

Village of Bloomingdale *Almanac*

October 2012

Growth with Pride

Register to Vote By October 9



The 2012 Presidential Election will be held on Tuesday, November 6,

2012. The last day to register to vote for this election is October 9, 2012. You may register to vote at the Bloomingdale Village Hall, 201 S. Bloomingdale Road, or at the Bloomingdale Public Library, 101 Fairfield Way, but please call the Library to determine if a registrar will be available. The Village Hall is open 8:30-4:30 Monday through Friday. The Library is open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. on Friday and Saturday.

You may also register to vote at the DuPage County Election Commission, 421 N. County Farm Road, Wheaton, IL 60187

In order to register to vote, you will need two forms of identification, one of which must show your current address.

Referendum for Appointed Village Clerk

At the request of the Village Board, the following question will be presented to voters on the General Election Ballot to be held on Tuesday, November 6, 2012, which asks:

“Shall the Clerk in the Village of Bloomingdale be appointed, rather than elected?”

Currently, the Bloomingdale Village Clerk is an elected position that serves a four (4) year term according to State law. By Illinois law, Villages can have either an elected or appointed Clerk position, however, an appointed Clerk can only be approved by local referendum.

When the former Village Clerk resigned from the position on July 31, 2011, the Village Board appointed her Deputy Village Clerk (a paid staff position) to fill the vacancy until the

Shall the Clerk in the Village of Bloomingdale be appointed, rather than elected?

YES _____

NO _____

Consolidated Election (for local governments) to be held on April 9, 2013. Filling the vacancy was a relatively seamless transition because the Deputy Village Clerk (along with other key Village staff) already performed the elected Clerk duties (listed below) on either a regular or fill-in basis for many years.

- The posting and recording of all Village meetings and proceedings of the Village Board;
- Posting, recording, delivering, issuing, serving, attesting, and

maintaining an accurate record of all Village ordinances, certain licenses, and other official papers where applicable, and as required by law, ordinance, or by order of the Village President or Board of Trustees;

- Countersigning all contracts, bonds, or other agreements in writing, or evidence of indebtedness, of the Village made in the name of the Village, and by the authority of the Village President and (continued on page 7)

Septemberfest Revisited

A great chance to visit friends and neighbors!



Sizzling Septemberfest

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 9:00 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



The 39th annual Septemberfest bought out the community for a perfect September Day.

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 Bloomingdale Elected Officials

Robert G. Iden
Village President

Robert Czernek
Traffic and Streets

James M. Gebis
Planning, Zoning
& Environmental
Concerns

Irene M. Jones
Village Clerk

Bill Bolen
Finance and
Administration

Jim King
Intergovernmental and
Community Relations

TRUSTEES

Judi Von Huben
Public Safety

Michael D. Hovde
Facilities Infrastructure

Photo on p. 1: Resident Gary Umlauf took this photo of the Hilton Indian Lakes golf course on an early fall morning last year.

From the Mayor's Desk

Bloomingtondale is a place where you can walk, run, roller blade or bike on recreational paths in the morning, shop at Stratford Square Mall or at one of our diverse shopping areas in the afternoon, then later choose from over 60 eating establishments for a bite to eat or a full meal.

I am proud of our business community, both the retail base, which allows the village to keep property taxes low because of sales tax revenues, and the many professionals and service-oriented businesses that help us maintain the outstanding quality of life we enjoy.

Bloomingtondale can boast lower property tax rates than surrounding communities. Sales taxes from Bloomingtondale's retail businesses are the largest source of revenue for Village operations, currently contributing \$7.8 million or 48% of the Village's \$16.1 million budget, reducing our dependence on property taxes.

Bloomingtondale enjoys excellent schools, a library that rivals any other in DuPage County, an award-winning park district, police and fire departments which provide excellent public service and community programs.

As Mayor, I have always emphasized the value of positive intergovernmental relationships with other local entities. Our innovative 15-year old Bloomingtondale Intergovernmental Group (BIG), consists of all the governmental agencies in Bloomingtondale, and others, such as Bloomingtondale Township, DuPage County, and school districts based in neighboring communities. BIG meets quarterly, fostering cooperation in shared resources, community events and general networking. We enjoy a friendly, positive relationship, which is a great benefit to the village at large.

One of our proudest accomplishments during my tenure as mayor is the passage of a home rule referendum in 1996, which allowed the village to purchase the golf course near the eastern edge of Bloomingtondale on Lake Street, providing open space preservation and recreation without increasing real estate taxes.

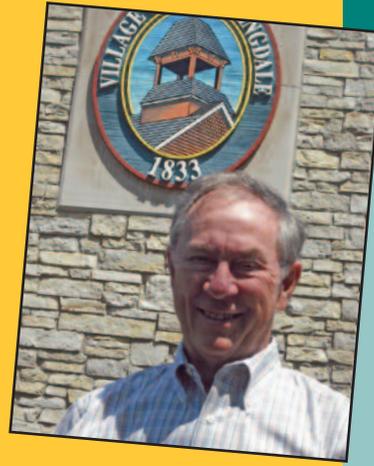
Bloomingtondale also has DuPage County Forest Preserves areas within our borders. These, combined with other legs of the DuPage County Regional Bikeway Plan and the Bloomingtondale Park District park lands, make open space a real asset in Bloomingtondale.

Most recently, we were supportive of the efforts on the part of Indian Lakes Resort to acquire the Hilton brand, which has brought a boost in activity to the resort. We are also pleased to see renewed marketing efforts and new stores opening at Stratford Square Mall.

In the interest of retaining existing businesses, the Village of Bloomingtondale has joined the nationwide 3/50 Project which encourages residents to spend a combined total of \$50 a month at three of their favorite hometown businesses. We are also partnering with our Chamber of Commerce to introduce small businesses to opportunities to help themselves through SCORE, a national organization which provides free mentoring to help new and existing small businesses grow and prosper. For more information on both these programs, see p. 9

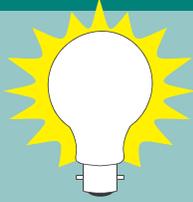
When I first moved my family here, I was proud to call Bloomingtondale our home. Nearly 45 years later, I continue to be proud of the kind of hometown Bloomingtondale has become.

Mayor Bob Iden



Significant Electric Grid Modernization Work in Bloomingtondale

The Village wants you to know that ComEd has made major electrical system improvements in Bloomingtondale, as part of ComEd's continued investment in their public service system, and made possible by the recently-enacted Energy Infrastructure Modernization Act [Illinois Public Act 97-0646 (HB3036)].



