

# Village of Bloomingdale *Ammanac*

December 2022

Growth with Pride

## The Bloomingdale Holiday Tree Tradition Continues!

The "2022 Village Christmas Tree" that now graces Old Town came from the Bloomingdale Golf Course; this beauty is a Norway Spruce standing at 40-ft tall. The tree made its way to Old Town on November 14 in preparation for the community tree lighting.



Each year the community gathers for the Tree Lighting and Kris Kringle Market, held in conjunction with the Park District's opening night of Festival of Lights. This year, the event will kick off the holiday season on December 2nd, with the lighting of the tree & park at 7:00 PM.

Getting the tree erected & decorated has challenges, but our Public Works team works their magic. We will have another tree full of lights & ornaments, complete with the spirit & hope that the holidays bring.



**December 2, 2022**  
Join Us for a Winter Festival of Fun!  
3:30pm – 8:30pm in Old Town Bloomingdale

### Featuring

- ★ **50+ Vendors** Selling Food, Refreshments, Crafts, Gifts, Pet Items, Holiday Décor, Wood Crafts, Accessories, and More!
- ★ **FREE** Kids Crafts, Activities, Face Painting, and Festive Train Rides
- ★ A Beer Tent with an Assortment of Beers & Mulled Wine
- ★ Visit Santa and Watch the Tree Lighting in the Old Town Piazza



### Schedule of Events

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

- 3:30pm – 6:30pm:** Pan American Bank Open House with Santa and Snow Globe
- 3:30pm – 6:30pm:** Chamber Of Commerce Open House
- 3:30pm – 8:30pm:** Holiday Market
- 3:30pm – 8:30pm:** Park District Museum Holiday Show
- 4:30pm – 8:00pm:** Festive Train Rides
- 7:00pm:** Tree & Park Lighting Ceremony with Santa and the Fire Department



**Parking Available at:**  
Old Town Bloomingdale Parking Lot:  
Schick & Third St.  
Rooster's Barn & Grill:  
Parking Lot

**Shuttle Service:**  
Free parking and shuttle ride from Indian Lakes. Shuttle will be running from Indian Lakes to the event from 4:30pm–9:00pm.

Thank You to Our Event Sponsors



# Congratulations to the 2022 American Youth Character Award Recipients

## 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



2022 American Youth Character Award Recipients and their nominating officials: Village Trustee Frank Bucaro, Nora Spiewak (Cody Battaglia, Principal of Winnebago Elementary), Hridhdima (Tiya) Tenneti (Principal Stefan Larsson, Westfield Middle), Quinn Carlson (Principal Stacy Johnston, Erickson Elementary), Neo Camara (Asst. Principal, Brian Sheehan, St. Isidore School), Alisha Kshatriya, (Sandy Aichele, Head Coach Bloomingdale Beamers) and Mackenzie Hubbers (Principal Patrick Haugens, DuJardin)

The Bloomingdale CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition's annual Celebration Night was held on Tuesday, October 4. This year's theme was the Pillar of Caring. The evening included the presentation of the 2022 American Youth Character Awards, (award recipients are pictured above with their respective school official). Mayor Franco was in attendance and Village Trustee Frank Bucaro read the Proclamation of all of the Coalition members proclaiming CHARACTER COUNTS! Day in the Village of Bloomingdale. The audience was entertained by student performances. To view photographs of the evening and to learn more about CHARACTER COUNTS!, please visit the Bloomingdale CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition Facebook page.

## Help Available to Pay Winter Heating Bills

DuPage County Community Services will accept applications for the annual Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) now thru May 31, 2023, or until funds are depleted. For more information visit [bloomingdaletownship.com](http://bloomingdaletownship.com) or DuPage Co. residents may call (800) 942-9412 (toll-free).



## 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

The photo on the top of page 1 was taken by Andre Burke, Bloomingdale Park District President

## A Message from Mayor Franco

The year seems to have flown by and we are entering my favorite time of the year – the holiday season! (Oh, those Christmas lights!) Although Thanksgiving is behind us, it's never too late to give thanks. I want to thank our residents and business community for the support and feedback received in 2022. The Village Board and I are committed to stay the course, revitalizing, redeveloping, and renewing the excitement, while exercising financial discipline to ensure Bloomingdale continues to prosper.

A facet of that excitement is the work planned for the open space that the Village purchased in 2021! The Village Board has approved a License Agreement with the owners of the new Prairie Lakes Hotel (former Indian Lakes) to operate a new 18-hole golf course, a Par 3 9-hole course and practice area on the Village's Open Space. Returning this area back to golf will help the new hotel attract visitors who shop in our businesses back to the area. Work on the course and hotel will begin in the Spring.

This past year has seen many new businesses opening all around town. From new breakfast restaurants First Watch and Eggceptional Cafe to Culver's, D1 Training and the new Chipotle location, complete with a new Chipotlane. There is so much more on the horizon for 2023 with the coming of Cooper's Hawk, Belle Tire and many more that we can't quite talk about yet. I will also be giving an update on our Stratford Mall efforts after the new year in early 2023.

And now... my favorite seasonal topic! You may have seen our Public Works employees decking trees with lights over the last several weeks, as our Christmas light extravaganza is in full swing! This year the Village will be alight with even more Christmas lights, spreading holiday cheer. Kicking off the Christmas festivities is the annual Christmas Tree Lighting and Kris Kringle Market on December 2, marking the beginning of the month-long Festival of Lights held in Old Town Bloomingdale. I am anxiously waiting to join my friend Bloomingdale Park District President Andre Burke at the top of the Village's Christmas Tree with the help our Bloomingdale Fire District friends! The event starts at 3:30PM with Old Town Park, Village Hall and the giant Christmas tree on the Piazza simultaneously illuminated at 7:00PM! Check out the front page of this Almanac to learn about the additional activities slated for Old Town that evening, as well as the Park pages with their schedule of activities.

Something to keep in mind when you are shopping for the holidays, please "Keep the Cheer Here," by buying in Bloomingdale. Keeping your sales taxes in the Village builds a stronger local economy. Did you know that for the fiscal year 2022 nearly 60% or \$12.82 million of the Village's General Fund's total revenues came from sales taxes? The next largest source was property tax at 20%, followed by income tax at 16%.

Our businesses, including our locally owned independents, are the lifeblood of our economy! Shopping in town also keeps our businesses here. Please, please support our local businesses when you can in addition to your online shopping and remember that many stores will match online prices. Only a small portion of the sales tax you pay online comes back home to Bloomingdale...the majority goes to the State. This year, let's "Keep the Cheer Here."

If you are looking for ways to help "Share the Cheer," take a look at the back page for ideas to make the holiday season a little bit happier for some one less fortunate.

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

Mayor Franco



## Bloomingdale VFW Post 7539 Coat Drive Benefits Homeless Veterans

The Bloomingdale VFW Post 7539 conducted a Winter Coat Drive for Homeless Veterans throughout October. Members of the VFW took multiple trips, with the generous donations of more than 500 coats, to Jesse Brown Medical Center, Hines VA and Joliet Outpatient Center.

Army Veteran Ed Maag, with the Maag Toy Foundation, is pictured with his donation of coats. Mr. Maag is

a long-time resident who purchased approximately \$600+ worth



of coats to the coat drive today. Thank you to all who donated!

## Filing for Consolidated Election Begins December 12

The Village of Bloomingdale has up for election: Three (3) Village Trustee offices for full four (4) year terms, Three (3) Library Trustee offices for full four (4) year terms and Two (2) Library Trustee offices for two (2) year terms.

