

Village of Bloomingdale

Almanac

April 2020

Growth with Pride

A Note of Caution

We are all aware of the Pandemic caused by Coronavirus Disease 2019 (Covid-19) and the measures that are in place to try to prevent the illness or at least minimize the spread. See p. 16 for reminders about protecting yourself and your families.

Every day there is new information coming out. We are going to print as of mid-March and there is no way of predicting how things are going to develop in the near future. There are many events we have listed in this issue of the Almanac.

We suggest, that as these events grow closer, you check with the sponsor of the activity to make sure it is still on as scheduled before you attend.

We are all in this together. Wishing everyone good health.

Bloomingdale COUNTS!

United States®
Census
2020

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.

Many residents think census data is only used to determine the number of legislative seats Illinois has in Washington or Springfield. 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 that provide 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.

The 2020 Census is around the corner - Every 10 years, we get one shot to get counted. In Illinois, no matter who you are or where you're from,

make sure you count in the 2020 Census. 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.

Information about the Census should have arrived in the mail to each residence in March. The Village of Bloomingdale, Bloomingdale Park District, Bloomingdale Public Library and local schools are committed to working to get as accurate and complete a count as possible to help all of our residents, both locally and state-wide.

Mark Your Calendar for These Upcoming Events



Fish Fry at B'dale Golf till April 10; 4-8 p.m.



Branch pickup, week of April 20-24. See page 4



Garden Club Flower Sale, May 15 & 16. See p. 13



Memorial Day Observance, May 25, 9:30 a.m. See page 3

St. Isidore Third Graders Piloting Problem Based Learning Project

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



Mayor Franco and Village Administrator Scalera were at St. Isidore School recently to help kick off a project unit in Mrs. Krol's third grade classroom. Along with St. Isidore Technology Director Rita Carter, these third graders will be piloting a Problem Based Learning project throughout the rest of the school year that involves completing many projects to design a zoo for Bloomingdale. Before the end of the school year, they will present their zoo to the Village.

(l) Mrs. Krol and Administrator Scalera (r) Mayor Franco & Principal Alimento with the super smart 3rd graders.

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

Front page photo of the Bloomingdale Golf Club was provided by Golf Pro Dave Shallcross.

A Message from Mayor Franco

I hope that this message finds all of you well and managing this unprecedented global crisis we are experiencing as a nation. Our community values are strong and I am always heartened to see how we care and support each other in times of need. The wonderful people in Bloomingdale is always a cause to reflect on our blessings and smile! Thinking ahead, I'd like to share some good things that have been happening in Bloomingdale. Here's a fun fact you probably don't know about the village we live in. Did you know that as of mid-February, 2020 (which is 10 months into our fiscal year) our Building Department has issued 1,341 building permits, with a construction value of \$35,724,937? You all are certainly "Building a Better Bloomingdale!"



Woodman's is one of the biggest individual entities that Bloomingdale has seen in some time. With the better weather on the horizon, you will soon be seeing more activity next to Kohl's as the exterior work continues. It will be exciting to see Woodman's begin construction on its 250,000 square foot market. There are also a few new commercial entities coming we are hoping to introduce to you in the next Almanac.

New residential homes have been steadily increasing. Springfield Pointe, which is off of Knollwood Drive, has nearly sold out of Phase 1 and only has a few vacant lots left. Homebuilding has begun on Phase 2. Pulte Construction is continuing on Bloomingdale Walk Subdivision at the corner of Schick & Springfield. Noah Properties is also building Bloomingdale Trail, a luxury apartment development, off of Springfield, southwest of the DuPage Medical Group.

It's true that a large amount of permits are the miscellaneous residential roofs, furnaces, water heaters, windows, etc., as families update and/or remodel their homes. Additionally, many of the permits issued are for remodels of existing businesses which means they are growing and staying. All of this is a signal our economy is strong!

In more good news – you may have seen a first piece of the Lake Street Streetscape located at North Circle and Lake! We are currently waiting for IDOT to give us the "go ahead," for the next phase of Streetscape construction to begin at Medinah and begin moving west up Lake Street! This will add a signature entry to Bloomingdale in our Lake Street corridor. The Old Town parking lot at Third & Schick will also soon be getting a landscape transformation. That historic area remains a true gem in Bloomingdale and we continue our efforts to improve this area, as well as other parts of our community.

Looking ahead a bit - planning and vendor recruiting is ongoing for the July 3rd Fireworks ("Be still my heart!"), October Old Town Brew 'n BBQ and believe it or not, the December Kris Kringle Market!

In this issue there are several events and activities listed, some of which are possibly going to be cancelled. See the note on p. 1 regarding this. You will also find a number of articles that I hope will make you feel good about Bloomingdale, its' residents and its' businesses.

I, along with the Bloomingdale Village Board, am looking forward to continuing our work in the community as we push the Village's motto of "Growth with Pride" forward in 2020.

With sincere thoughts of good health to all,

Mayor Franco



Bloomingdale Memorial Day Observance May 25

The annual Memorial Day Observance takes place at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, May 25 at St. Paul Cemetery on the north side of Lake Street, just east of Circle Avenue. The Bloomingdale Historical Society is joined by Bloomingdale VFW Post 7539, Village of Bloomingdale, Bloomingdale Public Library, Cornerstone Faith Community Church, Bloomingdale Garden Club, Alden Valley Ridge, Bloomingdale Park District and Lakeview Memory Care for this touching tribute to our veterans.

This year's theme is "Rewards & Respect." The entire program lasts about 45 minutes; free refreshments are available; patriotic music is provided by The Legends Ensemble. There is no vehicle access to the cemetery. Handicap Parking is located in the northeast parking lot at N Circle and Lake Street. Limited parking available in business lots further west of the cemetery. A shuttle runs to the cemetery from the Cornerstone Faith Community Church parking lot from 8:30 - 9:15 a.m. and back after the observance. Bring a lawn chair if you wish or an umbrella in case of inclement weather.

Following the remembrance at the cemetery, all are welcome to join Bloomingdale VFW Post 7539 at 11 a.m. as it holds a brief ceremony at the gazebo on the corner of Bloomingdale Road & Fairfield, in front of the library. Here they will lay a wreath at the base of the flag and perform a ten-gun salute in honor of those who served in the name of our country.



