

# Village of Bloomingdale

# Annuaire

August 2023

Growth with Pride

## I Spy Monarch Butterflies at the Village Hall



Mayor Franco is a participant of the Mayors' Monarch Pledge, an initiative to support the efforts of the National Wildlife Federation help save the declining monarch butterfly & other pollinators. As part of the program, the Village plants & supports the growth of Milkweed and other habitat within Bloomingdale; if you stop by Village Hall, you can see the most recent addition, a Butterfly Garden/Monarch Waystation on the north side of the building.

Thanks to our Public Works team, it is already bustling with many pollinators, including Monarch butterflies and hummingbirds!

## Bloomingdale Septemberfest: 49 Years of Celebrating Community

On Saturday, September 9, the Village of Bloomingdale will come together to celebrate its traditional end of the summer season, Septemberfest. The 49th annual daylong event has been held at the corner of Third and Franklin streets long before it was called Old Town.

The kick-off to Septemberfest starts with the parade which features various organizations in town, sports teams, scouts, dancing teams, other groups and local businesses. It will step off at 11 AM from Tee Lane, heading north to Schick Road, then proceeding west to end up in Old

Town. The fest, which opens at 11 AM and runs until 10 PM, will feature a variety of food and drink vendors, crafters, local business booths, live entertainment, a Kiddie Carnival and much more.

Following the parade, the Opening Ceremony begins at 12 PM with Mayor Franco *Coladipietro* welcoming the community and the VFW Post 7539 raising the flag. We will also honor the Septemberfest Joe Draghi & Dominic Froio Scholarship recipients at this time. This

scholarship fund has awarded thousands of dollars to young adults in our community. Following the scholarship award winners will be the National Anthem. We have a full slate of local entertainment going into the night with concerts by the Second Hand Soul Band, (continued on page 5)



SECOND HAND SOUL BAND  
MOTOWN | FUNK | SOUL

4 pm



THE BOY BAND  
NIGHT.com

6 pm



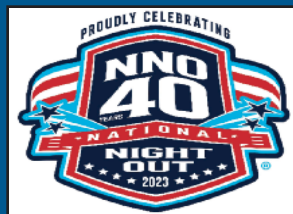
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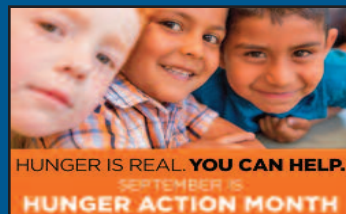
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# Bloomington Chamber Awards Eleven Scholarships to Local Students

## 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. Bloomington Road



On June 14th, the Bloomington Chamber of Commerce was proud to be able to award scholarships to local students. Through the generosity of Chamber members and a few fundraisers, 11 deserving students received scholarship money to use towards their secondary education.

Seated are the student winners: Rushil Shah, Abhi Patel, Natalia Szala, Matthew Rabanal, Mackenzie Hunn, Connor Gulik, Arius Guaba, Anthony Gervasio, Nicolette Miranda, Julia Kozlowski, Alessandro Scalera.

Business Donors in the Standing in the Back from left to right: Shelli Corbin – Eagle Falls Dentistry, Joe Fulco – NOW Foods/Fruitful Yield, Chris Karountzos – ANYWAY’S American Grill & Pub, Kristen Selmeczy – Molly Maid of Bloomington, Pastor Jeremy Heitkam – Cornerstone Faith Community Church, Susan DiMeo-Sargent – Pan American Bank and Trust, , Dr. Aimee Harris-Newon – The Center for Integrative & Functional Health & Wellness, Nate Olson representing Stratford Crossing/Newmark Merrill, Jean Voss UChicago MedicinelAdventHealth Glen Oaks, John Mazzone – Bloomington Bank & Trust, Mike Davison – Platt Hill Nursery

## Honoring Sam Tenuto

On June 10, the family of Former Village of Bloomington Mayor Sam Tenuto held a remembrance at the gazebo on Fairfield Way. He served as Bloomington’s Mayor from 1979 until 1992. Pictured are Mayor Franco & Former Mayor Iden holding a photo of Sam, along with his children, Sandey, Sam and Steve.



## Village of Bloomington 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

We are well into summer and I hope it has been an enjoyable one!

The Village Board continues its work with Maverick Hotels and Restaurants on their redevelopment plans for the former Indian Lakes Hotel and golf course. The Village is working with golf course architect Dave Esler to finalize the layout of the new 18-hole course on the west side of the property, a 9-hole Par 3 course with golf academy holes on the east portion of the property and a driving range separating the two courses. We are excited about the new course and will be sharing plans with the community in the coming month.

Efforts to take necessary steps towards the redevelopment of the Stratford Square Mall property are in motion with the Village reaching a purchase agreement for the former Sears parcel. The Village's eminent domain case against Namdar Realty for the main in-line center and former JCPenney property is moving forward and we are hoping for a resolution that will allow the Village to finalize a possible land development plan based on the tremendous feedback received from the vision plans shared with the community through the Village website. I encourage you to follow the Village website and sign up for our email news for updates.

Development in our retail centers continues to be strong with the construction of Cooper's Hawk on the former Barnes and Noble site with an anticipated opening date in the Fall, build-out of a new Shake Shack on the southeast corner of Springfield Drive and Army Trail Road, opening of Jollibee at 396 Army Trail, and the expansion of Eggeptional Café at 369 Army Trail Road.

If you haven't visited the Maker's Market in Old Town, be sure to stop by and check it out! The market is held on the last Sunday of the month in the Old Town parking lot (Schick & Third Street) from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. offers visitors a number of small businesses offering a variety of choices. It is a perfect way to spend a Sunday afternoon.

Besides the market there is plenty to do in Bloomingdale in August. From National Night Out at the Oasis and Circle Park on August 1, the Library's Ice Cream Social on August 3, the Annual Fourth of July Fireworks show, originally scheduled for July 1st, will now take place on September 2nd at the Village's open space area on the former Indian Lakes golf course at approximately 9:00 PM. The band American English will be performing the last free concert of the season on August 22 at Old Town Park. There's always the Oasis Water Park!

Beyond August, the community will have plenty more opportunities to come together! The Village's annual Septemberfest will be held on Saturday, September 9 and the Old Town Brew Fest scheduled for Saturday, October 7 from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in Old Town. The event, which features local craft breweries, provides participants with samples of craft beers to enjoy as well as food from some of our local eateries.

We finish the year with the return of the Village Tree Lighting and Kris Kringle Market on Friday, December 1st from 4:00 p.m. until we kick-off the holiday season with the lighting of our community holiday tree and the Park District Festival of Lights in Old Town Park. It's always a fun event and one of my favorites!

I hope to see you at one of our many community events. Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Mayor Franco



## The show must go on! Fireworks Rescheduled for September 2

The Village of Bloomingdale will be hosting the rescheduled Fireworks Show on Saturday, September 2nd, 2023, at the Village's open space area on the former Indian Lakes golf course; show will begin at dusk, approximately 9:00 PM. Onsite parking will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis & handicap parking will be available on the far south side of the main lot, with designating signs. 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.



## Kris Kringle Market Vendors Wanted

Event: Friday, December 1st @  
3:30 - 8:30 PM

Old Town Bloomingdale

Vendor fee \$50.00 per 10x10  
space

Electricity \$10.00 per outlet

\*\*Outdoor event

For information contact Lauren  
Moore, Market Coordinator at  
[moore@vil.bloomingdale.il.us](mailto:moore@vil.bloomingdale.il.us)  
or call 630-671-5831.



# Keep Storm Sewer Drains Free of Debris To Help Prevent Local Flooding

## 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

Please do not rake, pile or blow debris, grass clippings, leaves or tree branches into the street or into, over or near a storm sewer drain. They can cover storm water inlets, preventing water from flowing into the storm sewer system creating a greater chance for localized flooding.

