

Village of Bloomingdale

Announce

August 2024

Growth with Pride

CHARACTER COUNTS! Celebration Night

October 1 (Rain Date: 10/8) at 6:00 PM
Pre-Program Activities on the Piazza 6:30 PM -

The entire community is invited for a night of fun and entertainment as we celebrate CHARACTER COUNTS! in Old Town Park.

Children will entertain the audience with performances honoring the Six Pillars. The evening will also include the presentation of American Character Awards to school children and a youth athlete who exemplify outstanding character.

This year's theme is Citizenship! Don't miss this opportunity to celebrate and show your support for good character in our community.

For information about CHARACTER COUNTS! in Bloomingdale, visit www.character60108.org

Stratford Square Mall Demolition: Paving the Way for a Vibrant Future in Bloomingdale

The Stratford Square Mall, an emblem of the 1980s mall-building craze, is scheduled for demolition this Fall as part of a major redevelopment initiative by the Village of Bloomingdale. The Village Board is diligently crafting a redevelopment plan that aims to revitalize the area with a blend of restaurants, entertainment venues, retail spaces, housing options, and public open spaces based on community feedback. More information about the project

plans will be posted on the Village of Bloomingdale's website later this Fall.

Kohl's Department Store and Woodman's Food Market will remain open, ensuring that residents still have access to essential shopping options throughout the redevelopment of the area. Residents can enter these stores as usual via Gary Avenue and Schick Road. The Village assisted the final tenants in successfully relocating to new spaces, ensuring a

smooth transition for businesses and their patrons. This careful planning underscores the Village's commitment to supporting local businesses and maintaining a vibrant community.

"This redevelopment project not only promises to reshape Bloomingdale's landscape but also to strengthen its financial foundation," Mayor Franco Coladipietro stated. He expressed his excitement about the *(continued on page 5)*



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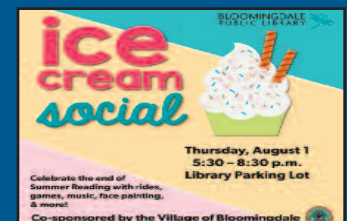
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Ice Cream Social August 1; See Library Pages

Bloomington Chamber Awards Scholarships to Local Students

VILLAGE BOARD, COMMISSION &

The public is encouraged to attend all Board and Commission meetings

REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE VILLAGE BOARD

2nd and 4th Mondays of the month January - November

2nd & 3rd Monday in December
7 p.m. – Village Hall

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

2nd and 4th Mondays of the month January - November

2nd & 3rd Monday in December
6 p.m. – Village Hall

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month 6:00 p.m. – Village Hall

BOARD OF

POLICE COMMISSIONERS

3rd Wednesday of every month
5:00 p.m. – Village Hall

POLICE PENSION BOARD

Quarterly beginning in January
4th Monday
5:00 p.m. – Village Hall

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

2nd Wednesday of every month
7:00 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. Bloomington Road



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

Seated are the recipients: Madeline Nguyen, Christine Andreeva, Olivia Kalicki, Rachael Stratton, Alexa Natalizio, Mikolaj Bratko, Daniel Antony, Vu Ngo, Jaibilin Jain, Sofia Afreen; Standing: Dr. Aimee Harris Newon from The Center of Functional Health & Wellness, Matt Guglielmo from Stratford Crossing/Newmark Merrill, Chris Karountzoz from ANYWAY'S American Grill & Pub, Joe Fulco from Fruitful Yield, Andy Korlarz from NOW Foods, Susan DiMeo Sargent from Pan American Bank & Trust, David Bear & Nicole Buchanan from Bear Family Restaurants, aka McDonald's, Sabrina Hernandez and Frank Jones from Coda Bears, Shelli Corbin & Kevin Hagemann from Eagle Falls Dentistry, Mike Davison from Platt Hill Nursery, John Mazzone from Bloomington Bank & Trust, Pastor Jeremy Heitkam from Cornerstone Faith Community Church.

Bloomington Makers Market

The Bloomington 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 August 25 and September 29.



Village of Bloomington 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

Here we are in August, and summer is in full swing. I hope it's been an enjoyable one!

The Village Board and I have been busy working on two significant projects that will have a long-lasting effect on our community. The first is the former Indian Lakes property. The Board has a plan to begin work on some of the new features in the Village Open Space, and we're awaiting the completion of the Village's stormwater project to begin work on the walking paths. The stormwater project will help eliminate rear yard and street ponding that residents in the Indian Lakes subdivision have dealt with after significant rainfall.

As of January 2024, the Village acquired the main mall and former JCPenney box, allowing us to move forward with the redevelopment of the Stratford Square Mall property. We're close to finalizing a land development plan that is fresh and innovative, that, I believe, will make the new development a popular destination. This plan is based on the tremendous feedback received from the vision plans shared with the community through the Village website. I encourage you to follow the Village Facebook page and sign up for our email news for updates.

Development in our retail centers continues to be strong. Macy's new retail concept has opened in Bloomingdale Court at 344 Army Trail, along with Bibibop at the Bloomingdale Square Center at 398 Army Trail Road. The new Shake Shack on the southeast corner of Springfield Drive and Army Trail Road is now open. Work is underway on a new deli in the former Dunkin' Donuts space adjacent to Dino's on Lake Street, and Dolce V Bakery has opened at 110 Third Street in Old Town, offering pastries, coffee, and gelato.

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

There is plenty to do in Bloomingdale in August. Join us for the Library's Ice Cream Social on August 1, National Night Out at the Oasis and Circle Park on August 6, the Village's Annual Fireworks show on August 31 at the Village's Open Space along Schick at approximately 8:30 p.m., and the band American English wrapping up the Concert in the Park season on August 20 at Old Town Park.

Beyond August, the community will have plenty more opportunities to come together. The Village's annual Septemberfest will be held on Saturday, September 7, in Old Town, celebrating its 50th anniversary. We'll finish the year with the return of the Village Tree Lighting and Kris Kringle Market on Saturday, December 7, beginning at 4:00 p.m., kicking off the holiday season with the lighting of our community holiday tree and the Park District Festival of Lights in Old Town Park. It's always a fun event and one of my favorites!

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

Mayor Franco



2024 Bloomingdale Fireworks Extravaganza on August 31

The Village of Bloomingdale is hosting a most spectacular Fireworks Show on Saturday August 31, 2024. Head to the Village's open space area at Prairie Lakes (former Indian 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!



Save the Date!

Bloomingdale Open House on Saturday, October 19th

Fire Department: 9-12

Police Department: 9-1

Library: 11-2

Stay tuned for further details in the October Almanac.



Keep Those Kids Safe: Back-to-School Safety Reminders for Motorists

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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As schools reopen in August, the National Safety Council urges motorists to stay alert and exercise caution, particularly around school zones. The increased congestion from school buses, pedestrians, and parents dropping off kids makes it crucial to slow down and stay vigilant.



Tips for Pick-Up and Drop-Off

- Follow specific instructions and routes provided by the school.
- Avoid double parking to ensure clear visibility.
- Do not load or unload children across the street from the school.
- Carpool to reduce traffic.

