

# Village of Bloomingdale

## *Amanac*

April 2013

Growth with Pride

### Support Our Local Independent Businesses

Pick 3/Spend \$50 collectively each month

#### Members

Angelo Caputo's Fresh Markets  
Bloomingdale Pharmacy  
Classic Travel and Tours  
Elite Sports Memorabilia  
Enopi  
Great Wraps  
Jack and Jill's Children's Boutique Ltd  
Kammes Auto and Truck Repair Inc.  
Mandarin Bistro  
Rooster's Restaurant  
Sassy's Originals  
Sportys Catering  
Springsoft

#### Supporters

Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce  
Village of Bloomingdale

Ask your favorite three independents to join.

We'll list them here.

## Two Billion Acts of Green

As spring turns our thoughts to green lawns, budding green trees and green sprouts of early flowering bulbs, there is one more "green" that should come to mind. Green, as in the Earth Day Network's invitation to take part in Two Billion Acts of Green. Now in its 43rd Year, Earth Day 2013 is April 22. More than 1 billion people now participate in Earth Day activities each year, making it the largest civic observance in the world.

Two Billion Acts of Green is an international movement to protect the planet and secure a sustainable future. The Earth Day Network challenges us to choose actions to help improve our community through both simple individual acts and larger organizational initiatives. Here are some local opportunities:

The Bloomingdale

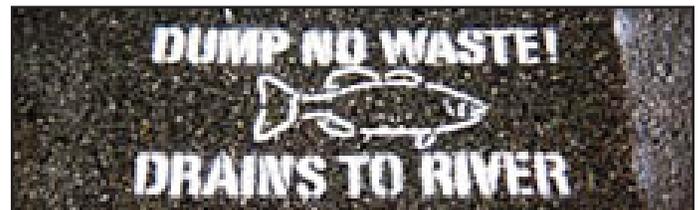
Township Highway Department sponsors an Electronic Recycling Event the first Saturday of every month (except January, February, March & holiday weekends) at the Bloomingdale Township Garage, 123 N. Rosedale Ave., 8:00 a.m. to noon.

Celebrate the 22nd Anniversary of the DuPage River Sweep while enjoying the outdoors on the morning of Saturday, May 19th. Volunteers are needed, from 9:00-Noon to help remove trash and debris and to restore stream banks of the DuPage River and its tributaries. Everyone is welcome! Call Joe Potts of the Bloomingdale Park District at 630-529-7233

to sign up to make a difference in our community.

Storm drains are stenciled with the message "DUMP NO WASTE - DRAINS TO RIVER." Pollutants that wash down storm drains go directly to the river. Storm water run-off is now one of the leading causes of surface water pollution in DuPage County according to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. Anyone can participate, families, homeowner associations, school groups, scouting groups and service organizations. To schedule a "stenciling" event contact our Village Services Utilities Division at (630) 671-5830.

*For information on a variety of Recycling Events in neighboring communities, see p. 14*



### Where Can I Recycle . . . ?

**Eyeglasses** – the Lions Club has drop boxes at the Village Hall, Library & Park District

**Batteries** – Park District  
**Expired or Unused Medicine** – Protect the environment! White drop box outside of the Police Department. See page 3

**American Flag** – VFW Drop Box next to Gazebo at Bloomingdale and Fairfield Way  
More recycling events See page 14

**Garden Club meeting** – Grow and Go Green, April 16. See page 13  
Plant a tree  
Arbor Day See page 2

# Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

# Bloomington Celebrates Arbor Day 2013

## 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

**SEPTEMBERFEST  
COMMISSION**  
2nd Thursday of every month  
6:30 p.m. – Conference Room

**BLOOMINGDALE FIRE  
PROTECTION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
1st Thursday of the month  
5:00 p.m. – Firehouse,  
179 S. Bloomington Road



The Village of Bloomington Forestry Division will celebrate Arbor Day with the students at DuJardin School, 166 S. Euclid at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, April 26, 2013 as they plant a Baldcypress tree. Last year the Girl Scouts planted a tree at Erickson School.

## Award Winning E-News

We are proud that for the second consecutive year the Village of Bloomington's E-News received an All Star Award from Constant Contact. This distinction is only presented to 10 percent of the 500,000 organizations internationally which use their service. It is based in part on the percentage of subscribers who regularly open the Bloomington's E-news and our low un-subscribe statistics. Not a subscriber? Check out what our 1300 subscribers have already found to be short, relevant and timely weekly emails from the Village.

Go to [www.villageofbloomington.org](http://www.villageofbloomington.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 Bloomington Elected Officials

**Robert G. Iden**  
Village President

**Irene M. Jones**  
Village Clerk

### TRUSTEES

**Judi Von Huben**  
Public Safety

**Robert Czernek**  
Traffic and Streets

**Bill Bolen**  
Finance and  
Administration

**Michael D. Hovde**  
Facilities Infrastructure

**James M. Gebis**  
Planning, Zoning  
& Environmental  
Concerns

**Jim King**  
Intergovernmental and  
Community Relations

*Thanks to David Von Huben for his photo of the golf course featured on the front page of this newsletter.*

## From the Mayor's Desk

Annually, I am invited to speak at various organizations in town to provide an update as to what's happening in the Village, and what folks can look forward to. I recently visited the Bloomingdale Lions Club and Chamber of Commerce. What follows is a synopsis of the comments I made.

Bloomingdale is in good shape financially. Bloomingdale property taxes are lower than our surrounding communities, coming in at \$78 per capita. Over the last four years alone, the Village has abated \$11 million in property taxes, giving each property a savings of \$250 per year.

Our retail base continues to show improvement with 38 Bloomingdale businesses spending a total in the millions of dollars investing in improvements for the long term. Kohl's, WalMart, Caputo's Fresh Markets, Now Foods, Party City, Olive Garden and Outback Steakhouse—to name a few - have or are expanding, remodeling or refurbishing.

Among the new or upcoming additions to our business community are Torrid, Kirkland's, CIS Insurance, Izzo Insurance, Dress Barn and Charming Charlie. In fact, in the last four years, we have had 90 new businesses open in Bloomingdale.

In addition to the job opportunities provided by new businesses, three of our larger businesses - Costco, WalMart and Now Foods are also hiring.

Through renewed marketing efforts at Stratford Square Mall, Tenka Japanese Restaurant is scheduled for Spring 2013 in the space formerly occupied by Orchid. (For more information, see p.11 in the Almanac under Business News.) There are also two more large tenants close to signing on to our regional mall.

