

# Village of Bloomingdale *Almanac*

October 2014

Growth with Pride

## 3/50 Project Support Our Local Independent Businesses

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Angelo Caputo's Fresh Markets  
Bentley's Pancake House and  
Restaurant  
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Restaurant  
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Masterpiece Framing  
Rooster's Restaurant  
Sassy's Originals  
Sportys Catering  
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Spring Wine & Spirits

### Supporters

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

## Referendum Regarding Noise from New O'Hare Runway on November Ballot

The increase of O'Hare air traffic directly over Bloomingdale, as well as the accompanying escalation of noise, is the result of a new runway that became operational at the airport nearly a year ago. The impact on the area has become a substantial issue, not only in Bloomingdale, but also in our neighboring towns.

Residents have been making reports to the toll-free noise hotline, as well as filling out forms with the on-line service expressing their concerns with particular aircraft events or noise levels in general. As frustration mounts with the effect on the quality of life in the area, the Bloomingdale Village Board recently voted to put three advisory questions regarding the O'Hare noise on the



November 4, 2014 ballot.

The first question is in regard to enforcing the Noise Control Act of 1972:

**Shall the Village of Bloomingdale request the United States Environmental Protection Agency or other appropriate federal agency to enforce the regulations of the Noise Control Act of 1972, 42 U.S.C. 4901, et seq., against aircraft which violate them?**

The second question asks that the "Fly Quiet" restriction between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. be required, not voluntary:

**Shall the current Federal Aviation Administration "Fly-Quiet" restriction, now voluntary upon the airlines, be made mandatory to require airlines to reduce airport noise between the hours of 10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.?**

The third question asks if  
*(continued on page 8)*

## Raising Hunger Awareness & Childhood Cancer Awareness

September was National Hunger Awareness month. Thanks to all the residents, businesses, organizations, schools and churches, who jumped on the orange bandwagon and generously gave to the Northern Illinois Food Bank and the Bloomingdale Township Food Pantry during September.



September was also Childhood Cancer Awareness month in Bloomingdale. The Bloomingdale Bears came out in force again in support of cancer survivor Janine Delaney. Cesar's Sports Bar & Grill is hosting a fundraiser for the cause. See P. 7. Four-year old resident Lorenzo Ravenna, battling a rare cancer called Rhabdo, joined Janine's efforts.



# Mayor Proclaims September 2014 Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

## 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



Mayor Coladipietro proclaimed September 2014 Childhood Cancer Awareness month in Bloomingdale, as childhood cancer remains the leading cause of death by disease among children in the U.S., with 36 children diagnosed every day, at an average age of six. This year childhood cancer survivor Janine Delaney was joined by resident Lorenzo Ravenna, a four-year old battling a rare form of cancer. Pictured are (l to r) Trustees Bob Czernek, Judi Von Huben, Mike Hovde, Mayor Franco, Janine, Enzo and his dad Vince, Village Clerk Jane Michelotti, Trustees Jim King, Frank Bucaro and Bill Bolen.

The mayor encouraged all residents to join Janine as she continues to pay her survivorship forward through spreading awareness, and to show support for other youngsters, such as Lorenzo, as they wage their personal battles.

## Stay in Touch

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

This is a good way to keep up with timely information on news, services and events in and around town. And in the case of an unusual event, such as last winter's polar vortex, the Village is able to get out critical information to all subscribers as it becomes available.

Go to [www.villageofbloomingdale.org](http://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

*Photo on p. 1: Resident Gary Umlauf captured the morning Autumn mist on the Hilton Indian Lakes Resort.*

## A Message from Mayor Franco

It's hard to believe the summer is over. Hope you had a chance to enjoy the season with plenty of opportunities for time with family and friends.

I received a call recently from a friend of mine asking me to have lunch to discuss his ideas regarding the current conditions of Lake Street and the Old Town area. We spent an hour or so kicking around ideas and reviewing the efforts we have taken relative to the development of those areas. I enjoy having these conversations for the simple reason that the redevelopment of Lake Street and the Old Town areas are a top priority for me as Mayor. It did occur to me that, although I can't personally update everyone over lunch, I could spend some time in my column talking about the significant efforts we have undertaken in the last year!

The first step in our planning process was to hire an economic development coordinator who would work exclusively on a Lake Street and Old Town redevelopment study. Charmain Later joined the Village in the early summer and has been putting together the framework of a redevelopment plan for Lake Street that will be presented to the Village Board in October for their review and input. The study and plan has been in the making for over a year (since I took office), and is the first step to have actual results where progress can be "seen." I sincerely believe that being proactive and showing initiative is crucial to generating interest and enthusiasm on the part of developers to revitalize the area.

We have also been actively reviewing the current condition of Old Town and recently took steps to lay the groundwork for future improvements in this area. In addition to exploring streetscape opportunities in Old Town, we hope to further utilize the area for community events in coming years, beginning with a French Market in 2015. The Board also authorized the purchase of the former All Temp Fireplace store on the corner of Lake and Third. The purchase of this property will be an asset in creating opportunities for the streetscape improvement and redevelopment of both our Lake Street and Old Town areas.

I appreciate what the success of these areas means to our residents and the frustration people may feel because of a perceived lack of progress. However, as you can see, we are working to put the building blocks in place to construct a strong foundation to make our vision a reality. Keep your suggestions and comments coming-I will keep you updated as we move through the process.

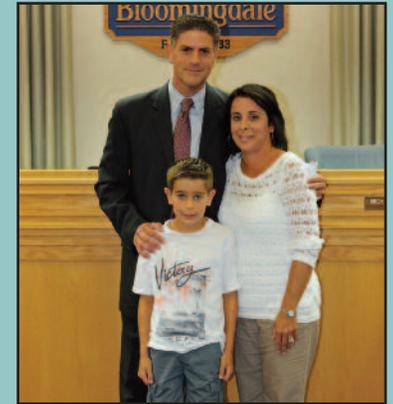
I am also happy to announce we have a new Village Administrator, Peter Scalera. Peter brings a level of professionalism, expertise and enthusiasm that will serve to benefit the residents of our Village. Not only is he our Village Administrator, he is a resident who is raising his family in our community and understands the issues we need to address in the immediate future. Read more about him in the column to the right on this page.

