

# Village of Bloomingdale Almanac

June 2021

Growth with Pride

## Mayor's Monarch Pledge

Recently, Mayor Franco took the National Wildlife Federation's Mayors' Monarch Pledge, committing to take action to help the monarch and other pollinators. This national campaign works with mayors and local government executives to help save the declining monarch butterfly. Monarch are at a historic low as a result of numerous threats, particularly the loss of habitat.

Through the Mayors' Monarch Pledge, municipalities commit each year to create habitat and educate residents on how to make a difference. Watch for more information as the action items on Bloomingdale's pledge are completed. To read further about this pledge, go to <https://www.nwf.org/mayorsmonarchpledge>.

## Delish Cakes and the Village of Bloomingdale Team Up

Alicia Eisenmann established Delish Cakes in Old Town Bloomingdale in 2010, but outgrew the location and moved to her current larger location on Bloomingdale Road. Alicia has been a successful businesswoman and uses her ingenuity to think outside the box for creative outlets. She opened Art & Events Studio at Delish Cakes in 2019 to create a communal space for all kinds of artists. Unfortunately, the space had to close due to COVID-19, but plans are in the works to re-open the "events" portion of the studio in June.

Wanting to help her friends and community

members who own small businesses find a way to safely sell and advertise their products amid the pandemic, Alicia started The Maker's Market last

chance to highlight their items, but also to network safely. Jessica, vendor and owner of Zen Effect, stated "I started my small business while



on maternity leave when the pandemic started. I'm a mother with a full-time job and never felt it was the right time to pursue my small business until last year. After my first successful

year. She said" I wanted the majority of the vendors to be those that hand make their items, and that is where I came up with the MAKER'S market. A lot of the vendors started small businesses during Covid and I thought that this would be a great way to support them!" For the vendors, it gives them a

Market I knew I made the right decision. The Makers Market gives us a chance to help network and gives us the opportunity to be successful." The community showed up and supported each market, with attendance and vendor list growing with each one.

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# Hoppin' Down the Bunny Trail!

## 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



On March 27th, approximately 650 cars came through “Hoppin’ Down the Bunny Trail,” a drive-thru event hosted by the Bloomingdale Lion’s Club and the Bloomingdale Park District. The Easter Bunny was there to greet cars and a goodie bag of eggs filled with candy was given to every youngster in the car.

In addition, sponsors included Bloomingdale Bank & Trust, the Bloomingdale Church, Bloomingdale Fire District, Bloomingdale Police Dept, Bloomingdale Library, Cornerstone Faith Community Church, D’s Treats, Eagle Falls Dentistry, and Stratford Crossing. The event was held at Springfield Park and ran from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM.

## Community Food Pantry

Bloomingdale Church’s Food Pantry, located at 264 Glen Ellyn Rd, is a volunteer-led team that functions completely from donated items and funds. The pantry is open on Saturdays 10:00 AM-12:00 PM. In order to protect volunteers and shoppers, they are practicing social distancing and everyone must wear a face covering. All are welcome.

Whether a need for food or a need to give some, our Food Pantry facilitates neighbors helping neighbors, building community. Please email [foodpantry@bloomingdalechurch.org](mailto:foodpantry@bloomingdalechurch.org) for more information.



## 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

## A Message from Mayor Franco

The month of May brought a change to our Village Board with the retirement of Village Clerk Jane Michelotti's many years of dedicated service to our community. I'd like to personally thank Jane for her support and counsel during her tenure as Clerk. Her willingness to share both her experience and institutional knowledge made her an invaluable part of our team. Her commitment to Bloomingdale will long be remembered and appreciated. She was a true Bloomingdale Ambassador and I will miss working with her!

With Jane's retirement we welcome Pamela Hager as our new Village Clerk. Pam 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 we are excited to welcome her to the Village Board.

The Board passed its annual budget and because of the commitment of the Village Board and staff in meeting the highest principles of government budgeting the Village was able to manage the reduction in revenue to continue its commitment to the services we provide to our residents.

Our annual road program, sidewalk accessibility compliance, reaction to main breaks and other infrastructure issues, as well as snow and ice removal practices all contribute to the positive image of our community. From Public Works to Utilities, Engineering, Building and Zoning, Forestry, Vehicle Maintenance and Building and Grounds, we strive to deliver the highest levels of responsive, cost effective services. Our Police Department is second to none in its commitment to serve and protect and we offer our heartfelt thanks to them for their service to our community! Their strong focus on consistent training, as well as an emphasis on engaging with the public in casual settings, strengthens their impact on our community.

Another element which strengthens our Village is the business community that makes up our tax base. Did you know that 50 percent of Bloomingdale's revenues come from sales tax? This is why it is so important to "Buy in Bloomingdale." And speaking of businesses, we are happy to welcome the following new businesses to Bloomingdale: Raising Cane's - 334 W Army Trail Road, Amazon Fresh - 404 W. Army Trail Road, Center Stage a family-owned and operated business home to the Aspire Dance Company - 360 W. Army Trail Road, Second Hand Curves - 348 Army Trail Road, Tropical Smoothies - 383 W. Army Trail Road, Lux Furniture Outlet - 366 W. Army Trail Road, and Spotted Paw - 452 W. Army Trail Road, Ewa's Deli - 160 E. Lake Street.

Opening this year will be Woodman's a 250,000 sq. ft. grocer on the north side of Stratford Square on the former Macy's space. It's going to be another exciting year!

Bloomingdale is a great community with wonderful residents who are so supportive of all the efforts of the Village Board and staff, Park District, Library, Fire Department, and the many organizations and business community. Wishing you a great summer!

Mayor Franco



## Bloomingdale Fireworks and 2021 Events

One of the casualties of the pandemic has been the ability for the community to enjoy the many summer activities that bring us together. Last year all social gatherings were cancelled as we worked our way through COVID and although we are beginning to see the light at the end of the tunnel the Village has decided to use caution and not hold the annual July 3rd Fireworks Display in 2021. The Village Board and in particular the Mayor are all disappointed that the event had to be cancelled but with the CDC guidelines on large gatherings and the uncertainty of which Restore Illinois Phase the State will be in this was the only option available.

The Village is excited to announce that the planning for Septemberfest is underway. We are looking to this event as our first community celebration with the hope that the pandemic is behind us.

Along with Septemberfest the Village is working on the return of the Brew Fest in October, coordinated Halloween events with the Park District and Library ending the year with the return of the Holiday Tree Lighting and Kris Kringle Market in Old Town in December.

We are almost there and look forward to coming together once again!

### Septemberfest Volunteers Needed!

The Septemberfest Commission needs volunteers during the fest on 9/11/2021 and for cleanup. Those interested should contact Cindy Allston at [cindy@BloomingdaleChamber.com](mailto:cindy@BloomingdaleChamber.com) for more information.

Volunteers are greatly appreciated and will be recognized.



# Summer Branch Collection Begins On July 19

## Important Village & Community Phone Numbers

### Main Village Hall Number

630-893-7000

### Village Departments

Administration 630-671-5610

Building & Zoning 630-671-5660

Engineering 630-671-5676

Finance 630-671-5630

Mayor's Office 630-671-5600

Police – non-emergency  
630-529-9868

Public Works 630-671-5800

Water Billing 630-671-5650

Utilities 630-671-5830

### Other Useful Numbers

Fire Department non emergency  
630-894-9080

Bloomington Library  
630-529-3120

Bloomington Park District  
630-529-3650

The Summer Phase of Branch Collection will be performed under the direction of the Village Forestry Division beginning on Monday, July 19. This free service is only available to single family detached residences.

Branches must be out by 7:00 a.m. on Monday, July 19, 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.villageofbloomington.org](http://www.villageofbloomington.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.

## Free Mulch Available at Village's Public Works Facility

Following the three scheduled branch collections – Spring, Summer and Fall – the contractor tub grinds the branches, as well as Village wood waste, into a high-quality mulch product. This mulch is used on Village properties and is available for pick up to all Village residents for home use.

Mulch is currently available at the Public Works Facility, 305 Glen Ellyn Road, 7:30 AM - 2:30 PM Monday through Friday. Please bring containers, a shovel and gloves, as well as proof of residency. Residents should call the Forestry Division at 630-671-5800 to be sure there is mulch available.

