

Village of Bloomingdale

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April 2026

Growth with Pride

Lake Park TAP to Host Annual Autism Awareness Walk

The Lake Park High School Transition Assistance Program (TAP) will host its Annual Autism Awareness Walk on Friday, April 24, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Springfield Park, 269 Springfield Drive in Bloomingdale.

Community members are invited to help raise awareness and support individuals and families affected by autism. The event will feature music from FunFunFun DJs, refreshments from Doctor Dogs and Kona Ice, raffles, and other activities. Participants are encouraged to join with a suggested \$1 donation to support local autism programs.



A New Look for a Historic Space

Next time you travel along Lake Street and pass the pedestrian overpass connecting neighborhoods and businesses on either side of the busy roadway, take a moment to look north. There you'll find a small, peaceful oasis of natural beauty known as the Hank Gianvecchio Natural Habitat Area. This quiet space offers visitors the chance to stroll through a remnant of Illinois' natural landscape without leaving Bloomingdale.

Twenty-five years ago, a group of dedicated residents approached Bloomingdale Township with a vision to protect 3.5 acres of land from encroaching development. Since then, the Hank Gianvecchio Natural Habitat Area (HGNHA) Foundation has worked to restore and preserve portions

of Illinois' native ecosystems, including savanna, mesic prairie, and wet prairie.

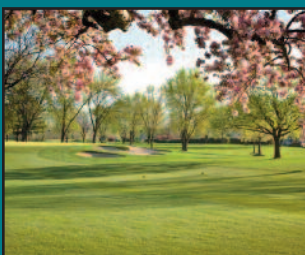
The Foundation's namesake, Hank Gianvecchio, was passionate about connecting people with nature. Guided by that vision, the HGNHA Foundation and Bloomingdale Township secured and matched funds from the Illinois Department of Natural

Resources to enhance the site and make it more welcoming for visitors.

Recent improvements include a new crushed limestone walking path, benches, a gazebo with shaded seating, an improved creek crossing, native trees, interpretive signage, and a new entry point and sign along Lake Street. These updates make the site easier to *(continued on page 7)*



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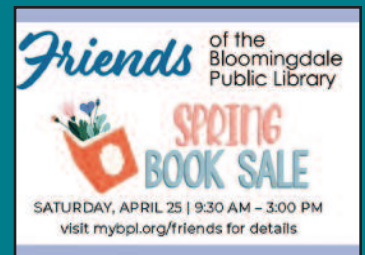
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Arbor Day Tree Planting on April 24

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

POLICE COMMISSIONERS

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

POLICE PENSION BOARD

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

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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

SEPTEMBERFEST COMMISSION

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

BLOOMINGDALE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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



The Village of Bloomingdale Forestry Division will celebrate Arbor Day with a tree planting at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, April 24, 2026, at Circle Park. All are invited to attend. In the event of rain, the ceremony will be moved indoors. The program will also include the reading of the Village's Arbor Day proclamation.

Bloomingdale has been named a Tree City USA in recognition of its ongoing efforts in tree care and urban forest management.

Public Works Has Variety of Seasonal Work Positions

The Village of Bloomingdale is accepting applications for seasonal positions in the Public Works Maintenance and Utilities Divisions. These positions involve physical labor; applicants must be at least 18 years old and possess a valid Illinois driver's license.

Seasonal employment offers valuable work experience and an inside look at how local government serves the community, and many seasonal employees have gone on to become full-time staff members.

Applications are available at www.villageofbloomingdale.org under Employment Opportunities.

The Village of Bloomingdale is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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Planning, Zoning
& Environmental
Concerns

TRUSTEES
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Public Safety

Vince Ackerman
Finance and
Administration

A Message from Mayor Franco

You might think that I am partial to the Village we call home, and you would be absolutely right. We are a proud community, and I am grateful for our residents and their Bloomingdale spirit!

We continue to be strong stewards of our financial resources, finishing Fiscal Year 2025–2026 with a positive year-end fund balance as expenditures came in under budget. This reflects the commitment of the Village Board and staff to uphold responsible budgeting and fiscal discipline.

We remain committed to providing the absolute best in our service to Bloomingdale. Our annual road program, sidewalk accessibility improvements, prompt responses to water main breaks and other infrastructure issues, and reliable snow and ice removal help maintain an excellent quality of life in our community. Our Public Works and Utilities, Forestry, Vehicle Maintenance, Building and Grounds, Planning, Engineering, and Building & Zoning teams work each day to deliver responsive, cost-effective services.

Our Police Department is second to none in its commitment to serve and protect. Through consistent training and engagement with residents, our officers strengthen trust and enhance public safety throughout the Village. Another cornerstone of our strength is our business community. Did you know that 35 percent of Bloomingdale's revenues come from sales tax? That is why it is so important to "Buy in Bloomingdale." Supporting local businesses helps ensure our ability to provide essential services.

The Village Board and staff continue working diligently to attract new businesses while strengthening partnerships with establishments that anchor our retail base. This past year, we welcomed 7 Brew to 68 Stratford Drive and approved the annexation and rezoning of a six-acre parcel at Walter Drive and Army Trail Drive, paving the way for the potential development of a new business park.

This year promises even more excitement. We look forward to welcoming Andy's Frozen Custard on Lake Street; a second 7 Brew location at Lake Street and Ridge Avenue; Qdoba and Dave's Hot Chicken on Gary Avenue; Nordstrom Rack on Army Trail Road; and Pazzi Trattoria and The Cigar House in Old Town.

Prairie Lakes Open Space (the former Indian Lakes Golf Course) will soon open to the public. This new passive park features a pond in the southern portion of the property, an expanded pond along the west property line, and wetlands designed to improve stormwater management while promoting habitat for butterflies, birds, and other wildlife. The project also included planting 300 trees and shrubs and installing an eight-foot-wide multi-use path for residents to enjoy.

Work at The Grove is well underway, with crews installing new water and sanitary systems ahead of visible infrastructure improvements (lawn area, lake, and road system) scheduled for later this summer. The Bloomingdale Yard is set to begin construction of its 103,000-square-foot indoor sports complex by the end of April. The Village Board and I have also met with prospective restaurant operators and finalizing agreements for an exciting lineup of new dining establishments at The Grove. We look forward to sharing those names as development agreements are approved. In the meantime, I encourage you to follow The Grove on Facebook and Instagram for updates.

There are many reasons I am partial to Bloomingdale, and at the top of that list are our residents. Your support of the Village Board and staff, along with the collaboration of our valued partners, the Park District, Library, Fire Protection District, and business community, make Bloomingdale the exceptional place it is.

Here is to longer daylight, warmer days, and baseball!

Mayor Franco



Memorial Day Remembrance - Honoring Heroes, Preserving Traditions

The Bloomingdale Historical Society invites the community to attend the Memorial Day Remembrance on Monday, May 25, 2026, at 9:30 a.m. at St. Paul/Evergreen Cemetery, 219 Lake Street, just east of Circle Avenue. The 45-minute program will honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country and will conclude with the placing of flowers on veterans' gravesites.

Parking is available at Cornerstone Faith Church, with shuttle service beginning at 8:45 a.m. and returning after the ceremony. Handicapped parking is available in the business lots just west of the cemetery. Chairs will be provided, and attendees are welcome to bring lawn chairs and umbrellas.

Earlier community traditions helped inspire the Memorial Day Remembrance, including the 1951 Memorial Day parade when Bloomingdale VFW members marched along Lake Street to the same cemetery where we gather today. Now in its 26th year, the ceremony was later established in its current form with the leadership of longtime Bloomingdale resident and Historical Society member Georgene Geils.

Following the cemetery ceremony, the community is invited to join Bloomingdale VFW Post 7539 at 11:00 a.m. for a brief wreath-laying and rifle salute at the gazebo at Bloomingdale Road and Fairfield Way, honoring all who served.

This annual gathering honors the memory of our veterans while preserving one of Bloomingdale's cherished traditions.



Village's Spring Branch Collection Begins on 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

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Branch collection is provided by the Village Forestry Division and is available free of charge to single-family detached residences three times per year. The spring collection begins April 20, the summer collection July 20, and the fall collection October 19.

This program is limited to small property maintenance clean-up only and does not include limbs or trunks from complete tree removals, which must be disposed of privately.

Collection Guidelines

- Branches must be out by 7 a.m. Monday, April 20, but not earlier than one week prior to the collection date.
- Only woody branches ½ inch to 6 inches in diameter will be collected (all metal objects must be removed).
- Longer lengths are preferred, provided branches do not block sidewalks or pedestrian access.
- Place branches at the curb or pavement edge in orderly stacks, with the cut/larger end facing the street.
- Thorny branches should not be concealed within piles, as they may cause injury to workers.

