

Village of Bloomingdale

Almanac

February 2022

Growth with Pride

Bloomingdale Library, Police Department Are Designated Warming Centers

Our first blast of extreme cold arrived in the first week of January when temperatures plummeted. What else winter still has in store remains to be seen; February usually likes to remind us that it is still a winter month.



The most significant health related dangers related to extreme cold weather are frostbite and hypothermia. The Bloomingdale Public Library, 101 Fairfield Way, is a designated warming center in Bloomingdale during regular business hours. If a warming shelter is required after library hours, the Police Department, 201 S. Bloomingdale Road is open and available 24-7.

Lions Club of Bloomingdale Celebrates 60 Years of Service

The Bloomingdale Lions Club recently passed its 60th anniversary. The service organization was sponsored by the Bensenville Lions Club and was officially chartered in November 1961. Some thirty-five members made up the charter roster.

In its 60-year history, 366 men and women have been members of the club. They assist those who need support in the areas of vision and hearing, diabetes, Alzheimer's, Autism, homelessness, victims of domestic abuse, social services and community support, with their main focus being, "To serve the blind and sight impaired, the deaf and hearing impaired, and our community."

To support their mission, members have given countless service hours and hosted numerous

fundraisers over the years, including Candy Day, Spaghetti Dinner, Steak Fry, Pancake Breakfast, and many others. Funds raised from the public are only spent on charitable activities. A few of these charitable causes:

- Eye exams and glasses for those in need
- Hearing tests and hearing aids for those in need

- \$10,000 for the building of the Lions of Illinois Eye Research Institute
- Over \$24,000 to Campaign SightFirst and SightFirst II
- Large print books and magnifying reader to the Bloomingdale Library
- Christmas Baskets for those in need

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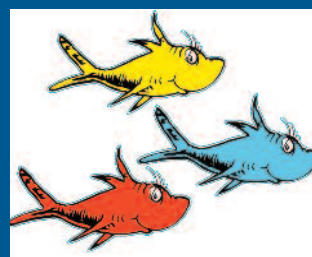
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VILLAGE BOARD, COMMISSION &

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



A letter of commendation, issued by Director of Public Safety Frank Giammarese to Detective Anthony Svoboda, was presented at the January 10th Village Board meeting as a way to recognize outstanding police work.

Director of Police Timothy Hayden, of the Addison Police Department recognized Detective Svoboda in a thank you letter, praising him for his unsolicited assistance and excellent investigative techniques to assist in solving a heinous assault on an innocent elderly victim. Through the tireless efforts and extraordinary steps that Detective Svoboda took to assist in solving this case is exemplary and echoes the mission statement of the Bloomingdale Police Department.

We join Director Giammarese in congratulating Detective Svoboda for his outstanding Police work and representing the Village of Bloomingdale, the Bloomingdale Police Department, and all Law Enforcement.

(Pictured, L to R, Mayor Franco, Detective Svoboda, Addison Director of Police Timothy Hayden and Director Giammarese)

Looking for a Summer Job?

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



The type of work involves physical labor. Applicants must be at least 16 years of age and must have a valid Illinois driver's license. The starting rate of pay is \$15 per hr. for workers age 18+, and \$13 per hr. for workers age 16-17 years old.

Find applications online at www.villageofbloomingdale.org under Employment Opportunities. The Village of Bloomingdale is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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

Happy New Year, everyone!

What a memorable evening as we kicked off the holiday season with the Bloomingdale Community Tree Lighting Ceremony and Kris Kringle Market. A perfect December 3rd night brought over 1,000 people together to enjoy the expanded market along Third Street, visiting with Santa in Pan American Bank, and the popular Park District Museum Lego display featuring nine running trains to celebrate the kick-off of the month-long Festival of Lights in Old Town. The magnificent 40-foot Christmas Tree that dominated the Piazza was graciously donated to the Village by Mariola and Jan Krzywda. It certainly made a statement in the piazza and became the backdrop for many family holiday photos.

I sincerely thank the Krzywda Family for sharing their tree with all of Bloomingdale and for creating so many wonderful memories for the people of our community! Special thanks to our sponsors: Bloomingdale Park District, Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce and Pan American Bank & Trust as well, who helped make the event a success. It was a wonderful finale to 2021.

In the upcoming year, I will continue to work with the Village Board on developing a plan for the revitalization of the Stratford Square Mall area. In 2021, through the hard work of the Board, the Village was able to welcome Woodman's and Amazon Fresh to our community. The strength of the Woodman's and Amazon name brands will be a significant asset in our redevelopment efforts in the area, especially at Stratford Square Mall.

We look to continue this success with the help of a land planning firm, Teska Associates, to assist with a study of the area and creation of a master redevelopment plan that the Board can implement. In the coming months, a website will be launched where the Village Board and I will be asking the community for feedback on the plan. The plan will require collaboration with the existing property owners, but I am confident that they will be active participants. Our retail centers continue to thrive with the addition of Painted Tree Boutiques and Raising Cane's at Bloomingdale Court, and the reinvestments of Café Zupas, Chipotle, and Northwestern Medicine, as well of Caputo's on Lake Street, by making improvements to their locations.

In 2022, we will continue to work on a turnaround of the former Indian Lakes Hotel property. We have received many comments and suggestions for the open space that the Village purchased from the hotel in 2021, and is now exploring possible options that will keep the space an asset to our community.

By focusing on these efforts, as well as our continued financial discipline, Bloomingdale will continue to prosper as an attractive community for people to live and raise their families. My very best to you and your families for a healthy and prosperous 2022!

Mayor Franco



Support Bloomingdale VFW Post 7539 and Military Outreach USA

During the month of February donations of Move in Essentials (listed below) will be accepted at the Bloomingdale Village Hall, Library, Fire Department and Park District (JRC) facilities. Donated items will be provided to Veterans who are exiting homelessness.



PERSONAL HYGIENE

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

KITCHEN & CLEANING

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

BATHROOM

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

MISCELLANEOUS

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

*ONLY NEW, STORE BOUGHT ITEMS WILL BE ACCEPTED



“SWINGING” Forward to the 2022 Golf Season

Important Village & Community Phone Numbers

Main Village Hall Number

630-893-7000

Village Departments

Administration 630-671-5610

Building & Zoning 630-671-5660

Engineering 630-671-5676

Finance 630-671-5630

Mayor’s Office 630-671-5600

Police – non-emergency
630-529-9868

Public Works 630-671-5800

Water Billing 630-671-5650

Utilities 630-671-5830

Other Useful Numbers

Fire Department non emergency
630-894-9080

Bloomington Library
630-529-3120

Bloomington Park District
630-529-3650

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HAPPY NEW YEAR to ALL!!

The 2022 Golf Season will soon be upon us and with the weather changes occurring over the past years, who knows, we may be opening sooner than one thinks!

As we continue to experience the on-going Covid-19 pandemic, golf seems to be the one activity that allows us to be outdoors, enjoying something we like to do while forgetting this pandemic for a short period of time. The game of golf continues to thrive with more and more people playing and we see this continuing for a period.



