

# Village of Bloomingdale Almanac

October 2020

## 2020 Election Dates

Election Day: Nov 3

Early voting: Oct 19- Nov 2

Request a vote-by-mail ballot online NOW through Oct. 29.

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- Track your vote-by-mail ballot
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## Congratulations to Our Officers

A swearing-in and pinning ceremony took place on Monday, August 24 to recognize the promotion of Detective David Spradling to Sergeant and the swearing-in of three new police officers-Officer Stephen Kanis, Officer Michael Roberts and Officer Dominic

Lesniewski. Each of the officers were pinned by a family member; Among those was former Deputy Police Chief Tim Roberts pinning his son, new officer Michael Roberts.

The ceremony, held in Old Town Park, began with Clerk Jane Michelotti reading a Proclamation

day, declared by Mayor Franco and the Village Board, will be held as a day to honor & show support to our police officers.

The evening finished with a surprise parade of enthusiastic residents in their decorated vehicles to show support and gratitude to all of the officers.

We congratulate all of the officers and wish them the best of luck in their new positions! May you all have long and successful careers.

acknowledging that September 7, 2020 is known as Police Recognition Day in the Village of Bloomingdale. This designated



Members of the Parade of Support



Police and Fire Commissioners, plus many Officers on Hand

## Mark Your Calendar for These Upcoming Events



Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, November 1 at 2:00 am. Turn your clocks back one hour.



Last Branch pickup for 2020 begins October 19. See page 4.



Hydrant Flushing Begins Sept 29 until Oct 16. See Schedule p. 5



Community Drive-Thru Event Oct 24; Trick or Treat Oct 31, see pp. 9-10



# A Family Affair

## VILLAGE BOARD, COMMISSION & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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



Here are the four members of the Police Department sworn in on August 24. Clockwise - Sergeant David Spradling and his wife; Officer Stephen Kanis and his family; Officer Michael Roberts and his family; and Officer Dominic Lesniewski and his parents. (Story on p. 1)

## 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 Halloween activities for the little goblins.

And in the case of an unusual event, such as a major snowstorm, the Village can send out critical information to all subscribers, as it becomes available. To sign up for the E-News, go to [www.villageofbloomingdale.org](http://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

## A Message from Mayor Franco

We enjoyed wonderful summer days and nights in July and August and it is hard to believe we are into Fall already. I have to admit it's been quite enjoyable to eat breakfast, lunch or dinner al fresco in so many places!

If you look around, you can see we have continued to make a lot of progress here in Bloomingdale, well beyond the outdoor seating with colorful umbrellas popping up. Throughout September, there have been attractive perennials sprouting up along Lake Street's Streetscape Beautification Project's gateway elements, as well as in the median landscapes and public parkways. We might even see some new holiday lighting later this year to lift our spirits!

Construction of a much-anticipated new restaurant will begin in September- Raising Cane's Chicken Fingers is coming to town. The new fast-food restaurant chain specializing in chicken fingers was founded in Baton Rouge, Louisiana and will take the place of Kentucky Fried Chicken (KFC) at 334 W. Army Trail Road. My children are quite happy about this development.

TJ Maxx will be re-locating from its Army Trail location and filling the former K-mart building in Stratford Crossing on Gary Avenue. After a tenant remodel, Access Health Pharmacy at 398 W. Army Trail Road, will be opening soon. The new Bucaro Funeral Home is currently under construction in the former bank building location at 485 W. Army Trail Road. Despite the pandemic, we have continued our work to grow and maintain our business community.

In reference to the holiday season – There will be a tree lit in the Piazza at Old Town – we have our eyes on one right now, but we have not designated a date as of yet. The Bloomingdale Park is planning on hosting its Festival of Lights beginning Saturday, December 5. You can see several of their activities, as well as their Festival of Lights calendar, in the Bloomingdale Park's Winter brochure. Watch our E-News and the December Almanac, coming out before December, about our plans.

Regarding our purchase of the Indian Lakes property, we are in the process of closing at the end of October. The Village is purchasing 200 acres of the golf course property and the eastern parking lot located on Schick Road. We will be reaching out to the residents after the first of the year to get their comments before making any decisions regarding its future use as open space.

Just a reminder, our local businesses truly need our local support. Please reserve some of your on-line purchases for our small businesses. We are all in this together.

It's a good time to be a Chicago baseball fan...Crosstown Classic World Series? Please take care of yourselves and each other as we navigate to better times and best wishes from my family to yours for the holidays.

Mayor Franco



## Village of Bloomingdale Prospective Candidate Packets For the April 6, 2021 Consolidated Election

As a service of the Village Clerk's office, information on nominating petitions and form packets will be available beginning September 22, 2020 at the Village of Bloomingdale, 201 South Bloomingdale Road, for prospective candidates for the April 6, 2021 Consolidated Election.

The Village of Bloomingdale has up for election: Mayor, Clerk and Three (3) Village Trustee offices for full four (4) year terms and Four (4) Library Trustee offices for full four (4) year terms.

The first day to circulate petitions for the offices is **September 22, 2020.**

Filing for the Consolidated General Election begins on **Monday, December 14, 2020** and concludes **Monday, December 21, 2020.** For the purpose of accepting candidate petitions or certificates of nomination, the Village Clerk's office will be open during regular business hours from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday through the filing period **except for the last day of filing, December 21st when the Village Clerk's office will remain open until 5:00 p.m.**

To obtain a copy of the State Board of Elections Candidate Guide, 2021 Election Official's Handbook and the Election Campaign and Finance Calendar, visit the State's Board of Election website at: **<https://www.elections.il.gov/>**.

Voting Information can be obtained from the DuPage County Clerk's Election Commission at: **[www.dupageco.org/election](http://www.dupageco.org/election)**.



# Branch Pickup Begins October 19

## Important Village & Community Phone Numbers

### Main Village Hall Number

630-893-7000

### Village Departments

Administration 630-671-5610

Building & Zoning 630-671-5660

Engineering 630-671-5676

Finance 630-671-5630

Mayor's Office 630-671-5600

Police – non-emergency  
630-529-9868

Public Works 630-671-5800

Water Billing 630-671-5650

Utilities 630-671-5830

### Other Useful Numbers

Fire Department non emergency  
630-894-9080

Bloomington Library  
630-529-3120

Bloomington Park District  
630-529-3650

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Kramer Tree Specialists, Inc. will once again perform branch collection under the direction of the Village Forestry Division. Branch collection will begin on Monday, October 19. 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, October 19.
- 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.



# 2020 Hydrant Flushing Schedule

Public Works will perform the annual Hydrant Flushing Program beginning September 29, 2020 through October 16, 2020. **The Program will be performed during the daytime hours of 8:00 am - 3:00 pm.** Please **DO NOT WASH LAUNDRY** during the flushing hours, as rust staining of clothing may result. Residents with water softeners are encouraged to check the cycle time of their softeners so that the unit does not regenerate during this period.

Hydrant flushing is routine maintenance which improves both water quality and water flow. The hydrant flushing by area is as follows:

Byron Area, Westwind, Deer Glen, Medinah Lakes, Medinah Rd. Area (Eastgate, Medinah Grove, Medinah Meadows, Chateau of Medinah, Vittoria Brooke Estates, Casa Bella), Hamilton Woods  
Tues., Sept 29

Westlake Townhomes, College Quad Fours, Harvard Area, Brookdale Estates, Wilshire Towers, Greenway Area, Glen Ellyn Rd. - Deer Glen to Army Trail, Glen Ellyn Rd. - South of Army Trail  
Wed., Sept. 30

North & South Suncrest, Medinah Area (Broker, St. Francis, Lori, Hillcrest, Sunset, Dinah, Sodaro), Westlake Highlands (Circle, Euclid, Kingston, Freeport, Ironwood), Medinah on the Lakes, Glen Ellyn Rd.  
Thurs., Oct. 1

Edgewater Area, Fairfield Area, Fairfield Quads, Canterbury, Springbrook Villas, Springbrook Center, Ridge, Old Town Area - East of Bloomingdale Rd., Bloomingdale Rd. - Greenway to Lake St.  
Fri., Oct. 2

North & South Lakewoods (Maple, Oak, Franklin), N. Rosedale Area (Carmela, Rose), Founders Pointe, Fessler's Grove, Old Town Square, Bell Towers, Old Town Area - West of Bloomingdale Rd., Royal Ct Villas, On-the-Park, Villas of Thornfield, Bloomingdale Rd. - North of Lake St., Bloomingdale Town Center  
Tues., Oct. 6

Indian Lakes East (Cardinal / Raven Area), Cavalry Dr., Old Town Estates (Jefferson, Jackson), Longridge Area, West Pointe Estates (Hillandale, Rosedale), Indian Lakes Resort, Los Lagos, Aprina Ct.  
Wed., Oct. 7

Springfield Dr. - Schick Rd. to Lake St., Heritage at Stratford, Bloomfield Hills, Chateau Lorraine, Country Club Estates, Villa Way, One Bloomingdale Place, Villa Veneto, Springfield Place  
Thurs., Oct. 8

Springfield Dr. - Army Trail Rd. to Schick Rd., Indian Lakes West (Meadowlark Pheasant / Skylark Area), Bloomfield Club, Butterfield Rd., Stratford Estates (White Hall, Old Mill), Park Bloomingdale Condominiums (Glengarry), Stratford Place Apartments, Stratford Green Apartment Homes (Vinings)  
Fri., Oct. 9

Schmale Rd., Monroe Dr., Longview Dr., Army Trail Commercial Areas (Gary Ave. to Schmale Rd.), Bloomingdale Court, Knollwood Dr., Scott Dr., Springfield Pointe (Donald Dr.)  
Tues., Oct. 13

Bayview Crossings, Gary Ave. - North of Schick Rd., Thorn Rd., Stratford Lakes, Camden Apartments, Stratford Square Mall, Merchant's Park, Bloomingdale Walk Townhomes  
Wed., Oct. 14

Gary Ave. - Schick Rd. to Army Trail Rd., Stratford Plaza, Covington / Brighton Area, Madsen Dr. Area, Gateway Plaza, Old Gary Ave.  
Thurs., Oct. 15

Hydrants along Lake St., Schick Rd. (West of Bloomingdale Rd.), Army Trail Rd.  
Fri., Oct. 16

Questions? Please contact the Distribution Division at 630-671-5830.