Branch Pickup Begins April 20

Important Village & Community Phone Numbers

Main Village Hall Number

630-893-7000

Village Departments

Administration 630-671-5610

Building & Zoning 630-671-5660

Engineering 630-671-5676

Finance 630-671-5630

Mayor's Office 630-671-5600

Police – non-emergency
630-529-9868

Public Works 630-671-5800

Water Billing 630-671-5650

Utilities 630-671-5830

Other Useful Numbers

Fire Department non-emergency
630-894-9080

Bloomington Library
630-529-3120

Bloomington Park District
630-529-3650

VILLAGE ALMANAC

is published bi-monthly by the
Village of Bloomington

Mary Ellen Johnson,
Editor

Deadline for submitting articles
for the June issue is **May 1**

Address all correspondence to:
Village of Bloomington
201 S. Bloomington Road
Bloomington, IL 60108

630-671-5600
johnsonm@vil.bloomington-il.us

Kramer Tree Specialists, Inc. will once again perform branch collection under the direction of the Village Forestry Division. Branch collection will begin on Monday, April 20. The program is only available to single family detached residences. Townhome residents should contact their association regarding branch collection.

Branch Collection Guidelines:

- Branches must be out by 7:00 a.m. on Monday, April 20.
- Branches should not be placed at the curb/pavement edge any earlier than one week prior to the scheduled collection date.
- Woody branches ½ inch to 6 inches in diameter are the only items that will be picked up. (Note: any spikes, hooks or other metal objects must be removed).
- Long lengths are favored provided branches do not block sidewalks and pedestrian access.
- All branches should be placed at the curb or pavement edge and stacked in an orderly fashion with the cut or larger end towards the pavement.
- Thorny tree branches should not be concealed inside piles. These require special care as to not cause injuries to the workers.

The following items are unacceptable:

- Branches left out in a tangled mess.
- Woody branches under ½ inch in diameter.
- Leaves, vines, small (under ½ inch in diameter) flexible willow stems, herbaceous plants and weeds.
- Large stumps, roots and root balls.*
- Wooden fencing and construction lumber.*

The above items are considered yard waste and may be placed in bags or cans with tags for Republic Services (our refuse hauler) pick-up. Yard waste pick-ups commence April 1st and continue through November 30th. Questions concerning yard waste pick-ups should be directed to Republic Services at 847-981-0091.

*Large stumps, roots and root balls are considered trash and do not require a yard waste tag, provided each item is of manageable size and under 50 pounds. Wooden fencing and construction lumber are also considered trash, but require a special pick-up. Contact Republic Services for more information.

In the event of severe storms, the Village will provide storm damage collection of woody branches ½ inch to 6 inches in diameter. Please contact the Forestry Division at 630-671-5800 within 72 hours of storm for branch collection.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated and will ensure a successful program.



Summer 2020 Road Construction

Pavement Overlay

Overlay maintenance consists of pavement patching, curb and gutter repairs to correct drainage deficiencies, sidewalk repair, storm sewer repairs and a new asphalt road surface. The following areas will receive pavement overlay:

Tee Ln (between Pleasant Av and Schick Rd)	Pleasant Av (between Schick Rd and Tee Ln)
Crest Ct	Maple Av north of Lake Street
Park Av (west of Maple)	Lawrence Av (west of Maple)
Franklin St (between Oak St & West Rd)	Maple Court
Oak St	West Road
Rosedale Court (north of Lake St)	Third Street (south of Franklin St)
Washington St (west of Bloomingdale Rd)	Day St
Pheasant Lane	Pheasant Court
Skylark Drive	Bob-O-Link Drive
Meadowlark Road	Killdeer Road
Red Wing Court	Martin Lane
Martin Court	Red Bird Lane
Red Bird Court	Old Gary Av
Rose Drive	Villa Way
Circle Avenue (between Glen Ellyn Road and Freeport Drive)	



This work will begin mid-May and will take approximately two and a half (2½) months to complete. Local signage consisting of "Road Construction Ahead" signs will be posted prior to construction.

Asphalt Surface Treatment – Scrub or Fog Seal

A Scrub Seal is a light application of asphalt rejuvenator placed directly on the pavement and worked into the surface with a drag broom, with the intent of sealing the pavement and enriching the weathered and oxidized asphalt. A Fog Seal is similar to the Scrub Seal, however it does not include application with a drag broom and is utilized on newer pavements.

These surface treatments will extend the life of the pavement by slowing the deterioration of the asphalt surface. These areas will also receive pavement patching, curb and gutter repairs to correct drainage deficiencies, sidewalk repair and pavement crack filling. The following streets will receive asphalt surface treatment:

Sterling Lane	Sterling Drive
Royce Drive	Winston Lane (south of Edgewater)
Cunningham Drive	Cunningham Lane

This work will begin mid-May and will take approximately 2 ½ months to complete. "Road Construction Ahead" signs will be posted prior to construction. If you have any questions regarding this project you may call the Village Services Department, Engineering Division at 630-671-5676.

We appreciate your patience during the construction project and will do our best to keep disruptions to a minimum.



Yard Waste Collection Begins April 1

Yard Waste pick-ups begin April 1st and continue through November 30th. Small twigs, leaves and other yard waste may be placed in bags or cans (not to exceed 34 gallons or 50 lbs) and affixed with stickers for Republic.

Yard waste stickers are available for purchase at a cost of **\$3.50 per sticker** (2020 cost) at the following locations:

Butera Foods -
550 W. Lake Street

Caputo's Fresh Market -
166 E. Lake Street

Jewel Food Store -
2164 S. Bloomingdale Road,
Glendale Heights

Lens Ace Hardware -
272 W. Lake Street

Meijer Supermarket -
130 S. Gary Avenue

Village of Bloomingdale -
201 S. Bloomingdale Road

Memorial Day Will Delay Refuse Pickup by One Day

Garbage pickup will be delayed by one day, due to the May 25 Memorial Day holiday.

Wishing all Bloomingdale residents a safe and happy Memorial Day weekend!

Police Department Now Has Internet Transaction Traffic Safety Zone



“Rooftop Cop” at Dunkin’ Donuts (Lake Street)

Bloomingtondale Police Officers unite with the Lake Street Dunkin’ Donuts staff to support the Special Olympics’ program and to recognize its athletes. From 5:30 a.m. to Noon on Friday, May 15, Bloomingtondale officers will take part in a rooftop sit-in, greeting the customers of the Bloomingtondale Lake Street Dunkin’ Donuts and encouraging donations for Illinois Special Olympics.

So, come on in to Dunkin’ Donuts and don’t forget to look up!

The Illinois Law Enforcement Torch Run, the single largest year-round fundraising event benefiting Special Olympics Illinois, will be held between June 12-14. Watch for more information in the June issue and on the Bloomingtondale Police Department Facebook page.

The Bloomingtondale Police Department also has 2020 Torch Run items for sale: T-shirt, \$20; Baseball Cap, \$20; Torch Run Pin, \$5.