Here's hoping this fall brings lots of Indian Summer days!

Mayor Franco



## Welcoming Our New Village Administrator



*Peter and Angela with their youngest son, Alessandro*

The President and Board of Trustees recently appointed Pietro (Peter) Scalera as Bloomingdale's new Village Administrator. Peter, his wife Angela, a lifelong Bloomingdale resident, along with their sons Giuseppe, 13 and Alessandro, 8, have made their home in Bloomingdale for 10 years. The whole family is very involved in Bloomingdale Soccer and are active members of St. Isidore Church.

The Chicago native has a Bachelor's degree in Political Science from DePaul and earned his Master's degree in Public Administration from the University of Illinois Chicago. Peter has been the Village Manager for Riverside since 2009; prior to that he was the Assistant Administrator in Glencoe.

Peter's experiences and accomplishments in both Glencoe and Riverside have prepared him well for the issues and challenges that Bloomingdale will be tackling; among them, the redevelopment of the Lake Street corridor, creation of a continuing economic development program, and the revitalization of the Old Town area. His approach and management style make him a valuable leader for our outstanding executive team.

Peter's appointment took effect Friday, September 19. Welcome Peter!



# Apply by December 1, 2014 2015 50-50 Tree Planting Program

## Important Village & Community Phone Numbers

### Main Village Hall Number

630-893-7000

### Village Departments

Administration 630-671-5610

Building & Zoning 630-671-5660

Engineering 630-671-5676

Finance 630-893-7000

Mayor's Office 630-671-5600

Police – non-emergency  
630-529-9868

Public Works 630-671-5800

Water Billing 630-671-5650

Utilities 630-671-5830

### Other Useful Numbers

Fire Department non emergency  
630-894-9080

Bloomington Library  
630-529-3120

Bloomington Park District  
630-529-3650

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The Village Board has again allocated funds for this very successful program initiated in 1982. The program provides trees, including planting, at a 50/50 cost sharing with the Village. The trees will be planted next Spring 2015 and are available for residential, business or commercial properties. All 50/50 trees must be planted in the front yard adjacent to the street or, if a corner property lot, trees may be planted in either the front or side yard adjacent to the street. All 50/50 trees must remain visible from the street. The intent of the program is to further beautify the streetscape. Business and commercial properties wishing to participate should contact Jim Johnson, Urban Forester, at 630-671-5804 in advance of submitting a Program Request Form.

The following are the guidelines of the program:

- The program is offered on a first-come, first-served basis subject to available annual funding amounts. Participants must complete and submit the Program Request Form by December 1, 2014. No payment is required at this time. Bills will be sent to successful Program Requests about February 1, 2015.
- Trees will be 2½" caliper, unless stated otherwise. Trees will be quality nursery stock but not specimen plants.
- The Village reserves the right to disapprove requests based on conflicts, safety, or proper spacing.
- Removal of dead trees, stumps and/or large roots is not included and must be performed by the applicant before March 15th.
- Each residential parcel will be limited to one tree per year. Each business or commercial property will be limited to two trees per year.
- Participants will be given the opportunity to mark the desired location for the tree; however, the Village Forester retains the right to change the location, if necessary.
- We anticipate the total cost of each 2½" caliper tree planted will range between \$200 and \$300, with the Village paying half of this amount.
- Trees will be guaranteed for one year. Participants are responsible for all watering which will be described in instructions furnished by the Village.
- If further information is desired, contact Jim Johnson, Urban Forester, at 630-671-5804.



*Chestnut Oak fall color*



*New Horizon Elm*



*State Street Maple*

# 2015 Tree Planting Request Form

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: HOME: \_\_\_\_\_ WORK: \_\_\_\_\_ CELL: \_\_\_\_\_

PLANTING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

**INDICATE QUANTITY DESIRED.** (*limit of one tree per residential parcel; two trees per business/school/commercial parcel*)

\_\_\_\_\_ **New Horizon Elm** (*Ulmus 'New Horizon'*)

New Horizon is a compact, upright, rapid-growing, hybrid elm that typically matures over time to 40 ft. tall and to 25 ft. wide. It is the result of a cross between Siberian Elm and Japanese Elm. Vigorous and adaptable, it has excellent disease resistance.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Japanese Tree Lilac** (*Syringa reticulata 'Ivory Silk'*)

Blooming later than shrub lilacs, the beautiful Japanese Tree Lilac has reddish-brown bark and produces large clusters of small creamy white, fragrant flowers. Mature size is 20-30 ft. high and 15-25 ft. wide.

\_\_\_\_\_ **American Sentry™ Linden** (*Tilia americana 'Sentry'*)

This hardy shade tree will be a happy addition to your yard with its upright pyramidal form and fragrant yellow flowers in early summer when few trees bloom. American Sentry Linden has dark green foliage throughout the season, and its large heart-shaped leaves turn brilliant yellow in the fall. Mature size is 60 ft. high with a spread of 35 ft.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Marmo Maple** (*Acer freemanii 'Marmo'*)

A hybrid of silver and red maple with a strong central leader and excellent branching habit. Fall color is an interesting mottled blend of red and green to burgundy, and yellow. Uniform, upright to columnar habit, it matures to a height of 45-70 ft. and a width of 35-40 ft.

\_\_\_\_\_ **State Street® Maple** (*Acer miyabei 'Morton'*)

An exciting new maple, selected from the collections of the Morton Arboretum for its excellent branching character, a uniform broad-pyramidal habit, superior heat and drought tolerance, clean foliage and good yellow fall color. This beautiful maple grows to 20-25 ft. tall and 15-20 ft. wide in 15 years, and matures to 40-50 ft. tall and 30-35 ft. wide.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Chestnut Oak** (*Quercus prinus*)

The bold aspects of the Chestnut Oak make it an attractive choice. Glossy, dark greenish-yellow leaves, 4-6 in. long, turn orange-yellow to yellowish-brown in the fall. Acorns are a deep-toned brown and are favored by wildlife. The bark is dark brown to black with deep ridges. Grows 60-70 ft. high with a similar, rounded spread.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Swamp White Oak** (*Quercus bicolor*)

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

\_\_\_\_\_ **Serbian Spruce** (*Picea omorika*)

The most graceful of all spruces, the Serbian Spruce offers thin arching branches with a slender straight trunk. The needles are light-green to blue-green with purple to cinnamon colored 1-1/2 in. cones. Grows 50-60 ft. with a 25 ft. spread.

