

Village of Bloomingdale

Almanac



August 2017

Growth with Pride

Thanks to These Generous Businesses

The July 3 Fireworks were awesome! The fireworks display was sponsored by the Village along with the gracious generosity of the following Bloomingdale businesses:

Pan American Bank
Catering Enterprises Ltd.
Golf Plus Inc.
Bloomingdale Old Town
Property Owners Association
Pink Studio
Pickle Piano
Bloomingdale Mobil
Stratford Square
Blooming Nails
Anyways American Grill Pub
Steak Burrito

PLEASE support these community-minded businesses which partnered with the Village to continue this tradition. The monies donated by the above businesses will also help fund the Christmas light displays we've enjoyed during the holidays.

2017 Bloomingdale Septemberfest 44 Years of Celebrating Community

On Saturday, September 9, 2017, the Village of Bloomingdale will celebrate the 44th Annual Septemberfest. The day-



long event is the popular, traditional end of summer event, held in Bloomingdale's Old Town Park, near the corner of Bloomingdale Road and Lake Street (Rt. 20).

Beginning at 11:00 a.m. the Septemberfest parade steps off from DuJardin School on Euclid Avenue heading north to Schick Road, then proceeding west to conclude in Old Town. As always, the festival features a variety of food and drink vendors, crafters, local business

booths, live entertainment and much more!

At 12:15, following the opening ceremonies, the Septemberfest/Joe Draghi Scholarship recipients will be announced. This scholarship fund has given thousands of dollars to young adults in our community. Thanks to all who have given thus far, as the scholarships are funded entirely through personal and local business donations. Special recognition to **Bloomingdale Bank and Trust** and the **Bloomingdale Lions Club** for their \$1000 donations, as well as to **ER2** for a \$2000 in-kind donation also credited to the Scholarship Fund.

Also running in conjunction with Septemberfest are family-friendly carnival rides and games located on the southeast (continued on page 7)



It's Not Too Late to Sign Up for Septemberfest!

There are still spots open for Septemberfest 2017 crafter and food booths, car show entries and the parade lineup.

Applications are available at the Village Hall, 201 S.

Bloomingdale Road from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday or on the website www.villageofbloomingdale.org Click on Community, then Septemberfest 2017.



Team DuJardin Raises \$11,000

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

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month 7:00 p.m. – Village Hall

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

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

2nd Wednesday of every month 7:30 p.m. – Library

SEPTEMBERFEST COMMISSION

2nd Thursday of the month February through November 7:00 p.m. - Village Hall

BLOOMINGDALE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

3rd Thursday of the month 4:00 p.m. – Firehouse, 179 S. Bloomingdale Road



Team DuJardin from DuJardin Elementary School has been participating in the Roselle-Bloomingdale Relay for Life Cancer Walk for five years now. The first year there were five people on the team. Over the last four years, the numbers have swelled and the team is now 35 members strong. This year they earned the distinction of becoming a JADE Team because they raised more than \$10,000 – make that \$11,000, to be exact! In the past five years, the team has almost topped \$30,000! Way to Go, DuJardin!

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 extreme weather conditions or emergency situations, the Village can send out critical information to all subscribers as it becomes available.

To sign up for the E-News, go to 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!



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William Belmonte
Traffic and Streets

Vince Ackerman
Intergovernmental and
Community Relations

Jane E. Michelotti
Village Clerk

Bill Bolen
Finance and
Administration

TRUSTEES

Judi Von Huben
Public Safety

Frank Bucaro
Facilities, Infrastructure

The photo on the top of p. 1 was taken at the 2015 Septemberfest by Assistant Village Administrator Barb Weber.

A Message from Mayor Franco

I want to share news on some recent changes in personnel structure which we believe will enhance our services, as well as fill you in about further exciting improvements planned for the future of our Lake Street Corridor.

Personnel

The loss of long tenured personnel is difficult and the Village has had a number of such employees retire this past year including Village Services Director and Village Engineer Michael Marchi. The Village, for a number of years, has operated with a single department that included Public Works, Engineering, and Building and Zoning under the Village Services umbrella. Michael served with distinction in this position and we will miss his expertise and leadership. As we look ahead, this position is being phased out and our structure will change slightly to give each division more autonomy and flexibility in delivering the same exceptional services our residents expect and deserve.

The Village conducted a national search for the newly created Public Works Director position and found that the most qualified candidate was already a member of the Bloomingdale team. The Village in June promoted Assistant Public Works Director Jim Monkemeyer to the position of Public Works Director. The Village did not have far to find its next Village Engineer and appointed Assistant Village Engineer Robert Prohaska to the position. As for the Building Division, the Village has been fortunate to have Michael Gricus, who has done a superb job and has been elevated to Department Head. I express my many thanks to our staff during this transition period as we are making these changes without adding any new personnel.

I am also happy to announce that Police Chief Frank Giammarese will become the Village's first Director of Public Safety. The newly created civilian position will allow the Chief to remain in a leadership role with the Police Department and continue to be responsible for the oversight of most Police Department functions. The position will monitor the planning, staffing, directing, coordinating and controlling of all department functions and activities, ensuring their efficiency. Again, I thank our entire police force for their support as it allows us to retain the Chief's leadership at a cost savings to the Village.

Lake Street

As new businesses move back to spaces along Lake Street in response to our redevelopment efforts, the Village is ready to begin Phase II in the revitalization of the Lake Street corridor. The Village has hired Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd (CBBE) of Rosemont to assist with the engineering design for the Lake Street Streetscape and Lighting Enhancements Project, as well as design and permit coordination with the Illinois Department of Transportation.

The envisioned streetscape enhancements include: gateway elements with Bloomingdale identity, median landscape and hardscape elements, public parkway landscaping, irrigation system, electrical system for holiday lighting, adding new "pedestrian side" street lighting and replacing the existing high intensity discharge (HID) street lighting fixtures with more energy efficient fixtures. The desired goal is to enhance this gateway to our community and add to our efforts in supporting the retention and addition of new businesses on Lake Street and in Old Town.

Hope to see many of you at the annual Sunrise Shuffle 5K at the Johnston Rec Center at 8:30 a.m. on September 9 and the rest of you in Old Town later that day for Septemberfest!

Mayor Franco



Fantastic Fireworks!

July 3, 2017 was a beautiful summer night for a fireworks display. And light up the sky we did! It was a SPECTACULAR show, according to the many, many comments we received, especially through the Village's Facebook page! We are happy to be able to host this traditional family celebration of our independence and are proud to share it with our neighboring towns.

We need to recognize the Bloomingdale Police for their coordination of the logistics and great job getting the huge crowd across



Lake Street and other areas safely, as well as Public Works for their days of preparation and clean-up behind the scenes. Thank you to Don Helmig and his wonderful staff for hosting the biggest crowd the Bloomingdale Golf Club has ever seen! And of course, thank you to the neighbors adjacent to the golf course for their patience during the inconvenience.

Thanks and recognition are due to the Bloomingdale businesses listed in column one on the front page. These community-minded businesses graciously partnered with the Village to make this show possible. Their generous support will also help fund additional lighting for the holidays. Nearly all of these businesses lent their support last year too. We encourage everyone to thank them and patronize their services when possible.

Business partnerships are still welcome to help support our holiday light displays throughout town. For more information, see p. 13 or call Jennifer in the Mayor's office at 630-671-5600.



Ice Cream Social on August 3

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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The Ice Cream Social sponsored by the Bloomington Friends of the Library takes place on Thursday, August 3 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Free rides and games for the youngsters, music, food available for purchase, including ICE CREAM, of course!

The celebration marks the end of the Summer Reading Program! Join the fun.



Summer Water Conservation

From May through September of each year the use of the public water supply for sprinkling of lawns with automatic sprinkling devices is prohibited except for:

- Single family residential with odd numbered addresses on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday between 5 a.m. and 9 a.m. or 5 p.m. and 9 p.m.
- Single family residential with even numbered addresses on Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday between 5 a.m. and 9 a.m. or 5 p.m. and 9 p.m.
- Commercial, industrial, manufacturing, office buildings and multi-family residential buildings on Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday between 5 a.m. and 9 a.m. or 5 p.m. and 9 p.m.

The use of automatic sprinkling devices is prohibited on all Fridays. Violators are subject to a fine of \$25 to \$50 for each violation of the order.

For more information, contact the Utilities Division at 630-671-5830.

Handheld sprinkling is not regulated.

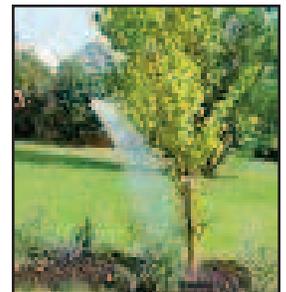
Have a New Tree? Please Water It When Temperatures are High and Rainfall is Low

The Forestry Division is requesting help from residents to keep newly and recently planted trees watered when the temperature climbs and there isn't enough rain. Trees lose lots of water when the temperature climbs.

Proper watering is the single most important aspect of maintenance of transplanted trees. The goal is to provide at least 1 to 2 inches of water every two weeks, more often in very hot weather.

Here are two easy ways to accomplish watering:

1. Set a garden hose at the base of the tree, and let it trickle for 15 minutes.
2. Perforate a 5-gallon plastic bucket with several holes, place it near the trunk of the tree and fill it with water. Allow the water to seep out, then repeat.



After the tree has been established for two years the root structure is better able to withstand a wider range of water conditions.

Fight the Bite

According to the DuPage County Health Department, mosquitos in Illinois have tested positive for West Nile Virus, although no human cases have been reported in the county at the time of this writing in mid-July.

