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Summer 2014 Road Construction

Pavement Reconstruction

Pavement 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; meaning the "bump" at the curb of each driveway will be eliminated, and a smooth transition from street to driveway will be constructed. **Sterling Lane, Sterling Drive, Strathmore Lane and Royce Drive** will receive pavement reconstruction.

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. **Scott Drive, Royce Drive, Royce Court, Wimbledon Place, Westminster Drive and Summerfield Drive** will receive pavement overlay. 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 – Scrub or 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. A Fog Seal is similar to the Scrub Seal, however it does not include application with a drag broom and is utilized on newer pavements. These surface treatments 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.
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Upcoming Events

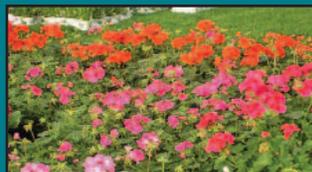
Lions Easter Egg Hunt,
April 12 (see page 13)



Senior Day Fair, April 25
(see page 16)



Garden Club Flower Sale
May 2 & 3 (see page 12)



Memorial Day Observance,
May 26 (see page 14)





**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

3rd Monday of the months January-March, May thru November. 1st and 3rd Monday in April. First Monday in December. 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
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

**SEPTEMBERFEST
COMMISSION**

2nd Thursday of the month February through November 6:30 - Village Hall

**BLOOMINGDALE FIRE
PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

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



The Village of Bloomingdale Forestry Division will celebrate Arbor Day with students at Erickson School, 277 Springfield Drive, at 1:00 pm on Friday, April 25, 2014 as they plant a Baldcypress tree.

Stay Informed with E-News

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 snow, ice and frigid temperatures caused by our polar vortex experience in early January, 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

Franco A. Coladipietro
Village President

Robert Czernek
Traffic and Streets

Michael D. Hovde
Planning, Zoning & Environmental Concerns

Jane E. Michelotti
Village Clerk

Bill Bolen
Finance and Administration

Jim King
Intergovernmental and Community Relations

TRUSTEES

Judi Von Huben
Public Safety

Frank Bucaro
Facilities, Infrastructure

Front page photo of trillium blooming in West Meacham Grove was taken last June by Almanac Editor Mary Ellen Johnson.

A Message from Mayor Franco

It's finally April, and I might be going out on a limb here – but "Happy Spring!"

It's been a long winter for all of us, but we can now look ahead to warmer days and outdoor activities with our friends and families! I'd again like to acknowledge the fine work done by Bloomingdale's snow and ice control teams, the watermain break crews and the police department personnel – all of whom were fighting the challenging elements to get their jobs done though a polar vortex and the rest of this record breaking season.

The Village Board is currently reviewing our budget for the next fiscal year. Now is the time when we will build the foundation to put in action the vision we have discussed over the past several months. The following are just a few of the major initiatives we will be discussing for funding authorization that will serve to create momentum for implementing our vision:

- ✓ **East Lake Street Development:** At the February 10, 2014 Village Board meeting, the board approved the hiring of a part-time consultant to help the Village Board begin the process of creating a comprehensive redevelopment plan for Lake Street.
- ✓ **Old Town Public Infrastructure Study:** The study will contemplate the opportunities available to work with property owners in the area to make improvements to the streetscape. The goal is to improve the business climate and to increase community activities in the Old Town area.
- ✓ **Springbrook & Stratford Crossing Shopping Centers:** The Board will be reviewing and finalizing Redevelopment Agreements with their respective owners with the intent of making infrastructure improvements and addressing existing vacant storefronts.
- ✓ **Signage Initiative for NW Corner of Lake Street and Bloomingdale Roads:** I am proposing a Village of Bloomingdale monument sign and landscaping for this corner to improve the aesthetics of this location and to serve as a starting point for our Lake Street development efforts.

The newly-formed Bloomingdale Mayor's Advisory Committee (BMAC) held its first meeting on February 3. We had an excellent turnout and quickly got to the heart of what the members felt were topics of importance to Bloomingdale's future. The themes are common: attracting new businesses, the future of Stratford Square, re-invigorating Old Town and our Lake Street corridor, as well as transparency in government and increased open space. My goal is that the Village will work with BMAC so that we can fulfill these goals together.

A common topic of concern is our efforts relative to Stratford Square Mall. I am happy to say that Stratford has a new ownership group, StreetMac Partners, and I have had the opportunity to meet with them and discuss their plans for revitalizing the mall. I am encouraged by their plans to invest substantial resources in the mall in an effort to bring back national retailers. They have already started this effort in the signing of Round One, a state of the art entertainment company, as well as adding a new brick oven pizza and wine restaurant, the Quick Fire Café. You can learn more about both exciting new tenants on p. 11.

A Spring Tradition - Please join me at the annual Memorial Day Observance at 9:30 on Monday, May 26 at St. Paul's Cemetery on east Lake Street (details on p. 14). The Bloomingdale Historical Society always provides a moving, but uplifting tribute to our military service people, past and present.

Mayor Franco



Annual Cross-Connection Control Device Inspection and Certification Required

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) requires the Village to monitor, as well as to issue plumbing permits for the operation of cross-connection control devices (CCCDs). Owners of CCCDs are required by Village Code 9-2 Article A to annually have CCCDs tested and certified by a certified plumber, in accordance with the Illinois Plumbing Code. All CCCD test results and certifications are required to be submitted to the Village's Utilities Division to comply with IEPA monitoring requirements.

Properly installed, annually certified CCCDs protect the Village's drinking water system by preventing contaminated water from entering the system through back siphon, back pressure or back flow. CCCDs are required on lawn irrigation systems, certain domestic and process water systems, chemical and boiler feed lines, fire protection systems and fire system bypass lines.