**SUBMIT TO: VILLAGE OF BLOOMINGDALE FORESTRY DIVISION  
VILLAGE HALL, 201 S. BLOOMINGDALE ROAD,  
BLOOMINGDALE, IL 60108  
BY DEADLINE DATE OF DECEMBER 1, 2014**



*American Sentry linden foliage*



*Chestnut Oak leaves*



*Marmo Maple fall color*



*Swamp White Oak leaves*



*State Street Maple fall color*



*Serbian Spruce*



# Help prevent street flooding Leaves, Street Flooding & More

## Upcoming Recycling Events

October 25th -

DuPage County & Village of Carol Stream - Residential Document Shredding Event - 9 a.m. - 12 noon

Ross Ferraro Town Center parking lot; 960 N. Gary Avenue, Carol Stream

Residents may bring up to 5 boxes or bags of documents for on-site shredding and recycling. Staples and paperclips ok. Binder clips, books, binders, media disks, pens, pencils etc. must be removed.

November 1st -

DuPage County & Village of Lombard - Residential Document Shredding Event - 9 a.m. to 12 noon

Commuter parking lot; 101 S. Main St., Lombard

Residents may bring up to 5 boxes or bags of documents for on-site shredding and recycling. Staples and paperclips do not need to be removed. Binder clips, books, media disks, pens, pencils etc. must be removed.

## Halloween Candy for Our Troops

Eagle Falls Dentistry, 76 Stratford Drive, is collecting unwanted Halloween



candy from 2-7 p.m. on November 7 to send in care packages through the USO to our troops overseas. Last year the office collected two tons of candy.

The USO also greatly needs toilet paper for their care packages. Donations of toilet paper are also appreciated.

## Don't Leave the Leaves (in the street)!

As autumn leaves begin to pile up in the yard, the Village Building and Zoning Division reminds all property owners that raking or blowing leaves into the street or curb is a violation of section 5-2-4 A.2 of the Village's Municipal Code. When leaves are raked or deposited into the street, they often cover storm water inlets. This prevents water from flowing into the storm sewer system which often causes localized flooding during the fall rains. The deposits which eventually decay are also unsightly.



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

Residents are encouraged to compost their leaves or to participate in Republic's yard waste collection program. Leaves and yard waste placed in yard waste bags or cans (with handles) affixed with a sticker (\$2.85 each) will be picked up by Republic on regular trash days through November 30th. Yard waste stickers are sold at the Village Hall, and local retailers such as Caputos, Jewel and Ace Hardware. Tagged yard waste bags may be placed at the curb after 6 p.m. on the night before your collection day.

## Help Prevent Street Flooding

The fall season often means heavy rains. We are asking residents to check and clean their storm grates along the curbs by their homes if heavy rains are forecasted. Keeping the drains open will help avoid the flooding of streets and walkways.

Our crews do circulate during a rain event to check for standing water and clear the grates to allow the standing water to drain, but your assistance could prevent potential flooding. Do not clean structures which are already under water. For standing water please call 630-671-5830 during regular hours (7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. weekdays) and 630-529-9868 after hours and on weekends to get crews to the site.

## New Uses for Former Chapel at St. Isidore

St. Isidore's total refurbishment of the non-church chapel building is finished. It was dedicated and blessed by Fr. Jim on Sunday, September 14. Among the new uses are a new library, technology lab, meeting rooms, preschool classroom addition (pictured), and space for Connect Youth Ministries.



# Branch Collection Begins October 20

Kramer Tree Specialists, Inc. will once again perform branch collection under the direction of the Village Forestry Division. Branch collection will begin on Monday, October 20. The program is only available to single family detached residences. Townhome residents should contact their association regarding branch collection.

## Branch Collection Guidelines:

- Branches must be out by 7:00 a.m. on Monday, October 20.
- 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.



*"Knockout Cancer  
with  
JANINE"*

Inspired by Childhood Cancer Awareness Month in Bloomingdale and childhood cancer survivor Janine Delaney's desire to pay her survivorship forward, as well as his own commitment to give back, Bloomingdale restaurateur Faisal Salem, was spurred into action. The owner of Cesar's Sports Bar & Grill in Circle Center on Lake Street, is sponsoring a "Knock Out Cancer with Janine" fundraiser from 3:00 – 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 18.

There will be specials on the menu of Mexican and American fare and a chance to earn a raffle ticket for every dollar donated. Faisal's team is busy lining up those prizes. All proceeds from the fundraiser will go to "CureSearch for Children's Cancer" which donates 80% of monies raised to childhood cancer research. Bloomingdale youngster four-year old Lorenzo Ravenna, who is currently battling cancer, will also be in attendance with his family. Cesar's is located at 185 E. Lake Street.

## Register to Vote By October 7

**Tuesday, October 7** - last day to register or transfer a registration at the Bloomingdale Village Hall and Bloomingdale Library to be eligible to vote in the November 4, 2014 General Election.

Stratford Square, upper level next to Macy's, will once again be an early voting site from October 20 through November 2nd.

For information on Grace Period Voting for those who have not registered before the deadline of October 7, visit [www.dupageco.org/election](http://www.dupageco.org/election) or call 630-407-5600.

# It's a community-wide Halloween Party on October 25!!!!



## Enjoy A Safe and Happy Halloween

**NO** candy or any other treats should be eaten **until** it has been inspected by an adult.

Discard any unwrapped items.

Check **all** food wrappers for signs of tampering.

Keep costumes simple. Costumes should be made of light, brightly colored or reflective material, so that your trick-or-treater can be easily seen at night. Costumes should not restrict either vision or movement.