# Why Do We Flush Fire Hydrants?

*One question that is always asked is - "Why does the Village flush hydrants?" Hydrant flushing is routine maintenance that:*

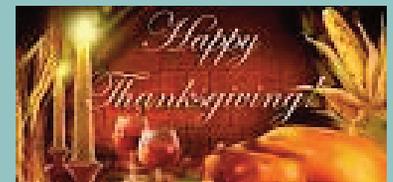
- 1. Improves water quality - Flushing removes minerals such as iron and magnesium that collect in the water mains.
- 2. Improves water flow - By removing these minerals, the inside diameter of a water main is increased, allowing a better flow of water.
- 3. Hydrant maintenance - A fire hydrant is a mechanical device. Operation of a hydrant lubricates internal mechanisms and gaskets.
- 4. Hydrant inspections - Any deficiencies are noted and repaired as necessary to insure that each hydrant will perform when needed for an emergency.



## Thanksgiving Holiday Refuse Pickup

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday on Thursday, November 26, Republic's refuse pickup will be delayed one day each for Thursday and Friday pickup that week.

Wednesday's pickup remains the same.



# Apply by December 1, 2020

## 2020 Tree Planting Program

### Last Electronic Recycling on October 3

The remaining 2020 Electronic Recycling Program at Bloomingdale Township Highway Department takes place on October 3, 2020 from 8:00 a.m. to 12 Noon. This is available to all DuPage County residents.

There is a tax deductible fee that applies for all CRT, Flat Screen Projection TVs and Monitors.

Fees for TVs & Monitor:

- TV up to 21 inches:  
\$25 Unit - Cash or credit card accepted (no checks)
- TV 21 inches and above \$35 Unit - Cash or credit card accepted (no checks)

All other electronics are accepted at no charge (computer, laptop, DVD players, game consoles, mobile phones, VCRs, mice, scanners, fax machines, keyboards, satellite receivers, copiers, printers, digital converter boxes, cable receivers, servers, electronic keyboards, portable music players, holiday string lights, wire, cables, adapters, power supplies, cell phones, modems, tablets, phones, and docking stations along with other electronics and small household appliances. Check the Electronic Recycling Program at Bloomingdale Township Highway Department on the website or call 630-529-5221.

Residents can also donate unwanted clothing and textiles for reuse and recycling through the non-profit RewearAble. All items, including all clothing, bedding, towels and rags must be in plastic bags to be accepted. Note: items with residue of oil, stains, varnishes etc. cannot be accepted. RewearAble is a non-profit that provides sustainable employment for adults with disabilities.

The Village Board has again allocated funds for this very successful program initiated in 1982. The program provides trees, including planting, at a 50/50 cost sharing with the Village. The trees will be planted in Spring 2021 and are available for residential, business or commercial properties. The intent of the program is to further beautify the streetscape. All 50/50 trees must remain visible from the street, and must be planted in the front yard adjacent to the street or, if a corner property lot, may be planted in either the front or side yard adjacent to the street. Business and commercial properties wishing to participate should contact Jim Johnson, Urban Forester, at 630-671-5804 prior to submitting a Program Request Form. **Residents seeking parkway tree replacements should contact the Forestry Division at 630-671-5800. All parkway trees (whether ash tree replacements, infills, etc.) will be planted by the Village, if space allows, at no cost to the homeowner.**

The following are the guidelines of the program:

1. The program is offered on a first-come, first-served basis subject to available annual funding amounts. Participants must complete and submit the Program Request Form by December 1, 2020. No payment is required at this time. Bills will be sent to successful Program Requests about February 1, 2021.
2. Trees will be 2½" caliper, unless stated otherwise. **Trees will be quality nursery stock but not specimen plants.**
3. The Village reserves the right to disapprove requests based on conflicts, safety, or proper spacing.
4. Removal of dead trees, stumps and/or large roots is not included and must be performed by the applicant before March 15th.
5. Each residential parcel will be limited to **one tree per year**. Each business or commercial property will be limited to two trees per year.
6. Participants will be given the opportunity to mark the desired location for the tree; however, the Urban Forester retains the right to change the location, if necessary.
7. We anticipate the total cost of each 2½" caliper tree planted will range between \$200 and \$300, with the Village paying half of this amount.
8. Trees will be guaranteed for **one year**. Participants are responsible for all watering which will be described in instructions furnished by the Village.

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



Serbian Spruce



Exclamation Plane Tree



Ivory Silk Tree Lilac

# 2020 50-50 Tree Planting Request Form

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: HOME: \_\_\_\_\_ WORK: \_\_\_\_\_ MOBILE: \_\_\_\_\_

PLANTING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

## INDICATE QUANTITY DESIRED.

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

### \_\_\_\_\_ Redpointe Red Maple (*Acer rubrum* 'Frank Jr.')

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



Redpointe Red Maple

### \_\_\_\_\_ Ivory Silk Tree Lilac (*Syringa reticulata* 'Ivory Silk')

A cultivar of the Japanese Tree Lilac, this variety is desirable for its profusion of very fragrant flowers and neat, upright habit. The small, single-petaled (each bloom has five petals) flowers are creamy-white in color and are clustered on long, tapered panicles. Growing to an average height of 25 ft. and spread of 15 ft., its canopy is oval-shaped when young, and gradually widens into a nicely rounded shape..



Swamp White Oak leaves

### \_\_\_\_\_ Swamp White Oak (*Quercus bicolor*)

The Latin name bicolor refers to the distinctive two-colored appearance of the leaves; green on the upper surface, and whitish on the undersurface. Also, unlike other oaks, the dark brown bark peels away in ragged curls exposing the lighter colored bark beneath. This oak grows to about 50 ft. in most urban conditions. Fall color is yellow, with an occasional red-purple.



Chestnut Oak leaves

### \_\_\_\_\_ Chestnut Oak (*Quercus montana*)

The bold aspects of the Chestnut Oak make it an attractive choice. Glossy, dark greenish-yellow leaves, 4-6 in. long, turn orange-yellow to yellowish-brown in the fall. Acorns are a deep-toned brown and are favored by wildlife. The bark is dark brown to black with deep ridges. Grows 60-70 ft. high with a similar, rounded spread.

### \_\_\_\_\_ Serbian Spruce (*Picea omorika*)

The most graceful of all spruces, the Serbian Spruce offers thin arching branches with a slender straight trunk. The needles are light-green to blue-green with purple to cinnamon colored 1-1/2 in. cones. Grows 50-60 ft. with a 25 ft. spread.



Jane Magnolia

### \_\_\_\_\_ Exclamation Plane Tree (*Platanus acerifolia* 'Morton Circle')

ate, is light-fruited, and shows resistance to frost cracking and anthracnose. It displays the attractive exfoliating bark expected of planetrees and will measure 60' in height with a 30' spread. Yields pendulous ball-like clusters of tightly packed seed approximately 1" in diameter.

### \_\_\_\_\_ Jane Magnolia (*Magnolia* 'Jane')

The Jane Magnolia has gorgeous tulip-shaped flowers that arrive prior to the foliage and hang around for about a month or so in spring. These huge, fragrant blooms are pink to purple with a hint of red on the outside and white on the inside. Jane Magnolias bloom in spring and often rebloom throughout summer. Great choice for any accent, specimen or border use. Grows 10'-15' high. Grows best in full morning sun and partially shaded afternoons.