As in the past, we are currently working on the 2022 golf course material. We anticipate much of this information to be available by the middle of February. In the meantime, here are a couple things and reminders that will interest you in anticipation for the golf season:

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

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

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

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

- Friday Night “Haddock Fish Fry” at the golf course begins March 4th and goes through April 15th. At the time of printing, a decision has not been made as to whether it will be indoor dining or curbside. Keep an eye on the Golf Club website for those details.
- Swing into Spring” Opening Scramble – Sunday, April 10th (tentative date)
- Bloomington Junior Golf Classic – Tuesday, July 12th (tentative date)
- Mixed Couples “9 and Dine” events to be held on selective Fridays throughout the season.

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

Bloomington Lions Club Celebrates 60 Years

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- Hadley School for the Blind, Leader Dog School and the American Diabetes Association
- Vision Screening Clinics
- From 1990 through 2020, approximately \$731,800 has been donated to deserving causes.

The Bloomington Lions Club is sponsoring a number of events planned for the near future. The Spaghetti Dinner will be held on March 10th at the Bloomington Golf Club. On April 9th, along with the Park District, they will host an Easter Egg Hunt and Bunny Bash. Finally, on May 6th you can enjoy a great steak dinner at the annual Steak Fry.

Sixty Years later and the Bloomington Lions are going strong. For more information about Bloomington Lions Club or their fundraising events, contact John Argyrakis @ johnargy@att.net.

Assistance Paying Winter Heating Bills Available

DuPage County Community Services is accepting applications for the annual Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), now until May 31, 2022. Applications are taken based on a first-come, first-serve basis until funding is exhausted.

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

For more information visit the Bloomington Township website- or call (630) 407-6500, (800) 942-9412 (toll-free) or visit the LIHEAP/DuPage County website.

Senior Fair May 13: Save the Date!

The Annual Senior Day Fair will be held on, Friday, May 13, 2022. The event, sponsored by the Bloomington Chamber of Commerce, will be held at the Medinah Shriners Banquet Facility, 550 North Shriners Drive, Addison, IL 60101. The Shriners Banquet Facility is located on Swift Road, just north of Army Trail Road.

Be watching for more information in the April issue of the Almanac.



Winter Phone Numbers to Know

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

Call this number for non-emergency general information.

Bloomington Fire District - Emergency 911

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

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

Information on DuPage County Roads

Division of Transportation DuPage County 630-682-7321

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

Information Tollway Roadway Information Line

800-865-5394
or 800-TOLLYI

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.



Sewer Televising Underway

Frozen Water Pipes Are Expensive!

Here are a few ways to prevent water pipes from freezing during extreme cold snaps in winter:

- Seal cracks in doors, windows and foundations. Small openings can create a concentrated blast of air that can quickly freeze pipes.
- Make sure that all rooms in the house that have plumbing fixtures are heated. Water pipes in unheated rooms can freeze, rupture, and cause extensive water damage.
- Consider installing pipe insulation around the water pipes. Local hardware stores carry the proper type of insulation for this task. Remember to check the insulation to make sure it is not wet. Wet insulation is worse than no insulation.
- Advise all family members where the main water shut-off valve is located (usually near the water meter) in case of emergency.
- Open cabinet and closet doors so that warm air can circulate around the pipes.
- Allow cold water to trickle through the faucets at the highest part of the house to prevent water from freezing in the pipes.

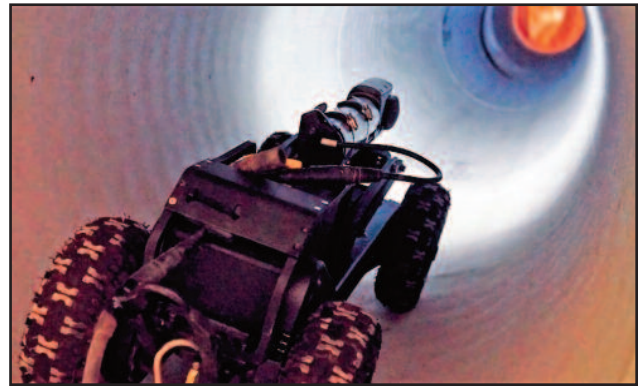
If pipes freeze, NEVER thaw frozen pipes with an open flame. This is a fire hazard.

- Use hot air from a hair dryer, the exhaust from a vacuum cleaner, heat lamps, heat tape, or electric heaters to thaw a frozen pipe.
- Consider using the heat from a light bulb to thaw pipes slowly. Keep the bulb away from combustible material to avoid starting a fire.

The Village has contracted Sewertech, LLC to clean and televise areas of the sanitary sewer and stormwater collection systems. This annual program takes place from mid-January through April.

Sanitary sewer sections in this year's program include the Edgewater area of Westlake, Lakeshore Townhomes, Royal Court Villas, On-The-Park, Villa Way, Los Lagos, Villas of Thornfield, Lakewoods North, Villa Veneto and the subdivisions off Rosedale Ave north of Lake St. Stormwater areas include all subdivisions along Medinah Rd and the subdivision off Rosedale Ave north of Lake St.

Sewertech equipment will be present in the roadway and employees may be accessing manholes in easements on private property including rear yards. However, access to the inside of a residence is not needed for any reason and resident services should not be affected by the work. If you experience any issues or have any questions regarding the project, please contact the Public Works – Utilities Division at (630) 671-5830.



Crawler cameras are remotely-controlled, self-propelling, and able to record high-quality videos and images of sewers and pipelines. The camera's transmitter sends signals above ground that provide information about the direction of the pipeline, as well as the exact location of potential problem areas.

Kids Shop with Bloomingdale Cops

The Bloomingdale Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #175 celebrated the holiday Spirit of Giving with local families through the annual "Kids Shop with Bloomingdale Cops" event, held on Saturday, December 11th.

The morning started out with breakfast at the Police Station, donated by Sporty's Catering and Costco. The kids then went, parade style, in squad cars over to Meijer's where they shopped with their assigned police officer. Besides shopping for items of their choice, Salerno/Rosedale Chapels donated a hat; coat and gloves of their choice to each child.

Donations came from:

- Bloomingdale Republican Party
- Chicagoland Italian American Charitable Organization
- Costco
- Meijer's
- Salerno/Rosedale Chapels
- Private donors

Thank you for supporting the Bloomingdale F.O.P. #175 and to all the police officers who donated their time to the event!



Local Scholarship Opportunities

School District 13 Scholarships: College-bound high school seniors who have attended District 13 schools may apply for scholarships available through the District. The Parent-Teacher-Organizations from Erickson & DuJardin Elementary, as well as Westfield, will each be offering two \$750.00 scholarships. Past students of both DuJardin and Erickson may apply only to the school most recently attended. Students who attended one of the elementary schools and Westfield Middle School may apply to the elementary school, as well as to Westfield. Applications will be available from the three District 13 School offices, from their weekly newsletters, or can be downloaded from the district's website, www.sd13.org. Applications must be submitted by April 15, 2022.

The Joe Draghi Septemberfest Scholarship is once again being offered by the Septemberfest Commission. The award is funded through private, community and corporate contributions. Applicants must be a resident of Bloomingdale between the ages of 17 and 20. Other requirements will be noted on the application. The application packet will be available on the Village of Bloomingdale's website at www.villageofbloomingdale.org approximately Monday, Monday, March 7, 2022 and is due on Monday, April 11, 2022. Winners will be announced at the 48th annual Septemberfest on Saturday, September 10, 2022. In addition to the 4 Joe Draghi Septemberfest Scholarship winners, this year the Septemberfest Commission is adding 2 Zaccardi Trade School Scholarship winners.

