

Village of Bloomingdale

Ammanac

June 2024

Growth with Pride

Mark Your Calendar For Fireworks Show On August 31

Save the date for Saturday, August 31, 2024! The Village of Bloomingdale is hosting a most spectacular Fireworks Show. Head to the Village's open space area at Prairie Lakes for a dazzling display starting at sunset, with musical entertainment beforehand. Parking is first-come, first-served, so arrive early as there won't be a shuttle service.

Once you're there, you won't go hungry – we'll have food vendors on site to keep you fueled up for the show. Stay updated on the event by following the Village of Bloomingdale's Facebook page and enews. Join us for an evening of community and fantastic fireworks to kick off your Labor Day weekend!

Savor the Flavor: Bloomingdale's Restaurant Week Returns!

Get ready to tantalize your taste buds because Restaurant Week is back in Bloomingdale from July 15th to 21st! This week-long event celebrates the diverse culinary scene with exclusive deals at Bloomingdale area restaurants.

During Restaurant Week, participating eateries will offer irresistible discounts that you can unlock with your Restaurant Passport. Don't have a passport yet? Download it from BloomingdaleChamber.com or find one in the 2024 Community Guide and Business Directory at various locations around town, including the Chamber office, Village Hall, the library, and the park district.

With your Restaurant Passport, you can look forward to a variety of dining experiences, from quick bites to sit-down

meals, including at our local brewery, Wolfden. There will also be pop-up events featuring Mahan Family Wines' award-win-



ning wines featured in local restaurants. Start exploring Bloomingdale's thriving food scene by viewing the list of participating restaurants and complete rules at BloomingdaleChamber.com starting July 8th.

"At Anyway's-Pub, we are very excited to partner with the Bloomingdale Chamber for another year of Bloomingdale's Restaurant Week!" says Chris Karountzos, owner of Anyway's-Pub.

"Bloomingdale is an amazing community with so many unique dining cuisines to choose from. We have American Comfort, Italian, Mexican, Mediterranean, African, a Brewery, a winery, and so many other diverse options to choose from. This is a great way to showcase the best of our town."

Beyond the delicious dishes, Restaurant Week is about supporting local businesses and building community spirit. Save your receipts and submit them to the Chamber for a chance to win gift cards from participating restaurants. Mark your calendars and get ready to discover the culinary delights Bloomingdale has to offer during Restaurant Week. It's the perfect opportunity to explore new flavors, support local businesses, and enjoy a week of delicious dining experiences!

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VILLAGE BOARD, COMMISSION & 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
7:00 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



Mayor Franco had a wonderful time on April 19th visiting Dr. Gerwin's Fifth Grade classroom (Winnebago) as a Mystery Reader. He read "Oh, the Places You'll Go!" by Dr. Seuss, answered the kids' impressive questions, and shared his wisdom on community contribution.

Annual Hydrant Flushing Program Begins June 10

The Village of Bloomingdale's Public Works department will begin its annual Hydrant Flushing Program on June 10, 2024, running through June 25, 2024. This crucial maintenance initiative ensures the reliability and effectiveness of the village's fire hydrants.

Hydrant flushing will occur during daytime hours from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. Residents should avoid washing laundry during these hours to prevent potential rust staining, caused by water flow disturbance and sediment buildup.



Please check the April 2024 Almanac (page 9) for the flushing schedule. Alternatively, you can find the schedule on the village website by searching for "hydrant flushing."

For any questions regarding the Hydrant Flushing Program, residents can contact the Public Works – Distribution Division at 630-671-5800.

Village of Bloomingdale Elected Officials

Franco A. Coladipietro
Village President

William Belmonte
Traffic and Streets

Patrick Shannon
Facilities, Infrastructure

Pamela S. Hager
Village Clerk

Vince Ackerman
Intergovernmental &
Community Relations
Finance and
Administration

Frank Bucaro
Planning, Zoning
& Environmental
Concerns

TRUSTEES

Judi Von Huben
Public Safety

A Message from Mayor Franco

June is here, and with it, the promise of summer! As temperatures rise, Bloomingdale is buzzing with exciting family activities. The Annual Maker's Market has kicked off its fourth season in the Old Town parking lot on the corner of Schick and Third Street. This vibrant market is held on the last Sunday of every month from May through December, come rain or shine. Don't miss the chance to support our community by visiting the 60 to 90 local makers and businesses, grabbing a delicious bite from the food trucks, and enjoying live music from talented local artists.

Summer in Bloomingdale also means construction, and this year is no exception. The developer at Prairie (Indian) Lakes has completed most of the demolition work at the site and is in the process of finalizing financing to begin the main rehab of the property. We have also developed a plan in partnership with the Indian Lakes ownership group for a new golf course at Prairie Lakes, featuring a premier 18-hole course, driving range, a 9-hole Par 3 course, a spacious putting green, and a scenic recreational path along the property's perimeter. Work on the course will commence with the property renovation. Additionally, the Village is continuing its due diligence analysis relative to Stratford Square Mall and the redevelopment of the site. We have engaged a real estate brokerage team and architects to evaluate the potential uses and survey users the community has identified to develop a strategy and game plan moving forward.

I often get asked how the Village manages to undertake such significant projects and continue improving while maintaining our level of services for residents. The answer lies in keeping tax dollars within our community and having an exceptional Board and staff who continuously monitor finances and take necessary actions to ensure our financial stability. Over 50% of the Village's General Fund's total revenue comes from sales tax, highlighting the crucial role our local businesses play in our community's prosperity. I urge you to please support our local businesses whenever possible, they are the lifeblood of our community.

June also welcomes the opening of Dolce V Bakery at Third Street and the piazza, offering a variety of delicious pastries and gelato to enjoy after dining at Alcentro, while taking in the music at the summer concerts in the park, or just sitting on the bakery patio. Another recent addition to our local scene is Enzo's Sports Bar & Wood Pizza on Glen Ellyn Road, which opened its doors in March. Additionally, I'm thrilled to announce the opening of Boba House at 398 Army Trail Road, offering signature teas and treats, and the return of Macy's at 344 Army Trail to Bloomingdale.

There's no shortage of activities to enjoy this summer, from the free Tuesday evening Concerts in Old Town Park (complete with pre-concert activities for the kids) to the Oasis Pool, Library's lunchtime Summer Concert Series, the Summer Reading Program, Community Story Times, National Night Out, a Heroes vs Half-Pints softball game, Ice Cream Social, and the Village Fireworks Show in August. With something for all ages, summer in Bloomingdale promises to be unforgettable. I can't wait to see you around town!

Mayor Franco



Police and Fire Responder Winter Classic Raises Money for Tunnels to Towers Foundation

The Bloomingdale and Roselle Police and Fire Departments faced off against the Lake Park High School Hockey Team in the second annual First Responder Winter Classic on March 16. This event was dedicated to raising funds for the Tunnels to Towers Foundation.



The Village of Bloomingdale sold limited-edition hats, raising \$1,807.80 to support the Foundation and the Bloomingdale Police FOP Lodge 175. Thank you to everyone who purchased a hat and supported the cause!

AARP Smart Driver Program Offered on July 23-24

The Bloomingdale Police Department and AARP offer a Smart Driver program for drivers aged 50 and older. Classes are on July 23-24, 2024, from noon to 4 pm at the Bloomingdale Police Department, 201 S. Bloomingdale Rd. The \$25 course fee (\$20 for AARP members) is due on the first day. Topics include aging effects on driving, driving strategies, crash situations, vehicle technologies, and traffic hazards. Participants must attend both days.

Register with Sue at 630-671-5858; space is limited.





Mayor Franco Highlights Village's Future in State of the Village Address

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

Bloomingdale Library
630-529-3120

Bloomingdale Park District
630-529-3650

Mayor Franco delivered his Annual State of the Village presentation at Bloomingdale Golf Club on April 24. This annual address serves as a comprehensive overview of the past year's achievements and offers a glimpse into the exciting projects ahead for Bloomingdale.



