

Village of Bloomingdale

Almanac

February 2012

Growth with Pride

Park District Museum Presents 'A Moment in Time'

The Bloomingdale Park District Museum presents Photo 2012 "A Moment in Time." Some 90 entries are included in the juried exhibit which runs through February 18th in both galleries of the historic museum at 108 S. Bloomingdale Road. Call 630-539-3096 for hours.



2012 Winter Salting Operation

Now that the 2012 Winter Season has officially arrived, with both snow and ice, here are some reminders about the salting procedures.

Main Village Roads (Brighton Drive, Butterfield Drive, Byron Avenue, Camden Drive, Cardinal Drive, N. Circle Avenue, Covington Drive, Edgewater Drive, Euclid Avenue, Fairfield Way, Fox Court, Glen Ellyn Road, Greenway Drive, Knollwood Drive, Madsen Drive, Schick Road, Scott Drive, Springfield Drive) . . . will be treated using salt dosed with liquid calcium chloride. Each storm will dictate the amount of material placed down.

Just for clarification – Lake Street is State of Illinois owned, Bloomingdale Road, Army Trail, Medinah Road and Gary Avenue are DuPage County roads. Snow and ice control for these roadways are carried out by these respective agencies.



Intersections . . . will be treated 100 feet adjacent to each intersection using salt dosed with liquid calcium chloride. Each storm will dictate the amount of material placed down.

Hills and Curves . . . will be treated 50 feet adjacent to hazardous areas using salt dosed with liquid calcium chloride. Each storm will dictate the amount of material placed down.

All Other Village Streets and Cul-De-Sacs . . . will be either untreated or spot salted when conditions dictate using salt dosed with liquid calcium

chloride. Each storm will dictate the amount of material placed down.

It should be noted that the above policy will serve as a general guideline. The policy may require adjustments after establishing weather and pavement conditions, as well as other factors in the interest of motorist safety.

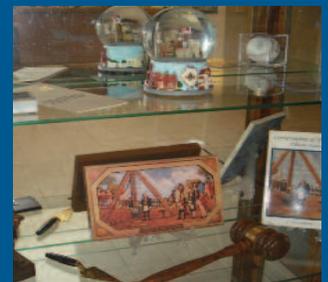
Please use extreme caution this winter, and always, while driving during inclement weather. Don't drive if you don't have to. If you must drive, give yourself additional time to get where you are going.

Stop in the Village Hall to See Scottish Rite Artifacts Display

The Scottish Rite has created a display in the lobby of the Bloomingdale Village

Hall, 201 S. Bloomingdale Road. Among the items of interest are Masonic implements and ceremonial artifacts similar to those used by George Washington during the laying of the cornerstone of the United States Capital in Washington

D.C. on September 18, 1793. Also displayed is a ceremonial shovel from the 1921 groundbreaking of the Logan Square Masonic Temple in Chicago. The Village Hall is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



Adopt a Neighborhood Hydrant!

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



VILLAGE ALMANAC DEADLINE

Do you have news we should know about? Articles and information for the APRIL issue of the *Almanac* must be submitted to Mary Ellen Johnson by MARCH 10. Email her at JOHNSONM@vil.bloomingtondale.il.us

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 last year's blizzard, the Village is able to get out critical information to all subscribers as it becomes available.

Go to www.villageofbloomingtondale.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 Bloomingdale 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

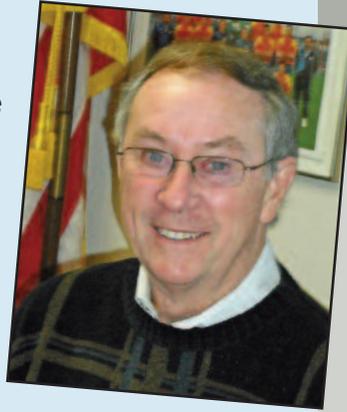
Bill Bolen
Finance and
Administration

Jim King
Intergovernmental and
Community Relations

Michael D. Hovde
Facilities Infrastructure

From the Mayor's Desk

As we enter 2012, the economic health of the business component of our community is showing some strengthening. The management of Stratford Square Mall is now in the hands of the original developer from 1981, Urban Retail Properties. Among improvements planned are more family oriented businesses and attractions. Potential tenants are showing a renewed interest in our regional shopping center. We look forward to seeing some new and exciting developments in the coming months.



Our most recent additions to the Army Trail corridor – H.H. Gregg, Binny's and Ross Dress for Less - are all showing continued steady traffic following the holiday season. We are also looking forward to the 66,000 square foot addition, including a food component to the existing WalMart. We should see the completion of the Super WalMart project later this year.

In addition if you haven't seen the total recreation of the Thornton Gas Station at Lake Street and Circle Avenue, you will be pleasantly surprised with the improvements – both inside and out.

Also, at our eastern boundary, construction is complete for the new headquarters of the Scottish Rite Valley of Chicago. Dedication ceremonies for the new Scottish Rite Cathedral are scheduled for Saturday, March 17th. This will include a traditional building dedication ceremony, followed by a celebratory banquet open to all members of the Scottish Rite.

It looks like the winter of 2012 is finally settling in around us. Stay warm, drive safely and best wishes for a very Happy New Year to all.

Mayor Bob Iden

What If a Snowplow Damages My Mailbox?