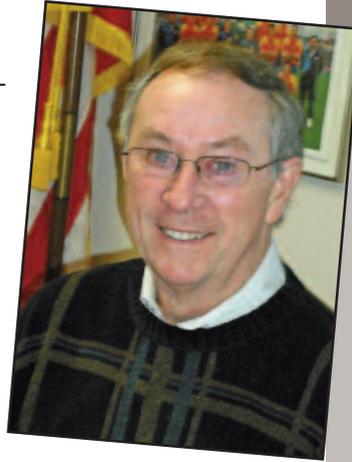
In 2012, we offered two initiatives to both retain and help our existing small businesses. Both SCORE, a national organization providing free mentoring to existing or start up businesses, and The 3/50 Program, through which residents choose three locally independent stores to personally commit to support, have become free resources to our business community.

The Village of Bloomingdale is working on a study with DuPage County and surrounding communities, to redevelop the unincorporated areas along the Lake Street corridor from 355 west to Bartlett Road. This is still in the discussion stages.

In other "Good News" there is NO major roadwork planned within Bloomingdale during the upcoming "construction season."

I would also like to take this opportunity to wish Bloomingdale a "Happy 180th Birthday." It was March 11, 1833 that the Meacham Brothers settled this area originally called "Meacham's Grove" and eventually became "Bloomingdale."

Mayor Bob Iden



## Safely Dispose of Unused Medicines

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

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

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

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



# Work to begin mid-May 2013 Summer Road Construction

## 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

## What if a Snowplow Damages My Parkway?

*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 the germination of grass seed. Please call the Public Works Division at 630-671-5800 to inform us about damage to your parkway so we can put your location on the list.*

### Pavement Reconstruction

Chatham Court reconstruction will include removal and replacement of the existing asphalt pavement and the addition of concrete curb and gutter. The new roadway will be the same width as the existing road; no widening is planned.

Plymouth Lane, Hempstead Lane and Hempstead Drive reconstruction will include the removal and replacement of all concrete curb and gutter, driveway aprons, and 2.5" of the existing asphalt pavement.

As part of the work, the Village will be installing a depressed curb at each driveway. This means the "bump" at the curb of each driveway will be eliminated, and a smooth transition from the street to each driveway will be constructed.

This work will begin mid-May and will take approximately 2 ½ months to complete. During construction, these roads will be closed to through traffic. If you live in the construction zone you will be permitted to proceed past the barricades to reach your residence.

### Pavement Overlay

Overlay maintenance consists of pavement patching, curb and gutter repairs to correct drainage deficiencies, sidewalk repair, storm sewer repairs and a new asphalt road surface. The following areas will receive pavement overlay:

- Eastgate Subdivision, which includes Erie Circle, Erie Court, Huron Drive, Michigan Drive, Michigan Court, Superior Drive, Salt Lake Drive, Dublin Road and Clare Drive.
- Medinah Grove Subdivision, which includes Dublin Road, Clare Drive, Galway Court, and Mayo Lane.
- Vittoria Brook Subdivision which includes Felicia Court, Tuttle Court, and Juliana Lane.

This work will begin mid-May and will take approximately 2 ½ months to complete. Local signage consisting of "Road Construction Ahead" signs will be posted prior to construction.

### Asphalt Surface Treatment – Fog Seal

A Scrub Seal is a light application of asphalt rejuvenator placed directly on the pavement and worked into the surface with a drag broom, with the intent of sealing the pavement and enriching the weathered and oxidized asphalt. This will extend the life of the pavement by slowing the deterioration of the asphalt surface. These areas will also receive pavement patching, curb and gutter repairs to correct drainage deficiencies, sidewalk repair and crack filling. The following streets will receive asphalt surface treatment:

- Bloomfield Hills Subdivision, which includes South Windham Lane, Orchard Lane, Northwoods Lane, Ridgewood Lane, Woodside Drive, Fernwood Lane, and Bloomfield Circle.
- Founders Point Subdivision, which includes Founders Point North and Founders Point South.
- Woodcrest Court

This work will begin mid-May and will take approximately 2 ½ months to complete. Local signage consisting of "Road Construction Ahead" signs will be posted prior to construction. If you have any questions regarding this project you may call the Village Services Department, Engineering Division at 630-671-5676.



# Branch Pickup Begins April 15

Kramer Tree Specialists, Inc. will once again perform branch collection under the direction of the Village Forestry Division. Branch collection will begin on Monday, April 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, April 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.



*It's that time of year . . .*

## Be on the Lookout for Emerald Ash Borers

EAB was first confirmed in Bloomingdale in the spring of 2010. Village Forestry staff is seeing increased EAB numbers and 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. Signs and symptoms include:

- Canopy dieback – thinning of the canopy throughout, which may start from the tips of the tree; initial stages may be difficult to see from the ground
- Sprouts growing from roots and trunk
- Splitting bark
- Serpentine galleries viewed if bark is removed
- Very small D-shaped exit holes which are difficult to see
- Increased woodpecker activity/damage; woodpeckers feed on EAB larvae located under the bark, and may leave jagged holes in the bark

If you suspect that your ash tree has EAB, contact the Village Forestry Division at 630-671-5800. More information regarding EAB can be found at these sites:

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

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

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

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



# Hydrant Flushing Begins June 3

## Planning A Garage Sale This Summer?

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

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

No more than three rummage or garage sales may be held on the same premises in any calendar year. Each may not be more than three consecutive days and can only take place between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

There are also requirements relative to garage sale signs, including size and placement restrictions.

For more information, contact the Police Department at (630) 529-9868.

### Upcoming Garage Sales:

#### Bloomfield Hills-Community Garage Sale

April 25-27 9-5  
Schick & Springfield

#### Bloomington Historical Society Garage Sale

May 16 & 17, 9 -5  
May 18 10-3  
Corner of 3rd & Washington

The Village Services - Utilities Division will be performing the annual Hydrant Flushing Program beginning June 3, 2013 through June 17, 2013. **The Program will be performed during the daytime hours of 8:00 am - 3:00 pm.** Please **DO NOT WASH LAUNDRY** during the flushing hours, as rust staining of the clothing may result. Residents with water softeners are encouraged to check the cycle time of their softeners so that the unit does not regenerate during this period.

