

Village of Bloomingdale

Almanac

August 2012

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Ryder Cup - A Bonus for Bloomingdale

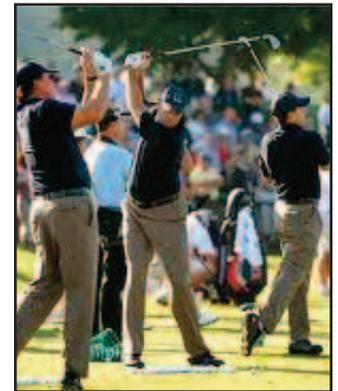
The crescendo of anticipation for The Ryder Cup has been steadily building as we draw closer to the world-renown event. From September 25-30, Medinah Country Club, at our eastern border, will be packed green to green with golfers, spectators, workers, press etc. If you aren't a golfer or fan of the sport, here's what all the excitement is about.

The **Ryder Cup** is a biennial golf competition between teams from Europe and the United States, with the venue of the contest alternating between courses in the United States and in Europe. Ryder Cup is also the name of the trophy, named after Samuel Ryder, the man who sponsored the first such match in 1927. The Ryder Cup, along with the President's Cup, is unique in the world of golf, because despite being high-profile events bringing in mil-

lions of dollars in TV and sponsorship revenue, the players receive no prize money and compete purely for the victory.

The anticipated attendance to this prestigious event is 40,000-45,000 people per day. With over 1,000 national and international members of the media expected, TV press coverage alone is expected to be over 30 hours, more than a Super Bowl. The Ryder Cup is expected to generate \$70-80 million in economic impact for DuPage County alone. Hotels, restaurants, the retail industry, the municipalities and tax payers will benefit from this windfall.

With the estimated daily attendance at 40,000 to 45,000 people per day, the Village of Bloomingdale anticipates a considerable influx of restaurant and shopping patrons the



week before and during the Ryder Cup. The Villages of Bloomingdale, Addison, Roselle, Itasca, Glendale Heights and Wood Dale have collectively pooled their resources to create a Ryder Cup Local Attractions & Dining Map to be distributed at area hotel and other key locations. For information on an opportunity to earn a free full day pass to the Ryder Cup, see page 16.

Look below to learn about purchasing a limited edition Ryder Cup banner.

Bloomingdale will be joining other towns in hanging welcome banners for the Ryder Cup. The Bloomingdale Ryder Cup banners will be available for purchase after the event. Forty-six banners (30"x60") will be on sale for \$125 each to

Bloomingdale residents and Bloomingdale businesses. Orders will be filled first come, first served - limit of one banner per person. Order forms are available on the village website www.villageofbloomingdale.org, at the Village Hall, 201 S. Bloomingdale

Road or by calling Mary Ellen Johnson at 630-671-5600. Payment must be in cash or by check made out to "Village of Bloomingdale." Proceeds, after banner and other Ryder Cup event costs, will be donated to Septemberfest Scholarship Fund.

Catch the Last Two Concerts in the Park!!

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 7:00 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. – Hilton Indian Lakes

BLOOMINGDALE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

1st Thursday of the month 5:00 p.m. – Firehouse, 179 S. Bloomingdale Road



There are two more Summer Concerts for the season scheduled in Old Town Park. American English presents its renown Beatles Tribute on August 14; The Sting Rays take us back to the 50s & 60s on August 21. Participants may bring lawn chairs and refreshments. The free concerts are sponsored by the Bloomingdale Park District, the Village of Bloomingdale and Bloomingdale Bank & Trust. Catch the music before the summer and the concerts are gone. (There is no concert on Tuesday, August 7, as Bloomingdale celebrates National Night Out.)

Stay in Touch

Consider signing up for the Village's E-News, which would be delivered weekly to your email address.

This is a good way to keep up with timely information on news, services and events in and around town. And in the case of an unusual event, such as the 2011 blizzard, the Village is able to get out critical information to all subscribers as it becomes available.

Go to www.villageofbloomingdale.org and sign up for the E-news on the homepage on the bottom half of the right hand side. It's easy and free!



Village of Blommingdale Elected Officials

Robert G. Iden
Village President

Irene M. Jones
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

From the Mayor's Desk

In the last few years, Bloomingdale has experienced a tornado, a flood, a blizzard and now what looked very much like the hurricanes we see in news footage. If you traveled anywhere through town following the July 1st storm that whipped through Bloomingdale, you could see downed wires, uprooted trees, blocked streets, branches everywhere and more. For a storm that lasted for probably only a half hour, the damage it left was wicked and widespread. Portions of Bloomingdale were without power for as long as four days.

Throughout it all, you could see neighbors helping neighbors. In many neighborhoods you could hear the distinctive sound of chainsaws as neighbors were cutting trees to clear streets or driveways. Dragging branches down to the curb became a group effort. Those with power checked on those without. Again, we were all in this together. I am proud to live in and be mayor of a town where, when the chips (or trees, in this case) are down, we pull together.

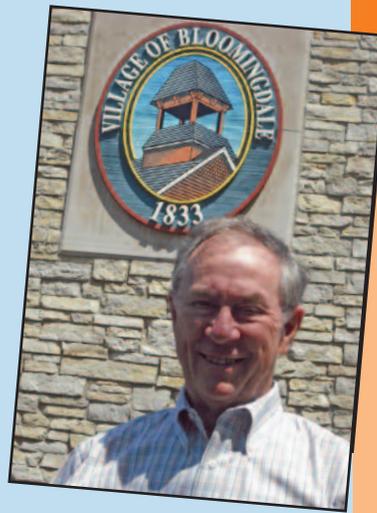
We also heard from many residents about Village employees going over and above to help during the weeks that followed. I want to publicly thank all those Village Employees who worked diligently to help Bloomingdale recover from the aftermath of the severe storm on July 1st. From those who responded in the immediate aftermath by fielding phone calls or by moving branches from the middle of the streets to those who were involved every day during the clean-up process — Thank you!

Also – we received news that the Illinois State Treasurer's Office disaster recovery program loans are available to individuals recovering from the July 1st storm. These loans are intended to allow home and business owners to secure below-market rates for up to the first five years of a loan. The maximum interest rate is 3 percent. For more information on this program, please see the back page.



Don't forget about Septemberfest on Saturday, September 8 in Old Town Park. The Septemberfest Commission has a day full of food, fun, music and activities. Many of your old favorite vendors will be there, along with some new ones. The car show is back, as well as the Septemberfest scholarships. The New Invaders are the featured band for the evening. Be sure to spend some time at Bloomingdale's traditional end-of-the-summer bash. See page 6 for more details.

Mayor Bob Iden



National Night Out On August 7

Our National Night Out Against Crime event will be held on Tuesday, August 7 at the Bloomingdale Park District, 172 S. Circle Avenue. It will begin at 6:00 p.m. and conclude at 9:00 p.m. (weather permitting). Hot dogs, hamburgers, etc. will be provided through Catering With Elegance by Glendale and will be served from 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. There will be games and prizes for kids and the pool is open to all.



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Save your trees Emerald Ash Borer Response Options

Important Village & Community Phone Numbers

Village Departments

Administration	630-671-5610
Building & Zoning	630-671-5660
Engineering	630-671-5676
Finance	630-671-5630
Mayor's Office	630-671-5600
Police – non-emergency	630-529-9868
Public Works	630-671-5800
Water Billing	630-671-5650
Utilities	630-671-5830

Other Useful Numbers

Fire Department non emergency	630-894-9080
Bloomington Library	630-529-3120
Bloomington Park District	630-529-3650

Here's an abbreviated list of tree removal contractors. (The Village does not endorse any one contractor over another. This list is provided to assist residents in selecting a contractor. We encourage residents to obtain pricing from more than one contractor.)

Abbott Tree Care Professionals -
630-681-8733

Kramer Tree Specialists -
630-293-5444

Ciosek Tree Service - 630-832-8109

Steve Piper and Sons -
630-898-6050

B. Haney and Sons -
630-495-1831

Winklers Tree Service -
708-544-1219

Nels Johnson Tree Experts -
847-475-1877



If your private property tree is infested with Emerald Ash Borer, owners can consider the following Response Options. For parkway trees, contact the Village of Bloomington Forestry Division at 630-671-5800.

1. Tree Removal/Replanting** - Consider whether ash trees on your property are worth protecting. Trees enhance a property's value, but it may be more cost effective to replace a small or struggling ash tree than to pay the cost of ongoing treatments. In addition, trees in poor or declining health are not likely to respond well to insecticide treatments.

Tree removal requires retaining an EAB-compliant vendor in your area who knows how to properly handle and destroy the ash wood in order to minimize the spread of EAB. Here is a link to EAB-compliant vendors (click on the county column to sort by county): <http://www.agr.state.il.us/eab/index.php?pg=6>.

2. Treatment - Requires a long-term commitment. Once EAB arrives, it will remain a constant threat to ash trees for many years to come. It is likely that protective treatments will be needed for the rest of the tree's life. Optimal timing for most treatment methods is mid-April through June.

Many effective products are best administered by professionals. Contact a local arborist or tree-care professional for diagnosis and treatment. Check to be sure that the professional is licensed in Illinois as a commercial pesticide applicator for Category E: Turf and Ornamentals. Here is a link to insecticide management options: [http://www.emeraldashborer.info/files/Multistate EAB Insecticide Fact Sheet.pdf](http://www.emeraldashborer.info/files/Multistate_EAB_Insecticide_Fact_Sheet.pdf)

There are homeowner treatment options for small ash trees, though these require careful application to avoid unintended environmental impacts. Here is a link to do-it-yourself insecticide management options for homeowners: <http://www.emeraldashborer.info/files/E2955.pdf>

TO DO NOTHING IS NOT AN ADVISABLE OPTION. If your tree is dying, the branches will become weak and will eventually fall in severe storms or just naturally over time. There is a safety and financial liability onus on you as a tree owner that could become expensive should disaster strike. All ash tree owners have a responsibility to their neighbors and community to remove or treat their infested ash trees to minimize the spread of EAB.

More information regarding EAB in Illinois is also available at these web sites:

- www.emeraldashborer.info/
- www.illinoiseab.com/
- <http://www.mortonarb.org/>
- <http://www.villageofbloomington.org/living-here/public-works-utilities/forestry-programs-tree-care/emerald-ash-borer-eab>

**Once a tree is dead/dying and a hazard to people/property, the Village Forestry Division will mail a Notice of Violation, which requires that the tree be removed within ten days of receipt of the letter. Failure to comply will cause the Village to remove the tree and invoice the homeowner for all related expenses.

50/50 Tree Program - Residents may be eligible to participate in the Village's 50/50 Tree Program, which allocates funds for trees, including planting, at a 50/50 cost sharing with the Village. This successful program was initiated in 1982. Details will be published in the October Almanac and on the Village web site (www.villageofbloomington.org). The trees will be planted next Spring 2013 and are available for residential front yards or sites visible from the street.

Contact the Village Forestry Division at 630-671-5800 for more information.



How big is an emerald ash borer? This one is sitting the tip of a finger.

Give Your Tree a Long, Cool Drink

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

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

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

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



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 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.



Information You Need to Know About Refuse & Recycling Cart Storage

Refuse and recycling carts may be placed out at the curb after 6:00 p.m. the day before the scheduled pickup. A mechanical arm on the truck performs the collection of the refuse and carts so it is important to place carts approximately one foot behind the curb (or one foot off the pavement, if there are no curbs) with the wheels facing away from the street (toward your house). Place the cart so that vehicles parked on the street don't obstruct it.

Carts must be removed from the curb following pick-up on the day of collection. Please note that refuse, recycling and yard waste are all collected by different trucks running different routes, with different pick-up times.

On non-collection days, carts must be stored out of view from the street. Village Code prohibits containers to be stored in the front yard, including that area between the building and front yard, or stored in the corner-side or side yard of any property, including that area between the building and that yard unless screened from view from the street. Carts may be stored within a garage or shed, or in a back yard. Carts may also be stored on the side of a house, provided they are sufficiently screened by shrubbery or a fence.

2012 Bloomingdale Septemberfest Celebrates Family and Friends!

Be a Friend of Septemberfest

The Septemberfest Commission encourages Bloomingdale residents and businesses to support the Joe Draghi Scholarship Fund which provides the scholarship awards to Bloomingdale residents between the ages of 16 and 20.

To become a friend, fill out the form below and mail to the Village Hall, 201 S. Bloomingdale Road.

Name (as you wish it to be listed)

Address _____

Daytime phone _____

Evening phone _____

I am enclosing a check for
 \$20 \$50 other

Mail your check or money order made payable to Village of Bloomingdale and send to Friends of Septemberfest, c/o Village of Bloomingdale, 201 S. Bloomingdale Road, Bloomingdale, IL 60108.



By M.J. Frumkin

Mark your calendar for Saturday, September 8, 2012. That's the date the Village of Bloomingdale will celebrate its 39th annual Septemberfest – the well loved, traditional end of the summer event for the whole family. The festival is held in Old Town Park, near the corner of Bloomingdale Road and Lake Street (Route 20).

Festivities start with the Septemberfest Parade, leading off at 11:00 am from DuJardin School on Euclid Ave. The parade heads north on Euclid and west on Schick Road into Old Town. In the parade will be colorful floats, musical entertainers, the West Suburban Shriner Club go-cart team, classic automobiles, group marchers, the CBS Radio 104.3 FM truck and much more. Your participation in the parade is welcome. For information, contact Susan Lancaster at 630-980-3110 by September 1, 2012.

The procession concludes in Old Town Park, where you can spend the afternoon and evening enjoying the fun activities and entertainment. A variety of vendors will offer delicious foods and refreshing drinks to please all taste buds. Stroll among the booths featuring Creative Arts and Hand-made Crafts to admire and purchase. Vendor and Craft Booth spaces are available; call Vivi Frumkin at 630-894-6637 for information. Application deadline is September 1, 2012.

Opening Ceremonies begin at 12:00 Noon. DeeJay Mike from M&R Music will be on stage filling the air with tunes, and he'll introduce the local entertainment. Performing live will be the Bloomingdale Park District Gymnastics Team, Bloomingdale's Got Talent Winners, Center Stage Dance Studios, Mohler Dance Academy, and the Bloomingdale School of Music.

The Septemberfest Car Show is back, and will be held adjacent to Old Town Park, in the parking lot next to Rooster's Barn and Grill, 122 W. Lake St. The Car Show is limited to 50 vehicles, and owners receive a commemorative gift. At 4:00 PM, awards will be presented for The People's Choice, The Septemberfest Committee Selection and the new Marilyn Zaccardi Trophy. The Zaccardi Trophy is named in honor of the retired grand lady who ran the Bloomingdale Septemberfest Car Show from 2005 through 2010. Winners also receive complimentary tickets to the 2013 Chicago Auto Show. For further information, call Mitch at 630-439-6637.

At 5:00 PM, the Septemberfest/Joe Draghi Memorial Scholarship Contest winners will be announced. This scholarship fund has given thousands of dollars to young adults in our community. Thanks to all who have given so far. If you would like to help, please consider becoming a "Friend of Septemberfest." Your name will be listed in the next *Almanac* as a donor and your charitable contribution will help young men and women toward a better future. A form to donate is located to the right.

And to climax the fest, the New Invaders band will perform their crowd pleasing "Ultimate 60's Flashback Show" from 6:00-9:00 PM.

See you on September 8th for this annual community festival. It promises to be a most enjoyable day for family and friends.

Village of Bloomingdale Septemberfest Hotline:
630-671-5680

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

Back to School Safety

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

Walking to and from school:

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

On the bus:

- While waiting for a school bus, be sure that you are in a safe place away from the road.
- When you exit the bus, be very careful if you have to cross the street in traffic. Always cross the street in front of the bus, and look both ways for cars before you cross the street.



At School:

- Stay away from strangers who hang around the playgrounds or bus stops. A stranger is anyone that you do not know very well. Do not accept anything from a stranger and tell an adult immediately if a stranger is bothering you or other children.

If you see something that makes you uneasy or you think isn't right—a stranger hanging around school, a bully bothering other youths, vandalism or graffiti—tell a teacher or your parents right away.

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



Safely Dispose of Unused Medications

Residents are able to dispose of expired or unused medications by dropping them off in a permanent drop box at the Bloomingdale Police Department, 201 S. Bloomingdale Road. Look for the large white metal drop box labeled **RxBOX**, which is located outside at the edge of the parking lot, just east of the main entrance to the police department. There is no charge to drop off medications.

Improperly disposing of prescription or over-the-counter drugs, such as dumping them down a drain or flushing them down a toilet, may contribute to environmental concerns about our water supplies or waterways. The RxBOX program also helps to reduce safety concerns that may occur with accidental ingestion of medication by children in a household and is one way to help address the growing issue of prescription drug abuse.

Medications are best out of the bottles and in a zipper top plastic bag. Remove or black out your personal information on the bottle and then recycle them with your household recyclables. For spill-free disposal, place liquid medication bottles in a zipper top plastic bag. **As a reminder, we do not accept needles, syringes or sharps.**

The medications will be removed from the secured drop box and transported to the Illinois EPA for safe incineration. If you have questions about this program, please contact Community Service Officer Julie Jaster or Deputy Chief Bruce Beck at the Bloomingdale Police Department at (630) 529-9868. If you have more than ten items to dispose of, please call to arrange for a personal drop off.

Retailer Highlight

Jacki Unger, Sign-a-Rama

Upcoming Events

The 22nd annual "Back to School Fair" is being held on Wednesday, August 8, 2012 from 11 a.m. – 6 p.m. at the DuPage County Fairgrounds in Wheaton. This is a "one-stop shop for Health and Human Services, serving people living on low incomes in DuPage County. It is coordinated by Catholic Charities, Joliet Diocese. Contact Amy Lambert, coordinator Catholic Charities at 630-495-8008, ext 2110 or at alambert@cc-doj.org

The Friends of the Bloomingdale Public Library Book Sale will be held on Saturday, September 15 and Sunday, September 16, 2012 in the library on the lower level, Meeting Rooms A/B. The sale will include thousands of books, including the nicest copies of recent withdrawals and donated materials. The Friends also welcome donations of gently used books, videos, DVDs and sound recordings. Check the library's website www.mybpl.org for more details as the date gets closer.

The Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce 4th annual "50 Men Who Cook" community event will take place on Saturday, September 22nd from 6:00 to 8:00 at the East Pavilion of Hilton Indian Lakes Resort. 50 prominent men from our community will prepare their favorite dish for attendees to sample and judge. The cost is \$25 per person and proceeds benefit Bloomingdale Elementary Schools. To register as a cook, sponsor or for tickets call 630-980-9082.

The Business Promotion and Cultural Development Committee plans to highlight a business each Almanac. Committee member Nicole Kneeland-Woods, CMD, Marketing Director for Stratford Square Mall, recently conducted the following interview with Jacki Unger, Sign-A-Rama.

Q. How did Sign-A-Rama get started?

A: From successfully selling water treatment products, my father encouraged me to explore a business of my own. I discovered the sign business operation at a franchise exposition and Sign-A-Rama was created!

Q. What makes what you do special to you?

A: I enjoy when clients have a general idea of what they need to accomplish, but not what elements of signs will get them to their goal and I am able to come up with a solution. The magic happens when the client picks up their product and it is exactly what they needed. We helped them get more excited about their business and gave them a product they can show off to their clients.

Q. What has been this store's greatest achievement?

A: Expanding our business across the country, as one of UPS's signage vendors. We produce signage for California, New York and even Chicago-based UPS locations. We are very proud that we are one of their vendors.

Q. How are you different from other sign companies?

A: First, we are a female-owned business celebrating 20 years of success in Bloomingdale! I am passionate about every project that goes out the door and I ensure that we have met all the needs of every customer. We are very involved in the community and strive to build our relationships through referrals.

Q. Being in business for 20 years is a HUGE accomplishment in these recent, challenging economic times. What is the most influential factor that has contributed to your business' success?

A: There are actually two big factors. We've been able to ride through the good and difficult times because I will do whatever it takes to meet our clients' needs and exceed their expectations. Second, we rely heavily on the quality of our products because that generates reliable referrals to other potential clients. We love to see our products in Bloomingdale and other communities.

Q. How do you see your business evolving?

A: We have started to evaluate how to incorporate social networking into our business; and we want to continue mentoring other women and supporting new businesses in the community. At the same time, we will continue to focus on the human element of our business, by networking at business functions, as well as being a live person for our clients, not just an email address.

Q. How will you celebrate your 20th Anniversary in this business?

A: To celebrate and THANK our clients, we will be offering 20% off all in-house production for the month of August! Just mention or bring in this interview and instantly receive 20% off!



Business News

Welcome rue 21

rue21 recently opened in Bloomingdale, celebrating its official ribbon cutting on Friday, July 13. The event was well attended and included a cake big enough to serve 500 people! The specialty discount retailer of young men and women's casual apparel and accessories is located on



Mayor Iden spoke to the crowd at rue21's ribbon cutting.

Stratford Square's upper level next to the theater.

Attendees included Bloomingdale and Carol Stream Chamber of Commerce Presidents, Village Trustees, Bloomingdale business owners, retailers, customers and rue21 staff. There was also a special appearance by 100.3 KISS FM and Special K.

Famous Footwear New to Stratford

Famous Footwear also hosted a ribbon cutting on Friday, July 27 for its new store in Stratford Square. Famous Footwear features famous brand name men's, women's and children's shoes for less. It is located on the lower level, center court, near the elevator.

Recognition for Bloomingdale Businesses

David Litt, Founder and CEO of Blue Star Tec LLC was featured in the Daily Herald Newspaper in the June 25th "Monday Morning Conversation" section of the Business section. David discussed the success of his company, which offers businesses the opportunity to locally outsource their IT needs and rely on a team of certified experts rather than paying for an internal staff. For more information on Blue Star, go to BlueStarTec.com.

The DuPage Agency LLC of Bloomingdale (an independent insurance agency owned by Michael Vozar) has been honored as a 2011 Talk of the Town Award Recipient. Talk of the Town Awards are a category specific recognition of companies, businesses and professionals who have been noted by their customers for providing excellent customer service. For more information, go to thedupageagency.com.

Stratford Square Upcoming Events

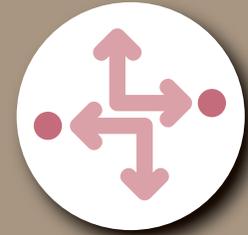
Community Safety Expo

Saturday, August 11, 10 am – 2 pm

Bloomingdale Parks Day

Saturday, August 18, Noon – 2 p.m.

Thanks to longtime resident Gary Umlauf for his photo of one of the many beautiful residential areas in Bloomingdale, featured on page 1 of this Almanac.



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.

Remember -
BUY IN BLOOMINGDALE

Welcome to These New Businesses

Comprido BJJ (Martial Arts)
301 Stratford Square

E & L Photography
319 Stratford Square

A-1 Stitches
545 Stratford Square

T-Mobile
358 W. Army Trail Road

George's Auto Repair
128 N. Bloomingdale Road

Autopia
250 S. Gary Avenue

Buffalo Wild Wings is projecting an October opening in the former Ruby Tuesday restaurant on the southwest corner of Gary Avenue and Schick Road.

Be watching for further details!

Community Events

Important Notices

Early deadline for Almanac: There is an early deadline for the October issue of the Almanac. **September 1st** is 10 days ahead of the usual date. If you have any questions, please call Editor Mary Ellen Johnson at 630-671-5600 or email johnsonm@vil.bloomington-dale.il.us

Change in refuse/recycling pickup date: All refuse/recycling pickup services by Republic will be delayed by one day the week of September 3 due to the Labor Day holiday.

WANTED: BLOOMINGDALE POLICE OFFICERS



Application packages for Police Officer are available at the Bloomington Police Department.

A \$40 non-refundable fee will be charged per application package.

Completed applications must be returned by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, August 10, 2012.

Orientation & Testing on Saturday, August 25, 2012 (mandatory).

For more information call Sue Osicek (630) 671-5858.

Upcoming Bloomington Garden Club Programs

Organic Gardening Q & A, August 21

Back by popular demand, Bill Scheffler is all about organic and green gardening. He's the owner of Pure Prairie Organics, a lawn care company, in Wheaton. Using the question and answer format, he will provide a wealth of information for those who like a natural approach to gardening.

Fall Splendor, September 18

Apples, Pumpkins, Leaves, Seeds, Bulbs, Favorite Fall Perennials --- you name it. Nancy Carroll will cover the many joys of the wonderful FALL season with creative ideas, horticultural and garden information, floral arrangements, recipes, and projects. This "potpourri" workshop provides something for everyone. We'll enjoy food samples, recipes, handouts, and giveaways. You might just want to run and jump in a pile of fall leaves!

Programs start at 6:30 pm at the Bloomington Fire Station #1, 179 S. Bloomington Road. Contact Roberta Pulido at 630-295-8315 for more information.

Looking for a Meaningful Volunteer Opportunity?

Lexington Health Network of Bloomington is looking to expand its volunteer program. This program includes Community Volunteers preferably 18 years and older. Needed are people to assist with daily programs scheduled through the facility. Escorts are needed to assist with community outings such as shopping, and other fun trips, as well as one-on-one visits, gardening or just sitting out on the patio with a resident. Evenings and weekends are encouraged. Please stop by to fill out a volunteer application and ask to speak to Myrna Martin, Activity Director, or call her at 630-980-8700 ext.255 for more information.



Our VFW Post Honored for Service

Bloomington VFW Post 7539 was proud to recently serve as the Honor Guard at Medinah Country Club's fundraiser for the Illinois Patriot Fund, which provides educational scholarships for Illinois military families. The tall gentleman in civilian attire is Army Chief of Staff General Ray Odierno. With his appreciation for their Honor Guard service, the general presented his own specially designed Challenge Coin to each Post member.

Chamber Members Help 19 Students This Year

The Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce awarded \$18,600 in scholarships to local college students on June 14 at its annual Scholarship Breakfast at the Bloomingdale Golf Club. Scholarship winners, their families, scholarship donors and Chamber members were on hand as each business donor introduced a student and awarded the scholarship money. The annual breakfast is held to allow an opportunity for the scholarship winners and donors to meet in person and to build a relationship that will last through college years and beyond. This year's scholarships are made possible through the continued generosity of: Adventist GlenOaks Hospital, Dr. Aimee and Associates, Alden Network, Bloomingdale Bank & Trust, the Bloomingdale Fire Protection Union IAFF-Local 3272, Dr. John K Butts, State Representative Franco Coladipietro, Family Chiropractic Center, Bloomingdale Mayor Bob Iden, Huskie Tools, NOW Foods, Outback Steakhouse, Ryndak Physical Therapy, Stratford Crossing Shopping Center, and Wintrust Financial Corp. The Chamber also appreciates the generosity of Don Helmig of the Bloomingdale Golf Club for providing the breakfast for this great event.



Chamber Scholarship winners, along with their respective colleges are (l to r) Maria Pusateri for her son Frank, University of Steubenville, OH; Karli Gaines, University of Central Oklahoma; Brian McKeown, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; Zamaan Sayeed Sohel, University of Illinois at Chicago's GPPA Medical Program; Pasquale Maranto, Elmhurst College; Stefanie Pauling, Elmhurst College; Stephen Randall Griffith, University of Illinois in Chicago Dental School; Ashley Auble, Northern Illinois University; Susan Siciak, Olivet Nazarene University; Sandya George, Benedictine University; Bryn Spejcher, Augustana College; Jennifer Wacławik, DePaul University; Nicole Moore, Manhattan College; Jessica Franz, Tulane University; Cole Manschot, Purdue University. Other winners not present are: Pujan Patel, Yale University; Michael Monticello, Marquette University; Katie McNeela, North Central College; Kelsey Coleman, Saint Louis University.



Cops on Top Raise \$1300 for Special Olympics

Patrol Officer Tara Giertz, the Special Olympics Coordinator for Bloomingdale, thanks all donors who donated to the Dunkin Donuts Rooftop Cop event on June 1st. Participating in that event with Tara (the cop on top of the roof) were Officers Dawn Odoi and Sean Nonnan, Sue Osicek and Lauren Dublin, Together they raised \$1,361.78 at the Lake Street Dunkin Donuts. Thank You!

Thanks to Officers Tara Giertz, Sally Zeiger, Bruce Mason and Sean Noonan for running in the Bloomingdale leg of the Torch Run for Special Olympics recently. Tara noted that Jake, one of the Special Olympics athletes, and his father ran the last leg together of the Torch Run together.

"The look in Jake's eyes and the smile on his face when we were clapping for him was absolutely priceless. A VERY good reminder of why our department participates in Special Olympics fundraising events, so these athletes can participate in sports just like many of us have done our entire lives," she noted.

Around and About Town

Save Energy Save Money!

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



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

Interdependence Day – Collecting and Celebrating

Knowing people by name who are working hard but not getting paid, as well as people who are not able to get enough hours of work to provide for their families, was the impetus for the Sunday July 1, Interdependence Day food drive conducted by Bloomingdale Church, 264 Glen Ellyn Road.



Bloomingdale Church members collected nearly 600 bags of groceries from the community and distributed them to food pantries.

When Dave Lorenz, the head deacon of our church asked Jewel Company for help, they responded by giving us 6,000 grocery bags.

Over eighty people then placed 6,000 bags in the doors of Bloomingdale homes. On Sunday July 1, we collected at least 600 bags of groceries and took the bags directly to the Bloomingdale Township, St. Paul Church, and Bloomingdale Church food pantries.

We then convened to Circle Park by the Bloomingdale Oasis for an outdoor patriotic service. Nearly 400 people from the community and church gathered to sing patriotic hymns and hear Sergeant Shawn Ayers, who has completed two tours of duty in Afghanistan, speak on how God blessed his life even during the war. After the twenty-five minute service, we invited everyone present to a picnic lunch. Virtually everyone stayed to eat, play games, and make new friends. They also helped us pack everything up as a very violent storm approached and ended a truly great day.

Planning to Have a Garage Sale?

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



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

No more than three rummage or garage sales may be held on the same premises in any calendar year. Each may not be more than three 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.

Signs by Tomorrow Makes History in Chicago

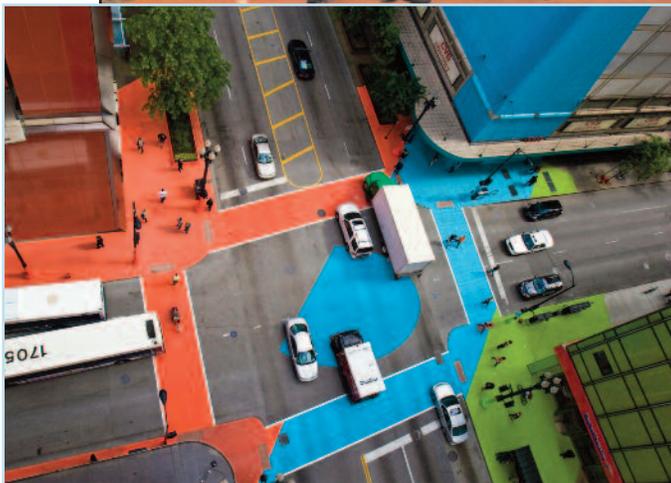
This summer, Bloomingdale Signs By Tomorrow has been jammin' – literally! As installers of **Color Jam 2012**, a massive multimedia work of art situated at the intersection of State and Adams in downtown Chicago, Bloomingdale Signs By Tomorrow worked two weeks straight to wrap sidewalks, crosswalks, buildings, lampposts, awnings, flowerbeds, and more in over 70,000 square feet of colored vinyl.

That's enough material to wrap 130 buses. Or make 50,000 copies of the latest Madonna record on vinyl. It is the biggest public artwork in the history of Chicago. Conceived by world-renowned artist Jessica Stockholder, Color Jam was deemed nearly impossible until the Chicago Loop Alliance found Gary Schellerer, Sr. and Bloomingdale Signs By Tomorrow.

Allan Schellerer, Director of Operations, gives credit to the collective experience and great people who make up Bloomingdale Signs By Tomorrow. "From our graphic designers, to our installers, to our talented print staff, to our salespeople, it took all those pieces put together for this project to take life."



And what a life it has taken. The explosion of fiery orange, cool turquoise and lime green at the intersection of State and Adams has made headlines around the country.



Installing *Color Jam* wasn't only a great opportunity to showcase the 22-year Bloomingdale family business's execution and craftsmanship, it was "an opportunity to let Bloomingdale Signs By Tomorrow's true colors show as a business," said Tristan Hummel of the Chicago Loop Alliance.

Color Jam will be up through September 30th, so there's plenty of time to check it out. For a look behind the scenes on the amazing installation, go to http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bHUiTdTLn2U&feature=player_embedded

West Nile Virus Update

It may seem like there are a lot fewer mosquitoes this year compared to last year. And there are less, but according to officials, there is an increase in the Culex mosquito, which is the one that transmits the West Nile Virus to people. In DuPage County, more of the sample mosquito pools are testing positive this year, with 24 of 290 samples testing positive for the virus. Last year for the same time period, there were no positives out of 250 samples.

It is the floodwater mosquitoes which swarm and bite aggressively, according to Paul Geery of the Des Plaines Valley Mosquito Abatement District. He notes the Culex are sneaky, gentle biters which like to roam solo.