## Annual Water Report Available Online

Go to [villageofbloomington.org/DocumentCenter/View/4261/2020WaterQualityReport](http://villageofbloomington.org/DocumentCenter/View/4261/2020WaterQualityReport) to view your 2020 annual water quality report and learn more about your drinking water. This report contains important information about the source and quality of your drinking water during 2020.



If you would like a paper copy of the report mailed to your home, please call 630-671-5830.

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## Arbor Day Celebration



*Pictured with students, back row l to r Park Director Joe Potts, Director of PW Jim Monkemeyer, Clerk Jane Michelotti and Park President Andre Burke*

It was a beautiful afternoon when the Village of Bloomingdale's Forestry Division celebrated **Arbor Day** on **Friday, April 30**, along with the Bloomingdale Park District Board, staff and students. Two trees were planted, a swamp white oak and a sugar maple, one for 2020 and one for 2021, at the Bloomingdale Park District building on Circle Avenue. Our Urban Forester, Jim Johnson, led the event and explained to the preschoolers the importance of trees in our lives. Also present for the event was Village Clerk Jane Michelotti, who will be retiring on May 10th.

Bloomingdale was recently named a **Tree City** once again, in honor of the Village's commitment to effective urban forest management. A Tree City USA community is named based on the following standards: having a forestry division, a tree care ordinance, a comprehensive community forestry program, and an Arbor Day observance.

## Planning to Do Some Digging? Call JULIE at 811 First!

Underground utility lines are unintentionally damaged at the rate of once per minute. Homeowners and professional excavators who fail to notify JULIE or other state one-call centers before digging cause approximately 40 percent of all damages, making it the top cause of these dangerous and costly incidents. This statistic jumps to 60 percent for landscaping and fence-building projects.



The Village of Bloomingdale, along with local public utility companies, participate as member agencies of JULIE. Any time a dig request is submitted, we respond to determine if we have pipes, wires or cables that may be at risk of being damaged by the excavation. This helps reduce costs incurred by repairing damaged utilities, reduces the likelihood of service interruptions and prevents death or injury to excavators who hit live lines. All excavators are required to contact JULIE at least 2 business days prior to any work taking place. This includes homeowners doing routine projects such as fence installations or planting trees.

Know what's below. Call or click before you dig. To obtain a JULIE dig request simply dial 811 or visit [call811.com/](http://call811.com/)



## Hydrant Flushing June 14-29

The Village Services - Utilities Division will be performing the annual Hydrant Flushing Program June 14 - June 29. The program will be performed during the daytime hours of 8AM - 3:00 PM.



Please **DO NOT WASH LAUNDRY** during the flushing hours, as rust staining of the clothing may result. Residents with water softeners are encouraged to check the cycle time of their softeners so that the unit does not regenerate during this period.

The hydrant flushing schedule was published on p. 9 of the April 2021 Almanac. You can also check when your area will be affected through the search button on the upper left-hand corner of the Village's home page at [www.villageofbloomingdale.org](http://www.villageofbloomingdale.org). Type in "hydrant flushing" for the link to the schedule. Questions? Please contact the Water Distribution Division at 630-671-5830.

## Looking for a Summer Job?

The Village of Bloomingdale is accepting applications online for 2021 summer seasonal employment for physical labor in the Public Works Maintenance and Utilities Divisions. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age with a valid Illinois driver's license. Find applications under "Employment Opportunities" at [www.villageofbloomingdale.org](http://www.villageofbloomingdale.org)

# Four Village Employees Retiring After A Combined 123 Years of Service

## Village Clerk Jane Michelotti Retires After Eight Years



Jane Michelotti served as Village Clerk for two terms, a total of eight years. It was very evident that she enjoyed her role representing the Village Board at many events, such as ribbon cuttings, Septemberfest Parades, Arbor Day tree plantings, various luncheons, and of course, attending the bi-monthly Village Board meetings.

While she served as Village Clerk, she belonged to the Municipal Clerks of DuPage County, Municipal Clerks of Illinois, and the International Institute of Municipal Clerks. Jane also did the IML training for Newly Elected Officers.

In her retirement, she and her husband have plans to travel to see grandchildren in Iowa and Oregon and have plans for a cruise in 2022.

Jane added "I would like to say that it has been my honor and pleasure to serve the residents of Bloomingdale. This is a great Village!" She goes on to mention Mayor Franco and the entire Village Board and notes that "It has been my pleasure working with all of you!" She says that she will miss all the people she worked with.

Although these retirees will be dearly missed, their reputations will remain deeply embedded in the Village of Bloomingdale. They have each served our village well. Congratulations and thank you!

### Robin Anderson-Mechanic

In December of 1982, Robin Anderson joined the VOB PW department. His responsibilities included the preventative maintenance and repairs of Public Works vehicles, Police squads and various equipment. Robin, along with two other mechanics, developed an official preventative maintenance plan for the growing PW and Police fleets. The plan proved so efficient that it's still used today. In his 38+ years of service, Robin has been a dedicated employee and gives 100% every single day.



Robin plans to spend lots of time with his wife, Cindy and three children Ethan, Peter and Nika. He would like to travel as much of the United States as time allows, in between projects he has planned at home and in his barn.

### Pat Perry-Executive Assistant to the Director of Public Safety

Pat Perry began working at the Village of Bloomingdale 35 years ago as Executive Assistant to the Director of Village Services. In 1990, she transferred to the Police Department to become the Executive Assistant to the Chief of Police. Over the next 31 years, she worked for 3 Chiefs of Police. There were tremendous changes in office technology, so she developed new computer skills, eventually achieving certification in advanced Access database design and Excel spreadsheets.



Pat has lived in Bloomingdale with her husband since 1972, when the population was only 4,400! In retirement, she plans to spend more time with her granddaughters and do a little traveling. Pat said she will miss the work that she was responsible for, but mostly, she will miss the interaction with coworkers.

### Dawn Odoi-Police Officer

During her 28 years with the Bloomingdale Police Department, Officer Dawn Odoi did patrol work, worked in the Criminal Investigation / Youth Division and as Detective. She worked on Juvenile cases, taught the D.A.R.E. Program, was a School Resource Officer, and an Elderly Service Officer. Officer Odoi was involved with the Neighborhood Watch Program, developed events such as the Halloween Open House, Senior Day Fair, National Night Out Against Crime, and became a Child Safety Seat Technician.



Officer Odoi stated that she will miss waiving from the squad, giving safety presentations, and working with other police officers. In retirement, she hopes to work at a Community for Active Seniors, go back to car racing with new husband and travel to Arizona.

### Tony Pagan-Police Officer

Officer Tony Pagan began working for the Bloomingdale Police Department in January 1999, and finished his career, after over 22 years, on May 7th. During his years here, he was on the Traffic Unit and Accident Reconstruction Unit departments. He had also been assigned to the DuPage County Sheriff's Office Tactical Narcotics Team (TNT). While he was part of that team, he assisted in cases that saved lives and led to large drug seizures. His duties have also included sharing his knowledge with new officers while being a Field Training Officer which he notes was one of the most rewarding experiences. In retirement, Officer Pagan plans on continuing with his passions; cooking and motorcycles.



## Newly Elected Village of Bloomingdale Officials Sworn in On May 10

At the May 10th Village Board Meeting, the newly elected officials were sworn in by District 1 DuPage County Board Member Sam Tornatore. Congratulations to Mayor Franco, Trustee Judi Von Huben, Trustee Bill Bolen, Trustee Frank Bucaro and welcome to new Village Clerk Pam Hager!

As a thank you for her dedication and years of service, a proclamation was read in honor of retired Village Clerk Jane Michelotti proclaiming May 10, 2021 as Jane E. Michelotti Day in the Village of Bloomingdale. Mayor Franco also presented her with a limited edition print of Old Town Bloomingdale and expressed his deepest gratitude.



