

# Village of Bloomingdale

# Almanac

December 2021

Growth with Pride

## Bloomingdale Holiday Tree Tradition

The Village of Bloomingdale would like to thank resident Mariola Krzywda for the donation of the grand tree that grew in her yard and now graces the piazza in Old Town Bloomingdale as the "Village's 2021 Christmas tree."



The Christmas tree is a 30+ foot Colorado Spruce. Getting the tree installed and decorated is no easy feat, but our public works department always manages to work their magic. Each year the Village Tree Lighting and Kris Kringle Market is held in conjunction with the Park District's opening night of Festival of Lights. The 2021 event will be on December 3rd.

We hope you're able to visit Old Town, to see the tree and make some holiday magic of your own!



## December 3, 2021

### Join Us for a Winter Festival of Fun!

3:30pm – 8:30pm at Old Town Park

### Featuring

- ★ **40+ Vendors** with a Variety of Winter Accessories & Clothing, Decorations, Handcrafted Gifts & Jewelry, and Much More!
- ★ **FREE** Kids Crafts, Activities, Face Painting, and Festive Train Rides
- ★ Assortment of Savory & Sweet Foods, Treats, and Drinks
- ★ A Beer Tent with a Assortment of Beers & Mulled Wine
- ★ Visit Santa and Watch the Tree Lighting in the Old Town Piazza

### Schedule of Events

**FREE Event Entry – Everyone is Welcome!**

**3:30 – 6:30pm:** Chamber of Commerce Open House

**3:00 – 6:30pm:** Santa and Snow Globe at the Pan American Bank & Trust Open House

**3:30 – 8:30pm:** Holiday Show at The Park District Museum

**4:30 – 7:30pm:** Festive Train Rides

**7:00pm:** Tree & Park Lighting Ceremony



### Parking Available at:

Old Town Bloomingdale Parking Lot: Schick & Third St  
Cornerstone Church: Bloomingdale Rd. & Franklin St  
Rooster's Barn & Grill: Parking Lot

Thank You to Our Event Sponsors



# Old Town Brew Fest Thank You!

## VILLAGE BOARD, COMMISSION & 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



The 2nd Annual Old Town Brew Fest was a great success thanks to the sponsors, volunteers, food vendors and breweries, as well as everyone who attended on Saturday, October 9th!

It was an unseasonably warm, fall day with sunny skies and a great time was had at the fundraising event. We had 28 breweries and food vendors participating and more than 400 people came together to enjoy the day and create a sense of community. We would also like to thank the Black Bolts Band for entertaining the crowd with their sounds of rock and soul.

### Thank you to our event Sponsors:

Bloomington Township Republican Party, Franco Coladipietro, GMC Realty – The Smith Team, Hovde & Tufo Law, Jet Advertising, NOW Foods, Pan American Bank, SBC Waste Solutions, Tapville, True Group-Dan Vitacco

We hope to see you in the Fall of 2022!

## Help Available to Pay Winter Heating Bills

With cold temperatures just around the corner, DuPage County Community Services will accept applications for the annual Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) now through May 31, 2022, or until funds are depleted. Eligible families are encouraged to take advantage of the program.



For more information visit the Bloomingdale Township website- [bloomingtondaletownship.com](http://bloomingtondaletownship.com), or DuPage County residents may call (630) 407-6500, (800) 942-9412 (toll-free)

## Village of Bloomingdale Elected Officials

**Fanco 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

## A Message from Mayor Franco

Yes, it is my favorite time of the year again! But first, I want to reflect on some of the changes we have seen this year. We have enjoyed another year of fiscal growth, commercial expansion, improvements to infrastructure, and most importantly, continued community spirit! One of the most noticeable improvements is the completion of our Lake Street corridor along with a new sign welcoming people to our community at Lake & Medinah. The project has helped spur redevelopment in the corridor with Caputo's completing a wonderful renovation of their space, reinforcing their commitment to the Bloomingdale community.

The pandemic heightened our awareness and need for open space/recreational areas to utilize in our everyday lives and the Village Board was excited at the opportunity to purchase the 220 acres of the former Indian Lakes Golf Course and 15 acres of frontage on Schick Road. Special thanks to our Trustees and Staff for their efforts in finalizing the acquisition and our Public Works crews who worked tirelessly to clear the path so the community could enjoy this important piece of property in the heart of our community. The area also served as a wonderful backdrop to the Fireworks show held in September and for the 4th of July show we look forward to bringing back in 2022.

We are very proud of the improvements in Old Town where we hosted the 2021 Old Town Brew Fest. Over 400 people were in attendance on a sun-drenched day that helped showcase both Bloomingdale and our historic Old Town. It definitely highlighted Bloomingdale's community spirit. Thank you to Village staff for coordinating a successful event. I hope to see you there next year!

Growth continues as retail, restaurants, commercial and residential development flourish; Some notable additions include the opening of Woodman's and Raising Cane's. I am pleased to announce that the Board approved plans for a new Culver's for the Meijer outlot at Schick and Gary Avenue. In residential news – Phase 2 of Springfield Point at Stratford is nearly sold out along with the Pulte townhome development at Stratford. The Board approved an 18-unit townhome development for Schick and First and a 9-unit townhome development for Medinah on the Lakes both scheduled to begin construction in 2022.

And now...my favorite seasonal topic! You may have seen our Public Works employees decking trees with lights over the last several weeks, as our Christmas light extravaganza is in full swing! This year the Village will be alight with even more Christmas lights, spreading holiday cheer. Kicking off the Christmas festivities, is the annual Christmas Tree Lighting and Kris Kringle Market on December 3, marking the beginning of the month-long Festival of Lights held in Old Town Bloomingdale. When the switch is flipped at 7:00 PM, Old Town Park and the Village's giant Christmas tree on the Piazza will be lit simultaneously! Check out the front page of this Almanac to learn about the additional activities slated for Old Town that evening, as well as the Park page with their schedule of activities.

'Tis the season for giving, so when you are doing your holiday shopping, please consider buying in Bloomingdale. Keeping your sales taxes in the Village builds a stronger local economy. Did you know that 50% or \$8.44 million of the Village's General Fund's total revenues come from sales taxes? Our businesses, including locally owned independents, are the lifeblood of our economy! Shopping in town also supports your neighbors and friends. Please support our local businesses with some of your budget in addition to your online shopping. The sales tax you pay online does not come back home to Bloomingdale; it goes to the State. So, this year, let's "Keep the Cheer Here."

From the Coladipietro Family to your Family - Warmest Wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Joyful Holiday Season.

Mayor Franco

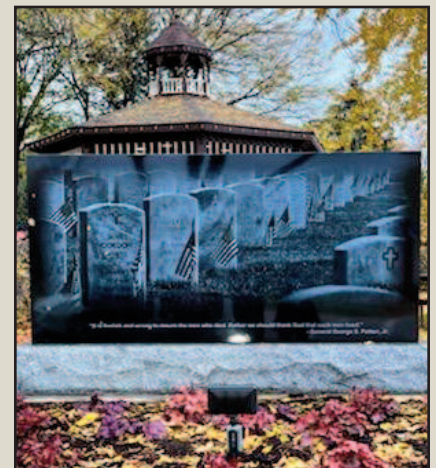


## Monument Dedicated During Village's 2021 Veterans Day Ceremony

On November 11th, the Bloomingdale IL VFW Post 7539 dedicated a monument, honoring fallen veterans during a moving Veterans Day service. The ceremony was held inside the Bloomingdale Public Library, where members of the VFW reflected and expressed gratitude for the community support. Mayor Franco also spoke, noting that Bloomingdale Cares Community Fund, a 501(c)(3), will make a \$5,000 contribution to the Veteran Memorial Monument Fund to help offset the cost of the monument and to honor those who the memorial is created for. Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi also spoke at the ceremony.

