

Village of Bloomingdale *Almanac*

June 2023

Growth with Pride

Save the Date for Hometown Fireworks!

The Village of Bloomingdale will be hosting a Fireworks Show on Saturday, July 1st, 2023, to be held at the Village's open space area on the former Indian Lakes golf course, the show will begin at sunset and onsite parking will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis. There will not be a shuttle service this year, so please plan accordingly. There will be vendors on site with food for purchase.

Follow the Village of Bloomingdale's Facebook page and enews for updates.



Bloomingdale Does WARHOL This Summer!

Andy Warhol, an American Pop Artist, is being celebrated with an exhibit at the College of DuPage. Local communities are participating in an initiative to bring Warhol themed services, products, and events to their towns. Bloomingdale is excited to be one of those communities.

Area communities were invited to participate in a Warhol Pop Art Challenge where four notable residents were selected from each community and their headshots transformed into a colorful Warhol-styled mural. Bloomingdale will have a ribbon cutting to unveil the artwork on Thursday, June 1st at 4:00 pm at Masterpiece Framing, 109 S. Bloomingdale Rd.

Masterpiece Framing has graciously volunteered their windows to display the art; a reception will follow the unveiling. Everyone is welcomed to attend, please

known for mentoring through her involvement in the community and within her own business, Bloomingdale Area Women in Business has named their Women of the Year award after Georgene Geils.

Robert Homola, best known for his contribution to Bloomingdale as the Mayor who brought Stratford Square Mall to town, you have also noticed the Village Hall being named after him along with a shelter in Circle Park.

Viola Morrisroe, the first and still only, female mayor of Bloomingdale and served as Chair of Septemberfest for many years, and helped pass multiple local referendums for a better community.

William (Bill) Wolff
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register at BloomingtonChamber.com to help with the planning of refreshments.

Bloomingdale's four honorees are:

Georgene Geils was a forerunner in the movement of professional women,

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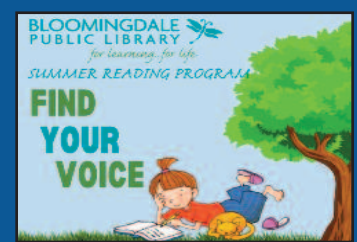
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Summer Reading Program June 1-July 29; Library Pages

Three Village Trustees Sworn In for Four Year Terms on May 8

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



At the Village Board meeting on May 8th, Judge Paul M. Fullerton presided over the swearing in of the newly re-elected officials, Trustee Bill Belmonte, Trustee Vince Ackerman, and Trustee Patrick Shannon. These elected officials will each serve a 4-year term.

Congratulations to these trustees and we thank them for their continued service to Bloomingdale!

Hydrant Flushing Begins June 12

The Public Works department will perform the annual Hydrant Flushing Program beginning June 12, 2023 through June 27, 2023. The program will be performed during the daytime hours of 8:00 am-3:00 pm.

Please **DO NOT WASH LAUNDRY** during the flushing hours, as rust staining of clothing may result.

To check when your area will be affected, refer to the hydrant flushing schedule was published on page 9 of the April 2023 almanac or find it on the village website by searching "hydrant flushing".

Questions? Please contact the Public Works – Distribution Division at 630-671-5800.

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

June has arrived and there is always something to do in Bloomingdale during the summer. Be sure to visit the Maker's Market held on the last Sunday of the month from 10AM to 2PM at the Old Town Parking lot; Tuesday evening Concerts in Old Town Park (with pre-concert activities for the youngsters), Oasis Pool, Summer Reading Program, Community Story Times, National Night Out, Ice Cream Social and much more, there is something for all ages!

As all Bloomingdale residents are aware the biggest piece of property within the Village that will have the most significant impact to the future of our community is the Stratford Square Mall. The biggest redevelopment challenge at Stratford Square Mall is that all the anchor spaces are all owned by different ownership entities. There has been no leadership or vision put forth by any of these owners, namely Namdar Realty, to spearhead a reimagining and rebirth at the property. Following many unsuccessful years of trying to encourage and work with Namdar Realty, who own the interior mall and former JCPenney parcel, the Board and I felt it was time for us to take the lead on the redevelopment of this property.

To facilitate the redevelopment, the Village implemented a Tax Increment Financing District for the mall that gives the Village economic tools to foster and stimulate the much-needed economic development. I am happy to report that as of this publication the Village has been able to acquire the former Carson, Burlington, and vacant land parcel (commonly referred to as the "canoe piece") that is situated between the Duly Medical building and the townhomes at Schick and Springfield. The Village is currently in negotiations with the owners of the former Sear's parcel for the purchase of that property and working with Kohl's who has indicated they wish to be a part of the Village's new vision for the overall property. Because Namdar has taken no steps to develop their parcel since their purchase in 2019, and has not been responsive to our request to negotiate the purchase of their interest in the mall, the Village has filed an eminent domain lawsuit.

In concurrence with these actions, the Village is moving forward to develop a possible land development plan based on the tremendous feedback received from the vision plans shared with the community through the Village website. The new plan will include a large green community gathering area that can be utilized yearlong, surrounded by restaurants and entertainment/recreational type uses that is walkable for residents and visitors. Once we have a more developed land plan I will share with the community. I encourage you to follow the Village website and sign up for our email news for updates.

Bloomingdale is a great community with wonderful residents who are so supportive of the efforts of the Village Board and staff, Park District, Library, Fire Department, and the many organizations and business community-I am proud to be its Mayor! Oh, and not to mention- we have the best fireworks display in DuPage County (maybe in all of Illinois); Join us for the show on Saturday, July 1 at the Village's open space on the former Indian Lakes golf course!

Be sure to enjoy some of Bloomingdale's fun family activities in the coming months; looking forward to seeing you around town! Have a great summer!

Mayor Franco



CHARACTER COUNTS! Award Nominations Now Being Accepted

The Bloomingdale CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition annually recognizes 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, volunteers, or attends school in Bloomingdale who displays one or more of the Six Pillars of Character, you are encouraged to nominate them for this award by completing and submitting a nomination form. Nomination forms can be found on the Bloomingdale CHARACTER COUNTS! website @ <http://www.character60108.org>.

The deadline for nominations is July 3, 2023. Recipients will be honored at the Annual Recognition Breakfast to be held in August.

Upcoming Community Garage Sales

Country Club Estates North of Schick Road and west of Bloomingdale Road
June 9, 10 & 11; 9 AM to 4 PM

Chateau Lorraine North of Schick and west of Bloomingdale Rd.
June 16 and 17; 9 am to 5 pm

Villa Veneto Townhomes south of Lake Street and east of Gary Avenue
June 16 & 17, 2023, 9 AM – 4 PM
(Rain date is July 14 & 15)

Westlake Townhomes 299 Edgewater for map. Stop by the community clubhouse
June 23-24, 2023 at 9:00 AM-5:00 PM

Bloomfield Club South side of west Schick
Sept. 15 & 16; 9 AM to 4 PM



Summer Water Conservation Regulations Now in Effect

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

From May through September of each year the use of the public water supply for sprinkling of lawns with automatic sprinkling devices is prohibited by Village Code section 9-2-2, Water Conservation and Control, except for:

- Single family residential with odd numbered addresses on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday between 5 a.m. and 9 a.m. or 5 p.m. and 9 p.m.
- Single family residential with even numbered addresses on Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday between 5 a.m. and 9 a.m. or 5 p.m. and 9 p.m.
- Commercial, industrial, manufacturing, office buildings and multi-family residential buildings on Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday between 5 a.m. and 9 a.m. or 5 p.m. and 9 p.m.

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

Violators are subject to a fine of not less than \$25 nor more than \$50 for the first offense, and not less than \$50 nor more than \$100 for repeat violations of the order. For more information, contact the Utilities Division at 630-671-5830.



