



Village of Bloomingdale *Almanac*

February 2014

Growth with Pride

3/50 Project *Support Our Local Independents*

Members

- Angelo Caputo's
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- Bentley's Pancake
House and Restaurant
- Chicago Pastry
- Classic Travel and Tours
- Elite Sports Memorabilia
- Enopi
- Great Wraps
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Boutique Ltd
- Kammes Auto and Truck
Repair Inc.
- La Campana Mexican
Restaurant
- Mandarin Bistro
- Masterpiece Framing
- Rooster's Restaurant
- Sassy's Originals
- Sportys Catering
- Springsoft
- Spring Wine & Spirits

Supporters

- Bloomington Chamber of
Commerce
- Burkhardt's Repairs R Us, Inc.
- Village of Bloomingdale

Ice and Snow - Take It Slow

No doubt, this winter weather has already caused drivers much difficulty getting around. The "Ice and Snow - Take it Slow" winter campaign launched in December jointly by the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), Illinois Tollway, and the Illinois State Police (ISP) was aptly named. For everyone's safety, motorists are reminded to please stay focused on the road, and to adhere to the following safety tips.

- Don't crowd the plow - a snow plow operator's field of vision is restricted. You may see them, but they may not see you.
- Allow extra time for travel during the winter months.
- Watch out for black ice on roads that appear clear but can be treacherous. Take it slow when approaching intersections, off-ramps, bridges and



- shady areas, which are all prone to black ice.
- Always keep your gas tank at least two-thirds full to help prevent the vehicle's fuel line from freezing.
- Do not travel during bad weather unless absolutely necessary - if you do have to make a trip, check the forecast and make sure someone is aware of your travel route.
- Always carry an emergency car care kit that contains jumper cables, flares or reflectors, windshield washer fluid, a small

- ice scraper, traction material, blankets, non-perishable food and a first aid kit.
 - Carry a cell phone and dial *999 for roadway assistance.
 - Always wear a safety belt.
- Motorists are urged to check travel conditions before any trip. You can get road condition information by calling 1-800-452-IDOT (4368), Illinois Tollway information by calling 1-800-TOLL-FYI or online at **Getting Around Illinois** and click on the "winter road conditions" icon.

A Whole Lot of Legos!

At the Bloomingdale Park District Museum

Right photos: The 12'x12' working train display by Randy Flones



Lions and Meijer's Team Up To Brighten Holiday for Needy Families

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



On a snowy December Saturday, 18 Bloomingdale Lions shopped at the Meijer's store on their annual holiday outing. Six teams of three had a grocery list and a budget for purchasing Christmas dinner for a needy Bloomingdale family. Within an hour the carts held \$850 worth of groceries. Meijer's donated gift cards for the families and the Lions were off to make their deliveries. In addition, the Lions donated \$500 each to the Bloomingdale Food Pantry and Family Shelter Service for victims of domestic violence.

Stay in Touch

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

This is a good way to keep up with timely information on news, services and events in and around town. And in the case of an unusual event, such as the 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.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 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

Thanks to resident David Von Huben for his photograph of a family enjoying an outing near Meacham Grove after the first snowfall.

A Message from Mayor Franco

Lake Street (Route 20) has been Bloomingdale's main thoroughfare almost since the village was founded back in 1833. From dirt to plank to paved, just as the road evolved, so also did the development flanking it. Right now, however, the gateway to Bloomingdale from Lake Street does not reflect the vibrant, economically sound, aesthetically pleasing community that is the Village of Bloomingdale. Looking forward, I see an opportunity for a rebirth and redevelopment, re-establishing Lake Street and Old Town as a center of commerce and community activity.



We have started this process in earnest and it is my hope that 2014 will bring forth a plan to begin this Lake Street redevelopment. The Village has laid the foundation to improve our economic development with zoning ordinance changes that our Board recently approved to be more "business friendly" and to encourage business retention and property acquisition. Our next step is to adapt to a new business and real estate climate to leverage the benefits that our Lake Street corridor has to offer.

Whereas in the past developers were seeking out municipalities, now there is often a need for municipalities to be more aggressive in directly soliciting developers for problematic development areas. I believe it is time for creative solutions to market and "kick-start" different types of development in our Village. We are currently performing an analysis to give the Village Board a range of options for economic development in general and to encourage new business in our proposed redevelopment sites. The Village will see a positive economic benefit by being pro-active in providing assistance to developers and helping owners market their properties better.

The Board, along with staff, is investigating the following options: a traditional process of hiring an economic development coordinator to lay out a vision and to take a leadership role in the process and, alternatively, to have consultants advise us in developing an immediate action plan to address the vacant storefronts between Euclid/Lakeview and Circle Drives. Both proposals will address our immediate needs while helping us to create a continuing economic development program on a long term basis as we look to the future.

We will keep you informed of progress and choices along the way through local papers, the E-News and the Almanac. I am excited to be near the brink of a new direction and vision for economic development in Bloomingdale.

Did anyone notice that it has snowed recently? I'd like to publicly recognize all the Village Services personnel involved in our snow & ice control. Many of them spent a good part of their Christmas, and especially New Year, working to keep up with the storms and freezing temps. Although their task was difficult and challenging, motorists could still tell when they were driving on Bloomingdale streets. Thanks also to the Police Department personnel who were kept busy with stranded cars and assisting motorists in distress as the snow and ice complicated traffic and safety. To all of those employees, I say "Thank you for continuing to do an excellent job, not only for our residents, but also for those who travel through Bloomingdale. I truly appreciate your efforts."

In closing, I want to wish all of you my very best in the New Year, as well as a happy, healthy and prosperous 2014!

