

Village of Bloomingdale

Announcement

August 2022

Growth with Pride

5k Race to Stop Hunger August 20

Attention Runners and Walkers - The 7th Annual Race To Stop Hunger, sponsored by Kids Against Hunger Illinois, is coming to the old Indian Lakes Golf Course! On Saturday, August 20, 8 AM, In-Person (and Virtual). 100% of proceeds go to feeding children!

Come as an individual or create a team of friends, co-workers, neighbors and enjoy the morning while raising money for a great cause.

To Register, Sponsor, Volunteer & More Information: kah-IL.org. Race Director, Nancy: racetostophunger@gmail.com.

Hunger Is Real - You Can Make A Difference!



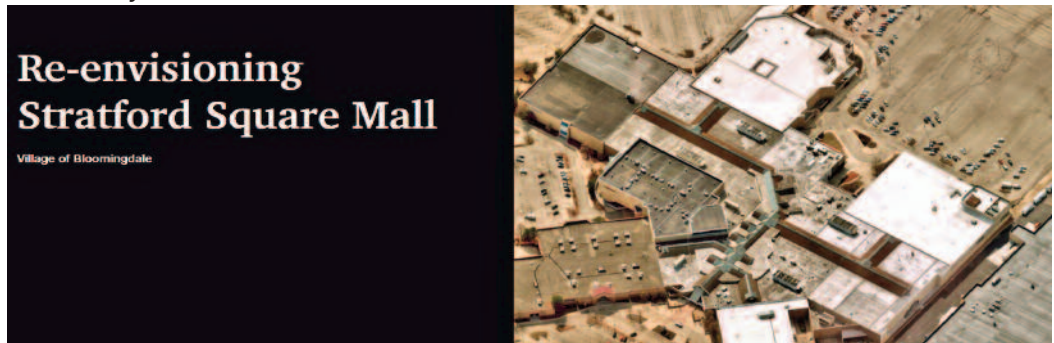
Help Us Re-envision Stratford Square Mall!

Stratford Square Mall was an economic engine for our community from its very beginning, but since 2012, the number of vacancies in the mall have continued to climb and the property has deteriorated. While many of us have a deep nostalgia for the mall, it no longer represents an attractive or financially viable asset to

the community.

The Village Board and staff have begun working with Teska Associates, Inc. to develop a Strategic Vision Plan for the Stratford Square Mall property. Together, we have determined that the future for the property lies in a redevelopment plan that appeals to our

current lifestyle interests and activities. This is not a simple undertaking nor one we take lightly but one that is necessary to respond to the mall's decline. At this stage in the process, we are asking the residents of our community to share their thoughts on the redevelopment of the mall properties. *(continued on page 5)*



Learn More About . . .



National Night, See Pg. 6 Aug 2; 5:30-8:30 PM Circle Park & Oasis Pool



Ice Cream Social@ Library Aug 4; 5:30 PM See Library Pages



Shred Event-See Pg. 4 Aug 13; 9 AM-Noon 250 W Schick Rd.



Scholarship Fundraiser; Pg. 8 Sept 7th; 5:00-8:00 PM Portillo's 134 E Lake St.

Congratulations to the Bloomingdale Lightning Girls Soccer Team!

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

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



Congratulations to the 2008 Bloomingdale Lightning Girls Soccer Team on their finalist finish at the NPL National Tournament; and to the Bloomingdale Lightning Soccer Club, coaches, and families.

The National Premier League (NPL) is a part of the U.S. Soccer Club, with over 2,200 teams that start this journey in the U.S. The 2008 Bloomingdale Lightning Girls Team earned their bid to the National Tournament in Denver, Colorado in June and faced teams from South Carolina, California, Kansas and Las Vegas. They went undefeated in their bracket and punched their ticket to the championship game, where they were valiantly defeated. Led by Coach Hernan Rodriguez and Director of Coaching, Frank DeAngelo, the team represented the Bloomingdale Lightning Soccer Club, the community and themselves extremely well. We are proud of these girls; thank you for representing Bloomingdale on the national stage!

Don't Forget to Look Up!

Bloomingdale Police Officers unite with the Lake Street Dunkin' staff for the Cop on a Rooftop event, to support the Special Olympics' program and to recognize its athletes. From 5:30 a.m. to Noon on Friday, August 19th, Bloomingdale officers will take part in a rooftop sit-in, greeting the customers of the Bloomingdale Lake Street Dunkin' and encouraging donations for Illinois Special Olympics. So, come on in to Dunkin' and don't forget to look up!

Village of Bloomingdale Elected Officials

Franco A. Coladipietro
Village President

William Belmonte
Traffic and Streets

Patrick Shannon
Facilities, Infrastructure

Pamela S. Hager
Village Clerk

Bill Bolen
Finance and
Administration

Frank Bucaro
Planning, Zoning
& Environmental
Concerns

TRUSTEES

Judi Von Huben
Public Safety

Vince Ackerman
Intergovernmental &
Community Relations

A Message from Mayor Franco

Hope you are enjoying your summer!

If you haven't visited the Maker's Market held on the last Sunday of every month in the Old Town Parking Lot (Schick & Third Street), be sure to stop by and check it out! The market is open from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. with a number of small businesses offering a variety of choices. Thank you to Alicia Eisenmann from Delish Cakes who brought this idea to our Village residents—we are proud to support her efforts! It is a perfect way to get out and enjoy a Sunday afternoon.

Besides the market there is plenty to do in Bloomingdale in August. Among the highlights are National Night Out at the Oasis and Circle Park on August 2, the Library's Concert Series on August 12 in the newly completed Dominic Froio Memorial Garden, followed by American English performing the last free concert of the season on August 23. And there's always the Oasis Water Park!

As we head into the Fall, the Village Board continues its work with Maverick Hotels and Restaurants on their redevelopment plans for the former Indian Lakes Hotel and golf course. Maverick's CEO Bob Habeeb shares the Village's vision to preserve this large tract of open space in the heart of our community for current and future residents to enjoy. To that end, Village Public Works crews have cleared a 5-mile path for residents to enjoy as the Village Board considers alternatives to keep this area as a passive/active use. The Village and Mr. Habeeb look forward to sharing their plans in the coming months and for renovations to begin shortly thereafter!

The Village Board has also begun its work to address the future of the Stratford Square Mall that has seen vacancies climb and is no longer an attractive or financially viable asset to our community. The Village Board and I have been working with Teska Associates, Inc. to develop a Strategic Vision Plan for the Mall that will bring life back to this area. To that extent, we are asking the community to help us in this endeavor by visiting the Village website at www.villageofbloomingdale.org and scrolling through the interactive Re-envisioning Stratford Square website, which includes two Concept Plans for the community to provide feedback. The success of this property is important to the vitality of our community and the Village Board and I are committed to the redevelopment of this property.

Businesses in our community are thriving post-pandemic and there is significant interest on the part of new businesses to be a part of our Bloomingdale family. Through the hard work of staff and our Village Board to solicit new businesses, we have seen new development in our other retail centers. I am excited to share news of Cooper's Hawk decision to construct a new restaurant on the former Barnes and Noble site, Culver's build-out of their Bloomingdale location on the Meijer outlot along Schick, First Watch (breakfast option) in the former TGIF space at Army Trail and Schmale, and Belle Tires on the northern Meijer out lot along Gary Avenue.

In closing, I'd like to remind you the 48th annual Septemberfest will be held in Old Town on September 10th and the annual Old Town Brew Fest on October 15th.

Soak in the summer while it's here.

Mayor Franco



Save the Date: 3rd Annual Brewfest October 15

Efforts are underway for the 3rd Annual Old Town Brew Fest to be held in Old Town Bloomingdale on Saturday, October 15, 2022 from 2-6 PM.

We are excited about this year's event and anticipate a larger crowd than the 400 attendees we hosted for the 2022 event. Tickets will be capped at 500.

This year's festival plans to offer over 50 styles of beer from craft breweries in the Chicagoland area, food from local eateries and the return of the Black Bolts for musical entertainment.

So, mark your calendar and join us for an afternoon of unique brews, food, fun and live entertainment. The Old Town Brew Fest is a fundraising event to support the Bloomingdale Cares Community Fund, a 501(c)(3) which helps sponsor community events and to assist community organizations.