Students Plant Sugar Maple to Celebrate Arbor Day

It was a beautiful afternoon for the Arbor Day planting on Friday, April 28! The Village of Bloomingdale's Forestry Division celebrated Arbor Day, along with the Bloomington Park District Board, staff and students. A sugar maple was planted at the Bloomington Park District building on Circle Avenue. Our Urban Forester, Jim Johnson, led the event and explained to the preschoolers the importance of trees in our lives.



Also present for the event was Village Trustee Judi Von Huben, who read the Mayor's Arbor Day Proclamation, inviting all citizens to continue to work together to preserve the natural beauty of our community and planet. Bloomington was named a Tree City once again, in honor of the Village's commitment to effective urban forest management. A Tree City USA community is named based on the following standards: having a forestry division, a tree care ordinance, a comprehensive community forestry program, and an Arbor Day observance.

Fire Protection District Lt. Jeff Skelley Retires

It is with great appreciation and heartfelt warm wishes that the Bloomington Fire Protection District announces the retirement of Lieutenant Jeff Skelley, who served the District for 21 years. He served as Hazardous Materials Coordinator and CPR Coordinator, as well as a member of the water rescue team and fire inspector. He will be greatly missed and we wish him the best in his retirement. Thank you Lieutenant Skelley for your service to the community!



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The Village of Bloomingdale Mourns the Loss Of Former Mayor Samuel Tenuto

Former Village of Bloomingdale Mayor, Sam Tenuto recently passed away in his home in Arizona. Prior to being elected Village President, Sam Tenuto served as a Village Trustee. He served as Mayor from 1979 until 1992 when he was appointed to the DuPage County Board. During that time, he oversaw the Village's progress and worked to ensure the highest success. His main objective was always to mold Bloomingdale into a town that could boast a superior quality of life.



Among his accomplishments, the former mayor was able to scale down the projected residential development to ensure adequate services for the ultimate population and further demanded that high standards of construction and development were adhered to as Bloomingdale rapidly grew. He also encouraged annexations, as well as commercial and business park development in order to increase our tax base.

Sam Tenuto also valued the history of Bloomingdale and promoted the preservation of our heritage through the establishment of the Old Town Historical Preservation District.

Sam Tenuto was passionate about supporting Marklund Children's Home, if you would like to contribute to his memory or in lieu of flowers, please consider donating to Marklund: online at marklund.org/get-involved-2/make-a-donation/ or contact Taylor Egan, Annual Fund Manager, at (630) 397.5482 or tegan@marklund.org.

On June 10, 2023, at 10 am the family of Sam Tenuto would like to invite the community to gather with them at the gazebo at Fairfield Way and Bloomingdale Rd, for a small informal remembrance, open to the public, providing an opportunity to residents and friends who would like to share a memory, pay respects and gather in Sam Tenuto's honor. Family will remain at the gazebo until 11 am and a guest book will be left until 2 PM, for Bloomingdale friends and residents to sign.

On behalf of Mayor Franco, the Village Board and employees of the Village, we offer condolences to his family.

Bloomingdale Maker's Market Returns for Fourth Season

The first market kicked off the 2023 season on May 28th. The market features local Makers and Small businesses offering goods such as home decor, jewelry, food, candles, blankets, clothes, dog treats and much more. It will be held from 10 AM until 2 PM, rain or shine, on the last Sunday of each month May thru November and December 10, 2023. Each market will be located in the parking lot on the corner of Schick Road and 3rd Street. Please use the crosswalk at Bloomingdale Road if crossing Schick Road. The June market will be on June 25th.

If you are interested being a vendor during the 2023 season, please go to bloomingdalemakersmarket.com. For questions, you can email info@bloomingdalemakersmarket.com.



40 Year Employee Julie Jaster Retires

Julie Jaster began working at the Village of Bloomingdale Police Department as a Dispatcher in July 1983. She eventually became a Community Service Officer and Evidence Custodian until her retirement on March 3, 2023, almost 40 years later! She was well known and respected from both the residents in Bloomingdale and Police/County Agencies in DuPage County.

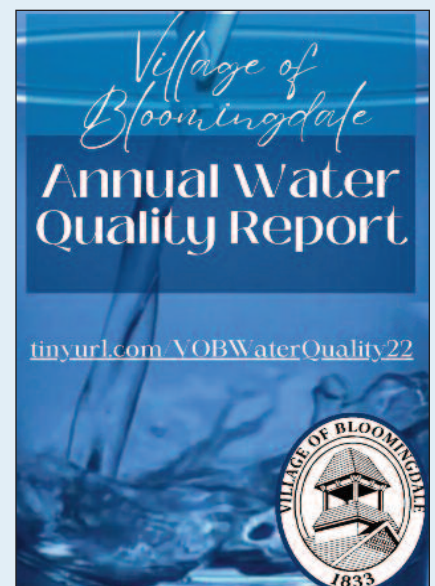


We are grateful for Julie's dedication and service to Bloomingdale and wish her the best in retirement!

2022 Water Quality Report Available

Go to <https://tinyurl.com/VOBWaterQuality22> to view your 2022 annual water quality report and learn more about your drinking water. This report contains important information about the source and quality of your drinking water during 2022.

If you would like a paper copy of the report mailed to your home, please call 630-671-5800.



Residential and Business Water Meter Replacement Program Begins in July

Free Mulch Available at Public Works Facility

Free Mulch Available at Village's Public Works Facility Following the three scheduled branch collections – Spring, Summer and Fall – the contractor tub grinds the branches, as well as Village wood waste, into a high-quality mulch product. This mulch is used on Village properties and is available for pick up to all Village residents for home use.



Mulch is currently available at the Public Works Facility, 305 Glen Ellyn Road, 7:30 AM - 2:30 PM Monday through Friday. Please bring containers, a shovel and gloves, as well as proof of residency. Residents should call the Forestry Division at 630-671-5800 to be sure there is mulch available.

Kris Kringle Market Vendors Wanted

Event: Friday, December 1st, 330pm-830pm
Location: Old Town Bloomingdale
Vendor fee: \$50.00 per 10x10 space
Electricity \$10.00 per outlet

For information contact Lauren Moore, Market Coordinator at moore@vil.bloomingtondale.il.us or call 630-671-5831.

The Village is replacing 5/8" – 1" water meters and the attached remote readers in residential and commercial properties throughout Bloomingdale in order to provide better accuracy and improved customer service response.

The existing meters were installed in 2003 and have mechanical parts that wear over time. Existing radio equipment requires Village staff to drive past the property, leading to extended time for issues to go undetected between route reads. New meters have no moving parts, are zero-lead construction and communicate remotely over the Village's AMI tower system which allows for improved access to consumption info and helps to more quickly identify issues such as internal leaks that lead to increased water bills.

Approximately 6,500 meters will be divided geographically into phases to be completed, beginning in early July with all meter replacements completed by early 2024. The installation contractor, United Meters, Inc (UMI) will mail notices to properties in each phase as they begin to enter that area. Residents and business owners are asked to call UMI at the number on the notice to schedule an appointment. An individual 18 years or older must be present during the installation and water will be shut off during this time. A typical meter change out takes approximately 30 minutes to complete.



Residents and business owners who fail to respond will be sent an additional notice. UMI staff may also come to the door to request access to replace the meter if they are in the neighborhood and will leave a door hanger if there's no response. The best way to avoid this sort of contact is to respond promptly and schedule an appointment. Participation is required to continue to receive water from the Village.

All United Meters employees completing meter replacements are licensed plumbers, have been background checked, will display a Village of Bloomingdale issued photo ID and will be driving a marked United Meters vehicle. At the property owner's request, UMI employees are prepared to wear boot covers, gloves, and/or face masks when entering the premises. The best way to be sure that the person at the door is a UMI employee is to schedule an appointment ahead of time. Appliances and furniture blocking the water meter must be moved by the property owner before UMI arrives.