Sharing the Road with Young Pedestrians

- Adhere to the reduced speed limit of 20 mph in school zones.
- Avoid distractions such as cell phones while driving.
- Yield to pedestrians at all crosswalks, marked or unmarked.
- Do not block crosswalks when stopping at red lights or making turns.
- Stop for school patrol officers or crossing guards holding up stop signs.
- Never pass a vehicle stopped for pedestrians.
- Avoid parking in front of driveways, within 15 feet of fire hydrants, within 20 feet of crosswalks, or within 30 feet of stop signs.

Slow Down and Stay Alert

Be especially vigilant in school zones and residential neighborhoods, watching out for children at all times. By following these guidelines, we can ensure the safety of our young pedestrians as they head back to school.

Littering Harms Our Community and Environment

Littering, the improper disposal of waste products, harms both our environment and our community. It is often an intentional act, stemming from the assumption that someone else, such as a maintenance worker or a park employee, will take care of it. However, this is not always the case.

Litter affects the environment by causing pollution of the air, water, and soil. It can have severe impacts on wildlife, as animals can become sick from consuming contaminated food or become trapped in plastic bottles left on the ground. Additionally, litter can spread bacteria or disease to people who come into contact with it.

Given these concerns, it is important to be mindful of our own littering behavior. Always dispose of your garbage in the nearest disposal bins and avoid using bins that are already overflowing.

To further combat littering, consider organizing outdoor clean-up events with your neighbors, clubs, or sports teams after games have ended. These events can help clean up garbage in specific areas and foster a sense of community responsibility.

We all share the responsibility of taking care of our environment. Let's keep Bloomington parks safe and clean, so that everyone can enjoy our beautiful public spaces.

Village of Bloomingdale Celebrates Juneteenth National Independence Day



The Village of Bloomingdale is dedicated to celebrating Juneteenth National Independence Day, a commemoration of the end of slavery in the United States.

On June 19, Mayor Franco addressed the local community at a Juneteenth Celebration in Old Town Park that was organized by State Representative Diane Blair-Sherlock and DuPage County Board member Michael Childress.

On June 24, the Village Board presented a special Juneteenth Proclamation to Paul Scott, a Community Advocate for Civil Rights, Unity Partnership Law Enforcement Liaison, and member of the DuPage County NAACP Law Enforcement Committee, among several other notable roles.

The Village encourages Bloomingdale residents to continue recognizing the significance of Juneteenth and learning more about its history.

Stratford Square Mall Demolition

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project, highlighting its potential to positively impact residents for generations.

Despite efforts by Mayor Coladipietro and the Village Board to collaborate with the mall's owner, Namdar Realty LLC, negotiations fell through, leading the Village to independently acquire the mall and its anchor stores. The Village's acquisition of the mall marks a pivotal step towards transforming the area into a dynamic mixed-use development.

The Village of Bloomingdale stands at the forefront of a transformative journey, as the demolition of Stratford Square Mall paves the way for new opportunities. This redevelopment project promises to create a thriving hub that will enhance the quality of life for Bloomingdale residents and foster economic growth for years to come.

For more updates on the redevelopment project and opportunities for community involvement, residents are encouraged to stay connected with the Village of Bloomingdale through its official channels.

For questions or concerns, contact Village Administrator Peter Scaleria by email at scalerap@vil.bloomingtondale.il.us or phone at 630-671-5600.



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



Following the unveiling of the rejuvenated Old Town in 2016, the Village of Bloomingdale began a tradition of holding a community tree lighting on the piazza on Franklin Street. Each year, we proudly display a 30-foot tree sourced from within Bloomingdale. The Village coordinates the tree's cutting and transportation to Old Town.

If you have a large tree that you would like to donate as Bloomingdale's official Christmas tree this year, please contact Director of Public Works Jim Monkemeyer at 630-671-5800 or email to: monkemeyerj@vil.bloomingtondale.il.us.

Stay Connected With the Village's E-news

Sign up for the Village's E-News to receive weekly updates directly in your email inbox.

This is a great way to stay informed about the latest news, services, and events happening in and around town. In case of unusual events, such as extreme weather conditions or emergencies, you'll receive critical information as soon as it becomes available.

Visit villageofbloomingdale.org and go to "Village News" to sign up for enews. It's easy and free!

Electronics Recycling Event on Saturday, September 7

First Annual Rib Eating Challenge on October 3



Join us on Thursday, October 3rd, at Texas Roadhouse Bloomingdale for their 1st Annual Rib Eating Challenge! This exciting event features a head-to-head competition between local firefighters and police officers: Team Fire vs. Team Police.

Each team will race to finish two slabs of Texas Roadhouse's signature Fall-Off-The-Bone ribs. The challenge will last 15 minutes or until one team completes their ribs. We will also crown an individual winner for the fastest finish.

The winning team will take home an engraved trophy, passed around "Stanley Cup Style" for a year, allowing every village to share in the victory. In addition to the rib-eating challenge, 15% of the evening's food sales will be donated to charities chosen by the teams. Individual donations are also welcome.

Enjoy a meal and cheer on your local heroes at Texas Roadhouse Bloomingdale, 161 S Gary Ave. All are welcome!

For inquiries, please call Texas Roadhouse at (630) 580-1277.

WHERE: Bloomingdale Township Highway Department
6N030 Rosedale Avenue, Bloomingdale

WHEN: Saturday, September 7th

TIME: 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Accepted Items: Computers, laptops, servers, computer monitors*, televisions*, printers, facsimile, scanners, VCR and DVD players, video game consoles, cable and converter boxes, satellite receivers, electronic keyboards, mice, portable music players, holiday string lights, wire, cables, adapters, power supplies, cell phones, modems, tablets, phones, docking stations.

Important Note: A tax-deductible fee applies for all CRT, flat screens, projection TVs, and monitors:

- Screens under 21" = \$25/unit
- Screens 21" and over = \$35/unit

(Cash or credit card accepted, no checks)

This collection is sponsored by eWorks ESRI, whose mission is to provide jobs for developmentally disabled individuals.

For other DuPage County recycling locations or questions, visit dupagecounty.gov/recycling. This event is open to all DuPage County residents.

Honoring Those Who Have Served

On May 27, veterans and the community gathered to honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country during Bloomingdale's Memorial Day Remembrance.

The Bloomingdale Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7539 presented the colors, performed taps, and conducted a gun salute in tribute to the veterans who have died protecting our nation.

Mayor Franco expressed gratitude and offered reflection on the profound impact and sacrifices of the men and women who have given their lives for our country's freedom.

The commemoration took place at St. Paul Cemetery on Lake Street. We extend our thanks to the Memorial Day Remembrance Committee and everyone who participated in this tribute.



Police Department Offering AARP Smart Driver Program for Drivers 50+ On October 9 & 10

The Bloomingdale Police Department and AARP offer a Smart Driver program for drivers aged 50 and older.

Classes are on Oct 9-10, 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.