Mayor Franco



Indian Lakes Open Space Ad Hoc Committee

The Village of Bloomingdale has established an Ad Hoc Advisory Committee to guide the planning endeavor for the Indian Lakes Open Space area. In helping to select the preferred design concept for stormwater storage on the site, the committee will weigh in with their preference for storage, either in open water ponds, or in the context of an "emergent plant" environment involving a combination of wetlands and ponds.

In addition, the committee will provide oversight and feedback for more detailed planning of site topography, and specific design elements for open space amenities, such as walking paths, woodland areas, native wildflower plantings, benches and footbridges.

Appointed to the committee by Mayor Franco Coladipietro were the following residents, who represent various areas of the Village: Karen Blake, Susan Culhane, Ed Hagedorn, Ben Hoyle, Len Jaster, Kathy Maykut, Fred Nazur, Buzz Puccio, S. Joseph Raso, Rich Troesken and Conservation Foundation member Janice Roehll.

Others also serving on the committee are Village Trustees Michael Hovde, Jr. and Judi Von Huben, as well as Director of Planning for the Forest Preserve District Andrea Hoyt, an ex officio member.

The group met for the first time on January 30. We will document the committee's progress in upcoming issues of the **Almanac** and through the Village's E-news.

Water Rate and Fee Increase Effective January 1, 2014

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

The Village's water source comes from Lake Michigan through the City of Chicago and the DuPage Water Commission (DWC). The City of Chicago adopted a multi-year water rate increase plan for the purchase of Lake Michigan water which was assessed to the DWC and subsequently passed through to the Village. The Village cannot absorb these pass-through rate increases. As a result, a rate increase of 70¢ per thousand gallons of water used went into effect on January 1, 2014. The new rate will be reflected on Village utility bills issued in February 2014.



The average residential bill is projected to increase \$8.40, or approximately 6%. Details of the new water and sewer rates are available on the back of your water bill. Conserving water will help to reduce your water bill, and is also good for the environment. For some specific water conservation suggestions.

Fix leaks – Probably the single greatest water waster is a leaky toilet. A simple worn-out flapper valve could waste a gallon of water every ten minutes. This is almost 150 gallons of water wasted each day. Fixing the leaky toilet could reduce your water bill by \$88.

Install water flow restrictors – While a long, hot shower might feel good in the winter months, it's an easy way to use an extra 500 gallons of water a month. Install water flow restrictors on your shower heads and possibly reduce your water bill by \$10.

Lawn watering – A deep, green lawn really looks great, but all that watering might be costing you an extra \$20 each water bill. When you step on your grass, if it springs back up, it's healthy and might not need as much water. Cut back on the unnecessary watering and reduce your water bill.

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Looking for a Summer Job?

The Village of Bloomington 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.villageofbloomington.org and at the Bloomington Village Hall, 201 S. Bloomington Road, from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Completed applications can be mailed to or dropped off at the Village Hall.

The Village of Bloomington is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Budget Presentation Honored

The Village of Bloomingdale is very proud to announce the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) presented the village with the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for its FY14 Budget. This was the first year that the Village submitted its budget to the GFOA for consideration and we are very pleased to have earned the award.

The award is a significant achievement because it reflects the commitment of the governing body and staff to meet the highest principles of governmental budgeting. This means the budget has to satisfy nationally recognized guidelines to assess how well it serves as: a policy document; a financial plan; an operations guide; and a communications device.



The Budget Team - Management and Supervisors from Administration, Finance, Police, Village Services, including Streets, Forestry, Engineering, Building & Zoning, Utilities and Water Reclamation.

A Certificate of Recognition was also presented to Finance Director/Village Treasurer Gary L. Szott, and all Department Directors and Management staff primarily involved in the budget process. Thank you and congratulations to everyone involved for their valuable contributions which led to the receipt of this prestigious award.

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

Assistance is available for low-income households to help offset the rising cost of home energy through direct financial assistance, energy counseling, outreach and education. An overdue bill or disconnect notice is not required to receive LIHEAP assistance. Emergency assistance is available to eligible households whose utility service has been disconnected and for homeowners whose furnace is non-operational or determined unsafe to operate.



To be eligible, a client's total gross household income may not exceed 150% of poverty. Client must be customer of record with utility company, and submit complete documentation of income and proof of Social Security Number, utility bills and lease.

Applications are taken on an ongoing basis at the Bloomingdale Township General Assistance Office. If you wish to determine your eligibility for assistance you may do so by calling 630-529-9993 to make an appointment with a General Assistance case worker.



Surface Transportation Program Funding

Each year, the federal Surface Transportation Program (STP) provides state and local governments with funds that may be used for maintaining and improving their urban transportation networks. These funds are distributed locally to the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference (DMMC) who in turn distribute them to municipalities. In order to receive funding, a municipality must apply for the funds with a specific project and meet certain criteria.

Highway funds are used for projects that involve resurfacing or rebuilding roadways; Transportation Control Measure (TCM) funds are used for projects that decrease congestion and vehicle emissions.

This year, DMMC received 29 Highway project applications totaling \$16,860,960 and 7 TCM project applications totaling \$5,303,627.

Bloomingdale's highway projects awarded funding are the Springfield Drive Resurfacing project from Schick Road to Lake Street in the amount of \$374,421 and the Butterfield Drive Resurfacing project from Springfield Drive to Army Trail Road in the amount of \$296,423.

Bloomingdale's TCM projects awarded funding are the Springfield Drive Trail Extension from Lawrence Avenue to Lake Street in the amount of \$58,253 and the Covington Drive Sidewalk Replacement from Schick Road to Army Trail Road in the amount of \$171,175.

The federal funding awarded will cover only a part of each project. The projects funded this year each have their own scheduled start date in the Spring of 2016, 2017, or 2018.