The marble monument is 8 feet wide and 4 feet high, weighing approximately 5,000 pounds. It is located by the gazebo on Fairfield Way and Bloomingdale Road. The monument has a bald eagle on the front of it, the emblems of the six branches of the armed forces and a message honoring the sacrifice of men and women who died serving in the military. The back of it displays a photo of a cemetery and a quote by Gen George Patton.

You can support a veteran by making a donation at [www.vfw7539.org](http://www.vfw7539.org).



# Bloomington Officials Recognized For Commitment to Life Safety

## 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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Mayor Franco, holding the NIFSAB award, is pictured with the Village Board and Building Commissioner Mike Gricus. Back, L to R, Trustee Shannon, Building Commissioner Mike Gricus, Mayor Franco, Trustee Bucaro, Trustee Ackerman; Front, L to R, Trustee Belmonte, Trustee Von Huben, Trustee Bolen and Village Clerk Hager.

The Northern Illinois Fire Sprinkler Advisory Board recently recognized Village of Bloomington officials for their commitment to the life safety of residents and responding firefighters through the adoption of a village ordinance requiring fire sprinklers in all new construction one- and two-family homes. Bloomington is one of more than 110 communities in Illinois to have a home fire sprinkler requirement in line with national model codes. The ordinance will help prevent needless injuries and deaths and greatly reduce property damage from fires.

## Turf Grass to Pollinator Meadow Habitat Begins at Westlake Park

The Bloomington Park District recently started the conversion of turf grass to pollinator meadow habitat at Westlake Park. The work is part of a grant from the Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation that covers 50% of the cost.

"One goal of the Foundation's efforts is to convert mowed turf areas to areas that are more diverse biologically and therefore more attractive to native pollinator species," said Bloomington Park District Executive Director Joe Potts. "Westlake Park is one of our most visited parks. Visitors of all ages to Westlake Park will enjoy a more diverse variety of birds, bees, and butterflies thanks to the Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation."

Two acres of mowed turf will be converted to native plantings. The grant funds also support interpretive signs, explaining the benefits of native plants.

The areas to be converted have been sprayed with herbicide followed by tilling and seeding this fall/winter. The native seed mix was chosen to attract pollinators and in coordination with the Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation.

The Bloomington Park District is also working with the DuPage Monarch Project on the conversion. The DuPage Monarch Project is a group of local organizations working together to provide education about monarchs and increase the amount of suitable monarch habitat throughout DuPage County.

For more information on this project, contact Joe Potts at (630) 529-3650.

## Check Out These Chamber Holiday Promotions



The Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce is promoting "stay local this season" with your purchases, dining and business needs. Participation is free to anyone who wants to play.

Holiday Trees will be displayed at Bloomingdale Court Shopping Center on Army Trail Road where your vote could win you a \$25 gift card. View trees and pick your favorite by taking a selfie in front of it, tag or name the business and post on Facebook with [#BCCHolidayTrees](#). The promotion runs November 29, 2021 through January 8, 2022. A pickle will be hidden in the trees, the first to find the pickle and post a picture to Facebook with [#BCCHolidayTrees](#) wins instantly.

The Parade of Gingerbread Houses begins November 27th. Download a map of participating businesses at [www.BloomingdaleHolidays.com](http://www.BloomingdaleHolidays.com). Visit each gingerbread house and receive a stamp on your map. When your map is complete, return it to the Chamber for a chance to win \$200. Vote for your favorite house by donating money into the ballot box. The money collected will be donated to St. Isidore's PADS program



to support the homeless.

The Enjoy Local & Win campaign is still ongoing. Patronize a Bloomingdale Chamber business and send your receipt into the Chamber via, mail or email to [Contest@BloomingdaleChamber.com](mailto:Contest@BloomingdaleChamber.com) to enter to win monthly gift cards valued at \$100. A list of participating businesses can be found at [BloomingdaleChamber.com/list/](http://BloomingdaleChamber.com/list/)

Visit [www.BloomingdaleHolidays.com](http://www.BloomingdaleHolidays.com) for complete rules of these holiday promotions.

## Weekend Dial-a-Ride Offers Expanded Holiday Hours Beginning November 27

The Village of Bloomingdale is again providing Expanded Holiday Hours for its Weekend Dial-A-Ride service beginning November 27, 2021 through Sunday, December 26, 2021.

The Holiday Weekend Service will run from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturdays and 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Sundays. There is no Dial-A-Ride service on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, or New Year's Day. Bloomingdale residents may ride anywhere within Bloomingdale Township, and also to AMITA Health Alexian Brothers Medical, Northwestern Medicine Central DuPage, AMITA Health Adventist Medical Center GlenOaks Hospitals, as well as DuPage Oncology, Monakea Medical, Wheaton Eye and Wheaton Medical Clinics.

One-way fares are \$3.00 for adult residents, \$1.50 for residents with a disability, Village seniors (65+), and for students. Children (under age 7) are free when accompanied by a fare-paying adult.

Reservations are accepted beginning Thursday of the preceding week service is desired and with as little as one (1) day advance notice. Same day requests are not guaranteed. Weekend Dial-A-Ride Reservations may be made by calling 1-800-713-7445.

## LPHS Holiday Craft Fair on December 4

The Bloomingdale Chamber of The 39th Annual Lake Park Holiday Craft Fair takes place on Saturday, December 4th from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the West Campus Field House and Cafeteria at 500 W Bryn Mawr Ave. in Roselle.

Admission is \$2.00.

## Wishing You the Merriest of Holidays

The Bloomingdale Village Hall will be closed for the holiday on the following dates:

### Christmas:

Thursday, December 23 & Friday, December 24

### New Year's:

Thursday, December 30 & Friday, December 31

There will be **NO** service delays for the curbside residential refuse and recycling collections performed by SBC Waste Solutions for both Christmas and New Year's Day. **Normal operations** will take place the week of and the week after.

Warm wishes to all for safe and happy holidays from the elected officials and staff at the Village of Bloomingdale. May the season fill your home with joy, your heart with love and your life with laughter.



# Here's What You Need to Know About Bloomingdale's 2021-2022 Salting Operations

## McDonald's Donates Apple Slices to DuJardin Elementary Fundraiser

A big thank you to the Mendez/Herrera/Lawrence McDonald's Organization (at Bloomingdale Rd. and Lake St.) for donating 450 apple slices to DuJardin Elementary School for their Jog-a-Thon fundraiser that took place on October 15th.

Students ran for 20 minutes to raise money for the school. Afterwards, each student was given a bag of apple slices to enjoy as a treat. We thank the Mendez/Herrera/Lawrence McDonald's Organization for their support and giving back to the community!!



## Donations Needed for Museum Exhibit

The Bloomingdale Park District Museum is seeking donations or loans of vintage, funky or flashy clothing and shoes for an upcoming exhibit of "Fashion and Footwear" in summer of 2022. Specifically, historic, unique, artistic, fun and fantastic items. At the end of the show, the items will be returned to you.

You can drop off your items during Museum open hours (Wed 5-8pm, Thurs & Sat 12-4pm), or reach the museum at 630-339-3570 or e-mail: [bpdmuseum@bloomingdaleparks.org](mailto:bpdmuseum@bloomingdaleparks.org).