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

Residents are requested to inspect mailboxes and posts to ensure sturdiness and compliance with the postal service installation requirements, and correct any problem identified. If you have questions as

to whether or not your mailbox is in compliance with Village requirements, you may contact the Village Services Department - Street Maintenance Division at 630-671-5800.



Parkway Damaged by Snowplows? Let Us Know So We Can Make Repairs

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

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

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

New Year, New Look

The Bloomingdale Almanac takes on a new look with the new year. We hope you enjoy the updated format.

The photo at the top of page one was taken by resident David Von Huben on the path around the reservoir in East Meacham Woods last winter.

Looking for a Summer Job?

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

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



Water rate increase now in effect Check Out These Money Saving Tips

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

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You can take control of your water consumption and minimize the rising cost of water.

As you are probably aware, the City of Chicago adopted a multi-year water rate increase for the purchase of Lake Michigan water. The DuPage Water Commission subsequently adopted a revised water rate schedule incorporating these increases. The Village cannot absorb these rate increases and as a result the Village Board approved a corresponding water rate increase effective January 1, 2012 (Ordinance 2011-42) increasing the cost of water 75¢ per thousand gallons. A typical water customer consuming 7,000 gallons each month would pay an additional \$5.25 per month or \$10.50 per bi-monthly billing cycle. Additional increases are planned for the next several years.

Citizens and businesses connected to the Village of Bloomington utility system get their water from Lake Michigan. Lake Michigan water is part of a bigger global water cycle and is not an unlimited supply. Water is a basic building block of life and as water users, it is our responsibility to preserve the fresh water supply to meet the needs of both current and future citizens. Conserving can make good financial sense because when you reduce your consumption through conservation actions, you also reduce your water bill.

Here are 10 specific actions you can take to conserve on your water consumption which translates into 10 ways you can save on your water bill:

1. Decrease your shower time by two minutes.
2. Install low-flow aerators on all faucets.
3. Do not leave the faucet running. Turn the faucet off while washing hands, face, brushing teeth and shaving. Turn on only when necessary to wet or rinse.
4. Repair all leaks immediately. A small running leak can add thousands of gallons of water to your consumption.
5. Run the washing machine only on a full load and wash clothes less frequently.
6. Wear lightly worn clothes more than once before washing.
7. Install a rain barrel to capture rain water and use for outdoor watering.
8. Turn off taps fully to avoid drips.
9. Use a broom instead of a hose to clean driveways and sidewalks.
10. Do not run the tap continuously when washing dishes or produce.

Throughout the year, we will provide more practical tips to conserve water to help you keep your water bill lower.



Village Reviewing Emergency Police Dispatch Consolidation Option With the Village of Addison

The Village Board has authorized staff to begin negotiations with the Village of Addison and the Emergency Telephone System Board of DuPage County toward the consolidation of Emergency Police Dispatch operations at the Addison Central Dispatch Agency which would be governed by an Executive Board and Operations Committee consisting of



the partnering municipalities. Emergency Dispatch for Fire and EMS is separate and currently dispatched by the Bloomingdale Fire Protection District. The Village is currently reviewing this consolidation initiative for the following reasons.

- The Village's operational costs would decrease by approximately \$231,000 in the first full year of service, and for a similar amount all years thereafter;
- The supervisory demand on sworn personnel would be decreased, thereby allowing for an increase to on-street patrol by at least one (1) patrol officer;
- Increased emergency dispatch staffing would more efficiently accommodate the demands of 24/7 staffing coverage, including back-up for the designated Bloomingdale dispatcher in the event of high call demand, or in case of illness or other benefit time usage;
- A grant will be received through the Emergency Telephone Systems Board of DuPage County for approximately \$300,000 for the purchase of the equipment and software necessary to create an interoperable emergency dispatch system. Interoperability will allow the Village police force to enjoy real-time communications with the State police and all other police agencies who serve DuPage County.

The safety of our residents and police officers is of utmost priority to the Village Board. All safety concerns will be thoroughly reviewed and addressed in the negotiation process. A final agreement is not expected to be ready for approval for a couple of months. Comments or concerns regarding this proposed consolidation with the Village of Addison should be addressed to Frank Giammarese, Chief of Police at 630 529-9868 or giamf@vil.bloomingtondale.il.us.

Thanks!

The Village of Bloomingdale depends on the efforts of certain commissions and committees during the year. Each serves a specific purpose and is made up of volunteers, who contribute a good deal of time to carry out the work of the commission. We extend thanks to the following individuals who have given so freely of their time during 2011.

Business Promotion & Cultural Development Committee

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

Board of Fire & Police Commissioners

Warren Gnau	Frank Letizia
Louis Pavone	

Police Pension Board

Jeff Fritz	Mark Kreciak
Steve Apostolopoulos	Alan Birkley
Randy Sater	

Plan Commission

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

Septemberfest

Mitch Frumkin	Carole Lockhart
Vivi Frumkin	Dolores Orlik
Kelly Gits	Bill Wolff
Susan Lancaster	



New This Spring – Refuse and Recycling Cart-Based Collection Service

Spring is Coming: Be on the Lookout For Emerald Ash Borers

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

It is important for residents to become educated, aware, and vigilant, inspecting their ash



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

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

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

www.emeraldashborer.info/

www.illinoiseab.com/

www.mortonarb.org

www.villageofbloomingdale.org/living-here/public-works-utilities/forestry-programs-tree-care/emerald-ash-borer-eab

The Village has entered into a nine-year extended contract with Republic Services (formerly Allied Waste) to initiate a fully-automated cart based collection service for all curbside residential refuse and recycling services within the Village. Both carts have lids and are on wheels, resulting in ease of transport, increased space for recycling, and reduced debris in our community due to high winds and/or raccoon visitations.

