

Village of Bloomingdale

Almanac

February 2021

Growth with Pride

New Residential Waste Collection Service Starts March 1st

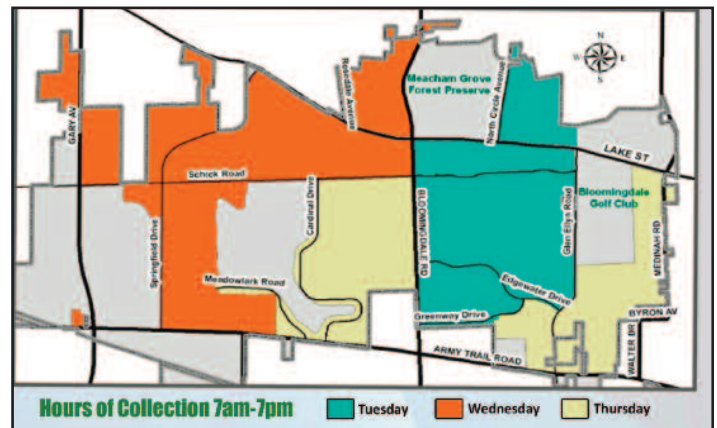
The Village of Bloomingdale went out to bid on our curbside residential waste collection services effective March 1, 2021. S.B.C. Waste Solutions Disposal (S.B.C.) was awarded the new contract, and the Village is pleased to report that all customers will receive a significant rate reduction of 22% to 39% for their refuse, recycling and yard waste collection.

In addition to the rate reductions, the new contract provides for several service enhancements: monthly curbside electronic "E-Waste" collection, food scrap collection, garage door collection service for seniors 75+ and for persons with disabilities, drop off sites for household batteries and light bulbs, and a semi-annual paint and recycling events.

For detailed rate and service information, please visit S.B.C.'s Bloomingdale collection webpage @ www.sbcwastesolutions.com/bloomingdale.

PLEASE NOTE: Customers who currently receive waste collection on Fridays will receive waste collection on Tuesdays. Wednesday and Thursday collection routes will remain the same.

All customers will receive a welcome packet from S.B.C. with an initial invoice, service brochure, payment authorization form, and information on how to apply for a discounted senior rate. If you do not receive your packet from S.B.C. by February 10th, please call or email S.B.C. directly at (312) 522-1115 or residential@sbcwastesolutions.com.



Friday collection changes to Tuesday

Your current refuse and recycling carts are the property of Republic Services. **Customers are asked to LEAVE THEIR CURRENT REFUSE & RECYCLING CARTS OUT at the curb on the last collection day in February.**

After the waste is collected, another truck will come to pick up the carts. Please **DO NOT** place carts out on the street. If your carts are not picked up by Monday, March 8th, please call Republic Services at (847) 981-0091.

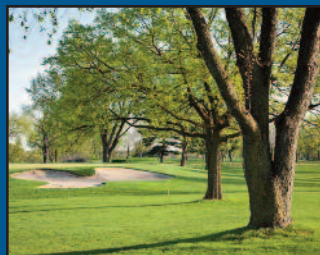
By no later than Monday, March 1st, S.B.C. will deliver (1) 95-gallon refuse cart and (1) 65-gallon recycling cart to all detached residential customers, and (1) 65-gallon refuse cart and (1) 65-gallon recycling cart to all attached (townhome) residential customers.

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Love Our Vets!

VILLAGE BOARD, COMMISSION &

The public is encouraged to attend all Board and Commission meetings

REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE VILLAGE BOARD

2nd and 4th Mondays of the month January - November

2nd & 3rd Monday in December
7 p.m. – Village Hall

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

2nd and 4th Mondays of the month January - November

2nd & 3rd Monday in December
6 p.m. – Village Hall

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month 6:00 p.m. – Village Hall

BOARD OF FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSIONERS

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

POLICE PENSION BOARD

4th Monday in January,
April, July & October
5:00 PM-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



Support Bloomingdale VFW Post 7539 and Military Outreach USA

During the month of February donations of Move in Essentials (listed below) will be accepted at the Bloomingdale Village Hall,

Library, Fire Department and Park District (JRC) facilities. Donated items will be provided to Veterans who are exiting homelessness.



PERSONAL HYGIENE

Bath Soap • Shampoo • Conditioner • Razor • Shaving Cream • Deodorant • Combs • Hair Brush • Nail Clipper • Toothpaste • Toothbrush

KITCHEN & CLEANING

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

BATHROOM

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

MISCELLANEOUS

Smoke Detector w/ Batteries • Flashlight w/Batteries • Garbage Bags

**ONLY NEW, STORE BOUGHT ITEMS WILL BE ACCEPTED*

Looking for a Summer Job?

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

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

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

The Village of Bloomingdale is an Equal Opportunity Employer.



Village of Bloomingdale Elected Officials

Franco A. Coladipietro
Village President

William Belmonte
Traffic and Streets

Patrick Shannon
Facilities, Infrastructure

Jane E. Michelotti
Village Clerk

Bill Bolen
Finance and Administration

Frank Bucaro
Planning, Zoning & Environmental Concerns

TRUSTEES

Judi Von Huben
Public Safety

Vince Ackerman
Intergovernmental & Community Relations

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

A Message from Mayor Franco

Our Holidays were a bit different in 2020, as was our Tree Lighting Ceremony, but I hope that you all were able to enjoy some time with loved ones to celebrate and appreciate each other and our shared community. Thanks to our Public Works crews for their hard work in illuminating our beautiful Old Town Christmas Tree, Village Hall, medians and street poles along Lake Street and entry signs on Lake at Bloomingdale and Medinah Roads. As many of you know, the Tree Lighting is one of the highlights of my year-while the Virtual Ceremony was viewed by many, I promise to make the 2021 Ceremony even better than those of the past!

With 2020 behind us (finally!) and the New Year underway, I want to thank all of you for your perseverance during these trying times. You have supported your families, friends and neighbors as we have all struggled through this pandemic. You have stepped up and supported our local businesses and restaurants. Our Bloomingdale spirit and good will were in full display and I am so proud of our community for your efforts. Despite the pandemic changing our lives in so many ways, Bloomingdale continues to plan for better days and an even brighter future!

The current pandemic has heightened our awareness and need for open space/recreational areas to utilize in our everyday lives. The purchase of the former Indian Lakes Golf Course and 15 acres of frontage on Schick Road will secure the space as an asset for the community. Special thanks to our Trustees for their efforts in this endeavor. As discussion on the future use begins, Village staff are putting together a maintenance plan for the property so residents may begin to enjoy the open space this Spring.

COVID can slow us down but it isn't going to stop us by any means. In 2020 the Village completed work to the Lake Street corridor that included a beautiful new sign welcoming people to our community at Lake & Medinah. In 2021, we are beginning to see some of the reward of the ground work completed by the Village Board and staff with the opening of Amazon Fresh later this month in the former Toys 'r' Us space and the anticipated opening of Woodman's in coming months. The addition of these two national brands will help strengthen our retail base for the future and bolster our revenues. The construction of Raising Cane's is almost complete with an expected spring opening date. The Village has approved plans for Café Zupas to add a drive-thru lane and work on a larger TJ Maxx and Home Goods store in the former K-mart building is progressing.

Besides new retail development, the Village also continues to see interest on the residential side with WK Builders constructing 16 new single-family masonry ranch homes at Springfield Place (across from Springfield Park), Pulte Homes completing the Bloomingdale Walk Townhome development at Schick and Springfield and North Mark Homes offering single family homes as part of Phase 2 at Springfield Pointe along Springfield Drive just north of Army Trail Road.

