

# Village of Bloomingdale

## Almanac

December 2014

Growth with Pride

### Keep the Cheer Here

#### 3/50 Project Support Our Local Independents

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### 2015 Winter Salting Operation

Given the early winter blasts of November, we're all thinking snow and ice. Here are some reminders about the salting procedures.

**Main Village Roads . . .**  
(Brighton Drive, Butterfield Drive, Byron Avenue, Camden Drive, Cardinal Drive, N. Circle Avenue, Covington Drive, Edgewater Drive, Euclid Avenue, Fairfield Way, Fox Court, Glen Ellyn Road, Greenway Drive, Knollwood Drive, Madsen Drive, Schick Road, Scott Drive, Springfield Drive) will be treated using salt dosed with liquid calcium chloride. Each storm will dictate the amount of material placed down.

Just for clarification – Lake Street is State owned, Bloomingdale Road, Army Trail, Medinah Road and Gary Avenue are DuPage County roads. Snow and ice control for these roadways are carried out by these respective agencies.



**Intersections . . .** will be treated 100 feet adjacent to each intersection using salt dosed with liquid calcium chloride. Each storm will dictate the amount of material placed down.

**Hills and Curves . . .** will be treated 50 feet adjacent to hazardous areas using salt dosed with liquid calcium chloride. Each storm will dictate the amount of material placed down.

**All Other Village Streets and Cul-De-Sacs . . .** will be either untreated or spot salted when conditions dictate using salt dosed with liquid calcium

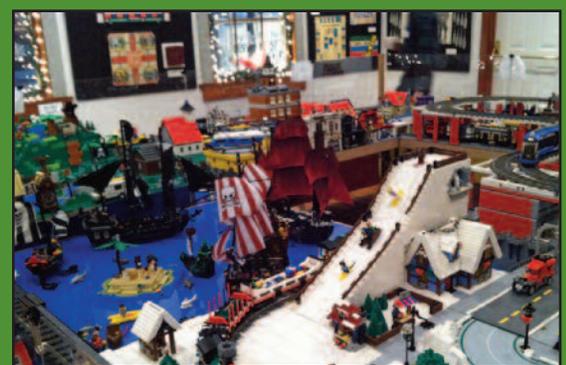
chloride. Each storm will dictate the amount of material placed down.

It should be noted that the above policy will serve as a general guideline. The policy may require adjustments after establishing weather and pavement conditions, as well as other factors in the interest of motorist safety.

Please use extreme caution this winter, and always, while driving during inclement weather. Don't drive if you don't have to. If you must drive, give yourself additional time to get where you are going.

### Festival of Lights – Old Town Park

The holiday magic returns bigger and brighter, at 6:30 Friday, November 28. A month of activities, entertainment, carriage rides & Santa, plus Legos and Garfield at the Museum.



# Scouts Help to Keep Waterways Clean

## 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



As part of their Citizenship Activity Badge, a group of Webelos Scouts from Cub Scout Pack 414 recently participated in a "Dump No Waste" storm drain stenciling project along Greenway Drive. Assisted by Bloomingdale's Utilities Division staff, the scouts painted stencils in front of storm sewer inlets to let people know that these structures drain to rivers and other waterways. Scouts also distributed fliers to nearby residences explaining why it is important not to dump pollutants into storm sewers.

Water entering these storm drains is not treated before it enters rivers, streams, lakes, and other waterways. Chemicals such as motor oil, paint, and fertilizer can pollute the water causing adverse effects on downstream ecosystems including fish and aquatic plants. Garbage, grass clippings, leaves, and other debris clog pipes or get caught in the waterway vegetation. It is important that these items be disposed of properly.

## 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.



To sign up for the E-News, go to [www.villageofbloomingdale.org](http://www.villageofbloomingdale.org) and click on Village News on the right side of the homepage. Click on "Sign Up for Village E-News." It's easy and free!

## Village of Bloomingdale Elected Officials

**Franco A. Coladietro**  
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

*Gary Umlauf's pristinest image of winter from Hilton Indian Lakes on the front page. We might be seeing a lot of that white stuff this season.*

## A Message from Mayor Franco

Old Man Winter has roared back to life and the Holiday Season is upon us! As we approach the end of 2014, I am happy to say we are seeing significant activity relative to our efforts to promote community activity and economic growth in Bloomingdale. We have seen a flurry of new retail openings and we recently welcomed Hobby Lobby to our community. If you didn't know, I love to eat, and we have several new restaurants openings – both independents, such as Wild Fire and Crave Café and franchises, such as Jersey Mike's Subs and Giordano's Stuffed Pizza. We are beginning to witness some exciting developments at Stratford, starting with the October opening of the 40,000 sq. ft. Round1 entertainment center. Stratford's ownership group, StreetMac, is also promising more very evident changes in the look and feel of our regional shopping center on the horizon with an announced \$30 million dollar expansion project.

The Village's strategic plan for re-energizing the Lake Street Corridor is moving ahead with a public hearing scheduled after the first of the year. We have also approved several projects which will begin development in the Spring. Most notably, a new Starbucks with a drive-thru will be locating at the old Pizza Hut on Army Trail Road and Chick-Fil-A is building a new restaurant on the former Applebee's site. Texas Roadhouse has also just had its initial meetings with the Plan Commission to develop a new construction location at Stratford Square. It is an exciting time in Bloomingdale.

In fact, it is an especially exciting time as there are plenty of family activities going on this month for the holidays! The Festival of Lights returns to Old Town with plenty of things to do and see. Check out the calendar of events from the Park District on p. 7. Be sure to make a stop in the Park District Museum to see the giant Lego City, complete with eight running trains, as well as the Garfield the Cat collection in the other gallery. The Library's open house will see a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus on December 2. Westfield Middle School presents three free performances of "A Christmas Carol" (p. 12). Please subscribe to our E-news (p. 2) for more holiday events, as we learn about them and to keep up on community activities throughout the year.

Two more thoughts. When doing your holiday shopping - "Keep the Cheer Here" - by buying in Bloomingdale. It supports our local economy and keeps your Village taxes lower through revenue brought in by sales taxes. Please keep in mind that some retailers will match internet prices so be sure to ask! And if you are looking for ways to "Spread the Cheer," see p. 6 where you can find several ways to give to those less fortunate in small ways that mean a lot to the recipient.