Starting in April, Republic Services will deliver a 95 gallon refuse collection cart to all detached residential units, a 65 gallon refuse collection cart to all townhome residential units, and a 65 gallon recycling cart to all residential units. If the standard cart delivered does not suit individual customer needs, they will have ninety (90) days to exchange their refuse and/or recycling cart for a 35, 65 or 95 gallon refuse or recycling cart at no cost. The yard waste collection system will remain unchanged.

Effective March 1, 2012 the monthly charge for refuse and recycling collection services will increase by \$1.00 per month to \$20.65 for non-senior customers, (which is 18 cents lower than under the current contract provision), and will increase annually by 3.9% thereafter for the remainder of the contract.

The rate for senior customers (65+) will also increase by \$1.00 per month on March 1, 2012, and the senior discount will gradually decrease from the current 50% to 20% by year nine (9) of the contract.

These rates are inclusive of all fees and there will be no additional rental charges for the first two carts. The cost for yard waste stickers will increase by 3.5% to \$2.66 per sticker.

Customers currently using a refuse cart will no longer be charged an additional refuse cart fee. Should a customer (using a 95 gallon refuse) desire a second refuse cart, they may rent a second refuse cart for \$2.00 per month. It remains to be determined whether the current refuse carts being used by customers in town will require replacement.

To maintain cost and efficiency, the collection days in some areas will change in April; the exact service areas affected will not be determined until February. Details about the distribution of the refuse and recycling carts and any changes to service collection days will be published in the April edition of the Village Almanac, as well as in the Village's E-news. To review updated information prior to the release of the Almanac, please visit the Village web site at www.villageofbloomingdale.org. Sign up for the weekly E-news is also available on the website homepage.

Seniors, Mark Your Calendars!

The Bloomingdale Police Department and the Bloomingdale Senior Citizen Advisory Council cordially invite all senior citizens to the Annual Senior Day Fair on Friday, May 4th, 2012, from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. (noon) at the Medinah Shriners Banquet Facility – Addison, Illinois (located on Swift Road just north of Army Trail Road).

Interested vendors of Senior Services/Products may contact Police Officer Dawn Odoi at 630-529-9868.

Event is free. More details in the April Almanac.

Neighborhood Watch In Action

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

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



Neighborhood Watch Calendar of Upcoming Events



GENERAL MEETINGS

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

March 21
May 16
July 18
September 19
November 21

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME -- BLOOMINGDALE PARK DISTRICT

Tuesday, August 7, 2012
6:00-9:00 PM

WELCOME

Bloomingdale is a
CRIME
WATCH
community



We immediately report all suspicious activities to our Police Department

OUR SUCCESS IS MEASURED BY THE SCOPE OF YOUR INVOLVEMENT

Sincerely,

Frank Giammarese,
Chief of Police

Dawn Odoi,
Community Policing
Officer
630-529-9868

Check Out These Scholarships!

Happy Anniversary!

Congratulations to the following Village Employees who celebrated milestone anniversaries in 2011.

30 Years

Kurt Domianus
Vern Fasse

25 Years

Michael Gricus
Pat Perry

20 Years

Jim Horvath
Gary Szott
Sally Zeiger

15 Years

Tim Grant
Sue Osicek
Jackie Slater
Elias Vega

10 Years

Juan Arce
Erick Cooper
Ben Francis
Janice Hernon
Jeff Hill
Nicolet Keane
Ken Lindhorn
Mark Mason
Ruth Summers
Anthony Svoboda
Denise Von Feldt
Chris Whitsell

5 Years

Kay Argo
Ed Cieslak
Anthony Coronato
Tara Giertz
Judy Grabemann
Jim Hunt
Mark Michaels
Sean Noonan
Daryl O'Leary
Ken Petersen

The **Bloomington Women's Club** is offering the opportunity to earn one \$1,000 scholarship to a graduating high school Senior, residing in the Village of Bloomington, with a "C" average or better. The major criteria for awarding the scholarship will be the evidence of Community Service and /or school involvement. The scholarship application packet is available through the Guidance offices at Lake Park, Glenbard North and Addison Trail High Schools. The deadline for submission of completed application packages is April 1, 2012. Call Rose Fitzpatrick at 630-291-3667 or Bev Petrosius at 630-624-9545 with questions or for more information.

The **Bloomington Chamber of Commerce** will also be offering scholarships to graduating seniors and continuing post-secondary students. Candidates must be a Bloomington resident or an employee of a Bloomington Chamber member. Applications will be available after Monday, February 13 at the Chamber office, 108 W. Lake Street or on the website www.bloomingtonchamber.com. The deadline for submission is noon on Friday, April 13, 2012. For more information call the Chamber office at 630-980-9082.

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

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

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

The Bloomington Garden Club also plans to offer a \$500 scholarship to one area student who will pursue a college degree/certification in a horticulture-related field for the 2012-13 academic year. Details will follow in the April issue of the Almanac.



Last year 19 students were awarded scholarships from the Bloomington Chamber of Commerce donors.