Filing for the Consolidated General Election begins on **Monday, December 12, 2022** and concludes **Monday, December 19, 2022**. For the purpose of accepting candidate petitions or certificates of nomination, the Village Clerk's office will be open during regular business hours from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday through the filing period **except for the last day of filing, December 19th when the Village Clerk's office will remain open until 5:00 p.m.**

# Mayor Franco Joins Caputo Family at Columbus Day Parade

## 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

Bloomingtondale Library  
630-529-3120

Bloomingtondale Park District  
630-529-3650

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Mayor Franco is pictured with CEO of Caputo's Fresh Markets Robertino Presta, his wife & president of Caputo's, Antonella Caputo Presta, along with their family, at the Annual Chicago Columbus Day Parade held on October 10 on State Street.

As a special honor, this year's Columbus Day Parade was dedicated to the memory of Angelo & Romana Caputo. Angelo Caputo was the founder of the Caputo's grocery store chain. Thankfully, Bloomingtondale became home to Caputo's fourth location in November 2004!

## Joanne Kelsey Continues Family Tradition With Papa's Peppers

Joanne Kelsey, Bloomingtondale resident for 45 years, holds fond memories of growing up & spending summers at her grandparents' cottage. Her grandparents, John and Mary Vespa, were avid gardeners & most of the ripe vegetables they grew went into their homemade giardiniera. Joanne would help out in their huge vegetable garden, pick the veggies & help make her family's giardiniera recipe, a mix of spicy pickled peppers.



In 2008, Joanne Kelsey and her husband Don started a business selling jars of the special family giardiniera recipe & named it Papa's Peppers. While developing the label for the product, Joanne thought it would be appropriate to include a picture of her grandfather, who, at the time, had recently turned 100, which made him feel like he was famous. It took some time for Kelsey to find the right bottler to make the recipe exactly how she insisted it be. E Formella & Sons now bottles the condiment & the bottles are distributed by J. Vespa Foods of Bloomingtondale.

For many years, Joanne & Don sold the blend of peppers, carrots, olives, cauliflower and egg-plant mixed with oil, spices and "lots of garlic" at the Downers Grove farmers market on Saturdays, until Don unfortunately got sick. Over the years, Papa's Peppers (which comes in mild & hot versions as well as a Muffuletta Salad) has been sold at various stores and in 5 gallon pails to local restaurants and catering companies.

Currently, Felicia's Deli in Elk Grove & Prestige Nursery on Army Trail Road carry Joanne's delicious products, which are all natural and have no preservatives. You can also periodically find Joanne at the Bloomingtondale Maker's Market. Additionally, she sells her products from her house; to order, customers can email her at [jjkelsey@att.net](mailto:jjkelsey@att.net) or call 630-709-6400.



# BloomingdaleHolidays.com



Local events and activities for you & your family for the holiday season.

The Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce set up [BloomingdaleHolidays.com](http://BloomingdaleHolidays.com) to help its members advertise their holiday events and to make it easier for you to view the various events taking place around Bloomingdale. For questions, contact [cindy@BloomingdaleChamber.com](mailto:cindy@BloomingdaleChamber.com).

## Holiday Weekend Expanded Dial-a-Ride Hours Beginning November 26

Pace Dial-A-Ride will offer extended holiday weekend hours available from Saturday, November 26 and running through Saturday, December 31, 2022.

The Dial-A-Ride paratransit bus service provides pre-arranged curb-to-curb service for all residents, with discounted rates for seniors 65 and older, students, and persons with disabilities who eligibility has been determined by the regional certification process. During the holidays, the Dial-A-Ride bus will operate from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturdays and from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Sundays, excluding Christmas Day when the bus is closed.

The Dial-A-Ride service area includes Bloomingdale Township and the following approved locations:

- AMITA Health, Alexian Brothers Medical Center and Campus (including Dialysis Center at 935 Beisner)
- Alexian Brothers Day Rehab Center at 701 Biesterfield Rd, Elk Grove Village
- DuPage Oncology Clinic
- Monakea Medical Complex
- Wheaton Eye Clinic
- Northwestern Medicine Central DuPage Hospital
- AMITA Health, Adventist Medical Center, Glen Oaks Hospital
- DuPage County Complex, East & West side of County Farm Road
- Kenneth Moy Convalescence Center

To make reservations, call 800-713-7445 or TTY 800-713-7415, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Reservations will be accepted beginning the Thursday prior to the week service is desired. Same-day reservations may be accepted if there is availability.

## Stay in Touch

Consider signing up for the Village's E-News, which gets delivered weekly to subscribing emails. This is a good way to keep up with timely information in and around town and critical information to all subscribers as it becomes available.

Go to <http://www.villageofbloomingdale.org> to sign up.



## Spook-tacular Fun for All!

It was a beautiful fall day on October 22nd and the 2022 Bloomingdale Halloween Event was a great success! Over 1,500 attendees including trick or treaters in costume, plus their families enjoyed the various activities offered by the Police, Fire, and Public Works departments, the Public Library and Park District.

## Wishing You the Merriest of Holidays

The Bloomingdale Village Hall holiday closings:

### Christmas:

Friday, December 23 & Monday and December 26

### New Year's:

Friday, December 30 and Monday, January 2, 2023

### Service delays for the curbside residential refuse and recycling collections for both Christmas and New Year's Day:

- Sunday, December 25 -Curbside pickup will be delayed one day for this week
- Sunday, January 1 -Curbside pickup will be delayed one day for this week

During both of the holiday weeks:

Tuesday collection will be on Wednesday

Wednesday collection will be on Thursday

Thursday collection will be on Friday

Warm wishes to all for safe and happy holidays from the elected officials and staff at the Village of Bloomingdale.



# Here's What You Need to Know About Bloomingdale's 2022-2023 Salting Operations

## Villaggio Ristorante Hosts Fundraising Dinner

For almost 10 years, brothers Hugo, Edgar and Filiberto Jiménez, owners of Villaggio Ristorante Roselle, host an annual fundraiser at their restaurant with food & entertainment. The entertainers and restaurant workers all donate their talent and time in support of this event. All revenue collected from the fundraising dinner is donated to **Lurie Children's Circle of Friends** to benefit the children of **Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital**. This year nearly \$15,000 was raised and a large check was presented to the hospital (pictured, Filiberto & Hugo Jiménez).

Although the restaurant is located in Roselle many of their patrons are from Bloomingdale. Villaggio Ristorante is located at 1242 W Lake St, Roselle.



## Literacy DuPage Seeks Volunteer Tutors!

Literacy DuPage has been helping adults improve their English language skills through tutoring, since 1972. Annually, Literacy DuPage's 325 volunteers tutor 360+ learners and their program's impact has a proven, long-term solution.

Visit [www.literacydupage.org](http://www.literacydupage.org) or call (331) 472-7160 to learn more about the program and how to become involved. No teaching or foreign language experience is required.



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## What If a Snowplow Damages My Mailbox?

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



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

# Bloomingtondale Wintertime Q & A

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

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

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

## What if a Snowplow Damages My Parkway?

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

## Why Does My Driveway Get Plowed In?

The snowplows are designed to direct the snow to the curb side of the plow blade. "Side delivery plows" are the fastest and most efficient means available to remove snowfall from the streets. As a result, snow is discharged along the length of the curb, the parkways and the private driveway areas. The Village has thousands of private driveways abutting Village streets, the cleaning of which is the responsibility of the property owner. Manpower and equipment limitations prohibit the Village from responding to routine requests to remove snow from private driveways. Therefore, we strongly recommend residents delay clearing the driveway until the snowplows have cleaned the majority of your street. Village ordinance PROHIBITS the discharge of snow onto the Village streets. This illegally placed snow may freeze or become compacted, creating a safety hazard for all motorists.