Throughout calendar year 2014 the Village will issue written reminders of the CCCD testing and certification requirements. Up to three such notices will be issued.

Please help the Village protect the water system from the potential of serious health dangers caused by faulty CCCDs by completing the required annual testing and certification by the date referenced in the 2014 reminder notices.

The IEPA requires the Village to strictly enforce these testing and certification reporting requirements. Failure to comply can result in the disconnection of water service, mandates to submit the required CCCD test and certification, and imposing a \$250 reconnection fee before water service can be restored.

For more information, please visit the Village website.

Questions? Please contact Grant Sharp, Water Production Supervisor, at (630) 671-5851.



Branch Pickup Begins April 21

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.

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 21. 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 21.
- 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.



Help Prevent Polluted Runoff Water

Polluted runoff water occurs when rain and melting snow carry pollutants from streets, parking lots, yards or construction sites and wash them into storm drains.

Bloomington residents, you can help! Your everyday activities can have a large impact on the water quality in and around the Village of Bloomington. By taking simple steps around your home or business, you can help to reduce the amount of polluted water that enters our storm drains and makes its way untreated to our local waterways.

Storm Drains - Help keep storm drains clean. Only rain and snow melt water should ever go down a storm drain. Keep debris from homes, lawns, pets, and vehicles out of storm drains. Remember, anything that enters a storm drain is untreated when it eventually finds its way into a lake, river, or stream.

Pets - When walking your pet remember to Scoop the Poop and dispose of it properly. Leaving pet waste on the ground allows harmful bacteria to wash into the storm drain.

Lawn Care - Use fertilizers and chemicals sparingly. When their use is necessary, follow the directions on the label. Do not apply if rain is forecast as the chemicals will be washed into the storm drain. Also - Don't over water your lawn. Runoff water can carry fertilizer and lawn clippings into the storm drain.

Car Washing - Use a commercial car wash as they have water reuse systems; or wash your car on a lawn to minimize the amount of dirty soapy water that flows to the storm drain system and enters a waterway untreated.

Motor Oil and Other Automotive Fluids - Do not let the spilled fluid enter a nearby storm drain! Recycle all automotive fluids at participating recycle centers. Do not pour them down the storm drain or place them in the garbage!

Household Hazardous Waste - Never dump any kind of household hazardous waste into a storm drain! These items such as paint, varnish, cleaners, acids, etc. need to be taken to an approved hazardous waste recycling center.

Report Spills & Other Water Pollution

- Report all spills that are potentially life threatening or hazardous in nature by calling 911.
- Report any non-hazardous spills or illegal dumping to the Village of Bloomington **Utilities Division at 630-671-5830**.

Road Construction

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The following streets will receive asphalt surface treatment: **Edgewater Court, Langton Court, Oxford Court, Sterling Court, Strathmore Court, Surrey Drive, Surrey Lane, Bridgewater Lane, West Windsor Drive, North Bristol Drive, West Windsor Circle, W. Bristol Court, West Sheffield Drive, West Hampshire Drive, West Hampshire Court, North Windham Lane, North Sherwood Circle, West Scarborough Court, North Manchester Lane, Park Avenue, Spring Valley Drive, North Pleasant Avenue, Prairie Avenue, Nordic Road, Tee Lane, South Pleasant Avenue, Crest Court, Euclid Avenue, Warren Avenue, Hillandale Drive, Leslie Lane and Rosedale Road.**

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, call the Village Services Department, Engineering Division, at 630-671-5676.



Yard Waste Collection Begins April 1

Yard Waste pick-ups 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) and affixed with stickers for Republic.

Yard waste stickers are available for purchase at a cost of \$2.85 per sticker (2014 cost) at the following locations:

Butera Foods -
550 W. Lake Street

Caputo's Fresh Market -
166 E. Lake Street

Jewel Food Store -
2164 S. Bloomington Road,
Glendale Heights

Len's Ace Hardware -
272 W. Lake Street

Meijer Supermarket -
130 S. Gary Avenue

Village of Bloomington -
201 S. Bloomington Road

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Hydrant Flushing Begins June 2

Planning A Garage Sale?

Important information:

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

North side of West Schick
April 24, 25, 26, 9am-4 pm

Bloomington Historical Society

May 15-17, 9 -5
Corner of 3rd & Washington;
Drop off donations May 14

Bloomfield Club 20th Annual

South side of west Schick
May 17, 9 am-4 pm

Country Club Estates

June 27 & 28, 9 am-5 pm

The Village Services - Utilities Division will be performing the annual Hydrant Flushing Program beginning June 2, 2014 through June 18, 2014. **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.

Hydrant flushing is routine maintenance which improves both water quality and water flow. The hydrant flushing by area is 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 2
Colony Green, College Quad Fours, Harvard, Brookdale, Wilshire Towers, South Glen Ellyn Rd. to Now Foods	Tuesday, June 3
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 4
Westlake Townhomes - Edgewater and Greenway, Lakeshore Townhomes, Fairfield, Milford, Fairfield Quads, Canterbury, Lexington Homes	Thursday, June 5
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 6
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 9
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 10
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 Street	Wednesday, June 11
Stratford Lakes, Camden Apts., Bayview Crossing Phases 1 & 2, Stratford Square, Knollwood Dr., Heritage, Villa Veneto, Meijers	Thursday, June 12
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 13
West Schick Rd.	Monday, June 16
Lake St.	Tuesday, June 17
Army Trail Rd	Wednesday, June 18

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

Septemberfest 2014

The 41st annual Septemberfest will be held on Saturday, September 6 in Old Town (Lake & Bloomingdale) beginning with the annual parade stepping off from DuJardin School at 11a.m. and traveling west on Schick Road into the Old Town area. Returning will be the food, vendor and crafter booths, a variety of entertainment and the traditional evening crowd-pleasing band performance. This year will also feature another outstanding car show, as well as the presentation of the Septemberfest/Joe Draghi Memorial Scholarships. Applications for food vendors, crafters, parade participants, and scholarships can be found on the village's website at www.villageofbloomingdale.org/stay-play/local-events Click on Septemberfest. The car show application will be included there soon. Plan to join your friends and neighbors at this well-loved, traditional end of the summer event. More details will be posted as they unfold.



