



Village of Bloomingdale

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December 2019

Growth with Pride

Old Town Brew N' BBQ Thank You

The Inaugural Old Town Brew N' BBQ was a success thanks to the sponsors, volunteers, food vendors and breweries, as well as everyone who attended on Saturday, October 12! It was a crisp, fall day with sunny skies and a great time was had at the fundraising event. We had 24 breweries and food vendors participating! More than 350 people came together to enjoy the day and create a sense of community.

Thanks to our Sponsors for the event: Bob Czernek, John Dabrowski, Pan American Bank, GMC Realty - Michael Carr, Huntington Bank - Todd Scholeen, Hovde & Tufo Law, and Franco Coladipietro.

Thank you also to Nick Denning for his generosity! Nick won the 50/50 Raffle and donated his winnings back to the charity Bloomingdale Cares Community Fund.

Christmas Begins in Old Town on December 6



Beginning December 6, 2019, the annual Festival of Lights returns for the seventh year in bigger and brighter fashion. Pedestrians and motorists alike are treated to a sparkling display of holiday lights and sights in Old Town Park and Old

Town Bloomingdale through New Year's Eve.

The date also marks the traditional 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 7:00 p.m., Old Town will come alive, ablaze with

color and light!

Come early, there is so much to do and see before the light show begins. The Bloomingdale Chamber hosts its open house from 4-5:30 p.m. at 104 S. Bloomingdale Road

where you can get your map of the Ice sculptures located throughout Old Town sponsored by local businesses. 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. The Bloomingdale Library's booth will be featuring Popcorn and Candy Canes.

Pan American Bank hosts its Home for the Holidays Event from 4-7 p.m. on the corner of Lake and Third Streets. Visit Santa and the Giant Snow Globe when you stop in for some cocoa and treats.

Open from 5-9 p.m. on December 6, the popular LEGO exhibit returns with nine freight and/or passenger trains racing around the track *(continued on page 3)*

Festival of Lights 2019

Beginning at 7 p.m., holiday magic returns to our beautiful Old Town, bigger and brighter than ever. The Park's Museum features the Lego Exhibit, plus crafts, games and Elf on the Shelf. Pan American Bank's Santa, pictured above, will be on hand to greet the little ones.



New STREAM Lab at Winnebago School

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 6:00 p.m. – Village Hall

BOARD OF FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSIONERS

3rd Wednesday of every month
5:00 p.m. – Village Hall

POLICE PENSION BOARD

Quarterly beginning in January
4th Monday
5:00 p.m. – Village Hall

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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

SEPTEMBERFEST COMMISSION

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

BLOOMINGDALE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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



Marquardt School District 15's Board of Education gathered together students, families, staff, and community members on October 15th to mark the completion of Winnebago Elementary School's renovation and expansion. Over 250 students, teachers, and parents met in the gymnasium expansion for the ribbon-cutting ceremony before touring the new common, early learning center, STREAM (science, technology, reading, engineering, art, math) Lab and playground. Winnebago is in District 15, but is located on 195 Greenwood Drive in Bloomingdale. Winnebago's eight-classroom early learning center expansion, along with a similar project at G. Stanley Hall Elementary, has tripled MSD15's early childhood enrollment.

Stay in Touch

E-News is a great way to keep up with timely information on news in Bloomingdale, 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.villageofbloomingdale.org and click on Village News on the right side of the homepage. Click on "Sign Up for Village E-News." It's easy and free!



Village of Bloomingdale Elected Officials

Franco A. Coladipietro
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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

Thanks to Terry Spradling for her great shot of Holiday Lights at the Village Hall.

A Message from Mayor Franco

It's hard to believe that 2019 is coming to a close. Summer appeared sporadically, then before we could enjoy fall, winter arrived on Halloween! Despite the fickle calendar, we had a great year. We've enjoyed fiscal growth, continued commercial progress and improvements to our community. The total renovation of the parking lot at Third and Schick is a great example. We improved drainage and installed better lighting and landscaping. The columns at Third and Schick are the bases for poles from which we will be able to hang flower pots and banners. This will connect Third Street as the main street of Old Town.

We are very proud of the improvements that have taken place over the last three years in this historic part of town. The October Brew N' BBQ event was a huge success and a great way to showcase both Bloomingdale and our historic Old Town. It definitely shows Bloomingdale's community spirit and enthusiasm. Thank you to all on our Bloomingdale Events Committee and I hope to see you there next year!

Growth continues as retail, restaurants, commercial and residential development flourish. Some notable additions include the long awaited and very popular Texas Roadhouse; Fulla Bologna, 398 W. Army Trail Road – pizza, subs, soups; Scooby's Hot Dogs, Stratford Square Mall; and Rag Shirts Jeans Boutique at 106 Third St in Old Town. In residential news – Phase 1 of Springfield Point at Stratford is nearly sold out and Phase 2 is underway. The Pulte town-home development at Stratford continues their progress as well.

Speaking of businesses, congratulations to Sporty's owner Rocco Zaccardi on the recent 40th anniversary of his catering and restaurant enterprise. Sporty's has been a staple in Bloomingdale and over the years he has been in two Bloomingdale locations. Several years ago, he doubled his current space at 448 W. Army Trail in order to open a full service restaurant next to his catering business. I am grateful to Rocky for keeping his business right here in Bloomingdale. Congrats!

And now to the season at hand. The Public Works Division has been stringing lights on trees since early October. Every year we try to out-do the holiday spirit from the last year. This year you may notice something different with the lighting. The extravaganza will take your breath away! Kicking off the festivities is the fourth annual Christmas Tree Lighting on December 6, marking the beginning of the month-long Festival of Lights in Old Town Bloomingdale. When the switch is pulled at 7 p.m., Old Town and the Christmas Tree will be illuminated simultaneously. Check out the front page of the Almanac to learn about the activities slated for the evening, as well as the Park pages with its schedule of activities. (Spoiler alert – there are more than 20 vendors and food booths at the Kris Kringle Mart this year!!)

Here's my annual Holiday Wish – 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 and supports our Village services. It's a win win! Please, please support our local businesses when you can, as opposed to purchasing online. Many stores will match online prices; just ask. I do shop online 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" as often as we can!

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

Mayor Franco



Christmas Comes To Bloomingdale

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in the Park District Museum. Kid holiday crafts, Elf on the Shelf, and complimentary refreshments are part of every holiday Museum experience. Inspired by the Christkindlmarkt in Nuremberg, Germany, the greatly expanded Kris Kringle Market will be open from 5 – 8:30 p.m. this year. It will feature a wide variety of food and beverages, including from the Old Town purveyors, as well as several crafters offering selections of handmade seasonal creations to choose from. The collection of local vendors adds a unique shopping experience to Old Town Bloomingdale.

Park District Horse-drawn Carriage Rides are available from 5:30-8 p.m. 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. No reservations are required on December 6. First come, first served. Carriage rides are sponsored by Bloomingdale Bank & Trust.

Park District Train Rides are also available from 5:30-8 p.m. Enjoy a FREE train ride underneath the Old Town Park Pavilion. No registration is necessary. Train rides are sponsored by Eagle Falls Dentistry.

Santa will be on the Piazza from 7:30-8:30 p.m. Enter a raffle to win a carriage ride with Santa around Old Town Park.

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

Check out the Park Pages starting at p. 17 to see its schedule of activities in Old Town from December 7 – December 24.



The Interim Fly Quiet Plan Begins

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

Bloomingtondale Library
630-529-3120

Bloomingtondale Park District
630-529-3650

The Interim Fly Quiet Runway Rotation Plan was proposed by the O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission (ONCC) which the Village of Bloomingdale is a member of, in collaboration with the Chicago Department of Aviation (CDA), in 2017 to provide relief from nighttime noise for the communities around O'Hare International Airport.

The Interim Fly Quiet plan is expected to be in place from November 2019 to May 2020 and from September 2020 to January 2021. The plan will be impacted by airfield construction projects, which will result in reverting to the original Fly Quiet program during those periods.