For more information or to make a donation to Special Olympics, call Officer Phillip Jaffe at 630-529-9868.

In response to concerns about personal safety while completing a sale or purchase that began online, the Bloomingtondale Police Department now has a dedicated Internet Transaction Safety Zone parking spot. Residents can use this spot when buying or selling items via the internet, to safely complete such transactions. The parking spot is just outside of the village and police department doors, located at 201 S Bloomingtondale Road. The lot is under video surveillance 24/7.

Citizens are always welcome to come into the police department lobby for internet sales transactions as well. The police department lobby is open 24 hours, every day.

Regardless of whether the Internet Transaction Safety Zone is used, please consider the following safety tips:

- Insist on a public meeting place; do not meet in a secluded location.
- Avoid going to someone's home or having someone come to your own.
- Beware of scams. If something seems too good to be true, it's probably a scam.
- Tell a friend where you are going or have a friend accompany you.
- Save listings and contact information should you need to report a problem.
- Always report problems to the service used and/or social media sites, as well as any criminal activity to police.
- Be especially careful when buying/selling high value items. Avoid carrying too much cash.

If you have any questions regarding the Internet Transaction Safety Zone, please feel free to call the Police Department at 630-529-9868.



Light Up Our Community – Blue Light Campaign

It has been over three years since we lost Police Officer Raymond Murrell #145, in the line of duty. National Police Appreciation Week is all about “Remembering the Fallen and Honoring Those Who Serve.”

So from May 12th – 18th, 2020, let’s light up our community to not only remember Bloomingtondale’s fallen brother, but to also show our Police Officers that we as a community, support and thank them for their services.



Please take the time and replace your porch light or a front window light for one week with a blue light to show your support. This event is coordinated by the Rawls Family – Professional Mailing & Printing Services, Inc. working with the Bloomingtondale and Carol Stream Police Departments.

Welcome to Golf Season 2020 at the Bloomingdale Golf Club!

Register or re-register for the Community Card

With the 2020 golfing season upon us, we would like to remind you to visit the golf shop and sign-up for your 2020 Community Card. With this card you receive a very nice savings on our daily rates. To take advantage of this opportunity you will need to follow a couple of simple steps:

- Visit the golf pro shop at Bloomingdale Golf Club and fill out the registration form. Please bring with you a current Photo I.D. showing your address. This will be your proof of residency. Registration is currently on-going.
- You may also visit our website and print out the form and bring it in.
- Pay an annual fee of \$10.00.

The 2020 "Swing into Spring" Golf Scramble (9 am shotgun start)

On Sunday, April 19th, we will be hosting our 15th annual opening season spring golf event. This is a great opportunity to start out your golf season in the company of your friends and family. Share a few laughs while working out those winter kinks. The day will be full of fun, food and prizes.

Entry fee is \$75 per player. This fee includes golf and cart fee, continental breakfast, soft drinks and beer, buffet lunch, welcoming gift, team and raffle prizes. For additional information on the event format and registration, visit our website at www.bloomingdalegc.com. Event is limited to the first 25 teams.



Bring Your Kids to Play our Short-Course

The golf course will once again set-up forward tees for junior play OR first-time golfers. The course will play a distance of 2350 yards with a par of 68. Bring Mom, Dad and the entire family and enjoy a day on the course! Scorecards will be available to reference this course layout!

"Youth on Course" Program

Bloomingdale Golf Club will be participating in the "Youth on Course" program that is designed to give juniors between the ages of 7-17 the opportunity to play 9 or 18 holes of golf for a fee of \$5.00. To be a participant, juniors will need to visit the Chicago District Golf Association (CDGA) website, www.CDGA.org and register. There is a \$20 annual registration fee. Once registered, the junior golfer will receive an identification card that will need to be presented when paying in the golf shop. Below are some additional specifics with this program:

- Play at Bloomingdale GC would be Monday, Thursday and Friday (any time), and after 2 pm Saturday-Sunday (Excludes Holidays)
- The \$5.00 fee covers up to 18 holes of golf – walking
- Juniors can play at any course (locally or nationally) that is part of this program



More About Golf Season 2020

Permanent Tee Times

If you have an interest in having a permanent tee time on Sunday, we have a couple still available! Perm season starts on April 26th and goes through September 6th for a total of 20 weeks of play. We ask that you sign-up as a foursome, so recruit some friends and family members to create a foursome. Contact the golf shop for additional information or visit our website.

Bloomingdale Junior Golf Classic Tournament

Last season we had a nice turnout for our Junior Golf Classic. Going on its 3rd season, we anticipate continued growth. This year's event will be held on Tuesday, July 7th. Various age divisions will be offered along with a choice to play 9 or 18 holes. Additional information will be made available at, www.bloomingdalegc.com or in the golf shop.

New This Season

FRIDAY - NINE and DINE Golf Events

This year we will be hosting five fun, social golf events that will consist of 9 holes of couple's team golf utilizing different formats of play. Afterwards, there will be a sit-down meal and awards presentation. Competition will be a shotgun start beginning around 5 pm. Tentative dates are June 12th, June 26th, July 17th, August 21st, and September 18th. Additional information will be available our website or in the golf shop.



Regulations for cross-connection Protect Public Water System!

Electronic Recycling

Open to all DuPage residents

Bloomington Township Road
District; 630-529-9993

8:00 a.m. - Noon

April 4th June 6th

August 1st October 3rd

Accepted items: Computers, Laptops, Servers, Computer Monitors*, Televisions*, Printers, Facsimile, Scanners, VCR and DVD Players, Video Game Consoles, Cable and Converter Boxes, Satellite Receivers, Electronic Keyboards, Mice, Portable Music Players, Holiday String Lights, Wire, Cables, Adapters, Power Supplies, Cell Phones, Modems, Tablets, Phones, Docking Stations
Tax deductible fee applies for all CRT, Flat Screens, Projection TVs and Monitors

* Under 21" screen = \$25/unit

* 21" screen and over = \$35/unit (cash or credit card accepted, no checks)

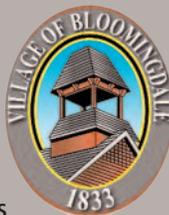
This collection is sponsored by eWorks ESRI, whose mission is to provide jobs for developmentally disabled.

Questions?

Visit: [dupageco.org/Electronics Recycling](http://dupageco.org/ElectronicsRecycling)

Looking For a Summer Job?

The Village of Bloomington is accepting applications online for 2020 summer seasonal employment for physical labor in the Public Works Maintenance and Utilities Divisions. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age with a valid Illinois driver's license. Find applications online at www.villageofbloomington.org under Employment Opportunities.