Village of Bloomingdale Shred Event On August 13*

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

Bloomingdale Library
630-529-3120

Bloomingdale Park District
630-529-3650

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Declutter your house and safely dispose of your sensitive documents.

Location: The east parking lot of the old Indian Lakes Resort, 250 W Schick Rd, Bloomingdale

Date: Saturday, August 13, 2022

Time: 9 AM to 12 Noon (or until truck is full)

- All documents are shredded on-site
- No need to remove staples or paper clips
- Please remove any other hard items, as they are fire hazards for the shredding truck
- Limited to one (1) banker size box or three (3) paper grocery bags per customer.

- Deposit contents of bags (or box) into truck.

*All boxes and bags need to be brought back with the customer.

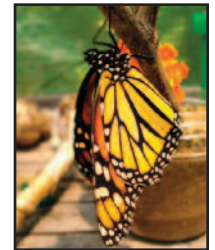
*The Village will have an employee onsite to help anyone in need of assistance. There will be signage and cones to direct traffic.

*Sponsored in part through a grant from DuPage County.



You Can Help Protect Monarch Butterflies

The monarch population has declined by approximately 90 percent since the 1990s. Monarchs face habitat loss and fragmentation in the United States and Mexico. Over 90 percent of the grassland ecosystems along the eastern monarch's central migratory flyway corridor have been lost, converted to intensive agriculture or urban development.



The National Wildlife Federation (NWF) recommends that the best way to help monarchs is by restoring their natural habitat by planting native milkweed and nectar plants; participate in the NWF Garden for Wildlife program, go to www.nwf.org/Garden-for-Wildlife/Create for more information.

Summer Water Conservation

The Summer Water Conservation regulations are in effect. From May through September of each year the use of the public water supply for sprinkling of lawns with automatic sprinkling devices is PROHIBITED except for:

- Single Family residential with odd numbered addresses on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday between 5 a.m. and 9 a.m. or 5 p.m. and 9 p.m.
- Single Family residential with even numbered addresses on Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday between 5 a.m. and 9 a.m. or 5 p.m. and 9 p.m.
- Commercial, Industrial, Manufacturing, Office Buildings and Multi-Family Residential Buildings on Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday between 5 a.m. and 9 a.m. or 5 p.m. and 9 p.m.



The use of automatic sprinkling devices is prohibited on all Fridays.

Violators are subject to a fine of \$25.00 to \$50.00 for each violation of the order. For more information, contact the Utilities Division at 630-671-5800.

GO ORANGE! for Hunger Action

September is National Hunger Action Month, an opportunity for people across the nation to stand together to end hunger. This Hunger Action Month, there are so many ways for you to make a difference by donating, volunteering, shopping, learning and more. Together we can act to help end hunger for good.

To kick-off Hunger Action Month, Mayor Franco has proclaimed

Friday, September 23, 2022 as the 9th Annual **GO ORANGE DAY** for Hunger Action in Bloomingdale. Participation in **GO ORANGE DAY** continues to increase each year throughout the community. The Village urges everyone to join in to Take Action Against Hunger, by:

- Dropping off non-perishable food and diapers during the month of September at **Bloomington Village Hall** (201 S Bloomingdale Rd), **Library** (101 Fairfield Way), **Fire Department** (179 S Bloomingdale Rd) or **Park District JRC** (172 S Circle Ave). (Donations accepted year-round at the **Bloomington Township Food Pantry**)
- Volunteering at a local food pantry, collecting and/or delivering food to those in need.
- Wearing Orange to Work or School on **GO ORANGE DAY** to raise awareness.
- Encouraging conversation about hunger with friends, family and co-workers, and on Social Media.
- Donating to the Northern Illinois Food Bank (every \$1 provides \$8 worth of food).
- Liking Northern Illinois Food Bank on Facebook, follow on Twitter @nilfoodbank or Instagram.

Literacy DuPage Seeks Volunteer Tutors

Literacy DuPage helps adults improve their English language skills through tutoring. Their program's impact has a proven, long-term solution, bridging the gap between residents having limited opportunities and thriving. Volunteers tutor learners, who are primarily immigrants, refugees, and low-income adults. Visit www.literacydupage.org or call (331) 472-7160 to learn more. No teaching or foreign language experience is required.

Help us Re-envision Stratford Square Mall

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Our goal is to create a plan which reimagines these facilities and defines elements that may ultimately become part of a revitalized Stratford Square. The success of this property is important to the vitality of our community and the Board is committed to ensuring that we are not left with a vacant eyesore in the heart of Bloomingdale.

To reach our goal we need your input. Please take a few minutes to visit the Re-envision Stratford Square Mall website at tinyurl.com/StratfordSquare to learn more about this process. Complete the online survey at the end to share what elements you consider important to the future of this area which is so vital to our community.



Do You Have a Tree That Could be Our Next Official Christmas Tree?



Following the unveiling of the rejuvenated Old Town in 2016, the Village started a new tradition of holding a community tree lighting on the piazza on Franklin Street. So far, each year we have been able to acquire a 30-foot tree from a location in Bloomingdale. The Village arranges to have it cut down and transported to Old Town.

If you have a large tree you are interested in donating as Bloomingdale's official Christmas tree this year, please contact Director of Public Works Jim Monkemeyer at 630-671-5800 or monkemeyerj@vil.bloomington-il.us

Maker's Market

The Bloomingdale Maker's Market features local vendors offering goods such as home decor, jewelry, food, blankets, clothes and more.

Market hours are 10 AM until 2 PM, rain or shine, in the parking lot on the corner of Schick and 3rd Street. Upcoming Markets: August 28 & September 25.

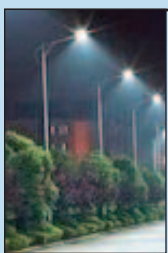
Schools Reopen in August: Watch for Children and Obey School Speed Limits

Citizen Police Academy Begins on September 7

The Bloomingdale Police Department is once again hosting the Citizen Police Academy Program for its community members. The Citizen Police Academy has been a natural step from the Neighborhood Watch Program to enhance the lines of communication with individuals who live and/or work in Bloomingdale, by providing an insight into police work procedures. The eleven-week program will consist of a series of instruction and discussion to provide an overview of various areas of law enforcement. The 2022 Academy begins Wednesday, September 7 and goes through November 16, 2022.

The classes will be held on **Wednesday evenings in September, October, and November**, each for a three hour interval (6:30-9:30 PM), during which police officers instruct on the following topics: Department Organization, Testing Process, Building Tour, Adult and Juvenile Criminal Law and Procedures, Traffic Stops and Radar Enforcement, Accidents/Crash Reports, D.U.I. Procedures, Use of Force/Liability, Defensive Tactics, Firearms Safety, Interviewing/Interrogation overview, and K-9 Demonstration.

If you are interested in participating in the Citizen Police Academy or to register, contact Sue Osicek at 630-671-5858 or osiceks@vil.bloomington.il.us.



Please report street light outages in your neighborhood to the Public Works Department at 630-671-5800.

School days bring congestion: School buses are picking up passengers, children are walking and biking to get to school before the bell rings, harried parents are trying to drop kids off before work. It's never more important for drivers to slow down and pay attention than when kids are present – especially before and after school.

The National Safety Council has prepared the following information to help motorists, parents and children going to and from school.

If You're Picking Up or Dropping Off, please follow the school specific instructions.

Make sure you know the instructions and routes for your school. The following apply to all school zones:

- Don't double park; it blocks visibility for other children and vehicles.
- Don't load or unload children across the street from the school.
- Carpool to reduce the number of vehicles at the school.

Sharing the Road and Crosswalks with Young Pedestrians

By exercising extra care and caution, drivers and pedestrians can co-exist safely going to or from school. School zones have a reduced speed limit on school days. In Bloomingdale, the school zone speed limit is 20 miles per hour. A few precautions:

- Be extra vigilant in school zones and residential neighborhoods, not exceeding speed limits.
- When driving, keep off cell phones and other distractions.
- In Illinois, motorists must yield the right-of-way to pedestrians at or in marked or unmarked crosswalks.
- Don't block the crosswalk when stopped at a red light or waiting to make a turn, forcing pedestrians to go around you.
- STOP for school patrol officer or crossing guard holding up a stop sign.
- Never pass a vehicle stopped for pedestrians.
- NO PARKING (a) In front of driveways (b) within 15 feet of a fire hydrant (c) within 20 feet of a crosswalk or (d) within 30 feet upon the approach to a STOP sign.