In addition to the mayor, attendees had the chance to engage with Village Administrator Peter Scalera and other elected officials, including Village Clerk Pam Hager, as well as Village Trustees Von Huben, Ackerman, and Bucaro.

Thank you to Mayor Franco and to the Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce for hosting, and everyone who attended this enriching community event!

Pastor David Reimenschneider Retires from Bloomingdale Church

Pastor David and Marina Riemenschneider retired on May 20, 2024, after 46 years at Bloomingdale Church. Arriving in 1978 from Colorado, they planted the congregation with a small group. Their first service on April 2, 1978, had 19 attendees. Initially meeting at Marquardt School, they later moved to its current location, 260 Glen Ellyn Road. The church expanded its facilities and became debt-free in 2013, enhancing community service.



The couple initiated several programs and were named "Pastor Couple Emeritus." Under their leadership, 23 adults were ordained, now serving in full-time ministry worldwide. The Riemenschneiders have been active in the community on various committees and boards.

They plan to stay in Bloomingdale and support other congregations. An interim pastor will lead Bloomingdale Church until a permanent replacement is decided. We thank Pastor David and Marina for their service and wish them a fulfilling retirement.

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Maker's Market Open June 30-July 28

The Bloomingdale Maker's Market features local makers and small businesses offering home decor, jewelry, food, candles, blankets, clothes, dog treats, and more.

The market runs from 10 AM to 2 PM, rain or shine, in the parking lot at the corner of Schick Road and 3rd Street. Upcoming market dates are June 30 and July 28.



CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition Honors Outstanding Community Members

The Bloomingdale CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition recently honored outstanding community members at its Annual Recognition Program. This event celebrates individuals who embody the Pillars of Character: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, and Citizenship.



The 2024 award recipients, including (l to r front) Stacy Johnston, Jackie Tithof-Steere, Kari Zehme, Peter Turano and Egidio Turano for Chicago Pastry, Jan Bedard, (l to r back) Sloan Voytek, Brennan Shannon, and (not pictured) Joni Kazmierczak, were recognized for their exemplary character traits. The breakfast, held on April 27th at Bloomingdale Golf Club, highlighted their contributions to the community.

Artists Association 2024 Visual Art Winner

The Bloomingdale Artists Association and Matt Puchalski/Masterpiece Framing of Bloomingdale are excited to award the 2024 Visual Art Scholarship to Melanie Dawson. Melanie, a senior at St. Francis High School in Wheaton, will pursue Art/Graphic Arts at DePaul University this fall.



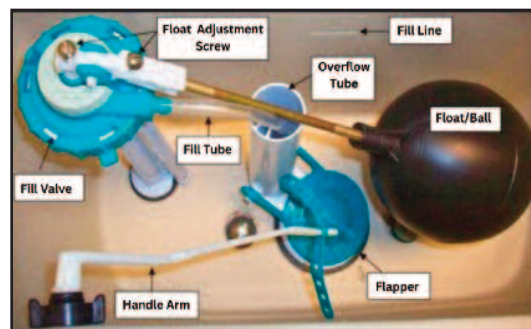
Melanie's creative problem-solving and exploration of new techniques have inspired her peers. Her design for the school's 2022 Christmas card, sent to 10,000 families, highlights her talent.

Congratulations, Melanie, we look forward to your future artistic achievements.

Hidden Toilet Leak: A Costly Oversight

Many homeowners overlook the impact of a running toilet on their water usage and bills. A common culprit is a worn-out flapper valve, which, if malfunctioning, can waste a surprising amount of water – up to a gallon per hour.

The issue lies in the breakdown of the rubber material in the flapper valve, reducing its ability to seal the flush valve properly. This seemingly minor problem can result in over 150 gallons of water wasted each day, equivalent to filling a small swimming pool.



Aside from the environmental impact, a leaking toilet can hit your wallet hard. Depending on your water rates, it could add over \$120.00 to your monthly bill.

To check for leaks, add a few drops of food coloring to the tank and wait without flushing for about 15 minutes. If colored water appears in the bowl, you have a leak that needs fixing. Luckily, repairing a leaking toilet is often a simple and inexpensive task that can save you money and conserve water.

Don't let a hidden toilet leak drain your finances or waste precious water. Act now to fix any leaks and ensure your toilet runs efficiently.



Add Your Painted Rock To Our Butterfly Garden

Last fall, a rock snake, made of community hand-painted rocks, was placed around the Butterfly Garden at Village Hall. This summer, we invite others to add their own painted rock! Use acrylic paint, let it dry, seal it, and place it at the end of the snake. Please don't move or remove any existing rocks.

The butterfly garden, planted last summer as part of the Mayors' Monarch Pledge, is blooming again! To raise awareness of the monarch butterfly decline, at the Village Board Meeting, Mayor Franco proclaimed April 22 as Monarch Pledge Day. The Mayors' Monarch Pledge supports monarch habitats and educates communities.



Water Quality Report

Go to tinyurl.com/VOBWaterQuality23 to view the Village of Bloomingdale 2023 annual water quality report and learn more about your drinking water.

This report contains important information about the source and quality of your drinking water during 2023.

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



Grant Funding Stormwater Improvements, Landscape Enhancements at Leavitt Pond

Ruse Burglaries And Scams



Director of Public Safety Frank Giammarese hosted "Ruse Burglaries and Scams," presented by Detective Corsiglia and Detective Tenerelli.

Approximately 30 people were in attendance at this event, which was held to educate and protect our community; bringing awareness so that residents can be vigilant.

Literacy DuPage Helps Adults Improve English Language Skills

Since 1972, Literacy DuPage has helped adults improve English skills through personalized tutoring. With 325 volunteers, it annually serves over 360 learners, including immigrants, refugees, and low-income adults. The program empowers residents to thrive in workplaces and communities. To learn more or get involved, visit www.literacydupage.org or call (331) 472-7160. No teaching or foreign language experience required.



Work on the Leavitt Pond in Leslie Park is in its final phase and is expected to be completed by the end of May. The Village of Bloomingdale secured a grant from the DuPage County Stormwater Management Program to fund various stormwater improvements and landscape enhancements at Leavitt Pond. Serving as a crucial component of the stormwater management system for West Point Estates, Longridge Subdivision, and the surrounding regional area, including parts of Indian Lakes, the pond has experienced a decrease in its detention capacity over the years due to sediment build-up, increasing the risk of flooding. This has also led to water quality issues, including excessive algae growth and fish kills.

To address these issues, the banks of the pond have been pulled back and dredged at multiple locations. The excavated material has been spread across the field to the north and the area south-east of the pond. The restoration efforts include the introduction of emergent plants at the normal water level, wet riparian vegetation in the stormwater storage areas, and native grasses, forbs, and shrub colonies in the areas above the high-water elevation. Additionally, a limestone ledge rock was installed to enhance fishing access, and a timber deck overlooking the pond and the new native landscape has been constructed.



As part of the improvements, several trees surrounding the pond were removed, but new trees have been planted along with a new perimeter asphalt path and a widening of the concrete path leading to Longridge Drive.

Mayor Franco Coladipietro stated, "We are grateful to the Committee and DuPage County Board Member Sam Tornatore who advocated on the Village's behalf. This grant will help address water quality and stormwater runoff issues for the residents in the West Point Estates and Indian Lakes area near the Leslie Park pond."

Kris Kringle Market Returns November 30

While you're soaking up the sun this summer, Santa's helpers at the Village are already hard at work planning details for the most wonderful time of the year! One of our favorite community traditions, the Old Town Kris Kringle Market returns on Saturday, November 30th, from 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

Discover unique gifts and more while sipping mulled wine and savoring hot sandwiches. Bring the family for free kids' fun and photos with a special guest! Don't miss open house events at the Park District Museum, Pan American Bank, and Chamber of Commerce. This marks the start of the Park District's month-long Festival of Lights, so stay tuned for more details.

Count down the days with us; mark your calendars!

Join the Bloomingdale Peer Jury: Your Chance to Make a Difference!

Are you a teenager looking to make a positive impact in your community? Do you want to help your peers make better choices and avoid getting into trouble? If so, the Bloomingdale Peer Jury is looking for you!