As for the Mall, the Village continues to offer its assistance to the owners in an effort to create a future vision for the property. The Mall, similar to Indian Lakes, is important to our community and so the Village has stressed the significance in creating a master plan that will provide a road map for all future development decisions.

I am looking forward to continuing our work in the community. Hopefully with the distribution of the COVID 19 vaccine it won't be long before we can resume some normalcy. My best wishes!

Mayor Franco



Bloomingdale Honored with GFOA Award for 7th Year

The Government Finance Officers Association has awarded the Village of Bloomingdale with the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the seventh consecutive year.

This award represents the highest form of recognition in governmental budgeting. Mayor Franco Coladipietro stated, "This award would not have been possible without the support and cooperation of the Village Board and the entire management staff. Recognition for the seventh consecutive year reflects the commitment of the Village Board and staff in meeting the highest principles of government budgeting."



Home Energy Assistance

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

Households in need of energy assistance, especially those with disconnection notices, high past due balances, and the general population who have been impacted by wage fluctuations due to COVID-19 are encouraged to apply.

For more information, including where to apply, or to schedule an appointment, DuPage County residents may call (630) 407-6500, (800) 942-9412 (toll-free), or visit the LIHEAP/DuPage County website.



Looking FOREward to the 2021 Golf Season

Important Village & Community Phone Numbers

Main Village Hall Number

630-893-7000

Village Departments

Administration 630-671-5610

Building & Zoning 630-671-5660

Engineering 630-671-5676

Finance 630-671-5630

Mayor's Office 630-671-5600

Police – non-emergency
630-529-9868

Public Works 630-671-5800

Water Billing 630-671-5650

Utilities 630-671-5830

Other Useful Numbers

Fire Department non emergency
630-894-9080

Bloomington Library
630-529-3120

Bloomington Park District
630-529-3650

HAPPY NEW YEAR to ALL!!

The 2021 Golf Season will soon be upon us and we are all hoping that Covid-19 will be somewhat behind us. With golf being an outdoor activity that provides social distancing combined with limitations to many other recreational activities, the game of golf really took off this past season. We believe this trend will continue and look forward to seeing you this spring!



As we move forward with preparation of the upcoming golf season there remains uncertainties but will be working to provide updated information via our website and emails. With regards to course activities, we anticipate much of this information to be available by the middle of February. In the meantime, here are a couple things and reminders that will interest you in anticipation for the golf season:

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

Participation in the "Youth on Course" program, through the Chicago District Golf Association – CDGA kicks off its 4th season at Bloomington Golf Club. If you have juniors in the family who play golf, we strongly encourage that they register in this program. For an annual registration fee of \$20 through the CDGA, juniors can play golf at nation-wide participating golf courses for a fee of \$5. This is a walking fee and time restrictions do apply. Visit the CDGA website: www.CDGA.org and look under membership for additional information.

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

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

- "Swing into Spring" Opening Scramble – Sunday, April 18th
- Bloomington Junior Golf Classic – Tuesday, July 6th
- Mixed Couples "9 and Dine" events to be held on selective Fridays throughout the season.

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

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Come Out to the Friday Night Fish Fry!

Friday Night "Haddock Fish Fry" at the golf course begins February 19 and goes through April 2.

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

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



Winter Driving Safety Tips

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



Winter Ice Safety

Among the many outdoor winter sports, special precautions must be taken when the activity involves ice, such as ice-skating, snowmobiling and hockey.

If the water has turned to ice and it has been cold for a few days, the ice must be safe to use, right? Wrong! Just because the water freezes over does not make it safe to walk or skate on. Clear ice is generally the strongest – it is new ice, formed by a long hard freeze, and new ice is stronger than old ice. But daily temperatures, sun, water on the ice and even waterfowl or fish can prevent ice formation or cause thinner formations of ice.



Children should stay off the ice until an adult checks it. A hole should be drilled in the ice to check its thickness. General guidelines say that clear ice can support the following: 2" – Walking; 4" – Fishing; 5" – Snowmobiles. Even if the ice has been determined to be

safe, remember - Never skate alone; Have life rings or hooks on shore for emergency use; Have a cellular phone available for emergencies. For more information, please call the Bloomingdale Police Department at (630) 529-9868 or the Bloomingdale Fire Protection District at (630) 894-9080.



Winter Phone Numbers to Know

Village of Bloomingdale Snow Phone (630) 671-5800

Call this number to report a problem. We regret that it is not possible to advise exactly when your particular street will be plowed.

Village of Bloomingdale Police Department - Non-Emergency (630) 529-9868

Call this number for non-emergency general information.

Bloomingdale Fire District - Emergency 911

Information on State Roads **Illinois Department of** **Transportation Information Line** 312-DOT-INFO (312-368-4636)

Call the above number for information on State roads (i.e., Lake Street). The District One Communication Center is open 24/7. All hazardous conditions should be reported to them at 847-705-4612 for immediate action. The Illinois Department of Transportation offers weather/road condition information on their web site at www.dot.il.gov.

Information on DuPage County Roads

Division of Transportation
DuPage County 630-682-7321
Call this number for information on DuPage County Roads (i.e. Army Trail Road, Bloomingdale Road, Gary Avenue, Schmale Road, Medinah Road)

Information Tollway Roadway Information Line

800-865-5394
or 800-TOLLFYI

For tollway information including problems with fog, snow, ice, high winds and trailer bans. The information is updated every four hours, or more often if weather conditions warrant.

Waste Hauler Vendor Q & A



Q Can I change my refuse and/or recycling cart size?

A Yes, customers may request to switch refuse and/or recycling cart sizes at no cost with a 35-gallon, 65-gallon, or 95-gallon cart by notifying S.B.C. directly at (312) 522-1115 or residential@sbcwastesolutions.com starting 2-weeks after delivery for up to 90 days (June 14, 2021).

Q How do I set up a new account with S.B.C. Waste Solutions?

A There is no need to contact S.B.C. Waste Solutions to set up a new account, all accounts were automatically uploaded into the S.B.C. Waste Solutions system.

Q Does S.B.C. Waste Solutions offer automatic payment options?

A Yes, a form will be mailed to you in mid-February. If you had an automatic payment plan with Republic Services, please remember to cancel it after your final payment has been made.

Q Can I still use yard waste stickers that I have left over from last year?

A Yes, Republic Services yard waste stickers are good through November 30, 2021. Stickers purchased from SBC are good for a 30-day grace period past the expiration date.



Q How does the new curbside electronic E-Waste removal work and what is the cost?

A Customers need to request an E-Waste collection by calling or emailing S.B.C. at least 48 hours in advance of the applicable collection day. Collection is available during the first full collection week each month, (Tues, Wed and Thurs all land in the same week). Small E-Waste items will be collected without charge. TVs and Computer Monitors require advance payment (\$18 up to 21"/\$30 over 21") by calling S.B.C. to make payment.



Q Is the collection of Bulk and White Goods still included in the rate?

A Yes, the collection of Bulk Items (e.g. furniture) and White Goods (large appliances) is still covered under the flat rate.

Q How can I dispose of food scraps?

A Food Scraps: (e.g., Fruits, Vegetables, Rice, Beans, Pasta, Bread, Baked Goods, Grains, Eggshells, Coffee Grounds and Tea Leaves) can be placed in the yard waste bags and containers.

Q How can I dispose of my household batteries and light bulbs?

A Collection bins for household light bulbs and batteries will be located inside the Bloomingdale Library and the Bloomingdale Park District JRC.