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

Sunnyside, Westwind, Deer Glen, Medinah Lakes, Medinah Meadows, Medinah Grove, Eastgate, Vittoria Brooke Estates, Chateau of Medinah, Casa Bella, Hamilton Lakes	Monday, June 3
Colony Green, College Quad Fours, Harvard, Brookdale, Wilshire Towers, South Glen Ellyn Rd. to Now Foods	Tuesday, June 4
North and South Suncrest, Medinah Country Estates, Dinah Road off Broker Road, Circle Center, Medinah on the Lakes, Lori Ct., Sunset Terrace, Westlake Highlands	Wednesday, June 5
Westlake Townhomes - Edgewater and Greenway, Lakeshore Townhomes, Fairfield, Milford, Fairfield Quads, Canterbury, Lexington Homes	Thursday, June 6
Springbrook Villas, Springbrook Shopping Center, North Bloomingdale Road, Bloomingdale Town Center, Fessler's Grove, Old Town, Bell Towers, North Maple, North Rosedale, Rosedale Estates, Seven Oaks, Lakewoods, South Bloomingdale Rd. to Edgewater	Friday, June 7
Founder's Pointe, Old Town Estates (East and West), Longridge (Levitt), West Pointe Estates, Hilton Indian Lakes Resort, Los Lagos, Indian Lakes (East), Aprina Ct.	Monday, June 10
Indian Lakes (West), Meadowlark to Skylark, Bloomfield Club, Stratford Place, Park Bloomingdale Condominiums, Stratford Homes, Avalon at Stratford, Butterfield Rd., Springfield Rd. from Army Trail to Schick Rd., Bloomingdale Walk	Tuesday, June 11
Country Club Estates, Chateau Lorraine, Bloomfield Hills, On the Park, One Bloomingdale Place, Villas of Thornfield (Tantillo), Villa Way, Springfield Dr. from Schick Rd. to Lake St.	Wednesday, June 12
Stratford Lakes, Camden Apts., Bayview Crossing Phases 1 & 2, Stratford Square, Knollwood Dr., Heritage, Villa Veneto, Meijers	Thursday, June 13
Covington, Old Gary, Stratford Plaza, Bloomingdale Business Center, Bloomingdale Court, Fretter's Plaza, Schmale Rd. & South including Equity One and Klein Creek, Longview Dr.	Friday, June 14
West Schick Rd., Lake St., Army Trail Rd.	Monday, June 17

Questions? Please contact the Distribution Division at 630-671-5830.

# Bloomington Organizations Offering Scholarships to Graduating Seniors

## Septemberfest/Joe Draghi Memorial Scholarship

The Septemberfest/Joe Draghi Memorial Scholarship is once again being offered by the Septemberfest Commission. The award is funded through private, community and corporate contributions. Applicant must be a resident of Bloomington between the ages of 16 and 20. Other requirements noted on application.

The application packet is available on the Village of Bloomington's website [www.villageofbloomington.org](http://www.villageofbloomington.org). Search "Septemberfest Scholarship." The deadline for submittal of completed application packet is April 15, 2013. Applications must be postmarked no later than April 15, 2013.

There will be a mandatory judge's interview held at the Village of Bloomington, Council Room, 201 S. Bloomington Road on Sunday, May 19, 2013. Winners will be announced at the 40th Septemberfest on Saturday, September 7, 2013. Attendance to receive your award, if chosen, is not mandatory.

## Bloomington Chamber Scholarship

The Bloomington Chamber of Commerce will also be offering scholarships to graduating seniors and post-secondary students. Candidates must be either a resident and student of a Bloomington school, or an employee or child of an employee of a Bloomington Chamber member. Applications will be available after Monday, February 11th at the Chamber Office, 108 W. Lake Street, or on the website at: [www.bloomingtonchamber.com](http://www.bloomingtonchamber.com). The deadline for submission is noon on Friday, April 12, 2013. For more information call the Chamber office at 630-980-9082.

## Bloomington Area Women in Business Scholarship

Bloomington Area Women in Business offers a \$1,000 scholarship to a woman who is looking to improve her professional standing through continuing education or professional development. Women who are at least 21 years old and who either work or live in the Bloomington area are eligible to apply. Applications are available at the Bloomington Chamber of Commerce, Bloomington Public Library, the Bloomington Park District, and Bloomington Bank & Trust, as well as [www.bloomingtonchamber.com](http://www.bloomingtonchamber.com). Completed applications are due at the Bloomington Chamber office by April 12, 2013.

## The Illinois Prairie Path announced its High School Scholarship

Local high school students can earn scholarship money for their continuing education while helping to promote and improve the Illinois Prairie Path (IPP). Students must be a junior or senior during the 2012/2013 school year and reside in one of the counties along the path - DuPage, Cook or Kane. Awards totaling \$4,500 will be split among the top three entrants. Each applicant is required to submit a pilot program that promotes the Prairie Path and its natural environment. Applications are accepted from February 1 through May 15, 2013. For more information see the scholarship tab at [www.ipp.org](http://www.ipp.org).



Support the 40th Anniversary Celebration

## Be a Friend of Septemberfest!

The Septemberfest Commission would like to invite all Bloomington residents and businesses to support the Joe Draghi Scholarship Fund. This fund provides scholarships to Bloomington residents between the ages of 16 and 20.

As this is our 40th year, we would love to provide additional scholarships and would appreciate a donation of any kind. If you have attended the event, have enjoyed the event, or have been a scholarship recipient, or are the parent of a recipient, won't you please consider a donation to this cause?

Name (as you wish it to be listed)

\_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

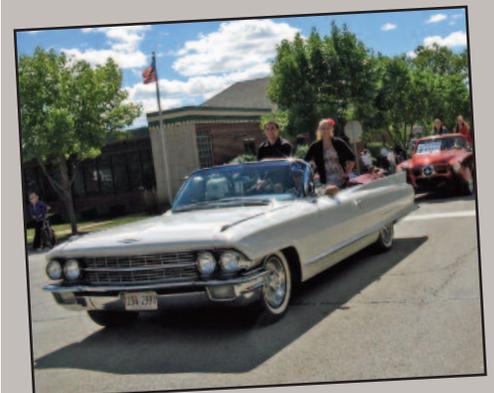
Daytime phone \_\_\_\_\_

Evening phone \_\_\_\_\_

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

Mail your check or money order made payable to Septemberfest 2013 to:

Friends of Septemberfest,  
c/o Village of Bloomington,  
201 S. Bloomington Road,  
Bloomington, IL 60108.



# Giveaways, door prizes and more at Annual Senior Day Fair on April 26

## Illinois Special Olympics Fundraising Events:

### 'Rooftop Cop' at Dunkin' Donuts on Lake Street

Bloomington Police Officers partner with the Lake Street Dunkin' Donuts staff to bring attention to the Special Olympics. From 5:30 a.m. to Noon on Friday, May 31, Bloomington officers will conduct a rooftop sit-in to greet the Bloomington Lake Street Dunkin' Donuts customers and welcome donations for Illinois Special Olympics. So, come on in to Dunkin' Donuts and don't forget to look up!

Sunday, June 13 marks the 2013 Illinois Law Enforcement Torch Run, the single largest year-round fundraising event benefiting Special

Olympics Illinois. More information will follow in the June issue. Currently, the Bloomington Police Department has the following 2013 Special Olympics Torch Run items for sale: T-shirt: \$15.00; Baseball cap: \$15.00; Torch Run pin: \$5.00; Combo set (t-shirt, hat, pin): \$25.00. To purchase an item or make a donation, please contact Officer Dominick Corsiglia or Officer Dawn Odoi of the Bloomington Police Department at (630) 529-9868. All the proceeds will be put toward the Law Enforcement Torch Run fundraising efforts.

Don't miss out on the opportunity to contribute to the lives of these special individuals!