**SUBMIT TO:** Village of Bloomingdale Forestry Division  
201 S. Bloomingdale Road, Bloomingdale, IL 60108  
By deadline of **December 1, 2020**



# Adopt a Storm Grate Near Your Home to Prevent Street Flooding

## Controlling Drainage

Property owners can help to manage drainage by:

- Utilizing Rain Barrels to temporarily store runoff for re-use and recycling water at a later time
- Manage sump pump discharge with a flexible polyethylene tube available at most home improvement stores so that the discharge can be easily moved every few days. This will help to keep sump pump flow from discharging at a fixed location, spread the water over a larger area, allow for more re-use and recycling of the water and help to keep gardens or lawns watered.
- Removing obstructions such as sheds, log piles, mulch and landscape edging from the drainage swales
- Allowing water to drain onto the grass, as much as possible so that more of the runoff can be re-used and recycled for lawn watering purposes
- Directing downspouts and sump pumps away from nuisance drainage areas; directing the flow toward the front or rear yard of the property
- Consider converting nuisance drainage areas to a Rain Garden with proper soils and suitable landscape plants for such an area

Information is available on the Village (<http://www.villageofbloomingdale.org/>) or County websites ([https://www.dupageco.org/EDP/Stormwater\\_Management/Water\\_Quality/6614/](https://www.dupageco.org/EDP/Stormwater_Management/Water_Quality/6614/)).

You may contact the Village Engineering Department at 630-671-5676 for additional information.

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

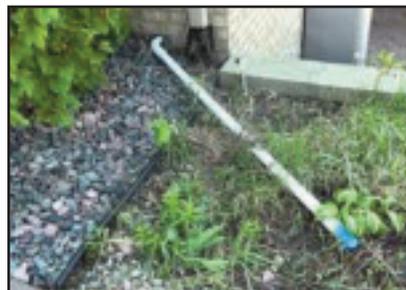


Also, as autumn leaves begin to pile up in the yard, the Village Building and Zoning Division reminds all property owners that raking or blowing leaves into the street or curb is a violation of section 5-2-4 A.2 of the Village's Municipal Code. When leaves are raked or deposited into the street, they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

The Village does provide periodic street sweeping services through a private contractor, but residents are encouraged to compost their leaves or to participate in Republic's yard waste collection program. Leaves and yard waste placed in yard waste bags or cans (with handles) affixed with a sticker (\$3.50 each) will be picked up by Republic on regular trash days through November 30th. Yard waste stickers are sold at the Village Hall, and local retailers such as Caputo's, Jewel and Ace Hardware. Tagged yard waste bags may be placed at the curb after 6 p.m. on the night before your collection day.

## Please Be Sure Your Drainage Runoff Does Not Flow Into the Street

The Village is concerned with property owner drainage systems that collect runoff, accelerate the flow of water and concentrate the flow of water onto streets or sidewalks. These types of drainage systems that drain water, usually from rooftops, downspouts or sump pumps, can create a hazard in the public way such as slick sidewalk surfaces in the spring and summer or ice build-up in the winter. Such systems can also cause damage to property such as erosion.



*Be sure your sump pump does not discharge into the street.*

Please help to keep Bloomingdale's streets and sidewalks safe by managing runoff on the property without collecting and concentrating flow onto these areas. This can be done by managing drainage discharge on properties through a variety of methods. Information is available on the Village website pertaining to drainage discharge recommendations.

## When Do I Call 911?

Considering the wide variety of safety issues today, it can be confusing to know whether or not to call 9-1-1 when a resident witnesses an incident. Many people think that 9-1-1 is reserved only for emergencies, and if they mistakenly call for a non-emergency or something that is non-criminal, they might look 'dumb' or feel 'silly'. The fact of the matter is that **9-1-1 is not reserved solely for immediate emergencies and criminal acts.**



Common sense might tell residents to call the 'non-emergency' police number to report suspicious activity that doesn't appear to be an emergency. However, if a citizen needs a POLICE RESPONSE for anything (even non-emergencies), dialing 9-1-1 is the correct way to have an officer dispatched to the call.

For example, suspicious activities that are not necessarily an immediate emergency could be defined as a person walking or hanging around aimlessly in a neighborhood who does not live there; or someone looking in car windows in a parking lot or on the street; or an individual running through an area who is not wearing workout clothing. **Unfortunately, the police are not formerly informed of such activities until after a crime is committed.** It is important for residents to make the call to 9-1-1 if they witness anything suspicious, and to never feel embarrassed for calling.

**The non-emergency phone for the Bloomingdale Police Department is (630) 529-9868.** This direct line is to the police building and is primarily used for general questions or to leave messages for specific police officers. If a resident calls the non-emergency number to request an officer to be dispatched to a service call, the desk assistant will most likely connect the caller to 9-1-1 instead so they can speak directly to a dispatcher. (Other local villages have non-emergency phone numbers for their respective police and fire departments.)

When deciding to call 9-1-1 or not, residents should **simply trust their basic instincts.** If a situation is uncomfortable to a person or an activity could be a threat to individuals or the community, 9-1-1 should be called. The Bloomingdale Police Department prefers investigating concerns immediately rather than later, when potential offenders may have left the scene and a crime has already been committed.

The police department encourages citizens to be **"the eyes and ears of the community"** which will help reduce victimization for you and others. Please do not hesitate to contact the police department – you are not bothering us.

If you have any questions, concerns, or are looking for more information about Crime Prevention material, please contact Officer Dawn Odoi of the Bloomingdale Police Department at (630) 529-9868.



## Simple Tips for a Safe Halloween

Trick-or-Treating is something that can still go on safely with just a few measures in place." To mitigate potential spread, trick-or-treaters have to stay in small groups with few adults supervising, following recommended distance guidelines. Everyone should be wearing masks that cover their nose and mouth and treat-givers should also consider distributing their goodies using tongs or grabbers. These precautions are recommendations, not mandates.

Provided these safety measures are followed, Frank Giammarese, Director of Public Safety, recommends "Trick-or-Treating" be allowed in Bloomingdale on Saturday, October 31st, 2020, between 3 pm and 7 pm. Here are some other suggestions to help ensure this is a fun and safe day for our children:

### Trick-or-Treating

- A responsible adult or teen should accompany each group.
- Never enter a stranger's house - even if invited.
- If unaccompanied, parents should know exactly what route their children are taking.

### Treats

- Never eat anything until at home after the treats have been examined by your parents.
- Check the wrapper of commercial treats for signs of tampering.
- Throw away anything unwrapped.
- Notify the police if harmful items are found.

*(continued on bottom of page 14)*

# BOO! mingdale Halloween Drive-Thru

Saturday, October 24 | 9:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Our annual Community Halloween Party/  
Open House is on - but will look a bit  
different this year!

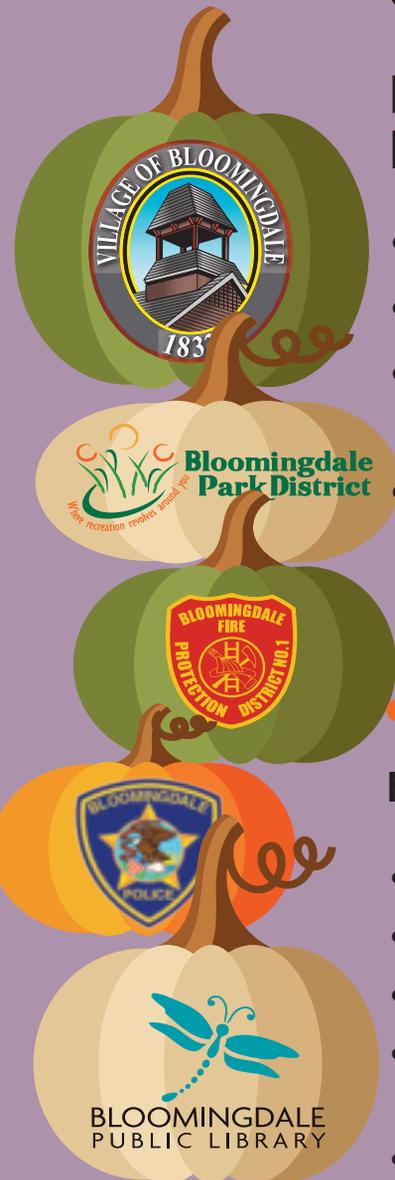
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Drive through the Library, Village, Police and  
Fire Department parking lots to enjoy:

- Themed guests, roving entertainment, DJ music
- Display of the annual Trunk or Treat vehicles
- Police and Fire Department exhibit of emergency and first responder vehicles on display
- Children will receive a small pumpkin gourd and a treat bag during the drive-thru experience (while supplies last)

Please observe the following guidelines during the event:

- Remain in your vehicle - NO foot traffic allowed
- Use caution while driving through the parking lots
- Vehicles must maintain a safe speed of 5 mph or less
- Enter off of Fairfield Way approaching from the east into the Library entrance near the gazebo (right turn only)
- Exit onto Bloomingdale Road heading north (right turn only)



# Business News

## More Building at Medinah on the Lakes

The builder Foxford Communities, is proposing to construct nine (9) new townhomes on the vacant Lot 5, of Medinah on the Lakes. The subject property was originally approved to construct a 7-story, 92-unit condominium building that was never built. The Petitioner changed the zoning from multi-family residence to general residential to construct townhomes on the site as approved by the Village Board in July, 2020.

The structure on the east side will contain three (3) units; the other on the south will contain six (6). All units will have three levels, but the three units will have walkout from the basement and the six units have a basement with no access outside. Based on the Petitioner's submittal, the units will range in size from 1,886 square feet to 3,184 square feet, with most having 2 or 3 bedrooms, but having an option for a fourth bedroom. The builder hopes to break ground before it freezes.