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 Bloomingdale between the ages of 16 and 20. Other requirements are noted on application.

The application packet is available on the Village of Bloomingdale's website at www.villageofbloomingdale.org/stay-play/local-events Completed application packet is due April 15, 2014 . Applications must be postmarked no later than April 15, 2014.

There will be a mandatory judge's interview held at the Village of Bloomingdale, Council Room, 201 S. Bloomingdale Road on Sunday, May 18, 2014. Winners will be announced at the 41st Septemberfest on Saturday, September 6, 2014. Attendance to receive your award, if chosen, is not mandatory.

Be a Friend of Septemberfest and the Joe Draghi Septemberfest Scholarship!

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

We would appreciate a donation of any kind. If you have attended the event, have enjoyed the event, have been a scholarship recipient, or are the parent of a recipient, won't you please consider a donation to help keep the Joe Draghi Septemberfest Scholarship going.

Name (as you wish it to be listed)

Address _____

Daytime phone _____

Evening phone _____

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

Make your check or money order payable to the Village of Bloomingdale. Please put "Septemberfest Scholarship 2014" in the memo line. Mail to: Friends of Septemberfest, c/o Village of Bloomingdale, 201 S. Bloomingdale Road, Bloomingdale, IL 60108.

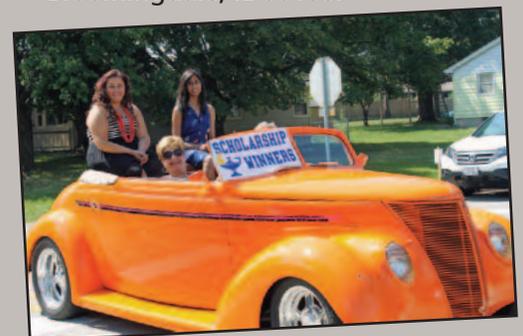
Looking for a Summer Job?

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

The type of work involves physical labor. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age and must have a valid Illinois driver's license. Starting hourly rates are \$9.00.

Find applications online at www.villageofbloomingdale.org and at the Bloomingdale Village Hall, 201 S. Bloomingdale Road, from 8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The Village of Bloomingdale is an Equal Opportunity Employer.



Tips for home and property Proactive on Crime Prevention

Volunteers Wanted

Bloomington Police Department seeks volunteers to join its Citizen Volunteer Program. Adults who live in Bloomington, Addison, Carol Stream, Glendale Heights, Medinah or Roselle with a valid driver's license may apply. Responsibilities include transporting squad cars for brief maintenance service, patrolling parking lots for handicapped parking violators and notifying the dispatch center of such, and providing assistance at various community events (Septemberfest, Senior Fair, etc.). A uniform will be provided after three months of volunteer service.

Anyone interested in volunteering should contact Detective Watch Commander John Krueger or Volunteer Coordinator Marv Roehlke at 630-529-9868 to arrange for an interview followed by a background check.

Special Olympics Fundraising Events

"Rooftop Cop" at Dunkin' Donuts (Lake Street): Bloomington Police Officers unite with the Lake Street Dunkin' Donuts staff to both bring attention to the Special Olympics' program and to recognize its athletes on the playing fields and in life. From 5:30 a.m. to Noon on Friday, May 31, Bloomington officers will take part in a rooftop sit-in, greeting the customers of the Bloomington Lake Street Dunkin' Donuts and welcoming donations for Illinois Special Olympics. So, come on in to Dunkin' Donuts and don't forget to look up!

Light it up: In the interest of promoting a pro-active approach to crime prevention, the Bloomington Police Department is encouraging the use of timers for lights inside the home (possibly for radios or televisions inside, as well) and the use of outdoor lighting and motion detectors. Our patrol officers have noticed many homes in residential areas that do not use lighting inside and/or outside their homes, making it very obvious that no one is home. This makes the home very inviting and an easy mark for possible criminal activity. Adding lights both in and out can act as a deterrent to unscrupulous individuals.

Call it in: The Bloomington Police Department also recommends that residents report any suspicious person(s) and/or suspicious activity via 9-1-1. If something does not seem right, trust your instincts and call so that it can be properly checked out. This also pertains to any unregistered solicitors, service or utility workers, etc. If you are not sure about the identification of an individual or a company, please call the company to verify or the Village (630-893-7000) or Police Department (630-529-9868) regarding work in your area.

Know who is at the door: Be aware that if someone comes to your residence unexpectedly, you do not have to answer the door. However, you may want them to know that someone is home by making some noise. There are criminals who approach a home to see if anyone is inside before they attempt to make entry into the residence. Should you answer the door to an unexpected visitor, they may give some excuse for their visit or apologize for coming to the wrong address. Please be aware this can be a ploy, so please report anything suspicious to our police department giving the best description of the person(s) and/or vehicle involved, as possible.