To help prevent mosquitos from breeding around your home and to protect yourself from bites, follow the "4 Ds of Defense:"



- **Drain:** Drain standing water from items around your home, yard or business.
- **Defend:** Use an insect repellent containing DEET when outdoors and reapply according to directions.
- **Dress:** Wear long pants, long sleeves and closed toe shoes when outside to cover the skin.
- **Dusk and Dawn:** Wear repellent outdoors during these prime times for mosquito activity.

The DuPage County Health Department monitors WNV activity by collecting and testing mosquitos in traps located throughout the county.

In the summer months, trucks canvas Bloomingdale neighborhoods to spray for mosquitos. Residents who live in Bloomingdale Township are served by Clarke Mosquito Control. Residents can contact Clarke's Mosquito Hotline at 800-942-2555 to be put on the list to be notified when spraying will be occurring in their neighborhood. Bloomingdale residents may also REPORT areas of stagnant water in roadside ditches, flooded yards and similar locations that may produce mosquitos to the Clarke Mosquito Hotline.

Help Prevent Local Flooding

Please do not rake, pile or blow debris, grass clippings, leaves or tree branches into the street or into, over or near a storm sewer drain. They can cover storm water inlets, preventing water from flowing into the storm sewer system creating a greater chance for localized flooding.

When leaves are raked or deposited into the street, they can also cover storm water inlets. Not only does this create a greater chance for localized flooding, the deposits which eventually decay are also unsightly. The Village's street sweeping program is designed to only collect those leaves that fall naturally onto the street, **NOT** leaves that are raked or deposited into the street by the property owner or landscape maintenance contractors.



Please collect and deposit leaves in brown kraft paper yard waste bags. Each yard waste bag must have a yard waste sticker affixed, or it will not be collected by Republic Services. 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. If you have any questions regarding the yard waste collection program please contact the Village at 630-671-5613.



Two New Officers Join Police Force



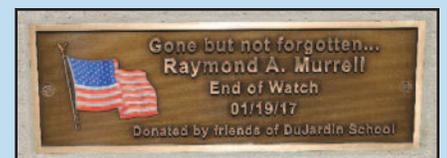
Our two new Probationary Officers Elvin Donald (l) and Phillip Jaffe (r) were sworn in at the June 12, 2017 Village Board Meeting by Judge Paul Fullerton.

The two officers were hired in March and have graduated from the Police Academy. Both men are currently in their 12-week training period with our officers.

Bench in Old Town Park Honors Bloomingdale's Fallen Police Officer

The Village of Bloomingdale and Bloomingdale Police Department thank the Friends of DuJardin School for raising funds to purchase a concrete bench honoring Bloomingdale's fallen Police Officer - Raymond Murrell.

We also thank everyone who donated to make this tribute possible, and the Bloomingdale Park District for assisting with this project and finding the perfect spot near the "Everyday Heroes" statue in Old Town Park.



It's Time for the Citizen Police Academy

Make It a Safe Start to the New School Year

It's hard to believe that school will be beginning before the end of this month! This is an excellent time to review school safety with your children. Here are a few "common sense" safety tips that can benefit children of all ages.

Walking to and from school:

- Choose a safe route for walking to and from school. Avoid walking by vacant lots, fields, or other areas where there aren't many people around.
- Use the buddy system; it is safer to walk in a group than by yourself.
- If you bike or skate to school, wear a protective helmet and don't forget to lock your bike.
- Cross the street at corners or crosswalks; Stop and look in all directions.
- **Never** talk to strangers or accept gifts or rides from people you don't know. If a stranger approaches you, **RUN- YELL- TELL** an adult or call **9-1-1**.
- Let your parents know if you need to stay late at school or if you plan to go to a friend's house instead of going straight home.

At school:

- If you see something that makes you uneasy or you think isn't right—a stranger hanging around school, a bully bothering other youths, vandalism or graffiti—tell a teacher or your parents right away.
- Learn to settle arguments with words, not fists. Walk away from an argument instead of fighting. Never bring weapons of any kind to school and tell a teacher immediately if someone else has a weapon.

The Bloomingdale Police Department is again offering the Citizen Police Academy Program for its community members. The Citizen Police Academy has been a natural step from the Neighborhood Watch Program to enhance the lines of communication with individuals who live and/or work in Bloomingdale, by providing an insight into police work procedures.

The eleven-week session will consist of a series of instruction and discussion to provide an overview of various areas of law enforcement. The classes will be held on Wednesday evenings in September, October, and November, each for a three hour interval. Topics addressed by police officers include: Department Organization, Testing Process, Building Tour, Adult and Juvenile Criminal Law and Procedures, Constitutional Law, Traffic Stops and Radar Enforcement, Accidents/Crash Reports, D.U.I. Procedures, Use of Force/Liability, Defensive Tactics, Firearms Safety, K-9 Unit, Crime Scene Processing, and Interviewing/Interrogation overview.

If interested in participating for the Citizen Police Academy or for further information, please contact Officer Dawn Odoi at (630) 529-9868.

Date/Time:

Wednesdays – September 6, 13, 20, 27;

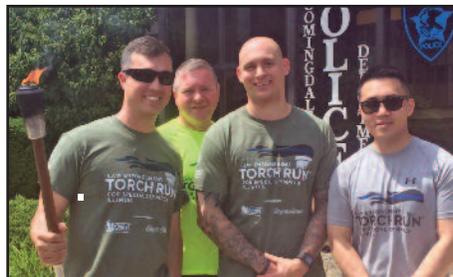
October 4, 11, 18, 25;

November 1, 8, 15, 2017,

6:30 – 9:30 p.m.

Bloomingdale Police Department – Training Room

Illinois Special Olympics Torch Run



The Illinois Special Olympics Torch Run took place on Sunday, June 4. Representing the Bloomingdale Police Department were (l to r) Officer Sean Lahvic holding the torch, Sergeant Vince Bruett, and Officers Dominic Corsigila and Jin Han, who are the Special Olympic coordinators for our police department.



Our contingent, along with law enforcement personnel, escorted the Flame of Hope south along Bloomingdale Road through Bloomingdale into Glendale Heights, on part of one of the 23 legs (routes) to the final destination – the Opening Ceremony of the Special Olympics Illinois Summer Games in Normal on June 9.

Neighborhood Watch General Meeting

The next two Neighborhood Watch General Meetings will be held on **Wednesday, September 13, 2017** and **Wednesday, November 8, 2017** at 7 p.m. in the Village Hall Council Room. Topics will be presented and neighborhood issues discussed.

Septemberfest 2017: 44 Years of Celebrating Community in Bloomingdale

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corner of Bloomingdale Road and Franklin Street in St. Paul Church's parking lot. These rides open on Saturday at Noon. The kiddie carnival will operate a preview night from 5:00 to 10:00 p.m. Friday, September 8, 2017 with unlimited carnival rides for just \$15 per person on **FRIDAY ONLY**.

A perennial favorite, the Septemberfest Car Show, is open 12:30 'til 4 p.m. adjacent to Old Town Park, in the parking lot next to Rooster's Barn and Grill, 122 W. Lake St. At 4:00 p.m. awards will be presented for The People's Choice, Participant's Choice, and the Marilyn Zaccardi Trophy. The Zaccardi Trophy is named in honor of Marilyn Zaccardi, a longtime civic-minded resident who ran the Bloomingdale Septemberfest Car Show with great enthusiasm from 2005 through 2010. Specialty awards are also presented by a three-judge panel, as well as by Turtle Wax.

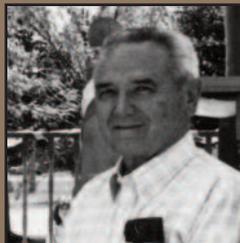
The afternoon will feature entertainment from several local groups from tumblers to dancers, singers and more. Taking to the stage at 6:00 p.m. will be **DIVA**. In an impactful tribute show, DIVA pays homage to the great women of pop music who have left an indelible mark on the music world over the last several decades.

Wrapping up the evening from 8:00 – 10:00 p.m. are the **Modern Day Romans**. The six members who all come from different musical backgrounds have been performing their unique and high-energy shows together for 15 years. Their wide spectrum includes Motown classics, classic rock treasures, metal anthems, 80s favorites, 90s gems and the top hits of the 2000s. They want to be sure to have something for everyone!

Plan to meet friends and neighbors at the 44th Septemberfest on Saturday, September 9 in in our beautiful Old Town venue.

Who was Joe Draghi?

Joe Draghi was a longtime Bloomingdale resident who could always be counted on to help with community events. He was the director of Westlake Clubhouse for 20 years, was a member of the Septemberfest Commission, the Family Fest Commission and The Landmark Committee which helped with the planning and fundraising for the Founders Park Gazebo following the Sesquicentennial Celebration in 1983. The gazebo is at the corner of Bloomingdale Road and Fairfield Way.



In 1994, the Village and Septemberfest Commission named the annual Septemberfest Scholarship in his name in honor of his years of volunteerism. Community service remains an important factor in the awarding of the Joe Draghi Septemberfest Scholarships.

Please consider becoming a "Friend of the Joe Draghi Septemberfest Scholarship Fund." The fund annually provides scholarships to Bloomingdale residents between the ages of 17 and 20. This scholarship is funded entirely through personal and local business donations. Your charitable contribution will help Bloomingdale's young men and women toward a successful future. A form to make a donation in any amount is in the column to the right.



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

The Septemberfest Commission would like to invite all Bloomingdale residents and businesses to support the Joe Draghi Septemberfest Scholarship Fund. This fund annually provides scholarships to Bloomingdale residents between the ages of 17 and 20.

