

# Village of Bloomingdale *Almanac*

October 2019

## A Tree for the Piazza

Last year's Christmas tree standing in the Piazza was donated to the Village by Woodland Windows at the southeast corner of Lake Street & Gary Avenue. It was our first 40-ft+ tree.



We aren't trying to top that one, but we are looking for another large tree to grace the Old Town Piazza. The Village would arrange to have it cut down and transported to Old Town.

If you have a large tree you are interested in donating as Bloomingdale's official Christmas tree, please contact the Director of Public Works Jim Monkemeyer at 630-671-5800 or [monkemeyerj@vil.bloomingtondale.il.us](mailto:monkemeyerj@vil.bloomingtondale.il.us)

## Brew N' BBQ Comes to Bloomingdale October 12

The inaugural Old Town Beer N' Brew Festival makes its debut on Saturday, October 12, 2019 from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Old Town Bloomingdale. Old Town melds the best of vintage and modern; nestled next to Old Town Park at Lake Street and Bloomingdale Road.

Old Town is home to small businesses and eateries, several in restored buildings on the site of the Village's earliest settlement in 1833.

The event, conceived by the Bloomingdale Community Event Committee, will showcase Bloomingdale breweries Wolfden Brewing Company (Old Town) and 25 West Brewery Co. (Stratford Square), as well as host more than 20 craft breweries from the Chicagoland area

featuring at least 40 special beers.

In order to meet Illinois liquor law compliance standards, the fest will be a ticketed event.



Festival participants 21+ will receive 20 drink tickets, each of which can be exchanged for a 3 oz. sample.

The day will also feature music of Black Bolts Band and The Throwbacks. BBQ-related fare will be available from local eateries: Anyways, 25 West, Hell's BBQ and At's-A-Nice Pizza.

General Admission is \$40 per person; Designated Driver Admission is \$10. Tickets are available for purchase now through Event Brite. Go to [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com)

To order tickets, enter information - Brew N' BBQ, Bloomingdale, October 12, 2019. Tickets are non-refundable. No pets please.

The festival is a fundraising event for the Bloomingdale Cares Community Fund, which helps sponsor community events and to assist community organizations.

We are very proud of the improvements that have taken place over the last three years in this historic part of town. The Brew N' BBQ event is just the beginning of the new community events that the Village intends to host in order to showcase both Bloomingdale and our historic Old Town.

## Mark Your Calendar for These Upcoming Events



'Fall back' November 3. Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, November 3 at 2:00 am. Remember to turn your clocks back one hour.



History of Chicago Auto Show, October 13. See page 13.



Last Branch pickup for 2019 begins October 14. See page 6.



New Community Magazine. See page 14.

# A Picture-Perfect Day for Septemberfest 2019

## 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



Septemberfest 2019 was one of the best days we have enjoyed in quite a few years. From the near perfect weather to the happy crowds to the great food and outstanding entertainment, this end-of-summer celebration was one for the record books!

## 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

*Photo on p. 1: Former resident Gary Umlauf captured the morning Autumn mist on Indian Lakes.*

## A Message from Mayor Franco

Fall is upon us, but given our crazy spring and summer, I'm almost afraid to mention falling leaves, nippy mornings, and pumpkin spice everything!

So let me start with a huge thank you to Septemberfest Chairwoman Vivi Frumkin and the Commission members for all their hard work putting together another successful event on September 7. It was a picture perfect day, and attendance was outstanding! For pictures and more details, see p.15 and the last page.

I am excited to announce a new event highlighting Old Town in October. Chairwoman Jane Hove and the members of the newly formed Community Events Committee have been working since last March to put together their first festivity, "Brew and BBQ," on Saturday, October 12. See p. 1 to learn more.

Speaking of Old Town, the parking lot reconstruction at Schick & Third is almost complete. Lighting, irrigation and landscape should be nearly finished, as well as the Third Street entrance monuments. Our new municipal lot should help with parking needs for Old Town events.

In more good news, Texas Roadhouse, 161 Gary Avenue, will be open soon – really! I also welcome two more new businesses which recently hosted ribbon cuttings, Aloha Senior Advisors and Boomerz Cycle Workz. Read more about these on p. 10. And congratulations to the Bear Family McDonalds at Stratford on an awesome restaurant renovation and re-opening.

We will also see a newcomer to Stratford Square by the end of the year. Kill Shot Axe Throwing and Laser Tag will be located upstairs near the theaters and Red Robin. It is planned there will be 4,500 sq.ft. devoted to axe-throwing and 4,500 sq. ft. to laser tag. This will be its second location, the first being in Montgomery.

In residential news - Springfield Pointe near the Stratford ring road, Phase 1 is nearly sold out with only a few lots remaining. Phase 2 construction is underway; utility construction is in progress along the new road.

At the Woodman's site, building demo is in progress. It is moving slowly right now to conserve big metal pieces for recycling rather than trash. We should continue to see more activity at that location before the bad weather hits. And just a note on the Grandbriar Senior Living future site, 178 W Lake Street, there was just some grading completed for FEMA floodplains improvements, not yet breaking ground for the facility.

Village staff continues to work with IDOT on the issuance of our permit for the Lake Street Streetscape Beautification Project. The Village is hopeful the permit will be issued soon so work can begin by the end of the month. Similarly, the developer of Circle & Lake is also awaiting permits from IDOT for electrical and paving the lot. Fingers crossed, maybe before the snow flies.

And speaking of snow, before you know it, we will be erecting and decking a giant tree in Old Town for our traditional "Lighting of the Tree" and beginning of the "Festival of Lights." Wait 'til you see this year...Save the Date-December 6th!

In the meantime, enjoy the sights, sound and smells of autumn. The Coladipietro family wishes all of you a Happy Thanksgiving!!

Mayor Franco



## Indian Lakes– A Prologue

*In August, 2019, the Village of Bloomingdale printed this release on its website and in the Village's E-News. We are printing it in the Almanac for anyone who has not seen it.*

"The Village of Bloomingdale has received correspondence from K-Hovnanian withdrawing their zoning application for a Planned Unit Development (PUD) of 535-unit age-restricted (55 and older) units at the former Indian Lakes golf course property.

Mayor Franco stated; 'I thank our Plan Commission members, staff and residents for their patience during these past two years and thoughtful review and consideration of the zoning application. The size of the proposed project would have had a significant impact on our community and would not have been in keeping with the surrounding residential properties along the golf course.'

Mayor Franco wants our residents and businesses to know that the Village Board realizes how important the Indian Lakes property has been to the community since 1961 when the Lake Woods Subdivisions developer, Branigar Organization, approached the Village of Bloomingdale about developing the South side of Schick Road.

The Mayor and Board are interested in attempting to work with the owners of the resort property to find a consensus that will be of benefit to the population of Bloomingdale without causing a detriment to this community. We have always prided ourselves on a quality of life that included among other amenities, open space.



# Apply by December 1, 2019 2019 Tree Planting Program

## 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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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 2020 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, 2019. No payment is required at this time. Bills will be sent to successful Program Requests about February 1, 2020.
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.



Ovation



Sienna Glen® Maple



State Street Maple

# 2019 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)

### \_\_\_\_\_ Sienna Glen® Maple (*Acer freemanii* Sienna Glen)

This maple is a cross between a Silver Maple and a Red Maple. The leaves are arrowhead in shape and small for a maple variety. This leaf type, along with fine uniform branching, gives the tree a more delicate appearance than other maple tree varieties. Fall color is generally a mosaic of orange, red and burgundy colors. At maturity, it reaches a height of 50 to 60 feet and a spread of 35 to 40 feet.

### \_\_\_\_\_ State Street Maple (*Acer miyabei* 'Morton')

An exciting new maple, selected from the collections of the Morton Arboretum for its excellent branching character, a uniform broad-pyramidal habit, superior heat and drought tolerance, clean foliage and good yellow fall color. This beautiful maple matures to 40-50 ft. tall and 30-35 ft. wide.

### \_\_\_\_\_ Bur Oak (*Quercus macrocarpa*)

A coarsely textured crown, wild and wooly acorns and a massive trunk with rough and deeply furrowed bark combine to make one impressive tree. The bur oak grows to a height of 70–80' and a spread of around 80' at maturity. Yields acorns that are larger than most others, with a conspicuously fringed cap that extends about halfway down the nut.

### \_\_\_\_\_ Red Bud (*Cercis canadensis* The Rising Sun™)

Abundant pea-like rosy-lavender flowers appear in early spring before foliage. Heart-shaped deep apricot leaves appear and mature through shades of orange, gold and yellow with all colors present at once! Foliage turns a shade of lime green in the summer heat. Ideal specimen or accent plant growing 8 – 12 ft. tall and 8 ft. wide.