Q How can I dispose of paint?

A S.B.C. will host a Paint and Recycling Event two (2) times per year in the Village, the dates and locations of these events are to be determined.

Recyclable			
These items can be recycled in one container			
Metal Beverage cans Food cans Scrap metal	Glass Beverage containers Glass food jars Glass recycling	Plastic Water bottles Take-out containers Soda bottles	
Cardboard Beam wrappers File folders Poster board Frozen food boxes Cardboard boxes Milk cartons	Paper Newspaper Envelopes Junk mail Phone books Brochures Magazines	Non-Recyclable Aerosol cans Dishwasher pods Batteries Clothing Food waste Appliances Mirrors Corrugated	
Plastic Bags Stickers/Labels Tissues Styrofoam Paper Awards Clear acetate Pyrex			

Scholarship Opportunities

The Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce is committed to providing a connection from classroom to career by developing tomorrow's leaders through their annual scholarship program. Applicants must be either a member (or child of a member) of the Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce or a current resident of Bloomingdale.

Multiple scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$1,500 are available to students graduating high school or currently enrolled in post-secondary school who are planning to continue their education. Applications are available on the Chamber website www.bloomingdalechamber.com

Applications and supporting documents must be submitted by Friday, March 26, 2021.



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

Applications will be available from the three District 13 School offices, from their weekly newsletters, or can be downloaded from the district's website, www.sd13.org Applications must be submitted by April 5, 2021.

The Lake Park Educational Foundation is pleased to announce the availability of 31 scholarships totaling over \$26,000 available for Lake Park High School seniors in the class of 2021.

Students must complete a common scholarship application, essay(s), and appropriate supporting materials for each scholarship. Scholarship applications are due by Monday, March 8. Please visit www.lphs.org/Foundation to view scholarship information.

The Joe Draghi Septemberfest Scholarship is once again being offered by the Septemberfest Commission. The award is funded through private, community and corporate contributions. Applicants must be a resident of Bloomingdale between the ages of 17 and 20. Other requirements are noted on the application. The application packet will be available on the Village of Bloomingdale's website at www.villageofbloomingdale.org approximately Monday, March 8, 2021 and is due on Monday, April 12, 2021. Winners will be announced at the 48th annual Septemberfest on Saturday, September 11, 2021.

The Bloomingdale Area Women in Business (BAWIB) Scholarship application is available from February 1 through March 26, 2021 through the Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce website, bloomingdalechamber.com The focus of this award is to acknowledge and support the efforts of a woman returning to the workforce and/or advancing her career through additional training and education.

The award can be applied toward additional training, CEUs, or an advanced degree. Non-traditional female students are encouraged to apply. Applications must be submitted by Friday, March 26, 2021.



Thank you Bloomingdale!



The Salvation Army's Pre-School children are very thankful for the generosity extended by the Bloomingdale Community. In a year when donations had dramatically dwindled, the Bloomingdale Community increased their giving by more than 65%!

The Fop Lodge #175 donated their annual "No Shave November" money to Michael Carr.

Michael is a 12-year-old who has been diagnosed with brain cancer, has had 4 surgeries and multiple treatments. He is a lifelong Bloomingdale resident and a huge supporter of our police department. Michael should be an inspiration to all of us and his smile literally lights up a room!

The FOP Lodge #175 donated a \$1000.00 check to his nonprofit charity "Miracles for Michael" on 12-23-2020.



Village President, Three Trustees, Clerk on April 6 Election Ballot

The offices of Village President and three Trustees are up for re-election; the Office of Village Clerk is up for election. Following is a brief overview of candidates who are running.

Franco Coladipietro
Village President



Franco, his wife Amy, and children Alyssa and Joey have called Bloomingdale home since 2000. He is the managing partner of Bloomingdale

law office Amari & Locallo, practicing exclusively in property tax assessment matters, nationwide. Currently finishing his second term as Village President, Franco has been proactive in creating positive changes, most notably to the Lake Street corridor and Old Town, while strengthening the Village's financial condition. "We've been successful in many areas but there are still challenges ahead in creating a vision for the Indian Lakes parcel and redevelopment of the Stratford Square Mall property. With hard work, creativity and continued financial discipline, we can meet these challenges. I look forward to collaborating with our Village Board in efforts to move Bloomingdale forward."

Election Information

Tuesday, March 9, 2021 is the last day to register or transfer a registration by mail or in person to be eligible to vote in the April 6, 2021 Consolidated Election. To register in person, you will need two forms of identification, one of which has your current address. This must be done at the DuPage County Election Commission Office, 421 N. County Farm Road, in Wheaton, IL.

Grace period for registration and voting at the same time is:

Election Commission Office:
March 10 – April 6

Designated Early Voting Locations:
March 22-April 5

Voter's Designated Polling Place on Election Day: April 6, 2021 from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Early Voting Sites found on:
www.dupageco.org/election

Bill Bolen
Village Trustee



A Bloomingdale resident since 1990, Bill has been a trustee since 2003. He is recently retired from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. His experience in managing a multi-million-dollar budget and program management experience during his 32 years with the USEPA makes him well suited as the lead Trustee for Finance and Administration. Bill's experience in managing budgets and personnel is of critical need during this time of fiscal constraint, "I assure you that, as a Village Trustee, every decision I make will be in the best interest of our community with the goal of passing a balanced budget as the Village Board has done the last 8 years."

Frankie, Sammy, and Mackenzie. Frank has been a Funeral Director since 1996 and recently opened Bucaro Funeral Home & Cremation Center in Bloomingdale; He is also President of the Bloomingdale Athletic Club. Frank is currently the lead Trustee for Planning, Zoning, and Environmental Concerns, and is completing his second term as a trustee. "As an active member of our community, my goal is to continue to build a strong sense of community and pride for our residents, and to help guide the Village through these changing and challenging times."

Frank Bucaro
Village Trustee



Frank Bucaro is a lifelong resident of Bloomingdale, residing in the same home his parents built in 1975. He and wife Lauren have three children,

Frankie, Sammy, and Mackenzie. Frank has been a Funeral Director since 1996 and recently opened Bucaro Funeral Home & Cremation Center in Bloomingdale; He is also President of the Bloomingdale Athletic Club. Frank is currently the lead Trustee for Planning, Zoning, and Environmental Concerns, and is completing his second term as a trustee. "As an active member of our community, my goal is to continue to build a strong sense of community and pride for our residents, and to help guide the Village through these changing and challenging times."

Judi Von Huben
Village Trustee



Judi Von Huben and her husband, David have lived in Bloomingdale for 36 years. She is currently self-employed providing marketing and

computer consulting for small businesses. As the senior trustee she has been on the Village Board since April 2001. Trustee Von Huben has been chair or liaison to several inter-governmental groups that promote development and fiscal management. Judi has remained committed to carry out the Bloomingdale tradition of quality development. She also has a passion for open space and environmental issues. "I look forward to helping move Bloomingdale into a new era of redevelopment and working to keep our services and quality of life strong."

Pamela Hager
Village Clerk



Pamela Hager and husband Jim have been Bloomingdale residents for over 30 years. They have three daughters and five grandchildren. Pam has

served as chairperson, committee member and PTO president in District 13 Schools. She's been involved with DuPage Pads, the DuPage American Cancer Society Board and Relay for Life. Currently, the Financial Secretary of Cornerstone Faith Community Church, she has also served on their Church Council and taught Sunday School. Pam was also chairperson and commissioner on the Septemberfest Commission. Pam was the Georgene Geils Woman of the Year in 2014 recipient and "hopes to continue being an asset to the Village of Bloomingdale."