Bloomingdale Police Department Citizen Police Academy

The Bloomingdale Police Department is hosting the Citizen Police Academy Program for community members. This program builds on the Neighborhood Watch Program to enhance communication with those who live and work in Bloomingdale by offering insight into police procedures. The ten-week program will provide an overview of various areas of law enforcement through instruction and discussion.

Classes will be held on Wednesdays from September 18, 2024, to November 20, 2024, from 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM. Topics covered include Department Organization, Testing Process, Building Tour, Adult and Juvenile Criminal Law and Procedures, Traffic Stops and Radar Enforcement, Accidents/Crash Reports, D.U.I. Procedures, Use of Force/Liability, Defensive Tactics, Firearms Safety, Interviewing/Interrogation overview, and K-9 Demonstration.

If you are interested in participating or need more information, please contact Sue Osicek at (630) 671-5858..

Bloomingdale Participates in the Annual National Night Out on August 6



Bloomingdale's National Night Out event will take place on Tuesday, August 6th, at Circle Park, 172 S. Circle Avenue. The event begins at 5:30 PM and concludes at 8:00 PM (weather permitting).

National Night Out is designed to generate support and participation in local anticrime

efforts through the Neighborhood Watch Program while strengthening neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships nationwide. This event is a wonderful opportunity to meet your neighbors, make new friends, and develop a partnership between the community and the police department against crime.

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

Come join us for a night of community spirit and fun!

Attention Walkers and Runners of All Levels!

Join us for the Race to Stop Hunger 5k on Saturday, August 10th, in a NEW location! The race kicks off from Circle Center's parking lot at 185 E. Lake Street and winds through the scenic Meacham Grove Forest Preserve. Enjoy crushed gravel paths around Maple Lake, beautiful wetlands, woodland groves, and the meandering Spring Brook Creek.

Run for a Cause! Each registration will feed over 80 children, with 100% of the proceeds going to feed kids. Prizes are available for individuals and teams across various age groups, from under 9 to 80 & over!

Kid's Against Hunger-Illinois is our proud sponsor, and we would love your support! Sign up on our website or on race day.

For more information and to register, visit:

www.kah-il.org or email racetostophunger@gmail.com.



Best Wishes Eddie Cieslak

Eddie Cieslak retired on June 28 after 18 years as Maintenance Worker II in Bloomingdale's Public Works



Street Department. He plans to spend more time with his wife and pursue hobbies like playing bingo at the VFW, learning to enjoy Jeopardy, and using his senior discount. Eddie fondly recalls when his department was first in line at the Christmas party buffet. We thank Eddie for his contributions and wish him a wonderful retirement.



Bloomington Chamber Named As Best Chamber of Commerce

Bloomington Garden Club Upcoming Programs

August 20: Tour Bird Flower Farm, a family-owned cut flower farm in Maple Park, IL. Explore a 10-acre native prairie, a renovated 1890s farmhouse, a fruit orchard, a wild-flower patch, a sunflower field, and a pollinator plants sanctuary. Meet at 12 PM at Cornerstone Faith Community Church parking lot (118 First Street) for carpool transportation (45 mins to the farm).

September 17: Charlene Cebulski from the Midwest Pond and Koi Society will present on water gardens, ponds, and koi fish. Announcements and social time at 6:15 PM, program starts at 7:00 PM at Cornerstone Faith Community Church.

For more information, email bloomingtongardenclub@gmail.com or visit www.bloomingtongardenclub.org.

Bloomington Artists Association Watercolor Demo/Workshop: Bold, Loose, Fun

Join award-winning watercolor painter Dan Danielson for a demo/workshop designed for beginner and intermediate artists. Learn foundational skills and techniques, including Line, Shape, Value, Color, and Texture, in a friendly environment with full demonstrations, individual guidance, and support.

Fee: \$10 drop-in for visitors.

Membership: \$30 (September through May).

Contact: Bev Petrosius at 630-642-9545 to register or sign up for membership.

Bloomington Artists Association will meet Wednesday, September 11 at 6:30 PM at the Bloomington Park District Museum 108 South Bloomington Road

Congratulations to the Bloomington Chamber of Commerce for being awarded "Best of the Best Chambers of Commerce" in the Daily Herald Readers' Choice Awards! Throughout June, readers had the opportunity to vote daily for their favorite businesses and organizations.

We are also proud to recognize other Bloomington businesses honored in the Readers' Choice Awards, including:

- Dr. Tom Pasdo (Bloomington Animal Hospital)
- Wintrust Bank
- Marriott
- Kohl's
- Sunrise Senior Living
- Tina Davies, CPA PC
- Xfinity
- Woodman's
- Home Helpers Home Care
- Hobby Lobby
- Goddard School
- Chick-fil-A
- Rosati's
- Goodwill
- Walgreens Pharmacy
- Verizon
- Costco Optical



Thank you to everyone who voted and supported our businesses!

Be Aware: Park with Care

As warmer weather brings more people outside for walks and bike rides, it's important to ensure our sidewalks remain accessible. Some residents, particularly those with small children or strollers, have faced difficulties when cars block the sidewalks. This forces them to navigate around vehicles, often stepping into the street, which poses safety risks.

We ask that all residents avoid blocking sidewalks with their vehicles. Please be mindful of this, especially during the day and early evening. Park your cars on the street or in designated visitor parking areas rather than in a way that extends over the sidewalk from your driveway. By working together, we can keep our sidewalks safe and accessible for everyone.

Caring for Your New Tree: Essential Watering Tips

The Forestry Division is requesting help from residents to ensure that newly and recently planted trees receive adequate water, especially during high temperatures and low rainfall. Proper watering is the single most important aspect of maintaining transplanted trees, which lose significant amounts of water when the temperature rises.



To help your tree thrive, aim to provide at least 1 to 2 inches of water every two weeks, increasing the frequency during very hot weather. Here are two easy methods to ensure your tree gets enough water:

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

After two years, the root structure of the tree will be better established and able to withstand a wider range of water conditions. By following these simple steps, you can help ensure the health and longevity of your new tree.

GO ORANGE! for Hunger Action



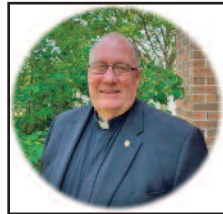
September is National Hunger Action Month. Mayor Franco has proclaimed Friday, September 10, 2024 as this year's Annual GO ORANGE DAY for Hunger Action in Bloomingdale. People across the nation have the opportunity to stand together and end hunger. GO ORANGE DAY participation continues to increase each year throughout the community. The

Village urges everyone to join Take Action Against Hunger, by

- Dropping off non-perishable food and diapers during the month of September at
 - Village Hall (201 S Bloomingdale Rd)
 - Library (101 Fairfield Way)
 - Fire Department (179 S Bloomingdale Rd)
 - Park District JRC (172 S Circle Ave)
- Volunteering at a local food pantry, collecting, and delivering food to those in need.
- Wearing orange to work or school on GO ORANGE DAY to raise awareness.
- Encouraging conversation about hunger with friends, family, and coworkers.
- Donating to the Northern Illinois Food Bank (every \$1 provides \$8 worth of food).
- Following Northern Illinois Food Bank on Facebook and Instagram.

