

Village of Bloomingdale

Announcements

August 2025

Growth with Pride

Citizen Police Academy

The Bloomingdale Police Department hosts its Citizen Police Academy for community members. This program builds on the Neighborhood Watch Program to enhance communication with those who live & work in Bloomingdale, offering insight into police procedures & an overview of law enforcement through instruction and discussion.

Classes will be held on Wednesdays beginning in September 2025. Topics include Department Organization, Testing Process, Building Tour, Adult and Juvenile Criminal Law and Procedures, Traffic Stops and Radar Enforcement, Accidents/Crash Reports, D.U.I. Procedures, Use of Force/Liability, Defensive Tactics, Firearms Safety, Interviewing/Interrogation overview, and K-9 Demonstration. To participate or for more information, contact Sue Osicek at (630) 671-5858.

Parade, Music, Food and Fun for Everyone At Septemberfest 2025!

Septemberfest returns to Old Town Bloomingdale on Saturday, September 6, 2025, for the Village's annual hometown celebration. This beloved end-of-summer tradition is filled with food, fun, live music, and community pride.

The day kicks off at 11:00 AM with the Septemberfest Parade, stepping off from DuJardin School and heading north on Euclid Avenue to Schick Road before ending in Old Town. Parade-goers can grab a chair and enjoy the procession of local organizations, community groups, and guests. Highlights include toe-tapping Dixieland music from the Big City Dixieland Band and a

classic car showcase from the Northern Rays Corvette Club. Parade participation is free, sign up on the Village website.

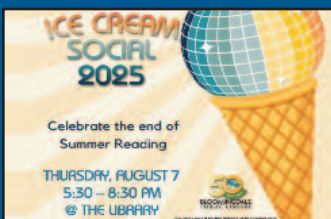
At 12:00 PM, join us at the Old Town stage for the Opening Ceremony. Mayor Franco will welcome attendees, VFW Post 7539 will present the flag, and Tony Spavone will perform the National Anthem. The Village will also honor Joe Draghi and Dominic Froio Scholarship recipients.

Fan-favorite emcee Brett Walkow returns with his signature humor and energy. Enjoy afternoon

performances by local groups including the Bloomingdale Park District, Notable Notes, Center Stage Dance Studio, Bloomingdale School of Music, Lights Camera Dancin', ROMA Tang Soo Do Karate, and Synergy Dance. Around Old Town, explore food and drink vendors, crafters, business booths, *(continued on page 7)*



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Cheer on Your Heros at Rib-Eating Showdown on September 10

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



Cheer on your local heroes on Wednesday, September 10 at 2:00 PM as Team Fire defends their title against Team Police in a rib-eating showdown! Bloomingdale PD's Michael Giovenco returns as the reigning individual champion. Each team will race to finish two slabs of Texas Roadhouse's Fall-Off-The-Bone ribs. If neither team finishes in 15 minutes, the winner will be determined by bone count. The winning team takes home a traveling trophy, shared "Stanley Cup style" among departments.

The 2024 challenge included teams from Bloomingdale, Glendale Heights, and Carol Stream, and this year's event aims to expand participation to more local villages. Plus, 15% of all evening food sales will be donated to charities selected by the competing teams. Last year's event raised over \$2,000 for Special Olympics and Misericordia. Enjoy a great meal, support a great cause!

AARP Smart Driver Course – October 16 & 17

The Bloomingdale Police Department, in partnership with AARP, will host the AARP Smart Driver Course for adults age 50+ on Thursday and Friday, October 16 & 17, 2025, from 12:00 to 4:00 PM in the Police Training Room. Attendance is required on both days.



The course fee is \$25 (or \$20 for AARP members), payable to AARP on the first day of class. Topics include age-related changes in driving, safe driving strategies, updated vehicle technologies, and more.

To register, contact Sue at 630-671-5858. Space is limited, so early registration is encouraged.

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

The Village of Bloomingdale has seen some exciting progress over the past year, especially with our bold multiphase initiative to revitalize the former Stratford Square Mall, an effort that began to take shape with demolition in 2024. Now rebranded as The Grove at Bloomingdale, this 80-acre destination will feature restaurants, entertainment, retail, residential units, public art, and amenities centered on sustainability, walkability, and community engagement.



With the mall's demolition complete, the Village is working with Christopher Burke Engineering, ComEd, and Nicor to finalize infrastructure plans. Utility construction is expected to begin this fall, paving the way for tenant buildouts beginning in 2026. Stay tuned for exciting tenant announcements in the coming months! Be sure to follow the Village's Facebook page and website for updates.

We've also made strides with the former Indian Lakes property. After acquiring the closed golf course in 2020, we completed the purchase of the hotel in 2025, aiming to reopen it under a national brand or to ensure that any future development remained consistent with our community goals. We are currently working with a development partner to explore if a resort property is viable in the current market landscape. We should have a better understanding of the property's future in the next several months and will keep the community advised of any future development efforts.

Our efforts to restore golf at Indian Lakes through a partnership with a golf group is ongoing as they seek to secure funding needed to restore the course. In the meantime, residents and visitors can look forward to enjoying the newly redesigned open space, enhanced by the soon-to-be-completed Stormwater Project. This initiative includes a new wet-bottom pond on the south end, an enlarged pond on the west side, and several dry-bottom detention areas planted with native wetland species. Final landscaping, including trees, shrubs, and a new 3-mile multi-use path, will be completed this fall. We sincerely thank the residents of Cardinal, Meadowlark, Bloomfield Club, and Park Bloomingdale Condominiums for their patience throughout this work. The transformation has been incredible, and I look forward to officially reopening the area for the community to enjoy.

If you haven't yet visited the Maker's Market, it's held on the last Sunday of each month from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Old Town parking lot (Schick & Third Street). It's a great way to support local businesses and enjoy a relaxing Sunday.

There's no shortage of fun this August in Bloomingdale! Don't miss:

- **Concerts in the Park** – Tuesdays, August 12, 19 & 26 in Old Town Park
- **National Night Out** – August 5 at the Oasis and Circle Park
- **Library Ice Cream Social** – August 7
- **Village Fireworks Show** – August 30 at the former Indian Lakes golf course
- **The Oasis Water Park** – Perfect for cooling off all summer long!

Looking ahead, mark your calendar for Septemberfest on Saturday, September 6, and our festive end-of-year events: the Village Tree Lighting and Kris Kringle Market on Saturday, November 29. These community traditions, along with the Park District's Festival of Lights, make the season bright and are some of my personal favorites.

I look forward to seeing you at one of our many events. Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Mayor Franco



Summer Fireworks Celebration – Saturday, August 30



Celebrate Labor Day weekend with the Village of Bloomingdale at our annual Summer Fireworks Celebration on Saturday, August 30, at the former Indian Lakes Open Space.

Food vendors will be on-site starting at 4:00 PM, offering a variety of options. The evening officially kicks off at 6:00 PM with DJ Pumpin' Pete and live music by Triangle Park bringing the energy and setting the tone for a fun night.