At least one person in the group should carry a flashlight while trick or treating.

Trick or treat in groups whenever possible, accompanied by one or more adults.

Instruct your children not to enter any home and don't invite anyone else's child into your home.

For safety's sake, trick or treat only in your neighborhood.

Remind children to cross only at corners and to look both ways before crossing the street. Children should use sidewalks, whenever possible obey traffic lights, and walk – **never** run-across the streets.

Please report **any** suspicious persons or acts of vandalism to the Bloomingdale Police Department by calling **9-1-1**.

**TRICK OR TREAT HOURS WILL BE ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31ST, FROM 3:00 – 7:00 P.M.**



All of Bloomingdale is invited to join in the grandest of Halloween parties on Saturday, October 25, presented by the Bloomingdale Park District, Bloomingdale Public Library, The Friends of Bloomingdale Library and the Bloomingdale Police & Fire Departments. The party is held in the areas between the Library, Village Hall and Fire Department. Please note – parking is in the surrounding residential areas as there is no parking on-site.

### Police & Fire Department Activities (10AM-2PM)

- Halloween-themed building tours
- Activities and games
- Trick-or-treating

### Park District Activities (Noon-3PM)

- Arts & Crafts
- Sandy Candy
- Family Pumpkin Decorating Contest (while supplies last)
- Tumbling Playstation
- Entertainment

### Library Activities (Noon-3PM)

- Hay maze
- Inflatable moonwalk
- Games & prizes
- Balloon artists
- Face painters
- Pictures available
- Free refreshments and candy



## O'Hare Noise on November Ballot *(con't from page 1)*

residential soundproofing should be increased in Bloomingdale neighborhoods near the airport:

**Shall the O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission increase the residential sound-proofing in residential areas in the Village of Bloomingdale near Chicago O'Hare International Airport to remediate aircraft noise?**

Bensenville, Itasca & Wood Dale are also putting similar questions on the November ballot. While these ballot questions are non-binding, it is hoped this consolidated effort will be better noticed by FAA officials than the hotline calls and web-based complaints. It will also provide impetus for members of Congress to take a look at the issue.

## Chief Giammarese Receives Patriotic Employer Award



Police Chief Frank Giammarese was presented with the "Patriotic Employer Award" from the Illinois Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) Office of the Department of Defense. The chief is flanked by (l) Michael Holub, representing ESGR and (r) Officer Redic. They are surrounded by Village Board members.

The Village thanks all men and women in uniform, who play a critical role in our security at home and around the world.

## A Few Rules of the Road Around School Buses

Remember the Rules of the Road, when it comes to school buses, designated school zones and residential areas. When a school bus is stopped, with its red lights flashing and "Stop" arm extended, motorists must come to a complete stop. Ignoring this fact is more than a simple moving violation – you risk losing your driver's license.



The Bloomingdale Police Department aggressively enforces traffic laws near schools and school crossing areas, so drivers should be aware of school zone ordinances.

### Motorist Responsibilities

**Residential areas have 25 m.p.h.** speed limit, unless otherwise posted.

When traveling in a school zone, drivers must obey the posted **20 m.p.h.** reduced speed limit during school hours while school children are present.

On **one-way streets**, all vehicles must stop when the red lights are flashing and the stop sign is extended.

On **two-lane roads**, drivers traveling in **both directions** must stop when the red lights are flashing and the stop sign is extended.

On **four-lane roads**, where traffic moves in two directions, **drivers traveling in the same direction as the school bus must stop** when the red lights are flashing and the stop arm is extended. Drivers going in the opposite direction of the school bus are not required to stop because students are not permitted to cross four-lane roads after discharging from the school bus.

Drivers should also be aware that school buses stop at all railroad crossings.



## Drive 55 – AARP Safe Driving Course

- Learn Driver Safety Tips
- Learn Defensive Driving Strategies
- Be current with new driving laws
- You may qualify for an Auto Insurance Discount.

This 8-hour Driving Safety Course will be divided into two sessions of 4 hours each day from Noon – 4 p.m. on Monday, November 17 and Tuesday, November 18.

All classes will be held at the Bloomingdale Police Department Training Room.

Cost – AARP members \$15.00.  
Non-Members \$20.00.

Please contact Officer Dawn Odoi at (630) 529-9868 to register.

## Tip a Cop to Benefit Illinois Special Olympics

From 11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 25, the Stratford Red Robin Restaurant staff and Bloomingdale Police Officers will combine forces to serve great food and beverages to raise awareness and funds for Illinois Special Olympics.



Torch Run t-shirts and hats will be available for purchase, as will raffle tickets for a 2014 Harley Davidson motorcycle and other great prizes. Tax-deductible general donations will also be accepted.

For further information, please contact Bloomingdale Police Officers Dominick Corsiglia or Dawn Odoi at (630) 529-9868.

# Business News

## Lx Pizza Char Grill offers appetizers, pizza, fresh fish of the day and more

Veteran restaurateurs Yvonne & David Liberto opened Lx Pizza Char Grill at the corner of Lake Street & Fairfield Way six months ago. The inspiration for the name Lx comes from a shortened version of their son's name, Alex.

The Lx daily menu changes, but always includes appetizers, handmade pizza, fresh fish of the day, fresh pasta of the day, char grilled offerings and chef specials. The Libertos like to keep their menu short and simple. That way they can guarantee all the food they serve is fresh. They change up the menu, often adding new items. But while the selections may vary, the quality, freshness and flavor are a constant.

With such an emphasis on freshness, it is no surprise that they make their own pizza dough, offering both thin crust and deep dish versions – no franchise taste here. Some of their dishes come from the old world recipes, while others are a new twist on old favorites. Among patrons' favorites are the daily fresh fish, char cheeseburger, Chicken Limone w/potatoes, fish tacos and of course, pizza.