ComEd has already installed five distribution automation devices designed to improve their performance and reduce interruptions. These devices allow ComEd to quickly detect faults on the system and to re-route power around the problem, often with no noticeable interruption in service. This minimizes the number of customers affected by isolating the problem area and making automatic, real-time adjustments to the electric grid.

ComEd has replaced or refurbished more than 70,000 feet (13 miles) of underground residential distribution (URD) cable in Bloomingtondale. URD cable was either refurbished or replaced where necessary to reduce the number of customer service interruptions due to cable failures.

ComEd also replaced or refurbished 2,500 feet of mainline cable in Bloomingtondale to improve performance and reduce customer service interruptions. ComEd's Mainline Cable Program is a complex effort that also involves manhole repairs and upgrades.

The Village congratulates ComEd for its effort to provide better reliability for Village consumers, prepare its system for the demands of the 21st century economy, and provide new ways for consumers to save on their energy bills.

Apply by December 1, 2012

2013 50-50 Tree Planting Program

Street Sweeping, Leaf Collection Thru November 30

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

Residents are encouraged to participate in Republic's yard waste/leaf collection program. Leaves and yard waste placed in yard waste bags or cans (with handles) affixed with a sticker (\$2.66 each) will be picked up by Republic on regular trash days through November 30th.

Help Prevent Street Flooding

The fall season is upon us and with it often come heavy rains. We are asking residents to check and clean their storm grates along the curbs by their homes if heavy rains are forecasted. Keeping the drains open for stormwater will help avoid the flooding of streets and walkways.

Our crews do circulate during a rain event to check for standing water and clear the grates to remove the standing water, but your assistance could prevent potential flooding. We do not encourage residents to clean structures which are already under water. For standing water, please call 630-671-5830 during regular hours and 630-529-9868 after hours and on weekends to get crews to the site.

The Village Board has again allocated funds for this very successful program initiated in 1982. The program provides trees, including planting, at a 50/50 cost sharing with the Village. The trees will be planted next Spring 2013 and are available for residential, business or commercial properties visible from the street, and like locations of these private properties. Business and commercial properties wishing to participate should contact Jim Johnson, Urban Forester, at 630-671-5804 in advance of submitting a Program Request Form.

The following are the guidelines of the program:

- The program is offered on a first-come, first-served basis subject to available annual funding amounts. Participants must complete and submit the Program Request Form by December 1, 2012. No payment is required at this time. Bills will be sent to successful Program Requests about February 1, 2013.
- Trees will be 2½" caliper, unless stated otherwise. Trees will be quality nursery stock but not specimen plants.
- The Village reserves the right to disapprove requests based on conflicts, safety, or proper spacing.
- Removal of dead trees, stumps and/or large roots is not included and must be performed by the applicant before March 15th.
- Each residential parcel will be limited to two trees per year. Each business or commercial property will be limited to four trees per year.
- Participants will be given the opportunity to mark the desired location for the tree; however, the Village Forester retains the right to change the location, if necessary.
- We anticipate the total cost of each 2½" caliper tree planted will range between \$200 and \$300, with the Village paying half of this amount.
- Trees will be guaranteed for one year. Participants are responsible for all watering which will be described in instructions furnished by the Village.
- If further information is desired, contact Jim Johnson, Urban Forester, at 630-671-5804.



Armstrong Maple



Japanese Tree Lilac



Norway Spruce

2013 Tree Planting Request Form

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ WORK PHONE: _____

PLANTING ADDRESS: _____

INDICATE QUANTITY DESIRED. (Limit of two trees per residential parcel per year)

_____ **Accolade™ Elm (Ulmus 'Morton')**

Accolade Elm is a cultivar derived from a hybrid planted at the Morton Arboretum in 1924, selected for graceful vase shape, arching limbs, vigorous growth, excellent disease resistance, drought tolerance and good strong golden yellow fall color. Mature height of 75 ft. and mature spread of 45 ft.

_____ **Armstrong Maple (Acer freemanii 'Armstrong')**

Armstrong Maple is a fast-growing, upright tree, reaching a height of 50 to 60 ft. and a 15 to 25 ft. spread, with very attractive silver-gray bark. Its leaves are five-lobed and deeply cut, and appear star shaped. Red spring flowers give rise to samara seed pods in the fall. Its narrow spread makes it suitable for areas with limited horizontal space.

_____ **Autumn Blaze Maple (Acer x freemanii 'Autumn Blaze')**

A tree that lives up to its name, it exhibits brilliant and long lasting orange-red fall color. It combines the best characteristics of the Red and Silver Maples. Grows moderately to fast with a mature height of 40 to 50 ft.

_____ **Japanese Tree Lilac - Tree Form (Syringa pekinensis)**

A small ornamental tree, it reaches a height of 15 to 20 ft. Japanese Tree Lilac features 3 to 6 in. long panicles of creamy, fragrant white flowers in late spring or early summer. A great addition to any landscape.

_____ **Norway Spruce (Picea abies)**

Pyramidal in shape, with a medium to fast growth rate, Norway Spruce develops strong graceful branches that are covered with dark green needles. Very adaptable, it grows 40 to 60 ft. high and 25 to 30 ft. wide. The 4 to 6 in. cones are purple-violet to greenish purple in youth, maturing to light brown. Not suitable for parkway planting.

_____ **Ohio Buckeye (Aesculus glabra)**

Broadleaf deciduous tree, 20 to 40 ft. tall, similar or greater spread, dense, rounded form. Leaves opposite, palmately compound. Yellow-green flower panicles appear with or after leaves. Leaf color in autumn is usually yellow, but sometimes orange-red or reddish-brown.

_____ **Ovation London Planetree (Platanus x acerifolia 'Morton Euclid')**

Another Morton Arboretum selection, this hybrid exhibits vigorous growth rate, a uniform broadly pyramidal to rounded habit, attractive foliage, exfoliating bark, and disease resistance. It reaches a height of 60 ft. with a spread of 50 ft.

_____ **Swamp White Oak (Quercus bicolor)**

The Latin name bicolor refers to the distinctive two-colored appearance of the leaves: green on the upper surface, and whitish on the undersurface. Also, unlike other oaks, the dark brown bark peels away in ragged curls exposing the lighter colored bark beneath. This oak grows to about 50 ft. in most urban conditions. Fall color is yellow, with an occasional red-purple.

SUBMIT TO:

VILLAGE OF BLOOMINGDALE FORESTRY DIVISION

VILLAGE HALL, 201 S. BLOOMINGDALE ROAD, BLOOMINGDALE, IL 60108

BY DEADLINE DATE OF DECEMBER 1, 2012



Recycling Extravaganza in Glendale Heights On October 27

CoreCentric Solutions, Inc. in Glendale Heights is sponsoring a Free Recycling Extravaganza on Saturday, October 27, 2012 from 9:00 am-1:00 pm.

The event includes

- electronics recycling, including computers, printers, gaming consoles and CD drives, mouse/keyboards;
- TVs/VCRs/DVD players
- telephones and cell phones
- copy machines
- toners & ink cartridges
- microwaves
- power tools
- cameras/camcorders
- humidifiers
- batteries
- Christmas lights
- Fluorescent light bulbs
- food
- clothing
- free paper shredding
- ecofriendly cars
- educational events
- compost education
- eyeglass collection
- family-friendly events
- school supply collection
- green product vendors
- energy conservation education
- and much more!

It all takes place at 175 Wall Street, Glendale Heights at the corner of Army Trail and Schmale roads.

Halloween Happenings

National Night Out 2012

Bloomington's 29th Annual "National Night Out Against Crime" on August 7th was another successful event in our community. A approximately 900 citizens enjoyed a great night of family fun and relief from the heat at the wonderful Bloomington Park District Oasis facility. Thanks to all the Bloomington Neighborhood Watch Block Captain volunteers and to our sponsors for their participation in this wonderful event: Bloomington Police Department, Bloomington Park District, Bloomington Fire Protection District, Catering with Elegance by Glendale, Caputo's Market, Meijer, and Signs by Tomorrow.



Refuse Pickup

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday on Thursday, November 22, Republic's refuse pickup will be delayed one day each for Thursday and Friday pickup that week. Wednesday's pickup remains the same.



Halloween Happening is one of the Park District's largest events of the year and will be held from 6:30 to 9 p.m. on Friday, October 26 at the Johnston Recreation Center.

The night of spooktacular activities includes an inflatable house, moonwalk, hayrides through Circle Park, games and prizes, Magic by Mike, palm readings, a trick-or-treat scavenger hunt, Professor Snape's potions class, fireside storyteller at Circle Park, a family pumpkin decorating contest, crafts, Pumpkin Walk and Creepy Crawlers Room.

Register for your wristband in person at the Johnston Recreation Center, 172 S. Circle Avenue. Wristbands for Halloween Happening are \$7 if purchased before October 26. Day-of wristbands cost \$10. Wristbands go on

sale October 1. Parents are free. Halloween Happening is sponsored by Bloomington Bank & Trust and U.S. Cellular.

The Bloomington Fire Protection District will be hosting its annual Open House, 179 S. Bloomington Road on Saturday, October 27 from 10 am to 2 pm. Events will include a Children's Firefighter Challenge, a fire pole, and an interactive safety display from Health World. There will be a Balloon Launch to honor fallen firefighters at noon. A "rookie lunch" of hot dogs will be served and the Glendale Heights Home Depot will present a craft workshop. The event is free and all district residents are invited to attend. For more information, contact the Bloomington Fire Protection District at 630-894-9080.

In conjunction with the Fire Department, the Bloomington Police Department will also be hosting its Open House on October 27 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Tours with a Halloween theme will be conducted; activities and games will be provided by police personnel. Children are encouraged to wear their Halloween costumes for trick or treating. (Children under 10 years of age need to be accompanied by an adult.) Refreshments will be served

Everyone is invited to attend the 23rd Annual Halloween Party at the Bloomington Public Library Saturday, October 27, 2012 from Noon-3:00 p.m. This event is sponsored by: The Bloomington Public Library, the Friends of the Library, and the Village of Bloomington. The Halloween Party will be held outside under a tent, rain or shine! Children are encouraged to wear costumes. This event will feature free games, free refreshments, balloon artists and much more! Please call the Youth Services Reference Desk at (630) 924-2740 for more information!

This Is No Trick – Treat the Troops

Bloomington dentists Doctors Dominic Colletti and Joseph Matustik are joining forces with Operation Gratitude and Soldiers' Angels to help reduce the amount of candy that kids consume this Halloween while providing a special treat package for our Troops overseas.

On Saturday, November 10, 2012 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 12 Noon, bring your children to the dental office at 176 N. Bloomington Road to cash in their unopened candy. They will receive \$1 per pound, up to \$5 per child. Last year, Drs. Colletti and Matustik's office was able to ship out over 1,100 pounds of candy to our Troops. Call 630-893-6200 or visit www.176dental.com for further information.

Referendum for Appointed Village Clerk *(continued from page 1)*

Board of Trustees.

- Attending to all the correspondence of the Village Board, where not otherwise performed by the Village Administrator's office.



A complete list of the Village Clerk's duties are set forth in Section 1-7-2 of the Village Code, which is available for viewing under Quick Links on the homepage of the Village website (www.villageofbloomingtondale.org). It should be noted, that many of the duties listed in the Village Code have been and are performed by non-elected staff members.

The Village Board decided to present this question on the General Election ballot because the Village always would like to have the Village Clerk's duties performed by an individual with strong office technology competencies, who is also familiar with Bloomingdale's internal operations, provided that voters approve of such change. While such competencies can certainly be present in an elected candidate, interest in running for or being appointed to a fill a vacancy in the office of Village Clerk has been limited in the past, and typically required extensive recruitment efforts.

If voters approve the referendum, a job description, similar to that in place for other Village staff positions, would be created and a qualified person would be appointed to the position of Village Clerk by the Village President with the approval of the Trustees. The appointment, evaluation and compensation process would be similar to that of other appointed Village Officials, like the Village Administrator, and Village Treasurer.

If the referendum fails, the Village Clerk position, with no specific mandatory qualifications, as few are provided by Statute, will be filled by the successful candidate from the Consolidated Election. Specific duties of and compensation for an elected Village Clerk would be determined by the Village Board prior to the Consolidated Election.

Early Voting and Absentee Voting Information

Early voting starts on Monday, October 22 and ends on Saturday, November 3. DuPage County residents may vote early at any designated early voting site in DuPage County. In Bloomingdale, Stratford Square Mall is an Early Voting Site, located on the upper level near Macy's Store.

To obtain an Absentee Ballot or for further information, call the DuPage County Election Commission at (630) 407-5600 or visit the website at www.dupageco.org/Election where you can also find a list of several frequently asked questions.



Village Snow Response & Salting Procedures

In the interest of the environment, as well as the budget, the Village will once again use its salt supply conservatively this winter in order to ensure we will have enough to last the snow and ice season. Our response plan to snow and ice occurrences remains the same as the past winter season.

More winter information will appear in the December issue of the Almanac.



Emerald Ash Borer Response Options



If your private property tree is infested with EAB, owners can consider Tree Removal/Replanting or Treatment. 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.

For more information on private property EAB response options, EAB identification, and the Village's 50/50 Tree Program, go to www.villageofbloomingtondale.org.

There is a link on the homepage for emerald ash borer options.

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NOVEMBER 10; email
JOHNSONM@
vil.bloomingtondale.il.us**

Begins October 15 Branch Collection Program



Before Winter Arrives . . .

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.

Also, if ornamental rocks or planters are used for landscape beautification, residents need to ensure that they are a minimum of three feet in back of the curb or pavement on non-curb streets. If deemed necessary for safe snow removal operations, these obstacles will be removed by the Village.

Fall Back on November 4

Daylight Savings Time ends on November 4 at 2:00 am. Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour.



It's also a good time to check the batteries on your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

Kramer Tree Specialists, Inc. will once again perform branch collection under the direction of the Village Forestry Division. Branch collection will begin on Monday, October 15. The program is only available to single family detached residences. Townhome residents should contact their association regarding branch collection.

Branch Collection Guidelines:

- Branches must be out by 7:00 a.m. on Monday, October 15.
- Branches should not be placed at the curb/pavement edge any earlier than one week prior to the scheduled collection date.
- Woody branches ½ inch to 6 inches in diameter are the only items that will be picked up. (Note: any spikes, hooks or other metal objects must be removed).
- Long lengths are favored provided branches do not block sidewalks and pedestrian access.
- All branches should be placed at the curb or pavement edge and stacked in an orderly fashion with the cut or larger end towards the pavement.
- Thorny tree branches should not be concealed inside piles. These require special care as to not cause injuries to the workers.



The following items are unacceptable:

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

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

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

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

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

Business News

Aimee Harris-Newton Opens Tiffany Pointe Office

Mayor Bob Iden cut the ribbon for the new Tiffany Pointe offices of Dr. Aimee Harris-Newton on August 2. Dr. Aimee and Associates provide comprehensive psychological counselling, personal coaching, financial coaching and therapy services for children, adolescents and adults. Their experienced team of board-certified doctors includes a psychiatrist, psychologists, counselors and life coaches – all highly trained individuals known for their compassion, dedication and results-oriented therapies and treatments. Through their unique wealth and prosperity (financial) coaching and professional success coaching, they assist their clients in achieving greater personal success in business, in sports and in their personal lives. For more information or to make an appointment call 630-980-1400 or visit www.drimeeandassociates.com.



Nicole Santoro Opens Polished Up Nail Salon

Nicole Santoro, a graduate of ABC Cosmetology School, has been a nail technician for four years. She now has her own business, Polished Up, which is located in the Macaluso Salon Suites at 448 W. Army Trail Road.

Nicole offers a variety of services, from a basic manicure to the OPI Gel, no chip manicure. She also does acrylic and gel nails. Her pedicure service leans more toward a spa pedicure, which is more hydrating and better for your feet. Nicole also uses a lot of Qtica organic products. Polished Up is located in Suite 103. Her private room guarantees one on one personalized service in very comfortable surroundings.

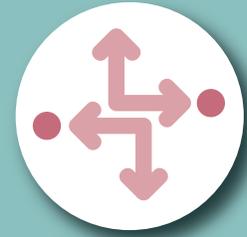
Appointments are available Tuesdays, 10-8; Thursdays, 1-8, Fridays, 10-8; and Saturdays, 10-2 by calling 847-848-1234. Although she has no set hours on Wednesdays, she does schedule appointments. Call to set up an appointment with Nicole to see what sets her apart from other nail salons.

Village & Chamber to Host FREE Business Seminar

The Village of Bloomingdale Business Promotion & Cultural Development Committee and the Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce are hosting a FREE business seminar to Bloomingdale businesses on Friday, October 12th from 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. in the Community Room of Stratford Square Mall.

SCORE, a nationwide, non-profit organization dedicated to helping owners of existing and start-up businesses to grow and prosper, will introduce its various free services. The Village will also present information regarding the 3/50 Project, a nationwide initiative which works on the premise that residents choose three locally owned independent stores they would hate to lose and then spend a combined total of \$50 a month with them.

Registration is required by October 4, 2012 via email to Mary Ellen Johnson at johnsonm@vil.bloomingtondale.il.us or by calling (630) 671-5600 with the name of the representative attending the seminar, title, company name, address, e-mail and phone number.



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

Sarpino's Pizza
322 W. Army Trail Road

Five Below
346 W. Army Trail Road

Marathon (new owner)
247 E. Army Trail Road

Buy It Now Group
270 Glen Ellyn Road

Weight Watchers
366 W. Army Trail Road

Chick Shack/Taco Shack
123 Stratford Square

El Burrito Loco of Bloomingdale
84 Stratford Drive
(former Royal Gyros)

Village Board Adopts Revised DuPage County Countywide Stormwater and Floodplain Management Ordinance

West Nile Virus

The number of cases of West Nile virus continue to rise and more cases are expected to be confirmed, according to the DuPage County Health Department.

WNV is transmitted to people by infected mosquitoes, and can be prevented by:

- Using insect repellents when you go outdoors.
- Wearing long sleeves and pants from dusk to dawn.
- Installing or repairing screens on windows and doors. Using air conditioning.
- Emptying standing water from items outside your home such as flowerpots, buckets and kiddie pools.

The Health Department reminds County residents that the presence of WNV is widespread in DuPage County so the risk of WNV is elevated and may remain so until the arrival of cooler temperatures. Therefore, County residents should concentrate on personal protection and are urged to be cautious, but not curtail their outdoor activities.

The number of cases may still increase. Statewide, 2012 human case data, including cases by county, are provided on the Illinois Department of Public Health WNV website: http://www.idph.state.il.us/envhealth/wnvsurveillance_humancases_12.htm.

Approximately one in five people who are infected with West Nile virus will develop symptoms such as fever, headache, body aches, joint pains, vomiting, diarrhea, or rash. Anyone who has symptoms that cause concern should contact a health care provider.

At the July 23, 2012 Village Board meeting, the Village Board adopted Ordinance 2012 – 32, enabling the Village to administer all provisions of the revised DuPage County Countywide Stormwater and Floodplain Management Ordinance adopted by the DuPage County Board April 24, 2012.

State statute mandates that the Village adopt the revised Stormwater and Floodplain Management Ordinance provisions, which in addition to addressing the continued need to provide flood mitigation measures caused by the impacts of development, now focuses on the impacts of increasing impervious area caused by all developments, as well as addressing the pollutant impacts of storm runoff on the environment.

Provisions of Village Ordinance 2012 – 32, which became effective July 25, 2012, also included necessary amendments to Village permit review and inspection fees.

All building permit applications which involve construction of impervious areas, such as buildings, pavements, and permits for accessory structures such as sheds, patios, decks, and fences must now be reviewed and certified for compliance with the Countywide Stormwater and Floodplain Management Ordinance.

The provisions of Village Ordinance 2012 – 32 have been codified in Chapter 12 – Stormwater Management of the Village Code which can be viewed at the following link:

http://www.sterlingcodifiers.com/codebook/index.php?book_id=943

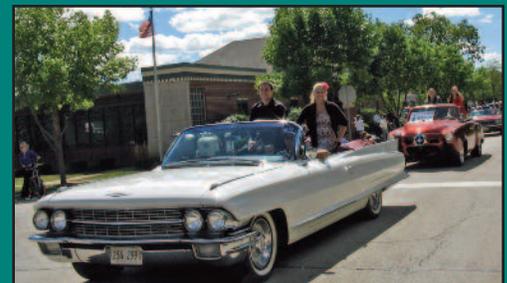
Village staff is available for pre-permit application consultations to help evaluate which provisions of the revised Countywide Stormwater and Floodplain Management Ordinance will apply to your proposed project. To arrange a pre-application consultation, please contact the Engineering Division at 630-671-5676.

Septemberfest Joe Draghi Scholarship Winners

Thank you to the following for their generous support of the Septemberfest/Joe Draghi Scholarship Fund:

Stratford Square Mall
Jasper Meats
Bloomington Lions Club
Bloomington Pharmacy
Dino's Cafe

The 2012 Septemberfest Scholarship winners are Amanda Siciak, Olivet Nazarene, Bourbonnais; Pauline Gebczak, DePaul University, Chicago; Cynthia Coleman, Southern Illinois., Carbondale; Lauren Caputo, Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana; Brian McKeown, University of Illinois, Champaign; Patrick Brambert, Elmhurst College, Elmhurst; Jennifer Waclawik, DePaul University, Chicago.



Some of the scholarship winners took part in the parade – Patrick Brambert and Lauren Caputo in the white Cadillac; Pauline Gebczak and Jennifer Waclawik in the red Studebaker.

Words to the Wise for Those Who Drive

Attention Drivers: Construction Speed Zones are in effect at all times! Construction workers have various working hours and the special speed limit signs (and penalties) are enforced continually. Although a driver may not see a construction worker or believe that the weather or time of day may not be conducive for construction work, the speed zone is imposed throughout the time that the construction is occurring. The penalties begin at \$375.00 and increase depending upon the incident and the driver's record. Most tickets will have an attached court appearance with additional court fines. Note: If there is not a special construction speed limit sign posted, then the driver is required to adhere to the posted speed limit for the area.

Distracted Driving

Distracted driving is any activity that could divert a person's attention away from the primary task of driving. All distractions endanger driver, passenger and bystander safety. Types of distractions include: texting; using a cell phone or Smart phone; eating & drinking; talking to passengers; grooming; reading (including maps); using a navigation system; watching a video; adjusting a radio, CD player or MP3 player.

Text messaging has received the most attention because it requires visual, manual and cognitive attention from the driver, which is by far the most alarming distraction.

Please remember that we share the roadways, so...Drive Now. Text Later. You can't do both. It's not worth it!

Cell Phones

Motorists are reminded that cell phone use is banned in school zones 24/7, and that texting while driving is prohibited at all times on all Illinois roadways. In addition, motorists are further reminded to yield to pedestrians at both controlled (those designed with pavement markings and traffic signs & lights) and uncontrolled intersections. In accordance with the Illinois Crosswalk Law, motorists are required to stop and yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian crossing a roadway within a crosswalk when the pedestrian is upon the half of the roadway upon which the vehicle is traveling, or when the pedestrian is approaching so closely from the opposite half of the roadway as to be in danger.

Solicitors Must be Registered

The Village of Bloomingdale requires that all solicitors register with the Bloomingdale Police Department. If a solicitor comes to your door, be sure to check that they have a clearly visible solicitor's badge issued by the Village before you answer the door. The badge displays the solicitor's photograph, the name of the organization, and an expiration date. Charitable solicitors, in lieu of a name tag or badge, may choose to wear their appropriate uniform.

The hours for soliciting in Bloomingdale are 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. In addition, solicitors are not allowed to disregard the "No Solicitors Invited" signs posted prominently at your front door. (available at the Village Hall) If a solicitor violates any of these rules, or if they seem to be overly aggressive in trying to sell you something, please call 9-1-1 to inform police of the violation. If possible, provide 9-1-1 with the clothing description of the solicitor and their direction of travel.

Please report any and all suspicious activity to the Bloomingdale Police Department.



Enjoy a Safe and Happy Halloween

- NO candy or any other treats should be eaten until it has been inspected by an adult.
- Discard any unwrapped items.
- Check all food wrappers for signs of tampering.
- Keep costumes simple. Costumes should be made of light, brightly colored or reflective material, so that your trick-or-treater can be easily seen at night. Costumes should not restrict either vision or movement.
- At least one person in the group should carry a flashlight while trick or treating.
- Trick or treat in groups whenever possible, accompanied by one or more adults.
- Instruct your children not to enter any home and don't invite anyone else's child into your home.
- For safety's sake, trick or treat only at homes in your neighborhood.
- Please report any suspicious persons or acts of vandalism to the Bloomingdale Police Department by calling 9-1-1.

TRICK OR TREAT HOURS WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31st, FROM 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

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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

Community Events

Friends of the Library Partnering with Chili's for 'Pepper Partner Program' in October

The Friends of the Bloomingdale Public Library are planning another "Pepper Partner Program" fundraiser at the Bloomingdale Chili's Restaurant located at 310 West Army Trail Road. During the month of October, patrons can present a voucher available at the Bloomingdale Public Library or downloadable from www.mybpl.org and 10 percent of their purchase (excluding taxes) will benefit the Friends organization. One coupon per person, per visit at the Bloomingdale Chili's only through October 31, 2012.

Lions Club Spaghetti Dinner on November 9

The Bloomingdale Lions Club will host its fall Spaghetti Dinner on Friday, November 9 from 5-8 p.m. at the Bloomingdale Golf Club, 181 Glen Ellyn Road. The cost is \$10 per person; children eight and under eat FREE. There will also be raffles galore! As always, proceeds from the dinner and raffles will benefit visual and hearing impaired persons in the community, as well as other local needs. For information contact larry@epiceq.com.

Upcoming Bloomingdale Garden Club Programs

October 16, Dolly Foster - Advanced Perennial Care

Once a garden is fully established what else is there to do? Oftentimes an established flower garden will begin to look crowded and overgrown. Now is the time to learn more about your plants -- how to prune, divide and manage garden perennials to avoid staking, prolong bloom and rejuvenate. Dolly has extensive knowledge about flowers and their growth habits.

November 13, Craft Workshop for West Suburban Care Center

The Bloomingdale Garden has presented the West Suburban Care Center residents with handmade holiday gifts for a number of years. Volunteer crafters are always welcome. The Club created adorable sock snowman table centerpieces for the 2011 holiday season (see photo below).

December 4, Christmas Evergreen Craft

Details are not yet available on this year's make-it & take-it workshop. In past years members have created and enjoyed table centerpieces, wreaths, and swags made with fresh greens. If you are not a member and wish to attend, please contact Roberta Pulido @ 630-295-8315 for more information. The group meets at Bloomingdale Fire Station #1, 179 S. Bloomingdale Rd, at 6:30pm.



St. Isidore Presents 24th Annual Craft Show on November 10

Members of the St. Isidore Council of Catholic Women (CCW) are as busy as Santa's elves making preparations for their 24th Annual CCW Holiday Craft Show to be held on Saturday, November 10th from 9 AM - 3 PM in the St. Isidore Ministry Center, northeast corner of Army Trail Road and Gary Avenue. Exhibitors from throughout the area will feature beautiful handcrafted items such as quilts, ornaments, jewelry, table runners and wreaths sure to add that special touch to your holiday celebrations this year. All items for sale must be handmade. More show details at www.stisidoreparish.org or by calling 630-894-1843. World's best bake sale also included! Admission to the show is \$2.00. Strollers are welcome and all entrances to the Ministry Center are handicapped accessible. Profits from this event support local and international charities. Mark your calendars!



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CHARACTER COUNTS! Celebration Night October 16

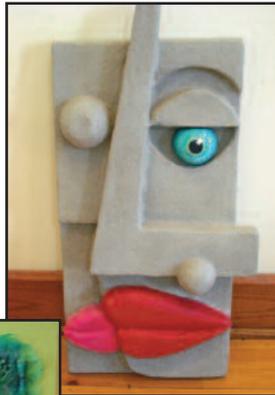
The annual Bloomingdale CHARACTER COUNTS! Celebration Night will be held on Tuesday, October 16 at 7 p.m at Old Town Park, 111 S. Third Street. Students from Erickson, DuJardin, Westfield Middle, Winnebago and St. Isidore schools will take part. Mayor Iden, will present the 2012 American Youth Character Awards. There will also be an award presented to the Bloomingdale Park District's Athletic program.

This year's theme is the Pillar of Responsibility. Canned goods will be collected the night of the program at Old Town Park for donation to the Bloomingdale Township Pantry.

Mixed Media Show at Museum Through October 20

The Bloomingdale Park District Museum is holding its annual Juried Mixed Media Show running now through October 20. Entitled "Keep it Simple," the show features talented local artists displaying a variety of different works which fill both Gallery I and II. The Museum is located at 108 S. Bloomingdale Road.

Hours are: Wed 4-8 pm; Thurs and Fri 10-4 p.m; Sat 12-4 pm.
Admission to the show is \$1 Residents; \$2 Non-residents; \$.50 Seniors. For more information call 630-539-3096 or email bpdmuseum@bloomingdaleparks.org



Ducat Named Best Friend to Bloomingdale Park District

Ducat Chiropractic & Sports Medicine was

awarded first runner-up for Best Friend of

Illinois Parks – Small Business by the Illinois Association of Park Districts (IAPD). The Bloomingdale Park District nominated Dr. Erin Ducat and her practice because of the support, involvement and the impact the business has had on BPD residents, primarily in the area of health and wellness.



For two years, Dr. Ducat and her team have led the Walk-to-Run program that culminates with participation in the Park Foundation's annual 5K. She offered a series of free seminars focusing on heart disease, diabetes, arthritis, cooking and exercise, as part of the park district's programming.

Over the past two winters, Dr. Ducat and her staff spent countless hours working on the development and core training for a local youth baseball team. She also makes short presentations at the park's all-athletic meetings on educational topics related to youth athletes, such as injury and concussion prevention.

"Dr. Erin Ducat is a community leader who supports the health and wellness of the community at every stage of life," said BPD Executive Director Carrie Fullerton. "Her winning approach and positive attitude allow her to make significant contributions to our agency both internally and externally."

Daisy's Girls: Camping with Juliette Gordon-Low: A One-Woman Play Adapted and Performed by Betsey Means of WomanLore

On Saturday, November 3, the Bloomingdale Public Library and the Bloomingdale Historical Society are hosting a one-woman show centering on the life of Juliette Gordon-Low (1860-1927), the



founder of Girl Scouts. Juliette was a wealthy socialite of the United States and Great Britain, who spent most of her life enjoying the recreations of the privileged classes. After meeting the founder of the Boy Scouts, she discovered a social cause to which she would devote the rest of her life. An enthusiastic organizer and fundraiser, she led the formation of the Girl Scouts of the USA in 1912. By the time of her death, the Girl Scouts had become a successful national organization with thousands of members. The program which runs from 2-3 p.m. is free, but registration is required. Refreshments will be served. **This program is co-sponsored by the Bloomingdale Historical Society.**



Around and About Town

St. Isidore Students Collect A Ton of Food

Middle school students from the St. Isidore Leadership Academy organized a school and parish-wide food drive that collected 1.1 tons (2283 lbs) of food and more than \$2,000 in cash donations to help Hesed House, a homeless shelter in Aurora. Eighth graders Jack Brannigan and Taylor Konchel, along with seventh graders Jenna Jamieson, Donovan Maloney and Isabella Sansone, were given the task to create, develop and implement a project that demonstrated leadership in their community.



Hesed House, the second largest shelter in Illinois outside of Chicago, serves the very poor and homeless in the Fox Valley area. The students choose Hesed House after being moved by the needs of the homeless in the community. Students from the Leadership Academy personally delivered the food and cash donations.

"The strong support of the students' families and the parish will have a long lasting impact on the St. Isidore community and Hesed House," said Cyndi Collins, St. Isidore principal.



(left to right) Nancy Butler (St. Isidore rep to CHARACTER COUNTS Coalition), Officer Dawn Odoi, Award Recipients Kevin Klostermann and Adam Klinkner, and Mayor Bob Iden.

Pillar Awards

At the September 10th Bloomington Village Board meeting, the Bloomington Character Counts Coalition recognized and presented a Pillar Award to Adam Klinkner and Kevin Klostermann. The gentlemen were nominated for the Pillars of Caring and Citizenship by the Bloomington Police Department for their assistance to a fellow motorist whose vehicle was disabled on Gary Avenue during heavy traffic and high temperature conditions in early July. As they were on their way home after helping family and friends clear storm debris from their property, they came across a disabled vehicle. Both individuals helped to change the blown tire so that the female driver and her young child would be able to travel to the nearest service station for further assistance. This included making a trip to Kevin's house to retrieve a needed manual air pump as the spare tire did not have enough air in it to support the car. Both unselfishly took the time to give aid to another individual (not wanting anything in return) and are recognized as good citizens in this community.

Bloomington Church Hosts Awana Club



Awana Clubs, Bloomington Church's energetic children's club program has begun its schedule, welcoming all children, three-years old through the 6th grade, every Wednesday at 4:15 p.m. and 6:55 p.m. Awana Clubs include an active game time in the gymnasium, an individual merit badge system and group story times that focus on foundational moral/spiritual lessons. Enter the lower level northwest entrance at the portico

of the church to register. For more info go to www.bloomingtonchurch.org or www.awana.org or call the church office at 630 894-0090.

Bloomington Church, located at 264 Glen Ellyn Road, has been an active faith community in Bloomington for 35 years offering a host of programs for children and teens. Awana Clubs are hosted in churches of many heritages in every state in the United States and in over 50 countries as well.

Bloomington Women's Club Disbands

After nearly 41 years of serving the community, Bloomington Women's Club was forced to disband, due to a lack of volunteers to fill mandatory Executive Board Positions. The Club had been struggling to stay relevant, but was faced with declining membership for the past several years. Even so, in typical BWC fashion, the club went out with a BANG!

As a result of the members' hard work, as well as community support for the BWC's 37th Annual Charity Fashion Show this spring, the ladies were able to surprise Floyd Kettering of The Humanitarian Service Project with a donation check in the amount of \$ 9,500!

All the club's remaining funds were donated to several local charities, including: \$1,100 to the Midwest Shelter for Home Veterans - \$800 to Super Sibs!; \$800 to The People's Resource Center; and \$800 to Easter Seals of Du Page and Fox Valley. The Bloomington Women's Club thanks all in the community who have supported them and their efforts over the years.

Coincidentally, a quilt made by Bloomington Women's Club members during the seventies recently surfaced from the depths of a previous club president's attic. The product of the ladies' handiwork has been donated to the Bloomington Museum where it will be preserved, displayed, and cherished as an integral piece of Bloomington history. The quilt serves as a tangible memento of the group which helped and touched so many over the years.



The quilt crafted by members of BWC in the 70s is on display at the Bloomington Park District Museum.

On behalf of the Village of Bloomington, we thank the organization and each of its members past and present, for their untiring efforts to benefit the community. The schools, police and fire departments, library, park district, local sports teams, Marklund Children's Home, senior citizens, graduating high school seniors, women going back to school, and countless charities – have all benefitted from the philanthropic efforts of the dedicated women of the Bloomington Women's Club.



Last September, members of BWC celebrated 40 years of service to Bloomington.



Artistic Siblings Come in First for Safety Message

The Metra railroad safety poster design competition annually selects one 1st, 2nd & 3rd place winner in each grade from K-12.

This year Metra received over 5200 entries for the 2011-12 safety campaign, "Lead the Way: Look, Listen and Live."



Jasmine's winning entry



Alyssa's winning entry

Despite all the stiff competition, two Bloomington residents won in their respective grades.

What is even more amazing is that they are sisters. Alyssa Meza, currently a third grader attending Winnebago Elementary School, won the second grade competition, while her older sister, seventh grader Jasmine Meza, currently attending Marquardt Middle School, won the sixth grade competition. It should also be noted that last year Jasmine took first place for the fifth grade competition.

The two young talented artists were recently recognized by the Metra Board and received 3rd generation iPads as prizes. The girls are the daughters of proud parents Carlos and Silvia Arroyo-Meza.



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In Memoriam

We extend our deepest sympathies to the family, friends and co-workers of Deputy Fire Chief Walter Beahan who passed away on September 6th. Deputy Chief Beahan proudly served over 32 years as an accomplished firefighter, paramedic and fire officer. He held a number of staff positions and was an active member of several professional organizations over the years. According to Fire Chief Michael McNamara, Deputy Chief Beahan "...was a remarkable firefighter who dedicated his life to the Bloomingtondale Fire Protection District and to the fire service and will be missed."

Open Burning: Enjoy outdoor recreational fires, but burning of landscape materials is prohibited

With the arrival of autumn, the Bloomingtondale Fire Protection District would like to take this opportunity to remind residents about the regulations involving open burning and the disposal of landscape waste.

Landscape waste means all accumulations of grass or shrubbery cuttings, leaves, tree limbs, and other materials accumulated as the result of the care of lawns, shrubbery, vines and trees.

Open burning means the combustion of any matter in the open or in an open dump. Refuse means waste of all kinds. (definitions from Ordinance OWR-001-90, the DuPage County Waste Management Ordinance).

What is allowed:

- Open burning shall be allowed for recreational purposes. This is defined as an outdoor fire utilized to cook food for human consumption.
- Fires in approved containers shall be permitted, provided that they are not less than 15 feet from any structure. Approved containers are defined as containers designed for this purpose. Examples are the Weber outdoor fireplace or other similar listed devices.
- Any open burning shall be constantly attended until the fire is extinguished. Fire extinguishing equipment such as dirt, sand, garden hose, etc. shall be available for immediate use.
- Within the village's boundaries, all open burning shall be confined to approved containers designed for the designated purpose.



What is not allowed:

- It is unlawful for any person to cause or allow any open and uncontrolled burning of landscape wastes in the Village of Bloomingtondale.
- It is unlawful for any person to cause or allow the burning of any refuse including landscape waste in any chamber not specifically designed for the purpose and approved by the Illinois EPA.
- It is unlawful for any person to cause or allow the open dumping or disposal of any waste, including landscape waste, at any site in Bloomingtondale, except at a site approved by the Illinois EPA.
- It is unlawful for any person to abandon, dump, or deposit any waste, including landscape waste, upon the public highways or other public property, except at a site approved by the Illinois EPA.
- The Bloomingtondale Fire Protection District #1, and village and county officials shall have the final approval for open burning, and in certain cases may determine that the fire needs to be extinguished for health and safety reasons.