As the sun sets, the night will conclude with a dazzling fireworks display, lighting up the sky in celebration of the holiday weekend. Fireworks are expected to begin around 8:00 PM, weather and daylight permitting.

Parking opens at 5:00 PM on a first-come, first-served basis. Please note that no shuttle service will be provided, so early arrival is strongly encouraged to secure a convenient spot.

For updates, follow the Village of Bloomingdale on Facebook or subscribe to the Village eNews.



Schools Are Opening Soon: Back-to-School Safety Reminders For Motorists

Important Village & Community Phone Numbers

Main Village Hall Number

630-893-7000

Village Departments

Administration 630-671-5610

Building & Zoning 630-671-5660

Engineering 630-671-5676

Finance 630-671-5630

Mayor's Office 630-671-5600

Police – non-emergency
630-529-9868

Public Works 630-671-5800

Water Billing 630-671-5650

Utilities 630-671-5830

Other Useful Numbers

Fire Department non emergency
630-894-9080

Bloomington Library
630-529-3120

Bloomington Park District
630-529-3650



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

Tips for Pick-Up and Drop-Off

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

Sharing the Road with Young Pedestrians

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

Slow Down and Stay Alert

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

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sassanoj@vil.bloomington.il.us

Save the Date: Bloomington Halloween Event on October 18

Join us for a day of Halloween fun on Saturday, October 18! From 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., enjoy hayrides, games, crafts, trunk-or-treating, and more in the Village Complex lots with the Police, Fire, and Park District.

Then head to the Library lot from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for a hay maze, moonwalk, stilt walkers, and refreshments.

Costumes encouraged! Children under 10 must be with an adult. Parking is prohibited in event lots, please use nearby residential streets.

Details at bloomingtonparks.org and mybpl.org



Chamber Awards 16 Scholarships

On June 11, the Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce proudly awarded 16 scholarships to exceptional local students. Thanks to generous Chamber businesses and successful fundraising efforts, \$16,000 was raised to support their educational journeys. These students come from diverse backgrounds and are pursuing a variety of paths, but all share a commitment to academic excellence and community service.



Seated are the student winners from left to right: Annabella Kadolph, Saif Akhtar, Natalia Dziura, Marissa Fulano, Keira Burton, Manya Vangara, Zachary Ackerman, Magdalena Jarzemsky, Julianna Rivera, Emilija Gauba, Julia Kozlowski, Asees Khaira, Anna Stag, Matthew Oklandlo, Joseph Vale, Anya Elson.

Business Donors Standing in the Back from left to right: Susan DiMeo-Sargent – Pan American Bank and Trust, John Mazzone – Bloomingdale Bank & Trust, Dr. Aimee Harris-Newon – The Center for Integrative & Functional Health & Wellness, Joe Fulco - NOW Foods & Fruitful Yield, Matthew Guglielmo - Stratford Crossing/Newmark Merrill, Mike Hovde presenting for Coda Bears, Jody Cannistra – Texas Roadhouse, Miguel Rodriguez of Bear Family Restaurants aka McDonald's, Mike Davison – Platt Hill Nursery, Chris Karountzos – ANYWAY'S American Grill & Pub, Jeremy Heitkam – Cornerstone Faith Community Church, Anthony Sisler – Eagle Falls Dentistry.

Bloomingdale Township Electronic Recycling

Final Electronic Recycling Date for 2025: Saturday, September 6th
Bloomingdale Township Highway Department
6N030 Rosedale Avenue, Bloomingdale
8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Accepted Items: Computers, Laptops, Servers, Computer Monitors*, Televisions*, Printers, Facsimile, Scanners, VCR and DVD Players, Video Game Consoles, Cable and Converter Boxes, Satellite Receivers, Electronic Keyboards, Mice, Portable Music Players, Holiday String Lights, Wire, Cables, Adapters, Power Supplies, Cell Phones, Modems, Tablets, Phones, Docking Stations, Tollway Transponders

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

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

(Cash or credit card accepted, no checks)

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

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



We're In Search of Bloomingdale's 2025 Christmas Tree



Since the unveiling of the rejuvenated Old Town in 2016, the Village of Bloomingdale has proudly hosted an annual community Tree Lighting on the piazza along Franklin Street. Each year, a 30-foot tree, sourced from within Bloomingdale, stands as the centerpiece of the celebration. The Village coordinates the cutting and transportation of the selected tree to Old Town.

If you have a large tree you'd like to donate as Bloomingdale's official Christmas tree this year, please contact Public Works Director Ken Lindhorn at 630-671-5800 or lindhornk@vil.bloomingdale.il.us

Local Artisans Featured at Makers Market

The 2025 Bloomingdale Maker's Market features local artisans and small businesses with home décor, handmade jewelry, candles, clothing, and more. Held rain or shine from 10 AM–2 PM in the lot at Schick Rd. & 3rd St., across from the Post Office. Visit on the last Sunday of each month, next dates: Aug 31 & Sept 28.

For details, visit the Bloomingdale Makers Market Facebook page or reach out via email at info@bloomingdalemakersmarket.com.



Peer Jury: Providing an Alternative to Juvenile Court for First Time Offenders

State of the Village Luncheon on September 17



Join the Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce for the annual State of the Village Luncheon on Tuesday, September 17, from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM at Bloomingdale Golf Club.

Hear from Mayor Franco as he shares the latest updates on community developments, projects, and what's ahead for Bloomingdale. This is a great opportunity to stay informed, enjoy a delicious lunch, and connect with fellow residents, business owners, and community leaders.

All are welcome! Register at BloomingdaleChamber.com

Rotary Speakeasy Fundraiser On September 13

Step into the Roaring Twenties at the Rotary Club of Bloomingdale-Roselle's Speakeasy-themed Fundraiser on Saturday, September 13, 2025 at 5:30 PM. Enjoy a plated dinner, cash bar, dueling pianos, a dance performance, raffle prizes, and a wine pull.

Proceeds support Rotary's local and global initiatives, from youth programs and community events to international efforts like ending polio.

Guests are encouraged to dress in 1920s attire and enjoy a night of fun with purpose. Early bird tickets available through August 20. For tickets, visit <https://tinyurl.com/rotary-fundraiser25>

Congratulations to the Peer Jury members who graduated from high school this June. Their commitment has been essential to the success of the Bloomingdale Peer Jury Program, an alternative to juvenile court for first-time offenders under 18.



Peer Jury helps young offenders reflect on their actions and make positive changes. Each month, a panel of trained student volunteers, guided by an adult moderator, hears cases involving non-serious offenses like theft, vandalism, disorderly conduct, or underage possession. Jurors ask questions, understand the circumstances, and recommend fair consequences focused on accountability and growth.

The Youth Peer Jury meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM at Bloomingdale Village Hall. The September 3rd meeting will include a swearing-in ceremony for new jurors.