David proudly notes that several area hotels which do not have a restaurant, suggest Lx Pizza Char House for their guests dining pleasure. The restaurant, which includes a full service bar, is located at 170 E. Lake Street, in front of Caputo's Fresh Market. The hours are Tues-Thurs; 11:30 am – 9 pm; Fri & Sat 11:30 am – 10 pm; Sun Noon – 9 pm. Closed Mondays. Stop in while the weather is still nice so you can enjoy the outside patio. You will not be disappointed.

### Round 1 opening soon

Slated to open mid-October in Stratford Square, Round1 Bowling & Amusement is a state-of-the-art, 40,000 square foot bowling, billiards, karaoke, ping-ping, darts and arcade game entertainment venue. Guests can also host corporate outings and birthday parties in the private party rooms. Round1's mission is to provide guests with top quality entertainment that everyone can enjoy!

With current locations in L.A. and Japan, Round1 has chosen Bloomingdale to launch its first Midwest market venue. Bloomingdale Mayor France Coladipietro is enthusiastic about the news. "The addition of Round1 Entertainment at Stratford is going to be a great recreational attraction for Bloomingdale families and the community. The Village Board wholeheartedly supports this first major step in the redevelopment of our regional mall and looks forward to more improvements and surprises in the near future."

Round1's location is in the Carson's wing of the mall and the hours of operations will be 10 am - 2 am. For more information visit

[Round1usa.com](http://Round1usa.com) or [StratfordMall.com](http://StratfordMall.com).



## Email and Social Media Marketing for Small Businesses

SCORE provides free workshops and mentoring to start-up and existing small businesses. The following will be held in Meeting Room A-B at the Bloomingdale Public Library, 101 Fairfield Way. Please register at the Library's Reference Desk by phone at 630-924-2730. There is no cost. Workshops run 9:30 – 11:30 a.m., including Q&A. Check-in and light refreshments begin at 9 a.m.

### Getting Started with Email Marketing – October 7, 2014

Are you new to email marketing? Whether you want help creating your first email campaign or are looking for tips on what makes a great newsletter, this class provides the resources you need. We discuss key aspects of setting up a professional email marketing campaign, including live demonstration on a large screen. Attendees leave the session armed with all the tools they need to send their first professional HTML based email marketing campaign.

### Social Media Marketing Made Simple – November 12, 2014

You've probably heard of social media. You may even understand the value social media can bring to your business. Now wondering how to start? In this introductory session, we cover strategies and best practices to get the most out of your social media activities, including how small businesses and organizations are using these low-cost tools to gain visibility, develop relationships and drive sales and response and much more.



# Business News

## Menchie's frozen Yogurt Comes to Bloomingdale

Menchie's Frozen Yogurt arrived at 358 West Army Trail Road in July with a week-long celebration, with free yogurt, dodge balls, t-shirts and Menchie dolls.

Featuring delicious frozen yogurt, fresh toppings, impeccable guest service, an upbeat environment, and a family-friendly atmosphere, Menchie's entices smiles with enjoyable music, chalkboards and free giveaways for children.

Menchie's uses only the highest quality milk and flavors to make its frozen yogurt. Their exclusive private label collection is made from the milk of "smiley" California cows, which have not been treated with any artificial growth hormones (rBST).

Franchise owner Barney Stanner said "Our focus is always first-and-foremost about our mission to make every guest smile. We are thrilled with our new home in Bloomingdale and look forward to spreading healthy smiles for years to come."

Menchie's also hosts ongoing fundraisers at the store which result in thousands of dollars being donated to local schools and charitable organizations annually. To arrange a fundraiser to benefit your organization, stop in the store or call 630-295-8650.

## Cesar's Sports Bar & Grill offers Mexican and American fare

Cesar's Sports Bar & Grill opened about a year ago at 185 E. Lake Street in Circle Center. Owner Faisal Salem owned two hotels back in his native country of Pakistan. Living locally now for 14 years, he has a thriving restaurant business in Bloomingdale.

His menu is largely Mexican and American; the latest house specialties are Pollo de Cesar (Sizzling Cesar's chicken) and the Super Bowl Brownie (not just for football fans!). Faisal proudly says he will soon be expanding his offerings by adding a totally organic menu. The burgers, chicken and hot dogs will all be from grass-fed animals; the buns will be gluten free and all veggie toppings will be totally organic.

As part of his regular menu he also offers \$1 hamburgers and \$.60 wings daily, and he just began offering delivery. In addition to the plethora of flat screens, Cesar's also features a pool table, as well as Karaoke every Friday & Saturday evening.

Cesar's is not just all about the entertainment. When Faisal opened his business he made a commitment to also give back. Just recently he completed a very successful fundraiser for Multiple Sclerosis (MS) and is already planning "Knockout Cancer with Janine," on October 18, working with 17-year old Bloomingdale childhood cancer survivor Janine Delaney. Cesar's is certainly more than your average sports bar. The hours are Sun-Thurs 11 am – 1 am; Fri & Sat 11 am – 2 am.



*Menchie strolled through Septemberfest handing out coupons.*



## 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.

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### Welcome to These New Businesses

Feel Feet Spa  
156 E. Lake Street

VIP Foot Spa  
306 Glen Ellyn Road

The Bedding Experts  
348 W. Army Trail Road

Wireless Planet  
413A Stratford Square

### Fall Back on November 2

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



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



# Community Events

## 25 Years of Crafting

Members of the St. Isidore Council of Catholic Women (CCW) are preparing for the 25th Annual CCW Holiday Craft Show to be held on Saturday, November 8th from 9 AM - 3 PM in the St. Isidore Ministry Center, northeast corner of Army Trail Road and Gary Avenue. All items for sale must be handmade. World's best bake sale also included! Admission to the show is \$2.00. Strollers are welcome and all entrances to the Ministry Center are handicapped accessible. Profits from this event support local and international charities.



## Thanksgiving Holiday Refuse Pickup

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday on Thursday, November 27, Republic's refuse pickup will be delayed one day each for Thursday and Friday pickup that week.

Wednesday's pickup remains the same.