Business News

Care-Giving Agency Moves Offices

Ardent Care Health Group, Inc., a family-owned care-giving agency, has recently moved from 123 E. Lake Street, Suite 201, to 120 S. Ridge Avenue, Unit 13. The company has been sending caregivers into people's homes since April of 2007. They started the business after the father of one of the owners was afflicted with Alzheimer's disease. The daughter saw how he suffered and witnessed the relief that caregivers brought her family.



Ardent owner Lou Batalla-Toya reading a birthday card to one of Ardent's valued clients.

The Ardent Care caregivers provide non-medical services such as companionship, light housekeeping and laundry, bathing and dressing, meal preparation and feeding, transportation to doctor's visits, light errands and shopping, medication reminders, assistance with personal care, and dementia/Alzheimer's care. Ardent Care employees have a passion for caring for seniors and those in need of in-home quality care. All of their caregivers are bonded and insured. You can contact their office 24/7 at 630-539-8339.

Optica Eye Specialists Now at 366 W. Army Trail Road

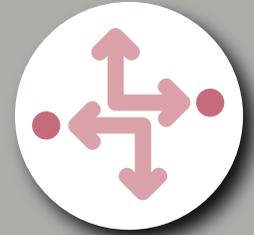
Optica Eye Specialists has been serving Bloomingdale with quality eye service with a personal touch for seven years. After a long wait, the office is finally moving to 366 W. Army Trail Road, Ste. 310-B. Optica Eye Specialists is still in Bloomingdale Court, but now it located in the corner between Joann Fabrics and Office Max.

The staff invites all to their Grand Re-Opening Event, Saturday, February 18, 2012, from 10am-4pm! Mayor Bob Iden will be on hand for the 10 a.m. Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. There will be free gifts, food, glasses sales, and fun all day long!

To make your next eye appointment at the new office call 630-893-1450.

Sharing the Spirit

Employees and friends from **Headlines Hair Salon** in Springbrook Shopping Center spent an evening singing Christmas carols with residents of **Alden Gardens of Bloomingdale** on Army Trail Road. The mood was festive and everyone had a great time.



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**

Welcome to These New Businesses

Signature Euro Deli,
formerly Little Poland
160 E. Lake Street

Lady Jane's Haircuts for Men
357 W. Army Trail Road

Hanna's Bakery
231 E. Army Trail Road

Funflatables
Stratford Square



Community Events

Come Out to Watch Bloomingdale Bucks Vintage Ball Club Play 1858 Style!

The Bloomingdale Bucks Vintage Base Ball Club will begin its second season with a very ambitious schedule which includes five home games at Springfield Park (Du Page Plowboys, Springfield Long Nine, Chicago Salmon, Forest City Ball Club and Milwaukee Grays.) Road games include a trip to Milwaukee, Springfield, Lemont and Cantigny.

The Bucks play 1858 rules, which include no gloves, no base stealing, no spitting, swearing or arguing with the arbitrator! Anyone between the ages of 14 and (no age limit!) male or female, are invited to join the team!

The team is sponsored by the Bloomingdale Park District and Bloomingdale Historical Society, with registration with the Park District required. Registration information will be included in the Park's summer brochure.

For more information, please contact Bob "Do Nothing" Kurek at 630-894-0045, or email kurek47@comcast.net and be sure to go to the Bucks Facebook page.



Don't mess with the arbitrator!

Relay for Life Kick-Off Rally at Ballydoyle Pub on February 21

The American Cancer Society Relay for Life for Bloomingdale, Roselle, Itasca and Medinah will officially get underway on February 21, 2012 from 7-9 p.m. at Ballydoyle Irish Pub and Restaurant as event volunteers and participants gather for a kick-off rally. The rally will feature inspirational speakers from the community who have benefitted from the funds raised at past Relays, as well as honoring cancer survivors. You may also register as a team for the overnight event to take place June 15-16, 2012 at Lake Park East Campus. For more information, contact Maryann Grygiel at Mobysmom2k1@yahoo.com



Bloomingdale Women's Club Announces Upcoming Programs

The Bloomingdale Women's Club members not only strive to make a difference in the community through their charitable donations; they also strive to make each other's lives better through friendship, fun and fantastic programs. During the next two months you could learn how to IMPROVE your memory and SAVE on your utility bills at the Bloomingdale Women's Club meetings.

On February 9th, the BWC program will be the educational and entertaining presentation, PAVE(TM) Your Way to a Better Memory. Dr. Linda Sasser, Professor of Education at Judson University in Elgin, will show how memory works and how to improve it. She will share her distinctive PAVE(TM) strategies which aid in remembering names, information and tasks.

On March 8th the program will feature a representative from the Citizen's Utility Board (CUB), the non-profit, non-partisan organization that represents the interests of residential utility customers of Illinois. The presentation will show how to save money on your electric, gas and phone bills.

Bloomingdale Women's Club meetings are held the second Thursday of the month from September through April at the Bloomingdale Fire Station, 179 South Bloomingdale Road. Social time starts at 7, followed by the meeting and a program. Refreshments are served. For more information on the Bloomingdale Women's Club and our activities contact Maureen Gibson at 630-539-1674.

Lions Spaghetti Dinner Set for February 10

The Bloomingdale Lions Club will host a Spaghetti Dinner on Friday, February 10 at the Bloomingdale Golf Club, 181 Glen Ellyn Road, from 5-8 p.m. The cost is \$10 per person; children under eight are free. Entertainment provided by Tony Spavone. Proceeds from the dinner will benefit the hearing and visually impaired persons in the community, as well as other needs.