The Annual Senior Day Fair, sponsored by the Bloomington Police Department and the Bloomington Senior Citizen Advisory Council will be held on Friday, April 26, 2013, from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. (noon) at the Medinah Shriners Banquet Facility in Addison (located on Swift Road just north of Army Trail Road). The Senior Day Fair gives seniors the opportunity to visit with local agencies, service providers and businesses in a comfortable, friendly setting to help identify the resources that are available to them. Refreshments will be available and there is no fee to enter.

Giveaway bags and other items will be distributed upon arrival and throughout your visit. Door prizes will be given out each ½ hour during the event.

Over fifty agencies will be in attendance at the Senior Day Fair, including:

- Local hospitals, providing health services, such as blood pressure checks
- Local dentists, chiropractors, eye doctors, foot doctors, pharmacists
- Home Health Agencies, Adult Support Services and Extended Care Centers
  - Volunteers from Community Groups/Activity Clubs
- Governmental Units: Local Political Representatives, Village, Police, Fire, Park District, Library
- Wholesale stores and Fitness facilities
- Bloomington Lions Club – Collection of Used/Unwanted Eye Glasses; Eye and Hearing Screening Service
- Illinois Secretary of State – Renew Driver's License (those under the age of 75), Obtain Identification Cards and Rules of the Road information

Questions? Contact Officer Dawn Odoi at (630) 529-9868.

## Holiday Garbage Pickup

Garbage pickup will be delayed by one day due to the Memorial Day holiday on Monday, May 27, 2013.

## Swing into spring! Golf Club Offering Community Card

Welcome to the 2013 golf season! Bloomingdale Golf Club is extremely excited to start the season and looks forward to seeing you soon. As a reminder, booking tee times on-line on our website, [www.bloomingdalegc.com](http://www.bloomingdalegc.com), has never been easier and gives you a chance to view great deals on green fee rates. Don't wait! Visit us today and become familiar with our booking procedures and our TEE TIME Special section.

### 2013 "Community Card" Program

The start of the 2013 golf season at Bloomingdale Golf Club is upon us and hopefully many of you have received notification on our NEW "Community Card" program. To receive the "lowest" green fee price available you must sign-up for this program. There is a \$10.00 annual fee for this community card and registration is currently taking place in the golf pro shop. Please visit our website at, [www.bloomingdalegc.com](http://www.bloomingdalegc.com) to access additional information on this program and to print out a registration form that can be filled out prior to stopping by the golf pro shop.

### "Swing into Spring Scramble" Golf Event (9:30 am Shotgun start)

Sunday, April 21st, we will be hosting our 8th annual opening season four player, spring scramble event. This is a great opportunity to start out your golf season in the company of your friends and family. Share a few laughs while working out those winter kinks. The day will be full of fun, food and prizes. Entry fee is \$65 per player. This fee includes golf and cart fee, continental breakfast, soft drinks and beer, buffet lunch, welcoming gift, team and raffle prizes. For additional information on the event format and registration, visit our website at [www.bloomingdalegc.com](http://www.bloomingdalegc.com). Event is limited to the first 25 teams.

### 2013 Adult Clinics (18 years and older)

Bloomingdale Golf Club will be offering a variety of adult golf clinics this season. Whether you never touched a golf club or are a seasoned golfer, we have a clinic for you. This is a great opportunity to learn what the game is all about, or brush up on your skills. There will be four levels of classes available, each meeting once a week. Class size will range from 4 to 8 students. Registration will begin on Monday March 18th in the golf pro shop. Further information can be obtained on our website at [www.bloomingdalegc.com](http://www.bloomingdalegc.com) along with a registration form.

### 2013 Junior Golf School

Do you have children interested in the game of GOLF? If so, Bloomingdale Golf Club will be offering a summer golf school to all girls and boys. Taught by our PGA golf Professional and staff, the program will be structured around basic fundamentals of the golf swing, rules and etiquette of the game and fun contests. Our objective is to provide juniors a good start to a game that can be played and enjoyed for a lifetime. Youngsters between the ages of 6 and 14 are invited to participate. Class sizes will range between 4 and 10 juniors. Students are encouraged to bring golf clubs. If they do not have any, no worries, just inform us at registration and we will provide golf clubs. We do ask that junior golfers wear proper golf attire and footwear (please, no flip-flops or sandals). This is a good starting point in for learning proper golf etiquette.

We will be offering two sessions. Each session will go for two weeks, three days each week. Registration in the golf pro shop begins on April 1st. For additional information on session dates and group times, visit our website at [www.bloomingdalegc.com](http://www.bloomingdalegc.com). You will also be able to print out a registration form.



## Giving Blood Brings Unexpected Reward

Joe Gebis grew up in Bloomingdale, attending DuJardin and graduating from Westfield Middle School.



Now a resident of Berkeley, CA, his generosity of spirit recently put him in the spotlight.

Five years ago Gebis was one of a small group of blood donors recruited by the American Red Cross who had the right blood type to donate blood to a baby born with Diamond Blackfan anemia, a rare genetic disorder that keeps bone marrow from producing an adequate supply of red blood cells. Monthly blood transfusions were needed to keep him alive.

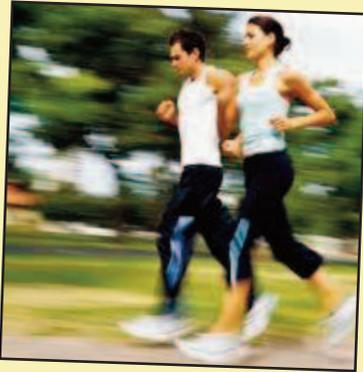
Five years and 80 transfusions later, Dillon Low was able to receive bone marrow from a younger brother and was cured. In thanks for the selfless blood donors' gift of life, the youngster and his family wanted to meet and personally thank them. The occasion was covered by the newspapers and television stations.

Joe, who started donating 20 years ago as his small way of helping people, said seeing Dillon brought home the reality of giving blood. "I thought it would be rewarding," he said of meeting Dillon. "But it was so much more than I was expecting."

See the story as covered by ABC7 news in San Francisco at [http://abclocal.go.com/kgo/story?section=news/local/east\\_bay&id=9012929](http://abclocal.go.com/kgo/story?section=news/local/east_bay&id=9012929)

# Rosati's Pizza Now Back in Bloomingdale

## Play It Safe This Summer



Now that the weather is getting so nice, we'll see more walkers, runners, bikers and skaters, as well as dog walkers – all sharing the same paths and trails. Many of these outdoor enthusiasts will be listening to some audio device while moving along. For safety's sake – yours and that of others, please keep one ear free in order to help you be aware of your surroundings. Blocking off all sound leaves you vulnerable. So enjoy your outdoor activity, just play it safe.

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Since 1964 the Rosati Family has been passionate and dedicated about serving THE BEST PIZZA to its customers, making all their own homemade signature sauce, dough, beef & pasta daily at every restaurant. Their ingredients are fresh from the fields and combined with old Rosati family recipes. The Rosati Family prides itself on very warm, courteous, and fast service. Rosati's has been a family tradition for their customers for the past 50 years.