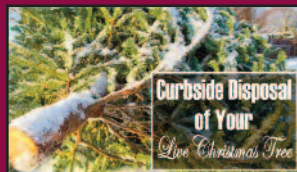


## Who Do I Call About Snow Removal Operations?

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

## Christmas Tree Disposal

SBC will collect live Christmas trees on regularly scheduled refuse pickup days for the three (3) week period following the Christmas holiday. Any tree set out on a collection day after January 16, 2023 will require three (3) yard waste stickers.



Please be sure all decorations are removed and position Christmas trees with the cut end toward the curb for easy loading.



# Winter Phone Numbers

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

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

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

Call this number for non-emergency general information.

## Bloomingtondale Fire District - Emergency 911

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

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

## Information on DuPage County Roads

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

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

## Information Tollway Roadway Information Line

800-865-5394 or 800-TOLLYFI

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



# State Representative Seth Lewis Joins in Honoring Youth Peer Jurors

## Village Retirement

Barb Weber began working in Public Administration 37 years ago; 29 years of those were at the Village of Bloomingdale as the Assistant Village Administrator, which included Human Resources responsibilities.



During her time with the Village, Barb was involved with many facets of the Village; a few of the

notable were the development/administration of the Village Code, the Solid Waste contract, the Village website and enews. She mentioned that while organizing annual Village charity drives including Angel Tree, Go Orange and Love Our Vets was a most gratifying experience, creating and monitoring the various COVID-19 policies and testing protocols was the most exhausting. She also coordinated the Village's Y2K Response Plan which resulted in Barb ringing in the new year 1999 in the Village Police dispatch center and none of the anticipated issues ever took place (fortunately).

In retirement, Barb watches her grandson while her daughter is at work and plans to spend more time volunteering for several causes. She notes that not a single day with the Village went by without a laugh shared with staff!

We are grateful for Barb's dedication and service to the Village and wish her the best in retirement!

On November 2nd, State Representative Seth Lewis attended Bloomingdale PD's Peer Jury meeting and presented the Volunteer Youth Peer Jurors with certificates to honor their dedication and commitment to the Bloomingdale community. The Youth Peer Jury Program works with the Police Department to provide a meaningful and remedial method of dealing with selected juvenile offenders without referral to Juvenile Court.

Pictured with the Peer Jurors are, l to r, Lou Aranda (adult volunteer), Representative Seth Lewis and Officer Phil Jaffe (Peer Jury Lead Officer).



## Congratulations Best of Bloomingdale Winners!

On Thursday, October 6th, the winners of the 2022 Best of Bloomingdale were announced at an awards dinner. This signature Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce event is designed to recognize outstanding members of the greater Bloomingdale business community.

Congratulations to the winners:  
 Annie Occasion for Any Occasion  
 Anyway's American Grill & Pub  
 Bloomingdale Bank & Trust  
 Bloomingdale Park District  
 Brunch Café  
 Chicago Pastry  
 Chick-fil-A Bloomingdale  
 Divine Signs & Graphics  
 Eagle Falls Dentistry  
 Edward Jones Advisor Kencie Zmich  
 Eye Level Learning Center  
 Hector's Car Wash & Detail  
 Hovde & Tufo Law  
 Lights Camera Dancin'  
 MAS Plumbing, Inc  
 Oasis Senior Advisors - Kristy Malone  
 Platt Hill Nursery  
 Purpose Therapeutic Massage  
 SPENGA Bloomingdale  
 Stratford Crossing  
 The Center for integrative and Functional Health and Wellness  
 Tricoci Salon & Spa



# Business News

## Cocktails and Conversation

The Bloomingdale Area Women in Business (BAWIB) hosted their inaugural Cocktails and Conversation at the Park Dist. Museum on September 28th. The "Celebrity Bartender" was Mayor Franco who made Francotinies and Francoritas, while Justin Gaffney, assistant bartender, made Kentucky mules. Cocktails and Conversation will be held every other month, \$15 for non-BAWIB members, BAWIB members attend for free. Any questions, call (630) 980-9082.



## More than 14,000 Views on Re-Envisioning Stratford Square Website

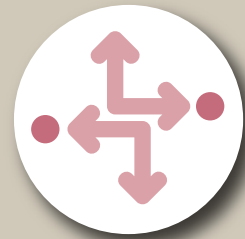
Since launching on June 27th, 2022, the Re-Envisioning Stratford Square Website has been viewed over 14,000 times, with 4,238 views in a single day on July 10th. The Community Survey was available July 8 – Aug 14 and received 1,102 total responses. The majority of respondents identified as Bloomingdale residents (75%). The survey asked for comments on two concept plans, about the types of activities most desired and the uses most appropriate in the area. The top three priorities for redevelopment were 1) Entertainment, 2) Gathering Space, and 3) Retail. Comments indicated interest in ensuring redevelopment would include green space and multi-paths, be a highly walkable environment, and include a mix of land uses. A full summary of survey results was presented at the October 10th, 2022 Village Board meeting and is available to review on the Village website at [villageofbloomingdale.org/862/Re-envisioning-Stratford-Square-Mall](http://villageofbloomingdale.org/862/Re-envisioning-Stratford-Square-Mall).

## Sandy Vangundy Named Georgene Geils Woman of the Year

Bloomingdale Area Women in Business (BAWIB) presented Sandy Vangundy, Director of Recreation at the Bloomingdale Park District, with the 2022 Georgene Geils Business Woman of the Year Award, for her outstanding services to the community and leadership. "Led her staff through uncertain times during the pandemic and guiding them to achieve great heights in their careers." The Georgene Geils Woman of the Year award is based on women empowering, embracing and equipping others with the knowledge and resources to achieve personal goals. Sandy has had demonstrated these qualities by being a mentor and leader in our community for over 27 years; heading up programs and collaborating with other organizations, while also serving on the Character Counts board for 15 years, among many other accomplishments.



Congratulations to Sandy for this most deserved honor!



## The Bloomingdale Business Beat

The Business Beat features news about businesses - newly opened ones, those under construction and those who have something special to tell the residents about - awards won, charitable fundraisers hosted, recent major remodels, etc.

Retail businesses provide a significant part of the village's tax base. Supporting them helps keep the Village portion of your property tax bill low.

Remember -  
**BUY IN BLOOMINGDALE**

### We Are Excited to Welcome These New Businesses

**Egceptional Café**  
369 W Army Trail Rd

**First Watch**  
302 W Army Trail Rd

**Culver's**  
455 W. Schick Road

Stop in and welcome these businesses to Bloomingdale!

### Chipotle's New Location Now Open

Chipotle relocated to 394 W. Army Trail Rd, immediately adjacent to its previous location, to accommodate their newly introduced "Chipotlane," a pick-up only window allowing customers to order online or use the Chipotle app and then pick up their order at the window, without having to exit their vehicle.

## 3rd Annual Brew Fest

The 3rd Annual Old Town Brew Fest was a great success thanks to the sponsors, volunteers, food vendors and breweries, as well as everyone who attended on Saturday, October 15, 2022!

It was a beautiful, brisk fall day with sunny skies and a great time was had at the fundraising event. We had 28 breweries, 4 food vendors and approximately 500 people come together to enjoy the day and create a sense of community, while the Black Bolts entertained.

### Thank you to the event Sponsors:

SBC Waste Solutions, Hovde & Tufo Law, Franco Coladipietro, Tapville, John Dabrowski & Bloomingdale Township Republican Party, Jet Advertising, Pan American Bank, Yockey's Friendly Ford, ROMA Tang Soo Do.

Thank you to all who brought donations for the Bloomingdale Township Food Pantry; we filled the bin and then some! We are so proud when the community comes together to support a cause of helping others in need.



## Bear Family Restaurants Employees Donate 5,000 Hours

The Bear Family Restaurants employees have volunteered over 5,000 hours through their volunteer program. Their commitment to the guests they serve extends far beyond the four walls of each and every restaurant. The organization has a rich history of volunteerism and partnering with local charities; volunteering at a local food pantry, serving first responders after an emergency, ringing a holiday bell for charity, contributing much-needed supplies to a local school, or serving the highest quality food in a clean and safe environment.



