

Village of Bloomingdale

Almanac

February 2023

Growth with Pride

2023 Maker's Market Season May-December

The Bloomingdale Maker's Market 2023 season will be held May-December; open from 10 AM to 2 PM on the last Sunday of the month and on December 10th, in the parking lot on the corner of Schick Road & 3rd Street.

The market features local vendors offering goods such as home decor, jewelry, food, blankets, clothes and more.

If you are interested in being a vendor during the 2023 season, please check out the new Bloomingdale Maker's Market website at bloomingdalemakersmarket.com; Registration is now open to new vendors.

For more information, visit the Bloomingdale Makers Market Facebook page or bloomingdalemakersmarket.com. For questions, info@bloomingdalemakersmarket.com.

Celebrate a World of Flavors During Restaurant Week

Bloomingdale is quickly becoming a dining destination with new restaurants opening and a world of diverse culinary flavors. We will be celebrating the restaurants who bring us these many tastes during Restaurant Week 2023. Restaurants across Bloomingdale are taking part in the week-long promotion, which will run from February 20 – 26. Each venue, including formal dining to quick service eateries, will provide special menus and offers to entice the public to visit. That's a week of dining deals across town at new and favorite restaurants. This is a great opportunity to indulge at that place you've been wanting to try, support a new restaurant and expand your palate with unique cuisine; every dollar spent can add up to chances to win prizes of

gift cards donated by the participating restaurants.

View a list of participating establishments along with their Restaurant Week featured menus & deals, at the Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce website, BloomingdaleChamber.com, then click on the Restaurant Week icon. During this event, for every \$10 spent at participating restaurants receive an entry to win gift cards. Check the Chamber website for more information on how to enter and follow their Facebook page at [BloomingdaleChamberIL](https://www.facebook.com/BloomingdaleChamberIL). Post on Facebook during Restaurant Week and add [#bcrestaurantweek2023](https://twitter.com/bcrestaurantweek2023) for additional chances to win.

Please keep in mind that many establishments still have staff shortages and supply chain issues with increased costs. By dining out, you are supporting businesses who donate to & host fundraisers, help fund the Chamber's Scholarship Program, among other things. Participating in Restaurant Week helps local businesses to succeed and continue to give back to the community; please dine out often & show support for our restaurants.

Take your taste buds all over the world without leaving Bloomingdale!



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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



The Salvation Army's Pre-School children were recipients of the generosity extended by the Bloomingdale Community. Gifts fulfilling the wishes on over 80 Angel Tree tags, as well as extra items donated by the residents, were delivered to the young children and babies of the Red Shield Head Start program. Thank you to Bloomingdale, and all who participated in the collection for the Angel Tree, for your kindness & generosity!

Kids Shop with Bloomingdale Cops

Several deserving children were treated to a special day and a great time at the Annual Police Department Shop with a Cop event in December. The day began with breakfast for the participants, followed by a parade style, (lights and sirens) police car ride to Meijer's for fun-filled morning of shopping for toys and other holiday items including a hat, coat and gloves donated by Salerno Rosedale Chapels.

This event is made possible by generous donations from Bloomingdale Police Department FOP Lodge 175; Meijer's; Salerno Rosedale Chapels; Sporty's Catering; Bloomingdale Township Republican Party; Woodman's Food Market; Costco Wholesale; John Dabrowski; Alyssa Cunningham and several Bloomingdale residents.



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

What a magnificent evening for the Bloomingdale community at the Tree Lighting Ceremony and Kris Kringle Market, kicking off the annual Festival of Lights month-long activities in Old Town Park. The event has grown over the years and so have the number of visitors. I enjoy seeing so many happy faces and am thankful to the Public Works crews who work tirelessly to make the event better each year. Special thanks to our sponsors Bloomingdale Park District, Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce and Pan American Bank & Trust as well, who helped make the event a success. It was a wonderful finale to 2022, and a prelude to an exciting 2023.

The Village Board and I are currently in the process of analyzing our budget for the next fiscal year as well as evaluating our infrastructure needs and establishing long-term goals and outlook for the community. We are currently working with the new owners at the former Indian Lakes Hotel to design a plan to reopen a golf course on the Village Open Space that will include a walking trail along its perimeter for residents to enjoy throughout the year. To achieve this goal the Village has partnered with the new owners of the hotel property to redesign the space to include an 18-hole course, along with a 9-hole Par 3 and large putting green area. Along with the work the new owners are completing to the main hotel, a renovation of the Pro Shop, Masters Grill, and patio area will help provide an enjoyable backdrop to guests, residents, and visitors. This plan will also include a stormwater detention project for the south end of the property; we are working with the State of Illinois on a grant to assist with that project cost.

I want to thank the community again for the tremendous response to our Stratford Square Mall survey-the data collected has been helpful to shape the current analysis and feasibility work that we are completing. The consensus agree that it is a fool's game to wait for the current property owners to re-develop the property. To that end, the Village is in the process of bringing the Mall properties under one ownership. In the next month, we will be sharing some of the possible plans for the transformation of the area that will include components of entertainment, retail, housing, and open space for community events.

Our retail centers continue to thrive with the addition of First Watch at Bloomingdale Court, the opening of Culver's and Belle Tire on the long vacant Meijer outlots, Eggceptional Cafe Breakfast & Lunch along Army Trail, the beginning of construction for the new Cooper's Hawk on Gary Avenue, the upcoming opening of Burlington at Bloomingdale Court, and plans for a Shake Shack on the corner of Springfield Drive and Army Trail Road. The continued success of our retail centers is dependent on not only visitors to our community but our residents supporting our businesses!

The Village Board and I look forward to continuing our work in the community and continuing to push the Village's motto of "Growth with Pride" forward in 2023. A Happy and Healthy New Year to All!

Mayor Franco



Bloomingdale VFW Announces 2022 Scholarship Winners

Esha Aggarwal was chosen as the Veterans of Foreign Wars Bloomingdale Post 7539's Voice of Democracy winner for 2022. Julianna received a plaque and a check for \$350 from the post. She is a student at Lake Park High School and wants to pursue a degree in business administration, as well as media, culture, and communications. Esha is now eligible to move on to the District Competition.

Second place - Anya Talwar, St. Francis High School and third place - Benjamin Umbdenstock, Lake Park High School. All the students did an excellent job and are to be commended for their efforts.



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

The Patriot Pen youth essay program is similar to the Voice of Democracy, but is open to 6th through 8th graders. This year's winners: St. Isidore students Luciana Perez (1st Place), Parker Sierzega (2nd Place), and Sophia Rendia (3rd Place), were Bloomingdale Post 7539's winners for their essays on "How Can I be a Good American?"

All students did an excellent job and are to be commended for their efforts.



Three Village Trustees to be Elected on April 4

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

On Tuesday April 4, residents will have the opportunity to elect three Village Trustees. Below is a brief overview of the candidates running for office.

VINCE ACKERMAN

Village Trustee, Four Year Term

Vince Ackerman and wife Suzanne moved to Bloomington in 2007 to raise their two children, Alyssa and Zachary. Vince graduated from University of Iowa & is the global product management lead for Deloitte's Tax and Legal practice. Vince was elected as a trustee in 2015 after serving on the CCSD93 School Board from 2011-2015. In the community, Vince was a board member of the Bloomington Baseball & Softball Association & has been a youth sports coach for many athletes.