November is here, and that means the snow and ice cannot be far off. Here are some reminders about Bloomingdale's salting procedures. Keep in mind, in all areas each storm will dictate the amount of material placed on the roadways.

**Main Village Roads . . .** (Brighton Drive, Butterfield Drive, Byron Avenue, Camden Drive, Cardinal Drive, N. Circle Avenue, Covington Drive, Edgewater Drive, Euclid Avenue, Fairfield Way, Fox Court, Glen Ellyn Road, Greenway Drive, Knollwood Drive, Madsen Drive, Schick Road, Scott Drive, Springfield Drive) will be treated using salt dosed with liquid calcium chloride.

For clarification – Lake Street is State owned, Bloomingdale Road, Army Trail, Medinah Road and Gary Avenue are DuPage County roads. Snow and ice control for these roadways are carried out by these respective agencies.

**Winter Salting Operation Intersections . . .** will be treated 100 feet adjacent to each intersection using salt dosed with liquid calcium chloride.

**Hills and Curves . . .** will be treated 50 feet adjacent to hazardous areas using salt dosed with liquid calcium chloride.

**All Other Village Streets and Cul-De-Sacs . . .** will be either untreated or spot salted when conditions dictate using salt dosed with liquid calcium chloride.

It should be noted that the above policies will serve as a general guideline. The policy may require adjustments after establishing weather and pavement conditions, as well as other factors in the interest of motorist safety.

## What If a Snowplow Damages My Mailbox?

The Village will replace and/or reimburse a resident up to \$50.00 for a mailbox and post which is damaged as a result of the Village snowplow operations, provided the homeowner notifies the Village of the damage, the Village performs an inhouse investigation, and the mailbox is installed per Village setback requirements.

Residents are requested to inspect mailboxes and posts to ensure sturdiness and compliance with the postal service installation requirements, and correct any problem identified. If you have questions as to whether or not your mailbox is in compliance with Village requirements, you may contact the Public Works Division at 630-671-5800.



## Wintertime Q & A

With the seasonal snowfall just around the corner, the Public Works Division is ready to combat snow and ice on the 151 miles of Village streets, making them safer for motorists. Village crews are promptly mobilized when a storm begins, day or night.



### What Are the Village's Parking Regulations When It Snows?

The Village's winter parking ban takes effect after snowfalls of 2 inches or more. The ban applies to all vehicles on any Village-owned street and is in effect for a period of 24 hours or until the streets have been cleared of snow. Residents can assist Village crews in the snow removal efforts by parking vehicles in driveways or other off-street parking areas.

### What if a Snowplow Damages My Parkway?

The Public Works Division understands that there could be some damage to parkways due to snow plowing operations. It is Village policy to repair parkways in April, May, and early June, weather permitting, as this is the best time for the germination of grass seed. Please call the Public Works Division at 630-671-5800 to inform us about damage to your parkway so we can put your location on the list.

### Why Does My Driveway Get Plowed In?

The snowplows are designed to direct the snow to the curb side of the plow blade. "Side delivery plows" are the fastest and most efficient means available to remove snowfall from the streets. As a result, snow is discharged along the length of the curb, the parkways and the private driveway areas. The Village has thousands of private driveways abutting Village streets, the cleaning of which is the responsibility of the property owner.

Manpower and equipment limitations prohibit the Village from responding to routine requests to remove snow from private driveways. Therefore, we strongly recommend residents delay clearing the driveway until the snowplows have cleaned the majority of your street. Village ordinance PROHIBITS the discharge of snow onto the Village streets. This illegally placed snow may freeze or become compacted, creating a safety hazard for all motorists.

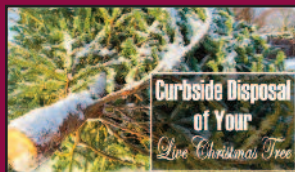
### Who Do I Call About Snow Removal Operations?

Questions regarding snow removal should be directed to the Public Works Division at 630-671-5800.

## Christmas Tree Disposal

SBC Waste Solutions will pick-up live Christmas trees on regularly scheduled refuse pick up days for three (3) weeks following the Christmas holiday. Any tree set out on a collection day after January 14, 2022 will require three (3) yard waste stickers.

Please do not put trees in plastic bags, and be sure all decorations are removed. Christmas trees should be positioned with the cut end toward the curb for easy loading.



## Winter Phone Numbers

### Village of Bloomingdale Snow Phone (630) 671-5800

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

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

Call this number for non-emergency general information.

### Bloomingdale Fire District - Emergency 911

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

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

### Information on DuPage County Roads

### Division of Transportation DuPage County 630-682-7321

Call this number for information on DuPage County Roads (i.e. Army Trail Road, Bloomingdale Road, Gary Avenue, Schmale Road, Medinah Road)

### Information Tollway Roadway Information Line

800-865-5394  
or 800-TOLLYFYI

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

# Congratulations to 2021 American Youth Charter Award Winners

## Bloomingtondale Garden Club Meeting January 18

The Bloomingtondale Garden Club's Annual Business Meeting to be held on January 18, 2022.

Agenda items include: The

election of officers, a review of 2021 activities and upcoming events for 2022, including the Annual Flower & Plant Sale.

Visitors welcome (please bring a mask), announcements at 6:15 PM, meeting at 7 PM, held at 118 First Street.

For more information contact [bloomingtondalegardenclub@gmail.com](mailto:bloomingtondalegardenclub@gmail.com) or visit [www.bloomingtondalegardenclub.org](http://www.bloomingtondalegardenclub.org).



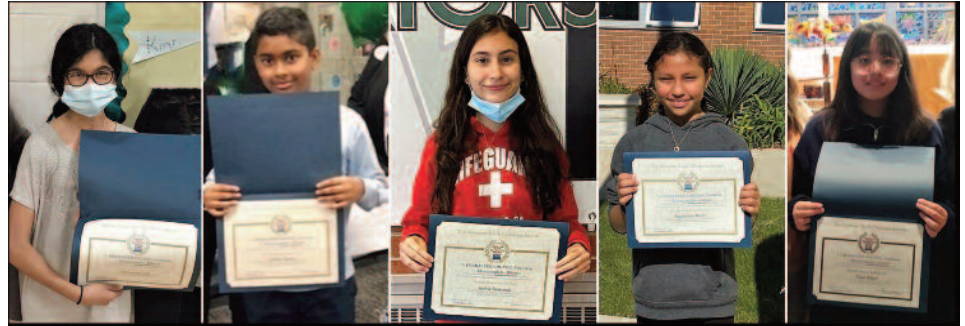
## Become a Literacy DuPage Volunteer Tutor!



Literacy DuPage has been helping adults improve their English language skills through tutoring, since 1972. Annually, Literacy DuPage's 325 volunteers tutor 360+ learners, who are primarily immigrants, refugees, and low-income adults. Their program's impact has a proven, long-term solution, bridging the gap between residents having limited opportunities and thriving in their workplaces and communities.

Visit [www.literacydupage.org](http://www.literacydupage.org) or call (630) 942-5210 to learn more about the program and how to become involved. No teaching or foreign language experience is required.

The CHARACTER COUNTS! Celebration night was not held this year, but the 2021 American Youth Character Awards (AYCA) were still celebrated and presented to deserving students. A student from each Bloomingtondale school earned the recognition on an individual basis. Criteria for the AYCA awards is based on the Six Pillars of Character: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring and Citizenship. Students who receive this award are acknowledged by the Bloomingtondale CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition, as well as their schools, for serving as good role models for their peers and community. Congratulations to the 2021 AYCA recipients, who are pictured with their award.