## Notes from Bloomingdale's Chamber of Commerce



Local business help support the community through donations, fundraisers, and have funded the Bloomingdale Scholarship program for local high school students. Sales tax from these local businesses support your Village.

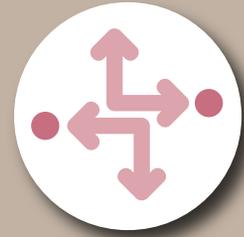
**Help us support our local businesses. Please share this information with your neighbors.**

Coupons can be found on

Facebook's Bloomingdale Strong group page. You can also sign up to receive emails through the Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce website.

**Show Your Support with a Bloomingdale Strong T-Shirt**

T-Shirt Proceeds will help support the growth and success of our businesses and community. T-shirts are available in a variety of colors and sizes at [Inspireddesign.net](http://Inspireddesign.net)



## 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

**Ewa's Deli**  
160 E. Lake Street  
New owner of former Signature Euro Deli

**Spirit Halloween**  
300 Army Trail Road  
Temporary

**Okapi Bistro - Congolese**  
369-11 W. Army Trail Road

**Pho Licious - Vietnamese**  
369-24 W. Army Trail Road

**Access Health Pharmacy**  
398 W. Army Trail Road



# Community Events

## VFW Voice of Democracy Scholarship

Commander Ron Richardson of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Bloomingdale Post 7539 announces the kick-off of this year's VFW Voice of Democracy Scholarship Competition. Post 7539 is offering a cash scholarship to the "winner or winners" of the VFW Voice of Democracy Scholarship Competition.

Local high school students have the opportunity to compete for thousands of dollars in scholarships and a trip to Washington, D.C. To be eligible, students must reside in Bloomingdale, Roselle or Medinah and be of high school age. The Post winner advances to District level; District winner advances to state competition. First place national winner is awarded a \$30,000 college scholarship. Not only have past winners received generous cash prizes, their participation is a great plus on any college or academy admission form.

This year's topic is "Is this the Country the Founders Envisioned?" To participate students must: Write and record a three to five-minute essay on the current topic. Record their essay in an audio format using an audio CD or flash drive. Send their recording, typed essay and entry form to: VFW Post 7539, c/o Bloomingdale Library, 101 Fairfield Way, Bloomingdale, IL 60108.

Entries must be RECEIVED no later than midnight, October 31, 2020. Entry forms and more details can be found at: [www.vfw.org/vod](http://www.vfw.org/vod) Contact Post VOD Chairman Randy Winter at: [rdw727@aol.com](mailto:rdw727@aol.com)



## 2020-2021 Peer Jury Sworn in on September 2

The Youth Peer Jury Program works with the Police Department and provides a meaningful and remedial method of dealing with selected juvenile (under age 17) offenders without referral to Juvenile Court. An offender must admit guilt in order to appear in front of the Peer Jury, whose purpose is to provide a means for the young offender to account for his/her behavior to a group of his/her peers.

The jurors attempt to determine how the offender can be helped to see what they did was wrong. To achieve the understanding, jurors ask questions of offenders, his/her parents, and the Juvenile Officer during the hearing. The jury then deliberates and fixes an appropriate punishment, commonly including some form of community service.

## Pho Licious Serving Authentic Vietnamese Food

Pho Licious is one of a kind Vietnamese restaurant that offers traditional & new flavors to satisfy all taste buds. The smoothie and juice bar also features a wide variety. Owner Jon Tran and his staff have a mission to provide delicious Vietnamese food to their guests using only fresh and whole ingredients. Their fast and innovative restaurant concept offers convenience for those on-the-go as well as in-restaurant friendly dining. Pho Licious is dedicated to serving fresh products daily in a clean environment and hold its products and service to a high standard. Most importantly, the mission is to provide guests with the most authentic Vietnamese flavor outside of Vietnam.

The restaurant will be expanding into the next space to create more indoor dining. Located at 369 Army Trail Road, the restaurant is open Tues-Sun., 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. They are also served by [grubhub.com](https://www.grubhub.com) (preferred by this business), [seamless.com](https://www.seamless.com) and [toasttab.com](https://www.toasttab.com). Check [seamless.com](https://www.seamless.com) for menu or call 630-283-0955.



## Waste, Recycling and Energy

The information below on recycling & green events is provided as a service to the residents of DuPage County. **Inclusion is not intended as an endorsement** of any of company or event, nor has the County purposely excluded any additional events.

The events listed below are open to the public (unless otherwise indicated). No hazardous waste, fluorescent bulbs, paint, dehumidifiers, refrigerators, or air conditioners will be accepted at any events.

### October Events

**October 3, 2020 - Milton Twp. Recycling Extravaganza;** 23w040 Poss St., Glen Ellyn; 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

**October 24, 2020 - Village of Lisle Document Shredding;** 925 Burlington Ave. Commuter Parking Lot C, Lisle; 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Check these two Upcoming Events at [DuPageco.org/recycling](http://DuPageco.org/recycling) as well as many other waste and environmental topics possibly coming up.

**Related to Covid:** Do NOT place masks, gloves and other PPE in the recycling bin. Those items belong in your bagged trash. This will protect you and essential workers that continue to handle your waste and recycling.

See information on last 2020 Bloomingdale Township October 3 Electronic Recycling & Textile Recycling on page 6, col 1.

## Bloomingdale Garden Club's Community Garden

Master Gardener Gail Sanders, is in charge of Bloomingdale Garden Club's Community Garden. She notes the Plot-to-Plate Garden continues to be for many of us, a place to make a positive difference during this time with COVID restrictions. While we are not able to enjoy working together, we are making much-needed contributions to food pantries.

This season we are splitting our harvest between the Bloomingdale Township Food Pantry and the Food Pantry at Family in Faith Church in Glendale Heights. Both pantries help feed our neighbors in Bloomingdale Township and have let us know how much the fresh organic produce is appreciated.

As of August 8th, we have split almost 175 pounds between the two sites. We have harvested and donated beans, beets, carrots, cucumbers, eggplant, garlic, herbs (basil, dill, lemon grass, parsley, oregano, thyme), kale, lettuce, onions, peas, sweet & hot peppers, potatoes, radishes, Swiss chard, tomatoes, turnips, and zucchini. If we can keep the squash bugs at bay, we will add winter squash to that list later in the season.



## Bloomingdale Artists Association

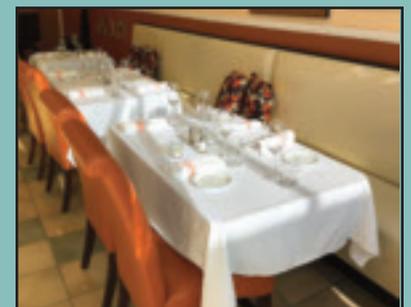
The BAA Members are hosting their first ZOOM meeting Wednesday, November 11. The Pen and Ink Demo will be presented by Heeyoung Kim for MEMBERS ONLY.

Heeyoung Kim is an internationally recognized botanical artist who documents native plants of the Midwest. You can see more of her artwork and classes at her website: [www.HeeyoungKim.net](http://www.HeeyoungKim.net).

Contact Lois at [litloie@aol.com](mailto:litloie@aol.com) or 630-924-1577 for program info, supply list or membership application. Membership fee of \$15 is due by 10/31/20. This reduction from \$25 reflects BAA's reduced program schedule for 2020/2021 due to Covid-19.

## Okapi Bistro - Fine Dining

You can experience the exquisite taste of African Cuisine when you discover some of the best Congolese Food at Okapi Bistro. The menu, which includes some French specialties, can be viewed at [Okapibistro.com](http://Okapibistro.com). The lovely restaurant is located at 369-11 W. Army Trail Road, Bloomingdale. The fine dining experience can be enjoyed afternoons into early evenings from Wednesday through Sunday, but it is suggested that you call first at 630-283-0325. Delivery and pick-up is also available.



# Around and About Town

## Meijer Extends Teacher Discount Through ENTIRE School Year

Over 94 percent of public school teachers spend their own money on school supplies without reimbursement. This year, many teachers expect to repeatedly adjust, re-fill and update their supplies due to the challenges and uncertainties posed by the pandemic. Meijer is the first major retailer to extend its 15 percent teacher discount for the ENTIRE school year!

Meijer hopes to make it a little easier for teachers to shop with confidence this year, even as plans continue to change. The coupon:

- Can be used repeatedly – teachers can simply obtain a new one any time they return to Meijer.
- Is valid on a range of items – from spiral notebooks, planners and memo boards to schoolroom essentials like Crayola, Sharpies and Elmer's Glue.
- Includes facemasks and hand sanitizer, too!



### VILLAGE OF BLOOMINGDALE APPLICATION FOR ELECTRONIC PAYMENT OF UTILITY BILLS

The Village of Bloomingdale is pleased to offer our utility customers the convenience of electronic bill payment. No need to worry about writing checks, finding a stamp and mailing the envelope. No need to worry about late payments and late fees; it saves time and money. Just complete the following application, include the necessary documentation and return it to our office. If you have any questions, please call the Utility Billing Department at (630) 671-5650.