Thank You Village of Bloomingdale Committee & Commission Volunteers

The Village of Bloomingdale depends on the efforts of certain commissions during the year. Each serves a specific purpose and is made up of volunteers who contribute a great deal of time to carry out the work of the commission. We extend thanks to the following individuals who have given their time so generously during 2020.

Police Pension Board

Jeff Fritz
Ed Levato Jr
Vince Bruett
Stephen Abruzzo
Edward Levato, Jr.

Board of Fire & Police

Theodore Cucci
Louis Pavone
Frank Letizia

Planning & Zoning Commission

Tim Coleman
Chris Troiola
Dan Vitacco
Len Jaster
Jim King

Anthony Damato
Shawn Flood

Septemberfest Commission

Mitch Frumkin
Vivi Frumkin
Debbie Pasiewicz
Tana Engel DiSalvo
Justin DiSalvo
Dan Vitacco
Nick Fratto
Mike Dworiany
Lindsey Boehne
Cindy Allston

With Gratitude to Our N/W Block Captains and the Bloomingdale Community!

The Bloomingdale Police Department recognizes and expresses appreciation to the Block Captains of the Neighborhood Watch Program listed below whose efforts promote the positive lines of communication between their neighborhoods and the emergency service agencies of our area. The Police Department is grateful for these residents who volunteer their time to help enhance the safety and quality of life for our community. In addition, the Bloomingdale Police Department wants to "Thank" all our citizens for their perseverance and determination in working together to get through each challenge of the past year. Wishes of Health and Safety in the new year 2021!!!

Mary Albert
Terri Graves
Albert Presco
Richard Baggio
Patrick Griffin
Dorothy Prohaska
Bill Bahr
Elizabeth Gross
Patrick Quigley
Giuseppe Battista
Juanita Hathaway
Marv Roehlke
Paul Bergl
Steve Higgins
Gail Rohlfing
Lesley Bollenbach
Jacquelyne Hill
Judi Rotondo
Pam Berlin
Francine Howard
Milan Stevanovich
Gregg Burgess

Janine Hnatusko
Steve Vitez
John Carroll
Robert & Lucy Jones
Bill Wirkus
Lee Clabour
Marjorie Kelly
Carol Cosentino
Joy Klinowski
Patricia Cox
Rita & Frank Letizia
Alyssa Cunningham
Gina Leonard
Janet Davitt
Rozanne Malott
Linda Derrico
Jane & Gil Michelotti
Roberta DiBasilio
Ken Mixer
Patricia Dopp
Sharyn Murphy
Mary Sue Fornari

Carol Nies
Mitch & Vivi Frumkin
Holly & Mark Paoletti
Laura Geraci
Kim Paprocki
Andreia Golder
Kim Parlor

Management Offices of:

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

Congratulations to These Village of Bloomingdale Employees

The Village of Bloomingdale recognizes the 2020 Milestone Anniversaries of the following 10 employees and thanks them for their hard work and dedication:

30 Years

Al Bruno

25 Years

Aaron Machek

20 Years

Brian Sisco

15 Years

Kieth Klampert
Michelle Mila
Lauren Moore

5 Years

Yelena Malinovskaya
Sean Gascoigne
Andy DiMatteo
Jonathan Chrabot

Stay in Touch



E-News is a great way to keep up with timely information on news in Bloomingdale, such as a heads-up about a street closing due to construction, a reminder about the branch pick-up schedule, or even a note about the Easter activities for the little ones.

And in the case of an unusual event, such as a major snow-storm, the Village can send out critical information to all subscribers, as it becomes available.

To sign up for the E-News, go to www.villageofbloomingdale.org and click on Village News on the right side of the homepage. Click on "Sign Up for Village E-News." It's easy and free!

Business News

Raising Cane's Coming to Bloomingdale in Spring of 2021

Raising Cane's is a fast food restaurant specializing in chicken fingers. They offer a limited menu consisting of only five main combos, which get served with french fries, Texas toast and cole slaw. It will be opening up on the site of the former Kentucky Fried Chicken, at 334 W. Army Trail Road. The project is currently under construction, with an anticipated opening in the Spring of 2021.



Café Zupas Planning to Add a Drive-through

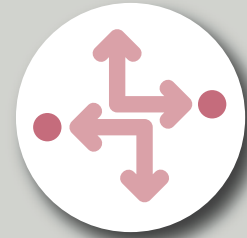
Café Zupas is currently located at 148 S. Gary Avenue. They are a made-to-order restaurant, serving homemade soups, salads and sandwiches. While they have occupied their site on Gary Avenue since 2017, they have recently decided to add a drive-through to accommodate those desiring additional convenience.



While they have been contemplating a drive-through at this location for a while, the implications of COVID-19 accelerated the need. They are currently in for permit and would hope to be under construction within the next couple of months, for an anticipated opening in the Spring of 2021.

Amazon Fresh's Anticipated Arrival at Former Toys "R" Us

Amazon Fresh will be located in the former Toys "R" Us building at 404 W. Army Trail Road. The store is approximately 43,000 square feet and will provide a traditional check-out experience, contrary to its Amazon Go prototype, which features cashier-free checkout. The buildout of the space is almost complete and the Village anticipates an opening date in early Spring of 2021.



The Bloomingdale Business Beat

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

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

Remember -
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Welcome to These New Businesses

Scrubs Outlet and More
320 W. Army Trail Road

Spotted Paw
452 W. Army Trail Road

Mia's Hair Studio
400 W. Army Trail Road

USA Global
255 Madsen

USA Street Soccer
360 W. Army Trail Road





Fire Safety Tips for the Winter Months

Winter is upon us and it is important to remember that the winter months are especially hazardous. The Bloomingtondale Fire Protection District and The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) urge residents to take extra fire



safety precautions this winter. According to NFPA, December, January and February are the leading months for home fires. Cooking is the leading cause of home structure fires and home fire injuries. Smoking is the leading cause of home fire deaths. Heating ranks second in home fire deaths overall, but in one- or two-family dwellings it is the leading cause.

The Bloomingtondale Fire Protection District and NFPA recommend the following key fire safety tips:

- **Watch your cooking**
Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling, or broiling food. If you must leave, even for a short time, turn off the stove.
- **Give space heaters space**
Keep fixed and portable space heaters at least three feet from anything that can burn. Turn off heaters when you leave the room or go to sleep.
- **Keep matches and lighters out of reach**
Keep matches and lighters up high, out of the reach of children, preferably in a cabinet with a child lock.
- **Inspect electrical cords**
Replace cords that are cracked, damaged, have broken plugs, or have loose connections.
- **Be careful when using candles**
Keep candles at least one foot from anything that can burn. Blow out candles when you leave the room or go to sleep.
- **Have a home fire escape plan**
Make a home fire escape plan and practice it at least twice a year.
- **Install and test smoke alarms**
Install smoke alarms on every level of your home, inside bedrooms and outside sleeping areas. Interconnect smoke alarms throughout the home. When one sounds, they all sound. Test smoke alarms at least once a month and replace batteries once a year or when the alarm "chirps" to tell you the battery is low. Replace any smoke alarm that is more than 10 years old.
- **Install carbon monoxide alarms**
Install CO alarms in a central location outside each separate sleeping area and on every level of the home and in other locations where required by applicable laws, codes or standards. For the best protection, interconnect all CO alarms throughout the home.