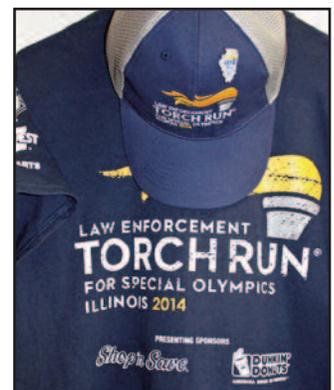
The Bloomington Police Department appreciates your efforts towards "Hardening the Target" against criminal activity so we can all work together to keep Bloomington safe! If you have any questions or concerns, please call Officer Dawn Odoi - Crime Prevention/Community Relations Officer at (630) 529-9868.

2014 Law Enforcement Torch Run on June 8

Torch Run: Sunday, June 8 marks the 2014 Illinois Law Enforcement Torch Run, the single largest year-round fundraising event benefiting Special Olympics Illinois. Watch for more information in the June issue and on the Bloomington Police Department Facebook page.

The Bloomington Police Department also has 2014 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 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 and the Special Olympics program!



Swing into spring! Golf Club Offering Community Card

Welcome to the 2014 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, 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.

"Swing into Spring Scramble" Golf Event (9:00 am Shotgun start)

On Sunday, April 27th, we will be hosting our 9th annual opening season spring golf event. This year's format will be slightly different from the past. Three formats will be in play: six hole scramble, 6 hole alternate shot and 6 hole modified best-ball. Teams will sign up as foursomes. From within the foursomes, two-person teams will be determined by the players in the group before teeing off, and will play each of these formats as a two-person team. 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 \$70 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. Event is limited to the first 25 teams.

2014 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 is ongoing in the golf pro shop. Further information can be obtained on our website at www.bloomingdalegc.com along with a registration form.



2014 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 17 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 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. You will also be able to print out a registration form.



Announcing the 2014 'Community Card' Program

It's that time of the year to begin preparing for the 2014 golf season! Many of you took advantage of our inaugural "Community Card" program last year, which was a great success!

Because it is the start of a new year, this is a reminder that last year's participants need to re-register for the program. If you are a first timer, we would love to have you as a participant!

Participants from last year will need to visit the golf shop, present last year's community card and a valid driver's license (or other form of ID) and pay the corresponding fee:
Bloomingdale Residents - \$10.

First timers taking advantage of this opportunity, will need to:

- Visit the golf pro shop at Bloomingdale Golf Club and fill out the registration form. Please bring with you a current Photo I.D. showing your address. This will be your proof of residency.
- Pay an annual fee of \$10 – Bloomingdale residents.

Once registered, you will receive a laminated community identification card. Presenting this card, along with your photo ID at the time of payment for your green fee, will entitle you to a reduced fee.

Additional information is available at www.Bloomingdalegc.com.

We hope you take advantage of this wonderful opportunity!



Platt Hill Nursery Celebrates 30 Years

Platt Hill Nursery

222 W. Lake Street

630-529-9394

www.platthillnursery.com

You can find "How to..." flyers and videos on the Platt Hill Nursery website for a wide variety of topics, plus plant care, planting instructions and watering instructions, as well as learning about current specials. Click on "Helpful Info" on the homepage.



Seminars and workshops are offered in several different areas of gardening. Check out the various topics and dates by clicking on "Events & Seminars" on the homepage.

For information on available landscaping materials, as well as landscape design services, click on "Landscaping" on the Homepage.



Come to the Platt Hill Easter Egg Hunt - April 19th -10 a.m.

Bring in the kids for an Easter Egg Hunt. The Easter Bunny loves to make a special appearance to take pictures with all of the little children. Make sure to stop by to have your photo taken.

The Easter Egg Hunt is rain or shine, and will be held indoors in the event of poor weather. No Fee.

Platt Hill Nursery, located at 222 W. Lake Street, quietly marked its 30th anniversary in Bloomingdale this past December. The seven-acre site is a masterpiece of color and design that provides a captivating streetscape for passing motorists. Owner Platt Hill has deep family roots in the field of horticulture. His great-grandfather David Hill started D. Hill Nursery in 1855. He was a vendor (exhibitor) at the Columbian Exposition held in 1892 in Chicago. At the time D. Hill was the largest evergreen grower in the world.



Art Hill (Platt's grandfather) took over the business. Platt's father, Jack Hill, was also part of the business until he passed away at an early age. Platt, himself, worked with the family from 1974-1980. In 1980, he struck out on his own, purchasing an existing garden center operating out of a two-car garage in Dundee. Platt Hill Nursery was born. Platt knew plants, but learned retail from one of the longtime D. Hill employees, Don Fraas. The business grew quickly.

Platt always wanted a design built garden center and there wasn't enough room in Dundee. Familiar with the Bloomingdale area, Platt learned that Horst Lesser was selling his garden center business, Koehler's Barnyard, on Lake Street. Platt bought the four-acre site in December of 1983 and Platt Hill Nursery opened in Bloomingdale. That first winter caused him second thoughts. The septic froze, the heater went out, and as part of the deal, Platt had acquired pygmy goats and sheep from the "petting zoo" Koehler's had on the premises. "I knew nothing about animal husbandry, and here I was trying to thaw water for them to drink," he recalls, laughing.

Everyone survived that brutal winter and he found a good home for the "pets." Lynn Murphy, who was working at Koehler's Barnyard, stayed on to help Platt build the business. The site was improved in phases, beginning with the greenhouses in 1984-85. In 1986 he built the existing store, razing the wooden structures from the original garden center. Over time he acquired three more acres, which enabled him to expand his outdoor display and design areas, as well as add much needed parking. Before that, customers would park up and down Lake Street to shop at Platt Hill Nursery.

After all these years in the business, Platt says he still loves meeting new gardeners and new homeowners, anxious to start their first project. Helping them to get started, watching their excitement -that really makes his day.