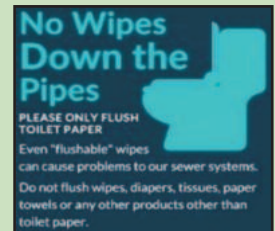
Students ages 13–17 who live in or attend school in Bloomingdale and have had no negative law enforcement involvement in the past six months may apply. No experience is necessary, just a sense of responsibility and a desire to help others. Peer jurors gain leadership, decision-making, and conflict-resolution skills while learning about the justice system.

For more information or to apply, contact Officer Jaffe or Officer McGuire at 630-529-9868.

No Wipes Down the Pipes!

With increased use of disinfecting wipes, it is more important now than ever for everyone to remember to throw them away instead of flushing them in the toilet.

- Disposable 'flushable' wipes do not break down as advertised
- Result in issues with resident's sewer line, city sewer lines and wastewater facility.
- By not breaking down 'flushable' wipes can clog lines which cause sewage backup into residential homes and can result in very expensive plumbing repairs and water damage to the home.
- The same applies to septic tanks and pipes which can cause complete blockage and sewer water will back-up into a home's sinks, drains, bathtub and other opening directly connected to the septic system.
- The city's sewer lines, and water reclamation plant can suffer damage that will result in expensive repairs and replacement of equipment that is needed to process the raw sewage.
- Most sewer back-ups are directly related to blockages within sewer pipes. Blockages can be caused by grease build-up, root intrusion, cracked pipes and especially non-flushable wipes.



Bloomingtondale Garden Club: Cultivating Community

The Bloomingtondale Garden Club had another successful year, with members and their families supporting the annual Flower & Plant Sale. Backed by the Bloomingtondale Park District, the popular event raises funds for local groups like DuPage Pads, the Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans, VFW Post 7539, and the DuPage Care Center.



Beyond the sale, members stay active year-round by tending the community garden for the local food pantry and assisting DuPage Care Center residents with their garden plots.

- **August 19:** Peculiar Pollinators & Fall Garden Wrap-Up. Club members will present, followed by a tomato tasting and vote for the favorite variety.
- **September 16:** Indoor Potluck Picnic.
- **October 21:** Introduction to Bonsai. Speaker Jeff Schulz will discuss what makes a good bonsai and how to design and care for these captivating plants.
- **November 18:** Christmas Centerpiece Workshop. Members will create festive centerpieces to decorate a local nursing home and rehabilitation center.

Monthly programs are held at Cornerstone Faith Community Church. Visitors are always welcome! For details, visit bloomingtondalegardenclub.org.

Best of Bloomingtondale – Community Choice Awards

Have a favorite local business that deserves recognition? Nominate and vote for them in the Best of Bloomingtondale Community Choice Awards.

Nominations are open through August 1, with voting open August 31–September 7 at BestOfBloomingtondale.com. Enter the “Key Word of the Day” during voting be entered into a drawing for local gift cards.

Award winners will be selected based on community votes and a Chamber-reviewed questionnaire and will be honored at the September 27 Gala.

Celebrate local businesses making a difference in our community.

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the Lions Club beer booth, and the popular Kiddie Carnival with rides and games for younger guests.

At 4:00 PM, the evening concert lineup begins with Fearless, a Taylor Swift tribute band, followed by LouderNow performing early 2000s rock hits by bands like Fall Out Boy and My Chemical Romance. The night ends with Hair Band Night, rocking out to glam rock legends like Bon Jovi, Def Leppard, and Guns N’ Roses.

Septembertest thrives on community participation. Residents and businesses are encouraged to get involved by joining the parade, hosting a booth, volunteering, or contributing to the Scholarship Fund, which supports Bloomingtondale youth ages 17–20. Applications and details available at VillageofBloomingtondale.org under Community > Septembertest.

We look forward to celebrating with you on September 6 in Old Town!



Walkers and Bikers Are Enjoying the Weather: Please Park With Care

As warmer weather encourages more walking and biking, it's important to keep our sidewalks clear for everyone. When vehicles block sidewalks, even partially, it can force pedestrians, including those with strollers or young children, to step into the street, creating safety concerns.



We ask all residents to avoid parking in a way that obstructs sidewalks. Please be mindful of this, especially during the day and early evening. Park your cars on the street or in designated visitor parking areas rather than in a way that extends over the sidewalk from your driveway.

If you park on the street, always observe posted signs and be aware of parking restrictions.

Let's work together to keep our sidewalks safe and accessible for everyone.

Congratulations To Lynn Heitz On Her Retirement



After nearly 36 years of dedicated service, Lynn Heitz retired from the Village of Bloomingtondale on June 20, 2025. She began her career with the Bloomingtondale Police Department on September 11, 1989, and was promoted to Police Records Supervisor on March 31, 2003.

Throughout her tenure, Lynn played an integral role in ensuring the accuracy, confidentiality, and efficiency of the department's records division. We thank Lynn for her many years of service and wish her a happy and healthy retirement!

Annual Character Counts Celebration Set for Tuesday, October 7

Aniela Hoyle Wins Artists Association Scholarship



The Bloomingdale Artists Association (BAA) proudly awarded its 2025 \$1,000 Scholarship to Aniela Hoyle, a lifelong Bloomingdale resident and Lake Park High School graduate.

Aniela, who received the award in May, will pursue an art degree at the College for Creative Studies in Detroit, Michigan. She attended DuJardin, Westfield, and Lake Park, where she was involved in Marching Band, Winter Guard, AP and Honors courses, and the National French and Art Honor Societies.

The scholarship was funded by the BAA and a generous donation from Masterpiece Framing of Bloomingdale.

Next Program:

Join the Bloomingdale Artists Association on Wednesday, September 10 at 6:30 PM at the Bloomingdale Park District Museum (108 S. Bloomingdale Rd) for a mixed media workshop with Golden Paints artist Sandie Bacon. Explore transparent and translucent surfaces using watercolor, pencil, and Matte Dura-Lar to create a collage book.

Free for BAA members; \$10 visitor fee. Space is limited. Contact Bev at 630-624-9545 or bpetrosius@gmail.com to register.



Local coupons at your fingertips at all times. Sign up to receive the monthly email at BloomingdaleChamber.com.

The Bloomingdale Character Counts Coalition invites the community to the annual Character Counts Celebration on Tuesday, October 7 in Old Town Park. This event recognizes the ongoing commitment to the Character Counts Program in Bloomingdale's schools.

Students from DuJardin Elementary, Erickson Elementary, Westfield Middle School, St. Isidore School, and Winnebago Elementary will showcase special performances centered around this year's featured pillar: Responsibility. The BAC Cheerleaders will lead a spirited tribute to the Six Pillars of Character, and the Bloomingdale Park District Gymnastics Team will deliver an energetic performance.

A highlight of the evening will be the presentation of the American Youth Character Award to one outstanding student from each participating school and one from the Park District's athletic program. These students are recognized for exemplifying strong character and living out the six pillars in their daily lives.

Festivities begin at 6:00 PM on the Old Town Piazza with games and refreshments. The program will follow at 6:30 PM on the Gazebo stage. Rain date: Tuesday, October 14.

