

Village of Bloomingdale

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October 2021

Growth with Pride

Congratulations to the Winners of the 2021 Best of Bloomingdale!

The Best of Bloomingdale, hosted by the Bloomingdale Chamber, is designed to recognize outstanding members of the business community

Best Bakery -

Delish Cakes, Bloomingdale

Best Banking Services -

Bloomingdale Bank & Trust

Best Dental Care -

Eagle Falls Dentistry

Best Entertainment -

Wolfden Brewing

Best Established Business -

Platt Hill Nursery

Best Financial Services -

Edward Jones - Financial

Advisor: Kencie Zmich

Best Fitness & Dance -

Lights Camera Dancin'

Best Health Care -

CIFHW

Best Law Group -

Hovde & Tufo Law

Best Professional Services -

JET Advertising

Best Non-Profit -

Neighborhood Food Pantries

Best Realtor -

Branka Ucarar Poplonski

Best Restaurant -

Chain - Outback Steakhouse

Independent - Anyway's

PUB - Bloomingdale, IL

Mexican - La Campana

Mexican Restaurant

Best Senior Care -

Oasis Senior Advisors

Best Small Business - Annie

Occasion For Any Occasion

Best Overall -

Wolfden Brewing

Old Town Brew Fest Returns on October 9

In September of 2019 the Village of Bloomingdale hosted its first Old Town Brew Fest. It was a great turn out for the inaugural event and we were eager to begin planning again in 2020. However, just as quickly as we started planning, we had to cancel the event. We are excited that the 2nd Annual Old Town Brew Fest will return on Saturday, October 9, 2021 from 2 to 6 PM in Old Town Bloomingdale.

Old Town melds the best of vintage and modern; nestled next to Old Town

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

The event will feature 50+ special beers from more than 20 craft breweries from the Chicagoland area. New to this year's event- TapVille will be on site with their mobile taproom-featuring self-pour taps of craft beer and cider.

In order to meet Illinois

liquor law compliance standards, the fest will be a ticketed event.

Participants 21+ will receive a card with 25 drink slots, each of which can be exchanged for a 3 oz. sample. The festival will also feature music of the Black Bolts. Food for purchase will be available from local vendors.

General Admission is \$50 per person (includes a wristband and tasting glass); Designated Driver Admission is \$10. Tickets are available for purchase now at

OldTownBrewFest.com and are non-refundable. No pets please. The festival is a fundraising event for the Bloomingdale Cares Community Fund, a 501(c)(3) which helps sponsor community events and to assist community organizations.



2021 Bloomingdale CHARACTER COUNTS! Award Recipients

The Bloomingdale CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition recognizes members of the community who live, work or attend school in Bloomingdale & exhibit one or more of the Pillars of Character: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring and Citizenship. These community members were honored at the Recognition Breakfast held on August 14th.

Front row (l to r): Chuck Kinnaman, Debbie Cozzo, Angel Frattinger, (Jigna Gandhi and Alisha Bedi, Business Award Recipients), Fran Fleischhacker, Marina Riemenschneider, and (Jignesh Gandhi- Business Award Recipient). Back row (l to r): Noah Matthies, Larry Rogers, Sara Dworianyn, Colleen Muka and Dick Roll



Director of Public Safety Giammarese Swears In Bloomingdale's 2021 Peer Jury

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

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

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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

SEPTEMBERFEST COMMISSION

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

BLOOMINGDALE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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



Director of Public Safety Giammarese welcomed and swore in this year's Bloomingdale Youth Peer Jury on September 1st. The program works with the Police Department and provides a meaningful and remedial method of dealing with selected juvenile (under age 18) offenders without referral to Juvenile Court. The purpose being to provide a means for the young offender to account for his/her behavior to a group of their peers.

The Police Department is always seeking volunteers to serve on its Youth Peer Jury Court. Applicants must be of good standing and be between the ages of 13-17. Interested persons are encouraged to contact the Bloomingdale Police Department at 630-529-9868.

Voice of Democracy Scholarship Competition

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Bloomingdale Post 7539 is offering a scholarship to the "winner or winners" of the VFW Voice of Democracy Scholarship Competition, students must reside in Bloomingdale, Roselle or Medinah and be of high school age. Entries must be "RECEIVED" no later than midnight October 31, 2021.

To participate students must:

- Write and record a three-to-five-minute essay on the current topic "America: Where Do WE Go From Here?".
- Record their essay in an audio format using a flash drive.
- Send their recording, typed essay, and entry form to:

VFW Post 7539 c/o Bloomingdale Library, 101 Fairfield Way, Bloomingdale, IL 60108.

Entry forms and more details can be found at: www.vfw.org/vod or email Post VOD Chairman Randy Winter.

Village of Bloomingdale Elected Officials

Franco A. Coladipietro
Village President

William Belmonte
Traffic and Streets

Patrick Shannon
Facilities, Infrastructure

Pamela S. Hager
Village Clerk

Bill Bolen
Finance and
Administration

Frank Bucaro
Planning, Zoning
& Environmental
Concerns

TRUSTEES

Judi Von Huben
Public Safety

Vince Ackerman
Intergovernmental &
Community Relations

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A Message from Mayor Franco

Fall is upon us, but given our crazy spring and summer, I'm almost afraid to mention falling leaves, nippy mornings, and pumpkin spice everything! Instead, let me start with a huge thank you to Septemberfest Chairwoman Vivi Frumkin and the Commission members for all their hard work putting together a successful event on September 11 when we not only celebrated the end of summer but also remembered those we lost 20 years ago.

As we begin to host community events once again, I am excited to announce the second annual Brew Fest to be held in Old Town in October. Village staff have been busy working to plan the Bloomingdale, "Old Town Brew Fest," on Saturday, October 9. This fun event will feature over 20 breweries and food from Bloomingdale restaurants. Tickets to the event are now available at OldTownBrewfest.com.

If you look around, you can see we have continued to make a lot of progress here in Bloomingdale, well beyond the outdoor seating with colorful umbrellas popping up. Thanks to the hard work of our Public Works Department who spent considerable time and effort to begin the clean-up of our Indian Lakes open space. At over 220 acres, it is a massive undertaking. Beginning in the spring, they coordinated the removal of many dead trees and repairs to the old cart paths so residents can enjoy this beautiful park in the heart of our community. The Board anticipates holding Public Meetings in the coming months to solicit resident feedback on possible uses for the space. In August we welcomed both Woodman's Fresh Market and TjMaxx and Home Goods to the Bloomingdale business community. TJ Maxx moved from their Army Trail location to a larger space at Stratford Crossings along Gary Avenue and if you haven't been by the new location be sure to stop in and check out the new layout and greater selection.

I am excited to share the news that Culver's intends to build a new restaurant on the Meijer outlot located along Schick Road and Gary Avenue. The reputation of our Bloomingdale community as a wonderful place to live also continues to attract interest from home builders.

The Board recently approved an 18-unit townhome development located at the corner of Schick and 1st Street and a 9-unit townhome development at Medinah on the Lakes.

You know what else is coming in a couple months? Wait for it...my favorite time of year...Holiday lights! The live Christmas tree in the piazza, Old Town Park filled with lights, holiday revelers and a growing Kris Kringle Market give me that Hallmark feeling. Bloomingdale will be abuzz with the Christmas spirit!

A precursor to the Holiday spirit is our celebration of Thanksgiving Day and I am reminded of the many blessings I have in my life. I am thankful for the opportunity to be the Mayor for such a wonderful community of residents. Until then, have an awesome Autumn and warmest wishes to all for a Happy Thanksgiving from the Coladipietro Family!

