member of the National Honor Society and the Theatre Honor Society.

Lauren is the daughter of Jeff & Karen Eisentraut, 15-year Bloomington residents. Lauren plans to attend DePaul University in the fall and major in Public Relations and Advertising.



## Susan Argentine Honored by Illinois School Board Association



Bloomington resident Susan Argentine, School Board President for Marquardt School District 15, was the second of District 15 School Board members and only the fifth in the state to be awarded the Illinois Association of School Boards' LeaderShop Fellow. Argentine, an 18-year veteran of the school board, achieved the Fellow by completing core and elective workshops on Board and school governance. The award was presented at the 2011 IASB Spring DuPage Division meeting on March 10.

"We require teachers and administrators to stay up to date and we hold students to high expectations," said Argentine.

"As a Board member, it's important to have expectations for ourselves to keep up."



## Arbor Day 2011



DuJardin students and teachers helped the Forestry Division plant a swamp white oak for Arbor Day.



# Village's Annual Hydrant Flushing Begins June 6



The Village Services - Utilities Division will be performing the annual Hydrant Flushing Program beginning June 6, 2011 through June 20, 2011. The Program will be performed during the daytime hours of 8:00 am - 3:00 pm. Please **DO NOT WASH LAUNDRY** during the flushing hours, as rust staining of the clothing may result. Residents with water softeners are encouraged to check the cycle time of their softeners so that the unit does not regenerate during this period. One question that is always asked is - "Why does the Village flush hydrants?" Hydrant flushing is routine maintenance for a water system. It accomplishes the following:

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

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

	<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>
Sunnyside, Westwind, Deer Glen, Medinah Lakes, Medinah Meadows, Medinah Grove, Eastgate, Vittoria Brooke Estates, Chateau of Medinah, Casa Bella, Hamilton Lakes	Monday	June 6
Colony Green, College Quad Fours, Harvard, Brookdale, Wilshire Towers, South Glen Ellyn Rd. to Now Foods	Tuesday	June 7
North and South Suncrest, Medinah Country Estates, Dinah Road off Broker Road, Circle Center, Medinah on the Lakes, Lori Ct., Sunset Terrace, Westlake Highlands	Wednesday	June 8
Westlake Townhomes - Edgewater and Greenway, Lakeshore Townhomes, Fairfield, Milford, Fairfield Quads, Canterbury, Lexington Homes	Thursday	June 9
Springbrook Villas, Springbrook Shopping Center, North Bloomingdale Road, Bloomingdale Town Center, Fessler's Grove, Old Town, Bell Towers, North Maple, North Rosedale, Rosedale Estates, Seven Oaks, Lakewoods, South Bloomingdale Rd. to Edgewater	Friday	June 10
Founder's Pointe, Old Town Estates (East and West), Longridge (Levitt), West Pointe Estates, Indian Lakes Resort, Los Lagos, Indian Lakes (East), Aprina Ct.	Monday	June 13
Indian Lakes (West), Meadowlark to Skylark, Bloomfield Club, Stratford Place, Glengarry, Stratford Homes, Avalon at Stratford, Butterfield Rd., Springfield Rd. from Army Trail to Schick Rd., Bloomingdale Walk	Tuesday	June 14
Country Club Estates, Chateau Lorraine, Bloomfield Hills, On the Park, One Bloomingdale Place, Villas of Thornfield (Tantillo), Villa Way, Springfield Dr. from Schick Rd. to Lake St.	Wednesday	June 15
Stratford Lakes, Camden Apts., Bayview Crossing Phases 1 & 2, Stratford Square, Knollwood Dr., Heritage, Villa Veneto, Meijers	Thursday	June 16
Covington, Old Gary, Stratford Plaza, Bloomingdale Business Center, Bloomingdale Court, Fretter's Plaza, Schmale Rd. & South including Equity One and Klein Creek, Longview Dr.	Friday	June 17
West Schick Rd., Lake St., Army Trail Rd.	Monday	June 20

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



# Are You Ready for an Emergency?

## Help 9-1-1 help you.

Enter critical info *before* an emergency,  
so that 9-1-1 call-takers have it *during* one.