Septemberfest Commission Announces 2025 Scholarship Recipients

The Bloomingdale Septemberfest Commission proudly announces the recipients of the 2025 Septemberfest Scholarships. Funded entirely through generous donations, the scholarship program supports Bloomingdale students who exemplify a strong commitment to community service and volunteerism.

This year, the Commission will award two \$5,000 Dominic Froio Scholarships and three \$2,000 Joe Draghi Scholarships to five outstanding students. The recipients will be recognized during Septemberfest on Saturday, September 6, 2025.

\$5,000 Dominic Froio Scholarship Recipients

- Asees Khaira – University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Environmental Engineering
- Marina Kari – Loyola University Chicago, Neuroscience (Pre-Med)

\$2,000 Joe Draghi Scholarship Recipients

- Wiktoria Bratko – College of DuPage, Biology (Aspiring Pediatric Dentist)
- Connor Gulik – Indiana University, Finance and Accounting
- Sona Ohanyan – University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Marketing and Business Law

Bloomingdale is proud to recognize these exceptional young adults for their academic accomplishments and dedication to community service.



Asees Khaira



Marina Kari



Wiktoria Bratko



Connor Gulik



Sona Ohanyan

Summer Watering Restrictions in Effect



To help preserve our community's water supply, Bloomingdale's summer water conservation regulations are in effect from May through September. During this time, the use of the public water supply for sprinkling of

lawns with automatic sprinkling devices is PROHIBITED except for:

- Single-family homes with odd-numbered addresses may water on Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday.
- Even-numbered addresses may water on Tuesday, Thursday, and Sunday.
- Commercial, industrial, office, and multi-family properties may also water on Tuesday, Thursday, and Sunday.

Watering is allowed only between 5:00–9:00 a.m. and 5:00–9:00 p.m.

No watering is allowed on Fridays.

Violations may result in fines of \$25 to \$50 per occurrence.

For more information, please contact the Utilities Division at 630-671-5800.

Japanese Mural on Display at Masterpiece Framing



Experience a touch of Japanese culture in Bloomingdale through a special collaboration between the Hokusai & Ukiyo-e Exhibition at College of DuPage and a new mural by artist Rich Lo, now on display at Masterpiece Framing (109 S. Bloomingdale Rd.). Created in the traditional ukiyo-e style, the mural features Bloomingdale's historic Old Schoolhouse and is part of the countywide WAVES of DuPage initiative.

Explore the history behind the style at the Hokusai & Ukiyo-e: The Floating World exhibition, on view through September 21, 2025, at the Cleve Carney Museum of Art, 425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn. Tickets available at theccma.org/hokusai-tickets.

Race to Stop Hunger 5K and Kids Dash on August 9

The 11th Annual Race to Stop Hunger 5K and Kids Dash will be held on Saturday, August 9, 2025, at Mallard Lake Forest Preserve, just west of Gary Avenue. This year brings a new location, a new kids race, and new cash prizes.



The scenic trail is great for all ages and fitness levels. Every registration helps feed over 80 children, with 100% of proceeds benefiting Kids Against Hunger–Illinois.

The Kids Dash (1/3 mile, ages 9 and under) starts at 8:00 AM, followed by the 5K at 8:30 AM. Cash prizes will be awarded to top male and female finishers, with medals for age group winners.

Participants can register as individuals, teams, or virtually. Team prizes and race-day registration are available.

To register or learn more, visit www.kah-il.org or email racetostophunger@gmail.com.



Bloomingdale Police Raise Over \$8,300 for Special Olympics Illinois



On Friday, May 16, Bloomingdale Police Department officers took to the rooftops of both Bloomingdale Dunkin' locations in support of Special Olympics Illinois. The annual "Cop on a Rooftop" event was met with strong community spirit and incredible generosity.

This year, the department raised an impressive \$8,345.93, every dollar of which will go directly to supporting the athletes of Special Olympics Illinois through the Illinois Law Enforcement Torch Run.

Thank you to all who stopped by to donate and show support. Special recognition goes to Officer Phil Jaffe, who once again led and organized the department's fundraising efforts.

If you missed the event but would still like to contribute, please contact Officer Phil Jaffe or Sue Osicek at (630) 529-9868 to learn how you can donate.

Thank you, Bloomingdale, for helping make a difference in the lives of these remarkable athletes!

Help is now one Call or Text away!
To connect to needed resources
CALL 24/7
2-1-1
Text your zip code to **TXT211** or **898211**
Monday to Friday, 8 am - 6 pm
DUPAGE COUNTY 211DuPage.gov

PANZIZ FOOD TRUCK BRINGS A TASTE OF BARI TO THE SUBURBS

A fresh addition to the local food scene, Panziz is putting a flavorful spin on food truck fare with its signature item, panzerotti. Bloomingdale resident and owner Biagio Lerario launched the business in May 2024, inspired by an idea from his father and their shared Italian roots. Though Biagio was originally studying for his real estate license while working for the family business, Fortis Paving Inc., he found himself drawn to the fun, high-energy atmosphere of food events and decided to give the concept a shot.



The truck's name, Panziz, was coined during a brainstorming session with his father, and the bold blue trailer design was inspired by Italy's Euro 2024 soccer jerseys. The menu pays homage to the Lerario family's hometown of Bari, Italy, where panzerotti originated, and features both savory and sweet variations, including customer favorites like the Clasico Chicago and the Gino's.

What sets Panziz apart is more than just the food. "There's a vibe we bring, fun, energetic, and different," Biagio says. With no other panzerotti trucks in the area, it's a unique experience for many customers.

Panziz operates weekly at Fortis in Roselle (Wed-Fri) and Gallo Tile in Addison (Sat), appears at special events like Bloomingdale's Fireworks and Septemberfest, and books private events and catering. To keep up with where they'll be next or to book an event, residents can follow @panzizofficial on Instagram, Facebook, or TikTok, or visit their website.

For direct inquiries, call 331-701-6096 or email infopanziz@gmail.com.

EXECUTIVE REALTY GROUP MARKS 20 YEARS IN BLOOMINGDALE

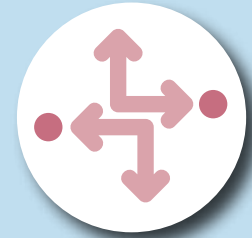
Founded in August 2005, Executive Realty Group (ERG), located at 107 S. Bloomingdale Road, has been part of the Bloomingdale community for two decades. What began as a small independent office has grown into a team of more than 70 brokers working in both residential and commercial real estate.

Over the years, ERG has built a reputation for thoughtful marketing, experienced negotiation, and a strong understanding of the local real estate market. The team has helped countless individuals and businesses successfully navigate their real estate buying, selling, and investment process.

In addition to their work in real estate, Executive Realty Group supports the community through ongoing contributions to DuPage PADS, helping advance the mission to end homelessness.

As they celebrate this 20-year milestone, Executive Realty Group remains focused on their connection to Bloomingdale and the people they've had the opportunity to serve.

For more information about ERG, visit www.MoveWithExecutive.com or call 630-894-1030.



The Bloomingdale Business Beat

The Business Beat features news about businesses - newly opened, those under construction and those that have something special to tell the residents about.