From my family to yours – best wishes for a warm and wonderful Holiday Season.

Mayor Franco



*Resident Frank Cerrone, president of the Joint Civic Committee of Italian Americans, with Mayor Franco and members of the Bloomingdale Lightning Soccer Team at the Columbus Day Parade in Chicago.*



## Voters Pass O'Hare Referendum Advisory Questions

As noted in the October issue of the Almanac, the Bloomingdale Village Board approved three advisory questions regarding the increased O'Hare air traffic and noise for the November 4, 2014 ballot. All three of the questions passed.

The result in regard to enforcing the Noise Control Act of 1972 was:

Yes - 5216 (84.18%)

No - 980 (15.82%)

The result in regard to the "Fly Quiet" restriction between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. being made mandatory, was:

Yes - 5071 (82.08%)

No - 1107 (17.92%)

The result in regard to increasing the soundproofing in Bloomingdale residential areas was:

Yes - 4903 (79.36%)

No - 1275 (20.64%)

While these advisory questions are non-binding, it is hoped that the favorable results of this consolidated effort with the Villages of Bensenville, Itasca and Wood Dale will command greater notice by FAA officials, and provide the impetus for members of Congress to take a closer look at the problem.

## Wishing You the Merriest of Holidays

The Bloomingdale Village Hall holiday closings:

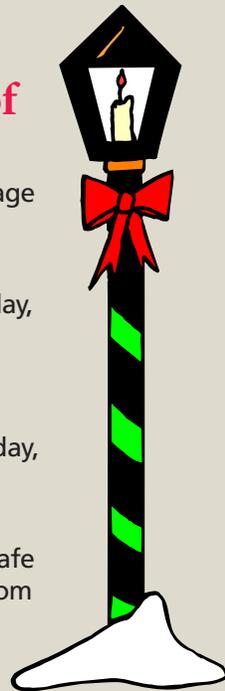
### Christmas:

Wednesday and Thursday,  
December 24 &  
December 25

### New Year's:

Wednesday and Thursday,  
December 31 and  
January 1, 2015

Best Wishes to all for safe and Happy Holidays from the elected officials and staff at the Village of Bloomingdale.



# Interested in Running for Office?

## 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 630-671-5630

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

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## Candidate Petitions Accepted in December for Village And Library Seats

The Office of Bloomington Village Clerk Jane E. Michelotti, 201 South Bloomington Road, will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays (Monday through Friday) beginning on December 15, 2014 through December 22, 2014 (open to 5 p.m. on the last day, December 22), in order to accept candidate petitions or certificates of nomination for the Consolidated Election to be held on April 7, 2015.

The following positions will be up for election:

Village Trustee – Three (3) – Full 4-Year Terms

Library Trustee – Three (3) – Full 4-Year Terms

Library Trustee – One (1) – 2-Year Term

## What if a Snowplow Damages My Mailbox?

The Village will replace and/or reimburse a resident up to \$50.00 for a mailbox and post which is damaged as a result of the Village snowplow operations, provided the homeowner notifies the Village of the damage, the Village performs an in-house investigation, and the mailbox is installed per Village setback requirements.

Residents are requested to inspect mailboxes and posts to ensure sturdiness and compliance with the postal service installation requirements, and correct any problem identified. If you have questions as to whether or not your mailbox is in compliance with Village requirements, you may contact the Village Services Department - Street Maintenance Division at 630-671-5800.



## Enjoy Your Christmas Tree . . . Then Recycle It at the Curb

Republic Services, Inc. the Village refuse hauler, will pick up live Christmas trees, up to six-feet tall, at the curb on residents' first four scheduled pick up days in January. Place your Christmas tree at the parkway and follow these simple guidelines:

- Please do not put trees in plastic bags
- Be sure all decorations (and the stand) are removed
- Dispose of natural wreaths with the regular household trash
- Position Christmas trees with the cut end toward the curb for easy loading



Christmas tree pick-up ends on Friday, January 23, 2015.

# Wintertime Words to the Wise

With the seasonal snowfall just around the corner, the Village Services Department, Public Works Division is ready to combat snow and ice on the 151 miles of Village streets, making them safer for motorists. Village crews are promptly mobilized when a storm begins, day or night.



## What Are the Village's Parking Regulations When It Snows?

The Village's winter parking ban takes effect after snowfalls of 2 inches or more. The ban applies to all vehicles on any Village-owned street and is in effect for a period of 24 hours or until the streets have been cleared of snow. Residents can assist Village crews in the snow removal efforts by parking vehicles in driveways or other off-street parking areas.

## What if a Snowplow Damages My Parkway?

The Public Works Division understands that there could be some damage to parkways due to snow plowing operations. It is Village policy to repair parkways in April, May, and early June, weather permitting, as this is the best time for the germination of grass seed. Please call the Public Works Division at 630-671-5800 to inform us about damage to your parkway so we can put your location on the list.

## Why Does My Driveway Get Plowed In?

The snowplows are designed to direct the snow to the curb side of the plow blade. "Side delivery plows" are the fastest and most efficient means available to remove snowfall from the streets. As a result, snow is discharged along the length of the curb, the parkways and the private driveway areas. The Village has thousands of private driveways abutting Village streets, the cleaning of which is the responsibility of the property owner.

Manpower and equipment limitations prohibit the Village from responding to routine requests to remove snow from private driveways. Therefore, we strongly recommend residents delay clearing the driveway until the snowplows have cleaned the majority of your street. Village ordinance PROHIBITS the discharge of snow onto the Village streets. This illegally placed snow may freeze or become compacted, creating a safety hazard for all motorists.

## Who Do I Call About Snow Removal Operations?

Questions regarding snow removal should be directed to the Village Services Street Division at 630-671-5800.

## Garbage Pickup Holidays

The schedule for Republic's Garbage and Recycling Pick-up Services will be delayed by one day for the Thursday and Friday garbage pickups during the weeks of the Christmas and New Year's Day holidays.