Cross Connection Control Regulations & Survey

Reminder - New Driving Law Bans Hand-Held Cell Phones

As of January 1, 2014, Illinois joined 11 other states and the District of Columbia in banning the use of hand-held devices while driving. The operation of a motor vehicle is prohibited on any Illinois road while using a mobile phone or other electronic communication device, with exceptions for hands-free devices. These include those with headsets that can initiate a call using a single button or a voice command. Also excepted are emergency responders during the course of performing their duties.

In addition, penalties have increased when the use of an electronic device while driving causes an accident. If the accident causes great bodily harm, the driver can be sentenced to up to 1 year in prison, and a fatal accident can result in a prison sentence of 1 - 3 years. Previously, the law only allowed these drivers to be charged with traffic violations.

According to the U.S. Department of Transportation, drivers using hand-held devices are four times more likely to get into an accident causing injuries, and distracted driving caused 387,000 injuries and more than 3,000 fatalities across the country in 2011.



The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) and the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) are responsible for ensuring that cross-connections do not occur through the enforcement of cross-connection control regulations.

A cross-connection is any physical connection that allows a potable, or safe water source such as the Village drinking water system and a non-potable, or contaminated source, the ability to come into contact with one another. A cross-connection between potable water sources and non-potable sources may cause contamination of plumbing systems potentially risking the health of consumers.

Examples of potential cross connection sources include: water from a private source such as a well, water of unknown or questionable safety, steam, gas or chemical systems, or any condition whereby the sources could flow from one system to the other, the direction of flow depending on the difference in pressure between the systems. To protect the integrity of the Village's drinking water system, in the interest of the public health safety and welfare, the IEPA requires the Village to survey water customers as part of a Cross-Connection Control Program.

Please visit www.villageofbloomingtondale.org/CCCSurvey and complete the required survey by the July 1, 2014 deadline. Please note that this survey requires your Village water account number and manufacturer's information of any existing cross-connection control devices at the location so please have this information available before you begin the survey. If you have any questions please contact Water Production Supervisor, Grant Sharp at 630-671-5851.

CodeRED Emergency Notification

The Village of Bloomingdale has instituted the CodeRED Emergency Notification System - an ultra high-speed telephone communication service for emergency notifications.



CodeRED allows us to telephone either the whole Village, or targeted areas of the Village in case of an emergency situation that requires immediate action (such as a water boil water notice, gas leak, missing child, etc.). The system is capable of dialing 50,000 phone numbers per hour. The recorded message will be delivered to a live person or to an answering machine, making three attempts to connect to the home telephone first, and then to the registered cell number.

Bloomingtondale residences listed in the white pages are included in the existing CodeRED database. If you are a resident with a non-published or unlisted phone number, or if you would like your cell phone added as a back-up notification, please check out the homepage on our website www.villageofbloomingtondale.org or call the non-emergency police number at 630-529-9868.

Neighborhood Watch In Action

The Bloomingdale Police Department wants to publicly recognize and express sincere gratitude to the residents listed below for volunteering their time as Neighborhood Watch Block Captains. These individuals promote the lines of communication between their neighborhoods and emergency agencies to enhance the safety and quality of life for our community. Their dedication has led to the success of the Neighborhood Watch Program and other village-wide community events. Thanks to all their contributions throughout the year!

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



Neighborhood Watch Calendar of Upcoming Events



NEXT TWO UPCOMING NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH GENERAL MEETING DATES
MARCH 19 & MAY 21
7:30 P.M. VILLAGE HALL COUNCIL ROOM



WELCOME

Bloomingdale is
a
CRIME
WATCH
community



We immediately report all suspicious activities to our Police Department

OUR SUCCESS IS MEASURED BY THE SCOPE OF YOUR INVOLVEMENT

Sincerely,
Frank Giammarese,
Chief of Police

Dawn Odoi,
Community Policing
Officer
630-529-9868

500 Years of Service and Counting

Thanks!

The Village of Bloomingdale depends on the efforts of certain commissions and committees during the year. Each serves a specific purpose and is made up of volunteers, who contribute a great deal of time to carry out the work of the commission. We extend thanks to the following individuals who have given their time so generously during 2013.

Business Promotion Committee

John Vertnik
Branka Poplonski
Dana Carr
Konda Dees
Craig Herro
Nicole Kneeland-Woods

Board of Fire & Police Commissioners

Warren Gnau
Louis Pavone
Frank Letizia

Police Pension Board

Jeff Fritz
Steve Apostolopoulos
Alan Birkley
Mark Kreciak
Jackie Slater

Plan Commission & Zoning Board of Appeals

Ron Fangusaro
Guy Sanalidro
J. Thomas Brice
Len Jaster
Alex Zevan III
Terry Linderman
David Smith

Septemberfest Commission

Bill Wolff
Mitch Frumkin
Vivi Frumkin
Carole Lockhart
Susan Lancaster
Pam Hager
Debbie Pasiewicz
Maria Misura DeMaio

The Village of Bloomingdale celebrated 500 years of service when it recognized the following employees who reached milestone anniversaries in 2013.

35 Years
Tim Heffron

30 Years
Rob Blum
Julie Jaster
Bob Jensen
Irene Jones

25 Years
Bruce Beck
Tim Finnander
Frank Giammarese
Mike Gicla
Brian Healey
Ed Lewis
John Spikes

20 Years
Paul Alcozer
Dawn Odoi
Randy Petersen
Barb Weber

15 Years
Sam Bonilla
Christine Hajduk
Sue Hill

10 Years
Kimberly Lukowski
Elizabeth Spontella
Terry Spradling

5 Years
Joseph Cressman
Angelo Tenerelli
Bob Wright



Mayor Franco congratulates Tim Heffron on 35 years of service.