When leaves are raked or deposited into the street, they can also cover storm water inlets. Not only does this create a greater chance for localized flooding, the deposits which eventually decay are also unsightly. The Village's street sweeping program is designed to only collect those leaves that fall naturally onto the street, NOT leaves that are raked or deposited into the street by the property owner or landscape maintenance contractors.

Please collect and deposit leaves in brown kraft paper yard waste bags. Each yard waste bag must have a yard waste sticker affixed, or it will not be collected by Republic Services. Yard waste stickers are sold at the Village Hall, and local retailers such as Caputos, Jewel and Ace Hardware. Tagged yard waste bags may be placed at the curb after 6 p.m. on the night before your collection day.

If you have any questions regarding the yard waste collection program please contact the Village at 630-671-5800.

## Have a New Tree? Water It When Temperatures Are High and Rainfall is Low

The Forestry Division is requesting help from residents to keep newly and recently planted trees watered when the temperature climbs and there isn't enough rain. Trees lose lots of water when the temperature climbs.



Proper watering is the single most important aspect of maintenance of transplanted trees. The goal is to provide at least 1 to 2 inches of water every two weeks, more often in very hot weather.

Here are two easy ways to accomplish watering:

1. Set a garden hose at the base of the tree, and let it trickle for 15 minutes.
2. Perforate a 5-gallon plastic bucket with several holes, place it near the trunk of the tree and fill it with water. Allow the water to seep out, then repeat.

After the tree has been established for two years the root structure is better able to withstand a wider range of water conditions.

## Village Water Meter Replacement Underway

The Village is replacing 5/8" – 1" water meters in all residential and commercial properties throughout Bloomington. Be on the lookout for a notice in the mail from United Meters Inc (UMI) with information on how to schedule an appointment.

The project will be completed in phases over the next 6 – 8 months. Village staff are unable to schedule appointments, please contact UMI directly once you receive the notice.

For additional information visit [www.villagofbloomington/868/Water-Meters](http://www.villagofbloomington/868/Water-Meters) or call Public Works at (630) 671-5800.

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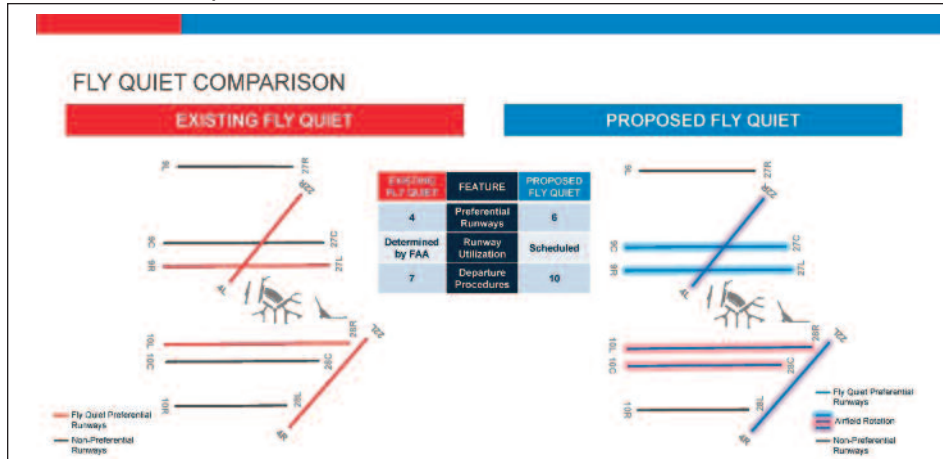
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# O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission Continuing to Monitor Aircraft Noise

The Village of Bloomingdale is a member of the O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission (ONCC) which is the only inter-governmental agency that is dedicated to reducing aircraft noise in the communities around O'Hare International Airport.



A sub-committee of the ONCC is the Fly Quiet Committee whose primary goal is to minimize and equally distribute aircraft noise at night. For the past seven years the committee has been working on an update to the Fly Quiet Program. O'Hare has eight runways that are utilized at different times depending primarily upon the prevailing wind conditions on the airfield, as well as other weather conditions, and air traffic conditions. Attached is a picture of the current runway use and the suggested change made to the FAA since all runways are now open.

The number of flights over our community has changed due to the new runway configuration of east/west from the original diagonal and the Village continues to advocate for the equal distribution of flights between the north and south (which are the ones over Bloomingdale/Roselle/Itasca) runways.

A link to the ONCC Airport Noise Management System Monthly Report provides good information regarding runway use, number of flights in and out of the airport and noise complaint numbers: <https://oharenoise.org/noise-management/noise-reports/anms/anms-reports/2023-1/1211-april-2023-anms-report/file>

You can file a complaint on noise using the toll-free noise hotline at 1-800-914-8537 or visiting [https://311.chicago.gov/s/article/Aircraft-noise-complaints?language=en\\_US](https://311.chicago.gov/s/article/Aircraft-noise-complaints?language=en_US)

## Septemberfest Celebrates Community

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The Boy Band Night and Hi Infidelity. The Kiddie Carnival will be held in the parking lot next to the food and craft vendors and will feature 5-7 rides suitable for youngsters. The rides will be open from 1 pm to 10 pm. Plan to meet friends and neighbors at the 49th Septemberfest on Saturday, September 9 in our beautiful Old Town venue!

### It's Not Too Late to Sign Up for Septemberfest

It's not too Late! There are still spots left for Food & Craft vendors and Parade entries for Septemberfest! Go to [villageofbloomingdale.org](http://villageofbloomingdale.org). Click on Community, then on Septemberfest to access the applications.



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

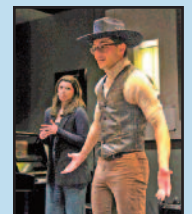


Following the unveiling of the rejuvenated Old Town in 2016, the Village started a new tradition of holding a community tree lighting on the piazza on Franklin Street. So far, each year we have been able to acquire a 30-foot tree from a location in Bloomingdale. The Village arranges to have it cut down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

If you have a large tree you are interested in donating as Bloomingdale's official Christmas tree this year, please contact Director of Public Works Jim Monkemeyer at 630-671-5800 or [monkemeyerj@vil.bloomingtondale](mailto:monkemeyerj@vil.bloomingtondale).

## Congratulations Brian!

Brian Provenzano, a local Bloomingdale resident & Senior theater major at Loyola University, achieved a 3.6 GPA and was awarded a spot on the Dean's List for the College of Arts and Sciences. Brian was also part of two productions during this semester. He acted in second stage productions of Twelfth Night and The Twilight Zone. Great job Brian!





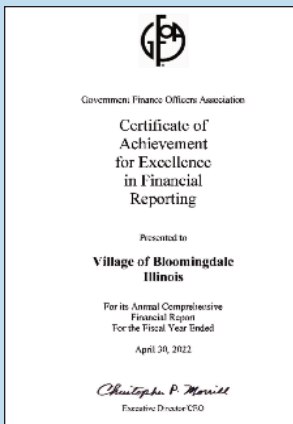
# IEPA Conducting Cross Connection Control Device Survey

## Village Receives Certificate of Excellence For Financial Reporting

The Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) has again awarded the Village of Bloomington with the prestigious Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for its annual comprehensive financial report for the fiscal year ended April 30, 2022. This certificate is the highest form of recognition for excellence in state and local government in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting. Its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

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

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



The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) and Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) require that the public water supply be protected from cross-connections which are any physical connection that allows a potable (safe) water source to come into contact with a non-potable (potentially contaminated) source. A cross-connection may cause contamination of plumbing systems and the Village's water supply, potentially risking the health of consumers. Examples of potential cross-connection sources include: lawn irrigation systems, private water sources such as wells, chemical feed systems or fire suppression systems.

To protect the integrity of the Village's drinking water system, the IEPA requires the Village to manage a Cross-Connection Control Device Program including conducting a survey of all water customers to determine if cross-connections and cross-connection control devices are present.