### \_\_\_\_\_ White Fir (*Abies concolor*)

The beautiful White (or Concolor) Fir has light-colored bark and silver blue-green needles. Tolerates most soils and drought. Yields oblong cones 3–6" in length. Matures at 50 ft. with a 20 ft. 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

### \_\_\_\_\_ Ovation London Planetree (*Platanus x acerifolia* 'Morton Euclid')

Another Morton Arboretum selection, this hybrid exhibits vigorous growth rate, a uniform broadly pyramidal to rounded habit, attractive foliage, exfoliating bark and disease resistance. It reaches a height of 60 ft. with a spread of 50ft.

### \_\_\_\_\_ American Sentry® linden (*Tilia americana* 'McKSentry')

American Sentry Linden has dark green foliage throughout the season. The large heart-shaped leaves turn an outstanding gold in the fall. It features subtle clusters of fragrant buttery yellow flowers with tan bracts hanging below the branches in early summer. It will grow to be about 50 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 25 feet.

**SUBMIT TO:** Village of Bloomingdale Forestry Division  
201 S. Bloomingdale Road, Bloomingdale, IL 60108  
By deadline of **December 1, 2019**



Bur Oak



White Fir



Siberian Spruce



Rising Sun Redbud



American Sentry



# Controlling Runoff From Properties Onto Streets and Sidewalks

## Branch Collection Begins October 14

The Fall Branch Collection will be performed under the direction of the Village Forestry Division beginning on Monday, October 14. This free service is only available to single family detached residences.

Branches must be out by 7:00 a.m. on Monday, October 14, but should not be placed at the curb/pavement edge more than one week earlier. For more information about branch pickup guidelines, go to [www.villageofbloomingdale.org](http://www.villageofbloomingdale.org) and type in "branch pickup" in "Search this site" on the right side at the top of the homepage, or call the Forestry Division at 630-671-5800.

**This program is limited to small property maintenance clean-up projects and not intended for collection of limbs or trunks from whole tree removals, which MUST be disposed of privately.** 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.



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.

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.

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.

## CHARACTER COUNTS!® Celebration 20 Years in Bloomingdale

The whole community is invited to show its support of the Six Pillars of Character! Students will entertain the audience with performances honoring the Six Pillars, and the American Character Awards will be presented to school children and youth athletes who exhibit outstanding character. This year's theme is **Responsibility**. The evening kicks off at 5:45 p.m. with Activities & Refreshments on October 8, 2019. The ceremony begins at 6:30 p.m. in Old Town Park.

For more information call Sandy Vangundy at (630) 529-3650 or visit [www.character60108.org](http://www.character60108.org)

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

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 (\$3.38 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 Caputos, 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.

## Bloomington Township Offering Electronic Recycling on November 23

**Bloomington Township  
Highway Department  
6N030 Rosedale Ave., Bloomington**

**DATE: November 23rd**

**TIME: 8:00 a.m.- 12:00 noon**

Accepted Items: Computers, Laptops, Servers, Computer Monitors\*, Televisions\*, Printers, Facsimile, Scanners, VCR and DVD Players, Video Game Consoles, Cable and Converter Boxes, Satellite Receivers, Electronic Keyboards, Mice, Portable Music Players, Holiday String Lights, Wire, Cables, Adapters, Power Supplies, Cell Phones, Modems, Tablets, Phones, Docking Stations.

**Important Note—Tax deductible fee applies for all CRT, Flat Screens, Projection TVs & Monitors**

**Under 21" screen = \$25/unit  
21" screen and over = \$35/unit**

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

Questions?  
Visit: [dupageco.org/ElectronicsRecycling](http://dupageco.org/ElectronicsRecycling)

Open to all DuPage County



## 33rd Year of Awana at Bloomingdale Church

Awana Children's Clubs reconvened in September for its 33rd consecutive year at Bloomingdale Church, 264 Glen Ellyn Road. The clubs, divided by grades - preschool through 6th grade - meet weekly including a kid-fun game time in the gymnasium and small group clubs led by adults and teens assisting as Leaders In Training.



All teens and adults are carefully screened with complete background checks. Awana Clubs include a merit badge system focused on service and learning. The only cost is for the club shirts and workbook. The church pays the registration fee to Awana International for each child. You can get more information at [www.bloomingtondalechurch.org](http://www.bloomingtondalechurch.org) or [www.awana.org](http://www.awana.org) or the church office at 630 894-0090. Parents are welcome to observe their children's club from the glass window areas in each classroom.

Bloomington Church has been an active faith community in Bloomington since 1978 and offers three weekend worship hours (Saturday 5pm, Sunday 8:30am & 11am) as well as a variety of programs for children and teens.

## Thanksgiving Holiday Refuse Pickup

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday on Thursday, November 28, Republic's refuse pickup will be delayed one day each for Thursday and Friday pickup that week.



Wednesday's pickup remains the same.

# School Bus Safety – Please Be Aware

## This is No Trick: Treat the Troops!

Bloomington dentists Drs. Dominic Colletti and Joseph Matustik are joining forces with Operation Gratitude to help reduce the amount of candy kids consume this Halloween while also providing a special treat package for our Troops overseas.



During the week of November 4-9, bring your children to the dental office at 176 S. Bloomington Road to cash in their unopened candy (please bring Halloween candy only). They will receive \$1 per pound of candy, up to \$5 per child.

We are also asking each child to bring in a short note or colorful drawing to show support for our Troops. Call 630-893-6200 or visit [www.176dental.com](http://www.176dental.com) for collection times each day or for further information.

## Rotary Trunk or Treat

The Rotary Club of Bloomington-Roselle will sponsor a "Trunk or Treat!" from noon-3 p.m. on Saturday, October 26 at the American Legion Post 1084, 344 E. Maple, Roselle. Fun, games, face painting! Costumes are encouraged!



Learn more about the Rotary at <https://portal.clubrunner.ca/2360>. "Service Above Self"

Now that school is back in session, students are walking to and from school or waiting at the bus stops. Although motorists may view school buses as an obstacle, it is important to remember the Rules of the Road, especially when it comes to school buses, designated school zones and residential areas.

When a school bus is stopped, with its red lights flashing and "Stop" arm extended, motorists **must** come to a complete stop, as noted below. Ignoring this fact is more than a simple moving violation – you risk losing your driver's license.

The Bloomington Police Department asks for your help in making the community safer. One of the biggest complaints the Police Department receives from parents, school staff and residents is the failure of motorists to use care in school zones and around school buses. This includes motorists driving too fast and passing school buses loading and unloading children. Our Police Department aggressively enforces traffic laws near schools and school crossing areas, so drivers should be aware of school zone ordinances.

## Motorist Responsibilities



When traveling in a **school zone**, drivers must obey the posted **20 m.p.h.** reduced speed limit during school hours while school children are present.

**On one-way streets**, all vehicles must stop when the red lights are flashing and the stop sign is extended.

**On two-lane roads**, drivers traveling in both directions must stop when the red lights are flashing and the stop sign is extended.

**On four-lane roads**, where traffic moves in two directions, drivers traveling in the same direction as the school bus must stop when the red lights are flashing and the stop arm is extended. Drivers going in the opposite direction of the school bus are not required to stop because students are not permitted to cross four-lane roads after discharging from the school bus.

Drivers should be aware that **residential areas have a 25 m.p.h. speed limit**, unless otherwise posted and that school buses stop at all railroad crossings.

**NOTE:** If convicted of passing a stopped school bus in Illinois, you will lose your driving privileges for three months. If you receive two convictions within five years, your driving privileges will be suspended for one year. In addition to the suspensions, violators will be fined **\$150.00** for the first offense and **\$500.00** for the second or subsequent conviction.



# Grandest Community Halloween Event – Saturday, October 19th, 2019

All of Bloomington is invited to join in the “Grandest Community Halloween Event” on Saturday, October 19th, 2019, jointly presented by Bloomington’s Police Department, Fire Department, Public Works Department, Park District, and the Public Library. The event will be held in the areas extending between the Library, Village Hall, Police Department and Fire Department. Note - To ensure the safety of the children walking through the various facility parking lots during these events, parking will be PROHIBITED in the parking lots. People should park in the surrounding residential area.

## Fire Department Activities (9 am – Noon)

## Police Department Activities (9 am – 1 pm)

## Village Public Works: (9 am – 1 pm)

Halloween-themed building tours  
Trunk or Treat vehicle  
Activities and games  
Trick-or-Treating and Trunk or Treat

## Park District Activities (9 am – 1 pm)

\*Family Pumpkin Decorating Contest (\*From 9 am until supplies run out)  
Arts & Crafts  
Trunk or Treat  
Gymnastics Play Station

Eagle Falls Dentistry will collect additional, unwanted candy to support the service men and women of our country through the USO. All candy collected is sent in care packages to troops overseas.

