

Village of Bloomingdale

Almanac



October 2022

Growth with Pride

VFW Coat Drive Now Through October 31

During the month of October, the Bloomingdale VFW Post 7539 along with its community partners are conducting a winter coat drive to provide 300 winter coats to Veterans in need. Coats can be new or gently used but clean. **All sizes of men's and women's coats are needed.**

Other items which are needed include new winter gloves, scarves and knit winter caps. Drop off your donation between October 1-31 and the VFW will deliver to Jesse Brown Medical Center for items to be distributed to our Veterans in need.

Collection sites will be:

- Village Hall (201 S Bloomingdale Rd)
- Public Library (101 Fairfield Way)
- Fire District 1 (179 S Bloomingdale Rd)

Questions? Please contact Joe Palmer at joepalmer1147@gmail.com

Join Friends and Neighbors at the Third Annual Old Town Brew Fest On October 15

The Village of Bloomingdale is excited to announce that the Annual OLD TOWN BREW FEST is back for its third year! The Third Annual Old Town Brew Fest will return on Saturday, October 15, 2022 from 2 to 6 PM in Old Town Bloomingdale, rain or shine.

Old Town melds the best of vintage and modern; nestled next to Old Town Park at Lake Street and Bloomingdale Road. Old Town features small busi-

nesses and eateries, in restored buildings on the site of the Village's first settlement in 1833.

This craft beer festival plans to present more than 50 special beers from more than 20 craft breweries from the Chicagoland area and will include TapVille with their mobile taproom, high-lighting self-pour taps.

In order to meet Illinois liquor law compliance standards, the fest will be a ticketed event.

Festival participants 21+ will be able to taste up to twenty-five 3 oz. samples. The event will also feature food from local vendors, available for purchase, and music from the Black Bolts.

Limited tickets are available now at OldTownBrewFest.com and are non-refundable. General Admission is \$50 (includes a wristband and tasting glass); Designated Driver Admission is \$10.

Local parking is limited. Parking will be available in the Roosters parking lot (behind Wolfden Brewing) and our Old Town Parking Lot on Third and Schick. No pets allowed.

This is a fundraising event for the Bloomingdale Cares Community Fund.



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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 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 ceremony took place at the Village Board Meeting on Monday, August 22, to recognize the promotion of Officer Anthony Svoboda to Sergeant and the swearing-in of two new police officers - Officer Fred Schuett and Officer Patrick Pokrovac. They are pictured with Mayor Franco, Director of Public Safety Giammarese and Trustees Bill Belmonte, Patrick Shannon, Frank Bucaro, Vince Ackerman and Judi Von Huben.

Please join us in congratulating all of the officers! We wish them the best of luck in their new positions!

Rotary Members Shop for School Supplies With Grant from Bloomingdale Walmart

Bloomingdale-Roselle Rotary shopped for school supplies for District 13 & 20 schools with the help from a grant received by Bloomingdale Walmart.

Pictured are Rotary members Chuck Kinnaman, Cindy Allston, Dena Forsythe, Katie Smith, Bob Bahr, and Chris Bryan along with Patrick Moore, GM of Bloomingdale Walmart. Earlier this year Patrick received the Rotary's Community Award for outstanding service to the community.



Not pictured: Omar Castillo

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

Welcome to Fall! Cooler days, chilly nights, beautiful colors, sweaters, cider and pumpkin spice lattes! Before sharing some information on various projects, I would like to extend a huge thank you to Septemberfest Chairwoman Vivi Frumkin and the Commission members for all their hard work putting together another successful SeptemberFest event-amazing day and turnout. If you haven't been to the Village's Old Town Brew Fest be sure to mark your calendar for Saturday, October 15th! This fun event will feature over 20 breweries and food from Bloomingdale restaurants.



The Village Board has been busy working on a number of economic initiatives to strengthen our retail base and I am happy to report that a number of our goals are being met. You have probably already heard news that Cooper's Hawk will be opening a Bloomingdale location on the former Barnes & Noble site at 200 S. Gary Avenue. Culver's is expected to open on the long vacant Meijer out lot along Schick in the late fall and First Watch will be welcoming the community to breakfast in the coming month. If you can't wait for First Watch be sure to visit Eggceptional which opened in this month at 369 W. Army Trail Road. We are also excited to be adding Belle Tire on Gary Avenue, just to the north of Meijer.

I want to thank the community for the tremendous response to the Stratford Square Vision Plan survey. We had over 1,100 people submit a survey response and over 9,000 views of the plan. A summary of the responses is being compiled by Teska Associates, the Village's land planner, to review and consider as we continue our discussion on next steps. The strong level of engagement shows the importance of this issue and the reason that the Village Board and I are working to be proactive in the revitalization of this area in the midst of inaction and neglect by the current ownership groups.

The Village is also working with the new owners of the former Indian Lakes Hotel on their renovation plans. Maverick Hotel is preparing to submit plans that include updating and upgrading existing hotel amenities, securing a new operator and restaurateur for the former Izzy and Moe's and reopening the Master's Grill. As we continue to work on this project, I encourage you to take advantage of the walking/running/biking trail on the Village Open Space.

It will be here sooner than we think – my favorite time of year. You guessed it, Christmas! The live Christmas tree in the piazza, Old Town Park filled with lights, holiday revelers and a growing Kris Kringle Market give me that Hallmark feeling. Bloomingdale will be abuzz with the Christmas spirit!

Before the arrival of the holiday season, we celebrate Thanksgiving Day and I am reminded of the many blessings I have in my life. I am thankful for the opportunity to be Mayor of such a wonderful community of residents. Until then, have an awesome Autumn and warmest wishes to all for a Happy Thanksgiving from the Coladipietro Family!

Mayor Franco



Participants in Youth Peer Jury Program Sworn in September 7

The Police Department hosted a Peer Jury Swearing-In for those currently participating in the Youth Peer Jury Program. The swearing-in, led by Director of Public Safety Frank Giammarese, was held outside the Police Department on September 7th. The Peer Jurors, who themselves must be in good standing, will hear actual criminal cases involving juvenile offenders. The Youth Peer Jury Program works with the Police Department and provides a meaningful and remedial method of dealing with selected juvenile (under age 17) offenders without referral to Juvenile Court. The youth peer jury's purpose is to provide a means for the young offender to account for his/her behavior to a group of their peers.



Thanksgiving Holiday

The Village Hall will be closed on Thursday November 24 and Friday November 25 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

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

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

Have a safe and enjoyable holiday weekend!

Apply by December 1, 2022

2023 Tree Planting Program

Important Village & Community Phone Numbers

Main Village Hall Number

630-893-7000

Village Departments

Administration 630-671-5610

Building & Zoning 630-671-5660

Engineering 630-671-5676

Finance 630-671-5630

Mayor's Office 630-671-5600

Police – non-emergency
630-529-9868

Public Works 630-671-5800

Water Billing 630-671-5650

Utilities 630-671-5830

Other Useful Numbers

Fire Department non emergency
630-894-9080

Bloomington Library
630-529-3120

Bloomington Park District
630-529-3650

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November 1, 2022
email

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The Village Board has again allocated funds for this very successful program initiated in 1982. The program provides trees, including planting, at a 50/50 cost sharing with the Village. The trees will be planted in Spring 2023 and are available for residential, business or commercial properties.

The intent of the program is to further beautify the streetscape. All 50/50 trees must remain visible from the street, and must be planted in the front yard adjacent to the street or, if a corner property lot, may be planted in either the front or side yard adjacent to the street. Business and commercial properties wishing to participate should contact Jim Johnson, Urban Forester, at 630-671-5804 prior to submitting a Program Request Form.