"Over the last four years, we have seen a number of projects delivered in Bloomington that've helped continue our village's growth through the pandemic. As we look ahead, we have additional challenges that the board will face to ensure Bloomington balances the needs of our residents with our vision for the village. I'm excited to see what we are able to deliver for the Village of Bloomington & its residents!"

WILLIAM BELMONTE

Village Trustee, Four Year Term

Bill Belmonte and wife, Adrian, have lived in Bloomington for 22 years with their children, Will and Alexis. A DePaul University College of Law graduate, Bill has been a practicing lawyer for 29 years and a Partner in the law firm of Marquardt & Belmonte P.C. in Wheaton since 1998. He coached for Bloomington Bears & the BBSA, was an Eastgate HOA Board Member & is passionate about cures for Multiple Sclerosis and Cystic Fibrosis. He brings a strong sense of community, his job experience & eight years as a Village Trustee to this position.



"We have made such progress with not only bringing business back to the community, revitalizing Old Town & Lake St., working on the Indian Lakes and Stratford projects, and adding streetscape beautification to Bloomington's entry corridors, but most importantly bringing back a sense of community to our great Village. We will continue to move forward with the best interests of the community in mind."

PATRICK SHANNON

Village Trustee, Four Year Term

Patrick Shannon is a lifelong DuPage County resident. He and his wife Jill have lived in Bloomington for 19 years, with their daughter Cailin, 17 and son Brennan, 12. Patrick attended Fenwick High School and the University of St. Francis in Joliet, IL. He is currently Senior Vice President at ML Realty Partners in Itasca, a commercial real estate investment firm focused on industrial buildings in the central United States. Patrick served three years on Bloomington's Planning & Zoning Committee, before becoming a trustee in August, 2017. He is also a board member on the Bloomington District 13 Education Foundation and an active basketball coach for Bloomington Park District.



"I have been happy to be a small part of the direction that the Village of Bloomington has been headed over the past several years. I look forward to continue to help make Bloomington a great place to work and live."

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TEEING It Up for the 2023 Golf Season

HAPPY NEW YEAR to ALL!!

The 2023 Golf Season will once again be upon us and hopefully if we have a mild winter our season can begin sooner than normal. Let's keep thinking mild winter our season can begin sooner than normal. Let's keep thinking SPRING!



In preparation for this upcoming season, we want to share with you some upcoming changes that will be taking place. The most noticeable change will be the switch over from our current Golf Now POS (point of sales) system to a more current, cloud-based POS system. This system will continue to be supported by Golf Now.

This change over will have taken place during the month of January, and with our fingers crossed, without any hiccups! As with anything new, especially of this magnitude, there will be a learning period for all Pro Shop staff. We are asking for all our loyal customers to please be patient when checking in the golf shop as we work through this transition.

Speaking of loyal customers, due to this switchover, we have decided to put on hiatus our "Loyalty Program" for the 2023 season. The past loyalty program that we have been implementing in the past will not be compatible with this new system. Therefore, we felt it was best to wait until the new system is up and running, and that the pro shop staff are comfortable with its operation before developing and implementing a new loyalty program. We will definitely have one in place for 2024.

Getting back to the game of golf, we continue to see a surge in play and anticipate this to continue into the upcoming 2023 season. We are currently working on the 2023 golf course material. We anticipate much of this information to be available by the early/middle period of February and will be accessible on our website. In the meantime, here are a couple items and reminders that will interest you in anticipation for the golf season:

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

Participation in the "Youth on Course" program, through the Chicago District Golf Association – CDGA kicks off its 6th season at Bloomingdale Golf Club. If you have juniors in the family who play golf, we strongly encourage that they register in this program. For an annual registration fee of \$20 (this could change) through the CDGA, juniors can play golf at nation-wide participating golf courses for a fee of \$5. This is a walking fee and time restrictions do apply. Visit the CDGA website: www.CDGA.org and look under membership for additional information.

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



Golf Event Dates: Mark Your Calendar For These Events

- Friday Night "Haddock Fish Fry" at the golf course will be held February 24th through April 7th.
- "Swing into Spring" Opening Scramble – Sunday, April 23rd (tentative date)
- Mixed Couples "9 and Dine" events to be held on a couple selective Fridays throughout the season. (We plan to have a revamped format for this season).

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

22nd Annual CHARACTER COUNTS! Awards – Nominations Being Accepted

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

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

Nomination forms can be found on the Bloomingdale CHARACTER COUNTS! website @ www.character60108.org.

Nominations must be submitted by Friday, May 26, 2023. Recipients will be honored at the Annual Recognition Breakfast to be held in August.

Sewer Televising Now Underway

Tips to Prevent Frozen Water Pipes

Below are tips from the Public Works Department to prevent frozen pipes. Frozen pipes can burst which can result in water damage, mold, and expensive repairs.

- Disconnect exterior hoses from spigots and drain any water. Consider placing an insulated cover over the spigot.
- Set thermostat above 55 degrees during cold weather.
- Consider installing pipe insulation on pipes that are most vulnerable to freezing, such as those positioned near outer walls, crawls spaces, and attics.
- Always ensure pipe insulation is dry. Wet insulation is worse than no insulation.
- When possible, wrap vulnerable pipes in heat tape.
- Seal cracks in doors, windows, and foundations.
- Locate the shutoff valve and advise others of its location.
- Open cabinets and closet doors to allow warm air to circulate.
- Drip cold water in the farthest faucet from your main valve. Moving water prevents freezing.

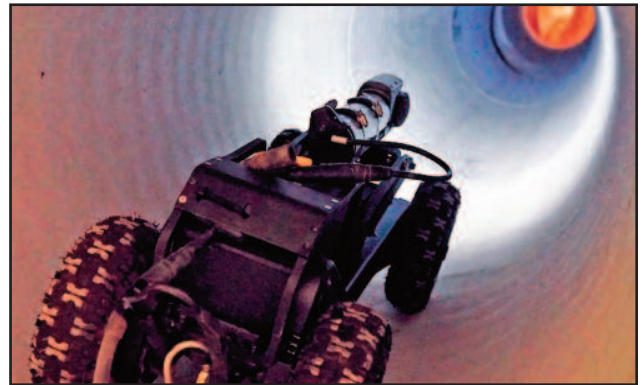
If pipes freeze, NEVER thaw them with an open flame. This is a fire hazard. Instead, use a hair dryer, heat lamp or an electric heater to thaw pipes. Make sure the electric heater is not sitting in water and that lamps are kept away from combustible materials.

If you experience frozen or burst plumbing within your home or business contact a plumber. The Village can provide a list of trusted plumbing contractors. Contact the Public Works Department with any questions or concerns at 630-671-5800.

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

Sanitary sewer sections in this year's program include all areas north of Lake St & east of N Circle Ave, Westlake area between S Circle & DuJardin School / Freeport Dr, Westwind Townhomes and The Crossings. Stormwater sections include the Westlake – Greenway Dr area, Springfield Dr, and Butterfield Dr.

Sewertech equipment will be present in the roadway and employees may be accessing manholes in easements on private property including rear yards. However, access to the inside of a residence is not needed for any reason and residents should not be affected by the work. If you experience any issues or have any questions regarding the project, please contact the Public Works – Utilities Division at (630) 671-5800.



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

Upcoming Programs

GARDEN CLUB

2/21/23- Sharpening Garden Tools BY KEN BENSON

Ken will use various sharpening stones and show how to sharpen pruners, shovels and all other garden tools. Bring in a tool to be critiqued, sharpened and/or polished.