Brothers Vince and Frank DePinto have recently opened a new Rosati's Pizza of Bloomingdale at 272 Glen Ellyn Road featuring Fresh Hot Delivery, Carryout & Catering. Their family also had a pizzeria at one time where Frank had hands-on experience in the art of making pizza.

"Rosati's Pizza had been a staple in Bloomingdale for 30 years," said Vince. "Now my brother and I look forward to serving the residents of Bloomingdale and the surrounding communities while carrying on the rich Rosati tradition of quality."

Call 630-894-6200 to place your order or inquire about catering. The store hours are Sunday thru Thursday: 11am to 10:30pm • Friday and Saturday: 11:00 am to 1:00 am.



Starting second from left: Frank DePinto, Fred Rosati, Vince DePinto, Mayor Iden, Regina and Rick Rosati, Trustee Gebis, unknown, Trustee Von Huben.

## Hall of Famer Strzala

David Burch, president of the American Football Association (AFA) is pictured presenting an AFA recognition plaque to Bloomingdale resident Roman E. Strzala. The AFA Midwest Director and AFA Hall of Fame Class of 2002 Alumnus was honored at the 2012 AFA Hall of Fame banquet held at the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio. Strzala is currently the treasurer of the On the Park Homeowners Association.



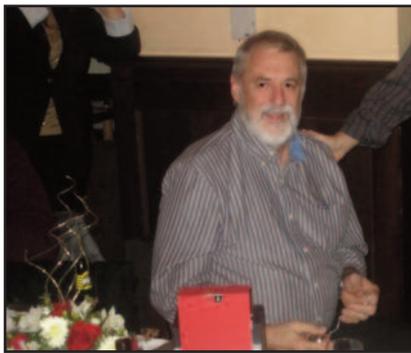
## Yardwaste Collection Begins April 1

Yard Waste pickups begin April 1st and continue through November 30th. Small twigs, leaves and other yard waste may be placed in bags or cans (not to exceed 34 gallons or 50 lbs.) affixed with stickers (\$2.75 each) for Republic pickup.

Yard Waste questions should be directed to Republic at 847-981-0091.

## Longtime Bloomingdale Veterinarian Retires

Dr. Ken Page, who practiced veterinary medicine at Bloomingdale Animal Hospital for 35 years, retired at the end of 2012. The animal hospital has been a stable fixture within the Bloomingdale community since it was established in 1976. A 1971 graduate of the University of Illinois, Dr. Page joined Bloomingdale Animal Hospital in 1978, shortly after his classmate Dr. Keith Olsen opened the practice. His menagerie of patients (and pets) have included a boa constrictor, salamanders, a tortoise, gerbils, hamsters, cockatiels, cats and dogs. Dr. Page has been a well-loved part of the team dedicated to providing excellent medical care for pets in a family-like atmosphere. He will be missed greatly.



Doctors Dan McCormack, Mike Winfield, Joe Cwik, Heidi Engel and Sue Kamienski, will continue to provide the same excellent care Bloomingdale Animal Hospital has prided itself on since its inception. They are located at 290 Glen Ellyn Road between Lake Street and Army Trail Road. If you are looking for quality veterinary care with a warm and friendly touch, Bloomingdale Animal Hospital could be the right fit for your family pet(s). Visit [www.bloomingdaleanimalhospitalpc.com](http://www.bloomingdaleanimalhospitalpc.com) or call 630-893-4330.

The Village offers its congratulations to Dr. Page on his retirement, as well as extends thanks to him for 35 years of dedication to the pets of residents of Bloomingdale and neighboring communities.

## Tenka Japanese Restaurant to Open This Spring

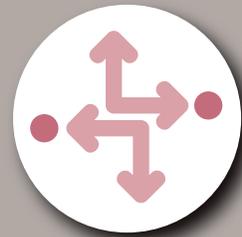
The highly anticipated opening of Tenka Japanese Restaurant at Stratford Square Mall is scheduled for Spring 2013! The restaurant will feature fresh sushi, a variety of meat and vegetable options for the entire family. The restaurant will also offer private party dining and networking events. This will be the new hot spot for great food, moderately priced for Bloomingdale and surrounding communities. Visit [www.stratford-mall.com](http://www.stratford-mall.com) for opening dates and upcoming events.

## Kitchen Collection Comes to Stratford Square

Walk into the Kitchen Collection store in Stratford Square and you might think you've entered "kitchen heaven." Browsing the aisles, you'll find a wide variety of cookware, bakeware, small appliances, decorative wood, marble and ceramics, great gadgets for every kitchen task, and the best of the kitchen/housewares seen on TV. The store carries name brands such as Hamilton Beach, KitchenAid, Cuisinart, T-Fal, WearEver, Wilton, and Pyrex, just to name a few, as well as Kitchen Collection's own value brand. You can also find a great assortment of gourmet spreads, seasonings, sauces, mixes and many more food items.



For 25 years, Kitchen Collection has been offering name brand kitchen items at value prices. Kitchen Collection views value as the total experience of quality merchandise at an everyday fair price, supported by personalized customer service. The store is located on the upper level close to the elevator. For more information call 630-980-7950.



## 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

Your Jewelry Repair  
314 Stratford Square

Rosati's Pizza  
272 Glen Ellyn

Tasty Cheese  
(Mobile Caterer)



# Community Events

## Order Your Vidalia Onions from Lions Club By April 26

The Bloomingdale Lions Club is selling those sweet, delicious Vidalia onions again for \$10 for a 10 lb bag. Orders are being taken through April 26th. The onions may be picked up from noon to 5:00 p.m. on Friday, May 11th and 8:00 a.m. to Noon on Saturday, May 12th at Prudential Starck Realty, 181 S. Bloomingdale Road. For more information or to obtain an order form, contact Sharyn at [stmurphy@ameritech.net](mailto:stmurphy@ameritech.net) or call Sandy at 630-715-4060. Proceeds will benefit a variety of community needs, as well as funding sight and hearing research.

## Letter Carriers Food Drive is May 11

On May 11th, the Bloomingdale Post Office will hold its annual food drive.

This is the 21st year of feeding the needy people in our area.

This food drive is very important, because with your help, we fill the shelves of the Township Food Pantry with food. Please give generously to those who need our help. Place your canned goods and non-perishables by your mailbox by 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 11. The Letter Carriers thank you in advance.

Food Drive Coordinators

*Paul Glowaty*

*Bryan Toler*



## Garden Club Flower Sale New Location

The Bloomingdale Garden Club Plant Sale will be held Friday, May 3 (10am to 6pm) and Saturday, May 4 (9am to 2pm) at a new location - inside the Bloomingdale Park District Maintenance Building, 259 Springfield Drive at the North end of Springfield Park.