*Pictured from left to right: Village Clerk Pam Hager, Trustee Bill Bolen, Mayor Franco, Trustee Judi Von Huben and DuPage County Board Member Sam Tornatore.*

## Mayor's Annual State Of the Village Luncheon July 29

The State of the Village Luncheon will be held 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM on July 29th at Bloomingdale Golf Club.

Mayor Franco will share an overview of recent developments and pending improvements happening in and around Bloomingdale. This event is a great way to learn about the goings-on and meet community leaders and other business professionals.

In addition to hearing the latest Village update, there will also be a mini-expo of several of the chamber's premium partners who will have tables and displays set up to provide you with information.

Open to the public, admission is \$30. For more information go to [www.BloomingdaleChamber.com](http://www.BloomingdaleChamber.com) under Events.

## Maker's Market *(continued from page 1)*

Once again, Alicia found herself needing a space to expand for the Market to continue in 2021, especially with current space restrictions. Enter Mayor Franco and the Village Board eager to help new entrepreneurs by providing the Old Town Parking Lot located at Schick and Third Street as the Market's new location. The first market was held at this location in April and was a great success. The vendors were grateful for the opportunity to continue to showcase their products in a larger setting. Alicia said "The vendors and myself are grateful for the opportunity to pair up with The Village of Bloomingdale and are excited to bring you a great Maker's Market in 2021. We hope that it will continue to be a signature event held in Bloomingdale year after year!" Each Maker's Market will host a variety of vendors. The Market will be open on the last Sunday of every month, 10 AM-2 PM, thru December, 2021.

Shop local, shop small, shop The Bloomingdale Maker's Market.



## Bloomingdale Paint Collection Event

The Village's Residential Waste hauler, S.B.C. Waste Solutions, is performing a Paint Collection Event:

**On:** Saturday, June 26th, 9 AM to Noon

**At:** Bloomingdale Public Works Facility, 305 Glen Ellyn Rd., Bloomingdale.

**This event is limited to Village of Bloomingdale residents only. IDs will be checked, and paint from businesses will not be accepted.**

The following paint items will be collected at this event:



- **Paint (Liquid)** in cans or containers that do not exceed 5-gallon containers. Below are the restrictions for paint collection:
- Latex, acrylic, and water-based paints will be accepted.
- Oil based, alkyd & flammable paints & stains will be accepted.
- All paints must be liquid.
- All containers must be closed & sealed with the product label or a hand-written label.

The following items will **NOT** be accepted at this event:

- Paint thinners, paint remover, or cleaners.
- Mixtures of paints with any other chemicals.
- Spray paint.
- Unlabeled containers.
- Adhesives, caulk, roofing compounds, or driveway sealer.
- Spackle, sheetrock, or joint compounds.
- Any other chemicals, products, or waste other than paints.

# Scott's Law: Please Protect Those Who Protect Us

## Village of Bloomingdale Receives Award 8 Years in a Row

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada has again awarded the Village of Bloomingdale with a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for its comprehensive annual financial report for the fiscal year ended April 30, 2020.

Mayor Franco Coladipietro stated, "This recognition is made possible due to the support and cooperation of the Village Board and the entire management staff. Recognition for the 8th consecutive year reflects the commitment of the Village Board and staff in meeting the highest principles of government budgeting."

The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

## Keys for Kids

The Bloomingdale Lion's Club is always looking for innovative ways to raise funds to do their good works. Just as they collect eye glasses, the Lions also recycle KEYS!



Funds raised by selling the metal go to support Camp Lions, a camp for vision and hearing-impaired youngsters.

If you have old keys and don't know what they are for, the Lions can put them to good use to give some terrific kids a special experience. You can drop keys off at the Village Hall, 201 S Bloomingdale Rd., where there is a collection box.

Scott's Law, also called the "Move Over" Law, mandates that when approaching any police or other emergency vehicle that is stopped with its lights flashing along the roadway, drivers should do the following:

- Reduce speed.
- Change lanes if possible – Yield the right-of-way by changing lanes away from an authorized emergency vehicle.
- Proceed with caution – Proceed with due regard to safety and traffic conditions.

An authorized emergency vehicle under Scott's Law includes ANY vehicle authorized by law to be equipped with oscillating, rotating, or flashing lights while the owner or operator of the vehicle is engaged in his or her official duties.

Scott's Law was named after Lieutenant Scott Gillen of the Chicago Fire Department who was struck and killed by an intoxicated driver while he assisted at a crash on the Dan Ryan Expressway.

A person in violation of Scott's Law commits an offense punishable by a fine of not more than \$10,000.00. A Scott's Law charge may be upgraded to an "aggravated" (felony) charge if the person committing the offense was under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or intoxicating compounds. If this is the case, a person's driving privileges will be:

- Suspended for 90 days to one year if the violation results in damage to the property of another person;
- Suspended for 180 days to 2 years if the violation results in injury to another person;
- Suspended for 2 years if the violation results in the death of another person.



## Hybrid Police Department Torch Run Week of June 21

The Bloomingdale Police Department typically takes part in the Law Enforcement Torch Run each year. It is the largest year-round fundraising movement benefiting Special Olympics Illinois. The Torch Run helps to raise money and awareness for the athletes who participate in Special Olympics Illinois. The Law Enforcement Torch Run includes an intrastate relay conducted by approximately 3,000 officers who carry the Flame of Hope nearly 1,500 miles, to the Opening Ceremony of the Special Olympics Illinois Summer Games.

Due to the pandemic, the Torch Run relay will be held in a hybrid format the week of June 21st in conjunction with the 2021 Special Olympics Illinois Virtual Summer Games. The Bloomingdale Cop on a Rooftop event is still pending and to be determined.

"Guardians of the Flame" is the 2021 theme and will be using #ILTorchRun21 on social media to inspire officers and departments to spread the word about how the Torch Run transforms the lives of Special Olympics athletes in Illinois.

Follow the Illinois Torch Run on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram to stay up to date on events and activities.

# Septemberfest is Back!



The 47th annual Septemberfest will be held on Saturday, September 11 in Old Town (Lake Street and Bloomingdale Road) beginning with the annual parade stepping off from DuJardin School at 11 a.m. Local organizations and groups are encouraged to take part in the opening parade. There is no cost involved in participating.

With only three more months to go, the Septemberfest Commission has been working diligently to get everything lined up. **Applications for vendors, crafters and parade participants** are all being sought at this time and are available on the Village's website at [villageofbloomingdale.org](http://villageofbloomingdale.org). Download an application by clicking on "Community" on the top of the home page. Septemberfest information, including the applications, is located under "Community." If you plan on participating, get your application in early to ensure your spot.

In addition to the food and beverages, variety of entertainment, and crowd-pleasing band performances, the Joe Draghi Septemberfest Scholarship winners will also be presented. The Kiddie Carnival will also be back for our families with our younger fest-goers.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 11, and plan attend this well-loved, traditional end of the summer event. We will plan to follow the safety guidelines that may be in place come September.

More details on the line-up of events will appear in the August edition of the Almanac.



## Be a Friend to Septemberfest and the Joe Draghi Septemberfest Scholarship!

The Septemberfest Commission invites all Bloomingdale residents and businesses to support the Joe Draghi Septemberfest Scholarship Fund. This fund annually provides scholarships to Bloomingdale residents between the ages of 17 and 20.

If you have enjoyed Septemberfest, have been a scholarship recipient, or are the parent of a recipient, won't you please consider a contribution to help keep the Joe Draghi Septemberfest Scholarship going? Any donation would be greatly appreciated.

Name (as you wish it to be listed)

\_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

I am enclosing a check for  
 \$20  \$50  other

Make your check or money order payable to the Village of Bloomingdale. Please put "Septemberfest Scholarship 2021" in the memo line.

Mail to: Friends of Septemberfest, c/o Village of Bloomingdale, 201 S. Bloomingdale Road, Bloomingdale, IL 60108.



Mayor Franco and Village Board members with scholarship recipients and family in 2019.

## CENTER STAGE DANCE MOVES LOCATIONS

Center Stage is a family-owned and operated business and home to the Aspire Dance Company, Center Stage Performing Troupe, as well as 30 weekly recital classes in Tap, Ballet, Jazz, Lyrical and Hip Hop. Originally located in former JC Penney, in Stratford Square, they have since relocated to the former Pier One in Bloomingdale Court. The new location at 360 W. Army Trail Road, is now open and offering classes to the Bloomingdale area.