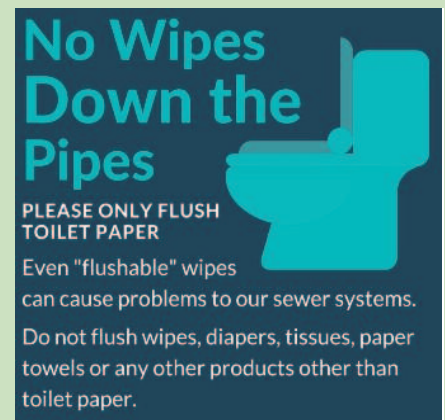
Please visit [www.villageofbloomington.org/163/cross-connection-control-survey](http://www.villageofbloomington.org/163/cross-connection-control-survey) to find more information on the program and a link to complete the survey prior to September 30, 2023. Residents and business owners will need their water account number, address, and manufacturer's information of any existing cross-connection control devices present on the property.

If you have any questions or would like a paper copy of the survey, please contact the Public Works – Water Production Division at 630-671-5800.

## No Wipes Down the Pipes!

With increased use of disinfecting wipes, it is more important now than ever for everyone to remember to throw them away instead of flushing them in the toilet.

- Disposable 'flushable' wipes do not break down as advertised • Result in issues with resident's sewer line, city sewer lines and waste water facility.
- By not breaking down 'flushable' wipes can clog lines which causes sewage backup into residential homes and can result in very expensive plumbing repairs and water damage to the home.
- The same applies to septic tanks and pipes which can cause complete blockage and sewer water will back-up into a home's sinks, drains, bathtub and other opening directly connected to the septic system. • The city's sewer lines and water reclamation plant can suffer damage that will result in expensive repairs and replacement of equipment that is needed to process the raw sewage.
- Most sewer back-ups are directly related to blockages within sewer pipes. Blockages can be caused by grease build-up, root intrusion, cracked pipes and especially non-flushable wipes.



## Police Department Offering AARP Smart Driver Program for Drivers 50+ On October 4 & 5

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



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

Classes will be held on October 4 and October 5 from noon to 4 PM at the Bloomingdale Police Department: 201 S. Bloomingdale Rd. Participants must attend both days. A \$25 fee for the course (\$20 for AARP members) payable to AARP is due the first day of the class.

Please contact Sue Osicek at 630-671-5858 to register; please call early as the class fills up fast and space is limited.

## Citizens Police Academy Begins in October

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

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

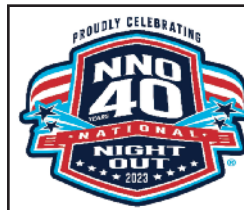
If interested in participating in the Citizen Police Academy or for more information, please contact Sue Osicek at (630) 671-5858.

## Free Festivities at Annual National Night Out

Bloomingdale's National Night Out event takes place on Tuesday, August 1st at Circle Park, 172 S. Circle Avenue. The event begins at 5:30 PM and concludes at 8:30 PM (weather permitting).

National Night Out is designed to generate support and participation in local anticrime efforts through the Neighborhood Watch Program, while strengthening neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships nationwide. This event is a wonderful opportunity to meet your neighbors, make new friends, and develop a partnership between the community and police department against crime.

Festivities are free & open to the public, include open swim, food, games, prizes, music and lots of fun! Food will be served from 5:30 to 7 PM Heroes vs. Half-Pints & Wiffleball Classic games will be at 7-8 PM and the Oasis Water Park is open until 8 PM.



## 2023 Cop on a Rooftop A Special Olympics Fundraising Success!



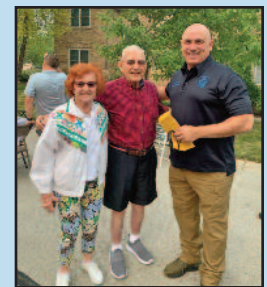
Between the intermittent rain, clouds and sun, the Bloomingdale IL. Police Department Officers rallied support for the Illinois Special Olympics at both Bloomingdale Dunkin locations on May 19th!

Thank you to all who came out and so generously donated to benefit the Special Olympics Illinois and the Illinois Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics! Great job to our officers and staff who make this event happen each year, especially to Officer Phil Jaffe who organized and led BPD's fundraising efforts this morning! In total, BPD raised over \$6,000 for the Illinois Special Olympics.

If you missed the "Cop on a Rooftop" event and are interested in donating to Special Olympics, call Officer Phil Jaffe or Sue Osicek (630) 529-9868.

## Happy Anniversary!

On June 27, Director Giammarese had the privilege of stopping by and celebrating Norm and Juanita



Hathaway's 75 wedding anniversary! The Hathaway's neighbors hosted a surprise party in the Bloomfield Club Subdivision.

Norm is a former volunteer for the Bloomingdale Police Department.

# Septemberfest Commission Announces 2023 Scholarship Recipients

## Mahan Family Wines News

Mahan Family Wines is excited to invite all Bloomingdale residents to join the fun at their Harvest Party in Michigan. If you haven't made a reservation yet, there is still time. At the Harvest Party, not only can you expect to unwind in the serenity of vistas of their Granite Ridge vineyard but also meet other Bloomingdale Wine Enthusiasts and of course their Grapes!

Phil Mahan, their Winemaker, recently won silver medals at an international wine competition for two of their wines, Chardonnay and Chambourcin, both of which will be served at their Harvest Party.

On Saturday, November 11th, after their 2023 harvest, they will host a Beaujolais Nouveau Celebration. This year they will also host a People's Choice Wine Competition of amateur winemakers from Bloomingdale. Residents might be excited to recognize one of the contestants; we all know him as Mayor Franco! He knows what it takes to make a great town run smoothly, let's see if he knows what it takes to make a great wine go down smoothly.

To make a reservation at their Speakeasy-inspired Wine Bar in Bloomingdale or to view upcoming events, go to [MahanFamilyWines.com](http://MahanFamilyWines.com).



TJ with Mayor Franco & members of the VFW at his birthday celebration

The Bloomingdale Septemberfest Commission proudly introduces the 2023 Septemberfest Scholarship Recipients. The Septemberfest Scholarship fund has awarded Bloomingdale young adults thousands of dollars in scholarships, made possible completely through donations. Students applied and were interviewed earlier this year. The applicants demonstrated dedication to community service and a variety of volunteer experience.

This year a \$5000 Dominic Froio Scholarship was awarded in addition to the \$2,000 Joe Draghi Scholarship awards.

The recipients will be introduced at the 2023 Septemberfest on September 9, 2023. Bloomingdale can be very proud of these young adults.



Mayuri Hullur - She will just be starting her Senior year and will decide on a university in the near future



Gianna Kubica - Honors College at East Carolina University \$5,000 Dominic Froio Scholarship Recipient



Natalie Angel - University of Illinois Urbana Champaign



Benjamin Swinehart - University of Illinois Urbana Champaign

## Thomas Doody Celebrates 100 Years

At the July 10th Village Board meeting, Mayor Franco proclaimed July 15, 2023 to be "Thomas Doody Day" in Bloomingdale, with a proclamation read. On July 14, TJ Doody celebrated his 100th birthday surrounded by family & residents at Lakeview Memory Care Bloomingdale, where he lives. Mayor Franco stopped by to present the proclamation to TJ.

Thomas J. "TJ" Doody was born to John and Nellie Doody on July 15, 1923, the youngest of 3 children. After enlisting in the United States Army, TJ qualified as an air cadet in 1942, was assigned as a 1st Lieutenant and pilot at an air base in England. His duties included escorting bombers, strafing & performing fighter sweeps. TJ earned an Air Medal, Silver Oak Cluster and Theater Ribbon with three Bronze Battle Stars, flew 269 combat hours & 51 sorties (sudden attacks by troops from a defensive position).

TJ married Catherine McCafferty & they had 4 children: Tom, Jack, Susan and Michael. After active service, he was hired by Argonne National Laboratory & retired after 32 years. TJ had collaborated with scientists to enable breakthrough research. He was presented with the Kermit Fischer Award by the American Scientific Glassblowers Society & received a patent for his invention of a multiple outlet semi-ball and socked valve.

Today, TJ has 6 grandchildren & 14 great-grandchildren.

