

Village of Bloomingdale *Almanac*

October 2018

Growth with Pride

Bloomingdale Cares Community Fund

The Village gratefully acknowledges the following community-minded businesses who made donations to the Bloomingdale Cares Community Fund to help defray some of the costs of the awesome July 3rd fireworks show this summer.

The fund, which raised over \$6,900.00 so far this year, is also helping to support our traditional Tree Lighting in Old Town, as well as the spectacular Christmas light displays in town.

Catering Enterprises, Inc.
Nino's Pasta
Pink Hair Studio
Michael Castaldo of Ottosen Britz

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

Village Reduces Telecommunications Tax

The Telecommunications Tax was implemented in 2010 for the purpose of supporting the programs and services provided by the Village's general operating fund.

During every budget review, a financial analysis in the form of a Governmental Fund 5 Year Financial Forecast is prepared. The FY17 Financial Forecast Report found that the Village's General Fund revenues and operating expenses maintained a strong and financially prudent fund balance and reserves.

Based on this forecast, last April the Village Board incorporated and supported an objective of phasing-out the current Telecommunication Tax by Fiscal Year 2022. Toward that end, at the Monday, August 27 Village Board meeting, Mayor Coladipietro and

the Village Board of Trustees approved an ordinance reducing the Telecommunication Tax to 1% (a 67% reduction) beginning January 1, 2019. The multi-year phase-out plan calls for another reduction, and the elimination of the tax, in January 2021.



Village President Franco Coladipietro stated, "The eventual elimination of this tax is a goal of mine and the reduction is another step toward that goal. I want to thank our Board of Trustees for their support in eliminating this tax. It is one less burden on the pocketbooks of our residents."

The fact that Bloomingdale is in a healthy economic position is evident. We see work in progress at the new Dunkin' Donuts at 200 E. Lake, the town-home models at Bloomingdale Walk (SW corner of Schick & Springfield) will be open this month, and Woodman's Market to be located on the former Macy's site will be doing groundwork before the year ends. The twelve homes under construction at Springfield Pointe have been sold and should be seeking occupancy permits by late summer 2019.

Those are just a few of the new construction projects, not to mention the many expansions and remodels also taking place.

2018 will be another banner year for progress in Bloomingdale.

'Fall Back' November 4

Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, November 4 at 2:00 am. Remember to turn your clocks back one hour.



Candidate Nomination Packets Now Available

Candidate nomination packets are currently available for pickup in the Village Clerk's office for the three Village Trustee positions which are on the ballot for the April 2, 2019 Consolidated Election.

Also available are candidate nomination packets for four trustee seats for the Library Board. These are three four-year terms and one two-year term on the ballot. The Clerk's office is in the Village Hall, 201 S. Bloomingdale Road, which is open 8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. weekdays.

For more information call 630-671-5610.

Bloomington Public Works Employees Bring Back Skills of Days Gone By

VILLAGE BOARD, COMMISSION &

The public is encouraged to attend all Board and Commission meetings

REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE VILLAGE BOARD

2nd and 4th Mondays of the month January - November

1st & 3rd Monday in December
7 p.m. – Village Hall

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

2nd and 4th Mondays of the month January - November

1st & 3rd Monday in December
6 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. Bloomington Road



The Utilities Distribution Division was recently challenged with rebuilding a deteriorating unique storm sewer manhole located at Castle Rock Lane and Chelsea Street. They usually order precast concrete sections, but there were too many large pipes connected to this manhole. A traditional precast structure would be too large and costly, so the crew decided to use a method that has become much less common in the last 20-30 years. The six foot diameter structure was rebuilt using block mortared into place one at a time. This method is still used around the country and the world, but this was the first time in many years the Public Works Department needed to use it. The project came together perfectly and will last for many years to come.

Stay in Touch

E-News is a great way to keep up with timely information on news in Bloomington, such as a heads-up about a street closing due to construction, a reminder about the branch pick-up schedule, or even a note about the Halloween activities for the little goblins.



And in the case of an unusual event, such as a major snowstorm, the Village can send out critical information to all subscribers, as it becomes available. To sign up for the E-News, go to www.villageofbloomington.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 Bloomington Elected Officials

Franco A. Coladipietro
Village President

William Belmonte
Traffic and Streets

Patrick Shannon
Intergovernmental and
Community Relations

Jane E. Michelotti
Village Clerk

Bill Bolen
Finance and
Administration

Frank Bucaro
Planning, Zoning
& Environmental
Concerns

TRUSTEES

Judi Von Huben
Public Safety

Vince Ackerman
Facilities, Infrastructure

Photo on p. 1: Resident Gary Umlauf captured some beautiful Autumn colors on the Hilton Indian Lakes property.

A Message from Mayor Franco

Welcome to Fall! Cooler days, chilly nights, beautiful colors, sweaters, cider and frost on the pumpkins.

I hope you had a chance to read our cover page story about reducing the Telecommunications Tax! Our Village Board has taken significant measures over the past few years to streamline our operations and manage our budget in order to reduce and ultimately eliminate this tax. We will continue to take advantage of the steady growth in our economy to strengthen our financial position and continue our efforts to improve the resident experience in our community.

Lake Street continues to be a visible testament to our progress in the transformation of our entryway to Bloomingdale. The center at Lake and North Circle is moving along. Lucky Dogs (in the old Shell building) will be opening in spring 2019. Work is also progressing on the four tenant spaces - State Farm, Saints and Scissors, Tobacco Paradise and Steamboat BBQ! For those of you longing for a Dunkin' Donuts drive-thru, they have started construction on a new location next to the Thornton's gas station!

You can also see the beginnings of the gateway elements of the Lake Street Streetscape, as there is a monument sign on the northeast corner, as well as a planter bed in front of the four shops. Spring of 2019 will see the kickoff for both the hardscape and landscape elements.

The last vacant location with no activity on Lake Street is the old Connie's Pizza building. Not for long! The building will be demolished to make way for an expansion of the Portillo's location with a reconfiguration of the drive thru and parking lot.

I want to thank the Septemberfest Commission members for all their hard work putting together another wonderful and successful event on September 8. It was definitely a cooler, cloudier day than usual, but it didn't dampen the spirits of all those in attendance...AND there was no rain! For pictures and more details, see p.15 and the last page.

Septemberfest was only one of the many activities in Old Town this summer! From the Farmer's Markets, Park District Concerts, the openings of long awaited Alcentro Trattoria and Wolfden Brewing Company (see the Business page), to the exhibits at the Old Town Museum and fresh new look on the Ice House and Walk-In Closet, Old Town is looking great this year! Plans are in the early stages to organize more community activities and events in this historic venue this coming year.

I also want to extend best wishes and thanks to Deb Evans, who recently left her position as CEO of the Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce, to accept another job. Her efforts to make the community more aware of both our longtime and newcomer businesses were much appreciated.

And coming up sooner than we think – the annual Christmas Tree Lighting is Friday, November 30. We have another spectacular tree lined up, as well as even more activities this year. Details will be in the next issue of Almanac.

As Thanksgiving Day approaches, I am reminded that one the many things I am thankful for in my life is the opportunity to be the Mayor of such a wonderful community. Warmest wishes to all of you from the Coladipietro Family!

Mayor Franco



New Sidewalks In Town

If you have been to the Covington Business Park west of Gary Avenue lately, you may have noticed that the old asphalt path along the west side of Covington Drive and the south side of Brighton Drive is being replaced with a new concrete sidewalk. The new concrete 5-foot wide trail will replace the existing 5-foot wide asphalt sidewalk, following the alignment and generally the same topography. New accessible ramps, upgraded to current Americans with Disabilities Act standards, are being installed at road intersections.



This project is being done by Burrink Commercial Services of South Holland, Illinois under an Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) contract, and is being primarily funded by a Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality federal transportation grant covering 80% of the construction costs with the remaining 20% project costs by Village contribution.

Project plans were prepared by Village staff. The Village Engineering Department will be coordinating the construction activities with the contractor and IDOT. The project including lawn restorations, should be completed in the Fall of this year. If you have any questions or concerns about the project, please call Mr. Brian Sisco, Senior Civil Engineer at 630-671-5675.



Apply by December 1, 2018 2018 Tree Planting Program

Important Village & Community Phone Numbers

Main Village Hall Number

630-893-7000

Village Departments

Administration 630-671-5610

Building & Zoning 630-671-5660

Engineering 630-671-5676

Finance 630-671-5630

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 Village Board has again allocated funds for this very successful program initiated in 1982. The program provides trees, including planting, at a 50/50 cost sharing with the Village. The trees will be planted in Spring 2019 and are available for residential, business or commercial properties.

The intent of the program is to further beautify the streetscape. All 50/50 trees must remain visible from the street, and must be planted in the front yard adjacent to the street or, if a corner property lot, may be planted in either the front or side yard adjacent to the street.

