

Bloomingdale Cares Community Fund

The Village gratefully acknowledges the following community-minded businesses which 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.



Holiday Spirit Begins in Old Town



Beginning November 30, 2018, the Festival of Lights returns for the sixth straight year in bigger and brighter fashion. Pedestrians and motorists alike are treated to a sparking display of holiday lights and sights in Old Town Park and Old Town Bloomingdale through New Year's Eve.

It also marks the third annual lighting of the giant Village Christmas Tree in the piazza. When Mayor Franco and Bloomingdale Park Board of Commissioners President Buzz Puccio throw the giant switch at 6:30 p.m., Old Town will come alive, ablaze with color and light!

The popular LEGO exhibit returns with nine freight and/or passenger trains racing around the track in the Park District Museum. Holiday crafts, Elf on the Shelf, scavenger hunts, games, snow art (weather permitting) and complimentary refreshments are part of every holiday Museum experience. Open 5 – 9 p.m. on Nov 30. (See other hours on p. 4)

The Bloomingdale Chamber hosts an open house from 4-5:30 p.m. at 104 S. Bloomingdale Road. Get your map of the Chamber-sponsored ice sculptures throughout Old Town. Visit the Chamber's table in the piazza around 6 p.m. for one of 300 reusable shopping totes full of inserts, coupons, giveaways and more. Stop by the Bloomingdale Library's booth for freshly popped corn.

Pan American Bank reprises its "Home for the Holidays" event from 4-7 p.m. on the corner of Lake and Third Streets. Santa, his Elves and live reindeer will be on hand. Stop in for some cocoa and treats. See p. 13 for details.

Park District Horse-drawn Carriage Rides are offered 5:30-8 p.m. Rides are FREE and seat a maximum of two adults and four children. (con't on p. 4)

Festival of Lights 2018

Beginning at 6:30 p.m., holiday magic returns to our beautiful Old Town, bigger and brighter than ever with new elements. The Park's Museum features the Lego exhibit, plus crafts, games and Elf on the Shelf. Check out Pan American Bank's Santa above.



Bloomingtondale Veterans Memorial Post Office Building Dedication

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

2nd & 3rd Monday in December
7 p.m. – Village Hall

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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

2nd & 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

SEPTEMBER FEST 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. Bloomingtondale Road



The dedication of the Bloomingtondale Veterans Memorial Post Office building (108 W. Schick Rd) took place on Thursday, Nov 8 at 10 AM. Our post office was recently designated as the Bloomingtondale Veterans Memorial Post Office through the passage of H.R. 4574, sponsored by Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi. The dedication ceremony officially unveiled the new plaque located within the post office. The Bloomingtondale VFW participated with a presentation of the colors. Pictured above are all of the veterans in attendance with Congressman Krishnamoorthi. The plaque reads "This building is named in honor of Bloomingtondale Veterans by an act of Congress Public Law 115-213, July 24, 2018."

Stay in Touch

E-News is a great way to keep up with timely information on news in Bloomingtondale, 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 holiday activities for the little ones.



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.villageofbloomingtondale.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 Bloomingtondale 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

Thank you to Terry Spradling for her breathtaking photograph of the lights surrounding the gazebo at the corner of Bloomingtondale Road and Fairfield Way.

A Message from Mayor Franco

Yes, it is my favorite time of the year again! But first, I want to reflect on some of the changes we have seen this year. We have enjoyed another year of fiscal growth, commercial expansion, improvements to infrastructure, and most importantly, continued community spirit and enthusiasm! One of the most noticeable improvements is the continued renovation of our Lake Street corridor. With the construction of the new Dunkin' Donuts and Lucky Dogs at the Lake Street/Circle Avenue intersection, we are getting closer to realizing the commercial and aesthetic vision of our Lake Street redevelopment plan. Also, next year will bring the demolition of the old Connie's building and a reconfiguration of the Portillo's drive-thru with additional parking. Spring will welcome the kickoff for the hardscape and landscape elements of our Lake Street Streetscape.

Development remains robust and many new businesses have opened all around town this year. From new additions such as Tide Cleaners, M Salon and Aspen Dental at Army Trail Road and Gary Avenue, to Open Air, I Love Kickboxing and Taco Maya in Springbrook, as well as The Skate Room, Bumpte Fashions for Moms and Babies, and 25 West Brewing Company in Stratford Square. There's also 2/20 Fitness, Healthy Air Heating & Air and Dapper Crown Real Estate on North Bloomingdale Road, as well as Alcentro Trattoria and Wolfden Brewery in Old Town and Nino's Pasta in Covington Corporate Center. The two housing developments near Stratford are enjoying a new flurry of activity as work has resumed at Springfield Pointe and Bloomingdale Walk under the developers, North Mark Homes and Pulte respectively.

A quick note on Indian Lakes-the proposed developer has not filed any additional plans or requested a hearing regarding their proposed development. We will keep you posted as soon as we have any information to report.

And now...my favorite seasonal topic! You may have seen our Public Works employees decking even more trees with lights over the last several weeks. The Bloomingdale Christmas light extravaganza is in full swing! This year the Village will be alight with more Christmas lights in more places, spreading the holiday spirit. Kicking off the Christmas festivities is the third annual Christmas Tree Lighting on November 30, marking the beginning of the month-long Festival of Lights held in Old Town Bloomingdale. When the switch is pulled at 6:30 p.m., Old Town Park and the Village's giant Christmas tree on the Piazza will be lit simultaneously! Check out the front page of this Almanac to learn about the additional activities slated for Old Town that evening, as well as the Park page with their schedule of activities.

Please "Keep the Cheer Here" by buying in Bloomingdale when you are shopping for the holidays. Keeping your sales taxes in the Village builds a stronger local economy. Did you know that 50% or \$8.63 million of the Village's General Fund's total revenues come from sales taxes? Our businesses, including our locally owned independents, are the lifeblood of our economy! Shopping in town also keeps our businesses here. Please, please support our local businesses when you can, as opposed to purchasing online. Many stores will match online prices, i.e., Best Buy. I'm an online shopper when I can't find the product locally. The sales tax you pay online does not come back home to Bloomingdale; it goes to the State. So this year, let's "Keep the Cheer Here."

From the Coladipietro Family to your Family - Warmest Wishes for a Joyful Holiday Season.

Mayor Franco



VFW Post 7539 Heads Up Hurricane Relief Effort #2

This is the second time in two years that the Bloomingdale VFW Post 7539 took on the task of collecting clothing and supplies to help victims of a catastrophic hurricane. In September 2017, it was for the communities devastated by Harvey. This September into October, it was the Carolinas and Hurricane Florence.

Stratford Square stepped up again to let the organization use the vacant JC Penney store. A list of necessary items was posted all over social media and shared in our area and the surrounding communities.



Bloomingdale collection site



St. Paul, North Carolina recipients

The residents of our wonderful community did not disappoint as by the end of the fourth week they filled 12 pallets! The VFW members felt it was a great start to help their fellow Veterans and their families begin to get their lives back together.

VFW members Bill Wolff and Ron Metty drove the rented truck to VFW Post 8969 in St Pauls, North Carolina. They were met by Post Commander Mickey Briggs who, along with his VFW members were very grateful. One of the veterans commented that their own county couldn't help them, but Illinois came through!



Storm Drain Medallion Project

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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This fall the Village of Bloomington Public Works Department, along with several community school districts, partnered with SCARCE on The Storm Drain Medallion Project.

This is a small-scale project that educates citizens not to dump waste of any kind down storm drains as they connect directly to our rivers, streams, and lakes. The bright colored medallions that adhere to the curb of a storm drain read "NO DUMPING! DRAINS TO RIVER" as well as a Spanish equivalent "¡NO CONTAMINE!"

Public Works Staff installed the medallions around Village facilities and key high traffic areas while local schools selected key areas near their buildings. The Village has obtained additional medallions from SCARCE to allow other community groups to get involved in the effort.