## GO ORANGE! for Hunger Action

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

To kick-off Hunger Action Month, Mayor Franco has proclaimed Friday, September 15, 2023 as the 10th Annual GO ORANGE DAY for Hunger Action in Bloomingdale. Participation in GO ORANGE DAY continues to increase each year throughout the community. The Village urges everyone to join in to Take Action Against Hunger, by:

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

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## Amazing Feats Come From Big Hearts: 5k Race to Stop Hunger on August 28

Runners and Walkers - The 7th Annual Race To Stop Hunger, sponsored by Kids Against Hunger Illinois, is coming to the old Indian Lakes Golf Course on Saturday, August 28, 8 AM, In-Person (and Virtual). 100% of proceeds go to feeding children! Come as an individual or create a team of friends, co-workers, neighbors and enjoy the morning while raising money for a great cause.

To Register, Sponsor, Volunteer & More Information: [kah-IL.org](#). Or contact Race Director, Nancy: [racetostophunger@gmail.com](mailto:racetostophunger@gmail.com).

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## CHARACTER COUNTS! Celebration Night

October 3 (rain date 10/10)

6:00PM Pre-program activities on the Piazza

6:30PM CC! program in Old Town Park

The whole community is invited to CHARACTER COUNTS! Celebration Night in Old Town Park for fun and entertainment. Show your support of the Six Pillars of Character! Children will entertain the audience with performances honoring the Six Pillars, and the American Character Awards are presented to school children and a youth athlete who exhibit outstanding character. The theme this year is Trustworthiness!

Visit [www.character60108.org](http://www.character60108.org) for more information on CHARACTER COUNTS! in Bloomingdale.



## 'Smash Your Acrylics' at Next BAA Meetings



### Smash Your Acrylics!

Wednesday, 9/13/23 at 6:30pm  
Bloomingdale Park District Museum  
108 S. Bloomingdale Road

Brittnie Berkshire's expertise lies in abstract art that she creates through a unique paint splattering technique. Please wear old clothing; this fun technique can GET a little messy.

Brittnie has lived in the western suburbs her whole life. She has had a passion for the arts ever since a young age. After experiencing health issues, her passion amplified, and she learned to use art to express herself and cope with challenges in her life. She now pours her time and energy into mastering her art and sharing it with others through teaching and participation in local art shows.

\$15 visitor fee. The BAA welcomes new members, beginner to experienced artists, or anyone just curious about art. Membership cost for the calendar year of September through May is \$30.

Contact Bev at [bpetrosius@gmail.com](mailto:bpetrosius@gmail.com) or 630-624-9545 to register and for more information.

## COOPER'S HAWK

Construction moving along fast at the new Cooper's Hawk Restaurant. Most of the exterior work is being wrapped up and they have begun construction on the interior of the building. They are on track to meet their early fall opening!



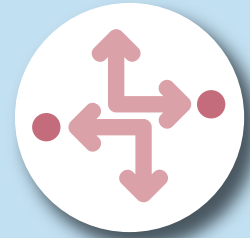
## OLD SECOND BANK/SHAKE SHACK

Old Second Bank on Army Trail and Springfield Roads is down! The vacant site is making way for a new Shake Shack and a new Old Second Bank with a smaller footprint. Now that demolition is complete, construction should begin in the coming weeks!



## CHASE BANK

Construction is in the air. The former Chase Bank at Springbrook Shopping Center, which fell victim to fire earlier this year, has been completely demolished. Representatives for the bank have not provided any indication of future plans at this point, but we will keep everyone updated as things progress!



## 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**

## Congratulations Mariano's Bloomingdale

Mariano's is part of Kroger's Zero Hunger | Zero Waste Foundation, an initiative to create communities free of hunger & waste. Of all Mariano's, the Bloomingdale location had the highest percentage of donations, resulting in 19,500 pounds of food, equaling 13,000 meals for those facing hunger in our local community.

Mariano's Bloomingdale hosted a celebration where the store team presented a \$2,000 grant to Roselle UMC Community Food Pantry. Mayor Franco spoke at the event and congratulated their accomplishment.



## Bloomingdale Grand Raffle

**Grand Prize  
\$2,000**

Max 500 tickets will be sold

2nd Place: \$500

3rd Place: \$200



Buy early and be entered into the early drawing on **October 5th** for \$100 and still be eligible for the Grand Prize drawing on December 6th. Portion of the proceeds will go to benefit the food pantry.

Tickets: \$20 each



On sale at [BloomingdaleChamber.com](http://BloomingdaleChamber.com)

## Best Of Bloomingdale

This is your chance to share your ideas on which businesses are the Best of Bloomingdale. From August 1-25, nominate your favorite local business at [BestOfBloomingdale.com](http://BestOfBloomingdale.com). To be on the ballot, a business is required to be a Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce member, however does not have to reside in the boundaries of Bloomingdale, but serves its residents.

Public voting will be September 1-17th at [BestOfBloomingdale.com](http://BestOfBloomingdale.com). Winners will be announced at the October 5th Awards Dinner.

# Bloomingtondale Fire Protection District #1



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## BACK TO SCHOOL SAFETY TIPS:



### **SCHOOL DROP OFFS:**

- Do not double park; it blocks visibility for other children & other vehicles
- Do not load or unload children across the street from the school
- When possible, carpool to reduce the number of vehicles at the school

### **SCHOOL ZONE DRIVING:**

- Take extra care to look out for children in school zones, near playgrounds and parks, and in all residential areas
- Never pass a vehicle stopped for pedestrians, no matter who has the right of way
- Avoid passing cars, changing lanes, making U-turns & all cell phone use while driving in school zones

### **SCHOOL BUS SAFETY:**

- The area 10 ft around a school bus is the most dangerous for children; stop far enough back to allow them space to safely enter and exit the bus
- It is illegal in all states to pass a school bus that is stopped to load or unload children
- If you're driving behind a bus, allow a greater following distance to allow more time to stop for yellow lights

**REMEMBER TO SLOW DOWN AND ALWAYS BE ALERT.  
SCHOOL'S OPEN. DRIVE CAREFULLY.**

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## Training Day

You may have seen multiple fire apparatus at the old West Suburban Bank on Army Trail Road and Springfield Drive on June 12, as Bloomingtondale Fire Protection District #1 was conducting fire training.



## Firefighter/Paramedic Kevin Bus Retires

It is with great appreciation and our heartfelt warm wishes that the Bloomingtondale Fire Protection District announces the retirement of FF/PM Kevin Bus.

Kevin served the Bloomingtondale Fire Protection District for over 24 years before retiring in June. He will be greatly missed and we thank him for his service and wish him the best in his retirement.



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## Bloomingdale Garden Club Upcoming Programs

### August 15, 2023 - Dietary Strategies to Optimize Cognitive Health

Foods we eat have a big impact on brain structure & health. Eating a brain-boosting diet may support both short-term & 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 experiences, educating for healthy, organic gardening, farm to table food integrity, cooking, preservation and living life in a regenerative, sustainable manner.

### September 19, 2023 – Landscaping with Native Plants

David Brooks is a professional naturalist who has given presentations on Illinois natural history & green landscaping to groups throughout the Chicago area since 1990.

David will review the benefits of using natives & introduce you to a wide range of beautiful plants suitable for home gardens as well as how to incorporate them into your landscape.

Bloomingdale Garden Club meets the third Tuesday of the month; visitors welcome! Announcements at 6:15 PM, Programs at 7 PM at Cornerstone Faith Community Church, 118 First Street. For information: [bloomingdalegardenclub@gmail.com](mailto:bloomingdalegardenclub@gmail.com) or [www.bloomingdalegardenclub.org](http://www.bloomingdalegardenclub.org)

## Bloomingdale Garden Club Celebrates 60th Year

The Bloomingdale Garden Club celebrates its 60-year anniversary of charter membership in the Garden Clubs of Illinois this October. A gala luncheon for members, families and friends is planned at the Bloomingdale Golf Course, on October 29, 2023.