Business and commercial properties wishing to participate should contact Jim Johnson, Urban Forester, at 630-671-5804 prior to submitting a Program Request Form. **Residents seeking parkway tree replacements should contact the Forestry Division at 630-671-5800. All parkway trees (whether ash tree replacements, infills, etc.) will be planted by the Village, if space allows, at no cost to the homeowner.**

The following are the guidelines of the program:

1. The program is offered on a first-come, first-served basis subject to available annual funding amounts. Participants must complete and submit the Program Request Form by December 1, 2018. No payment is required at this time. Bills will be sent to successful Program requests in February.
2. Trees will be 2½" caliper, unless stated otherwise. **Trees will be quality nursery stock but not specimen plants.**
3. The Village reserves the right to disapprove requests based on conflicts, safety, or proper spacing.
4. Removal of dead trees, stumps and/or large roots is not included and must be performed by the applicant before March 15th.
5. Each residential parcel will be limited to **one tree per year**. Each business or commercial property will be limited to two trees per year.
6. Participants will be given the opportunity to mark the desired location for the tree; however, the Urban Forester retains the right to change the location, if necessary.
7. We anticipate the total cost of each 2½" caliper tree planted will range between \$200 and \$300, with the Village paying half of this amount.
8. Trees will be guaranteed for **one year**. Participants are responsible for all watering which will be described in instructions furnished by the Village.

If further information is desired, contact Jim Johnson, Urban Forester, at 630-671-5804.



Royal Raindrops



State Street Maple



New Horizon Elm

2018 50-50 Tree Planting Request Form

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: HOME: _____ WORK: _____ MOBILE: _____

PLANTING ADDRESS: _____ EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

INDICATE QUANTITY DESIRED.

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

_____ Redpointe Red Maple (*Acer rubrum* 'Frank Jr.')

Redpointe Red Maple combines the Red Maple's brilliant form and foliage with the Autumn Blaze Maple's faster growth rate. It features an upright, broadly pyramidal form growing 40 to 50 feet high and 25 to 30 feet wide with brilliant red fall color.



Redpointe Red Maple

_____ State Street Maple (*Acer miyabei* 'Morton')

Pacific Sunset Maple has outstanding, dark green, glossy summer foliage which changes to tints of yellow-orange to bright red in the fall. Its younger upright spreading habit matures into a rounded crown with a height of 30' and spread of 25'.



Ohio Buckeye

_____ Ohio Buckeye (*Aesculus glabra*)

Neatly rounded tree with low, sweeping branches and dense foliage that provides deep shade. It is one of the first trees to leaf out in the spring. Deciduous with a height of 20 to 40 ft. tall and similar or greater spread.

_____ Red Bud (*Cercis canadensis*)

A stunning display in April and May, the branches and twigs of a Redbud tree are cloaked in purplish-pink, pea-like blossoms before its leaves open. Its mature size and form is 15 to 20 feet high and 20 to 25 feet wide.



Red Bud

_____ Royal Raindrops Crabapple (*Malus x 'JFS-KW5'*)

Crabapples are versatile, small, ornamental trees used in the urban landscape. Royal Raindrops grows 15 to 20 feet high and wide with vibrant dark pink flowers in spring; tiny, persistent, bright-red fruits appearing in late summer and wine colored leaves that turn to bright orange-red in the fall.

_____ Norway Spruce (*Picea abies*)

Pyramidal in shape, with a medium to fast growth rate, Norway Spruce develops strong graceful branches that are covered with dark green needles. Very adaptable, it grows 40 to 60 ft. high and 25 to 30 ft. wide. The 4 to 6 inch cones are purple-violet in youth maturing to light brown. Not suitable for parkway planting.



Norway Spruce

_____ Chinkapin Oak (*Quercus muehlenbergii*)

Chinkapin Oak is native to the Midwest. Its glossy, coarsely-toothed leaves are yellow-green and small compared to most oaks. Young trees retain a pyramidal to oval habit with a pale gray, scaly ridged central trunk. As trees age, the crown becomes more rounded. At maturity the Chinkapin can reach a height of 50 to 80ft and a spread of 50 to 70ft.



Chinkapin Oak

_____ New Horizon Elm (*Ulmus* 'New Horizon')

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

SUBMIT TO: Village of Bloomingdale Forestry Division

Village Hall, 201 S. Bloomingdale Road, Bloomingdale, IL 60108

By deadline date of December 1, 2018



Adopt a Storm Grate Near Your Home To Help Prevent Street Flooding

Branch Collection Begins October 15

The Fall Branch Collection will be performed under the direction of the Village Forestry Division beginning on Monday, October 15. This free service is only available to single family detached residences.

Branches must be out by 7:00 a.m. on Monday, October 15, but should not be placed at the curb/pavement edge more than one week earlier. For more information about branch pickup guidelines, go to www.villageofbloomingdale.org and type in "branch pickup" in "Search this site" on the right side at the top of the homepage, or call the Forestry Division at 630-671-5800.

This program is limited to small property maintenance clean-up projects and not intended for collection of limbs or trunks from whole tree removals, which MUST be disposed of privately. In the event of severe storms, the Village will provide storm damage collection of woody branches ½ inch to 6 inches in diameter.

Please contact the Forestry Division at 630-671-5800 within 72 hours of storm for branch collection.



The fall season often means heavy rains. We are asking residents to please "Adopt a Storm Grate" by checking and cleaning their storm grates along the curb in front of their homes if heavy storms are forecasted. Keeping the drains open will help avoid the flooding of streets and walkways. Our crews do circulate during a rain event to check for standing water and clear the grates to allow the standing water to drain, but your assistance could prevent potential flooding. Do not clean structures which are already under water. For standing water please call 630-671-5830 during regular hours (7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. weekdays) and 630-529-9868 after hours and on weekends to get crews to the site.



Also, as autumn leaves begin to pile up in the yard, the Village Building and Zoning Division reminds all property owners that raking or blowing leaves into the street or curb is a violation of section 5-2-4 A.2 of the Village's Municipal Code. When leaves are raked or deposited into the street, they often cover storm water inlets which often causes localized flooding during the fall rains.

The Village does provide periodic street sweeping services through a private contractor, but residents are encouraged to compost their leaves or to participate in Republic's yard waste collection program. Leaves and yard waste placed in yard waste bags or cans (with handles) affixed with a sticker (\$3.16 each) will be picked up by Republic on regular trash days through November 30th. Yard waste stickers are sold at the Village Hall, and local retailers such as Caputos, Jewel and Ace Hardware. Tagged yard waste bags may be placed at the curb after 6 p.m. on the night before your collection day.

Turano Family Baking in Bloomingdale for 50 Years

Carmen Turano started the original Turano retail bakery in Chicago in the 1950s. His brother Mariano Turano started Campagna-Turano bakery in Berwyn in the 1960s and built it commercially into what is now the Turano Baking Company.



In the early 1970s, Campagna-Turano in Berwyn purchased a bakery located in Bloomingdale, which was run by Remo and Egidio Turano, sons of Attilio Turano. In 1981 all the retail stores were merged into Turano Pastry Shops, Inc. and were also managed by this second generation of brothers.

For 50 years now, from birthday, wedding and special occasion cakes, to pies, sweet rolls, cannoli, biscotti, a wide variety of Italian cookies and pastries and much more, the location at 142 N. Bloomingdale Road has provided the majority of the baked goods and the pastries sold to Turano Baking Company, through which they distribute to some of the largest national chains, including airlines and restaurants.

In 2008 Remo and Egidio officially changed the name of their bakery to Chicago Pastry in order to link their name to their ever-growing product line of outstanding baked goods, as well as their delicious assortment of pastries their customers have always enjoyed.

Cross-Connection Control Device Regulations; Survey Being Conducted by Village

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) and the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) are responsible for ensuring that cross-connections do not occur through the enforcement of cross-connection control regulations. A cross-connection is any physical connection that allows a potable or safe water source such as the Village drinking water system and a non-potable or contaminated source, the ability to come into contact with one another.

A cross-connection between potable water sources and nonpotable sources may cause contamination of plumbing systems potentially risking the health of consumers. Examples of potential cross connection sources include: lawn irrigation systems, water from a private source such as a well, water of unknown or questionable safety, steam, gas or chemical systems, or any condition whereby the sources could flow from one system to the other changing the direction of flow depending on the difference in pressure between the systems.

To protect the integrity of the Village's drinking water system, the IEPA requires the Village to survey all water customers as part of a Cross-Connection Control Program. Please visit www.villageofbloomingdale.org/636/Report-It and complete the required survey by the December 31, 2018 deadline. This survey requires your Village water account number and manufacturer's information of any existing cross-connection control devices at your location.

If you have any questions or would like a paper copy of the survey please contact Elias Vega, Water Production Supervisor, at 630-671-5850.

Storm Water Drainage for Residents – Sump Pumps

Homeowners should periodically check their sump pump to make sure the pump and components are storm ready. A properly working sump pump is essential to helping protect a building basement or crawlspace from water damage. A sump pump system would include the pump, float switch, discharge piping, check valve, power supply, and exterior pump discharge location with a back-up system. Failure of part or all of the components could lead to water issues in the basement or crawlspace.