Register for free at:

**[www.Smart911.com](http://www.Smart911.com)**

### Key Points to Remember!

- Your data is kept private and only shared when you call 9-1-1
- It's free - Smart911 is funded by existing 9-1-1 fees
- Your information is delivered when:
  - The phone from which you call 9-1-1 has completed the confirmation process
  - You have verified your information is current within the last 6 months
  - The 9-1-1 center to which your call is delivered supports Smart911

For the answers to frequently asked questions or for more information, go to [www.smart911.com](http://www.smart911.com)

**Your Information is 100% Private and Secure:** The information you choose to enter into the Smart911 website is only shared with 9-1-1 dispatchers (with Smart911 service) and with first responders in the field, and only when a 9-1-1 call is made from your or your family member's registered phone.

Currently, when you call 911 from your landline, your location can be pinpointed. DuPage County has now implemented Smart 911, a software program that allows residents to also provide information that they want to make available to 9-1-1 dispatchers, such as medical conditions, allergies, physical and mental disabilities, photos of family members. This new system can:

**Help EMS Treat You:** Provide Smart911 with family medical issues - like heart conditions, allergies and stroke history. This way when 9-1-1 receives a call, EMS will arrive with the appropriate equipment. For those who have a family member with Alzheimer's, Autism or who is deaf, this service helps as well. Instantly 9-1-1 knows the caller's condition and location without having to rely on verbal communication.

**Help Police Protect You:** Smart911 information helps police in numerous ways. Today when a child goes missing, it takes time for police to obtain a photo of the missing child. With Smart911, police have that photo instantly and can start a wide scale search sooner. Additionally, this service helps police locate you if your 9-1-1 call drops for any reason.

**Help the Fire Department Rescue You:** With Smart 911, call takers can notify firefighters of exactly how many people live in your house (including pets) to ensure that everyone is rescued during a fire. Additionally, if you live in an apartment building, firefighters will not only know the address, but also the floor and apartment number.

**Your Information is 100% Private and Secure:** The information you choose to enter into the Smart911 website is only shared with 9-1-1 dispatchers (with Smart911 service) and with first responders in the field, and only when a 9-1-1 call is made from your or your family member's registered phone. More and more families are opting to only use cell phones, getting rid of their landlines. When 911 calls are made from cell phones, your location is currently not as easy to pinpoint.

Right now, any 911 cell phone call made within DuPage County is routed to the County sheriff's office and then has to be routed to the correct agency, based on information you provide to the dispatcher. If for some reason the cell phone call is dropped, having further information readily available allows the police to locate and help you and your family more quickly during emergencies.

When you register for Smart911, the system allows you to log in, provide vital information about your home address, medical history, and other pertinent information about your own family and link it to one or more phone numbers, both landline and cellular. So your 911 cellular call will immediately show your home address. In addition, if you are in an accident and you call 911 from within the county, your family can be notified because that information will be readily available to the 911 dispatchers.

Smart911 is going to be coming to many more areas as more jurisdictions are looking to join. Smart911 is actually a nationwide system. If you sign up now, your information will already be in the nationwide database when other 911 centers join.



# Mark Your Calendar: Summer Branch Collection Week of July 18

Kramer Tree Specialists, Inc. will once again perform branch collection under the direction of the Village Forestry Division. Branch collection will begin on Monday, July 18. The program is only available to single family detached residences. Townhome residents should contact their association regarding branch collection.

## Branch Collection Guidelines:

- Branches must be out by 7:00 a.m. on Monday, July 18.
- Branches should not be placed at the curb/pavement edge any earlier than one week prior to the scheduled collection date.
- Woody branches ½ inch to 6 inches in diameter are the only items that will be picked up. (Note: any spikes, hooks or other metal objects must be removed).
- Long lengths are favored provided branches do not block sidewalks and pedestrian access.
- All branches should be placed at the curb or pavement edge and stacked in an orderly fashion with the cut or larger end towards the pavement.
- Thorny tree branches should not be concealed inside piles. These require special care as to not cause injuries to the workers.