## CAFÉ ZUPAS UPDATE

Construction has begun on the new drive-through for Café Zupas, located at 148 S. Gary Avenue! A made-to-order restaurant, serving homemade soups, salads and sandwiches, Café Zupas decided to expand their current services by adding a drive-through. As they are well on their way, we anticipate the drive-through starting to serve Bloomingdale residents, in the coming months!



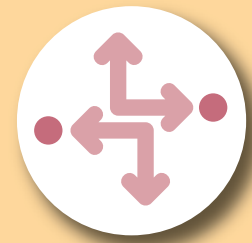
## NORTHWESTERN MEDICINE RENOVATION

Northwestern Medicine is currently under construction at 235 S. Gary Avenue. The existing location is being renovated, which also includes the consolidation of other Northwestern offices. While the expansion has been underway for a few months, this almost 30 million dollar project is being done to modernize every aspect of the facility, while providing improved services to the community. We would expect the renovation to be complete by summer of 2021.



## OUTDOOR DINING IS BACK

In May of last year, the Village Board approved an ordinance, lifting the restrictions on outdoor dining, to help support our restaurants during COVID. The ordinance helped restaurants by relaxing the Village's requirements as to the number of outdoor seats that are permitted without special approvals, and by allowing them to utilize parking lots for seating to help offset capacity limitations due to the restrictions required for social distancing. In January, the Village Board approved an extension of this ordinance to once again assist our restaurants, until we can move to Phase 5 of the Governor's Restore Illinois Plan and open our restaurants to full capacity.



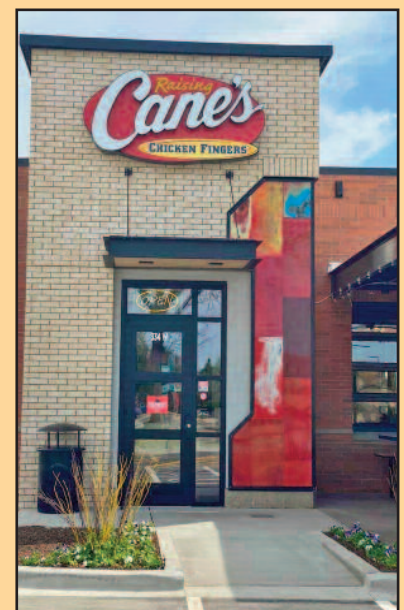
## The Bloomingdale Business Beat

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

**Raising Cane's Chicken Fingers,  
334 W Army Trail Rd.**



# Bloomingtondale Fire Protection District #1



## Fire District Promotions and New Members

The Bloomingtondale Fire Protection District would like to congratulate Rich Vinyard on his promotion to the rank of lieutenant. We'd also like to welcome our three newest members, Dennis Kuntzman III, Brad Carmody and Trevor Korinek. Congratulations and welcome to the family!



Rich Vinyard, pictured with his family, was promoted to Lieutenant.



Newly sworn Firefighter/Paramedic Trevor Korinek with his family.



Newly sworn Firefighter/Paramedic Dennis Kuntzman III with his family.



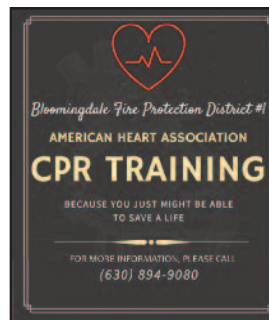
Newly sworn Firefighter/Paramedic Brad Carmody with his family.

## CPR and AED Awareness

June 1-7 each year is National CPR and AED Awareness Week, spotlighting how lives can be saved if more Americans know CPR and how to use an AED.

Did you know about 70 percent out-of-hospital cardiac arrests happen in homes? If you are called on to give CPR in an emergency, you will most likely be trying to save the life of someone you love. Be the difference for your parent, spouse, or child. What if it were them?

In 2007, the AHA in coalition with the American Red Cross and the National Safety Council worked collaboratively to designate a National CPR and AED Awareness Week federally. On December 13, 2007, Congress unanimously passed a resolution to set aside June 1-7 each year as National CPR and AED Awareness Week to spotlight how lives can be saved if more Americans know CPR and how to use an AED. Our Department reinforces these skills but also places importance on the willingness of bystanders to act in a cardiac arrest emergency.



The Bloomingtondale Fire Protection District is pleased to announce that we will begin hosting our American Heart Association CPR training in May. Please call 630-894-9080 for further information.



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## Kidde TruSense Smoke Alarms Recall

The Consumer Products Safety Commission issued the recall for Kidde TruSense Smoke Alarms and Combination Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarms because they "fail to alert consumers to a fire."

The recalled units are Kidde Model Series 2040, 2050, 2060 and 2070 Smoke and Combination Smoke/Carbon Monoxide alarms. Only alarms with the TruSense logo or "AMBER=FAULT" printed on the front of the alarm are included in this recall. The model number is printed on the back of the alarm.

For more information, call toll-free at 844-796-9972 or online at [www.kiddetsalarmrecall.rsvp-comm.com](http://www.kiddetsalarmrecall.rsvp-comm.com).

Model	Alarm	Key Feature
2040-DSR		
2050-DS10		
2060-ASR		



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**POSTAL PATRON LOCAL  
BLOOMINGDALE, ILLINOIS 60108**

## “9 & DINE” Event Series

This golf season, the Bloomingdale Golf Club will be offering four Friday evening couples' events that will be capped off with a themed meal.

Each event will be 9 holes and consist of a different format of play.

Each event includes golf w/cart, meal, drinks, contests and team prizes. There will be a registration limit of 20 couples per event.

Below are the dates, themed meals and formats to be played:

**FRIDAY, JUNE 18th –**  
5:00pm start. Mexican Fiesta.  
4-Person Team Scramble

**FRIDAY, JULY 16th –**  
5:00pm start. Mangia Italiano. 2-Person Team Scramble

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 20th –**  
5:00pm start. Wild West. 2-Person Team Alternate Shot

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17th –**  
4:30pm start. Home Style Cookin'. 4-Person Team Scramble

For more information and registration forms, go to the Golf Club's website, on the upcoming events page at [www.bloomingdalegc.com/upcoming-events/](http://www.bloomingdalegc.com/upcoming-events/).



[www.villageofbloomingdale.org](http://www.villageofbloomingdale.org)

## Looking for a Unique Father's Day Gift?

Father's Day is around the corner, on June 20th. So, have you given your Dad enough ties, coffee mugs and "World's Best Dad" T-shirts for Father's Day? Are you looking for something different? Maybe something that doesn't break, shrink or go out of style?

How about telling the world Dad is your personal hero or honor someone else special by placing a brick with your sentiments at the "Everyday Heroes" statue in Old Town Park. The 4x8 bricks are \$100 each and hold three lines of copy at 13 spaces each.

Bricks are also still available at the golf course and the library statue sites for \$75 each. All orders placed by June 30, 2021 will be installed late summer. A card announcing your gift is available at no charge. Call Nora at the Village Hall at 630-671-5610 for more information or to place an order.



## Looking for Nominations!

Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce is looking to the community to help nominate their favorite business for the Best in Bloomingdale. Celebrating 5 years, this annual event was moved from March to August to accommodate the COVID-19 restrictions. Anyone can make a nomination at [www.Bestof-Bloomingdale.com](http://www.Bestof-Bloomingdale.com) from July 1-24. To be considered in judging and included in the final voting a business must receive at least two nominations and be a member of the Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce.



Voting will commence July 24 – August 7 with the final winners being announced at a gala on August 26 at the Medinah Shriners. Last year, there were 40 businesses nominated in 13 categories plus a Rising Star category for a New Business of 3 years or less, and Best Overall Business which received the most votes and points. Make your voice heard and nominate your favorite local business. Contact the Chamber at [www.BloomingdaleChamber.com](http://www.BloomingdaleChamber.com) or 630-980-9082, for more information.