Unacceptable Items

- Tangled branch piles
- Woody branches smaller than ½ inch in diameter
- Leaves, vines, small (under ½ inch diameter) flexible willow stems, herbaceous plants, or weeds
- Large stumps, roots, and root balls

The above items are considered yard waste and may be disposed of in bags or containers with yard waste stickers. For information, contact SBC at (312) 522-1115.

Large stumps, roots, and root balls are considered trash and do not require yard waste tags if each item is manageable and under 50 pounds. Wood fencing and construction debris require special pickup through SBC.

Storm Damage Branch Collection

Following a severe storm, the Village will collect storm-damaged woody branches measuring ½ inch to 6 inches in diameter. Residents must contact the Forestry Division at (630) 671-5800 within 72 hours of the storm to request collection. According to the National Weather Service, a thunderstorm is considered severe when it produces hail one inch in diameter or larger or winds of 58 mph or greater. Additional information:

https://www.weather.gov/bmx/outreach_svr

Stay in Touch

Consider signing up for the Village's E-News, which gets delivered weekly to subscribing emails.

This is a good way to keep up with timely information in and around town and critical information to all subscribers as it becomes available.

Go to <http://www.villageofbloomington.org> to sign up.



2026 Street Improvement Program

The Village of Bloomingdale's 2026 Street Improvement Program includes two types of roadway maintenance: pavement resurfacing and hybrid reconstruction.

Pavement Resurfacing

Pavement resurfacing includes selective removal and replacement of defective curb and gutter, sidewalk, and storm sewer structures, followed by installation of a new 2.75-inch asphalt surface.

Resurfacing will take place in several neighborhoods throughout the Village.

Chateau Lorraine Subdivision: Lorraine Circle and the courts connected to Lorraine Circle, including Versailles, Fontaine, Esprit, Chamboard, Dijon, Biarritz, and Alsace.

Westwind Subdivision: Tamarack Drive, Hedgerow Drive, Stanyon Lane, Hearthside Drive, Pebble Creek Drive, Signature Drive, and several nearby courts including Stanyon, Amberwood, Coventry, and Sutton.

Westlake Subdivision: Ironwood Drive, Oxford Place, Oxford Lane, Langton Lane, Langton Drive, Royce Drive, Royce Court, Sterling Lane, Strathmore Lane, and Sterling Drive.

Medinah Lakes area: including Glen Ridge Lane, Oak Knoll, Country Ridge Lane, Wildwood Court, and Golf View Court.

Hybrid Reconstruction

Hybrid reconstruction involves complete removal and replacement of curb and gutter, driveway aprons, and defective sidewalk sections, along with necessary storm sewer repairs, followed by installation of new pavement.

Fairfield Subdivision: Work will occur on Braintree Drive from Schick Road to Fairfield Way, Bourne Lane from Braintree Drive to Fairfield Way, and Salem Court from Fairfield Way to the end of the street.

Construction will generally proceed in the following order: signage installation, removal of deteriorated concrete, storm sewer repairs, new concrete placement, pavement milling and patching, paving, sod restoration, and striping. Weather and construction conditions may affect the timing on individual streets.

Residents can view progress on the Current Project Status Map at tinyurl.com/VOBconstruction26. For questions, contact the Engineering Department at 630-671-5676.

North Suncrest Watermain and Street Improvement Project

The North Suncrest infrastructure project has been substantially completed. Remaining work this spring will include pavement striping, monitoring landscape restoration, and miscellaneous minor repair items to occur this spring.

Freeport Drive ADA Ramp to DuJardin Elementary School

The ADA ramp project on Freeport Drive has been substantially completed and is now open for use. Any outstanding landscape restoration and miscellaneous items will be addressed this spring.

Planning to Dig? Call JULIE at 811 First

Before digging on your property, contact JULIE at 811 to have underground utility lines marked. The Village of Bloomingdale participates in the JULIE one-call system to help prevent damage, service disruptions, and injury. Homeowners and contractors must submit a request at least three business days before projects such as fences, planting trees, or garden beds. Visit www.illinois1call.com or dial 811.



Village Street Sweeping Begins in April

The Village's Street Sweeping Program begins in April and runs through November. Streets will be swept once a month from April through September and twice a month in October and November due to increased leaf fall.

Sweeping will begin with main roads, including Bloomingdale Road, Schick Road, Springfield Drive, Glen Ellyn Road, Edgewater Drive, Army Trail Road, Lake Street, and Gary Avenue. Once these routes are complete, curbed residential streets will be swept. Streets without curbs are not included in routine street sweeping operations.

Residents are responsible for keeping neighborhood streets free of excessive yard waste and other debris. The Village does not provide street sweeping for leaves left in the curb line. Residents should not rake, blow, or sweep leaves into the roadway with the expectation that they will be collected by the street sweeper.

Street sweepers are designed to remove normal roadway debris such as dirt, sand, and small litter. Large quantities of leaves can clog or damage the equipment, preventing it from being used throughout the community.

Yard waste and debris left in the street can also clog storm drains during heavy rain, increasing the risk of flooding and property damage.

Street sweeping equipment will not collect piles of leaves placed in the roadway. If this occurs, Public Works will leave a notice requesting removal. Leaves must be bagged and placed at the curb for pick-up by the refuse hauler.

For questions, contact Public Works Street Maintenance at 630-671-5800.



Yard & Organic Waste Collection In Bloomingdale

2026 Garage Sale Season Is Here!

Hosting a garage or yard sale in Bloomingdale is simple and free. While no permit is required, residents are asked to notify the Bloomingdale Police Department before the sale begins. Each household is limited to three sales per year, lasting no more than three consecutive days and held between 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.



For guidelines regarding signage, including size and placement restrictions, please contact the Bloomingdale Police Department at 630-529-9868.

Visitors are encouraged to park legally and safely, avoiding blocked driveways, fire hydrants, and other restricted areas. Participants should also keep sidewalks and walkways clear to prevent tripping hazards and ensure safe access for everyone.

Upcoming Garage Sales

- **May 15–16 @ 9 a.m.–4 p.m.**
Bloomfield Club (South of Schick Rd & west of Bloomingdale Rd)
- **May 30–31 @ 9 a.m.–4 p.m.**
Villa Veneto Condos (South of Lake St & east of Gary Ave)
Rain Date: June 6–7 @ 9 a.m.–4 p.m.
- **June 5–6 @ 9 a.m.–5 p.m.**
Stratford Lakes Subdivision (Gary Ave & Schick Rd)
- **June 19–20 @ 9 a.m.–5 p.m.**
Chateau Lorraine (North of Schick Rd & west of Bloomingdale Rd)
- **September 18–19 @ 9 a.m.–4 p.m.**
Bloomfield Club (South of Schick Rd & west of Bloomingdale Rd)

Yard and organic waste collection begins on your first scheduled collection day in April and continues through the last collection week in November. Residents may choose between a seasonal yard waste cart subscription or a pay-per-bag system using yard and organic waste stickers. Two weeks of free yard waste removal will be provided during the weeks of November 16 and November 23. All yard and organic waste must be placed at the curb before 6:00 a.m. on your collection day.



Accepted materials: grass clippings, leaves, small twigs, plant material, and certain food scraps*. Meat and other animal products are **NOT accepted**.

Service Options

Cart Subscription – Weekly seasonal cart service is available through the contractor. Food scraps are accepted only with the cart subscription program.

- 35-gallon cart – \$199
- 65-gallon cart – \$279.
- 95-gallon cart – \$299

Sticker Program – Residents may purchase \$4.00 stickers (as of March 1, 2026) and must attach one to each:

- Biodegradable kraft paper bags (50 lbs. max)
- Brush bundles up to 4 ft. long with branches no thicker than 4 inches (50 lbs. max)
- Clearly marked reusable containers (50 lbs. max)

Food scraps are not accepted with the sticker program.

*Acceptable food scraps: fruits and vegetables; rice, beans, pasta, bread, baked goods, grains; eggshells; and coffee grounds or tea leaves.