Mayor Franco



Village Administrator Peter Scalera Awarded 'Community Exemplar'

Bloomingdale Village Administrator Peter Scalera was named a Community Exemplar by the Bloomingdale District 13 for June 2021. The designation describes one who makes a significant impact on the lives of many, a catalyst in making a difference, a person who is

passionate to serve and lead. He was both humbled and honored by the recognition.



Peter has been an active member of the Bloomingdale community, where he has lived with his family for the past 17 years. He has continued to serve and make a difference for our community in his role of Village Administrator, a position he has held since 2014.

We are very proud of our Administrator! Congratulations to Peter!

Bloomingdale Golf Club News

Fall Scramble – Sunday October 17th, 9:30 Shotgun start. Registration forms are available in the Pro-shop or at bloomingdalegc.com.

Fall Rates will go into effect Tuesday, September 28th. These rates can be viewed on their website.

The golf course will be accepting applications for 2022 employment. If interested, please visit bloomingdalegc.com or stop by the golf shop to fill out an application.



Apply by December 1, 2021 2022 Tree Planting Program

Important Village & Community Phone Numbers

Main Village Hall Number

630-893-7000

Village Departments

Administration 630-671-5610

Building & Zoning 630-671-5660

Engineering 630-671-5676

Finance 630-671-5630

Mayor's Office 630-671-5600

Police – non-emergency
630-529-9868

Public Works 630-671-5800

Water Billing 630-671-5650

Utilities 630-671-5830

Other Useful Numbers

Fire Department non emergency
630-894-9080

Bloomington Library
630-529-3120

Bloomington Park District
630-529-3650

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The Village Board has again allocated funds for this very successful program initiated in 1982. The program provides trees, including planting, at a 50/50 cost sharing with the Village. The trees will be planted in Spring 2022 and are available for residential, business or commercial properties. The intent of the program is to further beautify the streetscape. All 50/50 trees must remain visible from the street, and must be planted in the front yard adjacent to the street or, if a corner property lot, may be planted in either the front or side yard adjacent to the street. Business and commercial properties wishing to participate should contact Jim Johnson, Urban Forester, at 630-671-5804 prior to submitting a Program Request Form. **Residents seeking parkway tree replacements should contact the Forestry Division at 630-671-5800. All parkway trees (whether ash tree replacements, infills, etc.) will be planted by the Village, if space allows, at no cost to the homeowner.**

1. The program is offered on a first-come, first-served basis subject to available annual funding amounts. Participants must complete and submit the Program Request Form by December 1, 2021. No payment is required at this time. Bills will be sent to successful Program Requests around February 1, 2022.
 2. Trees will be 2½" caliper, unless stated otherwise. **Trees will be quality nursery stock but not specimen plants.**
 3. The Village reserves the right to disapprove requests based on conflicts, safety, or proper spacing.
 4. Removal of dead trees, stumps and/or large roots is not included and must be performed by the applicant before March 15th.
 5. Each residential parcel will be limited to **one tree per year**. Each business or commercial property will be limited to two trees per year.
 6. Participants will be given the opportunity to mark the desired location for the tree; however, the Urban Forester retains the right to change the location, if necessary.
 7. We anticipate the total cost of each 2½" caliper tree planted will range between \$200 and \$300, with the Village paying half of this amount.
 8. Trees will be guaranteed for **one year**. Participants are responsible for all watering which will be described in instructions furnished by the Village.
- If further information is desired, contact Jim Johnson, Urban Forester, at 630-671-5804.



American Hornbeam



Marmo Maple



White Fir

2022 50-50 Tree Planting Request Form

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: HOME: _____ WORK: _____ MOBILE: _____

PLANTING ADDRESS: _____ EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

INDICATE QUANTITY DESIRED.

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

_____ Sawtooth Oak (*Quercus acutissima*)

A species of white oak, the sawtooth is a fast-growing, attractive shade tree. With dark lustrous summer foliage and clear yellow to golden brown fall leaves it may reach 50 to 70 feet in height, with a 30- to 40-foot spread. It's one-inch acorns are quite popular with wildlife.

_____ State Street Maple (*Acer miyabei* 'Morton')

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

_____ Red Bud (*Cercis canadensis*)

A stunning display in April and May, the branches and twigs of a Redbud tree are cloaked in purplish-pink, pea-like blossoms before its leaves open. Its mature size and form are 15 to 20 feet high and 20 to 25 feet wide.

_____ White Fir (*Abies concolor*)

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

_____ Marmo Maple (*Acer freemanii* 'Marmo')

A hybrid of silver and red maple with a strong central leader and excellent branching habit. Fall color is an interesting mottled blend of red and green to burgundy, and yellow. Uniform, upright to columnar habit, it matures to a height of 45-70 ft. and a width of 35-40 ft.

_____ Bald-Cypress (*Taxodium distichum*)

This deciduous conifer, with a narrow pyramidal habit, reaches a mature height of 50 to 70 feet. Its feathery leaves are yellow-green in spring, a soft sage green in summer, and a russet red in fall. Unlike most cone-bearing trees, it loses its needles each winter and grows a new set in spring.

_____ Accolade Elm (*Ulmus davidiana* var. *japonica* 'Morton')

The ACCOLADE™ elm is a Chicagoland Grows® selection that demonstrates very good resistance to Dutch elm disease and elm leaf beetle. It is useful as a street, parkway or shade tree. This elm has glossy green leaves, yellow fall color and grows to a mature height of 50-60 feet.

_____ Norway Spruce (*Picea abies*)

Norway spruce is a large, pyramidal tree with long, cylindrical cones that hang like ornaments from the weeping branches against dark green foliage. This fast growing, sun-loving tree grows 40 to 60 feet high.

_____ American Hornbeam (*Carpinus caroliniana*)

The American hornbeam is a native forest understory tree in the Chicago area growing 20 to 30 feet tall. New leaves emerge reddish-purple, changing to dark green, then yellow to orange-red in the fall, offering a kaleidoscope of color throughout the year.

SUBMIT TO: Village of Bloomingdale Forestry Division
201 S. Bloomingdale Road, Bloomingdale, IL 60108
By deadline of **December 1, 2021.**



State Street Maple



Red Bud



Bald Cypress



Accolade Elm



Norway Spruce



Fall Branch Collections Begins on October 18

Bloomingtondale Artists Association

Upcoming Program Wednesday, October 13- Colored Pencil Demo – Autumn Leaf



Phil Schorn's botanical renderings are not drawings of plant specimens as seen in scientific books, rather, they are renderings of plants as seen through the eye of an artist. Phil will demonstrate with the color pencil -- taking a leaf and creating a piece of realistic art.

Program starts at 7 PM at the Bloomingtondale Park District Museum, 108 S Bloomingtondale Road. Open to the public, registration is required. Please contact Lois at litloie@aol.com or 630-924-1577.

Thanksgiving Holiday

The Village Hall will be closed on Thursday November 25 and Friday November 26 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

Curbside Residential Refuse Collection performed by SBC Waste Solutions will be pushed back, operating one day behind for Thursday the week of Thanksgiving, due to the holiday:

- Thursday pickup will be Friday
- Tuesday and Wednesday pickup remains the same.

Have a safe and enjoyable holiday weekend!

The Fall Branch Collection will be performed under the direction of the Village Forestry Division beginning on Monday, October 18. This free service is only available to single family detached residences.

Branches must be out by 7:00 a.m. on Monday, October 18, 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.villageofbloomingtondale.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.