Annuals, perennials, climbers, groundcover, trees, bushes, roses, seeds, bulbs, yard art, trellises, bird baths, bird feeders, horticulturists, certified nursery professionals, design inspiration, planting advice..., If you have never been to Platt Hill Nursery, you should stop in – it's all things garden and so much more. And if you're already a customer, be sure to stop in and see what's new for this year.

Congratulations, Platt Hill. For 30 years, you've put the "blooming" in Bloomingdale and we thank you!

Quick Fire Cafe Coming to Stratford Square

Coming soon to Stratford Square is Quick Fire Café, a casual dining café, which will be located in the space vacated by Tenka Restaurant, just inside the entrance next to the lower level of the Penney's store. The menu will feature a variety of wines, wood fired pizzas, pastas and more. Quick Fire Café should be open on May 1.



In other news, Stratford Square Mall has entered into an agreement with Round1 Entertainment to bring a 40,000 square foot, state-of-the-art entertainment complex to its regional mall in Bloomingdale. Round1 Bowling & Amusements will begin construction in early spring on the lower level. Stratford Square was chosen as Round 1's first Midwest location of the entertainment based on area demographics and the presence of families.

The location will feature 16 bowling lanes (including equipment for children), five billiard tables, multiple dart boards, ping pong tables, over 200 arcade games, and four karaoke rooms. Round 1 Bowling & Amusements will operate from 10:00am – 2:00am with restricted hours for minors after 10:00pm. A snack bar and bar are also included at the Bloomingdale location.

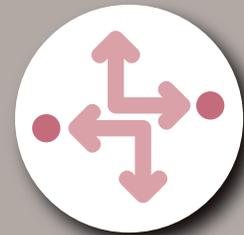
Crave Café Opens in Springbrook Shopping Center

If you're craving something fast to eat, but you're tired of the "fast food" fare, Crave Café might be just what you're looking for. Jerome Pilalis opened his eatery at 162B E. Lake Street in Springbrook Shopping Center in February. This chef/owner puts his 40 years of restaurant experience into providing great food, freshly made and served with a smile. Comfort food, coffee and friends, he says.

His menu starts with breakfast sandwiches and espresso, then moves on to appetizers, soups made from scratch and a variety of salads. There is also an imaginative selection of wraps, hot paninis, cafe sandwiches,



burgers and more on the grille, plus pasta entrees and some south of the border fare. Even the kids will find a favorite among the kids' meals. Crave Café is open Monday through Saturday from 9 am to 9 pm; closed Sunday. Take a break from the drive through, stop in, meet Jerome and discover a whole new craving. Catering is also available. Call him at 630-529-5761.



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 -
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Welcome to These New Businesses

Performax
270 Glen Ellyn Road

Great Lakes Accounting
124 W. Lake Street

Horizon Rehab Services
150 S. Bloomingdale Road #B

TruCare Dentistry
183 S. Bloomingdale Road

Windy City Wheels Magazine
125 Fairfield Way, Ste 380

Crave Café
162B E. Lake Street

Lx Pizza
170 E. Lake Street



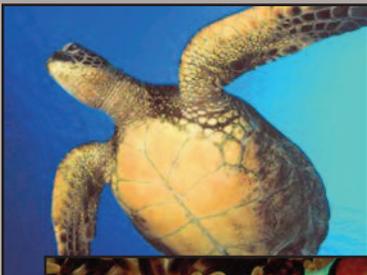
Community Events

Bloomingtondale Artists Association

April 9 - Ceramic Tray Workshop
presented by Sue Dix.

Attendees will each create a small tray which will be glazed and fired by Sue and returned in time for the May meeting. Sue started taking ceramic and clay classes in 2006. Sue's award-winning work has been exhibited at the DuPage Art League, LaGrange Art League, and Studio V at Harper College.

May 14 - Photo Composition
presented by Fred Drury.



Attendees are encouraged to bring their digital cameras and take notes. Fred's passion is making images of the natural world, including underwater photography. He is on faculty at College of DuPage, a staff lecturer in the Natural History Education Department at The Morton Arboretum and teaches at the DuPage Art League.

Please Note: Programs begin at 6:45pm at the Bloomingtondale Park District Museum, 108 S. Bloomingtondale Road. Contact Nicole Javvaji for details, nicolejavvaji@yahoo.com or, 847-845-4471. Visitor \$5 drop-in fee; materials fees may apply.

Bloomingtondale Golf Club Fish Fry

The Bloomingtondale Golf Club's "FABULOUS FISH FRY" is back every Friday through Friday, April 18. "ALL YOU CAN EAT" Haddock Fish will be served. Doors open at 4:00 p.m., with the last seating at 8:30 p.m.



Bloomingtondale Chamber of Commerce Hosts Art Exhibit and Sale

The 2nd Annual Art Exhibit and Sale, featuring the works of members of the Bloomingtondale Artists Association, will run through May 30 at the Bloomingtondale Chamber of Commerce, 108 W. Lake Street. Exhibit schedule: Monday through Thursday, 9am to 2pm, and some Fridays. Artwork includes watercolor, oil, acrylic, pencil, pen & ink, and photography. Selected works are offered for sale; negotiation/delivery details will be handled by artists. Contact Jane Hove (630-980-9082) or Bev Petrosius (630-624-9545) for more info.

Bloomingtondale Garden Club – Growing for More than 50 Years

April 15, Garden Bingo and Plant Sale Prep

Have some fun at Garden Bingo. Then get down to business with Plant Sale Prep, and everything you need to get ready for the Club's Annual Plant Sale on May 2 & 3.