Bear Family McDonald's is a McDonald's franchisee with 35 locations in the Chicagoland area; the Bloomingdale McDonald's at Gary Ave on Stratford Dr. being one of them. We are grateful to have them in our community!



## St. Isidore Catholic School Named Microsoft Incubator School



St. Isidore Catholic School Bloomingdale was named the sole school in Illinois, and one of 30 nationwide, given the distinction of Microsoft Incubator School for the 2022 - 2023 school year. This prestigious title was granted in recognition of the innovative work carried out by our teachers & students. This is the first step toward becoming a Microsoft Showcase School, joining a community of innovative schools around the world that share insights and best practices for transforming every aspect of their mission. "We are excited to partner with Microsoft as we work towards becoming an official Microsoft Showcase School," said Principal Corie Alimento.

Showcase Schools create student-centered, immersive, & inclusive experiences that inspire lifelong learning, stimulating the development of essential future-ready skills so students are empowered to achieve more. This accomplishment is attributed to the tireless efforts of our entire school community: administration, faculty, students, parents, & friends of SICS. "All have invested time, talent, & treasure to aid in this outcome", said Technology Director, Rita Carter. To learn how St. Isidore Catholic School is leading the way through innovation, or to schedule a tour, contact Gloria Lorusso, Director of Advancement at 630.295.8338 | [glorusso@sicatholic.org](mailto:glorusso@sicatholic.org)

# Bloomingtondale Fire Protection District #1



## PUT A LIGHT ON FREEZE WINTER HOLIDAY FIRES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## Firefighter/Paramedic Allen Stogh Retires



On behalf of the Bloomingtondale Fire Protection District 1, we would like to congratulate

Firefighter/Paramedics Allen Stough on his retirement after 27 years of dedicated service.

We congratulate him and wish him the best!

## Be A Friend to a Fire Hydrant

Residents are asked to please shovel out fire hydrants when there is a snowfall with an accumulation. This will aid emergency services in reaching the hydrants more quickly, if they are needed.

Just a few extra shovelfuls of snow can help protect your property, your neighbors, and your family.



## Welcome New Firefighter/Paramedics!

The Fire Protection District 1 recently welcomed newly sworn Firefighter/Paramedics to our Bloomingtondale Fire family. Congratulations to Augustine Cervantez, Max Kokoszka, Jacob Bezely, Trevor Korinek, Luke Kulton, Sebastian Peters and Sierra Steffen. We are thrilled to have them on our team and wish them a safe and fulfilling fire service career.



Augustine Cervantez   Sebastian Peters   Jacob Bezely   Max Kokoszka   Luke Kulton   Sierra Steffen   Trevor Korinek





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## Masterpiece Framing At Artists Association Meeting in January

**Date:** Thursday, January 12 @ 5:00pm; **Guest:** Masterpiece Framing

Matt Puchalski, artist & owner of Masterpiece Framing, will share the framing process, including initial design consultation & material selection, to the actual production of mat & glass cutting and frame assembly. The shop is located at 109 S. Bloomingdale Rd. and can be found online at [www.mframing.com](http://www.mframing.com)

Visitors welcome. The BAA welcomes new members. Membership dues are \$30 for the calendar year of September 2022 thru May 2023.

For registration and membership information, contact Bev at [bpetrosius@gmail.com](mailto:bpetrosius@gmail.com) or 630-624-9545.

## Veterans Day Ceremony

Bloomingdale VFW Post 7539 held its annual Veterans Day service on Friday, November 11th at the Veterans Memorial monument & gazebo, Bloomingdale Rd & Fairfield Way.

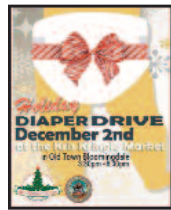


Originally known as Armistice Day, Veterans Day originates from Nov. 11, 1919, honoring the day World War I ended. The name later changed to honor all veterans and became a national holiday in 1954.

[www.villageofbloomingdale.org](http://www.villageofbloomingdale.org)

## Season of Giving

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



**Holiday Diaper Drive:** Many families are in critical need of diapers. Due to supply chain issues and backlogged ports, the cost of diapers has been on the rise for over a year. There will be a Holiday Diaper Drive tent at the December 2nd Kris Kringle Market in Old Town, from 3:30-8:30 PM. All packages of diapers will be distributed to local families in need through the Bloomingdale Township; Newborn to adult diapers are appreciated, size 5 is most needed. Contact Jennifer at [sassanoj@vil.bloomingdale.il.us](mailto:sassanoj@vil.bloomingdale.il.us) for more information.

**Please be An Angel** by joining together with the Village of Bloomingdale Employees this upcoming holiday season in support of the Salvation Army's Angel Tree, benefiting infants (newborn to 24 months) with teen Moms and preschool age children (ages 2 to 5) attending Salvation Army's Red Shield Head Start program. Each Angel Tree tag indicates the gender, age and gift desired by each child. Tags will be available the week of Thanksgiving. If you're interested in participating and would like a tag, please e-mail Kate Buggy at [buggyk@vil.bloomingdale.il.us](mailto:buggyk@vil.bloomingdale.il.us) or call 630-671-5612, (indicating gender/age preference, if you have one), and a tag will gladly be sent to you.

**The Bloomingdale Township** is doing a Toy Shop on 12/22 from 9 AM-3 PM. Parents are allowed to pick toys for their children. We require a current utility bill, ID and birth certificates for their children. No appointment is needed. Anyone interested in donating new toys for the Township to distribute can donate through 12/19. Toys need to be new and not wrapped. We service children from newborn to 18 if still in school. Older children's toys are our greatest need. The Township will also distribute Christmas meals on 12/16 from 9-3 with a current utility bill. Any questions, please call the township at 630-529-9993.

**Presents for Pets and People:** In the spirit of holiday giving, the Bloomingdale Park District is once again participating in the annual Marklund Giving Tree program, as well as including our four-legged friends with a Giving Tree to benefit Almost Home Foundation. All are invited to light up this holiday season for Marklund residents, as well as for deserving pets. Stop by the "Giving Trees" at the Johnston Recreation Center, 172 S. Circle, to pick up a wish list and cheer up the lives of children, canines and kittens! The Johnston Recreation Center is also a Toys for Tots collection site through December 8.

**Bloomingdale VFW Post 7539** periodically makes deliveries of needed items to VA facilities, including Jesse Brown VA Medical Center. Donations are used to purchase move-in essential items for Veterans who are exiting homelessness. You can donate toward the purchase of these items, please make checks payable to: VFW Post 7539 & mail to VFW Post 7539 c/o Bloomingdale Public Library, 101 Fairfield Way, Bloomingdale, IL 60108.





# SNOW IS FALLING BOOKS ARE CALLING

## Winter Reading Program December 12 - February 3

Registration opens December 12 for all ages. Four ways to register:

1. online: **[mybpl.beanstack.org](http://mybpl.beanstack.org)** **[mybpl.beanstack.org](http://mybpl.beanstack.org)**
2. by phone: Adults/Teens: 630-924-2730 Youth: 630-924-2740
3. by email: Adults/Teens: [bdref@mybpl.org](mailto:bdref@mybpl.org) Youth: [bdys@mybpl.org](mailto:bdys@mybpl.org)
4. in person: Adults/Teens: Adult Reference Desk Youth: Youth Services Desk

*The Winter Reading Program is open to Bloomington residents only.*

### Adult & Teen Program (7th grade to adult)

Cozy up with a warm drink and read! For every 120 minutes logged, earn an entry into our grand prize drawing.