Retail businesses provide a significant part of the village's tax base. Supporting them helps keep the Village portion of your property tax bill low.

**Remember -
BUY IN BLOOMINGDALE**

Mahan Family Wines Thanks Bloomingdale for a Memorable Harvest Celebration

Mahan Family Wines thanks the Bloomingdale community for making their recent Harvest Party in Michigan so special. Surrounded by scenic beauty of their Granite Ridge vineyard, guests enjoyed a day of wine, laughter, and connection.

Their 2023 Cabernet Sauvignon is now bottled and ready, just in time for fall, and has been accepted into the prestigious Judgment of Paris Redo, marking a proud milestone.

Haven't met Winemaker Phil Mahan or tried their award-winning wines? Visit them at Septemberfest or the Bloomingdale Park District Summer Concert Series on September 9 and 16.

To reserve a table at their Speakeasy-Inspired Wine Bar, or order wine, visit MahanFamilyWines.com.

Bloomingtondale Fire Protection District #1



There's nothing like outdoor grilling. It's one of the most popular ways to cook food. But, a grill placed too close to anything that can burn is a fire hazard. They can be very hot, causing burn injuries. Follow these simple tips and you will be on the way to safe grilling.

SAFETY TIPS

- ▶▶▶ Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.
- ▶▶▶ The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- ▶▶▶ Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area.
- ▶▶▶ Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.
- ▶▶▶ Never leave your grill unattended.
- ▶▶▶ Always make sure your gas grill lid is open before lighting it.

CHARCOAL GRILLS

- ▶▶▶ There are several ways to get the charcoal ready to use. Charcoal chimney starters allow you to start the charcoal using newspaper as a fuel.
- ▶▶▶ If you use a starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire.
- ▶▶▶ Keep charcoal fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources.
- ▶▶▶ There are also electric charcoal starters, which do not use fire. Be sure to use an extension cord for outdoor use.
- ▶▶▶ When you are finished grilling, let the coals completely cool before disposing in a metal container.

PROPANE Grills

Check the gas tank hose for leaks before using it for the first time each year. Apply a light soap and water solution to the hose. A propane leak will release bubbles. If your grill has a gas leak, by smell or the soapy bubble test, and there is no flame, turn off both the gas tank and the grill. If the leak stops, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again. If the leak does not stop, call the fire department. **If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call the fire department.** Do not move the grill.

If the flame goes out, turn the grill and gas off and wait at least **5 minutes** before re-lighting it.

FACTS

- ❗ July is the peak month for grill fires.
- ❗ Roughly half of the injuries involving grills are thermal burns.



Bloomingtondale Fire Protection District #1 Updates

Retirement of Battalion Chief Chris Wilson

After more than 27 years of dedicated service, Battalion Chief Chris Wilson has retired from the Bloomingtondale Fire Protection District. During his career, BC Wilson served as Vice President of Bloomingtondale Local 3272 and played a vital role in the acquisition of many of the District's fire suppression vehicles. His leadership and commitment to the community will be greatly missed. We thank him for his outstanding service and wish him all the best in retirement.

Welcome Firefighter Nicholas Paveza

The District is pleased to welcome Firefighter Nicholas Paveza to the full-time team. Over the next year, Nicholas will complete a probationary period focused on developing his skills in fire suppression and emergency medical services. We're excited to have him join the department and look forward to his continued growth and contributions.



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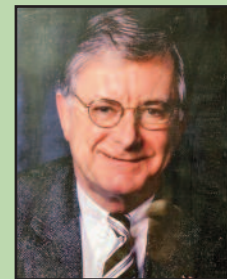
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In Memory and Gratitude for a Lifetime of Service



Marshall Gray was a selfless and devoted supporter of the Bloomingtondale Fire Protection

District. With 23 years of service, including 12 as District Trustee and 11 as Fire Commissioner, he gave his time, energy, and wisdom without asking for anything in return, always driven by a genuine desire to serve.

While we mourn his passing, we celebrate a life defined by purpose and dedication. His legacy lives on in every life protected, every firefighter supported, and our community strengthened by his commitment.

Thank you, Marshall, for your service and the lasting example you leave behind. You will be deeply missed and never forgotten.



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Memorial Day Ceremony Honors Those Who Gave Their Lives



Bloomingdale's annual Memorial Day Remembrance was held on May 26 at St. Paul Cemetery, bringing the community together for a tribute to the brave men and women who gave their lives in service to our nation.

This year's program featured the powerful reading of letters sent home from war, delivered by Kandy Jones and Robert Letts, offering a personal glimpse into the experiences of those who served. Attendees also heard the songs representing each branch of the U.S. Armed Forces.

Members of Bloomingdale VFW Post 7539 honored the fallen with the presentation of the colors, playing of taps, and a rifle salute. Village Clerk Pam Hager welcomed attendees with words of appreciation and reflection on the courage, service, and legacy of our fallen heroes.

Special thanks to the Memorial Day Remembrance Committee for organizing this meaningful event, and to all who gathered in remembrance.

September is National Hunger Action Month




In Bloomingdale, Mayor Franco has proclaimed Tuesday, September 9, 2025 as this year's official GO ORANGE DAY for Hunger Action. This national awareness day encourages people across the country to stand together and take action to end hunger in their communities.

Participation in GO ORANGE DAY continues to grow throughout Bloomingdale each year. The Village encourages everyone to get involved and help make a difference by:

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

Local schools are also participating in GO ORANGE through internal collection drives and awareness efforts. Any additional details or communication will be shared directly by each participating school.

THE BLOOMINGDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT
AND PARK DISTRICT ARE PROUD TO SPONSOR
NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME
TUESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2025
5:30 TO 8:00 PM AT
CIRCLE PARK ~ OASIS POOL



National Night Out is designed to generate support and participation in local anti-crime efforts through the Neighborhood Watch Program, while also strengthening neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships nationwide.

Festivities include free open swim, food, games, prizes, music and lots of fun.

5:30-7:00 p.m.	Food Served
5:30-8:00 p.m.	Oasis Pool Open
7:00-8:00 p.m.	Heroes vs Half-Pints Game
7:00-8:00 p.m.	Wiffleball Classic Game

Celebrate BPL's 50th Anniversary at our end-of-summer events!



BLOOMINGDALE
PUBLIC LIBRARY

August &
September
2025

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

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

THURSDAY, AUGUST 7
5:30 – 8:30 PM

for details see mybpl.org/annualevents#ICS

Co-sponsored by the Village of Bloomingdale



BPL Night @ Wintrust Field!

Join us for
BPL Night at
Wintrust Field!

Tickets are for the
game on
Wednesday, August 6
at 6:30 p.m. against
the Florence Y'Alls.



Summer Concert Series

THE SARATOGAS

Friday, August 8 | 12:00 -1:00 p.m.

in the Ice Cream Social tent in the parking lot

Co-Sponsored by the Village of Bloomingdale

Friends of the Bloomingdale Public Library

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 quarterly
at 6:30 p.m. at BPL.