Growth with Pride



## Summer Reading 2021 June 1 – July 31

Take some time to read this summer! When you join our Summer Reading Program, you'll earn chances to win amazing prizes when you read!

Registration opens June 1 for all ages. Four ways to register:

1. online: [www.mybpl.org/srp](http://www.mybpl.org/srp)
2. by phone: Adults/Teens: 630-924-2730 Youth: 630-924-2740
3. by email: Adults/Teens: [bdref@mybpl.org](mailto:bdref@mybpl.org) Youth: [bdys@mybpl.org](mailto:bdys@mybpl.org)
4. in person: Adult/Teens: Adult Reference Desk Youth: Youth Services Desk

Each registrant will receive our custom **Summer Reading t-shirt**, compliments of BPL and the Friends of the Bloomingdale Public Library (while supplies last).

Thank you to the local businesses and organizations that have made donations to our Summer Reading Program!

The Summer Reading Program is open to Bloomingdale residents only.

All prizes and t-shirts are subject to availability and we reserve the right to substitute prizes as necessary.

### for adults

Read books and log challenges to earn entries into the Grand Prize Drawing!

### for teens

For teens entering grades 7-12  
For every 5 hours read, receive an entry into the Grand Prize Drawing.  
Earn extra entries by completing challenges.  
The more you read and participate, the better your chances to win!

### for kids

For children, infants through grade 6  
Combat the summer slide!  
Any children being read to by adults or children reading independently can sign up and read for a chance to win prizes. Come join the fun!

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.

Visit [www.mybpl.org/covidinfo](http://www.mybpl.org/covidinfo), email [bdref@mybpl.org](mailto:bdref@mybpl.org), or call us at (630) 924-2730 for more information and for status updates.

#### Hours:

Monday - Thursday: 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.  
Friday & Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
closed Sundays for summer beginning May 30, 2021

#### Library Closings:

Monday, May 31 in observance of Memorial Day  
Monday, July 5 in observance of Independence Day

#### For updates to hours/services offered:

Call (630) 529-3120 • Email [bdref@mybpl.org](mailto:bdref@mybpl.org) • Visit our website at [www.mybpl.org](http://www.mybpl.org)



If A.D.A accommodations are needed for a program, please contact the Library at least 48 hours before the program.

# adult programs



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## 🗓️ **Beyond The Blues Brothers**

Monday, June 7 | 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. *Zoom Webinar*

It's been 41 years since *The Blues Brothers* debuted in June 1980 and Dr. Kelli Marshall of Chicago Movie Tours is here to share the movie's backstories, explain its mix of Hollywood genres, and discuss the impact it had on Chicago-based filmmaking.

## 🗓️ **Edith: The Rogue Rockefeller McCormick**

Monday, June 14 | 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. *Zoom Webinar*

Local author Andrea Friederici Ross and historical performer Ellie Carlson have teamed up to present a living history portrayal of the life of *Edith: The Rogue Rockefeller McCormick*. Be treated to a unique experience as Edith herself walks off the page and the author enlightens you about the odyssey of Edith's life. Get ready for questions about King Tut's child bride, James Joyce, Brookfield Zoo, and wealth unimaginable. This is a video presentation followed by live Q&A.

## 🗓️ **O Say Can You See: Images of Patriotism in American Art**

Monday, June 28 | 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. *Zoom Webinar*

Art Historian Jeff Mishur presents this slide lecture about patriotic themes, symbols, and subjects. Mishur discusses images of George Washington, the American flag, the American landscape, and other subjects within their historic context.

## 🗓️ **Remembering Route 66**

Monday, July 5 | 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. *Zoom Webinar*

Can't take a road trip this year? Travel back in time instead to explore the history of the "mother road" that linked Chicago to LA from 1926 to 1985. This slide lecture is presented by actor and historian Leslie Goddard.

## 🗓️ **Roving the Red Planet**

Monday, July 12 | 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. *Zoom Webinar*

There are currently 5 U.S. spacecraft either on or orbiting Mars right now and NASA has already begun receiving reports and images from Perseverance Rover, which landed on February 22, 2021. What have we learned about the Red Planet with decades of robotic visitors? Plenty! We'll cover the past, present, and future of Martian exploration. Presented by Astroeducator Michelle Nichols.

## 🗓️ **We Love Lucy! Lucille Ball**

Monday, July 26 | 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. *Zoom Webinar*

Come laugh along with one of the funniest and bravest women in television and movie history. We'll see fascinating clips from Lucy's early movie career as well as watch some of the most famous *I Love Lucy* scenes of all time. Watch as she transforms from a nervous and timid Lucille Ball into the great and fearless Lucy! Presented by retired teacher and film enthusiast Steven Frenzel of Marquee Film Talks.

## ELA (English Language Acquisition)/Clases de ingles - College of DuPage Placement Testing

Bloomington Public Library is offering placement testing in the summer for students to register for free online English and Citizenship classes through the College of DuPage. Placement testing will take place on Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m. through June, July, and August. A testing appointment is required.

Contact the College of DuPage Adult Education Department to register for a testing appointment:

by phone: (630) 942-3697

by email: [ela@cod.edu](mailto:ela@cod.edu)

online: [https://www.cod.edu/adult\\_education](https://www.cod.edu/adult_education)

Please note masks must be worn at all times and no food, drink, or children are allowed in the testing room.

# adult art programs

## Adult Take & Make:

### 🗓️ **Patriotic Embroidery Hoop Wreath**

Tuesday, June 29 | All day *YouTube video (pre-recorded)*

Watch the premiere of **Embroidery Hoop Wreath** on Tuesday, June 29 and learn how to make a modern and elegant flower wreath to celebrate the 4th of July. For this craft you will need a wooden embroidery hoop, fake flowers and foliage, hot glue, and a ribbon. You must provide your own hot glue gun. *The first 20 people to email Kristina Giovanni at [kgiovanni@mybpl.org](mailto:kgiovanni@mybpl.org) will receive a bag of supplies on June 29th.*

## All Ages Craft:

### 🗓️ **No Sew T-Shirt Tote Bag**

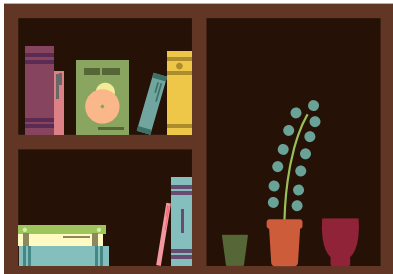
Tuesday, July 27 | All day *YouTube video (pre-recorded)*

Watch the premiere of **No Sew T-Shirt Tote Bag** on Tuesday, July 27 and learn how to upcycle your old t-shirts into cute and functional tote bags. For this craft you will need a t-shirt and scissors. You must provide your own t-shirt and scissors. *Hint: If you sign up for Bloomington Public Library's Summer Reading program, you will receive a free t-shirt!*



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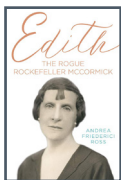


# book discussion groups

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

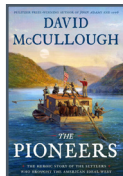
## Historical Book Discussion

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



**Edith: The Rogue Rockefeller McCormick**  
by Andrea Friederici Ross  
Tuesday, June 1  
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**The Pioneers: The Heroic Story of the Settlers Who Brought the American Ideal West**  
by David McCullough



Tuesday, July 6  
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.



**The Kidnapping Club: Wall Street, Slavery, and Resistance on the Eve of the Civil War**  
by Jonathan Daniel Wells  
Tuesday, August 3  
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.



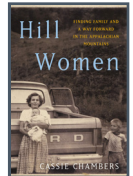
## Monday Night Page Turners

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



**The Gown: A Novel of the Royal Wedding**  
by Jennifer Robson  
Monday, June 21  
7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

**Hill Women: Finding Family and a Way Forward in the Appalachian Mountains**  
by Cassie Chambers



Monday, July 19  
7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

No meeting in August

## Ongoing Adult Programs

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

Thursdays, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.  
June 3 & 17 and July 1 & 15

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.  
June 16 & July 21

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](mailto:bdref@mybpl.org).

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

## FOR WORK

### Excel Most Valuable Functions

Monday, June 14 | 7:00 p.m.  
Instructor: Sean

Learn to use ten of the most popular and useful functions available in Excel. Each one will get a brief discussion explaining its purpose followed by examples we can work through together. Downloadable resources will be provided.

### Excel Charts

Monday, June 21 | 7:00 p.m.  
Instructor: Sean

Work with a variety of different Excel charts, learning to organize the source data properly, control all aspects of the formatting, and make updates to accommodate new data or changes in the presentation requirements.

### Computer Safety – Backup Your Computer!

Monday, June 28 | 7:00 p.m.  
Instructor: Sean

Learn about several different options to protect your personal information. Physical backup devices and a variety of cloud services will be discussed.

### Learn MailChimp

Monday, July 19 | 7:00 p.m.  
Instructor: Sean

Need a way to reach out to customers or members of your organization? Learn how to use MailChimp, an online eNewsletter service. This class will cover the basics of creating a contact list and generating newsletters while discussing the costs involved.

### Access Reports

Thursday, July 29 | 7:00 p.m.  
Instructor: Sal

Learn to create, design, and run reports within Access databases. Special attention will be paid to working with data fields and conditional formatting.

## RENT-A-TECH

Have a computer question or need help with an online account? Computer Services staff can be reserved for one hour help sessions during select time slots every week.

Contact Computer Services at **(630) 924-2766** or [bdcs@mybpl.org](mailto:bdcs@mybpl.org) to schedule an appointment.



## FOR PLAY

### Apple Photos vs. Google Photos

Thursday, July 15 | 7:00 p.m.  
Instructor: Sal

Wondering where to store your digital photos? Not sure which product would be best to back up your phone? This class will compare the two most popular options and examine the different costs, search tools, and added benefits of each choice.

### Tinkercad for Beginners

Thursday, July 22 | 7:00 p.m.  
Instructor: Charlie

Learn how to design 3D printable files using the free Tinkercad program. Finished creations can be submitted to the library's 3D printing service at [mybpl.org/3dprint](http://mybpl.org/3dprint).

## BPL TOOLS

### Cloud Printing @ Bloomingdale Public Library

Monday, July 5 | 7:00 p.m.  
Instructor: Sean

Need to print from your home computer, phone, tablet, or laptop? With the library's cloud printing service, you can send your jobs here from anywhere and print them using our smart kiosk. This tutorial will cover the printing process and policies.

### Simple Scan Station – Advanced Features

Monday, July 12 | 7:00 p.m.  
Instructor: Sean

Going beyond the basics of scanning images, this class will teach you how to use the library's Simple Scan Station to send faxes, connect to cloud drives, restore old images, and create editable MS Word files.

## check it out @ your library

Did you know you can check out much more than books at BPL?

Stop by and take a look at some of these different items and check out something new!

Binge boxes  
themed cases of 5-6 DVDs

Board games for all ages

Video games for all ages

Science and Music Kits  
for youth

Vacation Backpacks

Playaway Views  
tablets preloaded with  
picture books

World languages collection  
languages include  
Gujarati, Hindi, Urdu,  
Spanish, Polish



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

## TAKE AND MAKE CRAFTS!

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

### 📅 Teen Take and Make: Pride Pin

Sign up begins Monday, June 7

Looking for a way to show off some LGBTQ+ pride? Celebrate Pride month by creating a beaded pride flag pin using safety pins. Wear it all month or all year to show your support!

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

Sign up begins Monday, June 14

Unicorns, clouds, and rainbows! Make your own delicious, fun gummy shapes using a gelatin mixture. Pour it into the included mold and concoct a spectrum of flavors and colors to personalize your unicorn, cloud, and rainbow-shaped gummy creations. You can even add citric acid to make sour gummies.

### 📅 Teen Take and Make: USA Pin

Sign up begins Monday, June 28

Get ready for Independence Day by making a festive pin. Celebrate the Fourth of July by creating a beaded USA flag pin using safety pins and seed beads. Wear it all month or all year to show your support!

### 📅 Teen Take and Make: Fox Bookmark

Sign up begins Monday, July 12

Don't lose your place in the book you're reading! Pick up your supplies to create a cute fox bookmark to hold your place.

### 📅 Teen Take and Make: Blinky POV and Tap-Tempo Metronome

*Limited to 10 teens*

Sign up begins Monday, July 19

Choose between the Blinky POV or Tap-Tempo Metronome kit. Pick up your Blinky POV kit and program a fun message to display. Blinky POV is a reprogrammable LED kit.

The Tap-Tempo Metronome is a tap-controlled or tap-tempo metronome and "beat looper." You can tap patterns into it up to 12 beats long. **Soldering iron required for these crafts - not provided.**

### 📅 Teen Take and Make: Kindness Rocks

Sign up begins Monday, July 26

Promote random acts of kindness! One nice message can change a person's entire outlook on life. Pick up your kit to make some kindness rocks and help make the world a kinder place.



## VIRTUAL SCAVENGER HUNTS

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

Theme	Date
Chicago	May 30 - June 5
Books	June 6 - June 12
Disney	June 13 - June 19
Summer	June 20 - June 26
Marvel	June 27 - July 3
U.S. History	July 4 - July 10
Pokémon	July 11 - July 17
Hunger Games	July 18 - July 24
Harry Potter	July 25 - July 31



### Teen Summer Service Hours

June 1 – August 31

We're excited to announce a brand new way for students in grades 7-12 to volunteer their time! All of the volunteer opportunities and activities can be completed online or at home, and logging your time is online as well. This way, you can earn your service hours (and help your community!) as safely as possible.

Students can earn up to five service hours this summer.

Create your account and start volunteering here:

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

#### Activities include:

No Sew Fleece Blanket for **Almost Home Foundation**

Paracord Bracelet for **Operation Gratitude**

Create Post Cards for Troops and First Responders for **Operation Gratitude**

Cards of Hope for **Phil's Friends**

Write Birthday, Get Well, and Christmas Cards for **Local Bloomingdale Nursing/Assisted Living Homes**

# kids' programs



Registration required for some youth programs (noted with 📅). **Registration for June programs begins on May 24 at 9:00 a.m.**  
**Registration for July programs begins on June 21 at 9:00 a.m.** Register online, by phone at (630) 924-2740, or by email at [bdys@mybpl.org](mailto:bdys@mybpl.org).  
 Please have your library card when you register.

## STEM club

### Tech Time Online

Learn a new skill or technology from home. If applicable, links to videos or activities will be on our website or YouTube channel.

### Tech Time Online: Tech Kit Tour

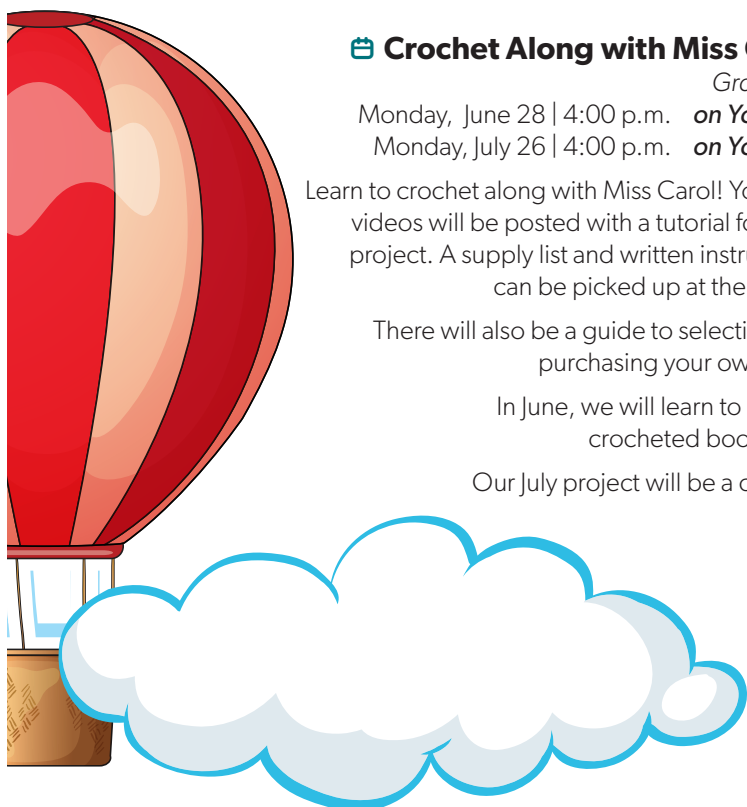
Grades 3-6  
 Week of June 6 – 12

Check out the cool tech science kits you can borrow from the library! From LittleBits to Ozobots to Makey Makey, this video tour is an overview showing how the kits work and what you can learn from them.