## Library Activities (Noon – 3 pm)

Hay maze  
Inflatable moonwalk  
Games & prizes  
Balloon artists  
Face painters  
Photo Booth  
Free refreshments and candy

### Contacts:

Library: Tim Jarzemyk (630) 924-2722  
Police: Ofc. Dawn Odoi (630) 529-9868  
Park District: Rebecca Defrancesco (630) 529-3650

Children are encouraged to wear their Halloween costumes for trick-or-treating activities.

**Note:** Children less than 10 years old must be accompanied by an adult.



## Enjoy A Safe and Happy Halloween

**A responsible adult or teen should accompany each group.**

- Walk! Do not run while going trick-or-treating.
- Stay in your own neighborhood and only go to houses which have porch lights turned on.
- Never enter a stranger's house - even if invited.
- Long and fancy costumes could cause children to trip.
- Wear white or light-colored material costumes to be seen at night.
- Instead of wearing masks, paint faces with make-up.



**Don't eat any treats until your parents examined them at home.**

- Check the wrapper of commercial treats for signs of tampering.
- Throw away anything unwrapped.
- Cut and wash fruit before eating.
- **Notify the police if harmful items are found**
- Know which friends your children will be with.
- Do not leave your home unattended on Halloween night, if possible.
- Leave your porch or driveway light on, so children will know it's okay to visit your home.
- Keep your pets inside your house on Halloween night.

Extra police officers in marked and unmarked cars will patrol the Village to ensure that your children are safe and vandalism is minimized. Please report any suspicious persons or acts of vandalism to the Bloomington Police Department immediately.

Trick or Treat Hours will be on Thursday, October 31st from 3:00 – 7:00 p.m.

# Business News

## Oasis Senior Advisors

Mark & Kristy Malone have been involved Bloomingdale residents for over 13 years. Kristy, a career medical assistant worked closely with patients and their insurance companies. But personal family experience showed them how challenging finding the best care for loved ones could be.



As Oasis Senior Advisors, they now know they can simplify that experience by helping families navigate through the overwhelming and difficult process of finding the right, dignified and comforting community for their loved ones. The Malones provide a local, community-based service, offering a personal, compassionate touch tai-

lored around you or your family member's unique needs, handling all of the research and matching services for you. There is no cost to the family or senior for this housing search service.

For more information about the Malones and Oasis Senior Advisors call Kristy at 630-506-0225 or visit [www.OasisSeniorAdvisors.com/algonquin](http://www.OasisSeniorAdvisors.com/algonquin) (Their territory extends to Algonquin.)

## Boomerz Cycle Workz

Recently opened, Boomerz Cycle Workz is a locally owned and operated workshop offering customized solutions for all your biking needs. "If you are looking for quality repairs and dependable service, then we are your perfect choice. We can work on Harley Davidson and other renowned domestic brands."

Located at 250 S. Gary Avenue, #104, Boomerz also features products and parts from Rockford Fosgate, Khrome Werks and other name brands. They focus on safe driving and guarantee their work.

"After all, we're not just here to cash in, we're lifelong bikers. We can even pick you up with our Boomerz cycle workz trailer."



For more information, check out their website <https://www.boomerzcycleworkz.com>, call 847-787-7575 or stop in to meet owners Boomer, Doc and Georgia and see what it's all about.



## Census 2020: Be Sure You Are Counted On April 1, 2020!

The Illinois Complete Count Commission was formed in 2017 with a mission to help educate communities, organizations and Illinois Residents about the importance of the upcoming 2020 census.

On April 1, 2020, a census will be taken of all persons living in the United States. It is important that every Illinois resident be counted so our state population accurately reflects our needs. While many Illinoisans will answer the census questionnaire when it arrives, some demographics are consistently undercounted due to low participation.

Among the groups historically undercounted in the census:

- Veterans
- Minority communities
- College students
- Foreign born Illinois residents (documented and undocumented)
- Retirees spending summer in Illinois and winter in warmer climates
- Farm families residing in rural counties
- Persons living in large housing units or apartment complexes
- Children under age 5
- Homeless

The importance of participating in the census cannot be understated. Responses to the census questionnaire are kept confidential by the U.S. Census Bureau. The information is not shared with other federal or state government agencies.



# Business News

## Quite a Party!



Quite a crowd gathered at the Bear Family McDonald's at Stratford on July 29 to take part in the ribbon cutting to celebrate the recently remodeled McDonald's. The Bear Family restaurants regularly take part in community events, scholarship opportunities and fundraising events.

## Tastings of Bloomingdale: New Date, New Location, New Look

The Bloomingdale Chamber's 11th annual food frenzy known as 50 Men Who Cook & Divas Who Dish has undergone some freshening up.

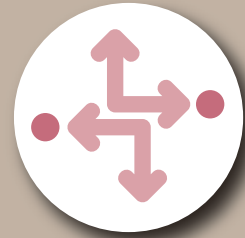
After 10 years of 50 Men Who Cook & Divas Who Dish – A Taste of Bloomingdale, the Chamber is freshening things up. The event has a new name, "Tastings of Bloomingdale" and an exciting new logo! The Chamber is welcoming the entire family to our Tastings of Bloomingdale event.



The intent is to expand the audience to all residents of Bloomingdale and the surrounding communities. This event features both amateur and professional chefs who prepare tastings of their favorite recipes for event attendees to sample and judge.

It is a multi-course culinary competition with everything from appetizers to desserts and now, beverages. The event includes musical entertainment and an amazing raffle. A portion of the proceeds benefit area school programs.

The Tastings of Bloomingdale takes place from 6 – 8 p.m. on Saturday, November 2, 2019 at Stratford Square Mall, SW entrance. If you are interested in being a chef, becoming a sponsor, donating a raffle prize, or purchasing tickets, check the website at [www.bloomingdalechamber.com](http://www.bloomingdalechamber.com) or call 630-980-9082.



## 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

**Stardom Dance Academy**  
219 E. Army Trail Road

**Texas Roadhouse**  
161 Gary Avenue

**Boomerz Cycle Workz**  
250 E. Gary Avenue



*Pictured l to r: Boomer, Mayor Franco and Doc*



# Community Events

## Lions Spaghetti Dinner on November 8

The Bloomingdale Lions Club hosts its Fall Spaghetti Dinner on Friday, November 8 from 5-8 p.m. at Bloomingdale Golf Club, 181 Glen Ellyn Road. The cost is \$10 per person. Children eight & under are free.

Proceeds from the raffle and dinner will benefit visual and hearing impaired persons in the community, as well as other needs.

For more info or tickets, contact Karen Vitale at [kvitale6174@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kvitale6174@sbcglobal.net) or Stan Poplonski at 630-461-1283.

## League of Women Voters Annual Membership Meeting

The League of Women Voters of Roselle/Bloomingdale will host their annual membership kickoff at a wine tasting and fundraising event on Tuesday, October 8, 2019 from 6:00-8:00 PM at LynFred Winery located at 15 S. Roselle Road in Roselle, Illinois.

The evening includes a presentation and facilitated discussion entitled, "A Year in Review: Achievements of Your Community Mental Health Board." Speakers include Frank Giammarese, Bloomingdale Director of Public Safety, and Marianne Pokorney, YWCA Senior Manager of Strategic Engagement. This meeting is free and open to the public. For more details and to RSVP, contact Patty Burns at 630-251-5508.

Lake Park High School  
Craft Fair  
Saturday, December 7  
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM  
West Campus Fieldhouse

## Celebrate Socktober! – Help Warm Souls through Soles!

Bloomingdale is once again teaming up with "Socks & Souls" to host the annual community-based Sock Drive. "Socktober," is part of a sole warming movement that gives everyone an easy and fun way to help those in need within their own town.

The most needed item of clothing for those in need is new socks, but people rarely donate these to the homeless. During October 2018 over 20,000 pairs of socks were donated and distributed to several nearby agencies serving the needy, including PADS shelters, Bloomingdale Township, and Trinity Lutheran Church in Roselle.

New socks can be dropped off at the following Bloomingdale locations during the month of October:

Bloomingdale Village Hall, 201 S. Bloomingdale Road  
Bloomingdale Township, 123 Rosedale Avenue  
Bloomingdale Library, 101 Fairfield Way  
Bloomingdale Park District, 172 S. Circle  
St. Isidore Parish, 431 W. Army Trail Road  
DuJardin School, 166 S Euclid Avenue  
Erickson School, 277 Springfield Drive  
Westfield Middle School, 149 Fairfield Way  
Bloomingdale School District 13 Office, 164 S. Euclid Avenue.