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The Bloomingdale Peer Jury offers a constructive and educational alternative to juvenile court for young offenders under 18, aiming to help them understand the impact of their actions and make positive changes.

The Youth Peer Jury meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM at the Bloomingdale Village Hall. During these meetings, a panel of juvenile peers, along with an adult moderator, hears cases where offenders have admitted guilt, aiming to understand why and how to prevent future mistakes.

If you're between 13-17 and in good standing, you can join. No prior experience is needed, but a strong sense of responsibility and a commitment to making a positive impact are essential.

Joining the Bloomingdale Peer Jury is a unique opportunity to make a real difference in the lives of your peers. By participating in the program, you will gain valuable skills in conflict resolution, decision-making, and leadership; working closely with law enforcement and other community members, provides insight into the criminal justice system and the challenges facing young people today.

Interested? Contact the Bloomingdale IL. Police Department, at 630-529-9868; take the first step towards becoming a positive force in your community and join the Youth Peer Jury today.

Paper Shredding And E-Recycling Event

Residents of Bloomingdale, mark your calendars for the Paper Shredding & E-Recycling Event on June 1st from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Public Works Facility (305 Glen Ellyn Rd).

Accepted items include paper for shredding, eyeglasses, used cell phones, Christmas lights, artificial trees, hot water tanks, white goods (refrigerators, washing machines, dryers, ovens), and extension cords.

For paint removal, year-round, contact SBC Waste Solutions at (312) 522-1115, they will come curbside and collect separately.

Items NOT ACCEPTED: paint thinners, paint remover, cleaners, mixtures of paints with other chemicals, spray paint, unlabeled containers, adhesives, caulk, roofing compounds, driveway sealer, spackle, sheetrock, joint compounds, or any other chemicals, products, or waste.

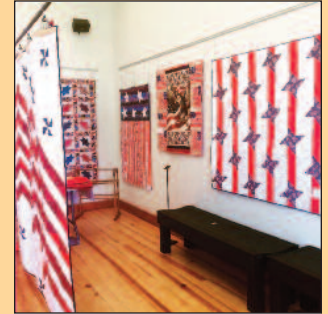
For inquiries, call SBC or email residential@sbcwastesolutions.com.



Bloomingdale Loose Threads Quilting Group

Do you love to quilt? Looking for a welcoming community of quilters to share knowledge and creativity?

The Bloomingdale Loose Threads quilt group has been fostering



this spirit for over 30 years. While our meetings aren't always for sewing, we do have occasional sewing days where we collaborate on charity or group projects.

We're a lively and friendly bunch, and we'd be thrilled to have you join us. We meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm in the Makerspace at the Bloomingdale Library, located at 101 Fairfield Way. Best of all, membership is free! For more information, call or text Maggie Kriz at 630-890-9051.

Bloomingdale Garden Club Upcoming Programs

- June 18, 2024: Field trip to Bird Flower Farm in Maple Park, IL. The event starts at 1 PM. Visit the website for more details.
- July 16, 2024: Potluck Picnic at Springfield Park, IL. The event starts at 4 PM. Everyone brings a food item. Visit the website for more details.



Visitors are always welcome! For more information, visit www.bloomingdalegardenclub.org or contact bloomingdalegardenclub@gmail.com.

Skip the Tie or the Mug: This Father's Day Buy a Brick for Dad!

23 Year Veteran Officer Erick Cooper Retires

The Village of Bloomingdale bids farewell to Officer Erick Cooper #139, who retired after 23 years with the Bloomingdale Police Department. Joining in March 2001, Officer Cooper

worked to keep our roads safe, with over 200 DUI arrests, and served as a Tactical Driving



Instructor at the Suburban Law Enforcement Academy. Officer Cooper also coordinated with local businesses on his midnight shifts, delivering leftover food to the less fortunate in our community. We thank him for his service and wish him the best in his retirement.

Free Mulch Available at Public Works Facility

After the scheduled branch collections, the contractor tub grinds the branches and Village wood waste into high-quality mulch. This mulch is used on Village properties and is free for all Village residents for home use.

Mulch can be picked up at the Public Works Facility, 305 Glen Ellyn Road, from 7:30 AM to 2:30 PM, Monday through Friday. Residents should bring containers, a shovel, gloves, and proof of residency.

Please call the Forestry Division at 630-671-5800 to ensure mulch availability.

Father's Day is just around the corner, landing on June 16th. Have you exhausted the supply of ties, coffee mugs, and "World's Best Dad" T-shirts? If you're on the hunt for something different this year, something that won't shrink, break, or go out of style, we have a unique suggestion for you!

Why not shout to the world that your Dad is your personal hero or honor someone else special in your life by placing a brick with your sentiments at the "Everyday Heroes" statue in Old Town Park? These bricks, measuring 4x8, are priced at \$100 each and can hold up to three lines of text with 13 characters each.

You can also find these bricks available at the golf course and the library statue sites for \$75 each. All orders placed by July 26, 2024, will be installed in the fall. As an added bonus, a card announcing your thoughtful gift is available at no additional cost.

For more information or to place an order, please contact Nora at the Village Hall at 630-671-5610 or email saucedon@vil.bloomingtondale.il.us. This Father's Day, go beyond the typical gifts and leave a lasting tribute to those who hold a special place in your heart.



Bloomingtondale Garden Club Cultivates Support Through Fresh Produce Initiative

The Bloomingtondale Garden Club (BGC) has been awarded a Community Grant from the Village of Bloomingdale to support its initiative of providing fresh produce for local food banks. The Village Board created the Community Grant Program to assist Bloomingtondale organizations with extraordinary expenses for individual programs.

With this grant, the BGC plans to purchase new equipment for their garden at Springfield Park, enhancing their ability to grow organic vegetables for those in need in the community. The BGC has maintained a plot at the Community Gardens since their establishment in 2014 and has played a key role in establishing and maintaining these gardens at the Bloomingdale Park District. Through this effort, the BGC has provided organically grown vegetables and herbs to local food pantries, including the Bloomingdale Township Food Pantry and Family in Faith Food Pantry in Glendale Heights.

Club members volunteer their time to plant, water, weed, harvest, and maintain the gardens, ensuring that fresh produce is delivered to those in need. The BGC's ongoing efforts demonstrate their commitment to serving the community through gardening and philanthropy, enriching the community as a whole. Through its innovative initiatives, the BGC continues to make a positive impact on the Bloomingdale community and beyond.

In October 2023, the BGC celebrated its 60-year anniversary. For more information about the garden club, please contact bloomingtondalegardenclub@gmail.com

50th Annual Septemberfest Set For September 7



The 50th annual Septemberfest is just around the corner, and it's gearing up to be a celebration like no other! Join us on Saturday, September 7th, in Old Town (Lake Street and Bloomingdale Road) for a day packed with fun and excitement that will delight attendees of all ages.



The festivities kick off with the annual parade, starting from DuJardin School at 11 AM. We invite all local organizations and groups to join the parade and showcase their community spirit—participation is free! This is a fantastic opportunity to highlight your group and contribute to the vibrant atmosphere of Septemberfest.



The Septemberfest Commission is hard at work, ensuring every detail is perfect for our golden anniversary. If you're a vendor, crafter, sponsor, or want to be part of the parade, now's the time to apply. Visit the Village's website at villageofbloomingdale.org/258/Septemberfest to access the applications. Don't delay—secure your spot early!

Get ready for a day filled with food, fun, and entertainment. The event will highlight a delicious display of food options offering everything from classic festival fare to gourmet treats. Third Street will be bustling with vendors showcasing handmade crafts, artisanal products, and much more.

One of the features of Septemberfest is the announcement of the Joe Draghi and Dominic Froio Septemberfest Scholarship winners. These scholarships underscore our community's commitment to supporting education and recognizing outstanding local students. The Kiddie Carnival will be back by popular demand, offering a variety of rides and games that promise endless fun for our young fest-goers.