Residents seeking parkway tree replacements should contact the Forestry Division at 630-671-5800. All parkway trees (whether ash tree replacements, infills, etc.) will be planted by the Village, if space allows, at no cost to the homeowner.

1. The program is offered on a first-come, first-served basis subject to available annual funding amounts. Participants must complete and submit the Program Request Form by December 1, 2022. No payment is required at this time. Invoices will be sent to successful Program Requests around February 1, 2023.
2. Trees will be 2½" caliper, unless stated otherwise. **Trees will be quality nursery stock but not specimen plants.**
3. The Village reserves the right to disapprove requests based on conflicts, safety, or proper spacing.
4. Removal of dead trees, stumps and/or large roots is not included and must be performed by the applicant **before March 15th.**
5. Each residential parcel will be limited to **one tree per year.** Each business or commercial property will be limited to two trees per year.
6. Participants will be given the opportunity to mark the desired location for the tree; however, the Urban Forester retains the right to change the location, if necessary.
7. We anticipate the total cost of each 2½" caliper tree planted will range between \$200 and \$350, with the Village paying half of this amount.
8. Trees will be guaranteed for **one year.** **Participants are responsible for all watering which will be described in instructions furnished by the Village.**

If further information is desired, contact Jim Johnson, Urban Forester, at 630-671-5804.



American Sentry



Armstrong Gold Maple



Ironwood

2023 50-50 Tree Planting Request Form

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: HOME: _____ WORK: _____ MOBILE: _____

PLANTING ADDRESS: _____ EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

INDICATE QUANTITY DESIRED.

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

_____ American Sentry Linden Princeton (Tiliaceae)

American Sentry Linden has dark green foliage throughout the season. The large heart-shaped leaves turn an outstanding gold in the fall. It features subtle clusters of fragrant buttery yellow flowers with tan bracts hanging below the branches in early summer. It will grow to be about 50 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 25 feet.

_____ Armstrong Gold Maple (Acer rubrum)

Armstrong Gold Maple is an updated cultivar of 'Armstrong' Red Maple. It has improved, brighter foliage color and more compact branching – 'Armstrong' has a somewhat leggy branching habit. The narrow spread of this tree makes it a popular and versatile choice for small spaces, narrow gardens, and parkways. The Armstrong Gold Maple is a medium-sized deciduous maple, which grows to the height of 40 feet with a spread of 12 feet.

_____ Ironwood (Betulaceae)

Ironwood is a tough understory tree with beautiful birch-like leaves, grayish-brown flaky bark, fine-textured drooping branches, and attractive hop-like fruits. Ironwood is considered one of Illinois' toughest native hardwoods and is not only ornamental but resistant to many disease and insect problems. Excellent tree for naturalized landscapes. Its mature size and form are 25 to 40 feet high and 15 to 40 feet wide.

_____ Redbud (Cercis canadensis)

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

_____ Serbian Spruce (Picea omorika)

The most graceful of all spruces, the Serbian Spruce offers thin arching branches with a slender straight trunk. The needles are light-green to blue-green with purple to cinnamon colored 1-1/2 in. cones. Grows 50-60 feet with a 25 ft. spread.

_____ Sunburst Honey Locust (Gleditsia triacanthos)

The Sunburst honey locust is native to the midwestern United States where it grows in moist and winter- cold locations. It is a fast-growing tree with an arching branch habit, reaching 35-50 ft. tall, 30-35 ft. wide. The new growth of this cultivar is bright yellow and very attractive.

_____ Urban Pinnacle Oak (Quercus macrocarpa)

An impressive variety with its picturesque narrow upright habit of growth and strong central leader; great for landscape or street use; extremely small acorns for a bur oak; very tough and adaptable, disease resistant, heat and drought tolerant. Grows 55 feet high by 30 feet wide.



Redbud



Serbian Spruce



Sunburst Honey



Urban Pinnacle Oak

SUBMIT TO:

Village of Bloomingdale Forestry Division
201 S. Bloomingdale Road, Bloomingdale, IL 60108
By deadline of **December 1, 2022.**



Fall Branch Collections Begins on October 17

Adopt a Storm Grate Near Your Home to Prevent Street Flooding

The fall season often means heavy rains. We are asking residents to please "Adopt a Storm Grate" by checking and cleaning their storm grates along the curb in front of their homes if heavy storms are forecasted. Keeping the drains open will help avoid the flooding of streets and walkways. Our crews do circulate during a rain event to check for standing water and clear the grates to allow the standing water to drain, but your assistance could prevent potential flooding. Do not clean structures which are already under water. For standing water issues, please call the Public Works Department at 630-671-5800.

Also, as autumn leaves begin to pile up in the yard, the Village Building and Zoning Division reminds all property owners that raking or blowing leaves into the street or curb is a violation of section 5-2-4 A.2 of the Village's Municipal Code. When leaves are raked or deposited into the street, they often cover storm water inlets which often causes localized flooding during the fall rains.

The Village does provide periodic street sweeping services through a private contractor, but residents are encouraged to compost their leaves or to participate in Republic's yard waste collection program. Leaves and yard waste placed in yard waste bags or cans (with handles) affixed with a sticker (\$2.80 each) will be picked up by SBC Waste Solutions on regular trash days through November 30th. Yard waste stickers are sold at the Village Hall, and local retailers such as Caputo's, Jewel and Ace Hardware. Tagged yard waste bags may be placed at the curb after 6 PM on the night before your collection day.

The Fall Branch Collection will be performed under the direction of the Village Forestry Division beginning on Monday, October 17. This free service is only available to single family detached residences.

Branches must be out by 7:00 a.m. on Monday, October 17, but should not be placed at the curb/pavement edge more than one week earlier.

For more information about branch pickup guidelines, go to www.villageofbloomingdale.org and type in "branch pickup" in "Search this site" on the right side at the top of the homepage, or call the Forestry Division at 630-671-5800.

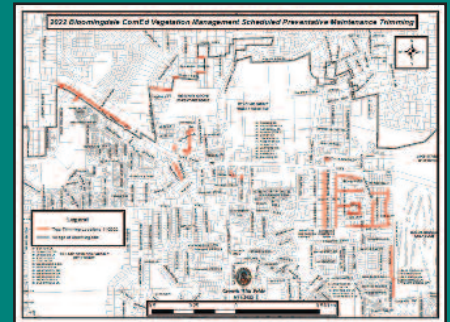
This program is limited to small property maintenance clean-up projects and not intended for collection of limbs or trunks from whole tree removals, which MUST be disposed of privately.



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

Tree Trimming to Begin Soon

Arborists performing vegetation management for ComEd will be working in Bloomingdale, scheduled for November. Trees and branches that interfere with power lines can create safety hazards and cause power outages. Vegetation management is an important component of ComEd's maintenance program to ensure system electrical reliability, as vegetation contact with equipment is a leading cause of outages. Preventative tree maintenance helps avoid power outages.



- Scheduled for November, arborists will trim trees, branches and vines that interfere or have the potential to interfere with power lines.
- In some cases, tree removal may be required. The remaining tree stumps are treated with an approved herbicide to prevent future regrowth. Herbicide will be applied by state-licensed applicators.
- All work is performed by trained, qualified arborists.

Please see the attached map for the Bloomingdale streets that will have this work performed, indicated by red lines.

For More Information visit <http://www.ComEd.com/Trees> or call us at 800-Edison-1 (800-334-7661) and ask to speak with a Vegetation Management representative.