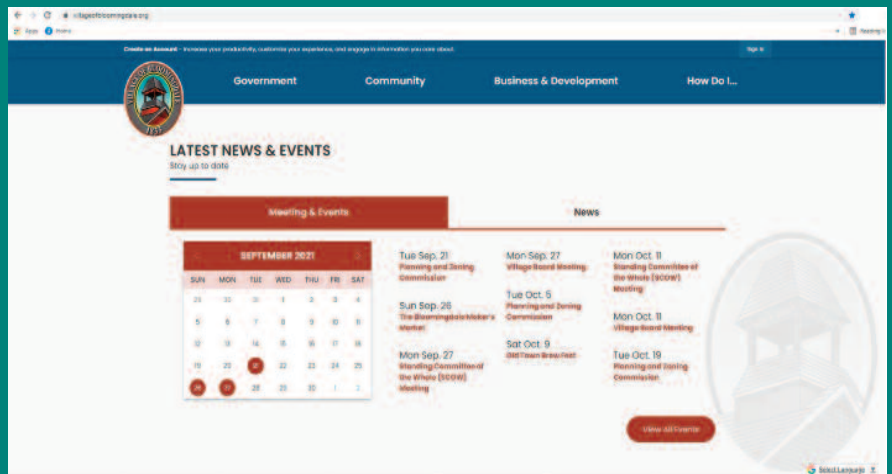
In the event of severe storms, the Village will provide storm damage collection of woody branches ½ inch to 6 inches in diameter. Please contact the Forestry Division at 630-671-5800 within 72 hours of storm for branch collection.



Take A Look at Our New Website!

The Village of Bloomingtondale is excited to announce the redesign of its website in August. Our goal with the fresh look and functionality of the website is to provide our Village residents and visitors an easy way to access information. The site features an updated look and a more organized menu navigation structure. The redesigned website also contains a language translation pop-out menu that facilitates interpretation of over 100 languages by clicking the "Select Language" option on the bottom right corner.

We invite you to visit and enjoy the new design.



Honoring Those Who Serve Our Country

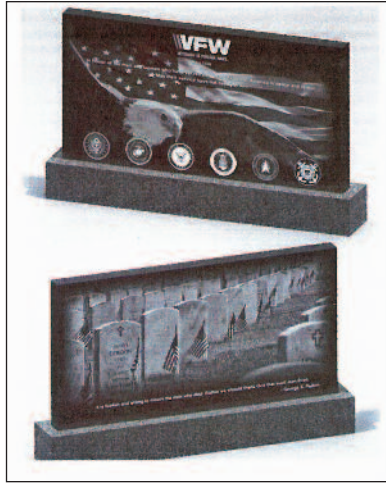
The Bloomingdale VFW Post 7539 will hold a short memorial service at 11:00 a.m. on Veteran's Day, November 11, 2021 at the Gazebo at Bloomingdale Road & Fairfield Way. The public is invited.

Post 7539 has commissioned a monument for installation near the gazebo at the corner of Bloomingdale Road & Fairfield Way. The monument, which will stand approximately 8 feet wide by 4 feet high, was created to commemorate all who have served and those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our country.

A public dedication ceremony is scheduled for Veterans Day, immediately following the memorial service.

A contribution to the Veteran Memorial Monument Fund helps offset the cost of the monument and helps to honor those who the memorial is created for. To donate, checks can be sent to VFW Post 7539 at 101 Fairfield Way Bloomingdale, IL 60108 and made payable to VFW Post 7539 Memorial Monument Fund. All donations are tax deductible.

For more information, please call Ed Aubin at 630-297-9375.



St. Isidore Catholic School Celebrates Centennial Year

Honoring school and parish history while launching the next 100 years with great hope.

Fifty families farming the land of what was then known as Cloverdale in 1920, included two classrooms in their new parish church building -- the total cost of construction was \$58,000 in 1920 dollars. On the first day of school, the day after Labor Day 1921, two nuns and 60 students initiated the 100-year legacy of St. Isidore Catholic School.

On September 18th, 2021, the school community, led by Principal Corie Alimento, launched the next 100 years of their mission. The highlight of the celebration will be the "Legendary" Gala dinner dance on February 26th, 2022 at Belvedere Events & Banquets in Elk Grove Village and all are welcome. The public is also invited to make an appointment to tour the school. "We are growing into our next 100 years with great hope!" said Director of Advancement, Gloria Lorusso.

To learn more about St. Isidore School or to tour the campus, please contact Gloria, glorialorusso@saintisidoreschool.org, 630-295-8338.

St. Isidore School is located at 431 W. Army Trail Road
stisidoreparish.org/school



Enjoy a Safe and Happy Halloween

Provided that general safety precautions are followed, "Trick-or-Treating" in Bloomingdale will be on Sun., October 31, 2021, between 3 PM and 7 PM.

A responsible adult or teen should accompany each group.

- Walk! Do not run while going trick-or-treating.
- If unaccompanied, parents should know exactly what route their children are taking and which friends your children will be with.
- Carry "trick-or-treating" bags that have handles, to keep your arms free.
- Never enter a stranger's house - even if invited.

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

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

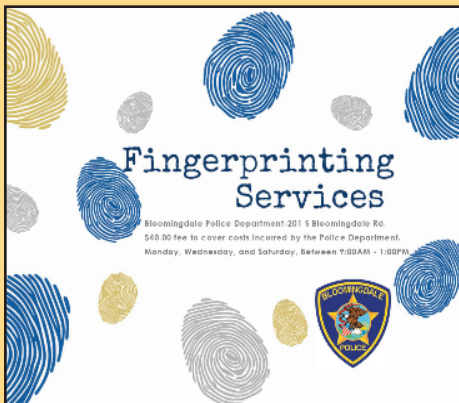
Extra police officers in marked and unmarked cars will patrol the Village to ensure that children are safe and vandalism is minimized.



The 18th annual Coffee for Champions Fundraiser Raises \$6,000

Police Department Offers Fingerprinting Services

The Bloomingdale Police Department now offers fingerprinting for residents needing fingerprints for FOID - Conceal Carry Applications, and certain other educational or employment requirements. If you were provided a fingerprint card by the agency requesting your prints, please bring that with you at the time of fingerprinting.



There will be a \$40.00 fee to cover costs incurred by the Police Department.

The fingerprints will be done on Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday, Between 9:00AM - 1:00PM.

For questions, please call the Police Department at 630-529-9868.

Old Town Block Party

The households on Jackson, Jefferson, Constitution & Independence Lane held their annual "Old Town Block Party" on Saturday, August 7th from 3-10 PM. This year's theme was all about getting out and meeting your neighbors. The Bloomingdale Police came for the children along with entertainers, music, games, raffle prizes and a large bouncy house. The block party was a success and fun was had by all!



The 18th annual #CoffeeforChampions (formerly known as "Cop on a Rooftop") fundraiser was held on August 20th.

Bloomingdale Police Officers united with the Lake Street Dunkin' staff to support the Special Olympics program. Together they raised \$6,200.53 for the Illinois Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics. Thank you to all who generously donated to the cause!



There are still limited sizes of the 2021 Law Enforcement Torch Run T-shirts, hats, pins and other items are for sale as well as items from last year's event-The 2020 Law Enforcement Torch Run, offered at discounted prices. If you are interested in purchasing any of these items or to donate to Special Olympics, call Officer Phillip Jaffe at 630-529-9868 or Sue Osicek (630) 529-9868.

Officer Paul Alcozer Retires

Sergeant Paul Alcozer began working for the Bloomingdale Police Department in 1993, and finished his career, after over 28 years, on September 14th.