L to R, Fatima Querishi (DuJardin), Joshua Thomas (Erickson), Sophia Pannarale (Westfield), Magdalena Marin (Winnebago), Alyza Adajar (St. Isidore)

## Halloween, Bloomingtondale Style!

It was perfect fall weather on October 23rd and the 2021 Bloomingtondale Halloween Event was a great success! Approximately 1,000 trick or treaters in costume, plus their families enjoyed the various activities offered by the Police, Fire, and Public Works departments, the Park District and Public Library. Thanks to all who participated!



## Holiday Marker's Market on December 12

The next Bloomingtondale Maker's Market, on Sunday, December 12th, is the final market for the 2021 Season. The market features local Makers and Small businesses offering goods such as dog treats, home decor, candles, jewelry, food, desserts, blankets, clothes and much more. It is held from 10 AM until 2PM, rain or shine and is held in the parking lot located on the corner of Schick and Bloomingtondale Road.



The market returns in 2022 and will continue to be held on the last Sunday of each month April thru November and December 11, 2022. New vendor applications will be accepted for the 2022 market. Look for more details to follow!

# Business News

## Chipotle's New "Chipotlane"

Chipotle at 396-402 W. Army Trail Road is proposing to relocate into the adjacent space (former Mattress Firm), for the purpose of constructing a "Chipotlane". The Chipotlane is a new pick-up only concept that is currently being rolled out around the country. The lane will be used for the pick-up of online and app orders only, and will not allow a typical drive-through option to order onsite. The final approvals should be completed in December, with an anticipated construction in the Spring of 2022.



## Expansion for NOW Foods



We are happy to announce NOW Food's expansion into the former Bi-Link building on Glen Ellyn Road! NOW

Foods acquired the Bi-Link building in 2020 and is currently in process of renovating the 93,000 square foot building with a state-of-the-art processing facility, which will allow for the expansion of their operations currently taking place in the adjacent building on Glen Ellyn Road. Renovations to the facility are expected to be completed by Spring of 2022.

## Caputo's Undergoing Exterior and Interior Upgrades

Caputo's Fresh Market is nearing the finish line on their exterior remodel and is well on their way on the interior improvements, at 166 E. Lake Street. Caputo's began improvements to the exterior of the store in the Summer of 2021 and all improvements are expected to be completed by the Spring of 2022.

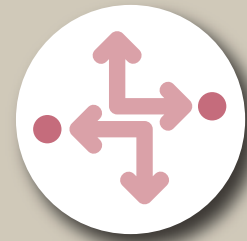


## Upgrades Underway at Northwestern Medicine Facility



Northwestern Medicine is finalizing their 30 million-dollar renovation at 235 S. Gary Avenue. The modernized facility should be completed during the winter of 2022 and is intended to bring

improved medical services and updated amenities to Bloomingdale and the surrounding communities.



## 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

**Hotworx**  
146 S. Gary Ave. #101B

**Livi Jay Hair Salon**  
106 Third St.



At the ribbon cutting on Nov. 9th to recognize the opening of HOTWORX (146 Gary Ave.) L to R: Dan Ruta (Mission Church), Owner Dan Benson, Mike Davison (Platt Hill), General Manager Nate Olson, Mayor Franco, Owner Dave Albin, Mike Hovde (Bloomingdale Township) & Dave Rogers (Bloomingdale Township)

# PUT A LIGHT ON FREEZE

## WINTER HOLIDAY FIRES

It's fun to decorate for the winter holidays, but holiday decorations can increase your risk for a home fire. As you deck the halls this season, be fire smart.

Connect **no more than 3** strands of mini light sets.

Although live Christmas tree fires are not common, when they do occur, they are dangerous. On average, **1** of every **40** reported home Christmas tree fires resulted in death.

A heat source too close to the Christmas tree causes **1** in every **6** of the fires.

Make sure your tree is at least **3** feet away from heat sources like fireplaces, radiators, space heaters, candles or heat vents.

Connect **no more than 50** bulbs for screw-in light sets.

**2** out of **5** home decoration fires are started by candles.

Keep candles at least **12** inches away from anything that burns.

Get rid of your tree after Christmas or when it is dry.

For more information on how to prevent winter fires, visit: [www.usfa.fema.gov/winter/](http://www.usfa.fema.gov/winter/) and [www.nfpa.org/winter/](http://www.nfpa.org/winter/)

## Welcome Home Jeffrey Wozniak!

Bloomington resident, Petty Officer First Class Jeffrey Wozniak had enlisted in the Navy right after he graduated Lake Park High School in 2007. Thirteen years later, on November 29, 2020, he left for a 10-month deployment to Cuba.

While Jeff was deployed, his wife Amanda, his four children and neighbors tied yellow ribbons around the parkway trees on their block. When he returned home in October 2021, he received a special surprise. Lining the street were family, friends and neighbors to welcome him as the police escorted him home from Village Hall and welcome home signs were placed throughout their subdivision. Members of the VFW also joined in the surprise to offer a salute.

Welcome home IT 1 Jeffrey Wozniak and thank you for your service!



## Bloomington Letter Carrier Daryl Miller Retires December 24



After 40 years of delivering mail and packages to residents in Bloomington, our friend and letter carrier will carry his last route on December 24, 2021. Since he was hired, Daryl Miller has seen growth of the Village from a small town to where it is today, and along the way has met many great people on throughout the Village.

As his December retirement quickly closes in, Daryl asked the Village to share a message on his behalf:

*"I would like to thank everyone who I have had the pleasure to meet and get to know, some with second and third generations of families. I have had my current route for 34 years and it is bitter sweet that I have decided it's time to hang up my mail bag. I will miss seeing everyone on a daily basis, all the great friendships and our daily conversations along the way. I wish you all the best and I hope to see you all around town.*

*As we always said when I was a soldier in the U.S. Army, did we complete our missions! If the answer was yes, then we could move on to the next mission.*

*Well, mission completed - God bless you all and be safe."*  
- Daryl W. Miller

# Bloomingtondale Fire Protection District #1



## Congratulations to the Fire Safety Month Poster Contest Winners

For Fire Safety Month, Bloomingtondale Fire Protection District 1 hosted an EDITH (Exit Drills in The Home) poster contest for the 3rd grade classes at both Erickson Elementary and Dujardin Elementary Schools.

For the E.D.I.T.H. Poster Challenge, students were asked to create a poster showing the importance of creating and practicing exit plans in their home. The winners were Allison Rusin from Erickson Elementary School (pictured left) and Veronica Maciorowski from DuJardin Elementary School (pictured right). Allison and Veronica will each be picked up from their home, receive a ride in a fire truck and taken to school by the on-duty crew members.

Congratulations!



## Be a Friend to a Fire Hydrant This Winter

Residents are asked to please shovel out fire hydrants when there is a snowfall with an accumulation. This will aid emergency services in reaching the hydrants more quickly, if they are needed. Just a few extra shovelfuls of snow can help protect your property, your neighbors, and your family.



## Promotions Announced

The Bloomingtondale Fire Protection District would like to congratulate the following on their promotions:

Lieutenant Dennis Kuntzman Jr. was promoted to Battalion Chief

Lieutenant JJ McClimon was promoted to Battalion Chief

Firefighter/Paramedic Matt Smith was promoted to Lieutenant.

Congratulations to all!