Father Jim Retires

Father Jim Murphy of St. Isidore Parish Bloomingdale retired in June after 46 years as a priest. He earned his Master of Divinity in 1978 and was ordained at St. Raymond Cathedral in Joliet. Father Jim served various Illinois parishes and his contributions extended to diocesan marriage preparation, vocation direction, sacramental celebrations, and school liturgies. We are grateful for Father Jim's commitment to Bloomingdale and the St. Isidore community and wish him well in his retirement.



Rotary Casino Night on September 14

Join the Rotary Club of Bloomingdale-Roselle for their Casino Night Annual Fundraiser on Saturday September 14 at Medinah Shriners Banquets (550 Shriners Dr., Addison, IL 60101). You can play games, win raffle prizes, enjoy some food, and listen to music. Doors will open at 5:30 PM, and game tables will be available from 6:00-9:00 PM. Go to tinyurl.com/RotaryticketsCN to purchase tickets for \$75 each. Proceeds will support the Roselle Community Food Pantry.



Invite your family and friends to come to this night of fun and games! Sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information, visit www.BRrotary.net.



Rooftop Cops Raise Over \$7,700 to Support Special Olympics



On Friday, May 17, the sun shone brightly as the Bloomingdale Police Department officers rallied support for the Illinois Special Olympics at Bloomingdale Dunkin' locations. They raised over \$7,700 this year and 100% of the donations go towards supporting the athletes of the Special Olympics!

Thank you to everyone who came out and generously donated to benefit Special Olympics Illinois and the Illinois Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics. Kudos to our dedicated officers and staff who make this event happen each year, especially Officer Phil Jaffe, who organized and led BPD's fundraising efforts!

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

DOLCE V BAKERY AND GELATO

Dolce V: Bakery and Gelato is moving into a historic farmhouse from the early 1900s across from Old Town Park in Bloomington this July. The building was previously home to the beauty salon Julia's Castle of Color and has been remodeled to preserve its architectural style to reflect its history.

"Once you walk into this location, you're going to be transported back to Sicily," says Vito Rubino, owner of Dolce V. "What you would find in a café or a bakery out there, you're going to find here."

This small-batch bakery prepares all pastries in-house, using natural ingredients from Sicily and other Italian regions. Customers can enjoy authentic Sicilian and Italian sweets like cassata, cannoli, and gelato. Recipes feature ingredients such as almond flour in pastries, sheep's milk in cannoli cream, and marzipan in cakes.

Dolce V's name is a shortened translation of "sweet life" in Italian. Rubino says it is just a coincidence that his name begins with the letter "V". He also owns New Paradise Bakery in Gladstone Park and while the Bloomington location will be an entirely new concept, this will be his second bakery.

Rubino learned to make authentic Sicilian pastries on his father's farm in Italy and is bringing these recipes and his expertise to Bloomington. "Everyone who's taught me how to make pastries, they are very passionate about what they do," he says. "They just bring their heart and soul into each and every product, and I want to continue to do that out here."

Rubino chose this location for the beauty of the Old Town area, home to other local businesses like Alcentro Trattoria, Rooster's, and Wolfden Brewing. He envisions Dolce V as a community meeting place with outdoor seating and tables on the front porch and lounge-style seating in the back. "You can come and socialize and relax and enjoy yourself just like you're on vacation, but you're only a couple of blocks away," he says.

Dolce V is set to open in mid to late July. Customers can look forward to trying homemade Italian pastries and gelato starting at 8AM every morning at 110 Third Street in Bloomington.

OLD SECOND BANK

On Thursday, June 27th, Old 2nd National Bank at 355 W. Army Trail Rd celebrated its grand opening. Village Administrator Peter Scalera and Director of Public Safety Frank Giammarese were in attendance along with bank staff and Bloomington Chamber of Commerce members. Sylvia Balogh, Executive Vice President of Retail Banking, cut the ribbon, joined by Bank Manager Mark Kadamus.

The event marked the culmination of months of hard work, including relocating staff, demolishing the old building, and constructing a new, modern facility. The upgraded bank now features a convenient drive-thru and continues to deliver the personal service the community values.



The Bloomington 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 BLOOMINGTON**

BAWIB Award Scholarships

Bloomington Area Women in Business (BAWIB) awarded scholarships to three deserving women pursuing professional growth through continued education or development: Iehsa Dickens, Anna Litonjua, and Lexi Hedlof. These scholarships were funded by generous donations from Neil J. Moscicki, CPWA, CFP, ChFC - Wintrust Wealth Management, Emboldened Wealth Management, and Cornerstone Faith Community Church.



From left to right: Dr. Amiee (standing in for Stephanie Fuller from Emboldened Wealth Management), Anna Litonjua, Pastor Jeremy, Iehsa Dickens and Kate Sullivan from Wintrust Wealth Management, Neil J. Moscicki.

Bloomingtondale Fire Protection District #1



August 31 Is International Overdose Awareness Day

Recognizing and Responding to Overdoses: Alcohol and Opioids

An overdose can cause a person to stop breathing and may be fatal. Even if they survive, they might suffer brain damage. Two common substances that can cause an overdose are alcohol and opioids.

Alcohol Overdose

Alcohol is a legal depressant that slows messages between the brain and body, affecting nerves that control involuntary actions such as breathing and the gag reflex. Signs of alcohol overdose include confusion, loss of coordination, vomiting, seizures, irregular or slow breathing, pale or blue-tinged skin, low body temperature, and unconsciousness.

Opioid Overdose

Opioids, derived from the opium poppy, depress breathing and heart rate. Common opioids include oxycodone, morphine, codeine, heroin, fentanyl, methadone, and opium. Signs of opioid overdose include no response to stimuli, shallow or stopped breathing, unusual snoring, blue or grey lips or fingertips, and floppy arms and legs.

Immediate Actions to Take

If you think someone has overdosed, call an ambulance immediately. If they are awake, keep them in a sitting position. If they are unconscious or unresponsive, place them in the recovery position and monitor their breathing. Perform rescue breathing if they are not breathing until they start on their own or help arrives.

For alcohol overdose, keep the person warm to prevent hypothermia and avoid giving them caffeine to prevent dehydration. For opioid overdose, use Narcan/naloxone if available to temporarily reverse the effects.

Important Precautions

Do not leave the person alone, give them anything to eat or drink, try to induce vomiting, or let them "sleep it off." Prompt response to an overdose can save a life.



John Kowalski and Matt Mikutis Retire From Bloomingtondale Fire Protection District

With heartfelt appreciation, Bloomingtondale Fire Protection District announces the retirement of FF/EMT John Kowalski, who served the Bloomingtondale for over 29 years. A former public safety diver, John also served our country as a United States Marine.

Bloomingtondale Fire Protection District also announces the retirement of FF/EMT Matt Mikutis. Matt also served the Bloomingtondale Fire Protection District for over 29 years.

Both John and Matt will be greatly missed. We extend our warmest wishes for their retirement and thank them for their dedicated service to the Bloomingtondale community.