## Winter Phone Numbers

### Village of Bloomingdale Snow Phone (630) 671-5800

Call this number to report a problem. We regret that it is not possible to advise exactly when your particular street will be plowed.

### Village of Bloomingdale Police Department - Non-Emergency (630) 529-9868

Call this number for non-emergency general information.

### Bloomingdale Fire District - Emergency 911

### Information on State Roads Illinois Department of Transportation Information Line 312-DOT-INFO (312-368-4636)

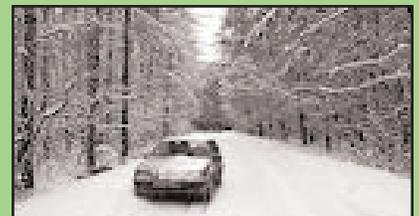
Call the above number for information on State roads (i.e., Lake Street). The District One Communication Center is open 24/7. All hazardous conditions should be reported to them at 847-705-4612 for immediate action. The Illinois Department of Transportation offers weather/road condition information on their web site at [www.dot.il.gov](http://www.dot.il.gov).

### Information on DuPage County Roads Division of Transportation DuPage County 630-682-7321

Call this number for information on DuPage County Roads (i.e. Army Trail Road, Bloomingdale Road, Gary Avenue, Schmale Road)

### Information Tollway Roadway Information Line 800-865-5394 or 800-TOLLYFI

For tollway information including problems with fog, snow, ice, high winds and trailer bans. The information is updated every four hours, or more often if weather conditions warrant.



# Share the Spirit of the Holidays

## Village of Bloomingdale Offers Expanded Holiday Weekend Hours for Dial-A-Ride Transportation

The Village of Bloomingdale will again be offering Expanded Weekend Dial-A-Ride hours during the holiday season from Saturday, November 29th through Sunday, December 28th. Hours are Saturday, 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Sunday, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. There is no Dial-A-Ride service on Thanksgiving Day or Christmas Day.

Bloomingdale residents may ride anywhere within the Bloomingdale Township boundaries and also to Central DuPage, Alexian Brothers and Glen Oaks Hospitals; DuPage Oncology Clinic, Monakea Medical Complex, Wheaton Medical Clinic and Wheaton Eye Clinic.

Bloomingdale's Weekend Dial-A-Ride one-way rates are:

3.00 for Adult Residents  
\$1.50 for Village residents with a disability, Village senior citizens (age 65 & older) and for students

Free for children (under age 7) when accompanied by a fare-paying adult

Reservations shall be accepted beginning Thursday of the preceding week service is desired, and with as little as one (1) day advance notice. Same day service requests are not guaranteed.

Weekend Dial-A-Ride  
Reservations may be made by calling  
1-800-713-7445

With the holiday season upon us, many residents look for opportunities to help others less fortunate. Here are some of the local opportunities to share the spirit of the season.

Angel Tree tags for the annual Bloomingdale Employees' Salvation Army Angel Tree were delivered to the Village Hall the week of Thanksgiving. The Angel Tree benefits needy boys and girls (infant through pre-school) who attend the Salvation Army's Red Shield Head Start Childcare Program in Chicago. Each Angel Tree tag identifies the clothing needs and toy desires of each child. If you're interested in participating and would like a tag, please contact Barb Weber at [weberb@vil.bloomingdale.il.us](mailto:weberb@vil.bloomingdale.il.us) or 630-671-5613, (indicating gender/age preference, if you have one), and a tag will gladly be forwarded to you.

**Bloomingdale Township Sharing Tree** – Last year the Volunteer Council of Bloomingdale Township helped make the season brighter for more than 750 children in Bloomingdale Township. Names & wishes of local needy youngsters, as well as residents of convalescent and nursing homes are on the Sharing Tree, located at the Township Transportation Building, 123 Rosedale Road, now through December 13. Wrapped gifts must be returned by December 13.

The Council also notes so many of the "older children," aged 14 – 18, are forgotten each year because they are hard to buy for. Gift cards are a perfect choice for the older kids. The Transportation Building will be open weekdays 10 – 6, Saturday 10 – 5 and Sunday 11- 5 through December 13. For more information on the Sharing Tree Program, call Sue at (630) 529-9993.

Names and suggested gift ideas for **Marklund Home** residents will be placed on trees at:

**Olive Garden, 332 W. Army Trail Road**

**Pivot Point, 144 E. Lake Street (Springbrook Shopping Center)**

**Bloomingdale Park District, 172 S. Circle**

Wrapped gifts, with names attached, should be returned to the site where the tag was picked up.

**Presents for Pets and People:** In the spirit of holiday giving, the Bloomingdale Park District is once again participating in the annual Giving Tree program, as well as including our four-legged friends. All are invited to open up their hearts to light up this holiday season for Marklund residents, as well as for deserving pets. Stop by the 'Giving Tree' at the Johnston Recreation Center, 172 S. Circle Avenue, to pick up a wish list and cheer up the lives of children, canines and kittens! Happy Holidays! S. Circle Avenue, to pick up a wish list and cheer up the lives of children, canines and kittens! Happy Holidays!

**Bloomingdale VFW Post 7539** – Bloomingdale 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 Bloomingdale Fire Station at 179 S. Bloomingdale 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 Bloomingdale Public Library, 101 Fairfield Way, Bloomingdale, IL. 60108, and in the memo put "Support the Troops."

