

Village of Bloomingdale

Almanac

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During the month of February, donations of Move in Essentials (listed below) will be accepted at the Bloomingdale Village Hall, Library, Fire Department and Park District Recreation Center. Donated items will be provided to Veterans who are exiting homelessness.

PERSONAL HYGIENE

- Bath Soap
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Razor
- Shaving Cream
- Deodorant
- Combs
- Hair Brush

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Vote Online Now through February 16 For the Best of Bloomingdale

The Best of Bloomingdale 2020 is a signature event designed by the Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce to recognize outstanding members of the business community.

This event reaches beyond the chamber and into the community, requesting nominations and incorporating a voting component to augment judging in the selection process. This year Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce received 475 nominations for the Best of Bloomingdale 2020 Awards! That was 315 more than last year! The Chamber appreciates the terrific response.

The online voting is in process now and will conclude at midnight on Sunday, February 16, 2020. To make voting easier, you can go directly to www.BestOfBloomingdale.com to vote.

The Best of Bloomingdale culminates with an award dinner to recognize the winners. This premier event will be held on Thursday, March 5, 2020, at the Bloomingdale Golf Club from 5:30-8:30 p.m. In addition to announcing the award-winning businesses, the Georgene Geils Business Woman of the Year will be introduced by the Bloomingdale Area Women in Business.

Tickets for the Best of Bloomingdale are on sale now through the Chamber website, www.Bloomingdalechamber.com or by calling 630-980-9082.



Top: Susan DiMeo-Sargent, 2019 Business Woman of the Year, with Branka Poplonski; Bottom: Bloomingdale Public Library, 2019 Best Overall. Director Tim Jarzemski (center), Board members, and Coordinator Beth Dover, far right.

Mark Your Calendar for These Upcoming Events



Best of B'dale Nominees;
Vote by Feb. 16. See p. 15



Fish Fry at B'dale Golf
Feb 28 – April 10; See p. 4



Student Art Show p. 12
March 7-April 4 @Museum



Easter Egg Hunt/Bunny Bash
April 4; See 2nd last page

Cops Shop With Kids to Celebrate The Spirit of the Season

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



The Bloomingdale Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #175 celebrated the holiday Spirit of Giving with local families through the annual “Kids Shop with Bloomingdale Cops” event. Families in need were able to have their holidays enhanced through the generous donations of the following: Meijer-Bloomingdale, George Salerno/Salerno Rosedale Chapels, Chicagoland Italian American Charitable Organization (CIACO), Sporty’s Catering, and other private donors. Thank you for supporting the Bloomingdale F.O.P. #175 and to all the police officers who donated their time to the event.

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 Easter 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
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

Thanks to resident Alexandria Contes for her beautiful winter photo at Westlake Park.

A Message from Mayor Franco

Before we look forward to 2020, I'd like to reminisce a bit about 2019, which was a very successful year in many ways.

Summer was highlighted by the Grand Re-opening of the Park District's Oasis Water Park, followed by the Grand Re-Opening of the completely renovated Johnston Recreation Center after a year of construction. Following a fantastic Septemberfest, the Village held its first ever Brew Fest in Old Town on a beautiful Saturday afternoon in October. Both were a great success and a terrific way to showcase both Bloomingdale and our historic Old Town.

December enjoyed the largest crowd yet for the 2019 Community Tree Lighting Ceremony and expanded Kris Kringle Market, kicking off the Park District's annual month-long Festival of Lights. Dominating the Old Town Piazza this year was our magnificent 40-foot Christmas tree with over 15,000 lights and a crowning star to serve as a beacon of the holiday season. It was the perfect backdrop for many a family photo.

The Village has welcomed Texas Roadhouse along Gary Avenue and Aldi's on Army Trail Road adjacent to Costco. Several businesses, such as McDonalds along Gary and Olive Garden along Army Trail have been reinvesting in the community by remodeling their businesses. Revitalizing the Lake Street corridor continues with the transformation of the shopping center just west of St. Paul Cemetery, as well as the former Shell station. While it is exciting to be part of the rebirth and redevelopment of Lake Street, there is still much to do in 2020.

One of those projects is the Lake Street Streetscape Project which includes: gateway elements with Bloomingdale identity on the east and west entry points to the Village, median landscape and hardscape elements, public parkway landscaping, irrigation system, electrical system for holiday lighting, adding new "pedestrian side" street lighting and replacing the existing high intensity discharge (HID) street lighting fixtures with LED fixtures.

2020 will also be an exciting time to see the changes to the Stratford Mall area where Woodman's prepares to open a 250,000 square-foot Market. The Village continues to work with the owner of the former Toy R Us store with plans to lease the space to a national tenant and continued residential development along the Stratford Mall ring road.

One more important reminder – the column to the right has information regarding the 2020 Census. We can't impress enough how important it is to Bloomingdale and all of the towns in Illinois that everyone within our boundaries be counted. 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 Board and I look forward to continuing our work in the community and continuing to push the Village's motto of "Growth with Pride" forward in 2020.

A Happy and Healthy New Year to All!

Mayor Franco



Census 2020: Be Sure to Be 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, funding distribution, and government and business decision making of all kinds.

For the first time, the U.S. Census Bureau will accept 2020 Census responses online and via mail. The process will be quick and secure. You can respond to the census in less time than it takes to finish your morning coffee.

It is important to count all children who live and sleep in your home most of the time, including newborn babies. This is important to gaining funds for future schools and programs they will need.

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.



'SWINGING FOREward' to the 2020 Golf Season

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

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HAPPY NEW YEAR to ALL!!

The 2020 Golf Season will be upon us soon and if the January weather we have been experiencing stays true, hopefully the season will start very soon!!

As we move forward with preparation of the upcoming golf season, we want to remind you that our website will be updated regularly with information and activities. We anticipate much of the information to be available by the middle of February. In the meantime, here are a couple things and reminders that will interest you in anticipation for the golf season.



Remember to re-register for your Community Card. If you are unfamiliar with this program, by registering in the golf shop, residents of Bloomingtondale and selected communities in the area given the opportunity to receive reduced green fee rates. It's a small annual fee, and if you play more than 2-3 times a year, you will save money!

Participation in the "Youth on Course" program, through the Chicago District Golf Association – CDGA kicks off its 3rd season at Bloomingtondale Golf Club. If you have juniors in the family who play golf, we strongly encourage that they register in this program. For an annual registration fee of \$20 through the CDGA, juniors can play golf at nation-wide participating golf courses for a fee of \$5. This is a walking fee and time restrictions do apply.

Adult Golf Clinics and our Junior Golf Program are a terrific means to start your golf season out right and to introduce the kids to this great game! Start planning now so when the registration material becomes available you won't be left out!

Here are a few event dates to mark on your calendar:

- "Swing into Spring" Opening Scramble – Sunday, April 19th
- Bloomingtondale Junior Golf Classic – Tuesday, July 7th
- NEW – Mixed Couples "9 and Dine" events to be held on selective Fridays throughout the season.

For more information on course activities and programs, please visit our website at www.bloomingtondalegc.com or call the golf shop at 630-529-6232.

Come Out to the Friday Night Fish Fry!

Friday Night "Haddock Fish Fry" at the golf course begins February 28th and goes through April 10th.

Doors will open at 4 p.m. and the last seating will be 8:30 p.m. Seating is based on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Join your friends and neighbors for great food and an enjoyable evening.



Winter Driving Safety Tips

1. Keep your car's headlights on low beam. This provides better visibility particularly in fog or snow.
2. Watch the car in front of you for signs of trouble. Anticipate and prepare for slippery roads or other dangers.
3. If you travel below the posted speed limit, please stay in the far right lane to avoid any speeding vehicles.
4. If you need to slow down or stop on a slick road, apply the brakes firmly and steadily, but not so firmly that they lock up. As you begin to slow, gently ease up on the brakes. Do not pump the brakes.
5. If you skid, don't panic. Take your foot off the brake and then steer in the direction of the skid. Once the car regains traction, you can straighten the wheel.
6. Keep an emergency kit in the trunk, including jumper cables, tools, flares, warning triangles, first-aid kit and a flashlight with fresh batteries. You will also want to have an ice scraper, small shovel, blanket and perhaps a bottle of water...just in case.
7. If an emergency occurs and you are not able to fix the problem, please attempt to pull over to the far right lane or shoulder and remain in the vehicle. Ask those offering their assistance to notify the state or local police department.