During his years here, he was an evidence technician, promoted to Detective in October 2016 and to Sergeant in June 2019. Sgt. Alcozer said "It has been an interesting and fantastic career. I will miss all of the people that I have worked with."



Congratulations to Our Officers!

A swearing in and pinning ceremony took place on Monday, August 23 at the Village Board Meeting, to recognize the July 26th promotion of Officer Levi McGhee to Sergeant and the swearing-in of two new police officers-Officer Ryan Lemezis and Officer Nathaniel Talbot (All three are pictured with Mayor Franco, the Village Board, Director Giammarese and Sammy Bucaro). We congratulate all of the officers and wish them the best of luck in their new positions! May you all have long and successful careers.



Septemberfest 2021 – A Bloomingdale Tradition

It was a great turnout on Saturday September 11th, as we could finally enjoy Septemberfest once again.

The parade, led by the VFW, kicked off from DuJardin School at 11 AM and ended in Old Town Park. Many enthusiastic groups participated and featured the Bloomingdale Fire Protection District float, the Medinah Black Horse Troop, and the Schaumburg School of Rock float.

Mayor Franco Coladipietro welcomed the crowd and acknowledged the 20th anniversary of 9/11 with a moment of silence. Ethan Kaign from Noteable Notes Music Academy sang the National Anthem as the flag was raised.

A memorial led by Veteran and retired Assistant Fire Chief Bill Wolff reminded us that it was the 20th anniversary of 9/11.

We had many vendors that filled up Third Street; Everything from jewelry, crafts, candles, hair accessories and of course the food vendors, who offered delicious eats. The FUNDWAYS Kiddie Carnival was back to the children's delight, bringing laughter and smiles!

We had a great line-up of entertainment: School of Music, Bloomingdale Park District, Center Stage Dance, Lights Camera Dance School, Notable Notes as well as the return of the popular Animal Show. We were entertained by MC Brett Walkow throughout the day and the following bands took to the evening stage: Wayouts, Hello Weekend and Boy Band.

Thank you to all who made the 2021 Septemberfest possible: The Bloomingdale Police and Fire Departments, Public Works, and Bloomingdale Park District. I would also like to thank Commission members: Lindsey Boehne, Tana & Justin DiSalvo, Michael Dworinyan, Nick Fratto, Mitchel Frumkin, Debbie Pasiewicz, Dan Vitacco; Liaisons Bob Reagan, Ken Lindhorn, Watch Commander Matt Wolenberg, Trustee Patrick Shannon and Exec. Asst. Jennifer Sassano.

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

Vivi Frumkin, Septemberfest Chairman



Winners of 2021 Joe Draghi Scholarship Named at Septemberfest



Congratulations to the 2021 Joe Draghi scholarship recipients: Sarah Abraham, Cecilia Defino, Julia Ryan, and Katherine Schwegler. The Septemberfest Commission is grateful to the Estate of Dominick Froio, the Bloomingdale Lions Club, True Group, Inc. and FUNDWAYS for their substantial donations and all who donated towards the Scholarship fund.

Fireworks!

The Village of Bloomingdale hosted a Fireworks Display at the Village's new open space area on the former Indian Lakes golf course on Friday, September 10th. Fireworks lit up the nighttime sky over Bloomingdale in conjunction with Septemberfest, to celebrate the end of summer.

It was perfect weather for the Fireworks, which are a favorite community event. Many residents came out to the open space with their chairs and blankets to enjoy the time with family and neighbors, while many were treated to a great firework display that could be seen throughout the town and neighboring towns!



Photo courtesy of First Class Aerial Photography

TJ Maxx/Home Goods Now Open



TJ Maxx/HomeGoods is now open at 156 S. Gary Avenue. Previously located in Bloomingdale Court on Army Trail Road, they redeveloped approximately 49,000 square feet of the former Kmart building, at Bloomingdale Court and relocated to this site. The grand opening took place the second week of August.

Woodman's Ribbon Cutting!

Its doors opened on August 10, but the new Woodman's Food Market-Bloomingdale at 1 Stratford Drive held its official ribbon-cutting ceremony on September 14. Woodman's CEO/Chairman Phil Woodman and President Clint Woodman were present to lead the ceremony and Mayor Franco welcomed Woodman's to the community.

Trustee Bill Bolen, as well as Village staff, representatives from the developer Fox Arneson, Township Officials, Chamber members along with friends and family were all there to celebrate the ribbon cutting. The 24-hour employee owned grocery store has been a welcome addition to the community!



Culver's Plans to Build in Meijer's Outlot Next Spring

Culver's is proposing the construction of 4,100 square foot Culver's, on the out lot to the south of Meijer. The existing site is currently part of the Meijer property and was developed as a surface parking lot for the store, however due to underusage, they decided to market it for development, several years ago. The Culver's proposal is expected to receive final approvals, with hopes of construction beginning in Spring of 2022!



Bloomingdale Area Women In Business Honors Officer Dawn Odoi as Winner of Georgene Gelis Award



The Bloomingdale Area Women in Business awarded retired Bloomingdale Police Officer Dawn Odoi the Georgene Geils Woman of the Year Award at the Best of Bloomingdale Awards Dinner on August 26th.

The Geogene Geils Woman of the Year award is based on women empowering, embracing an equipping other with the knowledge and resources to achieve personal goals. Officer Odoi has demonstrated these qualities by not only reaching women, but by sharing her knowledge with our future professional women; teaching the daughters of our community through the Bloomingdale school district.

Officer Odoi had numerous responsibilities during her career as a Bloomingdale police officer. She played a pivotal role within the police department and her exceptional customer service skills derive from her enthusiasm to help others.

Congratulations to Dawn!

Bloomington Fire Protection District #1



Bring the Kids to Our Halloween Event October 23

Children are encouraged to wear their Halloween costumes for trick-or-treating activities. Children under 10 years old must be accompanied by an adult.

To ensure participant safety while walking through the various facility parking lots during this event, parking will be PROHIBITED in the parking lots. Please park in the surrounding residential area.

Please join us for the
Bloomington
Halloween Event!
Saturday, October 23

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Police / Fire & Village Lot

- Halloween-themed Tours (Fire Department until 12:00 p.m., Police Department until 1:00 p.m.)
- Activities & Games
- Arts & Crafts
- Trick-or-Treating AND Trunk-or-Treating
- Family Pumpkin Decorating Contest (while supplies last)
- Gymnastics Play Station
- Candy Collection by Eagle Falls Dentistry

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179 S. Bloomington Road
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HALLOWEEN FIRE SAFETY TIPS

Make Halloween safe for your little monsters with a few easy safety tips...

- Use a battery-operated candle or glow-stick in jack-o-lanterns.
- When choosing costumes, stay away from long trailing fabric.
- Dried flowers, cornstalks and crepe paper catch fire easily. Keep all decorations away from open flames and other heat sources like lightbulbs and heaters.
- Teach children to stay away from open flames including jack-o-lanterns with candles in them.
- Remember to keep exits clear of decorations so nothing blocks escape routes. Make sure all smoke alarms in the home are working.

NFPA CHECK OUT SPARKY.ORG FOR MORE SPOOKY FUN!
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Alan Emody Promoted to Deputy Fire Chief



Alan Emody was promoted from Battalion Chief to the new Deputy Chief, effective August 24th.

Deputy Chief Emody brings a wealth of knowledge, passion, and professionalism to the position.

Firefighter Robert Speicher said of Emody "He is highly respected by his peers, and they're excited to have him fill the new position. He loves cats as well."