## Garden Club Upcoming Programs

**October 21 at 6:30 p.m. "Growing Orchids"** - Speaker Don White has been growing orchids for 30 years and still has his first plant! His goal is to help people be successful orchid growers. Basic orchid care (lighting, watering, re-potting) will be discussed, and orchid fallacies will be addressed. His presentation is informal and questions are welcome. Orchids will be available for purchase. Location: Bloomingdale Police Dept, lower level, 201 S. Bloomingdale Road. For more information visit [www.bloomingtongardenclub.org](http://www.bloomingtongardenclub.org).

**November 4 at 6:30p.m. Volunteer Crafters** are needed for the Garden Club's annual craft workshop to benefit the residents of the West Suburban Care Center in Bloomingdale. Every year the club welcomes the opportunity to bring holiday cheer to the Care Center's residents.

For more information contact [bloomingtongardenclub@gmail.com](mailto:bloomingtongardenclub@gmail.com) or visit [www.bloomingtongardenclub.org](http://www.bloomingtongardenclub.org).

## Bloomington Artists Association

**October 8 - Acrylic Painting Demo** by Bloomingdale Artists Association member and award winning artist Marianne Albers McKoveck. Marianne is a visual and emotional storyteller. The use of bold color and offset perspective infuse her stories with energy and excitement.

**November 12 - Advanced Zentangle** by Sue Jacobs CZT. Zentangle is an easy to learn method of creating beautiful images from repetitive patterns. A fascinating art form, it is fun and relaxing, and increases focus and creativity. Sue's program goes a step further, adding color and using more complex patterns. Bring Zentangle kits if you have them.

Both meetings start at 7 p.m. at the Bloomingdale Park District Museum, 108 S. Bloomingdale Road. Visitor drop-in fee of \$5. Materials fee may apply. Contact Nicole Javvaji for more info, [nicolejavvaji@yahoo.com](mailto:nicolejavvaji@yahoo.com).

## Lions Club Spaghetti Dinner

The Bloomingdale Lions Club sponsors its annual Spaghetti Dinner on Friday, November 7 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](mailto:kvitale6174@sbcglobal.net)

## 100+ Women Who Care West Suburban

There is a local chapter of 100+ Women Who Care, who meet quarterly at the Bloomingdale Golf Club, 181 Glen Ellyn Road. The group supports 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 their donation.

These donations have the potential to drastically change lives right at home, in our local communities. In 2014, the Roselle American Legion Charitable Fund, Children's Neuroblastoma Cancer Foundation, Youth Outlook, and Stepping Stones have each been the beneficiary of a collective donation. The next meeting is 7 p.m. on Tuesday, October 14, 2014. For more information about the group or coming to a meeting email [jane@bloomingtonchamber.com](mailto:jane@bloomingtonchamber.com)

## Lake Park Craft Fair

The 33rd Annual Lake Park Craft Fair takes place on Saturday, December 6, 2014 from 10 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The Craft Fair will be held in our West Campus Fieldhouse, 500 W. Bryn Mawr, Roselle, IL 60172. Admission is \$2 for adults; free for seniors and children. The organizers are still seeking crafters now. The application is available online: [http://www.lphs.org/export/sites/lphs/activities/a-z/Craft\\_Fair\\_App\\_2014.doc](http://www.lphs.org/export/sites/lphs/activities/a-z/Craft_Fair_App_2014.doc)

## 'Opera Night' at Medinah Shrine Center on October 5

The Natural Habitat Foundation holds an "Opera Night" dinner at the Medinah Shriners Banquet Facility at 5:00 PM on Sunday, October 5th. The evening will feature a 7-course Italian dinner plus live entertainment by "The Other Three Tenors." All proceeds go to improvements to the natural area at Lake Street & Rosedale Avenue. Contact Susan Sargent at [ssargent@bloomingtondalebank.com](mailto:ssargent@bloomingtondalebank.com) or 630/295-9111 for tickets or info.

## St. Isidore Hosts Ladies Night on October 17

St. Isidore Council of Catholic Women (CCW) are will host a Ladies Night Out on Friday, October 17th from 6-9PM in the St. Isidore Ministry Center, northeast corner of Army Trail Road and Gary Avenue. The night includes: shopping, complimentary hors-d'oeuvres, desserts, and a cash bar (margaritas and wine). Featuring Lia Sophia Jewelry, Mary Kay Cosmetics, Pampered Chef, and many more. Admission is \$6.00, ages 21 and over. All entrances to the Ministry Center are handicapped accessible.

## Local People Making Big Impacts Around the World

Residents Russ Franceschina and his wife Dawn just finished running the Wisconsin Ironman triathlon in September for Team World Vision, one of the largest charities raising money predominantly for clean water in Africa. The couple is currently preparing for the Chicago Marathon, to be held on October 12. They are the captains of a 48-person team of fellow members of Mission Church in Bloomington. The group will also be racing in the Chicago Marathon for Team World Vision with a team goal of raising \$50,000 to provide clean water in Africa. That sum equates to clean water for 1,000 people for life.



Through World Vision's comprehensive and sustainable water projects across Africa, \$50 will provide clean water for one person for a lifetime. Water changes the lives of children. They have better health, improved nutrition, and can go to school instead of spending the day fetching water.

Russ admits Dawn was the runner in the family; he saw no point in running just to run. When his sedentary job led him to exercise, he began to run. That was in about 2005 – he's still running – for fun and now for a purpose. The amount of training and preparation that goes into these events is quite intense; the couple has run over 300 miles since June getting ready for the races. Russ says it is all worth it if just one child's life is changed with available clean water.

For more information on World Vision, visit <http://www.teamworldvision.org/> If you would like to help the Franceschinas toward their team's goal, click on donate and you can type in either of their names.



## St. Paul Celebrates Over 100 Years of Ministry



On May 17, 1914, the cornerstone of the current Sanctuary Building at St. Paul Evangelical

Church was laid. November 29, 1914 saw the first worship service in the new sanctuary, a dedication service that took place in German. Shortly thereafter, the church council allowed for one English speaking service per month, but English hymnals weren't purchased until 1924. In 1945, amidst the conflict of World War II, German speaking services were discontinued after the Good Friday communion service, March 30, 1945.