ONCC formed an ad hoc Fly Quiet Committee in September 2015 as a result of the Chicago Department of Aviation's recommendation to modify the existing Fly Quiet Program. Fly Quiet is a voluntary nighttime noise abatement program at O'Hare that is in effect from 10 p.m. to 7 a.m.

The committee has overseen a series of three runway rotation tests, which were conducted in order to find the best solution to balance nighttime noise impacts. The proposed interim plan features an eight-week runway rotation schedule, with six configurations arranged to alternate each week between parallel and diagonal runways, as well as rotating east flow and west flow.

Residents may file a complaint on noise @ [311.Chicago.gov](https://www.chicago.gov) and enter "airplane noise complaint" or call the toll-free noise hotline at 1-800-914-8537.



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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 Thursday, December 26 and ends Friday, January 24, 2020.

Yard waste stickers are not required for Christmas tree disposal.

Wintertime Q & A

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.

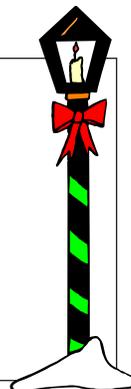
Village Hall Holiday Closings

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

Christmas: Tuesday, December 24 and Wednesday, December 25

New Year's: Tuesday, December 31 and Wednesday, January 1, 2020

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



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.

Helpful Information About Bloomingdale's Winter 2019-2020 Salting Operations

Weekend Dial-A-Ride Offers Expanded Holiday Hours

The Village of Bloomingdale is again providing Expanded Holiday Hours for its Weekend Dial-A-Ride service beginning November 30, 2019 through Sunday, December 29, 2019.

The Holiday Weekend Service will run from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturdays and 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Sundays. There is no Dial-A-Ride service on Christmas Day, New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day.

Bloomingdale residents may ride anywhere within Bloomingdale Township, and also to AMITA Health Alexian Brothers Medical, Northwestern Medicine Central DuPage, AMITA Health Adventist Medical Center GlenOaks Hospitals, as well as DuPage Oncology, Monakea Medical, Wheaton Eye and Wheaton Medical Clinics.

One way fares are \$3.00 for adult residents, \$1.50 for residents with a disability, Village seniors (65+), and for students. Children (under age 7) are free when accompanied by a fare-paying adult.

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

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



Winter has already arrived. 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 set-back 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.



Protect your valuables: **Always Lock Your Car Doors**

The Bloomingdale Police Department reminds the public to **Lock Your Car Doors and Do Not Leave Valuables inside in plain view** and unsecured in your vehicle in parking lots, on the streets, or in your driveway.

As the holidays approach, car burglaries increase due to the increased shopping for gifts occurring during this month – more activity, more opportunity. The criminals are betting that the hectic time for people is a chance for them to strike and reap the rewards of those who do not prioritize the security of their belongings. Unscrupulous individuals will hang around the parking lots, and even check out neighborhood driveways, to see if the car doors are unlocked and/or if they see something inside a secured vehicle that is worth the risk of breaking the glass window.



While this information seems simple, it is shown that a quarter or more vehicle thefts are due to unlocked cars. Running into the store for a quick errand may take you longer than you think, but that small amount of time is often enough for someone looking to burglarize a motor vehicle. Simply locking the car doors will deter those who are seeking an easy target. It is worth the time to properly secure the vehicle for all the work that you are putting into making a wonderful holiday for yourself and others.

STREET SOLICITATION – BE AWARE

During this holiday season, many of us are moved to help those in need. The Bloomingdale Police want to remind the public about people who want to take advantage of this season.

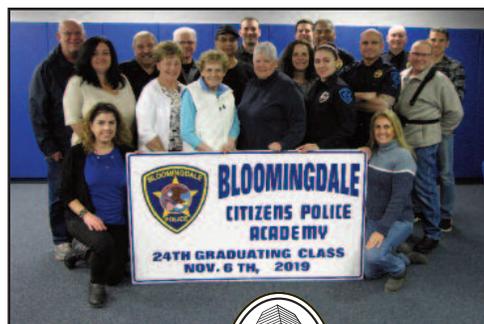
Individuals have approached citizens and asked them for money to purchase gasoline for their vehicles, saying they have no way to get home. This ruse has taken place in front of business entrance ways and in the parking lots as citizens are entering, exiting, or sitting inside their vehicle. Incidents have occurred near Walmart, the Springbrook shopping area (Lake Street) and Stratford Square Mall.

If someone approaches you asking for assistance, better to play it safe and get help for the situation by notifying the police department. 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.

To see opportunities to help others who really could use the assistance, see pp. 8 and 13 for a number of ways you can make a difference this holiday season.

Congratulations to the 2019 Citizen Police Academy Graduates!

After completing an 11-week program, the participants gained valuable insight into the policies and procedures of the Bloomingdale Police Department, interacted with the police officers who were the instructors for the program, and networked with each other to build stronger bonds within our community.



2020 Neighborhood Watch Meetings

January 8th
March 11th
May 13th
No meeting in July
September 9th
November 11th

All Neighborhood Watch General meetings are on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Hall Council Room.

The January 8th, 2020, meeting will be an Open Forum with Village Officials. Check the Village website for further information.



Tuesday, August 4th, 2020 – National Night Out Against Crime event.

Welcome Officer McGinn



Officer McGinn's wife, Stephanie, pins his Police Shield on his shirt. The couple has one daughter.

Patrick McGinn was sworn in as a Probationary Police Officer by Mayor Coladipietro on September 23, 2019, just four days before he graduated from the Police Academy. He is currently in his ROOT (Recruit Officer Orientation Training), and is rotating through the various shifts with various Field Training Officers. He will be on his own in mid-December.

Holiday Giving Opportunities

The Tree is Coming!

You will soon be seeing familiar activity in the Old Town piazza, as the 2019 Christmas tree makes its appearance in preparation for the December 6th Tree Lighting and Festival of Lights. As you might expect, getting the tree erected and decorated is no easy feat, but our public works department always manages to work their magic.



This year's 40-ft tree is a Colorado Spruce which comes from the Village's East Side pump station. The tree was one of the first planted with the station's landscaping back in the mid to late 1980s.

Each year, the tree lighting, in conjunction with the opening of the Festival of Lights, has become more popular, drawing crowds of families to take part in the excitement and activities.

Garbage Pickup Holidays

Refuse and Recycling collection will be pushed back by one day following the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

Christmas
Thursday 12/26 – Sat 12/28

New Year's
Thursday 1/2 – Sat 1/4

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.

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.
Bloomington Park District, 172 S. Circle

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



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

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."

Census 2020: “There is power in being counted.”

On April 1, 2020, a census will be taken of all persons living in the United States. Census data is important because it determines political representation and funding distribution, as well as government and business decision-making of all kinds.

Since 1950, Illinois has lost one congressional seat every 10 years. We will likely lose another this time (expected loss in Central Illinois). Without a complete count, we could lose a seat in the Chicago area as well.



Many residents think census data is only used to determine the number of legislative seats Illinois has in Washington or Springfield, but this is only a part of what is determined by census results. Census participation and results also determine the amount of federal money Illinois receives each year to support:

- Infrastructure needs, such as road construction and repair
- Schools and school districts in our community
- Hospitals and emergency healthcare centers for the insured and uninsured
- Social services programs providing assistance for senior citizens, veterans and low-income families
- Large companies' and local business enterprises' decisions to potentially build or expand their corporate offices or factories, bringing employment opportunities to communities.

Each uncounted person will equal a loss of \$15,350 in funding toward medical assistance, local schools and higher education, social services, infrastructure investment and more over the course of 10 years.

The Village of Bloomingdale, Bloomingdale Park District, Bloomingdale Public Library, and local schools are committed to working to get as accurate a count as possible to help all of our residents, both locally and state-wide. Visit the Bloomingdale Public Library to complete your census questionnaire online if you do not have access to a computer and/or internet.

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.



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.

Bloomington Chamber Sponsors Best of Bloomington 2020

The fourth annual Best of Bloomington will take place on Thursday, March 5 at the Bloomington Golf Club. This signature event was designed by the Bloomington 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 Bloomington culminates with an award dinner to recognize the winners; recognition of nominees and award recipients will continue throughout the year.