The Bloomingdale Garden Club was started by seven gardening friends & neighbors on April 19, 1963. It was decided at this meeting that a garden club would be “helpful to the members and, in time, a benefit to our community.” On October 22, 1963, application was made to the Garden Clubs of Illinois for membership.

The seven original members would be thrilled to see the results of their little adventure. Today the Bloomingdale Garden Club boasts a membership of over 50 men & women, including a few who joined the Club back in the 1960s and hosts monthly programs, meetings and workshops at the Cornerstone Faith Community Church.

The Club’s early years were filled with monthly programs, spring luncheons, floral competitions and garden walks. The Club’s first plant sale was held in 1965. This popular annual event was first held in members’ gardens, then the Library and at the Bloomingdale Village Hall for many years. The 2013 spring sale was relocated to the Park District Maintenance Building in Springfield Park, and the Club was elated with the huge response and success.

The prophecy set forth at the first meeting on April 19, 1963 – that a garden club would be “helpful to the members and, in time, a benefit to our community” – has indeed become a reality for the Bloomingdale Garden Club.

## Brew Fest 2023: Save the Date for This Fun Afternoon!

Efforts are underway for the 4th Annual Old Town Brew Fest to be held in Old Town Bloomingdale on Saturday, October 7, 2023 from 2-6 PM.

This year’s festival plans to offer over 50 styles of beer from craft breweries in the Chicagoland area, food from local eateries and musical entertainment. We will be accepting canned and non-perishable food donations to benefit the Bloomingdale Township Food Pantry at the entrance (elective, NOT required for entry).

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





# wrap up your summer @ BPL!

## ice cream social

Thursday, August 3  
5:30 – 8:30 p.m.  
in the  
Library Parking Lot

for details see  
[mybpl.org/annualevents#ICS](https://mybpl.org/annualevents#ICS)

or scan here:



## YANKEE COWBOY

Friday, August 11  
12:00 – 1:00 p.m.  
in the  
Memorial Garden

sign up for a  
**LIBRARY  
CARD!**

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



### Hours:

Monday - Thursday: 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.  
Friday & Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday: 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. beginning September 10

### Library Closings:

Closed Sundays through September 3  
Closed Monday, September 4 in observance of Labor Day

### For updates to hours/services offered:

Call (630) 529-3120 • Email [bdref@mybpl.org](mailto:bdref@mybpl.org) • Visit our website at [mybpl.org](https://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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For programs with special registration requirements, please follow those instructions.

## 🗄️ VIRTUAL: The Legacy of Robin Williams

Monday, August 7 | 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. **Zoom Webinar**

Historical presenter Michelle Gibbons will take you into the life and mind of comic genius Robin Williams. Gibbons will discuss Williams' famous works, movies, TV shows, his personal struggles and achievements, as well as the impact he made on others during and after his life.

## 🗄️ Flying High: Betty the Pan Am Stewardess

Monday, August 14 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. **In-Person Event**

Fasten your uniform buttons and get ready to travel back to the golden age of air travel! In this historical portrayal, historian Leslie Goddard, Ph.D., brings a Pan Am stewardess to life. Learn about serving the rich and famous; about the strict height, weight, and age requirements; about cooking gourmet meals; and about enduring some wild rides.

## Drop-In Craft: Decorate a Wreath

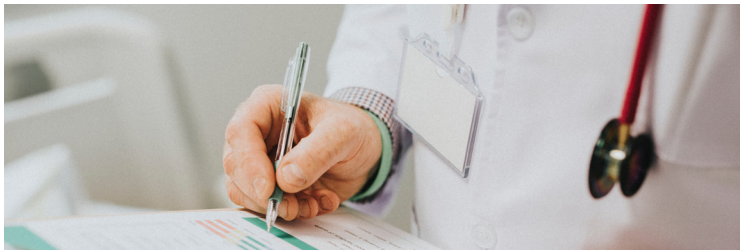
Tuesday, August 22 | 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. **In-Person Event**

Drop in and make a wreath with us, while supplies last. We have all the supplies you'll need, but feel free to bring in your own fake flowers, trinkets, ornaments, and foliage.

## 🗄️ Medicare 101

Tuesday, August 29 | 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. **In-Person Event**

Join this free, educational seminar designed to get you up to speed on what Medicare covers, what it doesn't, and potential out of pocket exposure. Presented by Robin Dawson of Medicare Solutions Network.



## bpl makerspace crafts

*Learn how to use the library's Makerspace equipment to make creative projects.*

Registration Information:

4 per session, ages 12 to adult, BPL card required.

### 🗄️ Beginner Sewing: Halloween Bookmark

Learn the basics of using the library's sewing machines to make a Halloween fabric bookmark.

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

**Register for one session:**

Monday, October 2 | 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 12 | 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.



## 🗄️ VIRTUAL: Legendary London

Monday, September 11 | 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. **Zoom Webinar**

London can be overwhelming on a first visit, with two thousand years of historic sites, museums, sports, and entertainment. Learn to plan your perfect London adventure with retired community college professor and world traveler Gene Flynn.

## 🗄️ VIRTUAL: The Great North American Eclipse

Monday, September 18 | 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. **Zoom Webinar**

Get ready for the two impressive solar eclipses coming up in October 2023 and April 2024. Learn what eclipses are, where to see them, when to look, and how to view solar eclipses safely. Presented by Astro-educator Michelle Nichols.

## 🗄️ Paul Simon: The Solo Years

Tuesday, September 19 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. **In-Person Event**

From the breakup of Simon & Garfunkel in 1970 until his retirement in 2018, Paul Simon continued to produce music that was both popular and thought provoking. Using audiovisual content, pop music expert Gary Wenstrup will trace Paul's post-Simon & Garfunkel career and celebrate his unique ability to write solo music of consequence for over 50 years.

## 🗄️ VIRTUAL: Life on the Appalachian Trail

Monday, September 25 | 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. **Zoom Webinar**

Join us on a virtual trip through the Appalachians with outdoorsman John Lynn as he shares his story of the world's most famous hiking trail and its community of mountains, forests, rivers, plants, animals, and people as experienced during 2,100 miles of hiking and camping adventures from Georgia to Maine.

## 🗄️ Autumn in the Smoky Mountains


Tuesday, September 26 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. **In-Person Event**

Great Smoky Mountains National Park is famous for its beautiful fall foliage. Retired librarian Nancy McCully shares her amazing images of autumn leaves, panoramic mountain views, tumbling streams, and weathered historic buildings and discusses how the most visited national park in the United States developed, what things to see and do on your visit, and the animals and plants living in the park.





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## book discussion groups

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

### HISTORICAL BOOK DISCUSSION

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

#### *The Burning of the White House: James and Dolley Madison and the War of 1812*

by Jane Hampton Cook

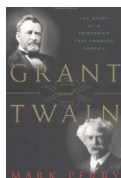
Tuesday, August 1 | 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.



#### *Grant and Twain: The Story of a Friendship That Changed America*

by Mark Perry

Tuesday, September 5 | 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.



### MONDAY NIGHT PAGE TURNERS

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

*no meeting in August*

#### *The Lighthouse Keeper's Daughter*

by Hazel Gaynor

Monday, September 18 | 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.



#### **Good Will Hunting**

Wednesday, August 9 | 1:00-3:30 p.m.

Will Hunting is a janitor at MIT who has a gift for mathematics but needs help from a psychologist to find direction in his life.

Rated R



#### **I Wanna Dance With Somebody**

Wednesday, August 23 | 1:00-3:30 p.m.

A joyous, emotional, heartbreaking celebration of the life and music of Whitney Houston, one of the greatest female R&B pop vocalists of all time, tracking her journey from obscurity to musical superstardom.

Rated PG-13



#### **Four Weddings and a Funeral**

Wednesday, September 13 | 1:00-3:30 p.m.

Over the course of five social occasions, a committed bachelor must consider the notion that he may have discovered love.

Rated R



#### **The Fabelmans**

Wednesday, September 27 | 1:00-3:30 p.m.