May 20, Tremendous Tomato Tips, presented by Wally Schmidtke. - A very informative, practical presentation on growing tomatoes organically. The latest trends and products in tomato culture will be reviewed along with Wally's unique tips.

Visitors are welcome. Programs begin 6:30pm at the Bloomingtondale Police Dept. lower level, 201 S. Bloomingtondale Rd. Contact Roberta Pulido for more info, 630-295-8315, fortpulido@comcast.net.

May 2 and May 3 - Annual Plant Sale

The Club's annual plant sale takes place at the Bloomingtondale Park District Maintenance Building, at the north end of Springfield Park, south of Lake Street. This hugely popular sale features flats of 48 annuals, hanging baskets, geraniums, specialty plants, Proven Winners, accent plants, and vegetables/herbs



from a professional grower in Michigan. More than 50 NEW cultivars and/or varieties available this year, as well as "tried and true" plants and customer favorites - and of course, perennials from members' gardens. Sale hours: Friday **Noon to 6pm**, Saturday 9am to 3pm. Rain or shine, indoor location. For more information, contact bloomingtondalegardenclub@gmail.com

Lions in Action

Hop on over to **Bloomington Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt** starting promptly at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 12 in Circle Park, 163 Fairfield Way! The egg hunt is open to youngsters 0-4-years old and 5-9-years old and is sponsored by the Lions Club with candy donated by Meijer.

The **Park District's Bunny Bash** follows shortly thereafter, running 9:45 a.m. to noon, at the adjacent Johnston Recreation Center, 172 S. Circle Ave.

Bunny Bash activities include a bounce house, coloring contests, petting zoo, craft activities, games, entertainment, pictures with the Bunny, refreshments and more. All participants for the Bunny Bash **MUST** pick up a wristband at the Johnston Recreation Center. Wristbands are currently available. Both events are **FREE!**

The Bunny Bash is sponsored by Salerno's Rosedale Chapel, Associated Dental Care and Adventist Glen Oaks Hospital.

The Bloomington Lions Club is selling those sweet, delicious **Vidalia onions** again for \$10 for a 10 lb bag. Orders are being taken through April 25h. The onions may be picked up from noon to 5 p.m. on Friday, May 9th and 8 a.m. to Noon on Saturday, May 10th at Prudential Starck Realty, 181 S. Bloomington Road. They always have extra onions for walk-up customers. For more information or to obtain an order form, contact Jerry Markham at jmarkham1224@gmail.com or call 708-764-4703. Proceeds will benefit a variety of community needs, as well as fund sight and hearing research.

Get Your Grill On! The Bloomington Lions Club hosts its Steak Fry on May 2nd from 5-8 p.m. at the Bloomington 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 Cory Viger, 630-893-1042.

Smokin' Fundraiser

Hickory River Smokehouse, 2130 Bloomington Road, Glendale Hts, is donating 15% of non-discounted sales on April 9 to the Bloomington CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition. Great BBQ for you. A great donation for them. Copy of the fundraiser flyer is necessary to obtain donation for the CC Coalition. It is available at www.villageofbloomington.org/stay-play/local-events and www.character60108.org

Village Almanac Deadline

Do you have news we should know about? Articles and information for the JUNE 2014 issue of the Almanac must be submitted to Mary Ellen Johnson by **MAY 5**.

Email her at johnsonm@vil.bloomington.il.us, or call 630-671-5600.



Library's Lisa Palmer Honored with Pillar Award



(l to r) CC! Coalition member Kandy Jones, Lisa Palmer, Mayor Coladipietro and Library Board President Bonnie Rothbaum.

Lisa Palmer, the head of the Bloomington Public Library Youth Services, was presented with a Pillar Award for Caring by the Bloomington CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition at the February 11, 2014 Library Board meeting.

Last June, an 8-year old boy emerged from the library computer lab choking on a piece of candy. Lisa immediately jumped into action and administered the Heimlich Maneuver on the young patron. Lisa's swift action dislodged the breathing obstacle, and saved the young patron's life.

Lisa's actions demonstrate the pillar of caring and the importance of first aid instruction and taking immediate action.

Around and About Town

Bloomingtondale Memorial Day Observance May 26



The annual Memorial Day Observance takes place at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, May 26 at St. Paul Cemetery on the north side of Lake Street, just east of Circle Avenue.

The Bloomingtondale Historical Society is joined by the Bloomingtondale Public Library, Village of Bloomingtondale, Bloomingtondale 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 60th anniversary of the Vietnam 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.

Bloomingtondale Park District Museum's 31st Annual Student Art Show Runs Through April 12

Students from local grade schools and high schools display their talents not only for mom, dad and grandparents, but for the whole community. The Student Art Show runs now through April 12.

Now in its 31st year, this highly-popular show offers the chance to view the work of talented youngsters before they become famous. Additionally, it is a great introduction for young artists, some of whom have exhibited in the show as students and returned years later to exhibit again as adults. Exhibit hours are Wed, 4-8 p.m.; Thurs & Fri, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Sat. Noon - 4 p.m.

Other shows: Running from May 10 to June 7 are two annual shows: In Gallery I, the Bloomingtondale Artist Association Members Spring Show features a diversity of artistic mediums, and an Annual Auction to benefit the BAA Scholarship Fund.

In Gallery II, are the fotoMuses, a talented group of photographic artists with unique styles.

Exhibit schedule: Wednesdays 4 to 8 pm, Thursday/Fridays 10am to 4pm, Saturdays noon to 4pm. Complimentary reception on Sunday, May 18, from 2 to 4pm. For more information call 630-539-3096 or check out bpdmuseum@bloomingtondaleparks.org

The Museum is Bloomingtondale's oldest building and home to five to seven exhibits and 1,000+ visitors per year. It was built in 1849 as the First Baptist Church of Christ. Visitors today can view the original 1849 ceiling, knotty pine floor, and some of the original glass pane windows.