This project is being funded in large part using federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds that the Village has already received. There is no charge to water customers for this project.

For additional details about this project and steps being taken to protect against fraudulent activity such as ruse burglaries visit the Village's website at www.villageofbloomingtondale.org/868/Water-Meters or call Public Works at (630) 671-5800.

Bloomingtondale Police Welcomes 10 New Probationary Officers

The Bloomingtondale Police Department would like to welcome our newest Probationary Police Officers:



Brenden Epps-Johnson • Paulina Jalbrzykowski • Nikko Ingrassia
• Preston Beth • Daniel O'Connell • James Donofrio • Nathaniel Miller
• Elizabeth McGuire • Michael Amelio • K-9 Ace

We wish all of these officers a safe, healthy and rewarding career here at Bloomingtondale PD.

Mayor Franco's State of the Village Address Highlights Accomplishments, New Projects

Mayor Franco gave his Annual State of the Village presentation at Bloomingdale Golf Club on April 26th. The annual State of the Village Address gives a recap of what has been accomplished over the past year, as well as a look forward to the exciting projects on the horizon in Bloomingdale.



If you were there, you might have also had the opportunity to chat with our Village Administrator Peter Scalera and some of our elected officials, including Village Clerk Pam Hager, or Village Trustees Von Huben, Bolen, Belmonte and Bucaro.

If you would like to view a PDF (only) copy of the slides from the presentation, go to: tinyurl.com/bloomingdaleSOV2023

Paper, Paint and More Recycled on May 6

S.B.C. Waste Solutions and the Village of Bloomingdale hosted a very successful Recycling Event for residents at the Public Works Facility on Saturday May 6th. SBC effectively removed 2,500 pounds, 1.25 tons of paper and 5.21 tons of paint. The metal, miscellaneous and ewaste recycling total weight was 1,020 pounds. Converted to Tonnage is .50 tons of Christmas trees, extension cords, microwaves and miscellaneous items. Great job recycling, Bloomingdale!



Cars line up at recycling event

Warhol Comes to Bloomingdale!

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received the Purple Heart from the Vietnam War, was VFW State Commander, Assistant Fire Chief, Fire Protection District Trustee, Lions Club member, Septemberfest Chair and has run highly profitable fundraisers for victims of several natural disasters.

Complete bios of the four notable Bloomingdale residents as well as Bloomingdale events can be found at bloomingdalechamber.com/andy-warhol-events

Businesses wanting to participate in the Andy Warhol event should contact Cindy at the Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce cindy@bloomingdalechamber.com. Businesses do not have to be a Chamber member to participate.



Bloomingdale Artists Association News

Thanks to Matt Puchalski, owner of Masterpiece Framing, the Bloomingdale Artist Association (BAA) has

two scholarship recipients this year. For the past few years, the BAA Scholarship submittals



have been received at Masterpiece Framing, where they gather to vote on the applicants work.

This year, Matt noticed we were having some difficulty selecting a firm winner. The finalists were both excellent students, great grades, well written, great artists within their media and have excellent references. Seeing our conflict, Matt generously offered an additional \$1000 (additionally he donates \$500 each year to our scholarship) to ensure that both of these worthy students have an opportunity to win. We were obviously surprised and so very grateful for his continued patronage.

Congratulations to the winners and their families:

Kaleigh Colucci: A Senior at Lake Park High School Kaleigh will be attending the University of Texas in Austin in the fall of 2023 majoring in Architecture.

Emily Atkison: A senior at Wheaton North High School, Emily will be attending Olivet Nazarene University in the fall of 2023, majoring in Graphic Design with a concentration in Photography.

For more information, contact BAA President Roberta Cencig at robertacencig@yahoo.com or 847-848-3482.



This Father's Day Buy a Brick for Dad!

Bloomington Garden Club Programs

July 18, 2023 – Late Summer Perennials and those that attract Pollinators. Erin is the Perennial Manager at Platt Hill Nursery in Bloomington. Her love of plants and gardening in the Horticulture and Garden Center Industry is where she uses her passion and knowledge of plants to educate others. Late summer and fall gardens often look worn out after the riot of spring and summer color. Many plants can give a fall "WOW" factor. Learn how to rev up your August-September Garden with perennials, ornamental grasses, and the fall color of trees & shrubs. Erin will also discuss how to make your landscape attractive to various native pollinators.

August 15, 2023 - Dietary Strategies to Optimize Cognitive Health. The brain requires certain nutrients to stay healthy; foods we eat can have a big impact on brain structure and health. Eating a brain-boosting diet may support both short-term and long-term brain function and the microbiome of your soil matters to your Microbiome. Veronica Porter is a third-generation organic farmer, chef and food educator. She shares her experiences by educating for healthy, organic gardening, farm to table food integrity, cooking, preservation and living life in a responsible, sustainable, and regenerative manner.

Bloomington Garden Club meets the third Tuesday of the month at Cornerstone Faith Community Church, 118 First Street; visitors welcome! For more information contact bloomingtongardenclub@gmail.com or visit www.bloomingtongardenclub.org

Father's Day is around the corner, on June 18th. Have you given your Dad enough ties, coffee mugs and "World's Best Dad" T-shirts for Father's Day? Are you looking for something different? Maybe something that doesn't break, shrink or go out of style?

How about telling the world Dad is your personal hero or honor someone else special by placing a brick with your sentiments at the "Everyday Heroes" statue in Old Town Park. The 4x8 bricks are \$100 each and hold three lines of copy at 13 spaces each.

Bricks are also available at the golf course and the library statue sites for \$75 each. All orders placed by July 24, 2023 will be installed in the fall. A card announcing your gift is available at no charge. Contact Nora at the Village Hall at 630-671-5610 or saucedon@vil.bloomington.il.us for more information or to place an order.



Summer Branch Collection Begins July 17

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

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

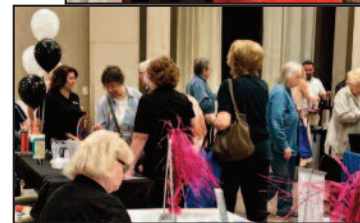
For more information about branch pickup guidelines, go to www.villageof-bloomington.org and type in "branch pickup" in "Search this site" on the right side at the top of the homepage, or call the Forestry Division at 630-671-5800.

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

In the event of severe storms, the Village will provide storm damage collection of woody branches 1/2 inch to 6 inches in diameter. Please contact the Forestry Division at 630-671-5800 within 72 hours of storm for branch collection.

Senior Fair a Success!

Local seniors enjoyed another successful Senior Fair that was held on April 14 at Medinah Shriners Banquet Facility.



49th Annual Septemberfest Set For September 9



The 49th annual Septemberfest will be held on Saturday, September 9 in Old Town (Lake Street and Bloomingdale Road) beginning with the annual parade stepping off from DuJardin School at 11 AM. Local organizations and groups are encouraged to take part in the opening parade. There is no cost involved in participating.

With only three more months to go, the Septemberfest Commission has been working diligently to get everything lined up. Applications for vendors, crafters, sponsors and parade participants are all being sought at this time and are available on the Village's website at villageofbloomingdale.org. Septemberfest information, including the applications, is located under "Community" on the top of the page. If you plan on participating, get your application in early to ensure your spot.

In addition to the food and beverages, a variety of entertainment, and crowd-pleasing band performances, the Joe Draghi/Dominic Froio Septemberfest Scholarship winners will also be presented. The Kiddie Carnival will also be back for our families with our younger fest-goers.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 9, and plan to attend this well-loved, traditional end of the Summer event.

More details on the line-up of events will appear in the August edition of the Almanac but we can confirm that the Second Hand Soul, Boy Band and Hi Infidelity will be performing on the main stage.



Be a Friend to Septemberfest and the Joe Draghi Septemberfest Scholarship!