Stickers available at:

- Caputo's Fresh Market – 166 E. Lake Street
- Jewel Food Store – 2164 S. Bloomingdale Road, Glendale Heights
- Len's Ace Hardware – 272 W. Lake Street
- Meijer Supermarket – 130 S. Gary Avenue
- Village of Bloomingdale – 201 S. Bloomingdale Road

Cub Scouts Visit Village Hall

Scouts from Cub Scout Pack 194 and Pack 457 visited Village Hall on March 9 to learn about local government and the role of elected officials as part of their advancement in Cub Scouts. The Scouts met with Mayor Franco, who shared his path to public service and discussed the responsibilities of the Mayor and the election process. He also answered their questions about leadership and serving the community. Mayor Franco presented each Scout with a Mayor's Challenge Coin to commemorate their visit.



Bloomingtondale Police Department 2025 Award Recipients

The Bloomingtondale Police Department recently held its annual awards ceremony recognizing officers and community members for outstanding service, dedication, and heroism in 2025. The Village thanks the BPD Awards Committee for organizing the event and congratulates all award recipients, including Officer Patrick McGinn (Officer of the Year), Officer Ryan Lemezis (Proactive Policing Award), Officer Michael Roberts (Excellence in Service Award), Officer Phil Jaffe (Life Saving Award), Officer Michael Stelter (Safer Streets Award), Tacio Boyl and Keith Marc (Citizen Award), Detective Adam Johnson (Merit Award), and Officers Michael Amelio, Preston Beth, and Ryan Lemezis (Unit Merit Award).

Pictured below (left to right): Officer Epps-Johnson, Merit Award recipient Officer Beth, Officer Ingrassia, Officer McGinn, Merit Award recipient Officer Amelio, Officer Lemezis, Sergeant Cressman, Officer Stelter, Officer Jalbrzykowski, Officer Jaffe, Officer McGuire, and Officer Roberts.



Lumos Fiber Utility Work Begins This Spring

Lumos Fiber (T-Mobile/EQT) will be completing multiple fiber cable projects throughout the Village beginning this spring and continuing into the summer. Most of the work is proposed to occur within the Village-owned right-of-way (the parkway area in front of homes).

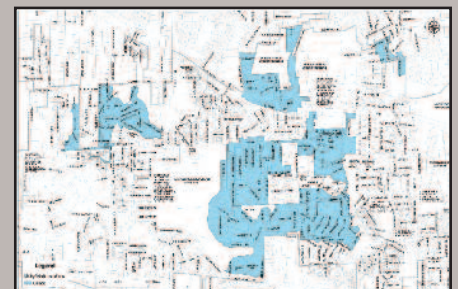
The scope of work will include:

- **Directional boring** (installing underground conduit) for HDPE conduit, which is a flexible piping used to house fiber cable. This work requires small pits to be dug at the beginning and end of each boring run.
- **Installation of fiberglass handholes** approximately every 200 to 500 feet. These handholes will be installed flush with the ground and may measure up to approximately 2 feet by 3 feet and at least 2 feet deep.
- **Landscape restoration** of any parkway areas affected by the installation work.

If you have any questions about the project, please contact the Village at 630-671-5676.

The locations of Lumos projects, along with other private utility work occurring throughout the Village, can be viewed on the Village's interactive utility map at the link below:

<https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/400790eca6224f24a75421e7ed09ecaf>



Village Honors Lancettes

The Village of Bloomingtondale recognized the Lake Park High School Lancettes Dance Team for their outstanding achievements, with Mayor Franco proclaiming February 6, 2026, as Lancettes Day in Bloomingtondale. The team earned the 2026 IHSA Class 3A Competitive Dance State Championship and continues a tradition of excellence with 14 consecutive state finals appearances and multiple championships. Congratulations to the athletes and coaches on this recognition.



A New Look for Historic Space *(continued from page 1)*

access and provide visitors with opportunities to learn about the region's native landscape while enjoying a peaceful walk through prairie and savanna habitat.

Located along Lake Street and the Western DuPage Regional Bike and Pedestrian Trail, the Hank Gianvecchio Natural Habitat Area is easy to find and a wonderful place to explore. Residents and visitors are encouraged to stop by and experience this unique community asset.

Support is always welcome to help preserve the beauty of this special place.

For more information, visit hankghabitatfoundation.org.

The site master plan can be viewed at tinyurl.com/HGNHAp1an



Cross Connection Control Program Protects Village's Water Supply

Village Mourns Passing of Officer Brian Siebrasse

The Village of Bloomingdale mourns the passing of Retired Police Officer Brian Siebrasse, who passed away on January 27, and extends its sincere condolences to his family and friends. Officer Siebrasse served the Bloomingdale Police Department for more than three decades, from 1985, until his retirement in 2016. A respected member of the community, he trained and mentored many officers throughout his career. Following his retirement, Brian continued his commitment to public service as an officer with the Wayne Police Department.



The Village is grateful for his dedicated service and the lasting impact he made on the Bloomingdale community.

Wendy Reiter Retires

The Village of Bloomingdale congratulates Records Assistant Wendy Reiter on her retirement from the

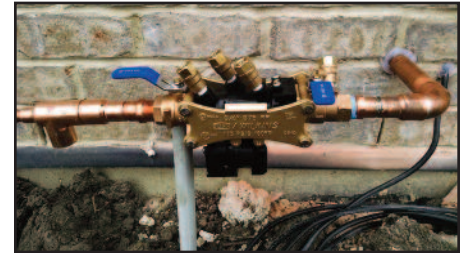


Bloomingdale Police Department after nearly 27 years of dedicated service. Throughout her career, Wendy was known for her commitment to doing things the right way and for the knowledge and support she provided to officers and staff.

The Village thanks Wendy for her years of service and wishes her all the best in a well-deserved retirement.

To protect the public water supply and prevent contaminated water from entering the system, the Village of Bloomingdale conducts a Cross Connection Control Program, required for all community water systems under state regulations.

A cross connection occurs when drinking water is connected to a potential source of contamination, such as irrigation systems, fire sprinklers, boilers, or chemical feed systems.



Homes with a cross-connection control device (typically a backflow preventer on irrigation systems) must submit certified test results to the Village each May. Testing must be performed by a licensed plumber certified as a Cross-Connection Control Device Inspector.

Failure to comply places the water supply at risk & may result in water service disconnection until compliance is met and a \$250 reconnection fee is paid.

For more information, contact the Public Works – Water Production Division at 630-671-5800 or waterproduction@vil.bloomingdale.il.us.

Golf Season 2026 at Bloomingdale Golf Club

The 2026 golf season is underway at Bloomingdale Golf Club. The club's website has been refreshed with a new look and improved navigation, where golfers can find course information, rates, tee times, and upcoming events at www.bloomingdalegc.com.

Bloomingdale residents may register or renew participation in the Community Discount Program by visiting the golf pro shop with a photo ID showing their Bloomingdale address and paying the \$20 annual fee to receive resident savings on green fees.

The annual "Swing into Spring" opening event will take place Sunday, April 19, with a 10:00 a.m. shotgun start. The 18-hole event includes golf, food, and prizes, with an entry fee of \$110 per player.

Bloomingdale Golf Club will also continue participating in the Youth on Course program, allowing juniors ages 7–17 to play for \$5 with a Chicago District Golf Association (CDGA) Youth Membership (www.cdga.org). Junior golfers must present their Youth on Course identification number and photo ID at the golf shop when paying and must be present if an adult is paying for them.

For more information, course rates, and tee time reservations, visit www.bloomingdalegc.com.

Looking forward to another enjoyable year on the course!

Artists Association Spring Show May 2-30

The Bloomingdale Artists Association will host its annual Spring Show May 2–30, 2026, at the Bloomingdale Park District Museum, 108 S. Bloomingdale Road. An Artists' Reception will be held Sunday, May 17, from 2:00–4:00 p.m., featuring live music and refreshments. Selected artwork will be available for purchase, and the Association's 2026 \$1,000 Visual Fine Arts Scholarship recipient will be recognized. For information, contact Bev Petrosius at 630-624-9545.



Hydrant Flushing June 8-June 23

The Public Works Dept. will perform the annual Hydrant Flushing Program beginning June 8, 2026, through June 23, 2026. **The program will be performed during the daytime hours of 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.** 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 a routine maintenance activity that helps improve water quality and flow, clears mineral buildup, and ensures hydrants are working properly and ready for emergencies.