Cop on a Rooftop Raises More Than \$6,400 for Special Olympics



On August 19th, our police officers did a rooftop sit-in greeting the customers of both Bloomingdale Dunkin' and encouraged donations for Illinois Special Olympics. The 2022 Law Enforcement Torch Run T-shirts and other items were for sale as well. Thanks also the Police Officers and Staff that made this fundraising event happen, especially Officer Phil Jaffe for coordinating the event! The event raised over \$6,400 for Special Olympics.

Thank you to all who came out and generously donated to the Cop on a Rooftop event to support Special Olympics, including Village Trustee Judi Von Huben as well as Township Supervisor Mike Hovde.

If you missed the "Cop on a Rooftop" event and are interested in purchasing any of these items or to donate to Special Olympics, call Officer Phillip Jaffe or Sue Osicek (630) 529-9868.

Community Halloween Event October 22

Please join us for the
mingdale
Halloween Event!

Saturday, October 22

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in Village Complex Lots
Police & Fire Departments | Park District

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 🦇 Halloween-themed Tours (Fire Department until 12:00 p.m., Police Department until 1:00 p.m.) 🦇 Activities & Games 🦇 Arts & Crafts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 🦇 Trick-or-Treating AND Trunk-or-Treating 🦇 Family Pumpkin Decorating (while supplies last) 🦇 Gymnastics Play Station 🦇 Candy Collection by Eagle Falls Dentistry
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11:00 - 2:00 p.m. in Library Lot - BPL

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 🦇 Face Painting (Bloomingdale Church) 🦇 Hay Maze and Inflatable Moonwalk 🦇 Games and Prizes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 🦇 Balloon Artists 🦇 Trick-or-Treating 🦇 Photo Areas 🦇 Refreshments <p style="text-align: center;"><i>no entrance to area after 1:45 p.m.</i></p>
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All of Bloomingdale is invited to the community Halloween Event on Saturday, October 22, 2022, jointly presented by Bloomingdale's Police, Fire & Public Works Departments, Park District, and Public Library. The event will be held in the areas between the Village Hall, Library, Police Department and Fire Department. Children are encouraged to wear their Halloween costumes for trick-or-treating activities. Children under 10 years old must be accompanied by an adult.

Note - parking will be in the surrounding residential areas as there is no parking on-site.



Enjoy a Safe and Happy Halloween

Provided that general safety precautions are followed, "Trick-or-Treating" in Bloomingdale will be on Monday, October 31, 2022, between 3 PM and 7 PM.

A responsible adult or teen should accompany each group.

- Walk! Do not run while going trick-or-treating.
- If unaccompanied, parents should know exactly what route their children are taking & which friends your children will be with.
- Never enter a stranger's house - even if invited.

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

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

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



Bloomingtondale CHARACTER COUNTS 2022 Award Recipients

Mayor Welcomes Students on First Day of School at St. Isidore



Mayor Franco helped to kick off the new school year by welcoming students, parents and staff to St. Isidore School as they arrived. The Mayor was joined by Father Jim, Principal Alimento, Officer Han and Officer Jaffe.

CHARACTER COUNTS! Celebration Night

The whole community is invited to CHARACTER COUNTS! Celebration Night in Old Town Park for fun and entertainment, scheduled for October 4 (rain date 10/11).

Show your support of the Six Pillars of Character! **Pre-program activities on the Piazza at 6:00 PM and the CC! program in Old Town Park begins at 6:30 PM.**

Children will entertain the audience with performances honoring the Six Pillars, and the American Character Awards are presented to school children and youth athletes who exhibit outstanding character.

The theme this year is Caring!

Visit www.character60108.org for more information on CHARACTER COUNTS! in Bloomingtondale.

The Bloomingtondale CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition sponsors an annual breakfast to recognize members of the community who live, work or attend school in Bloomingtondale and exhibit one or more of the Pillars of Character: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring and Citizenship. Honorees are nominated with a description of the pillar of character that they exemplify. These community members were recognized at the 21st Annual Recognition Program that was held on Saturday, August 13th at the Bloomingtondale Golf Club.



The 2022 Bloomingtondale CHARACTER COUNTS! Award Recipients, (left to right in photo): Ashley Harsila, Matt Boebel, Liz Harper, Judi Von Huben, Jennifer Sassano, and Terry McKeown. (Awardee: Bryen Travis not pictured.)

Also recognized was the 2022 Bloomingtondale Business of Character Award recipient, Bear Family Restaurants, (Stratford Square McDonalds). Bear Family Restaurants has a long history of generosity to Bloomingtondale schools, Library, and Chamber of Commerce and their employees have dedicated hundreds of hours each year volunteering. David Bear (President) and Nicole Buchanan (VP of Operation) are pictured with their award plaque.



Bloomingtondale Artists Association Upcoming Programs

Wednesday, Oct. 12 at 6:30pm: 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 grief. He started woodblock printing by taking an independent study course at Knox College.

Visitors are welcome; fee is \$10.

Wednesday, Nov. 16 at 6:30pm: Create A Fall "Silk" Centerpiece/Swag!
with Lyn Tietz

Add some fall color to your home with a stunning silk centerpiece or swag. Participants will work along with Lyn as she demonstrates her creativity with silk floral materials. Lyn began painting in 1997 after taking art classes at COD. Her love of art extends to floral arrangements.

\$20 materials fee for each member plus an additional \$10 fee for visitors.

The BAA welcomes new members, beginner to experienced artists, or anyone just curious about art. Membership dues for the calendar year of September 2022 through May 2023 are \$30.



Septemberfest 2022 – A Bloomingdale Tradition

Everybody loves a parade and the Septemberfest 2022 parade didn't disappoint! On a beautiful Saturday, September 10th at 11 AM, the parade headed out, led by the VFW and the US Army for the Color Guard. We saw the Black Horse Troop and Flat43 BMX team; of course, everybody loved seeing Mayor Franco Coladipietro and Trustee Von Huben waving from the fire truck basket.

Following the parade Mayor Franco, who was joined by Anthony Schwegler, welcomed everyone, introduced the Village Board & thanked all for coming out. Lily Wendt from Noteable Notes sang the National Anthem as members of VFW Post 7539 raised the flag.

Next, the Septemberfest Commission awarded scholarships to this year's recipients: Kailey Aranda, Raegan Biemolt, Joseph Brant, Giuseppe Scalera, and Paula Naronowicz; congratulations all! Scholarships are made possible by donations- to name a few: Lion's Club, Bloomingdale VFW Post 7539, Suzie's Fun Foods, Hovde & Tufo Law, Tom Zaccardi, Italian Pizza Kitchen and FUNDWAYS.

Third Street was filled with vendors providing jewelry, crafts & more, while the food choices were plenty. While the Kiddie Carnival was bustling with children enjoying rides, including camel & pony rides, the stage was busy with entertainment! Performances by Bloomingdale School of Music, Center Stage Dance, Noteable Notes, Lights Camera Dancin', and School of Rock were delightful to watch; in between Brett Walkow entertained with games. Going into the evening, the crowd grew, as everyone was excited to hear the bands The Wayouts, Trippin Billies and Hi Infidelity.

We thank **Platinum Sponsor: Bloomingdale Bank & Trust;**
Gold Sponsors: Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce, NOW Foods, and Amazon Fresh;
In-Kind Donors: ER2, Financial System Corp, the Bloomingdale Park District and Printing Plus.

The Septemberfest is possible thanks to Bloomingdale Police & Fire Departments and Public Works. A huge thank you to Commission members: Debbie Pasiewicz, Patricia Dopp, Sara & Mike Dworinyan, Dan Vitacco, Nick Fratto, Lindsey Boehne, Justin DiSalvo, & Cindy Allston; liaisons Trustee Patrick Shannon, Ken Lindhorn, Bob Reagan, Sergeant Sean Noonan & Executive Assistant Jennifer Sassano.