**Grand Prizes:** \$25 Amazon gift card (2 winners)

### Youth (Infants through 6th grade):

Join our Winter Reading challenge! Log 180 minutes to earn a free book. Turn in your log at the Youth Services desk by Friday, February 3 to receive your book prize and be entered into the Grand Prize Drawing.

**Grand Prizes:** Wolf Reading Prize Packs

### New to Winter Reading:

#### Using Previous Registrations:

If you registered in our 2022 Summer Reading Program, your login information is also valid for Winter Reading and all future reading programs.

#### Family Registration:

You can register all family members under one account. Start your family registration at the Adult Services Desk.

Kids, teens, and adults will all log minutes read.

Reading to your child or sibling? Those minutes count for you, too!

Paper logs are available at the Adult and Youth Services Desks.



**December 14 & 15 | 3:00 – 9:00 p.m.**

### Open to all high school students, grades 9-12 (Drop-In)

Get ready for finals at the library's Exam Cram! We'll have group and quiet study areas, Wi-Fi, and computers. We'll provide caffeine, snacks, and opportunities to de-stress – you provide the brain power! Pizza served at 7:00 p.m.

### Hours:

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

### Library Closings:

Closed Saturday, December 24 through Monday, December 26  
in observance of the Christmas holiday

Closed Saturday, December 31 through Monday, January 2  
in observance of the New Year's holiday

### For updates to hours/services offered:

Call (630) 529-3120 • Email [bdref@mybpl.org](mailto:bdref@mybpl.org) • Visit our website at [www.mybpl.org](http://www.mybpl.org)



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

# Adult Programs



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## 📅 🖥️ The Biltmore Estate: America's Downton Abbey

Monday, December 5 | 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

The Biltmore Estate in Asheville, North Carolina combines the talents of landscape designer Frederick Law Olmstead and architect William Morris Hunt, who were collaborating at the very same time on portions of Chicago's 1893 World's Fair. In this slide lecture, art historian Jeff Mishur discusses the history, architecture, and landscape plan of Biltmore Estate.

Zoom Webinar



## 📅 🖥️ Christmas Music in the Movies

Monday, December 19 | 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Ring in the season with style in this wonderfully wintry presentation!

Enjoy Jack Benny's hilarious holiday special and sing along with Bing Crosby, Judy Garland, and more stars in favorite Christmas movies. Watch musical clips from classic films including *White Christmas*, *Meet Me in St. Louis*, and *Holiday Inn*. Presented by retired teacher and film expert Steven Frenzel.

Zoom Webinar



## 📅 🖥️ The Life of Bob Saget: America's Dad

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

When news broke that actor and comedian Bob Saget unexpectedly passed away in January 2022, fans everywhere were shocked and saddened. Historical presenter Michelle Gibbons will discuss his early life and rise to fame as well as the many roles he played in movies, television shows, and more that captivated audiences of all ages.



## 📅 🖥️ At the Hop with Heather Braoudakis

Tuesday, January 10 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Kick off your shoes and relive a classic sock hop! Please join us for an evening of your favorite songs from the 1950s with Chicago Symphony Chorus Singer Heather Braoudakis.



## 📅 🖥️ Aaron Douglas – Harlem Renaissance Meets Art Deco

Monday, January 16 | 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Famous for his murals at the Harlem branch of the New York Public Library, painter Aaron Douglas blended compelling narratives about Black history and culture with a modernist style. Art historian Jeff Mishur discusses Douglas and his relationship to the Harlem Renaissance movement during the period between the wars.

Zoom Webinar

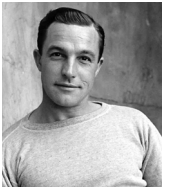


## 📅 🖥️ Gene Kelly – Dancing Storyteller

Monday, January 23 | 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Whether he's a charming American in Paris or Singin' in the Rain, Gene Kelly is one of the most memorable and beloved actors of all time. His contributions to film – as an actor, dancer, singer, director, producer, and choreographer – are simply unparalleled. Presented by retired teacher and film expert Steven Frenzel.

Zoom Webinar



## 📅 🖥️ Radio in the 1950s: From Golden Age to TV Age

Tuesday, January 24 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

The ascension of television led many of radio's biggest stars and shows to leave the old medium for the new one. This presentation examines how radio evolved as its Golden Age ended and a new age began, with news, talk, music, and a new generation of comedy. Presented by Steve Darnall, host of *Those Were the Days* radio show.



# 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

## 📅 Custom Bottle Opener Magnet

Registration opens January 3 at 9:00 a.m.

Register for one session:

Monday, January 9 | 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Monday, January 30 | 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.



## 📅 Valentine's Day Paper Lanterns

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

Register for one session:

Tuesday, February 7 | 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Monday, February 13 | 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

## ONGOING ADULT PROGRAMS

### 📅 Great Decisions

Wednesdays, December 21 & January 18 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

The Great Decisions discussion program is a civic education program administered and produced by the Foreign Policy Association.

If you would like to join Great Decisions for the 2023 session, email Julie Deeke at [jdeeke@mybpl.org](mailto:jdeeke@mybpl.org).

### Genealogy Club (Drop-In)

Wednesday, January 18 | 6:30 – 8:45 p.m.

no Genealogy Club meeting in December



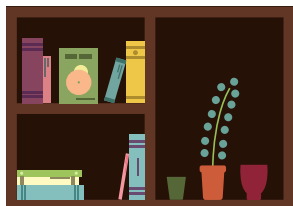
Join BPL on **Goodreads**! Get reading suggestions and book reviews shared by library staff and Board.

[www.goodreads.com/mybpl](http://www.goodreads.com/mybpl)



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## book discussion groups

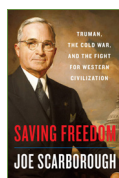
Selections are available at the Circulation Desk one month in advance of the discussion. If you have any questions, please call the Reference Desk at (630) 924-2730.

### HISTORICAL BOOK DISCUSSION

To register, email Julie Deeke at [jdeeke@mybpl.org](mailto:jdeeke@mybpl.org).

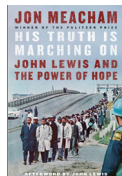
***Saving Freedom: Truman, the Cold War, and the Fight for Western Civilization***  
by Joe Scarborough

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



***His Truth is Marching On: John Lewis and the Power of Hope***  
by Jon Meacham

Tuesday, January 3 | 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.



### MONDAY NIGHT PAGE TURNERS

To register, email Jessica Frazier at [jfrazier@mybpl.org](mailto:jfrazier@mybpl.org).

#### 📖 Our Favorite Picks Party

Monday, December 12 | 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.



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

#### ***The Midnight Library*** by Matt Haig

Monday, January 16 | 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.



## DROP-IN MOVIES

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

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



#### ***Downton Abbey: A New Era***

Wednesday, December 7 | 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Follow-up to the 2019 feature film in which the Crawley family and Downton staff received a royal visit from the King and Queen of Great Britain.

Rated PG



#### ***Surviving Christmas***

Wednesday, December 21 | 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

A lonely, obnoxious young millionaire pays a family to spend Christmas with him. Rated PG-13



#### ***Top Gun: Maverick***

Wednesday, January 11 | 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

After more than thirty years of service as one of the Navy's top aviators, Pete Mitchell is where he belongs, still pushing the envelope as a courageous test pilot. Rated PG-13



#### ***Singin' in the Rain***

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

A silent film star falls for a chorus girl just as he and his jealous screen partner are trying to make the difficult transition to talking pictures in 1920s Hollywood. Rated G

# Computer Classes



Registration is encouraged for in-person computer classes to receive program updates. Register online, by phone at (630) 924-2730, or by email at [bdref@mybpl.org](mailto:bdref@mybpl.org). Virtual classes are noted with  and will be posted on our YouTube channel.