Growing up in post-World War II era Arizona, young Sammy Fabelman aspires to become a filmmaker as he reaches adolescence, but soon discovers a shattering family secret and how the power of films can help him see the truth.

Rated PG-13



Join BPL on **Goodreads!** Get reading suggestions and book reviews shared by library staff and Board. [www.goodreads.com/mybpl](http://www.goodreads.com/mybpl)

## ONGOING ADULT PROGRAMS

### Great Decisions

Wednesday, September 20 | 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 this year's session, email Julie Deeke at [jdeeke@mybpl.org](mailto:jdeeke@mybpl.org).


### Genealogy Club (Drop-In)

Wednesdays, August 16 & September 20 | 6:30 – 8:45 p.m.

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

# Computer Classes



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

## SENIOR courses

*In these friendly introductory classes for seniors, 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, September 12 | 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.  
Instructor: Sean

Learn how to perform simple tasks with a computer, get more comfortable with the mouse, and become familiar with common computer terms.

### All Things Internet

Tuesday, September 19 | 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.  
Instructor: Sean

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

### Tablets & Smartphones

Tuesday, September 26 | 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.  
Instructor: Salvador

Familiarize yourself with your smartphone or tablet by learning how to install and use apps, edit settings, and use the features of Apple or Android phones and tablets. Use one of our iPads bring your own device to class.

## MORE COMPUTER CLASSES

### Programming with Ruby

Thursday, August 17 | 7:00 p.m.  
Instructor: Charlie

**Ruby** is a popular and versatile programming language commonly used for web development, automation, data processing, and more.

### Using Android Phones

Monday, August 21 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.  
Instructor: Sean

Learn how to install and manage your apps, change settings, install widgets, use Google tools, and much more!

### Blender: Geometry Nodes

Thursday, August 24 | 7:00 p.m.  
Instructor: Charlie

Blender is a free, open-source application for creating digital 3D content. Build on skills from previous courses using Blender's Geometry Node Editor to automate adding complex surface geometry to a 3D model.

### Remote Zoom Class

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

Join our class on Zoom to try out techniques being discussed in real time and ask questions about issues you're facing. To join, visit <https://tinyurl.com/33zt4722>

### Azure Fundamentals

Tuesdays | 6:00 – 7:15 p.m.  
September 5, 12, 19, & 26  
Instructor: Volunteer Narek Ohanyan

This 4 session series will teach students to use the Azure Fundamentals Cloud. The 4th session will be a practice assessment to prep you for the official AS-900 exam.

### Apple Watch

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

Our phones allow us to carry a computer in our pocket, but smart watches like the Apple Watch give us computers on our wrists! Learn how they can help you meet your fitness goals and even replace your phone for common tasks.



### 3D Printing

Thursday, September 14 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.  
Instructor: Charlie

BPL allows patrons to print 3D objects using our equipment and it's easier than you might think! Come to class to learn how to find free designs on the web, make edits, and submit prints through [mybpl.org/3dprint](https://mybpl.org/3dprint).

### Internet Safety

Monday, September 18 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.  
Instructor: Sean

Learn about common security threats, how to remove most virus and spyware issues, what to do to reduce your risk of infection, and how to recover if your computer is infected.

### Digital Painting with Krita

Thursday, September 28 | 7:00 p.m.  
Instructor: Charlie

**Krita** is a free, open-source drawing application for digital painting, illustration, animation, special effects, and more. Learn the tools and techniques needed to start creating digital art.



## Master MICROSOFT EXCEL

### Excel Formulas

Monday, September 11 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.  
Instructor: Sean

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

### Excel PivotTables

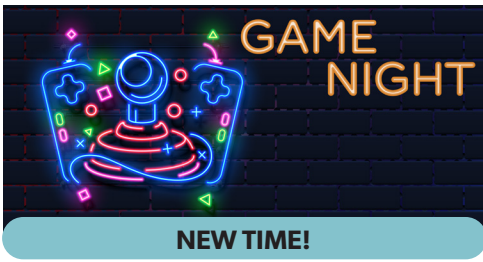
Monday, September 25 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.  
Instructor: Sean

Excel PivotTables can be very helpful in organizing data. Work with several examples to develop a comfort level with the tools Excel provides.



# Teen Programs

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



**NEW TIME!**

## Game Night (Drop-In)

Thursday, August 24  
6:00 – 7:30 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!



## Beauty and the Beast (PG)

Wednesday, August 23 | 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.



Drop in to watch a great movie, eat snacks, and enter for a chance to win a copy of the movie we watch! Movie giveaway held at the conclusion of the program and you must be present to win.

## 10 Things I Hate About You (PG-13)

Wednesday, September 27 | 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.



## Teen Crafts @ BPL

### In-Person

**NEW TIME!**

#### Perler® Bead Club (Drop-In)

Wednesdays, August 16 & September 20 | 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Join us on the third Wednesday of each month in the Makerspace to create a fun and colorful work of art using Perler® beads.



#### 📅 Custom Pencil Bag

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

Use one of the library's cutting machines in our Makerspace to create a custom pencil bag just in time for school. Limit 4

#### 📅 Scrumptious Candles

Wednesday, September 13 | 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Make a sweet smelling candle that reminds you of a tasty treat. Limit 6

### Take & Make Crafts

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

#### 📅 Mini Eraser Cuties

Kit Pickup: Monday, August 7 | Limit 11 teens

Registration begins Monday, July 10

Create cute erasers just in time for the new school year.

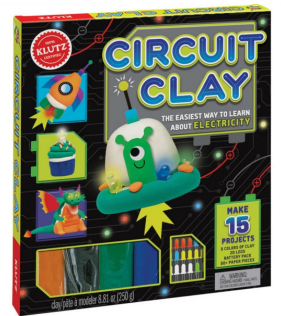
#### 📅 Circuit Clay

Kit Pickup: Tuesday, September 5

Limit 12 teens

Registration begins Monday, August 14

Learning electricity is easy when you make clay creations that glow! Use our special conductive and insulating clay to make a sculpture, add LEDs, attach a battery pack, and watch your clay circuit light up.



### Teen Book'd Bags

Love books? Answer a few questions about what you like to read and a librarian will select a book for you each month. Your books do not have to be returned to the library, they are yours to keep! Receive a YA novel, snack, and a BPL gift each month. Your book bag subscription will begin the month following form submission.



Visit [www.mybpl.org/teenbookbags](http://www.mybpl.org/teenbookbags) to get started.



### Teen Book Reviews

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

[mybpl.org/teenbookreviews](http://mybpl.org/teenbookreviews)

# Youth Programs



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

Registration for **August** programs begins July 24 at 9:00 a.m. Registration for **September** programs begins August 21 at 9:00 a.m. Register online, by phone at (630) 924-2740, or by email at [bdys@mybpl.org](mailto:bdys@mybpl.org). Please have your library card when you register.

## School Age Programs



**📅 Gear Up for Kindergarten**  
*Incoming Kindergarteners*  
Wednesdays, July 26,  
August 2 & August 9  
3:00 – 3:45 p.m.  
Practice “circle time,”  
letters, numbers, and colors  
to get ready for kindergarten  
this fall.

### **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!

### **Middle Grade Makers (Drop-In)**

*Grades 4-8*  
Thursdays, August 10 & September 28  
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, or jewelry. Crafts will take anywhere from 15 minutes to an hour; drop by and see what’s new each month!



### **📅 Back to School Time Capsules**

*Grades K-2*  
Monday, August 14 | 3:15 – 4:00 p.m.  
Get ready for a new year by creating a jar that is all about you as you enter your new grade. Seal it up, put it in a safe spot, and then enjoy seeing the contents of your time capsule at the end of this school year.

### **📅 I Scream, You Scream, We All Scream for Watermelon**

*Grades K-2*  
Wednesday, August 16 | 3:15 – 4:00 p.m.  
We all know the best summertime treat is red, ripe, juicy watermelon. Join us as we celebrate all things watermelon!

