

# Village of Bloomingdale

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April 2025

Growth with Pride

## AARP Smart Driver Program Offered on June 26-27



The Bloomingdale Police Department, in partnership with AARP, offers the Smart Driver Program designed for drivers age 50+. The class will be held from 12:00 to 4:00 PM on June 26 and 27, 2025. Participants must attend both days.

The course fee is \$25 (or \$20 for AARP members), payable to AARP on the first day of class. Topics covered include the effects of aging on driving and how to compensate, safe driving strategies for mature drivers, common crash scenarios, updated vehicle technologies, and identifying traffic hazards.

To register, contact Sue at 630-671-5858. Space is limited.

## Welcome to the 2025 Golf Season at Bloomingdale Golf Club!

We're excited to kick off another fun-filled and successful golf season at Bloomingdale Golf Club! Whether you're a returning player or new to the course, we look forward to welcoming all golf enthusiasts back to enjoy the game we love.

As the season gets underway, here are a few important reminders and opportunities we'd like to share:

### Register for the 2025 Community Discount Program

Take advantage of reduced green fees by registering for our 2025 Community Discount Program. Registration is quick and

easy—no physical card required!

To sign up, simply stop by the Golf Shop with a current photo ID that shows your address as proof of residency. Pay the \$15 annual fee, and you'll be all set to start saving on your green fees.

Registration is ongoing. For more information, visit [www.bloomingdalegc.com](http://www.bloomingdalegc.com).

### "Swing into Spring" Opening Golf Event

Mark your calendars! Our annual Opening Day Event is scheduled for Sunday, April 13th with a 10:00 AM shotgun start.

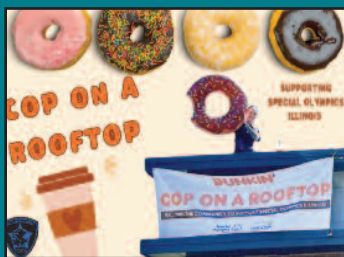
This 18-hole event is the perfect way to kick off your season with friends and family. Enjoy a fun-filled day of golf, food, laughter, and prizes. The entry fee is \$100 per player, and we ask that participants register as a foursome. Visit [www.bloomingdalegc.com](http://www.bloomingdalegc.com) for (continued on page 7)



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# Congratulations to Bloomingdale's Finest!

## VILLAGE BOARD, COMMISSION & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The public is encouraged to attend all Board and Commission meetings

## REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE VILLAGE BOARD

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

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

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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

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

## PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

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

## BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

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

## POLICE PENSION BOARD

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

## LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

2nd Wednesday of every month  
7:30 p.m. – Library

## SEPTEMBERFEST COMMISSION

2nd Thursday of the month  
February through November  
7:00 p.m. - Village Hall

## BLOOMINGDALE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

3rd Thursday of the month  
4:00 p.m. – Firehouse,  
179 S. Bloomingdale Road



At the Village Board Meeting held on March 10th, a swearing-in ceremony was held to welcome two new members of the Bloomingdale Police Department - Michael Stelter and Daniel Spevak, who are joining us as Probationary Police Officers.

We also celebrated the well-deserved promotions of Angelo Tenerelli and Jin Han, who were each officially sworn in as Sergeants.

Mayor Franco proudly swore in the officers during the ceremony, which was attended by family, friends, the Village Board, and fellow officers. Please join us in congratulating them as they take the next step in serving and protecting our community.

We thank them for their commitment and wish them continued success in their new roles!

## Looking for a Summer Job?

The Village of Bloomingdale is now accepting applications for seasonal only positions in the Public Works Maintenance and Utilities Divisions. These roles involve physical labor, and applicants must be at least 18 years old and possess a valid Illinois driver's license.

Applications are available online at [www.villageofbloomingdale.org](http://www.villageofbloomingdale.org) under Employment Opportunities.

The Village of Bloomingdale is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

## Village of Bloomingdale Elected Officials

**Franco A. Coladipietro**  
Village President

**William Belmonte**  
Traffic and Streets

**Patrick Shannon**  
Facilities, Infrastructure

**Pamela S. Hager**  
Village Clerk

**Dan Vitacco**  
Intergovernmental &  
Community Relations

**Frank Bucaro**  
Planning, Zoning  
& Environmental  
Concerns

**TRUSTEES**  
**Judi Von Huben**  
Public Safety

**Vince Ackerman**  
Finance and  
Administration

## A Message from Mayor Franco

As we enter this season when flowers and trees begin to bloom in anticipation of spring, it's also a meaningful time to reflect on the past year with pride and gratitude for all we've accomplished together. I'm pleased to share that the Village has remained steadfast in its commitment to fiscal responsibility, ending Fiscal Year 2024-25 with a positive year-end fund balance. This achievement reflects the dedication of our Village Board and staff to sound budgeting principles. Our strong financial foundation allows the Village Board the flexibility to pursue projects that will benefit our community for years to come.

From road maintenance and sidewalk accessibility to infrastructure improvements and snow removal, our ongoing efforts continue to enhance the quality of life in Bloomingdale. Our teams in Public Works, Utilities, Engineering, Building and Zoning, Forestry, Vehicle Maintenance, and Building and Grounds remain dedicated to providing the highest level of responsive and cost-effective services to residents.

The Bloomingdale Police Department remains one of the finest in the Chicagoland area, known for its commitment to public safety, integrity, and service. Through continued training and community engagement, our officers not only uphold the law but also build strong relationships with residents. Their approach fosters trust, enhances safety, and helps make Bloomingdale a place where people feel truly protected.

Our business community is also vital to the strength of our Village. Sales tax contributes approximately 33% of Bloomingdale's annual revenue, making it more important than ever to support local businesses. When you choose to "Buy in Bloomingdale," you help foster a thriving local economy.

The Village Board and staff remain focused on attracting new businesses while strengthening existing partnerships that help maintain a strong retail base. Over the past year, we've proudly welcomed several new additions, including Dolce V at 110 3rd Street, Macy's at 344 W. Army Trail, Shake Shack at Springfield and Army Trail, as well as Nothing Bundt Cakes, Enzo's, Boba House, Fry N' Wings, Empower, and BIBIBOP—all contributing to a more vibrant and diverse shopping and dining experience.

In October 2024, demolition began at the former Stratford Square Mall. Since presenting our redevelopment vision to the community in September, the Village Board and I have been actively refining the land use plan. We've taken resident feedback and retailer insights into account, and I'm confident that this transformative, mixed-use development—combining entertainment, retail, housing, and public open space—will become a cornerstone of Bloomingdale's future. To see the vision for the area, a video of the presentation is available on the Village website.

I look forward to sharing more about these exciting plans during my upcoming State of the Village presentation for the Chamber of Commerce. The date will be announced soon—stay tuned for details; to be held at the Bloomingdale Golf Club.

The Village Board and I are eager to continue our work in the community. As we move forward together, let's continue to embrace the spirit of our Village motto, Growth with Pride, in 2025.

Wishing everyone good health and happiness,

Mayor Franco



## Memorial Day Remembrance on May 26

The Bloomingdale Historical Society invites the community to attend the Memorial Day Remembrance on Monday, May 26 at 9:30 a.m. at St. Paul/Evergreen Cemetery, 219 Lake Street, just east of Circle Avenue. The 45-minute program honors those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country and will be followed by placing flowers on Veterans' gravesites.

Parking is available at Cornerstone Faith Church, with a shuttle service beginning at 8:45 a.m. and returning after the ceremony. Handicapped parking is available in the business lots just west of the cemetery. Chairs will be provided, and attendees are welcome to bring lawn chairs and umbrellas.

This year marks a special milestone: 25 years ago, longtime Bloomingdale resident and Historical Society member Georgene Geils helped launch the Memorial Day Remembrance in its current form. The event was inspired by the town's earlier traditions, including the 1951 Memorial Day parade, when Bloomingdale VFW members marched along Lake Street to the same cemetery where we gather today.

Following the cemetery ceremony, the community is invited to join Bloomingdale VFW Post 7539 at 11:00 a.m. for a brief wreath-laying and rifle salute at the gazebo at Bloomingdale Road and Fairfield Way, honoring all who served.

This annual gathering keeps both the memory of our veterans and Bloomingdale's cherished traditions alive.



# Village's Spring Branch Collection Begins on April 21

## 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's seasonal Branch Collection Program will begin on Monday, April 21. This complimentary curbside service is performed by the Village Forestry Division and is available **only to single-family detached residences**. Collection occurs three times annually:

- **Spring:** Week of April 21
- **Summer:** Week of July 21
- **Fall:** Week of October 20

This program is designed for routine property maintenance. It is not intended for full tree removals—limbs or trunks from whole trees must be disposed of privately.

### Collection Guidelines:

To ensure pick-up:

- Place branches at the curb by 7:00 AM on the Monday of collection week, but not earlier than one week prior to each scheduled collection date.
- Only woody branches ½ inch to 6 inches in diameter will be collected. (Note: all metal objects must be removed).
- Stack branches neatly at the curb, with the cut or larger end facing the street.
- Longer branches are preferred, provided they do not obstruct sidewalks or pedestrian access.
- Do not conceal thorny branches within piles—they require special handling and may cause injury to the workers if covered.

### Unacceptable Items:

The following will not be collected:

- Tangled branch piles
- Woody branches smaller than ½ inch in diameter
- Leaves, vines, small (under one half inch in diameter) flexible willow stems, herbaceous plants, or weeds
- Large stumps, roots, and root balls

These items are considered yard waste and may be disposed of via SBC Waste Solutions using yard waste bags or containers with tags. Call SBC at (312) 522-1115.

Large stumps, roots, and root balls (under 50 lbs.) are considered trash and do not require yard waste tags.

**Wood fencing and construction debris** also fall under trash and require special pickup—contact SBC for arrangements (312) 522-1115.

### Storm Cleanup

Following severe storms, the Village will provide storm damage collection of woody branches (½ inch to 6 inches in diameter).

Call the Forestry Division at (630) 671-5800 within 72 hours of the storm to request pickup. Large stumps, roots and root balls are considered trash and do not require a yard waste tag, provided each item is of manageable size and under 50 pounds. Wooden fencing and construction lumber are also considered trash but require a special pick-up. Contact SBC Waste Solutions at (312) 522-1115 for more information.



# 2025 Street Improvement Program

The Village of Bloomingdale's 2025 Street Improvement Program includes two types of roadway maintenance: pavement resurfacing and hybrid reconstruction.

Pavement resurfacing will include selective removal and replacement of defective curb and gutter, sidewalk, and storm sewer structures, followed by the installation of a new 2.75-inch asphalt surface. Streets scheduled for resurfacing include Country Club Drive from Schick Road to Royal Lane, Royal Lane from Bloomingdale Place to Royal Court, Castle Rock Lane from Royal Lane to Schick Road, Chelsea Street from Castle Rock Lane to Royal Lane, as well as the full lengths of Fessler Drive, Woodcrest Court, and the Fire Department Road from Bloomingdale Road to the parking lot.



Hybrid reconstruction involves the complete removal and replacement of all curb and gutter, driveway aprons, and defective sidewalk sections, along with necessary storm sewer repairs. This is followed by the resurfacing of 2.75 inches of new pavement. Streets slated for hybrid reconstruction include Cambridge Lane from Schick Road to Braintree Drive, Hingham Lane from Cambridge Lane to Fairfield Way, and the full length of Hingham Court.

Construction will follow a typical sequence: placement of construction signage, removal of deteriorated concrete, storm sewer repairs, new concrete placement, pavement milling, patching, paving, sod restoration, and striping. Please note that weather and construction-related delays may impact the exact timing of work on your street.

To stay informed throughout the project, residents are encouraged to visit the Current Project Status Map on the Village website at [www.villageofbloomingdale.org/910/2025-Street-Improvement-Project](http://www.villageofbloomingdale.org/910/2025-Street-Improvement-Project). For questions, please contact the Engineering Department at 630-671-5676.

## Fairfield Way Resurfacing Project

This project will take place along the entire length of Fairfield Way from Bloomingdale Road to Lake Street. Work includes curb and gutter replacement, driveway apron and sidewalk replacement, and full roadway resurfacing. Construction is anticipated to begin this spring or summer. Electronic message boards will be placed at each end of the project area to alert residents prior to the start of work. Updates will be available on the Village's project status map.

## North Suncrest Watermain and Street Improvement Project

This spring, a comprehensive infrastructure improvement project will begin in the North Suncrest area. The project includes the replacement of watermain, curb and gutter, driveway aprons, sidewalks, storm sewer, and asphalt pavement. Work will take place on Broker Road, Spring Valley Drive, Park Avenue, Prairie Avenue, and Pleasant Avenue. Residents will receive advance notification before construction begins. For ongoing updates, visit the project status map.

## Freeport Drive ADA Ramp to DuJardin Elementary School

To improve accessibility, the Village will replace the existing stairs leading to DuJardin Elementary School with a new ADA-compliant ramp. Work will be completed over the summer, after the school year ends, to minimize disruption for students. Updates will be posted on the Village's project status map.



# Village Street Sweeping Begins in April

The Village's Street Sweeping Program begins in April and runs through November. Streets will be swept once a month from April through September, and twice a month in October and November due to increased leaf fall.

Sweeping priority will start with main roads, including Bloomingdale Road, Schick Road, Springfield Drive, Glen Ellyn Road, Edgewater Drive, Army Trail Road, Lake Street, and Gary Avenue. Once main roads are complete, curbed residential streets will be swept. Streets without curbs will not be included in routine street sweeping operations.

Residents are responsible for keeping neighborhood streets free of excessive yard waste and other debris. The Village does not provide street sweeping of leaves that have been left in the gutters. Do not rake, blow, or sweep leaves into the roadway with the expectation they will be collected by the sweeper. Leaving yard waste and debris in the street can clog the storm water system during heavy rain, causing flooding and property damage.

The street sweeper operator will not pick up piles of leaves placed in the street. If this occurs, Public Works will leave a notice requesting removal. Leaves must be bagged and placed at the curb for pick-up by the refuse hauler.

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



# Yard & Organic Waste Collection In Bloomingdale

## 2025 Garage Sale Season Is Here!

Hosting a garage or yard sale in Bloomingdale is simple and free. While no permit is required, sellers are asked to inform the **Bloomingdale Police Department** before the sale begins.

Additionally, each household is limited to **three sales per calendar year**, each lasting no more than

**three consecutive days** and occurring between **9 AM and 6 PM**.

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

Visitors are encouraged to park legally and safely, taking care to avoid blocking driveways, fire hydrants, or other restricted areas. Participants should also be reminded to keep walkways clear to prevent tripping hazards and to ensure easy access for everyone.

## Upcoming Garage Sales

### Bloomfield Hills

North side of west Schick  
May 1, 2 & 3 | 9 AM - 4 PM

### Bloomfield Club

south of Schick Road and west of  
Bloomingdale Road  
May 16 & 17 | 9 AM - 4 PM  
September 19 & 20 | 9 AM - 4 PM

### Villa Veneto Townhomes

south of Lake Street and east of  
Gary Avenue  
May 16 & 17 | 9 AM - 4 PM.  
Rain Date: June 6 & 7

### Stratford Lakes Homeowners

(Gary Avenue & Schick Road)  
May 30 & 31 | 9 AM - 4 PM

### Chateau Lorraine

North of Schick and west of  
Bloomingdale Road  
June 13 & 14 | 9 AM - 5 PM



Yard and organic waste collection begins on your first scheduled collection day in April and continues through the last collection week in November.

Residents have two service options: **Yard & Organic Waste Cart Subscription** or the **Yard & Organic Waste Sticker Program (pay-per-bag)**. All materials must be placed at the curb before 6:00 a.m. on your collection day.

**Accepted materials** include grass clippings, leaves, small twigs, plant material, and certain food scraps\* (meats and other animal products are NOT accepted).

**Yard and organic waste can be collected in the following ways:**

**Cart Subscription** – Residents may subscribe with the contractor for weekly collection. Seasonal rates: • 35-Gallon Cart: \$199 • 65-Gallon Cart: \$279 • 95-Gallon Cart: \$299

**Sticker Program** – Stickers are \$3.00 each (effective 3/1/25). Attach one sticker to each of the following:

- Biodegradable Kraft paper bags (max 50 lbs)
- Brush bundles (max 4 ft long, 50 lbs, 4 in. diameter branches)
- Clearly marked reusable containers (max 50 lbs)

\*Acceptable food scraps include: • Fruits and vegetables • Rice, beans, pasta, bread, baked goods, and grains • Eggshells • Coffee grounds and tea leaves

**Stickers available at:**

- Caputo's Fresh Market – 166 E. Lake Street
- Jewel Food Store – 2164 S. Bloomingdale Road, Glendale Heights
- Len's Ace Hardware – 272 W. Lake Street
- Meijer Supermarket – 130 S. Gary Avenue
- Village of Bloomingdale – 201 S. Bloomingdale Road



## Arbor Day Tree Planting on April 25 at Circle Park

Join the Village of Bloomingdale's Forestry Division as we celebrate Arbor Day with a tree planting ceremony at 1:30 PM on Friday, April 25, at Circle Park.

All are welcome to attend this annual tradition that highlights our community's commitment to protecting and enhancing our local environment.

Bloomingdale was recently honored as a Tree City in recognition of the Village's commitment to tree care and maintaining a sustainable urban forest.



## Marie E. Tayfel Leaves Legacy of Service, Leadership and Dedication to Bloomingdale

Marie E. Tayfel was a dedicated public servant and community leader in Bloomingdale, serving as Village Clerk from 1980 to 1992 alongside Mayor Sam Tenuto. Her impact extended beyond Village Hall, as she was deeply involved in shaping Bloomingdale's growth and preservation.

Marie was a former President of the Bloomingdale Women's Club, a key contributor to the Board overseeing the approval and construction of Stratford Square Mall, and a member of the original Old Town Board, helping to preserve and develop Bloomingdale's historic district. Known for her warmth and generosity, she was always ready to assist those who visited Village Hall and remained committed to various charitable organizations.

Marie passed away on January 19, 2025. Visitation services were held on January 31 at Kosary Funeral Home, followed by a Mass at St. Christina Church in Chicago. Interment at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery will take place at a later date.

Her legacy of service, leadership, and dedication to the Bloomingdale community will be fondly remembered.



Marie Tayfel is sworn in as the Village Clerk in 1980.

### Welcome to 2025 Golf Season *(continued from page 1)*

event details and registration information.

#### Kids Play on the Short Course

We're once again offering a junior-friendly short course layout, perfect for young golfers or first-timers. The course will play at 2,350 yards with a par of 68, using forward tees. Bring Mom, Dad and the whole family for a relaxed round! Scorecards for the short-course layout will be available. We ask that short-course play be scheduled later in the afternoon or evening.

#### Youth on Course Program

We're proud to participate in the Youth on Course program, which allows juniors ages 7-17 to play 9 or 18 holes for just \$5.

To get started, juniors should visit [www.cdga.org](http://www.cdga.org) and register under the Youth Membership. There is a \$30 annual membership fee. Once registered, participants will receive a Youth on Course ID number.

When checking in at the Golf Shop, juniors must present their Youth on Course ID along with a photo ID. Please note that junior golfers must be present at check-in, even if an adult is paying.

Youth on Course Play Times at Bloomingdale GC:

- Monday–Wednesday after 1:00 PM
- Saturday–Sunday after 4:00 PM
- Not available on Thursdays, Fridays, or holidays
- Play includes up to 18 holes, walking only

Youth on Course members can also play at any participating course nationwide!

For tee times, rates, and more seasonal updates, visit us online at [www.bloomingdalegc.com](http://www.bloomingdalegc.com).



## Adopt a Storm Inlet To Prevent Flooding



### Help Prevent Localized Flooding

Localized flooding can occur when heavy rainfall overwhelms the storm drainage system or when storm inlets, culverts, or sewers are blocked by debris. While we can't control the weather, we can work together to reduce flooding caused by clogged inlet grates, driveway culverts, and storm sewers.

### Keep Inlets and Ditches Clear

The Village encourages residents to "Adopt an Inlet" by helping to keep storm grates clear of leaves, branches, trash (such as plastic bags, newspapers, and bottles), and snow or ice during winter.

If you live in an area with roadside ditches (such as the Indian Lakes Subdivision), please also keep ditches free of lawn clippings, leaves, and other debris that may block inlet grates or culverts.

### Stay Safe

Always use caution when clearing storm inlets or culverts.

Do not attempt to clear any structures underwater. Instead, contact Public Works at 630-671-5800. For after-hours or weekend assistance, call non-emergency dispatch at 630-458-4055.

### Village Hall Closed May 26

Village Hall will be closed on Monday, May 26 in observance of Memorial Day. Residential curbside refuse, yard waste, and recyclables collection by SBC Waste Solutions will be delayed by one day.

# Cross Connection Control Program Protects Village's Water Supply

## Rob Blum Retires Following 41 Years of Service

Congratulations to **Rob Blum** on his retirement from the Public Works Department on March 10th after more than 41 years of service! As a Crew Leader in the Utilities Division, Rob played a key role in maintaining the Village's sanitary and stormwater sewer systems, overseeing projects, and managing lift stations. Known for his expertise and compassion, he was the go-to for helping residents with private sewer concerns. In retirement, Rob plans to travel and continue volunteering with the Northern Illinois Food Bank and DuPage PADS. His knowledge and experience will be greatly missed—we wish him all the best in retirement!



## Jim Monkemeyer Retires After 33 Years of Service

It is with mixed emotions that we announce the retirement of **Jim Monkemeyer**, following 33 years of service to the Village of Bloomingdale. Jim's leadership and dedication to the community will be missed. During his tenure, he held multiple roles, most recently as Director of Public Works, where he led the department in delivering excellent service while remaining mindful of taxpayer impact. He valued the **Character Counts pillars—Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, and Citizenship**—and applied them to every decision. The Village and the Public Works Department extend their gratitude to Jim for his many years of service and wish him the best in retirement.



To help protect the public water supply and prevent contaminated water from entering the water supply, the Village of Bloomingdale conducts a **Cross Connection Control Program**—a requirement for all Community Water Supplies under state regulations.

A **cross connection** occurs when safe, drinkable water is connected to a potential source of contamination, such as irrigation systems, Prevents fire sprinklers, boilers, or chemical feed systems.



### Residential Cross-Connection Control Devices

If your home has a **cross-connection control device** (typically a backflow preventer on an irrigation system), you are required to submit **certified test results** to the Village each year **during the month of May**.

Testing must be completed by a **licensed plumber** who is also certified as a **Cross-Connection Control Device Inspector**. Failure to comply leaves the Village's water supply at risk may and result in **water service disconnection**, with restoration contingent upon compliance and payment of a **\$250 reconnection fee**.

For more information, please contact the **Public Works – Water Production Division** at **630-671-5800** or email [waterproduction@vil.bloomingtondale.il.us](mailto:waterproduction@vil.bloomingtondale.il.us).

## Intergovernmental Group Promotes Partnerships To Benefit Bloomingdale and Its Residents

The Bloomingdale Intergovernmental Group (BIG) is a collaborative group that includes representatives from the Village of Bloomingdale, Bloomingdale Township, Bloomingdale Park District, Bloomingdale Public Library, School Districts 108, 13, 15, and 87, Bloomingdale Fire Protection District #1, the College of DuPage, and DuPage County. Together, these public servants are dedicated to making Bloomingdale a community to be proud of.

The group meets quarterly to provide updates from each organization, fostering collaboration and identifying shared opportunities to enhance the community. These meetings promote awareness of ongoing projects and programs, paving the way for partnerships that benefit Bloomingdale and its residents.



*Members of the Bloomingdale Intergovernmental Group gathered in the Council Room at Village Hall for the quarterly BIG meeting.*

# Hydrant Flushing June 9-June 24

The Public Works Department will conduct the annual Hydrant Flushing Program from June 9 through June 24, 2025, during the daytime hours of 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Please **DO NOT WASH LAUNDRY** during flushing hours, as discolored water can result in rust stains on clothing. Those with water softeners are encouraged to check their system's cycle time to ensure it does not regenerate during flushing periods.

Hydrant flushing is a routine maintenance activity that helps improve water quality and flow, clears mineral buildup, and ensures hydrants are working properly and ready for emergencies.

Byron Area, Westwind, Deer Glen, Medinah Lakes, Medinah Rd. Area (Eastgate, Medinah Grove, Medinah Meadows, Chateau of Medinah, Vittoria Brooke Estates, Casa Bella), Hamilton Woods **Monday, June 9**

Westlake Townhomes, College Quad Fours, Harvard Area, Brookdale Estates, Wilshire Towers, Greenway Area, Glen Ellyn Rd. - Deer Glen to Army Trail, Glen Ellyn Rd. - South of Army Trail **Tuesday, June 10**

North & South Suncrest, Medinah Area (Broker, St. Francis, Lori, Hillcrest, Sunset, Dinah, Sodaro), Westlake Highlands (Circle, Euclid, Kingston, Freeport, Ironwood), Medinah on the Lakes, Glen Ellyn Rd. **Wednesday, June 11**

Edgewater Area, Fairfield Area, Fairfield Quads, Canterbury, Springbrook Villas, Springbrook Center, Ridge, Old Town Area - East of Bloomingdale Rd., Bloomingdale Rd. - Greenway to Lake St. **Thursday, June 12**

North & South Lakewoods (Maple, Oak, Franklin), N. Rosedale Area (Carmela, Rose), Founders Pointe, Fesslers Grove, Old Town Square, Bell Towers, Old Town Area - West of Bloomingdale Rd., Royal Ct Villas, On-the-Park, Villas of Thornfield, Bloomingdale Rd. - North of Lake St., Bloomingdale Town Center **Friday, June 13**

Indian Lakes East (Cardinal / Raven Area), Cavalry Dr., Old Town Estates (Jefferson, Jackson), Longridge Area, West Pointe Estates (Hillandale, Rosedale), Indian Lakes Resort, Los Lagos, Aprina Ct. **Monday, June 16**

Springfield Dr. - Schick Rd. to Lake St., Heritage at Stratford, Bloomfield Hills, Chateau Lorraine, Country Club Estates, Villa Way, One Bloomingdale Place, Villa Veneto, Springfield Place **Tuesday, June 17**

Springfield Dr. - Army Trail Rd. to Schick Rd., Indian Lakes West (Meadowlark / Pheasant / Skylark Area), Bloomfield Club, Butterfield Rd., Stratford Estates (White Hall, Old Mill), Park Bloomingdale Condominiums (Glengarry), Stratford Place Apartments, Stratford Green Apartment Homes (Vinings)) **Wednesday, June 18**

Schmale Rd., Monroe Dr., Longview Dr., Army Trail Commercial Areas (Gary Ave. to Schmale Rd.), Bloomingdale Court, Knollwood Dr., Scott Dr., Springfield Pointe (Donald Dr.) **Thursday, June 19**

Bayview Crossings, Gary Ave. - North of Schick Rd., Thorn Rd., Stratford Lakes, Camden Apartments, Stratford Square Mall, Merchant's Park, Bloomingdale Walk Townhomes **Friday, June 20**

Gary Ave. - Schick Rd. to Army Trail Rd., Stratford Plaza, Covington/Brighton Area, Madsen Dr. Area, Gateway Plaza, Old Gary Ave. **Monday, June 23**

Hydrants along Lake St., Schick Rd. (West of Bloomingdale Rd.), Army Trail Rd. **Tuesday, June 24**

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



## Cop on a Dunkin' Rooftop May 16 to Support Special Olympics



Bloomingdale Police Officers are teaming up with Dunkin' staff at the Lake Street and Gary Avenue locations to show their support for Special Olympics Illinois and its athletes. On Friday, May 16, from 5:00 a.m. to Noon, officers will take to the rooftops of 142 S. Gary Ave and 200 E. Lake Street, greeting customers and encouraging donations for this inspiring cause.

2025 marks the 22nd anniversary of the partnership between Dunkin' and the Illinois Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics. Over the years, this statewide campaign has raised millions of dollars in support of Special Olympics athletes.

The Bloomingdale Police Department will also have previous Torch Run merchandise available for purchase at discounted prices during the event. For more information or to donate, please contact Officer Phillip Jaffe at 630-529-9868.

So when you swing by Dunkin' on May 16, don't forget to look up, say hello, and show your support for this great cause!

### Curbside Paint Pickup

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

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

## Anyway's Pub Celebrates 15 Years in Bloomingdale

This April, Anyway's Pub is celebrating two exciting milestones—15 years in Bloomingdale and 30 years at its original Oakbrook Terrace location! Founded by George Lamberis, Anyway's was inspired by the charm of neighborhood pubs of Chicago's North Side and a small bar in northern Greece near George's family home called "ANY WAY." His hope was to create a welcoming spot that left a lasting impression, just like the ones he remembered so fondly.



In Bloomingdale, located at 304 W. Army Trail Road, longtime General Manager Chris Karountzos and Chef Isidro Mendez lead the team. Chris, who also chairs the Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce, is an active community supporter, while Chef Isidro has been creating signature dishes for over 23 years. Together, they've helped make Anyway's a favorite local gathering place.

To mark these milestone anniversaries, both locations are offering specially priced three-course meals throughout April. Guests can also take part in the \$75,000 Red Envelope Giveaway—every table in April will receive an envelope (while supplies last) to bring back in May, and every envelope is a winner! Prizes include a \$500 gift card, free burgers or chicken sandwiches for a year, discounts, and more.

Congratulations to Anyway's Pub on 30 years of success, 15 years in Bloomingdale, and great memories made along the way!

## Mahan Family Wines Competes in 1976Redo Competition

The Village of Bloomingdale applauds Mahan Family Wines as they prepare to compete later this year in the exclusive 1976Redo, a national event honoring the legendary 1976 Judgment of Paris, the historic wine competition that reshaped the global wine industry.

Known for their high-quality, handcrafted wines, Mahan Family Wines' inclusion is a testament to their dedication to excellence and innovation. "It's a chance to showcase our passion on a national stage, and we're proud to represent Bloomingdale," said founder Ann Mahan. Follow their journey and raise a glass to our hometown winemakers!

To learn more or reserve a spot at their local Speakeasy, visit [MahanFamilyWines.com](http://MahanFamilyWines.com).

## Save Local with Coupon Corner

Looking to save money while supporting local businesses? Check out the Coupon Corner from the Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce! This great community resource features monthly deals and discounts from participating Bloomingdale businesses, making it easy to shop local and save. You can access Coupon Corner any time by visiting [BloomingdaleChamber.com](http://BloomingdaleChamber.com), or sign up to receive it directly in an email on the last Friday of each month. It's a simple way to discover new businesses, enjoy exclusive offers, and keep your dollars in Bloomingdale.



## Annual Senior Fair Returns on April 11

The Annual Senior Fair returns Friday, April 11, 2025, from 9 AM to Noon at Medinah Shriners Facility, 550 N. Shriners Drive, Addison (just north of Army Trail on Swift Rd). Free to attend, the event features vendors, free eye and hearing checks by the Lions Club, and a collection for used eyeglasses.

Hosted by the Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce, sponsored by Embolden Wealth Management, Oasis Senior Advisors, and NOW Foods.

For more information, contact the Chamber at 630-980-9082.

## Help Preserve Bloomingdale's Story – Join the Historical Society

The Bloomingdale Historical Society has been preserving and celebrating the community's heritage since forming in the early 1970s. With a passion for honoring the past and connecting it to the present, the Society invites residents to be part of its mission to collect, preserve, and share Bloomingdale's rich history.

The group is made up of dedicated members, many lifelong residents or those with deep family roots in Bloomingdale. Their shared knowledge and memories are the heart of the Society's work, bringing a personal and meaningful perspective.

The Historical Society is looking to grow and welcomes anyone with an interest in local history. Meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. at the Bloomingdale Public Library on the following dates:

- February 4 • April 8 • June 3 • August 5 • October 7.

The group is led by Bonnie Homola, who brings a deep love for the town and commitment to its historical legacy. To get involved, contact Bonnie at 630-582-8101 or [hellobonnie@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hellobonnie@sbcglobal.net). Help keep Bloomingdale's story alive for generations to come.

# Bloomingtondale Fire Protection District #1



## Open Burning & Recreational Fire Regulations

To help protect public safety and air quality, the Bloomingtondale Fire Protection District reminds residents of the following local and state regulations regarding open burning:

### Bloomingtondale Fire Code Regulations

#### Subsection 307.1.1 – Prohibited Open Burning

Open burning is not permitted for the disposal of:

- Building materials
- Refuse, garbage, or trash
- Landscape waste such as leaves, grass, branches, or shrubbery

#### Subsection 307.4.2 – Recreational Fires

- Recreational fires may not be used to dispose of refuse, garbage, building materials, or yard waste
- Outdoor fireplaces must be placed on a noncombustible surface or in an area cleared of vegetation to prevent fire spread
- Fire pits must not exceed 4 feet in diameter or 16 square feet in area



### Illinois Open Burning Laws

Open burning is generally prohibited in Illinois unless specifically exempted under the Environmental Protection Act or Illinois Pollution Control Board regulations.

- Landscape waste may only be burned on the property where it was generated, except in counties with populations over 400,000
- Household waste (excluding garbage) may only be burned on the property where it was generated and outside of restricted areas
- Garbage burning is strictly prohibited statewide

### DuPage County Open Burning Regulations

- Burning of landscape waste is prohibited under county ordinance
- Violations can result in fines ranging from \$500 to \$1,000
- Recreational fires such as barbecues and campfires are allowed, but must use only clean, dry firewood

For more information, contact the Bloomingtondale Fire Protection District at (630) 894-9080 or visit [www.bloomingtondalefire.com](http://www.bloomingtondalefire.com)



### Battalion Chief Chris Wilson Retires from Fire Protection District

The Bloomingtondale Fire Protection District extends its heartfelt congratulations to Battalion Chief Chris Wilson on his retirement after more than 27 years of dedicated service to the Fire Protection District. He served as Vice President of Bloomingtondale Local 3272 and played a key role in the acquisition of many of the District's fire suppression vehicles.



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### Dennis Kuntzman Retires from Fire Protection District



Battalion Chief Dennis Kuntzman Jr. retired after over 20 years with the District. He also served as Vice President of Bloomingtondale Local 3272 and led the vehicle maintenance program, ensuring operational readiness across the fleet.

### Tornado Season Safety Reminder

Spring in Illinois marks the start of tornado season. Be prepared by reviewing your emergency plan, knowing your shelter location, and signing up for weather alerts at [www.Smart911.com](http://www.Smart911.com).

For tips on building an emergency kit and staying safe during severe weather, visit [Ready.gov/tornadoes](http://Ready.gov/tornadoes).



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## Bloomingdale Garden Club Upcoming Events

**April 15, 2025 – Flower & Plant Sale Prep Meeting:** Join us at 6:15 PM for refreshments, followed by announcements at 6:45 PM and planning for the 2025 Flower & Plant Sale—our main fundraiser supporting club programs and charities.

**May 9–10, 2025 – Annual Flower & Plant Sale:** Held at the Bloomingdale Park District Maintenance Building, 259 Springfield Drive. Sale hours: Friday, May 9 from Noon to 6 PM and Saturday, May 10 from 9 AM to 3 PM (or until sold out). Offerings include professionally grown annuals, perennials, hanging baskets, vegetables, herbs, and more—plus raffles, gently used garden items for sale, and a Master Gardener Help Desk. Pre-sale order pickup is Friday, May 9 from 8 to 11 AM. Cash, checks, and credit cards are accepted.

**May 20, 2025 – The Best of Garden Club:** An entertaining evening highlighting the creativity of our members with presentations on gardening, crafts, food, fun, and more.

Meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month, 6:15–8:00 PM, at Cornerstone Church, 118 First St, Bloomingdale. Programs begin at 7 PM. Visitors welcome!

Details: [www.bloomingdale-gardenclub.org](http://www.bloomingdale-gardenclub.org) or [bloomingdalegardenclub@gmail.com](mailto:bloomingdalegardenclub@gmail.com)

## Mayor Franco is 'Mystery Reader' at Winnebago School

On February 5th, Mayor Franco visited Dr. Gerwin's and Mrs. Golz's classes at Winnebago Elementary as the Mystery Reader. He shared *Come With Me* by Holly M. McGhee—a timely story about a young girl seeking ways to make the world a better place.

After the reading, students asked thoughtful questions about local government during a lively civics discussion. The visit wrapped up with plenty of smiles, chats, and even autograph requests! Mayor Franco was happy to connect with each student during his visit.



## St. Walter 2nd Graders Visit Village Hall



On March 3rd, Bloomingdale Village Hall and the Police Department welcomed an enthusiastic group of 2nd-grade students from St. Walter School in Roselle. The students toured Village Hall with Village Administrator Peter Scalera, explored the Council Chambers, and even visited the Mayor's office. A mock Village Board Meeting gave them hands-on experience in local government, made even more memorable with a surprise visit from Mayor Franco!

At the Police Department, Officers Jaffe and McGuire led an interactive tour, complete with a squad car demo and a lesson on safety and community policing. Students also received activity sheets to continue their learning back in the classroom. It was a fun and educational day for all.

## Artists Association Upcoming Meetings

**2025 Members Spring Show: May 3–31**

**Reception & Scholarship Presentation: May 18, 2–4 PM**

Location: Bloomingdale Park District Museum, 108 S. Bloomingdale Rd

Hours: Wed 5–8 PM, Thurs & Sat 12–4 PM

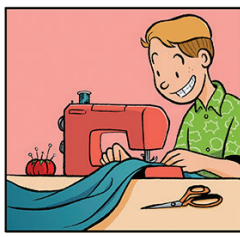
The show features original artwork by BAA members in various styles and media. Select pieces will be for sale, handled directly by the artists. A scholarship will be awarded during the May 18 reception, with the recipient's work on display.

**May 14 Meeting – Colored Pencil Workshop with Phil Schorn**

Includes a hands-on session. Some supplies provided; participants should bring their own colored pencils. Visitors welcome.

More info: Bev Petrosius at (630) 624-9545.





BLOOMINGDALE  
PUBLIC LIBRARY

April & May 2025

# Drawn to the Library

## National Library Week @ BPL!

April 6-12, 2025

National Library Week is a time to celebrate the many ways libraries bring people together, spark imagination, and support lifelong learning.

At BPL, we invite the community to join the celebration! Whether you're a longtime patron or haven't visited in a while, now is the perfect time to explore all the library has to offer. Whatever draws you in, the library has something for everyone. Whether you're preparing for a career change, launching a business, raising a family, or embracing retirement, BPL is here to support your journey. Libraries serve as hubs for learning, creativity, and connection, helping people of all ages explore new ideas and opportunities.

Discover all we have to offer:

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

This National Library Week, take time to rediscover the library and see how it draws us together as a community. Whether you're visiting for books, resources, or a place to connect, Bloomingdale Public Library is here for you!

# Friends of the Bloomingdale Public Library

## spring book sale

SATURDAY, APRIL 26

9:30 AM – 4:00 PM

visit [mybpl.org/friends](http://mybpl.org/friends)  
for details

## FREE COMIC BOOK DAY!

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

Thanks to Keith's Komix  
(528 S. Roselle Rd, Schaumburg, IL 60193)  
for their support!

Drop-In for All Ages  
Saturday, May 3  
11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

# exam cram

## Exam Cram (Drop-In)

Tuesday, May 27 &  
Wednesday, May 28  
4:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Get ready for finals at the Exam Cram! We have group and quiet study areas, Wi-Fi, de-stressing activities, and computers.

The Teen Librarian will also be available for any reference help. FREE snacks and drinks provided, with pizza served at 7:00 p.m.



## **Henry Knox's Noble Train: How a Bookseller Saved the Revolution**

Monday, April 7 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Local bestselling author William Hazelgrove is here to commemorate the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the start of the Revolutionary War with a thrilling tale about Henry Knox, a Boston bookseller who saved the Revolution. Hazelgrove will have books to sell and sign for the audience.



## **VIRTUAL: The Best Bicycle Trails in Illinois**

Tuesday, April 22 | 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

John Lynn has hiked, biked, and paddled more than 30,000 expedition miles of trails, roads, and rivers in North America and Britain. In this slide presentation, he highlights his favorite bicycle trails in and around his home state of Illinois, including the best of bike trails in neighboring Wisconsin, Iowa, Missouri, Kentucky, and Indiana.



## **VIRTUAL: Exploring Greece**

Monday, April 28 | 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Most Americans know more about ancient Greece than modern Greece. This presentation will look at Athens, the Greek islands, and the rural Peloponnese area. Greece offers a warm southern welcome, many activities, and modest crowds for much of the year. Hosted by community college instructor and world traveler Gene Flynn.

## **Chef Maddox Presents: Cinco de Mayo**

Monday, May 5 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Join us on Cinco de Mayo to experience Mexican cuisine with Chef Maddox. This cooking demonstration is limited to 50 people. Registration begins on April 1st.




## **Paul McCartney: The Solo Years (1970-1980)**

Tuesday, May 13 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Using interview and performance video clips, we'll trace the arc of Paul McCartney's first post-Beatles decade from "Maybe I'm Amazed" and "Live and Let Die" to "Band on the Run" and "Listen To What The Man Says." "Silly Love Songs" to some, but pop/rock masterpieces to most. Hosted by College of DuPage professor Gary Wenstrup.

# Adult

Registration required for some adult 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.



## **Medicare 101**

Tuesday, May 20 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Is your 65<sup>th</sup> birthday approaching? Medicare Solutions Network will be presenting a free educational seminar to get you up to speed on what Medicare covers, what it doesn't, and potential out of pocket exposure. Presented by Dave Wyly and Robin Dawson of Medicare Solutions Network.

## ONGOING ADULT PROGRAMS

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

Wednesdays, April 16 & May 21  
6:30 – 8:45 p.m.

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

### **Great Decisions**

Wednesdays, April 16 & May 21  
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.

# Programs



# bpl makerspace crafts

Learn how to use BPL Makerspace equipment to make creative crafts.

Registration Information:  
4 per session, ages 12 to adult, BPL card and computer experience required. *Please sign up for one session only.*

## **Beginner Machine Embroidery**

Learn the basics of machine embroidery and create a small embroidered project.

*Registration opens Monday, April 28 at 9:00 a.m. (limit 4 per session)*

Monday, May 12 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 22 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.



## **Conclave (PG)**

Wednesday, April 16 | 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

When Cardinal Lawrence is tasked with leading one of the world's most secretive and ancient events, selecting a new Pope, he finds himself at the center of a conspiracy that could shake the very foundation of the Catholic Church.

# DROP-IN MOVIES

Enjoy our Drop-In Movie and enter for a chance to win a copy of that day's movie on DVD. Movie giveaway will be held following the conclusion of the movie and you must be present to win.



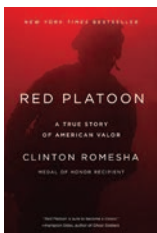
## **Wicked (PG)**

Wednesday, May 14 | 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

The untold story of the witches of Oz, stars Elphaba, a young woman misunderstood because of her green skin who has yet to discover her true power, and Glinda, a popular young woman gilded by privilege who has yet to discover her true heart.

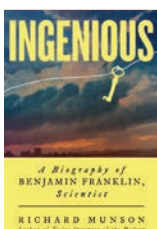
## HISTORICAL BOOK DISCUSSION

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



### **Red Platoon: A True Story of American Valor** by Clinton Romesha

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



### **Ingenious: A Biography of Benjamin Franklin** by Richard Munson

Tuesday, May 13  
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.



# book discussion groups

Selections are available at the Circulation Desk one month in advance of the discussion.

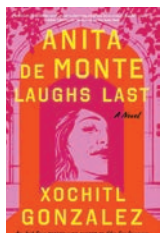
If you have any questions, please call the Reference Desk at (630) 924-2730.

## MONDAY NIGHT PAGE TURNERS

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

### **Anita de Monte Laughs Last** by Xochitl Gonzalez

Monday, April 21  
7:30 – 8:30 p.m.



### **Crow Mary** by Kathleen Grissom


Monday, May 19  
7:30 – 8:30 p.m.



# Computer Programs

Registration is encouraged for in-person computer classes to receive program updates.

Register **online**, by phone at (630) 924-2730, or by email at [bdref@mybpl.org](mailto:bdref@mybpl.org).

Virtual classes are noted with  and will be posted on our YouTube channel.



## master MICROSOFT OFFICE

### Excel Formulas

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

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

### Excel Lookup

Monday, April 21 | 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.



### Office 365

Monday, May 19 | 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!

### Digitize Everything

Thursday, April 17 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.  
Instructor: Salvador

Do you have printed or 35mm photographs; movies on VHS, DVD, or other formats; or music on cassettes? Learn how to convert them all to digital files for free at the library! Demos and time for questions will be included.

### Beginner's Internet Guide

Tuesday, April 29 | 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.  
Instructor: Sean

Join us to discuss the basics of using the Internet: learn how to browse, use search tools, and manage email and other accounts, while always focusing on security and minimizing risks.

### Free Audiobooks, eBooks, & More

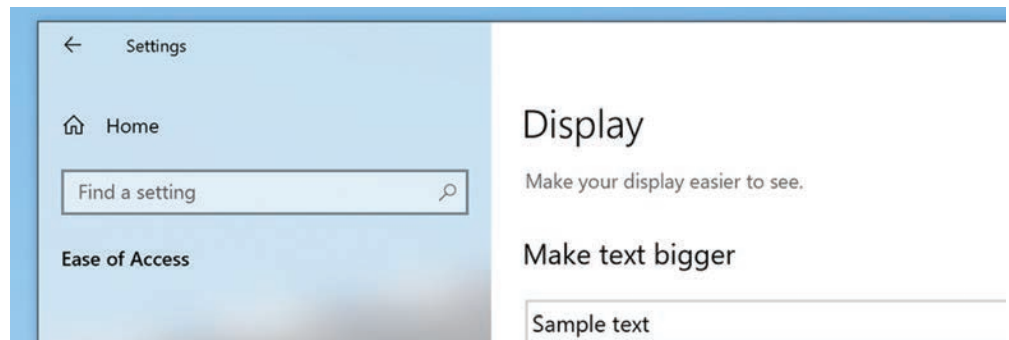
Tuesday, May 6 | 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.  
Instructor: Salvador

Looking for entertainment while driving, walking outside, or working around the house? Consider some of the free digital resources provided by the library. Learn how to download audiobooks, eBooks, and stream content on your phone, tablet, computer, or smart TV.

### VIRTUAL: Windows Accessibility Features

Thursday, May 8 | 7:00 p.m. on YouTube  
Instructor: Charlie

Windows has many built-in options for those with disabilities, such as low vision or limited mobility. Join us on YouTube to explore some of these features.



### AI Tools 101

Thursday, May 15 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.  
Instructor: Salvador

Learn the basics of working with free generative AI tools. Utilize AI tools to rephrase a paragraph, transform written content into realistic speech, design simple infographics, or convert audio recordings into text.

### Python Programming 1

Thursday, May 29 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.  
Instructor: Charlie

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

## cricut® design space

### Intro to Cricut Design Space

Monday, April 14 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.  
Instructor: Christian

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

### Cricut Shirt Design

Monday, April 28 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.  
Instructor: Christian

Explore the Cricut Design Space process for heat transfer vinyl application.

We will cover software setup, material options, and heat press usage.

*Note: Demo only, no in-class project.*

## Books & Boba (Drop-In)

Monday, April 21 | 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Bring a book to chat about (one you're reading or one from your TBR list) while you drink some homemade boba tea!

# exam cram

## Exam Cram (Drop-In)

Tuesday, May 27 & Wednesday, May 28 | 4:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Get ready for finals at the Exam Cram! We have group and quiet study areas, Wi-Fi, stress-relieving activities, and computers. The Teen Librarian will also be available for any reference help. FREE snacks and drinks provided, with pizza served at 7:00 p.m.

## Cozy Coloring (Drop-In)

Friday, May 9 | 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

End of the school year got you feeling stressed? Stop by the library to enjoy fun coloring sheets, chill music, and snacks! We'll have popular TikTok trending coloring sheets including Coco Wyo, Bobbie Goods, and more.

# Teen Programs

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



Register **online**, by phone at (630) 924-2730, or by email at [bdref@mybpl.org](mailto:bdref@mybpl.org).

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

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

## Teen Territory Fun!

Drop-in activity all month in the Teen Territory space.

Supplies available throughout the month specified, while supplies last.

### Blackout Poetry (April)

Tap into your creativity and celebrate National Poetry Month by creating some

#### Blackout Poetry

(poetry that involves crossing out words from a text to create a new poem).



### Friendship Bracelets (May)

Channel your inner Taylor Swift or just create something fun for yourself or a friend.

## Teen Crafts

### Teen Craft Night

#### 🗳️ DIY Fluffy Slime

Wednesday, April 9 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.  
registration begins Monday, March 31  
(limit 10 teens)

Learn the science behind making your very own slime. We'll be using fun colors and ingredients to personalize your own slime to take home!

#### 🗳️ Book Nook

Wednesday, May 14 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.  
registration begins Monday, April 21  
(limit 8 teens)

Have a bookshelf at home that's in need of a refresh? Create your very own book nook. Pick from a variety of supplies to craft the perfect decorative piece.

### Take & Make Crafts

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

#### 🗳️ Beaded Charms

Kit Pickup begins Monday, April 14  
registration begins Monday, March 31  
(limit 10 teens)

It's an itty-bitty beaded bonanza! Kit comes with everything you need to turn your beadlings into charm bracelets, key chains, and more!

#### 🗳️ Desktop Chicken Coop

Kit Pickup begins Monday, May 5  
registration begins Monday, April 21  
(limit 12 teens)

Perfect for your desktop or shelf, a build-your-own chicken coop!

## FREE COMIC BOOK DAY!

Celebrate Free Comic Book Day @ the library!  
Create super crafts and pick up some free comics (5 per person, while supplies last).

Thanks to Keith's Komix (528 S. Roselle Rd, Schaumburg, IL 60193) for their support!

### Drop-In for All Ages

**Saturday, May 3**  
11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

## Teen Bookish Boxes

Bookish Box registrations are closed until the end of summer. Visit [mybpl.org/teenbookishboxes](https://mybpl.org/teenbookishboxes) in September 2025 to register for fall!

## 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 Space, 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](https://mybpl.org/teenbookreviews).

# Preschool Programs

Ages 0-5

## 🍷 Come Together (Drop-In)

Up to 24 months

Every Wednesday | 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Meet and chat with other parents and caregivers while your child socializes and explores with hands-on toys. Weekly drop-in event for ages 0-24 months.

*No session on April 2*

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

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

Under 3 years old with caregivers

Wednesday, April 2 & Friday, May 2  
10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

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

## 🍷 Toddler Dance Party

18 months to 36 months

Friday, April 4 | 10:30 – 11:15 a.m.

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



## 🍷 Playing with STEM

Ages 2-5

Tuesdays, April 8 & May 6 | 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) are important learning areas for kids of all ages. Start your child early with our fun play to learn program.

**April:** celebrate Earth Day

**May:** learn about robots.

## 🍷 Happy Books, Happy Cooks

Ages 3-5

Thursdays, April 10 & May 8  
6:00 – 6:30 p.m.

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

*Please let us know of any allergies at the time of registration.*



## 🍷 Baby, Let's Make Music (Drop-In)

Up to 24 months

Wednesdays, May 7, 14, 21, & 28  
10:00 – 11:30 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.

## 🍷 Mother's Day Tea Party

Ages 3-6

Wednesday, May 7 | 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

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

## 🍷 Preschool Process Art (Drop-In)

Ages 3-5

Saturday, May 10 | 10:00 – 10:45 a.m.

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

## 🍷 Why Did the Monster Cross the Road?

Ages 3-5

Tuesday, May 13 | 1:30 – 2:15 p.m.

Monsters can be so silly! Join us for monster stories and other silliness.

# Youth

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

Registration for **April** programs begins **Monday, March 17 at 9:00 a.m.**

Registration for **May** programs begins **Monday, April 21 at 9:00 a.m.**

## 🍷 Messy Fingers

Ages 2-4

Tuesday, May 20 | 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!

## FREE COMIC BOOK DAY!

Celebrate Free Comic Book Day @ the library!  
Create super crafts and pick up some free comics (5 per person, while supplies last).  
Thanks to Keith's Komix (528 S. Roselle Rd, Schaumburg, IL 60193) for their support!

**Drop-In for All Ages**  
**Saturday, May 3**  
**11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

# Family Programs

## 🍷 Peeps Family Challenge

Families

Sunday, April 6  
2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Come as a family to create a scene from a favorite children's book with Peeps.

Peeps and some craft supplies provided.

## 🍷 Homeschool Hangout Series

Families

Wednesday, April 9  
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.

## 🍷 Moana 2 (Drop-In)

Families

Friday, April 18  
2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Come watch *Moana 2* on this day off of school. There will be some fun surprises while watching, including a snack.

## 🍷 Teddy Bear Storytime

Families

Friday, April 25  
10:30 – 11:15 a.m.

Bring your teddy bear or another stuffed animal and enjoy this storytime together.

## 🍷 Star Wars Craft Time (Drop-In)

Families

Sunday, May 4  
1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Stop by Youth Services to make an out of this world craft, while supplies last.

# Programs

Register **online**, by phone at (630) 924-2740, or by email at [bdys@mybpl.org](mailto:bdys@mybpl.org).



# School Age Programs

Grades K-6

## **Mother's Day Crafts:**

Join us to create a great gift for a special caregiver in your life!

### **Canvas Painting**

Grades K-2 | Thursday, April 24 | 6:00 – 6:45 p.m.

### **DIY Candle Decorating**

Grades 3-6 | Saturday, May 3 | 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

## **Explorer Bags**

Grades 3-6

Register for a book experience bag curated just for you! Each bag will contain 1-3 books personally selected for you with teasers, a handwritten note, an activity idea, and some goodies. Books will be pre-checked out to your card, so just return them when you're done – you keep the treats!

## **Middle Grade Makers (Drop-In)**

Grades 4-8

Tuesdays, April 1 & May 6  
Thursdays, April 17 & May 15  
4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

**NEW STATION FORMAT!** Drop by to try a new skill, make a fun craft to take home, and hang out with friends.

## **Earth Friend (Drop-In)**

Grades K-2

Tuesday, April 8 | 4:00 – 4:45 p.m.

Make an earth planet buddy.

## **Makerspace Club: STEM Time**

Grades 3-6

Thursday, April 10 | 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 as we make spring decorations with Squishy Circuits.

## **Space Meteor Shower Wreath (Drop-In)**

Grades 3-6

Sunday, April 13 | 2:00 – 2:45 p.m.

April showers, but in space! Come create a fun, decorative wreath filled with planets and stars.

## **Middle Grade Fandom**

Grades 4-8

Wednesday, April 16 | 4:00 – 4:45 p.m.

What's your fandom: Marvel? Pokemon? Swiftie? We're putting together an extravaganza of crafts and activities for all sorts of interests!

## **Windblown**

Grades K-2

Tuesday, April 22 | 4:00 – 4:45 p.m.

Join us to hear how different animals emerge from windblown shapes and then we'll create our own breezy art.

## **DIY Felt Succulents**

Grades 3-6

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

Create your own felt succulent garden to decorate your space in this fun craft activity.

## **Rockin' Ramen**

Grades 3-6

Monday, May 5 | 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

Customize a classic snack with special toppings while we do a craft and explore how this dish became so popular.

## **Spring into Reading Crafts**

Grades K-2

Monday, May 12 | 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

Get ready for summer reading by creating a DIY designed book bag and a flowered bookmark.

## **Beginning Crochet**

Grades 3-8

Mondays, May 12 & 19 | 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.

## **Stress Relief Jars**

Grades 3-6

Tuesday, May 13 | 4:00 – 4:45 p.m.

De-stress by creating a jar of fun!

## **VIRTUAL: Crochet Along with Miss Carol**

Grades 3-8

Thursday, May 15

Learn to crochet along with Miss Carol! Check the BPL YouTube page for video tutorials for each project. Look for new projects quarterly.

**May skill:** Chainless beginning stitches

## **Summer Sunshine**

Grades 1-6

Sunday, May 18 | 2:00 – 2:45 p.m.

Summer is almost here, so come celebrate by creating three fun activities.

*Please let us know of any food allergies at the time of registration.*

## **LEGO® Club (Drop-In)**

Grades 1-6

Tuesday, May 20 | 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

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

## **May Flower Art**

Grades K-2

Tuesday, May 27 | 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

Create a May flower bloom using paper plates and yarn.

# volunteens

**Entering Grades 7-12 in Fall 2025**

Are you a student entering grades 7-12 in fall 2025? Are you looking for a fun way to get job experience, earn service hours, or make a difference in the community?

If so, the **Bloomington Public Library VolunTEENS** program is looking for you!

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

Summer volunteer openings are limited. Applications will be available from April 1 – May 11. Please turn in the completed application at the Youth Services desk.

**Only applications received before Monday, May 12 will be considered.**



## BLOOMINGDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY

### 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:

Sunday, April 20 Easter

Sunday, May 25 begin **Summer Hours**,  
closed on Sundays  
through August 31

Monday, May 26 Memorial Day

### Social Media

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



### 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.

### 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](mailto:ADA@mybpl.org).

Watch for events throughout  
2025 celebrating our  
50 years of service to  
Bloomingdale!

Subscribe to our  
BPL Bulletin eNews  
and never miss an event!

[https://bit.ly/  
mybpl-e-news-signup](https://bit.ly/mybpl-e-news-signup)

# It's Storytime!

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

**Spring Session: March 3 through April 18**  
*(no storytimes the week of March 31-April 4)*

### 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.

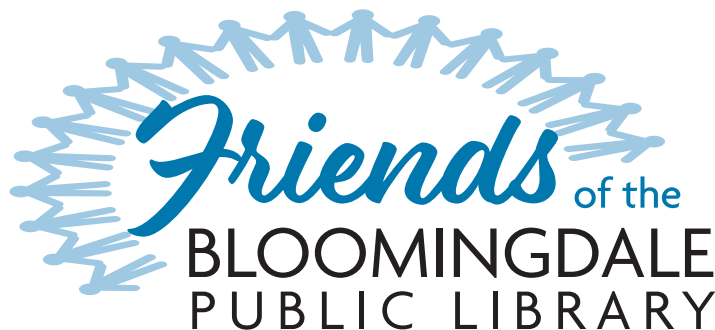
Introduce your baby to the world  
of music, movement, rhymes,  
and books that will aid in the  
development of early literacy skills.



# goodreads

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

Visit [www.goodreads.com/mybpl](http://www.goodreads.com/mybpl) to get started!



Join the Friends in 2025 and help us support our wonderful  
community library! Fill out an application online and pay your  
dues on our website or bring them to an upcoming meeting.

We'd love to have you!

Meetings are at 6:30 p.m. at BPL  
April 23 • July 23 • October 22



**FREE**

## Bunny Bash

**Saturday, April 12  
9:30-11AM  
Circle Park  
163 Fairfield Way, Bloomington**

All activities will be held outdoors, please dress for the weather. In the event of inclement weather, limited number of activities will be moved indoors to the JRC and Westfield Gyms.

**The Bunny Bash starts immediately following the  
Bloomington Lions Club Egg Hunt.  
The Egg Hunt begins promptly at 9:30AM.**

**Lots of activities  
and non-stop fun for the  
entire family!**

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**Coloring Contest  
Crafts**

**Entertainment**

**Pictures with the Bunny**

**Refreshments  
while supplies last**

**Bloomington Public  
Library - Book Walk**

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# The Oasis Water Park Season Passes



## Passholder Benefits

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

## General Information

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

Purchase passes at the Johnston Recreation Center,  
172 S. Circle Avenue, Bloomingdale.



## Season Pass Rates

Pass Type	Early Bird Rates Now – May 31	Season Rates Beginning June 1
	R/NR	R/NR
Individual	\$59/\$79	\$69/\$89
VIP (one per household)	\$65/\$85	\$75/\$95
Super Pass	\$30 add'l	\$30 add'l



**Registration begins Wednesday, April 16.**

Complete information will be available in the Summer 2025 program guide. Summer Camp features activities for ages 3-years-old through 14-years-old (with an aging date of 9/1/25).

# Fish Release

**FREE**

**Saturday, April 26**

**10 AM Bloomingdale Park District  
Lakeview Park: 240 Broker Road, Bloomingdale  
Parking lot available for parking.**

**9AM Roselle Park District  
Goose Lake South Pond:  
Bryn Mawr Ave, Roselle  
Parking Between Stratford  
Drive & Randor Drive**



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

PRESENTED BY:



# Boots & Beauties Mom & Son Dance

**Friday, May 30  
6-8:30PM**

**Bloomingdale Golf Club  
181 N. Glen Ellyn Road, Bloomingdale  
Registration Deadline: Friday, May 23**

Saddle up and head over for a night of fun at the Mom and Son Dance. Bring a mom, grandma, aunt or other special guest. Couples will enjoy dinner that includes salad, chicken tenders, sliders, mashed potato, pasta, vegetables, soft drinks and cookies. Each couple receives a photo to take home. Reservations are required. The fee is per couple. Additional sons are welcome at \$40 each. Registration deadline is May 23. No drop-ins are allowed. Registration will not be accepted after May 23. Please register early to reserve your spot. Do not wait to register. This event fills up fast. Registration is per couple.

\$90R/\$95NR Ages: 3-12 Registration Required  
Registration Code: #204303-A1



# 41st Annual Student Art Show

**Now through Saturday, April 19  
Bloomingdale Park District Museum  
108 S. Bloomingdale Road, Bloomingdale**

Children from surrounding schools, kindergarten through high school, proudly display their latest artwork for family and friends. Most works will be available for purchase.

**Museum Hours During Exhibits**  
Wednesday 5-8PM  
Thursday 12-4PM  
Saturday 12-4PM

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



**Bloomingdale Park District  
Museum**

# BAA Spring Show & FOTOMUSES Exhibitions

**Saturday, May 3-Saturday, June 21  
Bloomingdale Park District Museum  
108 S. Bloomingdale Road, Bloomingdale**

**Reception: Sunday, May 18, 2-4PM**

The Bloomingdale Artists Association will feature their latest works in a variety of media. They meet at the museum on alternate months to learn about different media.

**Museum Hours During Exhibits**  
Wednesday 5-8PM  
Thursday 12-4PM  
Saturday 12-4PM

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Flamingo Dancers by Jim Rendant

# We're Hiring!

## Wanted!

Creative, energetic, dedicated, and enthusiastic individuals! The Bloomingdale Park District has a variety of part-time and seasonal employment opportunities for people looking for a rewarding job experience. The BPD is an award-winning agency, designated as an Exceptional Workplace by the Illinois Parks and Recreation Association. Do you have a hobby, talent, or special interest that you would like to share with others?

**Join our team & we'll show you how!**

## Job Opportunities

- Before & After School Staff  
2025-2026 School Year
- Art Instructor
- Preschool Staff  
2025-2026 School Year
- Cooking Instructor
- Building Attendant
- Gymnastics Staff
- Lifeguards
- Swim Instructors
- Oasis Cabana Crew
- Oasis Slide Attendant
- Summer Camp Staff
- T-Ball Coach
- Special Interest/Hobby Instructor
- Concession
- Pickleball Instructor



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