### Tech Time Online: eBooks Tips and Tricks

Grades 3-6  
 Week of July 5 – 10

Have you downloaded any eBooks yet? It is very easy with any device. We will have two classes: one for basics, and one for tips and tricks for more advanced users.



### 📅 Crochet Along with Miss Carol

Grade 3-8

Monday, June 28 | 4:00 p.m. **on YouTube**  
 Monday, July 26 | 4:00 p.m. **on YouTube**

Learn to crochet along with Miss Carol! YouTube videos will be posted with a tutorial for each project. A supply list and written instructions can be picked up at the library.

There will also be a guide to selecting and purchasing your own yarn.

In June, we will learn to make a crocheted bookmark.

Our July project will be a coaster.

### 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, June 4, July 2, and August 6 | 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.

### Now Boarding: An International Storytime (Families)

Turkey: Friday, June 18 | 10:30 a.m. **on YouTube**  
 Algeria: Friday, July 16 | 10:30 a.m. **on YouTube**  
 Egypt: Friday, August 20 | 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.



### Outdoor Scavenger Hunt

All ages  
 June: Colors July: Sizzlin' Summer Fun!

Visit outside the library this month to see what kind of secrets await you!

In conjunction with

### Circle Park Storytime

- All Ages
- Weather permitting
- Join the Bloomington Library outdoors for Storytime in Circle Park!
- Meet us at the Homola Picnic Shelter for this fun event. Bring your own chair or blanket. Masks and social distancing are required.
- **Register at the JRC Front Desk or online at [bloomingtonparks.org](http://bloomingtonparks.org).**

• Thursday, June 17	10:30 – 11:00 a.m.	401132-A1
• Thursday, July 15	10:30 – 11:00 a.m.	401132-B1
• Thursday, August 12	10:30 – 11:00 a.m.	401132-C1



# kids' programs

Registration required for some youth programs (noted with 📅). **Registration for June programs begins on May 24 at 9:00 a.m.**  
**Registration for July programs begins on June 21 at 9:00 a.m.** Register online, by phone at (630) 924-2740, or by email at [bdys@mybpl.org](mailto:bdys@mybpl.org).  
Please have your library card when you register.

## 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. **Registration for June programs begins on May 24 at 9:00 a.m.** **Registration for July programs begins on June 21 at 9:00 a.m.** All kits will be available for pick up at the Youth Services Desk during their allotted timeframe.  
Please register for each kit individually for each child.

### 📅 Nature Colors Science and Stories (Ages 3-6)

Kit Pickup: June 7 – June 11

YouTube video available: Friday, June 11

Nature has inspired most of the colors we see all around us. Pick up a kit for some experiments and crafts with the colors of nature.

### 📅 Cross Stitch with Miss Jill (Grades 3-6)

Kit Pickup: June 7 – June 11

YouTube video available: Wednesday, June 9

Register and pick up your bag filled with everything you need to create a simple cross stitch picture. Then watch the YouTube video to see how it's done.

### 📅 Flag Day (Grades K-2)

Kit Pickup: June 14 – June 18

Learn what colors, shapes, and images represent on all kinds of flags. Have fun designing and creating your own flag and proudly wave it!

### 📅 Colors In Your World Peel and Stick Nature Journals (Grades K-2)

Kit Pickup: June 21 – June 25

Make a scavenger book for exploring the great outdoors.

### 📅 Monster Boogie (Ages 2-5)

Kit Pickup: June 21 – June 25

If you love to boogie and are not afraid of monsters, this kit will have your little monsters wiggling around the room all afternoon long.

### 📅 Birthday Bash (All Ages)

Kit Pickup: June 28 – July 2

Everyone loves to celebrate their birthday. Kit includes crafts, recipes, and more to make your next birthday the best one yet.

### 📅 Fourth of July in a Bag (Families)

Kit Pickup: June 28 – July 2

Includes all materials to celebrate the Fourth of July in style from home.

### 📅 Stained Glass Sidewalk Chalk Art (Grades 3-6)

Kit Pickup: July 6 – July 9

Learn about complementary colors and geometry from your very own sidewalk.

### 📅 Imagine and Illustrate a Colorful Adventure (Grades K-2)

Kit Pickup: July 12 – July 16

Have you ever wanted to take a crayon and draw a magical place to visit? This program does just that with a keepsake hardbound blank book to write and illustrate your own adventures.

### 📅 Lots of Colorful Lollipops (Grades K-2)

Kit Pickup: July 19 – July 23

YouTube video available: Friday, July 23

Celebrate National Lollipop Day with lollipop crafts and games.

### 📅 Let's Explore Colors and Light (Ages 3-7)

Kit Pickup: July 26 – July 30

Learn about the science behind light and color through a variety of home activities designed for preschoolers or early elementary children and a caregiver.

### 📅 Code with Cubetto (Grades K-3)

Kit Pickup: August 2 – August 6

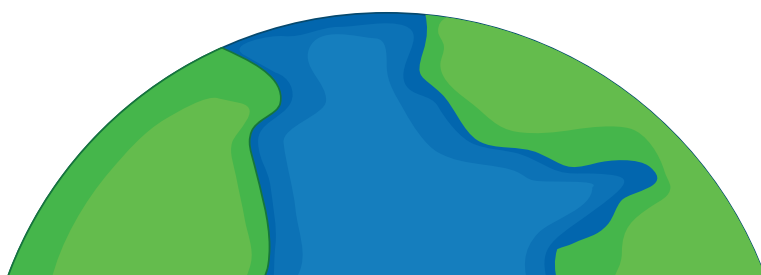
Zoom meeting: August 9 | 4:00 p.m.

Help Cubetto move around a cityscape by coding his paths. Then we'll attach markers onto Cubetto so you can code the drawing of shapes for a fun challenge!

Take a stroll and read the book around the

## storybook trail

Located around Circle Park, a story awaits your family. Be sure to check out The Storybook Trail often as new stories will be featured throughout the summer. The Trail is provided in partnership with the Bloomingdale Park District. Come out and enjoy!



# have fun all summer long!

Keep an eye out for our summer

## pop-up programming

We're planning a bunch of outdoor programming for all ages!

Watch our social media, website, and building signage for updates and announcements.

*Due to the nature of outdoor programming, these pop-ups will be weather-permitting and may be limited in size depending on distancing area and supplies available.*

*Look for more information mid-June.*

## outdoor construction update

Construction on the Froio Memorial Garden in the front of the library will begin in early June and is expected to last throughout the summer.

Be on the lookout for periodic updates on our website, eNews, and social media.

*We're excited to share this beautiful space with our patrons!*

coming in August:

## VOLUNTEER MONTH

Although we will not be hosting an in-person Volunteer Fair this year, here at BPL we're all about giving back. That's why we are inviting the entire community to take part in Volunteer Month this August!

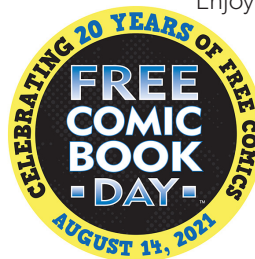
Stop into the library to pick up information about where you can go to volunteer and how to get started.

After you've volunteered your time somewhere, stop by the Adult or Youth Reference Desks to grab some cool swag!



## FREE COMIC BOOK DAY 2021

Enjoy activities for all ages in August to celebrate 20 years of Free Comic Book Day!



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Stay connected with BPL this summer by subscribing to our eNews and following us on social media!