John Kowalski



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Summertime Grilling Tips

There's nothing like outdoor grilling; it's one of the most popular ways to cook food. However, a grill placed too close to anything that can burn is a fire hazard. Follow these simple tips to ensure safe grilling:

- Use Outdoors Only: Never use propane and charcoal grills indoors.
- Position Properly: Place grills away from the home, deck railings, and overhanging branches.
- Create a Safe Zone: Keep children and pets at least three feet away.
- Keep Clean: Remove grease or fat buildup from grills and trays.
- Stay Attentive: Never leave the grill unattended.
- Light Safely: Open the gas grill lid before lighting.

Enjoy safe and delicious grilling this summer!





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Kris Kringle Market and Tree Lighting Ceremony On November 30th



Mark your calendars and plan to celebrate the yuletide season at the Old Town Kris Kringle Market on Saturday, November 30th, from 2 pm to 7 pm. Join Santa and the Fire Department as they light up the giant tree and park at 6 pm.

This year's market offers unique gifts from local businesses and eateries. Enjoy mulled wine, hot chocolate, sweet treats, and a variety of items for sale, including holiday décor, pet gifts, clothing, wood art, and more. Delicious hot food and treats will also be available.

Kids will love the free entertainment, including face painting, balloon art, crafts, games with prizes, and photos with a special guest. Charles Dickens Carolers will kick off the Park District's month-long Festival of Lights.

Additional events include Park District kid's activities in the Museum and train rides, Pan American Bank with Santa, holiday goodies, and a giant snow globe, and a chamber open house.

Hope to see you there!

Bloomingdale Septemberfest: 50 Years of Celebrating Community

Get ready for a spectacular celebration as the Village of Bloomingdale marks the 50th anniversary of Septemberfest on Saturday, September 7, in Old Town (Lake Street and Bloomingdale Road).

The festivities kick off with the parade at 11:00 AM, starting from DuJardin School, heading north on Euclid Ave to Schick Road, and concluding in Old Town. Look out for local organizations, businesses, and community groups, and don't miss the performance by the Navy Band Great Lakes. We'll also be featuring "royal court members" from previous Septemberfests during the parade. This tradition began in 1977 with the nomination of a Bloomingdale Festival Queen, initially a beauty contest that evolved into a scholarship contest in 1987. In 1991, a King was added to the scholarship contest, and by 1996, the titles were changed to Mr. & Ms. Bloomingdale. The parade will include former Septemberfest Queens from '79, '87, '92 & '96 in honor of this tradition.

At around 12:00 PM, join us for the Opening Ceremony, where Mayor Franco will welcome the community, the VFW Post 7539 will raise the flag, and we'll honor the Septemberfest Joe Draghi and Dominic Froio Scholarship recipients. The ceremony will culminate with the National Anthem sung by local celebrity and restauranter Tony Spavone.



From 11:00 AM to 10:00 PM, enjoy a lineup of local groups and incredible live performances by Brett Walcow, The Wayouts, Hi-Fi Sound, Hillbilly Rockstars and a headlining finale by Radio Gaga. Throughout the day, explore a variety of food and drink vendors, a Lions Club beer tent, crafters, and local business booths. Plus, the Kiddie Carnival returns with fun rides for our younger festival-goers. In honor of this milestone anniversary, the Septemberfest Commission will also unveil a time capsule on display at the fest.

Septemberfest has a long-standing tradition of community involvement and support. We encourage all Bloomingdale residents and businesses to contribute to the Septemberfest Scholarship Fund, which has awarded thousands of dollars in scholarships to young adults aged 17-20 in Bloomingdale over the past 50 years. This fund has been instrumental in helping local students achieve their educational goals. You can submit vendor applications, scholarship donations, and parade entries on the Village website (VillageofBloomingdale.org > **Community** > **Septemberfest**).

Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 7, and be part of this beloved end-of-summer tradition!

wrap up your summer @ BPL!

ice cream social



Thursday, August 1
5:30 – 8:30 p.m.
in the Library Parking Lot

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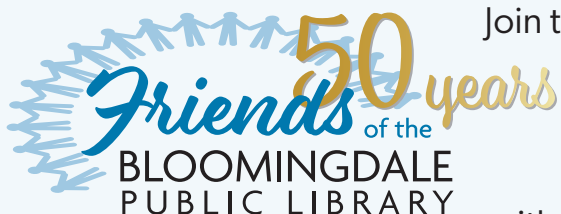
ZYDECO VOODOO

Friday, August 9
12:00 – 1:00 p.m.
in the Memorial Garden

BPL Community-Wide Survey

BPL is conducting a community-wide survey to help us with our strategic planning and goal setting. The survey will take less than 5 minutes to complete. Thank you for your input!

Scan the QR code to begin the survey or visit bit.ly/mybpl-2024survey



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 a 70s-themed costume contest.

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


Location: Bloomingdale Golf Club
181 North Glen Ellyn Road
Bloomingdale, IL 60108



for more information, visit our website
at mybpl.org/friends-50th
or by [scanning the QR code](#),
or email mybplf50@gmail.com

Adult Programs



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Medicare 101

Tuesday, August 6 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

In-Person Event

Learn the ins and outs of Medicare with Reverend Tom Perrucci, with Premier Medicare Benefits.

VIRTUAL: Diving Florida's Wreck Trek

Monday, August 12 | 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Zoom Webinar

Award-winning underwater ship photographer Cal Kothrade provides a detailed look at the shipwrecks that are the Florida Key's "Wreck Trek;" nine shipwrecks scattered from Key Largo in the north to Key West in the south that make up a string of beloved dive sites.



VIRTUAL: Inventing the Florida Vacation

Monday, August 19 | 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Zoom Webinar

Pop culture historian Leslie Goddard, who has thoroughly researched the rich history of Florida tourism from the 1940s up to 1971, explores the amusing and quirky attractions that helped the Sunshine State become America's favorite vacation destination.

Coasting Through Maine

Tuesday, August 20 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

In-Person Event

Join us as we explore the sandy beaches of Southern Maine, tour the charming villages along the Mid-Coast, and see the natural beauty of the Acadia/Down East region. Presented by retired librarian and world-traveler Nancy McCully.

The War in the South Pacific

Monday, September 16 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

In-Person Event

History entertainer Jim Gibbons discusses the events that took place in the South Pacific during World War II, including The Battle of Iwo Jima, The Battle of Okinawa, The Battle of the Coral Sea, The Battle of Midway, the attack on Pearl Harbor, and finally, how the war was ended by President Truman's dropping of the atomic bomb.



30 Years of Friends

Tuesday, September 17 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

In-Person Event

To celebrate the 30th anniversary of the premiere of the television series *Friends*, communication scholar and Bloomingdale local Dr. Jennifer C. Dunn discusses cultural impacts of the series, and its continuing relevance today. Books will be available for purchase and signed by the author.

VIRTUAL: Helping Homeless Pets

Monday, September 23 | 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Zoom Webinar

You've found a stray animal, now what? Understand the reasons that animals become lost or surrendered and what you can do to help homeless animals. Presented by Laura Winnie, DuPage County Animal Services Engagement Coordinator.