The Lake Park Educational Foundation is pleased to announce the availability of 32 scholarships totaling over \$31,000 available for Lake Park High School seniors in the class of 2022. Students must complete a common scholarship application, essay(s), and appropriate supporting materials for each scholarship. Scholarship applications are due by Monday, March 7. Please visit www.lphs.org/Foundation to view scholarship information.

Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce provides a connection from classroom to career by developing tomorrow's leaders through their annual scholarship program. Applicants must be a member (or child of a member) of the Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce OR a current resident of Bloomingdale. Multiple scholarships from \$500 to \$1,500 are available to students graduating high school or currently enrolled in post-secondary school who are planning to continue their education. Applications are now available at www.bloomingdalechamber.com and must be received in the Chamber office, by March 25, 2022 @ 5:00 PM, to be considered.

New this year, a Trade School Scholarship for students enrolling in a trade school or certificate program. Scholarships depend on chamber members and general public's support. Please support the fundraising events during the year, watch for dates and locations on the Chamber website: www.BloomingdaleChamber.com or Facebook.

The Bloomingdale Artists Association (BAA) is pleased to offer one \$1,000.00 scholarship to a qualified applicant pursuing a Visual Fine Arts Degree. The scholarship is co-funded by the BAA and Masterpiece Framing of Bloomingdale. Residents of DuPage County and the surrounding area are encouraged to apply. The applicant must be a senior in high school or 18 years or older. Applications deadline date of April 1, 2022.

For more information, contact: Roberta Cencig 847-848-3482 or robertacencig@yahoo.com; Joanne Barsanti 630-217-4909 or jobarsanti@gmail.com.



21st Annual CHARACTER COUNTS! Awards – Nominations Now Being Accepted

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

If you know an individual who lives, works or attends school in Bloomingdale who displays one or more of the Six Pillars of Character, you are encouraged to nominate them for this award by completing and submitting a nomination form.

Nomination forms can be found on the Bloomingdale CHARACTER COUNTS! website @ <http://www.character60108.org>.

The deadline for nominations is **April 30, 2022**. Recipients will be honored at the Annual Recognition Breakfast to be held in August at the Bloomingdale Golf Club.

Happy 100th Birthday!

On December 23, 2021, longtime Bloomingdale resident Gloria Pearl Romanus celebrated her 100th birthday! She met Fred Romanus when they both worked for the Burlington Northern and Quincy Railroad office. They married on May 23, 1942, had four children and enjoyed 43 years together before he passed away. This lovely lady is a member of Trinity Lutheran Church and has taught her family to love God with all of their hearts. She is kind, compassionate, and hardworking.



She is pictured enjoying dinner at Jameson's, where her family celebrated the occasion. Happy Birthday to Gloria!

Thank you Bloomingdale

Angel Tree Charity Drive a Success!

Parkway Tree Pruning Begins In February



The Village has a comprehensive, systematic tree pruning schedule. This includes inhouse and contractual tree pruning (for trees with a diameter at breast height of 6 or more inches).

Winkler Tree & Lawn Care, under the direction of the Village Forester, will begin maintenance tree pruning in February. Pruning improves the health, structure, form and appearance of the trees. Removing diseased or insect infested wood; thinning the crown to increase airflow and reduce some pest problems; and removing crossing and rubbing branches encourages trees to develop a strong structure and reduce the likelihood of damage during severe weather.

Pruning also involves removing branches that could fall and cause injury or property damage, trimming branches that interfere with lines of sight on streets or driveways, and removing branches that grow into utility lines.

No tree pruning on Village parkways is to be done without a permit from the Forestry Division.

The Salvation Army's Pre-School children will be recipients of the generosity extended by the Bloomingdale Community. Gifts fulfilling the wishes on 75 Angel Tree tags, as well as extra items donated by the residents, were picked up this morning. Each of these gifts will be delivered to the young children and babies of the Red Shield Head Start program.

Thank you to Bloomingdale, for your kindness! Also, thank you to our Village Administrator, Barb Weber, for coordinating this Angel Tree charity drive!



Toilets Are Not a Trash Can

Many items marketed as disposable and/or flushable do not degrade like toilet paper, and they wind up clogging pipes and tangling pumps. They can also cause messy sewer backups that can spill onto the street or even into businesses and homes.

- Vitamins, medicines or other pharmaceuticals
- Diapers (cloth, disposable, or "flushable")
- Facial tissue
- Baby wipes, disinfectant wipes, etc.
- Toilet bowl scrubs pads
- Napkins or paper towels
- Dental floss
- Fats, oils and greases
- Sanitary napkins, tampons, condoms or any NON-organic material
- Plastic wrappers or packaging



What can I do?

Only flush human waste and toilet paper; Avoid purchasing "flushable" items. Clean with a sponge or rag that you can re-use; Compost your food waste; Discard hazardous material such as motor oil, antifreeze, etc. properly; If it can't be reused, recycled or composted, place it in the garbage; Most importantly, THINK ... before you flush!

Seed Starting: Giving Your Garden a Head Start

Garden Club program on February 15, 2022 @ 7:00 PM

Paul Stoffels, University of Illinois Extension Master Gardener, will teach the best way to jump-start the spring growing season. Learn about the equipment and methods used for starting seeds indoors.

Visitors are welcome (please a bring mask). Held at Cornerstone Faith Community Church, 118 First Street, Bloomingdale. For more information contact bloomingdalegardenclub@gmail.com or visit www.bloomingdalegardenclub.org.

Thank You to the Village of Bloomingdale Committee & Commission Volunteers

The Village of Bloomingdale depends on the efforts of certain commissions during the year. Each serves a specific purpose and is made up of volunteers who contribute a great deal of time to carry out the work of the commission. We extend gratitude to the following individuals who have given their time so generously during 2021.

Police Pension Board

Stephen Abruzzo
Vince Bruett
Jeff Fritz
Ed Levato, Jr
Bruce Mason

Planning & Zoning Commission

Tim Coleman
Chris Troiola
Dan Vitacco
Len Jaster
Jim King
Anthony Damato

Septemberfest Commission

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

Board of Fire & Police

Chris Troiola
Theodore Cucci
Louis Pavone
Frank Letizia (retired 2021)

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

The Bloomingdale Police Department recognizes and expresses appreciation to the Block Captains of the Neighborhood Watch Program listed below whose efforts promote the positive lines of communication between their neighborhoods and the emergency service agencies of our area.

The Police Department is grateful for these residents who volunteer their time to help enhance the safety and quality of life for our community. Their dedication has led to the success of the Neighborhood Watch Program.

Albert Presco
Andrea Golder
Anna Marie Bergl
Bill Bahr
Bill Wirkus
Carol Cosentino
Carol Nies
Dorothy Prohaska
Elizabeth Gross
Francine Howard
Gail Rohlfing
Gina Leonard
Giuseppe Battista
Holly & Mark Paoletti
Jacquelyne Hill
Jane & Gil Michelotti
Janet Davitt
Janine Hnatusko
John Carroll
Juanita Hathaway
Judi Rotondo

Ken Mixer
Kim Paprocki
Laura Geraci
Lee Clarbourn
Lesley Bollenbach
Linda Derrico
Marjorie Kelly
Marvin Roehlke
Mary Albert
Mary Sue Fornari
Milan Stevanovich
Mitch & Vivi Frumkin
Monica Dolhun
Pam Berlin
Patricia Cox
Patrick Griffin
Patrick Quigley
Richard Baggio
Robert & Lucy Jones
Roberta M. DiBasilio
Rozanne Malott

Sharyn Murphy
Sheryl Woods
Steve Higgins
Steve Vitez
Theresa Graves

Management Offices of:

Camden Apartments
Wilshire Tower Apartments
Windsor Estate Apartment Homes



Congratulations
on your years of service milestone!