Congratulations Deputy Chief Emody!



Deputy Chief Kurka Retires

The Bloomington Fire Protection District would like to congratulate Deputy Chief Richard Kurka on his July retirement after 26 years of phenomenal service to our citizens. He was the cornerstone of our public education program and one of the key contributors in attaining the Fire Districts ISO 1 status. DC Kurka was also very active in the community, specifically with the parties in the park and to our Senior Citizens. Additionally, he was the Health and Fitness Coordinator for Bloomington Fire Protection District 1

Congratulations and best wishes Deputy Chief Kurka!





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Upcoming Garden Club Programs

October 19, 2021
Backyard Birds &
Bird Feeding

Program Presenter David Brooks is a professional naturalist, who will teach the "how to" of attracting a variety of birds to your yard with feeding stations and food plantings. Program will include a who's-who of common local birds and some of the migrants to be observed in spring and fall.

November 16, 2021
Holiday Door Hanger
Craft Event

Join the Garden Club as they make holiday door hangers for residents' rooms at West Suburban Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. You can also make a decorative door hanger for yourself to take home and enjoy! (Just a small fee for take-home centerpieces.)

Program starts at 7:00 PM at Cornerstone Faith Community Church, 118 First Street, Bloomingdale. Visitors are welcome.

For more information contact bloomingtongardenclub@gmail.com or visit www.bloomingtongardenclub.org.

New Fence Installed at the Hank Gianvecchio Natural Habitats

While traveling along Lake Street, you may notice a new split rail fence that was recently installed that runs along both Lake Street and Rosedale Avenue. To complement the Village's Lake Street corridor improvements, the addition of this red cedar fence enhances a preserved area of land. The Bloomingdale Township highway department purchased this site for possible expansion needs. Eventually they deeded the property to the town board, who turned the site into a green area to prevent future development and to provide the citizens of Bloomingdale Township with a natural area to enjoy.

The site was professionally developed with natural planting including the addition of over 50 oak trees. In 2010, the site was officially dedicated and will now forever remain an open space natural habitat for residents to enjoy.

A foundation, established with community volunteers dedicated to open space, was created with two main goals. The first is to support preservation of Illinois' native habitat for the enjoyment of Bloomingdale residents. The group raises funds for improvements at the habitat and to engage the community in its mission. Donors to the 2018 fundraiser are recognized in the commemorative bricks in front of the habitat sign on Rosedale Avenue. Most recently, donations to the foundation were used to install the fence which highlights the wildflowers and oak trees and adds to the beautification of the Lake Street corridor.

The second goal of the foundation is to provide education to the importance of preserving native habitat's in the Township. All are welcome to visit the habitat during daytime hours to observe the wonder of nature and its inhabitants. Last year, the foundation updated its website with videos explaining the natural features and plants that habitat visitors will encounter. The short videos, hosted by former Itasca Nature Center Director and foundation volunteer, Fred Maier, can be found under the "Visit the Habitat" and "Education" tabs. Educational resources, gathered by volunteer Marcia Tornatore and a team of local teachers, can be found there as well.

The site features three different types of native habitat. Anthony Pacilli, Executive Director of the foundation, notes that the nonprofit has installed interpretive signage throughout the preserve. "The Hank Gianvecchio Natural Habitat area is an oasis where residents can enjoy being outdoors while learning about three types of habitat native to Illinois," said Pacilli.



Photo courtesy of Bob Nogan



now open:

THE DOMINIC FROIO MEMORIAL GARDEN

AT BLOOMINGDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Dominic Froio Memorial Garden opened on September 25, 2021 to welcome all patrons to the Bloomingdale Public Library. The garden is just to the north of our front entrance and includes seating with outdoor WiFi, distinctive lighting, and an IDNR-certified butterfly garden.

This revitalized outdoor space will be both a peaceful place for reflection as well as an exciting space for additional outdoor programming.

The garden was made possible by a donation from the estate of Mr. Dominic Froio.

For more details and photos, please visit www.mybpl.org/dominicfroiomemorialgarden.

bpl makerspace

The BPL Makerspace is now open to Bloomingdale Public Library cardholders! For full rules including age limits, number of guests allowed, and more, please check our website at www.mybpl.org/makerspace.

Open Use Time

Thursdays - 5:00-8:00 p.m.

Saturdays - Noon-4:00 p.m.

*Closed Saturday, October 23
due to the Halloween Party*



Join us through October as we present
On The Same Page

in conjunction with **Roselle Public Library District**
and **Itasca Community Library**.



Turn the page to find more information about this month-long community reading event!

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.

Library Closings:

Closed Friday, October 1 for Staff In-service

Closing at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 24

Closed Thursday, November 25 in observation of Thanksgiving

For updates to hours/services offered:

Call (630) 529-3120 • Email bdref@mybpl.org • Visit our website at 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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Back this year, On the Same Page will feature virtual programs based on the novel *I Always Loved You* by Robin Oliveira. Virtual programs include something for everyone. For the complete brochure, visit our website at www.mybpl.org/otsp.

All On the Same Page programming will take place on  ZOOM

📅 📺 **Edouard Manet: Painter of Modern Life**

Monday, October 25 | 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Zoom Webinar

Edouard Manet took on the conservative art world in Paris by painting modern life as opposed to “accepted” subjects. Art historian Jeff Mishur will discuss the important works in Manet’s oeuvre including *Luncheon on the Grass*, *The Balcony*, and *A Bar at the Folies-Bergère*.



📅 **Adult Take & Make: Postage Stamp Collage**

Tuesday, October 26 | All day – YouTube video (pre-recorded)

On the Bloomingdale Public Library’s YouTube channel, watch our most popular craft video, “Postage Stamp Collage”, and learn how to use vintage stamps to create an easy and unique art object for your home. The first 20 people to email Kristina Giovanni at kgiovanni@mybpl.org will receive a bag of supplies starting October 26.



📅 📺 **Senior Housing 101**

Monday, October 4 | 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Zoom Webinar

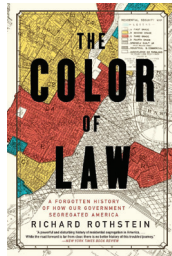
Rick Graffagna of Senior Solutions is back to teach us about different options when it comes to senior housing: types of senior housing, things to consider when looking, funding, and how to find senior properties.

📅 📺 **The Color of Law: A Forgotten History of How Our Government Segregated America**

Wednesday, October 13 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Zoom Webinar

Special multi-library event

Author and researcher Richard Rothstein presents on the policies that led to racial segregation in American communities, and what can be done to reverse these practices and work towards racial equity. Co-sponsored by multiple Illinois libraries and held in partnership with Racial Awareness in the North Shore (RAIN) and Together is Better Alliance (TiBA).



📅 📺 **Uncovering Egypt**

Monday, November 1 | 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Zoom Webinar

Uncover Egypt’s secrets on our visit to the Pyramids of Giza, the Valley of the Kings, and the temples near Luxor and Abu Simbel. We will cruise the Nile, examine tomb paintings and reliefs, and explore Ancient Egypt’s remarkable culture. Presented by Nancy McCully, retired librarian and world traveler.

📅 📺 **King Tut - Art & Archeology from the Time of the New Kingdom**

Monday, November 8 | 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Zoom Webinar

Howard Carter’s discovery of King Tut’s tomb in 1925 captivated the world. Art Historian Jeff Mishur presents this slide lecture featuring a discussion of some of the major objects excavated from the tomb of the famous pharaoh, including his royal mask.