Someone Must Wash the Dishes!

As March is Women's History Month, the Bloomingdale Public Library and the Bloomingdale Historical Society co-sponsor the delightful performance of "Someone Must Wash the Dishes: An Anti-Suffrage Satire," which was written by Pro-Suffragist Marie Jenney Howe in 1912. Many women fought against getting the vote in the early 1900's, but none with more charm, prettier clothes – and less logic – than the fictional speaker in this satirical monologue. Labeled a radical notion, Mrs. Harry Horatio Hemmenway declares, "Woman suffrage is the reform against nature."



"Ladies, get what you want. Pound pillows. Make a scene. Make home a hell on earth—but do it in a womanly way! That is so much more dignified and refined than walking up to a ballot box and dropping in a piece of paper!"

The one-woman show is performed by Michèle LaRue, an Illinois native, now based in New York. She is a professional actress who tours nationally with a repertoire of shows by turn-of-the-previous-century American writers. This very funny show takes place from 2-3 p.m. on Saturday, March 24. The show is free, but registration is encouraged. Call 630-924-2730. Refreshments will be served.

Historically Speaking

The March 17, 2012 dedication of the new headquarters of the Scottish Rite Valley of Chicago at the northwest corner of Lake Street and Medinah Road does not mark the first time Bloomingdale has been home to Freemasons.



Seth Smith store circa 1920s

Almost 90 years ago, 21 members of the Masonic fraternity petitioned the Grand Lodge of Illinois for permission to establish a new Lodge in Bloomingdale to be known as the Northern DuPage Lodge. Once approved, the new Lodge No. 1147 met upstairs of Seth Smith's grocery and general store at the southeast corner of Bloomingdale Road & Lake Street (currently the Mobil Station).

In 1933, Smith's building was consumed by fire, along with all the Lodge's records and paraphernalia. After meeting periodically in temporary locations, the lodge began meeting upstairs in the old Village Hall (originally the old Schoolhouse) in 1936. This is the building at Lake and Third streets which now houses the Bloomingdale Chamber and the Bloomingdale Historical Society offices. Membership in the Northern DuPage Lodge No 1147 grew steadily from 46 in 1936 to its peak at 123 in 1963. In 1976, due to dwindling membership, the Northern DuPage Lodge merged with the Bensenville Lodge.

For more information about the Scottish Rite and its history, visit www.ScottishRiteChicago.org



Take a Break from Winter at Garden Club's Flower Arranging Program

Bloomingdale Garden Club offers a break from winter with its February 21st Garden Club meeting focusing on flower arranging. Talented artists from Flowers by Christine will work their magic and share their secrets for creating exquisite arrangements.

The Garden Club's March 20th meeting will feature Harry Patterson telling the story of his "Life as a Beekeeper." He will present the intriguing life of honey bees, as well as raise awareness of the urgent need to protect these important pollinators. Bee products, including honey, lip balm, candles and gift items will be available for purchase.

Programs are held at the Bloomingdale Fire Station #1, 179 S. Bloomingdale Road, beginning at 6:30 p.m. For more information contact Roberta Pulido at 630-295-8315.



Village Forester Jim Johnson brought trimmings from Village evergreen trees for the club's holiday wreath workshop. He also helped members as they created their individual wreaths and centerpieces.

Around and About Town

Upcoming Special Events at Stratford Square Mall

Sunburst Baby Contest/ Beauty Pageant

Sunday, February 5th, 1:00 pm

Carson Pirie Scott Court

The Baby Contest is open to boys and girls from Newborn to 3 years old. The Beauty Contest is open to girls/women ages 4 - 27 years old. Everyone will receive a crown and trophy. Registration forms with details are available at the Concierge Service Center or www.pageantinfo.com.

American Mall Model Search

Tuesday, February 7th
(Auditions start)

Tuesday, March 20th
(Auditions start)

Time - TBD

Kohl's Court

If you've dreamed about being an actor, model or professional entertainer this is your opportunity.

Registration forms are available at the booths around the mall.

For more information and additional events, please visit the Stratford Square Mall website at www.stratfordmall.com or call the Concierge Service Center at 630-539-1000.

Illinois Fire Chiefs Honor Timothy Deutschle

At the 2011 Illinois Fire Chiefs Association Conference Bloomington Fire Protection District Trustee Timothy Deutschle received the title of Fire Chief Emeritus. This award is reserved for those retired chiefs who have had distinguished careers and whose significant contributions set them apart from their peers.



Bloomington Fire Protection District Trustee Timothy Deutschle's fire service contribution has spanned over 40 years and continues on today. Trustee Deutschle was hired by the Addison Fire Protection District on January 4, 1971. He was promoted to Lieutenant in 1977, Captain in 1979, Deputy Fire Chief in 1986, and Fire Chief in 1992 a position he held until his retirement in 2004. Trustee Deutschle was elected as a Fire Trustee for the Bloomington Fire Protection District in 2007 and currently serves as the Treasurer of the District. He is the Addison Firefighters Pension Board President, a position he has held for decades. Trustee Deutschle is an active member in the DuPage Fire Chiefs Association, Illinois Fire Chiefs Association, Illinois Professional Fire Fighters Association, International Fire Chiefs Association, Metropolitan Fire Chiefs Association, Illinois Fire Districts Association, and the Northern Illinois Alliance of Fire Protection Districts.