To Mayor Franco Coladipietro & the Village Board, thank you for supporting the Bloomingdale Septemberfest!

Vivi Frumkin, Septemberfest Chairwoman

Congratulations to the 2022 Septemberfest Scholarship Recipients:

- Kailey Aranda
- Raegan Biemolt
- Joseph Brant
- Giuseppe Scalera
- Paula Naronowicz

Students applied and were interviewed earlier this year, demonstrating dedication to community service and a variety of volunteer experience. Bloomingdale can be very proud of these young adults.



Pictured, l to r, Peter Scalera (accepting the award for his son Giuseppe Scalera), Taryn Biemolt (accepting for her older sister Raegan Biemolt), and Kailey Aranda along with Mayor Franco and Septemberfest Chair, Vivi Frumkin

Bloomingdale Chamber Upcoming Events

Annual Grand Raffle: supports the Township Food Pantry. Limited tickets are \$50 each; the Grand Prize Drawing on December 7th is \$5,000, second place is \$1,000 and third place is \$500.

BAWIB Ladies Night Out- Wed. Oct 12 at 6-7:30 PM: Open to the General Public for shopping, wine tasting & appetizers at Old Town Bank & Trust. Free goodie bag for first 20 attendees.

Tickets at BloomingdaleChamber.com, any Chamber event or the Chamber offices.

SEPTEMBERFEST THANKS ITS SPONSORS:



THANKS TO THE VOLUNTEERS & VILLAGE OF BLOOMINGDALE EMPLOYEES HELPING TODAY!

Mahan Family Wines Host Beaujolais Nouveau Day at Alcentro Trattoria

Sunday Kids Club

Looking for an active, educational, and fun program for your children? Sunday Kids Club reconvened in September, held at Bloomingdale Church on Sundays from 10-11:30 AM; all children ages 3 years - 6th grade are welcome.



Bloomingdale Church is located at 264 Glen Ellen Road (midway between Army Trail Road and Lake Street). For questions, please call 630.894.0090.

Two Bloomingdale Barracudas Swimmers Break Records!

During the Bloomingdale Barracudas Swim and Dive Team 2022 Season, the following records were broken by two Bloomingdale swimmers!

Gabriella Graham broke 2 records: - Girls "9-10 years" 50 yd Backstroke (this broke a 35-year record) & Girls "9-10 years" 50 yd Butterfly!

Camille Gismondo - Girls "15 & Over" 100 yd freestyle, which broke a record from 2011!



Camille is pictured on the left and Gabriella on the right. Congratulations to these young swimmers!

Attention Friends And Lovers of the Library!

Save the date for the Fall Friends Meeting October 26th at 7:00PM



Beaujolais Nouveau Day is marked in France annually on the third Thursday in November with fireworks, music and festivals. Under French law, the wine is released at 12:01 AM, just weeks after the wine 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.

Mahan Family Wines invites you to descend on Bloomingdale's beautiful Old Town Piazza on November 12th for a celebration inspired by Beaujolais Nouveau Day. Alcentro Trattoria will be closed to host this private event that will take place from 6:30 PM to 11 PM. Phil, the winemaker, will symbolically roll in their decorated barrel for the event. Guests will be invited to sample the first wine from the new harvest imported from southwest ... France? No Michigan! The celebration will include buffet style dining, great wine, live music and enjoying mutual love for great wine and company.



Space is limited and reservations must be made in advance at Mahan Family Wines. The reservation systems will close not later than November 6th. Guests must be 21+.

Early access to the event is offered to Mahan's growing community of monthly & quarterly wine-subscription club members.

You can find more information at MahanFamilyWines.com/Events

Voice of Democracy Scholarship Competition

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Bloomingdale Post 7539 is offering a scholarship to the "winner or winners" of the VFW Voice of Democracy Scholarship Competition, students must reside in Bloomingdale, Roselle or Medinah and be of high school age. Entries must be "RECEIVED" no later than midnight October 31, 2022. To participate, students must:

- Write and record a three-to-five-minute essay on the current topic "Why is the Veteran Important?".
- Record their essay in an audio format using a flash drive.
- Send their recording, typed essay, and entry form to: VFW Post 7539, c/o Bloomingdale Library, 101 Fairfield Way Bloomingdale, IL 60108

Entry forms and more details can be found at: www.vfw.org/vod or email Post VOD Chairman Randy Winter at rdw727@aol.com.

Help Available to Pay Winter Heating Bills

DuPage County Community Services is accepting applications for the annual Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program.

Get help keeping the lights on in your home. See if your household may qualify for financial assistance on your gas and electric bills through the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). Applications are NOW being accepted through May 31, 2023. Households in need of energy assistance are encouraged to apply.



Call 630-407-6500 or visit www.DuPageCounty.gov/LIHEAP/ for income guidelines and more information on how to apply

Bloomingtondale Fire Protection District #1



Preparing for a Mass Casualty Emergency



Members of the Bloomingtondale Fire Protection District hosted a mass casualty drill at the old Cinemark Theater located inside Stratford Square Mall, with neighboring Fire Departments participating and working along with local Police on how to handle a mass casualty incident. The focus of these drills is to work in tandem with law enforcement as a rescue task force.



Crews were presented with an active shooter incident leading to multiple victims with gunshot wounds. As they make first contact with each victim they must perform quick assessments,

triage each victim and provide lifesaving procedures such as tourniquets whenever applicable. These types of training scenarios are both physically and emotionally taxing for our first responders. Often times victims are separated from their family members or succumb to their injuries prior to receiving definitive care at the nearest emergency room; Training such as this allows us to move expediently to provide the best care as quickly as possible.

Collapse Training Drill

The Bloomingtondale Fire Protection District, along with other members of the West Suburban Fire Rescue Alliance, participated in collapse rescue training. As part of the training, crews had to move a 1-ton boulder through a course 100' long, both over and under several obstacles.

They worked with various specialty tools and relied on both strength and technique to get the job done. The task was not easy but they accomplished the feat through both teamwork and good communication. This style of training simulates the challenge of accessing trapped victims and removing any debris that may hinder search efforts.



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Why do we need smoke alarms? Since residential smoke alarms were introduced to consumers in the 1970s, the fire death rate has dropped by **50% per year!** That is just one of the reasons to make sure your home is protected by these amazing devices.

How can I protect my home and my family?
Make sure to have working smoke alarms on every storey of your home and outside sleeping areas.

Cost/benefit analysis

Average cost of a smoke alarm	←	→	Cost of a ticket or fine for not having working smoke alarms
\$10			\$235 - \$50,000

Only working smoke alarms save lives!

Test Your smoke alarms monthly. Change The batteries at least once a year.	→	Replace Smoke alarms with new ones after 10 years.	→	Develop and practice a Home Fire Escape Plan.
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By numbers

- There was no smoke alarm warning in **1 out of 2** fatal home fires.
- Homes today burn up to **3X faster** than 50 years ago.
- You may have only **seconds** to escape a fire in your home.

Improve Your Odds!

Fact: Smoke alarms can increase your chances of surviving a fire by up to **50%**

Office of the Fire Marshal and Emergency Management | Ontario

Remember to 'Fall Back' November 6

If you use battery-powered smoke detectors in your home or business, **changing the batteries each fall** as you turn your clocks back when Daylight Saving Time ends is a good habit to form.

Daylight Savings Time ends on **Sunday, November 6 at 2:00 AM**. Remember to turn your clocks back one hour and check the batteries on your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.