The Septemberfest Commission invites all Bloomingdale residents and businesses to support the Joe Draghi Septemberfest Scholarship Fund. This fund annually provides scholarships to Bloomingdale residents between the ages of 17 and 20.

If you have enjoyed Septemberfest, have been a scholarship recipient, or are the parent of a recipient, won't you please consider a contribution to help keep the Joe Draghi Septemberfest Scholarship going? Any donation would be greatly appreciated.

Name (as you wish it to be listed)

Address

Phone

Email

I am enclosing a check for
 \$20 \$50 other

Make your check or money order payable to the Village of Bloomingdale. Please put "Septemberfest Scholarship" in the memo line.

Mail to: Friends of Septemberfest, c/o Village of Bloomingdale, 201 S. Bloomingdale Road, Bloomingdale, IL 60108



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



JOLLIBEE UPDATE

The former Chipotle at 398 W. Army Trail Road is now prepped and ready to start construction to welcome the new Jollibee. This restaurant offers many of your favorite comfort foods including fried chicken, French fries, pies, spaghetti, burgers, and more but with a Filipino twist. Construction on the space began recently with an expected opening in late summer.



COOPER'S HAWK

We are getting closer! Concrete is flowing at the new Cooper's Hawk site and walls are going up next. They continue to move "full steam ahead" on this project and you should be enjoying a glass of wine on the patio in no time!



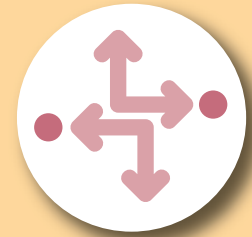
POKE BROS. NOW OPEN

Poke Bros. is now open at 398 W. Army Trail Road, in the Bloomingdale Square Shopping Center. Poke Bros. originated in 2016, with the commitment of bringing assembly line casual dining concepts, with a unique way to build your "sushi in a bowl."



VISIONWORKS OPENS IN STRATFORD CROSSING

The Village welcomes Visionworks to Stratford Crossing. Visionworks is a "leading provider of eye care services in the U.S., sitting at the intersection of healthcare and retail". Located in the former JC Licht space at 158 S. Gary Avenue, they officially opened their doors to Bloomingdale at the end of February.



The Bloomingdale Business Beat

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

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

Remember -
BUY IN BLOOMINGDALE

MAHAN FAMILY WINES NEWS

Mahan Family Wines would like to invite the community to including a Harvest Party at their vineyard near New Buffalo, Michigan and an Amateur Winemaker Competition. To learn more about the Harvest Party, contact them directly or you can find them on Tuesday, June 6th at the first Summer Concert in Old Town Park.

Their Amateur Winemaker's competition will be held on Saturday, November 11th, 2023. Amateur winemakers are encouraged to enter a People's Choice competition at their Annual Beaujolais Nouveau event to be hosted by Alcentro Trattoria. The People's Choice Winning Winemaker will be entered into an International Amateur Competition of over 2500 entries. Mahan Family Wines has supported entries that have won Gold, Silver & Bronze medals for hobbyist winemakers.

If you are interested in participating in the Mahan Family Wines events or to make reservations at their Speakeasy-inspired Wine Bar in Bloomingdale, go to [MahanFamilyWines.com](https://www.MahanFamilyWines.com)



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100 Years Young!



On April 1, 2023, longtime Bloomingdale resident Emil Garippo added a digit and celebrated his 100th birthday! Emil was born in 1923 in the small flat his parents rented in a poor Little Italy neighborhood, where the University of Illinois/Chicago now sits. The families of both his parents had recently immigrated to the US.

Beneath Emil's quiet and practical character lives a hero, pioneer and man of active compassion. Caring for wounded soldiers in World War II, teaching inner city and disabled children, finding a happy home for his family, taking up jogging before it was popular, and for 20 years acted as primary caregiver to his wife of almost 75 years: For a century Emil Garippo has put others first and shown us how a life can be well and fully lived.

Emil currently lives with his daughter in the home he and his wife Dean purchased in Bloomingdale, 35 years ago. He still works out daily, giving himself only weekends off and mostly enjoys time with his children, four grandchildren, and now two great-grandchildren.

We wish Emil a very happy birthday!

Police Program Offers Awareness Tips to Prevent Being a Victim of a Ruse Burglary

On March 22, Director Giammarese and the Bloomingdale Police Department hosted an important presentation, by Detective Corsiglia and Detective Tenerelli, on the topic of Ruse Burglaries. This was held to bring awareness and educate, so that residents can be vigilant, protecting our community.



Ruse burglaries are crimes in which the offender uses a "ruse" to distract their victim in order to commit a burglary.

- 2 or more subjects (you may only see one)
- Generally, offer a home repair service or claim to work for the city, utility company, or neighbor.
- One subject will lead you away and distract you while the other steals valuables, usually jewelry
- In the event you need to meet with a legitimate contractor outside the home, always lock your door behind you.
- Never let strangers walk through your home to view work in the backyard.

If anything seems unusual or you want to check the validity of the solicitor, call the Police Department at 630-529-9868.

Bloomingdale Chamber Upcoming Events

BAWIB Mini Golf

Bloomingdale Area Women in Business (BAWIB) is hosting a mini golf outing on June 8th at Green Valley Golf Range. Women in business who want to connect with other women to help grow their business, and receive support from one another are welcome to join. More information can be found at BloomingdaleChamber.com/BAWIB

Golf Outing

Bloomingdale Chamber Golf Classic is Friday, June 23rd with a morning shotgun start at Bloomingdale Golf Club. Anyone wanting to participate as a golfer or sponsor is welcome. More information can be found at BloomingdaleChamber.com Golfers receive breakfast, snack at the halfway house, drink tickets, reception hour, lunch and a goodie bag. The Bloomingdale Grand Raffle kicks off with an early drawing at the Golf Outing. Money raised is split between your area food pantries and the Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce.



BLOOMINGDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY

FIND YOUR VOICE!

Summer Reading 2023

June 1 – July 29

Join BPL this summer and Find Your Voice with our Summer Reading Program!
Registration begins June 1 by any of the following ways:

online
all ages: mybpl.beanstack.org

in app
all ages: **Beanstack App**
for Apple and Android



by phone
Adults/Teens: **(630) 924-2730**
Youth: **(630) 924-2740**

by email
Adults/Teens: bdref@mybpl.org
Youth: bdys@mybpl.org

in person
Adults/Teens: **Adult Services Desk**
Youth: **Youth Services Desk**



Each registrant will receive our custom **Summer Reading t-shirt**, compliments of BPL and the Friends of the Bloomingtondale Public Library (while supplies last). The Summer Reading Program is open to Bloomingtondale residents only.

Thank you to the local businesses and organizations that have made donations to our Summer Reading Program!

All prizes and t-shirts are subject to availability and we reserve the right to substitute prizes as necessary.

For full program details, see our Summer Reading mailer sent to all Bloomingtondale households and on our website.

Log minutes and challenge activities to earn entries into the
Grand Prize Drawing for your age group!

ADULTS

Reading Prize:

300 minutes: BPL Trunk Tote

Grand Prizes:

Winner's Choice -
Bloomingtondale Business Gift Card
\$100 gift card • \$75 gift card
\$50 gift card • \$25 gift card

TEENS

Reading Prize:

300 minutes: Candy Bar
600 minutes: BPL Trunk Tote
900 minutes: Free Book

Grand Prizes:

Winner's Choice -
Bloomingtondale Business Gift Card
\$75 gift card • \$50 gift card • \$25 gift card

KIDS

Reading Prize:

300 minutes: Free Book
600 minutes: BPL Pop It Game
900 minutes: Free Book

Grand Prizes:

Winner's Choice - One Year
Museum/Zoo Family Membership
Winner's Choice -
Bloomingtondale Business Gift Card
\$50 gift card • \$25 gift card

Hours:

Monday - Thursday: 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Friday & Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
closed Sundays for summer beginning May 28

Library Closings:

Monday, May 29 in observance of Memorial Day
Tuesday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day

For updates to hours/services offered:

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



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

FOR ADULTS

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📅 Curator of Warhol 2023 – College of DuPage Special Exhibit

Monday, June 12 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

In-Person Event

Join us for an evening with curator Justin Witte as he discusses the special art exhibit on display at the College of DuPage, "Andy Warhol Portfolios: A Life in Pop," which runs June 3 – September 10, 2023.