Over his fire service career, Trustee Deutschle has been very active lobbying for pensions and management issues within the State of Illinois. He remains a registered lobbyist working on behalf of all the firefighters and fire chiefs within the state.

Georgene Geils Award

Bloomington Area Women in Business will present its fourth Annual Woman of the Year Award at a dinner on Tuesday, February 28 at Jameson's Charhouse. The award is named after local businesswoman Georgene Geils who was a pioneer in her professional life and served as a role model and mentor to her fellow professional women. Georgene passed away in July 2011 at the age of 83. Each year we present our Woman of the Year Award to a woman who displays the same professionalism and sense of community that was characteristic of Georgene. For more information about tickets to the award dinner, call the chamber at 630-980-9082.



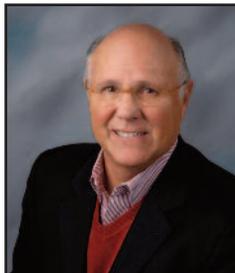
2011 recipient Branka Poplonksi with son Eric and husband Stan.

Annual Awards Presented at Chamber's Holiday Luncheon

The Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce presented annual awards at its December Holiday Luncheon. **Bryan Ryndak**, president of Ryndak Physical Therapy was named "Ambassador of the Year" for his great example of networking and for the enthusiasm he brings to the chamber. An active participant in many of the Chamber's events, Bryan is always looking to connect with people and to connect people with each other. **Adventist GlenOaks Hospital** was awarded Business of the Year. Adventist has served as the Presenting Sponsor for the 50 Men Who Cook fundraiser for the past two years, is a sponsor of the Chamber's annual Golf Outing and always hosts students for the organization's annual Student to Business Partnership.

John Rossini, owner of Amber Mortgage Lending Corp., received the "Leadership Award" for his tireless energy in promoting the benefits of Chamber membership. John is currently the vice president of the Bloomingdale ONE leads group, as well as the Chairman of the Chamber Ambassador Group. **Tom Itrich** of Huskie Tools was presented with the Heritage Award, which is reserved for a business person who is community-minded, a philanthropist and a high visibility leader.

A Chamber member since 1995 and a board member since 1998, Tom is stepping down from the board to spend more time at his home in Florida. His philosophy has always been to encourage and support Chamber activities and to work with the "movers and shakers" of the community. Though most Chamber members are not prospective customers for Huskie Tools, Tom has always been actively involved in the Chamber and a generous contributor to all its endeavors. The Bloomingdale Chamber expressed appreciation for Tom's exceptional generosity and good-natured character and wishes him the best as he starts a new phase of his life.



Lancettes Strut Their Stuff on Morning News



Lake Park High School's state champion dance team, the Lancettes, performed live on the Channel 7 ABC News Morning Show on November 14, 2011 as part

of the "Dance Team Dance-Off." The Lancettes went up against dance teams from Crystal Lake South, Maine South and Eisenhower high schools. Following the fan voting, the defending Class AAA State Grand Champion Lancettes were named the winner of the competition.



Dentistry from the Heart

Comprehensive Dentistry, Ltd., 183 S. Bloomingdale Road, Suite 200, will host a free dental care event through Dentistry From The Heart (DFTH) supporting DuPage County residents by providing free dental services to the first 50+ people on April 21, 2012.

The team of dental professionals at Comprehensive Dentistry, Ltd.- Dr. Claudio Levato, Dr. Sharon Levato and Dr. Gilbert Abadilla will provide the first 50 adult patients with a free extraction, filling or cleaning. There will also be several hygienists, dental assistants and other dental professionals donating their time and resources, in order to provide free dental care to as many residents in need as possible. This DFTH event will donate thousands of dollars in free dental care and provide much needed relief to people in need in the community.

Patients are asked to arrive early as the event is a first come, first serve basis. Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. and patients will be seen through 5 p.m. that day. Patients are also encouraged dress appropriately for the weather and bring chairs, blankets, water, snacks, etc. as they will be outside waiting to be seen.

This is the first annual event for Comprehensive Dentistry, Ltd. and like hundreds of other Dentistry From The Heart members, this will not be their last annual event. This sort of outreach comes complete with improved smiles, relief from suffering and a warm sense of gratitude that pervades. The services provided by Dentistry From The Heart not only helps a patients teeth and overall health, it gives them a renewed reason to smile.

For more information visit www.ComprehensiveDentistry.com or call us at (630)-529-2522.

The smiles are on us!

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Resolve to be Ready: Make 2012 Your Year to be Prepared

The Bloomington Fire Protection District and FEMA would like all of our residents to be prepared when disaster occurs. Before the ball dropped and we rang in the New Year, many residents made New Year's resolutions for 2012. Many of those seem to repeated year in and year out, like working more exercise into the daily routine, eating healthier, saving more or donating a larger portion to charitable causes. However, this year here is a New Year's resolution idea that could prove to be priceless. Resolve to be Ready in 2012 and commit to making family, home or business better prepared for an emergency.