The Village of Bloomingdale recognizes the 2021 Milestone Anniversaries of the following employees. We would like to thank them for their hard work and dedication, totaling 410 years of service:

35 Years

Mike Gricus
Pat Perry

30 Years

Gary Szott

25 Years

Sue Osicek
Tim Grant
Elias Vega

20 Years

Erick Cooper
Mark Mason
Juan Arce
Nicolet Keane
Ken Lindhorn
Ruth Summers
Anthony Svoboda

15 Years

Ed Cieslak
James Hunt
Tara Pagan
Ken Petersen
Sean Noonan

5 Years

Tyler Bzdelik
Damian Iwanicki
Sean Lahvic
Garett Guthrie

Stay in Touch

Consider signing up for the Village's E-News, which gets delivered weekly to subscribing emails.

This is a good way to keep up with timely information in and around town and critical information to all subscribers as it becomes available.

Go to <http://www.villageof-bloomingdale.org> to sign up.

Business News

Win When You Support Bloomingdale Chamber Businesses

The Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce and its members are rewarding customers for staying local with the launch of their campaign- Enjoy Local & Win. Customers patronizing a Bloomingdale Chamber business can send in their receipt via email, mail, upload to a google form using the QR code or drop it off at the Chamber office to be entered into a monthly drawing to win \$100 in gift cards. Shop and dine local are familiar terms, but they are not the only businesses in the community. The Enjoy Local & Win campaign was designed to support our local businesses.



Local businesses continue to struggle; even before the burden of the pandemic, they were challenged to compete with on-line businesses and services. By utilizing on-line options, the customer loses personalized service, as well as connection to the business and their community. Towns depend on tax revenue generated by local businesses to fund services they provide their residents. Among many other benefits, the local businesses employ our neighbors and friends.

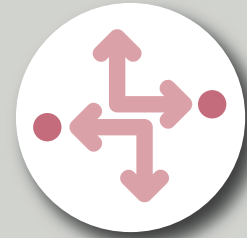
"Our goal is to focus on our local businesses and to help support all businesses, not just the restaurants and small shops" comments Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce President, Cindy Allston. "Businesses continue to struggle through the pandemic not just with masks mandates, but labor shortages and now supply chain disruptions. Motivating residents to stay local and support their businesses and therefore their community, is what this campaign is about."

The winners of Enjoy Local and Win are pulled on the first business day of the new month from those submitting valid receipts, one entry per receipt. Learn more and view the complete list of Bloomingdale Chamber businesses at BloomingdaleChamber.com. Stay connected to your business community by joining the Facebook Group Bloomingdale Strong.

New Location for Dental Group of Bloomingdale



A ribbon cutting was held on December 17, 2021 for Dental Group of Bloomingdale who moved from One Tiffany Point to their own building and expanded the space at 140 N Bloomingdale Road. Owner Dr. Alex Reznikov holds the scissors to cut the ribbon, along with his family, friends and Chamber members. Congratulations to Dental Group of Bloomingdale in their new location!



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

BAWIB Scholarship Applications Due March 25

The Bloomingdale Area Women in Business (BAWIB) Adult Scholarship application is available from February 1 through March 25, 2022 through the Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce website, bloomingdalechamber.com The focus of this award is to acknowledge and support the efforts of an adult woman (20 years or older) returning to the workforce and/or advancing her career through additional training and education.

The award can be applied toward additional training, CEUs, or an advanced degree. This scholarship is funded by Neil Moscicki, CFP of Wintrust Wealth Management and Embolden Wealth Management. New this year, a second scholarship is being funded by Cornerstone Faith Community Church.

If you know of anyone in the area who would benefit from these scholarships, please forward them the information. Applications must be submitted by March 25, 2022.

Bloomingtondale Fire Protection District #1



It's a Fact: Fire is Getting Faster

Fire is getting faster. To escape a fire 40 years ago you had roughly 17 minutes. Today, because of modern synthetic materials and furniture, you have 3 minutes. Newer homes and the furniture inside them actually burn much faster.

In just the first nine days of the new year, the American Red Cross responded to almost 1,700 home fires. It is important to test your smoke alarms monthly and have a fire escape plan for your family that includes at least two ways to exit every room in your home.

The Red Cross has an easy worksheet to help you create one on their website. You can also find this worksheet by googling "American Red Cross home fire escape plan."



Winter Months Bring Risk for Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

During winter months, consumers crank up their heating systems. The Bloomingtondale Fire Protection District reminds you of the dangers of carbon monoxide.

What is carbon monoxide?

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

How can I avoid CO poisoning in the home?

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

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

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

For more information about carbon monoxide or other safety tips, contact Bloomingtondale Fire Protection District at 630-894-9080.

Honoring Walter Modrzejewski

The Bloomingtondale Fire Protection District had the pleasure of helping one of its most esteemed citizens celebrate his 100th birthday.

Walter Modrzejewski served in the United States Army 103rd Infantry-Cactus Division and is a World War II veteran. Happy birthday to Mr. Modrzejewski.



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Be A Friend to a Fire Hydrant in Your Neighborhood This Winter



In an emergency, every second counts.

Fire hydrants that are blocked, concealed, or difficult to access due to snow or ice and impede emergency fire response. Since fire trucks carry a limited amount of water, one of the first tasks upon arriving at a fire is to locate a water supply from the nearest hydrant.

Keeping them clear can mean easier access to water and more time doing what really matters - fighting the fire.



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VFW Announces Scholarship Winners

Julianna Wolff was chosen as the Veterans of Foreign Wars Bloomingdale Post 7539's Voice of Democracy winner for 2021. Julianna received a plaque and a check for \$350 from the post. She is a senior at Lake Park High School and is now eligible to



move on to the District Competition. She is also the granddaughter of retired Assistant Fire Chief Bill Wolff, who is a Vietnam veteran and Purple Heart recipient. The apple doesn't fall far from the tree!

Julianna is pictured with Randy Winters, VFW Voice of Democracy Chairman.

The Patriot Pen youth essay program is similar to the Voice of Democracy, but is open to 6th through 8th graders. This year there were 31 essay entries; St. Isidore students Alyza Adajar (1st Place), Ashley Powell (2nd Place), and Jose Samaniego (3rd Place), were Bloomingdale Post 7539's winners for their essays on "How Can I be a Good American?". The students are eligible to move ahead in the competition.

Tree Lighting & Kris Kringle Market 2021



Thanks to Fire Protection Dist 1, Mayor Franco and Park President Andre Burke took a ride with Santa to the top of the tree to help light it



A look down 3rd street at some of the many Kris Kringle Market vendors



Alicia Eisenmann, Delish Cakes, in the pop up trailer with delicious goodies



One of the highlights of the holiday market were the Roasted Chestnuts





NOW SHOWING @ BPL

Whether it's an in-person movie, one of our streaming services, or DVDs to check out, BPL has a movie for everyone in the family!

In-Person Programs

Drop-In Monthly Movies

Adult Services offers two drop-in movies each month on Wednesday afternoons. See the February and March offerings on page 3.