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## Battalion Chief Soderstrom Retires

It is with great appreciation that the Bloomingtondale Fire Protection District 1 announces the retirement of Battalion Chief Chris Soderstrom. Battalion Chief Soderstrom served the Bloomingtondale Fire Protection District for 26+ years. He served as Hazardous Materials Coordinator and Buildings and Grounds Coordinator. He will be greatly missed and we wish him the best in his retirement.

Thank you Battalion Chief Soderstrom for your service.



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## DuPage Care Center Seeks Holiday Donations for Residents

The DuPage Care Center is inviting the community to help make the holidays brighter for residents of the Care Center through the Adopt-A-Resident program. The program allows members of the community to provide needed items for residents during the holiday season.

When a community member adopts a resident, they will receive information about the resident, including gender, age, and up to five items they would like. Gift requests average about \$50 in value.

Items can be brought – unwrapped – to the DuPage Care Center by Dec. 6. Gifts will be wrapped and distributed to the residents throughout the month of December.

Gifts can also be purchased from the Care Center's Amazon Wishlist. The wishlist can be found at <https://a.co/32Amq0j>. Items purchased from the wishlist should be sent to DuPage Care Center c/o Wishlist 2021, 400 N. County Farm Road, Wheaton, IL 60187. Members of the community can also provide monetary donations to the DuPage Care Center Foundation.

Contact Elizabeth Walker at (630) 784-4260 or [elizabeth.walker@dupageco.org](mailto:elizabeth.walker@dupageco.org)

## Season of Giving

While the world is full of people in need year-round, no time is more apparent than during the holiday season. Whether it's through donation or action, you can help someone whose spirits might need a little extra lifting this holiday season. Many residents look for ways to give back this time of year. Here are some of the local opportunities to share the spirit of the season.

**Please be An Angel-** by joining together with the Village of Bloomingdale Employees this upcoming holiday season, in support of the Salvation Army's Angel Tree benefiting infants (newborn to 24 months) with teen Moms and preschool age children (ages 2 to 5) attending Salvation Army's Red Shield Head Start program. Each Angel Tree tag indicates the gender, age and gift desired by each child. Tags will be available the week of Thanksgiving.

If you're interested in participating and would like a tag, please e-mail Barb Weber at [weberb@vil.bloomington.il.us](mailto:weberb@vil.bloomington.il.us) or call 630-671-5613, (indicating gender/age preference, if you have one), and a tag will gladly be sent to you.



**The Bloomingdale Township-** is doing a Toy Shop on December 20 and 21 from 9 AM to 3 PM. Parents are allowed to pick toys for their children. We require a current utility bill, ID and birth certificates for their children. No appointment is needed. Anyone interested in donating new toys for us to distribute can donate through the week of 12/10. Toys need to be new and not wrapped. We service children from newborn to 18 if still in school. Older children's toys are our greatest need.

The Township will also distribute Christmas meals on 12/22 from 10-3 with a current utility bill. Any questions, please call the township at 630-529-9993.

**Presents for Pets and People-** In the spirit of holiday giving, the Bloomingdale Park District is once again participating in the annual Marklund Giving Tree program, as well as including our four-legged friends. All are invited to light up this holiday season for Marklund residents, as well as for deserving pets. Stop by the "Giving Tree" at the Johnston Recreation Center, 172 S. Circle, to pick up a wish list and cheer up the lives of children, canines and kittens! Happy holidays!

**Bloomington VFW Post 7539** - periodically makes deliveries of needed items to VA facilities, including Jesse Brown VA Medical Center. Donations are used to purchase move-in essential items and winter coats and gloves, etc... for Veterans who are exiting homelessness. If you would like to donate toward the purchase of these items, please make checks payable to: VFW Post 7539. Send them to VFW Post 7539 c/o Bloomingdale Public Library, 101 Fairfield Way, Bloomingdale, IL 60108.



# Read a latte!



## Winter Reading Program December 13 – February 4



Registration opens December 13 for all ages. Four ways to register:

1. online: [www.mybpl.org/winterreading](http://www.mybpl.org/winterreading)
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: Adults/Teens: Adult Reference Desk Youth: Youth Services Desk

### Adult & Teen 7th grade to adult

Cozy up with a warm drink and read!

Log your books and challenges for a chance to win a \$25 Amazon gift card.

**Reading prize drawing:**

Log one book, earn one entry. All books count!

**Challenge prize drawing:**

Log one book in a challenge category, earn one entry.

Read books in different genres and subjects to complete challenges.

### Youth

### Infants through 6th grade

Join our Winter Reading challenge!

Register to receive your information packet and starting prize. Complete your reading log by reading for just three hours.

Turn in your log at the Youth Services desk by Friday, February 4 to receive your final prize and be entered into the Grand Prize Drawing.

#### 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, December 24 through Sunday, December 26  
in observation of the Christmas holiday  
Closed Friday, December 31 through Sunday, January 2  
in observation of the New Year's holiday

#### 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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## 📅 🖥️ Midcentury Christmas: Fads and Fun from 1945 to 1970

Monday, December 6 | 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Zoom Webinar

Christmas in America from the 1940s through the 1960s meant aluminum trees, department store Santas, and cartoon specials on TV. Historian Leslie Goddard explores this optimistic era in a new illustrated lecture, using photographs, advertisements, greeting cards, and catalogs to explore why this era was a turning point for how we celebrate the holidays.



## 📅 🏠 Home for the Holidays with Heather Braoudakis

Tuesday, December 7 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

In-Person Event

Set the mood for the season with holiday classics we all know and love like *White Christmas*, *Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas*, *Silent Night*, *Joy to the World*, *Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire*, and *Winter Wonderland*. This program is part of the *Live Music @ the Library Series* - see page 8 for more details.



## 📅 🖥️ Gustav Klimt and *The Woman in Gold*

Monday, December 13 | 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Zoom Webinar

This lecture presented by art historian Jeff Mishur celebrates Austrian artist Gustav Klimt and places him within the art historical context of late nineteenth century French painting. Important examples of Klimt's work include *The Kiss* and *The Portrait of Adele Bloch-Bauer*, aka *The Woman in Gold*.



## 📅 🖥️ The Art of Jan Vermeer and the *Girl with a Pearl Earring*

Monday, January 10 | 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Zoom Webinar

This slide lecture presented by art historian Jeff Mishur discusses a number of Vermeer's paintings and provides a historical context for each. Paintings include *Woman Holding a Balance*, *Allegory of Painting*, and *Girl with a Pearl Earring*.



## 📅 🖥️ Virtual Art Class for Adults and Teens – Outsider Art

Tuesday, January 11 | 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Zoom Meeting

Join artist Lindsay Budzynski for a short discussion on the aspects of outsider art, self-taught/untrained art making, and basic drawing techniques. You will then have the opportunity to create your own unique drawing. Supplies needed: paper, pencils/erasers, ruler. Tracing paper, markers, or colored pencils optional. Registration is required and is limited to 15 participants. Teens welcome.



## 📅 🏠 Regards to Broadway with Heather Braoudakis

Tuesday, January 18 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

In-Person Event

Hear the stories behind Broadway's classics from *Showboat* to *Phantom*, *My Fair Lady* to *Cats*, and everything in between. This program is part of the *Live Music @ the Library Series* - see page 8 for more details.

## 📅 🖥️ Groundbreaking Musicals

Monday, January 24 | 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Zoom Webinar

From *The Jazz Singer* to *La La Land*, from *Meet Me In St. Louis* to *Moulin Rouge*, certain musicals have had a revolutionary approach to cinematic storytelling. Challenging audiences with fresh and unusual styles of music and dance, these films dared to break the rules and reinvent the musical. Presented by Steven Frenzel of Marquee Film Talks.