If you have enjoyed Septemberfest, have been a scholarship recipient, or are the parent of a recipient, won't you please consider a contribution to help keep the Joe Draghi Septemberfest Scholarship going? Any donation would be greatly appreciated.

Name (as you wish it to be listed)

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

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

Make your check or money order payable to the Village of Bloomingdale. Please put "Septemberfest Scholarship 2017" in the memo line.

You may also make a donation over the phone by credit card, using either your Visa or MasterCard. Call the Village at 630-671-5637. Thank you for your consideration.

Mail to:

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

Business News

Nail Lounge & Spa Opens at 156-P S. Bloomingdale Road

Jimmy Tran, owner/operator of the newly opened **Nail Lounge & Spa** at 156-P S. Bloomingdale Road, is no novice when it comes to the mani-pedi business. He's had 17 years in the business, including a 10+ year stint in California where he learned much about spa services.

Now in Bloomingdale, his new nail lounge is spacious, with much natural light, a warm atmosphere, and four friendly, smiling nail techs, including Jimmy. Jimmy also stresses their attention to hygiene in the shop.

The pedicure bowls all have a new plastic liner for each customer. When the water leaves the bowl, the plastic liner is disposed of and the bowl is washed. The pedicure implements are also sealed in plastic and are thrown out after each pedicure. Each customer gets a new liner and implements.

Jimmy explained he uses all high quality supplies in his nail lounge and provides friendly, professional service. He was very pleased to have had three referrals come in within his first three days of business. Jimmy is now offering Grand Opening Specials. If you mention this Almanac article, a Pedicure will be \$19 - an \$8 discount and a Mani-Pedi will be \$28 - a \$12 discount. The nail lounge is open seven days a week. Stop in or call 630-912-2755.



Jimmy Tran looks forward to introducing his new Nail Lounge to residents.

Pan American Bank



Pan American Bank, 108 W. Lake Street, opened its doors in December, 2016 amid the snow. On a beautiful May 18 they hosted this well-attended ribbon cutting!



D's Treats in Old Town

These treats are sweet, no doubt about that! But we inadvertently used the wrong name when identifying Deala Fakhouri's new shop, **D's Treats** - home of delightful confections, cookies and now ice cream!

Our sincere apologies to Deala for the mistake and advice to Bloomingdale to stop by 103 Third Street in Old Town to taste for yourself!

(Tip - the Macaroons are out of this world!)



A Tree for the Piazza

Last year, the John & Jane Zanghi Family offered to donate their 30-foot pine tree to the Village to grace the Old Town Piazza. The Village arranged to have it cut down and transported to Old Town.

If you have a large tree you are interested in donating as Bloomingdale's official Christmas tree, please contact Director of Public Works Jim Monkemeyer at 630-671-5800 or monkemeyerj@vil.bloomington-il.us

Business News

Jasper Meats Expands Retail Store

Jasper Meats Inc. is named after a dear family member, Jasper Cali, who inspired his daughter and son-in-law, Stan and Janice Pajerski, founders of the business, to continue his legacy in the meat business. Jasper Cali began as a "meat peddler" in 1948, working on Randolph Street and Fulton Street, delivering meat products throughout Chicago. You may see Jasper trucks driving around the Chicago area, with their own "Jasper" holding a tray of meats in his hand.

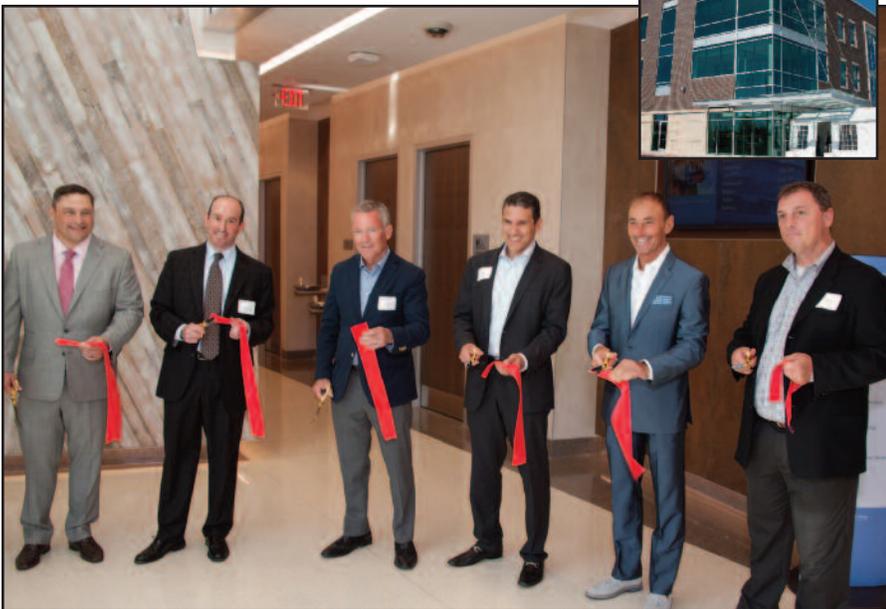


The butchers at Jasper Meats stand ready to cut your fresh meat to your satisfaction.

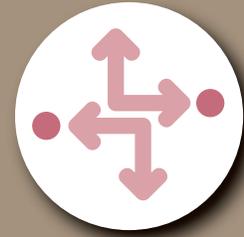
Located at 220 Madsen Drive in Bloomingdale's Covington Corporate Center, Jasper Meats has expanded its on-site retail store which is now open every Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. If you are having trouble finding your favorite Jasper Meats product in your local store or want to try something new, come in to the retail store and get it direct! There are also butchers available to answer questions and prepare the cuts of meat that you want! Save money and get great products at the same time. Jasper Meats is always having specials on products for your next party. Stop on by on Saturday and see what Jasper Meats has to offer!

Phone: 630-295-9300 jaspermeats.com

DuPage Medical Group Ribbon Cutting



It seems that everyone got a piece of the ribbon at the DuPage Medical Group Building Ribbon Cutting on June 15.



The Bloomingdale Business Beat

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

Retail businesses provide a significant part of the village's tax base. Supporting them helps keep the Village portion of your property tax bill low.

**Remember -
BUY IN BLOOMINGDALE**

Welcome to These New Businesses

Lift Academy
Strafford Square Mall

Art Van Mattress
398 Army Trail Road STE 102

DuPage Medical Group
220 Springfield Drive

Nail Lounge & Spa
156-P S. Bloomingdale Road



Community Events

BAA Features Abstract Painting at Workshop

BAA member and artist Toni Fogarty leads this workshop in abstract painting. Abstract art is a style that breaks away from art as it is represented in real life. It's not about making perfect copies of real life. It is about exploring form and color, and it's a reduction to simpler elements and shapes. Bring acrylic paints/brushes if you have them, water cup, and a surface upon which to paint (cardboard, wood, canvas, etc.)

Bloomington Park District Museum, 108 S. Bloomington Road; \$10 visitor/ materials fee. Contact Bev at 630-624-9545 or bpetrosius@gmail.com for details.

Bloomington Garden Club September 19

The September 19 meeting will feature an "Overview of the Mariano Store, including the Flower Department," presented by Joseph Wells, who is known for his holiday decorations. He is going to talk about the Mariano's flower department, as well as explain how to create some holiday and floral decorations that can be made with simple items.

6:15 PM Social Time
6:45 PM Business Meeting

Programs start at 7:00 p.m. at St. Paul Church, 118 First Street in Bloomington. Visit www.bloomingtongardenclub.org or contact bloomingtongardenclub@gmail.com for more information.

Visitors are welcome.

50 Men Who Cook and Divas Who Dish: A Taste of Bloomington on September 16

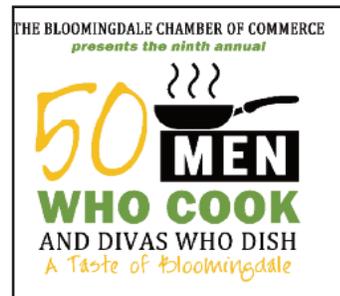
Join us for this ninth annual community-wide event sponsored by the Bloomington Chamber of Commerce on Saturday, September 16, from 6-8 p.m. This year, the name has been expanded to "50 Men Who Cook and Divas Who Dish, A Taste of Bloomington" to better reflect the participants and attract additional chefs—both amateur and professional.

The casual evening, held this year at Stratford Square Mall, features local cooks who prepare tastings of their favorite recipes for sampling and judging. The evening includes more samples than you can eat, raffle prizes, entertainment, and a chance to vote for your favorite chef.

Tickets are \$30 in advance; \$35 at the door. Those purchasing at the door may bring a non-perishable food item in support of Hunger Awareness Month and receive \$5 off the entry price. Children ages 4-11 are \$10. Free for ages 3 and under.

Proceeds from the event support area schools and community initiatives of the Bloomington Chamber of Commerce.

Go to www.bloomingtonchamber.com or call 630.980.9082 for information on how to sign up as a cook, sponsor the event, or purchase tickets.



Bloomington VFW Post 7539 Meetings

Bloomington VFW Post 7539 meets on the third Thursday of the month from 7-8:30 p.m. in Room B on the lower level of the Bloomington Public Library. Arrive early at 6:30 for coffee and donuts prior to the meeting. The next two meetings are August 17 and September 21.

7539 will have a display at the September 9th Septemberfest. Make sure to stop by to check it out and say "Hi!" to our Bloomington veterans.