The hardest part of keeping a resolution is sustaining momentum after those first few weeks of the New Year. So here are some ideas for how you can phase in your resolution to be ready for an emergency in 2012:

- **Set a monthly reminder in your calendar to test your home's smoke alarms** – the first of every month in your personal or work calendar can serve as a great reminder to test your smoke alarms.
- **Pick up one item for your emergency kit on each of your shopping runs** – building your family's emergency kit doesn't need to happen in one fell swoop. Pick up canned food, bottled water, a battery-powered radio, flashlight, extra batteries, and other recommended emergency items over the first month or two of the year (it will also spread the cost of building your emergency supply kit).
- **Set attainable preparedness goals for each month of 2012** – learning your home's fire escape routes or remembering your family's emergency communication plan is easier with regular practice. So during each month of the year, set small goals like finishing your emergency kit, practicing your fire escape plan, reviewing family emergency meeting locations, bookmarking useful websites and mobile websites and learning about local resources in your area.

We sincerely hope you will join the Bloomington Fire Protection District and FEMA to Resolve to be Ready in 2012. It's a resolution we can keep, and one that will definitely prove its worth, should disaster strike. For more information on emergency preparedness, contact Battalion Chief Richard Kurka at 630-894-9080.

Chief Christensen Retires

David Christensen, Bloomington Fire Protection District 1 Fire Chief, has announced his retirement from the Fire Department, effective February 1, 2012. Dave was hired by the Bloomington Fire Protection District on June 1, 1981. He served as a firefighter/paramedic until being promoted in 1994 to Lieutenant, 1998 to Assistant Chief and 2005 to Fire Chief. During his tenure on the department David participated on local, regional and state training committees and providing training and instruction to firefighters and officers in fire suppression, EMS, technical rescue, hazardous materials and incident management. Chief Christensen is a member in many organizations and has served in offices of the DuPage County Fire Chiefs Association and MABAS Division 12. Although he is leaving his career in fire service, Dave plans to work closely on firefighter safety issues on the insurance end. He also has a passion for golf that will take up a little of his time. Congratulations and best wishes, Dave!



Michael McNamara Named New Fire Protection District Chief

Michael McNamara has been named Fire Chief and will be installed at a promotion ceremony on February 2nd. Like his predecessor, Mike moved up through the ranks. He came to the department as a firefighter/paramedic in 1986. He was promoted to Battalion Chief in 2004 and to Deputy Chief in 2008.

We wish him the best in his new position as Fire Chief.



VFW Packs Care Packages for Afghanistan



To our residents and the parishioners of Saint Walters Church, a great big thank you. With your help we were able to ship 259 care packages to Afghanistan in the month of December - packages to the men and women who are on the front lines protecting and serving this greatest country in the world, the Land of the Free, America. Prior to December, our greatest one month shipping total was 123 packages. As members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, we know all too well what it's like being away from home, families and loved ones during the holiday season. What you have helped us accomplish was to, if only for a moment, take away some of that loneliness. With your help, we were able to fill a void with hope, love, and an understanding that someone, some place back in the United States cares enough to bring some holiday joy into their lives.

On behalf of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Bloomingdale Post 7539, Thank you for caring.

The VFW is always accepting items for care packages. Visit www.vfw7539.org to see some of the items the troops "wish for." If you would like to donate any of these, just bring them to the Bloomingdale Fire Department, 179 S. Bloomingdale Road. If you would like to help defray the costs of sending the packages, click on the "donate" button to make a donation. Your support of the VFW will help support our troops.



Underground Cable Work Now Underway

Beginning in January 2012, ComEd and its sub-contractor Intren (also known as Trench-it), began replacing nearly 10 miles of underground electric cable throughout the Village. This work, which is part of ComEd's annual system reliability improvements, will continue through February and March.

The majority of the work will be completed by Intren, a sub-contractor to Com-Ed. To minimize disturbance and the scope of restorations, horizontal directional drilling, a steerable trenchless method of installing underground pipes, conduits and cables, will be used to replace the underground cable. Only occasional excavations will be required to complete the work. Minimal, if any, electrical service disruptions are expected in completing the work.

Both ComEd and Intren personnel will be working in rear yard and/or side yard easements to complete their various tasks. Intren will place a door hanger notifying affected property owners in the work area. Notices will also be sent out through Code Red phone messages. If you have not signed up for Code Red, you can do so on the Village's home page at www.villageofbloomingdale.org or by calling the police department at 630-529-9868.

Both Intren and ComEd workers will be wearing or carrying identification; and their vehicles should be also be clearly marked. No workers should ask you for access to the interior of your residence to complete the work, as it is not necessary. Areas disturbed by the work will be restored with top soil and seed blanket as weather permits in the Spring.

Please direct any questions or concerns to Sean Hughes, Project Manager for Intren at 815-482-5151. You may also contact the Village's Engineering Division at 630-671-5676.



Remember when it looked like this? January 2012 Before Winter Arrived!

A New Law Bans Electronics from Landfills

Beginning January 1, 2012, TVs, computers, laptops, keyboards, monitors, printers, peripherals, VCR/DVD players, gaming systems, MP3 players and other electronic items were banned from Illinois landfills. The Village's waste hauler, Republic Services, will no longer pick up electronic waste at the curb starting January 1, 2012.

The Bloomingdale Township Highway Department sponsors an Electronic Recycling Event the first Saturday of every month (except January, February, March & holiday weekends) at the Bloomingdale Township Garage, 123 N. Rosedale Ave., 8:00 a.m. to noon. Go to www.BloomingdaleTownshipHighway-Dept.com for electronic items accepted. A list of additional agencies accepting electronic equipment for recycling is available on the DuPage County website www.dupageco.org



Primary Election on February 21

A General Primary Election will be conducted on March 20, 2012. February 21 is the last date to register to vote in this election. Registration is available both at the Village Hall and the Bloomingdale Public Library, as well as at the DuPage Election Commission office, 421 N. County Farm Road. When registering, be sure to bring two forms of identification with you, one of which must have your correct address on it.