So rain or shine, stop by and choose from the amazing selections, featuring flats of 48 colorful flowers, premium 10" hanging baskets, geraniums in all hues, Proven Winners & Specialty Annuals, herbs, vegetables, accent plants, and perennials directly from the gardens of Garden Club members. Exciting new offerings include cannas, grasses, mandevillas, specialty petunias and more. Their prices continue to be lower than most independent nurseries and big box stores, and the profits support the club's monthly programs and various local charities. Contact Linda Kunesh at 630-221-8684 or Henrietta Sullivan at 847-985-8408 for more information.

## Bloomingdale Artists Association

The May 8 BAA meeting is an Art Fair Prep presented by Ken Ippolito at 6:30pm Bloomingdale Park District Museum, 108 Bloomingdale Road. She will cover the entire Art Fair process -- what art shows to select, how to submit an application, what you will need the day of the art fair, and how to price your work. Contact Carol Balabanow for more information, 312-440-2767.

## Historic Cemetery Featured by BHS

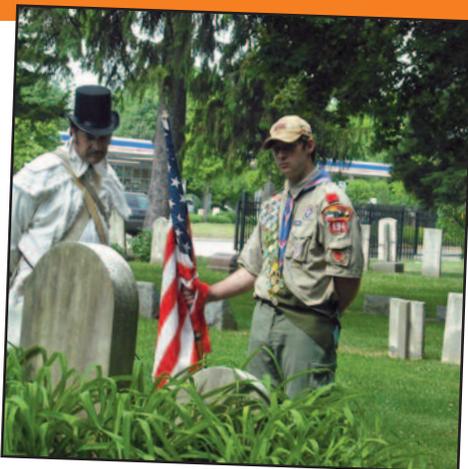
The Bloomingdale Historical Society's Meeting on Monday, May 6 will feature the History of the St. Paul/Evergreen Cemetery at 7 p.m. at the Bloomingdale Public Library. The club also hosts its spring Garage Sale May 16 & 17, 9-5 and May 18, 10-3 at the corner of Third and Washington. Donations for sale accepted on May 15, 10-2 pm.

## Hollywood Nights, An Affair to Remember

"Hollywood Nights, An Affair to Remember," will be hosted by Bloomingdale School District 13's DuJardin School on Saturday, April 6, 2013 from 6:00-10:00 pm at Bloomingdale Golf Club, 181 S. Glen Ellyn Road. The Evening Program includes a 6:45 Buffet Style Dinner and Cash Bar, 8:00 p.m. Comedy Show and 9:00 PM Silent Auction, with a live auction to follow. Tickets are \$30.00 per person and can be purchased online at [www.sd13.org](http://www.sd13.org). The fundraiser will benefit the all inclusive playground for individuals with disabilities planned for the school property and open to all in Bloomingdale and neighboring towns.

## Memorial Day Observance

The annual Memorial Day Observance takes place at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, May 27 at St. Paul Cemetery on the north side of Lake Street, just east of Circle Avenue. The Bloomingdale Historical Society is joined by the Bloomingdale Public Library, Village of Bloomingdale, Bloomingdale VFW Post 7539 and Alden Valley Ridge for this touching tribute to our veterans.



In addition to honoring all veterans in attendance, this year's program will focus on the 50th anniversary of the Viet Nam War. The observance lasts about 45 minutes; free refreshments are available; patriotic music provided by The Legends. Parking is available in business lots not open that day. Bring a lawn chair if you wish, or an umbrella in case of inclement weather.

## Bloomingdale Garden Club

The Garden Club's April 16 meeting, Grow & Go Green, begins at 6:30 p.m. in the Bloomingdale Police Department, 201 S. Bloomingdale Road. Nancy Carroll, Master Gardener and Landscape/Garden Designer, will share how to re-purpose and re-use items for the home and garden. She will turn recyclable trash into whimsical art objects and will show practical new uses for our everyday, throw-away items, as well as offer tips and suggestions to incorporate a much greener approach to your gardening. Bring a guest! Contact Roberta Pulido at 630-295-8315 for more information.

At the May 21 meeting, speaker Don Guzan will present Backyard Critters-The Good, the Bad, the Ugly? This informative look at the critters that share our back yards begins at 6:30pm at the Bloomingdale Police Department, 201 S. Bloomingdale Road. Contact Roberta Pulido for more information, 630-295-8315.

## Fundraiser for Research on Rare Disorder Affecting Westfield Student

Bloomingdale resident, Aaron Sabal, was born with a rare connective tissue disorder, Classic Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome. Aaron is an 8th grader at Westfield Middle School and is 13 years old. EDS causes Aaron to have extremely fragile skin and hypermobile, often painful joints. Aaron's family and friends are holding a fundraiser at Brunswick Zone in Roselle on May 4, 2013. The goal is to help fund the first Ehlers-Danlos National Foundation Center for Clinical Care and Research. Tickets are \$40 and include dinner, plus two hours of bowling. For more information go to [www.edssabalfoundation.org](http://www.edssabalfoundation.org)

## Celebrate Spring!

Come celebrate spring at Bloomingdale Church's annual Spring Fest for kids ages K – 6th grade. Fun, games and crafts are provided from 9:30 to noon on Sunday, April 14. Bloomingdale Church is located at 264 Glen Ellyn Road.



## Beverly Petrosius Named Business Woman of the Year

On February 28th, the Bloomingdale Area Women in Business awarded their 5th Annual "Georgene Geils Woman of the Year" to Beverly Petrosius of Bloomingdale. After an active, enjoyable career, Bev retired in 2009 to move into what has become her second career. Always an energetic member of the Bloomingdale community, Bev now spends her time tirelessly promoting and giving back to the community. She volunteers in several capacities for Stepping Stones for Women of Domestic Violence in Roselle, including serving as co-chair with Dr. Erin Ducat of the April Fools 5K Run Stepping Stones fundraiser, and as an outreach team leader. Among other charitable work, she also volunteers for Trinity Lutheran's school and at Trinity Clinic. Bev and her husband Christopher have lived in and around the area since 1974. We congratulate Bev on this well-deserved honor.



*Beverly and Christopher Petrosius*

# Around and About Town

## Recycling Events

**Carol Stream Recycling Event & Earth Day Festival** - April 20 - 9am to noon - Ross Ferraro Town Center, Gary Ave. & Lies Rd.

Electronics, books, sewing machines, gym shoes, bicycles, crutches, walkers and wheelchairs collected for recycling. Document shredding services also available. Other festival activities include a farmer's market, kids craft corner, solar energy demo, reptile show and green vendors.

**Wheaton Recycling Event** - April 20 - 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. - Commuter Parking Lot, Liberty Dr. & Carlton Ave

Electronics, paper shredding, carpet & carpet padding, fluorescent tubes (not CFLs), bicycles, American flags, holiday lights, ink cartridges, keys, musical instruments, propane tanks, rechargeable batteries, and much more.