The Bloomington Chamber of Commerce will be seeking nominations from the public for their favorite Bloomington business from November 18 through December 30. Forms will be available on the Chamber website www.bloomingtonchamber.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. Online voting is open January 13 and concludes at midnight on Thursday, February 14, 2020.

The list of the finalists for each category will be available on Wednesday, January 13, 2020 on the Chamber website (www.bloomingtonchamber.com), as well as in the E-News. You will also find the list of Rules for Voting in both places.

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

Bloomington Goes to Tuscany

The Bloomington Chamber of Commerce is planning a trip to Tuscany in October of 2020 and everyone is invited!

Join us Wednesday night January 15th at Alcentro Trattoria, 109 Third Street at 7:00 pm for an informational presentation and refreshments. The trip is October 14-22, 2020; 9 Days for \$3,499 which includes: Airfare from O'Hare to Italy, Air Taxes and Fees/Surcharges, Hotel Transfers, Hotel, Tours, 10 Meals and so much more! Everyone is welcomed; residents, Chamber members, friends and family to attend an informational presentation on the Chamber Trip: Spotlight on Tuscany.

Register for the free informational presentation and reception at www.bloomingtonchamber.com or call the Chamber at 630-980-9082 for more information.



New Deli in Town

Fulla Bologna recently opened at 398 W. Army Trail Road, featuring sandwiches, salads and pizza. The sandwiches have a courtroom theme with names like Plead the Fifth, Con Artist, Polygraph, Blago, and You're Guilty – available in two sizes - the six inch Fibber or the ten inch Pinocchio.

This is the second deli of the same name (the first is in Elmhurst) designed by Richard Ranieri as a family-owned deli as you might find in Italy. The salads are imaginative, such as Roasted Beet and Watermelon. Homemade soups and pizza round out the menu. Everything is freshly made. Catering is available.

Visit www.fullabologna.com for more info.

Annie Occasion, Where Every Occasion Begins

After three years in Bloomington, Annie Kasak has moved Annie Occasion, her Floral Artistry, Personal Gift Shopping and Event Planning business, to a more visible location. She is currently located at 148 S. Bloomington Road, Suite 100, directly east of the Bloomington Post Office.

Annie specializes in event planning, especially weddings, earning three consecutive Couples' Choice Awards from the Wedding Wire since 2017. Annie understands the value of customer service; she embraces innovation and loves to produce the extraordinary.

Her gift shop is eclectic, charming and affordable. She enjoys searching for one of a kind new quality food products with which to create her unique gourmet baskets. That's only one of the many creative and original gift ideas you can find for "Annie Occasion."

Visit www.annieoccasion.com or call 630-283-5973.

Business News

ABM Commercial Flooring, Inc. recently moved to 163 Covington Drive from Roselle. The company is a family-owned, independent, full service commercial flooring contractor established in 1990. All labor is performed by Skilled, Veteran Installers.



Minas Gerais Krystallos, Bloomingdale's first rock shop opened at 270 Glen Ellyn Road in September. It specializes in rocks, crystals and jewelry. Find it on Facebook.

Trendy Boutique Opens in Old Town

Rebecca Ko opened **Rag Shirts and Jeans** in early September at 106 Third Street, Suite 2 in Old Town. Her trendy boutique also features classic styles. Rebecca offers many comfortable jeans for women of all sizes, including several styles from your favorite brands. You can also find a variety of trendy tops - from designer shirts, to every day graphic tees, jackets, and so much more! A selection of shoes and an eclectic collection of accessories are the icing on the cake!



Visit <https://www.ragshirtsandjeans.com/> to learn more about this gem. The boutique is located directly south of D's Treats in Old Town.



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 -
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Welcome to These New Businesses

Rag Shirts & Jeans
106 S. Third Street #10

ABM Commercial Flooring
163 Covington Drive

Minas Gerais Krystallos
270 S. Glen Ellyn Road

Fulla Bologna
398 W. Army Trail Road
Suite 104

Annie Occasion
148 S. Bloomingdale Road
Suite 100 (New Location)

Mangoz Snacks
117 Stratford Square

Scooby's Hot Dog
121 Stratford Square



Community Events

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



Susan DiMeo-Sargent, Vice President and Branch Manager of Bloomingdale Bank & Trust, was named the Georgene Geils Business Woman of the Year 2019, pictured with Branka Poplonski, a former recipient of the same award.

The Bloomingdale Area Women in Business (BAWIB) is seeking nominations beginning December 2 and continuing through January 30, 2020 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 5 at the Bloomingdale Golf Club.

Bloomingdale Garden Club Announces Annual Business Meeting on January 21, 2020

The New Year begins with the Annual Business Meeting which includes election of officers, review of 2019 activities, upcoming events for 2020, and decisions on where to direct the club's charitable donations.

The Bloomingdale Garden Club has now celebrated its 57th anniversary. Started in April of 1963 by seven ardent gardeners and neighbors, the Club has grown considerably throughout its history, and today's members enjoy exciting programs and speakers, workshops and field trips.



Visitors are welcome. Social time and announcements begin at 6:15 PM. Program starts at 7:00 PM at Cornerstone Faith Community Church, 118 First Street, Bloomingdale, IL 60108. For more information contact bloomingdalegardenclub@gmail.com or visit www.bloomingdalegardenclub.org.

Bloomingdale Artists Association

January 8, 2020 - Kreative Kard Kolaj by LuEllen Joy Giera
LuEllen Joy Giera is a published international artist, founder of planetcollage.net and co-founder of the Midwest Collage Society. She presented at the first Kolaj Fest in New Orleans in July 2018. Using playing cards, nature pictures from magazines/books, and glue, LuEllen will help BAA members compile ephemera into beautiful pieces of art, while enjoying an enhanced sense of calm and the joy of creating.

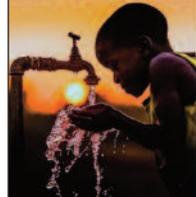
The January 8, 2020 meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. at the Bloomingdale Park District Museum, 108 S. Bloomingdale Road. There is a \$10 visitor fee. Contact Bev at bpetrosius@gmail.com or 630-624-9545 for details.

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 October 1 until May 31, 2020, 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



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Good Samaritans of Bloomingdale Township

by Susan Crosson-Knutson

Not everyone in Bloomingdale Township looks forward to the holidays.

"We understand that people fall on hard times," said Sue Ryan, Manager of the General Assistance Office at Bloomingdale Township. "We have seniors living on fixed incomes. Others have lost jobs, have health issues, medical bills, a disability, or unexpected expenses." Local assistance is available. "We're here," said Ryan. "We help 1200 qualified families in the Township with rent, utility bills, groceries, and the holidays."

For Thanksgiving, St. Isidore's Church in Bloomingdale works with the Northern Illinois Food Bank to purchase turkey dinners for 140 needy families. "Bloomingdale / Roselle Rotary Club members transport the boxes brimming with a turkey, all the trimmings and more to our (Rosedale) office, she said. "From 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., club members distribute the boxes to needy families."

What is needy? "Families of four who gross less than \$3,380 a month qualify for our assistance," she said. "Those are the federal food stamp guidelines." When the recession hit, residents with master's degrees found themselves unable to put food on the table. The Township helped them as well.

At Christmas, there's a need for both food and presents. Generous local residents and organizations help make Christmas dreams come true. "In addition to food, we have a Christmas Sharing Tree," said Ryan. "It began 30 years ago when there were 50 local families in need." Today, the tree features paper bells with 1,000 names. The Township serves all or sections of Addison, Bloomingdale, Carol Stream, Glendale Heights, Itasca, Lombard, Medinah, and Roselle.

Gifts are donated from Toys 4 Tots and the toy drive at the Bloomfield Club Subdivision in Bloomingdale. In addition, local groups select paper bells from the tree to provide Christmas for local children. "Often, these are the only Christmas gifts the children receive," said Ryan.