VILLAGE OF BLOOMINGDALE ELECTRONIC PAYMENT APPLICATION	
Name, as it appears on your Bill (Please Print)	Name of your Bank (Financial Institution)
Utility Account Number	Bank Routing Number (ABA #) must be 9 digits
Service Street Address	___ Checking Account Or ___ Savings Account
City, State, Zip Code	Your Account Number at your Bank
( ) Daytime Telephone Number	( ) Bank Telephone Number
For a checking account please attach a voided check or a photocopy of a check. For a savings account please attach a voided deposit slip.	

#### Terms of Application:

I authorize the Village of Bloomingdale (the "Village") to initiate debit entries (withdrawals) to my checking/savings account at the financial institution indicated above and to withdraw the same from such account as instructed. I understand payment of the total amount due will be made on the bill's due date. This authority is to remain in full force and effect until the Village receives written notification from me revoking said authority in such time and in such manner as to afford the Village and the financial institution a reasonable opportunity to act on said revocation prior to debiting (withdrawing) the account. I understand I have the right to stop payment of a debit entry (withdrawal) by notifying the Village in writing at least five (5) business days prior to the due date on my bill. I further understand that either the Village or the financial institution named above reserve the right to terminate this agreement and my participation therein at anytime.

Printed Name of Authorizing Party: \_\_\_\_\_

Authorizing Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I agree to the terms of this application

#### Return this form to:

The Village of Bloomingdale, Attn: Utility Billing, 201 S. Bloomingdale Rd., Bloomingdale, IL 60108

## Halloween (continued from page 9)

### Parents and Guardians

- Know which friends your children will be with.
- Do NOT leave your home unattended on Halloween night, if possible.
- Leave your porch light on, so children will know it's okay to visit your home.
- Keep your pets inside your house on Halloween night.

The Bloomingdale Police Department will have extra police officers in both marked and unmarked cars patrolling the Village to ensure that your children are safe and vandalism is minimized. Please report any suspicious persons or acts of vandalism to the Bloomingdale Police Department immediately. **Have a safe and happy Halloween! Saturday, October 31 - 3-7 p.m.**



## District 13 Education Foundation Receives A Generous Donation

Bloomington School District 13 Education Foundation recently received a generous donation from the estate of Dominic Froio. A longtime resident, he was preceded in death by the untimely passing of his daughter, Donna Beth, at age 16.

Froio was a philanthropist donating generously to many deserving local, national, and international organizations to honor her legacy in her memory. He left over \$200,000 from his estate to the Bloomington School District 13 Education Foundation, where his daughter Donna Beth Froio had attended school.

The Bloomington School District 13 Education Foundation is a non-profit, independent tax-exempt corporation founded in 1998, to provide special opportunities and experiences for the children and staff of School District 13.

According to District 13 Superintendent Jon Bartelt, "Long term, the community cannot rely solely on traditional funding to ensure quality public education; private, supplemental support is required. The Foundation will raise and channel donations for creative and innovative projects that will benefit everyone in District 13.

## Com Ed Offering Bill Payment Options



As the economy reopens, ComEd understands some of you may continue to experience financial hardship. We can help find a financial assistance solution that's right for you.

- ComEd CARE Customer Hardship Grants. Residential customers facing financial hardship may be eligible to receive one-time CARE grants from ComEd to help them get back on their feet.
- ComEd Bill Payment Assistance Program. A one-time bill assistance credit of up to \$500 is available this year for income eligible households with a past-due balance. Learn more about eligibility requirements and how to apply at [ComEd.com/BillAssistance](https://www.comed.com/BillAssistance).
- Flexible, Extended Payment Arrangements. For a limited time, residential customers may be eligible for a flexible payment arrangement with a down payment on the past-due amount and the accumulated balance spread over up to 18 months. Those facing financial hardship and income eligible households may be eligible for a flexible payment arrangement that spreads past-due balances over a period of up to 24 months with no down payment.

Get complete details on these programs by visiting [ComEd.com/Support](https://www.comed.com/Support) or by calling 1-800-EDISON 1 (1-800-334-7661).

State and federal financial energy assistance is also available. Visit [HelpIllinoisFamilies.com](https://www.HelpIllinoisFamilies.com) or call 877-411-WARM for details.



## Home Energy Assistance

DuPage County Community Services is accepting applications for the annual Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) now until June 30, 2021. Applications are taken on a first-come, first-serve basis until funding is exhausted.

Households in need of energy assistance, especially those with disconnection notices, high past due balances, and the general population who have been impacted by wage fluctuations due to COVID-19 are encouraged to apply. Propane customers are strongly encouraged to apply as soon as possible when fuel prices are lower.

For more information, including where to apply, or to schedule an appointment, DuPage County residents may call 630-407-6500, 800-943-9412 (toll free), or visit the LIHEAP/DuPage County website.



## Replace Your Smoke Detector Battery When You Change Your Clocks

When you update clocks on your phone, microwave, watch and in your car, don't forget to replace the batteries in your smoke detectors on November 1 as we observe the end of Daylight Savings Time.

Working smoke detectors save lives!



Doing laundry is most likely part of your every day routine. But did you know how important taking care of your clothes dryer is to the safety of your home? With a few simple safety tips you can help prevent a clothes dryer fire.

- Have your dryer installed and serviced by a professional.
- Do not use the dryer without a lint filter.
- Make sure you clean the lint filter before or after each load of laundry. Remove lint that has collected around the drum.
- Rigid or flexible metal venting material should be used to sustain proper air flow and drying time.
- Make sure the air exhaust vent pipe is not restricted and the outdoor vent flap will open when the dryer is operating. Once a year, or more often if you notice that it is taking longer than normal for your clothes to dry, clean lint out of the vent pipe or have a dryer lint removal service do it for you.
- Keep dryers in good working order. Gas dryers should be inspected by a qualified professional to make sure that the gas line and connection are intact and free of leaks.
- Make sure the right plug and outlet are used and that the machine is connected properly.
- Follow the manufacturer's operating instructions and don't overload your dryer.
- Turn the dryer off if you leave home or when you go to bed.

## AND DON'T FORGET...

Dryers should be properly **grounded**.

Check the **outdoor vent** flap to make sure it is not covered by snow.

Keep the area around your dryer **clear** of things that can burn, like boxes, cleaning supplies and clothing, etc.

Clothes that have come in contact with **flammable substances**, like gasoline, paint thinner, or similar solvents should be laid outside to dry, then can be washed and dried as usual.

## FACT

- ❗ The leading cause of home clothes dryer fires is failure to clean them.



## Welcome Back!

We are so happy to welcome you back!

Per Illinois Executive Order and Restore Illinois Guidelines, all patrons must wear a mask while in the library.

If you're not ready to visit us in person or if you cannot/do not wish to wear a mask, we have alternative arrangements that will allow staff to continue to serve you and enable you to use all the great resources the library has to offer from home.

Email [bdref@mybpl.org](mailto:bdref@mybpl.org) or call us at (630) 924-2730 for more information.

## Learning from home? Let us help!

Whether you're learning from home or the classroom, check out the library's Homework Help webpage ([www.mybpl.org/homeworkteens](http://www.mybpl.org/homeworkteens)) for online tutoring, writing help, practice tests, and more. All you need is your Bloomingdale Library card and PIN, and help is a click away!



**Brainfuse HelpNow** – Live online homework help and writing assistance. Free online tutoring is available from 3:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.



**EBSCO School Center** – Improve your skills in reading, science, math, and additional subjects with tutorials, practice sets, and more. Elementary, Middle School, and High School levels.



*For more at-home resources,  
see page 8 of our Almanac section.*

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For updates to hours/services offered:  
Call (630) 529-3120  
Email [bdref@mybpl.org](mailto:bdref@mybpl.org)  
Visit our website at [www.mybpl.org](http://www.mybpl.org)

### Hours:

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

*The Library will close Wednesday, November 25 at 5:00 p.m and will be closed Thursday, November 26 in observance of Thanksgiving Day.*

# Adult Virtual Programs



Registration required for some adult programs (noted with 🗄️). Register online, by phone at (630) 924-2730, or by email at [bdref@mybpl.org](mailto:bdref@mybpl.org). For programs with special registration requirements, please follow those instructions.

## 🗄️ Maximizing Your Social Security Benefits

Monday, October 12 | 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. *Zoom webinar*

Join Steven Briggs, Financial Adviser & CCO of Briggs Financial, as we explore the different factors that contribute to Social Security payments and what you can do to get the most out of your Social Security benefits.

## 🗄️ Pinched Paintings - Art Heists in Art History

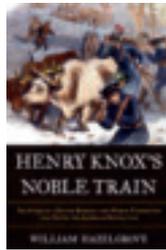
Monday, October 19 | 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. *Zoom webinar*

In this lecture, Jeff Mishur discusses a selection of history's most notorious art heists including the theft of art from The Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum in Boston, the Mona Lisa in the Louvre, and more.