## 📅 🖥️ Icy Worlds

Monday, January 31 | 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Zoom Webinar

Ice: it's not just the stuff you shovel off the sidewalk. Many different ices are all over our solar system – and it is really – ahem – cool stuff to study. We'll investigate ices on hot planets and cold comets, moons made of a huge amount of ice, flowing and floating ice glaciers, and even ice volcanoes. Presented by Astroeducator Michelle Nichols.

## ONGOING ADULT PROGRAMS

### 📅 🏠 Great Decisions

Wednesday, January 19 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

In-Person Event

The Great Decisions discussion program is a civic education program administered and produced by the Foreign Policy Association. In preparation for the discussion, participants read the relevant chapter on a particular foreign policy issue in the Great Decisions briefing book that will be available for check out, followed by a moderated discussion among the participants. Registration is required and limited to 15 participants. To register, email Julie Deeke at [jdeeke@mybpl.org](mailto:jdeeke@mybpl.org)

### 📅 🖥️ Genealogy Club

Wednesday, January 19 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Zoom Meeting

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.



Join BPL on **Goodreads!**  
Get reading suggestions  
and book reviews shared by  
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[www.goodreads.com/  
mybpl](http://www.goodreads.com/mybpl)



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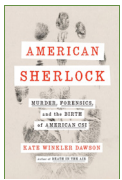


## book discussion groups

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).



**American Sherlock: Murder, Forensics, and the Birth of American CSI**  
by Kate Winkler Dawson

Tuesday, December 14 | 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.



**The Great Secret: The Classified World War II Disaster That Launched the War on Cancer**  
by Jennet Conant

Tuesday, January 4 | 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).

#### 📅 Our Favorite Picks Party

Monday, December 13 | 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Register for our end of year party! There's no book discussion this month. Instead, we'll be sharing our favorite picks of the year. A list of all shared titles will be available after the party, so you're sure to find some great book, movie, and TV show recommendations.

#### Zorrie

by Laird Hunt

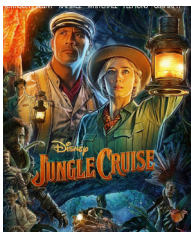
Monday, January 17 | 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.



## 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.



#### Jungle Cruise

Thursday, December 9 | 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Based on Disneyland's theme park ride where a small riverboat takes a group of travelers through a jungle filled with dangerous animals and reptiles but with a supernatural element. *Rated PG-13*



#### In the Heights

Thursday, January 13 | 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

A film version of the Broadway musical in which Usnavi, a sympathetic New York bodega owner, saves every penny every day as he imagines and sings about a better life. *Rated PG-13*



#### Meet Me in St. Louis

Tuesday, December 14 | 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Young love and childish fears highlight a year in the life of a turn-of-the-century family. *Rated PG*



#### Funny Face

Tuesday, January 25 | 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

An impromptu fashion shoot at a bookstore brings about a new fashion model discovery in the shop clerk. *Rated PG*

# Computer Classes



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

## IN-PERSON CLASSES

### Online Garage Sales

Monday, December 6 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.  
Instructor: Sean

Do your spring cleaning online! Come learn about eBay and other popular websites/apps to buy and sell items. Creating accounts, shopping, and listing items will be discussed along with payment methods and possible concerns.

### Creating Mailing Labels

Thursday, December 9 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.  
Instructor: Charlie

About to send out holiday cards or want an easier way to do it next year? Use Word and other Microsoft Office tools like Macros and Mail Merge to automate repetitive tasks like the creation of mailing labels to save time (and skip lots of typing).

### Using Android Phones

Monday, January 10 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.  
Instructor: Sean

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

### iPhone Basics

Thursday, January 13 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.  
Instructor: Salvador

Learn to download and run apps, organize your icons, configure your settings, find and use your pictures, play your music, synchronize your phone with other devices, and much more.

### Online Travel Planning

Monday, January 17 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.  
Instructor: Sean

This class will teach students how to use many of the resources available online for travelers. Ways to save money as well as learning about your destination and avoiding unfortunate mistakes will be discussed. This is also a fun way to learn about using forums, online review sites, and other technology.

### Excel Formulas

Monday, January 24 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.  
Instructor: Sean


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

## 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.

## KEEP LEARNING - 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.*

### Write a Resume Using Google Docs

Monday, December 13 | 7:00 p.m.  
Instructor: Salvador

Need to write a resume? Learn how to use Google Docs to write one that meets professional standards. We will briefly cover job searching sites and writing a cover letter.

### Inkscape 2

Thursday, December 16 | 7:00 p.m.  
Instructor: Charlie

Inkscape is a free application used for drawing vector graphics. In this class, we'll explore topics like sculpting, gradients, and layers.

### Applying for Jobs Online

Monday, January 10 | 7:00 p.m.  
Instructor: Salvador

Learn how to browse for jobs utilizing Indeed.com, USAJOBS.gov, and LinkedIn.com. Learn to automate your job search with results delivered to your inbox.

### 3D Sculpting with Blender

Thursday, January 13 | 7:00 p.m.  
Instructor: Charlie

Blender is a professional-level, free 3D modeling application. In this follow up to our Blender Graphics Design class, we'll learn how to use the sculpting tools to create or modify a 3D object.

### Introduction to Coding with Scratch

Thursday, January 20 | 7:00 p.m.  
Instructor: Charlie

Learn the basic concepts of computer coding with this fun and easy-to-learn programming language! Instead of typing, programs are assembled like a puzzle out of blocks of code. Designed for kids 8-16, but a great place to start for anyone.

### Podcasting with Garageband

Monday, January 24 | 7:00 p.m.  
Instructor: Salvador

Learn how to create a podcast using the Garageband app in the Sound Recording Studio. Add a musical intro, create a vocal track, and learn how to filter out unwanted noises. Mix tracks together and export to share.





# Teen Programs

Registration required for some teen programs (noted with 📅). Register online, by phone at (630) 924-2730, or by email at [bdref@mybpl.org](mailto:bdref@mybpl.org). 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.

## VIRTUAL PROGRAMS

### 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. Crafts are limited to 10 teens.



#### 📅 Avocado Fleece Pillow

Sign up begins Monday, December 6

Make a cute and comfortable avocado fleece pillow using simple knots.

#### 📅 Donut Animals

Sign up begins Monday, December 20

Sew up a half dozen super sweet donuts full of adorable animal personality! The kit comes with everything you need to whip up adorable felt plushies.



## VIRTUAL SCAVENGER HUNTS

Put your brainpower 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.

December 5-11	Star Wars
December 12-18	Animals
December 19-25	Harry Potter
December 26-January 1	Name That Logo

## Virtual ACT/SAT Practice Tests

Stressing about taking the SAT or ACT? Take a full-length practice test to ward off test day jitters and see how you may score on the big test. Experience first-hand what test day will be like! A representative from C2 Education will provide a virtual practice test and contact you with scores and analyzed results.

#### 📅 SAT Practice Test

Saturday, December 11 | 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

#### 📅 ACT Practice Test

Saturday, January 8 | 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

## in-PERSON PROGRAMS



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.

No registration required.



#### **Black Widow**

Wednesday, December 22

5:30 – 8:00 p.m.



#### **Finding You**

Wednesday, January 19

5:30 – 8:00 p.m.