📅 📺 **Virtual Art Class for Adults and Teens – Create Your Own Character**

Tuesday, November 9 | 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Zoom Webinar

Join us on Zoom to learn basic drawing techniques and draw your own unique character with artist Lindsay Budzynski. Supplies needed: paper, pencils/erasers, ruler. Tracing paper, markers, or colored pencils optional. Registration is required and limited to 15 participants. Teens are welcome to register.

📅 📺 **Pluto Revealed**

Monday, November 15 | 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Zoom Webinar

Thanks to a flyby from NASA’s New Horizons spacecraft in 2015, we now know Pluto is one of the most dynamic - and strange! - places in the entire Solar System. How strange? Let’s find out! Hosted by Astroeducator Michelle Nichols.

📅 **Songs for the Seasons with Heather Braoudakis**

Tuesday, November 16 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

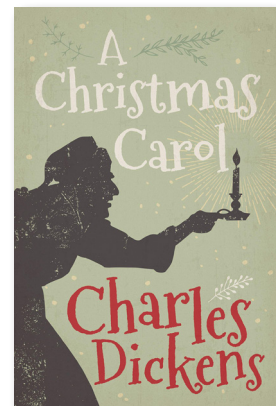
Chicago Symphony Chorus singer Heather Braoudakis is here to celebrate the seasons with songs of spring, summer, autumn, and winter. You’ll love remembering songs like *Autumn in New York*, *Summer Wind*, *Younger Than Springtime*, and *Stormy Weather*.

📅 📺 **A Christmas Carol: The Story Behind the Story**

Monday, November 29 | 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Zoom Webinar

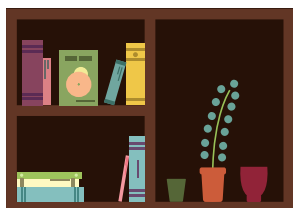
It’s one of the most beloved, celebrated, and truly original stories, but not many people know the fascinating details that went into the making of Charles Dickens’ masterpiece *A Christmas Carol* or how filmmakers brought Scrooge to the silver screen!





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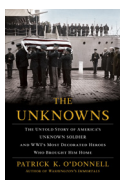
book discussion groups

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

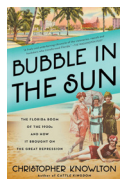


To register, email Julie Deeke at jdeeke@mybpl.org.



The Unknowns: The Untold Story of America's Unknown Soldier and WWI's Most Decorated Heroes Who Brought Him Home
by Patrick O'Donnell

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



Bubble in the Sun: The Florida Boom of the 1920s and How it Brought on the Great Depression
by Christopher Knowlton

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

Monday Night Page Turners

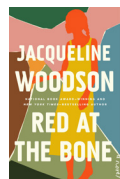


To register, email Jessica Frazier at jfrazier@mybpl.org.



I Always Loved You: A Story of Mary Cassatt and Edgar Degas
by Robin Oliveira

Monday, October 18 | 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.



Red at the Bone
by Jacqueline Woodson

Monday, November 15 | 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.



Genealogy Club online ON ZOOM

Wednesdays, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
October 20 & November 17

We're meeting via Zoom to learn about internet and archival genealogy and research support.

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

FamilySearch Affiliate Library - Expand Your Genealogical Research

Exciting news for genealogy and family history enthusiasts! Bloomingdale Public Library is now a FamilySearch Affiliate Library. Using the library's computers or Wi-Fi, you can access millions of locked FamilySearch digital records that are only available in a Family History Center or Affiliate Library.

Free personal account is required and locked records are only accessible for in-library use.



DROP-IN MOVIES



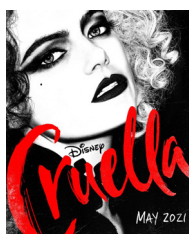
Come enjoy a movie with us at BPL's Drop-In Movie and enter for a chance to win a copy of that day's movie on DVD.

Movie giveaway will be held following the conclusion of the movie and you must be present to win.



News of the World
Thursday, October 14 | 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

A Civil War veteran agrees to deliver a girl, taken by the Kiowa people years ago, to her aunt and uncle against her will. They travel hundreds of miles and face grave dangers as they search for a place that either can call home. *Rated PG-13*



Cruella
Thursday, November 11 | 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

A live-action prequel feature film following a young Cruella de Vil. *Rated PG-13*

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.

FOR WORK AND HOME

Excel 1

Monday, October 11 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

Learn the basics of creating and using spreadsheets. Formatting, designing, and sorting spreadsheets will be discussed along with the first steps towards creating formulas and using functions.

Excel 2

Monday, October 25 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

Build your Excel skills with more advanced topics such as formulas, graphs, and linking between multiple worksheets.

Google Docs & Cloud Backup

Monday, November 22 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

Google provides a number of free applications perfect for safe storage or collaboration with friends, family, or colleagues. Students will learn the basics of working with these tools to create, edit, and share documents. We will also discuss alternative cloud storage options while examining the costs and benefits of different cloud solutions.



GETTING STARTED SERIES

Getting Started: Windows 10

Tuesday, October 19 | 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Instructor: Charlie

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

Getting Started: Word Processing

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

Instructor: Charlie

This class is for those with little or no experience using Microsoft Word or any word processors. Topics such as creating and saving files, formatting, and editing documents will be covered. There will be time available for questions and specific problems students have encountered.


Getting Started: Your Files

Tuesday, November 16 | 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

Every time a picture is taken, a letter is written, or a song is purchased on your computer a file goes somewhere. Learn about file locations, how to find files, and how to copy, delete, and restore files. A great class for anyone with a lot of personal information or pictures they're worried about losing or moving to a new computer.

GET CREATIVE - VIRTUALLY!

Virtual classes are prerecorded and published on our YouTube channel, noted with . They premiere on the date/time listed and will remain available afterward.

Tinkercad Intermediate

Thursday, October 14 | 7:00 p.m.

Instructor: Salvador

Go beyond the basics to create and edit more complicated and personalized 3D prints using the free Tinkercad website.

Apple iMovie Next Steps

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

Instructor: Salvador

For those who have mastered the basics of iMovie and are looking for the next steps to take.

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

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For programs with special registration requirements, please follow those instructions. Virtual classes are noted with 📺.

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



Love and Monsters (Drop-In)

Wednesday, October 27 | 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

*Join us to watch a movie together and enter for a chance to win the movie!
Movie giveaway held following the conclusion of the movie and you must be present to win.*



Jungle Cruise (Drop-In)

Wednesday, November 17 | 5:30 – 8:00 p.m.

VIRTUAL SCAVENGER HUNTS

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



Theme	Date
Disney	October 3 - 9
Football	October 10 - 16
DC Universe	October 17 - 23
Monsters	October 24 - 30
Halloween	October 31 - November 6
Candy	November 7 - 13
Marvel Universe	November 14 - 20
Thanksgiving	November 21 - 27
Winter	November 28 - December 4

TAKE AND MAKE CRAFTS!

To sign up for Take and Make crafts, teens can email kyager@mybpl.org the day that registration begins.
Crafts are limited to 10 teens.

📅 Felt Succulents

Sign up begins Monday, October 11

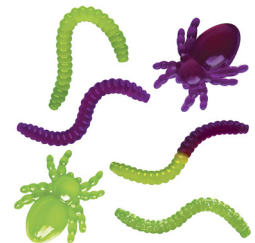


Make a tiny terrarium of succulents that you don't have to worry about watering!
Limited to 10 teens.