Teen Drop-In Movies

Movies for teens are shown once a month on Wednesday evenings. See page 5 for more details.

Teen Meet Me at the Movies

Teens can join our teen librarian, Katie, at The Picture Show to watch a new movie in the theater. Tickets and snacks are provided, but space is limited and registration is required. See page 5 for registration information.

STREAMING SPOTLIGHT: Kanopy & Kanopy Kids

kanopy

Kanopy is a streaming service provided for BPL cardholders.

Cardholders have 10 video credits per month to watch documentaries, foreign films, classic cinema, independent films, and educational videos.

kanopy kids

Kanopy Kids features unlimited access to children's TV shows and movies.

Learn about all of our streaming services by visiting our website or contacting the Reference Desk for help.

TAX time

Federal and State Tax Forms

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

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

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

Hours:

Monday - Thursday: 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Friday & Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

For updates to hours/services offered:

Call (630) 529-3120 • Email bdref@mybpl.org • Visit our website at www.mybpl.org



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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📅 🖥️ Fashion from Africa to African American

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

Zoom Webinar

Take a short journey through the history of African fashion and textiles from the 12th century to the 21st century, with emphasis on how these findings have shaped African American fashion over time. Presented by Shannon Johnson, Fashion Studies Instructor at the College of DuPage.

📅 🖥️ The Detroit Institute of Arts - A World-Class Collection with an Uncertain Future

Monday, February 7 | 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Zoom Webinar

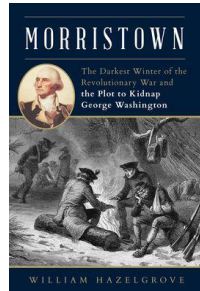
Art historian Jeff Mishur presents the museum's collection, which includes masterpieces by various artists including Diego Rivera, Artemisia Gentileschi, and Vincent van Gogh.

📅 🖥️ The Plot to Kidnap George Washington

Tuesday, February 22 | 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Zoom Webinar

Local author William Hazelgrove is back to share his latest book, *Morristown: The Darkest Winter of the Revolutionary War and the Plot to Kidnap George Washington*. The winter of 1779-1780 was the worst in a century and would mark Washington's darkest hour where he contemplated the army coming apart from lack of food and money, desertions, mutiny, the threat of a devastating attack by the British, and, incredibly, a plot to kidnap him.



📅 🖥️ The 1918 Spanish Flu Pandemic

Monday, February 28 | 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Zoom Webinar

In this slide lecture, historian Jim Gibbons discusses the devastating 1918 Spanish Flu Pandemic that took between 40-100 million lives on top of the millions who perished during World War I.

📅 🖥️ Pompeii - From Ashes to Archaeology

Monday, March 7 | 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Zoom Webinar

In 79 A.D., Mount Vesuvius erupted and covered Pompeii with volcanic ash. In this slide lecture, art historian Jeff Mishur examines Roman wall paintings, ancient architecture, and artifacts that offer a window into the ancient city of Pompeii, as well as the discovery of its ruins in 1592 and its impact.

📅 🖥️ Elizabeth Taylor – Violet Beauty

Monday, March 21 | 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Zoom Meeting

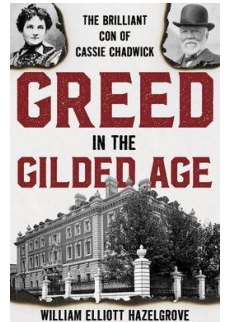
Join us as we celebrate one of the most famous movie stars of all time, the unforgettable Elizabeth Taylor. Presented by retired teacher and film enthusiast Steven Frenzel of Marquee Film Talks.

📅 🖥️ Greed in the Gilded Age: The Brilliant Con of Cassie Chadwick

Monday, March 28 | 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Zoom Webinar

Local author William Hazelgrove returns to share his research into one of the greatest cons in American history. Cassie Chadwick was front-page news at the turn of the century when she successfully conned at least two million dollars from wealthy New York financiers by claiming to be the illegitimate daughter and heir of steel titan Andrew Carnegie.



Join BPL on **Goodreads!**
Get reading suggestions and book reviews shared by library staff and Board.

www.goodreads.com/mybpl



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.

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

📅 🖥️ That's Amore with Heather Braoudakis

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

In-Person Event

Chicago Symphony Chorus singer Heather Braoudakis is back to celebrate the different kinds of love – Agape, Eros, and Philia. This show features love songs from musical theater to Nat King Cole, George Gershwin, and The Hutton Sisters.

📅 🖥️ Top of the World with Heather Braoudakis

Tuesday, March 22 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

In-Person Event

Who is your favorite singer? As a young girl, Chicago Symphony Chorus singer Heather Braoudakis dreamed of being Karen Carpenter. *We've Only Just Begun* to bring this sister, drummer, and beautiful, beloved contralto *Close to You*.

📅 🖥️ April Showers with Heather Braoudakis

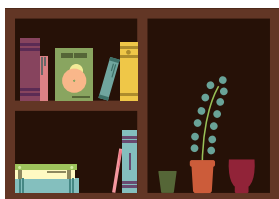
Tuesday, April 19 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

In-Person Event



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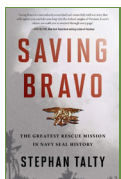


book discussion groups

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.

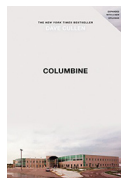


Saving Bravo: The Greatest Rescue Mission in Navy SEAL History
by Stephan Talty

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

Columbine
by Dave Cullen

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



MONDAY NIGHT PAGE TURNERS

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

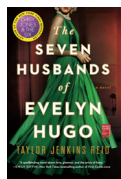


Migrations
by Charlotte McConaghy

Monday, February 21
7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo
by Taylor Jenkins Reid

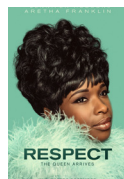
Monday, March 21
7:30 – 8:30 p.m.



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.



Respect

Wednesday, February 9 | 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

The life story of legendary R&B singer Aretha Franklin.
Rated PG-13



Vertigo

Wednesday, February 23 | 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

A former San Francisco police detective becomes obsessed with the hauntingly beautiful woman he has been hired to trail, who may be deeply disturbed.
Rated PG



Stillwater

Wednesday, March 9 | 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

A father travels from Oklahoma to France to help his estranged daughter, who is in prison for a murder she claims she didn't commit. Rated R



Cat on a Hot Tin Roof

Wednesday, March 30 | 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Brick is an alcoholic ex-football player who drinks his days away and resists the affections of his wife. A reunion with his terminal father jogs a host of memories and revelations for both father and son. Rated PG-13

ONGOING ADULT PROGRAMS

🗳️ Great Decisions

Wednesdays, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
February 16, March 16

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.

In-Person Event

Genealogy Club (Drop-In)

Wednesdays, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
February 16, March 16

Join us in person to learn about internet and archival genealogy and research support. Members share strategies and explore library resources with guidance from genealogy librarian Leslie Drewitz.

In-Person Event

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.

IN-PERSON CLASSES

Top 10 Excel Functions

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

This class will review 10 of the most commonly used functions in Excel. Students will learn appropriate uses for all of them and how to structure their data to simplify the design. Examples will be provided for hands-on practice.