Drop-In Craft: No Sew Pet Bed

Tuesday, September 24 | 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

In-Person Event

Drop in and make a comfy bed for a furry friend. We provide the fleece, scissors, and instructions. Keep the bed for your pet or donate it to an animal shelter for a pet in need.



VIRTUAL: Comets and Asteroids

Monday, September 30 | 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Zoom Webinar

Astroeducator Michelle Nichols showcases amazing close-up images and highlights what we currently know (and what we hope to find out) about these cosmic storytellers in the next several years.

 goodreads

Join BPL on **Goodreads!** Get reading suggestions and book reviews shared by library staff and Board.

www.goodreads.com/mybpl



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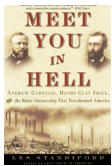


book discussion groups

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

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.



Meet You In Hell: Andrew Carnegie, Henry Clay Frick, and the Bitter Partnership that Transformed America

by Les Standiford

Tuesday, August 6



The Big Scrum: How Teddy Roosevelt Saved Football

by John J. Miller

Tuesday, September 3



DROP-IN MOVIES



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



The Color Purple

Wednesday, August 14 | 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

A woman faces many hardships in her life, but ultimately finds extraordinary strength and hope in the unbreakable bonds of sisterhood.

Rated PG-13



Oppenheimer

Wednesday, September 11 | 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

The story of American scientist J. Robert Oppenheimer and his role in the development of the atomic bomb.

Rated R

MONDAY NIGHT PAGE TURNERS

Meets on the third Monday of each month, 7:30 – 8:30 p.m. To register, email Jessica Frazier at jfrazier@mybpl.org.

No meeting in August



Hula

by Jasmin 'Iolani Hakes

Monday, September 16

ONGOING ADULT PROGRAMS

Genealogy Club (Drop-In)

Wednesdays, August 21 & September 18 | 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

Wednesday, September 18 | 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 for more information.

bpl makerspacecrafts

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

Registration Information:

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

Please sign up for one session only.



📅 Engraved Metal Bookmark

Registration opens September 3 at 9:00 a.m.

Register for one session:

Wednesday, September 18 | 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Monday, September 23 | 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Monday, October 14 | 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Monday, October 28 | 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

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. Virtual classes will be posted on our **YouTube channel**.

Google Docs & Cloud Backup

Monday, August 26 | 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.

Office 365

Monday, September 23 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

See how Office 365 cloud computing works, both from a licensing perspective and day to day use. Become familiar with the advantages and disadvantages of working with OneDrive, SharePoint, and the online versions of classic Office programs like Word and Excel. Explore more obscure office programs like Teams, Forms, Power Automate, and more!

VIRTUAL: The Windows Snipping Tool

Thursday, September 12 | 7:00 p.m.

Instructor: Charlie

The Windows Snipping Tool is a utility for capturing screen content. In this video, we learn how to use it in conjunction with Microsoft Paint for various common tasks.

Password Management

Thursday, September 19 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Instructor: Salvador

Discover password management tips through various online tools for organizing and storing your passwords. This class will explore options available and discuss potential benefits in everyday convenience while addressing security concerns.



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, September 10

2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

Learn the basics of computer use and dealing with Windows.

Internet Use & Safety

Tuesday, September 17

2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

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

Tablets & Smartphones

Tuesday, September 24

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.

DIGITAL DESIGN

Inkscape: Design Basics

Thursday, August 15 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Instructor: Charlie

Create Cricut Maker designs in Inkscape! Inkscape is a free drawing application for creating vector graphics, which import into Cricut Design Space cleaner and more easily than standard images.

VIRTUAL: Introduction to Microsoft Paint 3D

Thursday, August 29 | 7:00 p.m.

Instructor: Charlie

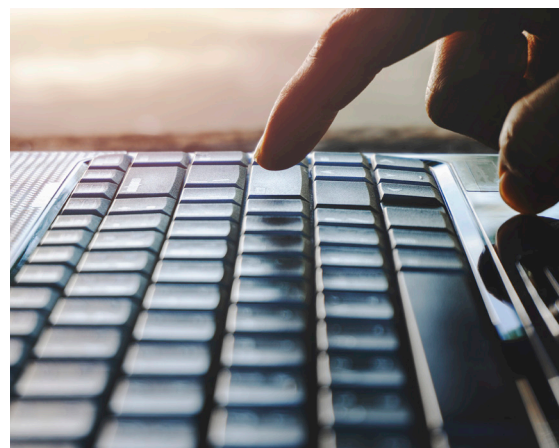
Paint 3D is a free, beginner-friendly application for creating 3D art. If you are looking for a quick and easy way to add another dimension to your drawings and photographs, this course is for you.

Introduction to Canva

Thursday, September 5 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Instructor: Salvador

Learn the basics of this free online graphic design and publishing tool. Canva can help you elevate your signs, presentations, posters, and social media posts. We will cover the basic steps from creating an account, to designing content, to sharing with collaborators.



MASTER MICROSOFT EXCEL

Excel Formulas

Monday, September 9 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

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

Excel Lookup

Monday, September 16 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

Learn about popular Excel functions VLookup, XLookup, Search, Sort, and more. These powerful tools allow for the automatic filtering and organization of large amounts of data. Because of the many applications of these functions, they are frequently listed in job applications and often used in the workplace.



Teen Programs

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

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

Game Night (Drop-In)

Thursday, August 22 | 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Relax and enjoy some fun games with friends or meet new people at game night! Check out the Nintendo Switch, race in Mario Kart 8, brawl in Super Smash Bros., or discover your new favorite tabletop or board game! We provide the space and games, you bring the fun!

🗳️ SAT Practice Test

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

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.

🗳️ Teen Trivia Night

Thursday, September 19
7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
registration begins Thursday, August 22

Test your knowledge in this back-to-school themed trivia night! Think you have what it takes to win? Show off your skills at trivia night and win a fabulous prize (more details to come). It will be a fun evening that you do not want to miss! Grades 7-12.

Teen Bookish Boxes

Sign up to receive a teen subscription box full of specially curated books and goodies each month! After filling out a registration form, the teen librarian will work to select titles based on your preference. And guess what? You get to keep everything in your box, including the books! Every month, participants will get new books and special surprises. Registration form will open September 1. Visit mybpl.org/teenbookishboxes for details.

Teen Book Reviews

Teens who enjoy reading, audiobooks, or writing can write book reviews for service hours! The reviews may appear in whole or part on the library's website, the Teen Territory, social media, or in print resources at the library. You may review fiction, non-fiction, comics/graphic novels/manga, and audiobooks. If you are interested, get started on the library website! Check out the details at mybpl.org/teenbookreviews.

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.

🗳️ Personalized Notebook

Wednesday, August 7 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
*registration begins Monday, July 15
limit 10 teens*

Perfect for back to school! Personalize your new notebooks with washi tape, stickers, and more. Let your personality shine this school year!

🗳️ Crochet for Beginners: Axolotls (Take & Make)

Kit Pickup begins Monday, August 12
*registration begins Monday, July 15
limit 10 teens*

This all-in-one kit includes everything you need to create 4 mini axolotls! Perfect for room decor or individual gifts for family and friends.