The Bloomingtondale Fire Protection District is dedicated to your safety and well-being. For more information about home fire safety or other topics, please contact Firefighter/Paramedic Rob Spejcher at 630-894-9080.

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The Bloomingtondale Fire Protection District is Proud to be Part of the Community



Pictured from left to right: FFPM Jeremy Acosta, LT John Paliga, and FFPM Brian Korous

In 2020, as in years past, the crews at Bloomingtondale Fire Protection District #1 were able to collect various food items and donate them to the Bloomingtondale Township food pantry.

This is a time-honored tradition for the Fire Protection District.





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Bloomingtondale Church Offering Outdoor Services This Winter

To provide a safer environment during the pandemic, Bloomingdale Church, 264 Glen Road has been hosting outdoor church (Sundays at 11am) in their parking lot each weekend for the past nine months, regardless of the weather.



During the summer and fall months many sat outside their vehicles in lawn chairs and now in the colder weather, attendees sit inside their warm vehicles and tune in on the audio 88.3 FM.

The church also offers a short children's church outside program in open door garages.

Bloomingtondale Church also offers online services throughout the pandemic and restarted weekly indoor services in recent months. Inside services are following State of Illinois guidelines of required facemasks, social distancing and limiting room capacity to 100 attendees.

Congratulations to the 2020 American Youth Character Award Winners



Left to right: Eliza Rzepaska (Erickson), Jac Catalano (DuJardin), Marina Kari (St. Isidore), Trinity Sevier (Winnebago), and Aubrey Steed (Westfield Middle)

The CHARACTER COUNTS! Celebration night had to be cancelled last fall, but the 2020 American Youth Character Awards (AYCA) continued on. An award was presented to a student from each Bloomingdale school on an individual basis. Criteria for the AYCA awards is based on the Six Pillars of Character: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring and Citizenship. Students who receive this award are recognized by their school and the Bloomingdale CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition for serving as good role models for their peers and community.

Congratulations to the 2020 AYCA recipients, who are pictured above with their award.

20th Annual CHARACTER COUNTS! Awards – Nominations Accepted

The Bloomingdale CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition annually recognize members of the Bloomingdale community who regularly exhibit one or more of the Six Pillars of Character: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, and Citizenship.



If you know an individual who lives, works or attends school in Bloomingdale who displays one or more of the Six Pillars of Character, you are encouraged to nominate them for this award by completing and submitting a nomination form. Nomination forms can be found on the Bloomingdale CHARACTER COUNTS! website @ <http://www.character60108.org>.

The 20th Annual Recognition breakfast will be held once the pandemic restrictions have been lifted and it is safe to gather.



BLOOMINGDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY



February &
March 2021

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

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

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



Federal and State Tax Forms

The library has common federal income tax forms available to the public. Other forms may be printed at the library.

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

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

BPL Collection Highlights



Local History - Discover Bloomingdale

<https://www.mybpl.org/localhistorycollection>

Learn about Bloomingdale and our surrounding area by exploring our online Local History archives.

Historic Bloomingdale Collection

Experience the history of Bloomingdale through historical photographs and images from the early days of the village in the mid-1860s through the 20th century.

Adventureland Collection

Take a stroll down memory lane and relive the 60s and 70s! View our special collection of Adventureland Amusement Park photos and memorabilia. The park was in operation from 1961 through 1977.

Bloomingdale Public Library History

In 1975, the Bloomingdale Public Library opened its doors to the public. We commemorate our years of serving the Bloomingdale community with photos from special events, programs, and library service milestones.

High School Yearbooks for Lake Park, Glenbard North, and Glenbard West

Various years available online



Borrow hours of entertainment with our Binge Box collection!

Each box contains 4-6 DVDs that share a theme such as Don't Go In the Water, 80s Action, and Reinventing a Classic.

For the children, check out Disney Live Action, Dreamworks, Family Movie Night and more!

Search the library's online catalog using the keyword "binge box" or search for a box by name.

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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.

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

Adult Programs



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📅 Sally Rand: American Sex Symbol

Monday, February 8 | 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. *Zoom webinar*

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

📅 An Army for Eternity: China's Terracotta Warriors

Monday, February 15 | 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. *Zoom webinar*

In celebration of Chinese New Year (Feb. 12, 2021), art historian Jeff Mishur discusses the famed terracotta figures discovered in the tomb complex of China's first emperor.

📅 Here's Johnny: Carson the Magnificent

Monday, February 22 | 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. *Zoom webinar*

Johnny Carson took over *The Tonight Show* and stole the evening air waves with his brilliant comedic timing and flair. Get a behind-the-scenes look at one of the most iconic shows and legendary careers in television history with a collection of memorable clips and hilarious anecdotes sure to delight audience members of all ages. Presented by retired teacher Steven Frenzel of Marquee Film Talks.

📅 Madrid in March

Monday, March 8 | 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. *Zoom webinar*

This one-hour presentation covers travel enthusiast Gene Flynn's nine-day visit in 2015 to Madrid with side trips to Toledo and Segovia. Besides a wonderful and welcoming modern city, we see reminders of ancient Roman rule, Islam and Jewish influences, and Spain's golden age.

📅 Caravaggio: Baroque Master

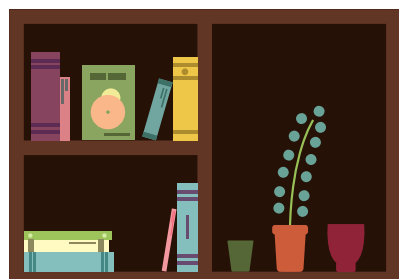
Monday, March 15 | 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. *Zoom webinar*

Caravaggio transformed the tradition of art in Italy during his brief life. His daring approach to painting influenced countless artists in his native country and many others. Hosted by art historian Jeff Mishur.

📅 Women in Astronomy

Monday, March 29 | 6:30-7:30 p.m. *Zoom Webinar*

Women have played a part in astronomical discoveries for centuries. In this Zoom webinar, Astroeducator Michelle Nichols will explore advancements made by the ladies of science.



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.



The Promise and the Dream: The Untold Story of Martin Luther King, Jr. and Robert F. Kennedy
by David Margolick

Tuesday, February 2
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

The Age of Clinton: America in the 1990s
by Gil Troy

Tuesday, March 2
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.



Monday Night Page Turners

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



The Lager Queen of Minnesota
by J. Ryan Stradal

Monday, February 15
7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

The Age of Innocence
by Edith Wharton

Monday, March 15
7:30 – 8:30 p.m.



BOOK GROUP PICKS

Book Group Picks

mybpl.org/bookgroupsupport/#titles

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



Adult Programs

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Adult Art Programs

Adult Take & Make Art Class

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

🗓️ "Luck of the Irish" Mini Hot Mess Canvas

Tuesday, February 23 | All day [YouTube video \(pre-recorded\)](#)

Watch the premiere of "Luck of the Irish - Mini Hot Mess Canvas" on Tuesday, Feb. 23rd and learn how to make stylish décor for St. Patrick's Day. For this craft you will need a canvas, assorted green acrylic paints, brushes, and either black or white paint to cover your vinyl design. When the vinyl is peeled off, it reveals brilliant colors behind a black or white background.

🗓️ DIY Galaxy Magnets and Key Chains

Tuesday, March 30 | All day [YouTube video \(pre-recorded\)](#)

Watch the premiere of "DIY Galaxy Magnets and Key Chains" on Tuesday, March 30th and learn how to easily make professional looking magnets, key chains, or jewelry. For this craft you will need Mod Podge, brushes, glass cabochons with magnets or jewelry settings, printed pictures of galaxies and stars, and scissors.