First Place in Poppy Display



Bill Wolff, a member of Bloomington's VFW Post 7539, created this poppy display for a competition at the Veterans of Foreign Wars state convention. Every layer is significant in the life of a Veteran of Foreign Wars. The bottom ribbon is the World War II Victory ribbon; the blue and white is the Korean War ribbon; the yellow, green and red is the Vietnam Service ribbon. Top left is the Iraqi Freedom Service ribbon and the top right is the Afghanistan Freedom ribbon. Judging was done in Springfield at the Veterans of Foreign Wars state convention. This is the second time that the Bloomington VFW has taken first place in the past two years. Member Cliff Hall won first place also in 2015.

Is Your Child Safety Seat Installed Safely?

The Bloomingdale Police Department will be hosting an area-wide Child Seat Check Event on Saturday, September 30 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at Meijer, 130 S. Gary Avenue in Bloomingdale. This is a free opportunity to ensure your child restraint systems are properly installed in your vehicle.



Child seat technicians from the Bloomingdale Police Department and several other agencies will be on hand to help parents adjust any restraint systems that are not correctly installed. You do not need to live in Bloomingdale to take advantage of this service.

More Than 300 Motorcycle Riders Honor Fallen Bloomingdale Police Officer

The "Ride for Ray" Event held on Saturday, July 8 at the Harley-Davidson store in Lisle was a tremendous success. It's estimated over 300 motorcycle riders took part in the event. Proceeds from the fundraiser went to the Ray Murrell Fund (our officer killed in the line of duty in January) to help get Ray's family and some officers to Washington D.C. next year for a Memorial Service during Police Week.



Friends of the Library Book Sale September 23 & 24



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

WHAT: The event will feature gently-used books for adults & children, videos, DVDs, CDs, games & more.

WHEN: The sale takes place on Saturday, September 23 from 9:00-4:00 p.m. and Sunday, September 24 from 1:00- 3:00 p.m.

Starting Saturday, September 16, you can donate hardbacks, paperbacks, best sellers and classics, DVDs, CDs and games to the Library for the sale. All proceeds benefit the Friends of the Library for children's reading programs. Ask for details at the main desk or call 630-529-3120.



St. Isidore's Children's Fall Clothing & Equipment Sale September 15 & 16

This biannual resale, held each fall and spring, raises money in support of the St. Isidore School Improvement Fund. Approximately 125 sellers offering a wide variety of quality, gently used children's fall and winter clothing, sizes newborn to 16, including: Halloween costumes and Christmas outfits, snowsuits, boots and shoes, maternity clothes, school uniforms, as well as a variety of children's toys and equipment. Also baby furniture, car seats, strollers, toys, bikes, sports equipment, as well as books and DVDs. Detailed information for consignors, shoppers, volunteers and others is available on the school website at

<https://stisidoreparish.org/school/support/childrens-clothing-resale/>



Around and About Town

Diane Duffy Takes 1st at BAA Spring Exhibit

The BAA 2017 Spring Exhibit was held at the Park District Museum in May & June. Longtime resident and BAA member Diane Duffy took 1st Place with her "Sassy Girls" photograph.



Nicole Javvaji is BAA Featured Artist

Bloomington Artists Association member Nicole Javvaji will be the featured artist at Bloomington Public Library during the month of August. Although Nicole has been painting for as long as she can remember, she began selling her creations about 10 years ago. Her favorite media is acrylic paint. The mother of two youngsters is also a vendor on Etsy. You can find her at www.etsy.com/shop/hotjavva

Stop into the library to get a firsthand look at her unique works of art.



Longtime Resident Named 2016-2017 COD Overall Outstanding Faculty Member

Karan Oliver-Tucci, assistant professor of Biology at College of DuPage, has been named the Overall Outstanding Faculty Member for 2016-2017. Representing the Health and Sciences



Division, Oliver-Tucci received a \$1,000 award from the College of DuPage Foundation, which annually recognizes outstanding teaching achievement.

Originally planning to be a zoologist or veterinarian, her studies eventually led her to the classroom where she found her calling. When the high school biology teacher taught an Anatomy and Physiology course, she decided to earn a graduate degree in Human Anatomical Services.

"I love the (college) classroom dynamic, interacting with students, getting to know them and helping them reach their goals," she said. "Anatomy and Physiology is a discipline that constantly keeps me on my toes in order to stay current with new procedures, drugs and technological advancements." Oliver-Tucci enjoys working with students who are completing their science requirements before enrolling in the College's health care programs, such as Nursing. They often spend multiple semesters in her classes and labs.

Oliver-Tucci enjoys the smaller class sizes at College of DuPage. At a large university, a teaching assistant would be leading the lab sessions, but Oliver-Tucci prefers being there and working alongside her students.

"I hope some of my passion for science rubs off on my students," she said. "I also want them to leave the course knowing they are capable of reaching their goals."

BAWIB Presents \$1500 Scholarship



Susan Sargent of Bloomingdale Bank and Trust presents Grace Esmalla with her scholarship award

Grace Esmalla was recently awarded the Bloomingdale Area Women in Business annual scholarship. She is currently employed with AMITA Adventist Glenoaks Hospital and Elgin Mental Health Center as a Registered Nurse. She is also certified as a psychiatric and mental health nurse. With the increasing need for health professionals dealing with mental health issues including addiction, psychosis and even depression, Grace wants to increase her knowledge of the profession, both the art and science of Mental Health.

She intends to use her scholarship toward earning a Masters of Science in Nursing (Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing) at the University of St. Francis in Joliet. The funding of this \$1500 scholarship came from AMITA and Wintrust Wealth Management.

Congratulations Chamber Scholarship Winners



The Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce awarded 17 scholarships in a total amount \$18,500, thanks to the generosity of chamber members. The names of scholarship recipients and their college (if chosen) are listed as pictured from top left to bottom right

Top row (l to r) Shana Abraham, undecided; Robert Metaxatos, College of William & Mary; Pawel Wilisowski, University of Notre Dame; Lucas Pasiewicz, University of Illinois-Urbana; Matthew Butler, undecided; Ryan Pries, Illinois Institute of Technology; Samantha Sowa, North Central College; Donovan Maloney, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Bottom row (l to r) Pari Apostolakos, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; Alaina Hanke (Officer Murrell Memorial Scholarship), Butler University; Amy Xie, Northwestern University; Juhi Shah, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; Natalie Auble, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee; Nicole Auble (Alumni recipient), Ohio State University College of Optometry. Not pictured – Angelina Gervasio, Elmhurst College; Katherine McKeown, Illinois State University; Anusha Adkoli (Alumni recipient), medical school.

The following chamber members made this year's scholarships possible; Amari & Locallo, AMITA Health Adventist GlenOaks Hospital, Anyway's American Pub & Grill, Bloomingdale Bank & Trust, Stratford Square Mall, Tom Itrich, Platt Hill Nursery, Outback Steakhouse, Hovde & Tufo, Bloomingdale Fire Protection Union Local 3272, Pan American Bank, Stratford Crossing Shopping Center, Wintrust Wealth Management, Dr. Aimee & Associates and NOW Foods.

Bloomingdale Businesses Support Christmas Lights Display

Both the Fireworks and Christmas Lights displays have met with great public appreciation. Businesses interested in partnering to support the 2017 program are welcome to join. Please call the Mayor's Office at 630-671-5600 to get a copy of the levels of participation available. In order to be listed on the front page of the December Almanac, your donation must be submitted by October 30, 2017.

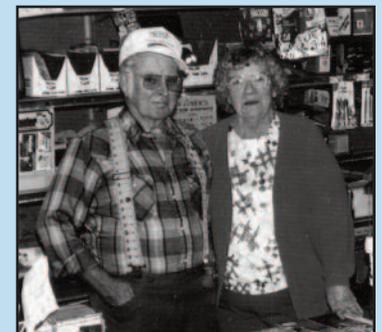


New Bloomingdale Book on the Horizon

The Bloomingdale Historical Society is preparing to put together the next book on Bloomingdale history. The first one was written nearly ten years ago tracing 150 years of development from the earliest settlers in 1833 through the sesquicentennial celebration in 1983. Book 2 will begin in the 1960s, when winds of change first began to rustle the leaves, and will follow our course into the present day.

The organization is looking for pictures from the 1960s forward - people, places, events, trends, and objects, as well as interesting personal stories and achievements – anything that shaped the fabric of who we are and what Bloomingdale has been and is still becoming. Pictures will be scanned and returned. Interesting items from our past can be photographed.

Stop by the Historical Society's booth at Septemberfest on Saturday, September 9 to chat. If you have a story to tell, a photo you want to ask about or just want to learn more about our history, we'd love to meet you. We are on the west side of Third Street, right at the corner of Third and Washington. For more information, call Bonnie at 630-582-8101 or Mary Ellen at 630-351-1503.



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Go Orange!

Garden Tips from Morton Arboretum August & September



Monitor rainfall and keep plants well-watered during times of heat or drought, especially newly-planted trees and shrubs.

Continue to remove faded flowers on roses, annuals, and perennials. Pinch back leggy growth.

Don't fertilize trees and shrubs now. New growth will not have time to harden off before winter.

Mid-August through mid-September is an ideal time to establish a new lawn or to seed in bare spots. For advice on establishing lawns, contact your county cooperative extension service. In DuPage County, the number is 630-955-1123.

Late summer or early autumn is the best time to divide perennials that bloom in the spring and summer.

Plant peonies from the end of the month through October.

Continue regular weeding and monitoring for insect and disease problems.

Start cuttings of herbs to grow on a sunny window sill during the winter.

Order spring flowering bulbs to plant this fall.

Treat lawn for grubs and Japanese beetle larvae in mid-August through September.