See our  
virtual programming  
on YouTube

[www.youtube.com/user/bloomingdalelibrary](http://www.youtube.com/user/bloomingdalelibrary)



### Join us on social media!



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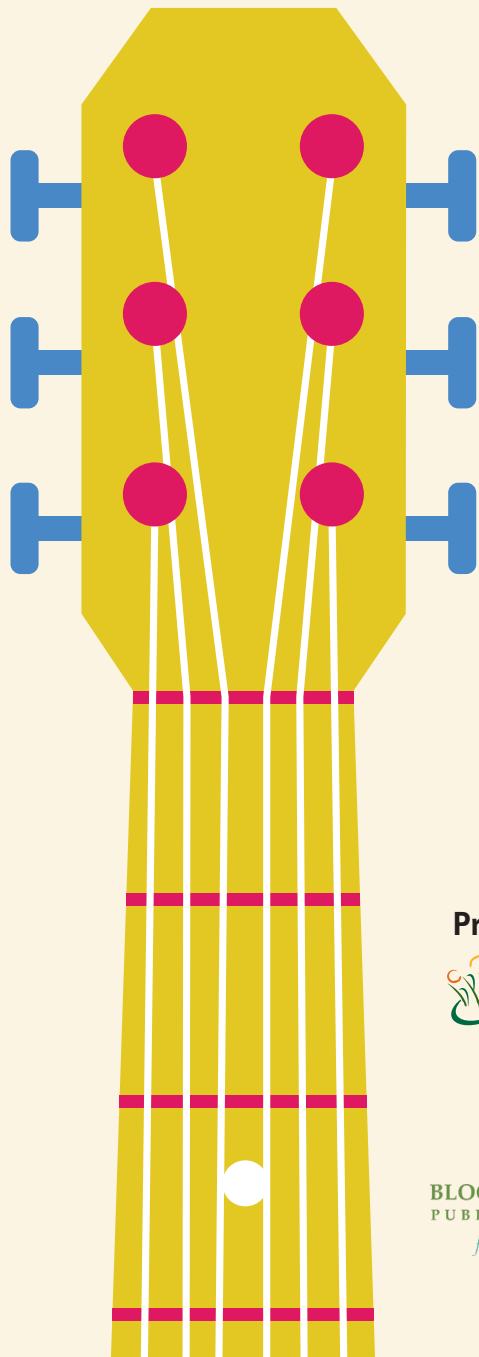
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# SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Tuesdays, 7PM  
@ Circle Park



## JUNE

- 8th **FLAT CATS**  
(Swinging Jazz & Blues)
- 15th **GOOD CLEAN FUN BAND**  
(Country, Dance, Pop, Disco, R&B/Soul, Rock)
- 22nd **PEACH'S BEACH PARTY**  
(Jimmy Buffet)
- 29th **HILLBILLY ROCKSTARZ**  
(Country, Top 40, Classics)

## JULY

- 13th **SHOUT OUT**  
(60s to today's Rock, Pop, Top 40, R&B, Country)
- 20th **NEVERLY BROTHERS**  
(Rock 'n' Roll Tribute - Elvis to Beatles)
- 27th **SECOND HAND SOUL BAND**  
(Motown, Soul, Rock 'n' Roll)

## AUGUST

- 10th **AMERICAN ENGLISH**  
(Beatles Tribute)

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### Concert Rules

- Socially-distanced areas will be marked within Circle Park.
- Patrons must wear a mask upon arrival, departure and anytime they are outside of their designated area.
- Please be sure to maintain a distance of 6 feet from others. All patrons must follow social distancing and mask mandates.
- Parking is available at Circle South, Westfield Middle School, Johnston Recreation Center and on Fairfield Way.
- Bathrooms are available at the Homola Picnic Shelter at the north end of Circle Park.
- No alcohol and no smoking allowed on park property.



## We're Back!

We are pleased to announce the reopening of The Oasis for summer 2021 and look forward to having swimmers back in the facility for some fun in the sun. Please feel confident that the Bloomington Park District will comply with all Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) and DuPage County Health Department (DCHD) guidelines to insure a safe and healthy environment is provided for our swimmers. As of the printing of this brochure, based on the current guidelines at the time, you can expect the following:

- The facility will operate at a lower than normal capacity.
- Advance reservations for specific swimming times will be required.
- Swimmer's temperatures will be taken prior to entry.
- Season passes will not be sold.
- The facility may be sectioned off to create specific swimming areas.
- Swim Lessons will be conducted.
- Swim/Dive Team will be available.

Due to the ever changing COVID restrictions the reopening plan will continue to be adjusted as mandated. Please check the website, [www.bloomingtonparks.org](http://www.bloomingtonparks.org), or call the JRC Front Desk, 630-529-3650, for the most up to date Oasis information.

### Pool Reservations

- Residents may make reservations beginning on Wednesdays.
- Non-resident reservations will be made available on the following Monday.
- Reservations are accepted online at <https://bit.ly/register-at-bpd> or in person at the Johnston Recreation Center Front Desk.
- To create an online account, please call the JRC Front Desk at (630) 529-3650.
- Reservations are for 1 ½ or 2-hour time slots.

### Hours - 11AM-7PM

**Weekends - Sat/Sun (June 5 - Aug. 8)\***

**Weekdays (June 9 - August 6)\***

\*Oasis hours vary by reservation. Check [www.bloomingtonparks.org](http://www.bloomingtonparks.org) or call the JRC Front Desk (630)529-3650 for up to date information.

\*Drop Slide/Aqua Climb Hours will rotate on the ½ hour daily.

### Oasis Fees

Residents: \$5/visit

Non-residents: \$8/visit

### Household Account Information - Online Account

For participants who are in our system but do not have their login:

- Please call the Bloomington Park District at (630) 529-3650 for your login information prior to reserving a time.

For participants who are Bloomington Park District residents but are not in our system:

- Please visit our front desk in the Johnston Recreation Center, 172 S. Circle Ave., in Bloomington, or contact us via [registration@bloomingtonparks.org](mailto:registration@bloomingtonparks.org) to create an account and provide proof of residency. Proof of residency may be a picture ID along with a current utility bill, library card, etc.

For participants who are non-residents and are not in our system:

- Please contact our front desk at (630) 529-3650 or [registration@bloomingtonparks.org](mailto:registration@bloomingtonparks.org) to have an account created for you.

### Registration Desk Hours

Monday-Thursday 6:30AM-7:30PM

Fridays 6:30AM-6:30PM

Saturdays 8:30AM-12:30PM

Sundays CLOSED

Contact us at (630) 529-3650 or [registration@bloomingtonparks.org](mailto:registration@bloomingtonparks.org) for more information.

# Statewide Kite Fly & See-A-Truck

**FREE!**

**June 12, 10AM-12PM  
@Springfield Park**



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# Movies in the Park

**June 18, July 16, August 13  
Approximately 8:30PM (at dusk)**

**@ Circle Park**

**FREE!**



June 18



July 16



August 13





# Patriotic Pooch Parade

June 26, 11:30AM  
@ Old Town Park

All proceeds benefit the Bloomington Parks Foundation.

Dogs of all shapes and sizes are invited to parade around OldTown Bloomington dressed in their best patriotic garb. Best dressed contest will be judged by our sponsors with gift baskets/prizes awarded to the top three finishers. After party to be held in Wolfden Brewery's pet-friendly backyard beer garden. All ages are welcome; however, adult (21+) supervision is required.

**Registration:** \$5 per pooch (register one family member per dog)

**Code:** 402626-A1

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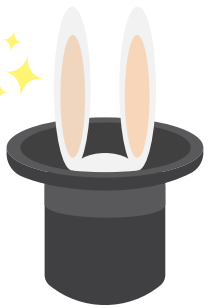
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# Kids Entertainment Series

**FREE!**

@ Old Town Park



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Spend quality time with your family and enjoy free children's entertainment sure to put a smile on everyone's faces! Families should bring a blanket and some snacks. Washrooms are available at the Bloomington Park District Museum. Mask and social distancing are required.

**Thursday, June 10, 6PM**

Children's Singers Wendy and DB

**Thursday, July 22, 6PM**

Children's Singers Scribble Monster

**Friday, June 25, 12PM**

Mr. Steve, "The Master Facilitator of Fun"

**Friday, July 9, 12PM**

Magic by Randy