Computer Safety

Tuesday, February 15 | 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

Learn practical and inexpensive ways to protect your computer against data loss, virus infection, and online scams. Software solutions, backup techniques, and safe internet behavior will all be discussed.

3D Printing

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

BPL allows patrons to print objects using our equipment and it's easier than you might think! Learn how to find free designs online, make edits, and submit prints at www.mybpl.org/3Dprint.

Designing Web Pages with HTML

Monday, March 7 | 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Sean


Learn how to create basic web pages using HTML code. We will cover basic topics like inserting text, links, pictures, and background colors, as well as more advanced design topics as time allows. While the library does not provide a location on the internet for students to post their web page, they will learn the skills required to develop one. This class is intended to be introductory but some internet experience may help to understand topics discussed.

Creating a Website

Monday, March 14 | 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

Learn how to acquire web space online, transfer files to the Internet, combine web pages into a more efficient and understandable website, and learn other advanced HTML techniques.

VIRTUAL CLASSES

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

Basic Networking – IP Addresses

Thursday, February 24 | 7:00 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

We kick off our series of basic networking tutorial videos with a discussion about IP addresses. Viewers will learn what an IP address is, their requirements, and the basics of subnet masks. Tools like ping tests will be demonstrated and all examples will be given in a Windows OS environment. Aspiring IT professionals may find this to be a helpful starting point.



Website Design – Basic CSS

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

In this online course, students will learn the fundamentals of working with Cascading Style Sheets to structure their websites. A key skill for anyone interested in working in web design, CSS allows for control of formatting, spacing of different elements, and much more!



Classes for Seniors

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

Seniors Course:

Basic Computer Use

Tuesday, February 22 | 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

Learn the basics of computer use and dealing with Windows.

Seniors Course:

Internet Use & Safety

Tuesday, March 1 | 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

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

Seniors Course:

Tablets & Smartphones

Wednesday, March 2 | 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.
Instructor: Salvador

Learn how to operate your smartphone or tablet. Students are encouraged to bring their own devices.

RENT-A-TECH

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

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



Teen Programs

Registration required for some teen programs (noted with 📅). Register online, by phone at (630) 924-2730, or by email at bdref@mybpl.org. For programs with special registration requirements, please follow those instructions. Virtual classes are noted with 📺.

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

Virtual ACT/SAT Practice Tests

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

📅 SAT Practice Test

Saturday, February 12 | link will be emailed

📅 ACT Practice Test

Saturday, March 12 | link will be emailed

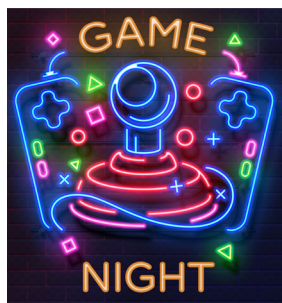
FREE ONLINE

ACT® and SAT® Test Preparation is available through **EBSCO LearningExpress®** @ mybpl.org/homeworkteens

Game Night (Drop-In)

Thursdays, 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.
February 10 & 24, March 10 & 24

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!



Teen Book Bags

The Bloomingdale Library is ready to make a personalized book bag for you! Fill out a form on our website about what types of books you like and dislike. Once we receive your form, a librarian will personally select a book that you get to keep, and put it in a bag with other goodies. No need to return anything to the library!



Teen Crafts @ BPL

📅 Mermaid Sugar Scrub

Wednesday, February 16 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Make a sparkly, sweet scented sugar scrub that will leave you feeling like a mermaid!

📅 Color-Changing Slime

Wednesday, March 9 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Make some awesome slime that changes color! The thermochromic material changes color when there is a change in temperature.

📅 DIY Cord Tacos

Wednesday, March 23 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Never get your cord tangled up again. Make a cord organizer that looks like a taco!



Catch a Movie!



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.



Free Guy

Wednesday, February 23 | 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Shang-Chi and the Legend of the Ten Rings

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



📅 Meet Me at the Movies: The Batman

Friday, April 1 | Meeting Time TBA
Sign up begins on Monday, March 7

Meet me at the movies to watch *The Batman*! 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.



Youth Programs



Registration required for some youth programs (noted with 📅). *Registration for February programs begins January 24 at 9:00 a.m.*
Registration for March programs begins February 21 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.

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 February and March | 10:30 – 11:00 a.m.

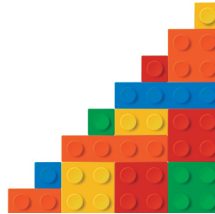
Join us every Friday for in-person storytime. Listen to our staff read stories, sing songs, and tell rhymes. **Registration for this program will be one week prior to the event. * Please register as a family.*

📅 Coding a Lego Maze

Grades K-2

Tuesday, February 8 | 4:00 – 4:45 p.m.

Use your creative and technical skills to build a Lego maze and code the way out! No coding experience necessary.



📅 We Like To Move It, Move It

Grades K-2

Monday, February 21 | 1:30 – 2:15 p.m.

Dance, hop, play games, and enjoy lots of movement-based activities while it's cold and slippery outside.

Robot's Day Out (Drop-In)

Grades K-6

Saturday, February 19 | 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

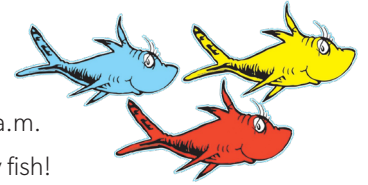
Come to the Youth Services desk to try out some of the robots we have in our science kit collection.

📅 Celebrate Dr. Seuss

Families

Tuesday, March 1 | 10:30 – 11:15 a.m.

One fish, two fish, red fish, library fish!
Join us for a storytime and craft to celebrate Dr. Seuss day.



📅 Fairy Tale Ball

Sunday, March 6

Session 1: 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. | Session 2: 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Please only register for one session

Families

Every Prince, Princess, Knight, and Jester is invited to join us! Wear your shiny suit of armor, sparkly ball gown, or come dressed like your favorite fairy tale creature. Join us for an afternoon of fun, crafts, games, and fantasy!

📅 Art for National Crayon Day

Grades K-2

Thursday, March 24 | 4:00 – 4:45 p.m.

Crayons are fun for coloring, but they are used for many types of art. Come join us at the library to try some new techniques and bring home a crayon masterpiece!



📅 STEAM Challenge

Grades 3-6 with adult partner

Monday, March 28 | 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

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

📅 Homeschool Afternoon Makerspace Program

Grades K-6

Wednesday, February 9 | 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Learn how to use our new makerspace to make Valentine's cards.

📅 Homeschool Afternoon Book Club

Grades 3-5

Wednesday, March 9 | 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

The Unicorn Rescue Society by Adam Gidwitz

Explore the world of cryptids with this Bluestem-nominated book, crafts, snacks, and more. Different activities for children preschool through grade 2 will be provided at the same time. The first five people that sign up will get a copy of the book to keep.





Youth Services

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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. Registration for February Take It, Make It kits begins January 24 at 9:00 a.m. Registration for March kits begins February 21 at 9:00 a.m..

📅 Winter Olympics (Grades K-2)

Kit Pickup: February 7 – 11

Children will learn more about the history of the games and the sports that are featured. We will also make fun crafts to root for the USA and play games.

📅 Super Bowl Pack (Families)

Kit Pickup: February 7 – 11

Get all the supplies you need to have fun at this year's Super Bowl including crafts and a recipe book.