You can also register by mail using an approved registration application form. You may download an application form from www.dupageelections.com or contact the DuPage Election Commission at 630-407-5600 to have a form sent to you. Instructions are included on the form for where to mail it.

There is also a grace period from February 22- March 13 when you can register or change your address and vote at the same time. Registering to vote or transferring a registration and voting during the "grace period" may only be done in the Election Commission office.

Early voting will take place from February 27 through March 15, 2012 at eight

sites throughout DuPage County. DuPage County registered voters may vote "early" at any DuPage County Early Voting site.

A registered voter simply drops by an Early Voting site and presents a valid government issued photo ID card. Election workers verify the voter's registration status through a central database at the DuPage County Election Commission.

Once validated, the database is updated (preventing the voter from voting at another location). The voter is allowed to cast a ballot using an ATM-like touch screen device. The vote will be tabulated once the polls close on Election Day. PLEASE NOTE: Once an early vote has been cast, the vote is final. The voter may not go to the polling place on Election Day to change a vote.

For more information on Absentee Voting, or any other voting question, check the DuPage Election Commission website at www.dupageelections.com or call the Election Commission at 630-407-5600.

Character Counts Nominations Open Until March 13



Last year's honorees

Every Spring the Bloomingdale CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition sponsors a breakfast to recognize members of the community who live, work or attend school in Bloomingdale who exhibit outstanding character. Honorees are nominated with a description of the pillar of character that they exemplify.

The 11th Annual Recognition Program will be held at 9:00 am on April 28, 2012 at the Bloomingdale Golf Club. There is still time to make a nomination for this year's program. They are due no later than March 13, 2012. Forms are available at www.villageofbloomingdale.org on the homepage, www.character60108.org and on www.bloomingdaleparks.org.

Last year's winners included two volunteer mentors for elementary schools students, two very active PTO members, a Bloomingdale Lion for his youth centered activities and a pediatric dentist office. Completed forms may be dropped off at Westfield Middle School, Erickson School, DuJardin School, Winnebago School, Bloomingdale Village Hall, the Johnston Recreation Center, Bloomingdale Township, or the Bloomingdale Library. They may also be faxed to (630) 529-9184. For more information, please call Sandy at 630-529-3650 or email sandy@bloomingdaleparks.org.

Lauren Dublin Winner of Voice of Democracy

Bloomingdale resident Lauren Dublin, a senior at Lake Park High School, recently won the 2011-2012 Glendale Heights VFW Post #2377 Voice of Democracy Contest. This year's theme was "Is There Pride in Serving in the Military Today?" Lauren, who is also a news editor of Lake Park's newspaper, "Perspective," won \$200 and was entered into the District level competition.

Friends of Library Book Sale Set for March 10 & 11

The Friends of the Bloomingdale Library will hold their Spring Book Sale on Saturday and Sunday, March 10 & 11, 2012 on the lower level of the Bloomingdale Public Library. Gently used books, CDs, videos, DVDs and more will be offered. Hours are Saturday, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.; Sunday, 1-3 p.m. Donations of books will be accepted at the library beginning March 3rd.

Can't wait until March? Check out the collection of used library materials across from the Circulation Desk on sale at bargain prices at all time. There's always something new on the shelves.

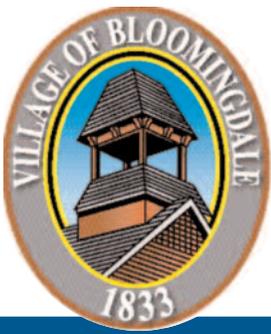
When Temperatures Fall Below Zero

- If you have pipes that are vulnerable to freezing, allow a small trickle of water to run overnight to keep pipes from freezing. The cost of the extra water is low compared to the cost to repair a broken pipe.
- Open cabinet doors to expose pipes to warmer room temperatures to help keep them from freezing.

If your pipes freeze:

- Shut off the water immediately. Don't attempt to thaw frozen pipes unless the water is shut off. Freezing can often cause unseen cracks in pipes or joints.
- Apply heat to the frozen pipe by warming the air around it, or by applying heat directly to a pipe. You can use a hair dryer, space heater, or hot water. Be sure not to leave space heaters unattended, and avoid the use of kerosene heaters or open flames.





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Museum Hosting Student Art Show



The Bloomingdale Park District Museum hosts its most popular annual show, the 29th Annual Student Art Show, starting March 10 and running through April 14th. Both galleries will be filled with the artwork of students kindergarten through 12th grade, from several area schools. The Opening Reception for this fun and fascinating art show is Sunday, March 18, 1-4 p.m.



Shop with a Cop

Bloomingdale FOP Lodge 175 held its annual "Cops and Kids for Christmas" event for 16 youngsters from Bloomingdale Township, some of whom are the children of military personnel. Thanks to Old Country Buffet, Meijers, John Dabrowski, Joseph Salerno & Salerno Rosedale Chapels, Toys R Us, Warren Gnau, Dan Riley, C. Richard and Arlene Schneible, the Bloomingdale Township Republican Party and the Chicagoland Italian American Charitable Organization for their most generous donations to this program. As you can see from the photos, the children, as well as the adults, had a wonderful time.