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Upcoming Garden Club Programs

October 18, 2022 - Beauty on a Budget!

Presenter Joyce Basel is not only the Bloomingdale Garden Club President but also the floral merchandiser for the Costco in Bloomingdale. This will be a hands-on, fun packed evening! You will need to provide your own vase and fresh or artificial flowers. Joyce will guide us through the steps of flower arranging and leave us with many ideas for "beauty on a budget." Social time and announcements begin at 6:15 PM. Program starts at 7:00 PM.



November 15, 2022 – Bloomingdale Garden Club Christmas Craft

Join our club as we make Christmas Crafts to bring holiday cheer to the residents of Bloomingdale's West Suburban Nursing and Rehabilitation. You can also make one for yourself to take home and enjoy! (Just a small fee for take-home crafts.) Project Begins Promptly at 6:15 PM.

Visitors are welcome, at Cornerstone Faith Community Church, 118 First Street, Bloomingdale. For more information contact bloomingtongardenclub@gmail.com or visit www.bloomingtongardenclub.org.



Bloomington Installs Monarch Waystations

Mayor Franco took the National Wildlife Federation's Mayors' Monarch Pledge for the second year. As part of the 2022 pledge, the Village of Bloomingdale now has newly designated areas as Monarch Waystations, which provides milkweed and nectar plants for monarchs throughout their annual cycle of reproduction and migration. Look for these signs located in the open space near the two ponds.

Bloomington Public Library also added a Monarch Waystation in the Dominic Froio Memorial Garden.

Additionally, a space to be designated as a Butterfly Garden/Monarch Waystation at the Village Hall; watch for an update later this Fall!

Kris Kringle Market, Tree Lighting on December 2

The holiday season will be here before we know it! What better way to get the community in the spirit than for the Village to host a very merry gathering! Join us for the annual Kris Kringle Market and Tree Lighting Ceremony on Friday, December 2nd from 3:30-8:30pm in Old Town Bloomingdale.

Shop for locally-made products and one-of-a-kind gifts at the outdoor market. Vendors will be selling a wide range of handmade & packaged goods, holiday décor, clothing and more. No matter who you are shopping for, the Kris Kringle Market will provide an abundance of opportunity to find a perfect gift. There will also be fresh food vendors selling sweet and savory treats as well as beer & mulled wine to enjoy throughout the evening.

This enchanting event will provide kids' entertainment including face painting, crafts, games and photo opportunities with a special guest! At 7:00pm, witness Santa riding the fire engine to the top of Bloomingdale's Tree where he will illuminate it, and all of Old Town, with a touch of his finger! This will kick off the Park District's month-long Festival of Lights display.

There will be additional open house events. The Park District will provide kid's activities in the Museum and free kiddie train rides under the pavilion, Pan American Bank & Trust will have Santa, delicious treats and a giant snow globe. The Chamber will host an open house in their office at 3:30-6:30pm and will be handing out goody bags at the market.



Mark your calendars for this joyful community event!

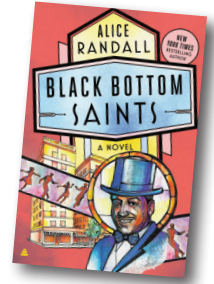
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Bloomington | Itasca | Roselle

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This year's choice is *Black Bottom Saints* by Alice Randall. Complimentary copies of the title are available while quantities last.

Visit www.mybpl.org/OTSP for complete event information, or scan the code to be taken directly to the event page with links to register for all events there.

We hope you can join in on this great community read!



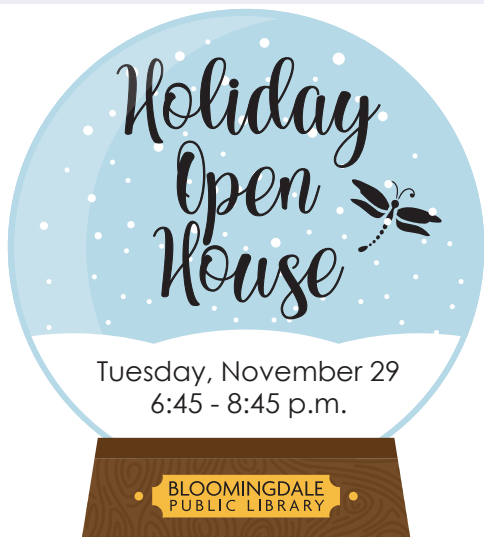
Please join us for the
Bloomington
Halloween Event!

Saturday, October 22

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

library events open at 11:00 a.m.

Enjoy trick-or-treating, games, crafts, refreshments, balloon artists, and more! All in the Village Complex & Library parking lots.



*Holiday
Open
House*

Tuesday, November 29
6:45 - 8:45 p.m.

BLOOMINGDALE
PUBLIC LIBRARY

Holiday fun for the whole family!

Join us outside for the Community Tree Lighting at 6:45 p.m., then come inside for fun and refreshments.



breakfast & brunch
-WITH-
SANTA

Saturday, December 17

Tickets on sale beginning November 7 in the Business Office

• Limited seating available •

Call 630-529-3120 or visit www.mybpl.org/annualevents#santa for details

Hours:

Monday - Thursday: 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Friday & Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Library Closings:

Early Closing at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 23
Closed Thursday, November 24 in observation of Thanksgiving

For updates to hours/services offered:

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



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

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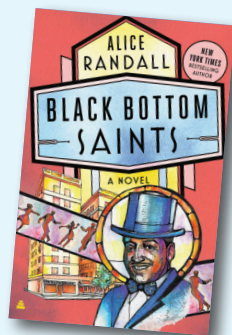
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📅 On The Same Page Book Discussion

Monday, October 3 | 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Drop-In Movie Matinee: *Hidden Figures* (PG)

Wednesday, October 12 | 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

📅 The Rise and Fall of the Detroit Working Class

Monday, October 24 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Detroit is commonly seen as the symbol of American industrial might, but also a symbol of postindustrial decline. Find out what explains the development of a high standard of ordinary workers and its subsequent disappearance. Presented by Sam Mitrani, Professor of History, and Maureen Heffern Ponicki, Assistant Professor of Political Science, both from College of DuPage.

📅 The Green Book

Tuesday, October 25 | 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Zoom Webinar

For nearly 30 years, a guide initially called the “Negro Traveler Green Book” offered advice about safe places to eat and sleep. Learn about its role in the struggle for civil rights during this virtual slide presentation by Karen Hall, Executive Director of the Glen Ellyn Historical Society.

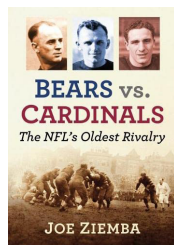
Drop-In Movie Matinee: *Get On Up* (PG-13)

Wednesday, October 26 | 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

OCTOBER PROGRAMS

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

Tuesday, October 4 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.



Join local author Joe Ziemba, whose new 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 may be autographed by the author.

Great Lakes TRAVEL PROGRAMS

📅 Shipwrecks - Treasures of the Great Lakes

Monday, October 10 | 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Zoom Webinar

Join us for an evening with shipwreck photographer Cal Kothrade, who will take us on a visual tour of 10 of the most photogenic and commonly dived shipwrecks in the Great Lakes.

📅 Lake Michigan's Lighthouses

Tuesday, October 11 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Travel Lake Michigan and Wisconsin coasts to learn the history and legends of the lighthouses that guided ships through treacherous waters. Presented by retired librarian and travel enthusiast Nancy McCully.