Virtual Art Class for Adults & Teens

Registration is required and limited to 15 participants. Teens are welcome to register.

🗓️ Drop Caps

Tuesday, February 23 | 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Join us on Zoom to learn about decorative elements of drop caps and design your own with artist Lindsay Budzynski. Supplies needed: paper, pencils/erasers, ruler. Tracing paper, markers, or colored pencils optional. Computer, tablet, or phone is required to attend via Zoom. The Zoom meeting link will be emailed to you the week of the event.

🗓️ Drawing the Natural World - Spring

Tuesday, March 23 | 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Join us on Zoom to learn about nature illustration and create your own Spring inspired drawing with artist Lindsay Budzynski. Supplies needed: paper, pencils/erasers, ruler. Tracing paper, markers, or colored pencils optional. Computer, tablet, or phone is required to attend via Zoom. The Zoom meeting link will be emailed to you the week of the event.

Ongoing Adult Programs

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

Thursdays, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
February 4 & 18 and March 4 & 18

Join us on Facebook Live for a themed piano show for the whole family! The video stream will be posted on the library's Facebook Page shortly before each show starts at 7:00 p.m.

You can request songs via the comments section, so make sure to come with a few ideas!



🗓️ Genealogy Club

Wednesdays, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
February 17 & March 17

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



Computer Classes



Registration is encouraged for computer classes to receive program updates. Register online, by phone at (630) 924-2730, or by email at bdref@mybpl.org.

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

MICROSOFT OFFICE

Introduction to Word

Monday, February 15 | 7:00 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

This class is aimed at those with little or no experience using Microsoft Word. Creating and saving files, entering information, copying and pasting, formatting, and editing documents will be covered.

Access Queries

Monday, March 1 | 7:00 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

If you know the basics of Access, one valuable topic to learn more about is queries. This class will cover the creation of queries, either using the wizards or through design, how they interact with data tables, and how queries are used to generate needed information.

Excel: If and VLookup Functions

Monday, March 8 | 7:00 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

Take the next step in your Excel expertise and learn to efficiently pull the information from your spreadsheets using two of Excel's most versatile functions. This class will explain the purpose and structure of both functions, then will show several examples of how they can be used. Practice worksheets will be provided so students can work along with the video.

GET CREATIVE

Apple iMovie Basics

Thursday, February 18 | 7:00 p.m.

Instructor: Salvador

Get started with Apple's free movie editing tool. Learn to create and manage projects, import files, split and trim clips, add audio, and more.

Basic Video Editing on PCs

Thursday, March 18 | 7:00 p.m.

Instructor: Salvador

Learn about free programs for Windows that have many of the same basic movie editing tools found in iMovie. Create new digital movie files and edit ones taken with smartphones or tablets. This class will present multiple software solutions available for free to all users.

HOW TO USE BPL SERVICES

Digitize 35MM Slides

Thursday, March 4 | 7:00 p.m.

Instructor: Charlie

Learn to use a new, free archiving tool offered at the library. This demonstration will include using the slide reader, saving digital files, printing or archiving them in other ways, and answer frequently asked questions.

Using the Simple Scan Station

Monday, March 22 | 7:00 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

Whether you need to scan documents, photos, books, or just about anything else, the Simple Scan Station gets it done quickly and easily. Learn to send your scans to a USB drive, email them, save directly to a cloud storage location, or even fax!



RENT-A-TECH

Have a computer question or need help with an online account?
Computer Services staff can be reserved for one hour help sessions during select time slots every week.
Contact Computer Services at **(630) 924-2766** or bdcs@mybpl.org to schedule an appointment.



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.

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

TAKE AND MAKE CRAFTS!

To sign up for Take and Make crafts, teens can email kyager@mybpl.org the day that registration begins. Limited to the first 10 teens who register unless otherwise noted.

🗳️ Teen Take and Make: Mini Pom-Pom Pets

Sign up begins Monday, February 8

Make a mini menagerie of soft, fluffy little pets! It's as easy as twirling a dinner fork. Follow the instructions as you wrap, tie, and snip the yarn into petite pom-poms. Then add eyes, a nose, ears, and a tail to create little critters with big personalities. This craft kit contains enough yarn for more than 20 teeny pets.

🗳️ Teen Take and Make: DIY Candle Holder

Sign up begins Monday, February 22

Turn a clear glass jar into a work of art! Create your very own colorful candleholder using tissue paper and Mod Podge! Battery operated votive candle included with the kit.

🗳️ Teen Take and Make: Star Wars Crochet

Sign up begins Monday, March 8

The Force is strong in this kit, and you can summon it by creating Yoda and five other cute and cuddly Star Wars figures! The kit includes an instruction book with step-by-step directions and all the materials you'll need to create Yoda.

🗳️ Teen Take and Make: Fabulous Flowers

Sign up begins Monday, March 22

Spring is in the air, but beautiful blooms don't require a green thumb when you make them from paper! Use the punch-out petals, wired stems, glitter glue, and rhinestones to make 20 unique paper flowers. Let your creativity bloom as you fill your space with beautiful bouquets that will never wilt! *Limited to 20 teens.*

VIRTUAL SCAVENGER HUNTS

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

Gaming January 31 – February 6	Greek Mythology February 7 – 13	Valentine's Day February 14 – 20	Food February 21 – 27	U.S. History February 28 – March 6
Harry Potter March 7 – 13	Anime March 14 – 20	Disney March 21 – 27	Name That Logo! March 28 – April 3	

Virtual ACT/SAT 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 virtual practice test and contact you with scores and analyzed results.

🗳️ SAT Practice Test

Saturday, February 13
9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

🗳️ ACT Practice Test

Saturday, March 13
9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

FREE ONLINE
ACT® and SAT® Test Preparation is available through
EBSCO LearningExpress®
[@mybpl.org/homeworkteens](https://mybpl.org/homeworkteens)

Youth Programs



Registration required for some youth programs (noted with 📅). **Registration begins January 25, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.**
Register online, by phone at (630) 924-2740, or by email at bdys@mybpl.org. Please have your library card when you register.



Virtual Storytimes

Families

Every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. *on YouTube*

Join us every Wednesday for a short virtual storytime. Listen to our staff read stories, sing songs, and tell rhymes. Storytime videos will be on our YouTube channel and a link posted on our Facebook page.

I Can Do It! An SEL-Based Storytime

Families

Fridays, February 5 and March 5 | 10:30 a.m. *on YouTube*

All emotions are good emotions! Social and emotional learning (SEL) is the process through which children acquire knowledge, attitudes, and skills necessary to understand and manage emotions.

Learn about social and emotional learning in this interactive storytime. Each storytime, we will go through the emotion of the day so you can stand on the mountaintops and show off how awesome you are.

Mini kits are available at the Youth Services desk for pickup **(first come, first served)** beginning on the video release date.

Chinese New Year Celebration

Families

Friday, February 12 | 10:30 a.m. *on Facebook Live*

Join us on Facebook Live to celebrate the Chinese New Year, the year of the Ox.

Now Boarding: An International Storytime

Families

Netherlands: Friday, February 19 | 10:30 a.m. *on YouTube*

Ukraine: Friday, March 19 | 10:30 a.m. *on YouTube*

Get your boarding passes ready! In this storytime, we will be travelling all around the world to learn about different languages, foods, and customs while reading books from the country of the day.

Mini kits are available at the Youth Services desk for pickup **(first come, first served)** beginning on the video release date.