Starting Nov. 18, paper bells start disappearing from the Sharing Tree. The Village of Glendale Heights and the Bloomingdale Lions Club each take 50 bells. VFW Post 7539, Westfield Middle School in Bloomingdale, and Lake Park High School East Campus each adopt 40 children.

Bloomingdale's Shop with a Cop program takes 10 names off the Township tree. The Shop with a Sheriff program takes four names off the tree. Entire families are adopted, too. St. Matthew's Catholic Church in Glendale Heights and St. Isidore's Catholic Church in Bloomingdale both adopt 40 families. The wrapped presents are returned to the Township office by Dec. 13. Township staff spend all weekend assembling Santa Sacks. Inside the sacks are the true spirit of Christmas giving.

"A few years back, we had a mom with Stage 4 cancer," said Ryan. "She couldn't get out to buy anything for her three small children. She knew this would be her last Christmas. I gave her name to the Bloomingdale Lions Club. I knew they would take care of her. They did. They provided a Christmas feast and gifts for her kids. They went over-and-above. The woman died in February."

If you would like to help families in need, call the Bloomingdale Township office at 630-529-9993 or see column to the right. Donations of gas cards, gift cards, and food cards would be most appreciated.



Bloomingdale Township Sharing Tree

Last year Bloomingdale Township helped make the season brighter for more than 800 children in Bloomingdale Township. Names & wishes of local needy youngsters, as well as residents of convalescent and nursing homes are on the Sharing Tree, located at the Township Transportation Building, 123 Rosedale Road, now through Friday, December 13. Wrapped gifts must be returned by Friday, December 13.

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



Bloomingdale's VFW Post 7539 was out in the snow at 11 a.m. on November 11th to hold their annual Veterans Day Service at the gazebo near the library.



Around and About Town

2019 Make a Difference Day at Bloomingdale Park District Wetlands

Make a Difference Day in Bloomingdale is organized by Wolff Construction of Roselle, in conjunction with Director of Parks & Planning Joe Potts, and supported by the Bloomingdale Parks Foundation. This year the annual

event took place from 9 a.m. to Noon on October 19 at the Wetlands at Springfield Park and included cleaning up trash, clearing invasive plants and vegetation, seeding native plants and vegetation, and more. Some 75 volunteers came out to help this year.

Additionally, the Parks Foundation secured a \$5,500 grant at the wetlands through the Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation. The grant is partially dependent upon volunteer hours conducted at Make A Difference Day. The resources raised will go toward upgrades and/or replacement of visitor boardwalks and stationary and floating piers, as well as repair/replacement of the interpretive signage that surrounds the wetlands.



2019 American Youth Character Award Winners

The Bloomingdale CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition's annual Celebration Night was held on Tuesday, October 8 in Old Town Park. This year's theme was the Pillar of

Responsibility. The evening kicked-off with the Presentation of Colors conducted by the Bloomingdale VFW Post 7539, followed by the West Westfield Middle School Chorus and Band's performance of "America the Beautiful". Village Trustee Frank Bucaro

read the Joint Proclamation of all of the Coalition members proclaiming CHARACTER COUNTS! Day in the Village of Bloomingdale.



2019 American Youth Character Award Recipients and their nominating officials (left to right): Kate Glass (Principal Patrick Haugens, Erickson), Benjamin Aranda (Principal Stefan Larsson, Westfield Middle), Hannah Marotta (Coach Dawn Gaines, Bloomingdale Beavers), Adrianna Mazzeo (Asst. Principal, Brian Sheehan, St. Isidore School), Hayley Mette, (Teacher, Matt Hrtanek, Winnebago), and Veronica Archacki (Principal Mark Dwyer, DuJardin).

Two More Promotions at Bloomingdale Fire Protection District

Giovanni Lopez was promoted to lieutenant. He has been with the Bloomingdale Fire Protection District since 2012. Among other fire degrees and certificates, he holds a Master's Degree in Public Safety and Homeland Security Administration from Southern Illinois University. He also serves as Bloomingdale's and the Division 12's Water Rescue Team Coordinator.

Chris Soderstrom has been promoted to battalion chief and has been with the Bloomingdale Fire Protection District since 1995. He has over 34 years in the fire service and is a Haz Mat Incident Commander, as well as serving as the District's Hazardous Materials Team Coordinator. He has an Associate's Degree in Fire Science from Elgin Community College and has been a company officer here since 2008.



Lieutenant Giovanni Lopez, Deputy Chief Richard Kurka (see p. 16) Battalion Chief Chris Soderstrom

2019 Bloomingdale Tastings Potluck – Culinary Winners

The Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce’s Tastings – Bloomingdale Potluck was a great success. The culinary talent, both amateur and professional, prepared their best dishes and the multi-course competition ensured none of the more than 200 attendees walked away hungry.

The event raised funds to support the Chamber of Commerce, as well as benefit health and wellness programs at each of the school district schools in Bloomingdale.

First Place:

Amateur Appetizer: **Matt Blachowicz** –

Sausage Overloaded stuffed mushrooms

Amateur Salad/Side Dish: **Mike Hvide, Jr.** – **Crispy Corn Salad**

Amateur Entrée: **Katie Bendis** – **Baked Macaroni & Cheese**

Amateur Dessert: **Patti Edwards** – **Petite Peanut Butter Pie**

Kid’s Choice: **Patti Edwards** – **Petite Peanut Butter Pie**

Table Décor: **Michael Noonan** – **La Campana**

Professional Appetizer: **William Bast** – **Sunrise Senior Living** – **Beef Brisket Crostini**

Professional Salad/Side Dish: **Rocco Zaccardi** – **Sporty’s Catering** – **Cheery Chicken Salad in a Mini Phyllo**

Professional Entrée: **Michael Noonan** – **La Campana** – **Taco Locos**

Professional Dessert: **Chef George** – **Dino’s Cafe** – **Rice Pudding**

Beverage/Drink: **Nicole Scott** – **25 West Brewing Co.** – **Craft Beer**



Professional Appetizer: William Bast – Sunrise Senior Living – Beef Brisket Crostini

Lions Hosting Spaghetti Dinner on February 7

The Bloomingdale Lions Club hosts its annual winter Spaghetti Dinner on Friday, February 7 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.

Fire Safe Holiday Decorating Reminders

- Choose decorations that are flame resistant or flame retardant.
- Keep lit candles away from decorations and other things that can burn.
- Use lights that have the label of an independent testing laboratory. Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use, but not both.
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Connect no more than three strands of mini light sets and a maximum of 50 bulbs for screw-in bulbs.

Bruno Presta’s Monster Zucchini

Bruno Presta, a 30-year resident, appears to have established the record for growing the largest zucchini in the history of Bloomingdale. The patriarch of four generations of Prestas living in Bloomingdale, harvested a 5 ft, 10 in. long Sicilian zucchini this fall. This particular species is known for producing large zucchinis, but he has never seen one this big before. Presta has been gardening all his life, since he was a child in Italy. Given that he will be 90 on January 1, 2020, he has had a lot of experience!. So what did they do with all zucchini? His wife, Rosetta, made zucchini with pasta, stuffed zucchini, zucchini frittata..... The family said it took two weeks to finish that zucchini! Be assured, we will check back with this extraordinary gardener next year to see if he has broken his record!



Bloomingtondale Fire Protection District #1

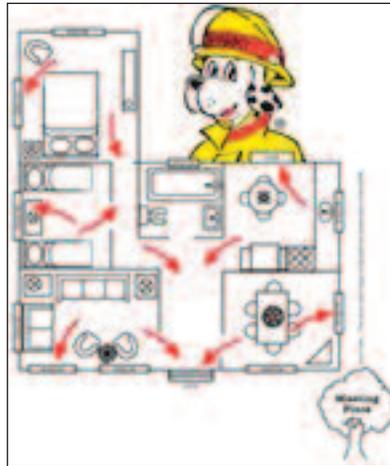


Escape Planning

Your ability to get out depends on advance warning from smoke alarms and advance escape planning

The Bloomingtondale Fire Protection District and the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) would like to remind you to plan ahead. There are over 350,000 reported home structure fires each year and nearly 2,400 associated civilian deaths in the United States.