3/21/23- Top Tool Tips

Are you using the right tools the right way? Which tools are worth buying and which aren't? Take a quick trip through the tool shed and get tips to make gardening easier.

Visitors welcome. Social time & announcements at 6:15 PM. Program at 7:00 PM at Cornerstone Faith Community Church, 118 First Street, Bloomingdale. For more information contact bloomingtondalegardenclub@gmail.com or visit www.bloomingtondalegardenclub.org.

BLOOMINGDALE ARTIST ASSOCIATION

2/8/23 at 6:30pm- Quick & Easy Watercolor Flowers

Linda Kay, Art Teacher and Art Director at the Hanover Park Senior Center, will demonstrate a fun & easy technique to create lovely watercolor flowers.

Supplies needed: Three pieces of 140# watercolor paper, cut to 6" x 8", Cardboard for backing, Watercolor paints in assorted colors, Palette, Round brushes: #2, #8, #12, Large flat brush, black Micron .05 pen, Blue painters' tape/masking tape, water container. Contact Bev at bpetrosius@gmail.com or 630-624-9545 for more information. \$10 visitor fee.



Local Schools, Organizations Offer Variety Of Scholarship Opportunities

Bloomington School District 13 Scholarships: For seniors who attended District 13: DuJardin Elementary, Erickson Elementary and/or Westfield Middle School, for at least ONE year. Must have cumulative GPA of 3.0 (C or better) and planning to attend college or trade school. District 13 Parent-Teacher-Organizations will be offering \$750.00 scholarships. Past students of both DuJardin and Erickson may apply only to the school most recently attended. Students who attended one of the elementary schools and Westfield Middle School may apply to the elementary school, as well as to Westfield. Applications will be available from the three District 13 School offices, from their weekly newsletters, or can be downloaded from the district's website, www.sd13.org.

Septemberfest Scholarships are being offered by the Septemberfest Commission. The awards are funded through private, community and corporate contributions. Applicants must be a resident of Bloomington between the ages of 17 and 20. Other requirements noted on the application. The Joe Draghi Septemberfest Scholarship will have 4 winners at \$2000 each and the trade /vocational school Zaccardi Septemberfest Scholarship will have 2 winners at \$2000 each. Completed applications are due on Monday, April 3, 2023. Forms can be found on the Village of Bloomington website at tinyurl.com/SeptemberfestScholarships. Winners will be announced at the 49th annual Septemberfest on Saturday, September 9, 2023.

The Lake Park Educational Foundation is pleased to announce the availability of over 30 scholarships ranging from \$500-\$2,500, for Lake Park Seniors, Class of 2023! Scholarship applications and required support material are due on March 8, 2023. New this year, the Lake Park Education Foundation is posting their scholarships on a new platform called GoingMerry where students can browse the scholarships and apply directly on the website. Please visit www.lphs.org/Page/155 for more scholarship information. There are a variety of scholarships with different criteria based on academics, athletics, activities and financial aid.

Bloomington Chamber of Commerce is again offering their scholarship program. Applicants must be a member (or child of a member) of the Bloomington Chamber of Commerce OR a current resident of Bloomington. Scholarships from \$500 to \$1,500 are available to students graduating high school or currently enrolled in post-secondary school who are planning to continue their education or current technical school students. A Trade School Scholarship for students enrolling in a trade school or certificate program is also available. Applications are available at bloomingtonchamber.com & must be received in the Chamber office by March 8, 2023, to be considered.

Please support scholarship fundraising events during the year, watch for dates & locations on the Chamber website or Facebook page.

The Bloomington Artists Association (BAA) and Masterpiece Framing of Bloomington are pleased to offer one \$1,000 scholarship to an applicant (senior in high school or 18 years or older) who is pursuing post-secondary education in Visual Fine Arts. The award recipient must participate in the 2023 BAA Member exhibit, write an essay and submit up to 3 images of the applicant's work. Applications due by March 16, 2023.

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

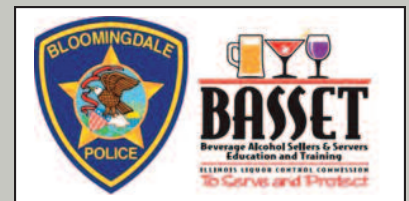


Liquor Training Course Offered on February 23

The Bloomington Police Department is hosting their next responsible alcohol service (BASSET) training class at the Police Department on Thursday, February 23rd at 5:00 PM in the Police Training Room.

The cost to attend is \$40.00; there is no charge for employees from non-profit organizations to attend.

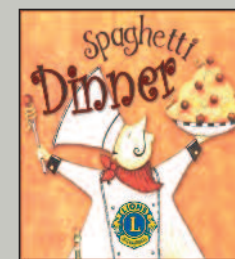
The Village's Liquor Code states that it is mandatory for all employees who sell, serve, pour and handle alcoholic beverages to complete a liquor control training seminar, including all bartenders, waiters, waitresses, clerks and retailers. To make reservations or for questions, call the Police Department Records Division at (630) 529-9868.



Lions Spaghetti Dinner on February 3

Friday, February 3 @ 5-8 PM:

Save the date for great food, fun and entertainment by Tony



Spavone at the Bloomington Lion's Club Spaghetti Dinner held at the Bloomington Golf Club.

Dinner tickets, \$12 per person, can be purchased at the door and WE SERVE RAFFLE tickets can be purchased prior to the drawing at the event. Children 8 & under are free.

If you have any questions you can contact Camille at Cari4@sbcglobal.net.

DuPage Monarch Project Showing 'Plants, Pollinators & Prayers'

Support Bloomingdale VFW Post 7539 and Military Outreach USA

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



PERSONAL HYGIENE

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

KITCHEN & CLEANING

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

BATHROOM

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

MISCELLANEOUS

Smoke Detector w/ Batteries
Flashlight w/Batteries
Garbage Bags

ONLY NEW, STORE BOUGHT
ITEMS WILL BE ACCEPTED

The DuPage Monarch Project is hosting its winter program, a viewing of *Plants, Pollinators & Prayers*. This film is a recent documentary about a local community's efforts to bring monarch butterflies back to Northern Illinois. *Plants, Pollinators & Prayers* will have a local screening at 7 PM on February 15 at the Bloomingdale Public Library located at 101 Fairfield Way.

Inspired to action by the loss of Midwestern prairie habitat and the decline of the monarch butterfly population, this documentary follows the multi-year efforts of a gardener, educator, and pastor as they transform a rural church's backyard into a monarch waystation—a sanctuary for pollinating wildlife, an educational garden for the community, and a space for spiritual contemplation. The monarch waystation featured is located in Sycamore, Illinois.

Diana Swanson, the gardener who leads the planting of the waystation, was inspired to act because, "The monarch butterfly is just one of the most amazing natural phenomena. It's one of the earth's great miracles that this small insect can migrate 3,000 miles or more."

Plants, Prayers & Pollinators is directed and produced by filmmaker and NIU professor Randy Caspersen and was shot over the past five years and crewed with students from NIU's Department of Communication.

Admission to the February 15 screening of the documentary at the Bloomingdale Public Library is free. The screening begins at 7:00 PM and runs 40 minutes. Afterward, there will be a Q & A with the filmmaker, the gardener and the environmental educator from the documentary.