Water from the sump pump discharge outside the building should be directed away from the building foundation, toward the front or rear yard of the lot and managed in such a way that the sump pump does not cause water issues on neighboring property or the Village streets or sidewalks. The sump pump discharge piping should not allow water to recirculate back into the sump pump system. A sump pump to dewater the basement or crawlspace should never be connected to the sanitary sewer system. A splashblock must be placed under the sump pump discharge where the water drains onto the ground.

If you have any questions or concerns about drainage and flooding, please contact the Village Engineering Department at 630-671-5676.



Upcoming Events Make It Easy to be Green

Recycling Fair

SCARCE & Core Centric Solutions, Inc. at 191 E North Ave, Carol Stream hosts a Recycling Fair on October 13, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. MUST enter from Kehoe Blvd., exit to North Ave. Open to all Illinois residents. Limited items recycled. Visit www.du-pageco.org/recyclingevents/ to see flyer under October Events. Check the Village of Carol Stream Facebook Page for event updates.

Electronic Recycling

Remaining dates for the Bloomingdale Township's Electronic Recycling program



are October 6 and November 3 from 8 a.m. - Noon. Bring electronics to the Highway Dept at 6N030 Rosedale Ave. Bring proof of Township residency and assistance with you so you are able to remove your recyclables from your vehicle. There is a limit of one Television per car, per month. See details at bloomingdaletownshiphighwaydept.com

Household Hazardous Waste

The Regional Household Hazardous Waste Facility in Naperville is open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays & Sundays excluding holidays. The site is now located at 156 Fort Hill Drive, Naperville; Visit Naperville's website for more information or call (630) 420-6095.

Honoring Officer Raymond Murrell Cycle Across Illinois Stops in Village

AARP Safe Driving Course November 8 & 9

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

This 8-hour Driving Safety Course will be divided into two sessions of 4 hours each day from Noon – 4 p.m. on Thursday, November 8 and Friday, November 9.

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

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

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

New Law for Texting While Driving Takes Effect Next Summer

On July 1, 2019, people caught texting while driving will be cited with a moving violation on the first offense instead of a non-moving violation. Motorists who rack up three moving violations within a year can have their driver's license suspended. In addition to the moving violation, the penalty for violating the law includes fines and court costs determined by a judge. A driver convicted of three moving violations in one year could have their driver's license suspended.

Currently, Illinois law prohibits the use of hand-held cell-phones, texting or using other electronic communications while operating a motor vehicle. Hands-free devices or Blue Tooth technology is allowed for persons age 19 and older.

The Illinois Chapter of Concerns of Police Survivors (C.O.P.S.) is an organization dedicated to helping survivors of law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty. On July 22, the committed riders and support personnel with the Illinois Chapter of COPS stopped at the Bloomingdale Police Department to honor Officer Raymond Murrell #145, who died in the line of duty on January 19, 2017.

Lunch was donated by our local Bloomingdale Panera Bread. The Cycle Across Illinois bicycle ride recognizes and honors the extraordinary contributions of those law enforcement officers. During the event we also unveiled a bronze plaque that was mounted to a large rock which is positioned near the front door of the Police Department dedicated to Ofc Murrell. The riders continued on until they reached the Chicago Lakefront, which concluded the 4 day ride.



Regulations for Door to Door Solicitors

The Village of Bloomingdale requires that all solicitors register with the Bloomingdale Police Department. If a solicitor comes to your door, be sure to check that they have a clearly visible solicitor's badge issued by the Village before you answer the door. The badge displays the solicitor's photograph, the name of the organization, and an expiration date. Charitable solicitors, in lieu of a name tag or badge, may choose to wear their appropriate uniform.

The hours for soliciting in Bloomingdale are 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Solicitors are not allowed to disregard the "No Solicitors Invited" signs posted prominently at your front door. If a solicitor violates any of these rules, or if they seem to be over aggressive in trying to sell you something, please call 9-1-1 to inform police of the violation. If possible, provide 9-1-1 with the clothing description of the solicitor and their direction of travel.

Do not feel you need to open a door to talk to someone. For safety reasons, it is good to keep a barrier between you and others if you feel uncomfortable.

"No Solicitors Invited" stickers are available at the Village Hall and Police Department. For more information call the Police Department at 630-529-9868.



Bring the Kids and Join the Fun at the Community Halloween Party on October 20!

All of Bloomingdale is invited to join in the grandest of Halloween parties on Saturday, October 20, presented by the Bloomingdale Park District, Bloomingdale Public Library, and the Bloomingdale Public Works and Police & Fire Departments. The party is held in the areas between the Library, Village Hall and Fire Department. Please note – parking is in the surrounding residential areas as there is no parking on-site.

Police & Fire Department Activities (Police 9AM-1PM, Fire; 9AM-Noon)

- Halloween-themed building tours
- Activities and games
- Trunk or Treat

Public Works (9:00AM)

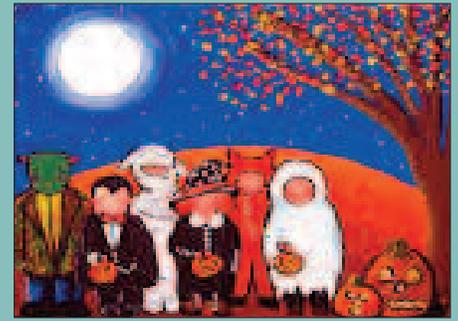
- Trunk or Treat

Park District Activities (9:00AM-1:00PM)

- Arts & Crafts
- Trunk or Treat
- Family Pumpkin Decorating: (starts at noon or while supplies last)
- Eagle Falls Dentistry will collect additional, unwanted candy to support the service men and women of our country through the USO. All candy collected is sent in care packages to troops overseas.

Library Activities (Noon-3PM)

- Hay maze
- Inflatable moonwalk
- Games & prizes
- Balloon artists
- Face painters
- Photo Booth
- FREE refreshments and candy



Enjoy A Safe and Happy Halloween

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

Discard any unwrapped items.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

This is No Trick – Treat the Troops

Bloomingdale dentists Drs. Dominic Colletti and Joseph Matustik are joining forces with Operation Gratitude to help reduce the amount of candy kids consume this Halloween while also providing a special treat package for our Troops overseas.

During the week of November 5-10, bring your children to the dental office at 176 S. Bloomingdale Road to cash in their unopened candy. They will receive \$1 per pound of candy, up to \$5 per child. We are also asking each child to bring in a short note or colorful drawing to show support for our Troops.

Call 630-893-6200 or visit www.176dental.com for collection times each day or for further information.



Wolfden Brewing Company Now Open

VFW Voice of Democracy High School Scholarship

Commander Larry Rogers of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Bloomingdale Post 7539 announced the kick-off of the 71st year of the VFW Voice of Democracy Scholarship Competition. Local high school students have the opportunity to compete for thousands of dollars in scholarships and a trip to Washington, D.C.

Students begin by competing at the local Post level with a deadline of October 31st .

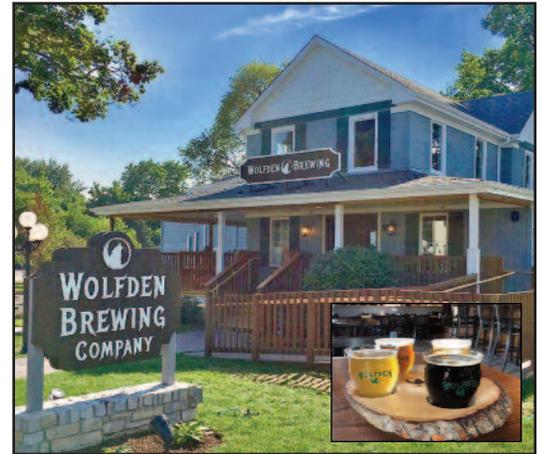
Post winners advance to District and then the first place District winner advances to the state competition. The National First place is a \$30,000 college scholarship. Annually the VFW provides \$2.3 million in scholarships.

Students must write and record a three-to-five minute essay on this theme for 2018-2019: "Why My Vote Matters" on an audio cassette tape or audio CD and present their recording, typed essay, and entry form at their local VFW Post.

Interested students and teachers should contact Bloomingdale Post 7539 VOD Chairman Randy Winter at rdw727@aol.com or visit www.vfw.org/community/youth-and-education/youth-scholarships for more details and entry forms.

Our VFW Post 7539 will hold a short memorial service at 11:00 a.m. on Veteran's Day, Sunday, November 11 at the Gazebo at Bloomingdale Road and Fairfield Way. The public is invited.

Wolfden Brewing Company is a craft beer brewery and taproom which opened August 11 at 112 W. Lake Street in Old Town. Created by Kryz & Katie Wolf, the couple totally reinvented the structure which was originally built in 1851 as a two room house. The décor is woodsy and welcoming with cozy nooks, as well as an open bar area with plenty of windows. The mezzanine bar overlooks the beer manufacture room.