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.

Looking for a Summer Job?

The Village of Bloomingdale is accepting applications for seasonal employment only in the Public Works Maintenance and Utilities Divisions.

The type of work involves physical labor. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age and must have a valid Illinois driver's license.

Find applications online at www.villageofbloomingdale.org under Employment Opportunities.

The Village of Bloomingdale is an Equal Opportunity Employer.



Winter Phone Numbers to Know

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-TOLLFYI

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.

New Driving Laws in Illinois Effective 1/1/2020

AARP SMART Driver Program

- Learn Driver Safety Tips
- Learn Defensive Driving Strategies
- Be current with new driving laws
- You may qualify for an Auto Insurance Discount
- Cost – AARP members \$15.00
Non-Members \$20.00

The 8 hour course is divided into two sessions of 4 hours each day from 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 1st & Thursday, April 2nd, 2020. All classes will be held at the Bloomingdale Police Department – Training Room.

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

Holiday Shopping

Members of the Bloomingdale Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #175 shopped with youngsters at both Meijer and WalMart this year.

Thanks to both stores for their support.



Committing A Traffic Violation In A Designated Highway Construction Or Maintenance Zone – the offense is punishable by fines ranging from \$100 - \$1,000. The maximum penalty for hitting a construction worker increased to \$25,000.

Passing Stopped School Bus Fine – when the visual signals (stop arm) displayed, the fine has increased from \$150 to \$300 for the first offense, and from \$500 to \$1,000 for the second or subsequent offense.

Scott's Law Updates: The law requires motorists to move to the right, reduce speed, leave a safe distance between them and the stationary emergency or disabled vehicle – Also, allow motorists to move out of dedicated lanes if they're doing so to comply with Scott's Law. The minimum fine for not moving over one lane or for not reducing speed and providing a safe distance to give more room on the roadside to stopped police, emergency, or disabled vehicles has risen from \$100 to \$250. Motorists may be fined up to \$10,000.

Leaving The Scene Of An Accident Caused By Use Of Drugs, Alcohol, Or Using An Electronic Communication Device – now a factor to be accorded weight in favor of imposing a term of imprisonment or a more severe sentence.

Drop It And Drive: Amended in the Illinois Vehicle Code – Adds to the current ban on cell phone use that drivers will no longer be able to watch streaming video while driving.

Veh Cd-Smoking; Present Minor – It is illegal to inhale, exhale, burn or carry a lighted cigarette, cigar, pipe, weed, plant, regulated narcotic or other combustible substance in a motor vehicle containing a person under the age of 18 years. The law prohibits smoking in the vehicle regardless of whether the vehicle is in motion, at rest, or has its windows down. First offense the maximum fine will be \$100 and the second offense will not exceed \$250.

Tinted Or Smoked Vehicle Lighting: The law created prohibits the use on roadways of motor vehicles with lighting that has a smoked or tinted lens or cover.

SAVE THE DATE – Annual Senior Day Fair, Friday, April 24, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. – Noon. Hosted by the Bloomingdale Police Department and the Senior Citizen Advisory Council at Medinah Shriners Banquet Facility, 550 North Shriners Drive, Addison, IL 60101 located on Swift Road, just north of Army Trail Road. More information in the April issue of the *Almanac*.



IMPORTANT NOTICE

The March 11th Neighborhood Watch Meeting has been rescheduled to Wednesday, March 18 at 7 p.m. in the Village Hall Council Room.

The Mayor, Village Administrator and Village Services Department will present information about the current state of Bloomingdale, as well discuss some future developments.

The public is encouraged to attend and to bring questions or concerns to this unique and insightful evening. Refreshments will be provided. Hope to see you there!

Thank You Village of Bloomingdale Committee & Commission Volunteers

The Village of Bloomingdale depends on the efforts of certain commissions during the year. Each serves a specific purpose and is made up of volunteers who contribute a great deal of time to carry out the work of the commission. We extend thanks to the following individuals who have given their time so generously during 2019.

Police Pension Board

Jeff Fritz
Alan Birkley
Vince Bruett
Aaron Machek
Edward Levato, Jr.

Board of Fire & Police

Theodore Cucci
Louis Pavone
Frank Letizia

Planning & Zoning Commission

Tim Coleman
Chris Troiola
Dan Vitacco
Len Jaster
Jim King
Anthony Damato
Shawn Flood

Septemberfest Commission

Mitch Frumkin
Vivi Frumkin
Debbie Pasiewicz
Marilyn Johnson
Tana Engel
Justin DiSalvo
Dan Vitacco
Joy Klinowski
Nick Fratto
Lindsey Boehne

Thanks, Block Captains!

The Bloomingdale Police Department wants to publicly recognize and express sincere gratitude to the residents listed below for volunteering their time as Neighborhood Watch Block Captains. These individuals promote the lines of communication between their neighborhoods and emergency agencies to enhance the safety and quality of life for our community. Their dedication has led to the success of the Neighborhood Watch Program and other village-wide community events.

Thanks to all for their contributions throughout the year!

Mary Albert
Richard Baggio
Bill Bahr
Giuseppe Battista
Paul Bergl
Pam Berlin
Gregg Burgess
John Carroll
Lee Clarbourn
Carol Cosentino
Patricia Cox
Alyssa Cunningham
Janet Davitt
Linda Derrico
Roberta DiBasilio
Patricia Dopp
Mary Sue Fornari
Mitch & Vivi Frumkin
Laura Geraci
Andreia Golder
Terri Graves

Patrick Griffin
Elizabeth Gross
Juanita Hathaway
Steve Higgins
Jacquelyne Hill
Francine Howard
Janine Hnatusko
Robert & Lucy Jones
Marjorie Kelly
Joy Klinowski
Rita & Frank Letizia
Gina Leonard
Rozanne Malott
John Manos
Jane & Gil Michelotti
Ken Mixer
Sharyn Murphy
Carol Nies
Holly & Mark Paoletti
Kim Paprocki
Albert Presco

Dorothy Prohaska
Patrick Quigley
Gail Rohlfing
Roger Rossi
Judi Rotondo
Milan Stevanovich
Steve Vitez
Bill Wirkus

Management Offices of:

Camden Apartments
One Bloomingdale Place
Wilshire Tower Apartments
Windsor Estate Apartment Homes



Congratulations Village Employees!



Chris Mitchell receives his 15-year anniversary gift and congratulations from Mayor Franco.

The Village of Bloomingdale celebrated 410 years of service when it recognized the 2019 Milestone Anniversaries of the following 22 employees at the annual Appreciation Luncheon.

35 years
Ed Lewen

30 years
Vince Bruett
Joe Chambers
Denise Doherty
Lynn Heitz
Pat Maranto
Bob Prohaska

25 Years
Tim Roberts

20 Years
Juan Pagan
Wendy Reiter
Michael Young
Matt Wolenburg

15 Years
Andy DiBasilio
Chris Mitchell
Liz Spontella

10 Years
Tony Mannerino
Levi McGhee

5 years
Joe Battaglia
Tracy Celestino
Michael Giovenco
Jin Han
Peter Scalera

Simple Steps to Avoid Ruptured Water Pipes This Winter

Parkway Tree Pruning Begins In February



The Village has a comprehensive, systematic tree pruning schedule. This includes in-house and contractual tree pruning (for trees with a diameter at breast height of 6 or more inches).

D. Ryan Tree & Landscape, LLC., under the direction of the Village Forester, will begin maintenance tree pruning in February. Pruning improves the health, structure, form and appearance of the trees. Removing diseased or insect-infested wood; thinning the crown to increase airflow and reduce some pest problems; and removing crossing and rubbing branches encourages trees to develop a strong structure and reduce the likelihood of damage during severe weather.

Pruning also involves removing branches that could fall and cause injury or property damage, trimming branches that interfere with lines of sight on streets or driveways, and removing branches that grow into utility lines.

No tree pruning on Village parkways is to be done without a permit from the Forestry Division.

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.

LIHEAP Assistance

With the arrival of cold temperatures, 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



Lions Help Fill the Pantries for the Holidays

The Bloomingdale Lions Club went shopping en masse on Saturday, December 14th to the Meijer's store where they purchased food for ten families whose needs were provided by the Bloomingdale Township Food Pantry.



Scholarship Opportunities This Spring

The **Bloomingtondale Chamber of Commerce** is committed to providing a connection from classroom to career by developing tomorrow's leaders, annually offering two types of scholarships. Applicants must be either a member (or child of a member) of the Bloomingtondale Chamber of Commerce or a current resident of Bloomingtondale.

Multiple scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$1,000 are available as one-time awards to students graduating high school or currently enrolled in post-secondary school who are planning to continue their education. Two \$1,500 Alumni Scholarships (one-time awards) are available to individuals enrolled full-time in a community college, four-year university, vocational school, or graduate program who have previously won a Bloomingtondale Chamber Scholarship. Applications are available on the Chamber website www.bloomingtondalechamber.com. Applications and supporting documents must be submitted by Friday, March 27, 2020. See page 10 for Bloomingtondale Area Women in Business \$1,000 scholarship information.

College-bound high school seniors who have attended **District 13 schools** may apply for scholarships available through the district. The Parent-Teacher-Organizations from Schools Erickson & DuJardin Elementary, as well as Westfield, will each be offering a \$750.00 scholarship. Past students of both DuJardin and Erickson may apply only to the school most recently attended. Students who attended one of the elementary schools and Westfield Middle School may apply to the elementary school, as well as to Westfield.

Applications will be available from the three District 13 School offices, from their weekly newsletters, or can be downloaded from the district's website, www.sd13.org. Applications must be submitted by **April 6, 2020**.

The Lake Park Educational Foundation is pleased to announce the availability of 33 scholarships totaling over \$27,000 available for Lake Park High School seniors in the class of 2020.

Students must attach a completed common scholarship application, essay(s), and appropriate supporting materials for each scholarship. Scholarship applications are due to the Career Center at Lake Park West Campus by Monday, March 9 (note: the deadline for the Scott Bradley Memorial Scholarship is Monday, March 1, 2020). Please visit www.lphs.org/Foundation to view scholarship information.

The Joe Draghi Septemberfest Scholarship is once again being offered by the Septemberfest Commission. The award is funded through private, community and corporate contributions. Applicants must be a resident of Bloomingtondale between the ages of 17 and 20. Other requirements are noted on the application. The application packet will be available on the Village of Bloomingtondale's website at www.villageofbloomingtondale.org by Monday, March 2, 2020 and is due on Monday, April 13, 2020. Winners will be announced at the 47th annual Septemberfest on September 12, 2020.

The Bloomingtondale Artists Association (BAA) offers one \$1,000 scholarship to a qualified applicant pursuing a Visual Fine Arts Degree. The scholarship is co-funded by the BAA and Masterpiece Framing of Bloomingtondale. The applicant must be a senior in high school or 18 years or older. The scholarship award will be applied to 2019 college/art school tuition; the award recipient must participate in the 2019 Spring BAA Member Exhibit. For more instructions on the scholarship, contact Bev Petrosius at bpetrosius@gmail.com. Applications received after the deadline date of April 1, 2019 will not be considered.

Love Our Vets by Donating Hygiene Items And Cleaning Supplies

PERSONAL HYGIENE

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Nail Clipper
Toothpaste
Toothbrush



VFW 7539 Post Vets Joe Palmer (l) and Larry Rogers pick up 2019 Village collection

KITCHEN & CLEANING

Kitchen Trash Can (Plastic)
Windex
Pine Sol
Dishwashing Liquid
Dishcloth
Sponge
Mop
Bucket
Broom
Dustpan
Paper Towels
Laundry Detergent
Laundry Basket & Hamper

BATHROOM

Shower Curtain
Toilet Paper (4 or 6 pack)
Plunger
Toilet Brush
Toilet Bowl Cleaner
Bath Towels (2)
Wash Cloth

MISCELLANEOUS

Smoke Detector w/ Batteries
Flashlight w/Batteries
Garbage Bags

*ONLY NEW, STORE BOUGHT ITEMS WILL BE ACCEPTED

Business News

Chicago Pastry's 'Dossants' Make a Debut on 'Chicago's Best'

Chicago Pastry, 142 N. Bloomingdale Road, has been a part of Bloomingdale for over 50 years. Well known, not only in town, but in many areas surrounding us and well beyond. Having flourished these many years, the bakery has a very substantial following. It is because of these dedicated patrons spreading the word about the family-owned and operated shop of sweets that it recently came to the attention of "Chicago's Best."

"Chicago's Best" airs on Sunday nights at 10:30 p.m. on Chicago's Very Own, WGN-TV. The show is on a mission to find the best "grub in town" and they depend on their viewers to help them find these gems. And so it was that Host Elliott Bambrough came out to Bloomingdale on January 9 to learn how to make cannoli dossants for a show about the best donuts in the Chicagoland area.

A dossant is a cross between a donut and a croissant; donut shaped, using a croissant-based dough, rolled in sugar and stuffed with delicious cream flavors. Remo Turano, one of Chicago Pastry's owners, came up with the recipe a few years ago and Chicago Pastry became the first bakery in the Midwest to make them.

The show will air on Sunday, February 23, 2020 at 10:30 p.m. Until then, check out host and "baker" Elliott Banbrough making cannoli-filled dossants as Chicago Pastry baker Adolfo Alvarez coaches him.

And if you've never had a dossant, that address again is 142 N. Bloomingdale Road. And also Chicago Pastry is a nominee for Best of Bloomingdale.



Step 1: beginning the batter



Step 2: creating the donut form



Step 3: The finished donut, fried and cooled



Injecting the cannoli filling

BAWIB Adult Scholarship

The Bloomingdale Area Women in Business (BAWIB) Scholarship application is available from February 1 through March 27, 2020 through the Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce website (bloomingdalechamber.com)

The focus of this award is to acknowledge and support the efforts of a woman returning to the workforce and/or advancing her career through additional training and education.

The award can be applied toward additional training, CEUs, or an advanced degree. Non-traditional female students are encouraged to apply.

Applications must be submitted by Friday, March 27, 2020.

A New Way to Work Out

SPENGA is located at 148 E. Lake Street in Bloomingdale and invites you to experience the unrivaled fitness experience sweeping the nation!

The boutique fitness studio, located in the Springbrook Shopping Center, features 20 minutes of Spin, 20 minutes of strength training, and 20 minutes of yoga all in one 60-minute session!

They believe strong bodies and minds are created through the power of ride, rep, revive. And when your fitness routine works, life just works too.

Call 630-589-0133 for more information or stop in to see what it's all about.



Sporty's Restaurant & Catering

Sport's Restaurant & Catering has had three locations over the 40 years it has been in business. It started out in Glendale Heights in 1979 and soon moved to Bloomingdale on Army Trail Road where the Lou Malnati's is located. Originally called Sporty's Red Hots, the restaurant had some seating and offered catering. By 1989 the previous owners were strictly doing catering and had moved to 448 W Army Trail Road, on the west side of Gary Avenue.

When Rocco and Laurie Zaccardi bought the business it became a family-owned and operated endeavor. The catering business was doing well, but three years ago they decided to double the space and open a full service restaurant too. Rocco plays up the sports theme with an incredible mural touching on every sport. Sporty's has been a staple in Bloomingdale for 40 years and Rocco treats it as such.

He is always greeting customers and stopping by tables to make sure everything is as good as you expected. Sometimes he sits down at the table just for a little conversation. You can't help but feel like you are in a small town where everyone knows each other. The food is delicious and reasonably priced. Rocco is always looking for new dishes to serve. He like to change it up. He recently started serving a pot roast sandwich. His latest creation is a short rib grilled cheese; and the cannoli shakes are a heavenly treat!

Three generations have been coming to Sporty's now. The long counter is filled with photos of patrons – families, individuals, kids and some with Rocco. You are almost certain to find someone you know. And all the kids get ice cream. How can you beat that?