The Village of Bloomingdale became a proud member of the DuPage Monarch Project in 2022, in addition to committing to the Mayor's Monarch Pledge in both 2021 and 2022.

Please register at tinyurl.com/monarchdocumentary to ensure seating.



Officers Bonilla and Darre Retire

Although these retirees will be dearly missed, their reputations will remain deeply embedded in the Village of Bloomingdale. They have each served our village well. Congratulations and thank you.

Deputy Chief Sam Bonilla retired on November 23rd after 25 years of service. We thank Deputy Chief Bonilla for his commitment and leadership. Starting as a patrol officer in 1997, he became Sergeant, Watch Commander, and finally, Deputy Chief.

We thank Officer Bill Darre for his 28 years of service to the Village of Bloomingdale, his dedication to the community and department. December 20th was Officer Darre's last day. He will be missed.



Thank You to the Village of Bloomingdale Committee & Commission Volunteers

The Village of Bloomingdale depends on the efforts of certain commissions during the year. Each serves a specific purpose and is made up of volunteers who contribute a great deal of time to carry out the work of the commission. We extend gratitude to the following individuals who have given their time so generously during 2022.

Police Pension Board

Stephen Abruzzo
Phil Jaffe
Jeffrey Fritz
Harsh Shah
Ed Levato Jr
Bruce Mason

Planning & Zoning Commission

Tim Coleman
Len Jaster
Eric Poplonski
David Brambert
Dan Vitacco
Chris Troiola
Benita Shah

Septemberfest Commission

Vivi Frumkin
Sara Dworianyn
Patricia Dopp
Nick Fratto
Mike Dworianyn
Lindsey Boehne
Justin DiSalvo
Debbie Pasiewicz
Dan Vitacco
Cindy Allston

Board of Fire & Police

Ted Cucci
Louis Pavone
Chris Troiola

Gratitude

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

The Bloomingdale Police Department recognizes and expresses appreciation to the Block Captains of the Neighborhood Watch Program during 2022 listed below whose efforts promote the positive lines of communication between their neighborhoods and the emergency service agencies of our area.

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

Albert Presco
Alyssa Cunningham
Andreia Golder
Bill Bahr
Bill Wirkus
Brenda Nies
Carol Cosentino
Carol Nies
Dorothy Prohaska
Elizabeth Gross
Francine Howard
Gail Rohlifing
Gina Leonard
Giuseppe Battista
Holly & Mark Paoletti
Jacquelyne Hill-Hulslander
Janet Davitt
Janine Hnatusko
John Carroll

Juanita Hathaway
Judi Rotondo
Ken Mixer
Kim Parlor
Laura Geraci
Lee Anne Clarbourn
Linda Derrico
Marjorie Kelly
Marvin Roehlke
Mary Albert
Mary Sue Fornari
Milan Stevanovich
Mitch & Vivi Frumkin
Monica Dolhun
Pam Berlin
Patricia Cox
Patrick Griffin
Patrick Quigley
Paul Bergl
Richard Baggio

Robert & Lucy Jones
Roberta M. DiBasilio
Sheryl Woods
Steve Higgins
Steve Vitez
Theresa Graves

Management Offices of:

Camden Apartments
One Bloomingdale Place
Wilshire Tower Apartments
Windsor Estate Apartment Homes



The Village of Bloomingdale recognizes the 2022 Milestone Anniversaries of the following employees. We would like to thank them for their hard work and dedication, totaling 210 years of service:

35 Years

Jim Johnson

30 Years

Jim Monkemeyer

20 Years

Dave Spradling
Karen Swanson

15 Years

John Beckman
Ryan Benhart

10 Years

Dominick Corsiglia
Marianne McKeown
Jeremy Redic

5 Years

Doug Ams
Tyler Bzdelik
Elvin Donald
Jason Fitzenreider
Chuck Heckinger
Phillip Jaffe
Jennifer Sassano
Nora Saucedo
Scott Swayne

Save the Date: Senior Fair on April 24

This year's Senior Day Fair, Friday is set for Friday, April 14, 2023. The event, which is sponsored by the Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce, will be held at Medinah Shriners Banquet Facility, 550 North Shriners Drive, Addison, IL 60101. The facility is located on Swift Road, just north of Army Trail Road.

Be sure to check the April issue of the Almanac for more information.

Business News

Springfield Drive and Army Trail

We are excited to announce the redevelopment of the site at 355 W. Army Trail Road! The site is the location of an existing Old Second National Bank (formerly West Suburban Bank) on the corner of Springfield Drive and Army Trail Road. The site will now be home to a new Shake Shack restaurant and a new Old Second National Bank with a smaller footprint. The project was recently approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission and heads to the Village Board at the end of January for final approvals!



Burlington

Construction is almost complete on the new location of Burlington at 156 S. Gary Avenue. Burlington announced in 2022 that they would be moving from their existing location in Stratford Square Mall, to the newly proposed location within Stratford Crossing. We are anxiously awaiting them opening their doors to the public in the coming month!



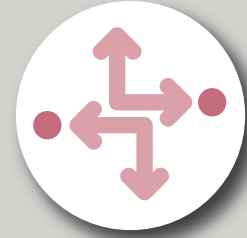
Jollibee

With the relocation of Chipotle at 396 W. Army Trail Road to accommodate the new Chipotle, the former 2,200 square foot tenant space will now be home to Jollibee! Jollibee is the fastest growing Asian restaurant company in the world, with 70 stores in North America and 1,500 stores worldwide. They are best known for their Chickenjoy, which is their signature Asian fried chicken.



Eggceptional Cafe Open At 369 Army Trail Road

A ribbon cutting ceremony was held on December 6th to recognize the opening of and to welcome Eggceptional Café to 369 W Army Trail Rd. They serve breakfast & lunch daily 6:30 AM – 2:30 PM.



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

Bloomingdale Business Spotlight

Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce is excited to spotlight their members and businesses. Your community is made up of small businesses, who pay taxes for your village services, hire locally and support your charities and schools.

By patronizing your local businesses, you are investing in your community. Learn about your local businesses at [BloomingtonChamber.com/member-spotlight.com](https://www.bloomingtonchamber.com/member-spotlight.com).





Heating Fire Safety



Follow these heating tips to help maintain a fire-safe home this winter.

Space Heater



- Keep anything that can burn, such as bedding, clothing and curtains, at least 3 feet away from the heater.
- Make sure the heater has an automatic shut-off, so if it tips over, it shuts off.
- Turn heaters off when you go to bed or leave the room.
- Plug portable heaters directly into outlets and never into an extension cord or power strip.
- Only use portable heaters from a recognized testing laboratory.

Fireplace



- Keep a glass or metal screen in front of the fireplace to prevent embers or sparks jumping out.
- Do not burn paper in your fireplace.
- Put the fire out before you go to sleep or leave your home.
- Put ashes in a metal container with a lid, outside, at least 10 feet from your home.

Wood Stove



- Make sure your wood stove is 3 feet from anything that can burn.
- Do not burn paper in your wood stove.
- Put the fire out before you go to sleep or leave your home.
- Have your chimney inspected and cleaned each year by a professional.

Furnace



- Have your furnace inspected each year.
- Keep anything that can burn away from the furnace.

Kerosene Heater



- Only use kerosene heaters from a recognized testing laboratory.
- Make sure the heater has an automatic shut-off, so if it tips over, it shuts off.
- Refuel your cooled heater outside.