The employees pictured above represent a total of 275 years of service to the Village of Bloomingdale.

Village Wins State Award

Bloomingdale's Water Reclamation Facility (WRF) was honored to receive the 2014 WEF George W. Burke Safety Award for the State of Illinois. The recognition is awarded on an annual basis to single out and acknowledge an outstanding safety program at a wastewater treatment facility. During the annual assessment, the IWEA's Safety Committee team made reference to the Village of Bloomingdale's input and emphasis on safety, along with the diligence of staff in various parts of the plant ensuring that safety is a common goal.

The award will be presented to the Village in March at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum-Library in Springfield during the annual meeting of the Illinois Water Environment Association.

The Village is proud of the Water Reclamation Facility and the employees who helped the Village facility win this distinction. They are: (back row) WW Facility Coordinator Sam Ferraro, Mike Young, Tim Heffron, Kurt Dominus. Front row: Juana Stoiser, WRF Supervisor Shirley Burger, Anthony Coronato, and Juan Arce.



Business *News*

Planet Fitness Now Open in Stratford Crossing Shopping Center

Planet Fitness opened in December in the Stratford Crossing Shopping Center, 152 S. Gary Avenue. The company prides itself on giving people an unbeatable value, top-notch facilities, and an atmosphere that focuses on the needs of occasional or first-time gym users rather than hard-core fitness fanatics.



Planet Fitness celebrating its grand opening

All Planet Fitness clubs feature a wide selection of brand-name cardio and strength equipment, and provide unlimited fitness instruction with all memberships. Now through February 28th, members can join the Bloomingdale Planet Fitness for just \$10 down and then \$10 a month. The club is open 24 hours, seven days a week.

You can join at the club in the Stratford Crossing Shopping Center, or online at www.planetfitness.com, where you can also find more information. Follow them on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/Planet Fitness](http://www.facebook.com/PlanetFitness)) and Twitter (www.twitter.com/PlanetFitness) or call 630-582-7800. Planet Fitness is also the proud, exclusive gym sponsor of NBC's "The Biggest Loser."

Star Smiles Opens New Office in Springbrook Shopping Center



Drs. Andre and Raquel Jham

Star Smiles Orthodontics and Pediatric Dentistry opened its new office in Springbrook Shopping Center in December. The married couple Dr. Andre Jham and Dr. Raquel Martuchi Jham offer a dual specialty practice for families. Not only do they provide complete pediatric dental care for patients from infancy to young adulthood and special needs individuals of all ages, but they also offer a full range of orthodontic treatment options.

The Doctors Jham are pleased to employ the latest state-of-the-art technology to ensure children have access to the most conservative and comfortable dental care available. Appointments are available evenings/Saturdays and most insurances are accepted.

For more information about Star Smiles Orthodontics & Pediatric Dentistry, visit www.starsmilesorthopedo.com or call 630-980-8800.



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**

Locals love you more

Locally owned, independent merchants return 68% of their income to your local economy. National chains? 43% (or less). Online sellers? Zip. Zero. Nada.

So...who really loves ya, baby?

Learn more: the350project.net

The Fruitful Yield store moved from 154 S. Bloomingdale Road to 366 W. Army Trail Road.



Chamber Honors Six Members at Annual Holiday Luncheon

Capri Pizza & Deli Offers Homemade Favorites

Partners Paulie Carparelli, Anthony Gallichio and Johnny Rovito joined forces this past fall to open **Capri Pizza & Deli** at 148 S. Bloomingdale Road. Sharing a love of homemade Italian cuisine, as well as family restaurant experience, the trio has brought together both fresh deli offerings and a wide selection of homemade favorites – from appetizers to salads, sandwiches and pizza, to classic chicken dishes and traditional pasta dinners.

Capri also caters to the sweet tooth with homemade cookies, such as lemon knots, tiramisu, gelato and Capri's famous fried dough, enjoyed with a cappuccino or espresso. You can also find frozen ready-made dinners to heat at home or check out Capri's full line of catering for your next party.

Capri Pizza & Deli is open Mon – Thurs 11 a.m.-9 p.m.; Fri & Sat 11 a.m.-10 p.m. and Sun 3-8 p.m. Stop in to check out the daily specials. Plan on dining "al fresco" this summer on the enclosed patio.

For more information on Capri, call 630-283-0340.



The Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce honored six of its members at the annual Holiday Luncheon. Business of the Year was presented to First Bank & Trust and was accepted by Darrin Bacon. Named Ambassador of the Year was Dr. Aimee Harris-Newton of Dr. Amiee & Associates.

The Leadership Award was shared by two members - Ryan Bird of First Bank & Trust and Frank Grumeretz of Turning Point Video. In addition, long-time member Tom Itrich of Huskie Tools, was named a Director Emeritus. Lea Jackman of Western DuPage Special Recreation Association, was honored for her service as she retired from the Board of Directors. Jackman has been on the board since 1997 and served three terms as chamber president.



Pictured are (l to r) Harris-Newton, Grumeretz, Bird, Bacon, Itrich and Jackman.

Nominations Sought for Georgene Geils Award

Bloomingdale Area Women in Business requests nominations for its annual Georgene Geils "Woman of the Year" Award. The organization is looking for a woman who embodies the following:

- Strives to empower, embrace and equip women with the knowledge and resources to achieve their personal goals and reach their professional potential.
- Demonstrates excellence, imagination, and initiative in her business or profession.
- Contributes time and energy to improve the quality of life for others in the community.

Nomination forms are available at www.bloomingdalechamber.com and must be submitted by January 31, 2014. The recognition dinner will be held at Jameson's Charhouse on Thursday, February 27, 2013.