Slow Down, especially in School Zones, be alert & watch out for children.



National Night Out Events on August 2

Bloomington's National Night Out event takes place on Tuesday, August 2nd at the Bloomington Park District, 172 S. Circle Avenue. The event begins at 5:30 PM and concludes at 8:30 PM (weather permitting).

National Night Out is designed to generate support and participation in local anticrime efforts through the Neighborhood Watch Program, while strengthening neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships nationwide. Festivities include free open swim, food, games, prizes, music and lots of fun. Food will be served from 5:30 to 7 PM and the pool is open until 8:00 PM.



AARP Smart Driver Program for Drivers 50+ Begins September 28

The Bloomingdale Police Department is partnering with AARP to offer a Smart Driver program. With a new updated curriculum, this classroom driver refresher course is designed for drivers age 50 and older and has assisted millions of mature drivers to stay safe.

Topics include understanding the effects of aging on driving and how to compensate, driving strategies for the mature driver, identifying the most common crash situations, vehicle technologies, and traffic hazards.

Classes will be held on September 28 and September 29 from noon to 4:00 pm at the Bloomingdale Police Department: 201 S. Bloomingdale Rd. Participants must attend both days. A \$25 fee for the course (\$20 for AARP members) payable to AARP is due the first day of the class. Additionally, AARP closely monitors recommended CDC Covid-19 protocols. Currently, all participants will need to sign a COVID-19 waiver on the first day of class. Masks are optional. Any changes to these procedures will be communicated to you prior to the class. Space is limited.

Please register by Thursday, September 22, 2022 by calling Sue Osicek at 630-671-5858.



Happy 100th Vivian Krotz!

On June 7th, longtime Bloomingdale resident Vivian Krotz celebrated her 100th birthday! It was a picture-perfect day for the senior most Bloomingdale Garden Club member, as her adopted family drove in from Saint Louis and Kentucky to share the special day. She was ready when friends gathered to sing Happy Birthday to her, approximately 20 Bloomingdale Garden Club members were present.

Mayor Franco Coladipietro issued a Proclamation and declared June 7, 2022 Vivian Krotz Day in Bloomingdale.

Bloomingdale Golf Club's – "Tough Pins" – Fall Scramble on October 16

On Sunday, October 16th, Bloomingdale GC's annual fall scramble event will take place. This is a fun and popular event where **winning is not everything!** Entertain your good friends and neighbors. Included are the following:

- 18 holes of golf with cart
- Continental Breakfast
- Lunch and buffet dinner with beverages
- Prizes and contests

Time: 9:30 am Shotgun start

Cost: \$100.00 per person – Must sign-up as a 4-some

Format: 4-person scramble

Number of entries: 36 foursomes (Fills up fast!)

Registration forms are available in the Pro shop or at www.bloomingdalegc.com. Payment must be received with registration.



Police Department Announces Promotions, Retirement

On June 22nd after 30 years of service, **Deputy Chief John Krueger** retired from the Bloomingdale Police Department.

We wish him the best in retirement and thank him for his commitment to our community. He started on June 22, 1992.



As a result of Deputy Chief Krueger's retirement, the following promotions in the department took place on June 25th:

Matt Wolenberg was promoted to Deputy Chief of Administration



Deputy Chief Matt Wolenberg

Anthony Svoboda was promoted to Sergeant of Police



Sergeant Anthony Svoboda

Aaron Machek was promoted to Watch Commander



Watch Commander Aaron Machek

Best wishes to all as they begin their new positions!

Bloomington Septemberfest: 48 Years of Celebrating Community

Stage Show Schedule

- 12:00 pm Fest Opening Ceremony - Mayor Franco
- 12:10 pm Joe Draghi/Zaccardi Scholarship Winners
- 12:15 pm National Anthem
- 12:20 pm School of Music
- 12:30 pm Bloomington Park District
- 12:40 pm Brett Walkow Games
- 12:55 pm Center Stage Dance
- 1:20 pm Jason Kullom Juggling
- 1:50 pm Noteable Notes
- 2:20 pm Brett Walkow Games
- 2:35 pm Lights, Camera Dance School
- 3:20 pm School of Rock
- 3:50 pm Brett Walkow Games
- 4:15 pm Wayouts
- 6:15 pm Trippin Billies
- 8:00 pm Hi Infidelity Band



On Saturday, September 10, the Village of Bloomington will come together to celebrate its traditional end of the Summer season, Septemberfest. The kick-off to Septemberfest starts with the parade which features various organizations in town, sports teams, scouts, dancing teams, other groups and local businesses. It steps off at 11:00 a.m. from Tee Lane, heading north to Schick Road, then proceeding west to end up in Old Town. Opening at 11 a.m., the fest runs until 10 p.m. and features a variety of food and drink vendors, crafters, local business booths, live entertainment, a Kiddie Carnival and much more.

Following the parade, the Opening Ceremony begins at 12:00 p.m. with Mayor Franco Coladipietro welcoming the community and the VFW Post 7539 raising the flag. We will also honor the Septemberfest Joe Draghi & Zaccardi Scholarship recipients. This scholarship fund has awarded thousands of dollars to young adults in our community. Following the scholarship award winners will be the National Anthem. We have a full slate of local entertainment going into the night with concerts by the Wayouts, Trippin Billies and Hi Infidelity. The Kiddie Carnival will be held in the parking lot next to the food and craft vendors and will feature 5-7 rides suitable for youngsters. The rides will be open from 1 pm to 10 pm. Single tickets are \$1.25; a sheet of 20 is \$22. Number of tickets per ride range from 3 to 5 tickets.

Consider supporting the scholarship fund by dining at Bloomington Portillo's on Wednesday, September 7 from 5 - 8 pm. There are still spots left for Food & Craft vendors and Parade entries for Septemberfest!

Go to villageofbloomington.org. Click on Community, then on Septemberfest to access the applications and scholarship fundraiser flier.

Plan to meet friends and neighbors at the 48th Septemberfest on Saturday, September 10 in our beautiful Old Town venue!

You're invited to a **Portillo's FUNDRAISER**

Join us at Portillo's for a fundraiser to support: **Septemberfest Scholarship Fund**

When: **September 7, 2022** at the Portillo's located at: **134 E. Lake St. Bloomington, IL**
5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

20% of sales will benefit your organization. Order online or in app for pickup using code **PORTILLOS5** before checkout in the "Apply Offer" field, or show this flyer or a digital version to cashier when ordering at the restaurant. Valid on drive thru, pickup, curbside, and in restaurant orders.

Portillo's FOR GOOD



THE WAYOUTS **4:15 pm**

THEWAYOUTSBAND.COM

6:15pm

trippin billies
the dave matthews tribute band

THE NATIONS #1 TRIBUTE!

HI INFIDELITY .COM

8 pm



Bloomington Chamber Businesses Award Scholarships to Local Students

Thanks to the generosity of Chamber members and a few fundraisers, the Bloomington Chamber of Commerce awarded scholarships to 11 deserving students on June 3rd. The students' background and where they are headed vary, but they all had something in common besides the excellent grades, they also have given back to their community through volunteering.

Seated are the student winners from left to right: Andrew Locascio, Caitlyn Miles, James Biernacki, Frank Bucaro, Katherine Schwegler, Alyssa Ackerman, Johanna Selmeczy, Abhi Patel, Christine Andreeva, Reagan Biemolt and Krystal Rojas

Business Donors standing in the back from left to right: Mike Davison – Platt Hill Nursery, Susan DiMeo-Sargent – Pan American Bank and Trust, Chuck Fleming Starford Crossing/Newmark Merrill, Whitney Harrison – Eagle Falls Dentistry, Dr. Aimee Harris-Newon – The Center for Integrative & Functional Health & Wellness, David Bear & Nicole Buchanan– Bear Family Restaurants dba McDonald's, Chris Karountzos – ANYWAY'S American Grill & Pub and John Mazzone – Bloomington Bank & Trust.



New Street Sweeper Wrapped in the American Flag

Be on the lookout for a cool new street sweeper in town! The street sweeper is an Elgin Broom Bear on an AutoCar cab-over chassis and the American flag wrap was installed by GZ sign design in Roselle. It was originally owned by the Bloomington Township.