For more information about Socktober or other collection sites, please visit <http://socksandsouls.com/pages/socktober>

## Bloomingdale Artists Association Fall Programs

October 9, 2019 offers Autumn Fun with Colored Pencil with Cheryl Rausch

If you have any curiosity or desire to learn about the wonderful medium of colored pencil, this class is for you! Bring colored pencils. Cheryl is a professional illustrator with two great passions in her life: art and nature. The life-like quality of her work – the sweet and curious stares of formerly hidden baby squirrels, reflects the character and quiet beauty of the subject



November 13, 2019 features Watercolor Pencil & Crayon Art by Kathy Steere

Award winning artist Kathy Steere is comfortable with different styles, many mediums, and varied subject matter. Kathy is an instructor at many venues including the Morton Arboretum. She enjoys sharing her knowledge with others and firmly believes art should be fun! BAA members will apply water-soluble crayons & watercolor pencils to fabric & paper in this enjoyable class.

Both programs begin at 7 p.m. at the Bloomingdale Park District Museum, 108 S. Bloomingdale Road, Bloomingdale. Visitor fee is \$10 for each class. Contact Bev at [bpetrosius@gmail.com](mailto:bpetrosius@gmail.com) or 630-624-9545 for more info.

## 118 Years of the Chicago Auto Show



The Bloomingdale Historical Society hosts a very special guest on Sunday, October 13. M.J. (Mitch) Frumkin, official Chicago Auto Show Historian, (and longtime Bloomingdale resident) will present his Chicago Auto Show Video History 1901 - 2019.

Mitch's extensive knowledge and passion for the subject guides you through the 50-minute, fast-paced visual tour highlighting

more than 111 annual Windy City Auto Shows.

Through rare photos, film footage and sound recordings, you will witness historic vehicle debuts, classics of the 1920s-30s, decades of American Muscle and Pony cars, imports from around the world, supercars, exotics, celebrities, community queens, musical stage shows and much more.

There will be refreshments, including bite size samples of Ryba Fudge, the official confection of the auto show since the 1950s. There will also be chances to win pairs of complimentary tickets to the 112th annual Chicago Auto Show, February 8-17, 2020.

This one-of-a-kind event takes place at the Bloomingdale Public Library, 101 Fairfield Way, at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 13 in the Lower Level A-B Room. Entry is free, but registration is suggested for seating and for refreshments. Please call Bonnie at 630-582-8101 or Mary Ellen at 708-712-1503 to RSVP.

## Upcoming Garden Club Programs

### October 15, 2019 – highlights Tips for the Lazy Gardener

Certified landscape designer, Cindy Tyley will share how to discover useful ways to save time, energy and money while gardening. This show and tell presentation demonstrates tips for both indoor and outdoor gardening throughout the year.

### November 19, 2019 – features Snowman Centerpiece Craft Event

Join our club as members make snowmen centerpieces for Christmas dinner tables at West Suburban Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. You can also make a snowman centerpiece for yourself to take home and enjoy! (Just a small fee for take home centerpieces.)



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



## VFW Voice of Democracy Scholarship Competition

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 up to \$600 in prize money to the "winner or winners" of the VFW Voice of Democracy Scholarship Competition at the Post level.

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, the District winner advances to the 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.

To participate, students must write and record a three-to-five-minute essay in an audio format using an audio CD or flash drive on this year's topic, "What Makes America Great." They 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, 2019. Entry forms and more details can be found at: [www.vfw.org/vod](http://www.vfw.org/vod) or contact Post VOD Chairman Randy Winter at: [rdw727@aol.com](mailto:rdw727@aol.com)

# Around and About Town

## Barracudas Break Records

At the July 17, 2019 Bloomingdale Barracudas A Conference red division swim meet the following records were broken by two Bloomingdale swimmers!

**Gabriella Graham**, 7, of Bloomingdale broke 2

records: - Girls "8 and under" 25 yd Backstroke (19.82 sec), - Girls "8 and under" 25 yd Butterfly (17.33 sec) This broke a 28 year record!



**Logan Boebel**, 9, of Bloomingdale - Boys "9-10" 100 yd freestyle (1min, 8 sec).

Congratulations to these young swimmers!

## Fine Dining & Theatre

On Friday, December 13, 2019, the Lake Park Educational Foundation hosts an exciting evening of fine dining and theatre at Lake Park's East Campus.

Guests will enjoy an elegant winter tasting menu prepared by Lake Park culinary students and reserved seating for the holiday play, *A Christmas Story*. Guests can also bid on a wide array of silent auction items throughout the dinner.

For information on attending the event, please visit [www.lphs.org/foundation](http://www.lphs.org/foundation) or email [rwiyatt@lphs.org](mailto:rwiyatt@lphs.org).

## DUPAGE Living

Heads Up, Bloomindale – there's a new "rag" in town! DuPage Living made its debut at Bloomingdale's Septemberfest. This new "community centered" publication will focus especially on Bloomingdale, Roselle, Medinah and Itasca to explore both the highlights and hidden gems, as well as introduce people, places and relevant topics to readers.

DuPage Living is published bi-monthly in print and online at [www.dupageliving.net](http://www.dupageliving.net). It's distributed locally and in surrounding northwest suburban DuPage villages by controlled-drops at more than 200 locations. Take a look at the website to see what you are missing!

## "Marvelous Marv"

On August 2, 2019, Marv Roehlke was honored by the Bloomingdale Police Department as he officially retired from volunteering for the BPD. Marv began volunteering for the police department shortly after moving to Bloomingdale in 1962. During 1963-1964 he was a Volunteer Police Officer. At that time there was one Chief, one Sgt., and four full-time Officers. The Volunteer Officers were paid \$1.00 per hour and had to buy their own uniforms. During this time he realized that there was nothing in place to assist Officers in need and so he instituted the first Police Benevolent Association.



Since his retirement from Illinois Bell/Ameritech, Marv has been involved in many of our community related or community events throughout his time with us including: being a Neighborhood Watch Block Captain; Steering Committee member; National Night Out; SeptemberFest; Open House; D.A.R.E.; Puppet Shows and McGruff etc.

In-house, Marv started the Volunteer Program and has assisted in every area of the Department-Evidence, Administration, Patrol and the Detective Division. In addition to running the cars to Post 17, the car wash and repairs, he made contact with Bloomingdale Businesses updating their After Hours Reports and ran errands, etc. Suffice to say, there is not much here that he hasn't had a hand in.

Over the years Marv also volunteered on many community endeavors, served on committees, Village commissions, has been an 11 year School District 13 Board member, six as president, and is currently a 48-year active Lion. He has been honored for his voluntary service innumerable times.

Director of Public Safety Frank Giammarese said "... (Marv is) an individual whose talents and abilities stand out above others. He is all that is good about voluntary public service." We were lucky to have Marv commit his time and energy to our department for the last 20+ years.

**AARP Meeting:** October 25, 2019 marks the monthly meeting of the Bloomingdale AARP Chapter 5254 at the Bloomingdale Senior Center, 6N050 Rosedale Road. Representatives from Marklund Charity will be in attendance to talk about its residences, and the individuals they serve. The meeting begins at 10:15 a.m. For more information, call Dan St. Jacques at 630-544-7779.

## Septemberfest 2019 **A 46 Year Bloomingdale Tradition**

Saturday September 7th dawned under sunny skies – promising to be a great day for the 46th annual Septemberfest. The parade kicked off at 11 AM from DuJardin School, making its way west on Schick Road to Bloomingdale Old Town. Veterans of Foreign Wars led the parade, which included floats, fire trucks, cars, walkers, a couple of busses and horses.

Mayor Franco Coladipietro welcomed the crowd, thanking everybody for coming out to this annual fest. Frank Maturo from the Bloomingdale School of Music sang the National Anthem while members of VFW Post 7539 raised the flag.

Next on stage was the introduction of representatives from four businesses which each donated \$1,000, a full scholarship, to the Septemberfest Scholarship Fund: Bloomingdale Bank and Trust, True Group, Inc, the Bloomingdale Lions Club, and the Bear Family Stratford Square McDonald's (absent). Congratulations were extended as the 2019 Scholarship recipients were presented: Kevin Antony, Michaela Brant, Jacob Butler, Taryn Kannon, and Olivia Miceli. See back page for more info on scholars, as well as other donors.

The Septemberfest Commission is also grateful for the sizable gift donated to the Septemberfest Scholarship Fund from the Estate of Dominick Froio, a long time Bloomingdale resident and philanthropist.

Third Street was filled vendors, providing everything from jewelry, crafts, hair accessories, clothing, candles and much more. Hungry for a meal? Your choices ranged from burgers, brats, pizza, tacos, cookies, cupcakes, bundt cakes, etc. - everything you could hope and hunger for.