Mark your calendars for September 7th, for this beloved end-of-summer tradition. We're thrilled to announce that Radio Gaga, Brett Walcow, Wayouts, Hi-Fi Sound, and Hillbilly Rockstars will be taking the stage, guaranteeing a day of unforgettable performances. This entertainment will provide a dynamic and engaging soundtrack to the day's festivities, ensuring there's something for everyone to enjoy.

This year's Septemberfest promises to be a comprehensive celebration of our community's spirit and talent. Stay tuned for more details in the August edition of the Almanac. Don't miss the 50th annual Septemberfest—it's going to be epic!



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

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

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

Name (as you wish it to be listed)

Address

Phone

Email

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

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

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



Septemberfest 2023: Scholarship recipients Mayuri Hullur (left) and Natalie Angel (right) proudly hold their certificates on stage, beaming with joy and accomplishment.

NOTHING BUNDT CAKES

Exciting news, Bloomingdale foodies! Get ready to indulge your sweet tooth because Nothing Bundt Cakes is coming to Army Trail Road! Nestled among other fantastic food options like Poke Bros., BibiBop, and Noodles and Company, this bakery is set to open its doors at 398 W. Army Trail Road.



Since its founding in 1997 in Las Vegas, Nothing Bundt Cakes has risen to sweet stardom, boasting over 500 bakery locations across 40+ states and Canada. It's become the nation's largest specialty cake company, offering a modern twist on a timeless treat.

We're eagerly anticipating the opening this summer, so get ready to treat yourself to some Bundt cake bliss!

LIKE OUR OWN HOME CARE

Welcome to Like Our Own Home Care who had their grand opening on April 6th at 123 Lake St. Owners Sharese and Jeremy Bouie offer non-medical support services to Cook, DuPage, and Kane counties. Services include homemaking, companionship, personal and live-in care, respite, and errands for seniors and new parents.



MAHAN FAMILY WINES TAKE HONORS

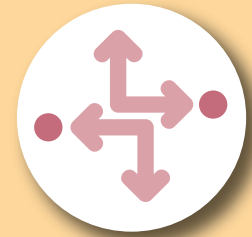
Mahan Family Wines is bubbling over with excitement as they announce their stellar performance at the Texas International Wine Competition! Their 2023 harvest has triumphed, claiming gold, silver, and bronze medals in a dazzling display of winemaking prowess.



The competition, which featured an impressive lineup of over 700 entries from 11 countries and 27 states, was judged by a panel of world-class experts from 7 countries. Mahan's Viognier soared to the top, clinching the gold medal, while their Grüner Veltliner secured a silver, and their Sauvignon Blanc gleamed with a well-deserved bronze win.

This achievement is a testament to the passion of Mahan's winemaking team, as well as the unique terroir of their Granite Ridge vineyard. Each sip of their award-winning wines tells a story of hard work, innovation, and commitment to excellence. Mahan Family Wines is proud to share these honors with their Wine Club Members and fellow wine enthusiasts.

And the excitement doesn't stop there! You'll have the opportunity to taste their wines for yourself as Mahan Family Wines will be serving their wines by the glass or by the bottle at the 10-week concert in the park series in Old Town Park, beginning Tuesday, June 4th.



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**

EMPOWER

We are thrilled to announce the arrival of Empower in Bloomingdale! Luis and Stephanie are making the move from Carol Stream to Stratford Crossing, bringing with them a fantastic array of healthy options. From shakes and bowls to refreshers and wellness shots, Empower is all about fueling your body with goodness.



What makes Empower even more special is its roots. Founded by Stephanie's mother 23 years ago, this family-owned and operated business is committed to creating a healthier & happier community.

Join us in welcoming Luis and Stephanie as they prepare to open their doors in Bloomingdale. Get ready for a health-conscious experience that's sure to leave you feeling empowered!

Bloomingtondale Fire Protection District #1



Bloomingtondale Fire Protection District #1: News and Achievements

The Bloomingtondale Fire Protection District #1 has been bustling with activity and accomplishments, marking a period of growth and excellence.

New Ambulance in Service

In April, the district proudly put into service a brand-new ambulance, enhancing its emergency response capabilities. This ambulance will be responding out of our headquarters station located at 179 S Bloomingtondale Rd, further strengthening the district's ability to serve the community efficiently.



Special thanks extended to the Fire District Board of Trustees and to all the residents who supported our referendum back in 2018. It is through this support that we can utilize your tax dollars effectively.

Within minutes of passing its final inspection with the Illinois Department of Public Health, our new medic unit responded to its first call for service. This swift deployment demonstrates the district's commitment to prompt and effective emergency medical care for the community.

Financial Reporting Excellence

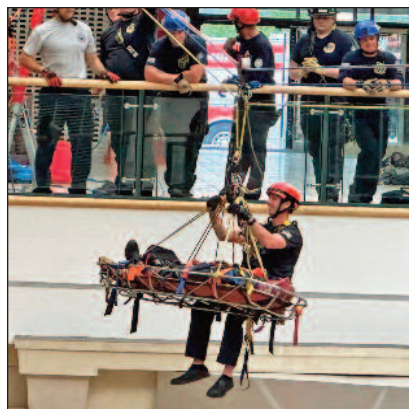


The district's commitment to transparency and sound financial management was recognized with the receipt of the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for FY 23. This prestigious award, the highest in

governmental accounting and financial reporting, reflects the district's dedication to financial stewardship and accountability.

Technical Rescue Training

In a demonstration of collaboration and preparedness, the Bloomingtondale Fire District recently engaged in technical rescue training focusing on highlines at Stratford Mall. This training, conducted in conjunction with neighboring fire departments affiliated with the West Suburban Fire Rescue Alliance, ensures that firefighters are well-equipped to handle complex rescue scenarios effectively.



These recent developments highlight the Bloomingtondale Fire Protection District #1's ongoing commitment to excellence in service, training, and financial management, reinforcing its position as a pillar of safety and support in the community.



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Stay Safe with Fireworks This Summer

While fireworks can be a highlight of summer celebrations, they can also pose serious risks, especially to children, teens, and young adults. To ensure a safe and enjoyable summer, consider leaving fireworks to trained professionals. Fireworks and firecrackers can reach 150 decibels, causing permanent hearing loss according to the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association. Keep a distance of at least 500 feet from the launch site.

Sparklers may seem relatively harmless, as fireworks go. But nearly half of fireworks injuries to children under age 5 are related to sparklers. Instead of sparklers, wave a flag to celebrate the 4th of July. Sparklers burn at 2,000 degrees Fahrenheit and can cause third degree burns and injuries, especially to young children.





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Upcoming Community Garage Sales 2024



Stratford Lakes north side of Schick Road and East of Gary Avenue
May 31 & June 1; 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Country Club Estates north of Schick Road and west of Bloomingdale Road
June 7, 8 & 9; 9:00 am -4:00 PM

Chateau Lorraine north of Schick Road and west of Bloomingdale Road
June 14 & 15, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM

Villa Veneto Townhomes south of Lake Street & east of Gary Avenue
June 14 & 15, 2024, 9 AM – 4 PM; Rain date 7/19 & 7/20

Heritage Subdivision north of Schick Road & east of Gary Ave
June 20, 21 & 22, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM

Westlake Townhomes 299 Edgewater for map. Stop by the community clubhouse
June 21-22, 9:00 AM- 5:00 PM

Rainy Weather Sent Students and Officials Indoors to Celebrate Arbor Day 2024

Despite the rainy weather, the Village of Bloomingdale’s Forestry Division, along with the Bloomingdale Park District Board, staff, and students, participated in an indoor Arbor Day celebration. The recognition of Arbor Day included the planting of a scarlet oak tree in Circle Park. Arbor Day serves as a reminder of the importance of preserving and planting trees.



Village Trustee Judi Von Huben was also in attendance, reading the Mayor’s Arbor Day Proclamation. The proclamation invited all citizens to continue working together to preserve the natural beauty of our community and planet. Bloomingdale was once again named a Tree City, recognizing the Village’s dedication to effective urban forest management. The Tree City USA designation is based on meeting standards that include having a forestry division, a tree care ordinance, a comprehensive community forestry program, and an Arbor Day observance.

Summer Branch Collection Begins on July 15

The village’s Forestry Division offers free branch collection services for single-family detached residences. The summer collection is scheduled for July 15th, for woody branches between half an inch and 6 inches in diameter. Place branches, properly stacked with cut end towards the curbs, by 7 a.m. on the Monday of collection week, ensuring they don’t block sidewalks; thorny branches should not be concealed. The program is not intended for entire tree removals; those must be handled privately.



Unacceptable items include tangled branches, those under half an inch in diameter, leaves, vines, and yard waste, which should be bagged or placed in cans with tags for pickup by SBC. Large stumps, roots, and root balls are considered trash and can be placed out without yard waste tags, if under 50 pounds and manageable in size. Contact SBC Waste Solutions at (312) 522-1115 for more information.

Complete details are at villageofbloomingdale.org and search “branch collection.” For storm damage collection, contact the Forestry Division at 630-671-5800 within 72 hours of the storm.



BLOOMINGDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY

READ, RENEW, REPEAT!

Summer Reading 2024

June 3 – July 27

Read, Renew, Repeat! Revitalize and read this summer with the BPL Summer Reading Program!
Registration begins June 3 and ends July 27. Sign up the following ways:

online (all ages):

mybpl.beanstack.org

by email

Adults/Teens: bdref@mybpl.org

Youth: bdys@mybpl.org



in app (all ages):

Beanstack App

by phone

Adults/Teens: **(630) 924-2730**

Youth: **(630) 924-2740**

in person

Adults/Teens:

Adult Services Desk

Youth: **Youth Services Desk**



Everyone who registers will receive our custom **Summer Reading t-shirt***, compliments of BPL and the Friends of the Library.
The Summer Reading Program is open to Bloomingdale residents only.

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

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



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

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

ADULTS



Reading Prize:

300 minutes: BPL Bento Box

Grand Prizes:

Winner's Choice -

Bloomington Business Gift Card

\$100 gift card • \$75 gift card

\$50 gift card • \$25 gift card

TEENS

(entering grades 7-12)

Reading Prize:

300 minutes: Candy Bar

600 minutes: BPL Bento Box

900 minutes: Free Book

Grand Prizes:

Winner's Choice -

Bloomington Business Gift Card

\$75 gift card • \$50 gift card • \$25 gift card

KIDS

(birth to entering grade 6)

Reading Prize:

300 minutes: Free Book

600 minutes: BPL Bamboo Spinner

900 minutes: Free Book

Grand Prizes:

Winner's Choice -

Bloomington Business Gift Card

\$100 gift card • \$50 gift card • \$25 gift card

Hours:

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

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

closed Sundays May 26 through September 1

Library Closings:

Monday, May 27 for Memorial Day

Thursday, July 4 for Independence Day

For updates to hours or services offered:

Call (630) 529-3120

Email bdref@mybpl.org

Visit our website at mybpl.org



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.

ADULT PROGRAMS

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

🗳️ D-Day: The Invasion of Normandy

Monday, June 3 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

In-Person Event

On June 6, 1944, Western Allies turned the tide of WWII. Historical entertainer Jim Gibbons will discuss what led up to this invasion and how Allied timing had to be precise on everything, including the month, moon, tides of the ocean, and weather.

🗳️ VIRTUAL: Normandy, D-Day Beaches, & Brittany

Monday, June 10 | 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Zoom Webinar

Normandy was the epicenter in three wars: William the Conqueror's invasion of England, Joan of Arc and the 100 Years War, and D-Day in WWII. Travel enthusiast Gene Flynn takes us on a journey to Rouen, Bayeux, D-Day beaches, and the tidal island known as Mont St. Michel, followed by a short visit to Celtic Brittany.

🗳️ The History of Bob Marley

Tuesday, June 18 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

In-Person Event

Bob Marley is the world's most popular reggae artist, beloved for his universal hymns of freedom. Using performance and interview clips, pop music expert Gary Wenstrup will trace the arc of Marley's career from "One Love" to "Redemption Song."

Drop-In Craft: Book Repair & Decoration

Monday, June 24 | 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

In-Person Event

Learn some tips to repair and refresh your old books with Mod Podge, hot glue, and acid-free tape. We'll provide the supplies, but feel free to bring in your own treasured books that need mending.

🗳️ The History of The Beatles (White Album)

Monday, July 8 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

In-Person Event

This album from 1968 marked the beginning of the end for the world's greatest band. Pop music expert Gary Wenstrup will analyze key tracks on this iconic album including "Dear Prudence," "Ob-La-Di, Ob-La-Da," and "Helter Skelter."

🗳️ Heart Healthy Cuisine

Tuesday, July 9 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

In-Person Event

In this cooking demonstration, Chef Susan Maddox offers up some heart healthy recipes for you to try at home. Limit 40 people. Registration opens Monday, June 3 at 9:00 am.

🗳️ Chicago's World's Fairs: 1893 & 1933

Tuesday, July 16 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

In-Person Event

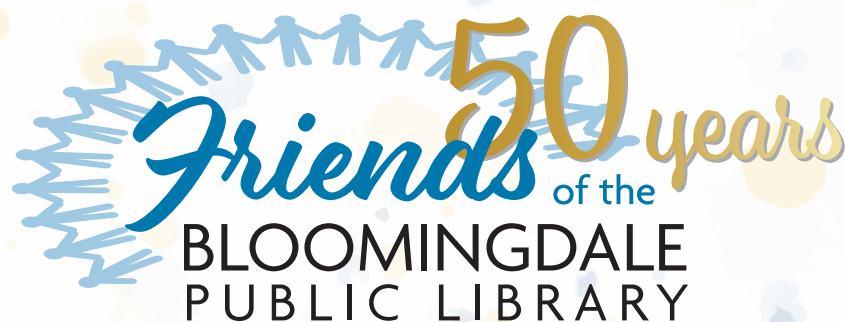
Local author William Hazelgrove presents the exciting and sprawling history behind the 1893 and 1933 World's Fairs. This lecture features a cast of audacious characters including famous gangsters, fan dancers, unlucky financiers, and corrupt Chicago mayors. Books will be available for purchase and signed by the author.

🗳️ VIRTUAL: Life on the California Trail

Monday, July 22 | 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Zoom Webinar

Follow outdoor enthusiast John Lynn as he discusses his 1,000-mile trek following the route of the Donner-Reed party – a journey from the Oregon Trail at Fort Bridger, Wyoming to Sutter's Fort in Sacramento.



Join the Friends of the Library as we celebrate
50 years of service!

**50th Anniversary Fundraiser
Luncheon & Dance**

Remembering The Way We Were in 1974
with a silent auction, raffles, and
70's-themed costume contest.

Date/Time: Sunday, September 29, 12:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Location: Bloomingdale Golf Club

Cost: \$60 per person, \$450 for a table of 8

For details visit mybpl.org/friends-50th

Visit mybpl.org/friends
for more general information:

Are you interested in getting involved in your
community and supporting your library?
Then consider joining the
Friends of the Bloomingdale Public Library!

Do you participate in Summer and Winter Reading?

The Friends help fund our summer t-shirt giveaway and
many of our prizes for both programs.

Do you participate in ongoing library programs?


The Friends donate books for the community **On The
Same Page** reading program, prizes for our **1000
Books Before Kindergarten** program, and materials for
both our collection and specific programs.

Do you attend our special events?

The Friends sell ice cream at our **Summer Concerts**,
donate holiday trees for the community **Snowman
Crossing**, and volunteer at the annual **BOO-mingdale
Halloween Party**.

Do you use the BPL Makerspace? The Friends donated
some Makerspace equipment and supplies.

We hope you can join us at our next meeting
Wednesday, July 24 at 7:00 p.m.!

Registration required for some adult programs (noted with ). Register online at mybpl.org, by phone at (630) 924-2730, or by email at bdref@mybpl.org.

For programs with special registration requirements, please follow those instructions.

ADULT PROGRAMS



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

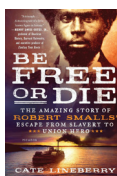
To register, email Julie Deeke at jdeeke@mybpl.org.



The First Conspiracy: The Secret Plot to Kill George Washington

by Brad Meltzer and Josh Mensch

Tuesday, June 4 | 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.



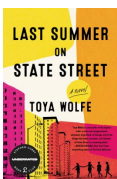
Be Free or Die: The Amazing Story of Robert Small's Escape from Slavery to Union Hero

by Andrew Lawler

Tuesday, July 2 | 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

MONDAY NIGHT PAGE TURNERS

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



Last Summer on State Street

by Toya Wolfe

Monday, June 17
7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Good Night, Irene

by Luis Alberto Urrea

Monday, July 15
7:30 – 8:30 p.m.



bpl makerspace crafts

Learn how to use BPL Makerspace equipment to make creative crafts. For ages 12 to adult, BPL card and computer experience is required.

Custom Etched Glass Mug

Use our equipment to cut a vinyl stencil and etch a glass mug.

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

Register for one session:

Monday, June 10 | 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. *limit 4*

Tuesday, June 18 | 2:30 – 4:30 p.m. *limit 4*



Waterfall Greeting Card

Make a personalized flip card that cascades through different images or phrases.

Registration opens June 17 at 9:00 a.m.

Register for one session:

Tuesday, July 9 | 2:30 – 4:30 p.m. *limit 6*

Monday, July 22 | 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. *limit 6*



Sew a Sleep Mask

Use the library's sewing machines to sew a simple sleep mask.

Registration opens July 15 at 9:00 a.m.

Register for one session:

Monday, August 5 | 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. *limit 4*

Thursday, August 8 | 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. *limit 4*



Genealogy Club (Drop-In)

Wednesdays, June 19 & July 17 | 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.



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.



Wonka (rated PG)

Wednesday, June 12

1:00 – 3:30 p.m.



Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny (rated PG-13)

Wednesday, July 10

1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

TECH PROGRAMS

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

iPhone Basics

Thursday, June 13 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Salvador

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

VIRTUAL: Speeding up Windows

Thursday, June 20 | 7:00 p.m.
Instructor: Charlie

Discover tips and tricks to speed up your Windows computer.

Smartphone Accessibility Guide

Tuesday, June 25 | 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.
Instructor: Christian

Smartphones have many features to help users adjusting to physical challenges. Learn how to find and implement these tools to make phone use easier. This is a hands-on class with extensive time for questions.

Digitize Everything

Thursday, June 27 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Salvador

Learn how to convert photos, home movies, and audio formats to digital files for free at BPL! Demos and time for questions will be included.



Shopping Online

Monday, July 1 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Christian

Students will learn about eBay, Facebook Marketplace, and other popular websites/apps to buy and sell items.

Google Docs & Cloud Backup

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

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

VIRTUAL: Customizing Windows

Thursday, July 11 | 7:00 p.m.
Instructor: Charlie

You spend a lot of time on your PC, so you should personalize its look and function. In this class, we cover some basic customization settings available in Windows.

Cutting the Cord

Monday, July 15 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

Explore entertainment options beyond paying for cable. We will discuss how to connect your TV or other devices to streaming services, how to determine what's right for you, and more.

Video Calls: Zoom, Teams, & More

Thursday, July 18 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Christian

Join us to work with examples in popular applications Zoom & Teams to build skills in class and discuss video call situations students might encounter.

Getting Started: Social Media Safety

Monday, July 22 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Christian

Explore privacy settings for popular social media sites like Facebook and Instagram, while learning how to avoid common social media scams.

Getting Familiar with the Apple Watch

Thursday, July 25 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Salvador

Smart watches like the Apple Watch give us computers on our wrists! Learn how they can help you meet your fitness goals and even replace your phone for common tasks.



MASTER EXCEL

Excel 1

Monday, June 10 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

Format, design, and sort spreadsheets, plus learn the first steps towards creating formulas and using functions.

Excel 2

Monday, June 17 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

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

Excel 3

Monday, June 24 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

Get a deeper understanding of Excel formulas, graphs, and formatting techniques, as well as examining other more complex formulas.

Classes for Seniors

In these friendly introductory classes, we'll give you lots of guided hands-on practice and time to ask questions.

Word Processing & Windows

Tuesday, July 9 | 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

Learn the basics of computer use and dealing with Windows.

Internet Use & Safety

Tuesday, July 16 | 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

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

Tablets & Smartphones

Tuesday, July 23 | 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.
Instructor: Salvador

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



Registration required for some teen programs (noted with 📅).
Register **online** at mybpl.org, 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

Teen programs are open to those entering grades 7-12 unless otherwise noted.

Teen Crafts @ BPL Take & Make

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.

📅 Pusheen by the Numbers (Take & Make)

Kit Pickup begins Monday, June 10
registration begins Tuesday, May 28 - limit 12 teens
Paint and display your favorite lazy, lovable feline.

📅 Harry Potter Clay Charms

Kit Pickup begins Monday, July 1
registration begins Monday, June 17 - limit 10 teens
Craft clay into your favorite characters of Harry Potter to complete a wearable silver charm bracelet.

In-Person

Perler Bead Club (Drop-In)

Wednesdays, June 12 & July 10 | 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
Join us in the BPL Makerspace to create a fun and colorful work of art using Perler beads.

📅 Teen Craft Night

Thursday, June 20 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
registration begins Saturday, June 1 - limit 12 teens
Thursday, July 18 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
registration begins Monday, July 1 - limit 12 teens
Check calendar at mybpl.org for craft of the month.

Game Night (Drop-In)

Thursday, June 27 | 6:00 – 8:00 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., or discover your new favorite tabletop or board game!

FROM YOUTH SERVICES

Registration is required for these youth programs.
Register online at mybpl.org, by phone at (630) 924-2740,
or by email at bdys@mybpl.org.

📅 Teen Reading Mentors

Grades 10-12 | Late June and July
Do you like to work directly with younger children? Do you need service hours for school, church, or an organization? Join the **Teen Mentors** this summer to help support kindergarten through 2nd grade students who are developing reading skills. There will be a mandatory training session in June and several sessions throughout June and July to work with students. Please email cleeson@mybpl.org to learn more.

Middle Grade Makers (Drop-In)

Grades 4-8
Thursdays, June 6 & August 8 | 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Explore our 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!

📅 Beginning Crochet

Grades 3-8
Mondays, June 10 & 17 | 6:00 – 7:15 p.m.
Registration begins Monday, May 20.

This is a two session program. Session 1 - learn the basics: how to hold your yarn and hook and the single crochet stitch. Session 2 - learn how to start a project and read a pattern.

📅 Wee Miniatures Workshop

Grades 4-8
Tuesday, June 18 | 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Registration begins Monday, May 20.
Learn how to use recycled materials to create teeny items and enchanting scenes for little rooms or booknooks.

📅 Bike Safety Tips for Kids

Grades 3-8
Friday, June 7 | 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. | Registration begins Monday, May 20.

Children will learn bike awareness, techniques, and safety skills, while developing confidence to safely use a bike. Learn the parts of a bike, essential equipment, and how to safely and comfortably ride a bike in various traffic conditions. Parking lot and on the bike activities will include a bike safety check, helmet fit, and practicing basic bike handling skills. Brought to you by Ride Illinois. Parents or child's caregivers are welcome to attend.



YOUTH PROGRAMS

Register your child for the grade they will enter in fall of 2024.

School Age Programs

Crafternoon Fun (Drop-In)

Grades K-2

Tuesdays, June 4, July 2, & August 6
3:30 – 4:15 p.m.

Take an ordinary object and create something fun – a new craft each month!

Recycled Collages

Grades K-2

Wednesday, June 5 | 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Use lots of recycled materials to make a one-of-a-kind collage.

Middle Grade Makers (Drop-In)

Grades 4-8

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Bike Safety Tips for Kids

Grades 3-8

Friday, June 7 | 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Children will learn bike awareness, techniques, and safety skills, while developing confidence to safely use a bike. [See page 8 for full details.](#)



The Great Cicada Invasion!

Grades K-2

Monday, June 10 | 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Enjoy activities, snacks, and science that will demystify these fascinating creatures!

Beginning Crochet

Grades 3-8

Mondays, June 10 & 17 | 6:00 – 7:15 p.m.

This is a two session program. **Session 1** - learn the basics: how to hold your yarn and hook and the single crochet stitch. **Session 2** - learn how to start a project and read a pattern.

Makerspace Club: STEM Time

Grades 3-6

Thursdays, June 13 & July 11 | 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

Come to the library to learn about science and make cool stuff!

Wee Miniatures Workshop

Grades 4-8

Tuesday, June 18 | 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Learn how to use recycled materials to create teeny items and enchanting scenes for little rooms or booknooks.

Dog Man Book Party

Grades K-2

Friday, June 21 | 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Celebrate all things *Dog Man* with crafts and activities centered around this popular series.

Paper Lanterns

Grades 3-6

Monday, June 24 | 5:30 – 6:15 p.m.

Make a cute lantern for summer nights.

Things that Fly

Grades 3-6

Tuesday, June 25 | 4:30 – 5:15 p.m.

Craft your very own paper airplanes, gliders, and helicopters and see how far they fly.

Altered Books

Grades 3-6

Friday, June 28 | 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Come make art in a book! We will have several themes or create your own!

Let's Make Plarn

Grades 3-6

Monday, July 8 | 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Plarn is yarn made out of plastic shopping bags. Learn how to make this material and use it in simple patterns.

Crochet Along with Miss Carol (Virtual)

Grades 3-8

Monday, July 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. New projects will be posted quarterly. July project is a Plarn Tote Bag.

Rainbow Spinners

Grades K-2

Monday, July 15 | 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Decorate a top that makes rainbows two different ways when it spins!

LEGO® Club (Drop-In)

Grades 1-6

Tuesday, July 16 | 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

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

Cook with the Sun

Grades K-2

Thursday, July 18 | 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Learn about renewable energy and make a solar oven.

A Town Under the Stars

Grades 3-6

Saturday, July 20 | 3:00 – 3:45 p.m.

Create your own little street filled with houses, buildings, and more under a starry sky.

Shark Teeth Chomp! Chomp!

Grades 1-3

Tuesday, July 23 | 3:45 – 4:15 p.m.

Create your own shark!

Felt Flair

Grades 3-6

Friday, July 26 | 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Learn simple stitches in this repurposed fiber art program to make swag to decorate your space!

Warriors Book Party

Grades 3-6

Monday, July 29 | 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Enjoy crafts, games, and activities all about the *Warriors* book series.

Create a Terrarium

Grades 3-6

Tuesday, July 30 | 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Make your own mini-ecosystem and fill it with plants.

Gear Up for Kindergarten

Incoming Kindergarteners

Wednesdays, July 31 & August 7
3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Practice "circle time," letters, numbers, and colors to get ready for kindergarten this fall. *Please sign up for each class separately.*

Doreen Cronin Book Party

Grades K-2

Wednesday, July 31 | 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

After listening to Cronin's humorous picture books, come enjoy activities and crafts!



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

Register **online** at mybpl.org, by phone at (630) 924-2740, or by email at bdref@mybpl.org.

Programs are in-person unless otherwise noted.

Registration for June programs begins Monday, May 20. Registration for July programs begins Monday, June 17.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Preschool Programs

Come Together (Drop-In)

0-24 months

Wednesdays | 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Meet and chat with other parents and 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.*

Preschool Process Art (Drop-In)

Ages 3-5

Saturday, June 1 | 10:00 – 10:45 a.m.

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

📅 Playing with STEM

Ages 2-5

Tuesdays, June 4, July 9, & August 13
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. We will have different stations for kids to explore each month.

📅 Messy Fingers

Ages 2-4

Saturday, June 8 | 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.

📅 Can You Dance Like a Peacock?

Ages 3-5

Tuesday, June 18 | 1:30 – 2:15 p.m.

Can you strut your moves in this fun program?

📅 Happy Books, Happy Cooks

Ages 3-5

Thursdays, June 20 & July 11
6:00 – 6:30 p.m.

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

Explore with Your Senses (Drop-In)

Under 3 years old with caregivers

Saturday, June 29
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.

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

0-24 months

Wednesdays, August 14, 21, & 28
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.

Drop-In Family Fun!

Craft Time

Monday, June 3 | 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Come make a rainbow craft. While supplies last.

Pet Appreciation Storytime

Friday, June 7 | 10:30 – 11:15 a.m.

Come celebrate Pet Appreciation Week with a special storytime and craft all about our furry family members.

Disney Headbands

Tuesday, June 11 | 2:45 – 3:30 p.m.

Families can drop in and create a headband for various Disney characters.

Dads and Donuts Storytime

Wednesday, June 12 | 6:00 – 6:45 p.m.

A special storytime all about dads (and includes donuts)!

Scopes in the City (Drop-In)

Tuesday, June 25 | 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Join the Adler Planetarium as they set up their solar telescopes for all to use! Learn about the sun and sky in this fun opportunity.

Getting Excited about Science

Tuesday, July 2 | 2:00 – 2:45 p.m.

Join Steve Belliveau as we learn about science in this fun, interactive presentation where unexpected happenings may occur.

Frog Lady

Tuesday, July 16 | 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Come learn about reptiles and amphibians at this all-ages program.

ReUse, RePurpose, Create

Thursday, July 25 | 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

What can you make out of repurposed materials? The possibilities are limited only by your imagination.



Drop-In Summer Storytime!

Children of all ages, join us for a storytime! The Youth Services department provides age-appropriate interactive fun with stories, sign language, music, and more.

Summer Storytimes run **June 17 through July 26**. Family Storytimes may be outside, weather permitting.

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. (choose one session)

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

Circle Park Storytime

All Ages

Thursdays, June 13, July 11, & August 8
10:30 – 11:00 a.m.

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

FOR KIDS AND TEENS!

Read with a Buddy

Grades K-2
Late June and July

Develop language comprehension by reading with a teen buddy. Each student will be paired with a trained teen buddy or librarian to share books for 20 minutes.

The focus will be on building vocabulary, background knowledge, and enjoyment rather than decoding skills.

Please email Carol Leeson at cleeson@mybpl.org to learn more about this program and schedule your child.



Teen Reading Mentors

Grades 10-12
Late June and July

Do you like to work directly with younger children? Do you need service hours for school, church, or an organization? Join the Teen Reading Mentors this summer to help support kindergarten through 2nd grade students who are developing reading skills.

There will be a mandatory training session in June and several sessions throughout June and July to work with students.

Please email Carol Leeson at cleeson@mybpl.org to learn more about this program and its requirements.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Bike Safety Tips for Kids

Grades 3-8
Friday, June 7 | 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Children will learn bike awareness, techniques, and safety skills, while developing confidence to safely use a bike. Learn the parts of a bike, essential equipment, and how to safely and comfortably ride a bike in various traffic conditions. Parking lot and on the bike activities will include a bike safety check, helmet fit, and practicing basic bike handling skills. Brought to you by **Ride Illinois**. Parents or child's caregivers are welcome to attend.



Summer Concerts **@BPL**

Fridays, 12:00–1:00 p.m.

June 14 - Strung Out
July 12 - The Beatelles
August 9 - Zydeco Voodoo

in the Dominic Froio Memorial Garden

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ice cream social

Thursday, August 1 | 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Celebrate the end of Summer Reading with rides, games, music, face painting, and more!

Summer Concerts and Ice Cream Social
Co-sponsored by the Village of Bloomingdale





OASIS WATER PARK HOURS

Weekends (Through-August 11)
11:30AM-6PM

Weekdays (June 6-August 9)
11:30AM-7PM (M-Th)
11:30AM-6PM (F)

The Oasis opens at 11AM to passholders.
(Schedule Subject To Change)

Oasis Water Park • 170. S. Circle Avenue, Bloomington • 630-339-3568



Oasis 



Park Crawl

60th Anniversary Scavenger Hunt



Maybe you've heard of a bar crawl, but have you ever done a Park Crawl? As a part of our 60th Anniversary Celebration we invite your family to participate all summer long by doing a Park Crawl Scavenger Hunt. Your adventure begins by visiting the Johnston Recreation Center and picking up the Park Crawl Guide. Visit each park and discover the endless fun right in your own backyard! Solve the clues, answer questions such as "how Guides will be available for pick-up starting June 3. Bring your completed guide to the Johnston Recreation Center front desk by September 3, 2024 and your family will be entered into a raffle for a chance to win a 2025 Oasis Season Pass for a family of 4 as well as some fun 60th Anniversary giveaways!



STATEWIDE KITE FLY & TOUCH-A-TRUCK



SATURDAY, JUNE 15 10AM-12PM

SPRINGFIELD PARK,
269 SPRINGFIELD DR., BLOOMINGDALE

The Statewide Kite Fly raises awareness of the Illinois Association of Park District's Youth License Plate Flying 4 Kids program. Sales of Flying 4Kids License plates go to park districts and recreation agencies to provide innovative, after-school programming for Illinois youth. Bring your own kites to this event or kites will be available for free while supplies last.

Touch-A-Truck features garbage trucks, tractors, police cars, fire trucks and a variety of other vehicles on display for kids to climb, sit and play on. New this year to celebrate our 60th Anniversary is a car show featuring classic retro cars. Remember to cast your vote for the Best Car and Best Truck! Raffles, crafts, a DJ and more are all part of the fun of this annual event held in conjunction with Statewide Kite Fly. Parental supervision is required.



SPONSORED BY:



In Celebration of the Bloomingdale Park District's 60th Anniversary



Celebrate NRPA Family Health & Fitness Day on June 15 at Springfield Park as part of the activities!

CLASSIC Car Show

SATURDAY, JUNE 15 10AM - 12PM

SPRINGFIELD PARK,
269 SPRINGFIELD DR., BLOOMINGDALE



EXPERIENCE THE NOSTALGIA AND ELEGANCE OF DECADES PAST AS WE GATHER TO SHOWCASE AN IMPRESSIVE ARRAY OF VINTAGE AUTOMOBILES AT THE CLASSIC CAR SHOW IN CONJUNCTION WITH TOUCH-A-TRUCK THIS YEAR. FROM SLEEK MUSCLE CARS TO ICONIC LUXURY MODELS, THIS EVENT PROMISES TO DELIGHT ENTHUSIASTS AND CASUAL ADMIRERS ALIKE.

Weather & Information Notification Alert Method

- rainoutline.com/search/dnis/3312073208
- (331) 207-3208





OASIS LUAU



Thursday, July 18, 6-8PM
Oasis Water Park, 170 S. Circle Avenue

Sponsored By:
 PAN AMERICAN BANK & TRUST
 Dream bigger™

Transport yourself and your family to the enchanting shores of Hawaii at our Oasis Luau! Immerse yourself in the rich culture and vibrant traditions of the islands as we celebrate through dance, music, and cuisine. Witness mesmerizing hula performances, sway to the rhythmic beats of steel drum music, and savor the flavors of authentic Hawaiian food. Our luau promises an unforgettable journey into the heart of paradise.

Registration is required for all who plan to attend this event.
 Registration deadline is Thursday, July 11. Children under 2 are free.

Location: Entire Oasis
Instructor: Staff

Special Events (tr)
MIN/MAX: 75/150

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
3-99	Thu	6-8PM	July 18	\$15/\$20	402641-A1
0-2	Thu	6-8PM	July 18	\$0/\$0	402641-A2

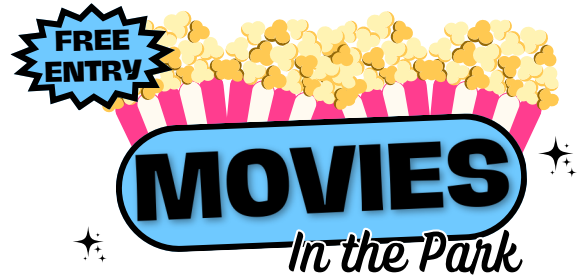


Pooch Parade
Saturday, June 29, 2024
11:30AM
Old Town Park

Dogs of all shapes and sizes are invited to parade around Old Town Bloomingdale dressed in their best superhero attire. The best dressed contest will be judged by the sponsors with gift baskets/prizes awarded to the top three finishers. The after party is at Wolfden Brewery's pet friendly backyard beer garden. All ages are welcome; however, adult (21+) supervision is required. Rain date is Saturday, July 20. All proceeds benefit the Bloomingdale Parks Foundation.

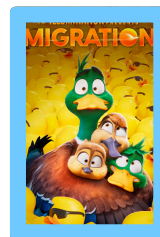
Registration: \$5 per pooch
 (register one family member per dog)
Registration Code:
402626-A1

Supporting Sponsors:



Bring a chair, blanket, some snacks and don't forget the family, for a night out under the stars. Enjoy a family friendly movie at Old Town Park this summer.

- **Movies will start at approximately at 8:45PM (at dusk).**
- **Parking is available in the parking lot at the corner of Schick and First Street.**
- **Bathrooms will be available at the Bloomingdale Park District Museum.**
- **No smoking and no alcohol allowed on park property.**



June 14
 Rated PG



July 12
 Rated PG



August 2
 Rated PG-13

SPONSORED BY:



OLD TOWN PARK | TUESDAYS AT 7PM

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

ROCKIN' THROUGH THE DECADES

FREE

PRESENTED BY:



JUNE

4TH - ROCKING FENDERSKIRTS

(OLDIES HITS FROM THE 50S & 60S)
FOOD TRUCKS: BILLY BRICK'S PIZZA, KONA ICE,
LINCOLN LAND KETTLE POPCORN, MAHAN FAMILY WINES

11TH - GENERATION

(SONGS FROM THE 70S - ROCK SHOW OF ICONIC, POPULAR HITS)
FOOD TRUCKS: KONA ICE, GOLDEN EAGLE, MAHAN FAMILY WINES

18TH - JOLLY RINGWALDS

(FAVORITE 80S TUNES)
FOOD TRUCKS: KONA ICE, DOCTOR DOGS, MAHAN FAMILY WINES

25TH - SEMPLE

(SONGS FROM THE 90S - ROCK TO MODERN POP)
FOOD TRUCKS: HOLY SMOKES, KONA ICE, MAHAN FAMILY WINES

JULY

9TH - ONE NIGHT BAND

(SONGS FROM THE 2000S - UNIQUE & UNRIVALED COVER BAND)
FOOD TRUCKS: KONA ICE, GOLDEN EAGLE,
LINCOLN LAND KETTLE POPCORN, MAHAN FAMILY WINES

16TH - BILLY ELTON

(MUSIC OF BILLY JOEL & ELTON JOHN)
FOOD TRUCKS: KONA ICE, SPORTY'S, MAHAN FAMILY WINES

23RD - FLAT CATS

(SWINGING JAZZ AND BLUES)
FOOD TRUCKS: CESARONI BBQ, KONA ICE, MAHAN FAMILY WINES

30TH - MR. MYERS

(JIMMY BUFFET, CALYPSO, BEACH BOYS)
FOOD TRUCKS: KONA ICE, SPORTY'S, MAHAN FAMILY WINES

AUGUST

13TH - PRAIRIE STATION

(COUNTRY)
FOOD TRUCKS: KONA ICE, BILLY BRICKS PIZZA,
LINCOLN LAND KETTLE POPCORN, MAHAN FAMILY WINES

20TH - AMERICAN ENGLISH

(BEATLE'S TRIBUTE)
FOOD TRUCKS: KONA ICE, BILLY BRICKS PIZZA,
GOLDEN EAGLE, MAHAN FAMILY WINES

Pre-concert Fun

Come at 6:30PM before each concert and enjoy a FREE activity/or craft for ages 4-10!

Old Town Park, 111 Third Street, Bloomington.