For more information, contact Jane Hove at 630-980-9082.

Septemberfest Commission is Looking for YOU!

The Septemberfest Commission is in need of two more members – one to work on publicity and one to serve as secretary. The committee meets at 6:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month from February through November at the Bloomingdale Village Hall. Meetings usually last less than one hour. Interested residents can contact Septemberfest Chairman Bill Wolff at 630-894-5692 for more information.

Variety of Scholarships Opportunities Available This Spring

The **Bloomingtondale Chamber of Commerce** will be offering scholarships to graduating seniors and post-secondary students. Candidates must be either a resident of a Bloomingtondale or an employee or child of an employee of a Bloomingtondale Chamber member. Applications will be available after February 1 at the Chamber Office, 108 W. Lake Street, or on the web site at: www.bloomingtondalechamber.com. The deadline for submission is noon on Friday, April 11, 2014. For more information call the Chamber office at 630-980-9082.



Bloomingtondale 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 Bloomingtondale area are eligible to apply. Applications will be available after February 14 at the Bloomingtondale Chamber of Commerce, Bloomingtondale Public Library, the Bloomingtondale Park District, and Bloomingtondale Bank & Trust, as well as at www.bloomingtondalechamber.com. Completed applications are due April 18, 2014. For more information call the Chamber office 630-980-9082.

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

The Parent-Teacher-Organizations from Bloomingtondale District 13 Schools Erickson & DuJardin Elementary schools will each be offering a \$750.00 scholarship. Westfield Middle School will be offering two \$750 scholarships. Past students of both DuJardin and Erickson may apply to only the school most recently attended. Students who attended one of the elementary schools and Westfield Middle School may apply to the elementary school, as well as to Westfield.

Applications will be available from Lake Park High School counselors' offices, the District 13 school offices and can be downloaded from the district's web page, www.sd13.org. Applications must be submitted by Friday, April 11, 2014. Winners will be selected by a committee evaluating the students' applications, grade point averages, introductory letters, and letters of recommendation. Winners will be notified in early May. For more information, contact the District 13 office at (630) 893-9590.

See the April 2014 issue of the Almanac for information on applications for the **Joe Draghi Septemberfest Scholarship**.

League of Women Voters of Roselle/Bloomingtondale

Formed in 2012, the League of Women Voters of Roselle/Bloomingtondale is a nonpartisan citizens' organization that works to serve the residents of both villages and throughout Bloomingtondale Township through informational programs, candidate forums, high school mock elections and lectures, and voter registration events. It neither supports nor opposes any political candidate. The League has a respected history of helping to make democracy work for all citizens.

For more information, contact Diana Hoke in Bloomingtondale: 630-351-8523; or Roberta Borrino in Roselle: 630-217-0122.



Community to Vote On Proposed Aquatic Facility

The Lake Park High School Board of Education voted 7-0 to adopt referendum resolutions for the March 18, 2014 election. The official ballot will include two questions about the construction and operational costs for the only publicly-funded indoor aquatic facility in the area. Both questions must successfully pass to proceed with construction.

The proposed aquatic facility would add approximately 23,500 square feet at the Lake Park East Campus and benefit community residents through a collaborative agreement with local park districts, students in physical education classes, as well as Lake Park athletic and activity programs.

Construction highlights would include an eight-lane, 25-yard by 59-foot competition pool with diving well, a therapeutic warming pool, seating capacity for 330 people, locker rooms, offices and meeting space. Additional family friendly amenities have been added to accommodate community usage for activities such as swim lessons and water aerobics.

\$600,000 in fund balances will be allocated to this project, estimated at a construction cost of \$9.1 million. The remaining \$8.5 million construction cost and \$390,000 annual operational cost requires two referendum questions in the March 18, 2014 election – both ballot questions must pass to proceed. The approximate financial impact to the owner of a \$200,000 home equals \$26 annually or roughly \$2 per month; and \$38 annually or just over \$3 per month for a \$300,000 homeowner.

Learn more at a community open house on Tuesday, February 18 at 7 p.m. in the East Campus student cafeteria or at www.lphs.org.

Community Events

Buon Appetito

The Bloomingdale Lions Club sponsors its annual Spaghetti Dinner on February 21 from 5-8 p.m. at the Bloomingdale Golf Club, 181 Glen Ellyn Road. Cost is \$10 per person; children eight and under eat FREE. Proceeds from raffles and dinner will benefit visual and hearing impaired persons in the community.

For more info or tickets, contact Karen Vitale at kvitale6174@sbcglobal.net



April Fool's 5k Run

The 2014 April Fool's 5K Run is Saturday, April 5 beginning at 9 a.m. This year's course runs around the naturally beautiful waterfront in Mallard Lake Forest Preserve. The course is a mix of paved asphalt and crushed limestone. Proceeds from the race go to support Stepping Stones for Women of Domestic Violence. The Early Bird rate of \$30 ends on March 7.

To learn more details about the 5K and the 400 meter Kids Dash or to register for the event, go to www.aprilfools5k.com.



Upcoming Events at the Park Museum

Park Museum Annual Exhibit

A Closer Look, a juried photo exhibition, is running through February 15 at the Bloomingdale Park District Museum, 108 S. Bloomingdale Road. Various photographers from all over the local area enter this popular show featuring contemporary artistic photography. Fred Drury is the juror. An award-winning photographer, lecturer and teacher of Nature Photography, Digital Photography, Photoshop, Lightroom and Color Management, his photographs have received local, national and international awards. For more information on the exhibit or membership in the Bloomingdale Artists Association, contact the Museum at 630-539-3096, or bpdmuseum@bloomingdaleparks.org

The 31st Annual Student Art Show takes place at the Bloomingdale Park District Museum, 108 S. Bloomingdale Road, from March 8-April 12. A special reception will take place from 1-4 p.m. on Sunday, March 16. Mr. Twister, a balloon artist will be on hand making free balloon characters.