## WORD PROCESSING, SPREADSHEETS, AND MORE!

### Introduction to LibreOffice - Calc

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

LibreOffice is a free suite of office software comparable to Microsoft Office. This class is an introduction to the Calc program, a spreadsheet program similar to Excel.

### Macros

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

Macros allow you to automate tasks in Microsoft Office programs. Design macros, both through recording and basic coding, as well as make them easier to find and use.

### Google Docs & Cloud Backup

Monday, January 9 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.  
Instructor: Sean

Students will learn about cloud storage options to work collaboratively, access their saved items anywhere in the world, and provide a backup in case of computer failure. We will use Google's free applications, but alternatives will also be discussed.

### Microsoft Word: Common Problems

Thursday, January 12 | 7:00 p.m.  
Instructor: Charlie

In this video, we discuss solutions to common issues patrons come across when working with Microsoft Word.

### Virus/Spyware Protection

Monday, January 16 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.  
Instructor: Sean

Examine the problems caused to computers by viruses, spyware, pop-ups, and other malicious programs, and discuss ways to avoid and remove them if necessary.

### Password Managers

Monday, January 23 | 7:00 p.m.  
Instructor: Sean

Curious about the various online tools for organizing and storing your passwords? This virtual class will explore options available and discuss the potential benefits in convenience while addressing security concerns.



## 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, January 10 | 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.  
Instructor: Sean

Learn the basics of computer use and dealing with Windows.

### Internet Use & Safety

Tuesday, January 17 | 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, January 18 | 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.

## DESIGN TOOLS

### Digitizing Audio Cassettes

Thursday, December 15 | 7:00 p.m.  
Instructor: Salvador

Learn how to digitize your audiocassette tapes using our Digital Archiving Station in the computer lab. Create audio files for use on computers and other media storage (CDs, USB flash drives). We will also go over basic functions and editing of audio with Audacity and Adobe Audition.

### Blender - Textures

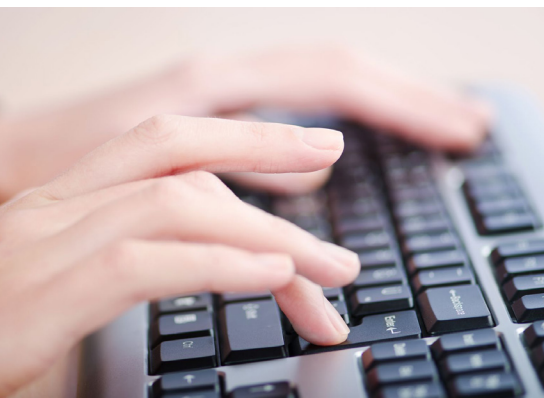
Thursday, January 19 | 7:00 p.m.  
Instructor: Charlie

In this course, we will look at the basics of adding color details to a 3D model in Blender. This can be helpful for planning a paint job for your 3D prints.

### Canva 101 - Free Design Tools

Thursday, January 26 | 7:00 p.m.  
Instructor: Charlie

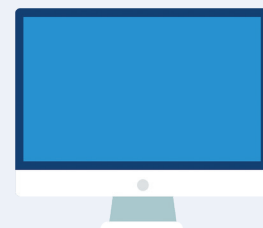
A beginner's introduction to the free online design and publishing tool.



## RENT-A-TECH

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

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





# Teen Programs

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

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

## exam cram

**December 14 & 15 | 3:00 – 9:00 p.m. Open to all high school students, grades 9-12 (Drop-In)**

Get ready for finals at the library's Exam Cram! We'll have group and quiet study areas, Wi-Fi, and computers. We'll provide caffeine, snacks, and opportunities to de-stress - you provide the brain power! Pizza served at 7:00 p.m.

### Teen Crafts @ BPL

#### 📅 Candy Sled

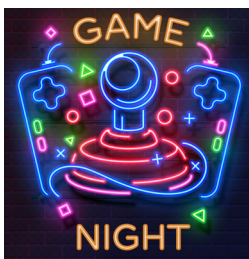
Wednesday, December 21 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Craft a sled made from candy! Keep the sweet treat for yourself or give it as a gift. Limit 10 teens.

#### 📅 DIY Brownie Candle

Wednesday, January 11 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Calling all chocoholics! Make a sweet smelling chocolate brownie scented candle. Just try not to take a bite out of it! Limit 8 teens.



#### Game Night (Drop-In)

Thursdays, 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.  
December 8 & 22, January 12 & 26

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!

#### TAB: Teen Advisory Board (Drop-In)

Wednesday, January 18  
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!



#### 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](http://www.mybpl.org/teenbookbags)



### 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.

#### Home Alone (PG)

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

**DROP-IN**

#### Chaos Walking (PG-13)

Wednesday, January 25 | 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.

#### Avatar: The Way of Water (PG-13)

Friday, December 23 | Meeting Time TBA  
Registration begins Monday, November 28



## Virtual ACT/SAT Practice Tests

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

#### 📅 ACT Practice Test

Saturday, December 17 | link will be emailed on testing day

#### 📅 SAT Practice Test

Saturday, January 14 | link will be emailed on testing day

# Youth Programs



Registration required for some youth programs (noted with 📅). **Registration for December programs begins November 28 at 9:00 a.m.** **Registration for January programs begins December 27 at 9:00 a.m.** Register online, by phone at (630) 924-2740, or by email at [bdys@mybpl.org](mailto:bdys@mybpl.org). Virtual classes are noted with 📺 and will be posted on our YouTube channel. Please have your library card when you register.

## School Age Programs



### Middle Grade Makers (Drop-In)

Grades 4-8  
Thursday, December 1 & January 5 | 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, and jewelry. Crafts will take anywhere from 15 minutes to an hour – drop by and see what’s new each session!

### 📅 Makerspace Club: Tech Time

Grade 3-6  
Thursdays, December 8 & January 12 | 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

Come get some hands-on time with tech at Makerspace Club!  
December – light up holiday cards  
January – glow in the dark creations

### Slime Time (Drop-In)

Grades 3-6  
Monday, December 12 | 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Drop by after school and make THE BEST slime in all sorts of colors!



### 📅 Milk & Cookie Santa Plate Set

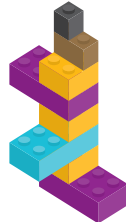
Grades 1-6  
Thursday, December 15 | 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

Join us in the Makerspace to create a milk & cookie plate set for your family to use for years to come.

### LEGO® Club (Drop-In)

Grades 1-6  
Wednesday, December 21 | 1:30 – 2:15 p.m.

Can you use our LEGO® to complete the challenge?



### Haiku Time (Drop-In)

Grades 3-6  
Tuesday, January 10 | 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.



Learn about haiku: what it is, where it came from, and why people love it, all while making your own!

### 📺 Crochet Along with Miss Carol

Grade 3-8  
YouTube video posted on January 15

Learn to crochet along with Miss Carol. Check our YouTube page for video tutorials for each project. A supply list and written instructions can be found on the library website. January project – Mug Cozies

### 📅 Create Your Own Winter Gnome

Grades 3-6  
Monday, January 16 | 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

What is the deal with gnomes? What makes them so popular? Join us to find out and to create your own winter gnome decoration.



### 📅 Make a Paper Table Challenge

Grades 3-6  
Monday, January 23 | 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Work together with a team of your peers to face an engineering challenge. This program focuses on collaboration, teamwork, and problem solving skills, rather than competition.

### 📅 DIY Toys and Games

Grades 2-4  
Tuesday, January 24 | 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

Using STEM concepts and provided materials, design and create fun games and toys you take home!

### 📅 What’s Poppin’?

Grades 3-6  
Thursday, January 26 | 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

Concoct an individual popcorn seasoning to JUST your taste and get cool facts, tips, and ideas for popping up a party this winter!



### 📅 Happy Chocolate Cake Day

Grades K-2  
Wednesday, February 1 | 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Chocolate, chocolate – almost everyone loves chocolate! Come find out the science behind chocolate and enjoy some yummy treats.



### Drop-In Scavenger Hunt: Sights & Sounds of the Holiday Season

All Ages  
December 1 - 30

The holiday season is upon us! Stop into Youth Services to search for sights and sounds that represent holidays from around the world.



### Drop-In Scavenger Hunt: Penguins

All Ages  
January 20 - 27

It’s Penguin Awareness Day! Come find some penguin facts in Youth Services and win a sticker.



# Youth Services

Registration required for some youth programs (noted with 🗳️). **Registration for December programs begins November 28 at 9:00 a.m.** **Registration for January programs begins December 27 at 9:00 a.m.** Register online, by phone at (630) 924-2740, or by email at [bdys@mybpl.org](mailto:bdys@mybpl.org). Please have your library card when you register.

## Preschool Programs

### Pasta Prints (Drop-In)

Ages 3-5  
Saturday, December 3 | 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Make creative designs with pasta shapes on air-dry clay, then hang them as fun decorations.

### Welcome to Whoville

Ages 3-5  
Tuesday, December 6 | 1:30 – 2:15 p.m.

Everyone in Whoville is gathering for a wonderful celebration with stories, crafts, and more!



### Come Together (Drop-In)

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

Every Wednesday, meet and chat with other parents & caregivers while your child socializes and explores with hands-on toys. **Will be offered simultaneously with Baby Tales and Tunes when in session. There will be no Come Together December 21 or 28.**

### Celebrate Winter Animals

Ages 3-5 years  
Tuesday, December 13 | 10:30 – 11:15 a.m.

Some animals sleep through the winter, others move to a warmer place, and some find ways to stay warm and find food during the cold winter months. There will be stories, activities, and crafts to explore how animals cope with cold weather.



### Cocoa & Cookies

Families  
Sunday, December 18 | 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

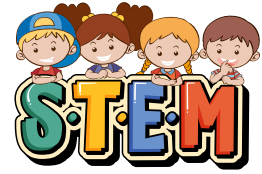
Warm up and wind down for the day with some cocoa, cookies, and heartwarming stories.



### Playing with STEM

Ages 2-5  
Tuesday, December 20 | 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! This month we will learn about colors and light.



### Cozy Bedtime Stories (Drop-In)

Families  
Wednesdays, January 4, 11, 18, & 25 | 6:00 – 6:45 p.m.

Stay warm inside at BPL while it is so cold outside! Join us on Wednesday evenings in January for winter themed storytimes and crafts.



### Happy Books, Happy Cooks

Ages 3-5  
Thursday, January 19 | 6:00 – 6:30 pm

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



### Craft Time (Drop-In)

All Ages  
Saturday and Sunday, January 21 – 22  
Stop by the Youth Services department anytime to create a Chinese New Year lantern. While supplies last.



### Join us for Winter Reading!

## SNOW IS FALLING BOOKS ARE CALLING

**December 12 - February 3**

See page 1 for details on programs for all ages.



## Valentines for Veterans

Wednesday, January 4 – Monday, February 6

The BPL Youth Services department will again sponsor their annual Valentines for Veterans program! We invite children and adults to make Valentine cards for veterans. All Valentine cards will be delivered to veterans who have served our country and are currently hospitalized at **Hines Veterans Hospital** in Hines, IL and **Jessie Brown Hospital** in Chicago.

Art and card supplies will be available at the Youth Services desk to create cards while visiting the library. Everyone is also welcome to bring in cards made at home from personal craft materials (please do not glue anything onto the card that may break off easily, and glitter is discouraged). **Please turn in all cards to the Youth Services desk.**

Envelopes for cards are not required.

# Winter Storytimes

The Youth Services department provides age-appropriate interactive fun with stories, sign language, music, and more. Storytimes are limited to the first 20 children to arrive.

**Late Fall Storytime is three weeks:  
November 28 through December 16**

## 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.



**New Year Storytime session runs six weeks:  
January 9 through February 17**

## Baby Tales & Tunes

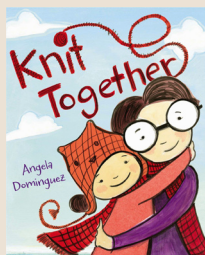
Ages 0-24 months with caregiver  
Wednesdays  
10:00 – 10:20 a.m. OR  
10:50 – 11:10 a.m.



Introduce your baby to the world of music, movement, rhymes, and books 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.

## SPECIAL EVENT WITH ROSELLE PUBLIC LIBRARY



**Angela Dominguez Author Visit  
Saturday, January 21  
2:00 – 3:00 p.m.  
in the Lake Park West Auditorium  
500 W. Bryn Mawr Avenue, Roselle**

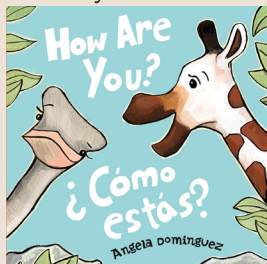
The **Roselle Public Library** will be hosting award-winning author/illustrator

**Angela Dominguez** on Saturday, January 21 from 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. at the Lake Park High School West Auditorium.

There will be a “how to draw” portion of the presentation, and Angela will be available to sign books afterward. Books will be available for sale thanks to assistance from Barnes & Noble.

*The Roselle Public Library was the recipient of the Maureen Hayes Author/Illustrator Award, established by the Association of Library Services to Children (a division of the American Library Association) with Simon & Schuster Children’s Publishing to bring together children and nationally recognized authors/illustrators by funding up to \$4,000 for an author/illustrator visit to a library.*

*Additional support for this event was given by Lake Park High School, the Bloomingdale Public Library, the Itasca Community Library, the Bloomingdale-Roselle Kiwanis, and the Roselle Fine Arts Academy.*



**bpl  
makerspace**

### Limited Hours in December

Be sure to visit the Makerspace by Saturday, December 17 to get in your last minute holiday crafts and gifts!

The Makerspace will be closed for the holiday starting Thursday, December 22 and will reopen for Bloomingdale cardholders on Thursday, January 5.

# Festival of Lights

## A December Filled with Fun!

Festival of Lights activities at the Bloomington Park District Museum & Old Town Park continue through December.

**Holiday Crafts | Horse-drawn carriage rides | Holiday-themed programs | Complimentary refreshments during Bloomington Park District Museum open hours | Photo opportunities with a Snowman and Reindeer | Cookie Decorating with D's treats | Holiday Cooking & Baking Programs | Holiday Scavenger Hunt**

The festivities continue through December! For a complete list of the special holiday-themed programs and activities visit [www.bloomingtonparks.org](http://www.bloomingtonparks.org). Reservations are required for some of the programs along with a fee. Activities and entertainment offerings are **Friday, December 2 through Friday, December 23, and the Old Town Park lights will stay lit through New Year's Day!**

### Holiday Show at the Museum

During December, the Bloomington Park District Museum will highlight the holiday season with a special exhibition. The Museum will be the center of activity during Festival of Lights. Both galleries will be lavishly decorated for the season. This year we feature photographic winter scenes by the fotoMuses. One entire gallery will be occupied by the huge LEGO train exhibit. Visitors will see nine freight and passenger trains, as they chug through the city and country landscape. Crafts for kids, photos with Santa, carriage rides, and complimentary refreshments all make this holiday one to remember.