📅 Spooky Gummy Candy Lab

Sign up begins Monday, October 25

Gross shapes, but delicious flavor! Mold your own delicious gummy worms and spiders using a natural gelatin-like ingredient called carrageenan that comes from seaweed. Limited to 10 teens.



📅 Bath Bombs

Sign up begins Monday, November 8

Make your own bath bombs! Learn the science behind creating the perfect fizz. Make up to 12 colorful bath bombs in five different shapes. Limited to 10 teens.



📅 Gumball Machine

Sign up begins Monday, November 22

Are you a budding engineer with a sweet tooth? Make your own gumball machine with a book of step-by-step instructions. Limited to 10 teens.



Youth Programs



Registration required for some youth programs (noted with 🗓️). **Registration for October programs begins September 20 at 9:00 a.m.** **Registration for November programs begins October 18 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 classes are noted with 🖥️.

VIRTUAL BPL Programs @ Home

🖥️ Tech Time: Write Your Own Spooky Comic

Grades 3-6

Week of October 10 – 16

Write a spooky comic using Make Believe Comix, a comics creating website. They make comic writing easy and fun using graphics and writing prompts. We will share how the website works, and then we will print and display any books that you share with us.

🖥️ Crochet Along with Miss Carol

Grades 3-8

YouTube Video Post on the 15th of each month

Learn to crochet along with Miss Carol. Check the BPL YouTube page for video tutorials to make each project. A supply list and written instructions can be picked up at the library or found on our website. New projects will be posted each month.

October – Scarf

November – Beanie Hat

🖥️ Sesame Street Virtual Storytime Party!

Families

Wednesday, November 10 | 10:30am

Join us on YouTube for a special Sesame Street themed virtual storytime! Mini-kits and crafts will be available first come, first served at the Youth Services desk.

Community Christmas Tree Ornament Take It, Make It, and Return It

Families

Ornament Kit Pickup (limited quantities):

November 12 – 19

Return ornaments by Saturday, November 20

The Bloomingdale Public Library and The Friends of the Library will be sponsoring the Village of Bloomingdale Community Tree.

Help us decorate our tree with this special, no-registration needed

Take It, Make It, and Return It!

Take home a craft kit and make ornaments, then return them to the library for us to add to our tree. You're also welcome to make ornaments with your own supplies,

but please make them sturdy enough to stay outside.



In-Person Programs @ BPL

Please register individually for each child unless otherwise noted.

🗓️ In-Person Storytimes

Families

Fridays in October and November | 10:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Join us every Friday for in-person storytime. Listen to our staff read stories, sing songs, and tell rhymes.

Registration for this program will be one week prior to the event.

Please register as a family. There will be no In-Person Storytime on October 7 or November 26.

🗓️ Little Blue Truck Library Party

Families

Friday, October 15 | 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

In conjunction with SBC Waste Solutions and the Village of Bloomingdale, BPL is happy to welcome the Little Blue Truck in the gazebo lot! Pre-register for the party, then you can visit anytime during the event to take pictures in the Little Blue Truck, listen to stories, and enjoy fun activities. *This event will be outdoors so dress accordingly.*

🗓️ Five Little Pumpkins STEM Program

Grades 1-3

Tuesday, October 19 | 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

Can we create fun STEM building structures to hold five little pumpkins? Join us as we take on this task based on the classic nursery rhyme.



🗓️ Día de los Muertos!

Families

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

Join us for a Día de los Muertos themed storytime and craft to celebrate the Day of the Dead.

🗓️ Dino-Bash

Grades 4-8

Thursday, November 11 | 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Get your stomp, chomp, and romp on with dinosaur themed trivia, snacks, music, games, and crafts. Peek behind the scenes at how we set up our famous Dinovember photo shoots, and enter to win a super cool prize! Event held outdoors, weather permitting.

🗓️ Turkey Tales

Ages 3-6

Tuesday, November 23 | 1:30 – 2:15 p.m.

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



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Take It, Make It Kits

As we slowly start back with in-person programming at the library, we continue to offer unique experiences that you can do from home. 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. See registration dates above.

🗓️ **The Cow Jumped Over the Candlestick** (Grades 3-6)

Kit Pickup: October 4 – 8

Cows, fire, and a legacy that has affected every inch of the city we love. Grab a kit filled with projects, fun activities, and a treat!

🗓️ **National Be Nice Day** (Grades K-2)

Kit Pickup: October 4 – 8

Celebrate National Be Nice Day with activities you can make to brighten someone's day!

🗓️ **Find Out About Fossils** (Grades K-2)

Kit Pickup: October 11 – 15

YouTube Video Available: October 15

Fossils leave a record of plants and animals from the past by changing them into stone. Learn about fossils by making crafts and doing activities at home.

🗓️ **Down on the Farm** (Grades K-2)

Kit Pickup: October 25 – 29

Come join a barnyard full of fun! We will explore life on the farm through games, crafts, stories, and more!

🗓️ **Fall Leaf Art** (Grades K-2)

Kit Pickup: November 1 – 5

Gather leaves from your own yard and, with permission, from your neighbors and friends. Enjoy 3 different craft projects using fall leaves.

🗓️ **Love for Lois Elbert** (Grades preschool-2)

Kit Pickup: November 8 – 12

YouTube video available: November 12

Lois Elbert's books will endure for their great stories and illustrations. Join us to celebrate her books with activities and crafts.

🗓️ **Celebrate Sesame Street Day!** (Ages 3-5)

Kit Pickup: November 8 – 12

Celebrate Elmo, Big Bird, Cookie Monster, and more with fun crafts and activities.

🗓️ **Let's Play Ball** (Grades 3-6)

Kit Pickup: November 15 – 19

Get things rolling with this STEM Challenge sports themed bag of fun!

🗓️ **Clifford the Big Red Dog** (Ages 3-5)

Kit Pickup: November 22 – 26

Clifford the Big Red Dog has a new movie. Let's celebrate with a bag filled with crafts and games all about the big, red dog!

For our youngest patrons:

Baby Packs!

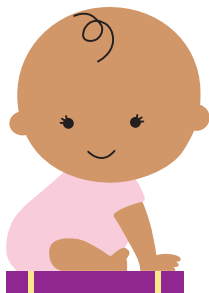
These activity-filled backpacks are designed specifically for children ages 0-24 months and include materials to create your own at home storytime! These will be available soon in Youth Services to check out. Be on the lookout for our in-person baby programs (Come Together, Baby Tales, and Baby, Let's Make Music) to return when COVID conditions improve.

COMING SOON!

Born to Read Bags

In order to promote the importance of reading to babies, the Library offers Born to Read Packets to new parents in Bloomington. The new baby and its family will receive a congratulatory packet that includes a free board book.

If you or anyone you know in Bloomington is a new parent and would like to receive this service, please visit the Youth Services Desk or call (630) 924-2740.



It's our favorite time of year again (no, not Halloween)...

DINOVEMBER

Keep an eye on our social media as our resident dinos get up to all sorts of shenanigans for the 4th year in a row!



Please join us for the **Bloomingdale** **Halloween Event!** **Saturday, October 23**

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Police / Fire & Village Lot

🦇 Halloween-themed Tours
(Fire Department until 12:00 p.m.,
Police Department until 1:00 p.m.)

🦇 Activities & Games
🦇 Arts & Crafts

🦇 Trick-or-Treating AND Trunk-or-Treating
🦇 Family Pumpkin Decorating
(while supplies last)
🦇 Gymnastics Play Station
🦇 Candy Collection by Eagle Falls Dentistry

11:00 - 2:00 p.m. Library Lot

🦇 Hay Maze and Inflatable Moonwalk
🦇 Games and Prizes
🦇 Balloon Artists

🦇 Trick-or-Treating
🦇 Photo Areas

no entrance after 1:45 p.m.