The schedule for hydrant flushing by area will be 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 **Monday, June 8**

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 **Tuesday, June 9**

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. **Wednesday, June 10**

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. **Thursday, June 11**

North & South Lakewoods (Maple, Oak, Franklin), N. Rosedale Area (Carmela, Rose), Founders Pointe, Fesslers 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 **Friday, June 12**

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. **Monday, June 15**

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 **Tuesday, June 16**

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)) **Wednesday, June 17**

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.) **Thursday, June 18**

Bayview Crossings, Gary Ave. – North of Schick Rd., Thorn Rd., Stratford Lakes, Camden Apartments, Stratford Square Mall, Merchant's Park, Bloomingdale Walk Townhomes **Friday, June 19**

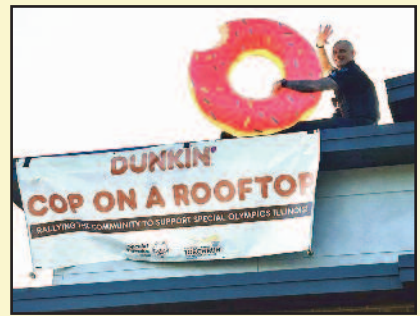
Gary Ave. – Schick Rd. to Army Trail Rd., Stratford Plaza, Covington/Brighton Area, Madsen Dr. Area, Gateway Plaza, Old Gary Ave. **Monday, June 22**

Hydrants along Lake St., Schick Rd. (West of Bloomingdale Rd.), Army Trail Rd. **Tuesday, June 23**

Questions? Please contact the Distribution Division at 630-671-5800.



Cop on a Rooftop Returns To Bloomingdale to Support Special Olympics



Bloomingdale Police Officers will once again team up with Dunkin' staff at both Bloomingdale locations to support Special Olympics Illinois and its athletes. On Friday, May 15, 2026, from 5 a.m. to Noon, officers will take part in the Cop on a Rooftop fundraiser at 200 E. Lake Street and 142 S. Gary Avenue, greeting customers and encouraging donations.

This year marks the 23rd anniversary of the partnership between Dunkin' and the Illinois Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics, a statewide effort that has raised millions of dollars for Special Olympics athletes.

Discounted Torch Run merchandise will also be available during the event. When you stop by Dunkin' that morning, look up, say hello, and consider making a donation to support these incredible athletes. For more information or to donate, contact Officer Phillip Jaffe at 630-529-9868.

Village Hall Closed May 25; Refuse Collection Delayed by a Day

Village Hall will be closed on Monday, May 25, 2026, in observance of Memorial Day. Regular business hours will resume on Tuesday, May 26.

Due to the holiday, residential curbside refuse, yard waste, and recycling collection by SBC Waste Solutions will be delayed by one day.

Pazzi Di Pizza

Located in the heart of Old Town, **Pazzi Di Pizza** will open its third location this summer at 109 Third Street. With existing restaurants in Park Ridge and Elmhurst, the restaurant is known for authentic Italian cuisine and a lively, upscale atmosphere that blends seamlessly with Old Town's charm. The Bloomingdale location will also feature an outdoor patio, offering a perfect view of the summer concerts.



7 Brew



Opened March 30 at **68 Stratford Drive**, 7 Brew has introduced a new style of coffee service to Bloomingdale. Centered entirely around the drive-through experience, customers can order their drinks with convenience, while maintaining face-to-face connections as employees take orders outside. Celebrate this new addition to

Bloomingdale with one of their many unique, monthly specials.

Sharky's Cuts For Kids

Coming soon to **358 W. Army Trail Road**, Sharky's Cuts for Kids makes haircuts easy and enjoyable. The salon focuses on creating a fun experience for children, with experienced stylists and an engaging environment. Car-themed styling chairs, cartoons, and video games help keep kids entertained and comfortable during every visit.



The Cake Pop Co.



Originally launched as an Etsy shop, **The Cake Pop Co.** will soon open its first storefront in Bloomingdale at **369 W. Army Trail Road**. The bakery specializes in handmade, high-quality cake pops featuring creative designs for holidays, parties, and special occasions. Each treat is made fresh to ensure flavor and quality. On Instagram [@thecakepopco](https://www.instagram.com/thecakepopco).

Nordstrom Rack

Coming this fall to Bloomingdale Court is Seattle-based off-price retailer **Nordstrom Rack**. The store offers a wide selection of discounted apparel, accessories, beauty products, and luxury brands, typically 30–70% off regular prices. The 26,000-square-foot store features merchandise made exclusively for The Rack, along with overstock from Nordstrom's full-price stores, with new styles arriving weekly.



The Business Beat features news about businesses - newly opened, those under construction and those that have something special to tell the residents about.

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

Mahan Wines



Bloomingdale friends, the secret won't stay secret for long. Public Speakeasy nights at Mahan Speakeasy are available through May before the vines call them back for the 2026 harvest. The Speakeasy then pauses until September, though private events continue. Curious about harvest? Mark your calendar for their annual Harvest Party on August 8 at Granite Ridge, just across Lake Michigan. Learn more and reserve your seat at www.MahanFamilyWines.com

The Alex Project Supports Bloomingdale Police Outreach

In February, Alex McCall of The Alex Project and his father donated care

packages containing food, hats, gloves, and personal care items to the Bloomingdale Police



Department for officers to share with individuals experiencing homelessness. Alex founded the project after being adopted from Siberia and wanting to give back. He funds the effort through his earnings and community donations. Learn more or support the project at thealexproject.net.

Bloomingtondale Fire Protection District #1



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E-Bike and E-Scooter Safety

The popularity of electric bikes and electric scooters (e-bikes and e-scooters) has taken off over the past few years. Lithium-ion batteries are usually the source of power for both, and if not used correctly, or if damaged, those batteries can catch on fire or explode. Whether you use e-bikes or e-scooters as your main way of getting around, or just for fun, there are important safety tips to keep in mind when charging or storing these devices.

The Problem

- Damaged or defective batteries can over-heat, catch fire, or explode.
- Lithium-ion battery fires give off toxic gases and they burn extremely hot.

Safety Tips

- Only purchase and use devices, batteries, and charging equipment that are listed by a nationally recognized testing lab and labeled accordingly.
- Always follow the instructions from the manufacturer.
- Only use the battery and the charger that were designed for, and came with, the device.
- Do not keep charging the device or device battery after it is fully charged.
- Only charge one device or device battery at a time to prevent overloading the circuit.
- Keep batteries at room temperature when possible. Do not charge them at temperatures below 32°F (0°C) or above 105°F (40°C).
- Do not store batteries in direct sunlight or inside hot vehicles, and keep them away from children and liquids.

- Store e-bikes, e-scooters, and batteries away from exit doors and anything that can get hot or catch fire.
- Only have device repairs performed by a qualified professional.
- Do not put lithium-ion batteries in the trash. Recycling is always the best option. Take the batteries to a battery recycling location or contact your local waste department for disposal instructions.

Signs of a Problem

Stop using the e-bike or e-scooter if you notice any of these problems with the battery: unusual odor, change in color, too much heat, change in shape, leaking, smoking, or not keeping a charge.



If you see a fire ...

- ① Leave the building immediately.
- ① Don't try to fight the fire.
- ① Call 911.

LEARN MORE

Visit nfpa.org/ebikes



Passing of Retired Member Glenn Stahl

Glenn Stahl, a dedicated and compassionate fireman, paramedic, beloved husband, father, and Papa, passed away on March 2, 2026 at the age of 75 in Bloomingtondale surrounded by his loving family.

For 32 years, Glenn served with honor and distinction in the Bloomingtondale Fire Department, where he rose to the esteemed rank of Lieutenant. Serving for over three decades means Glenn helped shape the very culture of the Bloomingtondale Fire Department.

His "honor and distinction" set a standard for professionalism that will continue to influence the department long after his retirement.



Gary Kostal Retires

Gary's remarkable 54-year career in the fire service began in Carol Stream,



where he served for 32 years and rose to the rank of Battalion Chief. Following his first retirement, Gary brought his leadership to Bloomingtondale, serving another 22 years as our Fire Marshal. Whether commanding the fireground or leading fire prevention efforts, Gary has been a pillar of safety for over half a century. We thank him for his incredible dedication and wish him the very best in his well-deserved retirement.

Tornado Season Reminders

Spring in Illinois marks the start of tornado season. Be prepared by reviewing your emergency plan, knowing your shelter location, and signing up for weather alerts at www.Smart911.com. For tips on building an emergency kit and staying safe during severe weather, visit Ready.gov/tornadoes

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Bloomingdale Garden Club Plant Sale on May 8 & 9

The Bloomingdale Garden Club will host its Annual Spring Flower & Plant Sale on May 8 (Noon–6 p.m.) and May 9 (9 a.m.–3 p.m.) at the Bloomingdale Park District Maintenance Building, 259 Springfield Drive (north end of the drive). The sale will feature annuals, vegetables, herbs, hanging baskets, tropicals, grasses, and perennials



from members' gardens, along with raffles, gently used garden items, and a Master Gardener Help Desk. Cash, check, and credit cards are accepted (a \$2 service fee for credit card purchases). Proceeds benefit area charities. Pre-sale orders pickup on **May 8 from 8–11 a.m.**

The club will also host a program on **May 19** featuring Kay McKeen, founder of S.C.A.R.C.E., who will discuss recycling, composting, and ways individuals can help protect the environment. The program will take place at Cornerstone Faith Community Church, 118 First Street in Bloomingdale. Doors open 6:15 p.m., and program at 7:00 p.m. Visitors are welcome.

