

# Village of Bloomingdale

# Ammanac

October 2024

Growth with Pride

## VFW Winter Coat Drive Through October 31

During October, Bloomingdale VFW Post 7539, in partnership with community members, is conducting a Winter Clothing Drive to support veterans in need. The drive collects winter coats and accessories for those who have served our country.



Coats can be new or gently used, but must be clean. All sizes of men's and women's coats are needed. Donations of new gloves, scarves, sweaters, hats, and similar items are also welcome. Drop off your donation between October 1-31 at any of the collection sites listed below. The VFW will deliver items to Jesse Brown Medical Center for distribution to veterans in need.

Collection sites:

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

Questions? Contact VFW Post 7539 at [info@vfw7539.org](mailto:info@vfw7539.org).

Join us for a Winter Festival of Fun!



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2024

2:00 - 7:00 PM IN OLD TOWN BLOOMINGDALE

## FEATURING

- Local Vendors Selling Food, Crafts, Gifts, Pet Items, Holiday Décor, Wood Crafts, Accessories, and More!
- FREE Kids Entertainment, Face Painting, Balloon Artist, Crafts & Games
- A Beer & Wine Tent
- Visit Santa and Watch the Tree Lighting in the Old Town Piazza
- Charles Dickens Carolers at 3:30pm- 5:30pm
- Special Guest, Mrs. Claus

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm: Pan American Bank Open House with Santa & Snow Globe
- 2:00 pm - 5:30 pm: Chamber of Commerce Open House
- 2:00 pm - 7:00 pm: Kris Kringle Market
- 2:00 pm - 7:00 pm: Park District Museum Holiday Show
- 2:00 pm - 7:00 pm: Festive Kiddie Train Rides
- 6:00 pm: Tree & Park Lighting Ceremony with Santa & the Fire Department

### Parking Available at:

- Old Town Bloomingdale Parking Lot at Schick & Third St.
- Rooster's Barn & Grill Parking Lot
- Handicap Parking will be available onsite

Thank You to Our Event Sponsors



# Introducing Dan Vitacco, Our Newest Village Board Trustee

## 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. Bloomingdale Road



We are pleased to welcome Dan Vitacco as the newest member of the Village Board! Dan was appointed at our meeting on Monday, September 9th, to complete the unexpired term of Chris Troiola, serving through April 2025.

Dan has been a dedicated and valued member of our community, including service on the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Septemberfest Commission, as well as active involvement in the Bloomingdale Garden Club. At the meeting, Dan expressed his excitement about joining the Board at such a pivotal time, as we embark on many exciting developments for the Village's future.

His commitment to Bloomingdale is evident, and we are excited to see his leadership in action on the Village Board, as we continue building a bright future for Bloomingdale. Please join us in welcoming him!

## Enjoy A Safe and Happy Halloween

Provided that general safety precautions are followed, "Trick-or-Treating" in Bloomingdale will be on Thursday, October 31, 2024, between 3 PM and 7 PM.

As in the past years, the Bloomingdale Police Department will deploy extra Police Officers in marked and unmarked overall safety for children and residents throughout our community.



## 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

Welcome to Fall: cooler days, crisp nights, and the vibrant colors of autumn. I would like to take a moment to extend my thanks to Septemberfest Chairwoman Vivi Frumkin and the entire Septemberfest Commission. Their dedication made the 50th anniversary of this beloved tradition a success, bringing our community together for a day filled with fun, food, music, and camaraderie in our beloved Old Town. This milestone gives us an opportunity to reflect on the rich history that has shaped our town.

Speaking of changes that help shape our town, I am excited to highlight the many new businesses that have joined Bloomingdale in 2024, enhancing our community. We welcomed Shake Shack at Army Trail and Springfield Drive, Enzo's Sports Bar & Wood-Fire Pizza at 298 Glen Ellyn Road, Dolce V Bakery & Gelato at 110 Third Street in a beautifully remodeled historic building in Old Town, offering pastries made in-house from natural ingredients from Italy, and BiBiBop at 398 Army Trail Road, serving healthy, affordable Asian cuisine.

In August, the Village, in partnership with the Park District, completed a major renovation of Levitt Pond and Leslie Park, funded through grants. This project revitalized essential green space while improving stormwater management for nearby neighborhoods. In September, the Village began work on the stormwater project at the Village's Open Space, which will include a new three-mile multi-purpose recreational path.

Perhaps the most significant update since my last message is the start of the demolition of Stratford Square Mall. This iconic landmark, a central part of our community since 1981, is being transformed to create an exciting future for Bloomingdale. If you missed my September 24 meeting, I encourage you to visit the Village website at <https://www.villageofbloomingdale.org/> to view the plans for the Stratford property and other upcoming developments.

Before we know it, my favorite time of the year will arrive—Christmas! Kicking off the holiday festivities is the annual Tree Lighting and Kris Kringle Market on November 30 from 2-7 PM. The event will be held on Saturday this year to avoid the challenges that a Friday workday presents for many families. This event marks the beginning of the month-long Festival of Lights in Old Town Bloomingdale. With the live Christmas tree in the piazza, holiday revelers, our growing Kris Kringle Market, and Old Town Park illuminated with lights, all of these embody our town's charm and give me that unmistakable Hallmark feeling. Be sure to check out the front page of this Almanac to learn more about the additional activities slated for the event. Soon, Bloomingdale will be alive with the Christmas spirit! But until then, enjoy the beauty and comforts of Fall.

As we approach Thanksgiving, I am reminded of the many blessings in my life, including the privilege of serving as Mayor of this wonderful community. I wish you all a delightful autumn and a warm, Happy Thanksgiving from the Coladipietro family.

Best Regards,  
Mayor Franco



## NOTICE: Village Hall Front Entrance Construction Underway

On September 9th, construction began on the front facade of the Bloomingdale Village Hall. The project is expected to last 4 to 6 weeks, though this timeline may be affected by unforeseen circumstances.

During construction, the front entrance is closed. Please use the lower-level entrance at the back of the building to access Village Hall. If you require assistance accessing the upper level, please notify staff at the desk to the left upon entering the lower level.

For any questions or concerns regarding this project, please contact Public Works Director Jim Monkemeyer at [monkemeyerj@vil.bloomingdale.il.us](mailto:monkemeyerj@vil.bloomingdale.il.us).

Thank you for your understanding during this time!

## Heros vs. Half-Pints Highlights Annual National Night Out



Bloomingdale's National Night Out event on August 6th was a huge success, with residents gathering at Circle Park to enjoy an evening of community fun!

The event featured open swim at the Oasis Water Park, food, games, prizes, and live music.

The highlight of the night was the exciting Heroes vs. Half-Pints Wiffleball Classic, bringing smiles to both players and spectators. Thank you to everyone who came out and made this event a memorable celebration of community spirit!



# Apply by December 1, 2024 2025 Tree Planting Program

## Important Village & Community Phone Numbers

### Main Village Hall Number

630-893-7000

### Village Departments

Administration 630-671-5610

Building & Zoning 630-671-5660

Engineering 630-671-5676

Finance 630-671-5630

Mayor's Office 630-671-5600

Police – non-emergency  
630-529-9868

Public Works 630-671-5800

Water Billing 630-671-5650

Utilities 630-671-5830

### Other Useful Numbers

Fire Department non emergency  
630-894-9080

Bloomington Library  
630-529-3120

Bloomington Park District  
630-529-3650

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The Village Board has again allocated funds for this very successful program initiated in 1982. The program provides trees, including planting, at a 50/50 cost sharing with the Village. The trees will be planted in Spring 2025 and are available for residential, business or commercial properties. The intent of the program is to further beautify the streetscape.