Somewhere Over the Rainbow - An Interactive Online Experience

All ages

Month of March

Follow the rainbows to find all the mischievous leprechauns. Which one will give up his pot o' gold? Find all 6 and earn the gold to win a special prize!

Outdoor Scavenger Hunt: Springtime Madness (Drop-In)

All ages

Month of March

Spring is just around the corner, which means our outdoor scavenger hunt is back! Visit outside the library this month to see what kind of secrets await you!

Riddle Me This! (Drop-In)

Grades 1-6

Month of March

Solve the weekly riddle on our Tween Space whiteboard for a chance to win a basket of prizes!

STEM Club - Tech Time Online: Tech Bingo

Grades 3-6

March 15 - 19

Print out a "Tech Bingo" card, then try the activities on the card and submit your answers to the library for a cool prize!

Please check our website and enews for the latest programming news or changes.

We miss you all in storytimes and our in-person programming. Hopefully, we will be able to start them up again soon!



Youth Services

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Take It, Make It Kits

Even though we are not doing programming in the library building, we want to continue to offer unique experiences that you can do from home. **All registration begins on January 25 at 9:00 a.m.** All kits will be available for pick up at the Youth Services Desk during their allotted timeframe.

📅 **Carnivale In A Bag** (Ages 3-5)

Kit Pickup: February 1 – February 5

Crafts, stories, and activities in a bag for celebrating the colorful chaos that is Mardi Gras/Carnivale!

📅 **Be My Valen-slime** ❤️ (Ages 3-6)

Kit Pickup: February 8 – February 12

Enjoy making Valentine's Day themed slime with your favorite adult.

📅 **Celebrate Pizza Day** (Grades K-6)

Kit Pickup: February 8 – February 12

YouTube Video Premiere: Friday, February 12

Just about everyone loves pizza so let's celebrate Pizza Day! Come pick up a kit, then join us for storytime on Friday, February 12.

📅 **Storytelling Bag** (Grades K-3)

Kit Pickup: February 15 – February 19

Make a story-disk chain, story dice, and construct your own children's book with the materials included in this kit.

📅 **Biography Bonanza** (Grades 3-6)

Kit Pickup: February 15 – February 19

Zoom Meeting: Monday, February 22 | 4:15 p.m.

Come meet some of the COOLEST, most EPIC people you've never heard of! Sign up to get a surprise true story, crafts, and a snack, and then join our Zoom hangout to share fun stuff about your person! Participants will receive their Zoom link 2 days prior to show time.

📅 **Fairy Tale Ball** (Ages 3-10)

Kit Pickup: February 22 – February 26

Calling all princes, princesses, knights, and jesters! Sign up for this enchanting **ball-in-a-bag** that will give you an afternoon of fun and fantasy!

📅 **Toddler Time Bag** (Ages 1-3)

Kit Pickup: March 1 – 5

Make a sensory bottle, do a fine motor skills activity, and get ideas for activities using household items to use with your toddler.

📅 **St. Patrick's Day in a Bag!** 🍀 (Grades K-6)

Kit Pickup: March 8 – 12

Includes all the materials to have your own St. Patrick's Day party at home including decorations, activities, stories, and a snack!

📅 **Roly Poly Pandas** (Grades K-6)

Kit Pickup: March 15 – 19

YouTube Video Premiere: Friday, March 19

What is the cutest animal in the world? The panda, of course! Panda lovers can pick up a kit to make fun panda crafts and learn cool panda facts.

📅 **Design, Craft, & Share** (Grades 3-6)

Kit Pickup: March 15 – 19

Zoom Meeting: Monday, March 22 at 4:15 p.m.

For those of you who love to create something out of nothing, we have a fun project just for you! Kit will include various materials to help you create a one-of-a-kind craft. Tune into Zoom on March 22 to join our virtual show and tell.

📅 **Brown Bear Flannel Board** (Ages 2-5)

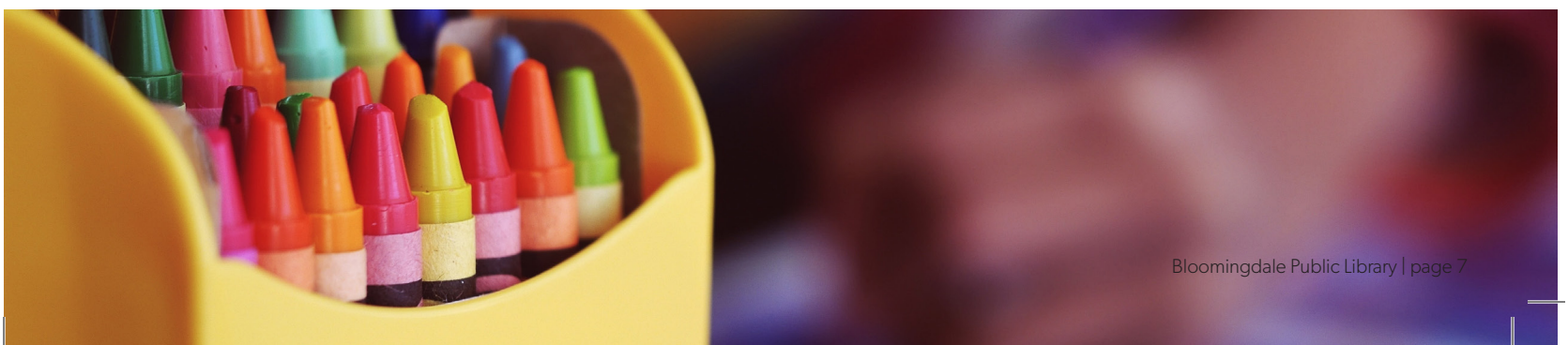
Kit Pickup: March 22 – 26

Brown Bear, Brown Bear is a classic children's story that helps develop early literacy skills through the use of repetitive and predictable language. This kit includes materials to create your own storytime flannel with your child.

📅 **Colorful Plastic Flowers** (Grades 3-6)

Kit Pickup: March 22 – 26

Add some color to the Winter blahs. You will need colored permanent markers and an adult to make these magical flowers bloom in your oven.





Get Healthy with Streaming Services from BPL!

Spring is coming - this is the perfect time to get active with our streaming services! Whether you're looking for healthy recipes or a new activity to keep you fit, we've got something for everyone!

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Did you know that you can watch our virtual programming anytime, anywhere? Just visit our YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/user/bloomingdalelibrary!

See programming for adults, computer classes, kids' storytimes, crafts for kids and adults, and more!



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Little Acorns at Home

Little Acorns at Home is an extension of the Little Acorn Academy, designed especially for children to learn at home with adult supervision. Our Little Acorns who participate from home will experience the same curriculum goals as our in-person students. Miss Terri will prepare at home activities that encourage the development of fine and gross motor skills, and basic academics including language arts, math, science, and art. Every week our at home Little Acorns will also receive a book or special activity to enhance the at-home experience.



Pick up your Little Acorn at Home "Discovery Bag" each week on Monday, or Bloomington Park District residents may choose the delivery option. An at home school supply list will be sent to all students prior to the first week of at home school. This semester long program is 17 weeks. If you register midsemester please contact Rebecca (rebecca@bloomingtondaleparks.org) for the appropriate fee.