The Grove at Bloomingdale: Springtime Progress

As a gardener prepares the soil for spring planting, the grounds at The Grove at Bloomingdale are being prepared for new construction. Crews have been busy removing old utilities, installing a new water main and storm sewer, grading the site, and setting temporary power poles to support the replacement of the property's primary electrical service.

Slated to open in 2027, The Grove will feature a man-made lake, central event lawn, more than 280 luxury residences, a variety of dining and entertainment venues, a dog park with a walk-up bar, and welcoming outdoor spaces designed to host year-round events for residents and visitors alike.

Stay connected and be among the first to hear project updates by signing up for email updates at thegrovebloomingdale.com and following The Grove on Facebook and Instagram [@thegrovebloomingdale](https://www.instagram.com/thegrovebloomingdale).



Thank You for Supporting the Love Our Veterans Collection

Thank you to everyone who supported the Love Our Veterans Household Essentials Collection throughout February. Donations gathered across



Bloomingdale were picked up by VFW Post 7539 and will be delivered to Military Outreach USA to help veterans transitioning out of homelessness. Special thanks to the residents and staff of Deer Glen Apartments for their especially generous contribution of household essentials. Your kindness is helping veterans start their next chapter with dignity and support.

Bloomingdale Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7539 also welcomes eligible veterans to attend their monthly meetings on the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Bloomingdale Public Library. To learn more about eligibility, visit: <https://www.vfw.org/join>





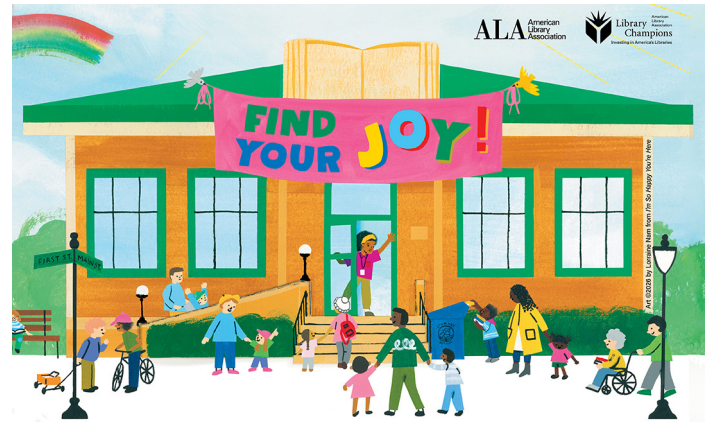
National Library Week is a time to celebrate the many ways libraries bring people together, help people find their joy, spark imagination, and support lifelong learning.

At BPL, we invite the community to join the celebration! Whether you're a longtime patron or haven't visited in a while, now is the perfect time to explore all the library has to offer. Whether you're preparing for a career change, launching a business, raising a family, or embracing retirement, BPL is here to support your journey. Libraries serve as hubs for learning, creativity, and connection, helping people of all ages explore new ideas and opportunities.

Discover all we have to offer:

- BPL Makerspace, 3D printing, computer classes, and online courses
- eBooks, audiobooks, digital magazines, and streaming movies and music
- museum passes for local attractions
- programs for all ages
- STEM and music kits, video games, and board games
- and more!

Stop in to BPL this week for fun freebies and to **FIND YOUR JOY** - it's waiting for you at Bloomington Public Library!



Celebrate NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

April 19-25, 2026

CELEBRATE FREE COMIC BOOK DAY AT BPL!

Join us for:

- Crafts - buttons, stickers, and more!
- Interactive Program:
The Golden Age of Video Games, 1970s to Now
- Geeky storytimes at 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
- Free comics (5/person, while supplies last)

Thanks to Graham Crackers Comics for their support!
Visit them at 548 S. Roselle Rd, Schaumburg, IL
for even more free comics.

Drop-In for All Ages
Saturday, May 2
11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Friends of the Bloomington Public Library



SATURDAY, APRIL 25 | 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM

visit mybpl.org/friends for details



SAVE THE DATE
for the Friends'
Dine to Donate at
Texas Roadhouse

Wednesday, May 13
3:00 - 10:00 p.m.

Adult Programs



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

📅 Medicare: Meet the Experts Event with One-on-One Sessions

Monday, April 6 | 5:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Registration opens Friday, March 6

Navigating Medicare can sometimes feel confusing and overwhelming, but you don't have to do it alone! Register for a relaxed, informal, one-on-one 15 minute session where you can get clear, friendly answers to all your Medicare-related questions. Space is limited. Presented by Stephanie Villanueva of Healthcare Solutions Team and Lisa Schumacher of LifeSmart Senior Services.

📅 Chef Maddox Presents: Simple Spring Meals

Monday, April 13 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
limit 50 people

BPL cardholders: Registration opens Monday, March 23

Non-BPL cardholders: Registration opens Monday, April 6 (if space available)
Please note, any duplicate name and/or library card reservations will be cancelled.

Come join Chef Susan Maddox as we learn all about how to make simple meals for spring!

📅 Power Vegetable Gardening

Tuesday, April 14 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Spring is here! Experience the joy of harvesting power crops of healthy, delicious, sweet, crunchy vegetables! Mark Lyons, an experienced garden coach, will review the basic techniques of vegetable gardening. Both new and experienced gardeners will learn something they can use.

📅 Family Financial Estate Planning

Tuesday, April 21 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Protect your family and other heirs' future! Learn about wills and trusts, powers of attorney, asset protection strategies, estate administration, probate avoidance, and kids' protection planning. Presented by Blair Mgbada, JD, of the Blueprint Legacy Group.

📅 VIRTUAL - The Art of Henri Matisse

Monday, May 4 | 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Join us as Jeff Mishur presents a companion program to the ongoing Art Institute of Chicago exhibition *Matisse's Jazz: Rhythms in Color* highlighting the later, paper cutouts of the artist Henri Matisse, among other works.

📅 VIRTUAL -

Exploring the

Constitution & the News:

What the Constitution Says & How It's Being Interpreted Today

Thursday, April 16 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Thursday, May 21 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

These programs are designed for adults seeking a clearer understanding of how our government works.

This series blends accessible history with thoughtful discussion of current events. Participants will gain practical civic knowledge, learn how constitutional principles apply to modern challenges, and leave better equipped to evaluate news and public policy.

Presented by Steven D. Schwinn, JD.

Sponsored by
The League of Women Voters, Wheaton

I-PASS On Demand Event (Drop-In)

Tuesday, May 5 | 4:00 – 8:00 p.m.

The Illinois Tollway's I-PASS On Demand team will be on hand to help you with your I-PASS needs including opening an account, adding new license plates, ordering/activating your new sticker tags, and the I-PASS Assist Program. Please bring your vehicle plate number.



📅 The Mind Readers

Monday, May 11 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

"Mind Readers" have long performed feats that were so extraordinary that those who witnessed the demonstrations were dismissed as foolish or even insane. Learn about the utterly remarkable lives of these "psychic" performers and you'll experience some of their most baffling feats. Presented by William Pack.

📅 Invite Nature to Your Yard!

Tuesday, May 12 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Join us as we learn all about creating more eco-friendly yards! A "typical" yard can easily be improved to help reduce water run-off, increase wildlife habitat, and improve the soil. Presented by Jim Kleinwachter of The Conservation Foundation/DuPage.



DROP-IN MOVIES

Come enjoy a movie with us at BPL's Drop-In Movie and enter for a chance to win a copy of that day's movie on DVD. Movie giveaway will be held following the conclusion of the movie and you must be present to win.

APRIL



Sinners

(rated R)

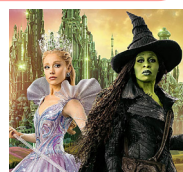
Wednesday, April 15
1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

MAY

Wicked: For Good

(rated PG)

Wednesday, May 13
1:00 – 3:30 p.m.



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Get reading recommendations delivered to your inbox with NextReads.