It is the hot, humid weather that attracts these mosquitoes. They like to lay their eggs on warm water surfaces, such as you would find in typical yards, like bird-baths, kiddie pools, flower pot saucers and rain gutters. The heat also speeds up the mosquitoes' development cycle, so that now the Culex develop into adulthood in five to ten days, rather than the typical 10-14 days.

There could be a greater risk for humans to contract West Nile because the Culex have arrived so early this year. The prolonged drought also works in the insect's favor as rain normally leads to lower temperatures which force the Culex to flee, as well as kill the larvae growing in standing water.

Experts warn people to take the usual precautions: use mosquito repellent, wear loose-fitting clothing and eliminate standing water around their homes.



Around and About Town

Robert Bridgeman Newest Patrol Officer

Robert Bridgeman was sworn in as Bloomingdale's newest Patrol Officer at the July 9, 2012 Village Board meeting. Robert graduated from Benedictine University with degrees in Sociology and Criminal Justice. He is currently enrolled in the Suburban Law Enforcement Academy at College of DuPage. Robert will graduate from the Academy on September 21 and will return to Bloomingdale to begin his 12-week field training with our own officers, before he is on his own.



After administering the oath, Mayor Iden welcomes Robert to the Bloomingdale Police Department.

Letter Carriers Say Thanks!

The Bloomingdale Post Office Letter Carriers express their appreciation to the residents of Bloomingdale for their most generous support of their 20th annual Food Drive on May 12. Thanks to all of you, the letter carriers were able to provide the Bloomingdale Township Food Pantry with 5,000 lbs of food!

Bryan Toler
Paul Glowaty
Bloomingdale Post Office

The nearly 50-year old Garden Club has a rich history of fostering a love for gardening within the community, and has recently expanded its mission to include philanthropic endeavors, such as awarding an annual scholarship, and supporting the DuPage County Convalescent Center.

In May, 16 members of the Bloomingdale Garden Club planted more than 1,100 "annual" flowers in the new 560 sq. ft. Cutting Garden of Everlastings at the DuPage County Convalescent Center. This new Cutting Garden was made possible by the Christopher and Dana Reeve Quality of Life Grant, obtained through a collaborative

proposal submitted by the Bloomingdale Garden Club and the U of I Extension DuPage Master Gardeners.



Joe Palmer – All American District Commander

The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States announced that Joseph Palmer, an active member of Bloomingdale VFW Post 7539, has achieved All American status as a District Commander.

Palmer, Commander of District 19 in the Department of Illinois, is one of only 31 VFW District Commanders selected world-wide for All-American Commander. National Commander Richard DeNoyer said, "The criteria for this honor are based on outstanding achievements in membership growth and participation in other VFW programs that benefit veterans and their communities. The title of All-American Commander is the most prestigious honor given by our organization."

Joe served as Post Commander for VFW Post 7539 from 2007-2009 and is currently the Immediate Past District Commander for District 19. We congratulate him on this esteemed honor.





Grilling Season is Here: Grill the Brats and Burgers, Not Your Home!

The Bloomingtondale Fire Protection District and the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) encourage you to use safe grilling practices, as August, one of the peak months for grill fires, approaches. Gas grills constitute a higher risk, being involved in an annual average of 6,900 home fires, while charcoal or other solid-fueled grills are involved in an annual average of 1,100 home fires.



Safety Tips

- Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.
- The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- Keep children and pets away from the grill area.
- Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.
- Never leave your grill unattended.

Charcoal Grills

- There are several ways to get the charcoal ready to use. Charcoal chimney starters allow you to start the charcoal using newspaper as a fuel.
- If you use a starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire.
- Keep charcoal fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources.
- There are also electric charcoal starters, which do not use fire. Be sure to use an extension cord for outdoor use.
- When you are finished grilling, let the coals completely cool before disposing in a metal container.

Propane Grills

Check the gas tank hose for leaks before using it for the first time each year. Apply a light soap and water solution to the hose. A propane leak will release bubbles. If your grill has a gas leak, by smell or the soapy bubble test, and there is no flame, turn off the gas tank and grill. If the leak stops, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again. If the leak does not stop, call the fire department. If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call the fire department. Do not move the grill.

For more information about summer safety or other safety information, contact Battalion Chief Richard Kurka at the Bloomingtondale Fire Protection District at 630-894-9080.

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Facts & Figures About Grilling Fires

- U.S. fire departments respond to an average of 8,200 home fires involving grills, hibachis or barbecues per year, including an average of 3,400 structure fires and 4,800 outside fires. These 8,200 fires cause an annual average of 15 civilian deaths, 120 civilian injuries and \$75 million in direct property damage.
- More than one-quarter (29%) of the home structure fires involving grills started on a courtyard, terrace or patio, 28% started on an exterior balcony or open porch, and 6% started in the kitchen.
- Flammable or combustible gas or liquid was the item first ignited in half of home outdoor grill fires. In 50% of the home outdoor fires in which grills were involved, 55% of the outside gas grills, and 36% of gas grill structure fires, the fire started when a flammable or combustible gas or liquid caught fire.



Dr. Jon Bartelt Named New District 13 Superintendent

Scholarships Awarded

Three Bloomingdale School District 13 graduates were awarded a scholarship in the amount of \$750. Amanda Siciak received the DuJardin PTO Scholarship and will be attending Olivet Nazarene University. Nicholas Zanghi was awarded the Westfield STP Scholarship and plans to attend the University of Illinois. The Erickson PTO Scholarship went to Zamaan Sayeed Sohel who will attend the University of Illinois at Chicago's GPPA Medical Program.

The Bloomingdale Women's Club 2012 scholarship winner was Lake Park High School senior Jennifer Waclawik. Jennifer will be in the Honors Strobel Accounting Program at DePaul University in the fall. The BWC was extremely impressed with Jennifer's community involvement. She is a National Honor Society member, works part-time and her career aspirations are accounting & environmental studies.