# December Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Lake Park Choir 6-6:45PM Craft Workshop 6-8 PM	3 Ornament Workshop 6-8PM	4 Craft Workshop 6-8 PM	5 Cookie Decorating 6-8 PM Santa Visits 6-8 PM	6 Carriage Rides 6-8PM
7 Rockin' Santa 1-2PM	8	9 Mrs. Claus Storytime 6-8PM	10 Rockin' Santa 6:30-7:30PM Ornament Workshop 6-8 PM	11 Craft Workshop 6-8PM	12 Cookie Decorating 6-8 PM	13 Rockin' Santa 6:30-7:30PM Carriage Rides 6-8PM
14 Reindeer 2-4PM Santa Visits 2-4 PM	15	16 Mrs. Claus Storytime 6-8PM	17 Ornament Workshop 6-8 PM Santa Visits 6-8 PM	18 Rockin' Santa 6:30-7:30PM Craft Workshop 6-8PM	19 Cookie Decorating 6-8 PM	20 Santa Visits 6-8 PM Carriage Rides 6-8PM
21 Ice Sculpture Demonstration 1:30-3:30PM	22	23 Mrs. Claus Storytime 6-8PM	24	25	26 Cookie Decorating 6-8 PM	27 Carriage Rides 6-8PM
28	29	30	31			

## November 28-December 31

**Museum Hours (Nov. 28-Dec. 28)**

Tuesday-Friday: 6-8PM

Saturday: 5-9PM

Sunday: 12-4PM

Closed 12/24, 12/25, 12/29, 12/30, 12/31

**- Held at Old Town Park**

**Lighting Ceremony**

**November 28, 6:30PM**

**@ Old Town Park**

# Bloomingtondale Water Reclamation Facility Staff Named Department of the Month

## Tips from Morton Arboretum Garden Calendar

### December

Begin light pruning on trees and shrubs by removing water sprouts and dead or crossing branches. Pruning trees and shrubs can be done more easily in winter without leaves on branches, but avoid pruning spring-flowering plants at this time.

Protect shallow-rooted perennials, such as mums, coral bells, shasta daisy, and crocus, from the freeze-thaw cycles of winter by covering plants with evergreen boughs from left-over holiday greens.

Apply winter mulch to base of roses once ground begins to freeze. Applying too early can prevent ground from freezing naturally.

Clean, sharpen, and repair all garden tools before storing.

Protect multi-stemmed evergreens, such as upright arborvitae, junipers, and yews, from heavy snow or ice damage during a winter storm by tying trunks together with old nylons or cotton twine. Be sure to remove in the spring!

Avoid using heavy quantities of deicing material along sidewalks and parking areas near landscape plants.

Gently shake or brush off heavy snow that accumulates on shrubs and small trees before it freezes. Do not attempt to remove ice.

Begin monitoring for animal damage when food sources become scarce, but don't forget to feed the birds.

*Public Works Magazine* named the Village of Bloomingtondale Water Reclamation Facility staff as its Department of the Month for September 2014. The national publication highlights Public Works Departments throughout the US that excel in what they do.

The wastewater division headed by Shirley Burger and her staff of eight employees treats 2.7 million gallons per day producing 5 million gallons of biosolids every year. The staff's commitment to safety led to the department receiving the Illinois Water Environment Association (IWEA) 2014 George W. Burke Jr. Facility Safety Award, which then led to the national recognition. The award acknowledges the outstanding safety program at the water reclamation facility.

"Congratulations to Supervisor Burger and the entire staff at the Water Reclamation Facility for not only receiving the IWEA Safety Award, but also being named

Department of the Month by *Public Works Magazine*. Both recognitions confirm their dedication to the profession and to public service," said Mayor Franco Coladipietro. (Photo courtesy of Anna Abbinante of Hanleywood)



## Water Rate & Fee Increase Effective January 1, 2015

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 can not absorb these rate increases and as a result, a water rate increase of 77 cents per thousand gallons of water used will go into effect on January 1, 2015 and begin to be reflected on Village utility bills issued in February 2015. The average residential bill is projected to increase \$9.24, or approximately 11%. Details of the new water and sewer rates are available on the back of your water bill.

What can you do to take control of your costs for water and sewer and minimize these rising costs? Conserving can make good financial sense because you reduce your water bill, as well as have a positive effect on the environment. The following are some specific 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 \$111.

**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 \$12.

**Lawn watering** – A deep, green lawn really looks great, but all that watering might be costing you an extra \$40 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.

## Multi-Jurisdictional Training Hosted by Bloomingdale Police Department

On October 26th the Bloomingdale Police Department and the FBI joined several Emergency Response Agencies in a training exercise that tested our preparedness for a criminal act at the Stratford Square Mall. We had over 170 participants, roll players, and observers.

Chief Frank Giammarese stressed the importance of multi-jurisdictional training for large scale events. The training was a success and all participants worked well together. "This training allowed us to work closely with neighboring communities, Federal and State Law Enforcement Agencies, as well as our Bloomingdale Fire Protection District.

"It is our goal to provide a feeling of safety and Security in our Community. By coordinating this full scale exercise with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, we were able to train and work together to improve our response."

## Bloomingdale Cops Raise \$753 for Special Olympics

Bloomingdale Officer Dominic Corsiglia, Sgt. Bruce Mason and Officer Jeremy Redic participated in the Tip-a-Cop event on October 25 at the Stratford Square Red Robin, raising \$753 for Illinois Special Olympics.

Thanks to all those customers who donated so generously for this great cause. Thank you

also to Bloomingdale resident Bill Baucom who stopped by the event and donated the Tip-a-Cop Torch Run ceramic plaque during the event .



## Meet the New Rookie - Kane

The Bloomingdale Police force has a brand new member. His name is Kane and he is the youngest member of the team, born in Frankfurt, Germany on March 21, 2013. Kane is a police dog, who came to Bloomingdale through TOPS Kennels, which is noted for providing specifically bred dogs. TOPS put Kane through a complete physical examination to ensure he is physically sound and can withstand the rigors of police work. The German Shepherd also passed TOPS pre-training program in the basics of obedience, obstacles, narcotics detection and tracking. Bloomingdale Patrol Officer Levi

McGhee will be Kane's handler. Training will be on-going for a year in order for the team to reach its full potential and to maintain its skills beyond that.

Bloomingdale was able to obtain Kane, largely through an anonymous donation from a Bloomingdale resident. PetCo Corporate provided a box of toys and treats to welcome the newest recruit and the not-for-profit "Bruno's Pro Bone O Pet Pantry" has donated some nutritious dog food for him.



## Neighborhood Watch Meeting Dates for 2015

January 14 – Open Forum - Speaking with Mayor, Village Administrator, Village Services Director, Police and Fire Chiefs

March 11

May 13

July 8

September 9

November 11

All meetings are on Wednesdays evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Hall Council Room.

**National Night Out Against Crime** will be on Tuesday, August 4, 2015, 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.



**Bloomingdale is a CRIME WATCH community.**

**We immediately report all suspicious activities to our Police Department.**

**Frank Giammarese, Chief of Police**

**Dawn Odoi, Community Policing Officer**

**630-529-9868**

## Round 1 is Only the Beginning

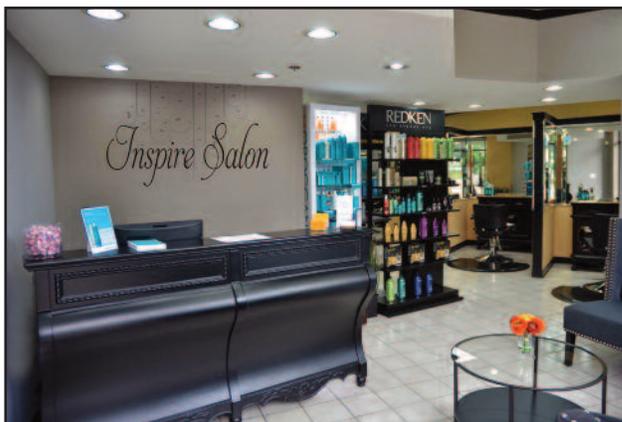


The opening of **Round1 entertainment complex** at Stratford Square is only the beginning of the redevelopment plans that StreetMac LLC and an affiliate of Five Mile Capital Partners LLC have in store for the mall. Upcoming plans include two or more new junior anchor tenants and a number of sit-down restaurants, as well as outdoor cafes and streetscape retail.

The **Red Robin Restaurant** will also undergo a remodel which will feature both indoor and outdoor seating. The mall's outdoor areas will also see a number of changes, including renovated entrances, fire pits, more seating and new landscaping.

## Inspire Salon Comes To Bloomingdale

Inspire Salon recently opened at 360 W. Schick Road. The boutique style salon, owned by Sheila Andriola and Christina Chamas, has a warm and friendly atmosphere. Their outstanding staff has extensive training in all aspects of hair care. Hair coloring services are performed with only the best color lines: Goldwell, Wella and Redken. Hair care products include Morrocanoil, Aquage and Redken.



The salon offers cutting and styling services for both men and women. In addition, special occasion styles for proms and wedding packages are available.

As a holiday special, the owners are offering a special through February 28, 2015. Call for an appointment and receive a one-time only \$10 off any combined cut and color service, or one-time only \$5 off a haircut. This special is for new clients only.

Call 630-351-2040 to get inspired with the staff at Inspire Salon. Check out their website [www.inspiresalon.me](http://www.inspiresalon.me) or email them at [Inspiresalon2040@yahoo.com](mailto:Inspiresalon2040@yahoo.com)

## Giordano's Pizza Opens

Giordano's Pizza recently located in Bloomingdale at 158 S. Gary Avenue, featuring Mama Giordano's "famous stuffed pizza," as well as thin crust and extra thin. They also serve great starters, fresh salads, outstanding pastas and unique sandwiches. This location is a Delivery and Carry Out only. Call (630) 994-5350 or order online at [www.giordanos.com](http://www.giordanos.com).



Small business is the lifeblood of the American economy, yet locally owned independent businesses are under more pressure than ever. Trying economic times, plus corporate buyouts of smaller businesses, have made it a treacherous business environment for the little guys.

In support of Bloomingdale's Small Independent Businesses, the Village of Bloomingdale is a member of the 3/50 Project, which is a national initiative created for the primary mission of saving the "Brick & Mortars Our Nation is Built On." There is a simple message, "Pick 3 local businesses; Spend \$50 collectively at them each month."

So this holiday season, as you make your gift purchases- "Keep the Cheer Here." Your loyalty keeps local businesses around. Remember, every dollar spent in Bloomingdale returns money to our economy. When you spend it on-line, nothing comes home! If your favorite independent business is not a 3/50 member, encourage them to join the 3/50 Project movement online at [www.the350project.net](http://www.the350project.net) for free publicity.

## Stratford Square Mall Honored as Best Friends of Illinois Parks – Large Business

Bloomington Park District valued partner Stratford Square Mall was recently awarded Best Friend of Illinois Parks – Large Business by the Illinois Association of Park Districts (IAPD). Pictured are (left



to right) Senator Tom Cullerton, Stratford Senior Vice President Anthony Giannini, BPD Executive Director Carrie Fullerton, Stratford General Manager Doug Kiehn, Stratford Operations Manager Kristine Vlasnik, Stratford Marketing Director Stacy Kallas, Stratford Specialty Leasing Manager Dolores Varbero and Stratford Director of Property Manager Maury Fisher.

## Bath Deluxe – Not Just Another Bath Store

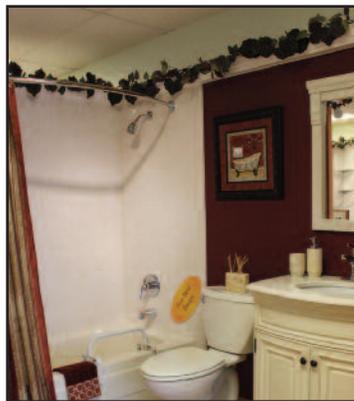
With more than 10 years of experience in bathroom remodeling, Marcin Kawula decided to bring his business, Bath Deluxe, to a location where he could showcase the products he has been using to transform an ordinary bathroom into a dream bathroom.

Working in the past for larger companies like Empire Today and Owens Corning, Marcin says, "Bath Deluxe is a company that stands out because of our professionalism and customer commitment, accompanied by our great craftsmen skills." Specializing in one-day bathroom remodeling, Marcin installs tub and showers liners, tub and shower replacements, tub to showers conversions, walk in tubs, vanity tubs and shower doors, as well as both acrylic and marble wall surrounds.

He also carries and installs barrier free handicap accessible shower replacements and a variety of handicap accessories. To learn more about Marcin's unique background and history, as well as his business philosophy and products, visit the website, [www.DLXbath.com](http://www.DLXbath.com)

The store is located at 185 E. Lake Street, Unit L. Call Marcin at 630-709-2284 or email [dlxbath@yahoo.com](mailto:dlxbath@yahoo.com).