Location: Home
Instructor: Miss Terri

MIN/MAX: 1/20

Age	Pick-up Day	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
Tiny Tots				
3-4	M	1/11-5/10*	\$210/230	501813-D1
Pre-K				
4-5	M	1/11-5/10*	\$210/230	501813-E1
Delivery				
3-5	M	1/11-5/10*	\$70/NA	501813-F1

*NO CLASS week of 3/29



Birthday Surprise Pack

Have a surprise delivered to your child on his/her birthday! Each Surprise Pack includes a wrapped present for the Birthday child, a craft, goodie bag, party hat and t-shirt. Choose from the options below. Surprise Packs are \$35 each and will be delivered on Mondays and Fridays closest to the child's birthdate. Bloomington Park District residents only.

- A1 Classic Clue
- A2 Lego Pack
- A3 Paw Patrol Pack
- A4 Play-dough Pack
- A5 Clue Jr.

Location: Home
Instructor: Staff

MIN/MAX: 1/100

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
8-12	M,F	12:00-12:00A	1/1-12/31	\$35/0	502601-A1
4-12	M,F	12:00-12:00A	1/1-12/31	\$35/0	502601-A2
2-6	M,F	12:00-12:00A	1/1-12/31	\$35/0	502601-A3
3-10	M,F	12:00-12:00A	1/1-12/31	\$35/0	502601-A4
5-8	M,F	12:00-12:00A	1/1-12/31	\$35/0	502601-A5



On the Go Movement Ed

Looking for fun ideas to keep your toddler and/or preschooler active at home? The Gymnastics Program has an exciting at-home On the Go option. Each bag includes most of the supplies you need for the themed movement activities. Parents are emailed a link for the music to download and a list of simple parent-provided supplies. On the Go programs require adult interaction. Contactless delivery is available for Bloomington Park District residents ONLY for an additional \$5 fee. If pick-up is selected at registration, bags will be ready for pick-up at the JRC front desk at 9 a.m. on the program start date. Registration deadline is the preceding Monday.

Date	Age	Theme	R/NR Fee	Code #	Deadline
March 19	1-5	Bunny Hoppin Fun	\$15/20	201206-B1	March 15
March 19	1-5	Delivery Bunny	\$20/NA	201206-B2	March 15
April 16	1-5	Spring into Action	\$15/20	201206-C1	April 12
April 16	1-5	Delivery Spring	\$20/NA	201206-C2	April 12
May 14	1-5	Obstacle Course	\$15/20	201206-D1	May 10
May 14	1-5	Delivery Obstacle	\$20/NA	201206-D2	May 10

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Cardio

- Treadmills
- Ellipticals
- Recumbent bike
- Upright bike
- NuStep recumbent cross trainer

Machines/Weights

- Weight benches
- Weight rack
- Leg press/calf extension machine
- Leg extension/leg curl machine
- Pulldown machine
- Functional training/strength setup

Group Fitness

- 946 square feet
- TRX Stations
- Members have access when no classes are in session.

Membership

Enrollment Fee	\$25
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	

Hours

Subject to change due to COVID.
Monday-Thursday 6:30am-7:30pm
Friday 6:30am-6:30pm
Saturday-Sunday 8:30am-12:30pm

Easter	Closed
Memorial Day	Closed

Reservations required. To make a reservation, call (630) 529-3650. Time slots must be strictly followed. Face masks are required while working out.

Meet our Personal Trainers



Julia Blankenship graduated from Illinois State University in 2016 with a bachelor's degree in insurance and risk management. After working in the corporate world for some time, she realized her true calling is helping others achieve optimum wellness. As a **Certified Personal Trainer and Certified Wellness Coach with specializations in senior fitness and nutrition**, Julia believes that wellness is about much more than the number on the scale. Julia utilizes a holistic approach combined with clinically proven methods to help her clients achieve

optimum wellness by teaching:

- Overcoming Obstacles
- Disease Prevention
- Balanced Lifestyle Practices
- Proper and Maintainable Nutrition
- Sustainable Weight Loss Methods
- Enjoyable Exercise: Strength Training, High Intensity Interval Training, Cardio & Yoga

Julia believes that every client knows what's best for themselves, they may just need help getting there. Work with Julia today to see first-hand how exercise can transform your life.

- Fitness Assessments
- 30- or 60-minute sessions
- Progress Tracking
- No repeat workouts

Yoga for Self Care

Step onto your mat and into your highest potential with mind-body-spirit practices, including yoga poses, breathing exercises and meditation with an emphasis on self-care. All levels are welcome! Please bring a water bottle and yoga mat to class. For virtual: A link to the class will be sent to the email address on file no later than one hour before the first class.

Location: Oak - Lounge

Instructor: Julie, RYT

MIN/MAX: 3/15

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
Adult	W	7:00-7:40P	3/24-5/26	\$50/70	203545-A2
Adult	W	7:00-7:40P	3/24-5/26	\$50/50	203545-V2

Yoga Flow & Meditation

Slow down, turn inward and let go in this gentle guided flow. Each class ends in a relaxing meditation. All levels are welcome! Please bring a water bottle and yoga mat to class. For virtual: a link to the class will be sent to the email address on file no later than one hour before the first class.

Location: Oak - Lounge

Instructor: Julie, RYT

MIN/MAX: 3/15

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
Adult	M	7:00-7:40P	3/22-5/24	\$50/70	203553-A2
Adult	M	7:00-7:40P	3/22-5/24	\$50/50	203553-V2



Mark Gazda has 10 years of personal training experience. Mark graduated from National Personal Training Institute with a certification in personal training and nutrition. He is also continuing his education by pursuing a bachelor's degree in kinesiology. Mark is from Chicago and currently lives in Bloomington. He is very passionate about martial arts and played softball and volleyball growing up. His goal as a trainer is to make exercise fun and obtainable.

Personal Training Fees

- 4 60-minute personal training sessions \$180
- 8 60-minute personal training sessions \$320
- 10 60-minute personal training sessions \$350
- 1 60-minute session \$50
- *Assessment fee: \$25
- 4 30-minute personal training sessions \$90
- 8 30-minute personal training sessions \$160
- 10 30-minute personal training sessions \$175
- 1 30-minute session \$25

Line Dancing

Feeling bored and claustrophobic? Stay safe during this Covid-19 pandemic and use the time at home to learn a new skill. Join Janet of dancewithjanet.com and line dance virtually in your living room. Janet teaches three one-hour classes over the course of three weeks. This is complete instruction for nine entry level dances and is a condensed version of the curriculum taught in live, in-person classes. Sessions V1-V3 are virtual through Zoom. A link to the class will be emailed to the household email (please double check your email for accuracy) no later than one hour prior to the class start time. If you have not received the link, please contact Rebecca at rebecca@bloomingtonparks.org. Participants need a laptop with a webcam and microphone to participate.

Location: GROUP X

Instructor: Dance with Janet

MIN/MAX: 6/10

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
Adult	W	7:00-8:15P	3/10-4/14	\$50/70	203583-A2
Virtual					
Adult	Tu	7:00-8:15P	2/23-3/30	\$50/50	203583-V2

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Programs are subject to change in accordance with current COVID-19 restrictions and mandates. Please check www.bloomingtonparks.org, social media or call the JRC front desk at 630-529-3650 for current program & event information.

Hoppin' Down the Bunny Trail

A springtime drive-thru event.



March 27
9:30-11:30AM



@ Springfield Park parking lot

The annual Egg Hunt and Bunny Bash will be adjusted this year to meet current Restore Illinois mandates. There will be plenty of fun and surprises as your family participates in this one-of-a-kind drive-thru experience!

The Bunny is still making plans for this amazing event, so check www.bloomingtonparks.org and social media after March 1 for more details.

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Thank you to everyone who made this event possible, especially Bloomington Lions Club for providing the candy-filled eggs and assisting the Easter Bunny with the distribution of eggs.

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