Septemberfest's new addition was a Kiddie Carnival where the children could choose from seven attractions, as well as rides on real ponies or a camel. The kiddie attractions were very popular. We thank FUNDWAYS and hope to see them next year.

Septemberfest is not complete without stage entertainment; it didn't disappoint. Bloomingdale School of Music, Bloomingdale Park District and Center Stage were first to entertain us. The always popular Kane the Canine Show was next, followed by Animal Quest, another new addition we hope to see return. Going into the evening, the following bands took the stage: Shades of Blue, Boy Band and the ever popular 7th Heaven.

We extend sincere thanks to the many people who made the 2019 Septemberfest possible starting with: the Bloomingdale Police and Fire Departments, the Park District and the Public Works Division. A huge thank you to members of Septemberfest Commission: Lindsey Boehne, Justin DiSalvo, Tana Engel, Nick Fratto, Mitchel Frumkin, Marilyn Johnson, Joy Klinowski, Debbie Pasiewicz, Dan Vitacco; the Liaisons: Stan Poplonski, Liz Serruto, Ken Lindhorn, Watch Commander Matt Wolenberg, Trustee Patrick Shannon and Jennifer for all the time, work and energy you each bring to Septemberfest.

To Mayor Franco Coladipietro and the Village Board, a big thank you for supporting the Bloomingdale Septemberfest.

*Vivi Frumkin, Septemberfest Chairwoman*



## **Plot to Plate Community Garden**



*Bloomingdale Garden Club members Laurie, Gail and Sue displayed some of their freshly picked produce.*

Despite a wet and cool spring and early summer, the plants are growing well in the Plot-to-Plate Garden.

Like everywhere else, there were problems with Japanese beetles, flea beetles and powdery mildew. Despite all of that, by September 15th the Bloomingdale Garden Club members have been able to donate 312 pounds of produce to the Bloomingdale Township Food Pantry.

This would not be possible if it were not for the help of twenty garden club members who have faithfully weeded and watered throughout the season.

Through the work of all of these people, fresh organic produce was made available to many of our neighbors. They have donated beans, beets, cabbage, carrots, cucumbers, eggplant, herbs, kale, lettuce, onions, peas, peppers, potatoes, radishes, tomatoes, and zucchini.

At this point they are averaging 20 to 40 pounds of produce each week!

# Bloomingtondale Fire Protection District #1



## Dangers of Carbon Monoxide

This is the time of year when carbon monoxide emergencies are most frequent. The Bloomingtondale Fire Protection District would like to remind you of the dangers of carbon monoxide.

### What is carbon monoxide?

Carbon monoxide (CO) is a non-irritating, odorless, colorless gas that is somewhat lighter than air. A by-product of incomplete burning of coal, wood, charcoal, natural gas, fuel oil, kerosene, gasoline, fabrics and plastics, it is the leading cause of poisoning deaths in the United States.

### How does the carbon monoxide law affect me?

Effective January 1, 2007, every Illinois home is required to have at least one carbon monoxide alarm in an operating condition within 15 feet of every room used for sleeping purposes. Homes that do not rely on the burning of fuel for heat, ventilation or hot water; are not connected to a garage; and are not near a source of carbon monoxide (as determined by the local building commissioner) are not required to install carbon monoxide detectors. (Public Act 94-741)

### How can I avoid CO poisoning in the home?

CO poisoning is entirely preventable, if you follow a few simple steps:

- Have your gas appliances checked periodically for proper operation and venting.
- Make sure flues, chimneys and vents are clear of debris and in good working order.
- Install CO monitors in the home. Check them regularly and make sure they are maintained properly.
- Do not use unvented space heaters, gas stoves, charcoal grills or Sterno-type fuels as sources of heat. Do not cook on charcoal grills indoors.
- Check the exhaust system of your car regularly and keep it in good condition. Do not run the car or other gasoline-powered engines in a garage, even with the doors open. Crack car windows when driving.

If you suspect CO exposure or poisoning, call emergency personnel and leave the area immediately. Affected individuals should be led to fresh air and provided with oxygen, if necessary. Follow standard first aid practices: Keep victims warm and quiet until help arrives.

For more information about carbon monoxide and other safety tips, contact Deputy Chief Richard Kurka of the Bloomingtondale Fire Protection District at 630-894-9080.



## Bear McDonald's Hosts Frozen Drinks with a Firefighter

The recently updated Bear McDonald's on Gary Avenue near Stratford Square hosted a "Frozen Drinks with a Firefighter" event on August 28. Bloomingtondale Deputy Chief Rich Kurka and Firefighters Matt Smith and Nick Johnson display the frosty treats.



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## Firefighter/Paramedic Takes the Bronze in International Games



"Proving once again that we have the world's finest personnel, six-year Bloomingtondale firefighter/paramedic Adam Bzdelik traveled to Chengdu, China for the World Police and Firefighter Games where he grabbed the bronze medal!

He qualified for the World Games by winning two gold medals in powerlifting at the Can-Am Police and Fire Games at Lake of the Ozarks, Missouri last year.

We couldn't be more proud of our world competitor. Congratulations Adam!"



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*Pictured (l to r) are Brad Butler, Jacob's father, Dan Vitacco of True, scholarship recipients Kevin Antony, and Taryn Kannon, Susan Sargent of Bloomingdale Bank & Trust, Nicole Miceli, Olivia's mother and Katherine Brandt, Michaela's mother.*

## Meet the 2019 Joe Draghi Septemberfest Scholarship Recipients

This year's candidates had outstanding qualifications and the competition was tight. The applicants demonstrated dedication to community service and a variety of volunteer experience. Bloomingdale can be very proud of these young adults. The following recipients all graduated from Lake Park in 2019.

**Kevin Antony** is attending UCLA majoring in Computational and Systems Biology. Kevin has long felt a passion for helping others which has drawn him to a career in medicine.

**Michaela Brant** is attending Boston College, pursuing a degree in International Studies. Michaela wants to make a direct contribution to society, hoping to work in a non-profit or go into law or journalism.

**Jacob Butler** is attending St. Louis University majoring in Biochemistry on the pre-med path, pursuing research or medicine. He hopes to solve some of nature's biggest problems or provide health care to those who cannot afford it.

**Taryn Kannon** intends to earn her Undergraduate degree in Occupational Therapy, then pursue the path to a Doctorate degree in the field. She wants to enjoy helping someone every single day. Taryn is attending Concordia University in Wisconsin.

**Olivia Miceli** has explored the different components of business and is especially interested in marketing and management. Olivia is attending the Tippie School of Business at the University of Iowa.



# Bloomingtondale Public Library

## October/November Events

Four parties, one big **SCAREFEST!**

Come to the annual Village-wide  
**HALLOWEEN PARTY!**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19**

12:00 - 3:00 PM

Library Parking Lot  
no entrance after 2:45 p.m.

Enjoy trick-or-treating,  
games, crafts,  
refreshments, balloon artists,  
and more!



**Holiday fun for the whole family!**

Join us for the Tree Lighting at  
6:45 p.m. then come inside for  
fun and refreshments.



**International Games Day! (Drop-In for ALL AGES)**

Saturday, November 9 | 12:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Attention Pokemon trainers, dungeon crawlers, and Mario Kart racers:  
Celebrate International Games Day at your library!

You can discover new games or play your favorites. Play against others in board games, video games, and collectible card games! You can also create games-related crafts, play life-size games, or take on challengers during our video game tournament!

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Early Closing at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 27  
Closed Thursday, November 28 in observation of Thanksgiving

# Adult Programs

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In Person: Reference Desk

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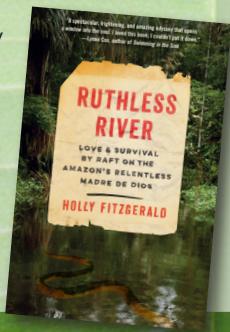
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## on the same PAGE

**Bloomingtondale | Itasca | Roselle**

**On The Same Page** is an annual month-long community reading event hosted by Bloomingtondale Public Library, Roselle Public Library District, and Itasca Community Library.

This year's choice is *Ruthless River* by Holly FitzGerald. Complimentary copies of the title are available while supplies last. Visit [mybpl.org/OTSP](http://mybpl.org/OTSP) for complete event information.



### Monday Night Page Turners Book Discussion

#### **Ruthless River** by Holly FitzGerald

Monday, October 21 | 7:30-8:30 p.m.

### ■ **Funky Foods of the 1970s**

Tuesday, October 22 | 7:00-8:00pm

Vintage cookbook collector Amy Alessio is here to showcase hilarious recipes from the 1970s that we used to love - and some that are making a comeback! Join us in this humorous slide show of funky foods we thought we had forgotten about. Registration opens on August 1st and is limited to 40 adults.

### Drop-In Movie Matinee: *Lost City of Z*

Wednesday, October 23 | 1:00-3:30 p.m.

A true-life drama, centering on British explorer Col. Percival Fawcett, who disappeared whilst searching for a mysterious city in the Amazon in the 1920s. Starring: Charlie Hunnam, Robert Pattinson, Sienna Miller (Rated: PG-13 | Running Time: 2 hr. 21 min.)

### Drop-In Movie Matinee: *Notorious*

Friday, October 25 | 1:00-3:30 p.m.

A woman is asked to spy on a group of Nazi friends in South America. How far will she have to go to ingratiate herself with them? Starring: Cary Grant, Ingrid Bergman, Claude Rains (Rated: N/A | Running Time: 1 hr. 42 min.)

### ■ **Chef Maddox Presents: South American Cuisine**

Monday, October 28 | 7:00-8:00pm

Chef Susan Maddox is here to take us on a culinary tour of South American cuisine. Registration opens on August 1st and is limited to 50 adults.

## ALSO IN OCTOBER:

### ■ **Chicagoland Cemetery Safari - Part II**

Tuesday, October 1 | 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Enjoy an evening of photos of the final resting places of famous and infamous people (and a few animals) in the Chicago area and the stories behind them.

## NOVEMBER

### ■ **The 50th Anniversary of the Beatles' *Abbey Road***

Monday, November 11 | 7:00-8:00 p.m.

October 1, 2019 marks the 50th Anniversary of the release of *Abbey Road* - the last album the Beatles recorded. After the turmoil of *The White Album* and *Let It Be*, the Beatles put their differences aside to record one of their most popular albums that still sounds fresh and vital today. Using audiovisual content, Professor Gary Wenstrup will share stories behind the album's best-known songs and celebrate the Beatles' final gift to music lovers all over the world.

### ■ **Silver & Gold: What Are Your Coins and Precious Metals Worth?**

Tuesday, November 12 | 6:30-8:00 p.m.

What are your old coins, gold, and silver jewelry worth? Dave Ekstrom, a lifelong coin collector, member of the American Numismatic Association, and retired teacher, will offer a presentation on coin collecting and gold and silver values. You will also have an opportunity to have a free appraisal of your coins and gold or silver items after the presentation (this does not include precious stones).

### ■ **Meditation as Medication: A Doctor's Perspective**

Monday, November 18 | 7:00-8:00 p.m.

In this practical workshop, Dr. Tim Fior will clarify the many benefits of meditation as described in the medical research literature, and will give every participant a personal, instructed demonstration of meditation.

### ■ **Festive Holiday Centerpieces**

Tuesday, November 19 | 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Local florist Joyce Grattoni is here to give a fresh flower arranging demonstration on how to easily create your own festive centerpiece that will brighten your dinner table. One lucky person in the audience will win her floral creation. You must be present to win!

# Adult Programs

Registration Required

In Person: Reference Desk

By Phone: (630) 924-2730

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

## 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 Group



Tuesday, October 1 | 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

*Janesville: An American Story*  
by Amy Goldstein



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

*Black Flags, Blue Waters: The Epic History of America's Most Notorious Pirates* by Eric Jay Dolin

### Monday Night Page Turners

Monday, October 21 | 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

*Ruthless River: Love and Survival by Raft on the Amazon's Relentless Madre de Dios*  
by Holly FitzGerald



Monday, November 18 | 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

*The Summer Book* by Tove Jansson



## ONGOING ADULT PROGRAMS

### Bloomington Seniors' Club (Drop-In)

Tuesdays, October 8 & November 12 | 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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

### Genealogy Club (Drop-In)

Thursday, October 24 & Wednesday, November 20  
6:30 – 8:45 p.m.

Members share search strategies and explore library resources with guidance from genealogy librarian Leslie Drewitz.

#### NEW DATE AND NEW ROOMS!

Starting at the November 2019 meeting, Genealogy Club will be moving to the third Wednesday of the month (except in December) and will be in Meeting Rooms A/B.

### Great Decisions

Wednesdays, October 16 & November 20 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.



## DROP-IN MOVIES



*We'll supply the popcorn! Come enjoy a movie with us at BPL's Movie Matinee 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.*

**Lost City of Z**  
Wednesday, October 23  
1:00 – 3:30 p.m.  
Rated: PG-13  
Running Time: 2hr. 21min.




**Notorious**  
Friday, October 25  
1:00 – 3:30 p.m.  
Rated: N/A  
Running Time: 1hr. 42min.



**The Hustle**  
Wednesday, November 20  
1:00 – 3:30 p.m.  
Rated: PG-13  
Running Time: 1hr. 33min.



**Yesterday**  
Friday, November 22  
1:00 – 3:30 p.m.  
Rated: PG-13  
Running Time: 1hr. 56min.





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# TEEN TERRITORY

Registration Required

In Person: Reference Desk

By Phone: (630) 924-2730

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

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

## ONGOING TEEN PROGRAMS

### Dungeons and Dragons Club (Drop-In)

Thursdays, October 3 & November 7  
6:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Looking for someplace to run your D&D campaign? Grab your twenty-sided die and embark on an adventure. We'll provide the space and the snacks, you provide the imagination! Ages 13 & up.

### Game Night (Drop-In)

Thursdays, October 10 & November 14  
6:00 – 8:30 p.m.

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

### TAB: Teen Advisory Board (Drop-In)

Thursday, October 17 | 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

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

### 3D Print Club (Drop-In)

Wednesday, October 23  
7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

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



### DIY Fairy Jar

Wednesday, October 9 | 7:00 – 8:15 p.m.

Capture the magical feeling of fairies by creating a glowing fairy jar! Limit 6.

### Teen Movie Night: Avengers: Endgame (Drop-In)

Wednesday, October 16 | 5:30 – 8:45 p.m.

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

### Candy Bar Taste Test

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

Get ready for Halloween with some chocolate! Think you know your candy bars? Come test your knowledge by participating in the Candy Bar Taste Test. Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 contestants. Limit 16.

### International Games Day! (Drop-In)

Saturday, November 9 | 12:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Attention Pokemon trainers, dungeon crawlers, and Mario Kart racers: Celebrate International Games Day at your library! You can discover new games or play your favorites. Play against others in board games, video games, and collectible card games! You can also create games-related crafts, play life-size games, or take on challengers during our video game tournament!

### Teen Movie Night: Toy Story 4 (Drop-In)

Wednesday, November 13 | 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Join us as we watch *Toy Story 4*. You can even enter for a chance to win the movie! Movie giveaway will be held following the conclusion of the movie and you must be present to win.

### Homemade Pop Tarts

Wednesday, November 20 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Come create and bake your very own Pop Tarts. Choose from tons of different fillings!

### College Prep Practice Tests

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

ACT Practice Test: Saturday, October 5 | 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

SAT Practice Test: Saturday, November 16 | 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

ACT Practice Test: Saturday, November 23 | 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.



# Computer Services

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

## MASTER MICROSOFT EXCEL

### Excel 1

Monday, November 4  
7:00 – 8:30 p.m.  
Instructor: Sean

This class will cover the basic concepts creating and using spreadsheets. Formatting, designing, and sorting of spreadsheets will be discussed along with the first steps towards creating formulas and using functions.

### Excel 2

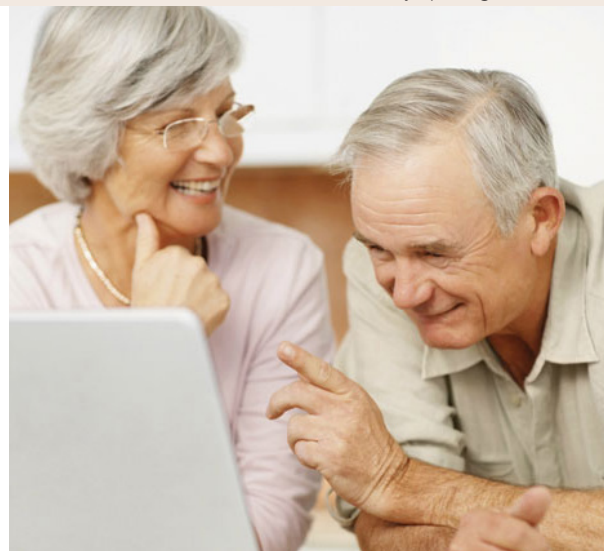
Monday, November 11  
7:00 – 8:30 p.m.  
Instructor: Sean

This class covers more advanced topics in Excel such as formulas, graphs, and linking between multiple worksheets.

### Excel 3

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

This class will provide a deeper investigation of formulas, graphs, and formatting techniques, as well as examining other functions provided by Excel.



## COMPUTER / TECH COURSES

### Using Android Phones

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

Learn how to install and manage your apps, customize your phone using settings changes and widget installations, take advantage of expandable storage, use Google tools, and much more!

### Computer Basics

Thursday, October 10 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.  
Instructor: Salvador

New to computers? We'll cover skills and techniques needed to perform basic operations. Through hands-on practice and extensive examples, students will become more comfortable using computers.

### Cutting the Cord

Monday, October 14 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.  
Instructor: Sean

Explore entertainment options beyond paying for cable. We will discuss how to connect your TV or other devices to streaming services, what options are out there to replace or improve on current service, and how to determine what's right for you.

### eBooks @ The Library

Thursday, October 17 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.  
Instructor: Salvador

Take advantage of the electronic books the library makes available for checkout! We'll discuss how to find books (and more), getting them on your device, details regarding our checkout policy, possible snags in downloading, searching the catalog, and more.

### Beginners Internet Course:

#### Google Docs

Monday, October 28 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.  
Instructor: Sean

Google provides a number of free cloud applications perfect for safe storage and collaboration with friends, family, or colleagues. Learn the basics of working with these tools to create, edit, and share documents.

#### Digital Photography

Thursday, November 7 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Understand the terms, features, and reviews associated with digital cameras as well as taking, transferring, and printing pictures. We will also learn techniques for improving on photography. Students are welcome to bring their own cameras to class to personalize the lessons learned.

#### Smart Homes

Thursday, November 14 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Learn how to integrate different elements of your home and control them all from your computer or smart phone. Thermostats, lights, and more will be covered. For those interested, IFTTT alternatives will be discussed.

#### Online Garage Sales

Monday, November 25 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.  
Instructor: Sean

Come learn about eBay and other popular websites/apps that help to buy and sell items. Creating accounts, shopping, and listing items will be discussed along with payment methods and possible concerns.

## CLASSES FOR SENIORS

*In these friendly, introductory classes, we'll give you lots of guided hands-on practice and time to ask questions.*

### Seniors Course:

#### Computer Basics

Tuesday, October 15 | 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Learn about word processing and the basics of dealing with Windows.

### Seniors Course:

#### Internet Use & Safety

Tuesday, October 22 | 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

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

### Seniors Course:

#### Tablet & Smart Phones

Tuesday, October 29 | 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

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

# Kids' Corner

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

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By Phone: (630) 924-2740

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



## OCTOBER

### Craft Time (Drop-In)

All Ages

Thursdays, October 3 & November 7 | 3:00 – 8:00 p.m.

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

### ■ Full STEAM Ahead

Grade K-2

Mondays, October 7 & 21 and November 4 & 18 | 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

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

### Homeschool Movie and Advisory Meet Up (Drop-In)

Grades K-6

Thursday, October 10 | 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Join fellow homeschoolers for a nonfiction movie, then a fun craft and activity for kids while the grownups share ideas/needs/suggestions in our first formal homeschool advisory group.

### ■ Build a Project with Little Bits

Grade 3-6

Thursdays, October 10 & November 14 | 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

The library has an exciting collection of Little Bits! These toys make building and inventing electronic gadgets for kids fun and easy. Join us as we talk about the basics and start building a project. Provided through a generous donation from the Friends of the Library.

### ■ Sensory Time

Ages 3-8 (with caregiver)

Saturdays, October 12 & November 9 | 10:00 – 10:45 a.m.

A time at the library for children with special needs filled with stories, songs, games, sensory stations, and more. Please email us at [bdys@mybpl.org](mailto:bdys@mybpl.org) if your child has special needs and interests that we would need to know in order to serve them better.

### Halloween Make It, Take It (Drop-In)

All Ages

Monday, October 14 | 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Stop by on your day off school and make a special craft to celebrate Halloween.

### ■ Mysterious M&M's

Ages K-6

Wednesday, October 16 | 4:15 – 4:45 p.m.

Red, blue, yellow, green! Chocolate, pretzel, mint! So many colors, so many flavors, which will be your favorite?

*\*chocolate and peanuts will be served in this program*

### Playing with STEM (Drop-In)

Ages 3-5

Tuesday, October 22 | 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

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

### ■ DIY Monsters

Grades 3-6

Wednesday, October 23 | 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

Spooktacular crafters, join us in the craft room to make your very own Glove Monster! All materials provided.

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

Ages 9 months – 2 years

Thursdays, October 24, November 7, November 21 & December 5  
10:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Join us for a parade of fun! We will explore the world of sound using an array of musical instruments. *This music class will be offered simultaneously with the Come Together program.*

### ■ Smile and Do Something Nice Day

Grade K-2

Thursday, October 24 | 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

Sometimes it just takes a smile to make people happy but we can do more. Come to the library for stories about kids who made a difference and learn how you can too. At the end, we will make a sweet craft to share with a friend!

### Halloween Spooktacular (Drop-In)

All Ages with caregiver

Monday, October 28 | 10:30 – 11:15 a.m.

Trick-or-Treat yourself with some Spooktacular stories and Boo-gie on down to some of your favorite Halloween music with this super special batty storytime. Stay for an eerie craft and a special treat.

### ■ Around the World Storytime

Grades K-2

Monday, October 28 | 4:15 – 4:45 p.m.

Join us for a storytime to learn about different cultures with stories, activities, and food to sample!

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## NOVEMBER

### Saturday Stories (Drop-In)

Families

Saturday, November 2 | 10:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Start your weekend with some stories, music, and movement!

### ■ Doodlebugs

2-3 years old with caregiver

Monday, November 4 | 11:00 – 11:30 a.m.

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

### ■ Super Science: DNA

Grades 3-6

Tuesday, November 5 | 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

DNA is the master code in every living being, from trees to humans. Come learn more by extracting DNA from strawberries and learning DNA's secret code.

### ■ TEA-Rex

Grades K-2

Wednesday, November 6 | 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

We will have a hilarious blend of tea parties and dinosaurs...will T-Rex manage to sip without dribbling?

### ■ Zoo Tree Ornament Making Party

Families

Wednesday, November 13 | 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

The Bloomingdale Public Library and The Friends of the Library will be sponsoring the Village of Bloomingdale Community Tree at Cosley Zoo. You are invited to come create crafts that will become a part of the Friends of the Library tree at the zoo. Everyone is invited to join us at Cosley Zoo on Saturday, December 7 from 1:00-2:00 p.m. to help decorate the tree.

### ■ Planes, Trains, and Automobiles

Ages 3-5

Friday, November 15 | 10:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Vroom, vroom, clickety clack, prepare for take-off! Join us as we cruise through the world of transportation with stories, games, learning, and more!

### ■ Our Senses

Grades 3-6

Wednesday, November 20 | 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

Discover games, activities, and facts focused on the 5 senses - sight, smell, sound, taste, and touch.

### ■ HOMESCHOOL ART SERIES: Masters' Series

All Ages

Thursday, November 21 | 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Van Gogh! Picasso! Monet! Come learn about an artist and try out their technique.



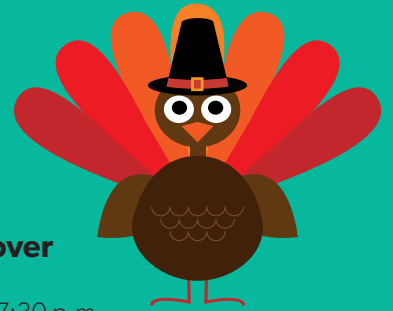
### (Drop-In for ALL AGES)

Saturday, November 9

12:00 – 4:00 p.m.

See details on page 1

## THANKSGIVING WEEK FUN!



### ■ Stuffed Animals Sleepover

Families

Monday, November 25 | 7:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Bring your favorite stuffed pal to the library for a fun storytime complete with a snack and a craft! Once storytime is over, your pal will settle in for a cozy night sleeping in the library. Then return the next day, November 26, to pick them up and hear all about their night!

### ■ Make, Take, and Bake

Families

Tuesday, November 26 | 3:00 – 3:45 p.m.

Each family will make one blueberry pie that they can bake or freeze for the holiday. The ingredients and recipe will be provided. All we need from you is the elbow grease and baking skills.

### Turkey Tales (Drop-In)

Ages 3-6

Wednesday, November 27 | 10:30 – 11:00 a.m.

What are you thankful for? Come move to music and hear stories that celebrate turkeys, Pilgrims, and being thankful. After stories, we will have a Thanksgiving craft.

### Make It, Take It (Drop-In)

All Ages

Friday, November 29 | 11:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Stop by on your day off school and make a special seasonal craft.