Wolfden usually has 8 beers on tap, plus 2 guest taps. They constantly change their menu, but Old Town Golden Ale and Fog of Dawn New England IPA are current faves. They serve small food dishes, but have specials every day from different food vendors. Patrons are welcome to bring food in or order from area restaurants; Pizzeria Antica (across Lake Street) offers free delivery. The proprietors are also excited to also offer wine from their friends down the street at Lynfred Winery. The fire pit is currently going in the quarter-acre beer garden, which has outdoor activities and is also dog friendly!

Wolfden is a green brewery that strives to create as little waste as possible. You won't find any paper products here. Cheers! Hours are 4-10 M, T, TH. Friday 2-11 PM. Saturday, 12-11 PM. Sunday, 12-8 PM. Closed Wednesday.

A Little Bit of Italy in Old Town

The long awaited Alcentro Trattoria is now open in Bloomingdale's Old Town. Owners Domenico Frontdu and Carla Coladipietro have poured their hearts and souls into the décor and charming ambiance, as well as into the authentic Italian recipes with a Sardinian flair.

The restaurant features a spacious bar area downstairs which is separated from the dining area by a double-sided fireplace. A wood burning stove imported from Italy adds old world magic to the pizzas and other dishes. The menu offers an extensive list of thin-crust pizzas; boasts both modern and classic Italian fare and highlights specialties from the region of Abruzzo and the island of Sardinia.

The servers are attentive and friendly. There is outdoor seating on the piazza patio, as well as the balcony. The upstairs room features seating for 60 and a bar for private parties.

You have to see, smell and taste for yourself. This new dining spot is going to be a favorite destination in Bloomingdale. Located at 109 Third Street, the hours are 4-10 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday; 4-11 p.m. Friday & Saturday; 12-8 p.m. Sunday; Closed Monday. Call 224-353-6047.



Face Reflections

Liz Stapleton, owner of **Face Reflections, Inc.** recently expanded her business, relocating to Stratford North Medical located next to Northwestern Convenient Care. Liz had a well-established electrolysis (permanent hair removal) business for over twenty years in two area locations before she decided to expand her services to include skin care and other beauty treatments. She is excited to welcome her daughter Mary Sierra, Lic. Esthetician into her staff of estheticians offering an extensive array of skin care treatments.

Face Reflection's core mission is to improve the self-confidence of people who suffer from unwanted hair or skin problems, which can have a profound effect on a person's self-esteem. The staff is committed to helping people through a wide range of products and services suited to the clients' individual needs.

In addition to the expanded service offerings at Face Reflections, Inc., Liz has also recently co-founded a new school for electrolysis, Illinois Dedicated Electrology Academy (IDEA Electrology).

For more information about Face Reflections, Inc., or professional training to become an electrologist, visit www.facereflections.com or contact Liz at 630-220-7313. Face Reflections, Inc. is located at 231 S. Gary Avenue, Suite 112 in Bloomingdale.

Len's Ace Hardware Donates Fresh Produce to Food Pantry

This is the third year that Bloomingdale Len's Ace employees Assistant Manager Marilyn Johnson and Garden Sales Associate Shari Aldous, have planted vegetables among the flowers in the hardware store's landscaping. They are driven by their shared passion for gardening, and a commitment to provide fresh vegetables to the Bloomingdale Township Food Pantry during the summer months.

This year Len's Ace donated 150 pounds to the Township Pantry by the beginning of September and expects to top 200 pounds of veggies by the end of the growing season.



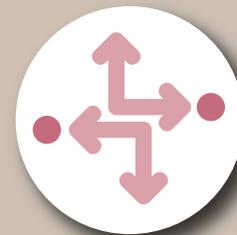
Shari picks zucchini growing in front of the store's sign.

Bloomingdale Food Stores Help Feed Needy

Northern Illinois Food Bank wants us to know that our Bloomingdale food stores donate their perishable food, that would otherwise go to waste, to its Food Recovery Program. The program saves stores disposal costs on perfectly edible food while providing high quality nutrition to our neighbors in need.



Last year this retail store program provided 7.8 million meals across 13 counties. Recently our WalMart was recognized for donating over 130,000 meals last year. (See photo) Caputo's, Meijer, Mariano's, Costco and Starbuck's are all extremely generous donors to the program.



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 New Businesses

Wolfden Brewery
112 W. Lake Street

Reliable Sprinkler
260 Madsen Dr. #102

Solo Salon
400 W. Army Trail Road

Face Reflections, Inc.
231 S. Gary Avenue

Cilantro Taco Grill
142 S. Gary Avenue

AHA Rolled Ice Cream
617 Stratford Square

The Relax Section
Stratford Square

Sweetz 4 U
317 Stratford Square

Community Events

Upcoming Garden Club Programs

October 16 features Don White discussing "Growing First Orchids."

Don is the owner of Anything Orchids in Frankfort. He will be giving a talk on how to raise and care for orchids.



November 13 is the Annual Holiday Workshop

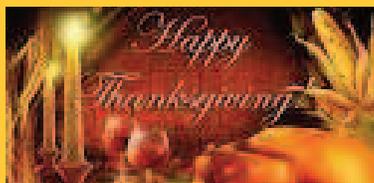
Join members for a holiday craft to benefit the residents of the West Suburban Care Center in Bloomingdale. They will make holiday table center-pieces for the nursing home, as well as for the members and visitors.

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

Thanksgiving Holiday Refuse Pickup

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday on Thursday, November 22, Republic's refuse pickup will be delayed one day each for Thursday and Friday pickup that week.

Wednesday's pickup remains the same.



CHARACTER COUNTS! Celebration Night

The whole community is invited to the CHARACTER COUNTS! Celebration Night in Old Town Park for fun and entertainment on October 2 (rain date Oct 16). Show your support of the Six Pillars of Character! Games & Activities at 5:45 on the Piazza. Celebration Night Ceremony at 6:30 p.m.



BAA Fall Programs

Following the October 10, 2018 7 p.m. Business Meeting, Dr. Erin Ducat presents "Keep Your Body Feeling As Beautiful As Your Art." The Bloomingdale chiropractor and movement specialist will explain how artists develop repetitive stress injuries, what to watch out for and how you can reduce your risk. She will demonstrate stretches and exercises you can do at home. Visitors are free.

On November 14, 2018 at 7pm, nature artist Lindsay Sandbothe explores the basics of painting in acrylics on wood. This program is for BAA members only. Both events are held at Bloomingdale Park District Museum, 108 S. Bloomingdale Road. Contact Bev for details or membership info at bpetrosius@gmail.com, 630-624-9545.

Congratulations Angelo Caputo Family!

Angelo Caputo's Fresh Markets, family owned and operated since 1958, is celebrating 60 years of bringing fresh foods to its customers. The business had unassuming beginnings in Elmwood Park as a neighborhood market with Angelo making daily early morning trips to South Water Market in Chicago to hand pick only the best produce to sell that same day.

He created the company's private label, La Bella Romana, "beautiful Romana" in honor of Angelo's wife who was an outstanding cook. Her legacy lives on in these products and also in the prepared food offerings of the Caputo's stores, where all dishes are made from scratch and without preservatives using old world recipes.

By 1991 they were expanding into the suburbs. Bloomingdale became the 4th suburban site in 2004. Today, seven Angelo Caputo's Fresh Markets throughout the Chicago area employ more than 1600 people.



Angelo continues to actively participate in sourcing new or improved products, as well as looking for unique and innovative products from around the world for his customers. His daughter Antonella Caputo Presta and son-in-law Robertino Presta, along with their children, oversee day to day operations.

Help Warm Souls Through Soles!

Bloomingtondale once again teams up with "Socks & Souls," hosting the community-based Sock Drive called Socktober, part of a national sole warming movement that gives everyone an easy and fun way to help those in need within their very own town. Last year nearly 12,000 socks were donated and distributed to several nearby agencies serving the needy, including PADS shelters, Bloomingtondale Township and Trinity Lutheran Church in Roselle.

New socks can be dropped off during the month of October at the Bloomingtondale Village Hall, Bloomingtondale Township, Library, Park District Museum, St. Isidore Parish, DuJardin, Erickson and Westfield Middle Schools, plus the District 13 Office.



For more information about Socktober or other Bloomingtondale collection sites, please visit <http://socksandsouls.com/pages/socktober>

Lions Spaghetti Dinner on November 9

The Bloomingtondale Lions Club hosts its Fall Spaghetti Dinner on Friday, November 9 from 5-8 p.m. at Bloomingtondale Golf Club, 181 Glen Ellyn Road. The cost is \$10 per person. Children eight & under are free. Proceeds from the raffle and dinner will benefit visual and hearing impaired persons in the community, as well as other needs.

For more info or tickets, contact Karen Vitale at kvitale6174@sbcglobal.net or Stan Poplonski at 630-461-1283.

Local Woman in 'America's Got Talent'

If you are a fan of "America's Got Talent," then you are familiar with the Los Angeles-based Angel City Chorale, which received the Golden Buzzer from Guest Judge Olivia Munn on their performance of "Baba Yetu," taking them right to a live show. What you might not know is one of Bloomingtondale's own is a member of that chorus. Annie Mauro, an Erickson and Westfield alumnae and 2012 Lake Park High School graduate has been a part of the chorus since January. She is a third year K-4 Music Teacher at Westside Neighborhood School in Playa Vista, CA. The ACC made it to the semi-finals on September 11. Annie is at the far right end in the front row in this Golden Buzzer photo.