The history of our worship space is a rich one, filled with a century's worth of memories, special moments, and worship. Imagine the number of weddings, funerals, baptisms and confirmations that have taken place in this beautiful space. The family and friends of St. Paul Evangelical Church, cordially invite the community to worship with us on Sunday, November 16, 2014 as we give thanks for over 100 years of ministry. The morning service will begin at 10:00 AM with child care and Sunday School for students aged infant through 6th grade. Following the morning service, a light brunch reception will be served in the church's fellowship hall. St. Paul Evangelical Church has been located at 118 S. 1st Street, Bloomington, for over 134 years.

# Around and About Town

## GMC Realty & McDonald's Team up for Septemberfest Scholarship

Gloria Tomaras and the GMC Realty Team, who are committed to giving back and supporting our community, are sponsoring a fun event at McDonalds, 101 W. Lake Street from 4:30 – 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 16. A week before the event, you may pick up a flyer at the Bloomingdale Village Hall, 201 S. Bloomingdale Road, or at the Lake Street McDonalds to receive \$1.00 off your purchase during the event hours and meet the Hamburglar. You must have a coupon. Proceeds will help support the Joe Draghi Septemberfest Scholarship. GMC will run this fundraiser the third Thursday of every month until July, 2015 featuring a new character each month. All funds raised by then will be donated to the Septemberfest Scholarship Fund.

## Recycle Electronics at Township Highway Department

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



*The 2014 1031b Bloomingdale Bears were chosen to play against the 1031b Bartlett Raiders during halftime at the Thursday, August 14th evening Chicago Bears vs Jacksonville Jaguars game on August 14. The boys were also on the field during the pre-game warm up and during the National Anthem. What a memory for these boys and their coaches!*

## Bloomingdale Garden Club Sponsors Photo Contest

Photos of flowers/plants purchased at the 2014 plant sale are eligible to be entered in the contest. First, second & third place prizes will be awarded. Winners will receive gift certificates to be redeemed at the 2015 plant sale. Photos will be judged on composition/color/variety, and winning photos will be displayed at the 2015 plant sale.

Categories:

1. Container plantings – single, group or unusual
2. Perennial garden
3. Annual garden

Please mail photo entries (4 x 6) to Bloomingdale Garden Club Photo Contest, 326 Whitehall Terrace, Bloomingdale 60108. Label back of each photo with name, address, and photo category. Digital photos should be submitted to [georgeholtz75@gmail.com](mailto:georgeholtz75@gmail.com). All photos become the property of Bloomingdale Garden Club and may be used for promotional purposes. **Deadline for submission is October 31, 2014.**

## American Youth Character Awards

The annual Bloomingdale CHARACTER COUNTS! Celebration Night will be held on Tuesday, October 14 at 7 p.m. at Old Town Park, 111 S. Third Street. Students from Erickson, DuJardin, Westfield Middle, Winnebago and St. Isidore schools will take part. Mayor Coladipietro will present the 2014 American Youth Character Awards to a student from each of the schools, as well as recognize one youth athlete from a Bloomingdale athletic association.

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

## Hometown Talent On America's Got Talent

On July 29, 2014 local boys Sean Jones and Luke Pilalis danced on NBC's America's Got Talent. It was the third appearance for the young men as they had already made it through two judgments. They began studying dance at Bloomingdale Park District when they were preschoolers. From there they went on to study dance at Center Stage Dance Studio located in Springbrook Shopping Center on Lake Street. Now 18, they have both graduated from high school and still dance as a team through Center Stage. Although the tap team did not continue that night, their Bloomingdale friends and fans were thrilled to see them on national TV. You can watch Sean & Luke's live performance from America's Got Talent on the Center Stage website at <http://www.centerstagedanceonline.com/>



## Chevy Apache Takes Best in Show at Septemberfest

A 1957 Chevrolet Apache 3100 pickup owned by Bill and Nora Barler won the Marilyn Zaccardi Best of Show Award in the Septemberfest Car Show. They are pictured 3rd & 4th from left, with the Zaccardi family.

Car Show sponsors were Chicago Auto Show, and Turtle Wax.



## Westlake Ribbon Cutting

Village Clerk Jane Michelotti cuts the ribbon for the Grand Re-Opening of the Pool at the Westlake Townhome Owners Association Annual Corn Roast. From left to right are: Carla Kurtz – VP, Paul Henderson – Manager, Steve Hochberg – Secretary, Mike Grilli – Treasurer, Jane, Jeff Dolce – President, Donna Moses – Treasurer and Doug Holzrichter – PHN Architects.



## Miss Teen Illinois Contestant



Resident Lexy Lyman was a contestant in the 2015 Miss Illinois Teen USA Pageant which took place in Skokie, IL over the Labor Day weekend. A graduate of St. Walter School, the 17-year old is a senior at St. Viator High School, where she is very involved in the choir and theatre program.. Being a contestant in a pageant was always one of her dreams and she was excited to be in a pageant where college scholarships would be awarded.

Lexy was named a semi-finalist in the pageant and received a scholarship to Lindenwood University. She said being part of the Miss Teen pageant was an amazing experience; she met countless girls from all through the state, making many new friends. She plans to try to enter the pageant again next year.

Lexy had originally hoped to go Columbia College in Chicago, but no matter where she ends up going, the self-taught digital artist plans to study graphic design.

She is the daughter of Kirk and Brenda Lyman.



## Congratulations to the 2014 Septemberfest Scholarship Winners!

Four outstanding young people were recipients of the Septemberfest Joe Draghi Scholarship this year.

**Hristo Ganev** is a freshman attending Loyola University in Chicago, majoring in biochemistry. He intends to go on to medical school, with plans to become a neurosurgeon.

**Aashna Patel** is a freshman starting as a distinguished Regents' and Chancellor's Scholar at the University of California, Berkeley. She is studying public health with a pre-med track with the intent of going on to medical school.

**Rathinadhivya Saravanapandian** is attending Marquette University in Milwaukee, double majoring in psychology and human resources management. She plans to work in the human resources field for a few years, then possibly teach.

**Ashlyn Worcester** is attending Florida Southern College in Lakeland, FL., majoring in chemistry & minoring in criminology, with hopes to work in crime labs.

### Thanks to our 2014 Septemberfest Scholarship Donors:

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Hollywood Cleaners  
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**Pictured at right:** Parents represented three of the winners who are already in school – (l to r) Ashlyn Worcester's dad, Susan Sargent, B'dale Bank&Trust, Hristo Ganev, Aashna Patel's parents, Rathinadhivya Saravanapandian's parents. Back row - Mayor Franco and Mark Michalak, Jersey Mike's.

## Bloomingdale Septemberfest 2014: An Extraordinary End-of-Summer Event

The 41st annual Septemberfest was an extraordinary late summer day, just right for sitting in the park, enjoying some end-of-the-summer entertainment, visiting the many vendors or strolling through the car show.

The parade, aptly coordinated by Susan Lancaster, featured the Bloomingdale Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7539 color guard, nine floats, Medinah Shriners, classic cars, 630 walkers and much more. During opening ceremonies, Mayor Coladipietro welcomed the crowd, introduced dignitaries and recognized the Septemberfest Commission members. The VFW and boy scouts joined in raising the flag, and 15-year old Allison Ford did a pristine job singing the National Anthem.

The four 2014 Joe Draghi Septemberfest scholarship winners were announced. Congratulations to Hristo Ganev, Aashna Patel, Rathinadhivya Saravanapandian and Ashlyn Worcester. On hand to offer congratulations were representatives from Jersey Mike's and Bloomingdale Bank & Trust, both of whom donated a full scholarship. Thanks to Carole Lockhart for coordinating the scholarships.

A total of 96 vendors, 15 of them offering food, packed the streets of Third and Franklin, orchestrated by Vivi Frumkin. Our Chicago Auto Show Historian Mitch Frumkin attracted some 84 vehicles in the largest car show Septemberfest has seen.

Entertainment guru Debbie Pasiewicz gathered local talent, from the Park District Gymnastics teams, Center Stage, Dance Explosion, and singers from the Bloomingdale School of Music. The bands included Private Instigators, Caozz and the closing band, Infinity.

Publicity person Jeremy Heitkam spread the word about the event and coordinated the family carnival held in St. Paul's parking lot. A huge thanks to all the rest of the Septemberfest team – Jean Sloboda (volunteers), Pam Hager (Treasurer/Secretary, Liaisons Lion Stan Poplonski, Jo Peterson (Park District), Trustee Jim King, Ed Lewen (Village Services), and John Krueger (Police Department) Thank you to our Mayor Franco Coladipietro and Board of Trustees for continued support. Thanks to all of you who came out to support this great tradition! If you have any suggestions or comments, please feel free to email me directly at [acbwolff@sbcglobal.net](mailto:acbwolff@sbcglobal.net)

God Bless You,

Bill Wolff





## Smoke Detectors: The Early Warning That Saves Lives

The Bloomingtondale Fire Protection District and the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) would like to remind residents of the importance of proper smoke detectors in the home. Smoke alarms are a key part of a home fire escape plan. When there is a fire, smoke spreads fast. Working smoke alarms give you early warning so you can get outside quickly.

Safety tips:

- Install smoke alarms inside and outside each bedroom and sleeping area. Install alarms on every level of the home. Install alarms in the basement.
- Large homes may need extra smoke alarms.
- It is best to use interconnected smoke alarms. When one smoke alarm sounds they all sound.
- Test all smoke alarms at least once a month. Press the test button to be sure the alarm is working.
- There are two kinds of alarms. Ionization smoke alarms are quicker to warn about flaming fires. Photoelectric alarms are quicker to warn about smoldering fires. It is best to use of both types of alarms in the home.
- A smoke alarm should be on the ceiling or high on a wall. Keep smoke alarms away from the kitchen to reduce false alarms. They should be at least 10 feet from the stove.
- People who are hard-of-hearing or deaf can use special alarms. These alarms have strobe lights and bed shakers.
- Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old.
- Smoke alarms are an important part of a home fire escape plan.



### Children and Smoke Alarms

The Bloomingtondale Fire Protection District and NFPA are aware of research indicating that sleeping children don't always awake when a smoke alarm activates. While this research is worrisome, we shouldn't allow them to obscure the fact that smoke alarms are highly effective at reducing fire deaths and injuries.

While 96% of American homes have at least one smoke alarm, no smoke alarms were present or none operated in two out of five (41%) of the reported home fires between 2003-2006. Almost two-thirds of home fire deaths resulted from fires in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms.

Every home fire escape plan is different, and every family should know who will - and who won't - awaken at the sound of the smoke alarm. If someone doesn't wake up when the alarm sounds during a drill, the family should design an escape plan that assigns a grown-up who is easily awakened by the alarm to wake the sleepers, perhaps by yelling "FIRE," pounding on the wall or door, or blowing a whistle.

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



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## Holiday Care Packages

Bloomingtondale VFW Post 7539 will be gearing up soon to start putting together holiday packages for our troops who are still far from home. Check the VFW's website [www.vfw7539.org](http://www.vfw7539.org). Scroll down to Support Our Troops to see the items suggested. Items can be delivered to the Bloomingtondale Fire Station at 179 S. Bloomingtondale Road seven days a week, between the hours of 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Please enter on the south side of the building and ring the doorbell.

If shopping isn't your thing, but you still want to help, the post can always use donations to help pay for shipping all the packages they send out. Please make checks payable to: VFW Post 7539. Send them to VFW Post 7539, c/o Bloomingtondale Public Library, 101 Fairfield Way, Bloomingtondale, IL. 60108, and in the memo put "Support the Troops."



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What a celebration it was! Let me start by applauding Mother Nature for blessing us with such a beautiful day. The high temperature reached 75 degrees around 3 PM with a picture perfect sky. From the first step off in the parade at 11 a.m. to the last note from Infinity at the end of the night, this was a Septemberfest for the record books. Thanks to all of you who came out to support this great end-of-the-summer tradition. See you next year!

Bill Wolff, Chairman

## 41st Annual Septemberfest: Never Better!