📅 Let's Be Friends (Ages 2-5)

Kit Pickup: February 14 – 18

Let's learn about what it means to be a good friend. This kit will include activities that will introduce attributes such as caring and kindness.

📅 If You Give A (animal) A (food) (Ages 2-5)

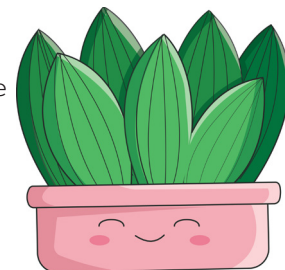
Kit Pickup: March 7 – 11

In honor of National Pancake Day, we will include games and crafts based on the *If You Give...* series (*If You Give A Mouse A Cookie*).

📅 Pet Plant Keeper (Grades 3-6)

Kit Pickup: March 14 – 18

Looking forward to spring? Celebrate a little early by making your own home for a plant. We'll provide the materials for the planter and ideas of places to look for your own little plant friend.



📅 Spring Has Sprung (Ages 2-5)

Kit Pickup: March 21 – 25

Spring is officially here! Let's learn all about the signs of the season with crafts, games, songs, and more!

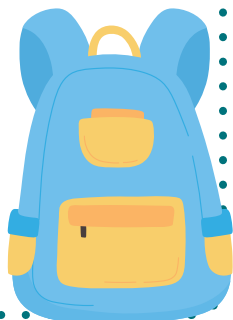
New Storypacks: Baby Packs and SEL Packs

The Youth Services Department added two new styles of Story Packs to our collection.

Baby Packs include all materials necessary for a storytime at home for children up to 24 months of age.

SEL (Social Emotional Learning) Packs are designed to make a family's journey of healing easier to navigate following a traumatic experience. Topics include loss of a pet, divorce/separation, and moving. Additional subjects will be added in the future.

Both styles of packs are available now for checkout in Youth Services.



BPL Virtual Programs

Tech Time: Make Your Own GIFs

Grades 3-6

Week of February 13 – 19

Learn how to make your own GIFs to share with your friends in this online video!

Crochet Along with Miss Carol

Grades 3-8

YouTube video post on 15th of each month

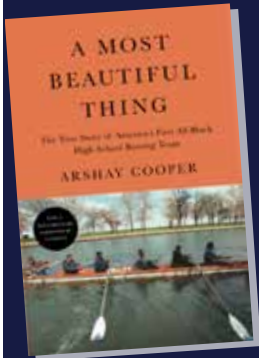
February – ear warmers March – tote bag

Learn to crochet along with Miss Carol! Check the Library's YouTube page for video tutorials for each project. A supply list and written instructions can be picked up at the library. New projects will be posted each month.

LAKE PARK READS

A MULTI-COMMUNITY READING EVENT

Sunday, April 3 - Saturday, April 9



Bloomington Public Library is pleased to join Roselle Public Library District, Itasca Community Library, and Lake Park High School to read *A Most Beautiful Thing* by Arshay Cooper.

A Most Beautiful Thing is the moving true story of a group of young men growing up on Chicago's West Side who formed the first all-Black high school rowing team in the nation and, in doing so, transformed a sport and their lives.

AUTHOR VISIT: **ARSHAY COOPER**

Arshay Cooper is a rower, Benjamin Franklin award-winning author, the protagonist of the novel and critically acclaimed film *A Most Beautiful Thing*, a Golden Oar recipient for his contributions to the sport of rowing, motivational speaker, and activist.

Join Arshay during his visit to Roselle and hear this inspirational talk at Lake Park West on April 8 and 9, times to be announced. Look for more information coming soon!



LIBRARY COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

Becoming & Being a Chef: The Inside Scoop

Monday, April 4
7:00 – 8:00 p.m. • In-Person Event

Interested in a culinary career or just curious what it takes to be a professional chef? Chef Susan Maddox will share her wisdom, knowledge, experience, and entertaining stories about her career path. This insight will hopefully assist the next generation of culinarians.

Register at the Itasca Community Library, online at itascalibrary.org, or call (630) 773-1699.

Held at:
Itasca Community Library
500 West Irving Park Road
Itasca, IL 60143

Vision: See Yourself There Before You Get There

Tuesday, April 5
7:00 – 8:00 p.m. • In-Person Event

Learn to achieve your goals with motivational expert, producer, and author Cherise Nicole Ragland. Cherise encourages participants to get a vision for their future. Without vision, you can't see where you're going. Her motto is if you can see it, you truly can achieve it!

Register at the Bloomington Public Library, online at mybpl.org, email bdref@mybpl.org, or call (630) 924-2730.

Held at:
Bloomington Public Library
101 Fairfield Way
Bloomington, IL 60108

Emancipation to Inauguration: The Black Experience in Chicago

Thursday, April 7
7:00 – 8:30 p.m. • Virtual Event

From Chicago's first settler to the nation's Chief Executive, the African American presence is deep, rich, and proud. Historian Clarence Goodman will explore the African American presence all around Chicago.

This is a **virtual program** provided by the Roselle Public Library District.

Register at the Roselle Public Library, online at rosellepld.org, or call (630) 529-1641.

Adult Fitness & Sports

TRX

Using body weight, TRX builds total body strength and flexibility, develops core stability and delivers a fun workout that is adjustable for all levels.

Location: GROUP X
Instructor: Traci

Adult Fitness (ap)
MIN/MAX: 3/5

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
18-99	Mon	12-12:45P	Mar 28-May 23	\$63/\$83	203588-A2

Zumba

Zumba is a low impact, calorie-scorching workout that incorporates Latin-inspired dance and other dance genres into a full body workout that feels like a party! It is designed for all fitness levels and can be modified for the novice exerciser to the seasoned athlete. We promise you'll smile, laugh, and sweat at this party!

Location: GROUP X
Instructor: Staff

Adult Fitness (ap)
MIN/MAX: 5/20

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
18-99	Thu	9:30-10:30A	Mar 31-May 19	\$64/\$84	203548-A2

Zumba Gold

Dance your way to health and fitness! Zumba Gold is designed with seniors in mind as a lower impact version of Zumba that's just as fun! Zumba Gold combines a variety of Latin and international rhythms with an easy-to-follow workout. No dance experience is necessary. Get ready to have some fun and stay active!

Location: GROUP X
Instructor: Traci

Adult Fitness (ap)
MIN/MAX: 6/15

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
18-99	Tue	8:15-9:15A	Mar 29-May 24	\$72/\$92	203546-A2

Aqua Bootcamp

Get your cardio and toning at the same time! Special focus is on strengthening your legs, arms and core while getting your heart pumping. All fitness levels are welcome. Drop-ins not allowed. Age 62+ will receive a 20% discount.

Location: Westlake Pool
Instructor: Lee Anne

Adult Fitness (ap)
MIN/MAX: 5/8

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
18-99	Tue	8-8:55A	Feb 15-Mar 8	\$74/\$94	205401-B1
18-99	Tue	9-9:55A	Feb 15-Mar 8	\$74/\$94	205401-B2
18-99	Thu	8-8:55A	Feb 17-Mar 10	\$74/\$94	205401-B3
18-99	Thu	9-9:55A	Feb 17-Mar 10	\$74/\$94	205401-B4

Pilates

Strengthen and lengthen your muscles while improving your flexibility, mobility, and core strength. Pilates is an exceptional form of exercise for all levels and can be modified for the novice to the advanced. Pilates has long been considered a foundational exercise for seniors and those recovering from injuries, all the way to professional athletes. See how Pilates can make you stronger and more balanced while toning your body!