Fire can spread rapidly through your home, leaving you as little as two minutes to escape safely once the alarm sounds. Pull together everyone in your household and make a plan. Walk through your home and inspect all possible exits and escape routes. Households with children should consider drawing a floor plan of your home, marking two ways out of each room, including windows and doors. Also, mark the location of each smoke alarm. For easy planning, download NFPA's escape planning grid at nfpa.org. This is a great way to get children involved in fire safety in a non-threatening way.



For more information about escape routes or other safety information, contact Deputy Chief Richard Kurka of the Bloomingtondale Fire Protection District at 630-894-9080.

Two New Recruits Recently Sworn In

Zachary Goodt comes to the Bloomingtondale Fire Protection District from the Joliet Fire Department. He is a firefighter/paramedic with Associate's Degrees in Fire Science and Emergency Medicine from Moraine Valley Community College.

Brian Pennington comes to the Bloomingtondale from the Glenside Fire Protection District where he served as a contract paramedic. He is a firefighter/paramedic with an Associate's Degree in Fire Science from College of DuPage.



Red balloons were released in honor of fallen firefighters at the Bloomingtondale Community Halloween Event on October 19.

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Deputy Chief Richard Kurka

Richard Kurka is a 24-year veteran of the Bloomingtondale Fire Protection



District. He attended the Fire Academy in Elgin in 1994, was trained as an EMT-B at College of DuPage in 1995, and became a certified paramedic through Northwest Community Hospital EMS System in 1996. He was promoted to lieutenant in 2004, to battalion chief in 2011, and was recently named Deputy Chief.

In addition to a Master's Degree in Leadership, Richard is a certified Chief Fire Officer through the Illinois State Fire Marshal, and is currently enrolled in the Executive Fire Officer program at the National Fire Academy in Emmittsburg, MD. Married for 30 years to Mary Jo, the couple has four children and one granddaughter. He enjoys running marathons, travel, reading and live music.





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November is Last Month for Yard Waste Collection

Republic Services will collect yard waste through the last regular collection day of November. Yard waste consisting of grass clippings, twigs, leaves, and plant material must be set out at the curb prior to 6:00 AM on the day of collection, in biodegradable Kraft paper bags weighing no more than 50 pounds. Plastic bags cannot be accepted!

Brush can be set out in bundles no longer than 4 feet in lengths and weighing no more than 50 pounds, with the largest branch no more than 4 inches in diameter, with a sticker attached.

Yard waste stickers are available for purchase at a cost of \$3.38 per sticker at the Village Hall, Bloomingdale grocery stores, and other area locations.

Be a Friend to a Fire Hydrant

Residents are asked to please shovel out fire hydrants when there is a snowfall with an accumulation. This will aid emergency services in reaching the hydrants more quickly, if they are needed. Just a few extra shovelfuls of snow can help protect your property, your neighbors, and your family.



Halloween, Bloomingdale Style!

It was another successful Community Halloween Event held jointly by the Police, Fire, Public Works departments, the Library and the Park District. Thanks to all the staff and volunteers who made the day memorable for the many, many families who attended! Special thanks to the Carol Stream Police Department Traffic Unit who displayed their Seat Belt – Flipping Vehicle encouraging everyone to “Buckle Up”!



Bloomingtondale Public Library

December/January Events

Holiday Open House

Tuesday, December 3 | 6:45 – 8:45 p.m.

Holiday fun for the whole family!

Join us for the Tree Lighting at 6:45 p.m. then come inside at 7:00 p.m. for
Santa • Music • Crafts • Face Painting • Refreshments • Giveaways
and more!



Winter Reading Program for All Ages

December 16, 2019 – February 7, 2020



ADULT & TEEN

Warm up with a good book! Join our Adult & Teen Winter Reading Challenge for a chance to win a \$25 Amazon gift card.

- Reading prize drawing – Log one book, earn one entry. All books count!
- Challenge prize drawing – Log one book in a challenge category, earn one entry. Read books in different genres and subjects to complete challenges.

Adults and teens can sign up in person or online at www.mybpl.org/winterreading.

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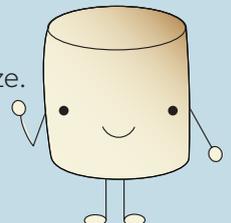
INFANTS – 6TH GRADE

It's a marshmallow world in the winter!

Beginning Monday, December 16, you may register in person at the Youth Services Reference Desk to receive your information packet and starting prize.

Complete your reading log by reading for just three hours.

Turn in your log at the Youth Services Reference desk by Friday, February 7 to receive your final prize and be entered into the Grand Prize Drawing.



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Friday & Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

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in observation of Christmas Eve and Christmas Day
Closed Tuesday & Wednesday, December 31 & January 1
in observation of New Year's Eve and New Year's Day

Adult Programs



■ **Registration Required**

In Person: Reference Desk

By Phone: (630) 924-2730

Online: www.mybpl.org

DECEMBER

■ **Christmas in Williamsburg**

Monday, December 9 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Colonial Williamsburg is a magical place during the Christmas season. This slide lecture, presented by retired librarian and world traveler Nancy McCully, will show us the beautiful decorations, discuss Williamsburg's role as the colonial capital of Virginia, and demonstrate how you can make your own Williamsburg style decorations.

■ **The Christmas Canvas: Paintings of the Nativity Story**

Tuesday, December 10 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

This program, presented by Art Historian Jeff Mishur, is designed to emphasize images that are central to the meaning of the season. Some artists whose work will be discussed include Botticelli, Van Eyck, Tanner, Martini, Fabriano, Campin, and van der Goes.

JANUARY

■ **Grace Kelly: American Princess**

Monday, January 13 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

In this historical portrayal, award-winning actress and historian Leslie Goddard portrays the woman who transformed from a Hollywood superstar to a real-life princess.

■ **Charisma & Character: The Life of Cary Grant**

Tuesday, January 21 | 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Historian Jim Gibbons presents a slideshow charting Grant's life, from unstable childhood to fame, stardom, and lavish lifestyle.

■ **Heather Braoudakis Presents: Girls of the '50s**

Tuesday, January 14 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

They were the Girls of the '50s, our favorite female vocalists. It was a decade for women like Doris Day, Dinah Shore, Patti Page, Judy Garland, and Debbie Reynolds. Join us for a show featuring Heather Braoudakis, who will sing their hits and share their stories.

■ **Nifty Fifties Foods**

Monday, January 27 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Local author and vintage cookbook collector Amy Alessio is back to share hilarious recipes from the 1950s. Enjoy a humorous slideshow of vintage recipes we used to love along with a tasty snack inspired by the era. *Registration will begin on Sunday, December 1st and is limited to 40 adults.*

COMING SOON!

Music - Heather Braoudakis Presents: That's Amore

Monday, February 10 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

History - Sally Rand: American Sex Symbol

Tuesday, February 11 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Thank you to all who participated in our eighth annual **On the Same Page** series of programs and book discussions of *Ruthless River* by Holly FitzGerald. This program is made possible in part by our sponsors, Itasca Bank & Trust, Friends of the Bloomingdale Public Library, Friends of the Roselle Public Library, and Rotary Club of Bloomingdale-Roselle.



book discussion groups

Selections are available at the Circulation Desk one month in advance of the discussion. If you have any questions, please call the Reference Desk at (630) 924-2730.

Historical Book Discussion



Jefferson's Daughters: Three Sisters, White and Black, in a Young America by Catherine Kerrison

Tuesday, December 10 | 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.



Desperate Passage: The Donner Party's Perilous Journey West by Ethan Rarick

Tuesday, January 7 | 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.



Our Favorite Picks Party (Drop-In)

Monday, December 9 | 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Drop in for our end of year party! There's no book discussion this month. Instead, we'll be talking about our favorite picks of the year, while enjoying some light refreshments. A list of all shared titles will be available after the party, so you're sure to find some great book, movie, and TV show recommendations. All are welcome!