## 🗄️ The Noble Train (Author Talk)

Monday, October 26 | 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. *Zoom webinar*

Join us for a special Zoom presentation by local author William Hazelgrove on his latest narrative non-fiction book, *Henry Knox's Noble Train: The Story of a Boston Bookseller's Heroic Expedition That Saved the American Revolution*.



## 🗄️ Shining a Light on Black Holes

Monday, November 2 | 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. *Zoom webinar*

Black holes are mysterious and amazing. Where do they come from? What happens near one? What happens when something falls into one? We'll explore these cosmic oddballs in detail. Presented by Astroeducator and spokesperson for the Adler Planetarium, Michelle Nichols.

## 🗄️ Seven Days in Vienna

Monday, November 9 | 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. *Zoom webinar*

For 700 years, Vienna was the center of an empire with a rich display of wealth, power, and culture. Now it's the capital of a small country and focuses on good food, good music, and a good life. Our tour guide is part-time Harper College instructor and travel enthusiast Gene Flynn.

## 🗄️ Vintage Holiday Cookies & Candy

Monday, November 16 | 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. *Zoom webinar*

Revisit the favorite holiday cookies and candies from past decades in this humorous presentation from cookbook collector and local author Amy Alessio.

## ONGOING ADULT PROGRAM:

### 🗄️ Genealogy Club

Wednesdays, October 21 & November 18  
7:00 – 8:30 p.m.



Join us on Zoom for our virtual Genealogy Club meetings! Learn about internet and archival genealogy and research support. Computer, tablet, or phone is required to attend via Zoom, and the meeting link will be emailed to you before the event.



## Thank You to our 2020 Summer Reading Program Donors!

We want to thank  
**McDonald's (Bear Family Restaurants)** and the  
**Friends of the Bloomingdale Public Library**  
for their generous donations to make the  
2020 Summer Reading Program a success.  
Thank you for your continued support!

## Total Request **LIVE** BPL Piano Show featuring Kaleen Dolan

Thursdays, October 8 & October 22 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Join us on Facebook Live for a themed piano show for the whole family! The video stream will be posted on the library's Facebook Page shortly before each show starts at 7:00 p.m. You can request songs via the comments section, so make sure to come with a few ideas.



# Adult Virtual Programs

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## Adult Art Programs

### Adult Take & Make Art Classes on YouTube

The first 20 people to email Kristina Giovanni at [kgiovanni@mybpl.org](mailto:kgiovanni@mybpl.org) will receive a kit that includes supplies to create one craft. You must provide your own scissors and hot glue gun.

#### Easy Fall Ribbon & Flower Wreath Tuesday, October 27

Watch the YouTube video premiere of "Easy Fall Ribbon & Flower Wreath" and learn how to make a beautiful fall wreath using burlap ribbon and faux flowers.



#### No Sew Sock Gnome Tuesday, November 17

Check out our YouTube video premiere of "No Sew Sock Gnome" and learn how to make an adorable gnome using a sock stuffed with rice and polyfill, then attach a faux beard and mustache along with premade clay hands, nose, and mug.



Inspired by Ruffles and Rain Boots  
[rufflesandrainsboots.com/sock-gnome-holding-a-coffee-cup](http://rufflesandrainsboots.com/sock-gnome-holding-a-coffee-cup)

### Virtual Art Class for Adults & Teens

#### 📅 Draw Your Pet

Tuesday, October 6 | 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Join us on Zoom to learn about animal illustration and create your own drawings with artist Lindsay Budzynski.

Supplies needed: paper, pencils/erasers, ruler. Tracing paper, markers, or colored pencils optional. Computer, tablet, or phone is required to attend via Zoom, and the Zoom meeting link will be emailed to you the week of the event.

Registration is required and limited to 10 participants. Teens are welcome to register.



### Book Group Picks

[mybpl.org/bookgroupsupport/#titles](http://mybpl.org/bookgroupsupport/#titles)



The library has multiple copies of popular book discussion titles available for check out. You can check out one or multiple copies of a title. If requested, we can also provide book discussion questions for these titles.



## book discussion groups

Book Discussion Groups are now online via Zoom.

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

To register, email Julie Deeke at [jdeeke@mybpl.org](mailto:jdeeke@mybpl.org).

*Radium Girls: The Dark Story of America's Shining Women*  
by Kate Moore  
Tuesday, October 6  
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

*City of Scoundrels*  
by Gary Krist  
Tuesday, November 3  
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

### Monday Night Page Turners

To register, email Jessica Frazier at [jfrazier@mybpl.org](mailto:jfrazier@mybpl.org).

*Washington Black*  
by Esi Edugyan  
Monday, October 19  
7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

*The Farm*  
by Joanne Ramos  
Monday, November 16  
7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

# Computer Services



Registration required for some computers classes (noted with 📅). Register online, by phone at (630) 924-2730, or by email at [bdref@mybpl.org](mailto:bdref@mybpl.org).

*Computer classes will be recorded and published on our YouTube channel. They will premiere on the date/time listed and will remain available any time afterward.*

*Please register for classes so that we can contact you regarding any changes to programming.*

## Have Fun, Be Safe

### 📅 Internet Safety

Monday, October 12 | 7:00 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

Don't call the number on your screen! Learn about common security threats, how to remove most virus and spyware issues, how to reduce your risk of infection, and how to recover if your computer is infected.

### 📅 eBooks @ the Library

Thursday, October 15 | 7:00 p.m.

Instructor: Salvador

Take advantage of the electronic books the library offers! We'll discuss how to find books and other digital media, getting materials on your device, details regarding our checkout policy, possible snags in downloading, and more.

### 📅 Social Networking

Monday, October 26 | 7:00 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

Learn how to create and use accounts with popular social media sites Facebook and Twitter. An emphasis will be placed on popular functions such as finding friends using your email account, adding pictures, searching topics, and much more. Privacy and personal safety issues will also be discussed.

## Beginner Classes

### 📅 Getting Started: Windows 10

Wednesday, October 7 | 7:00 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

This class will provide a basic understanding of how to use Windows 10. Topics such as using the desktop, settings, manipulating windows, understanding files, and installing new programs will be covered. We will also discuss the visual changes associated with Windows 10.

### 📅 Introduction to Access

Thursday, November 19, 7:00 p.m.

Instructor: Salvador

This class will provide a basic understanding of using Microsoft Access. Topics covered include creating Tables, Queries, Forms, and Reports.

## Get Creative!

### 📅 Image Editing

Tuesday, October 13 | 7:00 p.m.

Instructor: Charlie

This class will cover the basics of image manipulation and editing using a program that is freely available in our computer lab or on the internet. Learn skills such as cropping, rotating, changing file types, and more, helping anyone working with scanners or digital cameras.

### 📅 Printing Mailing Labels

Thursday, November 12, 7:00 p.m.

Instructor: Salvador

In this course, students will use Microsoft Word and other Microsoft Office tools like Macros and Mail Merge to automate repetitive tasks like the creation of mailing labels to save time (and skip lots of typing). Great for holiday cards!

### 📅 Designing Web Pages with HTML

Monday, November 16, 7:00 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

In this course, we'll learn how to create basic web pages using HTML code. We will cover basic topics like inserting text, links, pictures, and background colors, as well as more advanced design topics. While the library does not provide a location on the internet for students to post their web page, they will learn the skills required to develop one. This class is intended to be introductory but some internet experience may help to understand topics discussed.

### 📅 Creating a Website

Monday, November 23, 7:00 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

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

## 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](mailto:bdcs@mybpl.org)** to schedule an appointment.



# TEEN TERRITORY

Registration required for some teen programs (noted with 📅). Register online, by phone at (630) 924-2730, or by email at [bdref@mybpl.org](mailto:bdref@mybpl.org). For programs with special registration requirements, please follow those instructions.

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

## TAKE AND MAKE CRAFTS!

To sign up for Take and Make crafts, teens can email [kyager@mybpl.org](mailto:kyager@mybpl.org) the day that registration begins. Limited to the first 10 teens who register.

### 📅 Teen Take and Make: Electric Gizmos

Sign up begins Monday, October 5

Use science to build customizable electronic gizmos! You also get a book of games, pranks, and jokes to put your gadgets to use. Clear explanations of the electronic circuitry accompany step-by-step instructions for how to wire (and rewire) your own door alarm, motion sensor, light sensor, and push-button device.



### 📅 Teen Take and Make: Comic Book Picture Frame

Sign up begins Monday, October 12

Cut up comics and paste them together to make a unique decoupage picture frame.



### 📅 Teen Take and Make: Harry Potter Crochet

Sign up begins Monday, October 19

Create your own magic and conjure up these adorable Harry Potter figures. All the spells you need to make crochet dolls of Harry Potter and Dobby are included! An instruction book gives step-by-step directions to make ten more magical models.



### 📅 Teen Take and Make: Mini Erasers

Sign up begins Monday, November 2

Making mistakes has never been this much fun! Sculpt your very own creations with eraser clay, and then bake them in the oven to make absolutely adorable, slightly squishy erasers that really work.



### 📅 Teen Take and Make: Felted Friends

Sign up begins Monday, November 16

Transform wool into adorable animals! Follow the simple step-by-step instructions and use the tools provided to create perfect pets to play with. There are six different animals to make including a cat, a rabbit, and a hedgehog.