For more information and free resources, visit usfa.fema.gov.



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COOKING FIRE SAFETY

With an average of 470 daily fires, cooking is the leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries according to the NFPA Home Cooking Fires Report.

DID YOU KNOW..."

- US fire departments respond to an average of 172,900 home fires per year involving cooking equipment.
- Thanksgiving is the leading day for home fires involving cooking equipment, with more than 3 times the average number!

CONTRIBUTING FACTORS

Ranges or cook-tops account for 3 of every 5 reported home fires involving cooking equipment. Ovens account for 13%.



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Winter Months Bring Risk for Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

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

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

How can I avoid CO poisoning in the home?

CO poisoning is preventable, if you follow these simple steps:

- Have your gas appliances checked periodically for proper operation & venting.
- Be sure flues, chimneys & vents are clear of debris and in good working order.
- Install CO monitors and check them regularly.
- Do not use unvented space heaters, gas stoves, charcoal grills or Sterno-type fuels as sources of heat.



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Mahan Family Wines Celebrates First Anniversary

Just over a year ago Phil & Ann, Bloomingdale residents for over 35 years, opened Mahan Family Wines & first bottles of their wines to the public. In November, they celebrated their new wines from October's harvest with their growing community of wine enthusiasts attending their Beaujolais Nouveau event. It was a special occasion for Mahan Family Wines and they would like to thank all who attended their inaugural Beaujolais Nouveau Celebration held at Alcentro Trattoria in Old Town Bloomingdale. You can view the entertaining Winemaker's speech from this event at tinyurl.com/MahanFamilyWineSBND2022.

Their success is not only due to the high quality of their product but also because of the connections they make with their guests, who come as strangers but leave as friends. At Mahan Family Wines, they like to use the expression: "When was the last time, that you did something for the first time?" Their events encourage trying something new, in life and in the vineyard.

To make a reservation at their Speakeasy-inspired Wine Bar in Bloomingdale or view upcoming events, including reservations for the 2023 Beaujolais Nouveau Celebration on November 11, visit MahanFamilyWines.com/blog.

Tree Lighting & Kris Kringle Market 2022





Outdoor Self-Service Lockers

The library's new lockers are ready for use!

Access library materials even when the library is closed by picking up your holds at the new lockers, located to the right of our main entrance. Picking up holds at the lockers is both convenient and contactless.

NEW!

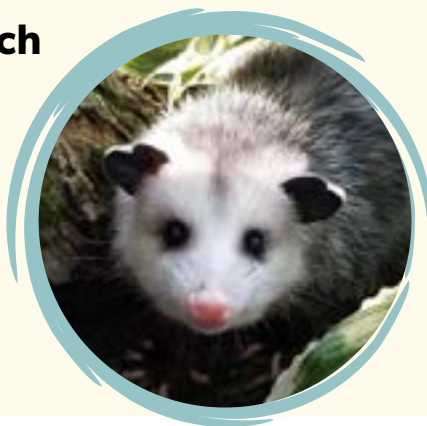
Using the lockers is easy!

1. Place a hold and select the lockers as your pickup location.
2. Wait for the library to contact you; you'll receive notifications by email, text, or phone call that your items are available.
3. Scan your Bloomington library card at the lockers to pick up your materials!

**SPECIAL
EVENTS
@ BPL**

Big Run Wolf Ranch (Drop-In)

All ages
Monday, February 20
2:00 – 3:30 p.m.
see page 6 for details



Family Makerspace Night

*Families of all ages
registration required*
Thursday, March 30
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
*see page 8 for
more information*

TAX time

Federal and State Tax Forms

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

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

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

Hours:

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

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

Sunday: 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

For updates to hours/services offered:

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



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

Adult Programs



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📅🖥️ Henry Ossawa Tanner

Monday, February 6 | 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Zoom Webinar

In this virtual presentation, art historian Jeff Mishur discusses Henry Ossawa Tanner, who became the first Black artist to achieve fame in late nineteenth century Europe. Drawing on training he received at The Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, Tanner's early work represented African Americans with dignity and respect.

📅 History of Stevie Wonder

Monday, February 13 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

In the 1960s... "My Cherie Amour." In the 1970s... "You Are The Sunshine of My Life." In the 1980s... "I Just Called To Say I Love You." It's a stunning list of huge hits! Using performance and interview clips, we will trace the arc of Stevie's amazing career to gain a deeper understanding of one of America's national treasures. Presented by popular music expert and professor Gary Wenstrup.



📅🖥️ A Jack Benny Extravaganza

Monday, February 20 | 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Zoom Webinar

This presentation features a collection of rib-tickling segments from Mr. Benny's radio programs, TV shows, and movies. We'll also look back to Benny's youth and hear stories about his rise to fame. Presented by retired teacher and film expert Steven Frenzel.

📅 TV Land with Heather Braoudakis

Tuesday, February 21 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

An exploration of your favorite TV theme songs - *Green Acres* to *Brady Bunch*, *Roy Rogers* to *The Love Boat*. Please join us for an evening of song with Chicago Symphony Chorus Singer Heather Braoudakis.

📅🖥️ Georgia O'Keeffe – An American Master

Monday, March 6 | 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Zoom Webinar

In this program, art historian Jeff Mishur discusses a full range of Georgia O'Keeffe's art, from her daring and innovative abstractions of the 1910s and 1920s to her elegant investigations of architecture, landscapes, and flowers. Still misunderstood and misinterpreted even in the 21st century, her work was crucial to the history of modernism in America.

📅🖥️ Defining Time

Monday, March 13 | 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Zoom Webinar

What time is it? That's a surprisingly hard question to answer! We'll venture through several thousand years of history in the human quest to measure and define time. Presented by Astroeducator Michelle Nichols.

📅🖥️ Funniest Women in the Movies

Monday, March 20 | 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Zoom Webinar

In this hilarious presentation of some of the funniest women in Hollywood history, we will hear stories of how they had to buck the system in order to stay true to themselves. Presented by retired teacher and film expert Steven Frenzel.

📅 Songs You've Requested with Heather Braoudakis

Tuesday, March 21 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Throughout the years, you've asked Heather to sing certain songs ... songs like "Sunrise, Sunset", "Embraceable You," "Somewhere My Love," "Stardust," and more! Please join us for an evening of songs with Chicago Symphony Chorus Singer Heather Braoudakis.

ONGOING ADULT PROGRAMS

Genealogy Club (Drop-In)

Wednesdays, February 15 & March 15 | 6:30 – 8:45 p.m.

📅 Great Decisions

Wednesdays, February 15 & March 15 | 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.



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

www.goodreads.com/mybpl

bpl makerspace crafts

📅 Valentine's Day Paper Lanterns

Registration opens February 7 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.



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 Wooden Sign

Registration opens March 7 at 9:00 a.m.

Register for one session:

Monday, March 13 | 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

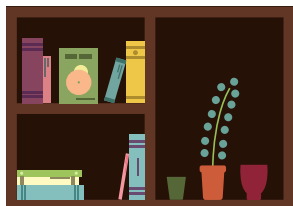
Tuesday, March 21 | 2:30 – 4:30 p.m.





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book discussion groups

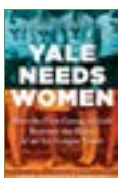
Selections are available at the Circulation Desk one month in advance of the discussion. If you have any questions, please call the Reference Desk at (630) 924-2730.