The Kites by Romain Gary

Monday, January 20 | 7:30-8:30 p.m.





Adult Programs

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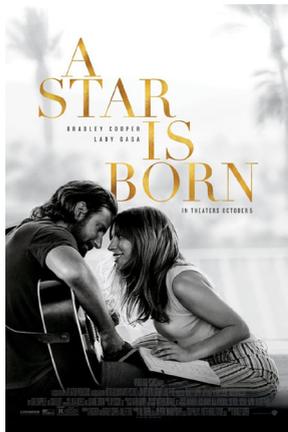
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DROP-IN MOVIES

We'll supply the popcorn! Come enjoy a movie with us at BPL's Drop-In Movie and enter for a chance to win a copy of that day's movie on DVD.

Movie giveaway will be held following the conclusion of the movie and you must be present to win.



A Star Is Born

Wednesday,
December 11
1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Rated: R



Rocketman

Friday,
December 13
1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

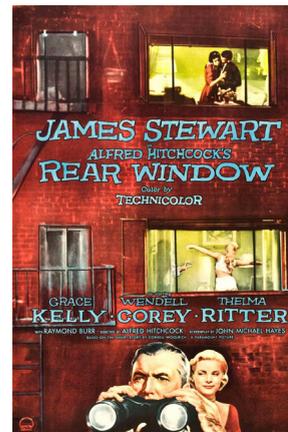
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To Catch a Thief

Wednesday,
January 22
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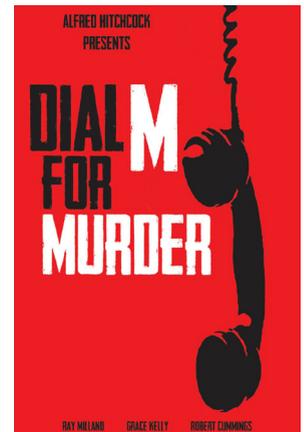
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Rear Window

Friday,
January 24
1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Rated: PG



Dial M for Murder

Tuesday,
January 28
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Rated: PG

ONGOING ADULT PROGRAMS

Bloomington Seniors' Club (Drop-In)

Tuesdays, December 10 & January 14 | 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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

■ Great Decisions

No Meeting in December

Wednesday, January 15 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Genealogy Club (Drop-In)

No Meeting in December

Wednesday, January 15 | 6:30 – 8:45 p.m.

Now in Meeting Rooms A/B

Featured Event in January

What's Been Done:

Using Someone Else's Genealogy Research

7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Explore More @ BPL

The Explore More Illinois cultural pass program is now available through your library! You can access discounts to museums, historical societies, and other attractions across the state 24/7 from any computer, tablet, or smartphone with a valid BPL library card.

Visit mybpl.org/museumpass for more information.



Join us for a live webinar by noted genealogist Thomas MacEntee. Whether you're new to genealogy or you've been working on your family history for years, incorporating the research of others can always be tricky. Here's how to develop a proven strategy to benefit from the work of other genealogists.

Teen Territory



■ **Registration Required**

In Person: Reference Desk

By Phone: (630) 924-2730

Online: www.mybpl.org

Teen Programs are open to 7th-12 graders unless otherwise noted.

■ **ACT Practice Test**

Saturday, December 7 | 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

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

■ **Pop Tart Taste-Off**

Wednesday, December 11 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Which flavor will come out on top? Sample different kinds of Pop Tarts and rank them from best to worst!

■ **Meet Me at the Movies:**

Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker

Friday, December 27 | Time TBA

Meet me at the movies to watch *Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker!* Movie tickets and snacks will be provided. We will meet at The Picture Show, 324 Army Trail Rd, Bloomingdale, IL 60108. Meeting time is TBA. Limit 10.

Registration begins December 1.



■ **Crystal Mud Jar**

Wednesday, January 8 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Create a dazzling jar of sparkly, crystal mud using water beads!

Teen Movie Night: *Maleficent: Mistress of Evil* (Drop-In)

Wednesday, January 29 | 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Join us as we watch *Maleficent: Mistress of Evil*. You can even enter for a chance to win the movie! Movie giveaway held following the conclusion of the movie and you must be present to win.

exam cram

Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday
December 17, 18, & 19

3:00 – 9:00 p.m.

(Drop-In)

Open to all high school students (Grades 9-12)

Get ready for finals at the library's Exam Cram!

We'll have group and quiet study areas, Wi-Fi, and computers.

We'll provide caffeine, snacks, and opportunities to de-stress – you provide the brain power!

● **Pizza served at 7:00 p.m.** ●

ONGOING TEEN PROGRAMS

Game Night (Drop-In)

Thursdays, December 12, December 26,
January 9, January 23
6:00 – 8:30 p.m.

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

Tabletop Gaming Club (Drop-In)

Thursdays, December 5, January 2, January 16
6:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Join other teens for tabletop gaming and some snacks! Run your D&D campaign or duel in your favorite collectible card game. Players of all games are welcome to attend.

TAB: Teen Advisory Board (Drop-In)

Wednesday, January 15
6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

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



Computer Services

Registration for computer classes is not required but is recommended to reserve seating and to make materials available.
To Register: In Person: Reference Desk By Phone: (630) 924-2730 Online: www.mybpl.org

PROGRAMMING

Intro to Python

Thursday, January 9 | 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Learn the basics of this versatile and popular programming language.

Intro to Python 2

Thursday, January 16 | 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Building upon our previous class, we will continue to explore basic programming logic including: variables, expressions, logic statements, and loops. Expanding on this, we will learn how to build functions with all these attributes and do some light formatting for output statements.

SMARTPHONES

Using Android Phones 2

Monday, December 9 | 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

Students will learn more about their Android phones, including account syncing, connections to the cloud, managing their files, pay by phone, and beyond.

iPhone Basics

Thursday, December 12 | 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

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

GET CREATIVE!

Create Your Own Holiday Cards

Thursday, December 5 | 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Instructor: Charlie

Students will learn to use Publisher to quickly create fun and distinctive greetings cards. Different card sizes, inserting pictures, layering objects, creative font tricks, and much more will go into designing your own unique holiday card.



Photo Fun

Monday, December 16 | 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Instructor: Michael

Students will learn basic skills for working with pictures including saving, copying, and attaching files, saving pictures off the web, low level photo editing & cropping, and more. The free program GIMP will be used.

Video Editing & Sharing

Monday, January 20 | 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

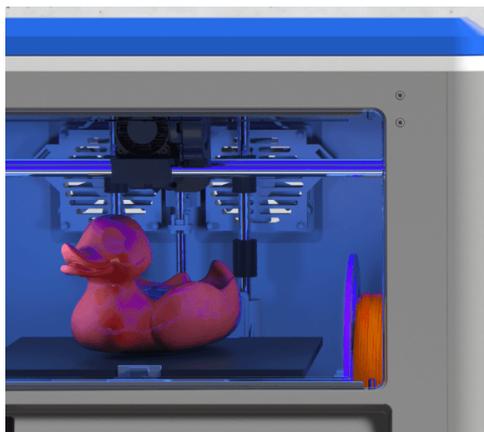
Want to crop, connect, change the audio, and sharpen up your videos before posting them on social media or sharing them with friends and family? Students will learn how to use desktop applications and phone apps for easy video editing and improvement.

Online Travel Planning

Monday, January 6 | 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

This class will teach students how to use many of the resources available online for travelers. Ways to save money as well as learning about your destination and avoiding unfortunate mistakes will be discussed. It's also a fun way to learn about using forums, online review sites, and other technology for practical purposes.

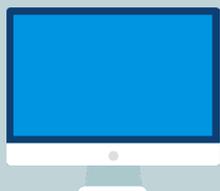


3D Printing

Thursday, January 30 | 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Instructor: Salvador

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



RENT-A-TECH

Have a computer question or need help with an online account? Computer Services staff can be reserved for one hour help sessions during select time slots every week. Contact Computer Services at **(630) 924-2766** or bdcs@mybpl.org to schedule an appointment.

Kids' Corner



■ **Registration Required** In Person: Youth Services Desk

By Phone: (630) 924-2740

Online: www.mybpl.org

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DECEMBER

■ Full S.T.E.A.M. Ahead

Ages K-2 Please register for each class

Mondays, December 2, December 16, January 6 and January 20
4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

Each month we incorporate Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math concepts through engaging experiments, activities, and projects.

■ Come Together (Drop-In)

Ages 0-24 months

Thursdays (except December 26 and January 2) | 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Every Thursday meet and chat with other parents & caregivers while your child socializes and explores with hands-on toys. *Will be offered simultaneously with Baby Tales Storytime when in session.

Each week we will have coffee, donuts, and snacks available, generously donated by our friends at Bloomingdale Starbucks (170 E Lake Street), Bloomingdale Dunkin' (200 E Lake Street), and the Bloomingdale Public Library.

■ Baby, Let's Make Music (Drop-In)

Ages 0-24 months

Thursday, December 5 | 10:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Join us for a parade of fun! We will explore the world of sound using an array of musical instruments.

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

All Ages

Thursday, December 5 and January 2 | 11:00 – 11:45 a.m.

Join us at Stratford Square Mall (meet in the Lower Level Café Court near the center of the mall) and receive a treat for being a good listener! All ages welcome; caregivers must remain with their children. December will be a special storytime with Santa!

■ Science and Fun with Frozen

Grades K-6

Thursday, December 5 | 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

We celebrate the new movie with science activities, games, and crafts for boys and girls.

■ Craft Time (Drop-In)

All Ages

Thursday, December 5 | 3:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Stop by the Youth Services department the first Thursday of every month to make a fun craft. We'll supply all the materials needed.

■ Potty Party

Ages 1-5 with caregiver

Friday, December 6 | 10:30 – 11:00am

Toddlers of all stages of potty training are invited to a party with stories and songs to encourage and motivate potty training.

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

All Ages

Mondays, December 9 and January 13 | 9:30 – 10:15 a.m.

Location: Panera Bread, 370 W. Army Trail Road, Bloomingdale
Enjoy a special themed storytime and nibble on some yummy cookies and milk from Panera!

■ Parent/Baby Holiday Storytime

Ages 0-24 months

Wednesday, December 11 | 6:00 – 6:30 p.m.

Location: Bloomingdale Park District Museum, 108 S. Bloomingdale Road
We'll sing songs and get into the holiday spirit with some jubilant seasonal stories. **Register through the Bloomingdale Park District**

■ STEM Club: Tech Time

Grades 3-6

Thursdays, December 12, and January 9 | 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

Libraries are more than books - they are a great place to learn technology too! Come get some hands-on time with tech at STEM Club!

■ Sensory Time

Ages 3-8 (with caregiver)

Saturdays, December 14 and January 18 | 10:00 – 10:45 a.m.

A time at the library for special needs children filled with stories, songs, games, sensory stations, and more. Please email us at bdys@mybpl.org if you have any questions or concerns.

■ Playing with STEM (Drop-In)

Ages 3-5

Tuesday, December 17 | 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Start your child early with our fun play to learn program. Each week we will have different stations for kids to explore.

■ Reader's Theater

Grades 3-6

Wednesday, December 18 | 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

Children will practice with scripts and then have a performance for their families.

■ Ginger-bleck!

Grades K-2

Thursday, December 19 | 4:15 – 5:00p.m.

Come learn about non-Newtonian fluids as you make holiday-scented oobleck.

■ Fa la la la Family Storytime (Drop-In)

All Ages

Friday, December 20 | 10:30 – 11:00 a.m.

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

■ Family Holiday Movie (Drop-In) Mickey's Christmas Carol

All ages

Sunday, December 8 | 2:00 – 2:45 p.m.

The Holiday Movie is back! Enjoy this holiday classic with treats, giveaways, and lots of holiday cheer.





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WINTER BREAK PROGRAMS

Come to the library for a variety of fun activities throughout Winter Break!

Fast As You Can, Find Our Gingerbread Man (Drop-In)

December 23 – January 3

Help! Our gingerbread men have run away! Can you help us find them? Each day 6 gingerbread people will be hidden around the Youth Services Department. Find one and receive a sticker!

Bingo Blast (Drop-In)

Grades 1-6

Monday, December 23 | 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Start your break with some Bingo fun. Drop in anytime and stay as long as you like.

Bubble Blow Out New Year's Eve Party

2-3 years old with caregiver

Friday, December 27 | 10:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Rock out and celebrate the New Year! We will dance, read stories, and blow bubbles as we count down to our own ball drop!

Winter Break Movie: Toy Story 4 (Drop-In)

All Ages

Monday, December 30 | 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Drop in and watch the newest DVD releases here at the library. Children 8 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

Craft Time (Drop-In)

All Ages

Thursday, January 2 | 1:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Stop by the Youth Services department the first Thursday of every month to make a fun craft. **January Craft Time is expanded for Winter Break.**

Lunch Box Pals

Ages 4-6

Friday, January 3 | 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Enjoy lunch time at the library. Pack a lunch and enjoy the lunch hour with friends. We'll enjoy crafts, games, and stories.

JANUARY

What Do YOU See? (Drop-In)

All Ages for all of January

Drop by throughout January to take our weekly drawing challenges and see what everyone's imagination has created!

We Love eBooks, You Can Too! (Drop-In)

All Ages

Thursdays in January | 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Come to the Youth Service Desk during these times and we will walk you through getting started and help you find some great eBooks for your kids!

Readers and Eaters - NEW STORYTIME

Grades K-2

Mondays, January 6 through February 3 | 6:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Happy books for our elementary kiddos! Read fun stories and poems about food, then make a snackivity all by yourself!

FLF – Finger Looping Fun (Drop-In)

Grades 3-6

Wednesday, January 15 | 12:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Join the Finger Looping craze and bundle up with your very own handmade scarf. Materials included.

HOMESCHOOL ART SERIES: Abstract Art

Families

Thursday, January 16 | 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Come try Abstract art with Wassily Kandinsky and Jackson Pollock.

Daniel Laib Presents: Magic and Art Show (Drop-In)

All Ages

Monday, January 20 | 1:00 – 1:45 p.m.

Enjoy the day off school with Daniel Laib as he combines magic, optical illusions, and live art in this entertaining family show.

Homeschool 3D Printing Workshop

Families

Tuesday, January 21 | 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Come learn how to make simple objects on our 3D printer. Learn how you can create items at home and pick them up, fully finished, from the library, and more!

Say G'Day to Australia

Grades K-2

Thursday, January 23 | 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

Learn about Australia with food, stories, crafts, and fun!

Community Helper Storytime - Post Office (Drop-In)

Ages 1-5 with caregivers

Monday, January 27 | 10:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Join us for a special storytime with our helpers from our community.

Valentines for Veterans

Monday, December 16 – Thursday, January 30

Patrons are invited to make Valentine cards for men and women serving in the military and for veterans in **Hines Veteran's 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.

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Storytimes

Preschoolers of all ages can join us for a storytime.

The Youth Services department provides age-appropriate interactive fun with stories, sign language, music, and more. Each program runs for six weeks. Winter Storytimes begin the week of **January 6 and end on February 7**.

STORYTIMES SCHEDULE THROUGH FEBRUARY 7

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>■ Readers and Eaters Grades K-2 6:30 – 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>Books and snackivities for little foodies who've grown beyond Happy Books storytime.</p> <p>■ Happy Books, Happy Cooks Ages 3-5 7:00 – 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>A storytime for all the budding chefs.</p>	<p>Preschool Storytime Ages 3-5 10:30 – 11:15 a.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">LIMITED STORYTIMES Open to the first 20 children to arrive for storytime</p>	<p>Toddler Storytime Ages 2-3 with caregiver 10:30 – 11:00 a.m.</p>	<p>Baby Tales 0-24 months with caregiver 10:10 – 10:30 a.m. and 10:40 – 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>During this storytime, we will introduce your baby to books, songs, rhymes, and movement that will aid in the development of early literacy skills.</p>	<p>Family Storytime <i>All ages with caregiver</i> 10:30 – 11:15 a.m.</p> 

Winter Reading Program

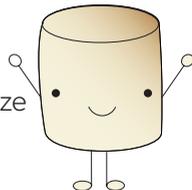


December 16, 2019 – February 7, 2020

It's a marshmallow world in the winter!