NOVEMBER PROGRAMS

📅 The Getty Villa: Paradise on the Pacific

Monday, November 14 | 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Zoom Webinar

In 1974, the extraordinarily wealthy J. Paul Getty built his Getty Villa to house an extensive collection of art and antiquities. This slide lecture features stunning images of Getty Villa architecture, gardens, and collection highlights. Presented by art historian Jeff Mishur.

📅 My 70s Show with Heather Braoudakis

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

What were you doing in the 1970s? Please join us for an evening of lite 70s favorites with Chicago Symphony Chorus Singer Heather Braoudakis.

📅 The History of James Taylor & Carly Simon

Monday, November 21 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

In the early 1970s, the era's ultimate power couple were husband and wife James Taylor and Carly Simon. Using performance and interview clips, popular music expert Gary Wenstrup will trace the arc of their careers from “Fire and Rain” and “You're So Vain” to “Shower the People” and “Coming Around Again.”

📅 The Godfather – The Story Behind The Story


Monday, November 28 | 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

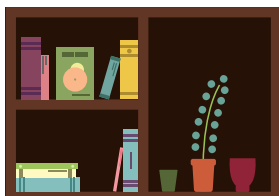
Zoom Webinar

Join us as we celebrate the 50th anniversary of one of the greatest movies ever made! We will hear funny and interesting stories about Marlon Brando, Al Pacino, James Caan, Robert Duvall, and more. Presented by retired teacher and film expert Steven Frenzel.



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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.



Al Capone and the 1933 World's Fair: The End of the Gangster Era in Chicago
by William Elliott Hazelgrove

Tuesday, October 4 | 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Killing Patton: The Strange Death of World War II's Most Audacious General
by Bill O'Reilly

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

MONDAY NIGHT PAGE TURNERS

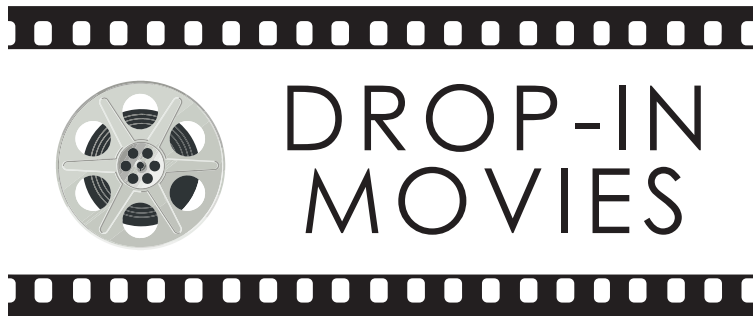
To register, email Jessica Frazier at jfrazier@mybpl.org.

Three O'Clock in the Morning
by Gianrico Carofiglio

Monday, October 17 | 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Mrs. Bridge
by Evan S. Connell

Monday, November 21 | 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.



Hidden Figures (PG)
Wednesday, October 12
1:00 – 3:30 p.m.



Get On Up (PG-13)
Wednesday, October 26
1:00 – 3:30 p.m.



Father Stu (R)
Wednesday, November 16
1:00 – 3:30 p.m.



A Streetcar Named Desire (PG)
Wednesday, November 30
1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

ONGOING ADULT PROGRAMS

Great Decisions

Wednesdays, October 19 & November 16 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Genealogy Club (Drop-In)

Wednesdays, October 19 & November 16 | 6:30 – 8:45 p.m.

bpl makerspace crafts

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

Registration Information:
4 per session, ages 12 to adult,
BPL card required

Please sign up for one session only



Halloween Wooden Sign

Registration opens October 1 at 9:00 a.m.

Register for one session:

Tuesday, October 4
3:00 – 4:30 p.m.

Monday, October 10
7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Custom Mugs

Registration opens November 1 at 9:00 a.m.

Register for one session:

Monday, November 7 | 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.


Thursday, November 17 | 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Monday, December 5 | 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 6 | 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Computer Classes



Registration is encouraged for computer classes to receive program updates. Virtual Classes are noted with  and will be posted to our YouTube channel. 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, November 1 | 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

Learn the basics of computer use and dealing with Windows.

Internet Use & Safety

Tuesday, November 8 | 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

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

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

MASTER MICROSOFT OFFICE

Excel 3

Monday, October 3 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

Get a deeper understanding of formulas, graphs, and formatting techniques, as well as examine other functions provided by Excel.

Excel Formulas

Monday, October 17 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

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

Excel PivotTables

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

Excel PivotTables can be very helpful in organizing data. Use Excel PivotTables to create dynamic lists, modify reports, format tables, and keep data tables up to date. Work with several examples to develop a comfort level with the tools Excel provides.

Office 365

Monday, November 28 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

Learn how Microsoft's cloud computing product works, both from a licensing perspective and day to day use, while becoming familiar with the advantages and disadvantages of working with OneDrive, SharePoint, and the online versions of Office programs like Word and Excel. We will also dive into some of the more obscure office programs for those interested in Teams, Flows, and more!

Browser Extensions & Add-Ons

Thursday, October 20 | 7:00 p.m.
Instructor: Sal

Extensions and add-ons can improve your browsing experience and help you do many things from blocking ads to recording your screen. Learn how to install and manage some useful extensions/add-ons.

Inkscape for Beginners

Thursday, October 27 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Instructor: Charlie

Vector graphics have a clean look, small file size, and scale perfectly, which makes them ideal for website graphics, branding logos, and printed images of any size. Get an introduction to working with vector graphics using Inkscape, the free answer to Adobe Illustrator.

PowerPoint: Charts and Graphs

Thursday, November 3 | 7:00 p.m.
Instructor: Charlie

Go beyond text and images to make your presentations professional! Learn to add informational graphics like tables, charts, graphs, and SmartArt for a sleek look.

Networking - Switches

Monday, November 7 | 7:00 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

What is a network switch, what purpose they serve, how to manage them, and how do you resolve likely issues? We will touch on these and more advanced topics like Layer 2 networking with managed switches.

iPhone Basics

Thursday, November 10 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Sal

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

Using Zoom

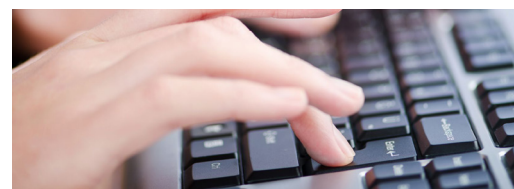
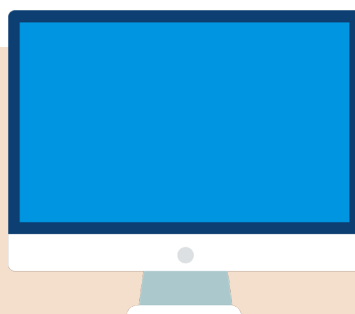
Monday, November 14 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

Get comfortable using Zoom, the popular videoconferencing tool. Learn to create an account, join meetings using video & audio, create meetings of your own, and much more.

RENT-A-TECH

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

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

Teen Crafts @ BPL

📅 Cracked Marble Jewelry

Wednesday, October 12 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Make unique jewelry pieces using cracked marbles and paint. Limit 15 teens.

📅 Pomegranate Sugar Scrub

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

Create a pomegranate sugar scrub that smells sweet and is great for your skin. Limit 15 teens.

📅 Ice Cream Cone Ornament

Wednesday, November 9 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Create a cute ice cream cone ornament just in time for the holidays. Limit 12 teens.

Catch a Movie with BPL!



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.

Top Gun: Maverick (Drop-In)

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



Meet Me @ THE MOVIES

Meet our Teen Librarian to see a new release movie! Meet at *The Picture Show*, 324 Army Trail Rd in Bloomingdale. Time will be announced to registrants before the film date. Movie tickets and snacks will be provided. Limit 10 teens.

Black Panther: Wakanda Forever

Friday, November 25 | Meeting Time TBA

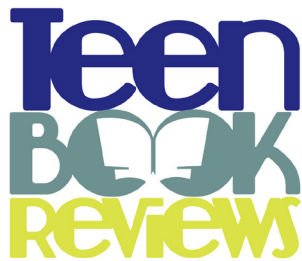
Registration begins Monday, October 31

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

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! www.mybpl.org/teenbookbags



Virtual SAT/ACT 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.

📅 ACT Practice Test

Saturday, October 1 | link will be emailed

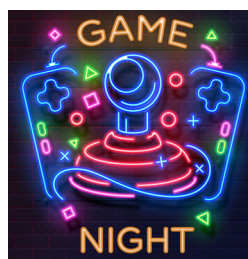
📅 SAT Practice Test

Saturday, November 12 | link will be emailed

Game Night (Drop-In)

Thursdays, 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.
October 13 & 27, November 10

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! Grades 7-12.



TAB: Teen Advisory Board (Drop-In)

Wednesday, November 16
6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Make your voices heard! Join us 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!



Youth Programs



Registration required for some youth programs (noted with 📅). Virtual classes are noted with 🖥️.

Registration for **October** programs begins Monday, September 26 at 9:00 a.m. Registration for **November** programs begins Monday, October 24 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

📅 LEGO Club

Grades 1-6

Tuesday, October 11 | 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

Can you use our LEGO to complete the challenge?



📅 Makerspace Club: Tech Time

Grade 3-6

Thursdays, October 13 & November 10
4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

Libraries are more than books - they are a great place to learn technology and make stuff too! Come get some hands-on time with tech at Makerspace Club!

🖥️ Crochet Along with Miss Carol

Grade 3-8

Video posted on YouTube on October 15

Learn to crochet along with Miss Carol. Check the Library's YouTube page for video tutorials for each project. New projects will be posted quarterly.
October – Fingerless Gloves

Give Your Pennies a New Shine! (Drop-In)

Grades 3-6

Tuesday, October 18 | 4:00 – 4:30 p.m.

Come and learn about chemical reactions with household ingredients. Make your pennies shiny!

📅 Whoooo's Out at Night

Grades 3-6

Monday, October 24 | 6:00 – 6:45 p.m.



Who can fly silently through the night? Who eats insects, rodents, or even other birds? Explore the mysteries of the owl through pellet dissection, stories, and crafts.

📅 Boo-ti-ful Stories and Crafts

Grades K-2

Wednesday, October 26 | 6:00 – 6:45 p.m.

Enjoy some slightly spooky stories and jokes while decorating your own Halloween house to take home.



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Middle Grade MAKERS (Drop-In)

Grades 4-8

Thursday, October 27 & December 1
4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Explore our new Makerspace as we create all sorts of fun and useful items like keychains, coasters, custom buttons, jewelry. Crafts will take anywhere from 15 minutes to an hour—drop by and see what's new each week!

📅 Celebrate Día de los Muertos

Grades 3-6

Wednesday, November 2
6:00 – 7:45 p.m.

Join us for some special Día de los Muertos crafts to add to your ofrenda while enjoying the Disney movie *Coco*.



📅 Homeschool Makers

Grades 1-6

Monday, November 7 | 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Join us for a craft/maker activity in our new Makerspace!

📅 Take It, Make It: STEM

Grades: 2-4

Pickup: November 14-18

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

📅 Escape Tut's Tomb! (100th Anniversary Program)

Grades 4-8

Thursday, November 17
4:00 – 4:30 p.m. OR 4:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Experience the thrill of looking into an undiscovered tomb just like archaeologists did, unwrapping the secrets and treasures of a boy king, examining ancient artifacts, and snacking on treats he liked THOUSANDS of years ago! Can you solve the clues and escape the tomb in time?

📅 Origami for Young Ones

Grades K-2 with caregiver

Monday, November 21 | 5:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Learn to make beginner friendly origami including animals, plants, and other shapes! You do not need to be a pro at origami to join, we will learn together.

IT'S DINOVENBER!

T-Rexplorers (Drop-In)

All Ages

Monday, October 10 | 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

See dinosaur bones up close and get a glimpse of what it's like to go on a dig with real dinosaur fossils. Come early and see Ranger the T. Rex in front of the library!

📅 The Mini-est Mini Golf for Dinos

Grades 1-6 Thursday, November 3 | 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

Did you know our Dinos love to play mini-golf?? Help design a mini golf course for the Dinos!



📅 Take It, Make It: DIY Dinovember Kits

Grades K-2 Pickup: November 7-11

Drop by to get your very own Dinovember kit, create silly scenes, and then share with friends (and us!) While supplies last. One kit per family please.





Youth Programs

Registration required for some youth programs (noted with 📅).

Registration for **October** programs begins Monday, September 26 at 9:00 a.m. Registration for **November** programs begins Monday, October 24 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.

Preschool Programs

📅 Come Together (Drop-In)

Ages 0-24 months

Every Wednesday | 10:00- 11:30 a.m.



Meet and chat with other parents & caregivers each week while your child socializes and explores with hands-on toys. There will be no Come Together on November 23.

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

📅 Taco Tales

Ages 3-5

Tuesday, October 4 | 1:30 – 2:00 p.m.

It's Taco Tuesday and National Taco Day! Let's listen to some Taco Tales and enjoy crafts, games, and more!

📅 Happy Books, Happy Cooks

Ages 3-5

Thursday, October 13 & November 17
6:00 – 6:30 p.m.

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



📅 Playing with STEM

Ages 2-5

Tuesdays, October 25 & November 8
10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) are important learning areas for kids of all ages. Start your child early with our fun play to learn program. We will have different stations for kids to explore in each session.

October - pumpkins
November - leaves changing colors



📅 Craft Time (Drop-In)

All Ages

Fridays, October 28 & November 25
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Stop by the Youth Services department to create a fun craft. While supplies last.

📅 Frankenstein Friday

Ages 3-5

Friday, October 28
10:30 – 11:00 a.m.



Enjoy stories, games, crafts, and more about Frankenstein and all his ghoulish friends at this monstrous mash-up!

📅 Baby, Let's Make Music

Ages 9-24 months

Wednesday, November 2 & 16
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.



📅 Zoo Tree Ornament Making Party

Families

Wednesday, November 9 | 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

The Bloomingdale Public Library and the Friends of the Library will be sponsoring the Village of Bloomingdale Community Tree at Cosley Zoo. You are invited to come create crafts that will become a part of the Friends of the Library tree at the zoo.



📅 Lois Ehlert Art & Stories

Families

Friday, November 11 | 10:30 – 11:15 a.m.

Let's read some classic stories by author Lois Ehlert and create the pictures in her books with shapes and materials during storytime.

📅 Preschool Process Art

Ages 2-5

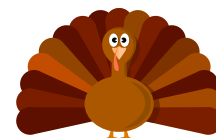
Saturday, November 19 | 10:00 – 10:30 a.m.

A program for little ones that focuses on new techniques and skills instead of the final product.

📅 Turkey Tales

Families

Tuesday, November 22
1:30 – 2:15 p.m.



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

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AUTUMN 



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.

the Donna Beth Froio Cultural Collection



The Youth Services Department houses a special collection called the **Donna Beth Froio Foreign Language and Cultural Collection**.