Enjoy email newsletters of the latest books and discover new reads at

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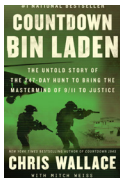


book discussion groups

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

HISTORICAL BOOK DISCUSSION

To register, email Julie Deeke at jdeeke@mybpl.org.



Countdown Bin Laden: The Untold Story of the 247-Day Hunt to Bring the Mastermind of 9/11 to Justice

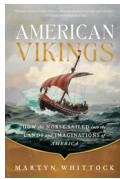
by Chris Wallace

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

American Vikings: How the Norse Sailed into the Lands and Imaginations of America

by Martyn Whittock

Tuesday, May 5 | 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.



MONDAY NIGHT PAGE TURNERS

To register, email Jessica Frazier at jfrazier@mybpl.org.

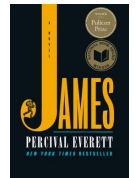


The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn

by Mark Twain

Monday, April 20 | 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

James
by Percival Everett
Monday, May 18 | 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.



ONGOING ADULT PROGRAMS

Genealogy Club (Drop-In)

Wednesdays, April 15 & May 20 | 6:30 – 8:45 p.m.

Join us in person to learn about internet and archival genealogy and research support. Members share strategies and explore library resources with guidance from genealogy librarian Leslie Drewitz.

📅 Great Decisions

Wednesdays, April 15 & May 20 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

The Great Decisions discussion program is a civic education program administered and produced by the Foreign Policy Association.

Contact Julie Deeke at jdeeke@mybpl.org for more information.

CELEBRATE FREE COMIC BOOK DAY AT BPL!

Drop-In for All Ages
Saturday, May 2
11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

[see page 1 for details](#)

bpl makerspace crafts

Registration Information:

Ages 12 to adult, BPL card and computer experience required.
Please sign up for one session only.

📅 Beginner Machine Embroidery

4 per session. Registration opens Monday, April 20 at 9:00 a.m.

Learn the basics of machine embroidery and create a small embroidered project.

Monday, May 4 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Thursday, May 14 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Computer Programs



Registration is encouraged for in-person computer classes to receive program updates. Register online, by phone at (630) 924-2730, or by email at bdref@mybpl.org. Virtual classes will be posted on our [YouTube channel](#).

Social Media Safety

Thursday, April 9 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Instructor: Christian

Discuss common social media scam tactics and learn how to avoid them. Explore privacy settings for popular social media sites like Facebook, Instagram, and more.

iPhone Settings

Thursday, April 16 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Instructor: Salvador

From optimizing battery life to enhancing privacy, settings adjustments can help make the most out of your iPhone. Discover appearance customization, app permissions, accessibility features, and more.

Getting Started: Google Maps and GPS Apps

Thursday, April 23 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Instructor: Christian

Google Maps is a GPS tool available on all mobile devices. This class will discuss how to use the app on its own and within Android Auto. Other GPS options will be discussed as well including Waze and Apple Maps.

Password Management

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

Discover password management tips through various online tools for organizing and storing your passwords. This class will explore options for your phone and computer and discuss potential benefits in everyday convenience while addressing security concerns.

Customizing Windows 11

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

Make the most of your Windows computing experience! We will look at various settings and built-in functions to help make Windows faster, accessible, and personal.



Digitize Everything

Thursday, May 14 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Instructor: Salvador

Do you have old pictures either printed or in 35mm? How about movies on VHS, DVD, or other formats? Audio on cassette? Learn how to convert them all for free at the library! Demos and time for questions will be included.

Google Docs & Cloud Backup

Monday, May 18 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Instructor: Sean

Cloud tools offer more and more opportunities for computer users, one of the most versatile being cloud storage. Learn about the many options available to either work collaboratively with other people, keep resources available to access anywhere in the world, and/or provide a safety net in case of computer failure. Google's free applications will be used in class but alternatives will also be discussed.

3D Design with Tinkercad

Thursday, May 21 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Instructor: Charlie

Learn how to create 3D designs with this free, beginner-friendly, cloud-based application, then print them with the library's 3D printing service.

Resume Writing with Word

Thursday, May 28 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Instructor: Charlie

Learn to create a resume in Microsoft Word with appropriate content and formatting.



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Excel 3

Monday, April 13 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

Get a deeper understanding of formulas, graphs, and formatting techniques in Excel. We'll take a more in-depth look at easy to use tricks hidden in the ribbon options, time-saving hot keys, more complex concepts like logical functions, and adding a secondary axis to charts.

Excel Formulas

Monday, April 20 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

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



Excel Lookup & PivotTables

Monday, May 11 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

Take an in-depth look at two popular Excel tools: Lookup functions and PivotTables. Learn to quickly search, filter, and organize large amounts of data with advanced functions. Work through several examples of creating PivotTables to better display and perform calculations on their data.



Teen Programs

Registration required for some teen programs (noted with 📅). Register online, by phone at (630) 924-2730, or by email at bdref@mybpl.org. For programs with special registration requirements, please follow those instructions. Registration begins Monday, March 16.

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

Take & Make Crafts

For Take and Make crafts, you will be contacted via email when your craft kit is ready to be picked up at the Adult Reference Desk.

📅 Crystal Garden

Kit Pickup begins Monday, April 13
(limit 14 teens)

This STEM kit is a perfect learning tool; color trees and watch crystals grow! The learning guide will teach about geodes and rock formation.

📅 Learn to Sew

Kit Pickup begins Monday, May 11
(limit 12 teens)

The 34-page step-by-step instruction booklet helps grow your skills with 15 fun projects! The kit includes fabric, thread, and stuffing for nine projects. Sew much fun, sew much to do!



Teen Craft Club

📅 Dream Catcher Creation

Wednesday, April 8 | 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.
(limit 10 teens)

A dream catcher is an object originated by the Ojibwe tribe, believed to help filter dreams: catching bad ones to allow good dreams to pass through.

Supplies provided to create a special dream catcher of your own. You'll also learn more about dream catchers and where they came from.

📅 Mirror, Mirror on the Wall

Wednesday, May 13 | 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.
(limit 8 teens)

We'll show you how to make a stunning mirror using foam air dry clay, from shaping the clay to adding those final artistic touches. This project is perfect for adding a personal and stylish touch to your home decor.

Mindful Skills

Mindful Skills are the 1st Monday of every month, unless otherwise noted.

📅 Heathy Snack, Healthy Brain

Monday, April 6 | 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.
(limit 12 teens)

Who said that healthy snacks had to be boring? Try some recipes with yummy fruits and other delicious treats while learning some interesting wellness tips.

📅 Cardz for Kidz

Monday, May 18 | 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.
(limit 12 teens)

Use your mindfulness, creativity, and passion to give back to others. Cardz For Kidz is an organization dedicated to uplifting the spirits of children across the globe with inspiring handmade cards. Create a card to be donated to the Cardz For Kidz organization, where a team will hand deliver your card to someone who could really use a smile. Creating 4 cards earns 1 volunteer hour.

More Teen Programs

Recycled Soda Bottle Terrarium

Wednesday, April 15 | 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.
(limit 8 teens)

A terrarium is a small garden covered with a transparent lid, which creates a moist environment for plants. Create your own tiny garden terrarium in a recycled soda bottle, a perfect way to celebrate Earth Month!

“Paint” a Cupcake

Thursday, May 21 | 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.
(limit 10 teens)

Ever dreamed of being a contestant on *Junior Bake Off* (or maybe you just want dibs on a sweet treat)? Either way, come by and design cupcakes with all kinds of ingredients and frosting. Let the cupcake be the canvas, and you the painter.



Exam Cram (Drop-In)

Tuesday, May 26 & Wednesday, May 27
3:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Get ready for finals at the Exam Cram! We have group and quiet study areas, Wi-Fi, de-stressing activities, and computers. The Teen Librarian will also be available for any reference help.

FREE snacks and drinks provided, with pizza served at 6:00 p.m.

Teen Territory Fun!

Drop-in activity all month in the Teen Territory space. Supplies available throughout the month, while supplies last.

Poetry Bookmark (April)

Design a bookmark that features a poem you find inspiration from or write your own.

Grad Cap Decorations (May)

Welcome all graduating teens! Come to the library and decorate the graduation cap of your wildest desires. All crafting materials provided.

Teen Book Reviews

Teens who enjoy reading, audiobooks, or writing can write book reviews for volunteer service hours!

Check out the details at mybpl.org/teenbookreviews.

Teen Bookish Boxes

Bookish Box registrations are closed until end of summer. Visit

mybpl.org/teenbookishboxes in September 2026 to register for fall!

Youth Programs



Registration required for some youth programs (noted with 📅).
Registration for April programs begins Monday, March 16. Registration for May programs begins Monday, April 20.
Register online, by phone at (630) 924-2740, or by email at bdys@mybpl.org. Please have your library card when you register.

Preschool Programs

Ages 0-5

Come Together (Drop-In)

Up to 24 months
Every Wednesday | 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.
(no session April 1)

Meet and chat with other parents and caregivers while your child socializes and explores with hands-on toys. Weekly drop-in event for ages 0-24 months. *Will be offered simultaneously with Baby Tales and Tunes when in session.*

Toddler Dance Party (Drop-In)

Ages 18-36 months
Wednesday, April 1 & Friday, May 8
10:30 – 11:15 a.m.

Does your toddler like to move, groove, and wiggle? Join us for a morning of music and movement.

Explore with Your Senses (Drop-In)

Under 3 years old with caregivers
Fridays, April 3 & May 1 | 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Come participate in different activities designed to develop sensory processing skills. Explore texture, sound, smell, colors, and patterns.

📅 Playing with STEM

Ages 2-5
Tuesdays, April 14 & May 12
10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) are important learning areas for kids of all ages. Start your child early with our fun play to learn program. April: explore light and color
May: learn about bugs and insects

📅 Happy Books, Happy Cooks

Ages 3-5
Thursdays, April 16 & May 14
6:00 – 6:30 p.m.

A storytime for all the budding chefs! Read a food-filled story and create a tasty treat. *Please let us know of any allergies at the time of registration.*

Preschool Process Art (Drop-In)

Ages 3-5
Saturday, April 18 | 10:00 – 10:45 a.m.

Little hands, but big creativity! Pop in to the Makerspace to try this month's artsy activity.

📅 Celebrating Spring

Ages 2-5
Thursday, April 23 | 10:30 – 11:15 a.m.

Celebrate the beginning of spring with these spring-inspired crafts.

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

Up to 24 months
Wednesdays, May 6, 13, 20 & 27
10:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Join us for a parade of fun! We will explore the world of music and movement using an array of instruments, flannel stories, rhymes, and songs.



📅 Mother's Day Tea Party

Ages 3-6
Wednesday, May 6 | 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Bring your special adult to tea at the library. Enjoy some yummy snacks, play games, and decorate a beautiful card.

Please let us know of any allergies at the time of registration.



Family Programs

Rock Painting (Drop-In)

Families
Saturday, April 11 | 10:00 – 10:45 a.m.

Paint a rock to decorate your garden.

📅 Homeschool Hangout Series

Families
Wednesday, April 15 | 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Join us to explore a new topic each month with books, crafts, and activities specially designed for each grade level.

Take Me Out to the Ballgame Storytime (Drop-In)

Families
Friday, April 24 | 10:30 – 11:15 a.m.

Come celebrate America's favorite game with stories and a craft.

CELEBRATE FREE COMIC BOOK DAY AT BPL!

see page 1 for details

Drop-In for All Ages

Saturday, May 2

11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Bluey Bookmarks (Drop-In)

Families
Tuesday, May 26 | 4:00 – 4:45 p.m.

Come create bookmarks featuring Bluey!

Going on a Bear Hunt (Drop-In)

Families
Friday, May 29 | 10:30 – 11:15 a.m.
Do you want to go on a bear hunt? Join us as we create a fun interactive version of this well-loved story.



Youth Programs

Registration required for some youth programs (noted with 📅).

Registration for April programs begins Monday, March 16. Registration for May programs begins Monday, April 20.

Register online, by phone at (630) 924-2740, or by email at bdys@mybpl.org. Please have your library card when you register.

School Age Programs

Middle Grade Makers (Drop-In)

Grades 4-8

Tuesday, April 7 | 4:00 – 4:45 p.m.

Drop by to try a new skill, make a fun craft to take home, and hang out with friends.

📅 Unicorn Day

Grades K-2

Wednesday, April 8 | 5:00 – 5:45 p.m.

Come travel to an imaginary world where unicorns are real. We will hear stories, do crafts, play games, and take pictures with a unicorn.

📅 Makerspace Club: STEM Time

Grades 3-6

Thursday, April 9 | 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

Libraries are a great place to learn about science and technology while making cool stuff. Come join the fun as we create ice cream.

📅 Embroidered Mug Rugs

Grades 3-6

Sunday, April 12 | 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Learn basic embroidery stitches to create a simple colorful design.

📅 Fairy/Elf Lanterns

Grades K-2

Monday, April 20 | 4:00 – 4:45 p.m.

Listen to multicultural stories about elves and fairies. Then we'll make our own magical nightlight.

📅 Beginning Crochet

Grades 3-8

Mondays, April 20 & 27 | 6:00 – 7:15 p.m.

This is a two-session program.

Session 1: learn the basics: how to hold your yarn and hook and the single crochet stitch
Session 2: learn how to start a project and read a pattern.

Beaded Dragonfly (Drop-In)

Grades 1-3

Tuesday, April 21 | 4:00-4:45 p.m.

Join us in making beaded dragonflies!

Pokémon Club (Drop-In)

Grades K-6

Wednesday, April 22 | 4:00 – 4:45 p.m.

Calling all trainers! Join us for Pokémon games, card trading, and crafts.

📅 Calming Shelves DIY Library

Grades 4-8

Wednesday, April 29 | 4:00 – 4:45 p.m.

Create your own version of this trending fidget!

Post-It Note Crown (Drop-In)

Grades K-2

Tuesday, May 5 | 4:00 – 4:45 p.m.

Come in and make a cute crown made entirely out of post-it notes.

📅 Mini Masterpieces Magnets

Grades 4-8

Thursday, May 7 | 4:00 – 4:45 p.m.

Build custom frames, select artworks, and create your own magnetic gallery!

LEGO® Club (Drop-In)

Grades 1-6

Tuesday, May 12 | 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Design and build with the library's LEGO® supply to complete the challenge.

📅 Every Birdie Welcome

Grades K-2

Monday, May 18 | 4:00 – 4:45 p.m.

DIY your own tiny birdhouse and create a simple bird feeder while enjoying stories about our feathered friends.

📅 Be a Friend to Bees

Grades K-2

Wednesday, May 20 | 5:00 – 5:45 p.m.

What is all the buzz about bees? We will learn the importance of bees through stories, games, and science experiments.

📅 Mother's Day Craft

Join us to create a great gift for a special caregiver in your life.

Please register for the date/time your age group.



Grades K-2

Sunday, April 26
2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Grades 3-6

Thursday, April 30
6:00 – 6:45 p.m.

📅 Watercolor Workshop

Grades 3-6

Sunday, May 3 | 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Come learn to make framed artwork with step-by-step instructions.

📅 May the 4th Star Wars Crafts

Grades 2-6

Monday, May 4 | 4:00 – 4:45 p.m.

Come in for out-of-this-world crafts to celebrate this special day.

📅 Crocheted Flower Coasters

Grades 3-8

Monday, May 4 | 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

This great project for beginners will teach new skills such as double crochet, magic circle, increases, and picots. Start the project in class and finish it at home.





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Library 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.

Closed Sunday, April 5 for Easter

*Summer Hours begin Sunday, May 24 –
closed Sundays through Labor Day*

Closed Monday, May 25 for Memorial Day

For updates to hours/services
offered:

- **Call** (630) 529-3120
- **Email** bdref@mybpl.org
- **Visit** our website at mybpl.org

Social Media

Follow us on social media for the latest information, virtual classes, and random fun!



Library Photos

Photos or videos taken at the library may be used for promotional purposes. If you do not want your image taken, please inform library staff.

ADA Accommodations

Persons with disabilities requiring reasonable accommodation to participate in a program should contact Bloomington Public Library at least 7 days prior to the program. Call **(630) 924-2730** or email requests to ADA@mybpl.org.



eNewsletters

Sign up to get programming and materials information right in your inbox! Visit mybpl.info/enews-signup and mybpl.org/nextreads to select which information you'd like to receive.

It's Storytime!

The Youth Services department provides age-appropriate interactive fun with stories, sign language, music, and more. Storytimes are drop-in (no registration necessary) and limited to the first 20 children to arrive.

**Spring Session:
March 2 through April 17**
*(no storytimes the week of
March 30-April 3)*

Preschool Storytime

Ages 3-5
Mondays, 1:30 – 2:00 p.m.

Evening Storytime

All ages with caregiver
Mondays, 6:00 – 6:30 p.m.

Toddler Storytime

Ages 2-3 with caregiver
Thursdays, 10:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Family Storytime

All ages with caregiver
Fridays, 10:30 – 11:15 a.m.



Baby Tales & Tunes

Ages 0-24 months with caregiver
Wednesdays,
10:00 – 10:20 a.m. OR
10:30 – 10:50 a.m.

Introduce your baby to the world of music, movement, rhymes, and books that will aid in the development of early literacy skills.

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Entering Grades 7-12 in Fall 2026

Are you a student entering grades 7-12 in fall 2026? Are you looking for a fun way to get job experience, earn service hours, or make a difference in the community?

If so, the **Bloomington Public Library VolunTEENS** program is looking for you!

During your summer vacation, we'll develop a schedule to fit your availability and our programming needs. You'll work 10-15 hours over the 9-week program with the library's Youth Services staff preparing crafts, keeping the library tidy, and helping with special projects.

Summer volunteer openings are limited. Applications will be available from April 1 – May 10. Please turn in the completed application at the Youth Services desk.

Only applications received before Monday, May 11 will be considered.



FREE

Fish Release

Saturday, April 25, 2026

10AM

Lakeview Park

240 Broker Road, Bloomington

Help restock the pond at Lakeview Park in Bloomington during this annual community fish release. Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Bloomington-Roselle, participants are provided with buckets to help dispense fish into the pond. Dress appropriately as splashing and muddy conditions are likely. All ages are welcome. Participants are asked to bring canned goods to donate to the local Food Pantry. The Roselle Park District will also hold a fish release at Turner Park at 10AM.



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The Oasis Water Park Season Passes



Passholder Benefits

- Early daily admission
- Option to purchase a VIP pass
- Discounted private rentals
- Passholder Appreciation Night
- Two one-day guest passes per family

General Information

- Everyone entering the facility must pay the admission fee or have a season pass.
- Children age 8 and younger must be accompanied by a responsible individual (paid admission or passholder) 16 years or older for Oasis entry.
- Complete Oasis rules are posted at the facility. All swimmers are expected to abide by the established rules and guidelines.

Purchase passes at the Johnston Recreation Center,
172 S. Circle Avenue, Bloomington.



Season Pass Rates

Pass Type	Early Bird Rates Now–April 30	Season Rates Beginning May 1
		R/NR
Individual	\$65/\$85	\$75/\$95
VIP (one per household)	\$70/\$90	\$70/\$90
Super Pass	\$40 add'l	\$40 add'l



Registration Begins April 15 at 10AM

Summer Camp registration begins April 15 for residents & April 22 for non-residents. Complete information will be available in the Summer 2026 program guide.

Summer Camp features activities for ages 3-years-old entering 9th grade with an aging date of September 1, 2026.

****With ongoing District 13 construction projects, Camp enrollment will be limited due to space constraints****



Indoor Bargain Bonanza

Saturday, April 11

10AM-1PM

Location: JRC Gym

Turn your clutter into cash at our Indoor Bargain Bonanza! This community garage-sale-style event is ALWAYS free for the public to shop and the perfect place to score great deals. Whether you're searching for toys, tools, books, home décor, or something totally unexpected – you never know what you'll find!

Ready to clear out closets, storage bins, and the garage? Reserve a vendor spot and sell your gently used items in a convenient indoor setting. Each vendor will receive one table and two chairs. Sellers will be required to provide their own cash box. Sign up with activity code #204302-A1.

Seller R/NR Fee: \$10/\$20



Mom & Son Bowling



Friday, April 17

6-8PM

Bowlero Bowling Alley

1100 W. Lake Street, Roselle

Registration Deadline: Friday, April 10

Play games, participate in raffles, and bowl the night away at Bowlero Bowling Alley in Roselle. Pizza, dessert, and drinks are provided. Each couple receives a photo to take home.

Reservations are required. The fee is per couple. Additional sons are welcome at \$40 each. Registration deadline is April 10. No drop-ins.

\$65R/\$70NR Ages: 3-12 Registration Required

Registration Code: #204303-A1



Bloomington Artists Association Spring Show

May 2-May 30, 2026

Bloomington Park District Museum

108 S. Bloomington Road, Bloomington

Reception: Sunday, May 10, 2-4PM

This exhibition will provide a selection of recent art work done by the members of this group.

Museum Hours During Exhibits

Wednesday 3-7PM

Thursday 12-4PM

Saturday 12-4PM

Admission

\$1/Residents

\$2/Non-residents

\$.50/Seniors

FOTOMUSES: Americana 250 Years in Focus

May 2-May 30, 2026

Bloomington Park District Museum

108 S. Bloomington Road, Bloomington

Reception: Sunday, May 10, 2-4PM

Step into the heart of a nation with *Americana - 250 Years in Focus*, a photographic exhibit capturing the essence of the American story. From iconic landmarks to everyday life, this collection spans two and a half centuries of places, people and moments that define the USA. Each image offers a window into the culture, political, and social landscape that shaped – and continues to shape – the American identity. Celebrate the past, reflect on the present, and discover the enduring spirit of America.

Museum Hours During Exhibits

Wednesday 3-7PM

Thursday 12-4PM

Saturday 12-4PM

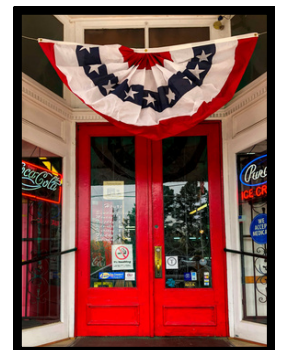
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Bloomington Park District
Museum



Trips & Outings

3 shoes - Expect a lot of walking, not a lot of sitting and on and off the bus several times



2 shoes - A moderate mixture of walking, sitting and on and off the bus



1 shoe - Mostly sitting, minimal walking and only occasional on and off the bus



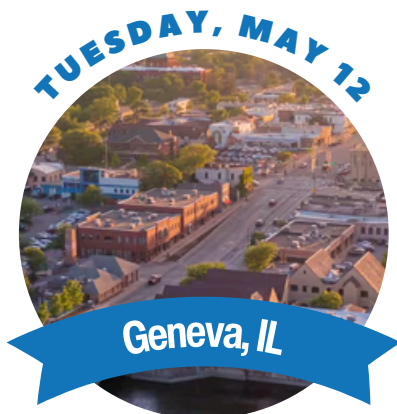
MOLDED CHOCOLATE CLASS AT MORKES

Who doesn't love chocolate! Morkes Chocolates is a leader in the art of creating handmade gourmet chocolate confections since 1920. Participants choose from many molds and create 4-5 molded chocolate pieces using milk and white chocolate. Selections include ice cream cones, balloon lollipops, jungle animals and more. Lunch is on your own at Portillo's. Trip departs and returns from the Johnston Recreation Center, 172 S. Circle Ave. Registration deadline is April 16.

Ages: 18-99
Instructor: Staff

Min/Max: 4/4
Location: JRC Parking Lot

Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
Thursday	9:15AM-1:30PM	April 30	\$29/\$34	203203-A1



GENEVA SHOPPING & LUNCH

Downtown Geneva is known as one of the most unique shopping districts in the Midwest, maintaining a tradition of hospitality, charm, and character. Participants can shop the treasures in the wonderful and exciting stores Downtown Geneva has to offer and enjoy lunch on your own at one of the many restaurants or cafes. Trip departs and returns from the Roselle Park District 555 W Bryn Mawr Ave., Roselle. Registration deadline is May 5.

Ages: 21-99
Instructor: Staff

Min/Max: 4/4
Location: Roselle Park District

Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
Tuesday	10:30AM-3PM	May 12	\$10/\$15	203205-A1

MORTON ARBORETUM

Join us for a relaxing and scenic day at the beautiful Morton Arboretum! This special outing is designed for adults to enjoy the vibrant beauty of nature with over 1,700 acres of stunning gardens, woodlands, and tree collections. Stroll at your own pace, take in the fresh air, and explore the seasonal exhibits, including the award-winning walking trails and serene lakeside views. The trip includes comfortable round-trip transportation, admission to the arboretum, and plenty of time to enjoy the grounds. Optional stops at the charming café and gift shop will make the day even more enjoyable. Whether you're a nature lover or just looking for a peaceful day out, this is the perfect way to reconnect with the outdoors and good company. Fee includes transportation. Please bring your own lunch. Trip departs and returns from the Medinah Park District 22W130 Thorndale Ave., Medinah. Registration deadline is May 13.

Ages: 18-99
Instructor: Staff

Min/Max: 4/4
Location: Medinah Park District

Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
Wednesday	10:30AM-3PM	May 13	\$18/\$23	203214-A1