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

Children under 10 years old must be accompanied by an adult.

To ensure participant safety while walking through the various facility parking lots during this event, parking will be **PROHIBITED** in the parking lots. Please park in the surrounding residential area.

Programs & events are subject to change in accordance with current COVID-19 restrictions and mandates. Please check these websites for program updates:

www.mybpl.org www.bloomingdaleparks.org



Fall Fest

FREE!

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

Gather family and friends and enjoy an evening full of fun fall festivities. The first 100 children (ages 12 and younger) to pre-register receive a gift the day of the event. Code #104605-A1.

Activities

- DJ
- Entertainment
- Hayrides around the park
- Arts and crafts
- Smore's
- Giant Slide
- And much more!



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Youth Basketball Association

The Bloomington Youth Basketball Association is a volunteer organization supported by the Bloomington Park District that provides a comprehensive basketball program for Bloomington and surrounding communities. Volunteer coaches are needed for all levels, and coaches may register the same dates and times as player registrations.

Benefits of youth basketball

- Fitness
- Coordination
- Strength Development
- Flexibility
- Social Skills
- Self Confidence
- Politeness/Sportsmanship
- Work Ethic
- Discipline
- Determination

Age Levels

Age Levels	Code #
1/2 grade boys & girls	102301-A4
3/4 grade boys	102301-A1
3/4 grade girls	102301-A2
5/6 grade girls	102301-A3
5/6 grade boys	102301-B1
7/8 grade boys	102301-B2
7/8 grade girls	102301-B3

*Register online or at the JRC Front Desk.

Timeline

Practices start 11/29
 Games begin approximately 1/8/22
 Season ends approximately 3/5/22

Fees

\$130R/\$150NR. Registration fee increases \$25 after 10/11.

Mandatory Coaches Meeting

Day	Date	Time	Location
Tue	11/9	6:30	JRC

Basketball Contacts

Position	Name	Phone
Athletic Manager	Chris Tompkins	(630) 529-3650
Athletic Supervisor	Natalie Reed	(630) 529-3650
President	Janet Sickler	(847) 204-6823
Travel Coordinator	Tony Zakic	(630) 815-3720

Open Gym

Dates valid September 13 - December 30

- Participants 12 years and older who fully vaccinated are highly encouraged to wear a mask. Individuals not fully vaccinated are required to wear mask.
- Schedule may change to accommodate Bloomington Park District programs. For more information, call (630) 529-3650.
- COVID protocols enforced.

Westfield Gymnasium

Youth Open Gym

Grades 6-8
 Monday - Friday 7-8:15AM
 \$4 per day

Johnston Recreation Center

Youth Open Gym

Grades 6-12
 Monday - Friday 3:30-5:30PM
 \$4/\$6 residents/non-residents

All persons MUST show proof of residency with ID or they will be charged the \$6 daily rate.

Punch Card

Punch card option available for residents. Purchase 10 punches for \$35. Participants are responsible for bringing the card to the program. Card is redeemable at JRC Youth Open Gym Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and at Westfield Open Gym Monday through Friday mornings. Cards may be purchased at the JRC Front Desk. Unused punches are not refundable. Misplaced cards may be replaced at purchaser's expense.

School's Out! Open Gym

Contact Bloomington Park District regarding School's Out! schedule.
 \$3/\$6 residents/non-residents

Parents Night Out

Parents take a night off and enjoy a few hours of free time to relax, shop or do something without the kids. Kids have fun in the gym, play games, create crafts and enjoy a pizza dinner and dessert. Fee is \$20 for the first child and \$10 for each additional child. This is a partner program with Recipe Swap (#103636- A1 & A2).

Location: Oak - Lounge
 Instructor: Staff

Youth (tr)
 MIN/MAX: 4/10

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
4-10	Fri	5:30-8:30P	Nov 5	\$20/\$25	102486-B1

Adult Trips

Morkes & Lou's

Who doesn't love chocolate and pizza! Morkes Chocolates is a leader in the art of creating handmade gourmet chocolate confections since 1920. Participants make a chocolate pizza with a variety of candy toppings, molded items and chocolate-dipped treats. Participants then head to Lou Malnati's for lunch. Lunch includes pizza and soda. Trip departs and returns from the Johnston Recreation Center, 172 S. Circle Ave., in Bloomington. Registration deadline is October 28.

Location: Johnston Rec Center **Adult(rd)**
Instructor: Staff **MIN/MAX: 4/4**

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
18-99	Thu	10A-3P	Nov 5	\$47/\$52	103207-A1

Hollywood Casino Trip

Want to try your luck? If so hitch a ride with us as we head down to the Hollywood Casino in Joliet. Bring a friend or two and let's discover Joliet's hottest gaming and dining. Trip includes transportation. Lunch is on your own at the Casino. Trip departs and returns from Medinah Park District, 22W130Thorndale Ave., in Medinah. Registration deadline is October 30.

Location: Medinah Park District **Adult(rd)**
Instructor: Staff **MIN/MAX: 4/4**

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
21-99	Sat	9A-3P	Nov 6	\$12/\$21	103201-A1

Westfield Walking Track

Get Moving. Get in Shape. Get Healthy. Feel Great!

Did you know the Westfield Walking Track is free for residents of Bloomington?

The track consists of two lanes. The inside lane is for walkers and the outside lane is for runners/joggers. 15 laps=1 mile.

All persons using the indoor track must have a photo ID to show residency. Non-residents must purchase a pass at the Johnston Recreation Center. Passes are good for one year from the date of purchase.

Fees: FREE resident/\$30 non-resident

Hours of Operation beginning September 8 through December 30
(subject to change)

Monday-Friday	Saturday-Sunday
5:30-8AM 4-9PM	8AM-12PM

Holiday Lights in Lake Geneva

Embark on a magical Christmas boat cruise to Santa's Hideaway! Along your 40-minute lake tour, you will be enchanted by lighted displays that unfold the story of your journey. From the boat, sneak a peek at the shoreline to see Santa's Hideaway. After the tour, dinner will at Harpoon Willies (paid for on your own) before departing back home. The trip picks up and drops off at the Johnston Recreation Center, 172 S. Circle Ave., in Bloomington. Registration deadline is November 26.

Location: Johnston Rec Center **Adult(rd)**
Instructor: Staff **MIN/MAX: 4/4**

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
43-99	Fri	4:45-10:30P	Dec 11	\$35/\$40	103210-A1



The Lounge Opens October 1!



The Lounge is relaxing space in the Johnston Recreation Center for active adults and seniors. It features a comfortable seating area to watch TV and movies, play cards, an area to get active with Wii video games, and plenty of space to simply relax and pass the time. Free coffee is available daily.



THE LOUNGE

The Lounge is FREE to all adults; however, some programs and lunches require a registration fee to participate. Monthly calendars will be available for pick up on the 20th of each month at the front desk of the Johnston Recreation Center. Refer to the calendar for open hours.

Ice Cream Social!

You are invited to the Grand Re-opening of The Lounge! Kick it off with a tasty Ice Cream Friday, October 1, 10:30-11:30AM. Join the fun, and we hope to see you there!



B-FIT CENTER

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

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

Labor Day	Closed
Thanksgiving Day	Closed
November 26	7-11AM
Christmas Eve	7-11AM
Christmas Day	Closed
New Year's Eve	7-11AM
New Year's Day	Closed