Beginning Monday, December 16, you may register in person at the Youth Services Reference Desk to receive your information packet and starting prize. Complete your reading log by reading for just three hours!

Turn in your log at the Youth Services Reference Desk by Friday, February 7 to receive your final prize and be entered into the Grand Prize Drawing.



Daniel Laib Presents:

magic and art show

(Drop-In) All Ages
Monday, January 20
1:00 – 1:45 p.m.

Enjoy the day off school with Daniel Laib as he combines magic, optical illusions, and live art in this entertaining family show.



Festival of Lights

**December 6 - December 31
@ Old Town Park**

General Information

Beginning December 6, 2019, the Festival of Lights returns for the seventh straight year in bigger and brighter fashion. Pedestrians and motorists alike are treated to a sparkling display of holiday lights and sights in Old Town Park and Old Town Bloomington through Christmas Eve.

Holiday Show at the Museum

Visit the Museum throughout the Festival of Lights for its seasonal holiday show. Kid crafts, Elf on the Shelf and complimentary refreshments are part of every holiday Museum experience.

Holiday Show & Museum Hours (December 6 - December 27):

Thursday through Saturday 6-8:30PM
Sundays 1-4PM

Activities & Entertainment

- Horse Drawn Carriage Rides
- Holiday Crafts
- Facepainting
- Rockin' Santa
- Cookie Decorating
- Elf on a Shelf
- Scavenger Hunts
- Frozen Characters Meet & Greet (Dec. 14)
- Grinch Meet and Greet (Dec. 21)
- Complimentary refreshments during Museum Hours

*See calendar for more information.

Lighting Ceremony

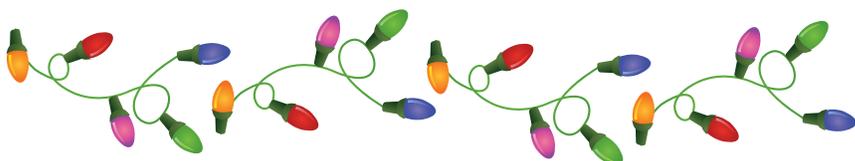
Dec. 6 @ 7PM



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Carriage Rides

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. Make your family's reservation ahead of time. Just register one family member to reserve a spot for the whole family. One reservation per family please. Times are approximate. Register online at bloomingtonparks.org or at the JRC Front Desk.

Date	Code#
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12/20	104610-A1
12/27	104612-A1



Meet & Greets

Frozen

December 14 | 6-8:30PM

Stop by the Museum between 6 and 8:30 p.m. to meet your favorite Frozen princesses! Activities also include crafts, games, photos, autographs and story time. Activities are held both indoors and outdoors (weather dependent).



Grinch

December 21 | 6-8:30PM

Meet one of the Holiday's most notorious creatures. The green grump will be in the Museum for pictures, autographs, games, crafts and story time. Activities may be indoors and outdoors (weather dependent).

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 bloomingtonparks.org or in person at the Johnston Recreation Center.

Upcoming Days Off Options

December 23, 26, 27, 30; January 2, 3, 15, 20, 24



SUMMER JOB FAIR

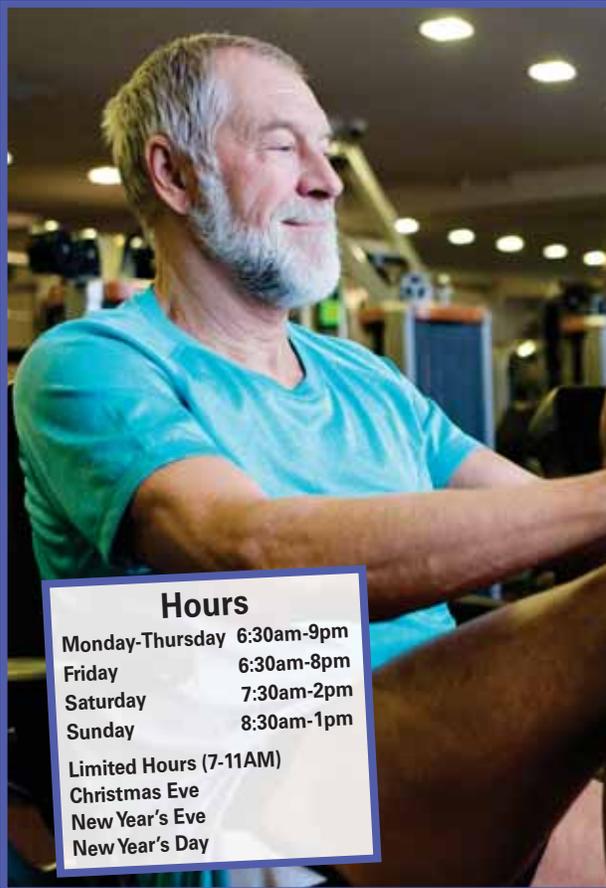
January 3, 3-6PM

@ Johnston Recreation Center

Calling everyone 16 and older interested in working at the Bloomington Park District this summer! We are hosting an open house job fair for positions in aquatics and summer camp and we want to meet you! This is a one stop shop for a summer job and there are many opportunities available. Stop in between 3 and 6 p.m. on January 3 to apply and have your initial interview. If you have questions or to send your application or resume ahead of time, please contact Liz at liz@bloomingtonparks.org.



Bloomington Park District



B-FIT CENTER

172 S. Circle Ave. | Bloomington, IL 60108 | 630-529-3650

Cardio

- Treadmills
- Ellipticals
- Recumbent bike
- Upright bike
- NuStep recumbent cross trainer

Machines/Weights

- Weight benches
- Weight rack
- Leg press/calf extension machine
- Leg extension/leg curl machine
- Pulldown machine
- Functional training/strength setup

Group Fitness

- 946 square feet
- TRX Stations
- Members have access when no classes are in session.

Membership

Enrollment Fee \$25

Annual membership

\$145 Resident \$185 Non-Resident

Monthly membership

\$15 Resident \$19 Non-Resident

Senior (62+) Annual Membership

\$116 Resident \$156 Non-Resident

Senior (62+) Monthly Membership

\$12 Resident \$15 Non-Resident

Daily Fee

\$5 Resident \$7 Non-Resident

Corporate Annual Membership

\$165/person
5 employee minimum required

Hours

Monday-Thursday 6:30am-9pm
Friday 6:30am-8pm
Saturday 7:30am-2pm
Sunday 8:30am-1pm

Limited Hours (7-11AM)

Christmas Eve
New Year's Eve
New Year's Day

FREE Programs!!!

Try out one of our amazing program offerings for FREE! Browse the list below and register online or at the JRC Front Desk. Registration deadline is one week before the class date.

Location: JRC
Instructor: Staff

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
Lil Kicks Soccer					
3-5	M	4:00-4:50P	12/30	\$0/0	206302-A1
Lil Dribblers					
4-6	Sa	10:00-10:45A	12/28	\$0/0	206300-A1
Basketball 101					
7-8	Sa	11:00-12:00P	12/28	\$0/0	206301-A1
Flag Football					
9-12	M	5:00-6:00P	12/30	\$0/0	206303-A1
Cardio Conditioning					
Adult	M	10:15-11:15A	12/30	\$0/0	206112-A1
Pickleball					
Adult	M	9:30-11:00A	1/27	\$0/0	203324-A1
Hatha Yoga					
Adult	Tu	7:15-8:15P	1/7	\$0/0	206111-A1
Cooking Demo					
Adult	W	6:30-8:00P	1/22	\$0/0	206600-A1
Cooking Demo					
Adult	W	6:30-8:00P	1/29	\$0/0	206600-B1