📅 HYBRID: Writing Narrative Nonfiction for the Modern Market

Tuesday, June 13 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

In-Person Event + Zoom Webinar

Ever since *The Devil in the White City* exploded onto the scene, narrative nonfiction has been a hot market for writers. Local author William Hazelgrove shows us how to research and develop a storyline and then how to pitch to publishers with only a proposal. Books will be available for purchase.

📅 VIRTUAL: Shooting Shipwrecks: The Stories Behind the Photos

Monday, June 26 | 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Zoom Webinar

Award winning shipwreck photographer Cal Kothrade uses dozens of images to tell stories of high seas adventure, danger, and drama experienced over more than a decade of searching out and photographing some of the world's most haunting shipwrecks.

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

Tuesday, June 27 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

In-Person Event

The ascension of television led many of radio's biggest stars and shows to leave the old medium for the new one. Examine how radio evolved as its Golden Age ended and a new age began, with Steve Darnall, host of *Those Were the Days* radio show.

📅 VIRTUAL: Planning an Active Retirement

Monday, July 10 | 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Zoom Webinar

Retirement is a major life change, and some early planning can go a long way. Community college professor Gene Flynn presents options for encore careers, volunteer and gig work, and lifelong learning.

📅 HYBRID: Finding the Novel Inside of You

Tuesday, July 11 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

In-Person Event + Zoom Webinar

We all have a novel inside of us, a story burning to be told. Local author William Hazelgrove shares his secrets and methods to getting started and keeping at it through the first draft and subsequent revisions. Books will be available for purchase.

📅 Parks of Montana and the Dakotas

Tuesday, July 18 | 7:00-8:00 p.m.

In-Person Event

Travel the Badlands of North and South Dakota, see the four presidents carved into Mount Rushmore, tour the majestic mountains of Glacier National Park, and learn about legendary figures of the western frontier with retired librarian Nancy McCully.



📅 VIRTUAL: The Sweetest Job Ever – My Time in the Candy Industry

Monday, July 24 | 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Zoom Webinar

From the enticing chocolate smell of the candy factory to the eye-twinkling displays in stores, historical presenter Jim Gibbons will share his years as a sales representative for the famous E.J. Brach & Sons Candy Company, which closed its doors in 2003.

bpl makerspace crafts

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

Registration Information: 4 per session, ages 12 to adult, BPL card required. *Please sign up for one session only.*

📅 Custom Etched Glass Mug

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

Register for one session:

Wednesday, June 14 | 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Monday, June 26 | 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Monday, July 10 | 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.


Wednesday, July 12 | 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.



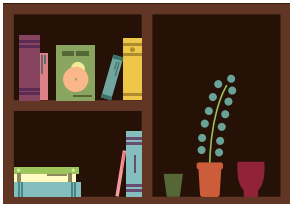
Genealogy Club

Wednesdays, June 21 & July 19
6:30 – 8:45 p.m.

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

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FOR ADULTS



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.

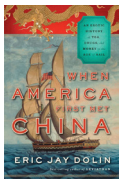
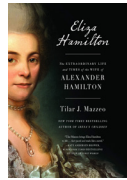
HISTORICAL BOOK DISCUSSION

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

Eliza Hamilton: The Extraordinary Life and Times of the Wife of Alexander Hamilton

by Tilar J. Mazzeo

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



When America First Met China: An Exotic History of Tea, Drugs, and Money in the Age of Sail

by Eric Jay Dolin

Tuesday, July 11 | 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

MONDAY NIGHT PAGE TURNERS

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

I Must Betray You

by Ruta Sepetys

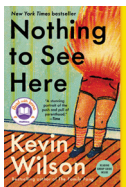
Monday, June 19 | 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.



Nothing to See Here

by Kevin Wilson

Monday, July 17 | 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.



Join BPL on **Goodreads!** Get reading suggestions and book reviews shared by library staff and Board. www.goodreads.com/mybpl



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.



Tár

Wednesday, June 7 | 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Set in the international world of Western classical music, the film centers on Lydia Tár, widely considered one of the greatest living composer-conductors and the very first female director of a major German orchestra. *Rated R*



Devotion

Wednesday, July 5 | 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

A pair of U.S. Navy fighter pilots risk their lives during the Korean War and become some of the Navy's most celebrated wingmen.

Rated PG-13



A Man Called Otto

Wednesday, June 21 | 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Otto is a grump who has given up on life following the loss of his wife and wants to end it all - until a young family moves in nearby, leading to a friendship that will turn his world around. *Rated PG-13*



The Color of Money

Wednesday, July 19 | 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Fast Eddie Felson teaches a cocky but immensely talented protégé the ropes of pool hustling, which in turn inspires him to make an unlikely comeback. *Rated R*

TECH 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. **Classes are in-person unless otherwise noted.**

GETTING STARTED series

In these friendly introductory classes for all ages, we'll give you lots of guided hands-on practice and time to ask questions. These classes are all in-person at BPL.

Computer Basics

Tuesday, June 13 | 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

Get an introduction to computer topics intended for absolute beginners. Learn the basics of computer use and working with Windows.

Internet Use & Safety

Tuesday, June 20 | 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

Join our discussion about browsing the web, how the cloud works, how to avoid viruses, and using email.

Tablets & Smartphones

Tuesday, June 27 | 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.
Instructor: Salvador

Learn how to install and use apps, edit settings, and take advantage of the basic features of Apple or Android phones and tablets.

LEARN SOMETHING NEW!

Video Calls: Zoom, Teams, & More

Monday, June 12 | 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

Work with examples in popular applications Zoom and Teams to build our skills and discuss situations students might encounter on their own.

iPhone Basics

Thursday, June 29 | 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Salvador

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

Google Docs & Cloud Backup

Monday, July 10 | 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

Learn about cloud storage options to work collaboratively, access saved items anywhere in the world, and provide a backup in case of computer failure.

Digitize Everything

Thursday, July 13 | 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Salvador

Learn how to convert photos, home movies, and audio formats to digital files for free at BPL! Instruction will include demos and time for questions.

Cutting the Cord

Monday, July 24 | 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

Explore entertainment options beyond paying for cable.

DIGITAL DESIGN

Virtual: Basic 3D Animation with Blender

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

Building off our previous Blender courses (Graphics Design, Armature Basics, and Textures - all available on our YouTube channel), put your 3D models into motion.

Makerspace: Introduction to Cricut Design Space

Wednesday, July 12 | 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM
Instructor: Charlie

Get started using Cricut Design Space, the free design software used with the Cricut Maker cutting machine in our Makerspace!

Inkscape for Beginners

Thursday, July 20 | 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Instructor: Charlie

Get an introduction to working with vector graphics using Inkscape, the free alternative to Adobe Illustrator.

Master MICROSOFT EXCEL

Excel 1

Monday, June 19 | 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 creating formulas and using functions.

Excel 2

Monday, July 3 | 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

Take the next step in learning Excel! This class covers more advanced topics in Excel such as formulas, graphs, and linking between multiple worksheets.

Excel 3

Monday, July 17 | 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

Explore content covered in Excel 1 and 2 in more depth, including advanced formatting techniques to make your spreadsheets look particularly sharp, formula and function tricks to work with complex data, and chart options to better present your information. Class will include several exercises allowing you to practice your skills and ask questions.



Fix Your Pictures for Free

Thursday, July 27
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Salvador

Learn to use free programs IrfanView and Paint.NET to perform basic photo editing, including how to crop, rotate, and adjust images.

Teen Programs are open to teens entering 7th-12 grade in fall 2023.

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. Programs are in-person unless otherwise noted.

FOR TEENS

Teen Crafts @ BPL

In-Person

Take & Make Crafts

You will be contacted by email when your craft kit is ready to be picked up

GAME NIGHT

(Drop-In)

Thursdays,
June 22 & July 27
6:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Join other teens for gaming on our big screens or a tabletop! Check out the Nintendo Switch, race in Mario Kart 8, brawl in Super Smash Bros., battle in Overwatch, or discover your new favorite tabletop or board game!

Do you have a summer reading assignment for school?

We can help!

Visit www.mybpl.org/teenreads to find your school's list, then click on your school to find books to check out.

We have a variety of formats available - books, ebooks, and audiobooks - so you can get the version that is best for you. Contact bdref@mybpl.org with any questions or issues.



📅 Bamboo Wall Planter

Wednesday, June 14
7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Craft a cute wall planter for some lucky bamboo. Limit 10 teens.

Perler Bead Club (Drop-In)

Wednesdays, June 21 & July 19
6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Join us on the third Wednesday of each month in the Makerspace for Perler Bead Club. Choose from tons of different patterns to create a fun and colorful work of art using Perler beads.



📅 Desert Terrarium

Wednesday, July 5 |
7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Create a desert terrarium for tiny cacti. Limit 10 teens.

📅 Origami Flowers

Registration begins
Monday, May 8
Limit 12 teens

Kit pickup begins
Monday, June 5

This kit has everything you need to create beautiful, multi-color origami flower bouquets.



📅 Geode Wind Chime

Registration begins
Monday, June 12
Limit 12 teens

Kit pickup begins
Monday, July 3

Create a wind chime by blending clay to create geodes and beads.



Join us to watch a movie together and eat some snacks - you can even enter for a chance to win the movie!

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

Drop-in, no registration necessary

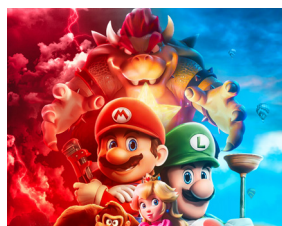
Dear Evan Hansen

Wednesday, June 28
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.



Super Mario Bros. Movie

Wednesday, July 26
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.



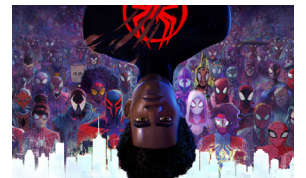
Meet Me @ THE MOVIES

Meet our Teen Librarian to see a new release movie! Meet at The Picture Show, 324 Army Trail Rd, Bloomingdale, IL 60108. Time will be announced to registrants before film date. Movie tickets and snacks will be provided. Limit 10 teens.

📅 Spider-Man:

Across the Spider-Verse

Friday, June 23
registration begins Tuesday, May 30



📅 Barbie

Friday, July 21
registration begins Monday, June 26



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: mybpl.org/teenbookreviews AND mybpl.org/teenbookbags

FOR CHILDREN

Registration required for some youth programs (noted with 📅). Register online, by phone at (630) 924-2740, or by email at bdys@mybpl.org.
Registration for June programs begins Monday, May 22. Registration for July programs begins Monday, June 19.
Programs are in-person unless stated otherwise in class description.

School Age Programs

📅 Folk Tale Theater: "The Gingerbread Man"

Grades K-2
Saturday, June 3 | 10:00 – 11:15 a.m.

Explore this classic folk tale through drama. Caregivers and siblings will be invited in at 11:00 a.m. for a performance.

📅 Makerspace Club: STEM Time

Grades 3-6
Thursdays, June 8 & July 13
4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

Libraries are a great place to learn about science and technology while making cool stuff.

📅 DIY Pool Noodle Horse or Unicorn

Grades 1-6
Friday, June 9 | 1:30 – 2:15 p.m.

Join us in the Makerspace for an afternoon of crafting! Each participant will make their own pool noodle horse or unicorn.

📅 Dragon Masters Book Party

Grades K-2
Monday, June 12 | 3:15 – 4:00 p.m.

Do you have what it takes to be a true Dragon Master? If you are excited about this series, or a dragon lover at heart, come to this book party based on the popular series.

Magazine Strip Silhouette (Drop-In)

Grades 4-6
Tuesday, June 13 | 4:00-4:45 pm

Come in and make art using magazine strips on various design shapes!

Bloomington Chess Club (Drop-In)

Ages 8-18
Wednesdays, June 14 through July 26
2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Play chess games against other kids, with time given for questions and instruction.



📅 Coco Escape Room

Grades 4-8
Thursday, June 15
3:00 – 3:30 p.m. or 4:00 – 4:30 p.m.
(choose one session)

Can you decode all the clues to escape from La Tierra de los Muertos? You and your small team must work together to be the first to figure out the secret message in time and unlock the door back to the land of the living!

📅 This or That

Grades 1-6
Thursday, June 22 | 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Raise your voice and let the library know what the kids of Bloomington like, "This or That" style. For some food questions, there will be tasting samples available.

📅 Find Your Voice Writing Workshop

Grades 3-6
Friday, June 30 | 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Start your own writing journal. First, decorate the front cover to make your journal uniquely yours. Then choose a writing prompt or follow your own muse. Each participant will receive a journal and pen. There will be time to share with the group, but sharing is not required.



📅 DIY Summer Tote

Grades 3-6
Wednesday, July 5 | 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

DIY your own summer tote with stencil designs, then fill it with some fun summer reads! Hear about some new titles for your new grade while you craft.

Broadway Bops Dance Party (Drop-In)

Grades K-2
Friday, July 7 | 1:30 – 2:15 p.m.

Sing and dance along with *The Lion King*, *Aladdin*, *Cinderella*, *High School Musical*, *Annie*, and more!



📅 Wings of Fire Book Party

Grades: 3-6
Monday, July 10 | 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Do you love the *Wings of Fire* book series? Join us for trivia, crafts, and more about this series, including some read alike suggestions.

LEGO® Club (Drop In)

Grades 1-6
Tuesday, July 11 | 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Design and build with the library's LEGO® supply to complete the challenge.

Candy Necklaces (Drop-In)

Grades 3-6
Friday, July 14 | 3:00 – 3:45 p.m.

Create a fun sweet treat to wear and eat!

Crochet Along with Miss Carol

Grades 3-8
YouTube Video Post July 15

Learn to crochet along with Miss Carol. Check the BPL YouTube page for video tutorials for each project. A supply list and written instructions can be picked up at the library. New projects will be posted quarterly.
July Project: Simple Sleeveless Top

Open Mic Afternoon (Drop-In)

Grades 3-6
Monday, July 24 | 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Crack a joke! Share your favorite poem! Tell a story! Sing a song! Tell us something important to you! Whatever way you want to express your voice...now's your chance. Bring friends, share snacks, and speak out.



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📅 Drum Circle

Grades 2-6
Tuesday, July 25
5:00 – 5:45 p.m.



Feel the energy of percussion in a fun and rhythm-filled drum circle where everyone participates.

📅 Gear Up for Kindergarten

Incoming Kindergarteners
Wednesdays, July 26, August 2 & 9
3:00 – 3:45 p.m.

Practice “circle time,” letters, numbers, and colors to get ready for kindergarten this fall.



📅 Super Science Kit Spectacular

Grades 1-6
Thursday, July 27 | 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Robots, VR, and STEM are just a few subjects found in our Science Kit collection. These kits are not only educational but lots of fun, especially on rainy days or to keep kids learning throughout the summer.

Homemade Italian Sodas (Drop-In)

Grades 3-6
Tuesday, August 1 | 3:00 – 3:45 p.m.

Come create a delicious but healthier alternative soda drink!



Preschool Programs

Playing with STEM (Drop-In)

Ages 2-5
Tuesdays, June 13 & August 15
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. Each month we will have different stations for kids to explore.

📅 Soup Opera

Ages 2-5
Tuesday, June 20 | 1:30 – 2:00 p.m.

Create a giant puppet and then use it for a theatrical reading of *Soup Opera* by Jim Gill.

📅 Happy Books, Happy Cooks Storytime

Ages 3-5
Thursdays, June 29 & July 13
6:00 – 6:30 p.m.

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

📅 Oceans of Fun

Ages 3-5
Tuesday, July 11 | 1:30 – 2:15 p.m.

When you can't go to the ocean, we bring the ocean to you! Have fun learning about ocean animals through stories, crafts, and games!

📅 Baby, Let's Make Music (Drop-In)

0-24 months
Wednesdays, August 9 & 23
10:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Join us for a parade of fun! We will explore the world of music and movement using an array of instruments, flannel stories, rhymes, and songs.



Family Fun!

Craft Time (Drop-In)

Families
Fridays, June 2 & July 7
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Come make a rainbow craft. While supplies last.

Sing and Snack Around the World (Drop-In)

Families
Tuesday, June 6 | 1:30 – 2:15 p.m.

Come together and enjoy snacks and songs from many cultures in many languages.

📅 Family Game Night

Families
Thursday, June 8 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Bring the whole family to the library for a night of fun and giant board games! Play life-size versions of Checkers, Connect 4, Twister, and more!

Sing Along Interactive Movies (Drop-In)

Families
Friday, June 23 – *The Little Mermaid*
Friday, July 21 – *Encanto*
1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Come sing and play with props, prompts, and sign language as we celebrate characters finding their own special voices.

Design Squad Challenge: Water Craft (Drop-in)

Families
Monday, July 31 | 6:00 – 7:15 p.m.
Outdoor program (weather permitting)

How many pennies can you add to your family's boat before it sinks? This program focuses on collaboration, teamwork, and problem-solving skills.

Summer Drop-In Storytimes

Children of all ages, join us for a storytime! The Youth Services department provides age-appropriate interactive fun with stories, sign language, music, and more. Summer Storytimes run **June 19 through July 28**. Family Storytimes will be outside, weather permitting.

Limited Storytimes

Open to the first 20 children to arrive at Storytime

Preschool Storytime

Ages 3-5

Mondays | 1:30 – 2:00 p.m.

Toddler Storytime

Ages 2-3 with caregiver

Thursdays | 10:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Family Storytime

All ages with caregiver

Fridays | 10:30–11:15 a.m.

Baby Tales & Tunes

Ages 0-24 months with caregiver

Wednesdays, 10:00- 10:20 a.m. or 10:50 – 11:10 a.m.

(choose one session)

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

Summer Evening Storytime

Families

Wednesdays, June 14, 21, & 28,
July 12 & 19 | 6:00 – 6:45 p.m.

Start your long summer evenings winding down with summer themed stories and crafts.

Circle Park Storytime

All Ages

Thursdays, June 15, July 13, & August 10
10:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Join us for outdoor summer storytimes in Circle Park. Meet us at the picnic shelter! Weather permitting.

Drop in for our fun special events!

These exciting programs *do not require registration* and are for children and adults of all ages. We hope to see you here!

Smarty Pants Big Balloon Show

Families

Friday, June 16 | 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

This program will be out of this world! This outer space themed balloon show will include magic, comedy, and, of course, balloons!



Firefly Family Theatre

Families

Tuesday, June 27 | 2:00 – 2:45 p.m.

Follow Spark the Firefly and all her friends in Firefly Grove! Includes original music, puppets, interactive movement, and more!



Mr. Freeze Show

Families

Tuesday, July 18 | 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Join Fermilab's Mr. Freeze for an exciting cryogenic demonstration designed to get kids excited about science.

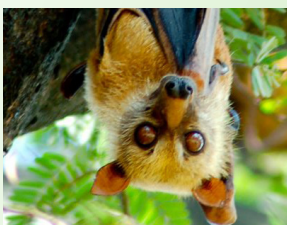


Flying Fox Conservation Fund

Families

Tuesday, August 8 | 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

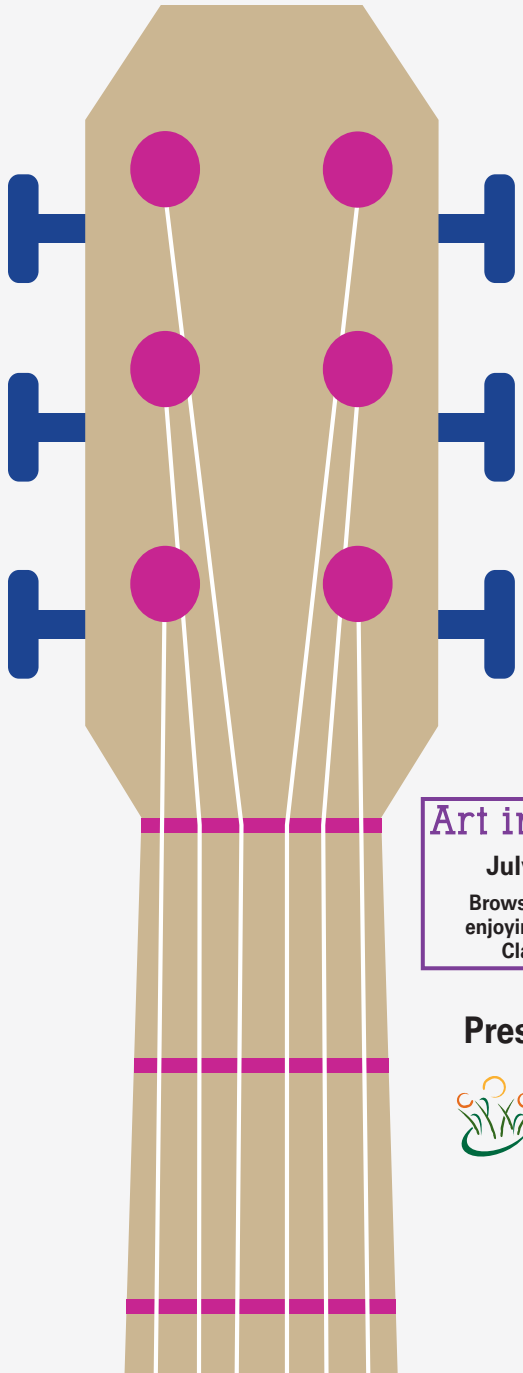
Flying Fox Conservation Fund provides a hands-on approach to learning about animals that is both safe and fun. Stop by and see what animals visit the library!



FREE! SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Tuesdays, 7PM
Old Town Park

10 Shows!



JUNE

- 6th **RHYTHM ROCKETS**
(Vintage Rhythm & Blues)
Food Trucks: Poupee Puf Cotton Candy, Kona Ice, Johnny G's Food Truck
- 13th **THE ASSOCIATES**
(Motown, Classic Rock, Blues, R & B, Swing, Jazz, Country)
Food Trucks: Poupee Puf Cotton Candy, Kona Ice, Cesaroni BBQ Food Truck, Golden Eagle Hot Dog Food Truck
- 20th **VALIUS**
(Classic hits ranging from the 60's to today)
Food Trucks: Poupee Puf Cotton Candy, Kona Ice, Johnny G's Food Truck
- 27th **ROCKSTAR RODEO**
(Rock 'N' Country)
Food Trucks: Kona Ice, Sportys Food Truck

JULY

- 11th **GENERATION**
(Rock show of popular hits: Beatles to Stones...Bowie to Led Zeppelin...Aretha to Sly Stone)
Food Trucks: Poupee Puf Cotton Candy, Kona Ice, Johnny G's Food Truck
- 18th **FEEL GOOD PARTY BAND**
(Party jams from the '60s to today)
Food Trucks: Poupee Puf Cotton Candy, Kona Ice, Sportys Food Truck
- 25th **CLASSICAL BLAST**
(Classical arts meets rock & pop music)
Food Trucks: Poupee Puf Cotton Candy, Kona Ice, Johnny G's Food Truck

AUGUST

- 8th **BILLY ELTON**
(Music of Billy Joel & Elton John)
Food Trucks: Poupee Puf Cotton Candy, Kona Ice, Johnny G's Food Truck
- 15th **ANCHORS AWAY**
(Yacht Rock)
Food Trucks: Poupee Puf Cotton Candy, Kona Ice, Cesaroni BBQ Food Truck
- 22nd **AMERICAN ENGLISH**
(Beatles Tribute)
Food Trucks: Poupee Puf Cotton Candy, Kona Ice, Sportys Food Truck, Golden Eagle Hot Dog Food Truck

Art in the Park

July 25, 6-8PM

Browse artwork while enjoying the sounds of Classical Blast.

Presented by:



Pre-concert Fun

Come at 6:30PM before each concert and enjoy a variety of FREE activities for ages 4-10!

the Oasis

Hours

Weekends (Saturday & Sunday) (June 3-August 13)

*11:30AM-6PM

Weekdays (June 9-August 11)

11:30AM-7PM (M-F)

*The Oasis opens at 11AM to passholders.

Postseason at Kemmerling Pool

Oasis passes will be honored at Kemmerling Pool for the Post Season. Bloomington residents paying the daily admission will be charged Roselle resident rates.

August 19 - September 4

Saturday, Sunday & Labor Day: 12-5PM

400 S Prospect St, Roselle, IL 60172

(224) 864-8056

Drop Slide/Aqua Climb Hours

Our drop slide and aqua rock wall located in 'Cuda Cove rotate every hour.

Aqua Climb 11AM-12PM, 1-2PM, 3-4PM, 5-7PM

Drop Slide 12-1PM, 2-3PM, 4-5PM

Daily Admission Rates

	R/NR	Twilight Rate (after 5pm)
Tot (2 & under)	Free	Free
Child (3-15)	\$6/\$8	\$3/\$4
Adult (16-61)	\$8/\$10	\$4/\$5
Senior (62+)	\$6/\$8	\$3/\$4

Special Hours

Due to special events, programs, and Swim/Dive Meets, The Oasis may have limited hours and/or limited areas open to the public on certain dates. Adjustments to regular hours are subject to change and will be posted at The Oasis.

The following dates are scheduled changes to regular hours:

June 14	Swim Meet – Oasis closes at 5PM
June 17	Swim meet – Oasis opens approx. 12PM
June 24	Swim meet – Oasis opens approx. 12PM
June 27	Dive Meet – Cuda Cove closes at 4:30PM
July 4	Oasis closes at 5pm
July 6	Dive Meet – Cuda Cove closes at 4:30PM
July 8	Swim Meet – Oasis opens approx. 12PM
July 11	Dive Meet – Cuda Cove closes at 4:30PM
July 27	Oasis closes at 5:30PM for "An Evening at The Oasis" event
August 1	Oasis closes at 3:30pm (Open 5:30-8PM for National Night Out)
August 3	Oasis closes at 5:30PM for Passholder Appreciation Night
August 9	Oasis closes at 5:30PM for Volunteer Appreciation Night

2023 Season Passes

	Season Rate Beginning June 1 R/NR
Individual	\$69/\$89
Senior (62+)	\$59/\$79
VIP	\$75/\$95
Super Pass	\$30 add'l

VIP Pass

A passholder can purchase a VIP pass and it can be used for different people throughout the summer. A passholder must accompany any person using the VIP pass. Only one VIP pass may be purchased per household.

Super Pass

Super Pass holders may enjoy the amenities and attractions at both The Oasis and Kemmerling Pool in Roselle. The Super Pass is made available to residents through a cooperative agreement between the Bloomington Park District and the Roselle Park District. Super Passes must be purchased in person at the JRC Registration Desk. A new picture is required for all super passes. Roselle residents must purchase their Super Pass at the Roselle Park District.

General Season Pass Information

- Renewed 2022 Oasis passes do not require a new picture to be taken if you possess your 2022 pass
- A new picture is required if you have not had a new picture taken in the last two years.
- New 2023 passes require a picture to be taken prior to entering The Oasis.
- Super Passes require a new picture every year.
- Refunds for Oasis passes will not be granted after the pool has opened for the season.
- Proof of residency is required to receive the resident pass rate.





Yoga & Dessert at the Bloomingtondale Park District Museum

Join us for a Yoga class for all levels followed by a dessert flight provided by D's Treats. Make a date of it, and pair it with our Parent's Night Out program (on page 53).

Friday, June 16 6-8PM
Location: Bloomingtondale Park District Museum
Instructor: Julie Gentile
\$30/\$35
7/25 (Min/Max)
Registration #403583-A1



Beach Party Pooch Parade



June 24, 11:30AM Old Town Park



Dogs of all shapes and sizes are invited to parade around OldTown Bloomingtondale dressed in their best beach attire. A Best Dressed Contest will be judged by our sponsors with gift baskets/prizes awarded to the top three finishers. An After Party to be held in Wolfden Brewery's pet friendly backyard beer garden. All ages are welcome; however, adult (21+) supervision is required. Rain date is July 15.

Registration: \$5 per pooch (register one family member per dog)

Code: 402626-A1

All proceeds benefit the Bloomingtondale Parks Foundation.

Supporting Sponsors:



Media Sponsor:



Flick & Float

Friday, July 7

The Oasis Water Park Oasis opens at 8PM, Show starts at dusk



Sponsored By:



Grab your beach towel, a noodle or your favorite float and settle in at The Oasis Water Park for an outdoor movie on the big screen!

Floating devices are welcome in Mango Bay but must be approved by the manager. Children under 15 must be accompanied by a responsible adult. The Tiki Hut will be open for concessions purchases. No outside food is allowed. Registration is required.

Activity Code: 404100-A1 **Fee:** \$2R/\$4NR



Bloomington Park District

Pickleball

Heard about Pickleball and want to learn more about the fastest growing sport in the country?

Pickleball combines many elements of tennis, badminton, and ping-pong in which players use paddles to hit a plastic ball (similar to a wiffleball) over a net. It is FUN, easy to learn, and a good workout, but not overly strenuous. Technique and strategy are far more important than raw power, and that is why it is one of the leading recreational activities among adults 50+.

Open Gym Pickleball **New!**

Come enjoy some friendly pick-up games or just practice. Balls are provided and paddles may be checked out to use as well.

Location: JRC	Adult (dd)	Fee: \$3R/day/person \$5NR/day/person
Tue	9:00am-1:00pm	Starting August 22
Thu	9:00am-1:00pm	Starting August 24

Outdoor Pickleball Courts

Did you know that Bloomington boasts 5 outdoor pickleball courts? These courts are free to use, and balls and paddles may be checked out at the Johnston Recreation Center desk with a photo ID during open hours (see page 81).

Indian Lakes Park 265 Bob White Lane	1 court
Lakeview Park 240 Broker Road	2 courts
Stratford Park 241 Butterfield Drive	2 courts



Pickleball Clinics **New!** **Free!**

Join us for our FREE Pickleball Clinic series where our instructor will teach you basic rules, skills, and strategies so that you can begin playing Pickleball recreationally. If you have your own paddle, bring it, but we can loan out paddles at no charge.

Location: Varies
Instructor: Staff
Adult (dd)
Min/Max: 6/16

Age	Day	Time	Date	Location	R/NR Fee	Code#
18+	Thu	10-11A	Jun 22	Lakeview Park	FREE	403455-A2
18+	Wed	10-11A	Aug 2	Stratford Park	FREE	403455-A3
18+	Thu	10-11A	Aug 17	JRC Gym	FREE	403455-A4