### Museum December Hours

6PM-8:30PM Thursdays | 6PM-8:30PM Fridays | 2PM-4:30PM Saturdays

**New This Year!**



### Vintage Sleigh Photo Opportunity

This beautifully restored sleigh was donated by Roberta (Rentner) Abell, in loving memory and in honor of her father, George Robert Rentner. George Rentner was born in Bloomington in 1942; the Rentner family began calling Bloomington home when they moved to the community in 1917. George painstakingly refinished the sleigh during his retirement years. It has been donated for the Bloomington community to enjoy during the holidays. Stop by Old Town Park (December 3 – 31) to see a piece of history and snap a photo.

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# The Lounge

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 **Home Instead.**  
*To us, it's personal*



## THE LOUNGE

The Lounge is relaxing space in the Johnston Recreation Center for active adults and seniors. It features a comfortable seating area to watch TV and movies, play cards, an area to get active with Wii video games, and plenty of space to simply relax and pass the time. Free coffee is available. Our schedule is subject to change. The Lounge is open Mondays and Wednesdays. You can find more information about The Lounge at <https://www.bloomingtonparks.org/facilities/jrc/the-lounge>.

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

## December

### Lounge Open

**December 5 | 9:30AM-12:30PM | Free**

Drop in anytime between 9:30AM-12:30PM to play cards, board games, Wii, or Table Tennis, watch TV, or just relax. The Lounge is open for your enjoyment. Coffee is always available.

### Craft Day

**December 7 | 10:30-11:30AM | Free**

**Code: 203780-B1**

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

### Lounge Open

**December 12 | 9:30AM-12:30PM | Free**

Drop in anytime between 9:30AM-12:30PM to play cards, board games, Wii, or Table Tennis, watch TV, or just relax. The Lounge is open for your enjoyment. Coffee is always available.

### Bingo - Holiday Themed

**December 14 | 10-11:30AM | Free**

**Code: 203777-F1**

Save the second and last Wednesday of every month and join us for some bingo fun. All supplies will be provided. Prizes to all winners! Registration is required. The second Wednesdays of the month are themed bingos.

### Holiday Movie and Popcorn

**December 19 | 10:30AM-12:30PM | Free**

Grab your friends and enjoy a holiday movie together. Popcorn provided. Please call the Friday prior for the movie title.

### Lounge Open

**December 21 | 9:30AM-12:30PM | Free**

Drop in anytime between 9:30AM-12:30PM to play cards, board games, Wii, or Table Tennis, watch TV, or just relax. The Lounge is open for your enjoyment. Coffee is always available.

### Lounge Open

**December 26 | 9:30AM-12:30PM | Free**

Drop in anytime between 9:30AM-12:30PM to play cards, board games, Wii, or Table Tennis, watch TV, or just relax. The Lounge is open for your enjoyment. Coffee is always available.

### Bingo

**December 28 | 10-11:30AM | Free**

**Code: 203777-F2**

Save the second and last Wednesday of every month and join us for some bingo fun. All supplies will be provided. Prizes to all winners! Registration is required. The second Wednesdays of the month are themed bingos.

## January

### Lounge Open

**January 9 | 9:30AM-12:30PM | Free**

Drop in anytime between 9:30AM-12:30PM to play cards, board games, Wii, or Table Tennis, watch TV, or just relax. The Lounge is open for your enjoyment. Coffee is always available.

### Bingo - Winter Themed

**January 11 | 10-11:30AM | Free**

**Code: 203777-A1**

Save the second and last Wednesday of every month and join us for some bingo fun. All supplies will be provided. Prizes to all winners! Registration is required. The second Wednesdays of the month are themed bingos.

### Lounge Open

**January 16 | 9:30AM-12:30PM | Free**

Drop in anytime between 9:30AM-12:30PM to play cards, board games, Wii, or Table Tennis, watch TV, or just relax. The Lounge is open for your enjoyment. Coffee is always available.

### Craft Day

**January 18 | 10:30-11:30AM | Free**

**Code: 203780-A1**

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

### Lounge Open

**January 23 | 9:30AM-12:30PM | Free**

Drop in anytime between 9:30AM-12:30PM to play cards, board games, Wii, or Table Tennis, watch TV, or just relax. The Lounge is open for your enjoyment. Coffee is always available.

### Bingo

**January 25 | 10-11:30AM | Free**

**Code: 203777-A2**

Save the second and last Wednesday of every month and join us for some bingo fun. All supplies will be provided. Prizes to all winners! Registration is required. The second Wednesdays of the month are themed bingos.

# Bloomingtondale Park District Museum

108 South Bloomingtondale Road • Phone: 630.339.3570  
Email: [bpdmuseum@bloomingtondaleparks.org](mailto:bpdmuseum@bloomingtondaleparks.org)

### Museum Hours During Exhibits

Wednesday 5-8PM

Thursday 12-4PM

Saturday 12-4PM

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

## Festival of Lights at the Museum

December 2-23

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

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### Special Festival of Light Hours

6-8:30PM Thursday & Friday | 2-4:30PM Saturday

## PHOTO 2023 - "THE MAGIC OF LIGHT"

January 14 - February 11

Opening Reception: Sunday, January 22, 2-4PM

Local artists may enter up to four works of art for our annual photography show. Day or night scenes, subjects in bright or dim light, natural or enhanced illumination all contribute to the language of light in photography today. Bring us your most magical images which will be juried by a local art professional, who will also determine the cash awards. A prospectus with all the information about the show will be emailed in December, and will also be available on the park district website. We look forward to seeing your submissions! Drop-off will be Tuesday, January 3 (10-2) & Wednesday, January 4 (4-8pm).

## 39th ANNUAL STUDENT SHOW

February 25 - March 25

We celebrate the artistic endeavors of children at the 39th annual show featuring student art from local schools--grade school through high school. It is so rewarding to see the work of these students and their take on art and the world. We hope you will fit in a visit to the Museum to see all these wonderful images!



"Break Room" by Joan Ladendorf



Roselle Middle School Art Collaborative 2022

# B-FIT CENTER

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

## Cardio

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

## Machines/Weights

- Weight benches
- Weight rack
- Leg press/calf extension machine
- Leg extension/leg curl machine
- Pulldown machine
- Cable crossover machine

## Membership

**Enrollment Fee** \$25

**Annual membership (Adult & Youth Age 14-15)**  
 Child must always be accompanied by an adult member  
 \$145 Resident \$185 Non-Resident

**Monthly membership (Adult & Youth Age 14-15)**  
 Child must always be accompanied by an adult member  
 \$15 Resident \$19 Non-Resident

**Student Memberships**  
**3 Month Summer + FREE 1 Month Winter Break**  
 \$45 Resident \$57 Non-Resident

**1 Month Winter Break**  
 \$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/Business Employee Membership**  
 contact Amber, [amber@bloomingtonparks.org](mailto:amber@bloomingtonparks.org).

**SilverSneakers & Prime Membership**  
 FREE for SilverSneakers & Prime Participants

## NEW!

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

## Group Exercise

- 946 square feet
- TRX Stations
- Members have access when no classes are in session.

## B-Fit Hours\*

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

## Holiday Hours\*

Thanksgiving Day	Closed
November 25	7-11AM
Christmas Eve	Closed
Christmas Day	Closed
New Year's Eve	8:30AM-12:30PM
New Year's Day	Closed
Easter	Closed
Memorial Day	Closed

\*Hours subject to change. The B-Fit Center may close 30 minutes before the scheduled closing time if no one is working out.

## B-Fit Center Winter Promotion

New Members FREE Enrollment Fee  
 Free Gift to New Members  
 Promotion valid 1/1/23 - 1/31/23



## 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](http://www.tivityhealth.com).

## Free Visit to the B-Fit Fitness Center

Bring this coupon in to the B-Fit Center at 172 S. Circle Ave, Bloomington, IL 60108 for one FREE WORKOUT!  
 Valid for new guests only. Age 16 and up.