September is National Hunger Awareness Month, when hunger relief organizations and their partners organize a number of events to raise awareness in their communities of the existence of hunger and food insecurity. To kick-off Hunger Awareness Month, Mayor Franco has proclaimed Thursday, September 7, 2017 as the 4th Annual **GO ORANGE DAY** for Hunger Awareness in Bloomingdale. Participation in **GO ORANGE DAY** continues to increase each year in Bloomingdale's schools and throughout the community. The Village urges everyone to join in this year to Take Action Against Hunger.

- Wear Orange to Work or School on **GO ORANGE Day** to raise awareness.
- Encourage conversation about hunger with your friends, family and coworkers, and on Social Media.
- Donate Food/Supplies to local food pantries all year long, and during September Hunger Awareness month (at the Bloomingdale Village Hall, Park District or Library)
- Volunteer at a local food pantry, collecting and/or delivering food to those in need.
- Make a donation to the Northern Illinois Food Bank (every \$1 provides \$8 worth of food)
- Like Northern Illinois Food Bank on Facebook, follow it on Twitter [@ilfoodbank](#) or Instagram

Water Rate & Fee Increase Effective September 1, 2017

The Village's water source comes from Lake Michigan through the City of Chicago and the DuPage Water Commission (DWC). The City of Chicago has increased the water rate for the purchase of Lake Michigan water which it assesses to the DWC. The DWC subsequently passed-through this rate increase to the Village. The Village cannot absorb the rate increase without potential impacts to the financial stability of the water system and as a result, a water rate increase of 9 cents per thousand gallons of water used will go into effect on September 1, 2017 and begin to be reflected on Village utility bills issued in October 2017. The average residential bill is projected to increase \$1.08, or approximately 1%.

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 a leaky toilet could reduce your water bill by approximately \$110 per bill.

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 approximately \$75 a year.

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

Bloomingtondale Fire Protection District #1



Fire Prevention Week October 8 – 14

‘Every Second Counts: Plan 2 Ways Out!’

In a fire, seconds count. The Bloomingtondale Fire Protection District and the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) remind you that seconds can mean the difference between residents of our community escaping safely from a fire or having their lives end in tragedy.



Fire Prevention Week is October 8 – 14 and this year’s theme: “Every Second Counts: Plan 2 Ways Out!” is so important. It reinforces why everyone needs to have an escape plan.

- Draw a map of your home with all members of your household, marking two exits from each room and a path to the outside from each exit.
- Practice your home fire drill twice a year. Conduct one at night and one during the day with everyone in your home, and practice using different ways out.
- Teach children how to escape on their own in case you can’t help them.
- Make sure the number of your home is clearly marked and easy for the fire department to find.
- Close doors behind you as you leave – this may slow the spread of smoke, heat, and fire.
- Once you get outside, stay outside. Never go back inside a burning building.

For more information about home fire escape plans or other safety information, contact Battalion Chief Richard Kurka at 630-894-9080.

Touching Gift from the Fire Department

That awful night in January when Police Officer Ray Murrell perished in the car accident on his way to a call, the Bloomingtondale Fire Protection District’s Black Shift was on duty. Most of the



firefighters on duty were at the scene, along with many of our police officers. The magnitude of emotion and sorrow the members of the two departments shared that night created a bond those men and women will not forget.

In honor and in memory of Officer Murrell, Bloomingtondale Fire Department’s Black Shift, had a display case made. The case held the Initial Interment Flag along with a picture of Officer Murrell and his Duty Badge. This flag is special because it was the initial flag used to drape Officer Murrell; it was placed on him by members of Bloomingtondale Fire Department’s Honor Guard. As a token of their shared loss, it was presented to members of the Police Department and Ray’s sister at the June 12, 2017 Village Board Meeting.

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See You at the Ice Cream Social!

This great fun-for-everyone event will be held on Thursday, August 3 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Bring the family for an evening of activities and of course ICE CREAM!





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Mary Ellen Johnson Retires After 36 Years of Service to Village



Congratulations to Mary Ellen Johnson on her retirement after 36 years of dedicated service to the Village.

Mary Ellen started as a freelance editor for the Village Almanac in 1981, and began working as the full-time Executive Secretary to the Mayor in 1989.

She will continue as **Almanac** Editor, once again as a freelancer.

Don't miss the last 2017 Library Summer Concert Friday, August 11 Noon - 1:00 p.m. DuPage Band, a professional cover band, is dedicated to pure entertainment. From the soulful sounds of Motown to today's most popular adult contemporary and alternative hits, DuPage Band plays songs that draw audiences of all ages.

Old Town Bloomingdale Farmers' Market

The Old Town Bloomingdale Farmers' Market is operating every Thursday, 3 PM to 7 PM, now through September 28, in the Old Town parking lot located at the northwest corner of Third St. and Schick Rd. in Bloomingdale.

The market boasts an abundant supply of fresh locally grown fruits and vegetables, honey, cage free eggs, grass-fed free range and hormone free beef and lamb, delicious breads, muffins and baked goods, kettle corn, canned sauces and jams, knife sharpening services, jewelry and alpaca products.

In addition, vendors have prepared meals:
Aracely's Bakery – Tamales
Firehouse Subs - Sub Sandwiches
Old Salem Cafe - White and Curry
Brats with or without Sauerkraut

If you haven't been to the market yet this season, please make it a point to stop by. Refresh your memory as to how good "fresh from the farm" tastes! As Mayor Franco reminded us last year, in order to keep the market, we need to support it.

New this year at the market are **Picnic Benches** for onsite dining, a **Market Sound Stage** (sponsored by St. Paul Evangelical Church), and **Expanded Onsite Customer Parking**. The Market Sound Stage features live family-friendly musical performances by local talent.

There are still some open Thursdays on the Sound Stage for local performers. It's great opportunity to for new performers to get some stage experience. Extensive public promotion is provided, along with payment of a modest stipend.

Find out how to become a performer at one or more markets on the website www.villageofbloomingdale homepage under NewsFlash.

In addition, the Bloomingdale Park District, Library and various Community Groups will provide demos and fun activities for kids and kids at heart.



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September is National Library Card Sign-Up Month!

Your Bloomingdale Public Library card is one of the most important cards you can carry in your wallet! Having a library card allows you to check out some exciting materials: the latest bestseller, devices like Kindle and Roku, the hottest new DVD release, and even video games!



We invite you to visit the library and apply for a new card or renew your old card today! Anyone getting a new library card or renewing their old library card will be entered into a drawing for a Kindle Fire!* Additionally, if you are a new or returning patron and you add your email address to your library account, you'll get an extra entry into the drawing!

*You must be 18 years or older or bring your parent or legal guardian with you to get a card. Entry into the drawing is open to all new Bloomingdale cardholders. Card must already be expired or will expire within 30 days to be eligible for a renewal and the entry. This offer does not apply to reciprocal borrowers or card replacements due to loss or damage.

The Friends of the Library Fall Book Sale

Saturday, September 23 - 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Sunday, September 24 - 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

September is just around the corner and that means the Friends of the Library big Fall Book Sale! There are thousands of items available, including bestsellers, mysteries, and DVDs.



THE DONNA BETH FROIO FOREIGN LANGUAGE AND CULTURAL COLLECTION



The Youth Services Department houses a special collection called the Donna Beth Froio Foreign Language and Cultural Collection. The collection began in 1982 with a generous donation by Mr. Dominic and Mrs. Barbara Froio in memory of their loving daughter Donna Beth, who died at the age of 16. The interest from these invested funds is used each year to purchase new items. Titles selected may be in one language, bilingual, or multilingual, or reflective of cultural experience and practices from around the world. We have added 15 items—all bilingual—with Froio funds. The items reflect demand in the collection and include a Polish dictionary, a bilingual Spanish book, and items in various Indian languages.



LIBRARYEVENTS

Ice Cream Social

Celebrate the end of Summer Reading with BPL!



Thursday, August 3
5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

2017 Summer Concert Series

DuPage Band
Friday, August 11
Noon - 1:00 p.m.

A professional cover band dedicated to pure entertainment. From the soulful sounds of Motown to today's most popular adult contemporary and alternative hits, DuPage Band plays songs that draw audiences of all ages. Get ready to dance!



New Trustee Appointed!

BPL is pleased to announce that the Board of Trustees of the Bloomingdale Public Library has appointed Natalie Valenti to fill the vacancy. Please join us in welcoming Natalie to the Board!

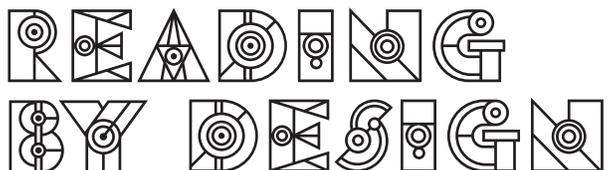
THANKS TO OUR SUMMER READING PARTNERS!

The library extends a big thank you to patrons of all ages who participated in our Summer Reading Program, Reading by Design! Thank you to the many local businesses and organizations that donated to the library's Summer Reading Program! Their support helps make our program a success!