Bloomingtondale Park District Director Wins Award

Bloomingtondale Park District Executive Director Carrie Fullerton was honored with the 2014 Illinois Park & Recreation Association Professional Award at the IAPD/IPRA Soaring to New Heights Conference held



January 23-25 at the Hyatt Regency in Chicago. The IPRA Professional Award is presented to a current Illinois park and recreation professional who has made an impact within the parks and recreation industry.

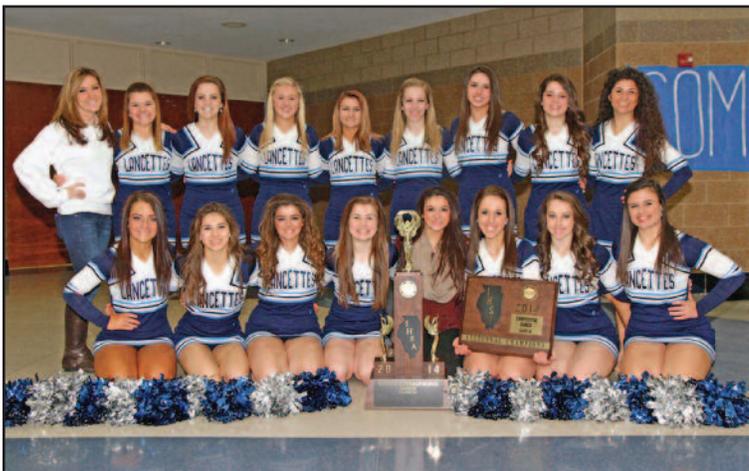
The Bloomingtondale Park District staff surprised Carrie (front row center holding award) by coming downtown to cheer her on when she received her award.



Lake Park High School Competitive Dance Team Wins 2014 IHSA Class 3A State Championship

The Lake Park High School Competitive Dance team, The Lancettes, captured the Illinois High School Association (IHSA) Class 3A Competitive Dance State Championship at the IHSA State Finals held at the US Coliseum in Bloomington, Ill. on January 31 and February 1, 2014. This honor represents the first IHSA State Championship in Competitive Dance in the history of Lake Park High School, and the 10th overall IHSA Team State Championship in any sport for the school.

The Lancettes led the entire field of teams all weekend, posting the highest overall scores at both the Friday preliminary competition and Saturday finals round. Their Saturday final score was the highest overall score



posted by any team in the three competing classes at the state tournament. Additionally, the Lancettes also won the IHSA Sectional Championship on January 25, 2014 to qualify for the IHSA State Finals.

Bloomington Student Named National Merit Finalist

Congratulations to Lake Park High School senior Madeline Zoltek of Bloomington who was one of two students selected as National Merit Finalists in the 2014 National Merit Scholarship Competition. To become a finalist, a Semifinalist must have an outstanding academic record throughout high school, be endorsed and recommended by the high school principal, and earn SAT scores that confirm the student's earlier performance on the qualifying test. The semifinalist and a high school official must submit a detailed scholarship application, which includes the student's self-descriptive essay and information about the semifinalist's participation and leadership in school and community activities.

Congratulations, Madeline!

Letter Carriers' Food Drive

Join us on Saturday, May 10, 2014 for our annual food drive. We bring all donations to the Bloomington Township Food Pantry. They handle nine communities in the area. Place non-perishables by your mailbox by 9 a.m. on Saturday, May 10th. This is our 22nd year of feeding the needy people in our area.

Your Letter Carriers of the Bloomington Post Office



St. Isidore Teacher Honored for Excellence in Teaching



St. Isidore Principal Cyndi Collins (l) with St. Isidore Kindergarten Teacher Mary Ellen Neal, pictured at the ceremony where she received her award.

Mary Ellen Neal, veteran kindergarten teacher at St. Isidore School is the recipient of the 2014 prestigious Bishop Joseph L. Imesch Award for Excellence in Teaching.

She was nominated for the honor by St. Isidore Principal Cyndi Collins, who said "Mary Ellen is both a phenomenal kindergarten teacher and a true Catholic school teacher. She views each child as an individual, seeks strategies to meet every child's need and constantly seeks new ways to make learning come alive for every student. Her students always come first!"

Congratulations!

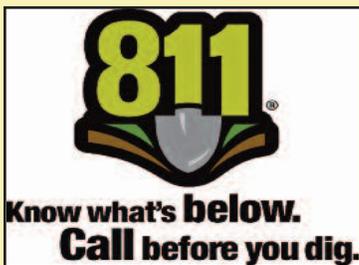
Senior Day Fair – April 25

Make a Call to 811 Part of Your Springtime Plans

Spring is finally here! With the snow melted and the ground ready for planting, eager homeowners like you are gearing up to start those outdoor digging projects. Before you reach for that shovel to start digging, remember to call 811, the national call-before-you-dig number, to ensure that your buried utility lines are marked.

The Common Ground Alliance and its 1,500 members recognize April as National Safe Digging Month. The Village of Bloomingdale, as a member of JULIE (which stands for Joint Utility Locating Information for Excavators), is helping to get the word out. For more information, visit www.illinois1call.com or www.call811.com.

National Safe Digging Month was designated to remind residents that our land is made up of a complex underground infrastructure of pipelines, wires and cables. Striking an underground utility line while digging can cause harm to you or those around you, disrupt service to an entire neighborhood, and potentially result in fines and repair costs.