BAA Meetings

The February 12 meeting is an Artists Networking Night. Members will have time to talk and exchange ideas on projects, business strategies that work, art materials and more, as well as time to exchange art supplies, books or magazines.

The March 12 meeting features a silk painting demo. Artist Rhonda Popko (www.rhondapopko.com) will demonstrate her silk painting techniques, and assist Club members in creating a silk scarf. This will be a group project, and one lucky member will win the finished piece.

Programs are held at 6:45pm at the Bloomingdale Park District Museum, 108 S. Bloomingdale Road. There is a visitor drop-in fee of \$5. Contact Nicole Javvaji for more info, nicolejavvaji@yahoo.com, 847-845-4471.

BAA Member Exhibit and Sale

The Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce, located in the Old Schoolhouse, 108 W. Lake Street, will host an art exhibit and sale from February 17 through the end of May. Show hours are 10am to 2pm, Monday through Friday. The show features a variety of works created by members of the Bloomingdale Artists Association. An artists' reception will be held on March 13 from 6pm to 8pm. Contact Bev Petrosius at 630-624-9545 for more information.



Bloomingdale Garden Club Green Gardening - February 18

Back by popular demand, Bill Scheffler is all about organic and green gardening. He's the owner of Pure Prairie Organics in Wheaton, and the club is happy to welcome him back. With his many years of experience, he'll provide sound advice to those who like a natural approach to gardening. Don't hesitate to bring your questions. Contact Roberta for more info, 630-295-8315. The meeting begins at 6:30 pm on the lower level of the Bloomingdale Police Department, 201 S. Bloomingdale Road.



Friends of the Bloomingdale Library Host March Book Sale

The Friends of the Bloomingdale Public Library host the March Book Sale in the library's lower level Meeting Room A/B, 101 Fairfield Way.

Gently-used Books for Adults & Children, Videos, DVDs, CDs & more

Saturday, March 8 • 9:00-4:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 9 • 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Starting Saturday, March 3rd, you can donate hardbacks, paperbacks, best sellers and classics, DVDs and CDs to the Library for the Sale. All proceeds benefit the Library. Ask for details at the main desk or call 630-529-3120.



Kindergarten Registration for School District 13

Children who will be five years old on or before September 1, 2014, are eligible for kindergarten during the 2014-2015 school year. Parents wishing to register their child for Kindergarten in District 13 schools should contact the elementary school they plan to attend. Packets may be picked up at either school or at www.sd13.org beginning the week of February 3rd. For more information, call DuJardin School at 630-894-9200 or Erickson Elementary at 630-529-2223.

Seniors Wanted

The Bloomingdale Police Department and the Senior Citizen Advisory Council join forces to bring information, programs and events to enhance the quality of life for senior citizens. Currently, the Council is seeking new members who want to get more involved, network with other senior citizens, and put their ideas into action to benefit the senior community. Meetings are held at 9:30 a.m. the second Monday each month in the Police Training Room, 201 S. Bloomingdale Road. Contact Officer Dawn Odoi at (630) 529-9868 for more information.



Seniors: Mark Your Calendars!

The Bloomingdale Police Department and the Bloomingdale Senior Citizen Advisory Council cordially invite all senior citizens to the Annual Senior Day Fair on Friday, April 25th, 2014, from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. (noon) at the Medinah Shriners Banquet Facility – Addison, Illinois (located on Swift Road just north of Army Trail Road).

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

Event is free. More details in the April Almanac.



Think Spring!

It might be too early to plant, but it's not too early to Think Spring!

Mark your calendars! The Garden Club's 2014 Plant Sale will be held on Friday, May 2, Noon to 6pm and Saturday, May 3, 9 am to 3 pm at the Bloomingdale Park District Maintenance Building, 259 Springfield Drive, at the North end of Springfield Park.

Pre-order forms for this very popular event can be found on the Garden Club web site, www.bloomingdalegardenclub.org, and Park District web site, www.bloomingdaleparks.org

100+ Women Who Care West Suburban

A group of local women have formed a chapter of 100+ Women Who Care, and invite others to join them for the first meeting of 2014 on Tuesday, February 18 at 7pm at the Bloomingdale Golf Club, 181 Glen Ellyn Road. The group is interested in supporting our local community by contributing to charities/ non-profits/ worthy causes together as a unit of 100+ women in order to increase the impact of our donation.

These tax-deductible donations have the potential to drastically change lives right at home, in our local communities. The founding members are: Jane Hove, Kathy Maykut, Diane Kowalski, Dr. Aimee Harris-Newon, Pat Olinger, Sue Ellen Eichholz and Branka Poplonski. To learn more about the organization, or if you have any other questions, email jane@bloomingdalechamber.com

Around & About Town

Brrrr! When Temperatures Fall Below Zero

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

If your pipes freeze:

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

When you are away:

- Have a friend, relative or neighbor regularly check your property to insure the heat is working and the pipes have not frozen.
- Also, a freeze alarm can be purchased for less than \$100 and will call a user-selected phone number if the inside temperature drops below 45 degrees.

CHARACTER COUNTS

Each year, the **Bloomingtondale CHARACTER COUNTS!** Coalition honors six young people by presenting a CHARACTER COUNTS! Youth Character Award for modeling one or more of the six pillars of CHARACTER COUNTS! - Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring and Citizenship. Congratulations to the following:

Jacob Lauing (DuJardin School) is a very caring young man who recently organized and carried out an all-school, week-long juice box collection to benefit PADS of DuPage County.