🗳️ Sticker & Chill (Take & Make)

Kit Pickup begins Monday, September 9
*registration begins Monday, August 12
limit 12 teens*

Relax and unwind with this succulent and crystal themed Sticker & Chill book! Choose any of the ten scenes provided and design to your heart's content with over 700 possible sticker combinations. A no-stress activity where anyone can get creative!

🗳️ Build Your Own Zen Garden

Wednesday, September 11 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
*registration begins Monday, August 12
limit 10 teens*

A zen garden helps with mindfulness, raking the garden for a calming and meditative practice. Create one of your own during this program. Instructions and examples will be provided.



Youth Programs



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

Registration for August programs begins Monday, July 22. Registration for September programs begins Monday, August 19. Register **online**, by phone at (630) 924-2740, or by email at bdys@mybpl.org. Please have your library card when you register.

SCHOOL AGE PROGRAMS

Chalk It Up (Drop-In)

Grades K-6

Friday, August 2 | 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Join us in the Froio Garden to create amazing works of art on the sidewalk. Chalk will be provided.

Celebrating Friendship (Drop-In)

Grades 2-6

Monday, August 5 | 5:00 – 5:45 p.m.

Celebrate U.S. Friendship Day by making funny food related cards to express how much your friends mean to you!



Crafternoon Fun (Drop-In)

Grades K-2

Tuesday, August 6 | 3:30 – 4:15 p.m.

We will be taking ordinary objects and creating picture frames.

🗳️ Gear Up for Kindergarten

Incoming Kindergarteners

Wednesday, August 7 | 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

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

Middle Grade Makers (Drop-In)

Grades 4-8

Thursdays, August 8 | 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Explore our new Makerspace as we create all sorts of fun and useful items like keychains, coasters, custom buttons, or jewelry. Crafts will take anywhere from 15 minutes to an hour—drop by and see what’s new each month!

🗳️ National Book Lovers Day Craft

Grades 3-6

Friday, August 9 | 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Come make felt bird bookmarks and book bouquets to celebrate on this special day.

🗳️ Beginning Crochet

Grades 3-8

Mondays, August 19 and 26
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.

🗳️ Craft Foundations Series

Grade K-2

Tuesdays, 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

August 20, August 27, and September 3

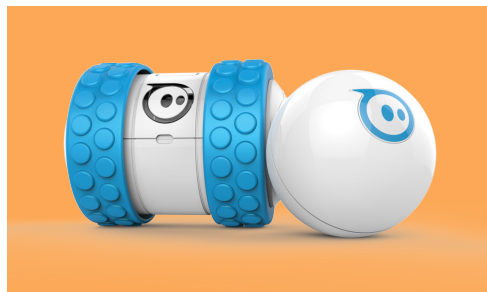
Build basic craft skills like folding, cutting, glueing, and more with this introductory series. Caregivers encouraged to attend.

Robot’s Day Out (Drop-In)

Grades K-6

Wednesday, August 28 | 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

Come to the library to try out some of the robots we have in our science kit collection.



🗳️ Paint Night

Grade 3-6

Thursday, August 29 | 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Join us as we create mosaic painting on canvases.

🗳️ Narwhal and Jelly

Grades K-2

Wednesday, September 4 | 5:00 – 5:45 p.m.

Enjoy stories and crafts based on this popular series.

🗳️ Cotton Ball Clouds

Grades 2-6

Tuesday, September 10 | 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

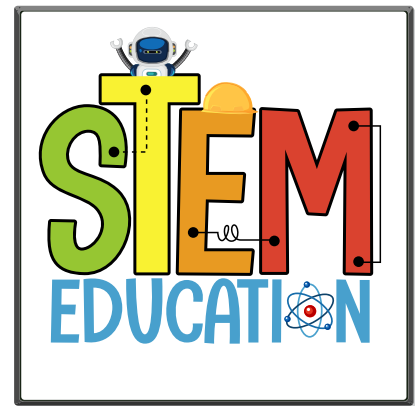
Take a moment and gaze at the clouds. Come in to create and learn about the various types of clouds.

🗳️ Makerspace Club: STEM Time

Grades 3-6

Thursday, September 12 | 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

Sunday, September 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. September’s skill is to create a foundation chain and single crochet.

LEGO® Club (Drop-In)

Grades 1-6

Tuesday, September 17 | 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

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

🗳️ Elephants are Awesome

Grades K-2

Thursday, September 19 | 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

Elephants are the largest land animals and one of the smartest. Come to this special program to learn more about these awesome creatures.

🗳️ Bluestem Book Party

Grades 3-5

Sunday, September 22 | 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Get excited for this year’s nominees with crafts, snacks, and practice voting.



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Preschool Programs

🗓 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.

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

🗓 Playing with STEM

Ages 2-5

Tuesdays, August 13 and September 3
10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Start your child in STEM early with our fun play to learn program.

August – magnets September – buildings

🗓 Baby, Let's Make Music (Drop-In)

0-24 months

Wednesdays, August 14, 21, and 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.

🗓 Toddler Dance Party

18 months to 36 months

Friday, August 16 | 10:30 – 11:15 a.m.

Does your toddler love to move, groove, and wiggle? Join us for a morning of music and movement.



🗓 Happy Books, Happy Cooks

Ages 3-5

Thursdays, August 22 and September 12
6:00 – 6:30 p.m.

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

🗓 Potty Party

Ages 1-5

Friday, August 23 | 10:30 – 11:15 a.m.

No more diapers, it's time to use the potty! Toddlers of all stages of potty training are invited to a party with stories, songs, and activities to encourage potty use.



🗓 Preschool Process Art (Drop-In)

Ages 3-5

Saturday, August 24 | 10:00 – 10:45 a.m.

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

🗓 Messy Fingers

Ages 2-4

Tuesday, August 27 | 1:30 – 2:15 p.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!

🗓 Explore with Your Senses (Drop-In)

Under 3 years old with caregivers

Saturday, August 31 | 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

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

Family Programs

Harold and the Purple Crayon Celebration (Drop-In)

Families

Friday, August 2 | 10:30 – 11:15 a.m.

Join us for a storytime followed by purple crafts to celebrate all things Harold.

🗓 Craft Time (Drop-In)

Families

Monday, August 26 | 9:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Celebrate National Dog day with a fun craft. While supplies last.

🗓 Collect Rocks Day (Drop-In)

Families

Saturday, September 14 | 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Drop in the library for Collect Rocks Day.

We will look at samples, make a rock collection box, and maybe even find some rocks to take home.

🗓 Homeschool Hangout Series

Families

Wednesday, September 18 | 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.



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.

It's Storytime!

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

Fall Session begins September 9

Drop-In Storytimes

limited to the first 20 children to arrive for storytime

Preschool Storytime

Ages 3-5

Mondays, 1:30 – 2:00 p.m.

Evening Storytime

All ages with caregiver

Wednesdays, 6:00 – 6:30 p.m.

Toddler Storytime

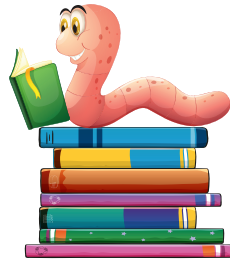
Ages 2-3 with caregiver

Thursdays, 10:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Family Storytime

All ages with caregiver

Fridays, 10:30 – 11:15 a.m.



Baby Tales & 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.

THANK YOU TO OUR SUMMER READING DONORS!

Thank you to the following donors to our 2024 Summer Reading Challenge!

Their support helps our reading challenges succeed.

Annie Occasion for Any Occasion

Anyway's Pub

Big Blue Swim School

Bloomington Park District

Boba Calico

British Swim School

Chicago Botanic Garden

Chicago Pastry

Chick-fil-A

Culver's of Bloomington

Dairy Queen

Elements Massage

Freddy's Frozen Custard & Steakhburgers

Green Valley Mini Golf

Kane County Cougars

Kuipers Family Farm

Lou Malnati's

Lynfred Winery

McAlister's Deli

McDonald's - Bear Family

Portillo's

Raising Cane's

Ravinia Festival

Roosters Barn and Grill

Schaumburg Boomers

Sporty's Restaurant & Catering

Texas Roadhouse

US Ramen

Urban Air Adventure Park

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:

Monday, September 2

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.

Celebrate the
Park District's
60th Anniversary
with a slice of cake!

Bloomington
Park District
60th
ANNIVERSARY
Celebrating Fun & Memories



National Night Out

Tuesday, August 6, 2024 • 5:30-8PM
Circle Park & The Oasis Water Park

FREE



National Night Out is designed to generate support and participation in local anti-crime efforts through the Neighborhood Watch Program, while also strengthening neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships nationwide. Festivities include open swim, food and drink, games, music and lots of fun.

Help us "Take a Bite Out of Crime!"



Schedule

5:30-7PM Food Served

5:30-8PM Oasis Open

7-8PM Heroes vs Half-Pints

Entering grades 5-9 vs Police

7-8PM Wiffleball Classic

Entering grades 1-4 vs First Responders

To register for the Heroes vs Half-Pints or Wiffleball Classic go to bloomingtonparks.org.



Community Appreciation Days

FREE

**Try a class for Free!
August 24 - August 30**

Receive a FREE giveaway when you attend a class during Community Appreciation Days.

Registration is required to participate and a list of programs will be published in the Autumn program brochure after August 14.

Concerts by the Campfire

**Springfield Park Pavilion
269 Springfield Drive
6:30-7:30PM**

FREE

Spend quality time with your family and enjoy live performances and smores around a campfire. Smares are available while supplies last. Bring your own chairs or blankets and some snacks. Washrooms are available at the concession stand at Springfield Park. The program is free. In the event of inclement weather, the event will be cancelled.

September

Thursday, September 12 Cary Kanno
Thursday, September 19 Eddie Anderson

October

Thursday, October 10 Judson Brown



Fishing Derby

**Saturday, September 21
8-10AM
Lakeview Park
240 Broker Road**



Sharpen skills and discover hidden fishing talents at the Bloomingdale Park District's annual Fishing Derby! Stocked each spring at the Bloomingdale-Roselle Rotary Club Fish Release, Lakeview Park is full to the brim with an abundance of fish species. Prizes are awarded for all types of catches including biggest, smallest, weirdest, and more. Participants must bring their own fishing gear. Bait is provided or you may bring your own. Children ages 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult. This is a catch-and-release event. Prairie State Bass Masters will be at this event to help measure and weigh fish. Washrooms are not available.

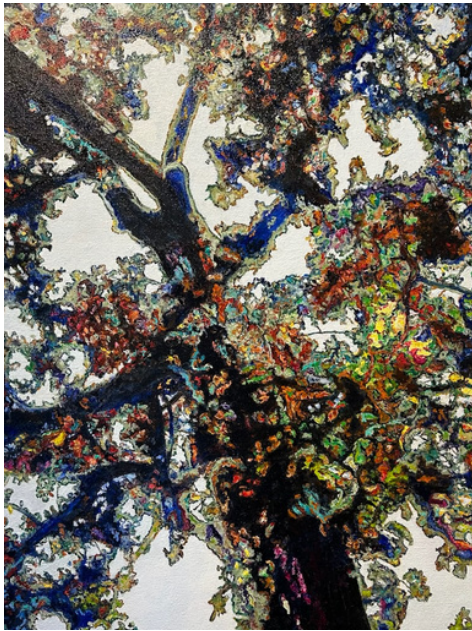
FREE

Weather & Information Notification Alert Method

• rainoutline.com/search/dnis/3312073208

• (331) 207-3208

Bloomingtondale Park District Museum



Chicago Society of Artists

Gallery I & II

Through September 21, 2024

Reception

Sunday, August 25, 2024

2-4PM

Artist members of this group include curators, painters, photographers, sculptors, and printmakers. Founded in 1887, these artists provide an exhibit at the museum on alternate years. Come and enjoy an exceptional selection of work.

Little Acorn Academy

From tiny seeds grow mighty trees.

Preschool Openings
Available For Fall

KIDS' PLACE

BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Registration is currently
being accepted for the
2024-2025 school year.

For more details about these
programs, call 630-529-3650.



LESLIE PARK & LEVITT POND
RIBBON CUTTING

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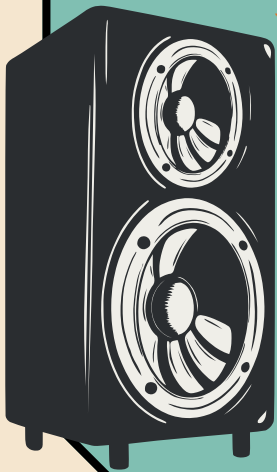
Wednesday, August 7, 2024 • 5:30-7PM
Leslie Park, 170 Leslie Lane, Bloomingtondale

OLD TOWN PARK | TUESDAYS AT 7PM

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

FREE

PRESENTED BY:



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.

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

27TH - ROCKING FENDERSKIRTS

(OLDIES HITS FROM THE 50S & 60S)

FOOD TRUCKS: BILLY BRICK'S PIZZA, KONA ICE, LINCOLN LAND KETTLE POPCORN, MAHAN FAMILY WINES

SEPTEMBER

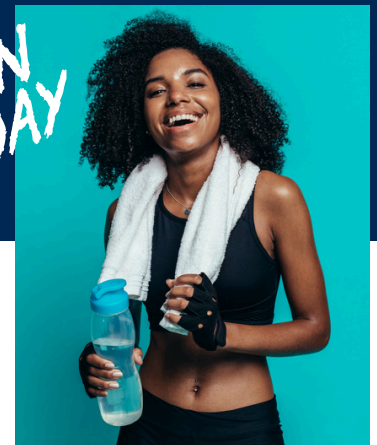
10TH - SEMPLE

(SONGS FROM THE 90S-ROCK TO MODERN POP)

FOOD TRUCKS: TBA

B-FIT CENTER

JOIN TODAY



Machines/Weights Group Exercise

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

Cardio

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

Group Exercise

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

Ask Us!

Silver Sneakers & Prime Network Programs