Rocco grew up here, went to Glenbard North H.S. He gives back to the community and especially likes to help the local churches. He belongs to the Bloomingdale and Carol Stream chambers.

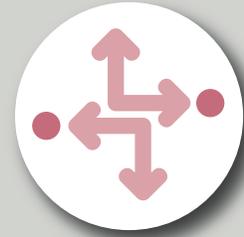
He also offers daily specials: Burger Mondays, Chicago Tuesdays, Gyro Thursdays etc. And he has hats to wear for almost every day! For some fun and great food, stop in Sporty's, one of the real gems in Bloomingdale and also a nominee for the Best of Bloomingdale. See p. 15!



Rocco in his hamburger hat



Sporty's goes all out for Valentine's Day. Who says you have to spend a mint for a romantic meal? And you can bring the kids, too!



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

Go Calendars

613 Stratford Square

Leather House

128 Stratford Square

The Popcorn Cart

116 Stratford Square

Okapi Bistro

369 W. Army Trail Road #11

Aldi's

525 W. Army Trail Road

Patel Dental Spa

107 W. Lake Street

Bull & Bear Axe Throwing

620 Stratford Square



Community Events

Garden Club Upcoming Programs

February 18, 2020 - City Bee Savers: Bill Whitney has kept a small honey bee farm in West Chicago for over 20 years.

Featured on WGN News, he is a certified member of the



Illinois Queen Rearing Initiative which is developing a superior honey bee suited for the rigors of Illinois. He will share his wealth of knowledge about planting for pollinators and how to care for bees.

March 17, 2020 - Five Ways to Preserve the Harvest: Emily Paster, food blogger and cookbook author will discuss five ways to pre-

serve your garden harvest, and the process and benefits of freezing, and safe water-bath



canning procedures of home-grown fruits and vegetables. She will share her "Freezer Cheat Sheet" with us for freezing locally grown fruits and vegetables.

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.

For more information contact bloomingdalegardenclub@gmail.com or visit www.bloomingdalegardenclub.org.

Friends of the Bloomingdale Library March Book Sale

The Friends of the Bloomingdale Public Library host its Spring Book Sale on Saturday, March 28 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, March 29 from 1 - 3 p.m. in the lower level Meeting Rooms A/B, 101 Fairfield Way. Gently-used books for adults and children, DVDs, CDs, games and more are available.



Starting Saturday March 21, hardbacks, paperbacks, best sellers, and classics, DVDs, CDs and games can be donated to the Library's sale. All proceeds benefit the children's reading programs. Ask for details at the main desk or call 630-529-3120.

Bloomingdale AARP February and March Programs

Bloomingdale AARP Chapter 5254 meets monthly at the Bloomingdale Township Senior Center, 6N050 Rosedale Road, at 10:15 a.m. on the 4th Friday of the month. Annual membership is \$10 the first year and \$5 per year after that. The chapter currently has over 60 members.

The February 28 meeting features a Walgreen's representative talking about services for seniors, including shots, such as flu and shingles. The March 27 meeting is a Pizza and Games party- **for members only**. For more info or to inquire about becoming a member, call Dan St. Jacques at 630-544-7779.

Lion Hosting Spaghetti Dinner & Raffle on February 7

The Bloomingdale Lions Club hosts its annual winter Spaghetti Dinner on Friday, February 7 from 5-8 p.m. at the 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. Entertainment will be provided by Tony Spavone. For more info or tickets, contact Camille Carioscia at can4@sbcglobal.net

The Lions will also have tickets available for the "We Serve" raffle. With only 200 tickets sold for \$100 each, the top prize is \$5,000 along with nine more cash prizes being awarded. The raffle proceeds will also help fund community programs, as well as benefit visual and hearing impaired persons and much more. The drawing will take place at the Lions annual Steak Dinner in May.

Student Art Show March 7 - April 4

The 37th Annual Student Art Show takes place at the Bloomingdale Park District Museum, 108 S. Bloomingdale Road, in Gallery I and II. This most popular exhibit, which runs March 7 - April 4, 2020, features the artwork of local students. An Open House is held Sunday, March 15, 1-4 p.m.



St. Isidore Children's Clothing & Equipment Sale

This biannual resale event raises money in support of St. Isidore School. It features more than 100 Consignors offering a wide variety of high-quality, gently-used children's clothing and equipment at a fraction of the regular sale price!

Public shopping for the event will be Friday, March 20 from 6:30-9 p.m. (Children 17 years of age and under are not permitted on Friday), and Saturday, March 21 from 9 a.m.-12:30 (kids welcome, but please no strollers) at the St. Isidore Ministry Center, 433 W. Army Trail Road.



For additional information about the Resale, please email ChildrensResale@saintisidoreschool.org.

Bloomingtondale Artists Association Upcoming Programs

The BAA February 12 "Fiber Fusion Workshop" by Tammy Deck is a Members Only Event. There is a \$20 fee for supplies, fiber and textile medium. For more information about the hand-dyed bamboo fiber artwork or for info on becoming a member, please contact Bev at bpetrosius@gmail.com or 630-624-9545.

The BAA March 11 features "Painting on Glass." Suzette Horyza, BAA member since 2004, will lead this fun workshop, demonstrating how to transform glass objects into decorative pieces using paint. Bring a glass object (bottle, glass or plate) and brushes or sponges. Surface preparation, paint choices, finishing and care will be covered. There is a \$10 visitor fee. Contact Bev for more details at 630-624-9545 or bpetrosius@gmail.com

Each program meets at 7 p.m. at the Bloomingtondale Park District Museum, 108 S. Bloomingtondale Road.

Bloomingtondale Artists Association Exhibit & Sale

April 11 – May 2, 2020

The Bloomingtondale Artists Association hosts its 2020 Spring Show & Silent Auction April 11 – May 2 at the Bloomingtondale Park District. Original artwork created by the members of the Bloomingtondale Artists Association features a diversity of talent and artistic media. Selected works will be for sale.

More information in the April issue of the *Almanac*.



First Place - Digital Photo - 2019: Desert Blossom by Helen Price



CHARACTER COUNTS! Recognition Breakfast

Nominations Due Friday, April 3, 2020

Every Spring the Bloomingtondale CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition sponsors a breakfast to recognize members of the community who live, work or attend school in Bloomingtondale who exhibit outstanding character. Honorees are nominated with a description of the pillar of character that they exemplify.

The 19th Annual Recognition Program will be held in May at the Bloomingtondale Golf Club. Nominations for this year's program are due no later than April 3, 2020. Forms are available on the CC! homepage, www.character60108.org Click on Awards

Completed forms are to be sent by U.S. mail, fax or email to: Bloomingtondale CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition
201 S. Bloomingtondale Road
Bloomingtondale, IL 60108
FAX: 630-893-5136
Email: info@character60108.org



(l to r) front row: Dr. Andre Jham and Dr. Raquel Martuchi Jham (Star Smiles), Sajani Achanta, Treva Anderson Vivi Frumkin, Mitch Frumkin, and Patrick Haugens. Awardees Tiffany Denning and Emil Zidek not pictured (2019 recipients).

Around and About Town

Roman E. Strzala, 'Class of 2002'



Bloomington resident, Roman E. Strzala, American Football Association Hall Of Fame "Class of 2002" attended the 2019 AFA Hall of Fame Induction Banquet at the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio on June 22, 2019.

Roman (far right), is a 20-year Bloomington resident and the treasurer of the On the Park Homeowners Association.

Glenbard East Earns Honor

Glenbard East has been honored with the School of Distinction award for promoting citizen diplomacy and fostering international understanding through the GAPP (German American Partnership Program) Exchange. Congratulations to Molly Gstalter and Jackson Howenstine for all of their hard work in organizing and leading the German cultural exchange programs over the years.



Bloomington Resident Recognized for AMITA Health Service

Marshall Gray Jr. was recently honored as Trustee of the Year by AMITA Health's parent company AdventHealth at its National Conference on Mission in Florida. Gray has served as a member of the Adventist Midwest Health Board and has worked with AMITA Health Adventist Medical Center GlenOaks since the 1990s, volunteering at events and serving as a community liaison.



Marshall and his granddaughter Marissa, a frequent volunteer

"GlenOaks has a special place in my heart and I've always enjoyed connecting the hospital to the community," said Gray. "I'm quite humbled."

Marshall has lived in Bloomington for most of his adult life and raised his children here. He has rallied his own family to volunteer at the hospital; his grandkids often spend summers volunteering at AMITA GlenOaks.

Bruce C. Christian, CEO, AMITA Health Adventist Medical Center GlenOaks, said "Marshall is integral to the strong presence of our mission within our medical center. His work in extending Jesus' healing ministry extends far beyond the hospital walls and the immeasurable impact he's made will continue for years to come."

Bloomington Fire Protection District Chief Jeff Janus said Gray has been instrumental in fostering a close relationship and facilitating conversations between the Fire District and the hospital.

"He is such a champion and a cheerleader of both organizations," he said. "Whenever there is a sliver of a problem, Marshall bridges and connects that gap, so a small problem doesn't turn into a bigger problem."

Gray's nomination submitted by Christian stated "Marshall's work as a board trustee extends far beyond our hospital walls and into the community. We cannot thank him enough for the many years he has served as an ambassador – uniting our hospitals with the community it serves. His work has laid the foundation for many more years of partnership."

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Bloomingdale Bank & Trust
Pan American Bank & Trust

Brewery

25 West Brewing Company
Wolfden Brewing

Dental Services

Blooming Smiles Dental Studio
Eagle Falls Dentistry
McElroy Pediatric Dentistry, Ltd.

Entertainment

Challenge Accepted
Club Photo Booth
Danimal Rides LLC

Fitness

Club Pilates Bloomingdale
Fit4Mom Greater Northwest
Chicago Suburbs

Health & Wellness

Bloomingdale Chiropractor
Colando Chiropractic Clinic
Lakeview Memory Care Community
Newline Behavioral Solutions
The Center for Integrative & Functional
Health & Wellness

Marketing Services

Custom Direct, Inc.
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Bloomingdale-Roselle Rotary Club



Restaurant - Full Service

Alcentro Trattoria
Anyway's American Grill & Pub
La Campana Mexican Restaurant
Rooster's Bar & Grill
Saffron Indian Restaurant

Restaurant - Quick Service

Jersey Mike's Subs
Sporty's Restaurant & Catering
Steak Burrito Mexican Grill
Taco Maya

Retail Business

Essential Bed
European Wax Center
Bloomingdale
Fruitful Yield Health Food Store

Service Business

Berkshire Hathaway Stark Real
Estate – Ana Spadavecchia
Highlander Improvement Co.
Hovde & Tufo Attorneys at Law
Residence Inn by Marriott

Small Business

Annie Occasion for Any Occasion
Chicago Pastry
D's Treats

Early Learning Center Expands at Winnebago



Marquardt School District 15's Board of Education marked the completion of Winnebago Elementary School's renovation and expansion in fall 2019.

Winnebago Elementary School, 195 Greenwood Drive in Bloomingdale, gained an eight-classroom early learning center expansion. The light-filled early learning classrooms are designed to give District 15's three- to five-year-old students a safe, strong start to their educational journey. Starting mid-year, Winnebago and all MSD15 elementary schools moved to full-day kindergarten.

"The modernized, child-friendly spaces increase student engagement and interaction, and improve the social-emotional development of our youngest learners," said Dr. Jerome O'Shea, Superintendent of Schools. The Illinois State Board of Education recently awarded MSD15's early childhood program with a Gold Circle of Quality distinction, the highest possible rating for early learning and development programs.

Along with a new enclosed early childhood playground, which allows for safe, age-appropriate play, older students can now play in an expanded playground as well. Winnebago Elementary School's PTO and parents donated \$22,951 toward the playground expansion project.

Congratulations to Special Olympics Basketball State Qualifier

Congratulations to Glenbard East's Illinois Special Olympics basketball team on qualifying for the Special Olympics state tournament. The following students will play in the state championship in Bloomington-Normal in March: Esther



Arnobit, Veronica Aldama, Estephania Carrillo, Crisitan Casillas, Walter Castellanos, Juan Esqueda, Elizabeth Garduno, Nico GomezBustamante, Luis Lopez, Andrea Serrano, Salman Siddiqui, Christian Williams, Charles Wimberly and Kassie Vargas. The team is coached by Tydra Davis, Liz Rose and Kelly Cox.





Winter Months Hold Highest Risk for Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

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



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

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

In 2018, U.S. fire departments responded to an estimated 81,000 non-fire incidents in which CO was found. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that from 2007-2017, an average of 430 people were killed by unintentional CO poisoning per year.

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

For more information on carbon monoxide in the home, visit NFPA's carbon monoxide web page, CPSC's carbon monoxide information center or contact Deputy Chief Richard Kurka at the Bloomingtondale Fire Protection District 630-894-9080.

Operation North Pole

Operation North Pole is a special event for terminally ill children and their families to have an opportunity to meet Santa and enjoy a day filled with wonderment.

When they arrive, firefighters create a "gauntlet" where the children walk down as the firefighters high-five them while music plays and everyone cheers. This year, Bloomingtondale's Battalion Chief Chris Soderstrom (left) and Lieutenant Gio Lopez were honored to be a part of the gauntlet.

After a magical time when the youngsters receive snacks, gifts and enjoy a visit with Santa, the families leave with many presents to take home for Christmas!



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The Bloomingtondale Fire Protection District Reminds You That You Can Help Firefighters Help You



Snow accumulation or the results of plowing and snow clearing can completely **cover or restrict access to fire hydrants**. Blocked hydrants mean **slower response** to extinguishing fires which can result in catastrophic consequences if firefighters have to spend time locating a buried hydrant and/or clear snow away from it, especially if the snow is heavily compacted from snow plowing.

"Adopt" a hydrant and make it part of your shoveling and snow clearing routine. It will only take a few extra minutes and is a quick and easy way to help us to help you and your neighbors. Keeping them clear can mean easier access to water and more time doing what really matters - fighting the fire.



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Become a Census Taker

The U.S. Census Bureau is recruiting thousands for the 2020 Census. Jobs for the Census offer flexible hours and competitive wages with census takers in DuPage County making \$29.50 an hour and \$0.58 per mile.

Candidates must be U.S. citizens 18 years or older by February 2020 and be able to pass a federal background check. Bilingual candidates are highly desired. Veterans may be eligible for preferential hiring. Hours are flexible and in general, Census takers should expect to work part time, often during the evening and on weekends when residents are at home. Census takers will typically be employed for about six weeks, with the majority of the work occurring from May to July 2020.

Census takers will need reliable transportation - usually a car or access to good public transportation. They will be reimbursed for mileage driven on their personal vehicles, as well as for public transportation taken to training. For more information about being a Census taker, click on <https://2020census.gov/en/jobs.html> and look at Job Details at the top left corner.

Apply at <https://2020census.gov/en/jobs.html> today and help your community reach a complete count.

Christmas Tree Lighting & Festival of Lights: The Tradition Keeps on Growing



Rediscover the Bloomingtondale Park District!

Adults, rediscover the Bloomingtondale Park District! It's not just for kids anymore. Enroll in one of our active adult programs designed for, though not limited to, folks aged 43+ and realize the indisputable health benefits of being active, being challenged and staying connected to those in your community.

MediCare 101

Medicare can be confusing. Tom Perrucci from Premier Medicare Benefits presents a free educational seminar to get you up to speed on what Medicare covers, what it doesn't and your potential out-of-pocket exposure. Class reviews Medicare Supplements, Medicare Advantage Plans, Part D Prescription Coverage, and cost-saving strategies for the years ahead. Registration is required.

Location: JRC Lounge

Instructor: Tom Perrucci

MIN/MAX: 6/20

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
Adult	Tu	6:30-8:00P	3/10	\$0/0	203606-A2
Adult	F	10:30-12:00P	4/10	\$0/0	203606-B1
Adult	Tu	6:30-8:00P	5/12	\$0/0	203606-B2

Strategies to Pay Off College

This new workshop covers student loan basics and strategies for repayment, including federal income-driven repayment plans and the Public Service Loan Forgiveness program. This free seminar is recommended for parents and students alike. Whether you're a parent still paying off your own college debt, a parent shouldering loans for your child's education or a student using loans to pay for college, this workshop gives you actionable solutions for becoming debt-free.

Location: JRC Lounge

Instructor: My College Planning Team **MIN/MAX:** 6/20

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
Adult	M	7:00-8:30P	3/9	\$0/0	203610-A1

The Gluten Free Fix

Have you been told, know or think that you should go gluten free? Are you struggling with the dietary change? Make it a lifestyle change instead! Knowledge is power; in this class participants learn what gluten is, how and if it's affecting your body, how to find out if you're truly gluten sensitive and/or intolerant, and what to do about it - starting today!

Location: JRC Lounge

Instructor: Roula Marinos Papamihail **MIN/MAX:** 4/20

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
Adult	M	6:00-8:00P	3/16	\$50/55	203630-A1

Italian Cooking Classes

Fall in love with preparing and eating Italian cuisine. In the introduction course, participants start with an appetizer. Make original bruschetta while learning its history. Participants prepare fresh liver pate, Pina's famous stuffed meatballs with pasta and fresh sauce, a lovely salad, and Pina's country bread. Finish with a beautiful tiramisu. Subsequent classes prepare multi-course meals specific to a topic or region. Register for all four classes and save \$20!

Location: Chef's Corner - JRC

Instructor: Chef Pina

MIN/MAX: 8/12

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
Introduction					
Adult	W	6:00-9:00P	3/18	\$42/47	203679-B1
Solely Mediterranean					
Adult	W	6:00-9:00P	3/25	\$42/47	203679-B2
Only Italian Seafood					
Adult	W	6:00-9:00P	4/1	\$42/47	203679-B3
From Tuscany to You					
Adult	W	6:00-9:00P	4/15	\$42/47	203679-B4
All Four Classes					
Adult	W	6:00-9:00P	3/18-4/15*	\$148/153	203679-B5

*NO CLASS 4/8

Dinner Date Night

Have a night away from home where you can make dinner together and not have to worry about the clean-up. Price is per couple.

Location: Chef's Corner - JRC

Instructor: Chef Pina

MIN/MAX: 5/12

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
Adult	F	5:45-8:15P	3/13	\$80/85	203674-A1
Adult	F	5:45-8:15P	5/8	\$80/85	203674-B1





THE LOUNGE

The Lounge is a newly-renovated space in the Johnston Recreation Center for active adults and seniors. It features a comfortable seating area to watch TV or play cards, an area to get active with Wii video games, and plenty of space to simply relax and pass the time.

The Lounge is FREE to all adults, however some programs and lunches require a registration fee to participate. Annual memberships are offered and include a variety of exclusive benefits along with member-only hours.

Membership Benefits

- Discounted programming
- Member-only hours
- Reduced fee for lunches
- Early trip registration
- Exclusive one-a-month program
- FREE special-themed activities on Fridays

Adult Lounge Hours

Monday-Friday 9AM-3PM

Membership

\$15/year



Starved Rock State Park

Join us for a day of hiking and site seeing in the scenic and historic Starved Rock State Park. Lunch will be on your own at the Starved Rock Lodge Restaurant. We will hit up some shops in downtown Utica and Ottawa before we head home. Registration deadline: May 8.

Location: Medinah Park District

Instructor: Staff

MIN/MAX: 4/4

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
Adult	Sa	8:00-5:00P	5/16	\$20/25	203275-A1



Line Dancing

Would you like to dance, but don't have a partner? No problem! Line Dancing is a pattern of steps done over and over again throughout the course of a song which individuals can do WITHOUT a partner. We'll dance to country music PLUS other types. All the steps are thoroughly explained. Participants develop their inner dancer, gain confidence, and make lifelong friendships in a safe and personal environment. Wear smooth-soled shoes. No experience necessary. Supplemental online instruction available and taught by Dance with Janet.

Location: GROUP X

Instructor: Dance with Janet

MIN/MAX: 6/20

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
Adult	W	7:00-8:15P	3/4-4/8	\$50/70	203583-A2
Adult	W	7:00-8:15P	4/22-5/27	\$50/70	203583-A3

Walking Book Club

Get your workout in while having a book discussion. Discussions start during stretches and continue as you walk around Westfield Walking Track. Please meet at Westfield Middle School located at 149 Fairfield Way in Bloomington. Enter through door No. 20. Please bring a water bottle. Please pick up your book at the Johnston Recreation Center.

March - Fly Girls: How Five Daring Women Defied All Odds and Made Aviation History by Keither O'Brien.

April - The Things We Keep by Sally Hepworth.

May - Great Alone by Kristin Hannah.

Location: Westfield Walking Track

Instructor: Erin

MIN/MAX: 3/10

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
Adult	Sa	9:00-10:30A	3/7	\$0/0	203692-A3
Adult	Sa	9:00-10:30A	4/4	\$0/0	203692-A4
Adult	Sa	9:00-10:30A	5/9	\$0/0	203692-A5

BUNNY BASH!

Crafts!



Saturday, April 4
9:45-11:30AM

Bloomingtondale Public
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@ Johnston Recreation Center

Entertainment!



Easter Egg Hunt
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Season Passes go on sale Feb. 4!

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- Discounted parties
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- Passholder Appreciation Night
- Two one-day guest passes per family



	Early Bird Rate Feb. 4 – May 5 R/NR	Season Rate Beginning May 6 R/NR
Individual	\$49/69	\$59/79
VIP	\$55	\$75
Super Pass	\$30 add'l/family	\$30 add'l/family

2020 Season Pass Kick Off Events

@ Johnston Recreation Center

February 5, 2019 6-8PM
February 8, 2019 10AM-Noon

Purchase your 2020 Oasis Season Pass during the Kick-Off event and save \$5 per pass. The first 50 individuals to purchase a season pass will receive an Oasis T-shirt.

Bloomingtondale Public Library

February/March Events

NEW FOR 2020

New policies in effect as of January 1, 2020

No More Overdue Fines for BPL Patrons, plus Auto-Renewal

Effective January 2020, Bloomingtondale Public Library patrons will not be charged overdue fines for items borrowed from BPL. Eligible materials will also auto-renew for a period equal to the original loan period.

Why?

Currently, fines from overdue items make up less than 0.5% of BPL's annual budget. By eliminating overdue fines, we have chosen to focus on making the time our patrons spend in the Library as positive and productive as possible.

Details:

All overdue fines for checkouts at BPL were waived as of December 19, 2019. No new overdue fines will accrue.

Every item checked out still has a due date, but now items will be automatically renewed 2 days before the item is due. Materials not returned will be billed the full replacement amount per the Chart of Loan Periods and Checkout Limits. Not every item is eligible for auto-renewal – please see www.mybpl.org for details.

Patrons will be notified via email about the status of renewals. Patrons can also check their account online or call the Circulation Desk for due date information.

"Fines Free" and "Auto-Renewal" are applicable to checkouts at the Bloomingtondale Public Library only – materials checked out at other libraries are subject to the policies of those libraries.

Friends of the
Bloomingtondale Public Library

Spring **BOOK SALE**

Saturday, March 28
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 29
1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

In Meeting Rooms A & B

Federal and State Tax Forms



The library has common federal income tax forms available to the public. Other forms may be printed at the library for 10 cents per page.

To order additional federal forms, call the IRS at 1-800-829-3676 or download forms online at www.irs.gov/forms-instructions.

To order state forms, call the Revenue Department at 1-800-356-6302 or download forms online at www.tax.illinois.gov/.

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Sunday: 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Adult Programs



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FEBRUARY

🗳️ **DIY: Folded Book Art Heart**

Tuesday, February 4 | 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. & 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Don't get rid of your old books! Turn those dusty hardcovers that are sitting on your shelf into beautiful folded book art. We will provide the books and templates that you can try here and finish at home. *Each session is limited to 20 adults, no duplicate signups.*



🗳️ **Heather Braoudakis Presents: That's Amore**

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

Join us for a romantic night of music featuring love songs from musical theater to Nat King Cole, George Gershwin, and The Hutton Sisters.

🗳️ **Sally Rand: American Sex Symbol**

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

Local author and historian William Hazelgrove is back to promote his newest book, the very first biography of Sally Rand. She would pave the way for every sex symbol to follow from Marilyn Monroe to Lady Gaga, but in the end she would die penniless and in debt.

🗳️ **Women of WWII: Serving Soldiers at the Whistle Stop Canteen**

Tuesday, February 18 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Join us for a historical presentation by local author Barb Warner Deane on the women who helped serve troops traveling in trains across the country on their way to World War II.

MARCH

🗳️ **Heather Braoudakis Presents: Kiss Me, I'm Irish**

Monday, March 9 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Join us for a festive night of music featuring classic Celtic tunes in honor of St. Patrick's Day!

🗳️ **Chef Maddox Presents: Irish Cuisine!**

Tuesday, March 10 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Chef Maddox is here to help us celebrate St. Patrick's Day with recipes from the Emerald Isle.

Registration begins on February 1st and is limited to 50 adults.

🗳️ **Strange & Wonderful Illinois – Part 2: Stuff You Didn't See The First Time!**

Monday, March 30 | 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Join us for a tour of Illinois' biggest, smallest, tallest, and shortest, most strange and wonderful sights throughout our state, and plan your weirdest summer road trip ever with local roadside attraction and graveyard experts, Jim & Paula Hantak.

COMING SOON!

Money Smart Week -

Beyond Basics: Wills & Trusts

Tuesday, April 7 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

US-Cuba Relations 1898-2018:

What They Didn't Teach Us in School

Tuesday, April 14 | 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

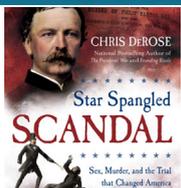


book discussion groups

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.

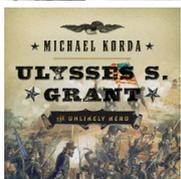
Historical Book Discussion



Star Spangled Scandal: Sex, Murder, and the Trial that Changed America

by Chris DeRose

Tuesday, February 4 | 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.



Ulysses S. Grant: The Unlikely Hero

by Michael Korda

Tuesday, March 3 | 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Monday Night



The Jungle

by Upton Sinclair

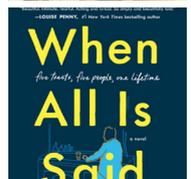
Monday, February 17 | 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.



When All is Said

by Anne Griffin

Monday, March 16 | 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.





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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.



Downton Abbey

Rated: PG

Wednesday, February 12
1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

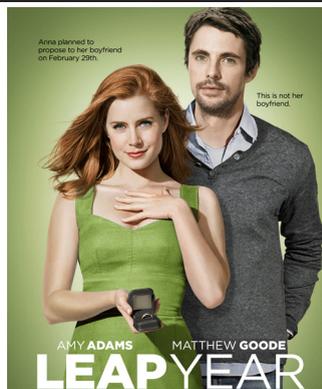
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Pride & Prejudice (2005)

Rated: PG

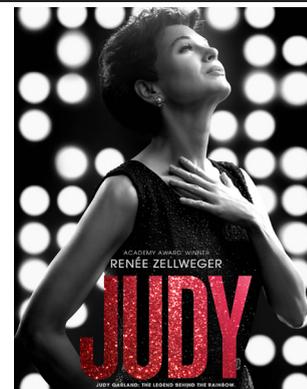
Friday, February 14
1:00 – 3:30 p.m.



Leap Year

Rated: PG

Wednesday, March 11
1:00 – 3:30 p.m.



Judy

Rated: PG-13

Friday, March 13
1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 31
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

ONGOING ADULT PROGRAMS

Bloomington Seniors' Club (Drop-In)

Tuesdays, February 11 & March 10 | 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

Wednesdays, February 19 & March 18 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

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

Genealogy Club (Drop-In)

Wednesdays, February 19 & March 18 | 6:30 – 8:45 p.m.

A Local History librarian provides internet and archival genealogy instruction and research support. Members share ideas and meet other researchers, receive help with questions and brick wall dilemmas, and share genealogy finds.



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.

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.



Teen Territory

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

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

TEST PREP

SAT Practice Test

Saturday, March 7 | 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

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

ACT Practice Test

Saturday, March 21 | 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!



Join us for a movie at BPL! 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.

(Drop-In)



Five Feet Apart

Wednesday, February 12
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

The Sun is Also a Star

Wednesday, March 11
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.



MAKE SOMETHING FUN!

Cupcake Wars!

Wednesday, February 5 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Join us for our third annual Cupcake War contest! Show off your decorating skills by frosting the perfect cupcake. Bring in your own unfrosted cupcakes or use the ones we provide. Toppings and frosting will also be provided. Prizes will be awarded to the most creative and tastiest looking cupcakes!



3D Print Club (Drop-In)

Wednesday, February 26 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Are you curious about 3D printing? Do you want to learn how to create your own designs and print them out? Join us to create your own Tinkercad account, learn the basics of 3D printing and design, and even get to see the 3D printer in action. No experience is necessary!

Custom USB Drive

Wednesday, March 4 | 7:00 – 8:15 p.m.

Tired of your plain, old USB drive? Make it look like a piece of pizza, a cupcake, or your favorite emoji! Join us at the Library while we customize our USB drives using Sculpey Clay. Never look at a boring USB drive again!

Safety-Pin Bracelet

Wednesday, March 25 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Create a stylish bracelet using safety pins and beads!



ONGOING TEEN PROGRAMS

Teen Game Night (Drop-In)

Thursdays, February 13 & 27
March 12
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, February 6 & 20
March 5 & 19
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, March 18
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. Register at the Adult Reference Desk, online, or by phone at (630) 924-2730.

EXCEL AT EXCEL

Excel 1

Monday, February 10 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

Learn the basics of creating and using spreadsheets. Formatting, designing, and sorting spreadsheets will be discussed along with the first steps towards creating formulas and using functions.

Excel 2

Monday, February 17 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

Build your Excel skills with more advanced topics such as formulas, graphs, and linking between multiple worksheets.

Excel Formulas

Monday, March 2 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

Create and edit dynamic formulas using tools like logical (IF) functions, arrays, conditional formatting, data validation, and more.

Excel PivotTables

Monday, March 30 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

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



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.



COMPUTER SKILLS

Google Docs & Cloud Backup

Monday, February 3 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

Google provides a number of free cloud applications perfect for safe storage or collaboration with friends, family, or colleagues. Learn the basics of working with these tools to create, edit, and share documents. Students will also learn about other cloud based backup and recovery options for computers, tablets, and phones.

Word Processing

Thursday, February 6 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Salvador

This class will be aimed at those with little or no experience using Microsoft Word or any word processors. Topics such as creating and saving files, formatting, and editing documents will be covered. There will be time available for questions and specific problems students have encountered.

Digital Archiving

Thursday, February 13 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Charlie

Learn to convert VHS tapes, 35mm slides, documents, and photos into digital files. Great for record keeping and making it easier to share memories.

PERFECT YOUR PRESENTATIONS

Using PowerPoint

Thursday, March 5 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Salvador

Need to speak in front of a group or give a report at work? PowerPoint can be used to create slides, overheads, audience handouts, or on-screen presentations. This class will cover the basics of creating and organizing a presentation. Time will also be given to free PowerPoint alternatives like Google Slides.

Using PowerPoint 2

Thursday, March 12 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Salvador

Building on skills learned in **Using PowerPoint**, this class will teach students to make their slide shows more dynamic and complex. Go beyond the presets and design your own slides, create slide transitions, and use sounds, animations, and other slide show options.



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: Computer Basics

Tuesday, March 3 | 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

Learn the basics of dealing with Windows and computer safety.

Seniors Course: Word Processing

Tuesday, March 10 | 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.
Instructor: Michael

In this session, we'll learn about word processing and how to fill out forms on computers.

Seniors Course: Internet Use & Safety

Tuesday, March 17 | 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

Come in to talk about Internet topics, such as browsing the web, email questions and concerns, how the cloud works, and how to avoid viruses.

Seniors Course: Tablets & Smartphones

Tuesday, March 31 | 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.
Instructor: Michael

Learn how to operate your smartphone or tablet. Students will be provided iPads or they are welcome to work on their own devices.

Kids' Corner



Registration is required for some Youth programs (noted with 📅). Register at the Youth Services Desk, online, or by phone at (630) 924-2740. Please have your library card when you register. Registration for Bloomingdale residents begins **Monday, January 20** and for non-residents one week before each program begins.

Our Library has a subscription to **TumbleBookLibrary**, and your family can access it from home! It's unlimited, and it's FREE for you to use from home!

TumbleBookLibrary is an online collection of eBooks for children. They are a great way to encourage tech-savvy kids to enjoy reading! There are over 250 animated, talking picture books! The site also features Spanish and French books, read-along chapter books, non-fiction books, and exciting games and puzzles!



Check www.mybpl.org/kids and click the TumbleBooks link to access this free service.

📅 Full S.T.E.A.M. Ahead

Grades K-2

Mondays, February 3, February 17, March 2, and March 16
4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

Each month we will incorporate Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math concepts through engaging experiments, activities, and projects. Please register for each class.

There will be no S.T.E.A.M. the week of Spring Break.

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

All Ages

Thursdays, February 6 and March 5 | 11:00 – 11:45 a.m.

Join us for a themed storytime the first Thursday of every month at Stratford Square Mall (meet by Cafe Court – lower level) and receive a treat for being a good listener! All ages welcome; caregivers must remain with their children.

Craft Time (Drop-In)

All Ages

Thursdays, February 6 and March 5 | 3:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Stop by the Youth Services department anytime during craft time to make a fun craft. We'll supply all the materials needed.

Come Together (Drop-In)

0-24 months with caregiver

Every Thursday | 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.

Make It, Take It (Drop-In)

All Ages

Sunday, February 9 | 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

It's crafting time! Stop in and make a Valentine Fish!

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

All Ages

Mondays, February 10 and March 9 | 9:30 – 10:15 a.m.

Location: Panera Bread, 370 W. Army Trail Road, Bloomingdale, IL

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

Playing with STEM (Drop-in)

Ages 3-5

Tuesday, February 11 | 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) are important learning areas for kids of all ages. Start your child early with our fun play to learn program. Each week we will have different stations for kids to explore.

Baby, Let's Make Music (Drop-In)

Ages 0 – 2 years with caregiver

Thursdays, February 13, and February 27 | 10:00 – 10:30 a.m.

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

📅 STEM Club: Tech Time

Grade 3-6

Thursday, February 13 and March 12 | 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

(registration required)



Saturdays, February 15 & March 21

10:00 - 10:45 a.m.

Ages 3-8 with caregiver

This program is especially for children with autism, sensory processing, and other special needs.

We will engage the senses through music, stories, large and small motor activities, and sensory stations.

Please e-mail us at bdys@mybpl.org about your child's special needs so that we can better serve them. Siblings welcome.



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CROSSTOWN EXOTICS drop-in for all ages!

Traveling Reptile & Bug Show
HANDS-ON, EDUCATIONAL, ENTERTAINMENT

Monday, February 17
1:00 - 1:45 p.m.

A variety of creatures will be here in this hands-on excursion presented by Crosstown Exotics. Enjoy the day off school with this entertaining learning experience!

📅 Homeschool Movie Meet-Up

All Ages

Tuesday, February 18 | 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Waddle, slide, or hop over to watch *Disney Nature Penguins* and then collaborate on some fun and educational arctic animals activities!

📅 The Great Escape

Grades 3-6

Wednesday, February 19 | 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

Learn about famous real-life spies while racing to solve all the codes, clues, and ciphers in only 45 minutes!

📅 Our Feathery Friends in the Winter

Grades K-2

Thursday, February 20 | 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

Bird watching is fun all year, but in the winter they need our help. Come make a bird feeder and learn about winter birds in Illinois.

📅 Doodlebugs

2-3 years old with caregiver

Monday, February 24 | 11:00 – 11:30 a.m.

This is a special art class just for toddlers and parents. Little fingers will experiment with painting, gluing, sticking, and creating, while developing fine motor skills.

📅 Mardi Gras Party

Grades K-6

Monday, February 24 | 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

Let the good times roll! Learn about the festive Mardi Gras holiday as we share books, make masks, and try King Cake!

📅 Leap Day Party

Families

Friday, February 28 | 10:30 – 11:15 a.m.

Leapin' Lizards, it's Leap Day! We will celebrate this day that comes only once in four years in silly style with stories, songs, some silly games, and singing "Happy Leap Day to You!"

📅 Fairytale Ball

Ages 3-10 with caregiver

Saturday, February 29 | 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Every Prince, Princess, Knight, and Jester between the ages of 3 and 10 is welcome! Wear your shiny suit of armor, sparkly ball gown, or come dressed like your favorite fairytale creature. Join us for an afternoon of fun and fantasy. At the ball, you can dance to your heart's content, create enchanting crafts, and test your skill at medieval games.

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

All Ages

Thursdays in March | 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

We have a lot of eBooks and audio books for kids available through the Bloomingdale Public Library. Come to the library during these times and we will walk you through getting started and help you find some great books for your kids!

📅 Super Science: Slippery Slime

Grades 3-6

Thursday, March 5 | 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

Did you know animals make slime too? Learn about the science behind slime and take some home!

Leprechaun Stories (Drop-In)

Families

Friday, March 13 | 10:30 – 11:00 a.m.

It's almost St. Patrick's Day! Join us for this special family storytime in a world full of leprechauns, and where everyone wears green!

📅 Homeschool Art Series

Grades K-6

Thursday, March 19 | 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Pop Art is the theme this month, with a focus on Andy Warhol and Keith Haring.

Homeschool Book Binge (Drop-In)

All Ages

Tuesday, March 24 | 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Homeschool students and families are invited to bring their lunch and learn about hot new releases that are fun for all ages with curriculum tie-ins for several of them. Dessert will be provided, and there will be plenty of time to share your favorite titles, too!

Under Construction (Drop-In)

Grades K-6

Saturday, March 28 | 12:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Calling all engineers and builders: get creative, invent, design, and build! We will have a variety of building materials available for constructing structures of all shapes and sizes.

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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 five weeks. Spring Storytimes begin the week of **March 2 and end on April 10**.
Please note there is a week off for Spring Break, March 30-April 3.

STORYTIMES SCHEDULE THROUGH APRIL 10

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>📅 Readers and Eaters <i>Grades K-2</i> 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 <i>Ages 3-5</i> 7:00 – 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>A storytime for your budding chef.</p> <p><i>If you have a 5 year old in Kindergarten, please register for one cooking series only.</i></p>	<p>Preschool Storytime <i>Ages 3-5</i> 10:30 – 11:15 a.m.</p>	<p>Toddler Storytime <i>Ages 2-3 with caregiver</i> 10:30 – 11:00 a.m.</p>	<p>Baby Tales <i>0-24 months with caregiver</i> 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>
<p>LIMITED STORYTIMES Open to the first 20 children to arrive for storytime</p>				



March 30 through April 3

Coloring Craze (Drop-in)

Ages 3 and up
 Monday, March 30 | 4:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Coloring is fun, relaxing, and can be enjoyed by all ages. Turn off your distractions for a while and indulge your creative side in some fun the whole family can enjoy.

Drop-In Movie

All Ages
 Tuesday, March 31 | 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Enjoy the matinee with some popcorn! Children 8 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Movie to be announced in March.

📅 Myth Busters

Grades 3-6
 Wednesday, April 1 | 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

Is Diet Coke the only soda with an explosive reaction to Mentos? Does a pirate patch really help you see better in the dark? How true is the 5 second rule? Don a pair of safety glasses as we find out the answer to these questions and more!

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

All Ages
 Thursday, April 2 | 11:00 – 11:45 a.m.

Join us for a themed storytime the first Thursday of every month at Stratford Square Mall (meet by Cafe Court – lower level) and receive a treat for being a good listener! All ages welcome; caregivers must remain with their children.

Craft Time (Drop-In)

All Ages
 Thursday, April 2 | 1:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Stop by the Youth Services department anytime during craft time to make a fun craft. We'll supply all the materials needed.

📅 Lunch Box Pals

Ages 4-6
 Friday, April 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.