Kelly Zehnder (Bloomingtondale Park District), a gymnast for the Park's Competitive Team since 2009, exhibited strong leadership, and good sportsmanship as a team captain, and volunteers to take care of the little tumblers at their meets.

Dylan Alejandro (Winnebago School), is very responsible and always helps others, showing an extremely positive attitude. As a fourth grader on safety patrol, he agreed to take on more responsible roles, which he did with flying colors.

Bianca Olson (Erickson School), is a very responsible 5th grade student who also exemplifies caring and citizenship as an active member of the school's service clubs, Character Counts! Club and Student Council.

Jennifer Hauser (St Isidore School) consistently exemplifies leadership and is always ready to step up to assist an adult or fellow classmate whenever someone needs help.

Alec Verven (Westfield Middle School), is a strong leader who always shows great respect toward both adults and his peers. He has a strong work ethic and is a good role model.

CHARACTER COUNTS! Nominations Due March 19

Every Spring the Bloomingtondale CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition sponsors a breakfast to recognize members of the community who live, work or attend school in Bloomingtondale who exhibit outstanding character. Honorees are nominated with a description of the pillar of character that they exemplify. The 13th Annual Recognition Program will be held at 9:00 am on April 26, 2014 at the Bloomingtondale Golf Club. Nominations for this year's program are due no later than March 19, 2014. Forms are available at www.villageofbloomingtondale.org on the homepage, www.character60108.org and on www.bloomingtondaleparks.org

Completed forms may be dropped off at Westfield Middle, Erickson, DuJardin, or Winnebago schools, Bloomingtondale Village Hall, the Johnston Recreation Center, Bloomingtondale Township, the Bloomingtondale Library or faxed to (630) 529-9184. For more information, please call Sandy at 630-529-3650 or email sandy@bloomingtondaleparks.org



Dylan Alejandro (Winnebago) is pictured right with Principal Jon Pokora.



(Left to right) Alec Verven (Westfield), Jennifer Hauser (St Isidore), Jacob Lauing (DuJardin), Kelly Zehnder (Bloomingtondale Park District), Bianca Olson (Erickson)

Lake Park Senior John Tasch Wins 2014 Voice of Democracy

Each year Bloomingdale VFW Post 7539 sponsors the Voice of Democracy Contest for High School students from Bloomingdale, Roselle and Medinah. The topic for the 2013-14 Voice of Democracy Contest was "Why I'm Optimistic About our Nation's Future."

Students had to prepare a three to five minute audio essay about the subject.



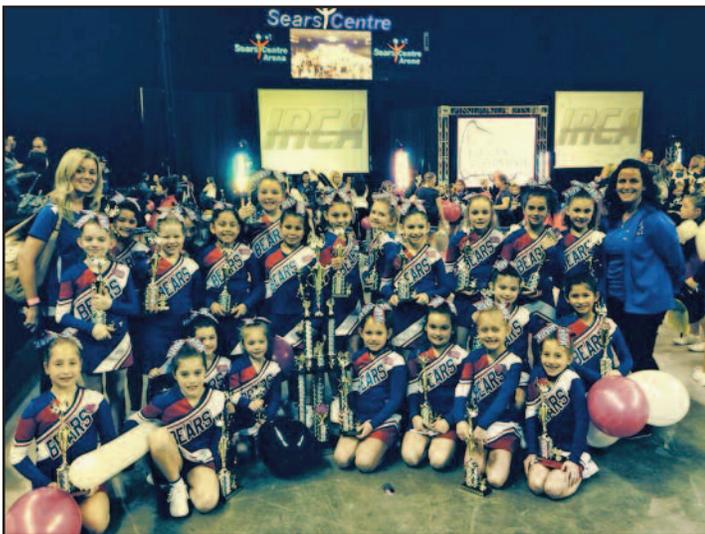
VFW Post 7539 Senior Vice Commander and Post Voice of Democracy Chairman Randy Winter (l) and Post 7539 Commander Chuck Groner (r) congratulate John on winning first place.

The winner of Post 7539's contest is Lake Park senior John Tasch, winning a check for \$350. Lake Park seniors Kayla Ryndak earned \$100 for second place and Daniel Kennedy won \$50 for third place.

John Tasch went on to win the district level contest in January from a field of 29 entrants. He won another \$750, and is now headed to represent VFW Post 7539 at the State competition which takes place in February.

Bloomington Athletic Club's Third Grade Pom Squad State Champions Again

The Third Grade Pom Squad of the Bloomington Athletic Club (BAC) brought home the title of State Champions for the second consecutive year! The squad has been performing together since they were first



graders, and this is the third time they have made it to the Illinois Recreational Cheerleading Association State Finals. There are 23 girls on the squad. They were recently honored by the BAC Board for their outstanding performance and presented with back-to-back state champ black hooded sweatshirts for their accomplishment.

Anthony Pavone Graduates from John Marshall Law School



Anthony Pavone

Anthony Pavone is a 2004 graduate of Lake Park High School, and a 2008 graduate of Wesleyan University with a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration. The young man went on to graduate from John Marshall Law School in Chicago, receiving his Juris Doctorate. Earlier this year he passed the Illinois Bar and is now practicing as an attorney with the law firm of Loss & Pavone in Lombard. He is the son of residents Louis and Ann Marie Pavone.

Casey Darre Wins Art Contest

Seventh Grade Westfield student Casey K. Darre is a 3rd place winner out of 80+ statewide submissions in the 2014 Illinois Arts Education Poster Contest. The Illinois Arts Education Week Poster Contest is sponsored in cooperation with the Illinois Alliance for Arts Education and the Illinois State Board of Education. This year's theme was "Be Art Smart".