The store is open Tues – Fri, 10-5; Sat, 9-3. The showroom is closed Sun-Mon, but he will meet with you by appointment only. Bath Deluxe will host a grand opening on Thursday, December 4 from 10 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Stop by to get a glimpse of your dream bathroom.



## The Bloomington Business Beat

The Business Beat features news about businesses - newly opened ones, those under construction and those who have something special to tell the residents about - awards won, charitable fundraisers hosted, recent major remodels, etc.

Remember -  
**BUY IN BLOOMINGDALE**

### Welcome to These New Businesses

**Bath Deluxe**  
185 E. Lake Street

**Inspire Salon**  
360 W. Schick Road

**Giordano's Pizza**  
158 S. Gary Avenue

### New Stores in Stratford Square Mall

**Go Calendars**  
**Round One**  
**Nuova Tea**  
**Secret Knoll**  
**Delish Cakes**  
**Incas Andes**



# Community Events

## Festival of Lights Returns

Mayor Franco Coladipietro and Park Board President Buzz Puccio are scheduled to flip the switch for the Second Annual Old Town Festival of Lights at 6:30 p.m., November 28 at Old Town Park.

In addition to visually-stunning displays, the Park District also will conduct on-site programming and entertainment activities sure to delight the masses. Check out the Calendar of Events on p. 7.



## Holiday Classic on Stage At Westfield

Westfield Middle School will present A Christmas Carol, under the direction of Drama Teacher Cyndi Bringer. The timeless holiday classic will be brought to life for three performances open to the public: Dec. 12 at 7:00 p.m., Dec. 13 at 10:00 a.m. & 2:00 p.m. Admission is free.

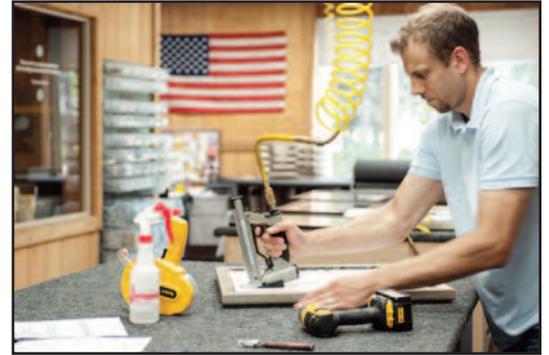


The cast is made up of 36 students, playing 54 roles. In addition, 50 plus students work on various crews, such as set design and building, props, hair & makeup, lights, sounds, etc. If you have never seen a Westfield Middle School play, be prepared to be amazed.

## Bloomington Artist Association Meetings

**January 14, 7pm** at the Bloomington Park District Museum, 108 S. Bloomington Road: **THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX** is presented by members Nicole Javvaji and Toni Fogarty. Bring any box from bread box to hat box to ring box or anything in between made of any material - the possibilities are endless. The presenters will inspire you to artfully alter the outside and inside of the box. Participants are encouraged to bring boxes and supplies to share. Members may also create boxes to be auctioned off in the BAA annual scholarship fundraiser.

**February 11, 7pm** at Masterpiece Framing, 109 S. Bloomington Road: **MASTERPIECE FRAMING VISIT.** Matt Puchalski, artist and owner of the shop, will share the framing process with participants, including initial design consultation and material selection to the actual production of mat cutting, glass cutting and frame assembly. See Matt's website at [www.mframing.com](http://www.mframing.com).



Visitors are welcome at both programs; register by contacting [nicolejavvaji@yahoo.com](mailto:nicolejavvaji@yahoo.com). There is a \$5 drop-in fee.

## Bloomington Garden Club Meetings

**January 20** is the Annual Business Meeting. Agenda items include the club's exciting programs and speakers for 2015, plans for the very popular annual flower sale in May, and charitable endeavors. Visitors are invited to drop in and meet the members. We welcome gardeners of all ages and experience.

**February 17** features Constructing Portable Stuffed Topiaries. Karen Thomson of Thomson Topiaries in Barrington will demonstrate the art of creating topiaries with wire forms, sphagnum moss and plants. Part sculptures and part plants, topiaries make attractive additions to any yard, garden, or home.

The Garden Club meets at 6:30pm at Bloomington Police Department lower level, 201 S. Bloomington Road. Visit [www.bloomingtongardenclub.org](http://www.bloomingtongardenclub.org) or contact [bloomingtongardenclub@gmail.com](mailto:bloomingtongardenclub@gmail.com) for more information. Visitors are welcome.

## Childhood Cancer Fundraiser

The *Knockout Cancer with Janine* fundraiser held at Cesar's Sports Bar & Grill, 185 E. Lake Street, in October was well attended and a great success. Thanks to all who came to eat, bought raffle tickets, made donations, and supported the cause. Most of all, thanks to Faisal Salem, owner of Cesar's, who along with his team Jim Fletcher and Lisa Boulos, put together prizes, advertised and supported Janine in her efforts.



Cesar's owner Faisal Salem, Mayor Franco, Janine Delaney, Rick Chaloupka, Co-Chair for the Cure-Search Chicago Walk, Lion Stan Poplonski and Renee Delaney

## Garden Club Contest Results



The Bloomingdale Garden Club received 45 photos for their first-time photo contest, which sought pictures of flowers/plants purchased at the club's 2014 plant sale. Earning first place is the photo shown, submitted by Susan A of Schaumburg. Photos were judged on composition/color/variety; winning

photos will be displayed at the 2015 plant sale.

## 2014 American Youth Character Award Winners

The Bloomingdale CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition's annual Celebration Night in October included the presentation of the 2014 American Youth Character Awards and performances by students from Erickson, Du-

Jardin, Westfield Middle, Winnebago, and St. Isidore schools, as well as by the Bloomingdale Park District Beavers. The 2014 winners are pictured above (left to right): Anthony Mannella (Erickson), Cassidy



Harper (Winnebago), Toni Yonkee (DuJardin), Melina Colucci (Westfield), Kimberly Sickler (Bloomingdale Baseball Softball Association) and Natalie Kuchler (St. Isidore). Village Trustee Michael Hovde Jr, Principal Mark Dwyer, and the nominating school officials are in the back row.

## Playground Fun for Everyone



one" project, which will create a playground to be all-accessible with wheelchair access and house many components to promote various types of play.

School District 13 and the Education Foundation recently hosted a ground-breaking for the "Playground Fun for Every-



## Keys For Kids

The Bloomingdale Lions Club is always looking for innovative ways to raise funds to do their good works. Just as they collect eye glasses and hearing aids, the Lions also recycle keys.

Funds raised by selling the metal go to support Camp Lions, a camp for vision and hearing impaired youngsters.

If you have a drawer full of keys and don't know what they are for, the Lions can put them to good use to give some terrific kids a special experience.

Drop keys off at the front counter at the Village Hall, 201 S. Bloomingdale Road or at the circulation desk at the Bloomingdale Public Library.

## Deyana Matt Named Illinois 2014 Illinois Art Educator

Westfield Middle School art teacher Deyana Matt was named the 2014 Illinois Art Educator of the Year for her exemplary contributions, service and achievements. She has been inspiring visual artists since 2007. Matt has integrated art with several other elements of the curriculum. She models volunteerism in the school community, and inspires her students to participate in community service projects. She encourages her art students to showcase their work, participate in competitions and offers them art experiences outside the classroom. Her passion as an art advocate is well known and she is a frequent presenter at art education conferences.



# Around and About Town

## A Most Happy Halloween!



The 2014 Community Halloween party was a great success. The weather was perfect for the outdoor event and an estimated 1200 people attended the festivities provided by the Library, Park District, Police & Fire Departments. Thanks to the staff of the library, the Friends of the Bloomingdale Library, and the Village of Bloomingdale for co-sponsoring this fun event. The police department also thanks all its volunteer workers, as well as Mori Milk, the DuPage County Sheriff's Department and Angie Wilhelmi from Burr Ridge Police Department for their contributions to the event.



## Congratulations to Our Citizens Police Academy Grads

The 18th Graduating Class of the Citizen Police Academy (CPA) marks the return of an updated seven-week version of the original CPA program, which ran from the mid-1990s through 2008. The



police department plans to hold one CPA annually, depending on resident interest. The class, which graduated on November 12, was very enthusiastic about the program's revival.

## Marklund Breaks Ground on \$4 Million Addition

On October 12, Marklund hosted a groundbreaking ceremony for a \$4 million addition at its Bloomingdale campus at 164 S. Prairie Avenue. The non-profit organization serves individuals with severe and profound disabilities, and since 2010 has operated a "Life Skills" program for students diagnosed with autism. The two-story, 12,000 square foot addition will allow Marklund to expand that program to serve up to 35 more autistic students from nearby counties. The addition is expected to be completed by Fall 2015.



Mayor Franco is surrounded by students and staff of the Marklund Day School. The man to his left is John Lund, the father of Mark William Lund, the organization's first client and for whom the organization was named.

## Holiday Park District Museum Exhibits

The following exhibits will be open during the "Festival of Lights" holiday display in Old Town Park from November 28 – December 28.

### Gallery I: "Trains, Planes and Automobiles"

The LEGO village train display returns, created by Randy Flones from more than 50,000 LEGO pieces. This large layout is divided into various scenes and includes eight freight, passenger and commuter trains traversing the landscape, along with a Christmas train added for this show.

Accompanying the train display is a Red Baron plane flying over the village, a video playing WWII planes taking off and landing at Aurora Airport, automobile images, travel on historic Route 66, and vintage posters and advertising.

### Gallery II: Let the Cat out of the Bag

Kids and adults who enjoy cats and/or cartooning will find this gallery loaded with Garfield the Cat memorabilia from the personal collection of Charlotte Burgess. Burgess is a talented artist who captures the humor in life with her clay sculptures. Many of the pieces shown date from the 1970's and are hard to find. Jim Davis, Garfield creator, began as a cartoonist for an Indianapolis newspaper. Garfield the Cat was first syndicated in 1978 and became an international success.

This gallery also features:

- Holiday craft workshops for kids
- Cartoon strip drawing (which is then added to the wall)
- Activity area for kids

## Fourth Graders Recognized by Neighbor for Caring Actions

Three Winnebago 4th Graders received Pillar Awards for Caring from the Bloomingdale CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition. **Szymon Adress Mazur, Ornela Lauzadis and Alex**



**Ross** (pictured left to right with representatives from the Coalition) were presented the awards during Winnebago's school assembly in October. When the three students learned that their neighbor's four year old grandson was sick with cancer, they sold lemonade and handmade bracelets, (with supplies purchased from their allowance) to give the little guy a toy and a handmade card, followed up with several play visits. The four-year old's grandmother nominated the youngsters for the award saying, "These young children were so compassionate and caring it brought tears to my eyes. They gave of themselves and their time to bring smiles and friendship."



## Five Decades



The Five Decades Book Club, aptly named as the members ages range from their twenties through their sixties, was recently featured in the December issue of *Redbook* magazine. The club is a little over one year old and is one of the Bloomingdale Public Library book clubs.

The group was originally six Bloomingdale residents, joined by friends and family members, but has grown to currently 15 women. Each member has a turn to choose the book. They meet once a month at a different restaurant each time to discuss the chosen volume, which has varied so far from non-fiction to fiction to young adult selection. The book *Language of Flowers* by Vanessa Diffenbaugh seemed the closest to a club favorite, while *We Need to Talk About Kevin* by Lionel Shriver, caused the most discussion.

One of the members saw an invitation to book club members in *Redbook*, to submit information about their club for an opportunity to be featured. She did and the magazine contacted them – members suspect the club's name may have intrigued the editors. The magazine sent the Five Decades two books to read, one of which is the recent release, *Jacqueline Bouvier Onassis: The Untold Story*. To read what the book club thought about this best seller, see the December issue of *Redbook*.

The Bloomingdale Public Library helps its book clubs access copies of their chosen book through other libraries. For more information, contact the Circulation Department at 630-924-2750.

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## Hats Off to These Superheroes!

A couple of superheroes stopped by Bloomingtondale Fire Protection District's Station 21 on October 22. Bloomingtondale resident Enzo Ravenna (Spiderman) who was diagnosed with Stage 3 rhabdomyosarcoma in April, was joined by his cousin, Nolan (Captain America). Enzo is the Chicago ambassador for the Love Your Melon Foundation, a pediatric cancer foundation which is on a mission to put a hat on every child battling cancer in this country. For every hat sold, a hat is given to a child battling cancer. Bloomingtondale firefighters are proud to support Enzo in his battle. If you'd like more information, visit [www.loveyourmelon.com](http://www.loveyourmelon.com).

## Carbon Monoxide: Winter is peak season for CO poisoning

As temperatures drop and consumers begin cranking up their heating systems, The Bloomingtondale Fire Protection District, National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) have launched a new on-line toolkit to help local fire departments educate the public about the associated risks of carbon monoxide (CO) in the months ahead. November through February represent the leading months for CO poisoning in the U.S., with a peak in December.



NFPA and CPSC announced the toolkit at a press conference at a Philadelphia fire station with Philadelphia Fire Commissioner Derrick J.V. Sawyer, NFPA President Jim Pauley, and CPSC Vice Chairman Robert Adler. The event highlighted CO safety, prior to the upcoming winter season, and included a local resident who spoke about how his CO alarm recently saved his life from CO traced to a faulty hot water heater.

Carbon monoxide is created when fuel burns incompletely, and is often called the 'invisible killer' because it's a poisonous gas that's invisible and odorless. When home heating equipment isn't installed or working properly, the risk of higher levels of CO increases significantly.

In 2010, U.S. fire departments responded to an estimated 80,100 non-fire incidents in which CO was found. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that from 1999-2010, an average of 430 people were killed by unintentional CO poisoning per year.

NFPA and CPSC's online toolkit provides a wealth of resources, safety tips and advice for properly maintaining heating systems to prevent the buildup of CO in the home, while strongly advocating for the installation of CO alarms.

Fire departments can access all toolkit materials from NFPA at [www.nfpa.org/carbonmonoxidekit](http://www.nfpa.org/carbonmonoxidekit) or CPSC at [www.cpsc.gov](http://www.cpsc.gov). For more information on carbon monoxide in the home, visit NFPA's carbon monoxide web page, CPSC's carbon monoxide information center or contact Battalion Chief Richard Kurka at the Bloomingtondale Fire Protection District, 630-894-9080.



## Now's the time! Winter Maintenance Tips for Your Home



Help to protect your home and family during the upcoming cold winter months by performing these simple home maintenance tasks

- **Clean out gutters and downspouts.** Failure to maintain gutters and downspouts from leaves and debris can lead to ice dams forming at the roof edge.
- **Disconnect all garden hoses** from exterior hose bibs to prevent water line freeze-up into the house.
- **Check all exterior electrical fixtures for bird nests.** Failure to remove nests from electrical fixtures may cause a fire.
- **Run all gas-powered lawn equipment until the fuel tank is empty,** or remove fuel from tank. By doing this you are removing flammable liquid storage from your garage. Also make sure you are not storing dirty, oily rags in a pile - they can ignite spontaneously.
- **Check all chimneys and flues** (i.e. fireplace, water heater, and furnace) to insure that gases are properly vented. As part of a minimum annual fireplace cleaning, or annual furnace and water heater service cleaning/inspection, have the qualified technician check the flue piping to insure there are no blockages (bird or insect nests) and that the flue pipe or chimney is clean of any creosote build-up. Any filters should be replaced to insure proper appliance operation.
- **Check electrical holiday decorations for tight connections.** If possible use 3-prong plugs and cord sets, and unplug decorations when not in use. To reduce the chances of overheating and fire, electric cords and extension cords should never be bundled together or placed under rugs or carpet. Broken light bulbs need to be replaced.
- **Check all smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors** for proper operation. Utilize the test buttons on the detectors to check that they operate. Replace batteries annually and clean dust from detectors. Detectors are to be installed per manufacturer's specifications and Village Code.
- **Safety tip:** Make sure the air exhaust vent pipe on your clothes dryer is not restricted and the outdoor vent flap will open when the dryer is operating. Once a year, or more often if you notice that it is taking longer than normal for your clothes to dry, clean lint out of the vent pipe or have a dryer lint removal service do it for you.



**FACT:** The leading cause of home clothes dryer fires is failure to clean them.



## Shop Online Securely This Holiday Season

As more people shop via the internet for gifts, more vigilance is needed to protect your private information. The following recommendations will be helpful.

**Shop securely.** Use a secure virtual private network, known as a VPN, so cybercriminals cannot track your activity from your mobile device, desktop or laptop. Be wary of free Wi-Fi, because it may reveal your private information. Also, use a so-called disposable e-mail when visiting sites that require e-mail addresses and you don't want to provide your own. Visit [www.privacymart.com](http://www.privacymart.com) to create your own disposable e-mails.

**Watch your transactions:** When paying online, make sure the connection is secure by the padlock emblem or the URL with the "https" at the top.

**Stop before you share.** Find out who is asking you for your information and be careful of any links they provide and ask you to click.

**Watch your monthly credit card statements.** If there are any unauthorized charges, report it. Also, check your annual credit report to make sure no one has opened new accounts in your name.

### **Beware of e-mail scams.**

Whenever a major retailer reports a major hack, scammers come out of the woodwork, sending bogus emails to victims seeking more personal information.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this information or other crime prevention material, please contact Officer Dawn Odoi at (630) 529-9868.



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### Veterans Day: VFW Post 7539 Remembers

Bloomingdale VFW Post 7539 was honored at District 13's three schools -- DuJardin, Erickson & Westfield Junior High. They also stopped to conduct a Veterans Day service of their own at the gazebo by the library.

Their Message: "As members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, we know all too well what it's like to be away from home during the holiday season. Post 7539 has not missed a month forwarding packages since the Iraqi War began. Many people think that almost all of the troops are home, but we still have troops in both Iraq and Afghanistan. Anything we can do to make their day better and to let them know that the folks at home are warmly thinking of them, is always greatly appreciated."