If your organization would like to participate, contact the Public Works – Utilities Division at (630) 671-5833. For more information on the Storm Drain Medallion Project or other SCARCE programs and events visit www.scarce.org

Holiday Season Arrives (con't from p. 1)

Park District Train Rides for the little ones from 5:30-8 p.m. Enjoy a FREE train ride underneath the Old Town Park Pavilion. No registration is necessary.

The Kris Kringle Market has expanded this year and will feature Simple Treasures (handmade holiday décor), Mary's Crafts (hand-painted ornaments), D's Treats (cupcakes, cookies, hot beverages), Aracely's Bakery from Farmers Market (Tamales, bread, muffins, pop, water), Alcentro Trattoria (mini pizzas, sandwiches) and Wolfden Brewery will host the "Roaming Hog" food truck fusion of Mexican, Thai and Chinese) outside of the Brewery.

Holiday Show & Museum Hours (November 30 - December 30)

Thursdays: 6-8:30 p.m.; Fridays: 6-9 p.m.; Saturdays: 6-9 p.m.; Sundays: 1-4 p.m.

It's a great family night! Santa is waiting to see you! Happy Holidays!



Enjoy Your Live Christmas Tree . . . Then Dispose of It at the Curb

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

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



Christmas tree pick-up begins the week of Tuesday, January 2 and ends Friday, January 25, 2019.

Yard waste stickers are not required for Christmas tree disposal.

Here's What You Need to Know About Winter 2019 Salting Operations

The November weather has been chilly enough to remind us that the snow and ice cannot be far off. So here are some reminders about the salting procedures. **Keep in mind, in all areas each storm will dictate the amount of material placed down.**



Main Village Roads . . .
(Brighton Drive, Butterfield Drive, Byron Avenue,

Camden Drive, Cardinal Drive, N. Circle Avenue, Covington Drive, Edgewater Drive, Euclid Avenue, Fairfield Way, Fox Court, Glen Ellyn Road, Greenway Drive, Knollwood Drive, Madsen Drive, Schick Road, Scott Drive, Springfield Drive) will be treated using salt dosed with liquid calcium chloride.

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

Winter Salting Operation Intersections . . . will be treated 100 feet adjacent to each intersection using salt dosed with liquid calcium chloride.

Hills and Curves . . . will be treated 50 feet adjacent to hazardous areas using salt dosed with liquid calcium chloride.

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

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

What if a Snowplow Damages My Mailbox?

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

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



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

The Village of Bloomingdale will again be offering Expanded Weekend Dial-A-Ride hours during the holiday season from Saturday, November 24 through Sunday, December 30, 2018.

Hours are Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sundays, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. There is no Dial-A-Ride service on Christmas Day or New Year's Day.

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

Bloomingdale's Weekend Dial-A-Ride one-way rates are: \$3.00 for Adult Residents, \$1.50 for Village residents with a disability, Village senior citizens (age 65 & older) and for students. Children (under age 7) when accompanied by a fare-paying adult are free.

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

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

Wintertime Q & A

Winter Phone Numbers

Village of Bloomingdale Snow Phone (630) 671-5800

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

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

Call this number for non-emergency general information.

Bloomingdale Fire District - Emergency 911

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

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

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

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

Information Tollway Roadway Information Line

800-865-5394 or 800-TOLLYFI

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

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



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

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

What if a Snowplow Damages My Parkway?

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

Why Does My Driveway Get Plowed In?

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

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

Who Do I Call About Snow Removal Operations?

Questions regarding snow removal should be directed to the Public Works Division at 630-671-5800.

Garbage Pickup Holidays

Refuse and recycling collection will be pushed back by one day, the weekdays following the Christmas and New Year's Holiday.

From
Wed 12/26 – Fri 12/28
Wed 1/2 – Fri 1/4

To
Thurs 12/27 – Sat 12/29
Thurs 1/3 – Sat 1/5

Safety Alert - Solicitation Scams

The holiday season is upon us and many feel charitable toward others this time of the year. Although you may want to spread the "good feelings" to those in need, the Bloomingdale Police Department wants to alert the public about suspicious activities occurring around commercial areas of our town.



Individuals have approached citizens and asked them for money to purchase gasoline for their vehicles or to purchase a meal. They claim that their car ran out of gas, that they have no other way to get back home, or that they have not eaten in quite some time. This ruse has taken place in front of business entrance ways and in the parking lots as citizens are entering, exiting, or sitting inside their vehicle. Incidents have occurred in Bloomingdale Court (near Walmart), the Springbrook shopping area – Lake Street, Stratford Crossings (near Mariano's) and Stratford Square Mall.

These individuals have asked citizens for money ranging from \$4.00 - \$10.00 to help their cause. Some have been quite persistent in their request for financial help. In some cases, the solicitors have another person with them who is waiting inside a vehicle.

The Bloomingdale Police Department strongly discourages citizens from getting involved with such matters and to notify the police department if someone asks for assistance.

Although, many of you may want to lend a hand to others in need, it would be better to play it safe and get help for the situation. There are unscrupulous individuals who will say or do anything for a buck. Note: Donations to any charity/organization should be verified as legitimate worthwhile causes and their donation procedures fully explained.

Please be alert and aware of your surroundings at all times and contact store personnel, security officers and/or local police departments regarding any and all suspicious persons and activity. If you have any questions or concerns about this or any other crime prevention information, please contact Officer Dawn Odoi (630) 529-9868.

Neighborhood Watch: Keep Your Holiday Season Happy and Safe

- Hold your purse close to your body and keep it in front of you.
- Place your wallet, money, etc. in your front pants pocket.
- Don't display large amounts of cash to others.
- Take only the appropriate amount of money, credit cards, or checkbook for the shopping you are conducting.
- Teach children to go to a cashier if they are lost.
- Be careful when giving out your credit card or when using an ATM facility.
- Place all valuables in your trunk. Anything in plain view may be taken.
- Keep your receipts.
- If possible, do not shop alone. If you are alone, do not hesitate to have an attendant or security officer escort you to your vehicle if you do not feel safe.
- Park in well-lighted, busy areas. Consider the time of day or evening that you will be doing your shopping.
- Look around and inside your vehicle before opening your vehicle.
- Any problems, notify the security department or the police department.



Chuck Lovely Honored with Triad Award



Police Department Volunteer and resident Chuck Lovely received the Annual Triad Award for his committed service to the Bloomingdale Police Department since April 2014. It was presented to him by Kane County Sheriff Don Kramer.

The Illinois State TRIAD's goal is to bring together committed public safety personnel, legal representatives, elderly rights advocates and senior citizens for crime prevention and safety education throughout Illinois.

2019 Neighborhood Watch Meetings

January 9th
March 13th
May 8th
September 11th
November 13th

All Neighborhood Watch General Meetings are held on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Hall Council Room.

Tuesday,
August 6,
2019 –
National
Night Out
Against
Crime event.



There is no meeting in July.

Holiday Giving Opportunities

A 40-Footer!



This year the beautiful pine tree for the official tree lighting in the Old Town Piazza was graciously donated by Woodland Windows, located at the southeast corner of Lake Street and Gary Avenue. The 40-foot tree is located on Woodland's property directly west of the showroom on the west side of Gary.

The tree used to grace the front entrance of the Lake Street School, circa 1920s. Its name was changed to the Keeneyville School in 1950 until it closed in the 1990s. Sadly it was demolished a number of years later. The tree has remained a nostalgic reminder to former Keeneyville students.

When the switch is thrown at 6:30 pm on November 30, the giant tree will be ablaze with breathtaking color and lights, a final tribute to the stately landmark and a lasting memory through family holiday photos.

Each year many residents look for opportunities to help others less fortunate during the holiday season. Here are some of the local opportunities to share the spirit of the season.