The Bloomingdale Garden Club recently awarded a \$500 scholarship to resident 18-year old James Wallich. He is currently looking forward to beginning his sophomore year at Southern Illinois University, where he is pursuing a degree in horticulture, with an emphasis on landscape design and green energy.

District 13 Board of Education hired Dr. Jon Bartelt as the Superintendent of Schools. His tenure began July 1, 2012 upon the retirement of Dr. Kim Perkins.

"Based on staff and community input, we were looking for a leader with strengths in curriculum development and financial management who will continue to be a community leader," said Board of Education President Tamara Peterson. "We found that in Jon Bartelt.

"The District 13 Board of Education conducted a thorough search process that yielded a very strong slate of candidates. Dr. Bartelt's experience, credentials, and commitment to the values embedded in our district made him the best fit."

Dr. Bartelt received a Bachelors degree from Valparaiso University in Indiana, a Masters degree in Education from Harvard University in Cambridge, MA, and a Doctorate in Education from Loyola University, Chicago, IL. He has served as teacher, coach, principal, assistant superintendent for business services and superintendent of schools.

His professional accomplishments include increasing student academic performance specifically in the area of reading, developing a successful Board of Education/Superintendent working relationship, working closely with community organizations, developing a five-year strategic plan and negotiating multi-year bargaining agreements using the interest-based bargaining method.

"I feel in my heart that this is a good fit for me," said Dr. Bartelt. "I couldn't be more overjoyed to follow Dr. Perkins. Though they are shoes I know I can't fill, I look forward to the opportunity to lead such a quality district."

Upon taking the reins, Dr. Bartelt says, "I plan to take the opportunity to listen and appreciate the culture of the district and find out what's important to all people. I want to get a feel for the direction of the district so I can continue to lead down the path of success."

Dr. Bartelt and his wife, also an educator, have six children ranging in age from 8 to 24. "I'm a very blessed individual," said Dr. Bartelt. "My family keeps me fresh, happy and youthful."

"It's truly an honor to be named superintendent. District 13 is very highly rated and respected in the education community. It's an enormous opportunity for me and I'm so excited to work alongside District 13 staff to promote student achievement."



Want to Go to the 2012 Ryder Cup?

This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to be a part of the 2012 Ryder Cup! Support Lake Park High School and America's Team during this premier international competition. Volunteers will earn a full day entrance pass to the competition by assisting with food concessions. You can choose to work either one 14-hour

shift or two 7-hour shifts in concessions. Volunteers will need to pass a criminal background check prior to assignment and attend a short training session the week before the Ryder Cup. Go to www.lphs.org to get essential details about the event and to register as a volunteer.



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State Treasurer Encourages Use of Low-Interest Loan Program for West Suburban Storm Victims



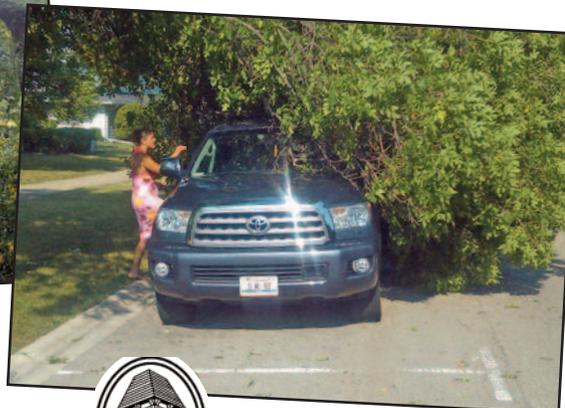
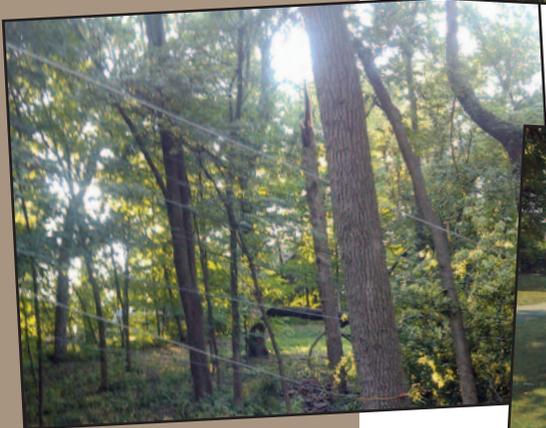
As DuPage County area residents continue to clean-up after the July 1st weekend storms, Illinois State Treasurer Dan Rutherford is encouraging residents, business owners, and local financial institutions to look into low-interest disaster recovery loans that are made possible with funding from the treasurer's office.

"I offer my sympathies to victims of this nasty storm and I want to remind them of help that is available through my office. People whose homes, businesses, vehicles, and other property that have been damaged, may need assistance after an extended power outage or damage from high winds," said Rutherford. "I want every victim of this storm to know what help is available."



These "Disaster Recovery" loans allow home, business and farm owners to secure below-market rates for up to the first five years of a loan. The maximum interest rate is 3 percent. Loans are available to qualified borrowers who need help covering immediate costs that will eventually be covered by insurance (bridge loans), and to help cover costs if there is no insurance. Loans can be repaid over a period of up to five years. The interest is low because the treasurer's office "buys down" the interest rate by depositing money at a discounted rate into an eligible financial institution.

Local financial institutions are expected to partner with the treasurer's office to make these low-interest loans available. For more information, or to find an electronic version of the treasurer's office application, go to www.treasurer.il.gov or call the Disaster Recovery Hotline at 866-523-0641.



Uprooted trees, broken branches, downed wires, and crushed cars comprised most of the damage in Bloomingdale.