Community public water supplies are required by State regulations to maintain active cross-connection control programs to protect the safety of water consumers. Increased health and safety protection for water consumers necessitated by recent backflow incidents across the country and within Illinois have increased enforcement of cross-connection regulations.

CROSS-CONNECTION CONTROL DEVICE

- **Compliance is required for commercial and residential connections** - Don't forget your annual inspection for your cross-connection control device for your irrigation system will be due in the month of May. Reminder letters will be distributed the 1st week of May. Failure to have the device tested and certified will result in the disconnection of water service and will not be restored until compliance with IEPA requirements and the Village Code is verified and a \$250 reconnection fee is paid. The inspection and certification must be performed by a licensed plumber; for further protection consider hiring a plumber trained in cross-connection control to check your home.



- **Compliance is suggested** - residents are also encouraged to install a hose bib (sill cock) vacuum breaker on every single hose bib (sill cock) to isolate garden hose applications thus protecting the potable water supply, which is the most common offender of contamination. The device can be purchased at any local hardware store for less than \$7.00.

For more information, please contact the Village of Bloomington Water Production Division at 630-671-5830 or email vegae@vil.bloomington.il.us



The annual Hydrant Flushing will take place in June. Please check the June issue of the *Almanac* to learn what day your neighborhood will have its hydrants flushed.

Textile/Clothing Donation & Recycling Offered At Bloomington Township

DuPage County has also partnered with eWorks and RewearAble to collect clothing and textiles for reuse and recycling. Items not able to be reused will be turned into cleaning/painting rags or reused in insulation, packing material and carpeting.

Acceptable items: clothing, sheets, bedding, towels and other household textiles in any condition. No heavily soiled items. RewearAble is a non-profit that provides sustainable employment for adults with disabilities. Drop off at Bloomington Township Highway Dept. - April 4, 2020; June 6, 2020; August 1, 2020; October 3, 2020 from 8 a.m. to Noon..

Please note: this program will not accept any items with residue of oil-based paints, motor oil, stains, paint thinners, varnishes or polyurethane, as these can spontaneously combust and catch fire.

Bloomingtondale Partners with Conservation Foundation on Rain Barrel Sales

The Conservation Foundation is partnering with the Village of Bloomingtondale this spring to sell rain barrels to homeowners to help with water conservation. Harvesting rain to capture stormwater is easy and can help conserve water usage around the home. About 40% of total household water use during the summer months is for watering lawns and gardens.

Mayor Franco Coladipietro stated, "Water conservation is important to all of us. There's a limited supply that nature recycles, but rain barrels offer one simple, efficient, low-cost method to reduce the amount of stormwater runoff from your property and help nature."



Rain barrels are large containers that capture stormwater from roofs that would otherwise be lost as runoff. The 55-gallon rain barrels being sold are modern food-grade barrels that are sealed and insect resistant. They are repurposed, recycled, and recyclable, equipped with spigots, screens to prevent mosquito breeding, and overflow valves. Setup is easy by diverting water from your downspout to fill the rain barrel. A hose spigot on the front makes the water easy to access for watering flowers and gardens, or washing cars, windows, and even pets.

With the help of Upcycle Products, Inc., the 55-gallon rain barrels can be purchased online for \$60 (plus tax) by clicking the following link: <http://www.upcycle-products.com/bloomingtondaleil.htm>

Restaurants Help Girls Scouts Make a "mint" In Cookies Sales

Two popular Bloomingtondale restaurants lent a hand, well actually a foyer, to two Girl Scout Troops as they recently sold their traditional Girl Scout cookies so many of us know and love.

Bentley's Pancake House, 142 E. Lake Street, has hosted Girl Scout cookie sales in its foyer for the last nine years. The owners say they and their customers really enjoy their presence. There were some years the local troop benefitted from the sale of over 2500 boxes from the one stand!!



Sixth graders from a Cadette Troop affiliated from an area school sold 1000 boxes of cookies in two weekends, thanks to **Dino's Café**, 171 E. Lake Street, which allowed the girls to set up shop in their foyer. (Pictured above are Emily and Brittney.)

The scouts, the troops (and we Girl Scout cookie lovers) thank both of these restaurants for giving back to the community and benefitting the Girl Scouts.



Looking Ahead: Septemberfest 2020 Seeking Participants

The 47th annual Septemberfest will be held on Saturday, September 12 in Old Town (Lake and Bloomingtondale).

Returning will be the parade, food vendors, and craft booths, a variety of entertainment and the tradition evening crowd-pleasing band performance. The children's carnival and the presentation of the Joe Draghi Septemberfest Scholarships will also be featured.

Applications for food vendors, crafters, parade participants and scholarships can be found on the Village's website at <http://villageofbloomingtondale.org/258/Septemberfest> or go to villageofbloomingtondale.org, click on "Community" at the top of the home page. The Septemberfest information is located under "Community."

Reminder – the deadline for submittal of the Joe Draghi Scholarship application is Monday, April 13, 2020. Applications must be postmarked no later than April 13, 2020. There is a mandatory judges' interview held at the Bloomingtondale Village Hall on Saturday, June 6.

Questions: Contact Tana Engel at Tanaengel@gmail.com



Best of Bloomingdale Winners Announced

March 5, 2020, 150 plus gathered at Bloomingdale Golf Club to find out who the winners were for the 2020 Best of Bloomingdale awards. This year a record number of votes over 21,600 were cast, doubling last year's numbers. Winners were chosen by popular vote and a panel of judges reviewing a questionnaire completed by the nominees.

Two special awards are presented: Rising Star and Best Overall. The Rising Star award recognizes an outstanding new business of two years or less, which has shone brightly above the rest and are destined for greater growth and success. The Rising Star was presented to Club Photo Booth, which opened in Stratford Square Mall in the fall of 2018. Club Photo Booth is a selfie studio photography experience and provides photo booths for events, and believes in changing photo studio visits to be affordable, fun and experiential to create memories, not just photos.

The Best Overall award is given to the one nominee that stood out above the rest in both voting results and the judges' evaluations. This year the award was presented to Eagle Falls Dentistry. The family practice, established 48 years ago, has always been community driven with a social conscience. They give back to the community, to those less fortunate and by supporting our armed forces.

The Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce supports the success and growth of businesses and the community. Membership is open to any business who wants to invest in their own growth through promoting their business through marketing, sponsorships and building relationships. The Chamber offers a variety of free and fee-based events making it possible for members to get involved and be known.

Outback Steakhouse Fundraiser for Scholars Luncheon

Join the Bloomingdale Chamber for a fun lunch on Thursday, May 7 at Outback Steakhouse, 166 S. Gary Ave, while also raising funds for the Bloomingdale Chamber scholarship program. Bring a friend, a coworker, or your entire office. It's good food, fun raffles, and a great cause!!

In its 12th year, this "Funds for Scholars" lunch provides an opportunity to raise money for the Chamber's scholarship program. Outback proprietor, Salomon Diaz, generously donates all proceeds from the luncheon to the scholarship fund.

Lunch is a choice of steak, chicken, vegetarian/vegan. The menu also includes salad, potato, dessert and a beverage. Registration is 11:30; Luncheon Service is Noon. Please register by 3 p.m. Friday, May 1. \$30 Members/Non-Members

Photos by Antonette Favia, The Headshot Room

For information, contact Cindy Allston at Cindy@bloomingdalechamber.com



Club Photo Booth, Joe O'Connell and Jim Giusto



Eagle Falls Dentistry, Represented by Jennifer Mroz

Carrie Fullerton Named Business Woman of the Year



Carrie and Susan

The 2020 Georgene Geils Business Woman of the Year is Carrie Fullerton, Executive Director of Bloomingdale Park District. Carrie has accomplished so much since joining the Bloomingdale Park District in 2008. Her biggest hurdle was working tirelessly to pass a \$9.9 million referendum in 2016, which benefited the entire Bloomingdale community by making improvements to our parks, sports fields, pool and recreation center.

Carrie has built relationships with multiple corporate partners to include AMITA Health, Bloomingdale Bank & Trust, Eagle Falls Dentistry and Stratford Square Mall. Outside of her Park District position, Carrie has served IPRA/IAPD in numerous capacities while additionally serving on multiple boards including the Hank Gianvecchio Natural Habitat Area Foundation, Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce, RST Alumni Advisory Board, Bloomingdale-Roselle Rotary Club and Western DuPage Special Recreation Association.

Nominated by last year's recipient, Susan Sargent, added; "I personally look to Carrie as a mentor. She did all of this while being a mom to two fabulous daughters. They will see that it IS possible to have a successful career while raising children."

Congratulations to the Winners Voted Best of Bloomingdale!



Banking Services - Bloomingdale Bank and Trust
Brewery - Wolfden Brewing Company
Dental Care - Eagle Falls Dentistry
Entertainment - ClubPhotoBooth
Health and Wellness - The Center for Integrative and Functional Health and Wellness
Fitness - Fit4Mom Greater Northwest Chicago
Marketing Services - JET Advertising
Non-Profit - Rotary Club of Bloomingdale-Roselle
Retail Business - Fruitful Yield Bloomingdale
Quick Service Restaurant - Sporty's Restaurant and Catering
Full-Service Restaurant - ANYWAY'S American Pub and Grill
Small Business - Chicago Pastry
Service Business - Hovde & Tufo

The Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce supports the success and growth of businesses and the community. Membership is open to any business who wants to invest in their own growth through promoting their business through marketing, sponsorships and building relationships. The Chamber offers a variety of free and fee-based events making it possible for members to get involved and be known.

Lions Easter Egg Hunt @Circle Park

Starts Promptly at 9:30 a.m.
Age 9 & younger Free -- No Wristband Needed



Eggceptional Easter Egg Trunk Hunt

JRC parking lot immediately following
The Circle Park Egg Hunt
A quiet and accessible opportunity!



The Bloomingdale Business Beat

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

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

Remember -
BUY IN BLOOMINGDALE

Welcome to These New Businesses

Spenga Fitness
145 E. Lake Street Unit A

Essentially You Counseling
125 Fairfield Way Ste. 380

Unity Partnership
109 Stratford Square

Sandman Chiropractic
117 W. Lake Street, Ste 103

Pho Licious
369 W. Army Trail Road #24

Bull & Bear Axe Throwing
620 Stratford Square

Community Events

Bloomington Lions Club Hosting Two Spring Fundraisers

Lions Get Their Grill On

The Bloomington Lions are hosting their Steak Fry from 5-8 p.m. on Friday, May 15 at the Bloomington Golf Club. Tickets are \$18 per person for a choice of steak or BBQ chicken, grilled to order. The Buffet Includes Tossed Garden Salad, Baked Potato, Vegetable, Rolls & Butter and Dessert. Call Stan Poplonski at 630- 461-1283 for tickets and information.

The Steak Fry will also feature the drawing for the Lions "We Share" Raffle with a grand prize of \$5,000, and nine more cash prizes being presented. See more below.

"We Serve" Raffle

The Lions have been rolling out the tickets for their annual "We Serve" Raffle. Only 200 tickets are being sold at \$100 each. The top prize is \$5,000, with nine more cash prizes being awarded. The proceeds from this and other Lions' fundraisers support community programs such as sending visually and hearing impaired children to Camp Lions summer camp, helping provide vision and hearing tests for all residents, as well as striving to meet community sight and hearing-related needs, including funds for sight and hearing service dogs.



Upcoming Garden Club Meetings

April 21, 2020 - Bloomington Garden Club's Plant Sale Prep Meeting

Get comfortable and make new friends with snacks and a drink while we make announcements about upcoming events. Then we'll get down to the business of preparing for our Annual Flower & Plant Sale which will be on May 15th and 16th. This very popular event will fund all of their charitable endeavors, club programs and activities.

May 18, 2020 - Victory Garden

Presenter **Nina Kozinol**, has been a long-time garden writer for a number of publications and websites. She will present wonderful background information on gardening history, including a look at Americans during the first two world wars, food shortages caused rioting in New York City in 1917, as well as President Woodrow Wilson calling on Americans to grow their own food in the first "war gardens."

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, Bloomington, IL 60108. For more information contact bloomingtongardenclub@gmail.com or visit www.bloomingtongardenclub.org.



28th Annual Letter Carriers' Food Drive May 9

The National Letter Carriers Food Drive is the largest food drive conducted in the country. Our Bloomington Letter Carriers invite all to participate in the 28th annual food drive on Saturday, May 9. Our donations go to the Bloomington Township Food Pantry, which serves nine area communities. Please put your non-perishables by your mailbox by 9 a.m. on Saturday, May 9 and the Bloomington mail carriers will do the rest. Our help is needed and appreciated. Thank you from the Bloomington Post Office.



Bloomington Artists Association Upcoming Programs

The Wednesday April 8 BAA "Alcohol Ink Demo" by Irene Peterson is a Member Only Program. Using alcohol ink is a fun way to create paintings or craft projects with vibrant colors. There will be time to create a coaster after the demo. For more information about the Alcohol Demo or for membership info, contact Bev at bpetrosius@gmail.com or 630-624-9545.