HISTORICAL BOOK DISCUSSION

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

Yale Needs Women: How the First Group of Girls Rewrote the Rules of an Ivy League Giant
by Anne Gardiner Perkins

Tuesday, February 7 | 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.



The Divine Plan: John Paul II, Ronald Reagan, and the Dramatic End of the Cold War
by Paul Kengor & Robert Orlando

Tuesday, March 7 | 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

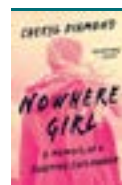


MONDAY NIGHT PAGE TURNERS

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

Nowhere Girl: A Memoir of a Fugitive Childhood
by Cheryl Diamond

Monday, February 20 | 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.



The Downstairs Girl
by Stacey Lee

Monday, March 20 | 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.



Where the Crawdads Sing

Wednesday, February 8 | 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

A woman who raised herself in the marshes of the deep South becomes a suspect in the murder trial of a man with whom she was once involved.

Rated PG-13



Bullet Train

Wednesday, March 8 | 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Five assassins aboard a fast moving bullet train find out their missions have something in common. *Rated R*



Elvis

Wednesday, February 22 | 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Elvis is Baz Luhrmann's biopic of Elvis Presley, from his childhood to becoming a rock and movie star in the 1950s while maintaining a complex relationship with his manager Colonel Tom Parker. *Rated PG-13*




Mrs. Harris Goes to Paris

Wednesday, March 22 | 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

A widowed cleaning lady in 1950s London falls madly in love with a couture Dior dress and decides that she must have one of her own. *Rated PG*

Computer Classes



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

Android Phones Basics

Monday, February 13 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

Learn how to install and manage your apps, customize your phone by changing settings and installing widgets, take advantage of expandable storage, use Google tools, and much more!

Smartphone Photography & Editing

Thursday, February 16 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Salvador

Learn the basics of taking and editing pictures and movies with Android and iPhones. Students will use free editing products to prepare their photos and movies for sharing. Note that different phones offer a wide range of camera features, so we will focus on more generally available tools.

Making YouTube Videos

Monday, February 20 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

This class will teach students how to use various free products to prepare their movies for YouTube. Time will be given to mobile apps, computer options, and the tools YouTube provides.

Live Streaming Basics

Thursday, February 23 | 7:00 p.m.
Instructor: Charlie

Interested in starting a streaming channel? Learn how to create accounts, use online resources, and find the equipment needed to produce and potentially monetize online content.

Cutting the Cord

Monday, February 27 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

Explore entertainment options beyond paying for cable. Discover how to connect your TV or other devices to streaming services, what options are out there to replace or improve on current service, and how to determine what's right for you.

Excel 1

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

Discover the basic concepts of creating and using spreadsheets. We'll discuss formatting, designing, and sorting spreadsheets along with the first steps towards creating formulas and using functions.

Beginners C++ Programming

Monday, March 13 | 7:00 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

Learn the basics of C++ programming with lessons on statements, variables, and loops, along with overviews on objects and functions. Use your new programming skills with our list of free building and compiling tools.

Digitize Audio Cassettes

Thursday, March 16 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Salvador

Join us in person to learn how to digitize cassette tapes. Learn how to use our equipment or what you would need to acquire to do this at home. Demonstrations will take place in class.

Excel 2

Monday, March 20 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

This class covers more advanced topics in Excel such as formulas, graphs, and linking between multiple worksheets.

Computer Shopping

Thursday, March 30 | 7:00 p.m.
Instructor: Charlie

Shopping for a new computer or hardware? Find the right computer parts based on your usage and budget. Learn how to understand the numbers and ratings from manufacturers and review sites.

Welcome to Windows 11

Thursday, March 23 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Charlie

Whether you're buying a new computer or your old one took advantage of the free upgrade, there are a lot of changes in the new Windows worth learning. We'll provide lots of time for hands on learning in this beginners' guide to the new Windows 11 operating system.

COMPUTER SERVICES @BPL

Wi-Fi

We offer free Wi-Fi service throughout the library during open hours and in our parking lot from 6:00 a.m. until 11:45 p.m. every day. The outdoor Wi-Fi will remain on even on days the library is closed. Connect to the Wi-Fi spots "Library Guest" or "Library Outdoors"

Rent-A-Tech

Have a computer question or need help with an online account? Make an appointment with our Computer Services staff for one-on-one help with your specific computer problem. Contact Computer Services at 630-924-2766 or bdcs@mybpl.org to schedule your appointment.



Simple Scan Station

Digitize documents quickly and send them via email, fax (fees apply), or save them to the cloud, to a USB drive, or directly to your phone. See instructions by Simple Scan Stations for details.

Wi-Fi Printing

You can upload and print items at the library using a mobile device, laptop, or remotely from a home computer. Once uploaded, just visit BPL and use the kiosk next to the copiers to release your print job.

Find details at <https://mybpl.org/patron>

Computer Classes on our YouTube Channel

To find computer classes filmed specifically for YouTube, see our Computer Classes playlist on our channel:

<https://bit.ly/3CpY0tQ>



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 7th-12 graders unless otherwise noted.

Teen Crafts @ BPL

In Person

📅 No Sew Heart Pillow

Wednesday, February 1 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Create a heart shaped pillow that requires absolutely no sewing! Keep it for yourself or give it as a Valentine's Day gift. Limit 12 teens.

📅 Perler Bead Craft

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

Choose from tons of different patterns to create a fun and colorful work of art using Perler beads. Limit 12 teens.

📅 Macaron Keychain Craft

Wednesday, March 1 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Make a keychain that looks like a sweet treat! Use bottle caps and glitter to make a macaron keychain. Limit 15 teens.

Take & Make Crafts

📅 Sloth Squishy

Registration begins Monday, January 23 - Limit 10 teens

Kit Pickup begins Monday, February 6

Pick up a kit to paint an adorable sloth-shaped squishy.

📅 Lunar Dreamcatcher

Registration begins Monday, February 20 - Limit 10 teens

Kit Pickup begins Monday, March 6

Pick up a kit to design a dreamcatcher shaped like the moon.

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.

Black Adam (PG-13)

Wednesday, February 22 | 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

DROP-IN

How to Deal (PG-13)

Wednesday, March 22 | 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.



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.

📅 **Dungeons and Dragons: Honor Among Thieves (PG-13)**

Friday, March 31 | Meeting Time TBA

Registration begins Monday, February 27



Game Night (Drop-In)

Thursdays, 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.

February 9 & 23, March 9 & 23

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, March 15

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!



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, February 4 | link will be emailed on testing day

📅 **SAT Practice Test**

Saturday, March 4 | link will be emailed on testing day

Teen Book Reviews & Book'd Bags

Love to read and looking to earn some service hours? Be sure to submit a book review and sign up for a Book'd Bag!

Check out the details here: www.mybpl.org/teenbookreviews AND www.mybpl.org/teenbookbags

Youth Programs



Registration required for some youth programs (noted with 📅). Registration for February programs begins Monday, January 23 at 9:00 a.m. Registration for March programs begins Monday, February 20 at 9:00 a.m. Register online, by phone at (630) 924-2740, or by email at 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

Thursdays, February 2 & March 2 | 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!

📅 Warm Winter Glow Tea Light Holder

Grades K-2

Monday, February 6 | 5:00 – 5:45 p.m.

Create tea light holders that can be used as a Valentine’s Day gift or just a pretty light to warm up a cold winter day.