### **West Suburban Homeschool Band Info Session (Drop-In)**

*Families*  
Thursday, August 17 | 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.  
A staple of the western suburbs for over 225 years, the WSHSB offers marching band lessons and events for students and adult family members. Come learn more about them!



### **📅 Candy Sushi and Series**

*Grades 3-6*  
Monday, August 21 | 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.  
Create a plate of yummy candy sushi while hearing about popular series for grades 3-6. Please call the Youth Services Desk one week in advance with any food allergies so accommodations may be made.

### **📅 DIY Colorful Wind Chimes**

*Grades K-2*  
Tuesday, August 29 | 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.  
Use natural and colorful supplies to create a lovely sounding wind chime.

### **📅 Cardboard Initial Craft**

*Grades 3-6*  
Thursday, August 31 | 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.  
We’ll be yarn wrapping cardboard letters and embellishing with art supplies to create fun, colorful initial art to decorate your favorite space.

### **📅 Cheese Pizza Day**

*Grades K-2*  
Thursday, September 7 | 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.  
All lovers of cheese pizza can join us for stories, games, and even some yummy cheese pizza.

### **📅 Homeschool Hangout Series**

*Families*  
Thursday, September 14 | 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.  
Join us to explore a new topic each month with books, crafts, and activities specially designed for each grade range.

### **📅 Makerspace Club: STEM Time**

*Grades 3-6*  
Thursday, September 14 | 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.  
Libraries are a great place to learn about science and technology while making cool stuff. Come join the fun! We will be making our own back to school GIFs you can share with your friends.

### **📅 Iron-On Pencil Bags**

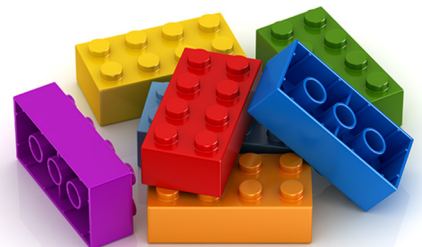
*Grades K-6*  
Monday, September 18 | 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.  
Create a one-of-a-kind pouch for your new school supplies, using the Cricut Maker® and Cricut EasyPress®.

### **📅 What’s in a Name?**

*Grades K-2*  
Monday, September 25 | 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.  
Enjoy stories about names and discover the meaning of some names. Everyone will go home with a craft celebrating their own name.

### **LEGO® Club (Drop In)**

*Grades 1-6*  
Tuesday, September 26 | 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.  
Design and build with the library’s LEGO® supply to complete the challenge.





# Youth Services

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

Registration for **August** programs begins July 24 at 9:00 a.m. Registration for **September** programs begins August 21 at 9:00 a.m. Register online, by phone at (630) 924-2740, or by email at [bdys@mybpl.org](mailto:bdys@mybpl.org). Please have your library card when you register.

## Preschool Programs

### Come Together (Drop-In)

0-24 months

Every Wednesday | 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Meet and chat with other parents & caregivers each week while your child socializes and explores with hands-on toys. *Will be offered simultaneously with Baby Tales and Tunes when in session.*

### 📅 Baby Van Gogh

Babies and toddlers

Friday, August 4 | 11:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Show your baby's artistic side by creating a beautiful canvas.

### Baby, Let's Make Music (Drop-In)

0-24 months

Wednesdays, August 9 and 23  
10:00 – 10:30 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.



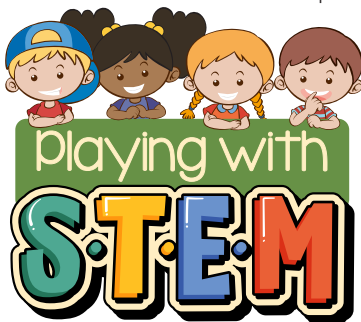
### Playing with STEM

Ages 2-5

Tuesdays, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.  
August 15 – building (drop-in)

📅 September 5 – apples (registration required)

Start your child in STEM with our fun play-to-learn program. Each month we will have different stations for kids to explore.



### 📅 Where the Wild Things Are

Ages 3-5

Tuesday, August 22 | 1:30 – 2:15 pm.

Let the wild rumpus start! Join us for a wild time as we do some fun activities with *Where the Wild Things Are*.



### 📅 Explore with Your Senses

Under 3 years old with caregivers & families  
Saturday, August 26 | 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Come participate in different activities designed to develop sensory processing skills. Explore texture, sound, smell, colors, and patterns.

### 📅 Celebrate National Teddy Bear Day at the Library

Ages 2-5

Friday, September 8  
10:30 – 11:15 a.m.

Meet us outside the library for a teddy bear storytime and parade, then leave your stuffed friend with BPL staff overnight and hear all about the fun they had when you pick them up the next day!



### National Play-Doh® Day (Drop-In)

Ages 2-6

Saturday, September 16 | 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Come play with Play-Doh® with several fun molding machines!

### 📅 Happy Books, Happy Cooks

Ages 3-5

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

A storytime for all the budding chefs! Read a food-filled story and create a tasty treat. *Please let us know about any allergies when registering.*

## For Families

Special Event:

# Flying Fox Conservation Fund

drop-in, for 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!

### Preschool Process Art (Drop-In)

Families

Saturday, September 9 | 10:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Spend time with each other and our art supplies, exploring different ways to express your creativity.

### Popsicle Stick Bird Feeder (Drop-In)

Families

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

Bring a pop of color to your backyard with a bird feeder made from Popsicle sticks!

### Celebrate Roald Dahl Day (Drop-In)

Families

Wednesday, September 13 | 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

What is your favorite Roald Dahl book? You won't need a golden ticket to come in and celebrate your favorite characters with stories, crafts, and activities.

### Craft Time (Drop-In)

Families

Friday, September 22 | 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Come make an elephant appreciation craft. While supplies last.

# FALL Storytimes

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.

## Fall Session: September 11 through October 20

### Preschool Storytime

Ages 3-5

Mondays, 1:30 – 2:00 p.m.

### Evening Storytime

All ages with caregiver

Wednesdays, 6:00 – 6:30 p.m.

### Toddler Storytime

Ages 2-3 with caregiver

Thursdays, 10:30 – 11:00 a.m.

### Family Storytime

All ages with caregiver

Fridays, 10:30 – 11:15 a.m.

no Family Storytime on September 29



### Baby Tales & Tunes

Ages 0-24 months with caregiver

Wednesdays

10:00 – 10:20 a.m. OR 10:30 – 10:50 a.m.

Introduce your baby to the world of music, movement, rhymes, and books that will aid in developing early literacy skills.

*Out of consideration for baby safety and to encourage child/caregiver bonding, older siblings cannot be accommodated in this program.*

### Family Yoga Storytime (Drop-In)

Grades K-2

Wednesdays, August 9, 23, 30 | 6:00 – 6:30 p.m.

Yoga can calm the mind and help focus. These storytimes will incorporate breath and movement to stories, songs, and stretches.

Be sure to dress comfortably.

### Circle Park Storytime (Drop-In)

All ages

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

Join us for outdoor summer storytimes in Circle Park.

Meet us at the picnic shelter! Weather pending.

# THANK YOU TO OUR SUMMER READING DONORS!

Thank you to the following donors to our 2023 Summer Reading Challenge!

Their support helps our reading challenges succeed.

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Culver's of Bloomington

Dairy Queen

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Oberweis Dairy

Raising Cane's

Ravinia Festival

Safari Land

Schaumburg Boomers

Sporty's Restaurant & Catering

Texas Roadhouse

Urban Air Adventure Park



# Community Appreciation Days

August 26-September 1

Try a class for Free!

Receive a FREE giveaway when you attend a class. During Community Appreciation Days, registration is required to participate and a list of programs will be published in the Fall Programming Brochure after August 10.

## Adult Trips

### Shopping at the Arboretum of South Barrington



Enjoy some shopping time at the Arboretum of South Barrington. The Arboretum of South Barrington is the most exciting place to shop, dine and play. The center hosts over 60 stores that includes DSW, The LOFT and many more. Shopping and lunch is on your own. Lunch options include Coopershawk, Panera, Potbelly, Ruth's Steak House and more. Registration deadline is September 8. Trip departs and arrives at the Bloomington Park District, 172 South Circle Avenue, Bloomington.