The Bloomingdale Police Department and the Bloomingdale Senior Citizen Advisory Council invite all senior citizens to the 10th Annual Senior Day Fair from 9 a.m. to Noon on Friday, April 25 at the Medinah Shriners Banquet Facility in Addison. The fair, created by the Senior Citizen Advisory Council, gives seniors the opportunity to visit with local agencies, businesses, service providers and other resources available to them in a comfortable, friendly setting. Refreshments will be available and there is no fee to enter. Giveaway bags and other items will be distributed upon arrival; door prizes will be given out each ½ hour during the event.



Among the 50 agencies in attendance at the Senior Day Fair are:

- 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 and clubs;
- Representatives of local governmental units - Village, Police, Fire, Park District, Library;
- Wholesale stores and fitness facilities;
- Bloomingdale Lions Club providing eye & hearing screening services & collection of used/unwanted eye glasses;
- Illinois Secretary of State – Renewal of Driver's License (those under the age of 75), obtain Identification Cards, and Rules of the Road information.

To celebrate the 10th year of the Senior Day Fair, there will be presentations on Healthy Food and Exercise/Fitness to keep senior citizens active and enhance their well-being. The sessions will be conducted between the hours of 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. During April, visit the Village of Bloomingdale website – www.villageofbloomingdale.org and look under "News and Events" and then click on "Upcoming Events" for further details about the presentation sessions. Please contact Officer Dawn Odoi at (630) 529-9868 with any questions regarding the event.

Please consider joining us, invite others and mark your calendars for:

The Senior Day Fair on Friday, April 25th, 2014, at the Medinah Shriners Banquet Facility (located on Swift Road just north of Army Trail Road).

Holiday Garbage Pickup

Garbage pickup will be delayed by one day due to the Memorial Day holiday on Monday, May 26, 2014.



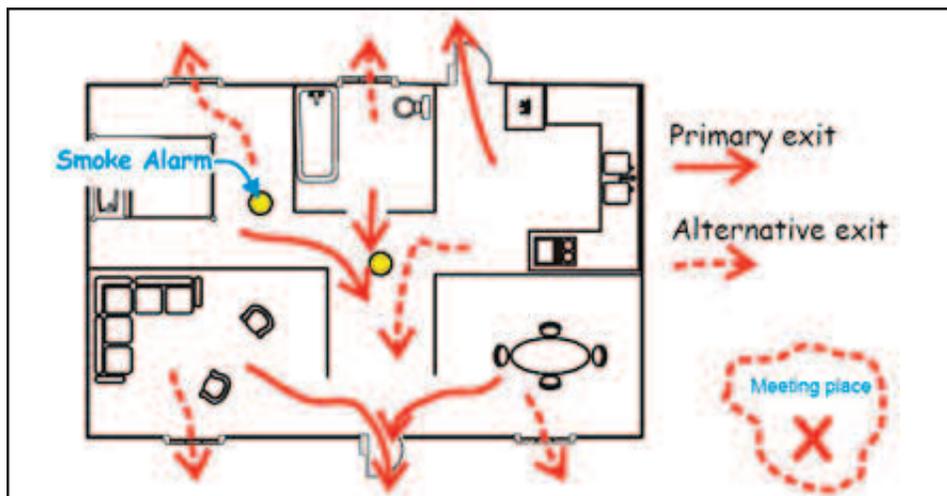
Escape Planning: Fire can spread rapidly . . . know how to escape

Your ability to get out depends on advance warning from smoke alarms and advance planning.

The Bloomingtondale Fire Protection District and the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) would like to remind you to plan ahead. In 2013, there were over 350,000 reported home structure fires and nearly 2,400 associated civilian deaths in the United States.

Fire can spread rapidly through your home, leaving you as little as two minutes to escape safely once the alarm sounds. Pull together everyone in your household and make a plan. Walk through your home and inspect all possible exits and escape routes. Households with children should consider drawing a floor plan of your home, marking two ways out of each room, including windows and doors. Also, mark the location of each smoke alarm. For easy planning, download NFPA's escape planning grid at nfpa.org. This is a great way to get children involved in fire safety in a non-threatening way.

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



Poison Prevention

Did you know that March is Poison Prevention Month in Illinois? Last month the Illinois Poison Center (IPC) marked its 60th anniversary. The Illinois Poison Center is a non-profit health service providing the people of Illinois with comprehensive and trusted information and treatment advice on potentially harmful substances via a free, confidential 24-hour helpline, 1-800-222-1222. The helpline is staffed by specially trained medical experts, including doctors, nurses and pharmacists. In 2013, the IPC handled 79,392 calls from across Illinois. The majority (72,564) were for advice on treating someone exposed to a potentially harmful substance. The additional 6,828 calls were for poison information. Nearly 50 % of those calls were for children 5-years and younger.

Keep this number handy: 1-800-222-1222.



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New Deputy Fire Chief Hired

The Bloomingtondale Fire Protection District welcomed Zackary Riddle as the new Deputy Chief of Training on March 17. Riddle was previously a Captain and Acting Shift Commander with the



Pleasantview Fire Protection District, where he served for 16 years. He is also a fire service leadership instructor for the University of Illinois Fire Service Institute, and has presented at both national and international conferences on the topics of leadership and professional development. He has a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Governor's State University, a Bachelor of Science degree from University of Iowa, is a certified instructor in many disciplines, and serves the nation as a Major in the United States Army Reserves. Bloomingtondale Fire Protection District #1 is proud to bring his knowledge and expertise to the fire department command staff.



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Student Art Show Features 300 Artists

The 31st annual Student Art Show features the artwork of some 300 local students hailing from 10 schools - Kindergarten through 12th grade. This is the most popular exhibit the Park District Museum offers and always features a wide variety of media. (Two additional photos on page 14.)