📅 Makerspace Club: STEM Time

Grade 3-6

Thursdays, February 9 & March 9 | 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

Come get some hands-on time with tech at Makerspace Club! February – diamond painting keychain snowflakes & heroes
March – cell phone speaker decorated with duct tape

📅 Valentine’s Day STEM Challenge

Grades 3-6

Monday, February 13 | 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

Work in teams to create Valentine STEM projects. Winners will receive a prize!



📅 Carnival Day

Grades K-2

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

Come clown around with crafts and games from the carnival. Enjoy carnival snacks and prizes too!

📅 Magic Tree House Book Party

Grades K-2

Monday, February 27 | 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

Love the *Magic Tree House* series? Come for a book party based on the first four books and enjoy challenges, crafts, and more from these adventure stories for early readers.

📅 Learn to Make a DIY Drum!

Grades K-2

Monday, March 6 | 5:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Bum! Bum! Bum! Now you can march to the beat of your own drum! Come have fun making your own DIY drum set.



📅 Mosaic Art

Grades 3-6

Monday, March 13 | 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Mosaic is the art of creating pictures by assembling small pieces. Try your hand at creating a masterpiece in this ancient art form.

📅 Coding a LEGO® Maze

Grades K-2

Tuesday, March 14 | 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

We will build mazes out of LEGO® then practice simple coding to find our way out! No coding experience or knowledge necessary.

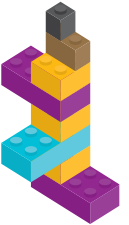
LEGO® Club (Drop-In)

Grades K-6

Sunday, February 19 | 2:00 – 2:45 p.m.

Wednesday, March 29 | 4:00 – 4:45 p.m.

Design and build with the library’s LEGO® supply to complete the challenges!

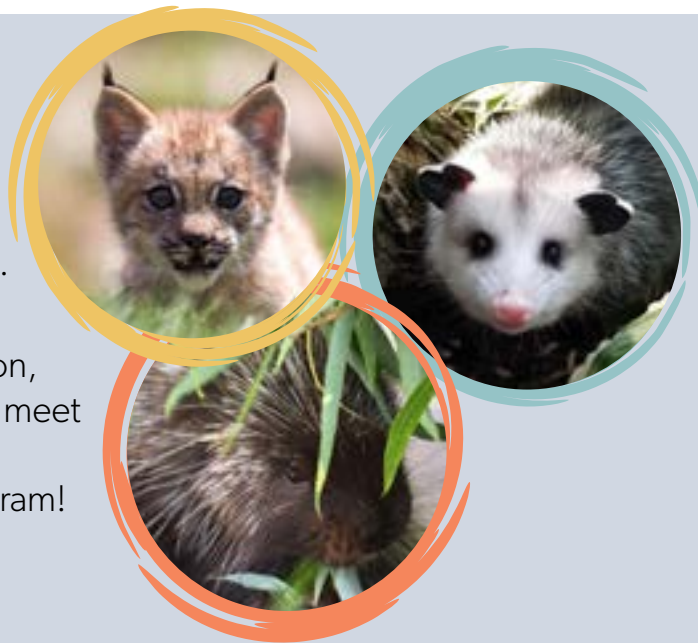


Big Run Wolf Ranch (Drop-In)

All ages

Monday, February 20 | 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Get ready for a visit from the Big Run Wolf Ranch! Stop by the library to learn about animal conservation, the critters that live in our backyards, and even meet a lynx, a porcupine, a skunk, and an opossum. Bring the whole family for this exciting all ages program!





Youth Programs

Registration required for some youth programs (noted with 📅). Registration for February programs begins Monday, January 23 at 9:00 a.m. Registration for March programs begins Monday, February 20 at 9:00 a.m. Register online, by phone at (630) 924-2740, or by email at bdys@mybpl.org. Virtual classes are noted with 📺 and will be posted on our [YouTube channel](#). Please have your library card when you register.

Preschool Programs

Programs for All Ages

📅 The Crayons Have Escaped!

Ages 3-5
Tuesday, February 7 | 1:30 – 2:15 p.m.

Help! The crayons have escaped from their box and we need to find them! Join us in the YS Department to hunt for the lost crayons, enjoy some stories, and create colorful activities!



Scavenger Hunt – The Day the Crayons Escaped

All ages
February 7-28

The crayons have escaped their box and are hiding out downstairs in Youth Services. Stop in and see if you can find them!

📅 Happy Books, Happy Cooks

Ages 3-5
Thursdays, February 16 & March 16 | 6:00 – 6:30 p.m.

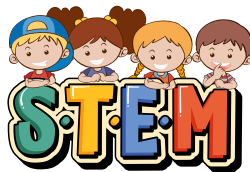
A storytime for all the budding chefs! Read a food-filled story and create a tasty treat.



📅 Playing with STEM

Ages 2-5
Tuesdays, February 21 & March 28
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!



February - planets and stars March - sound and music

📅 Springtime Fun

Ages 2-5
Tuesday, March 21 | 1:30 – 2:15 p.m.

Birds are singing and flowers are popping up! Join us for stories, songs, crafts, and more as we celebrate the start of a new season.

Preschool Process Art (Drop-In)

Ages 2-5
Saturday, March 25 | 10:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Come create an art project especially made for preschoolers.

📅 Book Club To-Go Kits

Kit Pickup: February 13-17

Each kit includes a variety of activities, including puzzles, games, crafts, book swag, and more! Kits will be available for the following age groups:

Ages 3-5: **Punk Farm**

by Jarrett J. Krosoczka

Grades K-2: **Pug Diaries** by Kyla May

Grades 3-6: **Consider the Octopus**

by Gae Polisner & Nora Raleigh Baskin



Craft Time (Drop-In)

All ages
Fridays, February 24 and March 31

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



How Does Our Froio Garden Grow? (Drop-In)

All ages
Saturday, February 25

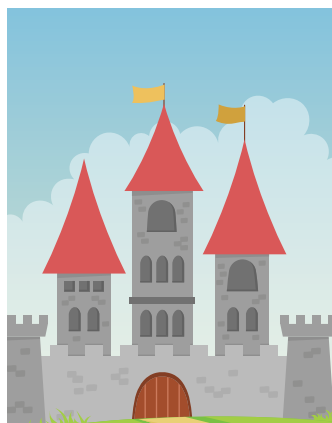
Stop by the Youth Services department to help plant milkweed for our garden. You can plant one to take home, too! While supplies last.

born to READ

Did you know that reading to your child is one of the most powerful ways to boost their brain power?

Join our **Born to Read** program and receive tips and support to begin your child's journey into the world of reading.

Sign up at the Youth Services desk to receive a gift for your new baby and discover all of the resources BPL has to offer you and your little one.



📅 Fairy Tale Ball

Families
Sunday, March 5 | 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Every Prince, Princess, Knight, and Jester is invited to the Fairy Tale Ball!

Join us for an afternoon of fun, crafts, games, and fantasy!

It's Storytime!

The Youth Services department provides age-appropriate interactive fun with stories, sign language, music, and more. Storytimes are drop-in (no registration necessary) and limited to the first 20 children to arrive.

New Year Session: January 9 through February 17

Spring Session: March 6 through April 21 (no storytimes the week of March 27-31)

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 & 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.

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 on March 29.*



Glow-in-the-Dark Storytime (Drop-in)

Families

Wednesdays, February 22 and March 1 | 6:00 – 6:45 p.m.