1913 Restaurant and Wine Bar
Adelle's Fine American Fare
Anyway's Pub
Auntie Anne's Pretzels
Bloomingdale Park District
Bloomingdale Body & Brain - Yoga, Meditation, and Tai Chi
Brianna's Flowers
Brunch Cafe
Bulldog Ale House
Carol's Garden Restaurant
Challenge Accepted Mystery Escape Room
Chicago Botanic Garden
Chicago Shakespeare Theater

Chipotle
Doctor Dog's
DuPage County Fair
DuPage Derby Dames
Epic Air
Graham's Fine Chocolates & Ice Cream
Hairology Salon and Spa
Kane County Cougars
Kuipers Family Farm
Kumon Academy
La Campana Restaurant
Lynfred Winery
Mandarin Bistro
McAlister's Deli

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Platt Hill Nursery
Pronto's
Ravinia
Rockin' Jump
Schaumburg Boomers
SkyZone
Suzette's Creperie
Velarde Salon & Spa
Vertical Endeavors
Wingstop



ADULT PROGRAMS

Registration is required for most adult programs. Register at the Reference Desk, online, or by phone (630) 924-2730.

***R* - Registration Required**

Drop-In - No Registration Required

DeFlame! Anti-Inflammatory Diets for Improved Health & Well Being *R*

Monday, August 14 - 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Learn how to de-flame your life with these popular anti-inflammatory diets, and learn which is best for you: Paleo, Mediterranean, Ketogenic, FODMAP, and Whole 30 will be discussed. Presented by Dr. Christine Cosgrove.

Chef Maddox Presents: Mediterranean Cuisine *R*

Tuesday, August 15 - 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

This program features Grilled Zucchini & Pepper Fattoush, Seared Salmon with Provencal Essence, Mediterranean Couscous, and Citrus & Raspberry Pot au Creme with Caramelized Italian Meringue. A great way to enjoy the culture without having the jetlag! Presented by Chef Susan Maddox.



Are You Living Your Life, Or Surviving Your Past? *R*

Tuesday, August 22 - 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Local author Karen Cesario Rizzo is a Spiritual Advisor, Medium, Healer and a Reiki Practitioner. Karen experienced tragedy and pain as a young child, but she always knew she was protected by angels. She was finally able to overcome her past and her psychic intuition increased as a result. Karen believes these gifts of intuition are accessible to everyone and she wants to teach you how to stop “surviving” your past and start living your life.

Illinois Cemetery Safari *R*

Monday, August 28 - 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Enjoy an evening of photos and stories of famous (and not so famous) people and animals of our past. See pictures of old cemeteries, unique headstones, historical places, and unusual gravesites. You’ll hear about Chester Gould, Burl Ives, Floyd Broughton, Emil Verban, and David Strother. Don’t know these peoples’ claims to fame? Join us to find out! Presented by Jim & Paula Hantak.

The Life & Death of Princess Diana *R*

Tuesday, August 29 - 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

To this day, Lady Diana Spencer, Princess of Wales is one of the most beloved princesses around the world whose life and death were made public through the media. Though she was often scrutinized publicly for her divorce in 1996, the world mourned the tragic death of its cherished princess only a year later. This year marks the 20th anniversary of her death. Presented by amateur historian Jim Gibbons.

HeartSaver CPR Class *R*

Saturday, September 9 - 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Learn CPR basics from local firefighter and paramedic, Jeff Skelley, owner of My Life Saver CPR. This hands-on class designed for the general public will cover adult, child, and infant CPR and choking, and how to use an Automated External Defibrillator for heart attacks. The cost is \$40 for the three hour session which includes the purchase of the required study guide. Each participant that completes the course will be mailed a CPR certification card after the class. In order to receive a full refund, you must cancel your registration 48 hours before the program begins. For questions regarding this program, please call (630) 924-2730.

When Football was Football *R*

Monday, September 11 - 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Join author Joe Ziemba for a humorous look at the wacky, unpredictable early days of professional football, focusing on the NFL’s oldest franchise, the Chicago Cardinals. Relive the rowdy years of football through audience interaction, rare archival photos, and surprising insight into local historical figures such as Red Grange, Jim Thorpe, George Halas, and Al Capone. Presented by Joe Ziemba, award-winning author of the book “When Football was Football: The Chicago Cardinals and the Birth of the NFL.”



Movie Matinee

Beauty & the Beast (Drop-In)

Wednesday, August 23 - 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

An adaptation of the Disney fairy tale about a monstrous-looking prince and a young woman who fall in love.

Starring: Dan Stevens, Emma Watson, and Luke Evans.

Rated: PG / Running Time 123 minutes



Going in Style (Drop-In)

Wednesday, September 27 - 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Desperate to pay the bills and come through for their loved ones, three lifelong pals risk it all by embarking on a daring bid to knock off the very bank that absconded with their money.

Starring: Ann-Margret, Morgan Freeman, and Michael Caine.

Rated: PG-13 / Running Time 96 minutes



ADULT PROGRAMS

Estate Planning and Collaborative Divorce: How to Preserve Your Assets *R*

Tuesday, September 12 - 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Sometimes life takes an unfortunate turn and divorce is the best course of action when it comes to preserving your assets. This seminar will explain how a "Collaborative Divorce" may help you save money without litigation or going to court. Presented by the attorneys from the Law Offices of John Pankau.

DIY Make & Take: Mod Podge Your Pumpkins *R*

Tuesday, September 19 - 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Pumpkins don't have to be creepy or even be carved! Join us and learn how to use mod podge and spray paint to decorate the surface of your fall gourds in cute and colorful ways. We will also discuss how to find more pumpkin decoration ideas on Pinterest.



The Health Benefits of Herbal Teas *R*

Monday, September 25 - 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Herbal teas have many health benefits including relaxation, boosting your immune system, and reducing digestive disorders and nausea. Some teas also have anti-inflammatory, antibacterial, and antifungal properties, and contain many antioxidants that help fight cancer. Join us for a presentation by our favorite tea guru, Sarine Cottreau, owner of Serene Teaz, and learn how to incorporate these delicious and healthful teas into your diet. Samples will be provided. Limited to 50 people.



The Uncivil War: Death, Desertion, and Betrayal *R*

Tuesday, September 26 - 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Presented by Bob Kurek, Bloomington resident, amateur historian, and member of the PH Sheridan Camp #2, Department of Illinois Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Bob was instrumental in getting US Highway 12 designated the Iron Brigade Memorial Highway, and in this personal take on America's most deadly conflict, he will share some interesting stories about the Civil War that have been left out of the history books.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS

Selections are available at the Circulation Desk one month in advance of the discussion.

HISTORICAL BOOK DISCUSSION

Meets at 10:00 a.m. on the first Tuesday of the month

Tuesday, August 1
The Astronaut Wives Club
by Lily Koppel

Tuesday, September 5
Thirteen Days in September: Carter, Begin, and Sadat at Camp David
by Lawrence Wright

MONDAY NIGHT PAGE TURNERS

Meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Monday of the month

NO MEETING IN AUGUST

Monday, September 18
Liar, Temptress, Soldier, Spy: Four Women Undercover in the Civil War
by Karen Abbott

ONGOING PROGRAMS

GAMES FOR GROWNUPS (Drop-In)

Thursdays, August 10, September 14 - 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Join us for an afternoon of cards, board games, and video games. Refreshments provided.

BLOOMINGDALE SENIORS' CLUB (Drop-In)

Tuesdays, August 8, September 12 - 11:00 a.m.

Do you enjoy playing bridge and meeting others who share your interests? Join the Seniors' Club!

GENEALOGY CLUB (Drop-In)

Thursdays, August 24, September 28 - 6:30 - 8:45 p.m.

Members share search strategies and explore library resources with guidance from genealogy librarian Leslie Drewitz.

GREAT DECISIONS *R*

Wednesday, September 20 - 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. (No meeting in August)

The Great Decisions discussion program is a civic education program administered and produced by the Foreign Policy Association. In preparation for the discussion, participants read the relevant chapter on a particular foreign policy issue in the Great Decisions briefing book that will be available for check out, followed by a moderated discussion among the participants.

DOWNLOADABLE RESOURCES *R*

Tuesday, August 8 and Monday, September 18 - 4:00 - 7:30 p.m.

We'll have a librarian available to get you started using eBooks, audiobooks, and digital magazines. Contact the Reference Desk to schedule an appointment.

TAI CHI *R*

Fridays, August 4, September 1 - 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Join us at the library for an hour of Tai Chi, which is all about slow movement, meditation, breathing and balance. *Bob Plucinsky is an instructor of Tai Chi and Qi Gong from the Bloomington Township Senior Center. He has a B.S. in Physical Education and a M.S. in Health Education.*

On the Same Page

The Geography of Genius

by Eric Weiner

Freud & His Times

Monday, October 23 - 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Sigmund Freud developed the fields of neurology, psychotherapy, and psychoanalysis in Vienna at the turn of the twentieth century. Join us for a presentation by Josh Price, Assistant Professor of Humanities at College of DuPage and learn what made Freud a genius in this place and time.