## The following items are unacceptable:

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

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

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

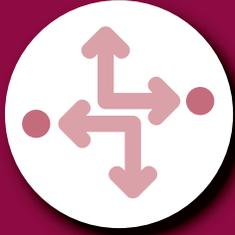
In the event of severe storms, the Village will provide storm damage collection of woody branches ½ inch to 6 inches in diameter. Please contact the Forestry Division at 630-671-5800 within 72 hours of storm for branch collection.

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

## Did You Know?

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

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



## 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.**



*Branch Manager Rocky DiTuri, Owner Joe Cuttone, and Branch Manager Brian Fencil hold the ribbon while Bloomingdale Realtor Branka Poplonski makes the official cut.*



## BUSINESS NEWS

### **BRIANNA'S FLOWERS IS OPEN FOR BUSINESS.**

Bloomingdale's only floral shop has re-opened as of April 18. Brianna's Flowers, a full service floral shop (formerly Arianna's Flowers) is located in one of Bloomingdale's oldest original buildings at 102 W. Lake Street (intersection of Lake Street and Bloomingdale Road). New owners, Jerry and Brenda Nicolin, are pleased that both floral designers have remained with the shop and are ready to create more wonderful floral arrangements for Bloomingdale and the surrounding area. Holly Canestrini and Beth Ritter have over 40 years of experience between them and are well known for their talent in creating both traditional and modern floral designs.



*Holly and Beth, the designers behind the stunning arrangements from Brianna's Flowers.*

Brianna's Flowers uses only premium flowers and products and offers personalized customer service whether working with an individual or larger venue. The shop is open Monday thru Saturday and every Friday still offers "\$1.00 Roses" (excluding holiday weekends). Brianna's Flowers looks forward to helping you with all of your personal flowers needs AND special events like weddings, funerals, graduations, proms, anniversaries, communions, get well greetings, birthday parties, and business events. Their new phone number is 630-351-1966 and email address is [www.briannasflowers.com](http://www.briannasflowers.com).

### **BLOOMINGDALE WELCOMES AMERICAN FIDELITY MORTGAGE SERVICES, INC.**

American Fidelity Mortgage Services, Inc. hosted a ribbon cutting on April 29 at their new office at 107 W. Lake Street. The new neighbor in Bloomingdale has been in business for 28 years as a customer service based Mortgage Banker/Broker throughout Illinois. Branch managers Rocky DiTuri and Brian Fencil strive to bring their clients and valued business partners the best possible rates and mortgage products to fit their current financial position. Specializing in all aspects of the mortgage industry and various loan types, they offer everything from Conventional, Jumbo and FHA loans to VA and Reverse Mortgages for qualified clients. If you are thinking about purchasing a new home or want to save on your current monthly mortgage payment, give American Fidelity Mortgage Services a call at 630-529-5600.

### **ATTORNEY TIMOTHY KLEIN GOES TO THE SUPREME COURT:**

Long-time Bloomingdale attorney Timothy J. Klein recently argued a case in the Illinois Supreme Court. He is shown in the photo to the right afterward with his son, Jordan, a law student at DePaul University. This picture was taken in front of the Supreme Court building in Springfield.



## 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.

## Find the Police Department on Facebook

The Bloomingdale Police Department is embracing technology and has created a Facebook page. In the age of emails and texts, we wanted a method to exchange information via the computer, which Facebook will provide. The purpose of the page is to provide information on what's happening in the Police Department and in the Village of Bloomingdale. In addition, information can be passed on to the police if there are questions or concerns. At certain times, some cases may be highlighted or the police may ask for help in solving a case. Other links can also be found on the site. Visit the Bloomingdale Police Department page and "Friend" us!



## Planning a Garage Sale This Summer?

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.



## Neighborhood Watch Upcoming Events

Wednesday, July 20th, 7:30 p.m.

**General Meeting -**

**Urban Wildlife Nuisance Control, Rebecca Fyffe  
Village Hall Council Room**

Tuesday, August 2nd, 6:00-9:00 p.m.

**National Night Out Against Crime  
Bloomingdale Park District**

**Randy Sater, Deputy Chief  
Frank Giammarese, Police Chief  
630-529-9868**



## Would You Block His Path?

Please be a good neighbor. Parking a vehicle on or extending over a Village sidewalk makes it impossible for pedestrians and bicyclists to safely use the public sidewalks. Furthermore, parking in this manner is prohibited in Bloomingdale and subject to an illegally parked vehicle fine of \$25.00.

The Bloomingdale Police Department encourages residents to clean out their garage to free up room for vehicle storage, and to provide sufficient parking space for all of the household cars.





## Recycling Opportunities Here, There And Everywhere!



### Be on the Lookout for Emerald Ash Borer

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. Most signs of infestation become apparent in the spring growing season.

Watch for the canopy to decline or suckers; also bark cracking.

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)

### 'Save the Date' for free recycling events

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

Saturday, September 17, 2011 - Hanover Park Recycling Extravaganza

Saturday, September 24, 2011 - Downers Grove Recycling Extravaganza

Tuesday, September 27, 2011 - Recycling Event at Cantigny

For more info, call (630) 985-7400 or (630) 407-6700, or visit the DuPage County web site, [http://www.dupageco.org/recycling/generic.cfm?doc\\_id=4017](http://www.dupageco.org/recycling/generic.cfm?doc_id=4017)

### Latex Paint & Electronics Recycling

June 6 to July 22  
Woodridge Greene Valley Wastewater Treatment Plant  
7900 S. Route 53  
8:00 am to 2:00 pm

DuPage County residents can bring their latex paint and electronics for recycling to the Woodridge Greene Valley Wastewater Treatment Plant starting Monday, June 6 and ending on Friday, July 22 (closed on July 4). There are two Saturday dates on June 18 and July 16, 8 am - 2 pm.



## Mosquito Control

*from Bloomingdale Township*

Illinois communities face a seasonal mosquito nuisance and the potential of mosquito-borne disease each year. The method to reduce that potential is an ongoing mosquito control program. Our mosquito abatement program is a Township wide service, which has been in place since 1977, making it one of the longest standing and most comprehensive abatement programs in DuPage County. In 1999, Bloomingdale Township became one of the first Townships in Illinois to provide complete mosquito control for all incorporated and unincorporated residents.

This service is provided with a contract between Clarke Environmental Mosquito Management, Inc. and Bloomingdale Township, in conjunction with the Villages within the Township boundaries. Typically spraying begins in the spring and continues throughout the year until late fall, weather depending. Normal spraying is done at regular intervals depending on need. However, if residents are experiencing unusually high levels of infestation, there is a mosquito hotline (800-942-2555), which you can call, and Clarke will make arrangements for a special spraying.



*Mosquito breeding ground*



*Mosquito: looking for a 'bite'!*

# Around & About Town

## BWC Fundraiser a Great Success

The Bloomingdale Women's Club was pleased to host 300 guests at this year's 36th Annual Charity Fashion Show, "Spring into Fashion" where over \$8,000 was raised for local charities. The primary recipient of this year's show was The Volunteer Council of Bloomingdale Township, a not-for-profit organization bringing assistance to Township residents for over 20 years. Fashions were provided by Carson Pirie Scott, Here Comes the Bride and Sassy's Originals. The BWC thanks its members, the beautiful, local models and the many businesses and supporters who contributed to the show's success.



*Former Bloomingdale resident Mandy Foner models an evening dress provided by "Here Comes the Bride."*

## Abraham Sisters Both Pageant Winners

Simon and Sibia Abraham are extremely proud of their daughters Shana and Sharon Abraham. Shana, Westfield Middle School sixth grader, has won the title of Miss Preteen Chicago. In addition, Sharon, a Lake Park freshman, won 3rd runner-up in the Miss Junior Teen Chicago pageant. The pageants were organized by America's Beauty Pageants. Both young ladies will be attending the national pageant in Orlando, Florida later this year.



Shana Abraham



Sharon Abraham

## Beamers Score Big!



*The Bronze Team State Champs hold the Beavers flag.*

Congratulations are due to the Bloomingdale Park District Beavers for exceptional performances at the recent Illinois Park District Gymnastics Conference (I.P.D.G.C.) State Meets where 15 park districts were represented.

**The Bronze State Meet** was held at Alsip Park District where our Bronze Team took the State Championship with a score of 115.85. The Bronze Team Top Bronze All Around is our own 9-year old Kailey Czuma with a score of 30.75

**The Silver, Gold and High School State Meet** was held at Bolingbrook Park District. Our Silver Team earned State Champs with a score of 127.775. The Top Silver All Around is our own 10-year old Kelly Zehnder with a score of 32.075.

In addition, our Gold Team earned Gold Team State Champs with a score of 135.575 and our own Amanda Braddock was named Top High School All Around with her score of 32.85.



Outstanding, Beamers!!

*Both the Gold and Silver Teams earned the State Championship*

# COMMUNITY EVENTS



## 'Monarch Magic' Featured at Bloomingdale Garden Club

Pat Miller will present "Monarch Magic," at the June 21st Bloomingdale Garden Club meeting. Pat's passion about monarch butterflies has taken her to the wintering colonies in Mexico twice. Come learn about these amazing butterflies! Monarch caterpillars, chrysalides, and butterflies will be available to view. Program begins at 6:30 p.m. at the Bloomingdale Fire Station, 179 S. Bloomingdale Road

For more information, contact Roberta Pulido at 630-295-8315, or email her at [fortpulido@comcast.net](mailto:fortpulido@comcast.net); or Maureen Gibson at 630-539-1674, or via email at [mgibson@drgconsulting.com](mailto:mgibson@drgconsulting.com).

## Golf Anyone?

### Tuesday, June 29

Sign up today for the **15th annual Bloomingdale Lions Charity Golf Challenge** at the Bloomingdale Golf Club. The Best Ball event is \$125 per person for greens fees, cart, lunch, dinner & prizes. For info or tickets contact Sharyn Murphy at [stmurphy@ameritech.net](mailto:stmurphy@ameritech.net) or 630-529-7557. Or register at [www.bloomingdalelionsgolf.info](http://www.bloomingdalelionsgolf.info)

### Thursday, July 14

The **Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce** hosts its annual Golf Outing on July 14 at the Bloomingdale Golf Club. Lunch, golf & dinner is \$135 per golfer or \$500 for a foursome. Dinner only is \$50. For more information or to register, call 630-980-9082 or go to [www.bloomingdalechamber.com](http://www.bloomingdalechamber.com)

### Friday, September 23

Save the Date – September 23 for the **Bloomingdale FOP Golf Outing** to be held at the Hilton Indian Lakes starting at 1 p.m. Cost is \$55 each golfer. If interested, call Officer David Spradling at 630-529-9868.

## Bulldogs Honor Former Marine

Join the 2011 Bloomingdale Bulldogs and the Bloomingdale Park District on Saturday June 11th, at 11:00 a.m. at a ceremony at Springfield Park, (Springfield Drive, just south of Lake Street) to honor Fallen Marine Sgt. Jean Claude Nolan, formerly of Bloomingdale, who lost his life December 1st, 2008, just shy of his 30th birthday.

J.C. immediately volunteered for the Marine Corps after the events of September 11, 2001. He served with the Intelligence Unit of the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit, 1st Marine Division, volunteering for two combat tours in Iraq with the Horn of Africa, a military operation designed to combat terrorism. J.C. rose to the rank of Sergeant in the Marine Corps and was individually recognized and decorated by the Secretary of Defense, Donald Rumsfeld for his service in Iraq and also received the Joint Service Achievement Medal.

Local Marine representatives will be raising a special flag that was flown at the White house in memory of Jean Claude and a special memorial will be placed on the site. Over 300 youngsters will gather in their baseball uniforms to join the Bloomingdale Bulldogs in honoring Sgt. Jean Claude.

## Take a Step Back in Time . . .

. . . to the Civil War era and watch baseball with 1858 rules. This living history program can be experienced as the Bloomingdale Bucks take on other vintage teams throughout the summer. The first two home games, played at Springfield Park are June 5th against the Sandwich Millers and July 10th against Lemont. Come out and cheer for the Bucks. Huzzah! (That's 1800s for "Hurray.")



*The Ump*

## BAA & fotoMuse Occupy Bloomingdale Park District Museum Through June 18

View a wide variety of work by the Bloomingdale Artists Association and the fotoMuses through June 18 at the Bloomingdale Park District Museum, 108 S. Bloomingdale Road.



*Nautilus on Ice by Bloomingdale resident Jackye Revely*

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. Their exhibit in Gallery I, "Members Spring Show," proudly presents art in various media. Most work is for sale.

The fotoMuses are a unique group of professional women who display their photos in a creative way. "The Colors of..." in Gallery II is a most exciting exhibit that portrays personal views of the colors of our world, life and the things we love. The profound photos the fotoMuses create are compared to the best in the Chicagoland area; and better yet, you don't have to go downtown to see them! Most items are for sale.

Admission is \$1 for residents; \$2 for non-residents and \$.50 for seniors 62+. The Museum is open Wednesdays, 4-8 p.m.; Thursdays and Fridays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Saturdays, noon to 4 p.m. Call (630) 539-3096 for more information.

# COMMUNITY EVENTS



## St. Isidore Presents Legends in Golf and Music

St. Isidore Parish is presenting fun in the afternoon golfing with your friends at our own Hilton Indian Lakes Resort. Cassidy Tire & Service and Flood Brothers are once more sponsoring the annual event, which kicks off at 1 p.m. on Friday, June 17 with a Shotgun Start. Each foursome will have the use of a golf cart, and several on-course games are planned. Dinner and drinks are included in the Entry Fee. This is the game made famous by legends Michelle Wie, Ben Hogan, Arnold Palmer, Jack Nicklaus, Annika Sorenstam, Nancy Lopez, and Tiger Woods. Come join them, you just might be the next golf legend, at least in our neck of the woods.

And because "Not everyone plays golf," St. Isidore has a full evening of fun planned beginning with cocktails at 6:00 p.m. There will be plenty of musical legends including Neal Sedaka, Elvis, Frank and Dean who might just serenade you at your table while you enjoy dinner and drinks. There will be plenty of All American cook out foods, wine, beer or soft drinks and plentiful fun including raffles – top prize of \$1500, silent auctions and entertainment by the musical legends. Call the St. Isidore Parish Office, 630-529-3045 to register.

## Traveling the World at Day Camp 2011

Former elementary teacher Marina Riemenschneider, started Bloomingdale Church Day Camp 32 years ago with a handful of kids in the Westlake neighborhood.



Several thousand kids later, Marina is still the creative force for this action-packed week that is now led by 60 adult leaders and 40 teens. Children who have completed K through 6th grade are invited to Day Camp 2011, June 14-17 (9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.) at Bloomingdale Church, 264 Glen Ellyn Road. This year features fantasy flights from "Bloomingdale International Airport" to Jamaica, Mexico, Israel, and Italy and will include crafts, gym or outside games, drama, music and practical lessons on personal character.

Flight reservations are now being taken at [bloomingdalechurch.org/daycamp](http://bloomingdalechurch.org/daycamp) or in person at 9 a.m. on June 14. Written parental consent is required. The day camp is FREE. For more info call the church office at 630-894-0090.

## Summer Concerts Begin June 14

Experience an array of talented music artists on a pleasant summer night at the Summer Concert Series every Tuesday at Old Town Park, 111 Third Street. All concerts begin at 7 pm. Participants may bring lawn chairs and refreshments.

The Summer Concert Series is sponsored by the Bloomingdale Park District, the Village of Bloomingdale and Old Town Bank & Trust.

### 2011 Schedule

**June 14**

**Soda**

(Rock - 70s and later)

**June 21**

**The Rockin' Fendershirts**

(Rock - 70s and earlier)

**June 28**

**The New Invaders**

(British Invasion/Woodstock)

**July 5th**

**NO CONCERT**

**July 12**

**Chi-Town Showstoppers**

(Big Band)

**July 19**

**Bloomingdale's Got Talent**

**July 26**

**Neverly Brothers**

(Rockabilly/British Invasion)

**August 7**

**NO CONCERT**

**August 9**

**Od Tapo Imi**

(Caribbean/Reggae)

**August 16**

**American English**

(Beatles Tribute)

**August 23**

**Bopology**

(Swing, Jazz, Big Band Sound)

## Flower Power

It sure looked like "Spring had sprung" in front of the Village Hall on May 13 & 14 when the Bloomingdale Garden Club hosted its annual flower sale.

The colors and the scents were intoxicating!





# Bloomington Fire Protection District #1

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## Severe Weather: Keeping Home and Family Safe



Recently we have witnessed natural disasters and the evacuation of thousands of people from heavily populated areas. While such a scenario is never easy, the key to a smooth operation is being prepared. The Bloomington Fire Protection District recommends the following measures for dealing with the challenges of severe weather:

- Store drinking water, first aid kit, canned/no-cook food, non-electric can opener, radio, flashlight and extra batteries where you can get them easily, even in the dark. Have an ample supply of prescription medication on hand.
- Keep cars and other vehicles fueled and in good repair, with an emergency kit in each.
- Know how to contact other household members through a common out-of-state contact in the event you and have to evacuate and become separated.

- Know how to turn off gas, electric power and water before evacuating.
- Know ahead of time what you should do to help elderly or disabled friends, neighbors or employees.
- Check on neighbors, especially any who might need help.
- If you think you might want to volunteer in case of a disaster, now is the time to let voluntary organizations or the emergency services office know--beforehand.
- If advised to evacuate, tell others where you are going, turn off utilities if told to, then leave immediately, following routes designated by local officials.
- Avoid travel if possible. If you must travel, do so during daylight. Don't travel alone. Stay on main roads, and keep others informed of your schedule.
- Know how the public is warned (siren, radio, TV, etc.) and the warning terms for each kind of disaster in your community; e.g.:
  - "flash flood or flood watch" --- Be alert to signs of flash flooding and be ready to evacuate on a moment's notice
  - "flash flood warning" --- A flash flood is imminent--act quickly to save yourself because you may have only seconds
  - "flood warning" --- Flooding has been reported or is imminent--take necessary precautions at once
  - "tornado watch" --- Conditions are favorable for a tornado to occur.
  - "tornado Warning" --- A tornado has been sighted in the area- seek shelter immediately

For more information about severe weather safety, contact Lt. Richard Kurka at the Bloomington Fire Protection District at 630-894-9080.

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## Memorial Day Remembrance



The Bloomingdale Historical Society, the Bloomingdale Public Library, and the Village of Bloomingdale sponsor the annual Memorial Day Remembrance program on Monday, May 30, 2011. The always moving observance will be held at the St. Paul Cemetery on Lake Street beginning at 9:30 am. This special gathering is to honor men and women who have served our country, and a special invitation is made to all veterans in our community. The placing of flags, taps, and a gun salute by VFW Post 7539 will be part of the program, as well as special patriotic music performed by the a cappella ensemble called The Legends. Limited seating is available, so please bring lawn chairs, and remember your umbrellas if the weather appears unpleasant.

If you have questions, please call (630) 529-3120 ext. 2801.



## Don't Forget Dad -- June 19th

Tell the world Dad is your personal hero by placing a brick with your sentiments at the "Everyday Heroes" statue in Old Town Park. The 4x8 bricks are \$100 each and hold three lines of copy at 13 spaces each. Bricks are also still available at the golf course and the library statue site for \$75 each. All orders placed by June 27, 2011 will be installed late summer. A card announcing your gift to Dad is available at no charge. Call Mary Ellen at the Village Hall at 671-5600 for more information or to place an order.

Another "novel" gift idea is a copy of the Images of America - Bloomingdale book published by the Bloomingdale Historical Society through Arcadia. The story of Bloomingdale from 1833 through 1983, the town's 150th birthday, is told through photographs and captions. The book is available for \$19.99 from the Bloomingdale Public Library or the Village Hall. This photographic journal also makes a great birthday or anniversary gift for anyone who lives or used to live in town.