Need to add a little light to your evenings? Join us for an evening storytime that will glow!

family makerspace night

Thursday, March 30
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
for families of all ages!
registration required

Make a fun and colorful picnic set as a family! Turn blank canvas into beautiful warm weather accessories. Crafts will be divided by age.

Please specify number of people in the family
(immediate caregivers and children)
when registering, *even if not all are able to attend.*

School's Out!

School's Out! (Days Off of School Program)

When school is out, we are in! There's no better place to be than at the JRC.

School's Out! provides endless opportunities for first through fifth graders on days off of school. Our experienced staff provides a fun, safe and caring environment. Each day offers a variety of structured yet relaxed activities for your child to enjoy including games, sports, arts and crafts, indoor and outdoor playtime, and a whole lot more. We offer days off of school activities for all District 13, 15, and 93 full and half days off of school (excluding major holidays). Extended early morning and evening hours are available.

Grades: K-5 **Location: Johnston Recreation Center**

School's Out! Advantages

- Experienced and caring staff
- Quality programs at an affordable price
- Transportation provided from school on half days and early dismissals
- Fun activities that creatively promote social, physical and mental well-being
- Large indoor gym and outdoor playground
- Sharing great times and making memories with old and new friends
- Kindergartners who attend PM Care at the school site will be bused to Johnston Recreation Center on District 13 early dismissals.

Easy Registration

- *Register in advance online at www.bloomingtonparks.org or in person at the Johnston Recreation Center (172 S Circle Ave Bloomington, IL 60108)
- Complete a participant profile online via EPACT.
- If your child requires special assistance, two weeks advance notice is appreciated.

Extended Care

- Convenient hours as early as 7:00 AM drop-off and 6:00 PM pick-up
- Fun and relaxing atmosphere

Schedule

Programs are available on the dates listed below. Extended hours are available for most dates a program is conducted from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. If you would like extended hours, please choose the desired code from the schedule, and add the extended time option (A1 and/or A5) to your registration.

Fees

A1	7:00-8:30	\$10/\$10
A2	8:30-3:30	\$35/\$40
A2	8:30-3:30 (Field Trips)	\$45/\$50
A3	8:30-12:00	\$20/\$25
A4	12:00-3:30	\$20/\$25
A5	3:30-6:00	\$15/\$15



Half day/ early dismissal include bus/van transportation from school to the JRC.



Field trip today!

Date	Event	Day	District	Code	Ext. Code	Symbol
2/17	Early Dismissal	F	13	202505	A4, A5	
2/20	Mardi Gras Day	M	13, 15, 93	202506	A1-A5	
3/3	Sock it to Winter	F	13, 93	202507	A1-A5	
3/6	Keep Calm & Shamrock On	M	13	202508	A1-A5	
3/9	Keep Calm & Shamrock On	Th	15	202509	A1-A5	
3/17	Early Dismissal	F	13	202510	A4, A5	
3/17	Keep Calm & Shamrock On	F	93	202511	A1-A5	
3/27	Disney Day	M	13, 15, 93	202512	A1-A5	
3/28	Tie Dye Tuesday	Tu	13, 15, 93	202513	A1-A5	
3/29	Nickel City (FT)	W	13, 15, 93	202514	A1,A2,A5	
3/30	Dodge Ball Tourney Day	Th	13, 15, 93	202515	A1-A5	
3/31	Splash Central Bartlett (FT)	F	13, 15, 93	202516	A1,A2,A5	
4/6	Cooking Creations	Th	15	202517	A1-A5	
4/7	Easter Egg-stravaganza	F	13, 15, 93	202518	A1-A5	
5/12	Early Dismissal	F	13	202519	A4, A5	
5/26	Red, White, & Blue Day	F	13	202520	A1-A5	

***Please Note:** School's Out! activities require pre-registration. Online registrations accepted until 3 business days prior to the program. Day-of registrations are accepted depending on program availability. Program adheres to the Bloomington Park District refund policy.

Questions? Call 630-529-3650.

Breakfast with the Bunny

March 25, 9-10:30AM
Bloomington Golf Club



Hop on over for a tasty breakfast buffet with the Bunny. Kids will receive a goody bag and are invited to visit the craft station to create a springtime themed project. The Bunny will visit with families during breakfast. Bring your camera/phone for photos. Registration required. No drop-ins. Be sure to register each family member. Registration deadline is March 15.



Section: A1-Ages 13 and over | A2-Ages 3-12 | A3-Ages 2 and under

Location: Bloomington Golf Club
Instructor: Staff

Special Events (rd)
MIN/MAX: 30/60

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
13-99	Sat	9-10:30A	Mar 25	\$36/\$41	204312-A1
3-12	Sat	9-10:30A	Mar 25	\$20/\$25	204312-A2
0-2	Sat	9-10:30A	Mar 25	\$5/\$10	204312-A3

Summer Job Fair

March 29, 3-5PM
Johnston Recreation Center

Attention everyone interested in working at the Bloomington Park District this summer! We are hosting an open house job fair for positions in aquatics (must be 15 years old), Tiki Hut Concessions (must be 15 years old) and summer camp (must be 16 years old). This is a one-stop shop for a summer job and there are many opportunities available. Stop in between 3 and 5:00 p.m. on March 29 to apply and have your initial interview. If you have questions or to send your application or resume ahead of time, please contact Nicole at nicole@bloomingtonparks.org.



Mom & Son Bowling Bonanza!

March 10, 6-8PM
Bowlero Bowling Alley

Play games, participate in raffles and bowl the night away at Mom and Son Bowling at Bowlero Bowling Alley in Roselle. Pizza, dessert and drinks are provided. Each couple receives a photo to take home. Reservations are required. Fee is per couple. Additional sons are welcome at \$30 each. Registration deadline is March 3. Registrations accepted after March 3 for any open spaces incur an additional \$25 fee.



Fee: \$60R/\$65NR
 Additional Child \$30
Code: 204303-A1-Per Couple
 204303-B1-Additional Child

Questions? Call 630-529-3650.

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

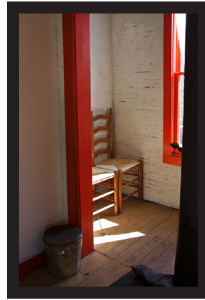
Admission: \$1/residents, \$2/non-residents, \$.50/seniors

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).



"Break Room" by
Joan Ladendorf

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!

Circle Park Outdoor Ice Skating

Thanks to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources grant, the Circle Park roller hockey rink has been fitted with a liner to support ice skating when the weather permits. The outdoor skating rink is located in Circle Park, 163 Fairfield Way, near the Homola Picnic Shelter. The rink and skating are unsupervised.

Skating Conditions – Red Flag/Green Flag

Check the flag pole near the rink for skating conditions.

Green Flag - Safe to skate on cleared areas during open hours. Skating is unsupervised.

Red Flag - No skating due to unsafe ice conditions.

Check the BPD website at www.bloomingtondaleparks.org or call 630-529-3650 for more information and skating conditions.

Ice Rink Hours (weather permitting)

Monday-Friday: 1:30PM-dusk

Saturday-Sunday: 11:00AM-dusk

Designated Hockey Hours

Tuesday and Thursday: 3:00-5:00PM

Saturday: 2:30-5:00PM

Sunday: 11:00AM-2:00PM