All 50/50 trees must remain visible from the street, and must be planted in the front yard adjacent to the street or, if a corner property lot, may be planted in either the front or side yard adjacent to the street. Business and commercial properties wishing to participate should contact Jim Johnson, Urban Forester, at 630-671-5804 prior to submitting a Program Request Form. **Residents seeking parkway tree replacements should contact the Forestry Division at 630-671-5800. All parkway trees (whether ash tree replacements, infills, etc.) will be planted by the Village, if space allows, at no cost to the homeowner.**

1. The program is offered on a first-come, first-served basis subject to available annual funding amounts. Participants must complete and submit the Program Request Form by December 1, 2024. No payment is required at this time. An invoice will be sent to successful Program Requests about February 1, 2025.

2. Trees will be 2½" caliper, unless stated otherwise. **Trees will be quality nursery stock but not specimen plants.**

3. The Village reserves the right to disapprove requests based on conflicts, safety, or proper spacing.

4. Removal of dead trees, stumps and/or large roots is not included and must be performed by the applicant before March 15th.

5. Each residential parcel will be limited to **one tree per year**. Each business or commercial property will be limited to two trees per year.

6. Participants will be given the opportunity to mark the desired location for the tree; however, the Village Forester retains the right to change the location, if necessary.

7. We anticipate the total cost of each 2½" caliper tree planted will range between \$200 and \$350, with the Village paying half of this amount.

8. Trees will be guaranteed for **one year**. Participants are responsible for all watering which will be described in instructions furnished by the Village.

If further information is desired, contact Public Works Forestry Division, at 630-671-5800.



London Plane tree



Armstrong Gold Maple



Serbian Spruce

# 2025 50-50 Tree Planting Request Form

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: HOME: \_\_\_\_\_ WORK: \_\_\_\_\_ MOBILE: \_\_\_\_\_

PLANTING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

## INDICATE QUANTITY DESIRED.

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

### \_\_\_\_\_ 2.5" Armstrong Gold Maple (*Acer rubrum*)

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

### \_\_\_\_\_ 2.5" Decaf Kentucky Coffee Tree (*Gymnocladus dioica*)

The Decaf Kentucky Coffee Tree doesn't drop any seeds, produces only male flowers, and has not shown the tendency to fruit, so no messy pods to clean up! Mature growth is around 50' tall by 40' wide

### \_\_\_\_\_ 2.5" Exclamation! London Planetree (*Platanus x acerifolia*)

The Exclamation! London Planetree has smooth gray-brown bark that peels away to reveal shades of white, gray, and green underneath that stand out in the barren winter landscape. With a growth rate of about 3 feet per year, it can quickly establish themselves as mature shade trees.

### \_\_\_\_\_ 2.5" Fall Fiesta Sugar Maple (*Acer saccharum*)

The Fall Fiesta Sugar Maple is a large shade tree with symmetrical habit. Dark green foliage changes to shades of dramatic red, orange, and yellow in fall. It will grow to be about 70 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 50 feet. It has a high canopy of foliage that sits well above the ground and should not be planted underneath power lines.

### \_\_\_\_\_ 2.5" Ivory Silk Japanese Lilac Tree (*Syringa reticulata*)

The Ivory Silk Japanese Lilac may grow to as much as 20' tall and 20' wide with an oval-rounded crown. In late spring to early summer, it will show off with large plumes of fragrant, small white flowers. It attracts butterflies, hummingbirds, and pollinators.

### \_\_\_\_\_ 2.5" Northern Red Oak (*Quercus rubra*)

Northern Red Oak is a Chicago region native and is one of the faster growing oaks for the home landscape. The leaves are handsome throughout the year, emerging pinkish red, turning lustrous dark green in summer, and changing to russet-red to bright red in autumn. It is a large tree reaching 60 to 75 feet high and wide.

### \_\_\_\_\_ 6'-7' Serbian Spruce (*Picea omorika*)

The Serbian spruce is a medium-sized evergreen tree that can reach heights of 50' to 60' tall and 15' to 20' wide. Needles are dark green and have distinct white bands on them that point forward. Cones hang from the tips of branches; they are purple when young and turn a red-dish-brown as they mature.

### \_\_\_\_\_ 2.5" Shingle Oak (*Quercus imbricaria*)

Shingle Oak is a native tree of the Midwest region. Unlike other oaks, this tree has a unique leaf shape, atypical and unlobed. Shingle Oak grows about a foot a year, eventually reaching 40-60 feet tall and wide.



Fall Fiesta Sugar Maple



Shingle Oak



Ivory Silk Japanese Lilac Tree



Decaf Kentucky Coffee Tree



Northern Red Oak

## SUBMIT TO:

Village of Bloomingdale Forestry Division  
201 S. Bloomingdale Road, Bloomingdale, IL 60108  
By deadline of **December 1, 2024.**



# Welcome and Congratulations to Bloomingdale's Finest!

## Fall Branch Collection Begins October 21



The Village Forestry Division will begin free branch collection for single-family homes on Monday, October 21. Branches must be placed curbside by 7:00 a.m. that day but no earlier than one week prior.

For guidelines, visit [www.villageofbloomingdale.org](http://www.villageofbloomingdale.org) and search "branch pickup," or call 630-671-5800.

This service is for small property clean-up only and does not cover whole tree removals.

In case of severe storms, the Village will collect branches ½ to 6 inches in diameter. Contact the Forestry Division within 72 hours for storm-related collection.

## Bloomingdale Artists Association Meets on November 13

Join the Bloomingdale Artists Association on Wednesday, November 13, at 6:30 PM at the Bloomingdale Park District Museum (108 S. Bloomingdale Rd.) for Acrylic Using Watercolor Techniques with Irene Peterson. Bring a cup, brush, and small watercolor paper or canvas.

Contact Bev at (630) 624-9545 for details.



We are proud to recognize five officers who were honored during the Village Board meeting on August 12, where Judge Paul Fullerton performed the swearing in ceremony.

- **Dominick Corsiglia** was sworn in as the Bloomingdale Police Department's newest Sergeant.
- **Laura Maxey, Eduardo Ruiz, Rocio Rincon, and Josue Saavedra** were each sworn in as Bloomingdale Police Officers.

Congratulations to all and look forward to their continued service and dedication.

## Announcing the 2024 Scholarship Recipients

The Bloomingdale Septemberfest Commission proudly announces the 2024 Septemberfest Scholarship recipients. Each year, the scholarship fund, supported entirely by donations, awards thousands of dollars to Bloomingdale students who demonstrate dedication to community service and volunteerism. This year, two \$5,000 Dominic Froio Scholarships and three \$2,000 Joe Draghi Scholarships were awarded. The recipients were honored at Septemberfest on September 7th.

### 2024 Scholarship Recipients:

- **Sona Thomas** – Elmhurst University (Dominic Froio Scholarship)
- **Mary Frattinger** – High School Senior, deciding on a university (Dominic Froio Scholarship)
- **Isabella Benza** – Indiana University – Bloomington (Joe Draghi Scholarship)
- **Daniel Antony** – Northwestern University (Joe Draghi Scholarship)
- **Mikolaj Bratko** – College of DuPage (Joe Draghi Scholarship)

Bloomingdale is proud of these outstanding young adults!



Daniel Antony



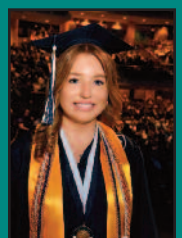
Sona Thomas



Mikolaj Bratko



Mary Frattinger



Isabella Benza

## Village of Bloomingdale Prospective Candidate Packets for the April 1, 2025 Consolidated Election

As a service of the Village Clerk's office, information on nominating petitions and form packets are now available at the Village of Bloomingdale, 201 S Bloomingdale Road, for prospective candidates for the April 1, 2025 Consolidated Election.

The Village of Bloomingdale has up for election: Mayor, Clerk and Three (3) Village Trustee offices for full four (4) year terms and Four (4) Library Trustee offices for full four (4) year terms. Filing for the Consolidated General Election begins on Tuesday, November 12, 2024 and concludes Monday, November 18, 2024.

For the purpose of accepting candidate petitions or certificates of nomination, the Village Clerk's office will be open during regular business hours from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday through the filing period except for the last day of filing, November 18th, when the Village Clerk's office will remain open until 5:00pm.

To obtain a copy of Board of Elections Candidate Guide, 2025 Election Official Handbook and the Election Campaign and Finance Calendar, please visit the State Board of Elections website at: <https://www.elections.il.gov/>

Voting information can be obtained from the DuPage County Clerk's Election Commission at [www.dupegocounty.org/election](http://www.dupegocounty.org/election)

## Jim Johnson Retires After 37 Years of Service to Bloomingdale Residents

On September 20th, the Village of Bloomingdale said a bitter-sweet goodbye to Jim Johnson, retiring after 37 years of service. Starting as a Streets Maintenance Seasonal in 1986, Jim most recently served as Forestry/Buildings & Grounds Supervisor.



A Certified Arborist, he shaped our parkway tree program and maintained our Tree City USA status. He also led Arbor Day celebrations and oversaw the Village's holiday lighting, including the iconic piazza Christmas tree. Jim's expertise, humor, and leadership will be missed. Best wishes, Jim, and thank you for everything!

## 29-Year Police Department Veteran Aaron Machek Retires

On August 9th Watch Commander Aaron Machek retired after 29 years of dedicated service with the Bloomingdale Police Department.



Throughout his career, WC Machek served in various capacities, including Investigations, Major Crimes, and Merit Forensics, contributing to numerous homicide investigations. His commitment to his patrol duties was exemplified by his decision to work his last shift during the overnight hours of the Midnight Shift.

We commend WC Machek for his outstanding service and wish him all the best in his future endeavors!

## Fall Rates at Bloomingdale Golf Club Start October 7

Don't pack up your clubs yet—fall is perfect for golf! Enjoy discounted rates and wrap up the 2024 season. Visit [www.bloomingtonalegc.com](http://www.bloomingtonalegc.com) to view rates and reserve your tee time.

### Annual "Tough Pins" Fall Scramble

Join us Sunday, October 20th, for the Annual Fall Scramble at Bloomingdale GC! Enjoy 18 holes with a cart, continental breakfast, lunch, buffet dinner, prizes, and contests.

- 9:30 AM shotgun start
- \$110 per person (must sign up as a foursome)
- Limited to 36 foursomes

Visit [www.bloomingtonalegc.com](http://www.bloomingtonalegc.com) or the Pro Shop to register. Payment required.

## Hands for Hope Gala on November 9

The Children's Neuroblastoma Cancer Foundation (CNCf) is proud to host the Hands for Hope Gala on Saturday, November 9, 2024, at Barrington's White House (145 W. Main St, Barrington, IL). The evening begins with a cocktail reception at 6:00 PM, followed by dinner, an auction, raffle, and dancing from 7:00 to 11:00 PM. Proceeds will support neuroblastoma research and benefit Lurie and Comer Children's Hospitals.

Neuroblastoma is an aggressive form of solid tumor cancer that predominantly affects infants and toddlers. By attending or becoming a sponsor, you can make a meaningful difference in the fight against this devastating disease. Sponsorship opportunities start at \$500. For details, contact Pat at [pat@cncfhope.org](mailto:pat@cncfhope.org) or 630-965-639, and visit [cncfhope.org](http://cncfhope.org) for more information.



# Director Giammarese Swears in New Peer Jury Members

## Prevent Clogged Drains: Dispose of Grease Properly

**Grease belongs in the garbage, not your sink.**

Improper disposal of cooking oil, grease, and fats can lead to costly sewage backups in your home. In fact, grease clogs cause about 40% of sewer blockages.

### Items that contribute to clogs:

- Butter and margarine
- Cooking oil
- Food scraps containing grease, butter, or oil
- Meat fat, grease, and juices
- Sauces with grease, butter, or oil
- Shortening

### Easy steps to avoid clogged drains:

- Pour used cooking oils and grease into a container, then toss it in the garbage.
- Dispose of meat and greasy food scraps in your brown food/yard waste bin (or in the garbage if food/yard waste service isn't available)—never down the garbage disposal.
- Wipe greasy pots and dishes with a paper towel before washing.
- **Remember: Always dispose of grease in the garbage, not the sink.**



## CHARACTER COUNTS! Celebration Night

Join us on October 1 (Rain Date: October 8) at Old Town Park for an evening celebrating good character. Activities begin at 6:00 PM, followed by a program at 6:30 PM featuring student performances and the American Character Awards. For more info, visit [www.character60108.org](http://www.character60108.org).

On September 4th, 2024, Director Giammarese had the honor of swearing in the 2024-2025 Youth Peer Jury. This program partners with the Bloomingdale Police Department to provide meaningful intervention for first-time juvenile offenders of low-level offenses, helping them avoid referral to the DuPage County criminal courts.



The Peer Jury is always welcoming new teen volunteers, aged 13-17. If you know a teen in the community who is interested in becoming a future Peer Juror, please contact Officer McGuire at 630-529-9868.

## Fall Street Sweeping in October and November

The Public Works Department will continue its fall street sweeping program, ensuring clean and safe roads. Throughout October and November, all streets will be swept twice, prioritizing major roads such as Bloomingdale Rd., Schick Rd., and Gary Ave., followed by curbed residential streets.

Please keep streets clear of yard waste, as leaves in the gutter can block drains and cause flooding. Leaves must be bagged in biodegradable Kraft bags (under 50 lbs) with a yard waste sticker for collection. Thank you for helping keep our streets clean!

## The TIPS 411 Page is Now Live on the Village's Website!

Submit Anonymous Tips Here:

<https://villageofbloomingdale.org/904/Tips411>

Residents can now anonymously report suspicious activity or provide information about crimes directly to the Bloomingdale Police Department. You can submit tips, along with any relevant photos or videos, by following the instructions on the page.



### Key Features of TIPS 411:

- All tips are 100% anonymous—your contact information is never shared with our agency.
- Our personnel will review your submission and may engage in an anonymous conversation if further details are needed.

### Important Reminder:

Please do not use this form for emergencies or situations requiring immediate police assistance. In an emergency, always call 911. For non-emergency matters, please contact us at 630-529-9868.

## 30th Annual Septemberfest – September 7, 2024

What better way to celebrate a 50th anniversary than with a perfect day and a lively parade? With cool, clear skies and bright sunshine, you couldn't ask for better fest weather. The festivities began at 11AM as the parade made its way west along Schick Road, led by the Bloomingdale VFW, the U.S. Army Color Guard, and the Navy Band. Close behind were Village Board members, the Bloomingdale Fire Protection District, and crowd favorites like the Schaumburg School of Rock, Medinah Shriners Mini Choppers, and the Northern Rays Corvette Club, each chauffeuring a Miss Bloomingdale from 1979, 1987, 1992, and 1996.

After the parade, special guest Tony Spavone delivered a stirring National Anthem as members of VFW Post 7539 raised the flag. Chairwoman Vivi Frumkin introduced and thanked the Septemberfest Commission members for their dedication to organizing this milestone event, which included the creation of a 2024 Time Capsule that Anthony Schwegler proudly presented on stage.

An afternoon highlight was the awarding of scholarships: \$5000 Dominic Froio Scholarships to Mary Frattinger and Sona Thomas, and \$2000 Joe Draghi Scholarships to Isabella Benza, Mikolaj Bratko, and Daniel Antony, assisted by four past Miss Bloomingdales: Carrie Alani (1979), Debbie Kerrigan (1987), Annie Dragosh (1992) and Cathy Cassata (1996). The scholarships were made possible through donations from FUNDWAYS, the VFW, Bloomingdale Township Republican Party, SDG Swim, Branka Poplonski and vendors.

Third Street bustled with activity, featuring craft and food vendors, while the Kiddie Carnival filled the air with children's laughter. On stage, the entertainment was non-stop, with Brett Walkow engaging the audience between standout performances by



Noteable Notes, Center Stage Bloomingdale School of Music, and Synergy/M3 Dance. As the evening drew near, the bands took over, starting with The Wayouts, followed by Hillbilly Rockstars, and finally, Radio Gaga, capping off the night with high-energy performances.

Thanks to **Platinum Sponsor** Bloomingdale Bank and Trust, **Gold Sponsors** Lions Club, Amazon Fresh, Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce, Fruitful Yield/NOW, Consumer Credit, **Silver Sponsor** John Dabrowski, and **in-kind donors** ER2, Financial System Corp., Bloomingdale Park District, and private parking providers.

Septemberfest was made possible by the Bloomingdale Police, Fire, and Public Works Departments and the Septemberfest Commission members: Debbie Pasiewicz, Dan Vitacco, Nick Fratto, Lindsey Boehne, Justin DiSalvo, Cindy Allston, Jason James, and Melissa Jacobsen, along with liaisons Patrick Shannon, Ken Lindhorn, Bob Reagan, Sergeant Jeremy Redic, and Jennifer Sassano.

Special thanks to Mayor Franco Coladipietro and the Village Board for their continued support of Septemberfest.

Best,  
Vivi Frumkin, Chairwoman

## Fabulous Fireworks!

The Village of Bloomingdale Fireworks event on Saturday, August 31, was an incredible success, thanks to everyone who joined us!



On a perfect summer evening, over 8,000 people came together to experience the ultimate fireworks display, creating an unforgettable sense of community. Beyond the stunning fireworks, attendees were treated to lively performances by Triangle Park, DJ Pumpin' Pete, and delicious food from a variety of vendors. Special thanks to our Public Works and Police personnel for their hard work to ensure everyone had a safe and enjoyable evening.

Finally, thank you to SBC Waste Solutions Inc. for sponsoring the pavilion tent for the entertainment!

We can't wait to see you all again next year!

## Thanksgiving Holiday Village Hall Hours; Changes In Refuse Collection Schedule

The Village Hall will be closed on Thursday, November 28 and Friday, November 29 in observance of the 2024 Thanksgiving holiday.

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

Have a safe and enjoyable weekend!

## BIBIBOP Asian Grill Now Open



BIBIBOP Asian Grill celebrated the Grand Opening of its Bloomingdale location, its 65th nationwide and 12th in Chicagoland, with a ribbon cutting by President Chris Artinian on Thursday, August 22nd. Known for its fresh, gluten-free Korean-inspired food, BIBIBOP allows diners to customize their meals by

selecting a base, protein, vegetables, and sauce. Catering services offer the same personalized options. Welcome to Bloomingdale!

## Mazzone: Crafting Quality Pasta and Innovation in Bloomingdale

Mazzone Pasta is a Bloomingdale-based pasta manufacturing company that produces high-quality pasta, sauces, & prepared meals for grocers and brands across the country. "Our goal is to deliver a top-notch product to the marketplace, transforming the grab-and-go section into a destination for shoppers," says Carl Mazzone, President of Mazzone Pasta. Their pre-cooked and frozen meals are designed for convenience, with carefully pre-measured ingredients to ensure consistency in every dish. The entire production process takes place in their state-of-the-art facility.



Mazzone prioritizes building strong relationships over building their brand name. "We're committed to fostering connections and supporting our customers," Mazzone emphasizes. The company collaborates with clients to develop new recipes, perfecting them together. In-house chefs Cameron Grant and Mike Farina, who lead Mazzone's R&D kitchen, bring expertise to the table. "We're passionate about food and always innovating," says Grant, who has over 20 years of experience in the restaurant industry.

Sustainability is also a core value for Mazzone. The company has installed solar panels and is working towards LEED Certification (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design), demonstrating its dedication to environmental responsibility.

When starting Mazzone Pasta in 2020, Carl Mazzone had meaningful discussions with the Village about becoming an integral part of the Bloomingdale community. "Bloomingdale is an excellent place to start a business, whether you're in manufacturing, commercial space, or retail," Mazzone notes. Today, Mazzone continues to produce its renowned products at their facility on Covington Drive, proudly contributing to both the local economy and the broader food industry.



## Mahan Family Wines Sommeliers Offer Wines for All Seasons



Mahan Family Wines had a great time connecting with residents during the Summer Concert Series. In the spirit of the Olympics, residents enthusiastically agreed with the sommeliers' results from the Texas International Wine Competition: Gold for Viognier, Silver for Grüner Veltliner, and Bronze for Sauvignon Blanc.

As summer turns to fall, there's no better time to enjoy Mahan Family Wines. You can now enjoy their award-winning wines at Alcentro Trattoria, perfectly paired with your favorite dish overlooking Bloomingdale's beautiful piazza.

With their growing season and harvest party at Granite Ridge Vinyard complete, Mahan Family Wines is gearing up for fall. Starting October 19th, their Speakeasy will open by reservation on select Saturdays, offering new experiences like the Sunday Sampler and Done-For-You dinner parties.

For details on upcoming events, including their two November events, Beaujolais Nouveau celebration and booth at Bloomingdale's Kris Kringle Market, visit [www.MahanFamilyWines.com](http://www.MahanFamilyWines.com).

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Halloween is a fun, and spooky, time of year for kids. Make trick-or-treating safe for your little monsters with a few easy safety tips.

## HALLOWEEN FIRE SAFETY TIPS

- »» When choosing a costume, stay away from long trailing fabric. If your child is wearing a mask, make sure the eye holes are large enough so he or she can see out.
- »» Provide children with flashlights to carry for lighting or glow sticks as part of their costume.
- »» Dried flowers, cornstalks and crepe paper catch fire easily. **Keep all decorations** away from open flames and other heat sources like light bulbs and heaters.
- »» Use a **battery-operated** candle or glow-stick in jack-o-lanterns. If you use a real candle, use extreme caution. Make sure children are watched at all times when candles are lit. When lighting candles inside jack-o-lanterns, use long, fireplace-style matches or a utility lighter. Be sure to place lit pumpkins well away from anything that can burn and far enough out of the way of trick-or-treaters, doorsteps, walkways and yards.
- »» **Remember** to keep exits clear of decorations, so nothing blocks escape routes.
- »» **Make sure** all smoke alarms in the home are working.
- »» **Tell children** to stay away from open flames including jack-o-lanterns with candles in them. Be sure they know how to stop, drop and roll if their clothing catches fire. (Have them practice, stopping immediately, dropping to the ground, covering their face with hands, and rolling over and over to put the flames out.)

If your children are going to **Halloween parties** at others' homes, have them look for ways out of the home and plan how they would get out in an emergency.



Decorations are the first thing to ignite in **800** reported home fires each year. More than one-third of these fires were started by a candle.



**NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION**  
The leading information and knowledge resource on fire, electrical and related hazards

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## A Friendly (But Fierce) Game at National Night Out!



The BFPD crew had a blast at National Night Out on August 6th! It was Heroes vs. Half-Pints in an epic wiffle ball showdown, and the Half-Pints came ready to play, beating us in a friendly (but fierce) game. Fun times all around!



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## Turn Your Clocks Back On November 3

It's that time of year again to set your clocks back by one hour. Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday November 3, 2024 at 2:00 AM. Now is also a good time to replace the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. Each year, it is important to make sure that your battery powered smoke detectors continue to operate properly. Enjoy the extra hour of rest and don't forget to 'fall back' this November 3rd.

## Congratulations!

On behalf of the Bloomingtondale Fire Protection District, we proudly congratulate our newest Firefighter/Paramedics on successfully completing their probationary year. Following tradition, they received their black shields at the First Responder Memorial in Old Town Bloomingtondale. Job well done, and welcome to the Bloomingtondale family!

- FF/PM Robert Troiola
- FF/PM Alec Volante
- FF/PM Natalia Jarczyk
- FF/PM Carl Strom



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## Upcoming Garden Club Programs

**October 15, 2024 – Fall Bulbs & Preparing Your Garden for Winter**  
The topic for the evening is "By the Light of the Moon – An Evening in the Garden." Discover how to design a garden that shines at dusk & beyond, focusing on plants that add color & texture after sunset. Heather Prince will lead the session. Social time and announcements at 6:15 PM, program at 7:00 PM.

**November 19, 2024 – Christmas Crafting**  
Join us to create holiday crafts for the residents of Bloomingdale's West Suburban Nursing & Rehabilitation. You can make one for yourself for a small fee. Social time at 1:15 PM, announcements at 1:45 PM and the program at 2:00 PM.

Visitors welcome, programs at Cornerstone Church, 118 First Street, Bloomingdale. For more info: [bloomingtongardenclub@gmail.com](mailto:bloomingtongardenclub@gmail.com) or visit [bloomingtongardenclub.org](http://bloomingtongardenclub.org).

**Please join us for the Bloomington Halloween Event!**  
**Saturday, October 19**  
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. In Village Complex Lots  
Police & Fire Departments | Park District  
11:00 - 2:00 p.m. in Library Lot - BPL  
For more information, visit:  
[www.bloomingtonparks.org](http://www.bloomingtonparks.org) • [www.mybpl.org](http://www.mybpl.org)

## Levitt Pond And Leslie Park Ribbon Cutting



Over 175 Bloomingdale residents gathered on August 7 under a beautiful blue sky to celebrate the completion of the Levitt Pond and Leslie Park improvements. The event, hosted by the Bloomingdale Park District and the Village of Bloomingdale, kicked off with a ribbon cutting ceremony and a presentation followed by festivities featuring interactive games and refreshments. The project, funded through grants, brought several enhancements to the park and pond. The event was a great success, offering attendees a chance to enjoy the newly improved space with fun activities, marking a milestone for the community.

## Stratford Square Mall Demolition: Dust Control Measures

As we approach the onset of the demolition of Stratford Square Mall, we fully understand that the excitement can sometimes be overshadowed by the concerns and uncertainty that come along with such a massive undertaking. The Village is committed to keeping the community safe and clean during all demolition and deconstruction of the mall. McDonagh Demolition, the company carrying out the demolition, will implement some key strategies to minimize dust and debris.

Before demolition, high-powered water cannons and misting systems will soak the structures to prevent dust from becoming airborne. These systems are designed to cover large areas and will be adjusted based on wind direction during the demolition to keep dust under control. Crews will stay in constant communication to make necessary adjustments as conditions change.

In the sorting and dismantling phase, each work shift will be carefully planned to allow for predetermined stopping points, ensuring that demolished materials are safely removed and sorted without the risk of collapse. A dedicated crew will intermittently wet the stockpiled materials while they are sorted, further reducing dust.

The contractor fully understands the concerns related to dust and debris and are dedicated to minimizing any impact on our community during this process. We will continue to provide updates and keep our residents informed.



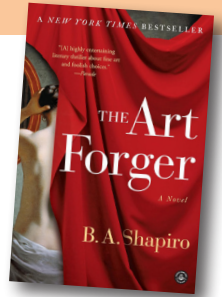


# on the same PAGE

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

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Complimentary copies of the title are available while quantities last.

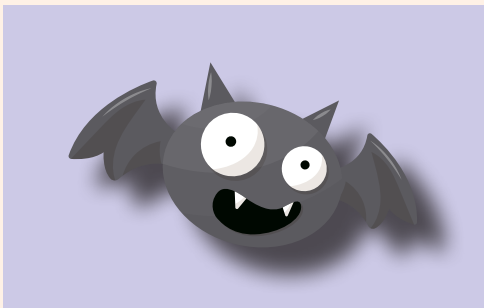


Visit [www.mybpl.org/OTSP](http://www.mybpl.org/OTSP) for complete event information, or scan the code to be taken directly to the event page with links to register for all events there.

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

## Celebrate the Holidays with BPL!

Visit our website at [mybpl.org/annualevents](http://mybpl.org/annualevents) for all of the details.



### BOO!mingdale Halloween Event

Saturday, October 19  
9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

BPL tent opens at 11:00 a.m.

Until then, join the Police Department, Fire Department, and Park District for fun activities in the Village Complex parking areas!



### Holiday Open House

Tuesday, December 3  
6:45 – 8:45 p.m.

Enjoy holiday fun for the whole family! Join us outside for the Community Tree Lighting, then come inside for refreshments and fun.



### Breakfast and Brunch with Santa

Saturday, December 14  
*limited seating available*  
Breakfast: 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.  
Brunch: 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Tickets on sale beginning November 1 in the Business Office.  
Visit [mybpl.org/annualevents#santa](http://mybpl.org/annualevents#santa)  
or call 630-529-3120 (ext. 0)  
for details.



## Outdoor Self-Service Lockers

Access library materials even when the library is closed by picking up your holds at our self-service lockers, located to the right of our main entrance. Picking up holds at the lockers is both convenient and contactless.

### Using the lockers is easy!

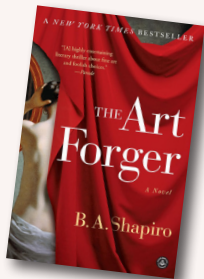
1. Place a hold and select the lockers as your pickup location.
2. Wait for the library to contact you; you'll receive notifications by email, text, or phone call that your items are available.
3. Scan your library card at the lockers to pick up your materials!

# Adult Programs



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### 📺 VIRTUAL: Great Cons & Brilliant Heists in the Movies

Monday, October 7 | 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.  
*Zoom Webinar*

Join us as we marvel at some of the most daring and innovative heists on film. We'll see Robert DeNiro, Tom Cruise, Sean Connery, Paul Newman, Robert Redford, and many more in this thrilling collection of the greatest heists in movie history! Presented by film expert Steven Frenzel.

### Drop-In Movie: *How to Steal a Million*

Wednesday, October 9 | 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

The daughter of an art forger teams up with a burglar to steal one of her father's forgeries and protect his secret. *Rated PG*

### 📺 VIRTUAL: How to Steal a Masterpiece

Monday, October 28 | 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.  
*Zoom Webinar*

Enter the underworld of stolen art as we examine the little known stories of some of history's greatest art heists. This lecture will review some of the most significant art theft in the last century and a half. Presented by Mallory Mortillaro, art historian and educator from New Jersey.

## OCTOBER programs

### 📺 Flavors of the Fall: Pumpkins, Squashes, and Apples Explored

Tuesday, October 22 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.  
*In-Person*

This cooking demonstration is presented by Chef Susan Maddox. Limit 40 people. Registration opens Tuesday, October 1.



### The Property Tax Assessment and You (Drop-In)

Monday, October 28 | 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.  
*In-Person*

The Bloomingdale Township Assessor will give a brief explanation of how the property tax system works.

*Presented by State Representative Jennifer Sanalidro & Bloomingdale Township Assessor John T. Dabrowski.*



### 📺 History Alive (But Dead): The Cemeteries of Forest Park, IL

Tuesday, October 29 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.  
*In-Person*

Join us for some holiday fun as we discuss one of the historical gems of the Chicago area, a small suburb with five cemeteries located within its borders. Presented by Kelly Knight, BPL Librarian.

## NOVEMBER programs

### 📺 Dead Air: The Night Orson Welles Terrified America

Tuesday, November 12 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.  
*In-Person*

Local author William Hazelgrove presents his newest narrative nonfiction book about how Orson Welles tricked radio listeners into believing that aliens were among us. Books will be available for purchase and signed by the author.

### 📺 VIRTUAL: Lost Chicago Department Stores

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

For decades, Chicago was home to some of America's grandest department stores. In this illustrated lecture, historian and author Leslie Goddard, Ph.D., revisits Chicago's fabulous retail emporiums and explores their rise and fall.



### 📺 ICash Search with the Illinois State Treasurer's Office

Tuesday, November 19  
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
*In-Person*

A representative from the Illinois State Treasurer's office will be on hand to assist you in discovering if the State is holding any money owed to you through its ICash program. Property is returned at no cost with the proper identification.


### 📺 The History of Elvis Presley

Monday, November 25 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.  
*In-Person*

Elvis revolutionized popular music when he exploded onto the scene in 1956 with his unique blend of gospel, rhythm & blues, and country. His energetic performances, distinctive voice, and charismatic persona made him a worldwide cultural icon known as the "King of Rock and Roll" until his death in 1977. Presented by community college instructor Gary Wenstrup.



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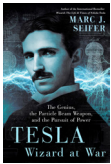


## book discussion groups

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

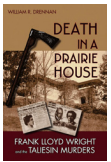
### HISTORICAL BOOK DISCUSSION

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



**Tesla: Wizard at War - The Genius, the Particle Beam Weapon, and the Pursuit of Power**  
by Marc J. Seifer

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



**Death in a Prairie House: Frank Lloyd Wright and the Taliesin Murders**  
by William R. Drennan

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

### MONDAY NIGHT PAGE TURNERS

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

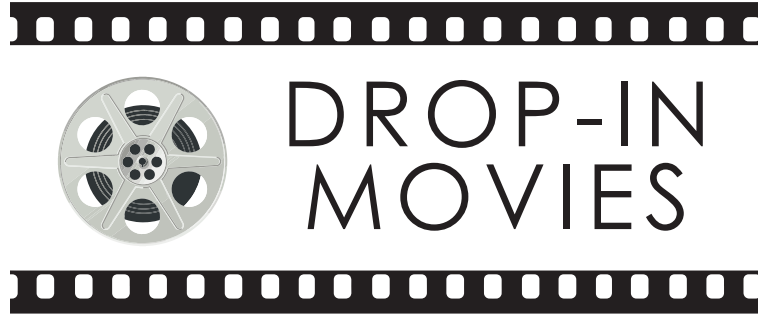
**Between Shades of Gray**  
by Ruta Sepetys

Monday, October 21 | 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.



**Miracle Country: A Memoir**  
by Kendra Atleework

Monday, November 18 | 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.



## DROP-IN MOVIES

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



**How to Steal a Million** *on the same PAGE*  
Wednesday, October 9  
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**Arthur the King**  
Wednesday, November 13 | 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.  
An adventure racer adopts a stray dog named Arthur to join him in an epic endurance race. *Rated PG-13*

### ONGOING ADULT PROGRAMS

#### Great Decisions

Wednesdays, October 16 & November 20 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

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

#### **Genealogy Club (Drop-In)**

Wednesdays, October 16 & November 20 | 6:30 – 8:45 p.m.

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

## bpl makerspace crafts

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

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

*Please sign up for one session only.*

#### Custom Mugs

Make a custom mug using infusible ink and our Cricut Maker and mug press. A great holiday gift!

*Registration opens October 21 at 9:00 a.m.*

Wednesday, November 6 | 2:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Monday, November 11 | 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Monday, December 2 | 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 17 | 2:30 – 4:30 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](mailto:bdref@mybpl.org). Virtual classes will be posted on our **YouTube channel**.

## GETTING STARTED series

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

### Social Media Safety

Thursday, October 24 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.  
Instructor: Christian

Explore privacy settings for popular social media sites like Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, and TikTok. Compare parental options across different platforms and discuss common social media scam tactics while learning how to avoid them.

## digital DESIGN

### VIRTUAL: Blender 3D Printing Toolbox

Thursday, October 10 | 7:00 p.m.  
Instructor: Charlie

Blender is a free, professional-level application for 3D modelling, animation, and more. In this video, we look at using the 3D Printing Toolbox add-on to fix and prepare our models for 3D printing.

### Digitize Everything

Thursday, October 17 | 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.

### Makerspace: Intro to Cricut Design Space

Monday, November 25 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.  
Instructor: Christian

Get started using Cricut Design Space, the free design software used with the Cricut Maker cutting machines in our Makerspace. Learn the basics of using the software to create and edit your own designs.



### Basic Computer Use

Tuesday, November 5 | 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.  
Instructor: Sean

Get an introduction to computer topics intended for absolute beginners.



## TECH support

### Using Smartphones

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

Become comfortable using your smartphone. Learn how to install and use apps, edit settings, and take advantage of the basic features of Apple or Android phones. Extensive time will be spent exploring the settings menus and learning to manage important features like notifications and connections. Students are encouraged to bring in their own phones and questions!

### Getting Familiar with Apple Watch

Thursday, November 14 | 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.

## code with PYTHON

### Python 1

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

Learn to code in this popular, easy-to-learn programming language! In this course, we learn to use variables and conditional statements to create a simple program.

### Python 2

Thursday, November 21 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.  
Instructor: Charlie

Continue building your Python skills! In this class, we focus on coding functions and loops to build more efficient and functional programs.

### Basic Internet

Tuesday, November 12 | 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.  
Instructor: Sean

Join us to discuss your most basic internet and email questions to more intermediate material such as search engines and downloading.



## master MICROSOFT

### Excel 1

Monday, October 14 | 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, October 28 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.  
Instructor: Sean

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

### Excel 3

Monday, November 4 | 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 concepts like logic functions.

### Access Basics

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

This class will provide a solid basis for understanding and using Microsoft Access. Students will learn data entry, editing, and basic design. Topics such as creating tables, queries, forms, and reports will be covered.



# Teen Programs

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

## Take & Make Crafts

### 📅 Mini Pumpkin Decorating

Kit Pickup begins Monday, October 7  
*registration begins Monday, September 16*  
*limit 15 teens*

Design a miniature pumpkin; choose one of three themes to bring your pumpkin creation to life.

### 📅 DIY Cocoa Cozy

Kit Pickup begins Monday, November 4  
*registration begins Monday, October 14*  
*limit 15 teens*

Make a fun and useful cozy to wrap around a warm (or cold) beverage this season!

## Teen Craft Night

### 📅 Poison Apples *(limit 12 teens)*

Wednesday, October 16 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.  
*registration begins Monday, September 16*

Get in the October spirit by creating a “spooky” poison apple. These creations can make for some thrilling photos as well as a tasty treat!

### 📅 Paint & Sip *(limit 10 teens)*

Wednesday, November 13 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.  
*registration begins Monday, October 14*

Join us for a relaxing night of miniature painting while enjoying a refreshing soda or juice. Mini canvas, paint supplies, and beverages will be provided.

## Teen Territory Fun!

Drop-in activity all month in the Teen Territory space. While supplies last.

### Create Cutout Poetry (October)

Use a magazine to cut out words and create Cutout Poetry. Bring it home or leave it for the Teen Librarian to put on display!

### Color by Numbers (November)

Help complete a large color by numbers sheet on the high table in the Teen Territory!

### Game Night (Drop-In)

Thursday, October 24 | 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, November 16 | 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 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. Visit [mybpl.org/teenbookishboxes](http://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, or audiobooks.

If you are interested, get started on the library website!

Check out the details at [mybpl.org/teenbookreviews](http://mybpl.org/teenbookreviews).

# Youth Programs



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

Registration for October programs begins Monday, September 23 at 9:00 a.m. Registration for November programs begins Monday, October 21. Register **online**, by phone at (630) 924-2740, or by email at [bdys@mybpl.org](mailto:bdys@mybpl.org). Please have your library card when you register.

## School Age Programs

### 📅 Model Makeover

Grades 4-8

Thursday, October 2 | 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Take ordinary statues and turn them into something completely different – serious or spooky – it's up to you!

### 📅 Bug Bottle Cap Magnets

Grades 2-6

Tuesday, October 8 | 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

Decorate magnets to bug out any metal surface.

### 📅 Makerspace Club: STEM Time

Grades 3-6

Thursdays, 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.  
October 10 & November 14

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

### 📅 BOO-ti-ful Stories and Crafts

Grades K-2

Monday, October 13 | 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Enjoy some slightly spooky stories and jokes while making Halloween-themed crafts.

### Middle Grade Makers (Drop-In)

Grades 4-8

Thursday, October 17 | 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Explore our 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!

### 📅 Pumpkin Art

Grades 3-6

Sunday, October 20 | 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Join us in making an artful pumpkin for fall.



### 📅 National Chocolate Day

Grades 3-6

Wednesday, October 23 | 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

Join us for Chocolate Day to taste a variety of chocolate and then make your own chocolate bar.

### 📅 Five Little Pumpkins

Grades K-2

Saturday, October 26 | 10:00 – 10:45 a.m.

Be inspired by the poem *Five Little Pumpkins* and design a gate that will hold five little pumpkins using a variety of materials.



### 📅 DIY Halloween Decor

Grades 3-6

Wednesday, October 30 | 5:00 – 5:45 p.m.

Create some Halloween crafts to decorate your space while hearing about some spooky books you may want to take home.

### 📅 DIY Popsicle Stick Pencil Holder

Grades 3-6

Monday, November 4 | 6:00 – 6:45 p.m.

Join us to create a decorative way to organize your writing utensils.

### 📅 Beginning Crochet

Grades 3-8

Mondays, 6:00 – 7:15 p.m.

November 11 & 18 |

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

### 📅 Balloon Twisting

Grades 3-6

Thursday, November 14 | 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Drop in to learn how to twist balloons into simple objects.

### VIRTUAL: Crochet Along with Miss Carol

Grades 3-8

Video Posted Sunday, November 15

Learn to crochet along with Miss Carol! Check the library's YouTube channel for video tutorials each quarter. A supply list and written instructions can be picked up at the library.

November skills:

Half Double Crochet and Double Crochet

### 📅 Prehistoric Escape Room

Grades 4-8

Sunday, November 17  
2:00 – 2:30 p.m. or 3:00 – 3:30 p.m.

What's the rumbling? It's a herd of dinosaurs, headed right for you and your friends! Can you solve the puzzles and escape in time?

### LEGO® Club (Drop-In)

Grades 1-6

Tuesday, November 19 | 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

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



### 📅 This Pretty Light of Mine

Grades 4-8

Wednesday, November 20 | 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Work quickly with colored waxes to create a one-of-a-kind candle to keep or gift.

### Fall For Lois Elhert (Drop-In)

Grades K-2

Thursday, November 21 | 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

Come enjoy stories by Lois Elhert along with some fun fall crafts and games.

### 📅 DIY Miniatures Workshop

Grades 3-6

Monday, November 25 | 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

This two hour program will present basic principles for creating miniatures for the love of all things tiny!



# Youth Programs

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

Registration for October programs begins Monday, September 23 at 9:00 a.m. Registration for November programs begins Monday, October 21. Register **online**, by phone at (630) 924-2740, or by email at [bdys@mybpl.org](mailto:bdys@mybpl.org). Please have your library card when you register.

## Preschool Programs

### **Come Together (Drop-In)**

0-24 months  
Every Wednesday | 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.  
**No session November 27**

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.

## happy books happy cooks

### **📅 Happy Books, Happy Cooks**

Ages 3-5  
Thursdays, 6:00 – 6:30 p.m.  
October 3 & November 7

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

### **Preschool Process Art (Drop-In)**

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

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

### **📅 Playing with STEM**

Ages 2-5  
Tuesdays, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.  
October 22 & November 12

Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) are important learning areas for kids of all ages. Start your child early with our fun play to learn program. In these programs, we will learn about weather, leaves, and dinosaurs.

### **📅 Room on the Broom**

Ages 3-5  
Tuesday, October 29 | 1:30 – 2:15 p.m.

Enjoy this classic Halloween story and related games and crafts.

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

0-24 months  
Wednesdays, 10:00 – 10:30 a.m.  
October 30, November 6, & November 13

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, November 1 | 10:30 – 11:15 a.m.

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

### **📅 Messy Fingers**

Ages 2-4  
Tuesday, November 5 | 1:30 – 2:15 p.m.

Your little ones will have the opportunity to develop their fine motor skills through this 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 and families  
Friday, November 15  
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.



### **📅 Dinosaurs Love Underpants**

Ages 3-5  
Tuesday, November 19 | 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Join us for some fun dinosaur stories and a dino-rific craft!

# It's Storytime!

**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.

### **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.  
*Will be offered simultaneously with Come Together.*



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.

**Fall Session: September 9 – October 18**

**Mini Winter Session: December 2 – 13**

### **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.



# Family Programs

## Homeschool Hangout Series

Families

Wednesdays, 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.  
October 9 & November 6

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

## Kevin Henkes Storytime (Drop-In)

Families

Friday, October 25 | 10:30 – 11:15 a.m.

Enjoy the beautiful picture books of Kevin Henkes in this storytime.

## Llama, Llama Storytime (Drop-In)

Families

Wednesday, November 6 | 6:00 – 6:45 p.m.

A special storytime to celebrate *Llama, Llama* followed by a craft.

## Dancing with the Dinosaurs (Drop-In)

Families

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

We will stomp, tap, and twist to the beat with books, music, and our dinosaur friends.



## Paper Bag Puppets (Drop-In)

Families

Tuesday, November 26 | 2:00 – 2:45 p.m.

Make your own paper buddy to keep!

## Craft Time (Drop-In)

Families

Friday, November 29 | 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Celebrate the season with a fun craft.  
While supplies last.



## Community Tree Ornament Making Party (Drop-In)

Families

Wednesday, November 13  
6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

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

You are invited to come create crafts that will be part of the library's tree.

Everyone is invited to decorate the tree outside the library at the allotted time, which will be announced at the program.

# the Donna Beth Froio Cultural Collection



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

Because of this fund, this year we were able to add 135 new items in many languages and cultures reflecting the Bloomingdale community, geopolitical events, and award winners/nominees. Come in to the library and enjoy these new additions to our collection!

### 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.

### Library Closings:

Early Closing at 5:00 p.m. on  
Wednesday, November 27

Closed Thursday, November 28

### 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**.

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# Fall Fest

**Friday, October 4 6-8PM**  
**Circle Park, 163 Fairfield Way**

**FREE**

Gather family and friends and enjoy an evening full of fun fall festivities. The first 200 children (ages 12 and younger) to pre-register receive a free gift the evening of the event. Weather permitting.

Sponsored By:



Pre-registration Code #104605-A1.



## Activities

- DJ**
- Entertainment**
- Hayrides around the park**
- Arts and Crafts**
- S'mores**
- Food Truck**
- Bouncehouse**
- Bingo**
- Games**
- Community Canvas Project**
- And Much More!**

# BPD Board Commissioner Sebastian “Buzz” Puccio Retires



The Bloomingdale Park District announces the retirement of Board Commissioner Buzz Puccio, a dedicated leader who has served our community for nearly 30 years. Buzz began his public service journey in 1977 at age 24 and has made significant contributions to both the Bloomingdale Park District and the Village of Bloomingdale.

Buzz's remarkable career includes nearly 30 years of service on the Bloomingdale Park District Board of Commissioners, where he has been a guiding force in advancing the Park District's mission and vision. Serving as the President of the Park District from 2009-2019, Buzz led with a vision for a vibrant, inclusive, and dynamic community. His leadership has been instrumental in securing grants for park development, overseeing major renovations, enhancing accessibility, and fostering partnerships with local organizations.

Buzz's leadership helped to secure grants, and he oversaw facility renovations, and additionally fostered a variety of community partnerships. In 2016, he helped secure the \$9.9 million referendum to fund park improvements. Buzz's service extends beyond the Park District, including his time on the Village Board and Planning Commission. He founded the Citizen Action Party and was on the Board of Directors of the Westlake Townhome.

Recognized as an Illinois Association of Park Districts "Living Legend," Buzz's leadership helped the Bloomingdale Park District win the National Gold Medal Award in 2006. In 2018, Buzz received the prestigious IAPD Commissioner of the Year award.

We thank Buzz for his outstanding service and wish him the best in retirement.



## New Director of Recreation Chris Tompkins

A new era at the BPD! Chris Tompkins is the new Director of Recreation, succeeding Sandy Vangundy, who is retiring after nearly 30 years of service. Chris is a familiar face in Bloomingdale, he has worked at the Park District for more than 12 years. Chris has a broad range of experience from his previous role as the Recreation & Facility Manager, where he oversaw daily operations at the Johnston Recreation Center, Westfield Gym, and Oasis Water Park.



He managed program scheduling, rentals, and facility maintenance while also collaborating with health officials and ensuring staff training compliance. Before joining the Bloomingdale Park District, Chris worked at the Buehler YMCA in Palatine, IL, and also served in various roles at the Indian Boundary YMCA, City of Evanston, and Northern Illinois University. Chris began his new role in September.

# Cooking Class Demo

Friday, October 4 6-8:30PM

Chef's Corner

Johnston Recreation Center

172 S. Circle Avenue

Instructor: Staff



As we celebrate 60 years of cherished memories and togetherness, join us for this one-of-a-kind cooking demo class. Our special anniversary cooking demo will focus on different snacks that promise to tantalize your taste buds and inspire your inner chef. This interactive session will showcase easy-to-make yet impressive snacks perfect for any celebration.



\$46R/\$52NR Ages: 21+

Registration Code: #104622-A1

# Thanksgiving Scavenger Hunt

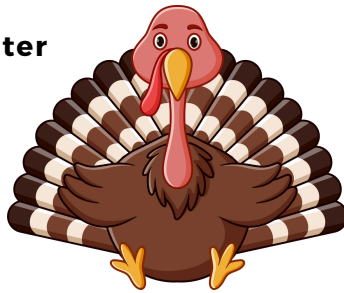
Friday, November 8 6-7:30PM

Oak Room - Lounge

Johnston Recreation Center

172 S. Circle Avenue

Instructor: Staff



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

\$3R/\$8NR Min/Max: 10/50

Ages: 1-99

Registration Code: #104522-A1

# Make A Difference Day

Saturday, October 12 9AM-12PM

Springfield Park - Meet at Shelter

269 Springfield Drive

Join us with our Adopt-A-Park sponsor Wolff Construction for our annual community volunteer day to collect trash throughout the park, seed collection from native plants and board walk repairs.



Please RSVP to [parks@bloomingdaleparks.org](mailto:parks@bloomingdaleparks.org) by Friday, Oct. 4 or for more information.



# Family Movie Night

Monday, November 4 6-8PM

Oak Room - Lounge

Johnston Recreation Center

172 S. Circle Avenue

Instructor: Staff

Enjoy a family friendly holiday movie at the Park District. The movie will start at approximately 6:15PM. This event is free, but registration is required. Feel free to bring your own snacks. Popcorn is provided. The feature presentation is The Grinch. Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.



This is a free special event, however please register in-advance.

Ages: All Min/Max: 10/50

Registration Code: #104627-A1





# FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

## 12TH YEAR! FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS OPENING DAY TREE & PARK LIGHTING CEREMONY

**Free Activities For Everyone To Enjoy!**

**Schedule For Saturday, November 30 | Old Town Park & Old Town Bloomingdale**

Beginning on Saturday, November 30 the Festival of Lights returns for the 12th straight year! New and exciting activities each year make this a popular holiday tradition. Pedestrians and motorists alike are treated to a sparkling display of holiday lights, entertainment, activities for all and visits with Santa Claus. The festivities continue with special holiday programs through Saturday, December 21 from the Bloomingdale Park District.

**2PM-7PM Opening Festivities and Kris Kringle Market Open**

**2PM-7PM Bloomingdale Park District Museum Exhibit Open**

Visit the museum for children's activities, viewing the exhibits and for a cup of hot chocolate!

**2PM-7PM Kris Kringle Market; Old Town Bloomingdale Area**

Browse and visit with specialty vendors to purchase your holiday gifts from a variety of items. Vendors selling food, crafts, gifts, pet items, holiday décor, wood crafts, accessories, and more!

**2PM-5PM Pan American Bank & Trust Open House, Visits With Santa & Giant Snow Globe**

Open house with Santa (2PM-5PM), and a giant snow globe for photo opportunities until 8:30PM.

**2PM-5PM Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce Open House**

Visit the Chamber offices to learn more about your local businesses!

**2PM-7PM Festive Train Rides; Old Town Park Pavilion**

**3:30PM-5:30PM Dicken's Carolers**

**6PM Tree and Park Lighting Ceremony in Old Town Park Pavilion**

Watch the lights sparkle as the tradition continues with the Bloomingdale Fire Department and Santa Claus!

## Holiday Show at the Museum

During December, the Bloomingdale Park District Museum will highlight the holiday season with a special exhibition.

Museum December Hours 6PM-8:30PM Thursdays | 6PM-8:30PM Fridays | 2PM-4:30PM Saturdays

### Sponsors:

