

Village of Bloomingdale

Almanac

October 2023

Growth with Pride

Kris Kringle Market, Tree Lighting Ceremony on December 1st



Join us for the annual Kris Kringle Market & Tree Lighting Ceremony on Friday, December 1st from 3:30-8:30pm in Old Town Bloomingdale. Shop for locally-made and one-of-a-kind gifts at the festive outdoor market, enjoy free kids' activities, visit with Santa & watch the tree & Old Town Park light up. There will also be food vendors selling sweet & savory treats as well as beer & mulled wine to enjoy throughout the evening.

Mark your calendars for this joyous community event!

Bloomingdale Continues to Welcome a Variety Of New Businesses to the Village

Community development projects have great potential to build community wealth & strong local economies. It's always exciting to share updates on these plans, anticipating the new businesses to open.

Bloomingdale currently has several projects in progress; we are excited to share a bit of information about some of them.

Cooper's Hawk Winery & Restaurant

Cooper's Hawk is an upscale casual restaurant with a Napa-style tasting room & artisanal retail market combined to create a new hospitality experience. Their central wine production facility is located in Woodridge, but the grapes are sourced from across the country & internationally from some of the world's premier vineyards.

The new Cooper's Hawk, located at 200 S. Gary Avenue, is on track for a mid-October opening; we are so excited that we can almost smell the grills & taste the wine. Cheers!

Enzo's Sports Bar & Wood-Fire Pizza

Significant progress has been made at the former Amalfi's Italian restaurant (298 Glen Ellyn Road) which will soon be Enzo's Sports Bar & Wood-Fire Pizza! Enzo's will serve bar-food favorites, Neapolitan Wood-Fire Pizzas & handcrafted

cocktails; enjoy an afternoon on the patio with family or a night out with friends. We are eager for them to join the Bloomingdale community & plan to be open later this fall!

Fry n' Wings

Fry n' Wings will fill an empty tenant space at 369 W. Army Trail Road, in the Courtyard at Stratford shopping center. Fry n' Wings is an Asian Fusion restaurant offering chicken wings, sandwiches & more, *(continued on page 6)*



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Here. There. And Everywhere. Be On the Alert for . . . Rock Snakes!

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



Rock snakes are populating towns all around, encouraging communities to start their own to build a bit of community spirit. The idea is to start with a painted snake head and invite others in the community to add a painted rock of their own.

A rock snake, consisting of hand painted rocks of all shapes & sizes, took up residence in Bloomingdale, wrapping around the Butterfly Garden at Village Hall! The Village collaborated with the Bloomingdale Public Library to kick off this project, bringing the community rock snake to life!

We invite others to add their own painted rock! Paint a rock with acrylic paint, let it dry & seal it. Place your rock into our garden, adding yours to the end of the snake! Please do not move or remove any of the rocks that are already in place.

Three year old Henry Gruber pictured above is one of Bloomingdale's many young rock painters. Thank you to all who have participated so far and have added to our 160 rock-long snake!

If you have any questions or want to share a photo of your rock, please email sassanoj@vil.bloomington.il.us.

Enjoy A Safe and Happy Halloween

Provided that general safety precautions are followed, "Trick-or-Treating" in Bloomingdale will be on Tuesday, October 31, 2023, between 3 PM and 7 PM.

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



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

Fall is one of my favorite seasons because of the beautiful colors throughout our community, cooler days, football, chilly nights around the fire pit and pumpkin-everything! We have a lot to look forward to this Fall but before sharing my updates I would like to extend a huge thank you to our Village staff and Fire personnel for an unbelievable Fireworks Display over the Labor Day weekend. I also wish to thank Septemberfest Chairwoman Vivi Frumkin and all Commission members and volunteers for their hard work putting together another successful Septemberfest event.



Collaboration between the Village Board and staff has been the cornerstone to our success and I am happy to announce that a number of economic initiatives to strengthen our retail base are coming to fruition with the opening of Cooper's Hawk at 200 S. Gary Avenue, Enzo's Sports Bar & Wood-Fire Pizza in the former Amalfi's restaurant at 298 Glen Ellyn Road, Jollibee specializing in fried chicken, burgers, spaghetti & Filipino dishes at 396 West Army Trail Road, Belle Tire on Gary Avenue, just to the north of Meijer as well as the closeout of the townhome and residential communities along Springfield Drive.

Our attention the past year on the Stratford Square Mall is beginning to provide hope in that the Village Board and I have been working to bring the individual retail boxes and main mall under one ownership group. As of this publication the Village is in control of all properties with the exception of the Kohl's and main mall space. The Village has filed eminent domain suits against Namdar Realty (owners of the main mall and former JCPenney box) and Kohl's to complete the assemblage of the properties. The intent to keep Kohl's in the redevelopment and acquire the Namdar property to complete the assemblage. The Village is also working with a land architect to develop a site plan for the new Stratford that I will be sharing with the community in the coming months if we are able to complete our acquisition goals. The decision to take this action was not made lightly but I, along with the Village Board, agreed that we needed to be proactive in the revitalization of this area. The past few years have proven that waiting and hoping for the current ownership groups to act would not have been in the best interest of our community.



The other significant project that will have a lasting impact on our community is the redevelopment of the former Indian Lakes Hotel and open space area. The Village has been working with the new owners of the hotel, Maverick Hotels, on their plans to rehabilitate the hotel by updating and upgrading existing hotel amenities, securing a new operator and restaurateur for the former Izzy and Moe's and reopening the Masters Grill. The ownership group has also agreed to manage the new golf property that will include a new 18-hole course, a Par 3 nine-hole course with academy practice holes, a driving range, one of the largest putting greens in the area, and a public walking/biking trail that will encompass the entire course for our community to enjoy. Work is expected to begin this fall with the Village addressing the stormwater project tied to the course that will help eliminate street and rear yard flooding that occurs along Cardinal following any significant storm. Work will be completed in phases and I will be sharing more information on the schedule and new layout of the golf property as soon as it is finalized.



It will be here sooner than we think – my favorite time of year. You guessed it, Christmas! The live Christmas tree in the piazza, Old Town Park filled with lights, holiday revelers and a growing Kris Kringle Market embodies our small-town charm and gives me that Hallmark feeling. Bloomingdale soon will be abuzz with the Christmas spirit! But for now, enjoy the Fall and all that brings and my very best to each of you.

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

Mayor Franco



Apply by December 1, 2023 2024 Tree Planting Program

Important Village & Community Phone Numbers

Main Village Hall Number

630-893-7000

Village Departments

Administration 630-671-5610

Building & Zoning 630-671-5660

Engineering 630-671-5676

Finance 630-671-5630

Mayor's Office 630-671-5600

Police – non-emergency
630-529-9868

Public Works 630-671-5800

Water Billing 630-671-5650

Utilities 630-671-5830

Other Useful Numbers

Fire Department non emergency
630-894-9080

Bloomington Library
630-529-3120

Bloomington Park District
630-529-3650

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The Village Board has again allocated funds for this very successful program initiated in 1982. The program provides trees, including planting, at a 50/50 cost sharing with the Village. The trees will be planted in Spring 2024 and are available for residential, business or commercial properties.

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

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

1. The program is offered on a first-come, first-served basis subject to available annual funding amounts. Participants must complete and submit the Program Request Form by December 1, 2023. No payment is required at this time. Invoices will be sent to successful Program Requests around February 1, 2024.
2. Trees will be 2½" caliper, unless stated otherwise. **Trees will be quality nursery stock but not specimen plants.**
3. The Village reserves the right to disapprove requests based on conflicts, safety, or proper spacing.
4. Removal of dead trees, stumps and/or large roots is not included and must be performed by the applicant **before March 15th.**
5. Each residential parcel will be limited to one tree per year. Each business or commercial property will be limited to two trees per year.
6. Participants will be given the opportunity to mark the desired location for the tree; however, the Urban Forester retains the right to change the location, if necessary.
7. We anticipate the total cost of each 2½" caliper tree planted will range between \$200 and \$350, with the Village paying half of this amount.
8. Trees will be guaranteed for one year. **Participants are responsible for all watering which will be described in instructions furnished by the Village.**

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



Norway Spruce



Armstrong Gold Maple



Prairie Pride Hackberry

2024 50-50 Tree Planting Request Form

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: HOME: _____ WORK: _____ MOBILE: _____

PLANTING ADDRESS: _____ EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

INDICATE QUANTITY DESIRED.

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

_____ **Armstrong Gold Maple (Acer rubrum)**

The narrow spread of this tree makes it a popular and versatile choice for small spaces, narrow gardens, and parkways. The Armstrong Gold Maple is a medium-sized deciduous maple, which grows to the height of 40 feet with a spread of 12 feet

_____ **Douglas Fir (Pseudotsuga menziesii)**

The Douglas Fir is an evergreen conifer species in the pine family. They keep their needle-like leaves year-round. Douglas Fir is a large conifer, evergreen tree in the Pinaceae (pine) family that grows 40 to 80 feet tall when cultivated but as tall as 300 feet in the wild.

_____ **Norway Spruce (Picea abies)**

Norway Spruce is a large, pyramidal tree with long, cylindrical cones that hang like ornaments from weeping branches against dark green foliage. This fast growing, sun-loving tree grows 40 to 60 feet high.

_____ **Prairie Pride Hackberry (Celtis occidentalis 'Prairie Pride')**

Prairie Pride Common Hackberry has dark green deciduous foliage on a tree with an oval habit of growth. The pointy leaves turn buttery yellow in fall. The warty gray bark adds an interesting dimension to the landscape. This tree will grow to be about 50 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 40 feet. It has a high canopy with a typical clearance of 7 feet from the ground, and should not be planted underneath power lines.

_____ **Raspberry Spear Crabapple (Malus 'JFS KW213MX' PP31,008)**

The Raspberry Spear Crabapple is a stunning tree with fragrant hot pink flowers emerge from rose-colored buds in mid-spring, and its small, ruby-red fruits can be seen from early fall to early winter. It turns coppery-bronze and burgundy in the fall for added fall beauty.

_____ **Scarlet Oak (Quercus coccinea)**

Scarlet Oak is a native large broadleaf deciduous tree with a rounded, open habit, and grows 50 to 80 feet tall and spreads between 45 to 60 feet. It is best known for its vibrant scarlet red fall foliage and is usually planted for its ornamental value. This tree is long-lived, durable, and easy to grow.

_____ **State Street Maple (Acer miyabei 'Morton')**

Selected from the collection of the Morton Arboretum for its excellent branching character, a uniform broad-pyramid habit, superior heat drought tolerance, clean foliage and good yellow fall color. This beautiful maple matures to 40-50 feet tall and 30-35 feet wide.

_____ **Urban Pinnacle Oak (Quercus macrocarpa)**

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



Douglas Fir



Raspberry Spear Crabapple



State Street Maple



Urban Pinnacle Oak



Scarlet Oak

SUBMIT TO:

Village of Bloomingdale Forestry Division
201 S. Bloomingdale Road, Bloomingdale, IL 60108
By deadline of **December 1, 2023.**



Fall Branch Collections Begins on October 16

Street Sweeping Set for October & November

The Public Works Department Street Sweeping Program will continue through the fall. The objective of this program is to provide a safe and orderly method to clean streets throughout the community in order to maintain clean presentable streets and maintain regulatory compliance.

During the months of October and November, all roads will be swept twice. Street sweeping of main roads will be accomplished as first priority, this includes Bloomingdale Rd., Schick Rd., Springfield Dr., Glen Ellyn Rd., Edgewater Dr., Army Trail Rd., Lake St., and Gary Ave. After main roads are completed, curbed residential roads will be completed. Streets without a curb will not be included in routine street sweeping operations.

It is the expectation/responsibility of residents to keep their neighborhood streets free of excessive yard waste & debris. Bloomingdale does not provide street sweeping of leaves left in gutters. Residents are not to sweep/blow/rake their leaves to the gutter in the expectation of the sweeper collecting them. Leaving yard waste & debris in the street can clog the storm water system during heavy rains and cause flooding problems and possibly damage homes in the neighborhood.

While street cleaning, the street sweeper operator will not pick up piles of leaves placed in the street. If this occurs, Public Works will leave a notice on the door asking resident to remove leaves/debris from roadway. Leaves must be bagged in biodegradable Kraft paper bags, weighing no more than 50 pounds, along with a yard/organic waste sticker attached before being placed at the curb for pick-up by the refuse hauler.

The Fall Branch Collection will be performed under the direction of the Village Forestry Division beginning on Monday, October 16. This free service is only available to single family detached residences.

Branches must be out by 7:00 a.m. on Monday, October 16, 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.village-ofbloomingdale.org and type in "branch pickup" in "Search this site" on the right side at the top of the homepage, or call the Forestry Division at 630-671-5800.

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

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



Bloomingdale Welcomes New Businesses

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with a wide variety of wing flavors including mango sriracha, Carolina gold, lemon pepper and honey Thai chili.

Pita Pita

Later this year, we will welcome Pita Pita to the vacant space at 158 S. Gary Avenue, in Stratford Crossing, a space that was vacated by Giordano's a couple years ago. Pita Pita is a fast/casual Mediterranean restaurant with 6 current locations in the Chicago-land area.

Shake Shack

A drive-through Shake Shack is coming to Army Trail Road & Springfield Drive, to "shake things up" on the site previously home to Old Second Bank. The redevelopment made way for the 3,800-square-foot restaurant & a smaller Old Second Bank; the restaurant will have indoor seating plus an outdoor patio. Shake Shack features Angus burgers, flat-top Vienna Beef hot dogs, chicken sandwiches & frozen custard. The projected opening is anticipated for late spring/early summer 2024.

These new businesses will enhance the plentiful dining options that already exist in Bloomingdale.

HOTEL WORK UNDERWAY

Maverick Hotels, owner of the former Indian Lakes Hotel, has begun work on the hotel! Crews have been busy removing the carpeting from the lower level & all meeting spaces as well as old furniture and fixtures. Work will progress floor by floor with removal of carpeting in all public spaces and hallways in conjunction with the refreshing of the hotel rooms. The owners have also shared that they will be making changes to the lobby area bringing a more rustic modern experience for guests.

Watch for more community development updates on the Village Facebook & enews as these projects & others move forward!

Congratulations to These New Officers, and a Special Bloomingdale Welcome to Ace!



A ceremony took place at the August 14th Village Board Meeting, to recognize the promotion of Joseph Cressman to Sergeant and the swearing-in of Bloomingdale's ten newest probationary police officers - Brendan Epps-Johnson, Paulina Jalbrzykowski, Nikko Ingrassia, Preston Beth, Daniel O'Connor, James Donofrio, Nathaniel Miller, Elizabeth McGuire, Michael Amelio, Gino Giovenco. They were sworn in by Mayor Franco and pinned by their family members. Additionally, k9 Ace was sworn in; he along with his handler, Ofc Lemezis, received the Bloomingdale badge from Mayor Franco.

Please join us in congratulating all of the officers! We wish them the best of luck in their new positions and thank them for choosing to protect and serve our community.



Joseph Cressman was promoted to Sergeant on August 14



Ace, pictured with his handler Officer Lemezis, received the Bloomingdale badge from Mayor Franco

Thanksgiving Holiday Village Hall Hours; Changes In Refuse Collection

The Village Hall will be closed on Thursday, November 23 and Friday, November 24 in observance of the 2023 Thanksgiving holiday.

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

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

Have a safe and enjoyable weekend!



17 Year Veteran Sergeant Sean Noonan Retires

Sergeant Sean Noonan was an Addison police officer for over 3 years before serving our Bloomingdale community for the past 17 years and retired on September 4th.



Among his years with the Bloomingdale Police Department, he was a BASSET Instructor, TASER Instructor, Truck enforcement, Field Training and Juvenile Officer, promoted to Sergeant in January of 2022.

Sgt. Noonan noted "I was honored to serve protect an incredible community and worked with some of the best police officers. Bloomingdale will always be home & I'm grateful for the friendships I forged over the years."

Congratulations and thank you for your commitment to our community!

Shaken, Not Stirred!



Bloomingdale Area Women in Business (BAWIB): Guest bartenders Mayor Franco and Justin Gaffney, pictured at the BAWIB Cocktails & Conversation in August, will also give a mixology lesson at BAWIB's Holiday Party on Nov. 16th.

BAWIB will be hosting a Sip & Shop at the Painted Tree on Nov. 2nd -. Open to the public! Contact Cindy Allston (630) 980-9082.

Bloomingtondale CHARACTER COUNTS 2023 Award Recipients

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 for more information on CHARACTER COUNTS! in Bloomingtondale.

Mahan Family Wines & Alcentro Trattoria to Co-host Beaujolais Nouveau Celebration

Mahan Family Wines invites you to Bloomingtondale's beautiful Piazza on November 11th for an event inspired by Beaujolais Nouveau Day, a French celebration of the first wine of the season; uncorking mutual love of great wine & company. The event will take place 6:30pm to 11pm and features an amateur wine competition of local winemakers, one of whom you might recognize as Mayor Franco!

Limited reservations must be made in advance at MahanFamilyWines/Events. Includes buffet style dining, great wine & live music! Reservations close not later than October 5, 2023.



The 2023 Bloomingtondale CHARACTER COUNTS! Award Recipients, (left to right): Chris Karountzos (ANYWAY's American Grill & Pub), Tia Tenneti, Veronica Archacki, Angela Foley, Dr. Jon Bartelt, Front Row: Grandchildren of recipient Ambalal Patel, Not pictured: Mark Lee

The Bloomingtondale CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition sponsors an annual breakfast to recognize members of the community who live, work or attend school in Bloomingtondale and exhibit one or more of the Pillars of Character: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring and Citizenship. Honorees are nominated with a description of the pillar of character that they exemplify. These community members were recognized at the 22nd Annual Recognition Program that was held on Saturday, August 12th at the Medinah Banquets in Addison.

Bloomingtondale Artists Association Upcoming Programs

New members welcome! Contact Bev at bpetrosius@gmail.com for more information.

Weds, 10/11 @ 6:30 pm - Rendering in Charcoal

John Fleck shares techniques with still life's & landscapes in charcoal. Supplies will be provided, but please bring a kneaded eraser. \$10 visitor fee.

Wed, 11/15 at 6:30 pm - Create a Holiday Centerpiece/Swag

A \$20 materials fee for each participant plus an \$10 visitor fee.

Brew Fest Cancelled

We have made the difficult decision to cancel the 2023 Old Town Brew Fest. With a series of setbacks during our planning process, a main factor being that we were unable to secure enough commitment from breweries to move forward and to assure a successful event.

As you know, there are many moving parts to organizing an event like this and we have always tried to do this with everyone's best interest in mind. We strive to balance the interests of the breweries with the interests of the attendees.



We are already geared up for next year and looking for ways to improve with hopes to bring the event back to Bloomingtondale. Thank you for your understanding and we look forward to more great years of the Old Town Brew Fest.

Septemberfest 2023 – A Bloomingdale Tradition

Everybody loves a parade and this year's parade didn't disappoint! On a beautiful Saturday, September 9th at 11 AM, the parade headed out west on Schick Rd, led by the VFW and the US Army for the Color Guard, followed by Mayor Franco, the Village Board and Bloomingdale Fire Protection District. We saw the Schaumburg School of Rock, DuPage County Shriners-Cruzin Coolers & Medinah Shriners Marauders.

Following the parade Septemberfest Chairwoman, Vivi Frumkin welcomed and thanked the crowd. Lily Wendt from Noteable Notes sang the National Anthem as members of VFW Post 7539 raised the flag. Mayor Franco Coladipietro came on the stage for a community update & welcome to all.

The Septemberfest Commission awarded scholarships to this year's \$2,000 Joe Draghi Scholarship recipients: Mayuri Hullur, Natalie Angel and Benjamin Swinehart; with the added \$5000 Dominic Froio Scholarship to Gianna Kubica. The Scholarships are made possible by donations- to name a few: Lion's Club, Bloomingdale VFW Post 7539, FUNDWAYS, Genoa Italian Concessions & Bloomingdale Township, Republican Party.

Third Street was filled with vendors while the food choices were delicious & many. The Kiddie Carnival was bustling with children enjoying rides & the stage was busy with entertainment! Performances by Bloomingdale Park District, Bloomingdale School of Music, Center Stage Dance, Notable Notes, Lights Camera Dance School, and Synergy Dance were fun to watch and Robin's Dog Stars was a perfect addition to the day; in between Brett Walkow entertained with games. During the evening, everyone was excited to hear the bands - Second Hand Soul, Boy Band and Hi Infidelity.

Thank you, Platinum Sponsor Bloomingdale Bank & Trust, Gold Sponsors: Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce, NOW Foods/Fruitful Yield, and Amazon Fresh and In-kind donors: ER2, Financial System Corp, and Bloomingdale Park District for their generous donations.

The Septemberfest is possible thanks to the Bloomingdale Police, Fire and Public Works Departments. Thank you, members of the Commission: Debbie Pasiewicz, Sara & Mike Dworianyn, Dan Vitacco, Nick Fratto, Lindsey Boehne, Justin DiSalvo, Cindy Allston, and Melissa Jacobsen; the liaisons Patrick Shannon, Ken Lindhorn, Bob Reagan, Sergeant Sean Noonan and Executive Assistant Jennifer Sassano.

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

We look forward to the 50th Septemberfest in 2024!
Vivi Frumkin, Septemberfest Chairwoman.

Voice of Democracy Scholarship Competition

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Bloomingdale Post 7539 is offering a scholarship to the winner(s) of the VFW Voice of Democracy Scholarship Competition; Students must reside in Bloomingdale, Roselle or Medinah & be of high school age. Entries must be received no later than midnight October 31, 2023.

To participate students must:

- Write and record a three-to-five-minute essay on the topic: "WHAT ARE THE GREATEST ATTRIBUTES OF OUR DEMOCRACY?"
- Record their essay in an audio format using a flash drive and send their recording, typed essay, & entry form to:

VFW Post 7539
c/o Bloomingdale Library
101 Fairfield Way
Bloomingdale, IL 60108

Entry forms & details at: www.vfw.org/vod or email Post VOD Chairman Randy Winter at rdw727@aol.com.

TRUNK OR TREAT October 28th 12-3 PM
American Legion Post 1084
344 E. Maple Ave. Roselle, IL
-Fun and Games
-FREE to the public
-Costumes encouraged
Sponsored by: Rotary Club of Bloomingdale-Roselle

Garden Club Programs

Visitors welcome! More information: bloomingdalegardenclub.org

October 17, 2023 @ 7 PM - Putting Your Garden to Bed
Bill Karges will discuss tips for getting our flower and vegetable gardens ready for the coming months.

November 21, 2023 @ 2 PM – Bloomingdale Garden Club Christmas Craft
Make crafts for residents of Bloomingdale's West Suburban Nursing & Rehabilitation. Make one to take home for a small fee.

SEPTEMBERFEST THANKS ITS SPONSORS:



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

Bloomingtondale Police Department Welcomes New Youth Peer Jury

Grant Provides Youth Training and Events

Through a grant from the Bloomingtondale Township 708 Board, Bloomingtondale Church & The Hope Center are partnering to provide youth mental health training & youth events. Call Bloomingtondale Church for information 630-894-0090.

DuPage North – Fri., Oct 6, 6:30-9pm

Free Event for Students Grades 7-12th

Youth Community Center (264 Glen Ellyn Rd)

Youth Mental Health Training for Trusted Adults*

Next training date Sat., Nov. 11 - 8:30am-3:30pm (Lunch provided)
Hope Center (260 Glen Ellyn Rd)
Youth Mental Health First Aid is a nationally recognized training, teaching how to identify & respond to signs of mental health & substance use challenges in adolescents.

Two Thumbs Up for National Night Out!



On August 1st, Mayor Franco & State Representative Sanalitra enjoyed engaging with the community as they came together for National Night out at Circle Park.

This event is dedicated to generate support and participation in local anti-crime efforts.



On September 6th, the Bloomingtondale Police Department's Youth Peer Jury was sworn in by Director Giammarese to officially begin the jury's annual term. The Youth Peer Jury Program works with BPD and the community to provide a meaningful and remedial method for dealing with selected offenders without referral to DuPage County criminal courts.

The Peer Jury is always welcoming new juvenile volunteers. If you know someone in the community interested in joining aged 13-17, please have them contact Officer Jaffe at 630-529-9868!

Community Halloween Event October 21

All of Bloomingtondale is invited to the community Halloween Event on Saturday, October 21, 2023, jointly presented by the Village of Bloomingtondale Police, Fire & Public Works Departments, Park District, and Public Library. The event will be held in the areas between the Village Hall, Library, Police Department and Fire Department. Children are encouraged to wear their Halloween costumes for trick-or-treating activities. Children under 10 years old must be accompanied by an adult. Note - parking will be in the surrounding residential areas as there is no parking on-site.



Stratford Crossing Events

Events are FREE and held at 142 S Gary Ave. More information at stratfordcrossing.com

Halloween Festival:

Tuesday October 31st. 4pm-6pm

Treat or Treat, Carnival Games, Craft Activity, Balloon Artists, Face Painter, Costume Contest, Train Rides & THE GHOST BUSTER MOBILE

Santa Arrives by Helicopter!

Sunday November 19th, 12pm-3pm

Magic Show, Face Painter, Balloon Artists, Kids Crafts, Hot Chocolate, Costume Entertainment, Santa Photo free w/same day receipt of \$25 or \$5 donation.

Bloomingtondale Fire Protection District #1



Trick-or-Treating in Bloomingtondale will be on Tuesday, October 31, 2023, between 3 PM and 7 PM.

Remember to 'Fall Back' November 5

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

Daylight Savings Time ends on **Sunday, November 5 at 2:00 AM**. Remember to turn your clocks back one hour and check the batteries on your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

Welcome New Probationary Officers!

Bloomingtondale Fire Protection District #1 is happy to announce that they have hired four new Probationary Firefighter/Paramedics. As part of their initial training, they conducted live fire evolutions with the on-duty companies & learned how to function as a team. This is only the beginning of their probation; All three have been working their respective shifts to continue their yearlong training as probationary employees.

We welcome them to Bloomingtondale and wish them all the best in their new positions.

Pictured left to right: Alec Volante, Natalia Jarczyk, Carl Strom, Robert Troiola



Fun for Everyone at Touch-A-Truck



Firefighter Matthew Mikutis is pictured with participants at the Fire District's Touch-A-Truck event.

Mikutis is coming up on 30 years of dedicated service to Bloomingtondale.

Congratulations to FF/PM **Jacob Bezely** & FF/PM **Luke Kulton** for successfully completing their probationary year in July. They each received their black shield at the first responder memorial in Old Town Bloomingtondale.





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Fabulous Fireworks!

The tradition of summer fireworks, a favorite community event, returned to Bloomingdale over Labor Day weekend, after the initial postponement from July 1st. The Village of Bloomingdale hosted the rescheduled Community Fireworks Event at the Village's open space area. It was perfect summer weather as fireworks completely lit up the nighttime sky over Bloomingdale.



We had a great turnout; spectators came out to the open space with their chairs and blankets to enjoy time with neighbors, while viewing a spectacular aerial show. The event was made even more awesome with the addition of vendors & the music provided by DJs Pumpin' Pete & Gizep Battista and the band Triangle Park really set the tone for the exciting evening; thank you to all!

A special thank you to our Public Works, Police and Fire Departments for all of their hard work in making it a successful and safe event.

We will see you next year!

VFW Post 7539 Collecting Winter Coats for Veterans

During the month of October, the Bloomingdale VFW Post 7539, along with community partners and coordinating with the Jesse Brown VA Hospital Homeless Program, is conducting a Winter Clothing Drive to provide winter coats and accessories to Veterans in need.

Coats can be new or gently used but clean; all sizes of men's and women's coats are needed. Other items needed include new winter gloves, scarves, sweaters, hats, etc. Drop off your donation between October 1-31 to a collection site listed below. The VFW will deliver to Jesse Brown Medical Center for distribution to our Veterans in need.

Collection sites:

- Village Hall - 201 S Bloomingdale Rd
- Public Library - 101 Fairfield Way
- Fire District 1 - 179 S Bloomingdale Rd
- Park District - 172 S. Circle Ave.

Questions, please contact the VFW Post 7539 at info@vfw7539.org



Fall Rates at Bloomingdale Golf Club Effective October 2

Don't put those clubs away too soon, fall is a great time to play and wind down the 2023 golf season! On top of that, the rates are reduced; please visit our website to view our all Rates and book a tee time!

Bloomingdale Golf Club's – "Tough Pins" – Fall Scramble

On Sunday, October 15th, Bloomingdale GC's annual fall scramble will take place. This is a fun & popular event where winning is not everything!

Included are the following:

- 18 holes of golf with cart
- Continental Breakfast
- Lunch and buffet dinner with beverages
- Prizes and contests

Time: 9:30 am Shotgun start

Cost: \$100.00 per person – Must sign-up as a 4-some

Format: 4-person scramble

Number of entries: 36 foursomes (Fills up fast!)

Registration forms are available in the Pro shop or [at bloomingdalegc.com](http://at.bloomingdalegc.com).

Payment must be received with registration.



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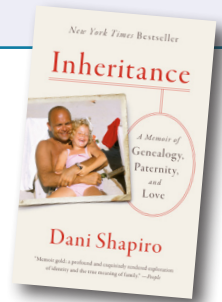
On The Same Page is an annual month-long community reading event hosted by Bloomington Public Library, Roselle Public Library District, and Itasca Community Library.

This year's choice is *Inheritance* by Dani Shapiro.
Complimentary copies of the title are available while quantities last.



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

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



Please join us for the
Bloomington Halloween Event!
Saturday, October 21
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
library events open at 11:00 a.m.
Enjoy trick-or-treating, games, crafts, refreshments, balloon artists, and more! All in the Village Complex & Library parking lots.

INTERNATIONAL GAMES MONTH
Scavenger Hunt (Drop-In) – November
Teens and adults can celebrate International Games Month by stopping by the Adult Reference Desk to enter for a chance to win a prize.

Holiday Open House
Tuesday, November 28
6:45 – 8:45 p.m.
Holiday fun for the whole family!
Join us for the Community Tree Lighting, then come inside for refreshments and fun.

breakfast & brunch
-WITH- SANTA
Saturday, December 9
Tickets on sale beginning November 1 in the Business Office
• Limited seating available •
Call 630-924-2721 or visit www.mybpl.org/annualevents#santa for details

Hours:

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

Library Closings:

Early Closing at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 22
Closed Thursday, November 23 in observance of Thanksgiving

For updates to hours/services offered:

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



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

Adult Programs



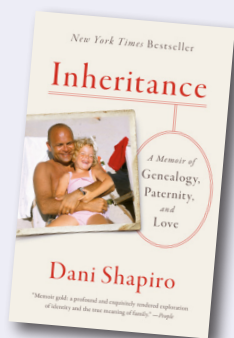
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📅 HYBRID: Writing Your Memoir

Tuesday, October 10 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. *Zoom Webinar & In-Person*

Have you ever considered writing about your own life? Professional author William Hazelgrove presents his best advice on how to research and write your memoir and get published.

Drop-In Movie: *The Kids Are All Right* (rated R)

Wednesday, October 11 | 1:00 – 3:30 p.m. *In-Person*

Two children conceived by artificial insemination bring their biological father into their non-traditional family life.

Drop-In Craft: Make a Family Scrapbook

Tuesday, October 17 | 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. *In-Person*

Drop in to make a family scrapbook with us, while supplies last. We'll have all the supplies you need to start a family scrapbook project, but feel free to bring in your own photos, cards, paper, stickers, and family memorabilia.

📺 VIRTUAL: Dead People of Illinois

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

Outdoorsman John Lynn is searching for dead people in all the right places! This "underground" presentation explores hundreds of Illinois cemeteries, which are home to interesting graves and headstones, intriguing lives and deaths, and lots and plots of funny names.

OCTOBER PROGRAMS

📺 VIRTUAL: How to Succeed at NaNoWriMo

Monday, October 16 | 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. *Zoom Webinar*

National Novel Writing Month (aka NaNoWriMo) is a writing challenge that takes place every November. A moderator from NaNoWriMo will be with us on Zoom to explain the ins and outs of this challenge and how to successfully write a first draft (over 50k words) within one month.

📺 VIRTUAL: 12 Things that Make Life on Earth Possible

Monday, October 23 | 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. *Zoom Webinar*

Earth has sustained life in many different forms for more than 3 billion years. We'll highlight 12 of the most important things that make our planet special. Presented by Astroeducator Michelle Nichols.

NOVEMBER PROGRAMS

📺 VIRTUAL: The Cherry Mine Disaster of 1909

Monday, November 13 | 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. *Zoom Webinar*

The Cherry Mine Disaster is ranked among the top three mining disasters in our nation's history. Historian Jim Gibbons will present on the lives of the people affected by this terrible event and how it influenced the Illinois legislature, which in 1910 established stronger fire and safety regulations governing the mines.

📺 HYBRID: Getting Published in the Digital Age

Tuesday, November 14 | 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. *Zoom Webinar & In-Person*

William Hazelgrove is back at BPL to teach us how to successfully publish a book in this digital age.

📺 VIRTUAL: Life on the Ohio River

Monday, November 20 | 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. *Zoom Webinar*

Join us on a watery adventure along the Ohio River with outdoorsman John Lynn as he travelled it all by canoe, one stroke at a time, from Pittsburg to the Mississippi.

📺 VIRTUAL: Passage to Chicago on the I&M Canal

Tuesday, November 21 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. *In-Person*

Journey with retired librarian Nancy McCully on the Illinois and Michigan Canal, the waterway that made Chicago what it is today.


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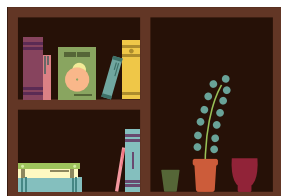
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For more information about the upcoming solar eclipse, visit eclipse.aas.org.



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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.



The Last Castle: The Epic Story of Love, Loss, and American Royalty in the Nation's Largest Home by Denise Kiernan

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



American Midnight: The Guest War, a Violent Peace, and Democracy's Forgotten Crisis by Adam Hochschild

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

MONDAY NIGHT PAGE TURNERS

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

Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt

Monday, October 16 | 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.



Clark and Division by Naomi Hirahara

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



DROP-IN MOVIES



Come enjoy a movie with us and enter for a chance to win a copy of that day's movie on DVD. You must be present to win.



The Kids Are All Right

Wednesday, October 11 | 1:00-3:30 p.m.



Two children conceived by artificial insemination bring their biological father into their non-traditional family life. *Rated R*



80 for Brady

Wednesday, November 15 | 1:00-3:30 p.m.

A group of friends made it their lifelong mission to go to the Super Bowl and meet NFL superstar Tom Brady. *Rated PG-13*



Book Club: The Next Chapter

Wednesday, November 29 | 1:00-3:30 p.m.

Follow the new journey of four best friends as they take their book club to Italy for the fun girls' trip they never had. *Rated PG-13*

ONGOING ADULT PROGRAMS

 **Great Decisions**

Wednesdays, October 11 & November 15 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Genealogy Club (Drop-In)

Wednesdays, October 18 & November 15 | 6:30 – 8:45 p.m.

bpl makerspace crafts

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

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

Please sign up for one session only

 **Custom Mugs**

Registration opens October 16 at 9:00 a.m.

Register for one session:

Monday, November 6 | 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Monday, November 27 | 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.


Monday, December 4 | 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 12 | 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.



Computer Classes



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

Introduction to Access

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

Get a basic understanding of using Access, Microsoft's database program. Learn about creating tables, queries, forms, and reports.

Blender Shader Nodes (part of the Blender YouTube Class Series)

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

Blender is a free, open-source application for creating digital 3D content. In this class, we look at using Blender's Shader Node Editor to create interesting surfaces on our 3D models.

Designing Web Pages with HTML

Monday, October 23 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Christian

Create basic web pages using HTML code. Learn how to insert text, links, pictures, and background colors. More advanced design topics will be covered as time allows. Internet experience is recommended. The library does not provide a place to post web pages, but students will learn options for web hosting.



iPad Functions

Thursday, October 26 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Salvador

Explore a wide range of apps and how they can maximize the benefits of your iPad to help with everyday life.

Beginner Cascading Style Sheets

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

Learn the basics of working with Cascading Style Sheets (CSS) to create more modern and consistent looking websites. An important next step in web design beyond HTML, these tools save time while improving the quality of your pages.

Holiday Cards + Mail Merge

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

Use Publisher to quickly create fun and distinctive greeting cards. Different card sizes, inserting pictures, creative font tricks, and much more will go into designing your own unique holiday card. We'll then discuss using Mail Merge to print mailing labels to send them.

Using Web Browsers

Thursday, November 9 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Salvador

Learn the differences between Chrome, Firefox, and Edge, while exploring the options available. Add bookmarks, use browser extensions, utilize reader mode, translate documents, and add text to PDF files.

Choosing the Right Device

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

Phone, tablet, Chromebook, laptop, or PC? There are a lot of choices now and no right answer for everyone. We'll consider the strengths and weaknesses of different options, so potential shoppers can make a more informed decision.

Google Keep & Other Organization Tools

Monday, November 13 | 7:00 p.m.
Instructor: Christian

Learn to use popular tools to create, share, and organize information on your phone or tablet.

Ruby Loops and Arrays

Thursday, November 16 | 7:00 p.m.
Instructor: Charlie

Ruby is a popular and versatile programming language commonly used for web development, automation, data processing, and more. Continue where we left off in our Programming with Ruby video, focusing on using array data and loop code blocks.

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Girls Who Code

Grades 3-5
Mondays, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.
October 16 through December 11

NEW!
registration
required

The BPL Girls Who Code Club is a free program for girls and non-binary students that provide a sisterhood of supportive peers and role models using computer science to change the world. Our club follows GWC's three pillars of educational philosophy that make the GWC Club experience unique:

- 1. SISTERHOOD:** Join a safe and supportive environment of peers and role models where students learn to see themselves as computer scientists.
- 2. CODE:** Learn the concepts of loops, variables, conditionals, and functions that form the basis of all programming languages.
- 3. IMPACT:** Work in teams to complete projects that solve real-world problems in your community.

We hope you can join us for this fun new club!



Teen Programs

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



GAME NIGHT

NEW TIME!

Game Night (Drop-In)
Thursday, October 26 | 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!

Catch a Movie with BPL!



Join us to watch a great movie and enter for a chance to win a copy! Movie giveaway held at the conclusion of the movie and you must be present to win. These movies are drop-in, no registration necessary.

Teen Movie Night: *Mean Girls*

Wednesday, October 4 | 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Dress up in pink and celebrate **Mean Girls Day** like a true Plastic! Join us as we watch *Mean Girls* and eat some snacks.

Teen Movie Night: *Corpse Bride*

Wednesday, October 25 | 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Teen Movie Night: *Transformers: Rise of the Beasts*

Wednesday, November 29 | 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.



Meet Me @ THE MOVIES

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

The Hunger Games:

The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes

Friday, November 24 | Meeting Time TBA

Registration begins Monday, October 30

Teen Crafts @ BPL

In-Person

Perler® Bead Club (Drop-In)

Wednesdays, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
October 18 & November 15

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

NEW TIME!

📅 Cactus Ornament

Wednesday, November 8 | 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Registration begins October 9 – limit 12 teens

Create a cute cactus ornament just in time for the holidays.



Take & Make Crafts

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

📅 Manga Art Class

Registration begins September 11 – limit 12 teens
Kit Pickup begins Monday, October 2

Pick up a kit to learn how to unleash your inner manga artist.

📅 Pokémon Stained Glass

Registration begins October 9 – limit 10 teens
Kit Pickup begins Monday, November 6

Pick up a kit to use special vellum paper to create Pokémon stained glass art.

SAT Practice Test

Stressing about taking the SAT? Take a full-length online practice test to ward off test day jitters and see how you may score on the big test. Experience first-hand what test day will be like!

A representative from C2 Education will provide a virtual practice test and contact you with scores and analyzed results. Bring your own device to take the test or use one of the library's laptops.

THIS EVENT IS IN-PERSON AT BPL.

📅 SAT Practice Test

Saturday, October 14 | 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Saturday, November 18 | 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

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

Youth Programs



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

Registration for **October** programs begins Monday, September 25 at 9:00 a.m. Registration for **November** programs begins Monday, October 23 at 9:00 a.m. Register online, by phone at (630) 924-2740, or by email at bdys@mybpl.org. Please have your library card when you register.

School Age Programs

Middle Grade MAKERS

(Drop-In)

Grades 4-8

Thursdays, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.
October 5 & November 16

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!

World Smile and Do Something Nice Day

Grades K-2

Saturday, October 7
10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Smile and learn to share your smiles with others in this happy program.

Learn to Use a Sewing Machine

Grades 4-6

Monday, October 9 | 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Join us in the Makerspace for an introduction to our sewing machines. We will learn the parts of the machine, how to thread it, wind a bobbin, and sew a simple pillow. An adult is welcome to accompany their child.

Makerspace Club: STEM Time

Grades 3-6

Thursdays, 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.
October 12 & November 9

Libraries are a great place to learn about science and technology while making cool stuff. Come join the fun!

October – cardboard houses

November – mazes in Tinkercad



National "I Love Yarn" Day Celebration

Ages 8 and up

Saturday, October 14 | 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Calling all fiber artists! Bring your crochet hooks, knitting needles, or looms. We will start on projects to donate to winter warm clothing drives. All skill levels are welcome.

Crochet Along with Miss Carol

Grades 3-8

YouTube Video Post on 15th of each month

Learn to crochet along with Miss Carol. Check the library's YouTube page for video tutorials for each project.

New project: bobble stitch beanie cap

BOO-ti-ful Stories and Crafts

Grades K-2

Monday, October 16 | 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

Enjoy some slightly spooky stories and jokes while decorating your own jack-o'-lantern crafts.

Mummy Jar Lanterns

Grades 3-6

Sunday, October 22 | 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Join us in our Makerspace to make a ghoulish mummy jar lantern decoration for Halloween.

DIY Halloween Decor

Grades 3-6

Wednesday, October 25 | 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

Paint a Halloween block head and a mini haunted house to take home. You can also take a spooky book to enjoy **if you dare!**

Pipe Cleaner Creatures (Drop-In)

Grades K-2

Monday, October 30 | 5:00 – 5:45 p.m.

Come to BPL and make your own little buddy out of pipe cleaners.

Pokémon Poké Ball Bookmark

Grades 3-6

Monday, November 13 | 5:00 – 5:45 p.m.

Do you like Pokémon and reading? Learn how to make your own Poké Ball bookmark!

LEGO® Club (Drop-In)

Grades 1-6

Tuesday, November 21

4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

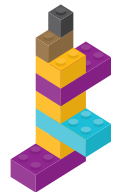
Design and build with the library's LEGO® supply to complete the challenge.

DIY Holiday Gift Bags

Grades 1-6

Thursday, November 30 | 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Come in and decorate some gift bags to use for this gift-giving season.



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Girls Who Code

Grades 3-5

Mondays, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

October 16 through December 11

Interested in coding? Then join us for our new Girls Who Code Club! Open to girls and non-binary students in grades 3-5.

See page 4 for more details.

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Preschool Programs

Come Together (Drop-In)

0-24 months

Every Wednesday | 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

No session November 22

Meet and chat with other parents & caregivers while your child socializes and explores with hands-on toys. Weekly drop-in event for ages 0-24 months. *Will be offered simultaneously with Baby Tales and Tunes when in session.

📅 Monster Boogie

Ages 3-5

Tuesday, October 10

1:30 – 2:15 p.m.



Join us as we stomp, roar, and boogie our way through some fun monster stories, crafts, and games!

📅 Happy Books, Happy Cooks

Ages 3-5

Thursdays, 6:00 – 6:30 p.m.

October 19 & November 9

A storytime for all of our budding chefs! Read a food-filled story and create a tasty treat. [Please let us know about any allergies when registering.](#)

📅 Playing with STEM

Ages 2-5

Tuesdays, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

October 24, November 7, & November 21

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. In these programs, we will learn about weather, leaves, and dinosaurs.

Preschool Process Art (Drop-In)

Ages 3-5

Saturday, October 28 | 10:00 – 10:45 a.m.

Little hands, but big creativity! Pop in to the Makerspace to try this month's artsy activity.

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

0-24 months

Wednesdays, 10:00 – 10:30 a.m.

November 8 & November 15

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.

Explore with Your Senses (Drop-In)

Under 3 years old with caregivers and families

Friday, November 10

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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

📅 Messy Fingers

Ages 2-4

Tuesday, November 14 | 1:30 – 2:15 p.m.

Your little ones will have the opportunity to develop their fine motor skills through this messy art class.

📅 Community Tree Ornament Making Party

Families

Saturday, November 18

10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

The Bloomingdale Public Library Youth Services department will be sponsoring a tree in our very own Snowman Crossing!

You are invited to come create crafts that will become a part of the library's tree. Everyone is invited to help decorate the tree outside the library at the allotted time, which will be announced at the program.



Family Programs

📅 Homeschool Hangout Series

Families

Thursdays, 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

October 5 & November 2

Join us to explore a new topic each month with books, crafts, and activities specially designed for each grade level.

Eclipse Kits (Drop-In)

Families

Kit Pickup begins October 8

Pick up a kit with eclipse projects and materials – while supplies last! One kit per family.

Craft Time (Drop-In)

Families

Monday, October 9 & Friday, November 24
9:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Stop in to make a craft. While supplies last.

📅 Bow-Wow Bandanas

Families

Wednesday, November 1 | 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

Join us in the Makerspace to design and craft some special swag for a furry friend.

It's Great to Be Me! (Drop-In)

Families

Friday, November 3 | 10:30 – 11:15 a.m.

A storytime with books, songs, and rhymes that support positive self-esteem and confidence for kids.

DIY DINovember Kits (Drop-In)

Families

Kit Pickup begins November 13

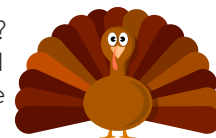
Pick up a kit with dinos and props—while supplies last! One kit per family.

Turkey Tales (Drop-In)

Families

Monday, November 20 | 1:30 – 2:15 p.m.

What are you thankful for? Come move to music and hear stories that celebrate turkeys, Pilgrims, and being thankful. Stay after the stories for a Thanksgiving craft.