What's Awana?

Awana Kids Clubs reconvened September 13 for its 33rd consecutive year at Bloomingtondale Church, 264 Glen Ellyn Road. Awana is an action-packed weekly event for kids, including a kid-fun game time in the gym, a large group council time singing with the band and a focus on core moral/spiritual



lessons. The Awana Clubs for ages 2 yrs through 6th grade meet Wednesdays 6:45 - 8pm., led by 70 dedicated volunteers each week.

Parents can learn more at www.bloomingtondalechurch.org or www.awana.org or call the church office at 630 894-0090.

Here and Now

The Bloomingtondale Park District Museum hosts a Juried Mixed Media Show "Here and Now" in Gallery II Exhibition through October 27. This exhibition encompasses all kinds of media. The theme provides a cohesive context for the diverse styles of work. Most pieces will be available for purchase.



Radishes by Karen Johnson

Around and About Town

Chamber Update



Deb Evans, president and CEO of the Bloomingtondale Chamber of Commerce for the

past 2 ½ years, recently resigned to take a position closer to home.

Under Deb's leadership, the Chamber began the "Best of Bloomingtondale" business recognition as chosen by the public, as well as the Chamber's participation in the Old Town Tree Lighting.

Denemarks Celebrate 50 Year Anniversary

Residents Lynne and Phil Denmark celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on September 7, 2018. In 1968 they held their reception at Indian Lakes Country Club Thunderbird Room banquet facility which had opened only three years earlier.

Congratulations and Best Wishes to the happy couple!



Recycling Compliance Checks Start in October

As a follow-up to the last Village Almanac, Republic Services will start to conduct random checks of recycling cart contents. Carts containing contaminated or non-recyclable items will not be collected. A tag (see sample below) will be placed on the carts advising that contents need to be removed for collection the following week.

Compliance is important, because the end market for recyclables has been drastically reduced. China is restricting the type and quality of recyclable materials they will accept, and a high percentage unacceptable and/or contaminated material is set out by customers that needs to be rerouted to a landfill.

SORT Smarter than EMPTY- CLEAN- DRY

- **Sort** materials, placing only accepted recyclable material into cart.
- **Empty, Clean, Dry.** Bottle caps should be screwed back onto plastic bottles, and should never be thrown into the cart separately as they damage sorting machinery.
- **When in doubt, throw it out!**

For questions regarding a specific item, please visit Republic Service's "All in One" webpage @: www.republicservices.com/all-in-one-recycling?tab=local#recyclables

OOPS!

We noticed non-recyclables in your container.

To our valued customers: Unfortunately, we were unable to service your recycling container today as scheduled, due to the contamination of non-recyclables placed in your container. Please remove those from your recycling container and place into your waste container so we can provide your recycling service on your next scheduled service date. If you have any questions please contact us at 847.981.0091.

- Trash (non-recyclables)
- Paint
- Food waste
- Yard waste
- Furniture
- Home improvement waste
- Tires or automotive parts
- Other _____

Please make sure your recyclables are **empty, clean and dry** before placing them in your recycling container.

AND REMEMBER... WHEN IN DOUBT, THROW IT OUT!

What can **ALWAYS** be placed inside your recycling container

- PLASTICS**
Plastic bottles and containers.
- METAL CANS, ALUMINUM FOIL AND ALUMINUM FOIL PANS**
Recycle all food and beverage metal cans - steel, tin, bi-metal and aluminum.
- CARDBOARD, NEWSPAPER AND MAGAZINES**
You can also include newspaper inserts, catalogs, paperback books, phone books and brochures.
- PAPER CONTAINERS AND CARTONS**
Recycle food boxes including juice boxes, ice cream and paper milk containers and cereal and pasta boxes (remove inside bags).
- PAPER**
Recycle envelopes, office paper, junk mail, greeting cards and file folders. Shredded paper should be put in a paper bag.
- GLASS**
Recycle brown, green and clear glass.

Empty.

Clean.

Dry.

Please make sure your recyclables are **empty, clean and dry** before placing them in your recycling container.

Septemberfest 2018 – A 45-Year Tradition

The 45th annual Bloomingdale Septemberfest started under cloudy skies. We all wished for no rain and luckily, we got our wish! The parade kicked off at 11 am from DuJardin School and was led through the town by the Bloomingdale Veterans of Foreign Wars ending in Old Town. The parade included floats, cars, trucks, walkers and even horses.

Mayor Franco Coladipietro welcomed the crowd and thanked everybody for coming out to this special day in Bloomingdale. Mia Figueroa from the Bloomingdale School of Music sang the National Anthem while members of the VFW raised the flag.

Next came the 2018 Joe Draghi Septemberfest Scholarship winners. The Septemberfest Commission gave out four \$1000 scholarships. Congratulations to Shana Abraham, Chloe Dwyer, Jessica Angel and Ed Verven for winning those scholarships. Bloomingdale Bank and Trust, True Group, Inc and the Bloomingdale Lions Club each donated \$1000 towards the Scholarship Fund; the remainder was donated by the vendors, car show owners, private citizens and Friends of Septemberfest. Thank you all.

Third Street was filled with vendors who provided everything from jewelry, women's clothes, sports memorabilia, blankets, bed sheets, bonsai trees and toys. Your hunger could be satisfied by the food vendors who offered everything from burgers, brats, pizza and tacos and of course, desserts of ice cream, elephant ears, cookies and cupcakes.

The Car Show was filled with 89 magnificent vehicles. Vintage, classic, muscle and pony cars, street rods and even a rare 1975 Ferrari Dino 308GT4 made up the Car Show this year. Every year one car owner receives the Marilyn Zaccardi Award. This year the award went to Ronn Pittman for his beautiful 1950 Hudson Commodore 8. Ohh, one can only dream of owning one!

Septemberfest is not complete without stage entertainment. The afternoon brought entertainment from Bloomingdale School of Music, Bloomingdale Park District, Center Stage, Bloomingdale School of Ballet and Kane the Canine. Going into the evening we enjoyed music from Shades of Blue, Hillbilly Rockstarz and Wedding Banned.

Many thanks need to go out to everybody who made the 2018 Septemberfest possible. The Bloomingdale Police and Fire Departments, the Park District and the Public Works Department for making this day a success. The members of Septemberfest Commission: Justin DiSalvo, Tana Engel, Mitch Frumkin, Marilyn Johnson, Joy Klinowski, Kelly Lancaster, Susan Lancaster, Debbie Pasiewicz, Dan Vitacco; the Liaisons: Stan Poplonski, Liz Serruto, Ken Lindhorn, Sergeant Bruce Mason, Trustee Vince Ackerman and Jennifer Sassano (Village Hall). A huge thank you to each of you for all the time, work and energy you bring to Septemberfest.

To Mayor Franco Coladipietro and the Village Board, a big thank you for supporting the Bloomingdale Septemberfest.

Vivi Frumkin, Septemberfest Chairman.



37th Annual Lancer Holiday Craft Fair

A holiday tradition for nearly four decades the Lake Park Holiday Craft Fair, brings together the local community and crafters for a day of holiday cheer. This year nearly 100 crafters will display and sell gift items on Saturday, December 1 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the West Campus Field House. Adult admission is \$2.00; children and senior citizens are free. For more information, contact the Student Activities Office at (630) 295-5313.

Winners Named in Bloomingdale Cup & Junior Golf Classic

This summer, the Bloomingdale Golf Club hosted its inaugural Bloomingdale Cup and Junior Golf Classic, which were both successes. Here are the names and scores of the Bloomingdale winners.

Bloomingdale Junior Golf Classic Tournament

16 - 18 Age Group Winner - Girls Winner: Marisa Lerario (Bloomingdale) - 93

8 - 11 Age Group Winner (9 Holes) Om Sawant (Bloomingdale) - 44

Bloomingdale Cup Tournament

Championship Flight & Overall Winner: Jon Escondo (Bloomingdale) - 75

A. Flight Champion: Jason Kazmierczak (Bloomingdale) - 78

Net Score Champion: Kurt Kupitz (Bloomingdale) - Net 71



Jon Escondo

Bloomingtondale Fire Protection District #1



'Look. Listen. Learn.'

Fire Prevention Week is October 7-13

As Fire Prevention Week is October 7 to October 13, the Bloomingtondale Fire Protection District and the National Fire Prevention Association (NFPA) encourage residents to "Look. Listen. Learn."

What does that mean? Today's home fires burn faster than ever. In a typical home fire, you may have as little as one to two minutes to escape safely from the time the smoke alarm sounds. Knowing how to use that time wisely takes planning and practice. The firefighters in Bloomingtondale have teamed up with the NFPA -- the official sponsor of Fire Prevention Week -- to promote this year's Fire Prevention Week campaign, "Look. Listen. Learn. Be aware. Fire can happen anywhere," which works to educate the public about basic, but essential ways to quickly and safely escape a home fire.