Location: GROUP X
Instructor: Staff

Adult Fitness (ap)
MIN/MAX: 6/15

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
18-99	Mon	5:30-6:20P	Apr 4-May 23	\$88/\$108	203533-A2
18-99	Wed	5:30-6:20P	Apr 6-May 25	\$88/\$108	203533-A4

Adult Trips

Grand Victoria Casino in Elgin

Want to try your luck? Join us as we head to Grand Victoria Casino in Elgin. Trip includes transportation. Lunch is on your own at either Crave Deli or Slice Pizzeria. Receive \$10 in free cash play for the slot machines. Registration deadline is April 13. Trip departs from and returns to the Johnston Recreation Center, 172 S. Circle Ave., in Bloomington.

Location: JRC Parking Lot
Instructor: Staff

Adult (rr)
MIN/MAX: 4/4

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
21-99	Wed	11:30A-3:30P	Apr 27	\$10/\$15	203203-A1

Gurnee Mills/Mar's Cheese

Come enjoy shopping at Gurnee Mills with family and friends. We will finish the day shopping at the Mar's Cheese Castle. Food will be on your own. Trip includes transportation. Registration deadline is March 18. Pick-up and drop-off is at the Medinah Park District, 22W130Thorndale Ave., Medinah.

Location: Medinah Park District
Instructor: Staff

Adult(rr)
MIN/MAX: 4/4

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
21-99	Fri	10:30A-5P	Mar 25	\$10/\$15	203207-A1

The King and I

Inspired by true events, Rodgers and Hammerstein's The King and I is a tale of the human experience, exploring the historical intricacies of class, race, and politics in 1862. Featuring beloved songs like "Shall We Dance?" and "Getting to Know You," this Rodgers and Hammerstein classic won 13 Tony Awards, including Best Musical and Best Revival of Musical. Registration deadline is March 7. Fee includes ticket, lunch and transportation. Trip departs from and returns to the Johnston Recreation Center, 172 S. Circle Ave., in Bloomington. Show is at Drury Lane.

Location: JRC Parking Lot
Instructor: Staff

Adult (rr)
MIN/MAX: 4/4

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
18-99	Wed	10:30A-5P	Apr 6	\$87/\$92	203206-A1

Register at the Johnston Recreation Center, 172 S. Circle Ave. or bloomingtonparks.org.

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

Easter	Closed
Memorial Day	Closed

Silver Sneakers Coming Soon!



Chef Pina's Cooking Classes

50+ Gourmet Supper Club

Mark your calendar! Save your second Wednesday evening of each month for Chef Pina's 50+ Gourmet Supper Club. These are nights for active adults to look forward to and remember. Have fun and meet new friends as you talk and help prepare supper. Then eat a wonderful, gourmet meal. Bring containers as you may have leftovers to take home. Space is limited, so register early. Couples, register together using the B codes and save \$9.

Location: Chef's Corner

Instructor: Chef Pina

Adult (tr)

MIN/MAX: 4/6

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
50-99	Wed	5:30-7:30P	Mar 9	\$42/\$47	203675-A2
50-99	Wed	5:30-7:30P	Apr 13	\$42/\$47	203675-A3
50-99	Wed	5:30-7:30P	May 11	\$42/\$47	203675-A4
Per Couple					
50-99	Wed	5:30-7:30P	Mar 9	\$75/\$80	203675-B2
50-99	Wed	5:30-7:30P	Apr 13	\$75/\$80	203675-B3
50-99	Wed	5:30-7:30P	May 11	\$75/\$80	203675-B4

Italian Cooking Classes

Fall in love with preparing and eating Italian cuisine. In the introduction course, participants start with an appetizer. Make original bruschetta while learning its history. Participants prepare fresh liver pate, Pina's famous stuffed meatballs with pasta and fresh sauce, a lovely salad, and Pina's country bread. Finish with a beautiful tiramisu. Subsequent classes prepare multi-course meals specific to a topic or region. Register for all four classes and save \$20!

Location: Chef's Corner

Instructor: Chef Pina

Adult (tr)

MIN/MAX: 4/6

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
Solely Mediterranean					
18-99	Wed	6-8P	Apr 6	\$42/\$47	203679-B2
Only Italian Seafood					
18-99	Wed	6-8P	Apr 20	\$42/\$47	203679-B3
From Tuscany to You					
18-99	Wed	6-8P	Apr 27	\$42/\$47	203679-B4
All Four Classes					
18-99	Wed	6-8P	Mar 30-Apr 27	\$148/\$153	203679-B5



Parent & Child Cooking Class

Create a meal with your child and leave the prep and clean-up to us! Chef Pina teaches a different recipe each week. Fee is per couple.

Location: Chef's Corner

Instructor: Chef Pina

Youth (tr)

MIN/MAX: 3/4

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
Mexican					
5-12	Fri	6:30-8:30P	Feb 25	\$54/\$59	206113-A2
Italian					
5-12	Fri	6:30-8:30P	Mar 25	\$54/\$59	206113-A3
Scones					
5-12	Fri	6:30-8:30P	Apr 29	\$54/\$59	206113-A4
Summer BBQ					
5-12	Fri	6:30-8:30P	May 27	\$54/\$59	206113-A5

Chef Pina's Cooking Classes

Participants see, smell, taste, ask questions about, and learn the background of food. Whichever one-night cooking session you choose, you will enjoy a wonderful meal on a night you won't forget. Bring a container for leftovers.

Location: Chef's Corner

Instructor: Chef Pina

Adult (tr)

MIN/MAX: 4/6

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
Not Just Soup Night					
18-99	Fri	6-8P	Mar 4	\$42/\$47	203680-A5
Fresh Bread Friday					
18-99	Fri	5-8P	Mar 11	\$67/\$72	203680-A6
The World's Poultry					
18-99	Fri	6-8P	Apr 8	\$42/\$47	203680-A8
Comfort Stews					
18-99	Fri	6-8P	Apr 22	\$42/\$47	203680-A9
Summer BBQ					
18-99	Fri	6-8P	May 13	\$42/\$47	203680-C2
Appetizers Treats					
18-99	Fri	6-9P	May 20	\$47/\$52	203680-C4

Please adhere to the current CDC/IDPH mask guidance when participating in a program or event. Participants must complete the at-home Health Screening prior to participating in a program or event. Visit www.bloomingtonparks.org for the most current information regarding programs, events and facilities in regard to COVID-19 restrictions and mask mandates.

Call 630-529-3650 for more information or visit us online at bloomingtonparks.org.

Bunny Bash



April 9

9:45-11:30AM



@ Circle Park, Homola Picnic Shelter,

FREE!

Westfield Parking Lot

All activities will be held outdoors.

Lots of activities and non-stop fun for the entire family!



- Coloring Contest
 - Bunny Craft
 - Entertainment
 - DJ
 - Games & Challenges
 - Pictures with the Bunny
- Bloomingdale Public Library - Bookwalk
- Refreshments available for purchase



Sponsored by:



Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt

April 9, 9:30AM
@ Circle Park

Egg Hunt starts promptly at 9:30 a.m.

Eggceptional Easter Egg Trunk Hunt in the JRC parking lot immediately following the Circle Park Egg Hunt.

***A quiet and accessible opportunity!**

Partners:

