

# Village of Bloomingdale

# Almanac



April 2024

Growth with Pride

## Share Your Septemberfest Memories

Celebrate Bloomingdale Septemberfest's historic 50th anniversary by sharing your favorite fest memories with us!



The Septemberfest Commission is collecting short stories (feel free to include a photo or two) that bring a smile to your face.

Email your memories to [jdjames11@gmail.com](mailto:jdjames11@gmail.com), and we'll periodically feature them on the Septemberfest Facebook page.

Share your Septemberfest joy with us!

## Preserving Bloomingdale's 'Stratford Squares For Lifelong Learning' Tiles Wall

In 1999, the Bloomingdale Public Library collaborated with Stratford Square Mall on the "Stratford Squares for Lifelong Learning" tile wall. This project involved residents creating hand-painted tiles as a fundraiser for a new library computer lab. The tiles were installed near the mall's food court and became a part of Bloomingdale's history.

Fast forward to today, and Stratford Square Mall is undergoing a transformation. The Village of Bloomingdale has acquired the mall with a plan for revitalization through a new mixed-use development. This effort requires the demolition of the existing mall, including

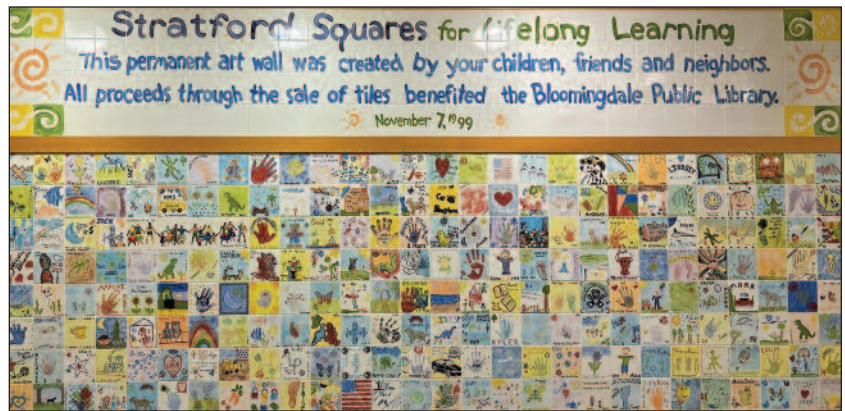
the tile wall.

Recognizing the tiles' sentimental value, the Bloomingdale Public Library and the Village of Bloomingdale are working to preserve them. They've hired a contractor to carefully remove the tiles, aiming to make them available to the individuals and families who created them. While every effort will be made to remove all tiles intact, it's important to note that the tiles were originally installed with the inten-

tion of being permanently affixed. The grout and mastic used are 25 years old, unfortunately, some tiles may incur damage during the process.

Residents who made tiles can pick them up at the mall near Lower-Level Kohl's on April 17-19 between 9 a.m. to Noon. If unable to pick up during those dates, residents should arrange for a representative to do so, as will be the only timeframe to pick up.

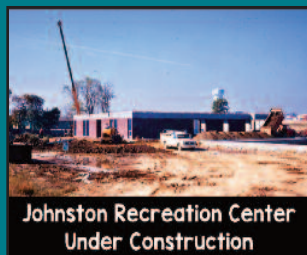
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# Annual Senior Fair on April 12

## 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



Join us for the Annual Senior Fair, a free event, on Friday, April 12, from 9AM to noon at the Medinah Shriners Facility located at 550 North Shriners Drive in Addison.

Attendees can benefit from a range of offerings, including safety and health information, blood pressure checks, chiropractic and therapy services, as well as access to various community groups and support services. The Bloomingdale Lion's Club will also be on-site to provide vision and hearing screening services and collect used or unwanted eyeglasses.

For more information, please contact the Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce at 630-980-9082. We look forward to seeing you there!

## AARP Smart Driver Program

The Bloomingdale Police Department, along with AARP, offers a Smart Driver program designed for drivers age 50+. Classes held noon to 4 pm on July 23-24, 2024. 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.

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.



## 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

Spring has arrived, bringing with it a sense of pride and gratitude for all we have accomplished together. I am pleased to share that we have maintained our commitment to fiscal responsibility, ending the fiscal year 2023-24 with a positive end-of-year fund balance. This achievement reflects the dedication of our Village Board and staff to sound budgeting principles. Our strong financial base provides flexibility for the Village Board to undertake projects that will benefit our community in the long term. Our ongoing efforts in road maintenance, sidewalk accessibility, infrastructure management, and snow removal continue to enhance the quality of life in Bloomingdale. From Public Works to Utilities, Engineering, Building and Zoning, Forestry, Vehicle Maintenance, and Building and Grounds, our teams are dedicated to delivering the highest level of responsive and cost-effective services.

Bloomingdale Police Department remains unsurpassed and steadfast in its commitment to serve and protect. Through consistent training and community engagement initiatives, they strengthen their bond with our residents, making a positive impact on our community.

The business community also plays a vital role in our Village, contributing significantly to our revenue through sales tax. Did you know that 31 percent of Bloomingdale's revenues come from sales tax? It is crucial that we continue to support local businesses by choosing to "Buy in Bloomingdale." The Village Board and staff are continuously engaged in efforts to attract new businesses to our community while nurturing partnerships with existing businesses, which are instrumental in maintaining a strong retail base. In the past year, we have welcomed several new businesses, including Cooper's Hawk, Shake Shack, Poke Bros., and Jollibee, enriching our retail landscape. Looking ahead, we eagerly anticipate the opening of BIBIBOP offering healthy, high quality Asian food and the return of Macy's, further enhancing our shopping options at 344 W. Army Trail Road in the former TJ Maxx space.

Exciting developments are also underway for our open space at the former Indian Lakes golf course property as well as the new direction for the hotel property. Plans for a new 18-hole course, a short 9-hole Par 3 course, a driving range, and a large putting green, all encompassed by a new trail, promise to provide residents with a serene and enjoyable recreational space. Additionally, the Board and I are collaborating on the redevelopment initiative for the Stratford Square Mall property. This endeavor aims to transform the space into a vibrant center that meets the needs of both residents and visitors, based on the feedback received from our community. I look forward to sharing more about these plans at my State of the Village presentation for the Chamber of Commerce on April 24 at the Bloomingdale Golf Club. The Village Board and I look forward to continuing our work in the community.

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With sincere thoughts of good health to all,  
Mayor Franco



## Memorial Day Remembrance on May 27

The Bloomingdale Historical Society will again sponsor the Annual Memorial Day Remembrance, to be held at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, May 27 at St. Paul/Evergreen Cemetery, 219 Lake Street, Bloomingdale, just east of Circle Avenue.

The 45-minute program will be followed by placing flowers on Veterans' gravesites and light refreshments. There will be no vehicle access to the cemetery, but parking is available in the shopping center lot at Circle and Lake Streets. Handicapped parking will be available in the business lots just west of the cemetery. A shuttle bus to the cemetery will run from 8:45-9:15 am and return service until 11:15 am from the Cornerstone Faith Community Church parking lot on Bloomingdale Road. Open seating is available, and lawn chairs are welcome. Please bring umbrellas in case of inclement weather.



Following the cemetery ceremony, all are welcome to join Bloomingdale VFW Post 7539 at 11 a.m. for a brief ceremony at the gazebo on the corner of Bloomingdale Road and Fairfield Way. The VFW will lay a wreath at the base of the flag and perform a rifle salute in honor of those who served our country.



# Village's Spring Branch Collection Begins on April 15

## 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 branch collection service is performed under the direction of the village Forestry Division. This free service is only available to single family detached residences and is offered 3 times a year. The spring collection begins on April 15th.

The 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.

### Branch Collection Guidelines:

- Branches must be out by 7 a.m. on Monday of April 15, but not earlier than 1 week prior to each scheduled collection date.
- Woody branches one half inch to 6 inches in diameter are the only items that will be picked up (Note: all metal objects must be removed).
- Long lengths are favored provided branches do not block sidewalks and pedestrian access.
- All branches should be placed at the curb or pavement edge and stacked in an orderly fashion with the cut or larger end towards the pavement.
- Thorny tree branches should not be concealed inside piles. These require special care and may cause injuries to the workers if covered.

### The following items are unacceptable:

- Branches left out in a tangled mess.
- Woody branches under one half inch in diameter.
- Leaves, vines, small (under 1/2 inch diameter) flexible willow stems, herbaceous plants and weeds.
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- Large stumps, roots, and root balls.

The above items are considered yard waste, to be placed in bags or cans with tags for SBC Waste Solutions pickup (312-522-1115).

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Large stumps, roots and root balls are considered trash and do not require a yard waste tag, provided each item is of manageable size and under 50 pounds. Wooden fencing and construction lumber are also considered trash but require a special pick-up. Contact SBC Waste Solutions at (312) 522-1115 for more information.

### Stratford Square Tiles *(continued from page 1)*

There is no specific legend identifying tile locations, but efforts will be made to keep them together in a similar orientation as on the wall. Large-scale photographs of the original wall will be available, and staff will assist.

For questions, call the Library Business Office at 630-529-3120 ext. 0.



# 2024 Street Improvement Program

## Pavement Overlay and Complete Curb Replacement

Pavement reconstruction will include the removal and replacement of all concrete curb and gutter, driveway aprons, and 2.5" of the existing asphalt pavement. As part of the work the Village will be installing a depressed curb at each driveway. This means the "bump" at the curb of each driveway will be eliminated, and a smooth transition from the street to each driveway will be constructed. The following areas will receive pavement reconstruction:



Winston Lane from Fairfield Way to Edgewater Drive

This work will typically begin mid-May and will take approximately 2 ½ months to complete. Local signage consisting of "Road Construction Ahead" signs will be posted prior to construction. Note that when the curb and driveway apron is replaced, access to that driveway may be restricted for 1-2 weeks.

## Pavement Overlay

Overlay maintenance consists of pavement patching, curb and gutter repairs to correct drainage deficiencies, sidewalk repair, storm sewer repairs and a new asphalt road surface. The following areas will receive pavement overlay:

Euclid Avenue from Ironwood Drive to Circle Avenue  
Lakeshore Lane from Lakeview Drive to Edgewater Drive  
Willow Lane from Lakeshore Lane to Edgewater Drive  
Driftwood Lane from Lakeshore Lane to Edgewater Drive  
Millcreek Lane from Lakeshore Lane to Edgewater Drive  
Clearbrook Lane from Lakeshore Lane to Schick Road  
Spring Court from Lakeshore Lane to End  
Harbor Court from Lakeshore Lane to End  
Bayview Court from Lakeshore Lane to End  
Brewster Court from Braintree Drive to Millford Lane  
Chattham Court from Fairfield Way to End  
Duxbury Court from Fairfield Way to End  
Quincy Court from Braintree Drive to End  
Fairlane Court from Millford Lane to End  
Millford Lane from Fairfield Way to Brewster Court

This work will typically begin mid-May and will take approximately 2 ½ months to complete. Local signage consisting of "Road Construction Ahead" signs will be posted prior to construction.

The Village will also have a separate Federally funded overlay project for Edgewater Drive from Bloomingdale Road to Glen Ellyn Road. This Project will begin in early June and take approximately 3 months. Local signage consisting of "Road Construction Ahead" signs and electronic message boards will be posted prior to construction.

Additional information can be found on the Village website:  
<https://www.villageofbloomingdale.org/221/Summer-Road-Construction>

If you have any questions regarding this project, you may call the Village of Bloomingdale Engineering Department at 630-671-5676.



## Village Street Sweeping Begins in April

Village street sweeping begins in April and continues through September, with roads swept at least once a month. In October and November, during leaf fall, roads will be swept twice a month. Main roads including Bloomingdale Rd., Schick Rd., Springfield Dr., Glen Ellyn Rd., Edgewater Dr., Army Trail Rd., Lake St., and Gary Ave are the first priority, followed by curbed residential roads. Streets without curbs are not included in routine sweeping.

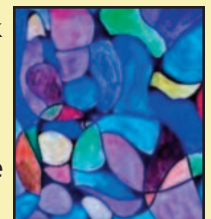
Residents are responsible for keeping their streets free of excessive yard waste and debris. The village does not sweep leaves left in gutters. Residents should not sweep, blow, or rake leaves to the gutter, as this can clog the stormwater system and cause flooding. The street sweeper will not pick up piles of leaves in the street; if this occurs, Public Works will leave a notice to remove them. Leaves must be bagged and placed at the curb for landscape pick-up.

For questions, contact Public Works - Street Maintenance Department at 630-671-5800.



## Artists Association April 10

Bloomingdale Artists Association -  
Neurographic Art Demo - April 10,  
6:30pm at  
Bloomingdale Park  
District Museum,  
108 S  
Bloomingdale Rd



Explore a technique linking conscious and subconscious minds to reduce stress. Bring your own art supplies. Drop-in fee: \$10; membership: \$30/year (Sep-May). Contact Lois at 630-924-1577.

Stickers available at many local merchants  
**2024 Yardwaste Collection  
Begins In April**

**2024 Garage Sale  
Season Is Here!**

Hosting a garage or yard sale in Bloomingdale is simple and free. While no permit is required, sellers are asked to inform the police department before the sale begins. Additionally, each household is limited to three sales per calendar year, each lasting no more than three consecutive days and occurring between 9 AM and 6 PM.



For guidelines on signage, including size and placement restrictions, please contact the Bloomingdale Police Department at 630-529-9868.

**Upcoming Garage Sales**

**Bloomfield Hills**

*North side of west Schick*  
May 9, 10 & 11 @ 9 AM - 4 PM

**Bloomfield Club**

*south of Schick Road and west of Bloomingdale Road*  
May 17 & 18 @ 9 AM - 4 PM and  
Sept. 20 & 21 @ 9 AM - 4 PM

**Villa Veneto Townhomes**

*south of Lake Street and east of Gary Avenue*  
June 14 & 15 @ 9 AM - 4 PM  
Rain date July 19 & 20

**Chateau Lorraine**

*North of Schick and west of Bloomingdale Road*  
June 14 & 15 @ 9 AM to 5 PM

**Country Club Estates**

*North of Schick Road and west of Bloomingdale Road*  
June 7, 8 & 9 @ 9 AM to 4 PM

Yard & Organic waste collection starts on the 1st collection day in April and ends on the last collection week in November. The collection cost is based on either a pay-per-bag sticker basis, or under a yard waste cart rental service.



Yard and Organic waste consisting of grass clippings, twigs, leaves, plant material, and acceptable\* food scraps must be set out at the curb prior to 6 a.m. on the day of collection.

**Yard & Organic waste can be collected in two (2) ways:**

- **Yard & Organic Waste Cart Subscription:** Customers may subscribe with the Contractor for a weekly yard and organic waste cart collection service during the collection service season.
- **Yard & Organic Waste Sticker:** Customers can purchase a yard and organic waste sticker and visibly affix the sticker to the yard waste that they set out in the following manner:

Biodegradable Kraft paper bags weighing no more than 50 pounds, with sticker attached.

Brush can be set out in bundles no longer than 4 feet in lengths and weighing no more than 50 pounds, with the largest branch no more than 4 inches in diameter, with a sticker attached.

Clearly marked container with sticker attached, weighing no more than 50 lbs.

\*Acceptable Food Scraps: Fruits, Vegetables, Rice, Beans, Pasta, Bread, Baked Goods, Grains, Eggshells, Coffee Grounds and Tea Leaves, can be placed in the yard waste bags and carts. Meats and other food waste are not accepted.

**Yard and Organic Waste Stickers are available for purchase at a cost of \$2.80 per sticker (2024 cost) at the following locations:**

- Caputo's Fresh Market - 166 East Lake Street
- Jewel Food Store - 2164 South Bloomingdale Road, Glendale Heights
- Lens Ace Hardware - 272 West Lake Street
- Meijer Supermarket - 130 South Gary Avenue
- Village of Bloomingdale - 201 South Bloomingdale Road

**Yard & Organic Waste Carts are from SBC at a flat rate cost per collection season of:**

- 35 Gallon Yard Waste Cart: \$199
- 65 Gallon Yard Waste Cart: \$279
- 95 Gallon Yard Waste Cart: \$299

**Arbor Day Recognition on Friday, April 26**

The Village of Bloomingdale Forestry Division will celebrate Arbor Day at 1:30pm on Friday, April 26, by planting a tree at Circle Park; all are invited to attend! Bloomingdale was recently named Tree City in honor of the Village's commitment to effective urban forest management.



## Welcome to Golf Season 2024!

As you read this, the golf course will be up and running, geared up for another exciting and successful season! Golf remains a popular activity for all ages, and we're thrilled to welcome you back.

Here are a few reminders as we kick off the season:

### Register or re-register for the Community Discount Program

As the 2024 golfing season begins, remember to sign up for the 2024 Community Discount Program at the golf shop. No card is needed; simply register in the shop to start saving on green fees. To participate:

- Visit the pro shop with a current Photo ID showing proof of residency
- Pay the \$15.00 annual fee.

Registration is ongoing, and more information is available on our website.

### The 2024 "Swing into Spring" Opening Golf Event (10 am shotgun start)

Join us for our annual opening season event on Sunday, April 21st! Kick off your golf season with friends and family with this 18-hole event filled with fun, food, and prizes. The entry fee is \$100 per player, and we ask that you register as a foursome. Visit [www.bloomingtondalegc.com](http://www.bloomingtondalegc.com) for event format details and registration.

### Bring Your Kids to Play our Short-Course

The golf course will once again set-up forward tees for junior play OR first-time golfers. The course will play a distance of 2350 yards with a par of 68. Bring Mom, Dad and the entire family and enjoy a day on the course! Scorecards will be available to reference this course layout! We do ask that participant for this course schedule their play later in the afternoon and evening.

### "Youth on Course" Program

Bloomingtondale Golf Club is thrilled to join the "Youth on Course" program, offering juniors aged 7-17 the opportunity to play 9 or 18 holes for just \$5. To register, juniors can visit the Chicago District Golf Association (CDGA) website at [www.CDGA.org](http://www.CDGA.org). There is a \$30 annual registration fee. After registration, junior golfers will receive an identification number, which must be presented, along with a photo ID, when paying at the golf shop. Please note that the junior golfer MUST be present in the pro shop if a parent or another adult is paying. Play at Bloomingtondale GC is available on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday (after 1pm), and after 4 pm on Saturday-Sunday (Subject to change). There is no play on Thursday, Friday, or Holidays. The \$5.00 fee covers up to 18 holes of golf – walking. Juniors can also play at any course (locally or nationally) that is part of this program.

Remember to check out our website for golf rates, tee time bookings, and other activities happening at the golf club.

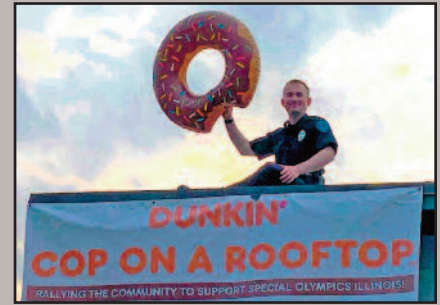
Visit [www.bloomingtondalegc.com](http://www.bloomingtondalegc.com) for more information.

### Maker's Market 2024 Season begins in May!

Get ready for the 2024 season of the Bloomingtondale Maker's Market, kicking off on May 26! Held in the parking lot of Old Town Bloomingtondale, right across from the Bloomingtondale Post Office, the market runs from 10 AM to 2 PM, rain or shine. Discover a variety of offerings from local vendors, including home decor, jewelry, blankets, clothes, and more. Indulge in delicious bites from food trucks and enjoy live music while you shop. For additional information, visit the Bloomingtondale Makers Market Facebook page or reach out via email at [info@bloomingtondalemakersmarket.com](mailto:info@bloomingtondalemakersmarket.com).



## Rooftop Cops at Dunkin' on May 17



Bloomingtondale Police Officers are teaming up with the Lake Street and Gary Ave Dunkin' staff to show their support for the Special Olympics program and its athletes. On Friday, May 17, from 5:00 a.m. to Noon, Bloomingtondale officers will be participating in a rooftop sit-in at the Dunkin' locations at 142 S Gary Ave and 200 E Lake Street, greeting customers and encouraging donations for Illinois Special Olympics.

2024 marks the 21st Anniversary of the Dunkin' and Illinois Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Illinois partnership. Together, they have raised over \$8.7 million in Illinois to support the Special Olympics!

The Bloomingtondale Police Department is also offering Torch Run items from 2023 at discounted prices. For more information or to donate to the Special Olympics, please contact Officer Phillip Jaffe at 630-529-9868.

So, when you visit Dunkin' on May 17, remember to look up and show your support for this great cause!

### Free Curbside Paint Pickup

SBC Waste Solutions proudly offers all Bloomingtondale residents complimentary curbside paint removal service for all paint types.

Please contact SBC at 312-522-1115 to schedule this free service. Kindly note, 24-hour notice and separate scheduling distinct from regular pickup days are required. This service is now year-round.

# Honor a Bloomingdale Veteran

## Village of Bloomingdale Offers Veteran Banner Recognition Program

### VFW Post 7539 Honors Village for Its Ongoing Support

Bloomington IL VFW Post 7539 presented the Village of Bloomingdale with a plaque recognizing the Village for its ongoing support of the VFW. This plaque symbolizes the strong bond between the Village and the VFW.



Bloomington rallied behind the "Love Our Vets" campaign in February, showing overwhelming support for Bloomingdale VFW Post 7539's mission to collect new household items for Veterans exiting homelessness. A heartfelt thank you goes out to everyone who donated.

On March 1st, Post 7539 veterans Joe Palmer, Ed Aubin, and John Bryla picked up the donations from the Village Hall, which were then delivered to the Jesse Brown VAMC.

Special appreciation is extended to Lake Park High School Girls Soccer, Bloomfield Hills, and Deer Glen Apartments for their outstanding efforts. These groups organized collections within their communities to contribute to this drive!



The Village of Bloomingdale proudly presents its Veteran Banner Recognition Program, a tribute to current & former Bloomingdale residents who have served in the United States military. To honor a Bloomingdale veteran, simply fill out the application and submit a photo of at least 300 dpi (preferably with uniform on). There is no cost for this service.

You can access the application online at [tinyurl.com/BannerProgram](http://tinyurl.com/BannerProgram) or pick up a copy from Village Hall.

The banners will be displayed on Lake Street for a period of two weeks prior and two weeks following Memorial Day. Due to limited space, applications are processed on a first-come, first-served basis.

**THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS IS APRIL 11.**

To apply or for more information, email the completed application and photo to [sassanoj@vil.bloomington.il.us](mailto:sassanoj@vil.bloomington.il.us)



### Bloomington Park District Celebrates 60th Anniversary

The Bloomingdale Park District marks its 60th anniversary this year, enriching residents' lives since May 2, 1964, with diverse recreational programs and picturesque parks. Some notable achievements include Circle Park's opening in 1965, a pool and recreation center built in 1974, and Springfield Park's dedication in 1988. Next came the formation of the Bloomingdale Parks Foundation in 1994 followed by the Oasis Water Park's opening in 2005 and a major JRC renovation in 2019. Despite COVID-19 challenges, staff adapted programs to prioritize safety without compromising quality.

The community is invited to a ribbon-cutting at the newly renovated Stratford Park on Saturday, May 4, from 11 AM to 1 PM. This collaborative effort with Bloomingdale School District #93, partly funded by the OSLAD grant program, promises to deliver a park with recreational amenities for the community to enjoy.

The Bloomingdale Parks Foundation, established in 1994, is celebrating its 30th anniversary. The Foundation has made recreational programs financially accessible, enabling residents of all ages to participate, supporting operational expenses, and ensuring sustainability of programs and facilities.

Entering its 20th season, the Oasis Water Park continues to be a popular destination for summer fun. Recognized for its safety and amenities with numerous awards, the Park District is proud to provide a safe and enjoyable aquatic experience for all.

"These milestones underscore the Park District's unwavering commitment to serving Bloomingdale residents," said Park District Board President Andre Burke. "With diverse and engaging recreation programs, beautifully maintained open spaces, and a focus on fostering a sense of community, the Park District has earned local, state, and national recognition and awards over its 60-year journey."

As the Bloomingdale Park District celebrates its past and looks forward to the future, here's to many more years of community and shared experiences in Bloomingdale!

# Hydrant Flushing June 10-June 25

The Public Works Department will perform the annual Hydrant Flushing Program beginning June 10, 2024 through June 25, 2024. The Program will be performed during the daytime hours of 8:00 am - 3:00 pm. Please DO NOT WASH LAUNDRY during the flushing hours, as rust staining of clothing may result. Residents with water softeners are encouraged to check the cycle time of their softeners so that the unit does not regenerate during this period.

Hydrant flushing improves both water quality and water flow, as well as assuring that the hydrant is working properly. The hydrant flushing by area is as follows:

Byron Area, Westwind, Deer Glen, Medinah Lakes, Medinah Rd. Area (Eastgate, Medinah Grove, Medinah Meadows, Chateau of Medinah, Vittoria Brooke Estates, Casa Bella), Hamilton Woods **Monday, June 10**

Westlake Townhomes, College Quad Fours, Harvard Area, Brookdale Estates, Wilshire Towers, Greenway Area, Glen Ellyn Rd. - Deer Glen to Army Trail, Glen Ellyn Rd. - South of Army Trail **Tuesday, June 11**

North & South Suncrest, Medinah Area (Broker, St. Francis, Lori, Hillcrest, Sunset, Dinah, Sodaro), Westlake Highlands (Circle, Euclid, Kingston, Freeport, Ironwood), Medinah on the Lakes, Glen Ellyn Rd. **Wednesday, June 12**

Edgewater Area, Fairfield Area, Fairfield Quads, Canterbury, Springbrook Villas, Springbrook Center, Ridge, Old Town Area - East of Bloomingdale Rd., Bloomingdale Rd. - Greenway to Lake St. **Thursday, June 13**

North & South Lakewoods (Maple, Oak, Franklin), N. Rosedale Area (Carmela, Rose), Founders Pointe, Fesslers Grove, Old Town Square, Bell Towers, Old Town Area - West of Bloomingdale Rd., Royal Ct Villas, On-the-Park, Villas of Thornfield, Bloomingdale Rd. - North of Lake St., Bloomingdale Town Center **Friday, June 14**

Indian Lakes East (Cardinal / Raven Area), Cavalry Dr., Old Town Estates (Jefferson, Jackson), Longridge Area, West Pointe Estates (Hillandale, Rosedale), Indian Lakes Resort, Los Lagos, Aprina Ct. **Monday, June 17**

Springfield Dr. - Schick Rd. to Lake St., Heritage at Stratford, Bloomfield Hills, Chateau Lorraine, Country Club Estates, Villa Way, One Bloomingdale Place, Villa Veneto, Springfield Place **Tuesday, June 18**

Springfield Dr. - Army Trail Rd. to Schick Rd., Indian Lakes West (Meadowlark / Pheasant / Skylark Area), Bloomfield Club, Butterfield Rd., Stratford Estates (White Hall, Old Mill), Park Bloomingdale Condominiums (Glengarry), Stratford Place Apartments, Stratford Green Apartment Homes (Vinings)) **Wednesday, June 19**

Schmale Rd., Monroe Dr., Longview Dr., Army Trail Commercial Areas (Gary Ave. to Schmale Rd.), Bloomingdale Court, Knollwood Dr., Scott Dr., Springfield Pointe (Donald Dr.) **Thursday, June 20**

Bayview Crossings, Gary Ave. - North of Schick Rd., Thorn Rd., Stratford Lakes, Camden Apartments, Stratford Square Mall, Merchant's Park, Bloomingdale Walk Townhomes **Friday, June 21**

Gary Ave. - Schick Rd. to Army Trail Rd., Stratford Plaza, Covington/Brighton Area, Madsen Dr. Area, Gateway Plaza, Old Gary Ave. **Monday, June 24**

Hydrants along Lake St., Schick Rd. (West of Bloomingdale Rd.), Army Trail Rd. **Tuesday, June 25**

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



## Bloomingdale Garden Club Spring Programs; Flower And Plant Sale

Bloomingdale Garden Club's **ANNUAL FLOWER & PLANT SALE** on **May 10 & 11** at Bloomingdale Park District Maintenance Building, 259 Springfield Drive. Fri 5/10: Noon - 6 PM & Sat, 5/11: 9 AM - 3 PM. Professionally grown plants, hanging baskets, garden items, etc. and a Master Gardener Help Desk. Cash, checks, and credit cards accepted, proceeds support charitable endeavors, programs, & activities. Visit [www.bloomingdalegardenclub.org](http://www.bloomingdalegardenclub.org) for pre-ordering options. Pre-Sale Ordering last date March 23, download a Pre-Sale form on the website.



Bloomingdale Garden Club's Annual Flower & Plant Sale Prep Meeting will be on April 16 at 6:15 PM for treats, meeting begins at 7 PM for Flower & Plant Sale preparations.

**May 21 - Who's Who of Owls and Raptors** - Join Mark Spreyer of Stillman Nature Center to learn about North American owls and other raptors. Discover their hunting adaptations, habitats, and how to identify them. Bloomingdale Garden Club meets 6:15 to 8:00 PM at 118 First Street. Programs begin at 7 PM, visitors welcome!

See [www.bloomingdalegardenclub.org](http://www.bloomingdalegardenclub.org) or contact us at [bloomingdalegardenclub@gmail.com](mailto:bloomingdalegardenclub@gmail.com) for more information.

## Shake Shack/Old Second

Shake Shack opened its doors on March 8th at 291 Springfield Drive! Originating as a hot dog cart in New York City's Madison Square Park in 2001, Shake Shack has grown to offer a menu featuring hamburgers, hot dogs, fries, and milkshakes. Shake Shack Bloomingdale promises to be a game-changer with its first drive-thru option in Illinois. Be sure to stop by, grab a burger and give them a warm welcome!



Additionally, keep an eye out for Old Second National Bank (formerly West Suburban Bank), expected to open within the next couple of weeks.

## Boba House

Exciting news! Boba House is coming to Bloomingdale Square Shopping Center at 398 W. Army Trail Road. Known for its signature boba teas and mouthwatering treats, Boba House will offer a delightful taste experience. Boba, a drink made from small tapioca pearls sweetened in syrup, is a popular addition to tea, coffee, slushies, or smoothies. Stay tuned for their grand opening!



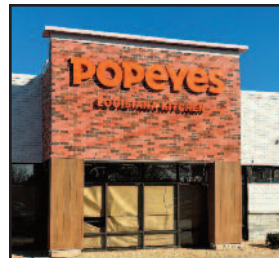
## Enzo's Sports Bar & Wood-Fire Pizza

The highly anticipated Enzo's Sports Bar & Wood-Fire Pizza opened its doors on March 13 at 298 Glen Ellyn Road! Offering a range of bar-food favorites, including their specialty wood-fire pizzas and handcrafted cocktails; perhaps Enzo's is as excited as we are, that they are now a part of Bloomingdale! Join us in welcoming them to the neighborhood!



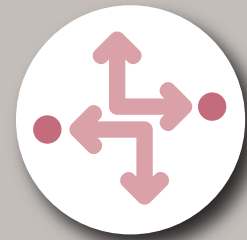
## Popeye's

The wait is finally over! Popeyes has reopened its doors at 405 W. Army Trail Road after almost 9 months of reconstruction and rebranding. A fire in the summer of 2023 damaged a significant portion of the restaurant, but Popeyes quickly began renovating the structure. The community is thrilled to enjoy their favorite Louisiana-style chicken and wings once again!



## Mahan Family Wines

Residents of Bloomingdale are still captivated by the mystery of Mahan Speakeasy Wine & Piano Bar. This hidden gem, open on select days and by reservation only, offers a glimpse into the Prohibition era with its secret entrance and intimate atmosphere. For those eager to experience this exclusive venue, reservations are available at [MahanSpeakeasy.com](http://MahanSpeakeasy.com).



## 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**

### Bloomingdale Chamber Upcoming Events

Please go to [bloomingdalechamber.com](http://bloomingdalechamber.com) for details on these upcoming events:

#### Health and Wellness Fair- May 18th 12 – 3 PM

A fun and engaging event that will inspire and empower attendees to take charge of their health and well-being.

#### State of the Village Luncheon – April 24 11:30- 1:30 PM

Mayor Franco will share an overview of recent developments in and around Bloomingdale.

#### Golf Outing – June 21

#### Restaurant Week: July 15-21

#### Welcome!

CodaBears, Inc, an ERP Solutions consulting company, to 236 W. Lake St. Ste 101 Bloomingdale.



# Bloomingtondale Fire Protection District #1



## BE READY! FLOODS

### DURING

- Unplug appliances to prevent electrical shock when power comes back on.
- Do NOT drive or walk across flooded roads. Cars and people can be swept away.
- Gather emergency supplies and follow local radio or TV updates.
- When power lines are down, water is in your home, or before you evacuate, TURN OFF gas, power, and water.

### RECOGNIZE FLOOD RISK

- Identify flood-prone or landslide-prone areas near you.
- Know your community's warning signals, evacuation routes, and emergency shelter locations.
- Know flood evacuation routes near you.

### PRACTICE SAFE HYGIENE

- Wash hands with soap and water to help prevent germs.
- Listen for information from your local officials on how to safely use water to drink, cook, or clean.

### AFTER

- Tie down or bring outdoor items inside.
- Throw away items that cannot be disinfected, like wall coverings, cloth, rugs, and drywall.
- Use fans, air conditioning units, and dehumidifiers for drying.
- For cleanup, wear rubber boots and plastic gloves.
- Clean walls, hard floors, and other surfaces with soap and water. Use a mixture of 1 cup bleach and 1 gallon water to disinfect.
- Caution! Flood water may contain trash.

For more information visit <http://emergency.cdc.gov/disasters/floods/>

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## Did You Know: Spring Is Tornado Season in Illinois

Tornado season in Illinois typically runs from March to May, but tornadoes can happen any time. They often occur between 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.

When a Tornado Warning is issued, seek shelter in the safest area available. A certified storm shelter or safe room is best, but if unavailable, opt for a basement or interior room on the lowest level of a sturdy building.

### Your Safe Place from Tornadoes

#### Tornado Warning

A thunderstorm capable of producing a tornado is imminent.

Take shelter now! Go to a basement or interior room. Stay informed of forecast updates.

Take action.

#### Tornado Watch

Conditions are favorable for the development of thunderstorms capable of producing tornadoes.

Stay informed in case a warning is issued, and know where to take shelter.

Be prepared.

weather.gov/safely/thunderstorms

## Ice and Rescue Drills

In February, Bloomingtondale Fire Protection District #1 and neighboring departments conducted ice rescue drills, utilizing rapid deployment crafts (RDC). Despite challenging weather with fluctuating ice conditions, our crews successfully rescued over 36 "victims" from the water.





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## Autism Walk April 26 at Clauss Rec Area

Lake Park High School District 108's Transition Assistance Program (TAP) is a vocational training program for young adults aged 18-22 with diverse needs. TAP will host its annual Autism Walk on April 26, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm, at Clauss Recreational Area (555 W Bryn Mawr Ave, Roselle). There is a \$1.00 entrance fee for participants and the proceeds benefit the Autism Society. Open to the Public, Lake Park Alumni and staff will also attend.



After the walk, enjoy a social hour with Fun Fun Fun DJs, Doctor Dogs, Kona Ice, and face painting! The event is open to the public; invite your students' families and friends.

Contact Vocational Teacher Stephanie Hester at 630-529-3236 or [shester@lphs.org](mailto:shester@lphs.org) for more information.



## Tony Spavone's Ristorante Celebrates 40 Years of Music and Flavor

Tony Spavone, a longtime resident, and businessman in Bloomingdale, recently marked a significant milestone - 40 years of blending traditional Italian cuisine with musical talent at Tony Spavone's Ristorante 266 W. Lake Street. Tony's journey from Naples, Italy, to the lively streets of Chicago's Lincoln Avenue where he started performing professionally at just 17, is a story of passion and a love for food and music.



Tony's culinary passion was ignited by his father at a young age. Their move to Chicago's Rogers Park neighborhood when he was 13 further fueled his cooking passion, thanks to his father's successful Seven Hills Restaurant, where Tony honed his skills as a chef. It was during this time that Tony's musical talent flourished, eventually leading him to pursue a career in singing.

At 21, Tony hit the road, performing with various entertainers, and soaking in the experiences of life on tour. However, after years of travel, Tony longed for something more solid. At 32, he decided to combine his two passions - music and cooking - and sought a place he could call his own. After multiple career accomplishments such as assisting Alex Dana in refining the menu at The Rosebud, as well as being a partner in opening Amalfi's Restaurant on Glen Ellyn Road, Tony opened Tony Spavone's Ristorante on January 8, 1984. His retired father helped him out in the early days, and it was there that he met his future wife, Lynette.

Over the years, Tony's talent and generosity have earned him recognition, including the esteemed Ellis Island Medal of Honor, indicating his commitment to serving others and using his talents to enrich humanity. Tony's kindness extends beyond his restaurant, as he actively supports veterans, children, and seniors in need.

Tony's restaurant became a local gem, cherished not only for its authentic Italian dishes but also for the unique dining experience he provides, treating patrons to impromptu shows.

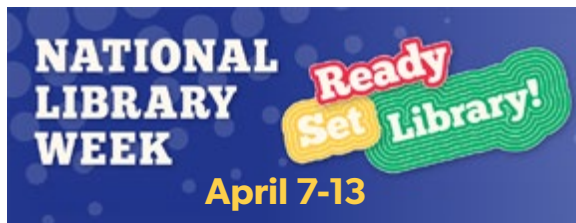
In January, Tony hosted a 40th anniversary party, reflecting on the fun memories, loyal customers who've become like family and plans to keep his restaurant going as long as God provides health and strength. The restaurant and owner have been featured on TV shows like Two on Two, 190 North, and Wild Chicago, solidifying their place in Bloomingdale's community while its walls are adorned with photos of Tony with celebrities who have visited, adding to the restaurant's charm.

If you're craving authentic Italian cuisine served with a side of musical talent, Tony Spavone's Ristorante is the place to visit. You might even catch Tony singing one of his favorite tunes while you dine.





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In our always-online world, libraries give us a green light to something truly special: a place to connect with others, learn new skills, and focus on what matters most. No matter where you find yourself on the roadmap through life's journey—preparing for a new career, launching a business, or raising a family—your library provides an inclusive and supportive community where everyone belongs.

Get ready to explore, become inspired, and connect with your library this National Library Week. Libraries are here for you, all the way to the finish line.

Stop by BPL during **National Library Week** to pick up some free giveaways and show off your library support.

Discover everything we have to offer!

BPL Makerspace	streaming movies and music
3D printing	
computer classes	museum passes for local attractions
online courses	
books, DVDs, CDs, kits, and more	programs for all ages
eBooks, audiobooks, and digital magazines	STEM and music kits
	video games and board games



In 1999, Bloomington Public Library partnered with Stratford Square Mall for the 'Stratford Squares for Lifelong Learning' fundraiser, supporting the creation of a new library computer lab. The Village of Bloomington's recent acquisition of the mall for redevelopment prompted a collaboration between the Village and the Library to preserve the tiles installed as part of the project.

Details regarding tile availability, pickup, and more can be found on page 1 of the Village Almanac, our website ([mybpl.org](http://mybpl.org)), the BPL Bulletin eNews, and our social media.



We're excited that this is our 50th year of supporting the Bloomington Library!

Save the Date:

Friends of the Bloomington Public Library  
50th Anniversary Celebration at Bloomington Golf Club  
September 29, 2024

Our next meeting is April 24th at 7:00 p.m.

Join us to learn more and enjoy a book folding craft and instruction.

As always, our Perpetual Book Sale wall at the library is on the first floor. All proceeds go to the Friends of the Library, which then supports a variety of library programs. Book donations are accepted at BPL.

**Thank you for your support!**

**FREE COMIC BOOK DAY!**  
see page 5 for details

Thank you to Keith's Komix  
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**Drop-In for All Ages**

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# Adult Programs



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## 📅 **VIRTUAL: Frank Lloyd Wright - Organic Architect** Monday, April 8 | 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. *Zoom Webinar*

Learn about Wright's organic architecture here in the Midwest and elsewhere in this slide lecture presented by art historian Jeff Mishur.



## 📅 **The Race to Save the RMS Titanic** Tuesday, April 16 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. *In-Person Event*

160 minutes was all the time rescuers would have before the largest ship in the world slipped beneath the icy Atlantic. Local author William Hazelgrove explores several myths about the sinking of the Titanic and how everyone aboard might have been saved. Books will be available for purchase and signed by the author.

## 📅 **VIRTUAL: Baseball in the Movies** Monday, April 22 | 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. *Zoom Webinar*

Celebrate our national pastime with these great baseball movies! We'll see scenes from *The Natural*, *Field of Dreams*, *Pride of the Yankees*, and more—we'll even learn the answer to that immortal question, "Who's on first?" Presented by film expert Steven Frenzel.

## 📅 **VIRTUAL: Community Eco-Gardening: Landscaping with Native Plants** Monday, May 6 | 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. *Zoom Webinar*

Learn how one residential association transformed their lawn with colorful prairie, woodland, and wetland wildflowers, forbs, sedges, grasses, and rain gardens. Hosted by author and expert gardener Dennis Swiftdeer Paige.

## 📅 **VIRTUAL: His Way: Sinatra On Film** Monday, May 13 | 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. *Zoom Webinar*

Let's celebrate the "Chairman of the Board" with this swoon-worthy program. We'll see young Frank make hearts melt in the musicals, experience a more mature Sinatra in the movies that capitalized on his legendary cool, and hear many hilarious Sinatra stories. Presented by film expert Steven Frenzel.

## 📅 **The Story of Bonnie and Clyde** Tuesday, May 14 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. *In-Person Event*

Historical entertainer Michelle Gibbons will discuss the dark romanticism of the Depression Era's infamous criminals, Bonnie Parker and Clyde Barrow. She will explain the passionate love of this doomed couple and how they became legendary criminals.



## 📅 **VIRTUAL: Artemis - Returning to the Moon** Monday, May 20 | 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. *Zoom Webinar*

In the next few years NASA will land the first woman and first person of color on the moon, exploring more of the lunar surface than ever before and establishing the first long-term human presence on the moon. We'll discuss the future plans and technologies that will get us back to the moon for the first time since 1972. Presented by Astroeducator Michelle Nichols.

## **bpl** makerspace crafts

### Registration Information:

4 per session, ages 12 to adult, BPL card required. Computer experience is required. **Registration opens April 1 at 9:00 a.m.**



### 📅 **Custom Wooden Sign** Use our equipment to cut vinyl and create a custom sign. *Please sign up for one session only.*

Monday, May 6 | 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, May 21 | 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

## ONGOING ADULT PROGRAMS

### 📅 **Genealogy Club (Drop-In)**

Wednesdays, April 17 & May 15 | 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.


### 📅 **Great Decisions**

Wednesdays, April 17 & May 15 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

The Great Decisions discussion program is a civic education program administered and produced by the Foreign Policy Association. Contact Julie Deeke at [jdeeke@mybpl.org](mailto:jdeeke@mybpl.org) for more information.



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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

The Historical Book Discussion Group meets on the first Tuesday of each month, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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

**Beaverland**  
by Leila Philip  
Tuesday, April 2



**The Secret Token**  
by Andrew Lawler  
Tuesday, May 7

### MONDAY NIGHT PAGE TURNERS

The Monday Night Page Turners Group meets on the third Monday of each month, 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

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

**Recursion**  
by Blake Crouch  
Monday, April 15



**Go as a River**  
by Shelley Read  
Monday, May 20



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)



## 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.



**No Hard Feelings** (rated R)  
Wednesday, April 10 | 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Maddie has one summer to bring an introverted 19-year-old boy out of his shell before college, to make him a man or die trying.



**A League of Their Own** (rated PG)  
Wednesday, April 24 | 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Two sisters join the first female professional baseball league and struggle to help it succeed amid their own growing rivalry.




**Gran Turismo** (rated PG-13)  
Wednesday, May 8 | 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Based on the unbelievable, inspiring true story of a team of underdogs - a struggling, working-class gamer, a failed former racecar driver, and an idealistic motorsport exec - who risk it all to take on the most elite sport in the world.

# Computer Classes



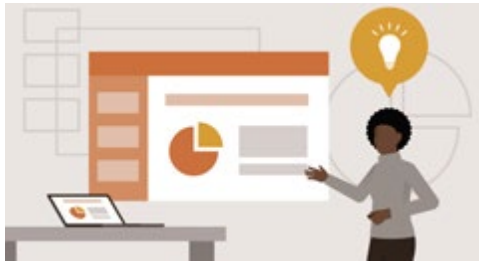
Registration is encouraged for in-person computer classes to receive program updates. Register **online**, by phone at (630) 924-2730, or by email at [bdref@mybpl.org](mailto:bdref@mybpl.org). Virtual classes are noted with  and will be posted on our **YouTube channel**.

## MASTER MICROSOFT OFFICE

### PowerPoint Start to Finish

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

Learn the basics of PowerPoint - how to create slideshow presentations, including adding slides and entering content - along with more advanced techniques like transitions, animations, and automating timing. Google Slides users are welcome.



### Excel Formulas

Monday, April 15 | 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.

### Word Processing Crash Course

Thursday, April 25 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.  
Instructor: Christian

Whether you prefer MS Word or Google Docs, this class will have you ready to create, save, and print well-designed documents. Learn the basics of formatting text, changing page layouts, spell/grammar check, and more!

### Microsoft Word: Infographics and Templates

Thursday, May 9 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.  
Instructor: Charlie

Learn to present information more effectively in your documents with charts, graphs, and other infographics. We will also look at templates, which are a handy formatting shortcut for adding a more polished look.

### Excel PivotTables

Monday, May 13 | 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.



## SMARTPHONE SERIES

### Basics for Android Users

Thursday, April 18 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.  
Instructor: Salvador

Get familiar with your Android phone or tablet as we demonstrate how to navigate, customize, and find apps on your device. Students are encouraged to bring in their own phone or tablet.

### Photography & Editing

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

Take better photos and movies and edit them with Android and iPhones. Learn to use free editing products to prepare photos and movies for sharing. As phones offer a wide range of camera features, we will focus on more generally available tools rather than some of the higher end options.

### Video Editing & Sharing

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

Want to crop, connect, change the audio, and otherwise sharpen up your videos before posting them on social media or sharing them with friends and family? Use phone apps and social media tools for easy video editing and distribution.



## beginner's Internet Courses

*These friendly introductory programs are topics aimed at new or nervous computer users. We'll provide lots of guided hands on practice and time for questions.*

### Browsing the Web

Tuesday, May 14 | 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.  
Instructor: Sean

Learn to use of the Internet and the risks involved. Skills like searching, using URLs, downloading files, completing forms, and managing PDFs will be covered.

### Email Use & Safety

Tuesday, May 21 | 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.  
Instructor: Sean

Create and manage an email address, while discovering how to recognize and avoid email scams.

### Smartphones & Tablets

Tuesday, May 28 | 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.  
Instructor: Salvador

Familiarize yourself with your smartphone or tablet. Use one of our iPads or bring your own device to class.

## VIRTUAL: GRAPHIC ARTS

### GIMP: Image Editing Basics

Monday, April 22 | 7:00 p.m.  
Instructor: Charlie

GIMP is a free, open-source alternative to Adobe Photoshop for editing digital images. Watch the basics of using the application while learning to perform some common image edits and touch-ups.

### Blender: Physics Basics

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

Building on previous courses, we will use some of Blender's physics tools to implement realistic physics effects in 3D animations. Cloth, fluids, collisions, and more are covered.



# Teen Programs

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

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

## SAT Practice Test

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

A representative from C2 Education will provide a practice test and contact you with scores and analyzed results.

### 📅 SAT Practice Test

Saturday, April 6 | 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

## exam cram

### Exam Cram (Drop-In)

Open to all high school students (Grades 9-12)

Wednesday & Thursday, May 22 & 23 | 4:00 – 8:00 p.m.

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



Want to volunteer at BPL?  
Check out our

## volunteens

program on page 6!

## Teen Crafts @ BPL

*For Take & Make crafts, you will be contacted via email when your craft kit is ready to be picked up at the Adult Reference Desk.*

### 📅 Rainbow Soap (Take & Make)

Kit Pickup begins Monday, April 8

registration begins Monday, March 11 - limit 12 teens

Make four flower power scented melt-and-pour soaps using moon and rainbow molds.

### 📅 Earth Day Planter (Take & Make)

Kit Pickup begins Monday, April 22

registration begins Monday, March 25 - limit 12 teens

Celebrate Earth Day by decorating a planter and filling it with an air plant.

### 📅 Hello Origami (Take & Make)

Kit Pickup begins Monday, May 6

registration begins Monday, April 15 - limit 10 teens

This fun and easy origami collection will show you how to fold 20 adorable designs that double as your own stationery!

### 📅 Custom Buttons

Wednesday, May 8 | 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

registration opens Monday, April 15 - limit 10 teens

Use the library's button machine to make unique accessories!

### Perler Bead Club (Drop-In)

Wednesday, May 15 | 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

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

# FREE COMIC BOOK DAY!

Celebrate Free Comic Book Day at the library!  
Create super crafts and pick up some free comics (3 per person, while supplies last).  
Thank you to Keith's Komix (528 S. Roselle Road, Schaumburg, IL 60193) for the support!

**Drop-In for All Ages**

Saturday, May 4 | 12:00 – 3:00 p.m.

# Youth Programs



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

Registration for April programs begins Monday, March 18. Registration for May programs begins Monday, April 22. 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

### 📅 Egg-citing Spring

Grades K-2

Monday, April 1 | 4:15 – 5:15 p.m.

Eggs are a symbol of springtime and new life. Explore the magic of eggs through stories, science, and crafts.

### 📅 Middle Grade Makers (Drop-In)

Grades 4-8

Thursdays, April 4 & May 9 | 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Explore the BPL 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!

### 📅 Don't Eat That!

Grades K-2

Wednesday, April 10 | 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

Well, maybe do... we'll make edible paper, silly pranks, and more in this craft session.

### 📅 Makerspace Club: STEM Time

Grades 3-6

Thursday, April 11 | 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!

### 📅 Crochet Along with Miss Carol (Virtual)

Grades 3-8

posted on YouTube on Monday, April 15

Learn to crochet along with Miss Carol. Check the Library's YouTube page for video tutorials for each project. A supply list and written instructions can be picked up at the library. **April project: waffle pillow**

### 📅 I Love Jelly Beans

Grades K-2

Thursday, April 18 | 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

Jelly beans are a fun snack in the spring! Come to the library to learn how they are made and do some jelly crafts.

## CELEBRATE MOM!

### 📅 Mother's Day Gift Craft

Grades 3-6

Sunday, April 21 | 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Grades K-2

Tuesday, April 30 | 4:15 – 5:15 p.m.

Celebrate Mom or someone special with a fun craft and card making session!

### 📅 Crochet Skills: Magic Circle

Grades 3-8

Monday, April 22 | 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

The Magic Circle is the starting point of round projects such as stuffed toys, beanies and coasters. We will use the Magic Circle to make a simple teddy bear. Participants should have beginning crochet skills.

### 📅 April Shower Flowers

Grades K-2

Tuesday, April 23 | 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

Come make a paper flower craft!

### 📅 Edible Springtime Crafts!

Grades 3-6

Wednesday, April 24 | 4:15 – 5:15 p.m.

Enjoy crafting and candy? Come in to make some edible spring themed crafts!



### 📅 Escape Room

Grades 3-6

Sunday, May 5 – two sessions available  
2:00 – 2:30 p.m. OR 3:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Can you and your team discover the code to unlock the emergency escape panel in time? Please sign up for one session only.

### 📅 Stress Relief Jars

Grades 3-6

Monday, May 6 | 5:00 – 5:45 p.m.

Take your mind off of your end of the year testing and make a jar of fun!

### LEGO® Club (Drop-In)

Grades 1-6

Tuesday, May 21 | 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

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

### 📅 Every Birdie Welcome

Grades K-2

Wednesday, May 22 | 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

Create your own birdhouse and a simple bird feeder while enjoying stories about our feathered friends.

## volunteens

Entering Grades 7-12  
in fall 2024



Are you a student entering grades 7-12 in fall 2024? Are you looking for a fun way to get job experience, earn service hours, or make a difference in the community? If so, the **Bloomington Public Library VolunTEENS** program is looking for you!

During your summer vacation, we'll develop a schedule to fit your availability and our programming needs. You'll work 10-15 hours over the 9-week program with the library's Youth Services staff preparing crafts, keeping the library tidy, and helping with special projects.

Summer volunteer openings are limited. Applications will be available from April 1 – May 11. Please turn in the completed application at the Youth Services desk. Only applications received before Monday, May 13 will be considered.



# Youth Programs

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

Registration for April programs begins Monday, March 18. Registration for May programs begins Monday, April 22.

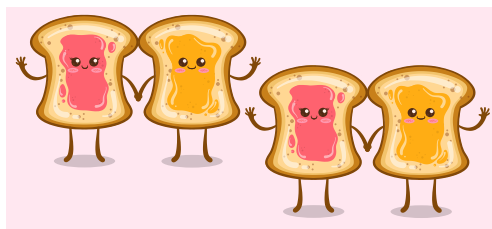
Register **online**, by phone at (630) 924-2740, or by email at [bdys@mybpl.org](mailto:bdys@mybpl.org). Please have your library card when you register.

## Preschool Programs

### 📅 Celebrate Peanut Butter and Jelly Day

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

April 2nd is National PB & J Day! Join us for stories, songs, crafts, and some PB and J. *Please let us know any allergies at time of registration as peanut butter will be served.*



### Come Together (Drop-In)

0-24 months  
Every Wednesday | 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

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. **No session March 27 or May 15** (join us for *It's a Zoo* - see description this section).

*\*Will be offered simultaneously with Baby Tales and Tunes when in session.\**

### Preschool Process Art (Drop-In)

Ages 3-5  
Saturday, April 6 | 10:00 – 10:45 a.m.

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

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

Ages 0-24 months  
Wednesdays, April 24, May 1, & May 8  
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.

### 📅 Happy Books, Happy Cooks

Ages 3-5  
Thursday, April 25 | 6:00 – 6:30 p.m.

A storytime for your budding chef! Read a food-filled story and create a tasty treat. *Please let us know any allergies at time of registration.*

### Explore with Your Senses (Drop-In)

Under 3 years old with caregiver  
Saturday, April 27 | 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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

### 📅 Playing with STEM

Ages 2-5  
Tuesdays, April 30, May 14, & May 28  
10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) are important learning areas for kids of all ages. Start your child early with our fun play-to-learn program. Each week, we will have different stations for kids to explore.

### 📅 Mother's Day Tea Party

Ages 3-5  
Wednesday, May 8 | 1:30 – 2:15 p.m.

Bring your special adult to tea at the library! Enjoy some yummy snacks, play games, and decorate a beautiful card. *Please let us know any allergies at time of registration.*

### 📅 Messy Fingers

Ages 2-4  
Saturday, May 11 | 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Your little ones will have the opportunity to develop their fine motor skills through this hands-on messy art class. Join us for all the mess and lots of fun!

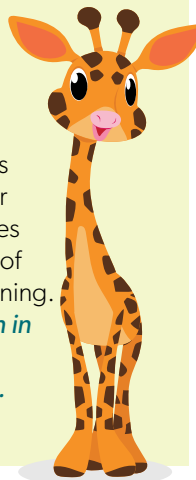


### (Drop-In)

Age 0-5  
Wednesday, May 15  
10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Join the DuPage Children's Museum staff and use your muscles to create structures while exploring concepts of reasoning and motor planning.

*This program will happen in lieu of our weekly Come Together program.*



### 📅 Grow Time

Ages 3-5  
Tuesday, May 21 | 1:30 – 2:15 p.m.

Explore what makes plants grow and take a plant home to raise.

### 📅 How to Party Like a Snail

Ages 3-5  
Friday, May 31 | 10:30 – 11:15 a.m.

Who doesn't love a party? Join us for a reading of *How to Party Like a Snail* by Naseem Hrab. Afterward we'll celebrate with crafts and games.



## Family Programs

### 📅 Homeschool Hangout Series

Families  
Thursdays, April 4 & May 30  
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 level.

### Jedi Academy Storytime (Drop-In)

Families  
Saturday, May 4 | 10:00 – 10:45 a.m.

Celebrate May the 4th with a Star Wars themed storytime and craft that highlights a galaxy far, far away.

### Craft Time (Drop-In)

Families  
Friday, May 17 | 9:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Come make a flower craft *while supplies last*.

# It's Storytime!

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

**Spring Session: March 4 through April 21** (no storytimes the week of March 25-29)

## 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 & 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 the development of early literacy skills.

## Come Together (Drop-In)

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

Every Wednesday, meet and chat with other parents & caregivers while your child socializes and explores with hands-on toys. **Will be offered simultaneously with Baby Tales and Tunes when in session. There will be no Come Together on March 27 or May 15.**

**FREE COMIC BOOK DAY!**

Celebrate Free Comic Book Day at the library!  
Create super crafts and pick up some free comics  
(3 per person, while supplies last).


Thank you to Keith's Komix  
(528 S. Roselle Road, Schaumburg, IL 60193) for the support!

**Drop-In for All Ages**  
Saturday, May 4 | 12:00 – 3:00 p.m.

**THANK YOU** to everyone who participated in *BPL's Valentine's for Vets* program in January and all who donated to the *VFW's Love Our Veterans* drive.

Together our community made 1,145 valentines that were distributed to local VA hospitals, a record for our program.

In conjunction with the other drop-off locations, Bloomingdale collected move-in essentials for veterans exiting homelessness. Thank you for helping all those who have served our country!

 *Love our*  
**VETERANS**

**born to READ**

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

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

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

## Library 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. through May 21  
Closed Sundays through September 1

## Library Closings:

Sunday, March 31  
Sunday, May 26 | Monday, May 27

## Library Photos

Photos or videos taken at the library may be used for promotional purposes. If you do not want your image taken, please inform library staff.

## Social Media

Follow us on social media for the latest information, virtual classes, and random fun!



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## ADA Accommodations

Persons with disabilities requiring reasonable accommodation to participate in a program should contact Bloomingdale Public Library at least 7 days prior to the program. Call **(630) 924-2730** or email requests to **ADA@mybpl.org**.

# Stratford Park Ribbon Cutting & 60th Anniversary Kickoff

**“May the Fourth Be With You: A Galactic 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration!”**

**Saturday, May 4, 11AM-1PM**

**Stratford Park  
241 Butterfield Drive**

**Free & All  
Welcome**

**Free & All Welcome**

Join us in a galaxy not so far, far away right in our own neighborhood of Stratford Park as we embark on a cosmic journey to celebrate a truly iconic moment in time to celebrate Stratford Park with a Ribbon Cutting program and kickoff to the Bloomington Park District’s 60th Anniversary. The festivities begin at 11AM with a ribbon cutting and program followed immediately by activities featuring the amenities in the newly improved park. Help us as we highlight the recent improvements to the park including a brand-new playground, a new outdoor classroom and shelter, a challenge obstacle course, trail loop, ½ court basketball and fitness stations around the path. Other improvements are native plantings, interpretive sign, Baggo court and updated soccer field drainage.



The Ribbon Cutting begins promptly at 11AM followed by these activities and more:

- Community Canvas Project
- Refreshments while supplies last
- Run the bases with Parker
- Giveaways
- Stratford Middle School Students

## The Oasis opens June 1!

### Season Pass Rates

	<b>Early Bird Rate Now – May 31 R/NR</b>	<b>Season Rate Beginning June 1 R/NR</b>
<b>Individual</b>	\$59/79	\$69/89
<b>VIP</b>	\$65/\$85	\$75/\$95
<b>Super Pass</b>	\$30 add'l	\$30 add'l

### Passholder Benefits

- Early daily admission
- Option to purchase a VIP pass
- Discounted private rentals
- Discounted parties
- Passholder Appreciation Night
- Two one-day guest passes per family

**Opens  
June 1!**



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**SWIMMING**

20TH SEASON OF AQUATIC EXCELLENCE

the  
**Oasis**



### General Information

- Everyone entering the facility must pay the admission fee or have a season pass.
- Children 8 and younger must be accompanied by a responsible individual (paid admission or passholder) 16 years or older for Oasis entry.
- Complete Oasis rules are posted at the facility. All swimmers are expected to abide by the established rules and guidelines.

**170 S. Circle Ave., Bloomington**

# S U M M E R

# camp



Summer Camp registration begins April 17. Complete information is available in the Summer 2024 program guide or available at [bloomingtonparks.org](http://bloomingtonparks.org). Summer Camp features activities for ages 3 years old thru entering 9th grade.

## Bloomington Park District Museum

### Special Event

Leslie Goddard "The Little Black Dress"

Sunday, May 5, at 2PM

Ticket Price \$10



Code #203401-A1

In this illustrated talk, historian Goddard explores the history of this fashion icon. Learn how Chanel helped dissociate black from mourning, how Audrey Hepburn helped establish the Little Black Dress, and how it has been reinvented by everyone from Betty Boop to Prada.

108 South Bloomington Road

Phone: 630.339.3570

Email: [bpdmuseum@bloomingtonparks.org](mailto:bpdmuseum@bloomingtonparks.org)

Museum Hours During Exhibits

Wednesday 5-8PM

Thursday 12-4PM

Saturday 12-4PM

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

## Youth Variety

### Parents Night Out

Parents take a night off and enjoy a few hours of free time to relax, shop or do something without the kids. Kids will have fun playing games, creating crafts, and enjoying a pizza dinner and dessert. Fee is \$25 for the first child and \$10 for each additional child. Pair this program with the adult program below and enjoy an adult night out.

Apr. 26 Chef Pina's Cooking Class - Comfort Stew - Code #203680-C3

Location: Oak - Lounge

Youth (tr)

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
4-10	Fri	5:30-9P	Apr 26	\$25/\$30	202471-C1
<b>Additional Siblings</b>					
4-10	Fri	5:30-9P	Apr 26	\$10/\$15	202471-C2

### Little Chefs with Chef Pina

Smell, taste and learn in this hands-on class. Bring out your inner chef by creating and sampling the goodies you prepare during these one-day cooking classes. Come in your best chef's attire and bring your appetite. Deadlines for each class are one week prior to the program's start. All loose hair must be tied up. Registration required for all participants in the class. Bring containers for any leftovers.

Location: Chef's Corner

Youth (tr)

Instructor: Chef Pina

MIN/MAX: 5/10

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
<b>Taco Night</b>					
5-12	Thu	6-8P	May 2	\$45/\$50	201111-A5

**FREE!**

# Fish Release

**Saturday, April 20, 10AM**

**Lakeview Park**

**Lakeview Park, 240 Broker Rd., Bloomingtondale**

**Bloomingtondale Park District**

**Goose Lake South Pond, Bryn Mawr Ave., Roselle**

**Roselle Park District**

Help restock the pond at Lakeview Park in Bloomingtondale and Goose Lake South Pond in Roselle. Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Bloomingtondale-Roselle, participants are provided with buckets to dispense fish into the ponds. Dress appropriately as splashing and muddy conditions are likely. All ages are welcome. Participants are asked to bring canned goods that are donated to the Food Pantry.

**Presented by:**



## Adult Variety

### The Magic of Pendulum

Deep in our subconscious we have access to a huge body of knowledge about the world around us, about others and ourselves, and about how things work. By interpreting the movements of a swinging pendulum, you can communicate with the depths of your subconscious mind and tune into your intuition. The pendulum is a highly effective tool that bridges the gap between your logical left brain and your intuitive right brain. Learn how to program and use your pendulum and tap the unlimited potential of your own mind. Bring your own pendulum, or there will be pendulums available to use and purchase.

**Location:** Oak - Lounge **Adult (tr)**  
**Instructor:** John Robertson **MIN/MAX:** 6/25

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
13-99	Fri	6-9P	Apr 26	\$49/\$69	203621-A1

### The Secrets of Living a Long Life

Today we are living longer than ever before, and a few of us can expect to live to 100 or more. However; many people feel that they will inevitably suffer the diseases of old age in their final years. There are places in the world where, all along, people have commonly lived to 100 or more without suffering so much as a headache. How do they do it? The answer is simple: through sound dietary habits and balanced, healthy lifestyles. This program discusses the most important things you can do in life, the things that are truly meaningful, and we cannot live without. This class is also available online.

**Location:** Conference Room **Adult (tr)**  
**Instructor:** John Robertson **MIN/MAX:** 6/16

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
13-99	Fri	1-3P	Apr 26	\$12/\$32	203701-A1

### Falls: They don't have to happen to you

Falls are the leading cause of injury death for Americans ages 65 and older, and this year 1 in 3 people over that age will fall. Even those who are not injured may then develop a fear of falling which may cause them to limit their activities, reducing mobility and physical fitness, increasing their risk of falling. Learn the risk factors, causes and consequences of a fall; simple things you can do around the home and when out and about to reduce risk of falling and what steps you can take to improve your balance and maintain your quality of life. Participants are also welcome to attend a free T'ai Chi class directly after the class.

**Location:** Oak - Lounge **Adult (tr)**  
**Instructor:** **MIN/MAX:** 6/20

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
13-99	Fri	9A-12P	Apr 26	\$12/\$32	203703-A1



# WE'RE HIRING!

## UNLEASH YOUR INNER HERO!

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Creative, energetic, dedicated, and enthusiastic individuals!

The Bloomington Park District has a variety of part-time and seasonal employment opportunities for individuals looking for a rewarding job experience.

The Bloomington Park District is an award winning agency, recently designated an Exceptional Workplace by the Illinois Parks and Recreation Association.

Do you have a hobby, talent, or special interest that you would like to share with others? Join our team and we'll show you how!

### JOB OPPORTUNITIES

- Building Attendant
- Lifeguards
- Swim Instructors
- Oasis Slide Attendant
- Oasis Manager
- Summer Camp Staff
- Concession Staff

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### BENEFITS FOR OUR PART-TIME STAFF

Join our team and discover why the BPD is such a great place to work! And be sure to check out these amazing benefits for our part-time staff:

- Free daycare while working for children three (3) years of age and older in daycare type programs such as preschool, preschool extended care, day camps, sunrise/sunset extended care, days off and Kids' Place programs.
- Potential to participate in a pension plan @ 25 hours per week through the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund: employee contribution approximately 4.5%, employer contribution 9-12%.
- Free use of the fitness center and water park.
- Discounted rate (resident rate) for registrations for all Park District programs for employees and their immediate families.
- Educational opportunities that can include trainings, professional memberships and certifications.
- A cheerful, fun work environment in an Exceptional Workplace Award winning agency.
- The chance to connect with and serve the community.
- Career-building work experiences.
- Lasting friendships and memories.

We are an Equal Opportunity Employer committed to a diverse workforce. We are always looking for talented, dedicated, and energetic individuals to be a part of our team. Thank you for considering employment at the Bloomington Park District.

To apply visit our website, [www.bloomingtonparks.org](http://www.bloomingtonparks.org), and complete the employment application or come to the Johnston Recreation Center to fill out an application.

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