### 📅 Teen Take and Make: Gummy Candy Lab

Sign up begins Monday, November 23

Mold your own delicious gummy candies using a natural gelatin-like ingredient called carrageenan that comes from seaweed! Flavor and sweeten your mixture with two flavors and then mold the gummy shapes in the included mold.




**BACK to SCHOOL**

Whether you are learning from home or at school, Brainfuse is here to help with free live online tutoring and more.



[www.mybpl.org/homeworkteens](http://www.mybpl.org/homeworkteens)

## VIRTUAL SCAVENGER HUNTS

Put your brain power to use for a chance to win prizes! Take part in virtual scavenger hunts throughout October and November for a chance to win an e-gift card. Winners will be announced when the scavenger hunt closes. One entry per teen.

Twilight  
October 4 – 10

Attack on Titan  
October 11 – 17

Monsters  
October 18 – 24

Halloween  
October 25 – 31

Cartoons  
November 1 – 7

Animals  
November 8 – 14

Candy  
November 15 – 21

Thanksgiving  
November 22 – 28

Star Wars  
November 29 – December 5

# Kids' Corner



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## Take It, Make It Parties

Even though we are not doing programming in the library building, we want to continue to offer unique experiences that you can do from home. Please register for each program individually. All kits or parties will be available for pick up at the Youth Services Desk during their allotted timeframe.

### 📅 Kindness Kit

September 28 – October 2 (all ages)

Kids will pick up a kit that has them draw and color what they like about themselves and their friends, play kindness bingo, use a kindness calendar, complete a changing thoughts rainbow activity, and more!

### 📅 Leaf Party

October 5 – October 9 (grades 1-3)

Bring the beauty of autumn inside by collecting leaves that you will use in fun activities and crafts.

### 📅 Sensory Activities

October 12 – October 16 (families)

Create your own sensory activities! Materials to make fun sensory activities like paint bags and texture boards will be included!

### 📅 Say CHEESE!

October 12 – October 16 (grades K-2)

Celebrate National Cheese month with cheesy jokes, fun activities, a snack, and a DIY photobooth!

### 📅 Silly Scarecrows

October 19 – October 23 (grades 1-6)

Let's have fun with scarecrows! Pick up your bag of materials to make crafts with a book of activities included – there might even be a trick-or-treat inside! A video to go with your scarecrows will be available on our YouTube channel starting October 23.

### 📅 Monsters, Ghosts, & Goblins

October 25 – October 31 (ages 5-7)

Halloween is just around the corner, so grab a kit, bring it home, and have some fun with crafts, games, songs, stories, and more!

### 📅 Spooky Sound Effects Studio

October 26 – October 30 (grades 3-6)

Pick up some supplies and activities for making your own creepastic sound effects to spook your friends and family!

### 📅 Finger Knit Your Own Pet Blanket

November 2 – November 6 (ages 8 and above)

We are always thankful for our furry friends! Register and pick up materials to make a blanket for your family furry friend or even your favorite doll!

### 📅 Disguise a Turkey

November 16 – November 20 (all ages)

Tom the Turkey doesn't want to be eaten for Thanksgiving! Disguise Tom the Turkey and send in a picture of your finished product to the library. The most creative will receive a prize!

### 📅 Thanksgiving Party in a Bag

November 20 – November 25 (all ages)

Includes all the materials to have your own Thanksgiving party including decorations, activities, stories, and snacks!

### 📅 Brain Power Kit

November 30 – December 4 (grades 3-6)

Kids will play brain trivia, do optical illusions, brain teasers, and a brain and neurons craft.

## Decorate Our Christmas Tree!

### Ornament Take and Make (and Return)

Families

Pick up Ornament Kits- November 14 – November 20

Return ornaments by November 21

Help decorate our Christmas tree! Take home a craft kit and make ornaments for our tree, then return them to the library. You can also make your own ornaments, but please keep them animal friendly. Natural items are best.

No wire or pipe cleaners and please use craft glue, not school glue.



Have you read the latest book on the Storywalk? Check out the

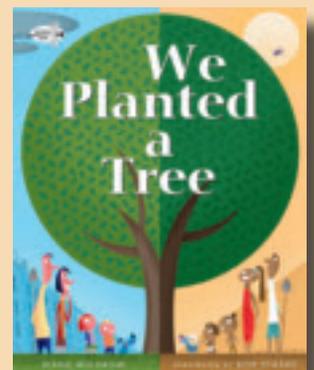
## storybook trail

Located around Circle Park, a great story awaits your family.

A new story, ***We Planted a Tree*** by Diane Muldrow and Bob Staake, is now available.

This outdoor activity combines walking, reading, and social distancing.

The Storybook Trail is provided in partnership with the Bloomingdale Park District.





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## Virtual Storytimes

*Families*

Every Wednesday, premieres on YouTube at 10:30 a.m.

Join us every Wednesday for a short virtual storytime. Listen to our staff read stories, sing songs, and tell rhymes.

## Looking For A Good Book?

Choose a title from the very popular Monarch (grades K-2), Bluestem (grades 3-5), or Caudill (grades 4-8) Illinois award book lists! Join the Youth Services Department as we virtually discuss each title to help you pick something adventurous, mysterious, or maybe even historical. Readers will be eligible to vote for their favorite title in Spring 2021 when voting throughout Illinois occurs. Many copies of these titles are available at the library and videos of our book talks will be available on our YouTube channel this fall.

## 📅 Foodie Face Contest

*All ages*

Monday, October 5 | 4:15 p.m.

A Fun Foodie Event! Come hear a food-filled story and then get assigned a fun foodie assignment! Submit pictures and the most creative gets a prize! Participates will receive a Zoom link at least 2 days prior to the event.

## 📅 Design, Craft, & Share

*Grades 1-6*

Monday, October 26 | 4:15 p.m.

Do you love to create and make things from just about anything? Put your imagination, skills, and our materials to use and create something awesome! Register, then drop in to the Youth Services area to pick up your bag of miscellaneous craft materials the week before, go home, and design something amazing! Then tune into Zoom on October 26 at 4:15 p.m. to join our LIVE show and tell! We can't wait to see and hear all about what you designed and how you did it! ALL NEW Materials this month.

## Choose-Your-Own-Adventure Fairy Tale Forest

*Grades K-2*

Month of November

Put yourself in the story and explore the woods with Little Red Riding Hood, the Three Bears, Hansel and Gretel, and more! Play over and over again to try all the paths and characters! Look for the link on our website starting November 1!

## Tech Time - Grades 3-6

During the second week of each month, learn a new skill or technology from home.

If applicable, videos will be posted on our YouTube channel.

### Tech Time Online: Trick-or-Treat Escape Room

October 11 – October 17

Trick-or-Treat won't be the same this year, so why not try it virtually? Travel through town trick-or-treating and meeting classic children's book characters in this virtual escape room. Answer the riddles to move to the next house. Get to the end and receive a special treat from a local Bloomingdale business.

### 📅 Tech Time Online: Take It, Make It: Light Up Card

November 8 – November 14

The holidays are coming soon, so make a card for someone special with this special Take and Make Kit. Do it yourself with included directions or follow along with the instructional video premiering on Sunday, November 8.

## Outside the Library

Have you walked by our library? Next time you are around, stop by to see what outdoor passive programming we have for you. From Scavenger Hunts to Kindness Rocks, see what the library is doing outside of its walls.

### Outdoor Picture Scavenger Hunt

Calling all children! Swing by BPL to participate in our NEW Outdoor Scavenger Hunt! Each month, Youth Services will provide a different mystery word to hunt and decode. Once you crack the code, bring your clue card down to YS to receive a prize!

October: Ghoulish Hunt  
November: Thankful Hunts



### Outdoor Craft Cabinet

Want to create a craft? Each week, staff will design new craft kits for 24/7 pick up at our library craft container along Fairfield Way. Stop by anytime to take a kit to make at home!

# Remote Learning with BPL

## Ready for a career change?

Looking for a new job or ready to advance your career? Check out the library's Job Help webpage ([www.mybpl.org/jobhelp](http://www.mybpl.org/jobhelp)) for live job coaching, interview help, resume reviews, and courses to improve your skills. To use our featured databases, you'll need a Bloomingdale Library Card and PIN.



**Brainfuse JobNow** - Online help with job coaching, interviewing, and resumes. Upload your resume to receive expert feedback. Assistance is available online from 3:00-10:00 p.m. Este servicio está disponible en español.



**Gale Courses** - Online courses for business professionals, teachers, health care workers, and lifelong learners. The six week courses are taught by college instructors and experts in the field.



**Learning Express Library** - Online test prep and practice exams for the GMAT, professional tests, and more. Also includes online computer tutorials, U.S. citizenship preparation, and more.



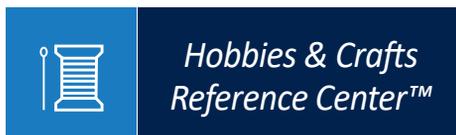
**lynda.com** - Video tutorials on tech and business skills, including graphic and web design, business and career skills, photography, software, and more.