Next meeting: October 22

Adult



VIRTUAL: Gustave Caillebotte and the Story of Impressionism

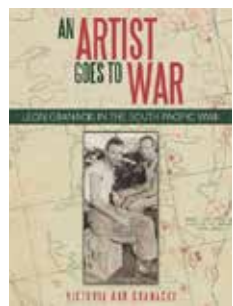
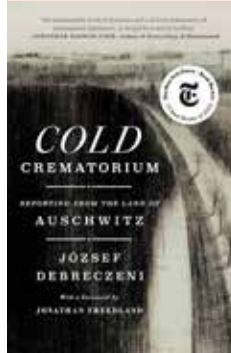
Monday, August 4 | 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

This lecture by art historian Jeff Mishur presents a number of important Caillebotte works and their historical context and is a great companion presentation to the major summer show “Gustave Caillebotte: Painting His World” at the Art Institute of Chicago.

VIRTUAL: Cold Crematorium Book Lecture & Presentation

Tuesday, August 5 | 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Learn about the end of World War II and the liberation of the Nazi death camps by joining us for a presentation on the book **Cold Crematorium** by Alex Bruner, the (deceased) author’s nephew. Bruner will review why his uncle wrote the book, how it was initially received, the reasons it was not translated into a world language (i.e. English) until now, and the lessons one can draw from the work.



An Artist Goes to War: Leon Granacki in the South Pacific WWII

Monday, August 18 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

In **An Artist Goes to War**, author Victoria Ann Granacki paints a portrait of her father, Leon, through his original maps, jungle watercolors, journal illustrations, scrapbook photos, and letters home to his extended Polish-American family crowded together in a Chicago “six-flat” apartment building.

John Lennon: The Solo Years (1970-1980)

Tuesday, August 19 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Using audio and visual content, we’ll explore John Lennon’s music, his wild “lost weekend,” and the quiet househusband years culminating with the release of his final album **Double Fantasy**. Hosted by College of DuPage professor Gary Wenstrup.



VIRTUAL: Famous Self Portraits


Monday, September 8 | 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Explore several famous artists’ self-portraits and consider what an artist’s self-portrait says about the time they lived in, the style they painted in, and most importantly, how they viewed themselves. Hosted by art historian and educator Mallory Mortillaro.

Empowerment Dolls Workshop for Adults & Teens

Monday, September 22 | 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. (limit 20)

Join Teaching Artist, Creativity Coach, and Doll Maker Victoria Reeves to learn how to design and hand-sew your own Empowerment Doll. Each doll has an inspirational message and intention. What (one word) message would you like your doll to express? Let’s brainstorm and create art together!

Registration required for some adult programs (noted with ).

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

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

Your Car: Bumper-to-Bumper

Tuesday, September 9
6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

With all car-related costs going up, now more than ever it is important to know as much about your car as possible. Please join Triton College lecturer emeritus Bill O’Connell as he answers any and all your questions on car buying, maintenance, and repair.



ONGOING ADULT PROGRAMS

Genealogy Club (Drop-In)

Wednesdays, August 20 & September 17
6:30 – 8:45 p.m.

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

Great Decisions

Wednesday, September 17
7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

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

Programs



bpl makerspace crafts

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

Registration Information:

Ages 12 to adult, BPL card and computer experience required.

Please sign up for one session only.

Vinyl Candle Wrap

Design and cut vinyl to make a custom candle wrap.

Registration opens Monday, August 18 at 9:00 a.m. (limit 4 per session)

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

Monday, September 29 | 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.



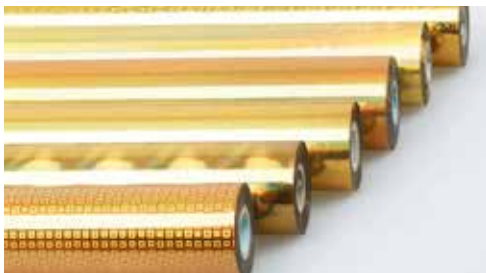
Halloween Gold Foil Art

Use heat reactive foil to make a Halloween-themed art print.

Registration opens Monday, September 15 at 9:00 a.m. (limit 6 per session)

Monday, October 6 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 23 | 7:00 – 8:30 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

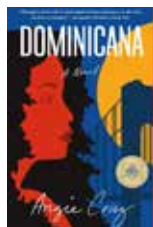
To register, email Jessica Frazier at jfrazier@mybpl.org.

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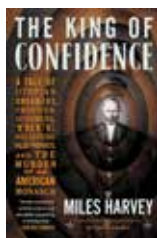
by Angie Cruz

Monday, September 15
7:30 – 8:30 p.m.



HISTORICAL BOOK DISCUSSION

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



The King of Confidence

by Miles Harvey

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



The Summer of 1876

by Chris Wimmer

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



Drop-In Movie

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.



Gladiator II (R)

Wednesday, August 13 | 1:00 – 4:30 p.m.

Years after witnessing the death of the revered hero Maximus at the hands of his uncle, Lucius is forced to enter the Colosseum after his home is conquered by the tyrannical Emperors who now lead Rome with an iron fist.



Jojo Rabbit (PG-13)

Wednesday, September 10 | 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

All 10-year-old Jojo Betzler wants is to become a Nazi. He turns to his imagination and begins to befriend a wackier version of Nazi Germany's ruler, Adolf Hitler. When he finds out that his mother is hiding a Jewish girl, he has no choice but to keep quiet for his and his family's safety.



Deadpool & Wolverine (R)


Wednesday, September 24 | 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Deadpool is happily forgotten as Wade Wilson tries to live an ordinary but more peaceful life at least until the Time Variance Authority forces him on a mission to save his home universe from destruction.

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.

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



VIRTUAL PROGRAMS

Introduction to VLC Media Player

Thursday, August 14 | 7:00 p.m.
Instructor: Charlie

Learn the basics of using VLC Media Player, a free application for using your PC to watch DVDs, listen to CDs, and more.

Digitize Super8 and 8mm Film at BPL

Thursday, September 18 | 7:00 p.m.
Instructor: Salvador

Do you have old 8mm or Super8 movie reels that you would like to save to your computer or share digitally with family?

This video will show you how to digitize your reels at the library using our Wolverine Film2Digital Moviemaker Pro device.

Introduction to WinDirStat

Thursday, September 25 | 7:00 p.m.
Instructor: Charlie

Learn how to see exactly what is eating up your hard drive space with this free, easy-to-use, open-source Windows utility.

cricut design space

Intro to Cricut Design Space

Monday, September 29 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Christian

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

Excel 3

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

Get a deeper understanding of formulas, graphs, and formatting techniques in Excel. We'll take a more in-depth look at easy to use tricks hidden in the ribbon options, time-saving hot keys, more complex concepts like logical functions, and adding a secondary axis to charts.

Video Calls: Zoom, FaceTime, & More

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

Whether you are connecting with friends and family, learning from video conferences, or participating in a remote medical appointment, video calls have become an important tool over the past several years. We will work with examples in popular applications Zoom and FaceTime to build our skills in class and discuss situations students might encounter on their own.