Make Your Own Freudian Dream Journal

Tuesday, October 24 - 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

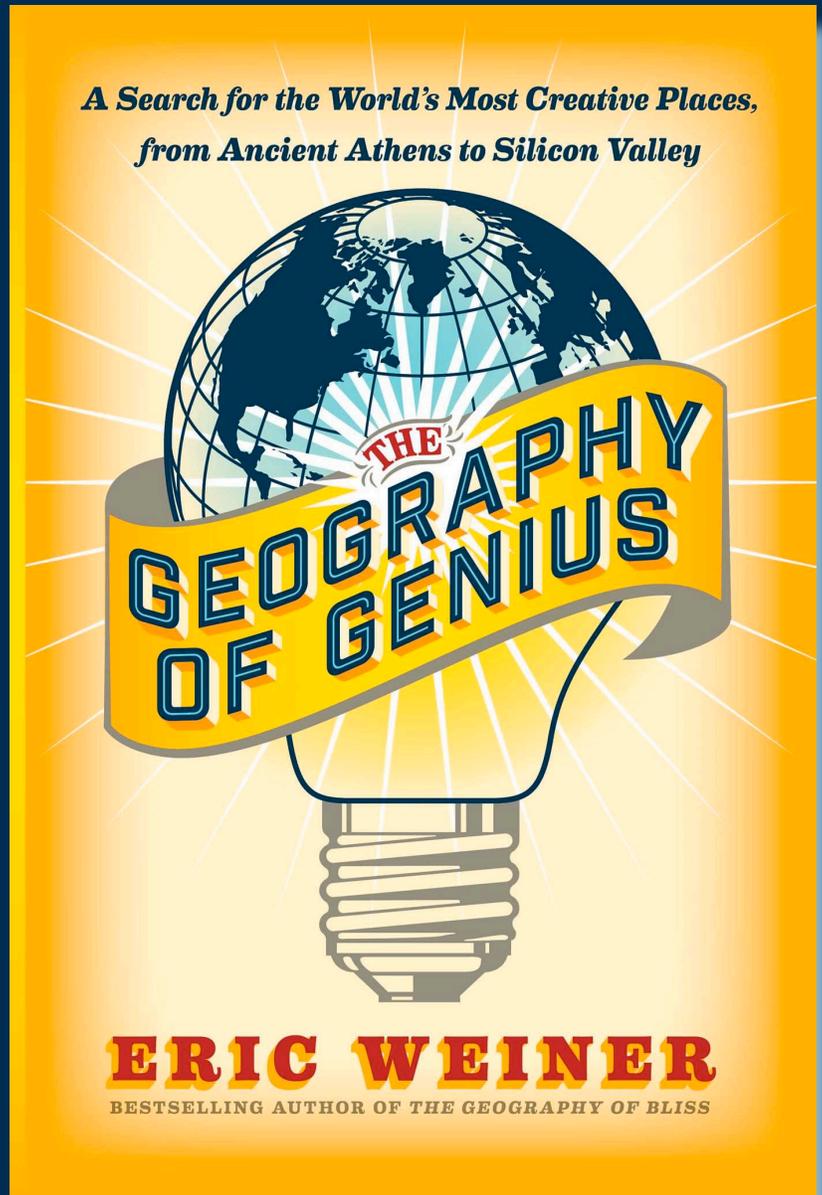
Freud believed that dreams held the key to our subconscious mind, but today, dream journaling is simply a fun way to gain insight into our waking lives. For this craft we will create and decorate paper journals and learn how to keep track of our dreams using the bullet method.

Movie Matinee:

Pawn Sacrifice

Wednesday, October 25 - 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Set during the Cold War, American chess prodigy Bobby Fischer finds himself caught between two superpowers and his own struggles as he challenges the Soviet Empire.



On the Same Page is a joint community read program between the Bloomingdale Public Library, Itasca Community Library, and Roselle Public Library District. A full brochure of programs at all participating libraries will be available soon.



KIDSCORNER

Some programs require registration as noted. You may register for programs online at www.mybpl.org (click on "Calendar" at the top of the page), at the Youth Services Reference Desk, or call (630) 924-2740.

Please have your library card when you register.

***R* - Registration Required**

Registration for Bloomingdale residents begins Monday, August 7 and for non-residents one week before each program begins.

Drop-In – No Registration Required

Drop-In Movies

Get comfortable, have some popcorn, and enjoy the matinee. Children 8 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

The Lego Batman Movie

Tuesday, August 1
1:00 - 2:45 p.m.



Smurfs: The Lost Village

Wednesday, August 9
10:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon



Lego Madness (Drop-In)

Grades K-6
Mondays, August 7, September 11
6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Come stretch your imagination and make new friends with free building. Snap a picture and share your Lego creations on the Library's Facebook page!



Storytime, Milk, and Cookies at Panera (Drop-In)

All Ages
Monday, August 14 and September 11
9:30 - 10:15 a.m.
Location: Panera Bread, 370 W. Army Trail Road, Bloomingdale, IL
Enjoy a special themed storytime and nibble on some yummy cookies and milk from Panera.

BookTime with Ronald McDonald *R*

All Ages
Thursday, August 17
11:00 - 11:45 a.m.
Join Ronald McDonald and his bookworm friend as they share their excitement for reading.

Potty Party *R*

Ages 1-4
Tuesday, August 22
10:30 - 11:00 a.m.

No more diapers, it's time to use the potty! Toddlers of all stages of potty training are invited to a party with stories and songs to encourage and motivate potty training.

DoodleBugs *R*

Ages 2-3 years old with caregiver
Monday, August 28
11:00 - 11:30 a.m.
This is a special art class just for toddlers and parents. Little fingers will experiment with painting, gluing, sticking, and creating, while developing fine motor skills.

Play to Learn with DuPage Children's Museum *R*

Ages up to 6 years and families
Thursday, August 31
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Join this play and learn setting as the DuPage Children's Museum brings their interactive portable exhibits to BPL. Children and caregivers enjoy the museum's portable exhibits and learn hands-on STEM projects that can be done at home. In addition, community support resources will be provided.

LEARN with LEGOs for Preschoolers *R*

Ages 3-5
Wednesday, September 6
11:00 - 11:45 a.m.
Build with LEGOs and build your child's school readiness too! Come to the library for stories, learning, and fun. Learn numbers, colors, and letters with Legos.

Storybook Trail!

The Storybook Trail at Circle Park continues through late Summer and into the Fall. Enjoy the outdoors while reading a picture book story along the way. This family friendly trail is co-sponsored by the Bloomingdale Public Library and the Bloomingdale Park District.
Circle Park is located at 163 Fairfield Way, Bloomingdale, IL.



Storytime with a Surprise at Stratford Square Mall

(Drop-In)

All Ages
Thursday, September 7
11:00 - 11:45 a.m.

Join us for a themed storytime the first Thursday of every month at Stratford Square Mall (meet in the Lower Level Café Court near the center of the mall) and receive a treat for being a good listener! All ages welcome; caregivers must remain with their children. Please note there will be no storytime on August 3 due to the Ice Cream Social.

Craft Time (Drop-In)

All Ages
Thursday, September 7
3:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Stop by the YS department anytime between 3:00-8:00 p.m. to make a fun craft. We'll supply all the materials needed. Please note there will be no Craft Time on August 3.

Focus on FUNdamentals *R*

Grades K-1
Mondays, September 11 - October 16
4:15 - 5:00 p.m.

Join us for a fun twist on essential skills. We focus on everyday skills that will prove essential to a successful school year—listening, following directions, and more. There will be no class on October 2 and 9.

Rock Out on Collect Rocks Day *R*

Grades K-2
Thursday, September 14
4:30 - 5:30 p.m.



Rock out with the rocks and minerals on Collect Rocks Day. We will learn a little about the different kinds of rocks as we perform science experiments. After our lesson, everyone will make their own rock collection and try to identify the rocks they collect. There will be plenty of hands on specimens.

Early Learning Kickstart *R*

Ages 3-5
Wednesday, September 20
1:00 - 1:30 p.m.

Get early learners off to a great start. This program begins with basic letter sounds in reading and fosters curiosity and a love of learning. Children begin to connect words, learn letter sounds, and work with pencil skills to prepare for writing. Presented by Bloomington Kumon Center.

Kitchen Kids *R*

Grades 3-5
Wednesday, September 20
4:30 - 5:00 p.m.

Come practice kitchen skills and make easy, kid-friendly snacks and treats! Food is prepared and served, so please notify Youth Services if your child has dietary restrictions.



Mind Math *R*

Grades 1-3
Tuesday, September 26
4:15 - 5:00 p.m.

This mental math program is a complete brain exercise for kids that triggers whole brain development. We use the abacus as a tool to train kids to do calculations mentally. This program is hosted by ALOHA Math of Bloomington.

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!

An extra special thank you to the 20+ fantastic teens we had in our VolunTeen program this summer. We couldn't do what we do without you!

Storytimes

Preschoolers of all ages can join us for a storytime. The Youth Services department provides age-appropriate interactive fun with stories, sign language, music, and more. Each program runs for six weeks. Fall Storytimes begin the week of September 11 and end October 27. Please note there will be no storytimes the first two weeks in October.

Registration is required for the following storytimes:

Romper Rhymes (3-15 months):

Thursdays, 9:45 - 10:30 a.m.

Budding Readers (16-23 months):

Thursdays, 11:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Time for 2s (24-36 months):

Wednesdays, 10:00 - 10:30 a.m.

Preschool Storytime (Ages 3-5):

Mondays, 1:15 - 2:00 p.m.

OR

Tuesdays, 10:30 - 11:15 a.m.

The following storytimes are drop-in:

Family Storytime (All ages):

Fridays, 10:30 - 11:00 a.m.

TEENSCENE



PROGRAMS

Registration is required for some teen programs. Register at the Adult Reference Desk, online, or by phone at (630) 924-2730.

R - Registration required

Drop-in - No registration required

TEEN GAME NIGHT (DROP-IN)

2nd Thursday of the month
August 10, September 14
6:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Join other teens for gaming on our big screens or a tabletop! Have a dance-off using our Kinect, start your own Rock Band, race in Mario Kart 8, battle in Super Smash Bros., or discover your new favorite tabletop or board game!



TAB: TEEN ADVISORY BOARD *R*

3rd Thursday of the month
August 17, September 21
6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Make your voices heard! Join us monthly to meet over pizza to help plan programs for teens, make decisions for the library's teen space, play games, promote the library, earn volunteer hours, and more!