The Village purchased this piece of equipment in April of 2022 and started sweeping Bloomington streets soon after that.

Garden Club Meetings

August 16, 2022 - Cook-Eat-Grow
Connecting what you cook, with what you grow, with how you eat. Presenter, Veronica Porter, was born and raised in Naperville when it was still considered a small farm town. She is a third-generation organic farmer, chef and food educator for home and garden. She will present and demonstrate meal planning, food preparation and preservation.



Veronica shares her values by educating and strategizing for healthy, organic gardening, farm to table food integrity, cooking, preservation and living life in a responsible, sustainable and regenerative manner.

September 20, 2022 – Bloomington Garden Club Members Share Garden Tips

This is a time for members and visitors to share lessons learned during their gardening season. We have lots of gardening talent among us and many amusing stories to share. Tell us about your failures and accomplishments as you continue your labor of love for gardening. Please come and share a spontaneous short story with us!

Visitors are welcome. Social time and announcements begin at 6:15 PM. Programs start at 7:00 PM at Cornerstone Faith Community Church, 118 First Street, Bloomington, IL 60108.

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

COOPER'S HAWK

We are excited to announce that Cooper's Hawk Restaurant is proposing a new restaurant at 200 S. Gary Avenue! The site is the location of the former Barnes and Noble on the corner of Gary Avenue and Camden Drive. The restaurant will be approximately 11,000 square feet of interior space with seating for forty customers. The project was recently approved by the Village and we anticipate demolition to begin in the coming months!



CULVER'S PROGRESS

Construction of the new Culver's at 455 W. Schick Road is underway! They have completed most of the underground utility work and are ready to begin construction of the restaurant itself. They are well on their way, and on track for their anticipated opening of the new restaurant by the Fall of 2022.



FIRST WATCH ANTICIPATED OPENING FALL OF 2022

Interior and Exterior improvements are set to begin at 302 W. Army Trail Road, to welcome the new First Watch Restaurant. First Watch is an American restaurant chain based in Bradenton, Florida, with more than 420 locations, in 28 states. The name First Watch is a nautical reference to the first work shift aboard a ship as First Watch restaurants are only open from 7:00 AM to 2:30 PM. They will serve breakfast, brunch and lunch. Improvements should be complete and breakfast ready to serve, by Fall of 2022!

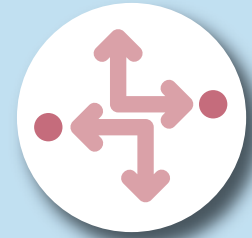


BAWIB AWARDS THREE SCHOLARSHIPS TO WOMEN IN BUSINESS

Bloomington Area Women in Business (BAWIB) awarded scholarships to three highly deserving adult females who are looking to improve themselves professionally by such means as continued education or professional development. The worthy recipients were Isabella Duran, Julie Leider, and Anna Litonjua. The Scholarships were funded by donations from Neil J. Moscicki, CPWA, CFP, ChFC - Wintrust Wealth Management and Emboldened Wealth Management and Cornerstone Faith Community Church.



From Left to right: Anna Litonjua, Steven Schwer, Isabella Duran, Alyssa Sanderson, Julia Leider, and Pastor Jeremy Heitkam



The Bloomingdale Business Beat

The Business Beat features news about businesses - newly opened, those under construction and those that have something special to tell the residents about.

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

Best Of Bloomingdale

Nominate and vote for your favorite business for The Best of Bloomingdale, hosted by the Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber is looking for nominations for businesses who have given back to their community, has outstanding customer service, and stands out from their competition.

The businesses must be a Chamber member and receive at least two nominations to be included. Businesses will be placed in categories with similar businesses and a winner is selected from each category. There is one Overall Winner, which is a business that had the highest points overall. Points are determined between popular vote and judges' panel. Winners announced at an October 6th Awards Dinner. To nominate/vote, go to BestofBloomingdale.com. Nominations run from August 1- 31 and voting from September 5- 18. For more information about the event contact the Chamber at 630-980-9082 or info@BloomingtonChamber.com.



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Fire Rescue Teams Participate in Trench Rescue Drill Training

The Bloomingtondale Fire Protection District 1, along with other members of the West Suburban Fire Rescue Alliance, participated in special operations trench rescue training.

Trench rescues are some of the most dangerous incidents we can respond to and typically require specialized technicians trained not only on how to access injured persons but also those who may be trapped.



Candle Safety

Candles may be pretty to look at but they are a cause of home fires — and home fire deaths. Remember, a candle is an open flame, which means that it can easily ignite anything that can burn.

"CANDLE WITH CARE"

- Blow out all candles when you leave the room or go to bed. Avoid the use of candles in the bedroom and other areas where people may fall asleep.
- Keep candles at least 1 foot (30 centimetres) away from anything that can burn.

Think about using flameless candles in your home. They look and smell like real candles.

IF YOU DO BURN CANDLES, make sure that you...

- Use candle holders that are sturdy, and won't tip over easily.
- Put candle holders on a sturdy, uncluttered surface.
- Light candles carefully. Keep your hair and any loose clothing away from the flame.
- Don't burn a candle all the way down — put it out before it gets too close to the holder or container.
- Never use a candle if oxygen is used in the home.
- Have flashlights and battery-powered lighting ready to use during a power outage. Never use candles.



Candles and Kids

Never leave a child alone in a room with a burning candle. Keep matches and lighters up high and out of children's reach, in a locked cabinet.



FACTS

- ! **December** is the peak month for home candle fires.
- ! More than **one-third** of home candle fires started in the bedroom.
- ! **Three of every five** candle fires start when things that can burn are too close to the candle.

What's Sparky Doing?



STOP!

You should know at least two ways out of every room in case there is a fire. Ask a grown-up to show you how to open the doors and windows in your room so you can

Sparky is showing what you should do if your clothes catch fire. Why? Because if you **Stop, Drop and Roll**, you will put out the flames! Make sure to have your hands cover your face -- just like Sparky -- and roll and roll until the flames are out.



DROP!



ROLL!

practice your home fire escape plan. Pick a special outside meeting place in front of your home where you will meet your family.



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Bloomingdale Recognized For Excellence in Financial Reporting

The Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) has again awarded the Village of Bloomingdale with the prestigious Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for its annual comprehensive financial report for the fiscal year ended April 30, 2021. This certificate is the highest form of recognition for excellence in state and local government in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting. Its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

The report has been judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program, which includes demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the report.

The Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting is awarded to a government that must publish an easily readable and efficiently organized annual comprehensive financial report that satisfies both generally accepted accounting principles and applicable legal requirements.



Beaujolais Nouveau Day at Mahan Family Wines

There's a little-known celebration in France that takes place every year on the third Thursday in November. The day is marked with fireworks, music and wine drinking. Under French law, the wine is released at 12:01 a.m., just weeks after the wine's grapes have been harvested. Wine Lovers descend on their favorite spot in town to share in the celebration of the first wine of the season; uncorking their mutual love for great wine and company.

In its most direct translation, Beaujolais Nouveau is a red wine made from Gamay grapes produced in the Beaujolais region of France. The wine is known to be fresh, fruity, and very low in tannins. Part of the reason Beaujolais Nouveau can be consumed so soon after harvest is due to the Gamay grape - as it is very straightforward in flavor and therefore doesn't require the same aging as other varietals to be delicious.

While the tradition in France is held on the third Thursday in November, in the United States this same day is held for Thanksgiving, so Mahan Wines has decided to do it just a little earlier, on November 12.

Mahan Wines invite you to join them on the second Saturday in November, as they celebrate Beaujolais Nouveau Day in Old Town Bloomingdale and share their love of wine and company.

You can find more information at mahanfamilywines.com/events-and-excursions.



Bloomingdale Artists Association Programs

Wednesday, September 14 at 6:30 pm: Mixed Media Collage

Mixed media collage is a form of visual art in which different materials and artistic mediums are combined to create a new image. Utilizing multiple design layers, the final design may have a general theme, pulled from several different sources.

Wednesday, October 12 at 6:30 pm: Relief Print Making Demo by Ben Calvert

Benjamin Calvert III is a third-generation printmaker, specializing in woodblock relief prints. His art originated as a mechanism to help him deal with the grief of losing his mother. He started woodblock printing by taking an independent study course at Knox College.