Excel Formulas

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

Learn to create and edit dynamic formulas using tools like logical (IF) functions, arrays, conditional formatting, data validation, and more. We begin with basic formulas and build up to more complicated examples.

Getting Started: WhatsApp

Monday, September 15 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Christian

WhatsApp is a popular, free messaging platform for staying connected with friends and family. Get started by setting up an account, then learn how to message and call people. Bring your own device or use one of ours.



Smartphone Photography & Editing

Monday, September 22 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

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

Digitize Everything

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

Do you have printed photos or 35mm film; 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.

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.

📦 Moon Lamp

Kit Pickup begins Monday, August 11 (limit 10 teens)

Create your own star, galaxy, space, or any other style lamp you can imagine!

📦 Cozy Embroidery Kit

Kit Pickup begins Monday, September 8 (limit 12 teens)

This DIY embroidery set is simple, diverse, and suitable for beginners.

Get cozy with these fun fall designs!

Teen Craft Club

📦 Tie-Dye Tote Bags

Wednesday, August 13
3:00 – 4:30 p.m. (limit 12 teens)

Everyone could use a great tote bag and we've got the supplies to make your own! We will use a simple technique to create a fun tie-dye inspired tote bag.

📦 Custom Buttons

Wednesday, September 10
5:00 – 6:30 p.m. (limit 8 teens)

Design, print, and create your own buttons. We'll walk through each step to design 10 buttons to take home.

Teen Programs

Registration required for some teen programs (noted with 📦). Registration begins Monday, July 28.



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

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

Teen Territory Fun!

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

Back to School Tips & Tricks (August)

Use post-it notes to add advice for the upcoming school year! What do you think your peers should know? What do you wish you had known before middle school or high school?

Match the Line (September)

Avid reader? Match the first line to the book and give your submission to a librarian at the reference desk. Get them all right and win a small prize.

📦 Mindful Skills: Meditation

Monday, August 4 | 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. (limit 10 teens)

Looking for a way to reset and relax? Calm your mind and expand your awareness through guided meditation. No prior experience is necessary.

📦 Let's Cook: OREO® Balls

Thursday, August 28 | 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. (limit 8 teens)

If you love OREO® Cookies, you are going to love this recipe. Ingredients supplied!

📦 Mindful Skills: Mandala Coloring

Wednesday, September 3 | 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Let's learn about Mandala art: its origin and why people love to create them. Mandala coloring sheets and tea will be available for a relaxing afternoon.

📦 Empowerment Dolls Workshop for Teens and Adults

Monday, September 22 | 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. (limit 20 people)

Join Teaching Artist, Creativity Coach, and Doll Maker Victoria Reeves to learn how to design and hand-sew your own Empowerment Doll. Each doll has an inspirational message and intention. What one word message would you like your doll to express? Let's brainstorm and create art together!

📦 Game with BPL

Join us for an afternoon of gaming! Bring your friends and have a fun competition. Register to claim a spot to play; drop-ins welcome.

Mario Party

Thursday, August 21 | 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Super Smash

Thursday, September 18 | 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

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 select titles based on your preference. Every month, participants will get new books and special surprises. And guess what? You get to keep everything in your box, including the book! The online registration form opens September 1. To sign up, visit mybpl.org/teenbookishboxes.



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. If you are interested, get started on the library website! Check out the details at mybpl.org/teenbookreviews.

Preschool Programs

Ages 0-5

Come Together (Drop-In)

0-24 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.

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

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

0-24 months

Wednesdays, August 6, 13, 20, & 27
10:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Join us for a parade of fun! We will explore the world of music and movement using an array of instruments, flannel stories, rhymes, and songs.

Toddler Dance Party (Drop-In)

18 months to 36 months

Friday, August 8 | 10:30 – 11:15 a.m.

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



Playing with STEM

Ages 2-5

Tuesdays, August 12 & September 16
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.

August: ocean animals September: birds

Messy Fingers

Ages 2-4

Tuesday, August 19 | 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!

The Kissing Hand

Ages 3-6

Thursday, August 21 | 5:00 – 5:45 p.m.

Get ready to read *The Kissing Hand* by Audrey Penn and other back to school stories. We will create a pocket heart for all to take home.

Explore with Your Senses (Drop-In)

Under 3 years old with caregivers

Friday, August 22 | 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

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

Library Block Party (Drop-In)

Ages 3-6

Monday, August 25 | 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Play and build with blocks of all sizes!

Happy Books, Happy Cooks

Ages 3-5

Thursdays, August 28 & October 2
6:00 – 6:30 p.m.

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

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

Potty Party

Ages 1-5

Friday, September 5 | 10:30 – 11:15 a.m.

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

Celebrate National Teddy Bear Day

Ages 2-5

Tuesday, September 9 | 10:30 – 11:15 a.m.

You and your teddy bear will enjoy a storytime and a parade. Leave your friend at the library for a sleepover and pick it up the next day to learn about all it did!



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

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

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

Youth

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

Registration for **August** programs begins **Monday, July 21**.

Registration for **September** programs begins **Monday, August 18**.

It's Storytime!

The Youth Services department provides age-appropriate interactive fun with stories, sign language, music, and more.

Storytimes are drop-in and limited to the first 20 children to arrive.

Fall Session: September 8 – October 17

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.

Circle Park Storytime

All ages

Thursday, August 7 | 10:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Meet us at the Homola Picnic Shelter for outdoor summer storytimes in Circle Park, weather permitting.

Programs

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



for Families

National Book Lovers Craft (Drop-In)

Families

Saturday, August 9 | 9:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Drop in to make a cute bookmark while supplies last.

World Elephant Day (Drop-In)

Families

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

Join us for stories, songs, and dancing to celebrate elephants.

Dog Days of Summer Storytime (Drop-In)

Families

Friday, August 29 | 10:30 – 11:15 a.m.

Join us for a storytime and a dog craft!

Cereal Saturday

Families

Saturday, August 30 | 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Come enjoy a morning filled with cereal, a craft, and some Saturday morning cartoons!

Homeschool Hangout

Families

Wednesday, September 17 | 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.

Fort Night (Drop-In)

Families

Thursday, September 25 | 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Come to our ultimate fort building party. Bring a blanket and your imagination to create a space to read your favorite book.

Miniature Golf Day

Families

Sunday, September 28 | 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Putt around for five holes of miniature golf. Please sign up as a family. There will be a craft and a prize for all who participate.

School Age Programs

Grades K-6

Gear Up for Kindergarten

Incoming Kindergarteners

Wednesdays, July 30 and August 6
3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

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

Register for each individual class.



Beginning Crochet

Grades 3-8

Mondays, August 4 & 11 | 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.

DIY Hand Drum

Grades 2-6

Tuesday, August 12 | 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

Come have fun making your own little drum!



LEGO® Club (Drop-In)

Grades 1-6

Tuesday, August 19 | 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

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



Culture Connections Club (Drop-In)

Grades K-2

Tuesday, August 26 | 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Visit faraway countries through stories, songs, snacks, and activities. This month we'll focus on Poland.