**Location: Johnston Rec Center**  
**Instructor: Staff**

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

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
18-99	Sat	10:30A-2:30P	Sep 16	\$10/\$15	103209-A1

### Chicago Botanical Gardens





Enjoy the beautiful gardens at your own pace. With the Botanical Gardens having over 385 acres of landscaped garden displaying millions of plants and flowers in a variety of settings, we will have plenty to see and do. Lunch will be on your own at the on-site Garden View Café. Fee includes transportation and admission ticket. Registration deadline is September 6. Trip departs and arrives at the Medinah Park District, 22W130 Thorndale Ave., Medinah.


**Location: Medinah Park District**  
**Instructor: Staff**

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

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
18-99	Wed	9:30A-3:30P	Sep 27	\$34/\$39	103207-A1

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

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

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

## Bloomington Park District Museum



### Fun and Games Exhibit

Gallery I

August 19 – September 23

Opening Reception: Sunday, August 27 2-4pm

Featuring games of all sorts! A brand new "Bloomington-opoly" game will be raffled off. This exhibit is sure to delight the child in all of us.

### "First Impressions" Juried Multimedia Show

Gallery II

August 19 – September 23

Opening Reception: Sunday, August 27, 2-4pm

Open to the community, bring us your 2D and 3D artwork for the theme "First Impressions". You may interpret it how you wish, and all media are welcome—painting, collage, photography, sculpture, printmaking and mixed media. Up to four entries are permitted. Share your creations with us!



"The Wagon" by Joan Ladendorf

  
From tiny seeds grow mighty trees.

Preschool Openings Available for Fall!!

Call 630-529-3650

# Superhero Training Academy

August 5, 1:30-2:45PM

## Johnston Recreation Center Gymnastics Gym

Join Spiderman, Black Widow, Black Panther, and Captain America for Superhero Training Academy! These heroes will lead you through training courses, a mask making activity, posing workshop and some fun games too. Your little heroes will participate in our signature Hero Pledge to become an honorary REAL superhero with a cape too! After Academy, our heroes will pose for photos with all our newly appointed superheroes.

Please be sure to wear loose-fitting, comfortable clothing. NO ZIPPERS or METAL on clothing. During training, no masks or capes can be worn for the safety of our participants but can be put on for photos afterwards. Fee is per child.

This special event is held in cooperation with Princess Fairytale Parties.

**Ages:** 3-8 years    **Fee:** \$39R/\$44NR    **Code:** 402685-A1



**FREE!**

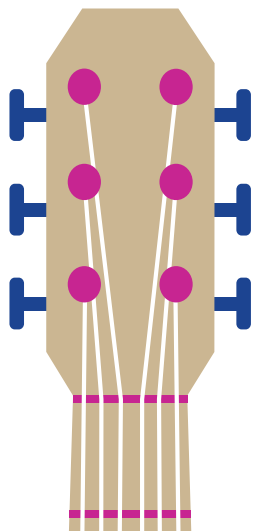
# SUMMER



# CONCERT SERIES



Tuesdays, 7PM  
Old Town Park



## AUGUST

8th **BILLY ELTON**  
(Music of Billy Joel & Elton John)

Food Trucks: Poupee Puf Cotton Candy, Kona Ice, Johnny G's Food Truck, Flavor Frenzy and Mahan Family Wines

15th **ANCHORS AWAY**  
(Yacht Rock)

Food Trucks: Poupee Puf Cotton Candy, Kona Ice, Cesaroni BBQ Food Truck, Flavor Frenzy and Mahan Family Wines

22nd **AMERICAN ENGLISH**  
(Beatles Tribute)

Food Trucks: Poupee Puf Cotton Candy, Kona Ice, Sportys Food Truck, Golden Eagle Hot Dog Food Truck, Flavor Frenzy and Mahan Family Wines

29th **THE ASSOCIATES \* RESCHEDULED PERFORMANCE\***  
(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, Flavor Frenzy and Mahan Family Wines

Presented by:



## Pre-concert Fun

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

# Movie in the Park

**FREE!**

**August 11**

**Approximately 8:45PM (at dusk)**

Sponsored By  
 BLOOMINGDALE BANK & TRUST™  
 A WINTRUST COMMUNITY BANK

Bring a chair, blanket, some snacks and do not forget the family, for a night out under the stars. Enjoy a family friendly movie at one of our community parks.

- The Movie will start at approximately at 8:45PM (at dusk)
- Bathrooms available.
- No smoking and no alcohol allowed on park properties.



**August 11**  
**Old Town Park**

# Adult Variety

## MediCare Adv. vs. Supplement

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

**Location:** JRC Lounge **Adult (tr)**  
**Instructor:** Tom Perrucci **MIN/MAX:** 4/12

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
55+	Sat	10:30A-12P	Aug 8	\$Free/\$Free	403709-B1

## Secret of Chinese Health Balls

Discover the secrets of Chinese Health Balls; an exercise system that has been in use for 2,000 years. They can improve strength, flexibility, dexterity and circulation in the fingers, hands and wrists. They can relieve joint stiffness and soreness, and relax muscles and joints. Their use can reduce the risk of carpal tunnel syndrome, tendonitis, repetitive strain injury, rheumatism and arthritis. They are deeply relaxing, can help reduce stress, improve overall health, stimulate the mind and reduce your risk of cognitive decline, dementia and Alzheimer's. Chinese Health Balls are available to use during class, or purchase or bring your own.

**Location:** Oak - Lounge **Adult (tr)**  
**Instructor:** John Robertson **MIN/MAX:** 6/9

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
13-99	Fri	6-9P	Aug 18	\$30/\$35	403607-A1

## Blood Circulation Exercises

Poor circulation is very often a silent killer as its symptoms may easily be overlooked. Any congestion or blockage in the perfectly tuned roadmap of veins and arteries can deprive the heart, lungs, brain, extremities and organs of the precious oxygen rich blood. Healthy circulation is essential to maintaining a healthy body. Using a combination of self massage and simple exercises, participants seek to improve circulation in hands, feet, face and body. Healthy circulation helps promote cell growth and organ function, and helps you look and feel healthy. Your skin will have a healthy color and you will feel warm to the touch. Good blood circulation helps improve brain function and keeps your mind sharp and focused. Be prepared to remove your shoes and socks and access your feet.

**Location:** Oak - Lounge **Adult (tr)**  
**Instructor:** John Robertson **MIN/MAX:** 6/12

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
13-99	Fri	1-3P	Aug 18	\$20/\$25	403644-B1



# B-FIT CENTER

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

### Cardio

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

### Machines/Weights

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

### Membership

**Enrollment Fee** \$25

**Annual membership (Adult & Youth Age 14-15)**  
Child must always be accompanied by an adult member

\$145 Resident \$185 Non-Resident

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

\$15 Resident \$19 Non-Resident

**Student Memberships**

**3 Month Summer + FREE 1 Month Winter Break**

\$45 Resident \$57 Non-Resident

**1 Month Winter Break**

\$15 Resident \$19 Non-Resident

**Senior (62+) Annual Membership**

\$116 Resident \$156 Non-Resident

**Senior (62+) Monthly Membership**

\$12 Resident \$15 Non-Resident

**Daily Fee (Adult Only)**

\$5 Resident \$7 Non-Resident

**Corporate/Business Employee Membership**  
contact Amber, [amber@bloomingtonparks.org](mailto:amber@bloomingtonparks.org).

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

### NEW!

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

### Group Exercise

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

### B-Fit Hours\*

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

### Holiday Hours\*

Labor Day Closed

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



### Silver Sneakers & Prime Network Programs

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

### One Free Visit to the B-Fit Fitness Center

Bring this coupon in to the B-Fit Center at 172 S. Circle Ave, Bloomington, IL 60108 for one FREE WORKOUT!

Valid for new guests only. Age 16 and up.