The Wednesday, May 13 program is Spring Graphite/Watercolor by Suzanne Wegener. After Suzanne demonstrates how to capture the beauty of a spring flower in graphite and watercolor, there will be time for each person to create a spring flower. Suzanne teaches at DuPage County Forest Preserve, Morton Arboretum and the DuPage Art League. There is a \$10 visitor/materials fee. Contact Bev at bpetrosius@gmail.com or 630-624-9545 for details.



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

May 15 and 16th, 2020 - Bloomingdale Garden Club's Annual Flower and Plant Sale!

Hours will be 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday, May 15th and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 16th at the Bloomingdale Park District Maintenance Building, 259 Springfield Drive (North end of Springfield Park).

The sale will feature professionally grown annuals in flats, hanging baskets, vegetables and herbs, cannas, grasses, tropicals, tuts, Proven Winners and specialty annuals, as well as perennials from the club's own members' gardens.



There will be raffles and gardening items for sale and a Master Gardeners' Help Desk to answer all your gardening questions.

Visit www.bloomingdalegardenclub.org For more information (and to preorder at pre-sale prices before March 31st) or contact the club at bloomingdalegardenclub@gmail.com. We accept cash, check or credit cards. Proceeds support area charities and garden club.

Bloomingdale AARP Meetings Update

Bloomingdale AARP Chapter 5254 normally meets monthly at the Bloomingdale Township Senior Center. Currently, the Senior Center is only open for seniors having their Income taxes done. There is no April 24 meeting as the date coincides with the Senior Day Fair to be held at the Medinah Shriners Banquet Facility where you can visit the AARP booth. See back page of the Almanac for details.

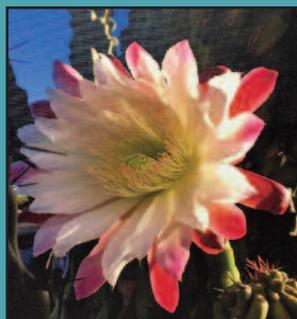
The May 28 meeting will feature Bloomingdale Police Officer Dawn Odoi who will share helpful information about security, as well as caution attendees about current scams which are targeting seniors. Please check with Dan St. Jacques at 630-544-7779 to make sure the meeting is still scheduled.

Bloomingdale Artists Association Exhibit & Sale

April 11 – May 2, 2020

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

Museum hours are Wed. 4-8 p.m.; Thurs., Noon-4 p.m.; Sat. 9 a.m. - Noon. Complimentary Reception: Sunday, April 19 from 2-4 p.m.



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



Free Shredding Event On May 2

Berkshire Hathaway, 181 S. Bloomingdale Road, is once again stepping up to help us clear out our paper clutter! They are providing free shredding for the public on Saturday, May 2 from 9:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. or until the truck is full!

There is a three bag limit and the bag size can be no larger than a 13-gallon bag. You do not have to remove staples or paper clips, but any hard items must be removed as they are fire hazards for the shredding truck. For more information, call 630-894-1900.

Cars arriving before 9 a.m. are discouraged as the parking lot will be blocked off for set up. The Realty office will once again be collecting voluntary donations for The Sunshine Kids, a non-profit organization established in 1982, dedicated to children with cancer.

Bob Jensen Retires

Congratulations to Bob Jensen who retired January 8th with more than 36 years of service. Bob started in June of 1983 and spent his entire career with the Utilities Division, being promoted to Crew Leader in 1992.



Bob was consistently the first one to work every morning and we will miss his thorough knowledge of the water system, impeccable memory of past operations, and his ability to locate buried man-holes and valves like no other.

We wish him the best in his well-earned retirement!

Around and About Town

Neighborhood Watch May 13 Meeting

The Neighborhood Watch General Meeting scheduled for 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 13, 2020, will seek to "Combat Human Trafficking in our Communities."

Representatives of the Department of Homeland Security will discuss how to recognize and combat Human Trafficking and its impact on families and communities. The average age of entry into a life of trafficking is 12-14 years of age; human trafficking is the fastest growing criminal enterprise just behind the drug trade.

Please consider attending the meeting to increase your awareness of Human Trafficking. No registration is required, but any children under 18 yrs. must be accompanied by a parent.

If you have any questions about this meeting or other crime prevention information, please contact Officer Dawn Odoi at (630) 529-9868.

April Fools 5k on April 4

The 8th annual April Fools 5K takes place on a scenic route through Mallard Lake Forest Preserve in Bloomingdale on Saturday, April 4. Kids Dash - 8:45 a.m.; 5K - 9:00 a.m. Cash Prizes. All Proceeds benefit Trinity Adult Day Care Services and Lutheran School in Roselle.

For more information or to register visit www.AprilFools5K.com



School District 13 Hosts Beer & Wine Tasting Fundraiser on May 1

Bloomington School District 13 invites all to a Beer and Wine Tasting Fundraiser on Friday, May 1, 2020 from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. at the Bloomington Golf Club, 181 Glen Ellyn Road. The evening features Beer and Wine from multiple vendors and includes Tastings, Hors d'oeuvres and Desserts. Proceeds Benefit District 13 Schools -- DuJardin, Erickson, & Westfield.

\$50 Advance Ticket Purchase; \$60 at the Door
Go to www.sd13foundation.org to purchase tickets



Veterans Benefits Workshop on May 9

VFW District 19 is hosting a Workshop "Understanding Veterans Benefits," on Saturday, May 9, 2020 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at VFW Post 1197, 645 S. River St, Batavia, IL 60510. Registration is \$20 and includes Continental Breakfast (8 – 9 a.m.) and Lunch.

Those who will benefit include: Post service officers, officers and members; Veterans and active duty military personnel and Family members of veterans. The program will keep you informed and help you grow your organization. The benefits offered by the VA and the IDVA are your benefits. The program will help you understand what they are and how to get them, as well as will help family members to assist their veterans to better understand the sometimes complex web of rules and paperwork.

Limited Seating. Please register early. For more information and to register visit <http://vetworkshop.org> You can pay online or by mail. Questions? Email: info@vetworkshop.org



Texas Roadhouse Employees Sending Care Packages to Our Troops

Bloomington's Texas Roadhouse employees volunteered to pack Care Packages for the VFW to send to the troops overseas on February 19. The group of 14 gathered in the Fire Department basement and filled 75 boxes with snacks, necessities, candy, bags of peanuts from Texas Roadhouse and Girl Scout cookies! Thank you to each of them for donating their time and energy for our troops. If there are any other businesses or organizations that would like to help the VFW with donating items or packing Care Packages, please contact Bill Wolff at acbwolff@sbcglobal.net

Prepare for the Spring Flood Season

Forecasters anticipate a significantly elevated chance of flooding in the Upper Mississippi River and Red River of the North basins this year. While the Upper Mississippi River and Red River basins are at the highest risk of flooding this spring, the risk for flooding is elevated throughout the Midwest.

Home owners, renters, and business owners should prepare for this elevated risk and consider purchasing flood insurance or renew flood insurance policies today. In most cases, it takes 30 days for a flood insurance policy to go into effect.

The Village of Bloomingdale has been a participating community in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) since 1981.

Anyone in a participating community can purchase flood insurance through the NFIP. They do not need to live in or own a structure "in the flood-plain." For a complete list of participating communities, visit the Community Status Book (<https://www.fema.gov/cis/IL.html>)

Flooding is the most common and costly natural disaster in the United States. One-inch of water can cause up to \$25,000 in damage. Flood insurance helps cover the cost of repairing homes or businesses and replacing personal property so community members can get back to their routine faster and more successfully post-flood event.

Google "NFIP Resource Library" for no-cost outreach materials to help you understand your flood risk. Click on "FloodSmart for Consumers" in upper right on the home page. You may also direct inquiries to your insurance agent, FloodSmart, or 1-800-427-4661 (Option 4) for flood insurance inquiries.

Bull & Bear Axe Throwing Now Open

There is a new recreation center in Stratford Square Mall. Earlier this year Bull & Bear Axe Throwing opened its 4,000 square-foot space at 620 Stratford Square, which is on the second floor across from Red Robin. You and your friends will be taught how to throw an axe safely and efficiently by fully trained axe coaches, who will then lead you in several axe throwing games throughout your session.



Reservations are suggested, walk-ins are based on availability. Bull & Bear Axe Throwing suggests sessions are perfect for friends, birthdays, corporate and team building events, bachelor/ette parties and more. Call for hours at (630) 701-6100. Reservations can be made 24 hours a day at bullandbearaxe.com.



Join in a Wonderful Tradition: The DuPage River Sweep

The Conservation Foundation needs volunteers.

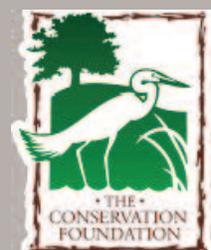
Mark your calendar for Saturday, May 16th, 2020 and join a wonderful tradition.

The DuPage River Sweep is gearing up for another year of great times. Last year volunteers from all over the area came together to remove five tons of trash. More than 500 volunteers made an impact on county waterways and over 200 volunteers were students.

Over the past 29 -years, the group has removed approximately 270 tons of trash. That's fantastic! The website is now open for registration! Go to www.theconservationfoundation.org/sweep

Watch the Sweep webpage for updates and get promotional materials. Like last year, the organization will be including areas for sweeping and native habitat restoration. Pass this along to your friends, colleagues, clubs and students you come in contact with. Be part of the legacy and the Sweep's annual record setting tradition.

For further information contact Jan Roehl at jroehl@theconservationfoundation.org or call (630) 428-4500 Ext 121.



What you need to know about prevention of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

Spring Gardening Tips from Conservation Foundation

Location, Location, Location

A common mistake when gardening is choosing the wrong location. Your vegetable garden needs at least eight hours of sunlight a day. Ideally, the garden location will have a slight slope to drain properly and be out of direct, cold wind.

Clean-Up, Clean-Up

You want to start your Spring gardening by removing broken branches, dead plant material and leaves. They can harbor disease, fungi and unwanted pests.

Mulch Does More than Look Good

Not only does mulch make your garden look more neat and finished, it also conserves moisture, reduces weed growth and soil disease, and keeps the soil cooler during the summer. Use approximately 2-3 inches of mulch in your planting beds and garden to help the soil retain water.

Water Wisely

Be sure to water in the early morning or in the evening to reduce the amount of evaporation loss. Practice deep, infrequent watering to encourage deep root growth. Overwatering can stress the plants and lead to disease and pest problems.

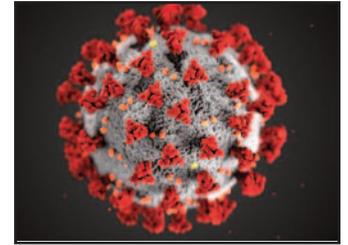
Annuals vs Perennials

Save money by choosing perennials over annuals. Perennials and in particular native plants, do not need as much water because of their deep root system. Native plants can survive long dry periods which seem to be occurring more regularly each year.

Protect yourself from getting and spreading respiratory illnesses like coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). Everyone has a role to play in getting ready and staying healthy.

CDC is implementing its pandemic preparedness and response plans, including providing specific guidance on measures to prepare communities to respond to local spread of the virus that causes COVID-19.

There is currently no vaccine to prevent COVID-19. The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus. The virus is thought to spread mainly from person-to-person, between people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet) and through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes.



Take Steps to Protect Yourself

- **Clean your hands often:**
Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds especially after you have been in a public place, or after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing. If soap and water are not readily available, use a hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- **Avoid close contact:**
Avoid close contact with people who are sick. Put distance between yourself and others if COVID-19 is spreading in your community. **This is especially important for people who are at higher risk of getting very sick.**

Take Steps to Protect Others

- Stay home if you're sick except to get medical care. **Learn what to do if you are sick.**
- **Cover coughs and sneezes:**
Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze or use the inside of your elbow. Throw used tissues in the trash.
- **Wear a facemask if you are sick:**
If you are sick, you should wear a facemask when you are around other people and before you enter a healthcare provider's office. If you are not able to wear a facemask, then you should do your best to cover your coughs and sneezes. People who are caring for you should wear a facemask if they enter your room. If you are NOT sick, you do not need to wear a facemask unless you are caring for someone who is sick.
- **Clean and disinfect:**
Clean AND disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily. If surfaces are dirty, clean them using detergent or soap and water prior to disinfection.

For more COVID-19 information, visit DCHD's Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Information page, which is updated as information is available.

Arbor Day Tree Planting April 24

Arbor Day will take place on Friday, April 24, 2020. The Forestry Division will be planting an Oak Tree behind Johnston Recreation Center for the Bloomington Park District at 1:30 p.m. in the afternoon.

Bloomingtondale Fire Protection District #1



Take Safety with You on Your Travels

Many of us will be taking vacations this summer. Along with safety precautions we'll take on the road and in-flight, let's also keep safety in mind once we reach our destination. If you plan to stay at a hotel/motel, the Bloomingtondale Fire Protection District and the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) would like to remind you of some safety tips:

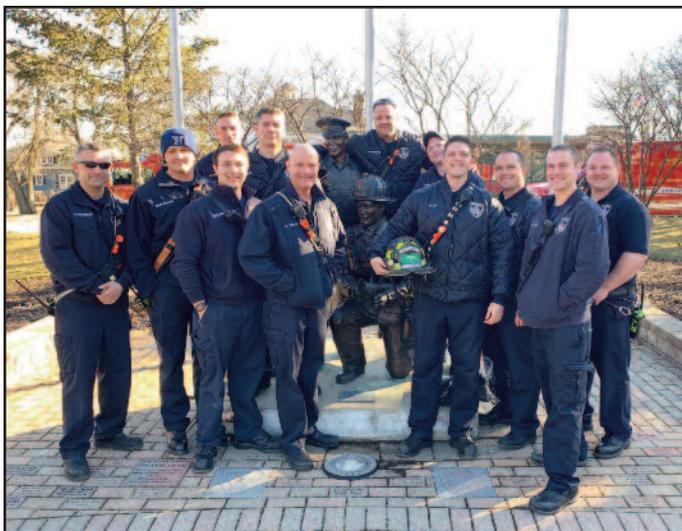
- Choose a hotel/motel that is protected by both smoke alarms and a fire sprinkler system.
- When you check in, ask the front desk what the fire alarm sounds like.
- When you enter your room, review the escape plan posted in your room.
- Take the time to find the exits and count the number of doors between your room and the exit. Make sure the exits are unlocked. If they are locked, report it to management right away.
- Keep your room key by your bed and take it with you if there is a fire.
- If the alarm sounds, leave right away, closing all doors behind you. Use the stairs — never use elevators during a fire.
- If you must escape through smoke, get low and go under the smoke to your exit.

If you can't escape...

- Shut off fans and air conditioners.
- Stuff wet towels in the crack around the doors.
- Call the fire department and let them know your location.
- Wait at the window and signal with a flashlight or light colored cloth.

For those of you planning to stay in hotel/motel accommodations that include kitchenettes, the same cooking safety tips apply as those used at home. Check out NFPA's cooking safety information and the hotel safety tips page on the NFPA website to help you keep your vacation safe and enjoyable.

For more information about travel safety or other safety information, contact Acting Chief Richard Kurka at 630-894-9080.



Congratulations Sabastian Koziel!

Sabastian Koziel is pictured with members of Black Shift. Sabastian passed probation and he receives a new helmet shield. The shift holds a ceremony by the statue in Old Town Park.



Administrative Offices
179 S. Bloomingtondale Road
Bloomingtondale, IL 60108
(630) 894-9080
FAX (630) 894-8720

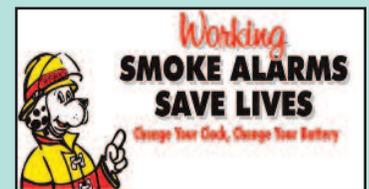
Acting Chief Richard Kurka

District Trustees
Tim Deuschle
Lydia DiBuono
Robert Gaseor

Commissioners
Marshall Gray, Jr.
Shawn Flood
Joseph Zeno

Did You Change Your Batteries?

While updating clocks on your phone, microwave, watch, and in your car are all musts, there's one thing you may have overlooked last month for Daylight Saving Time: Replacing the batteries in your smoke detectors.



The annual changing of clocks serves as an excellent reminder to complete another vital task. The two times a year we change our clocks also serve as a valuable reminder to change the batteries in our fire detectors. According to a recent survey by ServiceMaster, only 57% of Americans have followed best practice and done so in the past six months.

While you're brushing up on fire safety, you're also sleeping with your bedroom door closed, right?



Village of Bloomingdale
201 S. Bloomingdale Road
Bloomingdale, Illinois 60108

PRESORTED
STANDARD
PAID
Bloomingdale,
ILA
60108
Permit No.# 16

**POSTAL PATRON LOCAL
BLOOMINGDALE, ILLINOIS 60108**

Garage Sale Season is Here!

Important information:

There is no cost or permit necessary to hold a garage or yard sale; however, the person conducting the sale must notify the police department of the sale prior to the start of the sale.

No more than three rummage or garage sales may be held on the same premises in any calendar year.

Each may not be more than three consecutive days and can only take place between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

For more information on requirements relative to garage sale signs, including size and placement restrictions, call the Police Department at 630-671-9868.

Bloomfield Hills

April 30, May 1, 2
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
North side of west Schick

Bloomfield Club

Saturday, June 13
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
South side of west Schick

Bloomington Historical Society

Corner of Third & Washington
June 17 Drop off donations 10-2
June 18 & 19 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Westlake Townhomes

June 19 & 20 9 a.m.- 5 p.m.
Stop by Clubhouse
299 Edgewater for map

Bloomington Senior Day Fair Is April 24

The Bloomingdale Police Department and the Bloomingdale Senior Citizen Advisory Council cordially invite all senior citizens and caregivers to seniors to the Annual Senior Day Fair on Friday, April 24, 2020, from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. (noon) at the Medinah Shriners Banquet Facility – Addison, Illinois (located on Swift Road just north of Army Trail Road). Created by the Bloomingdale Senior Citizen Advisory Council, the fair gives seniors the opportunity to visit with local agencies, service providers, and businesses to help identify the resources that are available to them.

Refreshments will be available and there is no fee to enter. Giveaway bags and other items will be distributed upon arrival and throughout your visit. Door prizes will be given out each ½ hour during the event.

- Over fifty agencies will be in attendance at the Senior Day Fair, featuring local hospitals, including College of DuPage – Nursing Program (reference health services, such as blood pressure checks)
- Local dentists, chiropractors, eye doctors, foot doctors, pharmacists
- Discuss options with Home Health Agencies, Adult Support Services, and Extended Care Centers
- Meet with volunteers and consider joining Community Groups and Activity Clubs
- Governmental Units: Local Political Representatives, Village, Police, Fire, Park District, Library
- Wholesale stores and Fitness facilities
- Bloomingdale Lions Club: Collection of Used/Unwanted Eye Glasses, Eye and Hearing Screening Service
- Illinois Secretary of State – Renewal of Driver's License (those under the age of 75), Obtain Identification Cards, and Rules of the Road information will be available. REAL ID Driver's License & Identification Cards CANNOT be obtained during the Senior Fair Day.



Please mark your calendar and plan to visit the Senior Day Fair and obtain the available materials to benefit you, your family and friends. Feel free to invite other seniors.

Questions? Please contact Officer Dawn Odoi at (630) 529-9868.

As April 24 approaches, please call Bloomingdale Officer Dawn Odoi at 630-529-9868 to see if the Fair is still on or if it has been cancelled due to the Covid-19 virus.