### Family Holiday Movie (Drop-In)

#### Mickey's Christmas Carol

All ages

Sunday, December 8 | 2:00 – 2:25 p.m.

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

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## Storytimes

Children of all ages can join us for a storytime. The Youth Services department provides age-appropriate interactive fun with stories, sign language, music, and more. Each program runs for six weeks. Fall Storytimes begin the week of **September 9 and end on October 18.**

Please note there will be no Family Storytime on Friday, October 4.

### STORYTIMES SCHEDULE THROUGH OCTOBER 18

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>■ <b>Happy Books, Happy Cooks</b> Ages 3-5 7:00 – 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>A storytime for all the budding chefs</p>	<p><b>Preschool Storytime</b> Ages 3-5 10:30 – 11:15 a.m.</p>	<p><b>Toddler Storytime</b> Ages 2-3 with caregiver 10:30 – 11:00 a.m.</p>	<p><b>NEW FOR FALL!</b> <b>Baby Tales</b> 0-24 months with caregiver 10:00 – 10:30 a.m. and 10:45 – 11:15 a.m.</p> <p>During this storytime, we will introduce your baby to books, songs, rhymes, and movement that will aid in the development of early literacy skills.</p>	<p><b>Family Storytime</b> All ages with caregiver 10:30 – 11:15 a.m.</p> 
<p><b>LIMITED STORYTIMES</b> Open to the first 20 children to arrive for storytime</p>				

### BPL STORYTIMES OUT IN THE COMMUNITY (DROP-IN)

#### Storytime with a Surprise at Stratford Square Mall

All Ages

Thursdays, October 3 & November 7 | 11:00 – 11:45 a.m.

Location: Stratford Square Mall (meet in the lower level Café Court near the center of the mall)

Join us for a themed storytime the first Thursday of every month at Stratford Square Mall and receive a treat for being a good listener!

All ages welcome; caregivers must remain with their children.

#### Storytime, Milk, and Cookies at Panera

All Ages

Mondays, October 14 & November 11 | 9:30 – 10:15 a.m.

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

Enjoy a special themed storytime and nibble on some yummy cookies and milk from Panera.

### COMMUNITY HELPER STORYTIME (DROP-IN)

Join us once a month at the library for a special storytime with our helpers from our community.

#### Fire Department

Age 1-5 with caregivers

Monday, October 7 | 10:30 – 11:00 a.m.



#### Police Department

Age 1-5 with caregivers

Friday, November 8 | 10:30 – 11:00 a.m.

#### Breakfast and Brunch with Santa

Tickets go on sale

Monday, November 4!

Tickets are sold in the Business Office only.

Cash or check only.



### new for fall Come Together (Drop-In)

Ages 0-24 months

Thursdays | 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

No session on November 28

Every Thursday meet and chat with other parents & caregivers while your child socializes and explores with hands-on toys.

\*Will be offered simultaneously with Baby Tales Storytime when in session.



# Fall Fest

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**October 11, 6-8PM**  
**@ Circle Park**

**FREE!**

Gather family and friends and enjoy an evening full of fun fall festivities!

The first 100 children (ages 12 and younger) to pre-register receive a free gift the day of the event. Activity code 104605-A1.

**Activities include:**

- DJ Entertainment**
- Hayrides around the park**
- Arts and crafts**
- S'mores**
- Facepainting**
- Giant Fun Slide**
- Pony rides**
- And much more!**



# Holly Jolly Trolley

**December 20-21**  
**@ Roselle Metra Station**

All aboard the Holly Jolly Trolley! Bring the family on a magical train ride to enjoy a story, caroling, milk and cookies and a very special guest! Space is limited. The program meets at the Roselle Metra Station. Pre-registration is required. Register by November 10 or until sold out. Refunds are not granted. Children must be accompanied by a paying adult. Please note ALL riders must have a ticket.

**Location: Roselle Metra Station**

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
0-Adult	F	7:00-8:30P	12/20	\$15/20	104604-A1
0-Adult	F	7:00-8:30P	12/20	\$15/20	104604-A2
0-Adult	Sa	8:45-10:30A	12/21	\$15/20	104604-B1
0-Adult	Sa	8:45-10:30A	12/21	\$15/20	104604-B2
0-Adult	Sa	10:45-12:30P	12/21	\$15/20	104604-C1
0-Adult	Sa	10:45-12:30P	12/21	\$15/20	104604-C2

# Make a Difference Day

**October 19, 9AM-12PM**

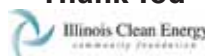
**FREE! @ Springfield Park**

Make A Difference Day, organized by Wolff Construction of Roselle, and supported by the Bloomingtondale Parks Foundation, includes cleaning up trash, clearing invasive plants and vegetation, seeding native plants and vegetation, and more.

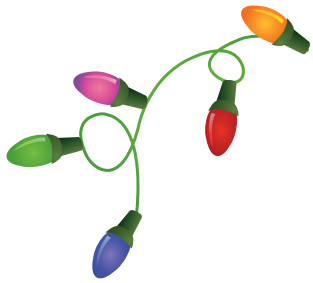
Additionally, the Parks Foundation secured a \$5,500 grant at the wetlands through the Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation. The grant is partially dependent upon volunteer hours conducted at Make A Difference Day. The resources raised will go toward upgrades and/or replacement of visitor boardwalks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

Contact Joe Potts at [joe@bloomingtondaleparks.org](mailto:joe@bloomingtondaleparks.org) or (630) 339-3576 to volunteer and/or for more information.

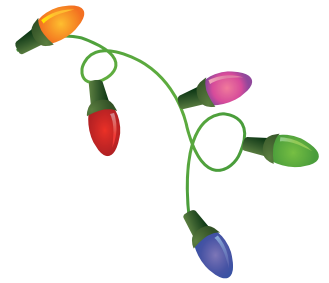
**Thank You**



# Bloomingtondale Park District



# Festival of Lights



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

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

The Lighting Ceremony kicks off at exactly 7 p.m., December 6 when the giant switch is pulled, illuminating Old Town Park and the Village's Holiday Tree in the adjacent piazza. The event runs through December 31.

## **Opening Night Activities - December 6**

### **Chamber of Commerce Open House | 4-5:30PM**

Visit the Chamber to receive your map of various holiday-themed ice sculptures sponsored by local businesses located throughout Old Town Bloomingtondale. Visit the Chamber's table in the piazza around 6 p.m. for one of 300 reusable shopping totes full of inserts, coupons, giveaways and more.

### **Pan American Bank Santa Claus & Live Reindeer | 4-7PM**

Visit Pan American Bank and Trust on the corner of Lake & 3rd streets for Santa Claus and live reindeer. Enjoy hot cocoa and goodie bags as well.

### **Holiday Show at the Museum | 5-8:30PM**

The popular LEGO exhibit returns with nine freight and/or passenger trains racing around the track. Kid crafts, Elf on the Shelf and complimentary refreshments are part of every holiday Museum experience.

### **Village of Bloomingtondale Kris Kringle Market | 5-8:30PM**

Inspired by the Christkindlmarket in Nuremberg, Germany, the Village of Bloomingtondale's Kris Kringle Market features local vendors and adds a unique shopping experience to Old Town Bloomingtondale.

### **Park District Horse-drawn Carriage Rides | 5:30-8PM**

Cruise the lights and sights of Old Town Park's Festival of Lights on an old-fashioned carriage ride. Rides are FREE and seat a maximum of two adults and four children.

### **Park District Train Rides | 5:30-8PM**

Enjoy a FREE train ride underneath the Old Town Park Pavilion. No registration is necessary.

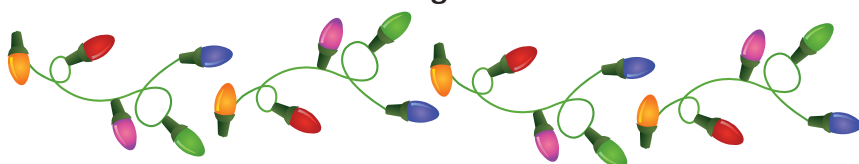
### **Tree Lighting Ceremony | 7:00PM**

Old Town Park and the Village's Holiday Tree on the piazza will be simultaneously lit up with the giant switch!

### **Santa on the Piazza | 7:30PM**

Enter a raffle to win a carriage ride with Santa around Old Town Park.

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## B-FIT CENTER

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

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

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

Simply bring this ad in to the Johnston Recreation Center at 172 S. Circle Ave., in Bloomington and receive:

- ONE FREE Month on a yearly membership
- NO initiation fee (\$25 savings!)
- FREE water bottle and workout towel

#### 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.bloomingtonparks.org](http://www.bloomingtonparks.org) or visit us at 172 S. Circle Ave., in Bloomington.

**\*Offer expires November 30.**