## Feeling crafty? Make something fun with BPL!

Get ready for the library's makerspace with some DIY projects! Our Makerspace webpage ([www.mybpl.org/makerspace](http://www.mybpl.org/makerspace)) features databases to help you create new crafts or projects and sharpen your skills.



**CreativeBug** - Thousands of award-winning art and craft video classes taught by recognized design experts and artists. Recommended for DIYers, crafters, and makers.



**Hobbies and Crafts Reference Center** - How-to instructions and creative ideas from leading hobby and craft magazines.

*For our own craft programs, see our YouTube channel playlist at: [www.YouTube.com/user/BloomingdaleLibrary/playlists](http://www.YouTube.com/user/BloomingdaleLibrary/playlists) and scroll down to **BPL Crafts** to view the complete library. More craft videos will be posted monthly.*

## BPD ON THE GO

Have you run out of fun and creative ways to keep your kids happy and engaged at home? Let the BPD do the thinking and prep for you! Each week participants receive a bag filled with most of the supplies needed for the activities included. Some items will need to be supplied by the parent. On the Go programs can be done with parents, grandparents, family members or babysitters. Ages listed are recommended. An informational email will be sent to all participants the week of the program detailing items that are parent provided. Contactless delivery is available for Bloomington Park District Residents ONLY for an additional \$5 fee. If pickup is selected at registration, bags will be ready for pick-up at the JRC front desk at 9 a.m. on the program start date.

October 16	3-10	Pumpkin Party	\$10/\$15	102837 -07	Oct 12
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October 23	3-10	Halloween Fun	\$10/\$15	102837 -08	Oct 19
October 23	3-10	Halloween Fun DELIVERY	\$15/NA	102837 -H	Oct 19
October 30	6-10	Day of the Dead Celebration	\$10/\$15	102837 -09	Oct 26
October 30	6-10	Day of the Dead Celebration DELIVERY	\$15/NA	102837 -I	Oct 26
November 6	3-10	Be a Princess	\$10/\$15	102837 -10	Nov 2
November 6	3-10	Be a Princess DELIVERY	\$15/NA	102837 -J	Nov 2
November 13	3-10	Be a Superhero	\$10/\$15	102837 -11	Nov 9
November 13	3-10	Be a Superhero DELIVERY	\$15/NA	102837 -K	Nov 9
November 20	10-15	Gratitude Projects	\$10/\$15	102837 -12	Nov 16
November 20	10-15	Gratitude Projects DELIVERY	\$15/NA	102837 -L	Nov 16
November 20	3-10	Thanksgiving Break Bag*	\$30/\$35	102837 -13	Nov 16
November 20	3-10	Thanksgiving Break Bag* DELIVERY	\$40/NA	102837 -M	Nov 16

\*Thanksgiving Break Bag includes 6 activities for the week off of school

# Birthday Parties

Don't let the pandemic ruin your celebration, BPD has a solution. We have the location and fun for you to host your child's birthday party for up to 12 guests. Choose from the choices below. A party host will be there to assist throughout your 1 ½ hour party. The basic fee includes the decorated room, paper goods, T-shirt for the birthday child, and party host; then you choose from the add-ons to complete your celebration.

**Basic Fee:** \$185 R / \$205 NR

## Party Add-ons

Gym Time Party \$20

Gymnastics Party \$30

Character Visit (Price Varies)

Arts & Crafts \$36

Princess Theme \$20

Super Hero Theme \$20

Add'l ½ hour \$30



## Book Your Party Today

Reserve your party at least three weeks prior to the requested date. Party applications are available online at [www.bloomingtonparks.org](http://www.bloomingtonparks.org). Contact Nicole at 630-529-3650 to reserve your party.

# Terror-ific Drive

**October 30, 6-9PM  
@ Springfield Park**

Beware of ghosts, witches and goblins! Enter if you dare! Gather family and friends for this haunted drive-thru experience at Springfield Park.

Cars must enter the parking lot from the south (near Erickson School) and exit the parking lot heading south, right turns only. Arrive during your designated time for a one-of-a-kind, eerie, tingling, and heart-pounding encounter. All ghostbusters must remain in their car. No foot traffic is allowed. Restrooms are not available. Register only one car per household. At the end of the ghoulish drive, each registered child receives a Halloween treat bag. This event is appropriate for all ages.

Register the adult driving the car (sections A1-A6) and register each child who will receive a treat bag (A7).

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
<b>Adult Car</b>					
Adult	F	6:00-6:30P	10/30	\$0/5	104613-A1
Adult	F	6:30-7:00P	10/30	\$0/5	104613-A2
Adult	F	7:00-7:30P	10/30	\$0/5	104613-A3
Adult	F	7:30-8:00P	10/30	\$0/5	104613-A4
Adult	F	8:00-8:30P	10/30	\$0/5	104613-A5
Adult	F	8:30-9:00P	10/30	\$0/5	104613-A6
<b>Child Treat Bag</b>					
3-12	F	6:00-9:00P	10/30	\$5/8	104613-A7

# Holly Jolly Home Visit

**December 5-6, 8:30AM-6PM  
@ Your House!**



Santa is making house calls early! Sign up to receive a personalized visit from Santa via the Holly Jolly Bus! Santa will spend 5 minutes at each house, while observing social distancing protocols. Santa welcomes his elves (parents) to drop off a present at the JRC by December 1, clearly marked for their child, and Santa will deliver the present personally. Due to the flight path for Santa, Park District staff will be assigning registered families a time to be ready for Santa. Participants will be given their time frame by December 1. **Registration deadline is November 20.** Program is for Bloomington Park District residents only!

**Code:** 104617-A1 - December 5 | 104617-A2 - December 6  
**R:** \$30 per household

# B-FIT CENTER

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

## Start your journey toward a healthier you at the all-new B-Fit Center!

The Bloomingtondale Park District's new fitness facility offers cardio, machines, free weights and more at affordable prices right in your neighborhood.

### Annual membership

\$145 Resident

\$185 Non-Resident

### Monthly membership

\$15 Resident

\$19 Non-Resident

### Senior (62+) Annual Membership

\$116 Resident

\$156 Non-Resident

### Senior (62+) Monthly Membership

\$12 Resident

\$15 Non-Resident

### Daily Fee

\$5 Resident

\$7 Non-Resident

### Corporate Annual Membership

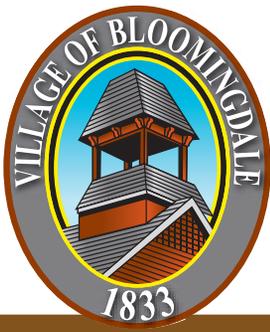
\$165/person – 5 employee minimum required

For more information on resident rates and information, visit [www.bloomingtondaleparks.org](http://www.bloomingtondaleparks.org) or visit us at 172 S. Circle Ave., in Bloomingtondale.

**\*Offer expires November 30.**

**Back to School.  
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No enrollment fee if you sign up in September, October, November for annual pass purchases!



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## Tree Lights at the Morton Arboretum November 20, 2020- January 3, 2021

See trees in a different light at a reimagined illumination. Designed with your safety in mind, this year's new driving experience (30-40 minutes long) features an unparalleled spectacle of color, light and music you won't experience anywhere else.

Returning favorites are re-envisioned, including Symphony Woods, Woodland Wonder and Crystal Promenade, as well as five newly designed sights which are displayed along a two-mile road among the Arboretum's magnificent trees. Immerse yourself in a captivating tunnel of lights, an awe-inspiring magical woodland filled with dazzling and star-like light. Enjoy a landscape filled with thousands of lights dancing to musical soundtrack, all from the warmth of your car.

This year's exhibition will stay open later, until 10:00 pm Sunday through Thursday and 11:00 pm Friday and Saturday. It will be open on Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and Christmas, in addition to New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

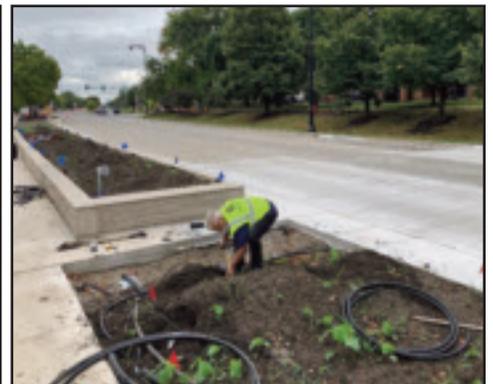
Tickets are per car. Members Only presale Oct 1-7; Tickets for all guests start Oct. 8.

## Even the Parking Lot in Old Town is Pretty



*Stunning perennials, natural plantings, and greenery have appeared in the flower beds, along with the vintage lighting in the parking lot at Third Street and Schick Road in Old Town.*

## Lake Street Streetscape Project Update September 2020



*3rd Week: Completed installation of water meters and control boxes; continued installation of irrigation system; began installation of lighting controllers*

*4th-5th Weeks: Continue installation of lighting controllers; connect lighting controller services lines to transformers; install lighting system for sign at Circle Ave and Lake Street; sidewalk restoration; remove marked trees in medians*