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National Burn Awareness Week is February 2-8

General First Aid for Burns and Scalds

- Treat a burn right away by putting it in cool water. Cool the burn for three to five minutes.
- Cover burn with a clean, dry cloth. Do not apply creams, ointments, sprays or other home remedies.
- Remove all clothing, diapers, jewelry and metal from the burned area. These can hide underlying burns and retain heat, which can increase skin damage.
- If the burn is bigger than your fist or if you have any questions about how to treat it, seek medical attention right away.
- See your doctor as soon as possible if the burn does not heal in two to three days.

Firefighters Recommend Removing Holiday Decorations Promptly to Reduce Fire Risks

When most people think about the holidays, things like decorations, candles, delicious treats and ornamented trees are what come to mind. What few consider is the fact that these fun-filled winter months are the leading time for home fires according to the Bloomington Fire Protection District and the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA).

Frequently, people choose to keep Christmas trees up for a few weeks after the holiday. NFPA research shows that nearly 40 percent of homes fires that began with Christmas trees occurred following the holidays.

“The longer they are in the home, the more dangerous they become. The continued use of seasonal lighting and dried-out trees can pose significant fire hazards in and outside the home,” said Lorraine Carli, vice president of Outreach and Advocacy for NFPA. “Proper disposal of the tree from your home will minimize the risk and will keep the holiday a joyful one.”

Although these tree fires are not common, when they do occur, they are more likely to be fatal. On average, one of every 40 reported home structure Christmas tree fires resulted in a death compared to an average of one death per 142 total reported home structure fires.

When it’s time to dispose of the tree, utilize a recycling program. Do not leave them in the home, garage, or placed outside. For unplugging the electric decorations, use the gripping area provided on the plugs. Never pull the cord to unplug a device from electrical outlets. Doing so can harm the cord’s wire and insulation, which can lead to an electrical fire or shock. To reduce the risk of holiday tree and light fires and to keep decorations in good condition for next year, you should also follow these suggestions:

- As you’re putting away electrical light strings, take time to inspect each for damage. Throw out light sets if they have loose connections, broken sockets or cracked or bare wires.
- Do not place a damaged set of lights back into the storage box for next year’s use.
- Wrap each set of lights and put them in individual plastic bags, or wrap the lights around a piece of cardboard.
- Store electrical decorations in a dry place where they cannot be damaged by water or dampness. Also, keep them away from children and pets.

For more preventative steps to take and simple rules to follow in order to prevent home fires during the holidays and beyond, contact Battalion Chief Richard Kurka at the Bloomington Fire Protection District 630-894-9080.



Need to Recycle That Old Computer?

Note: This information comes from the DuPage County website.

Electronic recycling services at the following locations are free of charge and open to the public. Municipal Offices are closed on Saturday, so you should call these offices during the week for directions and to confirm the hours because some of them are not open during winter months. For more information on recycling, see www.dupageco/sustainability



- Addison Township Highway Department - 2nd Saturday of each month from 8:00 a.m. to noon at 411 W. Potter Rd., Wood Dale, (630) 766-2228
- Bensenville Public Works - every Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Public Works Facility, 717 E. Jefferson St., (630) 350-3435
- Downers Grove Village Hall - 1st Saturday of each month from 9:00 a.m. to noon at 801 Burlington Ave., (630) 434-5500
- Glendale Heights Public Services Garage - every Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at 1635 Glen Ellyn Rd., (630) 260-6040 (April through Nov only)
- Hanover Park Public Works Facility - weekdays Monday to Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at 2041 Lake St., (630) 372-4440
- Lisle Public Works Storage Lot - 3rd Saturday of each month from 9:00 a.m. to noon at 4930 Lincoln Ave. (Route 53), (630) 271-4100
- Naperville Public Works - every Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at 180 Fort Hill Dr., (630) 420-6095
- Westmont Ty Warner Park (parking lot) - 2nd Friday of each month from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at 660 N. Blackhawk Dr., (630) 981-6200
- Wheaton Public Works Storage Lot - 2nd Saturday of each month from 9:00 a.m. to noon at 820 W. Liberty Dr. (west of Carlton across from Public Works garage), (630) 260-2000

Fire Protection District Announces Promotions

The Bloomingdale Fire Protection District is proud to announce the promotions of Jeffrey Janus to Fire Chief and Scott Koehn to Deputy Chief. The changes were announced at the December meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Chief Janus

has served the district since 1994 and has risen steadily through the ranks. He holds a Fire Officer III certificate from the Office of the State Fire Marshal and was named Instructor of the Year by the Illinois Society of Fire Service Instructors in 2012.



Chief Jeffrey Janus

Deputy

Chief Koehn is a Bloomingdale native and has served the district since 1985. His leadership and mentoring has helped to groom many of the young officers and firefighters who protect the district.



Deputy Chief Scott Koehn

The promotions help to stabilize the highest ranks of the district which have endured the passing of Deputy Chief Walter Beahan in 2012 and the retirement of Chief Michael McNamara in October 2013. A formal ceremony will be held in February to recognize these achievements. Contact the Bloomingdale Fire Protection District at 630-894-9080 for more information.

Magic Month in Old Town!



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Police Chief Giammarese and Fire Chief Janus enjoy the food & show at annual Thanksgiving Feast



Kids Shop with Bloomingdale Cops

"Thank You" to Meijer – Bloomingdale for hosting the event. Additional gratitude to the following sponsors: Old Country Buffet, Signs By Tomorrow, Salerno's Rosedale Chapels, CIACO (Chicagoland Italian American Charitable Organization), Bloomingdale Township Republican Party and private citizens who contributed to the event's success. Bloomingdale Police Officers volunteered their time and assisted area children to enhance their holiday season.