Please be An Angel by joining together with the Village of Bloomingdale Employees this upcoming holiday season in support of the Salvation Army's Angel Tree benefiting infants (newborn to 24 months) with teen Moms and preschool age children (ages 2 to 5) attending Salvation Army's Red Shield Head Start program. Each Angel Tree tag indicates the gender, age and gift desired by each child. Tags will be available the week of Thanksgiving.

If you're interested in participating and would like a tag, please e-mail Barb Weber at weberb@vil.bloomington.il.us or call 630-671-5613, (indicating gender/age preference, if you have one), and a tag will gladly be sent to you.

Bloomington Township Sharing Tree – Last year Bloomington Township helped make the season brighter for more than 800 children in Bloomington Township. Names & wishes of local needy youngsters, as well as residents of convalescent and nursing homes are on the Sharing Tree, located at the Township Transportation Building, 123 Rosedale Road, now through Friday, December 14. Wrapped gifts must be returned by Friday, December 14.

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



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

Olive Garden, 332 W. Army Trail Road

Marklund Philip Center, 164 S. Prairie Ave.

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

Bloomington VFW Post 7539 – Bloomington VFW Post 7539 is putting together holiday packages for our troops who are still far from home. The VFW notes it is best to drop off any donations early in December so that the Post can get the packages packed and mailed from the post office to arrive in time for the holidays. Items can be delivered to the Bloomington Fire Station at 179 S. Bloomington Road seven days a week, between the hours of 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Please enter on the south side of the building and ring the doorbell.

ITEMS NEEDED FROM THE TOP TEN LIST:

- Peanut butter (20 oz. or less) & jelly (20 oz. or less; plastic only)
- Crackers (standard 14.4 box) to put peanut butter or tuna on
- Canned fruit, canned pasta, ready to eat soups CRITICAL
- Beef jerky/Slim Jims (troops love this) CRITICAL
- Nuts in a 20 oz. or less plastic container
- Coffee (tea bag style of coffee or packets such as from a hotel, 1 # ground coffee), hot chocolate, tea bags, etc.
- Unscented baby wipes, toilet paper
- Pringles (in a tall canister)
- Mints, spices in plastic jar, individual mayo packets (sold in a box at Costco, Sam's, etc.)

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



Time to Disconnect Hoses & Shut Off Water to Exterior Spigots

In December, sub-freezing temperatures are occurring more frequently. If you haven't done it yet, now is a good time to disconnect your garden hoses and turn off the water supply inside your house (if shut-off valves are present) to exterior hose spigots.



Leaving a hose connected to a spigot during sustained periods of sub-freezing temperatures, (even if the water is off), can cause the hose bib to crack. Due to the construction of typical hose bibs, you may not become aware of the leak until the next time the hose is used. Attending to this simple maintenance activity in the fall, will save you from the burden of replacing a cracked hose bib next spring.

Nicor Gas to Install Device to Collect Homeowners' Natural Gas Usage Information

Nicor Gas has plans to install a small, two-way communication device on existing natural gas meters at local homes and businesses in Bloomingdale this fall. The device will collect natural gas usage information and securely send it to Nicor Gas.

Installations will be performed by Grid One Solutions, working on behalf of Nicor Gas. Grid One Solutions workers will have appropriate identification.

The installation will take approximately 10 to 15 minutes and will not interrupt natural gas service. As long as the contracted workers can safely access the natural gas meter, property owners do not need to be present for the installation.

For more information about the Nicor Gas Meter Modernization program, visit <http://nicorgas.com/residential/meter-reading> and click on "Meter Modernization" on the home page. Or call Grid One Solutions at (855) 333-4347.

Cross Connection Control Survey

Reminder - Customers of the Village's drinking water system are required to complete the Cross Connection Control Survey by the December 31st, 2018 deadline. This survey requires your Village water account number and manufacturer's information of any existing cross-connection control devices at your location. You can find it on the Villages website - at www.villageofbloomingdale.org. Search for "Cross Connection Control Survey." If you have any questions please contact Elias Vega, Water Production Supervisor at 630-671-5851.

Village Hall Holiday Closings

The Bloomingdale Village Hall will be closed for the holiday on the following dates:

Christmas: Monday, December 24 & Tuesday, December 25

New Year's: Monday, December 31 & Tuesday, January 1, 2019

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



Avoid Ruptured Water Pipes This Winter

Here are a few ways to prevent water pipes from freezing during extreme cold snaps in winter:

- Seal cracks in doors, windows and foundations. Small openings can create a concentrated blast of air that can quickly freeze pipes.
- Make sure that all rooms in the house that have plumbing fixtures are heated. Water pipes in unheated rooms can freeze, rupture, and cause extensive water damage.



- Consider installing pipe insulation around the water pipes. Local hardware stores carry the proper type of insulation for this task. Remember to check the insulation to make sure it is not wet. Wet insulation is worse than no insulation.
- Advise all family members where the main water shutoff valve is located (usually near the water meter) in case of emergency.
- Open cabinet and closet doors so that warm air can circulate around the pipes.
- Allow cold water to trickle through the faucets at the highest part of the house to prevent water from freezing in the pipes.

If pipes freeze, NEVER thaw frozen pipes with an open flame. This is a fire hazard.

- Use hot air from a hair dryer, the exhaust from a vacuum cleaner, heat lamps, heat tape, or electric heaters to thaw a frozen pipe.
- Consider using the heat from a light bulb to thaw pipes slowly. Be sure to keep the bulb away from combustible material to avoid starting a fire.

Bloomingtondale Chamber Sponsors Best of Bloomingtondale 2019

The third annual Best of Bloomingtondale will take place on Thursday, March 7 at the Bloomingtondale Golf Club. This signature event was designed by the Bloomingtondale Chamber to recognize outstanding members of the business community. This competition reaches beyond the chamber and into the community, requesting nominations and incorporating a voting component to augment judging in the selection process. The Best of Bloomingtondale culminates with an award dinner to recognize the winners; recognition of nominees and award recipients will continue throughout the year.



The Bloomingtondale Chamber of Commerce will be seeking nominations for the Best of Bloomingtondale 2019 from December 3 through December 28. Forms will be available on the Chamber website www.bloomingtondalechamber.com Rules for nominations can also be found on the Chamber's website. If you would like to make more than one nomination, please complete a separate nomination form for each of your nominees.

Nominees who meet the initial qualifications of the program will be sorted into categories. The selection process will incorporate the results of two concurrent activities: an internal evaluation by a Chamber awards committee and a popular vote.

The list of the finalists for each category will be available on Wednesday, January 8, 2019 on the Chamber website (www.bloomingtondalechamber.com), as well as in the E-News. You will also find the list of Rules for Voting in both places. Online voting is open January 8 and concludes at midnight on Thursday, January 31, 2019.

Please contact the Bloomingtondale Chamber of Commerce with questions or for more event information and sponsorship opportunities at: www.bloomingtondalechamber.com, 630-980-9082, or info@bloomingtondalechamber.com

Chamber Has New Leader

The Bloomingtondale Chamber of Commerce proudly introduces its new President/CEO, Cindy Alltson who began on October 29. Cindy comes to the chamber after serving five years as the Membership Director for the DuPage County Bar Association, adding Executive Director of the DuPage Bar Foundation for the last two+ years. Her various experiences, including budgeting, planning & marketing events, member acquisition and retention, as well as extensive networking, are great assets for the Chamber position.



Prior to DCBA, Cindy was the Development Manager of Western DuPage Special Recreation Association (WDSRA) where she ran fundraisers, annual appeals and networked in the various communities. Now working in Bloomingtondale, Cindy says she is looking forward to getting out and meeting people; she has missed being part of a community.

Cindy is active in her community of Carol Stream, volunteering with various non-profits and enjoys spending time with her husband and two sons. We join the Bloomingtondale Chamber in welcoming her.

The Chamber also thanks Jane Hove for filling in as Interim Director and helping with the transition.