Both programs are held at the Bloomingdale Park District Museum, 108 S. Bloomingdale Rd. Contact Bev at bpetrosius@gmail.com or 630-624-9545 for details. \$10 visitor fee.





VOLUNTEER MONTH

At BPL, we're all about giving back. That's why we are inviting the entire community to take part in Volunteer Month this August!

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

visit www.mybpl.org/volunteermont for more information

Friends of the Bloomingdale Public Library

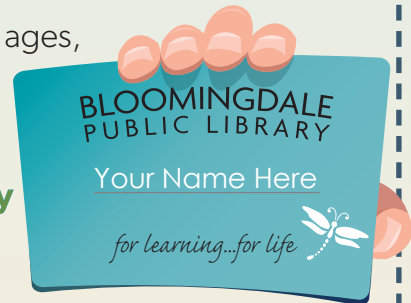
Interested in leadership, volunteering, and community service?

The Friends of the Library are looking for new leadership to continue the wonderful work they've been doing for the past 40+ years benefitting the Bloomingdale Public Library.

If interested, please contact the Friends at mybplfriends@gmail.com

sign up for a LIBRARY CARD

Adults and children of all ages, now is the time to get your very own BPL card! Give us a call or visit www.mybpl.org/apply to find out how to get yours!



wrap up your summer @ BPL

Summer 2022 @ BPL

Ice Cream Social

Thursday, August 4 | 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. in the Library Parking Lot

Summer Concert Series:

Final Concert - The Sting Rays

Friday, August 12 | 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. in the Memorial Garden



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. beginning September 11

Library Closings:

Closed Sundays through September 4
Closed Monday, September 5 in observance of Labor Day

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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📺 The Discovery of a Masterpiece

Monday, August 8 | 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Zoom Webinar



Join us for a unique presentation by Mallory Mortillaro, Curator of Collections for the Hartley Dodge Foundation in Madison, NJ, who fortuitously uncovered a masterpiece by Auguste Rodin that had been lost to the art world since the 1930s, and became one of the biggest art finds in recent history.

Paint a Ceramic Flowerpot

Monday, August 15 | 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

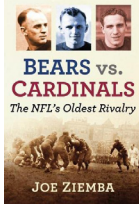
Outdoors, weather permitting

Drop in to the Dominic Froio Memorial Garden and paint a one-of-a-kind ceramic flowerpot using colorful acrylic paints. Outdoors or in the Makerspace, while supplies last.



📅 Bears vs. Cardinals: The Forgotten History of the NFL's Oldest Teams

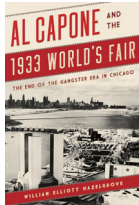
Tuesday, August 16 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.



Join us for an evening with local author Joe Ziemba, whose new nonfiction book showcases a time when players lacked equipment protection, gangsters interrupted NFL games, and players worked second jobs during the professional football season. Books will be available to purchase and autographed by the author.

📅 Al Capone & the 1933 World's Fair: The End of the Gangster Era in Chicago

Monday, August 22 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.



Local author William Hazelgrove presents the story of Chicago during the darkest days of the Great Depression and how the city fought back against organized crime to host the 1933 World's Fair. Books will be available to purchase and autographed by the author.

📺 What are NFTs?

Monday, September 12 | 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Zoom Webinar

NFTs (non-fungible tokens) are all over the news as a way to produce and/or acquire digital art, music, videos and other collectibles. Are they just a passing trend or a useful way to assign uniqueness to easily reproducible items? Presented by tech tutor Mike Gershbein, owner of VerySmartPeople.

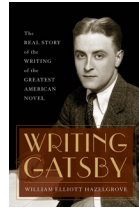
📅 Medicare 101

Tuesday, September 13 | 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

This free educational seminar will get you up to speed on what Medicare covers, what it doesn't, and your potential out of pocket expenses. Presented by Robin Dawson of Medicare Solutions Network.

📅 Writing Gatsby

Monday, September 19 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.



The Great Gatsby is considered the greatest American novel, and yet the story of how it was written has not been fully told. This story is one of heartbreak, alcoholism, financial hardship, and one man's perseverance. Presented by local author William Hazelgrove. Books will be available to purchase and autographed by the author.

📺 James Webb Space Telescope

Monday, September 26 | 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Zoom Webinar

The James Webb Space Telescope will fundamentally alter our understanding of black holes, the early Universe, the life cycle of stars, planets, and more. Join us to learn more about this groundbreaking mission as we prepare for the next giant leap forward in astronomy and space exploration. Presented by Astroeducator Michelle Nichols.

on the same
PAGE

Coming in October:
On the Same Page, our community book program in collaboration with Itasca Community Library and Roselle Public Library District.

bpl makerspace crafts

Learn how to use the library's Makerspace equipment to make creative crafts. Computer experience is required.

Registration Limit: 4 per session, Bloomingdale Public Library card required, ages 12 to adult. Please sign up for one session only.

Registration opens the 1st of each month for that month's craft.

Depending on craft complexity, patrons may need to pick up their finished project later.

📅 Autumn Pennant Banner

Monday, August 15 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

OR

Tuesday, August 16 | 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

📅 Custom Pet Tag

Tuesday, September 13 | 3:00 – 4:30 p.m.

OR

Tuesday, September 20 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

📅 Halloween Wooden Sign

Tuesday, October 4 | 3:00 – 4:30 p.m.

OR

Monday, October 10 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.



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book discussion groups

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

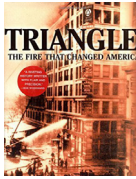
HISTORICAL BOOK DISCUSSION

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



The Bone and Sinew of the Land: America's Forgotten Black Pioneers & the Struggle for Equality
by Anna-Lisa Cox

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



Triangle: The Fire that Changed America
by David von Drehle

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

MONDAY NIGHT PAGE TURNERS

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

August - No Meeting



Say Nothing: A True Story of Murder and Memory in Northern Ireland
by Patrick Radden Keefe

Monday, September 19 | 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.



DROP-IN MOVIES

Come enjoy a movie with us and enter for a chance to win a copy of that day's movie on DVD. You must be present to win.

The Lost City (PG-13)

Wednesday, August 10 | 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.



The Harvey Girls (PG)

Wednesday, August 24 | 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.



Marry Me (PG-13)

Wednesday, September 14 | 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Moonfall (PG-13)

Wednesday, September 28 | 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Drop-In Blood Pressure Screening Clinic

Saturday, August 27 | 12:30 – 2:30 p.m.



Drop in to the library and get your blood pressure checked with staff from **Northwestern Memorial Health Care**. This is a complimentary blood pressure screening with an emphasis on identifying individuals with elevated blood pressures, and offering them the tools to seek care when appropriate and awareness of community resources/programming to support lifestyle modifications.

ONGOING ADULT PROGRAMS

📅 Great Decisions

Wednesday, September 21 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

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.

Genealogy Club (Drop-In)

Wednesdays, August 17 & September 21
6:30 – 8:45 p.m.



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.

Computer Classes



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



Classes for Seniors

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

Basic Computer Use

Tuesday, September 13 | 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

Learn the basics of computer use and dealing with Windows.

Internet Use & Safety

Tuesday, September 20 | 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

Discuss and learn about internet topics, such as browsing the web, email questions and concerns, how the cloud works, and how to avoid viruses.

Tablets & Smartphones

Wednesday, September 21 | 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.
Instructor: Salvador

Familiarize yourself with your smartphone or tablet. Use one of our iPads or bring your own smart device to class.

Social Networking

Monday, August 15 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

Learn how to use Facebook and Twitter, including finding friends using your email account, adding pictures, searching topics, and privacy/personal safety issues.

Customizing Your Computer

Thursday, September 22 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Charlie

Make your personal computer more comfortable and pleasant to use by adjusting settings for your monitor, mouse, and sound. We'll also look at changing your preferences for internet and Windows use.

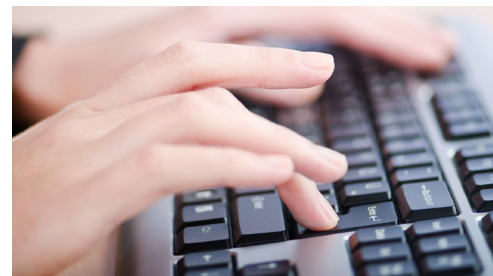
VHS to Digital

Thursday, September 29 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Charlie

Learn to use library equipment to digitize VHS tapes and prepare them for viewing on a DVD player or to share online. Techniques from basic recording to more advanced tricks like chapter creation will be covered.