The collection began in 1982 with a generous donation by Mr. Dominic and Mrs. Barbara Froio in memory of their loving daughter Donna Beth, who died at the age of 16. The interest from these invested funds is used each year to purchase new items. Titles selected may be in one language, bilingual, or multilingual, or reflective of cultural experience and practices from around the world.

We have added 8 new items this year with these funds. The items reflect demand in the collection and are exclusively in Urdu this year based on patron requests.

Come in to the Library and enjoy these new additions to our collection!

NEW!



BPL Calming Space

The BPL Calming Space

was developed to be a comforting place for children and adults in need of a quiet space in the library. It can be used for the following activities:

- A private space away from noise for children and families
- A private area for nursing or pumping
- A calming environment for a child in need

BPL strives to create diverse, accessible, and inclusive spaces with unique learning opportunities for all children and families who enter.

To use the Calming Space, stop by the Youth Services Desk. The space is available on a first come, first served basis, no advanced registration.

This room was generously funded by the estate of Mr. Dominic Froio.

FALL Storytimes

Storytime Sessions are back!

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**.

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.



Baby Tales

Ages 0-24 months with caregiver
Wednesdays
10:00 – 10:20 a.m. OR
10:50 – 11:10 a.m.



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

*Check out *Come Together*, our playtime program done in conjunction with this program Wednesdays, 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. See pg. 7 for details.

Look for our shortened holiday storytime session for winter: November 28 – December 16.

Fall Fest

FREE!

October 7, 6-8PM

Circle Park

163 Fairfield Way

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

Activities

- DJ
- Entertainment
- Hayrides around the park
- Arts and crafts
- Smore's
- Fun Slide
- Inflatable Corn Maze
- And much more!



Sponsored by:



Concerts by the Campfire

FREE!

6:30-7:30PM

NEW!

**Springfield Park Pavilion
269 Springfield Drive, Bloomington**

Spend quality time with your family and enjoy live performances and smores around a campfire. Smores available while supplies last. Bring your own chairs or blankets and some snacks. Washrooms available at the concession stand at Springfield Park. Program is free. Rain location will be at the Johnston Recreation Center.



October
Friday, October 14th - Tank & The Beez - Variety Singer

Princess Ball



November 12

NEW!

Johnston Recreation Center

Come one, Come all to a Royal Ball!



Join your favorite princesses from Princess Fairytale Parties for meet and greets, photo ops, live performances and more! Register each child. Parents do not need to register. Adults are free and a max of two adults per child.

Section A1 and B1 are General Admission and includes meet and greet time, photo ops, live performances, dance party, official princess twirl lessons and a few more surprises.

Section A2 and B2 are VIP and includes 30 minutes of early access, extra meet and greet time, VIP story reading,

VIP performance from the Frozen Sisters, VIP Coronation Ceremony with Tiara and VIP autograph book to have princess sign.

Location: Oak - Lounge		Special Events (rd)		MIN/MAX: 25/25 (per time slot)	
Instructor: Staff					
Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
General Admission					
1-12	Sat	10:30-11:45A	Nov 12	\$44/\$49	104607-A1
1-12	Sat	1:30-2:45P	Nov 12	\$44/\$49	104607-B1
VIP					
1-12	Sat	10-11:45A	Nov 12	\$57/\$62	104607-A2
1-12	Sat	1-2:45P	Nov 12	\$57/\$62	104607-B2

For Questions on these or other programs and special events, please call 630-529-3650.

The Lounge



THE LOUNGE

The Lounge at <https://www.bloomingtonparks.org/facilities/jrc/the-lounge>.

The Lounge is Free to all adults; however, some programs and lunches require a registration fee to participate.

October

Board Games & Cards

October 3 | 9:30-12:30AM | Free

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

Walk and Talk

October 5 | 10:30-11:15AM | Free

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

Ice Cream Social

October 10 | 10:30AM-12:30PM | Free

Stop in between the hours of 10:30-12:30PM and enjoy an ice cream sundae!

Bingo - Halloween Themed

October 12 | 10-11:30AM | Free | Code: 103777-B2

Join us for some Halloween bingo fun! Come dressed in your Halloween costume and be entered into a raffle to win a gift card! All supplies will be provided. Prizes to all winners! Registration is required.

Craft Day - Halloween Craft

October 17 | 10:30-11:30AM | Free | Code:103784-B1

Stop in to make a Halloween craft. This program is free, but registration is encouraged. Supplies provided.

Walk and Talk

October 19 | 10:30-11:15AM | Free

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

Board Games & Cards

October 24 | 9:30-12:30AM | Free

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

Pizza Party

October 31 | 103787-A1



We are happy to announce Home Instead of Itasca as a new Park District sponsor of The Lounge programs including Bingo.

Adult Trips

Starved Rock State Park



Join us for a day of hiking and site seeing on your own with multiple hills and steps at Starved Rock State Park. Lunch will be on your own at the Starved Rock Lodge Restaurant. We will hit up some shops in downtown Utica and Ottawa for shopping before we depart. Registration deadline is October 28. Trip departs and returns 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	Sat	6A-3P	Nov 5	\$20/\$25	103202-A1

Elf



After discovering he is really a human raised as an elf, Buddy makes the journey from the North Pole to New York City to find his birth father, sharing the true meaning of Christmas along the way. Elf the Musical brings heart, hilarity, and holiday joy—after all, “the best way to spread Christmas cheer is singing loud for all to hear!” Based on the hit Christmas film, the musical adaptation was nominated for one Drama League Award. Registration deadline is October 26. Trip departs and returns from the Johnston Recreation Center at 172 South Circle Avenue, Bloomington. Fee includes lunch, ticket and transportation. Show is at Drury Lane. Please choose between grilled chicken kabob with rice pilaf or grilled vegetable cavatappi with pesto upon registration.

Location: Johnston Rec Center

Instructor: Staff

**Adult (rr)
MIN/MAX: 4/4**

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
18-99	Wed	10:45A-5P	Nov 23	\$87/\$92	103209-A1

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

Chicago Society of Artists: A 135-Year Legacy Continues

Gallery I & II

October 8 – November 5 (closed October 15)

Opening Reception: Sunday, October 16, 2-4pm

The Chicago Society of Artists is a non-profit organization established in 1887. Now well into its second century, CSA is the oldest continuing artist association in the United States. Early members of the Chicago Society of Artists including John Vanderpoel, Ivan Albright, Frances Badger, and LeRoy Neiman, established and maintained high standards for membership that continue today. Much of CSA's renown is due to member versatility which includes painters, graphic artists, printmakers, photographers, sculptors, art critics, gallery owners, and art educators. After 135 years, CSA continues to play a significant role in the arts by providing opportunities for artists to share their art production and experiences through a continuing series of exhibitions and educational programming.

Festival of Lights Holiday Show at the Museum

Gallery I & II

December 2 – 23

Opening Night Friday, December 2, 3:30-8:30pm

Visit the Museum throughout the Festival of Lights for a show featuring artwork, photography and collectibles on display, along with trees and holiday decorations. Crafts for kids, Elf on the Shelf, photos with Santa, and complimentary refreshments are part of every holiday Museum experience. And the LEGO Train exhibit will be a huge favorite for all visitors!

Thanksgiving Scavenger Hunt

NEW!

November 4, 6-7:30PM

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Gobble, Gobble! Tom the Turkey is on the loose at the Johnston Recreation Center! We need your help finding him. Participants will find and solve clues hidden around the building. Craft and light refreshments provided during the event. Register one family member for section A1 (for a family up to 4). Register each additional child with section A2.

\$10R/\$15NR for a family of 4

\$3R/\$5NR for additional child

Code: 104622-A1 for a family of 4

Code: 104622-A2 Additional Child