The Bloomingtondale Business Beat

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

**Remember -
BUY IN BLOOMINGTONDALE**

Welcome to These New Businesses

Taco Maya
162B E. Lake Street

La Senza
348 W. Army Trail Road

1 Nino's Pasta (Nino's Pasta)
170 Covington Drive

Club Pilates
383 W. Army Trail Road

Go Calendars
Stratford Square

Rhea Lana's Resale
156 S. Gary Avenue

25 West Brewing Co.
Stratford Square

Preferred Electric Moves to Bloomingdale

For more than 40 years, Preferred Electric has remained Chicagoland's premier source for turnkey electrical design and installation that's superior to the industry standard. Tony Mulizio, Bloomingdale resident since 1973 and electrician by trade, became an owner of the company in 1999.



Michael, Tony, Anthony

Preferred Electric earned a reputation of excellence by providing uncompromising service and value to all of its clients. As a single source provider for both electrical and low voltage services, Preferred Electric works directly with its clients to design, build and implement the most efficient and reliable electrical systems. Their markets include commercial, industrial, health care, mission critical, and structured cabling.

In addition, Preferred Electric's Green Initiative has been moving at full speed for years. Renewable energy systems like solar and wind, lighting retrofits, and EV Chargers are just a few of its capabilities.

In October of 2013, Tony's sons Anthony and Michael, joined him as partners in Preferred Electric. Now in their late 30s, early 40s, the young men are handling the day to day operations of the business, as Tony is entering his retirement years. It is exciting that the "boys" from Bloomingdale are relocating the business from Roselle to 110 Ridge Avenue in Bloomingdale, the site where two other Bloomingdale family businesses thrived – Economart (Geils) and Signs by Tomorrow, now ER2 (Schellerer).

The Mulizios expect the new office to be up and running by the end of the year. For more information about Preferred Electric, to learn more about its services, or possible career opportunities, visit their website preferred-electric.com

1 Nino's

Nino's Family Legacy began in 1969 when Adelina Ciccone opened a candy shop in Bellwood, Illinois. As sales were slow, she began selling her homemade pasta as well. In no time, she was hand preparing her recipe for Raviolis by hand, 300 a day. At a very young age Gaetano spent many hours with his mother learning her recipes and producing quality pasta products.



Nino's Pasta ravioli

In 1990 Gaetano took over the business with a vision for expanding the customer base to larger food service companies and independent and major retail grocers. The void in the market for a higher quality product was now being filled by the Nino's line of "Quality is the Difference" products.

Now Nino's Pastas - filled pastas, unfilled standard pastas, pasta entrees and specialty entrees are all being manufactured and packaged right here in Bloomingdale in Covington Corporate Center. In Bloomingdale, one of the stores that carry Nino's Pasta is Chicago Pastry.



Taco Maya Opens in Springbrook Shopping Center

Taco Maya, 162B E. Lake Street, is a delightful new addition to Springbrook Shopping Center. Owner and Chef Patricio Elizondo is from Guanajuato, Mexico and grew up in Mexico City. He has been cooking for 28 years and has two more locations in the suburbs. The dishes he serves at Taco Maya are his own original authentic recipes and are a unique fusion of Mexican cultures and flavors.



Chicken burrito with rice and black beans

Taco Maya boasts a wider variety of menu items than you would usually find in other similar eateries. You can find everything from appetizers, such as elotes and guacamole, to salads, burritos, tacos, enchilada dinners, tortas and fajitas. They also have a kids menu and delicious desserts!

Patricio features a number of Specialty Tacos, including grilled steak, Mahi Mahi fish, shrimp and chile relleno. Taco Maya also offers catering for office luncheons or home parties. They are open seven days a week, so you can check out the menu in person or visit their website www.tacomaya.com.

Community Events

Nominations Being Accepted for Georgene Geils Business Woman of the Year Award

The Bloomingdale Area Women in Business (BAWIB) is seeking nominations beginning December 3 and continuing through January 18, 2019 for the Georgene Geils Award.

This award is named for prominent local business woman Georgene Geils (1928-2011), who was a forerunner in the movement of professional women, known for mentoring through her involvement in the community and within her own business.

For information about the characteristics and qualifications sought for this award, as well as a nomination form, visit www.bloomingdalechamber.com or call 630-980-9082.

The winner will be introduced by the Bloomingdale Area Women in Business at the Best of Bloomingdale event, slated for March 7 at the Bloomingdale Golf Club. For more information on the Best of Bloomingdale event, see p. 10 in this Almanac issue.



Kathy Maycut, a Broker Associate at ReMax All Pro in Bloomingdale, was the recipient of the 2018 Georgene Geils Business Woman of the Year Award. (Pictured with Mayor Franco.)

Lions Hosting Spaghetti Dinner on February 8

The Bloomingdale Lions Club hosts its annual winter Spaghetti Dinner on Friday, February 8 from 5-8 p.m. at Bloomingdale Golf Club, 181 Glen Ellyn Road. The cost is \$10 per person; children eight and under eat free. Proceeds from raffles and dinner will benefit visual and hearing impaired persons in the community, as well as other needs. For more info or tickets, contact Karen Vitale at kvitale6174@sbcglobal.net or Stan Poplonski at 630-461-1283.

The Lions are also rolling out the tickets for a repeat of their "We Serve" Raffle. Only 200 tickets will be sold for \$100 each. The top prize is \$5,000, with nine more cash prizes being awarded. Proceeds will help fund community programs, help provide vision and hearing tests for all residents and much, much more.

The drawing will take place at the Lions annual Steak Dinner in May.

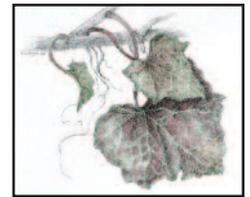
Bloomingdale Garden Club

January 15 – Annual Business Meeting: The annual business meeting will be held with the executive board and standing committee members. Agenda Items include elections, charitable endeavors, annual plant sale and programs for the year and new business.

Visitors are welcome. Social Time: 6:15 p.m. The Business Meeting starts at 6:45 p.m. at St. Paul Church, 118 First Street in Bloomingdale. Visit www.bloomingdalegardenclub.org or contact bloomingdalegardenclub@gmail.com for more information.

Bloomingdale Artist Association Upcoming Meetings

Watercolor Winter Colors - January 9, 2019: Learn how to capture the greens of pine boughs and ivy as well as the lingering fruits of the previous season. Artist Suzanne Wegener will demonstrate in watercolor and gouache. Try your hand at painting a winter treasure after the presentation.



Nautical Oil Painting Demo & Auction – February 13, 2019: Eric Nils Forsberg is a classic marine artist, an oil painter in the spirit of some of the great maritime artists of the 20th century. He will demonstrate the creation of a nautical oil painting. Following Eric's demo, his painting will be auctioned to a lucky winner!

There is a \$10 visitor/materials fee for each program which meets at 7 p.m. at the Bloomingdale Park District Museum, 108 S. Bloomingdale Road. Contact Bev at bpetrosius@gmail.com or 630-624-9545 for details.

Helping Hurricane Victims



After receiving a copy of Bloomingdale VFW's list of many items needed by the victims of Hurricane Florence, the students from St. Walter school held a collection for the Relief Effort. They gathered items ranging from baby diapers to clothes to bottled water. This is not the first time they have helped the VFW with a cause. The school population yearly participates in the organization's ongoing project to send care packages to our troops still far from home.

Celebrating a Great Harvest

At the end of another very successful season of growing and harvesting fresh vegetables - and flowers - from the Bloomingdale Community and Giving Garden, several gardeners and friends enjoyed a "Baked Potato Bash" to celebrate.

The Community Gardens tended by the Bloomingdale Garden Club, the Roselle Park District Garden Club and Master Gardeners donate fresh vegetables on a weekly basis to the Bloomingdale Food Pantry. Many of the private citizens with gardens also donate their excess produce to the food pantry.