FALL & WINTER Storytimes

The Youth Services department provides age-appropriate interactive fun with stories, sign language, music, and more.

Fall Session: September 11 through October 20

Winter Mini Session: November 27 through December 15

DROP-IN STORYTIMES

limited to the first 20 children to arrive for storytime

Preschool Storytime

Ages 3-5
Mondays, 1:30 – 2:00 p.m.

Evening Storytime

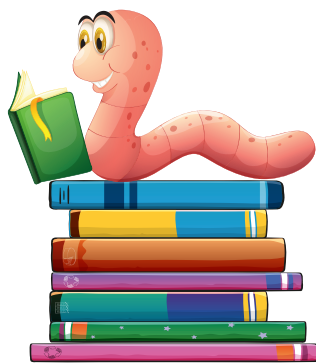
All ages with caregiver
Wednesdays, 6:00 – 6:30 p.m.

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.



Baby Tales

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

Introduce your baby to books, songs, rhymes, and movement that will aid in the development of early literacy skills. **Out of consideration for baby safety and to encourage child/caregiver bonding, older siblings cannot be accommodated in this program.**

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

the Donna Beth Froio Cultural Collection



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

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

Because of this fund, this year we were able to add 65 new items in many languages and cultures reflecting the Bloomingdale community, geopolitical events, and award winners/nominees. Come in to the Library and enjoy these new additions to our collection!

BPL Calming Space

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

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

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

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

Fall Fest

Drop-ins
Welcome!

October 6, 6-8PM

Circle Park
163 Fairfield Way

FREE!

Sponsored by:



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

Activities

- DJ
- Entertainment
- Hayrides around the park
- Arts and Crafts
- Smore's
- Giant Slide
- Inflatable Corn Maze
- Food Trucks
- And much more!



Family Yoga

**RESIDENTS
FREE!**

October 14, 11-11:30AM

Ages 2-10

Johnston Recreation Center

Melissa Hansen from Yoga for Kids and Parent/Tot Yoga will lead us in a half-hour yoga class for kids and their adults. Yoga helps children become strong and flexible – both physically and emotionally. Our classes teach poses and mindfulness but in a playful way using games, songs and stories. We will move, breathe, and have fun! Please register your child(ren) who will be attending. Adults are required to attend with their child(ren). Adults attend free. Limit 2 adults per family.

A limited number of yoga mats will be provided, or bring your own.



Registration: 103570-A1

Min/Max: 2/25

Fee: R FREE / NR \$5

A Silent Film Experience

Travel back to the days of silent films when live musical accompaniment enhanced the experience for moviegoers. Students from Noteable Notes will provide the musical accompaniment as this movie is presented in the JRC Oak Room just in time for Halloween. Don't miss this one of a kind experience.

The Haunted House

Starring Buster Keaton

Running time 21 minutes

When Keaton explores a spooky mansion, he encounters a variety of strange and creepy characters, including a sinister butler, a ghostly apparition, and a spooky skeleton. He also finds himself in a series of dangerous situations, such as falling down a trapdoor and getting stuck in a revolving door. Despite the many obstacles he faces, Keaton eventually manages to outwit the robbers and escape from the haunted house with the help of a group of friendly police officers. Along the way, he also manages to win the heart of a young woman.

October 27 | Johnston Recreation Center

1st showing 6:30PM 101106-A1

2nd showing 7:30PM 101106-B1

\$5/person in advance | \$7/person at the door (includes small popcorn)

The Haunted House 1921 Silent Comedy film



All proceeds benefit the Bloomington Parks Foundation for music scholarships for students at the Bloomington Park District.

Princess Ball

Come one, Come all to a Royal Ball!

November 11 | Johnston Recreation Center

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

Section A1 and B1 are general admission and includes meet and greet time, photo opportunities, performances, dance party, official princess twirl lessons and a few additional special surprises.

Section A2 and B2 are VIP and includes 30 minutes of early access to the event, longer meet and greet time, VIP story reading, VIP performance from the Frozen Sisters, VIP Coronation Ceremony with Tiara and VIP autograph book to have princess sign.

Location: JRC Oak - Lounge **Special Events (rd)**
Instructor: Staff **MIN/MAX:** 25/25 (per time slot)

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
General Admission					
1-12	Sat	10:30-11:45A	Nov 11	\$44/\$49	104607-A1
1-12	Sat	1:30-2:45P	Nov 11	\$44/\$49	104607-B1
VIP					
1-12	Sat	10-11:45A	Nov 11	\$57/\$62	104607-A2
1-12	Sat	1-2:45P	Nov 11	\$57/\$62	104607-B2

Make A **FREE!** Difference Day

October 14, 9AM-12PM
Springfield Park
 (meet at the picnic shelter)



Join us as we celebrate the 10th anniversary of Make a Difference Day hosted by Wolff Construction! Wolff Construction supports the Bloomington Parks Foundation's Adopt-A-Park Program and with the

park district, annually hosts a day of trash clean-up, assistance in clearing invasive plants, seed collection from the native plants and boardwalk repairs.

RSVP to parks@bloomingtonparks.org by Oct. 6th or for more information.



Thank You



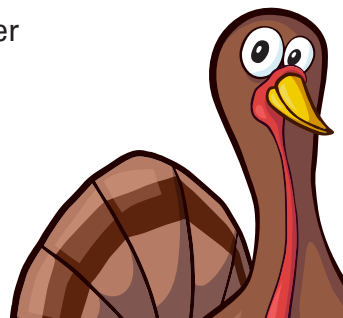
Thanksgiving Scavenger Hunt

November 3, 6-7:30PM
Johnston Recreation Center

Gobble, Gobble! Tom the Turkey is on the loose at the Johnston Recreation Center! We need your help finding him. Participants will find and solve clues hidden around the building. A craft and light refreshments are provided during the event. Register each family member.

\$2R/\$7NR each family member

Code: 104622-A1



Outdoor Movie Hocus Pocus

October 13
Showtime Approximately 7PM
 (at dusk)
Old Town Park

FREE!

Join us on Friday the 13th for a movie under the stars featuring Halloween favorite, HOCUS POCUS! Bring a chair, blanket, and some snacks. This event is outdoors so dress accordingly, Halloween attire is encouraged. Movie will start at approximately 7pm. Bathrooms will be available inside the museum. No smoking and no alcohol allowed on park property. Movie is rated PG. This event is co-sponsored by the Bloomington Park District and the Village of Bloomington.



B-FIT CENTER



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

Group Exercise

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

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.

SilverSneakers & Prime Membership

FREE for SilverSneakers & Prime Participants

B-Fit Hours*

Monday-Thursday 6:30am-8:30pm

Friday 6:30am-8pm

Saturday-Sunday 8:30am-12:30pm

Holiday Hours*

Thanksgiving Closed

November 24 7-11AM

*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.

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.