Our **VIRTUAL CLASSES** remain on our YouTube channel - visit www.youtube.com/user/bloomingdalelibrary for the Computer Classes playlist and catch up on any classes you may have missed!



MASTER MICROSOFT OFFICE

Introduction to Access

Monday, August 22 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

Get a basic understanding of using Microsoft Access with topics such as creating tables, queries, forms, and reports.

Using PowerPoint

Thursday, August 25 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Charlie

PowerPoint can be used to create slides, overheads, audience handouts, and on-screen presentations. This class will cover the basics of creating and organizing a presentation.

Excel 1

Monday, September 12 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

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

Excel 2

Monday, September 26 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

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



RENT-A-TECH

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

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



Teen Programs

Registration required for some teen programs (noted with 📅). Register online, by phone at (630) 924-2730, or by email at bdref@mybpl.org. For programs with special registration requirements, please follow those instructions. Teen programs are open to 7-12 graders unless otherwise noted.



Join us to watch a great movie and enter for a chance to win a copy! Movie giveaway held at the conclusion of the movie and you must be present to win.

Teen Movie Night (Drop-In)

Uncharted

Wednesday, August 31 | 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Fantastic Beasts:

The Secrets of Dumbledore

Wednesday, September 28 | 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Teen Crafts @ BPL

📅 Custom Tote Bag

Wednesday, August 3 | 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Use one of the library's cutting machines in our Makerspace to create a custom tote bag. Limit 4 teens.

📅 Strawberry Lemonade Candle

Wednesday, August 17 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Make a sweet smelling candle that will remind you of summer all year long. Limit 10 teens.

📅 Custom Buttons

Wednesday, September 14 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Use the library's button machine to make your own unique buttons. Limit 10 teens.



TAB: Teen Advisory Board (Drop-In)

Wednesday, September 21 | 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

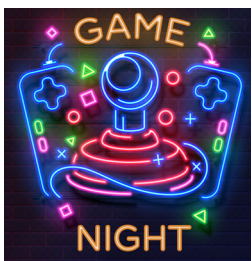
Make your voices heard! Join us monthly to meet over pizza to help plan programs for teens, make decisions for the library's teen space, play games, promote the library, earn volunteer hours, and more!

Virtual SAT Practice Test

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, September 3 | link will be emailed



Game Night (Drop-In)

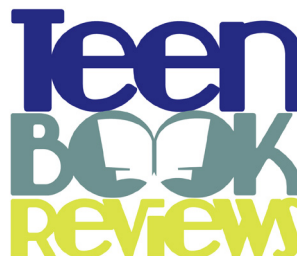
Thursdays, August 11 & 25, September 8 & 22
6:00 – 8:30 p.m.

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!

Teen Book Reviews

Love to read and looking to earn some service hours? Be sure to submit a book review! Your review will be featured on the library's social media accounts. Each review submitted will earn you one service hour. You can earn up to three service hours each month!

www.mybpl.org/teenbookreviews



Teen Book'd Bags

Teens, fill out the online form and receive...



YA novel selected just for you!



Snack



BPL Gift



Youth Programs



Registration required for some youth programs (noted with 📅). Virtual classes are noted with 🖥️.
Registration for **August** programs begins July 25 at 9:00 a.m. Registration for **September** programs begins August 22 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.

School Age Programs

📅 Makerspace Madness

Grade 3-6

Thursdays, August 11 & September 8 | 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

Come join us in the new Makerspace and make something awesome! In August, we will make custom buttons. In September, we will use 3D pens to design whatever your imagination creates!

Middle Grade Makers (Drop-In)

Grades 4-8

Thursdays, August 18 & September 29 | 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Explore our new Makerspace as we create all sorts of fun and useful items. Each project will take anywhere from 15 minutes to an hour.

📅 Kindness Storytime

Grades K-2

Saturday, August 20 | 10:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Listen to a book about being kind, complete an interactive craft, and get ideas for future acts of kindness.

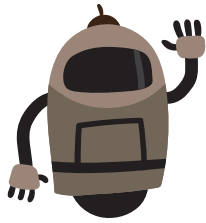


📅 Back to School Crafting

Grades 3-6

Monday, August 22 | 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Get ready for school by creating your own cute pencil toppers, bookmarks, and an owl pencil holder with our supplies.



📅 Robot's Day Out (Drop-In)

Grades K-6

Tuesday, August 23 | 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Come to the library to try out some of the robots we have in our science kit collection!

📅 Sock Puppets

Grades K-2

Monday, September 12 | 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

Make your own friend using a sock, yarn, and pom-poms.

Take It, Make It

📅 Take It, Make It STEM KIT

Grades: 2-4

Pickup: September 19-23

Each kit contains activities demonstrating a STEM concept. Extended learning and explanation of concepts will be included.

📅 Party with Elephant and Piggy

Grades K-2

Thursday, September 22 | 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

Piggy's been invited to a party and she's bringing along Elephant and all her friends (that's you!) Join us for a fun afternoon of partytime fun!



📅 Catapult Olympics

Grades 3-6

Tuesday, September 27 | 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

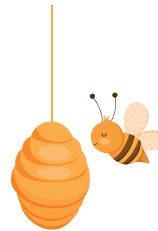
Build different kinds of catapults and test their range and accuracy with obstacles and targets.

📅 Be a Friend to the Bees

Grades K-2

Wednesday, September 28 | 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Sign up to learn more about bees and their importance to our environment.



ALL AGES DROP-IN CRAFTS

• crafts available while supplies last •

Craft Time (Drop-In)

All Ages

Fridays, August 5 & September 2

Stop by the Youth Services department anytime to create a fun craft.

Coloring Day (Drop-In)

All Ages

Friday, September 23

Come to the library to celebrate Coloring Day! There will be individual coloring pages and large posters to work on collaboratively.

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thank you volunteens

An extra special thank you to the fantastic teens we had in our VolunTeens program this summer. We couldn't do what we do without you!

Youth Services

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Preschool Programs

📅 Gear Up for Kindergarten!

Ages 4-6
Wednesdays, August 3 & 10 | 3:00 – 3:45 p.m.

Practice circle time, letters, numbers, & colors to get ready for kindergarten this fall.

📅 Pop It Math!

Ages 3-6
Monday, August 8 | 2:00 – 2:45 p.m.

Pop it toys can be great learning tools! Caregivers can help their young children learn early math skills with these popular fidget toys.

📅 Baby, Let's Make Music

Ages 9 months – 2 years
Wednesday, August 17
10:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Join us for a parade of fun! We will explore the world of sound using an array of musical instruments.



📅 Paint by Digits

Ages 3-5 with caregiver
Tuesday, August 30 | 10:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Make a picture, make a swirl, and make a mess! Washable finger paints will be used, so wear clothes you don't mind getting messy.

📅 Yoga Storytime

Ages 3-6
Wednesday, September 7 | 6:00 – 6:30 p.m.

Yoga can calm the mind and help to focus energy and anxiety, even in preschool aged children! This storytime will incorporate breath and movement to stories, songs, and stretches. Be sure to dress comfortably for this storytime.

📅 Celebrate National Teddy Bear Day @ the Library

Ages 2-5
Friday, September 9 | 10:30 – 11:15 a.m.

Meet at the library for a Teddy Bear Parade! When the parade is over, leave your stuffed friend with our staff at the library and pick them up the next day to hear all about the fun they had!

📅 Happy Books, Happy Cooks

Ages 3-5
Thursday, September 15
6:00 – 6:30 pm

A storytime for all the budding chefs! Read a food-filled story and create a tasty treat.



📅 Preschool Process Art

Ages 2-5
Saturday, September 24 | 10:00 – 10:45 a.m.

Use tea bags in all different colors to create a watercolor painting.

Have you read the book around the storybook trail?

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

AUGUST Storytimes

August Storytimes (Drop-In)

Families
Fridays in August | 10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Join us every Friday in August for in-person storytime. Listen to our staff read stories, sing songs, and tell rhymes. Limited to the first 20 children to arrive. Please note that our Community Storytime will replace this storytime on August 12.



COMMUNITY STORYTIMES

Circle Park Storytime (Drop-In)

All Ages

Thursday, August 11 | 10:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Meet us at the picnic shelter in Circle Park for storytime! Weather permitting.

Community Helper Storytime: Police Department (Drop-In)

Age 1-5 with caregivers

Friday, August 12 | 10:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Come out for a special storytime with our helpers from the community.

FALL Storytimes



Storytime Sessions are back at Bloomingdale Public Library!

The Youth Services department provides age-appropriate interactive fun with stories, sign language, music, and more. Each program runs for six weeks. Fall Storytimes run **September 12** through **October 21**.

Please note there will be no Family Storytime on Friday, September 30.

LIMITED DROP-IN STORYTIMES

Open to the first 20 children to arrive for storytime

Preschool Storytime

Ages 3-5
Mondays, 1:30 – 2:00 p.m.

Toddler Storytime

Ages 2-3 with caregiver
Thursdays, 10:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Family Storytime

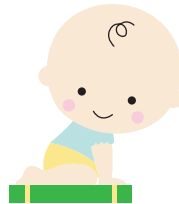
All ages with caregiver
Fridays, 10:30 – 11:15 a.m.
(no session September 30)



Baby Tales (Drop-In)

Ages 0-24 months with caregiver
Wednesdays
10:00 – 10:30 a.m. and 10:45 – 11:15 a.m.

Baby Tales will introduce your baby to books, songs, rhymes, and movement that will aid in the development of early literacy skills.



Come Together (Drop-In)

Ages 0-24 months
Wednesdays | 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Every Wednesday, stop in to meet and chat with other parents & caregivers while your child socializes and explores with hands-on toys.

**Will be offered simultaneously with Baby Tales Storytime when in session.*



1000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN

Experts recommend children hear at least 1000 stories before they learn to read themselves. Families who read aloud to their children strengthen their language skills and build their vocabulary. Let BPL help you celebrate your child's progress toward this goal with the **1000 Books Before Kindergarten** program.



Any child residing in Bloomingdale is eligible to join the program from birth until the day they enter Kindergarten. Families can track reading with paper logs or use **Beanstack**, our new online reading program software. Contact the Youth Services desk for more information by calling (630) 924-2740 or emailing bdys@mybpl.org.

THANK YOU TO OUR SUMMER READING DONORS!



Thank you to the following donors to our 2022 Summer Reading Challenge!

Their support helps our reading challenges succeed.

Annie Occasion for Any Occasion
Anyway's American Grill & Pub
Bloomingdale Park District
British Swim School
Brookfield Zoo
Chicago Botanic Garden
Cilantro Taco Grill
Classic Cinemas
Dairy Queen

Dino's Cafe
Freddy's Frozen Custard & Steakburgers
Honey Baked Ham
Kane County Cougars
Kuipers Family Farm
La Campana Mexican Restaurant
Lou Malnati's Pizzeria
McDonald's (Bear Family)
Olive Garden

Platt Hill Nursery
Raising Cane's
Red Lobster
Schaumburg Boomers
Sporty's Restaurant & Catering
Texas Roadhouse
Urban Air Adventure Park
Village Tavern and Grill

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Tuesdays, 7PM
Old Town Park

FREE!

AUGUST

- 9th SHOUT OUT
(60's to today's Rock, Pop, Top 40, R&B, Country)
- 16th THE STUDENT BODY
(80s, 90s, and Now)
- 23rd AMERICAN ENGLISH
(Beatles Tribute)

Presented by:



Pre-concert Fun

Come at 6:30PM before each concert and enjoy a variety of FREE crafts and games for ages 5-12!

Old Town Park is located in Old Town Bloomingtondale between Third and Franklin Streets.

Bloomingtondale Park District Museum

108 South Bloomingtondale Road • Phone: 630.339.3570

Email: bpdmuseum@bloomingtondaleparks.org

Museum Hours During Exhibits

Wednesday 5-8PM
Thursday 12-4PM
Saturday 12-4PM

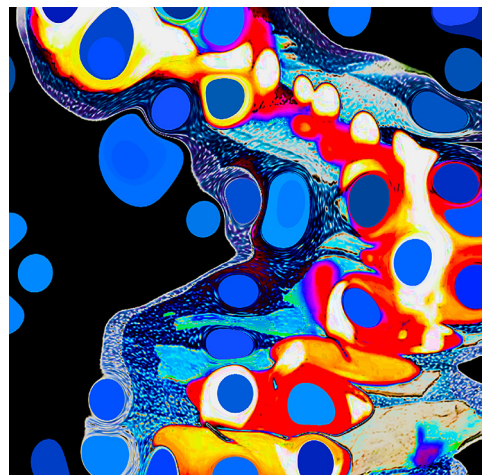
Admission: \$1/residents, \$2/non-residents, \$.50/seniors

VARIATIONS - Art Makers North Exhibit

Gallery I & II

August 27 – September 24

Featuring the fine artwork of Art Makers North (AMN), Variations presents a wide variety of fine art original work including paintings, sculpture, prints, photography and mixed media. The exhibit will challenge the viewers with varied subjects and interpretations from realism to abstraction. Art Makers North is a professional artists organization in Lake County, Illinois. Founded in 2017 by the former Executive Director of The Highland Park Art Center, the organization has over 100 members comprised of life-long professional artists, including directors of major art centers and programs, university professors, college administrators, curators, and art instructors. All members are dedicated to creating and exhibiting fine art locally and nationally.



"Bubbling Over" by Marcia Babler

The Lounge

at the Johnston Recreation Center

Adults 47+

August

Walk and Talk

August 10 | 10:30-11:15AM | Free

Grab your friends for a morning walk around Circle Park. Meet at the Homola Picnic Shelter. Weather permitting.

Hot Dog Lunch and Movie

August 17 | 11AM-12:30PM | Free

Code: 403781-A1

Enjoy a hot dog lunch and a movie. Movie starts at 11AM. Please call the day prior for the movie title. Lunch is free but registration is required.

Board Games & Cards

August 23 | 9:30AM-12:30PM | Free

Feel free to drop in anytime between the hours of 9:30-12:30PM to play board games and cards. No registration required.

Bingo

August 31 | 10-11:30AM | Free

Code: 403777-C1

Save the last Wednesday of every month and join us for some bingo fun. All supplies will be provided. Prizes to all winners! Registration is required to plan for social distancing.

Adult Variety

Conquer Inflammation

Learn what inflammation truly means, how it starts in your body, how it perpetuates and how to finally resolve it. Learn about the not so common ways the inflammatory process can be triggered and how it affects both short and long term health. Learn why sub-clinical inflammation is just as destructive as the diagnosable version and what to do about it. Finally, learn how you can start to identify and alleviate your chronic inflammation today.

Location: JRC Lounge

Instructor: Roula Marinos Papamihail

Adult(ng)

MIN/MAX: 6/12

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
18-99	Tue	6:30-8:30P	Aug 30	\$30/\$35	403626-A1

MediCare Adv. vs. Supplement

How to choose a policy that fits you best. This seminar lists and reviews the differences between the Advantage and Supplement plans. It offers a strategy and guide to help choose the plan that is right for you.

Location: JRC Lounge

Instructor: Staff

Adult (tr)

MIN/MAX: 4/12

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
55-99	Sat	10:30A-12P	Aug 6	\$Free/\$Free	403709-B1

Mineral Mastery

Join Roula in this exciting new class and learn how and why minerals are the "check-engine" light of your body. Learn how minerals affect overall health ranging from immediate symptoms (fatigue, muscle weakness, pain etc.,) to long term chronic health issues (stress, thyroid, anemia etc.,). Learn how to identify your own mineral levels, the role toxic metals found in our environment play, and what to do about it.

Location: Oak - Lounge

Instructor: Roula Marinos Papamihail

Adult (tr)

MIN/MAX: 6/12

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
18-99	Mon	6:30-8:30P	Aug 22	\$30/\$35	403612-A2

Adult Trips

Sandwich Fair



Bring a friend or two and let's discover the historic Sandwich Fair. From food vendors to craft vendors and daily attractions will round out the day. Trip will include transportation. Food and admission will be on your own. Fair goes 65 and over get in for \$7 before 5pm. For more information, visit www.sandwichfair.com. Registration deadline is September 1. Trip departs and arrives from Medinah Park District, 22W130 Thorndale Ave., in Medinah.

Location: Medinah Park Dist

Instructor: Staff

Adult (rr)

MIN/MAX: 4/4

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
18-99	Thu	8:30A-5P	Sep 8	\$16/\$21	103207-A1

Rivers Casino



Want to try your luck? Join us as we head to Rivers Casino in Des Plaines. Trip includes transportation. Lunch is on your own at Flipt, Mian, Hugo's Frog Bar and Chop House or the Coffee Spot. Registration deadline is September 9. Trip departs from and returns to the Johnston Recreation Center, 172 S. Circle Ave., in Bloomington.

Location: Johnston Rec Center

Instructor: Staff

Adult (rd)

MIN/MAX: 4/4

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
21-99	Mon	11:15A-3:30P	Sep 19	\$10/\$15	103298-A1



1 shoe - Mostly sitting, minimal walking and only occasional on and off the bus.



2 shoes - A moderate mixture of walking, sitting and on and off the bus.



3 shoes - Expect a lot of walking, not a lot of sitting and on and off the bus several times.

B-FIT CENTER

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

Cardio

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

NEW!

Youth (age 14 & 15) memberships available with a member parent.

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 (Adult & Youth)	
\$145 Resident	\$185 Non-Resident
Monthly membership (Adult & Youth)	
\$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 (Adult Only)	
\$5 Resident	\$7 Non-Resident
Corporate Annual Membership	
\$165/person – 5 employee minimum required	

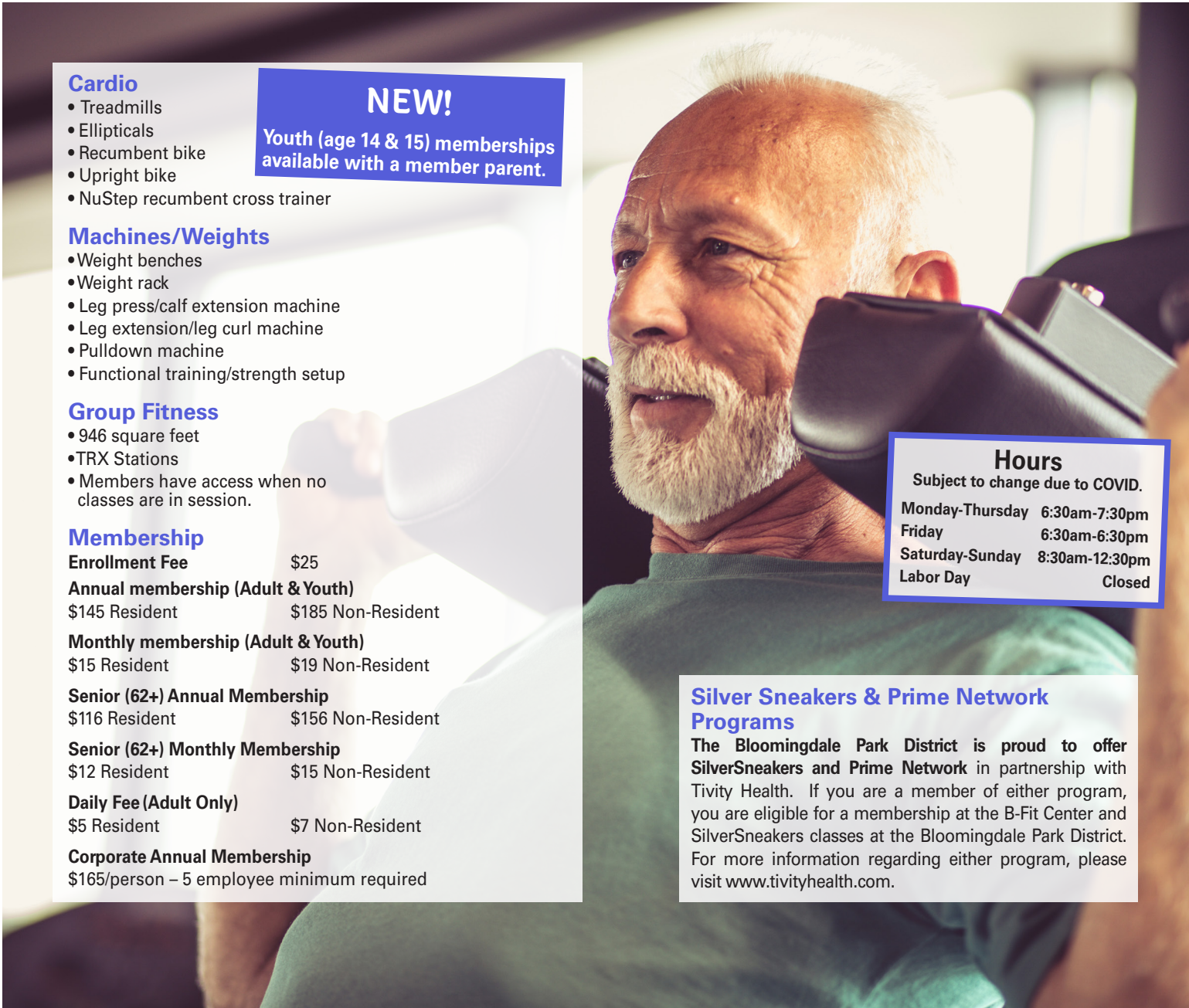
Hours

Subject to change due to COVID.

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

Silver Sneakers & Prime Network Programs

The Bloomington Park District is proud to offer **SilverSneakers** and **Prime Network** in partnership with Tivity Health. If you are a member of either program, you are eligible for a membership at the B-Fit Center and SilverSneakers classes at the Bloomington Park District. For more information regarding either program, please visit www.tivityhealth.com.



Little Acorn Academy

From tiny seeds grow mighty trees.

The Bloomington Park District is excited to provide our youngest residents with a state-of-the-art facility that promotes a safe and positive learning environment. Our curriculum encourages the development of a well-balanced child. We offer a comprehensive readiness-for-school program addressing physical, emotional, social and intellectual needs. Our goal is to creatively and effectively teach students socialization, fine and gross motor skills, and basic academics including language arts, math, science and art. We are proud of the work we do and the children we teach. Visit us to see why our program is so outstanding.

Classes begin in September 2022.

Features

- Experienced and caring staff
- New classrooms
- Inviting, warm atmosphere
- Smartboards in every classroom
- Indoor gym & outdoor playground
- Extended day option
- Monthly special events and themes
- Pre-Kindergarten graduation ceremony
- Secure early childhood wing

Eligibility

- Intro to Preschool students must be 2 ½ by September 30.
- TinyTots students must be 3 by Sept. 1, 2022.
- Pre-Kindergarten students must be 4 by Sept. 1, 2022.
- All children must be potty-trained and able to take care of their own bathroom needs.

Registration Now Open!

Register in-person at the Johnston Recreation Center, 172 S. Circle Ave., in Bloomington. Registration forms are available online at bloomingtonparks.org and at the JRC Front Desk. Completed forms and a copy of the child's birth certificate are required upon registration.

Quick Tips for Successful Registration

- Choose to pay in full or opt for a monthly payment plan.
- Attach a copy of child's birth certificate.
- Updated email for ePact.
- Include all applicable fees including \$75 non-refundable registration fee, your first month's payment and a \$30 graduation fee for Pre-Kindergarten students.
- Be sure to complete all information on the forms.
- Designate a second choice on your registration form.

Blended Preschool-District 13

In cooperation with the Bloomington School District 13, the Bloomington Park District offers resident students a blended preschool option. This program is for students with and without disabilities. Blended Preschool is housed at Erickson Elementary School and follows the State of Illinois Early Learning Standards featuring "Creative Curriculum." Students are taught by teachers who hold Illinois State Board of Education certifications in early childhood education as well as special education certification. Students enrolled in this program follow the District 13 school calendar and abide by District 13 guidelines, procedures and policies.



Registration Hint – Register Early!

To ensure your class or program runs, please register early! Planning, staffing and running a class all take preparation time, which is why many programs have registration deadlines. We need to know in advance how many people to buy supplies for, or how many spaces to reserve, etc. When in doubt, always register as you could be the one that makes the class run!