The yield again this year was most impressive and all of the gardeners enjoyed celebrating their hard work and the final harvest. They are already looking forward to next year!!



LIHEAP Assistance

With cold temperatures just around the corner, DuPage County Community Services will accept applications for the annual Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) from Oct. 1 until May 31, 2019, or until funds are depleted. Eligible families are encouraged to take advantage of the program. For more information, DuPage County residents may call (630) 407-6500, (800) 942-9412 (toll-free) or visit www.Dupageco.org

37th Annual Lancer 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.

Lake Park Educational Foundation Hosts Night of Fine Dining

On Friday, December 14, 2018, the Lake Park Educational Foundation hosts an exciting evening of fine dining and theatre at Lake Park's East Campus. Guests will enjoy an elegant winter tasting menu prepared by Lake Park culinary students and reserved seating for the holiday play, *Almost Maine*. Guests can also bid on a wide array of silent auction items throughout the dinner. For more information on donating a silent auction item or attending the event, please visit www.lphs.org/foundation or email rw Wyatt@lphs.org.

Coffee with a Cop

October 3rd was the third annual National Coffee with a Cop day. Members of the Bloomingdale Police Department partnered up with the staff from our Lake Street Starbuck's from 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm. A few members of the police department volunteered to suit up and work behind the counter to process orders at the counter and drive-thru window.



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Friday, November 30th
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Around and About Town

2018 Make a Difference Day at Bloomingdale Park District

Forrest Rackmyer and the team from Pizzo and Associates discussed the plans for and benefits of the wetland improvements at Springfield Park with the more than 70 participants who took part in Make a Difference Day on October 21.



Make a Difference Day working on the wetlands at the park is once again thanks to the generosity of Bill and Natalie Wolff and Wolff Construction.

Wolff Construction has adopted this annual day of service at Springfield Park for a number of years. This year, participants helped gather and spread native plant seeds, pick up litter, remove invasive plants, and replace boards on the board walk through the wetlands.



The event and the improvements were also sponsored by the Illinois Clean Energy Grant Program.

2018 American Youth Character Award Winners



The Bloomingdale CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition's annual Celebration Night was held on Tuesday, October 2 in Old Town Park. This year's theme was the Pillar of Fairness. The evening kicked-off with the Presentation of Colors conducted by the Bloomingdale VFW Post 7539, followed by the Westfield Middle School Chorus and Band's performance of "My America". The evening included the presentation of the 2018 American Youth Character Awards.

Pictured are the 2018 American Youth Character Award Winners with their nominating officials, left to right: (Coach Ralph Cardone, Bloomingdale Lightning), **Joseph Mangold**, (Principal Mark Dwyer, DuJardin), **Cameron Klinetobe**, Village Trustee Frank Bucaro, (Principal Cyndi Collins, St. Isidore), **Dali Paladino**, (Principal Patrick Haugens, Erickson), **Michael Gervasio**, **Julia Kozlowski**, (Asst. Principal Nicole Gabany, Westfield Middle), (Principal Shari Lazor, Winnebago) and **Sarah Favela**.

To view photographs of the evening and to learn more about CHARACTER COUNTS!, please visit the Bloomingdale CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition Facebook page.

Lions Help Warm Soles

In keeping with the annual community-based sock drive called Soctober, the Bloomingdale Lions Club collected 241 pairs of socks in all categories - men's, women's, kids' and youth at their October meeting. The collection

was presented to Deyana Matt, the Westfield Middle School art teacher, who locally spearheads this national sole warming movement. Last year, nearly 12,000 pairs of new socks were distributed to nearby agencies serving the needy.



50 Men Who Cook and Divas Who Dish Winners



Professional winner:
Hell's BBQ



Appetizer winner:
Eagle Falls Dentistry

The Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce's 10th annual 50 Men Who Cook And Divas Who Dish was another great success. The culinary talent (including some professionals) prepared 50 of their best dishes and the multi-course competition ensured none of the more than 230 attendees walked away hungry.

The event raised funds to support the Chamber of Commerce, as well as benefit health and wellness programs at area schools. Each of the three school districts received \$1500 to support their programs.

1st PLACE Winners

Professional - Hell's BBQ - Brisket & Chicken Tacos by Keith Richards & Noemi Rios

Appetizer - Beef Tenderloin Crostini by Tanya Szatkowski & Shelli Corbin, Eagle Falls Dentistry

Entrée – Grilled Pizza by Dominick Gattuso

Side Dish - Short Rib Mac n Cheese by Seth P Lewis & Kurt Preble

Dessert - Cakeballs by Stan Poplonski, Bloomingdale Lions Club

Thank You for Your Service to Our Country and Community!

Bloomingdale VFW Post 7539 held its annual November 11th Veterans Day service at 11 a.m. at the gazebo near the Bloomingdale Library.



Post 7539 was also the recipient of a National Outstanding Community Service Award this year.



Bill Wolff Named One Of Illinois BiCentennial 200 Veterans

The Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs and the Illinois Bicentennial Office announced the recipients of Bicentennial HONOR 200, honoring the work of 200 veterans who continue to make extraordinary contributions to the people of Illinois. Fifty-year plus resident Bill Wolff is among those honored.

Fellow Bloomingdale Lion Sue Crosson-Knutson nominated Bill for the prestigious honor earlier this year. She began her submission by saying the first time she interviewed Bill for her column in the weekly Press Publication was right after the 911 attacks in New York. That October, he traveled to New York as a volunteer. She notes, "I learned quickly that Bill is the kind of person who runs into burning buildings to save others." Anyone who knows Bill would fully agree.

Sue included a list of 32 Awards and Recognitions, 18 examples of Volunteer Service, seven Leadership Initiatives; 32 years of Public Service as a firefighter (20 years as the Assistant Fire Chief), and three years of military service.

Nominees were evaluated based on their achievements, and on the extent to which their contributions have aided, benefited and provided inspiration to their community at large. All the Honor 200 recipients have been invited to attend the state's official 200th birthday celebration at the United Center in Chicago on December 3, 2018.

Governor Rauner said "We are proud to honor these 200 men and women as part of our Bicentennial celebration. Their service didn't stop when they took off their uniforms. They continue to be heroes among us by going above and beyond the call of duty to take care of the people in their communities."

Bloomingtondale Fire Protection District #1



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Shawn Flood
Joseph Zeno

James Jackson, Sr. Appointed New Deputy Fire Chief



James Jackson, Sr. was recently hired to serve as the new Deputy Fire Chief for the Bloomingtondale Fire Protection District. James

has spent the last two years as a Certified Field Service Assessor and Fire Service Consultant with the Illinois Fire Chiefs. Prior to that he served with the Downers Grove Fire Department for thirty years, serving as Fire Chief for his final eight years there.

James is a Field Staff Instructor for the Illinois Fire Service Institute, former president of the DuPage County Fire Chiefs Association, and is a certified Chief Fire Officer with the Illinois State Fire Marshal. He has a Bachelor's Degree in Fire Service Management from Southern Illinois University and an Associate's Degree in Fire Science Technology from Joliet Junior College.

Please join us in welcoming James to the Bloomingtondale Fire Protection District team.

Winter Fire Safety:

Use care with space heaters, electrical cords & candles

As winter approaches, it is important to remember that the winter months are especially hazardous. The Bloomingtondale Fire Protection District and The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) urge residents to take extra fire safety precautions this winter. According to NFPA, December, January and February are the leading months for home fires. Cooking is the leading cause of home structure fires and home fire injuries. Smoking is the leading cause of home fire deaths. Heating ranks second in home fire deaths overall, but in one- or two-family dwellings it is the leading cause.



The Bloomingtondale Fire Protection District and NFPA recommend the following key fire safety tips:

- **Watch your cooking**
Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling, or broiling food. If you must leave, even for a short time, turn off the stove.
- **Give space heaters space**
Keep fixed and portable space heaters at least three feet from anything that can burn. Turn off heaters when you leave the room or go to sleep.
- **Keep matches and lighters out of reach**
Keep matches and lighters up high, out of the reach of children, preferably in a cabinet with a child lock.
- **Inspect electrical cords**
Replace cords that are cracked, damaged, have broken plugs, or have loose connections
- **Be careful when using candles**
Keep candles at least one foot from anything that can burn. Blow out candles when you leave the room or go to sleep.
- **Have a home fire escape plan**
Make a home fire escape plan and practice it at least twice a year.
- **Install and test smoke alarms**
Install smoke alarms on every level of your home, inside bedrooms and outside sleeping areas. Interconnect smoke alarms throughout the home. When one sounds, they all sound. Test smoke alarms at least once a month and replace batteries once a year or when the alarm "chirps" to tell you the battery is low. Replace any smoke alarm that is more than 10 years old.
- **Install carbon monoxide alarms**
Install CO alarms in a central location outside each separate sleeping area and on every level of the home and in other locations where required by applicable laws, codes or standards. For the best protection, interconnect all CO alarms throughout the home.

The Bloomingtondale Fire Protection District is dedicated to your safety and well-being. For more information about home fire safety or other topics, please contact Battalion Chief Richard Kurka at 630-894-9080.





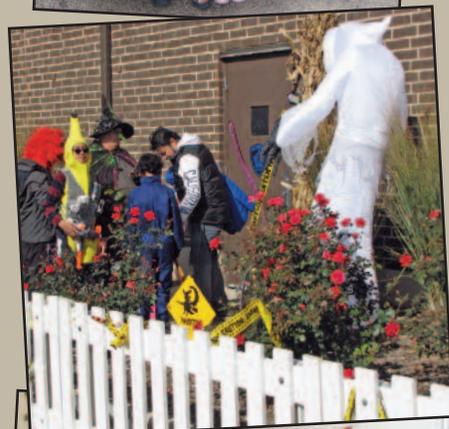
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Community Halloween

The 2018 Community Halloween Party/Open House event held on the Village Campus on October 20 was another success. Youngsters enjoyed all the activities offered by the Police Department, Fire Protection District, Public Works Division, Park District and Public Library. Thanks to all staff who participated; and a special thanks to the volunteers from the Neighborhood Watch and Senior Citizen Advisory Committee members. Donations from Mori Milk and Bloomingdale Hair Cuttery were appreciated by the Police Department. A great time was had by all!



When in Doubt, Throw it Out (in a trash can)



Do you flush items down the toilet which shouldn't be? Do you know that flushing these items can cause serious problems at our treatment facility? Do you know what items are meant for flushing and what items are not?

If you're not sure, follow a simple rule: If it is not human waste or toilet paper, it should not be disposed of in the toilet. The cost of both drinking water and wastewater go into a water bill. When crews have to respond to unclog a pump or unclog a lift station or worst-case scenario, replace them, the cost is passed down to everyone who gets a water bill.

We need to educate people about what can and can't be flushed. Today our sanitary sewer systems and treatment facilities nation-wide are taking the hit. Wet wipes and other disposable sheets seem so harmless. Just flush them down the toilet and they magically disappear, right? Wrong. Unlike toilet paper, some contain plastic and other nonsolubles that render them "nondispersible," the wastewater industry's term for material that doesn't dissolve quickly in water. Instead of disintegrating, they settle in gravity sewer mains or get tangled in pump impellers. Some companies market them as "flushable," "biodegradable," and "safe for sewers and septic systems," but this isn't the case. Many are not dissolvable in water.

People assume it's OK to flush household and personal care products, conveniently delivered via the single-use sheet, down the toilet. In fact, some actually think that's better than throwing them away because they'd take up valuable landfill space. The fact is that it is not OK.

While toilet paper will break down in anywhere from a minute to four minutes, many wipes will take much longer to disintegrate. The pumps at collection systems that move waste downstream to treatment plants cannot tear them apart. We see pumps that are designed to pump up to half a million gallons a day clogging.

What makes it to the treatment plant?

- 50% paper towels from public restrooms; they get to the treatment plant relatively intact and build up on bar screens
- 25% baby wipes
- 25% feminine hygiene, household cleaning and cosmetic wipes; dental floss and tampon strings wrap around other stuff to create a solid mass of material

Just a short list of items that you "Do not flush"

- Dental floss
- Wipes
- Paper towels
- Contact lenses
- Medications
- Feminine hygiene products
- Kitty litter





Bloomingtondale Public Library

News & Events

Winter Reading 2018-2019:

Hibernate with a Good Book



Bundling up with a good book is a great way to endure the winter cold!

From December 17 - February 8, readers of all ages can enjoy books and earn chances to win prizes.

Adults and teens can sign up in person at the Adult Services desk or online. Infants and children through Grade 6 can sign up at the Youth Services desk.

Keep reading for more details!



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.
Sunday: 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Closed on December 24, 25, 31 & January 1 for Christmas and New Year's

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Adult Programs

Ongoing Events

Tai Chi (Drop-In)

Fridays, December 7 & January 4
10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Slow movement, meditation,
breathing, and balance.

Bloomington Seniors' Club (Drop-In)

Tues., December 11 & January 8
11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Play cards and meet other seniors
who share your interests!

Scrabble Club (Drop-In)

Thurs., December 13 & January 10
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

All skill levels are welcome!

Great Decisions

Wednesday, January 16
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
No Meeting in December.

This discussion program is a civic
education program administered
by the Foreign Policy Association.
Reading selections to be discussed
at meetings are available in the
Great Decisions briefing book.

Genealogy Club (Drop-In)

Thursday, January 24
6:30 - 8:45 p.m.
No Meeting in December.

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.

Featured Programs

Forging a President: How the Wild West Created Teddy Roosevelt

Tuesday, January 8
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Learn how Manhattan-born
Theodore Roosevelt's experience
as a Dakota Territory rancher
and sheriff shaped the course
of his life and led him to
his presidency.

New Year, New You: Spend Smarter This Year

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

Change how you think about
what you spend and learn
to manage your money
differently in order to reach
your financial goals.

How to Get Around with RTA

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

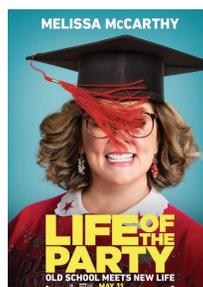
The Regional Transportation
Authority (RTA) will discuss
planning trips, accessibility on
Pace and Metra, safety tips, fare
programs, and local
transit options.

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.*

Life of the Party

Wednesday,
December 12
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
PG-13 1hr 45min



All About Illinois

Music to Commemorate the Illinois Bicentennial

Monday, December 3
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Celebrate our state's history by
listening to the music that shaped
our land and cultures.

Main Street, Illinois

Tuesday, December 4
6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

A memorable and fun-filled tour
of charming Illinois towns, led by
the only person to have visited
and photographed all 2400 of
them during a 30 year project.

Strange & Wonderful Illinois

Monday, December 10
6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

See a slide show of quirky
roadside attractions, unusual
festivals, and surprisingly
beautiful scenery from around
our state while learning some
interesting bits of Illinois trivia,
including how some towns
acquired their names.

Ocean's 8

Wednesday,
January 23
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
PG-13 1hr 50min



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

Performances

Home for the Holidays

Tuesday, December 11
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Heather Braoudakis performs a heartwarming, family-friendly concert that will set the mood for the holiday season.

Joan & Bette, Bette & Joan

Monday, January 28
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Relive the famous feud between Bette Davis and Joan Crawford in this one-woman show, composed and performed by Jillann Gabrielle.

Book Discussion Groups

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

Historical Book Group (Drop-In)

The Man Who Invented Christmas: How Charles Dickens's A Christmas Carol Rescued His Career and Revived Our Holiday Spirits by Les Standiford
Tuesday, December 4
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Andrew Jackson and the Miracle of New Orleans: The Battle that Shaped America's Destiny by Brian Kilmeade
Tuesday, January 8
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Monday Night Page Turners (Drop-In)

Book Sharing Party!
Monday, December 10
7:30-8:30 p.m.

Bring a few faves and flops to share with the group and enjoy some light refreshments.

The Bartender's Tale by Ivan Doig
Monday, January 21
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. No meeting in December.

Mister Hockey by Lia Riley
Tuesday, January 29
7:30 - 8:30 p.m.

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December 17, 2018 – February 8, 2019

Long winters are the perfect time to read! Join our Adult & Teen Winter Reading Challenge for a chance to win an iPad Mini. Sign up in person or online at www.mybpl.org/winterreading.

Here's how you can participate:

Reading prize drawing:

Log one book, earn one entry. All books count!

Challenge prize drawing:

Log one book that fits a challenge, earn one entry.

Read books in different genres and subjects to complete challenges!



Thank you to all who participated in our eighth annual **On the Same Page** series that celebrated 'News of the World' by Paulette Jiles. This program is made possible thanks to our sponsors: Itasca Bank & Trust, Friends of the Bloomington Public Library, Friends of the Roselle Public Library, Rotary Club of Bloomington-Roselle, and Salerno Rosedale Chapels.

Kids Corner

BRAND NEW PROGRAMS!

Homeschool Meetup (Drop-In)

Families

Thursday, December 13
10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Meet other homeschooling and unschooling families as you discover new resources, learn about ways the Library can support your curriculum, and share ideas for improving your family's homeschool experience.

Sensory Time

Ages 3-8 with caregiver

Saturday, January 12
10:00 - 10:45 a.m.

A new monthly program for children with special needs, filled with stories, songs, games, sensory stations, and more!

Please email us at bdys@mybpl.org if your child has needs and interests that we should know to serve them better.

Full S.T.E.A.M. Ahead

Grades K-2

Mondays, January 14 & 28
4:15 - 5:00 p.m.

Each month we will cover a STEAM subject while incorporating fundamental skills of reading, writing, computation, coding, and problem solving.



Community Storytimes

Storytime with a Surprise at Stratford Square Mall (Drop-In)

All ages w/ caregiver

Thursdays, Dec. 6 & Jan. 3
11:00 - 11:45 a.m.

Meet by the Cafe Court. In December, there will be a special storytime with Santa!

For Babies, Toddlers, & Preschoolers

Shapes, Colors, and Letters OH MY

Ages 2-3

Friday, December 7
2:00 - 2:45 p.m.

We will cover all the skills needed for success in school through stories, songs, games, and crafts.

Early Learners

Ages 4-5

Wednesdays, Dec. 12 & Jan. 9
1:30 - 2:15 p.m.

Introduce your early learners to important math and reading skills so they can enter school with a strong foundation. Presented by Kumon of Bloomington.

Learn with LEGOs for Preschoolers

Ages -5

Tuesday, December 18
11:00 - 11:45 a.m.

Build with LEGOs and build your child's school readiness, too!

Time for Toys (Drop-In)

Ages 3 mos-5 years w/ caregiver

Friday, December 21
10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Parents with small children can meet and talk while children play.

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

All ages

Mondays, Dec. 10 & Jan. 14
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!

Registered Storytimes

Happy Books, Happy Cooks

Ages 3-5

Mondays, January 7 - February 4
7:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Romper Rhymes

Ages 3-15 months w/ caregiver

Thursdays, Jan. 10 - Feb. 7
9:45 - 10:30 a.m.

Budding Readers

Ages 16-23 months w/caregiver

Thursdays, Jan. 10 - Feb. 7
11:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Drop-In Storytimes

Family Storytime

All ages with caregiver

Fridays, Jan. 11 - Feb. 8
10:30 - 11:00 a.m.

Limited Storytimes

(Drop-In, Limited to 20 Children)

Preschool Storytime

Ages 3-5 years

Tuesdays, Jan. 8 - Feb. 5
10:30 - 11:15 a.m.

Toddler Storytime

Ages 2-3 years w/ caregiver

Wednesdays, Jan. 9 - Feb. 6
10:30 - 11:15 a.m.

 = 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, November 26. For non-residents, registration opens one week before each program begins.

Holiday Fun

Holiday Family Event: Jingle Bell Express (Drop-In)

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



American Eagle Productions presents Jingle Bell Express, a fast-paced review of your favorite holiday songs!

Fa la la la Family Storytime (Drop-In)

All ages
Friday, December 14
10:30 - 11:00 a.m.

Come get festive with songs, stories, and crafts of the season.

Holiday Family Ornaments (Drop-In)

All ages and families
Thursday, December 20
6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Stop by with the whole family to make some holiday ornaments and enjoy refreshments.

Winter Break Programs

Bubble Blow Out New Year's Eve Party

Ages 2-3 with caregiver
Thursday, December 27
10:30 - 11:00 a.m.

Dance, read stories, and blow bubbles as we count down to our own ball drop!

Winter Break Origami (Drop-In)

All ages
Wednesday, January 2
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Make ornaments, snowmen, or anything else you like using our fancy paper and origami books!

Storytime with a Surprise at Stratford Square Mall (Drop-In)

All ages
Thursday, January 3
11:00 - 11:45 a.m.

Craft Time (Drop-In)

All ages
Thursday, January 3
1:00 - 8:00 p.m. *Expanded hours!*

Winter Break Drop-In Movie: *Incredibles 2*

All ages
Friday, January 4
1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

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

Winter Reading 2018-2019:

Hibernate with a Good Book

December 17, 2018 – February 8, 2019

Infants-Grade 6

Beginning Monday, December 17, you may register in person at the Youth Services desk to receive your information packet and starting prize. Complete your reading log by reading for just three hours!

Turn in your log by Friday, February 8 to receive your final prize and be entered into the Grand Prize Drawing.



Kids Corner

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Amazing Animals

Penguin Parade

Grades K-2
Tuesday, December 11
4:30 - 5:15 p.m.

Chill out with a fun penguin craft! Waddle to the beat while creating an adorable "stuffed" penguin.

Animal Quest (Drop-In)

All ages and families
Monday, January 21
2:00 - 2:45 p.m.

Enjoy the day off school with Steve and Jess Reedy of Animal Quest as they introduce you to a variety of incredible animals.



Let's Make Something

DIY Genius

Grades 3-6
Wednesday, December 5
4:15 - 5:00 p.m.

Explore a mix of fascinating stories, then create your own one-of-a-kind art piece from a variety of ingredients.

Craft Time (Drop-In)

All Ages
Thursdays, Dec. 6 & Jan. 3*
3:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Stop by to make a fun craft. We'll supply all the materials needed. *January Craft Time will be expanded from 1:00 - 8:00 p.m. due to winter break.

Valentines for Veterans

Monday, December 17 -
Thursday, January 31

Children are invited to make Valentine cards for men and women serving in the military and for veterans in Hines Veterans Hospital. Art and card supplies will be available at the Youth Services desk. Stop by and make a card to show how much we care!

Boost Your Brainpower

Build a Project with Little Bits

Grades 3-6
Thursdays, Dec. 13 & Jan. 10
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.

Critical Thinking Challenge

Grades 3-6
Saturday, January 19
1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Eye Level Learning of Bloomingdale presents The Critical Thinking Challenge, where students will be tested on math, word problems, puzzles, and brain teasers. Prizes awarded for 1st and 2nd place for all grades!

Tasty Treats

Kitchen Kids

Grades 3-6
Wednesdays, Dec. 19 & Jan. 16
4:30 - 5:00 p.m.

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

Happy Chocolate Cake Day

Grades K-2
Thursday, January 24
4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Almost everyone loves chocolate! Come find out the science behind chocolate and enjoy some yummy treats.

Oreo Tasting Challenge

Grades 3-6
Tuesday, January 29
4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

What Oreo will reign supreme? A blind taste test of the crazy Oreo flavors will lead us to the best cookie of them all!

TEEN TERRITORY

 = 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.

Make a Difference

TAB: Teen Advisory Board (Drop-In)

Thursday, January 17
6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
No meeting in December.

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!

Let's Make Something

3D Print Club (Drop-In)

Wednesdays, Dec. 26 & Jan. 23
6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Learn how to create your own designs and print them out.

Pop Top Bracelets

Wednesday, January 2
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Make a bracelet by repurposing colorful pop tabs!

Watch a Movie

Meet Me at the Movies: Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse

Friday, December 28
Meeting Time TBA

Movie tickets and snacks will be provided. Meet at Cinemark Century Stratford Square. Limit 10.

Teen Movie Night: The Darkest Minds (Drop-In)

Wednesday, January 16
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Watch the film with us, then stick around for a chance to win a copy of the movie!

Play a Game

Game Night (Drop-In)

Thursdays, December 13 & 27,
January 10 & 24
6:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Join other teens for gaming on our big screens or a tabletop! Check out the new Nintendo Switch, race in Mario Kart 8, battle in Super Smash Bros. or Overwatch, or discover your new favorite board game!

Dungeons and Dragons Club (Drop-In)

Ages 13 & up
Thursday, January 3
6:00 - 8:30 p.m.
No meeting in December.

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

How the Library Can Help You Study From Home

↓ We love it when you have a study session at the Library, but we also know sometimes you'll want to study in your pajamas at home. Luckily, you can tap into our toolbox any time through our website.

Whether you want feedback on a paper before you turn it in or need live assistance with homework or an area of study, **Brainfuse HelpNow** is one of our favorite tools. Their online homework help and writing assistance is available 24/7, and you can even get free online tutoring from 3:00 - 10:00 p.m.!

There's more to explore, so visit our website at www.mybpl.org/homeworkteens and start studying!

Ace Your Tests!

Exam Cram (Drop-In)

Grades 9-12
December 18, 19, & 20
3:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Get ready for finals! We'll provide caffeine, snacks, and ways to destress, as well as group and quiet study areas, Wi-Fi, and computers. Pizza is served at 7:00 p.m.!

ACT Practice Test

Saturday, January 26
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Take a practice test to ward off test day jitters and see how you may score on the ACT. A representative from C2 Education will provide a proctored practice test and contact you with scores and analyzed results. Bring pencils, your calculator, and a snack!



Computer Classes

 = Registration required. Register at the Adult Reference Desk, online at www.mybpl.org, or by phone at (630) 924-2730. Registration opens December 1.

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, January 8

2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

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

Seniors Course: Session 2

Tuesday, January 15

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, January 22

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.

Get Creative

Creating Holiday Cards with Publisher

Thursday, December 6

7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Instructor: Daniel

Students will learn to use Microsoft Publisher to quickly create unique greeting cards. Choosing a card size, inserting pictures, creating fun font designs, and more will be covered in class.

Find the Right Tech for You

Choosing the Right Computer

Monday, December 10

7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

Thinking of buying a new computer for yourself or someone else? Is a tablet, laptop, or desktop computer the best choice? This class will teach you how to decide from the many options available and work through the details of the technical specifications.

Cutting the Cord

Monday, January 21

7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

Explore entertainment options beyond paying for cable. We will discuss how to connect your TV or other devices to streaming services, what options are out there to replace or improve on current service, and how to determine what's right for you.

3D Printing

Thursday, January 31

7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Instructor: Daniel

Ever wanted to learn how to use a 3D printer? You can print objects using our equipment. It's easier than you might think! Come learn how to find free designs on the web, make edits, and print them through www.mybpl.org.

More Tech Topics

Getting Started: Word Processing

Thursday, December 13

7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Instructor: Charlie

Learn how to create and save files, format and edit documents, and more in this beginner's class. Bring your questions!

MS Project

Monday, December 17

7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

Learn to organize, plan, and collaborate with MS Project. Assign resources, track progress, and manage your budget with this Office tool.

Organize & Email with Outlook

Thursday, January 3

7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Instructor: Daniel

Learn how to use email and other Outlook features like calendars, contacts, and more.

Beginners Internet Course:

Cloud Storage

Monday, January 14

7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

Internet-based or cloud tools offer more and more opportunities for computer users. Learn to use one of the many options available to work collaboratively with other people, keep resources available anywhere in the world, and provide a safety net in case of computer failure.



Holiday Show at the Museum

The popular LEGO exhibit returns with nine freight and/or passenger trains racing around the track. Holiday crafts, Elf on the Shelf, scavenger hunts, games, snow art (when weather cooperates) and complimentary refreshments are part of every holiday Museum experience.

Train Ride

November 30 5:30-8PM

Holiday Show & Museum Hours (November 30 - December 30):

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



Frozen Meet and Greet

December 2 | 1-4PM

Stop by the Park District Museum between the hours of 1 and 4 p.m. to meet your two favorite princesses. Activities include crafts, story time, games, photo opportunities and autographs. Activities are held both indoors and outdoors.



Carriage Rides

November 30	5:30-8PM
December 8	6:30-8PM
December 15	6:30-8PM
December 21	6:30-8PM



Outdoor Activities

Candy Cane Hunt	December 9	1-4PM
Snow Art (weather permitting)	December 16	1-4PM

Festival of Lights

November 30 Activities @ Old Town Bloomingtondale

Bloomingtondale Park District Horse-drawn Carriage Rides | 5:30-8PM

Cruise the lights and sights of OldTown 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 | 5:30-8PM

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

Village of Bloomingtondale Kris Kringle Market | 5-8:30PM

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

Chamber of Commerce OldTown Ice Sculptures

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

Chamber of Commerce Holiday Gift Bags

Pick up 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 | 4-7PM

Visit Pan American Bank and Trust on the corner of Lake and Third streets to see Santa Claus and Live Reindeer. The bank will also provide hot cocoa and goodie bags.

Santa on the Piazza | 7-8:30PM

Enter a raffle to win a carriage ride with Santa around OldTown Park.

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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!



SUMMER JOB FAIR

Lifeguards

Cabana Crew

Parks Crew

January 3, 3-6PM
@ Stratford Mall H23

Camp Counselors

Sports Instructors



The Bloomingtondale Park District is hiring! If you're 16 or older, attend the open house job fair for positions in aquatics, day camp, parks and more! This is a one-stop shop for a summer job. Please be prepared for an initial interview. If you have questions or to send your application or résumé ahead of time, please contact Liz at liz@bloomingtondaleparks.org.

SCHOOL'S OUT!

Days Off Of School Program

School's Out! provides endless opportunities for kindergarteners through fifth-graders on days off of school. Each day offers a variety of structured yet relaxed activities for your child to enjoy, including games, sports, arts and crafts, indoor and outdoor playtime, cooking, trips, special events and more! Register online at bloomingtondaleparks.org or in person at the Museum, 108 S. Bloomingtondale Road.

Upcoming Days Off Options

December 26-28; January 2-4, 11, 16, 21



P.A.A.R.C.

Looking for something to do this winter? Drop in at the Museum every Friday for a FREE activity or event. Try a new activity, socialize or maybe just relax. Cards and games are always available along with refreshments.

Location: Museum, 108 S. Bloomingtondale Road
Age: 55+ **Days:** Fridays **Time:** 10AM-Noon

December 7 - Social and Movie Day

Devour our FREE popcorn and soda while watching our featured Friday film.

December 14 - Arts & Crafts Day

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

January 4 - Coffee and Chat

Enjoy a cup of coffee and donuts as you chat with your PAARC friends.

January 11 - National Milk Day

Enjoy a glass of white liquid-nutrient goodness along with cookies for National Milk Day.

January 18 - Yahtzee Day

Shake, rattle and roll with Yahtzee!

January 25 - Social and Movie Day

Devour our FREE popcorn and soda while watching our featured Friday film.