If you have questions about these regulations or any other fire safety issue, you may contact Battalion Chief Richard Kurka at 630-894-9080.



Thanks for Another Great Septemberfest!

First I would like to start off by saying that we were blessed with a beautiful day for the 39th annual Bloomingdale Septemberfest.

The Septemberfest Commission put together an end-of-summer celebration that was family oriented-parade, car show, good food, crafts and something for the kids to do. Bloomingdale VFW Post 7539 led the day's festivities with our annual parade. Susan Lancaster responded well to provide our parade viewers with 5 Floats, 28 car and trucks, marching units, police cars, fire engines, Shriners, and over 600 walkers. We even had a few political representatives who participated in this year's parade.

Opening Ceremony was performed with the Bloomingdale VFW and Boy Scout Troop 194 presenting the colors. The National Anthem was superbly sung by students from Bloomingdale School of Music. Mayor Iden was introduced, along with all attending board members. The mayor gave a special thanks to all in attendance for their continued support to this, the longest running fest within the Village of Bloomingdale.

Entertainment at any gathering of humanity is always a must and this year was no exception. However, this year a lot of the daytime entertainment was provided with residents from within the community. Tumbling, floor exercises and Jazzercise by the Bloomingdale Park District, Center Stage Dance Studio, Mohler Dance Academy, Bloomingdale School of Music and the winners from "Bloomingdale's Got Talent." Buzz Puccio gave a brief description of the Joe Draghi Memorial Scholarship program, along with information about Joe Draghi and what he was able to achieve as a volunteer in Bloomingdale. Our seven (7) scholarship winners were brought up on stage to receive their scholarships awards. This also gave us the opportunity to recognize and congratulate each of them on a job well done.

This year's car show had something for everyone, some new, some old and everything in between. A special tribute was made to former Septemberfest Commission member, Marilyn Zaccardi. She ran the car show for a number of years and has recently been experiencing some health issues. With the help of her family members, the Marilyn Zaccardi Best of Show Award will be presented each year in her honor. Awards were also given out as People's Choice and Judge's Choice. All winners were brought up on stage to tell a little bit about their particular car. DJ services were provided by M&R Music and the late band was the New Invaders.

A special thank you goes out to the Village of Bloomingdale Village Services Department and Police Department who kept Septemberfest as safe as humanly possible. Once again this year the cleanup was performed with volunteers. From moving all the tables and chairs back to a staging area, to picking up all the trash and receptacles, and basically, putting the Old Town area back in a clean and orderly condition, my volunteers and helpers deserve a great big THANK YOU. Thank you also to my Committee members - Carole Lockhart, Susan Lancaster, Mitch Frumkin, Kelly Gits, Pam Hager, Julie Koehn, ViVi Frumkin, Stan Poplonski, Jim King, John Krueger, Jo Witucki and Ed Lewen, thank you. Collectively, your dedication and devotion was quite evident in making this particular Septemberfest one of the best ever. As chairperson, I am honored to have had the opportunity to work with such a dedicated group of Bloomingdale residents. Thank You, thank you, thank you, for a job well done.

To all of our supporters, sponsors, friends and colleagues, thank you. None of this would have been possible without your support and confidence that you gave to each of us. Until next year, keep telling all the village board members what a wonderful fest we have in Bloomingdale; hope to see you on September 7, 2013. Have a safe year.

Bill Wolff, Septemberfest Chairman



Thanks, Septemberfest Sponsors!

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Joe Weibler was the first recipient of the "Marilyn Zaccardi Best of Show Award" for his 1957 Chevrolet Nomad station wagon. Her husband, Tom is shown presenting the award with several Zaccardi family members looking on. The award was created to thank Marilyn for her work on the annual car show for the Septemberfest Commission. Shortly after Septemberfest, Marilyn lost her battle with a debilitating illness. She will be missed and long remembered by all she touched with her enthusiasm for life and her generous spirit. Our deepest sympathies to the Zaccardi Family. (photo by Jason Frumkin)



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Extreme Makeover

The Homola Picnic Shelter has certainly received an Extreme Makeover - from the wooden structure built by Lions, their family members and friends to the new brick building with concession area, indoor storage and wash-rooms! Mayor/Lion Bob Homola would be proud to see how far Bloomingdale has come. And he would be honored that his name is still on the picnic shelter. The Homola family, present at the original dedication and this most recent one, are grateful.



Lions John Vertnik, Sharyn Murphy, Jerry Markham, Jo Witucki, Wayne Murphy, Larry Kowalski, Ron Fangusaro, Stan Poplonski and Dan L. Davis were proudly in attendance. Lions John Vertnik and Marv Roehlke (who took this photo) were part of the 1980 construction crew.

Homola Picnic Shelter Dedicated August 18



1980 construction

The newly-constructed Circle Park Shelter & Concession Building was dedicated as the Homola Picnic Shelter August 18th in Circle Park. It will serve as home to the Bloomingdale Bears Football & Cheer program.

In 1980, the Bloomingdale Lions Club built the Lion Bob Homola Pavilion in memory of late mayor and Lion Bob Homola, "...to honor the memory of...a man who contributed greatly to the spirit of Lions and the Village of Bloomingdale."



1999 rehab

In 1999, the Lions came together to install a new roof, repair and re-paint the whole structure, as well as purchase new picnic tables and garbage cans. Once again they did the work with donated materials. The pavilion was removed in 2005 during the construction of The Oasis Water Park.

The new shelter was a collaborative effort between the Bloomingdale Park District and the Bloomingdale Athletic Club (BAC), with assistance of two grants made possible by Franco Coladipietro, State Representative, 45th District of Illinois.



2012 Homola Picnic Shelter

The approximate 2,000-square foot building consists of a large picnic shelter/patio area, concessions, storage, and men's and women's restrooms.

The majority of the project was funded by two grants totaling \$292,500 through the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, made possible with Coladipietro's assistance. The BAC contributed \$30,000 and the Lions Club \$500 with the Park District assuming responsibility for the remainder of the cost.

"This project represents the true spirit of collaboration for the good of the Bloomingdale

community," said Bloomingdale Park District Executive Director Carrie Fullerton. "Thanks to Representative Coladipietro, the BAC families and the Park District, this project will make a true difference in the football/cheerleading program and make Circle Park more enjoyable for the entire community."