#### 📅 Meet Me at the Movies: **Spiderman: No Way Home**

Monday, January 3 | Meeting Time TBA  
Sign up begins on Monday, December 20

Meet me at the movies to watch *Spiderman: No Way Home*! Movie tickets and snacks will be provided.

We will meet at The Picture Show, 324 Army Trail Rd, Bloomingdale, IL 60108. Limit 10 teens. Time will be announced to registrants before film date.



#### 📅 Candy Sleds

Wednesday, December 15  
7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Make a sled using a variety of different candies! Keep it for yourself, or give it out as a tasty holiday treat.



#### **Game Night (Drop-In)**

Thursdays, January 13 & 27 | 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.

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

### FREE ONLINE

ACT® and SAT® Test Preparation is available through

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@ [mybpl.org/homeworkteens](http://mybpl.org/homeworkteens)

# Youth Programs



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**Registration for January programs begins December 20 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.



## In-Person Programs @ BPL

Please register individually for each child unless otherwise noted.  
Masks are required for all in-person Youth Services programs.

### 🗓️ In-Person Storytimes

Families

Fridays in December and January | 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 Storytimes on December 24 and 31.

### 🗓️ Sensory In-Person Storytime

Ages 3-8

Saturday, December 4 | 10:30 – 11:15 a.m.

Come join us for a fun sensory story time and sensory stations!  
Please register as a family.

### Indoor Scavenger Hunts (Drop-In)

Families

December – Holidays Around the World  
January – Winter Wonderland

Stop in the Youth Service department to search for items, complete the check list, and return for a prize.

### 🗓️ Jingle Bells

Preschool Age

Thursday, December 9 | 10:30 – 11:15 a.m.

The winter holidays are almost here. Come celebrate with jingle bells, snowflakes, crafts, and music.

### 🗓️ Iron-On Pencil Case

Grades 3-6

Thursday, December 16 | 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

Use our new BPL Makerspace to learn some cool skills and create an iron-on decal pencil case you get to keep.



### Winter Break Origami (Drop-In)

Sunday, December 19 | 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Families

Join us for some fun paper folding and origami for the holidays. Make ornaments, snowmen, or anything else you like using our fancy paper and origami books.

### 🗓️ Explore the Deep Blue

Grades 3-6

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

Learn extreme facts about the deep ocean, meet some super cool shark and ocean scientists, and make crafts to celebrate the most unexplored place on earth.

### 🗓️ Celebrate Winnie the Pooh Day

Families

Tuesday, January 18 | 10:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Celebrate National Winnie the Pooh Day with a fun storytime and craft.

### 🗓️ Where do Animals Go in the Winter?

Grades K-3

Tuesday, January 18 | 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

Learn about wintertime animal habitats then identify and create animal tracks to become an expert winter animal tracker in your neighborhood.



### 🗓️ STEAM Challenge

Grades 3-6 with Adult partner

Monday, January 31 | 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

Engineers solve problems using math and science. Work together with your adult partner to engineer a solution to the challenge problem using the materials you will find in your mystery box.

### Valentines for Veterans

Wednesday, January 5 – Thursday, February 3

Children and adults are invited to make Valentine cards for veterans. All Valentine cards will be given to veterans who are currently hospitalized at **Hines Veterans Hospital**.

Art and card supplies will be available as a **Take It, Make It, Return It** craft at the Youth Services desk. Cards made from personal supplies are welcome as well. **Please turn in all cards to the Youth Services desk.** Envelopes for cards are not required.

## Thank You

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Bloomingdale and  
SBC Waste Solutions  
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Little Blue Truck  
Library Party  
in October.  
It was a big success!





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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.

### 🗓️ Yarn Holiday Tree Ornaments (Grades K-2)

Kit Pickup: December 6 – 10

Create your own holiday tree ornaments with yarn, glue, and a balloon. There is enough material in the kit to make one ornament.

### 🗓️ Holidays Around The World (Families)

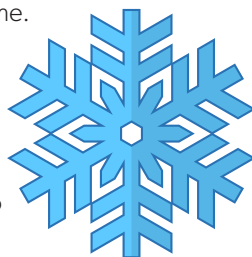
Kit Pickup: December 13 – 23

Get your boarding passes ready! Together we will hop on an imaginary plane and go all around the world to experience the different ways cultures celebrate the wintertime.

### 🗓️ Winter's Workshop (Families)

Kit Pickup: December 13 – 23

Let your children learn the spirit of giving this holiday season with this Take and Make Kit. This Kit will include materials to make crafts to give as gifts for the holiday season.



### 🗓️ New Year's Eve Bash (Grades K-2)

Kit Pickup: December 27 – 30

Get all of the materials ready to bring in the New Year with this fun craft and activities based kit.

### 🗓️ Arctic Animals (Ages 3-5)

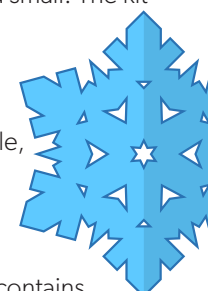
Kit Pickup: January 3 – 7

Winter is the time to learn about Arctic animals big and small! The kit includes fun and easy Arctic animal crafts.

### 🗓️ Snow (Grades K-6)

Kit Pickup: January 10 – 14

You will have snow much fun making a snowflake puzzle, snow science experiments, and creating snow poetry!



### 🗓️ Little Chefs (Grades 1-6)

Kit Pickup: January 17 – 21

Do you like to cook or help out in the kitchen? This kit contains everything you'll need to become a chef in training!

### 🗓️ National Puzzle Day (Grades K-2)

Kit Pickup: January 24 – 28

Celebrate National Puzzle Day by making your own jigsaw puzzle, along with some puzzle crafts. Solve our special puzzle and get a surprise!

### 🗓️ Pipe Cleaner People (Grades K-2)

Kit Pickup: January 31 – February 4

Create fun poseable people with simple materials.

## New Additions to our Story Pack Collection:

This fall, we introduced our ALL-NEW Baby Packs – all the materials needed for a DIY Storytime @ Home, for children 0-24 months.

This winter, we launched our SEL (Social Emotional Learning) Packs. These backpacks are designed to make a family's

journey of healing following a traumatic experience easier to navigate. These packs contain books, games, and a parent/child resource booklet full of coping strategies, activities, and ideas to ease through a tough transition. Topics include loss of a pet, divorce/separation, and moving, with additional subjects added on an ongoing basis.



## Read a latte!

Infants through 6th grade  
December 13 – February 4

Join our Winter Reading challenge! Register to receive your information packet and starting prize. Complete your reading log by reading for just three hours. Turn in your log at the Youth Services desk by Friday, February 4 to receive your final prize and be entered into the Grand Prize Drawing.

Registration opens  
December 13  
for all ages.  
Register online, by phone,  
by email, or in person.



# Live Music @ the Library

Join us for a night of music from Chicago Symphony Chorus singer Heather Braoudakis featuring a variety of styles and classic songs.



## Home for the Holidays

Tuesday, December 7 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

## Regards to Broadway

Tuesday, January 18 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

## That's Amore

Tuesday, February 15 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

## Top of the World

Tuesday, March 22 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

## April Showers

Tuesday, April 19 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

This is an in-person program at BPL. Registration encouraged.



## COMING IN FEBRUARY

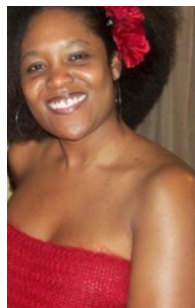
### African Textiles

Tuesday, February 1 | 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Zoom Webinar

Presented by Shannon Johnson,  
Fashion Studies Instructor at College of DuPage

African Fashion tells stories and African clothing has a vibrant and interesting history to match its bright and bold textiles. Although tracking the evolution of African styles can be difficult, ancient art gives us hints about the textiles used. Fashion Instructor Shannon Johnson will take us on a short journey from her exploration of the history of African fashion and textiles from the 12th century to the 21st century, with emphasis is on how these findings have shaped African American fashion over time.



## bpl makerspace

### Limited Hours in December

Be sure to visit the Makerspace by Saturday, December 18 to get in your last minute holiday crafts and gifts!

The Makerspace will be closed for the holidays starting Thursday, December 23 and will reopen for Bloomingdale cardholders on Thursday, January 6.

# Festival of Lights

## December 3, 2021 - January 1, 2022

### General Information

Beginning December 3, 2021, the Festival of Lights returns for the ninth straight year in bigger and brighter fashion. Pedestrians and motorists alike are treated to a sparkling display of holiday lights and sights in OldTown Park and OldTown Bloomington through New Year's Day.

### Activities & Entertainment

- Horse-drawn carriage rides (reservations required)
- Holiday Crafts
- Holiday-themed programs (registration required)
- Complimentary refreshments during Museum hours
- Photo opportunities with Buddy the Elf, Snowman & Reindeer
- Holiday Cookie Decorating with D's Treats
- Santa Visit
- Story Time



### Holiday Show at the Museum

Visit the Museum throughout the Festival of Lights for its annual holiday show. This year the display features a replica of the classic Walnut Room Christmas tree, decorated in silver and gold. Marshall Field's items are arranged around the room, including a toy Marshall Field's delivery truck, collectible Frango boxes, models of the Oak Park and State Street stores, and more. Enlarged photos of department stores of yesteryear are mounted on the walls, along with seasonal shopping bags, gifts and holiday newspaper ads. Also returning this year is the delightful LEGO Train exhibit.

### Holiday Show & Museum Hours

(December 3-23)

- Thursdays 6-8:30PM
- Fridays 6-8:30PM
- Saturdays 2-4:30PM
- Sundays 1-3PM
- December 3 3:30-8:30PM

Museum CLOSED 12/24, 12/25, 12/26, 12/31

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# Festival of Lights Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>5</b></p> <p>Cards for the Troops, 1-3PM</p> <p>Photo Opportunity with Buddy the Elf, 1-3PM</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>Reindeer Games, 6:15-7:15PM</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>Wii Sports Tourney, 6-8PM</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>Frosty Friends, 6-7:15PM</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>Make a Handprint Reindeer Project, 6-8:30PM</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>Holiday Crafting, 6-8:30PM</p> <p>Carriage Rides, 6:30-8PM (reservation only)</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>Letters to Santa, 2-4:30PM</p> <p>Gingerbread Man Craft, 2-4:30PM</p>
<p><b>12</b></p> <p>Decorate Gingerbread Houses (Bring a cardboard milk or juice carton), 1-3PM</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>Snowball Station, 6-7:15PM</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>Holiday Appetizers, 6-8:30PM</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>Holiday Game Night, 6-7:15PM</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>Cookie Decorating with D's Treats, 6-8:30PM</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>Storytime and Crafts, 6-8:30PM</p> <p>Carriage Rides, 6:30-8PM (reservation only)</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>Make Reindeer Food, 2-4:30PM</p> <p>Photo Opportunity with Snowman &amp; Reindeer, 2:30-4:30PM</p>
<p><b>19</b></p> <p>Holiday Scavenger Hunt, 1-3PM</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>Summertime Fun, 5:30-6:30PM</p>	<p><b>21</b></p>	<p><b>22</b></p>	<p><b>23</b></p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>Visit Old Town Park Lights</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>Visit Old Town Park Lights</p>
<p><b>26</b></p> <p>Visit Old Town Park Lights</p>	<p><b>27</b></p>	<p><b>28</b></p>	<p><b>29</b></p>	<p><b>30</b></p>	<p><b>31</b></p> <p>Visit Old Town Park Lights</p>	
<p><b>Museum Hours - December 3-23:</b> Thursdays &amp; Fridays 6-8:30PM Saturdays 2-4:30PM Sundays 1-3PM</p> <p>- Pre-registration &amp; fee required.</p>	<p><b>1</b></p>	<p><b>2</b></p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>Opening Night, 3:30-8:30PM</p> <p>Hot Chocolate, Crafts, and Cookies</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>Santa Visits, 2-4:30PM</p> <p>Milk &amp; Cookies, 2-4:30PM</p>		

# Festival of Lights Programs

## Holiday Game Night

Participants enjoy holiday fun with games and scavenger hunts around the Museum and Old Town Park. Every child walks away with a small bag of miscellaneous goodies.

**Location: Museum**  
**Instructor: Staff**

**Special Event (ct)**  
**MIN/MAX: 6/10**

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
6-8	Wed	6-7:15P	Dec 15	\$10/\$15	101135-A1

## Summertime Fun

Shake the winter blues and think about the sunshine! We are bringing summer back for one day in the chilly weather. Participants create summer-themed crafts and make their own ice cream with their favorite toppings while listening to summer tunes.

**Location: Museum**  
**Instructor: Staff**

**Early Childhood(ng)**  
**MIN/MAX: 5/10**

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
5-7	Fri	6-7:30P	Dec 20	\$20/\$25	101116-A1

## Frosty & Friends

Drop your child off at the Bloomington Park District Museum where they will be entertained with the classic holiday movie Frosty the Snowman. Kids also participate in an arts & craft project before and after the movie while enjoying popcorn and a beverage. Bring your favorite blanket and stay cozy at this fun outing.

**Location: Museum**  
**Instructor: Staff**

**Special Events (tr)**  
**MIN/MAX: 6/12**

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
5-8	Wed	6-7:15P	Dec 8	\$7/\$12	201139-A1
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## Snowball Station

All aboard at the Snowball Station for some indoor snowball fun! This exciting evening is filled with snowball-themed challenges, games and crafts! Everyone enjoys a private viewing of the LEGO Train display. Kids also enjoy a snowball-themed snack to complete the evening.

**Location: Museum**  
**Instructor: Staff**

**Special Events (tr)**  
**MIN/MAX: 6/12**

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
6-10	Mon	6:30-7:45P	Dec 13	\$10/\$15	201340-A1

# Santa Paws Pictures



**December 9**  
**@ JRC**



Dress up your pooch for a picture-perfect photo shoot! Santa will be dressed in red from head to toe, and his jolly elves will take a picture of you and your pup on his lap. Don't forget your camera to snap a few pictures to keep for yourself. Registration is required. You will receive a photo shoot time slot before December 9. Fee includes refreshments for you, a treat for your dog, and a souvenir photo. Photo will be available for pick-up at the JRC front desk on December 17.

**R/NR: \$15/\$20**    **Code: 104701-A1**



# B-FIT CENTER

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## Grand Re-Opening January 15, 2022



- Food & Drink
- Giveaways
- Raffle Prizes
- Free class demos
- Open House tours
- Special Rate for current and new members for January.

### 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.

### Hours

Subject to change due to COVID.

Monday-Thursday	6:30am-7:30pm
Friday	6:30am-6:30pm
Saturday-Sunday	8:30am-12:30pm

Christmas Eve	7-11AM
Christmas Day	Closed
New Year's Eve	7-11AM
New Year's Day	Closed