3D PRINT CLUB *R*

Wednesday, August 9
4:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, August 23
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Wednesday, September 27
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Are you curious about 3D printing? Do you want to learn how to create your own designs and print them out? Teens are welcome to join us for an Introduction to 3D printing class, where we will create our own Tinkercad accounts, learn the basics of 3D Printing and design, and even get to see the 3D Printer in action. No experience is necessary!



DIY LOCKER MESSAGE BOARD *R*

Wednesday, August 2
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Jazz up the inside of your locker! Come make a locker message board to hold photos, reminders, or funny notes from friends!

OTAKU THURSDAY *R*

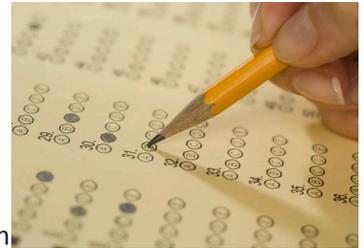
4th Thursday of the month
August 24, September 28
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Watch anime, make some crafts, and learn about Japanese culture. Otaku Thursdays are perfect for die-hard fans and newbies alike.

SAT PRACTICE TEST *R*

Saturday, August 5
12:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Stressing about taking the SAT? Take a full-length practice test to ward off test day jitters and see how you may score on the big test. Experience first-hand what test day will be like! A representative from C2 Education will provide a proctored practice test and contact you with scores and analyzed results. Don't forget to bring a couple of pencils, your calculator, and a snack to eat!



GINORMOUS GAME DAY (DROP-IN)

Monday, August 7
1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Drop in and play super-sized games with us! From giant Jenga, super Twister, Behemoth bowling, and humongous Uno, there's life-sized fun and games for everyone!

WASHI TAPE CRAFT: DIY SCHOOL SUPPLY DECORATIONS *R*

Thursday, September 7
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Bring in those boring school supplies and give them a little bit of color! We will use washi tape to decorate notebooks, pens, pencils, planners, and anything else you can think of. Never have ordinary looking supplies again!

BUTTON BONANZA *R*

Wednesday, September 20
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Create buttons that are completely unique! Use pictures provided from magazines or graphic novels to create a button, or get really creative and color your own! All materials provided.



OPEN TO TEENS 7th GRADE & UP



COMPUTERCLASSES

TO REGISTER FOR A COMPUTER CLASS, PLEASE CONTACT THE COMPUTER SERVICES DEPARTMENT IN PERSON, BY PHONE (630) 924-2767, OR ONLINE AT WWW.MYBPL.ORG.



Using PowerPoint

Thursday, August 17
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Instructor: Charlie

PowerPoint can be used to create slides, overheads, audience handouts, or on-screen presentations. This class will cover the basics of creating and organizing a presentation.

Excel PivotTables

Monday, August 28
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

Learn the basics of creating dynamic lists using Excel PivotTables. Modifying reports, formatting tables, and keeping data tables up to date will be discussed. Students will work with several examples to develop a comfort level with the tools Excel provides.

Using Publisher

Thursday, August 31
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Instructor: Charlie

This desktop publishing program can be used to create newsletters, brochures, cards, banners, etc. The class will cover basic techniques needed to create professional publications.

Getting Started: Windows 10

Thursday, September 7
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Instructor: Charlie

This class will provide a basic understanding of how to use Windows. Topics such as using the desktop, settings, manipulating windows, understanding files, and installing new programs will be covered. This class will also discuss the visual changes associated with Windows 10.

Getting Started: Your Files

Monday, September 11
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

Every time a picture is taken, a letter is written, or a song is purchased on your computer a file goes somewhere. Learn all about where these files are, how to find them, and copying, deleting, and restoring them. A great class for anyone with a lot of personal information or pictures they're worried about losing or moving to a new computer.

Computer Safety

Thursday, September 14
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Instructor: Charlie

Learn practical and inexpensive ways to protect your computer against data loss, virus infection, and online scams. Software solutions, backup techniques, and safe Internet behavior will all be discussed.

iPhone Basics

Monday, September 18
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

Learn to download and run apps, organize your icons, configure your settings, find and use your pictures, play your music, synchronize your phone with other devices, and much more.

Smart TVs

Monday, September 25
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

In this class we will discuss different features and services available for modern TVs. Students will learn how to stream directly from the Internet, connect to your computer, or easily display their pictures or movies.

Community Appreciation Days

September 5-8
@ Johnston Recreation Center

FREE!

Register for one of the classes below and participate for FREE! This is a great opportunity to experience a variety of classes and programs, meet instructors, and, of course, have fun! Receive a FREE giveaway when you attend a class. Classes that use Z or ZZ in the activity code are part of Community Appreciation Days. Registration is required to participate.

Tuesday 9/5	Wednesday 9/6	Thursday 9/7	Friday 9/8
Zumba 6-7PM Code: 103530-ZZ	Jazzercise 8:45-9:45AM 4:30-5:30PM	Zumba Gold 9:30-10:45AM Code: 103542-ZZ	Jazzercise 8:45-9:45AM
Zumba Gold 9:30-10:45AM Code: 103542-ZZ	Hot Shots Basketball 4-6PM Code: 102351-Z1-ZZ	Line Dance Fitness 6:15-7:15PM Code: 103583-ZZ	Super Soccer Stars Multiple Times Code 102391-Z1-Z5
Aqua Bootcamp 6-7PM Code: 105401-ZZ	Drama Kids 5:30-6:30PM Code: 102480-ZZ		Kindermusik Village-Feathers 10:30-11:15AM Code 101679-ZZ
Yogi & Boo Boo Bear 9-9:45AM Code: 101204-ZZ	Gymnastics Ages 3-14 yrs.		Kindermusik-Wiggle & Grow 9:30-10:15AM Code 101681-ZZ
Parent & Bearnastics 9:50-10:20AM Code: 101205-ZZ			Kid Rock 9:30-10:10AM Code 101501-ZZ
Lil Kicks Soccer 4-6PM Code: 101305-Z1-ZZ		Saturday 9/9	Tot Rock 10:15-10:55AM Code 101210-ZZ
Sullivan's Karate 6-6:45PM Code: 102107-ZZ		Strong by Zumba 8:45-9:45AM Code: 103587-ZZ	PAARC 10AM-11PM
Pina's Cooking Class 6-7:30PM Code: 103638-ZZ			

Youth Basketball Association

Registration Sign Up:

Saturday	9/16	9AM-12PM	JRC
Saturday	9/30	12-3PM	JRC
Saturday	10/14	9AM-12PM	JRC



Before & After School Care

Registration currently being accepted. Visit www.bloomingtondaleparks.org for details.



Fishing Derby

September 16, 8-10AM
@ Lakeview Park 

FREE!



September 10, 8:30AM
@ Johnston Recreation Center

Support local parks and recreation at the Seventh Annual Bloomingtondale Parks Foundation Sunrise Shuffle 5K, presented by Sunrise Chevrolet! The September 9 run is a kick-off event for Bloomingtondale's 44th Annual Septemberfest and starts and ends at the Johnston Recreation Center.

Register online at www.signmeup.com/118719.



P.A.A.R.C.

(Purely Active Adult Recreation Club)

Looking for something to do this summer? Drop in at the Johnston Recreation Center every Friday beginning June 2 for a FREE activity or event. Try a new activity, socialize or maybe just relax. Cards and games will be available along with refreshments.

Transportation is available on a limited basis. Contact Nicole at least one week in advance to schedule a pick-up. Nicole can be reached at nicole@bloomingtonparks.org or 630-339-3572.

Location: Johnston Recreation Center
Age: Adult **Days:** Friday
Time: 10AM-Noon **Dates:** Sept. 8 - Dec. 15

September 8 – Breakfast BINGO (10-11AM)
Join fellow PAARC members for a light continental breakfast and a friendly game of BINGO. Call Nicole (630-339-3572) to reserve your spot.

September 22 - National Ice Cream Cone Day
One scoop? Two scoops? Triple-decker! Join your PAARC friends for a tasty treat on National Ice Cream Cone Day.

September 29 - Social and Movie Day
Devour our FREE popcorn and soda while watching our featured Friday film. Contact Nicole for movie title.

October 6 - Canvas Painting Party
Bring an apron or an old T-shirt and paint your masterpiece with us. Snacks and refreshments are provided to help inspire your creative side.

October 13 - Farkel Party Friday
Challenge your PAARC friends to a game of Farkel. What's Farkel? It's a dice game also known as, or is similar to, 1000/5000/10000, Cosmic Wimpout, Greed, Hot Dice, Squelch, Zilch, Zonk, or Darsh.

October 20 – Pumpkin Decorating Day
Prep for Halloween by performing a pumpkin lobotomy and associated cosmetic surgery! We'll provide the mini pumpkins and necessary supplies.

October 27 - Social and Movie Day
Devour our FREE popcorn and soda while watching our featured Friday film. Contact Nicole for movie title.

November 3 - Live Entertainer
Visit www.bloomingtonparks.org or contact Nicole for information on this FREE PAARC Friday event.

November 10 - National Vanilla Cupcake
Create a once-in-a-lifetime cupcake using our abundance of delectable ingredients. Frosting, sprinkles and assorted candy are just a few of the options.

November 17 - Arts & Crafts Day
Supplies will be provided for participants to decorate a Fall themed craft.

December 1 - Arts & Crafts Day
Supplies will be provided for participants to make a Winter themed Craft.

December 8 - National Brownie Day
Taste test various types of your favorite brownies in honor of National Brownie Day!

December 15 - Social and Movie Day
Devour our FREE popcorn and soda while watching our featured Friday film. Contact Nicole for movie title.