NFPA statistics show that the number of U.S. home fires has been steadily declining over the past few decades. However, the death rate per 1000 home fires that are reported to fire departments was 10 percent higher in 2016 than in 1980. "These numbers show that while we've made significant progress in teaching people how to prevent fires from happening, there's still much more work to do in terms of educating the public about how to protect themselves in the event of one," said Lorraine Carli, NFPA's vice president of Outreach and Advocacy. "This is particularly critical given the increased speed at which today's home fires grow and spread." Carli also notes that although people feel safest in their home, it is also the place people are at greatest risk to fire, with four out of five U.S. fire deaths occurring at home. That over-confidence contributes to a complacency toward home escape planning and practice.



Battalion Chief Richard Kurka says this year's "Look. Listen. Learn." campaign highlights three steps people can take to help quickly and safely escape a fire

- Look for places fire could start.
- Listen for the sound of the smoke alarm.
- Learn 2 ways out of every room.

While NFPA and the Bloomingtondale Fire Protection District are focusing on home fires, these fire safety messages apply to virtually anywhere. "Situational awareness is a skill people need to use wherever they go," said Battalion Chief Kurka. "No matter where you are, look for available exits. If the alarm system sounds, take it seriously and exit the building immediately."

For more information about fire safety, contact Battalion Chief Richard Kurka at 630-894-9080.

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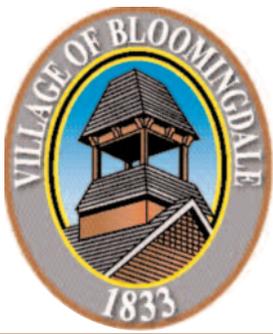
While born and raised in the area, Greg started in the fire service as a volunteer for the Hyattsville



Fire Department in Maryland. He brought his expertise to the suburbs and eventually served Bloomingtondale for the rest of his career. Greg was a founding member of the training committee in Bloomingtondale, led efforts to document and share commercial building layouts and their hazards, and has been a student and educator of the fire service for his entire career.

Greg will use his free time to pursue more education while sharing his knowledge in mathematics as an adjunct professor at an area community college. The BFPD publicly thanks Lieutenant Myers for his generous service and wish him well on his next step.





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Septemberfest 2018



The 2018 Joe Draghi Septemberfest Scholarship Recipients

This year's scholarship candidates all had remarkable qualifications and the competition was tight. The most impressive trait they all had in common is the level of volunteerism and community service.

Shana Abraham is a 2017 graduate of Lake Park High School. She is currently a second year student attending Duke University in Durham, North Carolina. She is pursuing a Public Health major and hopes to work in Global Health. She was represented by her dad.

Jessica Angel is a 2018 Lake Park High School graduate who will be attending the University of Illinois majoring in Political Science and International Business. Her ultimate dream is to attend law school and become a human rights attorney for the United Nations.

Chloe Dwyer is a 2018 graduate of Lake Park High School. She will be attending Illinois State University where she will study Nursing and Spanish. She plans to work in a hospital setting as a critical care nurse before becoming a paramedic and flight nurse.

Edmund Verven is a 2018 Lake Park High graduate. He is very happy to be continuing both his academic and football careers at Elmhurst College. He has already begun his journey toward an Accounting major by taking two accounting classes while in high school. He plans to become a CPA.

Bloomingdale can be very proud of these young adults.



Front row: Shana's father, Jessica, Chloe, and Edmund. Back row: Mayor Franco, Trustees Judi Von Huben & Patrick Shannon





Bloomington Public Library

News & Events



Calling gamers of all ages: you won't want to miss this epic celebration! Turn to the Teen Scene section for more information.

Saturday, November 11
11:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Commemorative Brick Map Now Available

Thanks to the hard work of our teen volunteer, Veronica Luna, you can now find a complete map of all the commemorative bricks that have been purchased.

To view the map, or learn more about our commemorative brick program, please visit our website at www.mybpl.org/brick.

Holiday Fun at the Library



Wear your Halloween costume and enjoy free games, free refreshments, balloon artists, and more!



Keep the kids busy with our fun lineup of Thanksgiving Week events! Turn to the Kids Corner section for details.



Holiday fun for the whole family! Join us for the Tree Lighting at 6:45 p.m. then come inside for fun and refreshments.

101 Fairfield Way
630-529-3120 www.mybpl.org
Monday - Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Friday & Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
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Closed at 5:00 p.m. on Weds. November 21 & closed all day on Thurs. November 22 for Thanksgiving.

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On the Same Page is a joint community read program between the Bloomingtondale Public Library, Itasca Community Library, and Roselle Public Library District. Join us in October as we explore and celebrate this year's book with special events at each participating library.

Pick up a brochure to find a full list of events at each library, or visit www.mybpl.org/OTSP or more information.

Special Events at Our Library

Exploring Native American Culture Through Oral Traditions, Music, and Food

Tuesday, October 2
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Dressed in traditional Ojibwa regalia, author Kim Sigafus will share her knowledge of many aspects of Native American cultures. Brought to us by the Illinois Humanities Road Scholars Speakers Bureau.

Western Style: The Art of Remington, Russell, and Catlin

Thursday, October 18
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

In this slide lecture, art historian Jeff Mishur discusses key paintings and sculptures by Charles Russell, Frederic Remington, and George Catlin and relates them to the larger context of American art.

Facts & Legends of the Old West

Monday, October 22
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

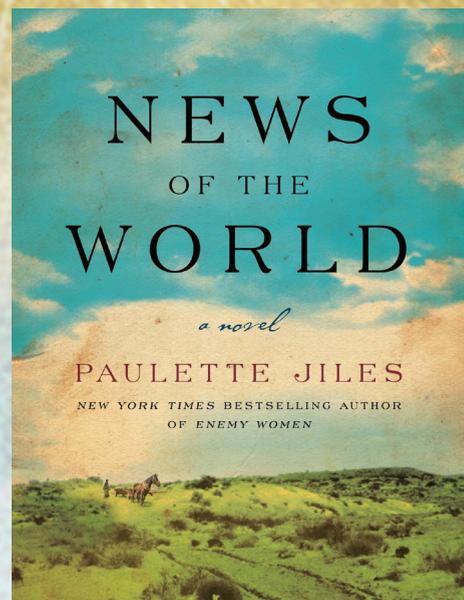
Dr. Brian Moran, professor of History at College of DuPage, will discuss the history, culture, and identity of the Kiowa, Native Americans who moved across the Great Plains, and share some facts and legends of the Old West.

Leather Lariat & Boho Macrame Necklaces

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

Learn to make Southwestern-inspired necklaces using leather, bronze, and rope. *Limit 20. Registration opens October 1.*

 = Registration required.



About the Book

This adventurous historical fiction novel takes place during the aftermath of the Civil War in the unforgiving terrain of Texas. Captain Jefferson Kyle Kidd, an aging itinerant news reader, agrees to transport a young captive of the Kiowa tribe back to her relatives in San Antonio.

Their 400-mile journey south through unsettled territory proves difficult and dangerous.

What transpires is a journey through 1870 Texas and an enduring relationship that develops between Kidd and the young girl. The novel explores the boundaries of family, responsibility, honor, and trust—a story readers will not want to put down.

News of the World was a 2016 National Book Award finalist and was nominated for many literary awards the year it was published.

Monday Night Page Turners Book Discussion (Drop-In)

News of the World by Paulette Jiles

Monday, October 15
7:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Adult Programs

 = Registration required. Register for programs online at www.mybpl.org, at the Adult Services Desk, or by calling (630) 924-2730.

Book Discussion Groups

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

Historical Book Group (Drop-In)

Eruption: The Untold Story of Mount St. Helens by Steve Olso

Tuesday, October 2
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

The Price of Greatness: Alexander Hamilton, James Madison, and the Creation of American Oligarchy by Jay Cost

Tuesday, November 6
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Monday Night Page Turners (Drop-In)

News of the World by Paulette Jiles

Monday, October 15
7:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Dear Life by Alice Munro

Monday, November 19
7:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Romance Readers Book Club (Drop-In)

Meet at Jimador Mexican Restaurant in Bloomington and enjoy free chips and salsa.

A Princess in Theory by Alyssa Cole

Tuesday, October 30
7:30 - 8:30 p.m.

The Christmas Room by Catherine Anderson

Tuesday, November 20
7:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Upcoming Programs

Our Lady of the Angels School Fire 60th Anniversary

Monday, November 12
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Historian Jim Gibbons offers a presentation on the 1958 tragedy in which 92 children and 3 nuns perished in the fire at Our Lady of the Angels school in Chicago.

Pie Party!

Tuesday, November 13
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Go beyond pumpkin pie this season! Learn about the history of different types of pies at this fun glimpse into the past, led by cookbook collector Amy Alessio. Taste samples and leave with ideas from vintage cookbooks and recipes!

DIY Pool Noodle Holiday Wreaths

Monday, November 19
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Create a fun holiday wreath decorated with ornaments in all shapes and sizes. *Limit 20. Registration opens October 1.*

Drop-In Movie Matinee

We'll supply the popcorn! Enter for a chance to win a copy of the movie on DVD. *Must be present to win.*

Chappaquiddick

Wednesday, October 24
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
PG-13 1 hr 41 min

Overboard

Wednesday, November 14
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
PG-13 1 hr 52 min

Ongoing Events

Tai Chi (Drop-In)

Fridays, October 5 & November 2
10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Slow movement, meditation, breathing, and balance.

Bloomington Seniors' Club (Drop-In)

Tues., October 9 & November 13
11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Play cards and meet other seniors who share your interests!

Scrabble Club (Drop-In)

Thurs., October 11 & November 8
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

All skill levels are welcome!

Great Decisions

Weds., October 17 & November 14
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

This discussion program is a civic education program administered by the Foreign Policy Association. Participants read a relevant chapter on a particular foreign policy issue, available in the Great Decisions briefing book, and discuss at the meeting.

Genealogy Club (Drop-In)

Thurs., October 25 & November 15
6:30 - 8:45 p.m.

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

eBook Help

Need help getting started with eBooks, audiobooks, or digital magazines? Contact the Reference Desk at 630-924-2730 to schedule a 45 minute appointment.

Kids Corner

For Babies, Toddlers, & Preschoolers

Get Ready for Kindergarten 
Ages 4-5
Wednesdays, Oct. 10 & Nov. 14
1:30 - 2:15 p.m.

This monthly program will help prepare children with the skills necessary for kindergarten.
Presented by Kumon of Bloomington.

LEARN with LEGOs for Preschoolers 
Ages 3-5
Tuesday, October 23
11:00 - 11:45 a.m.

Build with LEGOs and build your child's school readiness with stories, learning, and fun.

Time for Toys (Drop In)
Ages 3 months-5 years
w/ caregiver
Fridays, Oct. 26 & Nov. 30
10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Parents with small children can meet and talk with other parents while children play with toys and games.

Registered Storytimes

Romper Rhymes 
3-15 months w/ caregiver
Thursdays, Sept. 13 - Oct. 18
9:45 - 10:30 a.m.

Budding Readers 
16-23 months w/caregiver
Thursdays, Sept. 13 - Oct. 18
11:00 - 11:30 am

Drop-In Storytimes

Family Storytime
All ages with caregiver
Fridays, Sept. 21 - Oct. 19
10:30 - 11:00 a.m.

Limited Storytimes
(Drop-In, Limited to 20 Children)

Preschool Storytime
3-5 years
Tuesdays, Sept. 11 - Oct. 16
10:30 - 11:15 a.m.

Toddler Storytime
2-3 years w/ caregiver
Wednesdays, Sept. 12 - Oct. 17
10:30 - 11:15 a.m.

Community Storytimes

Storytime with a Surprise at Stratford Square Mall (Drop-In)
All ages w/ caregiver
Thursdays, Oct. 4 & Nov. 1
11:00 - 11:45 a.m.

Meet by the Cafe Court and get a treat for being a good listener!

Storytime, Milk, and Cookies at Panera (Drop-In)
All ages
Mondays, Oct. 8 & Nov. 12
9:30 - 10:15 a.m.
Panera Bread on Army Trail Road

Enjoy a special storytime and nibble on some yummy cookies and milk from Panera!



The Donna Beth Froio Foreign Language and Cultural Collection

Our Youth Services department houses a special collection called the Donna Beth Froio Foreign Language and Cultural Collection, which began with a generous donation by Mr. Dominic and Mrs. Barbara Froio in memory of their loving daughter. Each year, we use these funds to purchase foreign language, bilingual, and cultural materials based on the community's interests and needs.

Our latest additions to the collection include *Cycle of Rice, Cycle of Life: A Story of Sustainable Farming* by Jan Reynolds, *Gobi: Una Perrita Con Un Gran Corazón - Bilingüe* by Don Leonard, and *Nu Dang and His Kite* by Jacqueline Ayer. Visit us to explore this enriching and treasured collection!

 = Registration required. Register for programs online at www.mybpl.org, at the Youth Services Desk, or by calling (630) 924-2740.

Registration for Bloomington residents begins Monday, October 1. For non-residents, registration opens one week before each program begins.



Halloween Spooktacular (Drop-In)

All ages, families
Monday, October 29
10:30 - 11:15 a.m.

Trick-or-treat yourself with some Spooktacular stories and boogie to your favorite Halloween tunes with this special story time. Stay for an eerie craft and a special treat!

What to Do During Thanksgiving Week

Bingo Blast (Drop-In)

Grades 1-6
Monday, November 19
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Start your break with some Bingo fun. Collect tokens for each game you win and trade them in for a prize.

Very Potter Party

Grades 3-6
Monday, November 19
6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Get ready for the latest movie release in the Harry Potter universe with some FANTASTIC games, treats, and giveaways!

Make, Take, and Bake

All ages, families
Tuesday, November 20
3:00 - 3:45 p.m.

Each family can make one cookie jar that they can bake or give for the holiday. We'll provide the supplies, you provide the elbow grease and baking skills!

Zoo Tree Ornament Making Party

All ages, families
Thursday, November 15
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

The Library and The Friends of the Library will be sponsoring the Village of Bloomington Community Tree at the Cosley Zoo. Make an ornament for the Friends of the Library tree, then join us at Cosley Zoo on December 1 at 1:00 p.m. to decorate our tree!



Holiday Family Event: Jingle Bell Express (Drop In)

All ages, families
Sunday, December 2
2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Sing-along fun for the whole family! American Eagle Productions presents *Jingle Bell Express*, a fast-paced review of your favorite holiday songs.

Turkey Tales (Drop-In)

Ages 3-6
Wednesday, November 21
10:30 - 11:15 a.m.

Move to music and hear stories that celebrate turkeys and being thankful, followed by a Thanksgiving craft.

Make It Take it (Drop In)

All ages
Friday, November 23
11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Stop by on your day off school and make a special seasonal craft.



Breakfast & Brunch with Santa Tickets Go On Sale Monday, November 5!

Tickets are sold in the Business Office. Cash or check only.

Kids Corner

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Learn Something New

Build a Project with Little Bits

Grades 3-5
Thursdays, Oct. 11 & Nov. 8
4:30 - 5:15 p.m.

Build and invent electronic gadgets with Little Bits! We'll walk you through the basics and build a project together. Provided through a generous donation from the Friends of the Library.

How Does it GLOW?

Grades K-2
Thursday, October 18
4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

How do things glow? From glow sticks to special paint, we will investigate how glow works with crafts, experiments, and games.

Critical Thinking Workshop

Grades 1-6
Saturday, November 3
1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

This interactive workshop is designed to enhance students' critical thinking skills and prepare for exams such as MAP, PSAT, and PSAT. Presented by Eye Level Learning of Bloomington.

Financial Literacy Storytime

Ages 4-8
Tuesday, November 6
4:30 - 5:15 p.m.

This unique storytime helps children learn about money and savings. Presented by the Illinois State Treasurer's Office.

Tasty Treats

How Much Candy (Drop-In)

All ages
October 12 - October 18

Take a guess at the amount of candy in our display case. The closest guess wins a prize!

Kitchen Kids

Grades 3-5
Wednesday, Oct. 17 & Nov. 14
4:30 - 5:00 p.m.

Come practice kitchen skills and make easy, kid-friendly snacks and treats! Please notify Youth Services if your child has dietary restrictions.

Let's Taco Bout Books! (Drop-In)

Grades K-2
Monday, October 22
4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Read fun books, do crafts and activities, and enjoy a taco-themed treat.

Just for Fun

Dino-vement

Ages 3-5
Friday, November 9
10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

It's Dino-vement and our play area dinosaurs are on the loose! Come play with them, then check the Library's Facebook throughout the month to see what kinds of shenanigans they've been up to.

Let's Make Something

Halloween Make It Take it (Drop-In)

All ages
Monday, October 8
11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Stop by on your day off school and make a special craft to celebrate Halloween.

Doodlebugs

2-3 years old with caregiver
Monday, November 5
11:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Little fingers will experiment with painting, gluing, sticking and creating, while developing fine motor skills.

Craft Room Clean Out (Drop-In)

All ages
Wednesday, November 28
4:30 - 6:00 p.m.

Our craft room is bursting at the seams! Come and get creative with our overflow of craft supplies.

Happy Birthday, Snoopy!

Grades K-2
Thursday, November 29
4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Celebrate all things Snoopy in honor of Charles Schultz's birthday.



Teen Scene

 = Registration required. Programs open to grades 7-12 unless otherwise noted. Register at the Adult Reference Desk, online at www.mybpl.org, or by phone at (630) 924-2730.

Featured Programs

TAB: Teen Advisory Board (Drop-In)

Thurs., October 18 & November 15
6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Make your voices heard! Join us monthly and 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!

Meet Me at the Movies: *Fantastic Beasts: The Crimes of Grindelwald*

Friday, November 23
Meeting Time TBA

Movie tickets and snacks will be provided. We will meet at Cinemark Century Stratford Square. *Limit 10.*



Game Night (Drop-In)

Thursdays, October 11 & 25 & November 8
6:00 - 8:30 p.m.

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.

Let's Make Something

3D Print Club (Drop-In)

Weds., October 24 & November 28
6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Curious about 3D printing? Learn how to create your own designs and print them out! We'll cover all the basics and show you how the 3D printer works. No experience necessary!

String Art

Wednesday, November 14
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Create a colorful design using string and push-pins!

Ace Your Tests!

Stressing about taking the ACT or SAT? Take a full-length practice test to ward off test day jitters and see how you may score and 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!

SAT Practice Test

Saturday, October 13
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

ACT Practice Test

Saturday, November 17
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

After-Hours Dungeons and Dragons

Ages 13 and up
Friday, October 26
3:00 - 8:45 p.m.

Dungeons and Dragons Club is meeting after-hours! Join us for a Halloween-themed campaign, snacks, and more.

Dungeons and Dragons Club (Drop-In)

Ages 13 and up
Thursdays, November 1 & 29
6:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Looking for someplace to run your D&D campaign? Grab your twenty-sided die, enjoy some snacks, and embark on an adventure. Newbies and long-time players are welcome.



(Drop-In)

All ages

Saturday, November 10
11:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Calling all gamers: it's time to play! Play board games, video games, or collectible card games, make game-related crafts, play life-size games, or compete in our video game tournament!



Computer Classes

 = Registration required. Register at the Adult Reference Desk, online at www.mybpl.org, or by phone at (630) 924-2730.

Learn Microsoft Office

Excel 1

Monday, November 5
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

Learn the basics of Excel: formatting spreadsheets, sorting data, using functions, and more.

Excel 2

Monday, November 12
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

This class covers more advanced topics in Excel such as formulas, graphs, and linking between multiple worksheets.

Excel 3

Monday, November 19
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

Explore more advanced formula, formatting, and graphing techniques.

Using Your Computer

Getting Started: Windows 10

Thursday, October 11
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Charlie

Get a basic understanding of Windows: using the desktop, understanding files, installing new programs, and more.

Virus/Spyware Protection

Thursday, November 1
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Daniel

Explore how viruses, spy-ware, pop-ups, and other malicious programs can cause problems on your computer and learn ways to avoid and remove them.

Classes For Seniors

In these friendly, introductory classes, we'll give you lots of guided hands-on practice and time to ask questions.

Seniors Course: Session 1

Tuesday, October 30
2:00 - 3:30 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

Learn about word processing and the basics of dealing with Windows.

Seniors Course: Session 2

Tuesday, November 13
2:00 - 3:30 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

We'll explore browsing the web, email questions and concerns, the cloud, and avoiding viruses.

Seniors Course: Session 3

Tuesday, November 20
2:00 - 3:30 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

Get familiar with tablets and smartphones. Bring your own device, or borrow one of the library's iPads.

Introduction to Web Design

Designing Web Pages With HTML

Thursday, November 8
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Daniel

Learn how to create basic web pages using HTML code. We will cover topics like inserting text, links, pictures, and background colors, as well as more advanced design topics as time allows. No experience necessary.

More Tech Topics

Internet Course: Google Docs

Monday, October 15
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

Google provides a number of free cloud applications perfect for safe storage or collaboration with friends, family, or colleagues. Learn the basics of working with these tools to create, edit, and share documents.

VHS to Digital

Thursday, October 18
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Charlie

Have some old tapes you'd like to be able to watch on a DVD player or share online? Learn to use library equipment to digitize VHS tapes.

iPhone Basics

Monday, October 29
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Sean 

Learn to download and run apps, configure your settings, play your music, take and share photos, and more.

Creating a Web Site

Thursday, November 29
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Daniel

This class will pick up where Designing Web Pages With HTML left off. Learn how to acquire web space online, transfer files to the Internet, weave together multiple pages to make their web sites more efficient and easier to understand, and cover more advanced HTML topics.



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FREE!

**October 12, 6-8PM
@ Springfield Park**

Gather family and friends and enjoy an evening full of fun fall festivities.

The first 100 children (ages 12 and younger) to pre-register receive a free gift the day of the event.

Code: 105605-A1

Activities Include:

- DJ
- Entertainment
- Hayrides around the park
- Arts and Crafts
- Smore's
- Facepainting
- Slide
- Pony Rides
- Climbing Rock Wall
- And much more!

Holly Jolly Trolley

**December 14-15
@ Roselle Metra Station**

Code #104604 A1-C2 | \$15/\$20 (R/NR)

Option 1:	Option 2:	Option 3:
Date: Dec. 14	Date: Dec. 15	Date: Dec. 15
Check in: 7:00PM	Check in: 8:45AM	Check in: 10:45AM
Boarding: 7:31PM	Boarding: 9:18AM	Boarding: 11:18AM
A1=Red Car	B1= Red Car	C1=Red Car
A2=Green Car	B2=Green Car	C2= Green Car

*Ride is approximately 1 hour



FREE! Make a Difference Day

**October 20, 9AM-12PM
@ Springfield Park**

Make A Difference Day, organized by Wolff Construction of Roselle, and supported by the Bloomingtondale Parks Foundation, includes cleaning up trash, clearing invasive plants and vegetation, seeding native plants and vegetation, and more.

Contact Joe Potts at joe@bloomingtondaleparks.org or (630) 339-3576 to volunteer and/or for more information.

Thank You



Old Town Festival of Lights

November 30 - December 31

@ Old Town Park

Programming and entertainment

Holiday Show at the BPD Museum

The popular LEGO exhibit returns with nine freight and/or passenger trains racing around the track. Kid crafts, Elf on the Shelf and complimentary refreshments are part of every holiday Museum experience.

Museum Hours (Nov. 30 – Dec. 30)

- Thursdays: 6-8:30PM
- Fridays-Saturdays: 6-9PM
- Sundays: 1-4PM

Bloomingtondale Park District Horse-drawn Carriage Rides

Cruise the lights and sights of Old Town Park's Festival of Lights on an old-fashioned carriage ride. Rides are FREE and seat a maximum of two adults and four children.

Bloomingtondale Park District Train Rides

Kids enjoy a FREE train ride underneath the Old Town Park Pavilion. No registration is necessary.

Village of Bloomingtondale Kris Kringle Market

Inspired by the Christkindlesmarkt in Nuremberg, Germany, which began in 1545, the Village of Bloomingtondale's Kris Kringle Market features local vendors and a unique shopping experience to Old Town Bloomingtondale.

Chamber of Commerce Old Town Ice Sculptures

Check out the various holiday-themed ice sculptures sponsored by local businesses located throughout Old Town Bloomingtondale. Maps are available at the Chamber of Commerce.

Chamber of Commerce Holiday Gift Bags

Pickup one of 300 reusable shopping totes full of inserts, coupons, giveaways and more at the Lighting Ceremony November 30.

Pan American Bank & Trust Santa Claus & Live Reindeer

Visit Pan American Bank and Trust on the corner of Lake & 3rd streets for Santa Claus and Live Reindeer 4 to 7 p.m., November 30. The bank will also provide hot cocoa and goodie bags.

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STRATFORD SQUARE MALL



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Lighting Ceremony

Nov. 30 @ 6:30PM

Old Town Park and the Village's Holiday Tree on the piazza will be simultaneously lit up with the giant switch!



P.A.A.R.C. (Purely Active Adult Recreation Club)

Looking for something to do Friday mornings? Drop in at the Bloomingtondale Park District Museum 10 a.m. to noon every Friday for a FREE activity or event. Experience something new, socialize or maybe just relax. Cards and games are always 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@bloomingtondaleparks.org or 630-339-3572.

Location: Museum

FREE!

October 5 - Scrabble Day

Challenge your PAARC friends to a friendly game of Scrabble – the original crossword game.

October 12 - Farkel Party Friday

Challenge your PAARC friends to a game of Farkel.

October 19 - Arts & Crafts Day

Supplies will be provided for participants to create a Halloween-themed craft.

October 26 - Social and Movie Day

Devour our FREE popcorn and soda while watching our featured Friday film. Contact Nicole for movie title.

November 2 - National Jersey Day

On National Jersey Friday, everyone has the unique opportunity to wear their favorite player's jersey to PAARC Friday. Gear up and celebrate Jersey Friday!

November 9 - Bingo Day

Four corners or cover all? Choose your favorite style and take turns being the bingo caller for PAARC bingo day.

November 16 - Arts & Crafts Day

Supplies will be provided for participants to decorate a fall-themed craft.

November 30 - Coffee & Chat

Catch up with your PAARC friends and enjoy a cup of coffee.

December 7 - Social and Movie Day

Devour our FREE popcorn and soda while watching our featured Friday film. Contact Nicole for movie title.

December 14 - Arts & Crafts Day

Supplies will be provided for participants to make a winter-themed craft.