**Lisle Recycling Event** - April 20, 9am - noon - Benedictine University, 5700 College Rd

Electronics, paper shredding, carpet & carpet padding, fluorescent tubes, CFLs, American flags, rechargeable batteries, bicycles, cell phones, DVDs, eyeglasses, hearing aids, inkjet cartridges, keys, LP records, and much more.

**Glendale Heights Recycling Event** - April 27- 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. - 300 Civic Center Plaza

Electronics, paper shredding, bicycles, American flags, eye glasses, holiday lights.

See [http://dupageco.org/EDP/Waste/Recycling\\_and\\_Energy/1551/](http://dupageco.org/EDP/Waste/Recycling_and_Energy/1551/) for complete lists.

## Bloomingtondale Park District Museum's 30th Annual Student Art Show

The Bloomingtondale Park District Museum is currently presenting its 30th Annual Student Art Show running through Saturday, April 13. Always a popular show, the community is invited to view the work of talented youth from local grade schools, middle schools and high schools in Bloomingtondale, Glendale Heights, Carol Stream, and Roselle.

One of the show's curators, Diane Duffy, said that she enjoys seeing the work of all of these talented students. "It's exciting to see the approaches of work from high school down to first grade," she said. "Parents love seeing their children's work of art, as well as the rest of the family."

When asked if she's noticed any trends over the years, Duffy said that "items are presented more professionally, including matting. Children are doing more in their projects, producing more quality work."

Marjorie Reichardt currently teaches art at Roselle Middle School after 33 years at Westfield Middle School and has students exhibiting in the show. Reichardt earned her art degree at DePauw University in Greencastle, Indiana and has put it to good use. Reichardt says she "always enjoy seeing how creative the youth are and the new things they produce year to year." This year, the show will include three-dimensional art, watercolor, oil, pastels, pastel pencils, papier-mâché, pastel pencils, lino-cut, charcoal, and graphite prints.

One of Reichardt's former students is Westfield's current art teacher, Deyana Matt. Matt has been teaching 6th, 7th, and 8th grade art for more than six years and is well aware of the benefits of an art education. With a degree in Art Education and Communicative Disorders, as well as a Masters in Educational Technology, she draws out the very best from her students. "Each year I choose approximately 30 works of art that represent the culture of Westfield Middle School, a fair representation of both boys and girls and of all the grade levels, as well as the various ethnicities in our school," Matt explained.

"When selecting the works of art for the annual show, I also not only select works of art which represents students whose talents excel in my art room, but also students who will benefit both socially and emotionally-based on being selected for the show," Matt added.

Communities with school art programs are fortunate. Arts education is valued for building self-confidence and self-discipline, teaching students to see a project from start to finish. Art classes also help students develop their imagination and critical thinking. Perhaps one of the exhibiting students will become an art teacher to the next generation, extending the fine lineage of Bloomingtondale-educated artists.

- **Where:** Bloomingtondale Park District Museum, 108 S. Bloomingtondale Road
- **Hours:** 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays, and noon to 4 p.m. Saturdays
- **Cost:** \$1 for residents, \$2 for others, 50 cents for seniors 62+ and children 12 and younger
- **Details:** (630) 539-3096 or [bpdmuseum@bloomingtondaleparks.org](mailto:bpdmuseum@bloomingtondaleparks.org)



## Bloomington Church Celebrates 35th Anniversary April 5-6

The 35th Anniversary events will include nostalgia from the past and a focus on the church's vision for the future, during the regular worship hour schedule (Saturday 5:30 p.m.; Sunday 8:30 a.m. and Sunday 11a.m.), along with added celebration events in the gymnasium and the Common Grounds assembly hall.

The fledgling parish first met in Marquardt School at Army Trail and Glen Ellyn Road on April 2, 1978. By 1979 it moved into a chapel on the recently acquired five-acre parcel on Glen Ellyn Road. Over the last 35 years, the parish kept growing, pacing itself through four major construction projects in 1985, 1989, 1995 and 2007. It has added a community gymnasium, an enlarged sanctuary and classrooms for the religious education classes, and the full-house Awana children's clubs. It also built a teen coffeehouse room next to the gym that is open every Friday night to provide a safe, well-supervised and free place for teens.

In 2007, the parish tackled "Phase Four," acting as its own general contractor, led by Bloomington resident and local tradesman, Larry Steen. The church completed the \$2 million project in 2008 and will retire its mortgage and be debt free this year. The Bloomington Church continues to attract people from a variety of church backgrounds, emphasizing serving the community in useful ways and relating the timeless principles of the Bible to people's lives today. The church has a healthy mix of ages with a strong "20 Something" population, an active young couples' group, a lot of families with children and teens, and a seniors' group as well.

The longevity of its pastoral staff is noteworthy. Bloomington residents Dr. David and Marina Riemenschneider have served as the church's lead pastor since its inception. Riemenschneider comments "By God's grace, Marina and I hope to go another ten years, assuming they will have us." Marina has also been a teacher at DuJardin School; David currently is the volunteer chaplain for Bloomington Fire District #1. There are eight ordained pastors on staff, including Associate Pastor Bill Calvin, who has been with the church for ten years. Youth pastor Daniel Riemenschneider (son of David and Marina) has been on the staff for the past nine years. A 2000 Lake Park High School graduate, he spent four years in College in Georgia, before completing his Master's Degree in Counseling at Wheaton Graduate School.

Bloomington Church has a concern for under-served people around the world and has taken numerous groups on short-term serving projects. Former staff have become international workers in distant places, including Indonesia, Guinea (Africa), Bosnia and Uruguay. Lisa Nicky, one of Bloomington's own, was sent by the congregation to serve in relief work as a nurse and is now making a big difference in a far away place, training other national nurses in Mali, West Africa.

The church, at 264 Glen Ellyn Road, has three weekend worship hours Saturday, 5:30 p.m.; Sunday, 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. There are Sunday School classes for all ages at 9:45 a.m. The church also hosts an array of programs through the week. For more information visit [www.bloomingtonchurch.org](http://www.bloomingtonchurch.org) or call 630-894-0090.



# Historically Speaking

## Septemberfest 2013

Septemberfest will be held on Saturday, September 7 in Old Town. Returning will be the parade, food and vendor booths and musical entertainment. This year will also feature both car and motorcycle shows, as well as the Septemberfest/Joe Draghi Memorial Scholarship. Applications for vendors, crafters, parade participants, car show entries and scholarship applications may all be downloaded from [www.villageofbloomington.org](http://www.villageofbloomington.org). Enter Septemberfest in the Search box on the homepage.

## Windy City Carnival Coming to Stratford Square Mall

The Windy City Carnival will host fun and excitement for the family in the parking lot near JCPenney at Stratford Square Mall. Everyone is invited to come out and enjoy the carnival rides and games on May 16th – 19th and June 20th – 23rd. Visit [www.stratfordmall.com](http://www.stratfordmall.com) for specific times each day.

## Get Your Grill On!

The Bloomingdale Lions Club hosts its Steak Fry on May 4th from 5-8 p.m. at the Bloomingdale Golf Club, 181 Glen Ellyn Road. You have a choice of sirloin steak or BBQ chicken, grilled to order. Buffet includes tossed garden salad, baked potato with all the toppings, vegetable, roll and dessert. Tickets are \$18 per person. For information or tickets for the Steak Fry, contact Stan Poplonski at 630-461-1283 or Jerry Markham 708-764-4703.

The Village of Bloomingdale marked the 180th Anniversary of its founding on March 11 of this year. When the Meacham brothers arrived in what is now known as Bloomingdale on March 11, 1833, they were looking for a future - a place where their families could flourish. Slowly, but surely, those early settlers grew the town of Meacham's Grove around them. Once platted as Bloomingdale in 1845, the third town to be platted in DuPage County, development began in earnest.

The settlers created roads, formed churches, established schools, began businesses and farmed the land. An 1874 Plat Map of Bloomingdale, shows the town and surrounding area to be largely farmland. The legend below the map reads "Bloomingdale Village is an old landmark in Northern Illinois and for beauty of location and natural scenery, it cannot be surpassed in DuPage County."

Bloomingdale was incorporated in 1889, and included an area known as Roselle, although it was officially called "the northeast end of Bloomingdale." In 1904 a library was established which spent half its time in Bloomingdale, the other half in Roselle. A fire truck was also purchased and split between the two areas.

Bloomingdale's population in 1910 was 462 before Roselle's bitter separation from Bloomingdale. After that, the population never surpassed 400 again until 1950 and it wasn't until 1960 that the first inkling of a population explosion appeared. The building boom was just around the corner . . .

To learn more about early agricultural Bloomingdale and the path it took to become a bustling suburb with a strong commercial tax base, visit the History Room on the upper level of Bloomingdale Library, come to a Bloomingdale Historical Society meeting in the first Monday of the month, or buy the book, Bloomingdale Images of America, a pictorial journal of Bloomingdale's first 150 years, for \$19.99 at the Village Hall or Bloomingdale Library.



*John Gardener's tavern was located at 104 East Lake Street around 1910. There was nearly always a tavern or an eating establishment at the northeast corner of Lake Street and Bloomingdale Road. Even today - the McDonald's is located on that corner.*

## Garden Club Will Celebrate 50 Years In 2013



The Bloomingdale Garden Club will celebrate its 50th anniversary with a gala celebration on October 19, 2013 at the Bloomingdale Golf Club.

For more information, please contact club president Joyce Basel at 630-529-9833 or [joyce@inbox.com](mailto:joyce@inbox.com)

Pictured to the left - Vivian Krotz and Margrethe Carter prepare for the August 1979 Bloomingdale Garden Club show.



## Keep the Kids Safe: Take Precautions When Enjoying Outdoor Activities

As the warm weather approaches, the Bloomingtondale Fire Protection District and the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control would like to remind residents to take precautions when enjoying outdoor activities. Each year, nearly 20 children ages 14 and under die in bicycle-related incidents, and more than 236,000 are injured. Head injury is the leading cause of death in bicycle crashes. A collision with a motor vehicle causes nearly 90 percent of bicycle-related deaths. Nearly two hundred children ages 14 and under die from pedestrian injuries. Nearly 27,500 children receive emergency room treatment for pedestrian injuries.

Many head injuries can be prevented with safe play rules. Here are some basic safety tips to keep children safe:

- Children under 10 should ride on sidewalks or safe areas only like a bike path. Teens may ride in the street, riding with traffic, after they learn the rules of the road.
- Require children (and adults) to wear a helmet should be worn every time you ride a bike, scooter, skateboard, in-line skate, ice skate, snow board or ski.
- Make sure children ride bikes in safe areas and never at night.
- Teach children to always come to a complete stop before entering a driveway, path or sidewalk. Look left, right, and left again for other bikes, cars, or pedestrians.
- Encourage children to use the proper hand signals when turning to let drivers know your intent.
- Children should walk, not ride a bike across the street, and cross only with a grown-up.
- Children under 10 should never cross a street alone. Grown-ups and older children should be role models and set a positive example by practicing safe street-crossing rules.
- Teach children how to cross the street. Stop at the curb or edge of the road and look left then right, then left again for moving cars. Wait until the street is clear; keep looking left and right until you have safely crossed the street.
- Never allow children to play in a driveway or parking lot.

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



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## Fire Protection District Announces Promotions

The Fire Protection District announces the promotion of Firefighter Paramedic Alan Emody to the rank of Lieutenant. Alan started working with us as a paid-on-call firefighter and became a career firefighter in March of 2004. His promotion was effective March 1 with a swearing-in ceremony scheduled for the Trustee Meeting April 4.





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## Bloomingdale Chamber Hosts Art Show and Sale

The Bloomingdale Artists Association **Spring 2013 Art Show and Sale** takes place now through May at the Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce, 108 W. Lake Street. Participants are members of the Bloomingdale Artists Association and range in age from 33 to 87. Chamber hours are 9am to 2pm, Monday to Friday. Contact Bev Petrosius (630-624-9545) or Diane Duffy (630-539-3096) for more information

The Bloomingdale Artists Association evolved from the Culture Club which was formed about 18 years ago. Members are both new and seasoned artists. The group meets from September through May on the second Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Bloomingdale Park District Museum, 108 Bloomingdale Road. They offer a variety of speakers and hands-on programs. Whether you are interested in joining or just have some questions, give Diane Duffy a call at 630-539-3096.



Helen Price,  
*Resting Spot*,  
Watercolor



Anne Reay,  
*Butterfly on  
Coneflower*,  
Watercolor



Nicole Javaji,  
*Lilacs in Bloom*,  
Acrylic GH



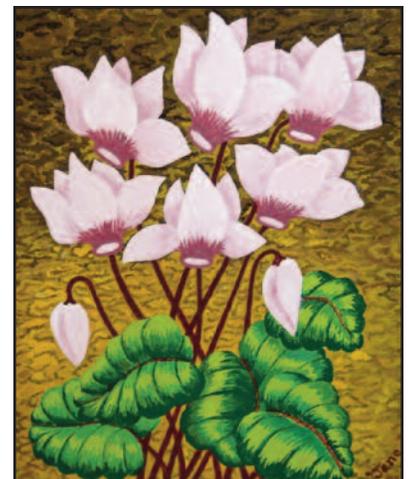
Diane Duffy,  
*From the Past*,  
Mixed Media



Marianne McKoveck,  
*Red*,  
Acrylic



Toni Fogarty,  
*Grasshopper*,  
Oil painting



Dorothy J. Saporito,  
*Willow Spring Wild Cyclamen*,  
2 Acrylic GH