Decorate a Pet Rock

Grades K-2

Wednesday, August 27 | 5:00 – 5:45 p.m.

Decorate a pet rock and make some accessories for it while we listen to stories about unusual pets.

Candy Sushi and Sci-Fi

Grades 3-6

Wednesday, September 3 | 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Create a plate of candy sushi while hearing about popular science fiction books.



Migration

Grades K-2

Monday, September 8 | 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Learn about why some animals migrate through stories, crafts, and activities.

Makerspace Club: STEM Time

Grades 3-6

Thursday, September 11 | 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

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

Sand Bottle Art Keychain

Grades 2-6

Tuesday, September 16 | 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

Come create a sand art keychain personalized just for you!

Middle Grade Makers (Drop-In)

Grades 4-8

Tuesday, September 23 | 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

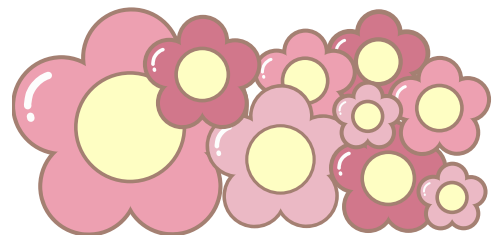
Drop by the Makerspace to try a new skill, make a fun craft, and hang out with friends.

Mini Edible Arrangements

Grades 3-6

Tuesday, September 30 | 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

Learn how to turn simple ingredients into a show stopping small gift or a treat just for you!





**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 (starting September 7):
1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Library Closings:

Sunday, August 31 last Sunday of
Summer Hours,
closed
Monday, September 1 closed for Labor 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 Bloomington Public Library at least 7 days prior to the program. Call **(630) 924-2730** or email requests to **ADA@mybpl.org**.

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

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Thank you to the following donors to our 2025 Summer Reading Challenge! Their support helps our reading challenges succeed.

- 7-Eleven (2119 Bloomington Rd.)
- Annie Occasion For Any Occasion
- Anyway's Pub
- Big Blue Swim School
- Bloomington Park District
- Boba Calico
- Chick-fil-A
- Chicago Botanic Garden
- Chicago Pastry
- Culver's of Bloomington
- Dave & Buster's
- Enzo's Sports Bar & Wood-Fire Pizza
- First Watch (Bloomington)
- Kane County Cougars
- Kuipers Family Farm
- La Campana Mexican Restaurant
- Lou Malnati's
- McAlister's Deli
- McDonald's - Bear Family
- Nothing Bundt Cakes
- Outback Steakhouse
- Picture Show
- Platt Hill Nursery
- Portillo's
- Raising Cane's
- Ravinia Festival
- Schaumburg Boomers
- Sporty's Restaurant & Catering
- Texas Roadhouse
- Urban Air Adventure Park
- US Ramen



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

Visit www.goodreads.com/mybpl to get started!



“Take A Bite Out of Crime”



National Night Out

Tuesday, August 5, 2025 • 5:30-8PM
Circle Park & The Oasis Water Park

FREE



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

Help us “Take a Bite Out of Crime!”



Schedule

5:30-7PM Food Served

5:30-8PM Oasis Open

7-8PM Heroes vs Half-Pints

Entering grades 5-9 vs Police

7-8PM Wiffleball Classic

Entering grades 1-4 vs First Responders

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

Craft Fair

FREE

Tuesday, August 19
6-8PM
Location: Old Town Park

Browse and visit craft vendors on a variety of items. Vendors sell food, crafts, gifts, accessories and more. In the event of inclement weather, the craft fair will be canceled. The craft fair is in conjunction with the Tuesday, August 19, Summer Concert Series.



Movies in the Park

FREE

Friday, August 1
Location: Old Town Park

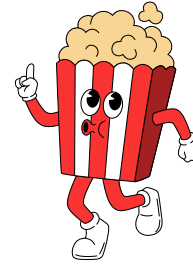
Bring a chair, blanket, some snacks and do not forget the family, for a night out under the stars. Enjoy a family friendly movie at Old Town Park. The featured movie will be Sonic 3.

-Movies will start at approximately at 8:45PM (at dusk)

-Parking at Old Town Park is available in the parking lot at the corner of Schick Road and First Street.

-Bathrooms will be available at the Bloomingdale Park District Museum.

-No smoking and no alcohol allowed on park properties



SPONSOR:



Fall Fest

FREE

Friday, September 19
Circle Park, 163 Fairfield Way
5:30-7:30PM

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.

Activities:

- DJ
- Entertainment
- Hayrides around the park
- Crafts
- Food Trucks
- Games
- And much more!



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Toss Toss! With Glinda and Elphaba

Location: The Lounge
Saturday, September 27
10-11:15AM

NEW

Join the Good Witch and her green bestie for some Shiz fun!

Sing along to live performances of Defying Gravity and Popular and enjoy a cupcake, while creating a special wand craft and color a witch's hat too!

Stay for a live story reading and dance party then meet and greet with the characters and take some memorable photos. This event is hosted by Princess Fairytale Parties.

Registration Required. Register each child. Parents are free. Limited 2 parents per child.

Admission:

\$35 R per child/\$40 NR per child

Min/Max: 24/48

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Community Appreciation Days

**Try a class for free!
August 25-30**

Receive a FREE giveaway when you attend a class during Community Appreciation Days. Registration is required to participate and a list of programs will be published in the Autumn program brochure after August 19.



**Little Acorn
Academy**
From tiny seeds grow mighty trees.
2025-2026 School Year
Registration is currently being accepted
for the 2025-2026 school year

Multiple Dates

CONCERTS BY THE CAMPFIRE

**LOCATION : SPRINGFIELD PARK PAVILION,
269 SPRINGFIELD DRIVE, BLOOMINGDALE
TIME: 6:30-7:30PM DAY: THURSDAYS**

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



FISHING DERBY

**LOCATION: LAKEVIEW PARK
TIME: 8-10AM**

**SATURDAY
SEPT 13**

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



2025

OLD TOWN PARK | TUESDAYS AT 7PM

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

MUSIC PERFORMANCES TO ENJOY

FREE

AUGUST

12th - Eric Case Band

(ROCK 'N' ROLL, SOUL, & TIMELESS SOUNDS OF COUNTRY)
FOOD TRUCKS: GELATO ICE CREAM, DOCTOR DOGS, MAHAN FAMILY WINES

19th - 90s POP NATION

(BIGGEST POP HITS, ONE-HIT WONDERS, SING-A-LONGS, AND DANCE HITS FROM THE '90S)
FOOD TRUCKS: GELATO ICE CREAM, CESARONI BBQ, KONA ICE, MAHAN FAMILY WINES
*CRAFT SHOW 6-8PM: BROWSE AND VISIT CRAFT VENDORS.

26th - American English

(BEATLES TRIBUTE)
FOOD TRUCKS: GELATO ICE CREAM, NICK'S PIZZA TRUCK, GOLDEN EAGLE HOT DOG, KONA ICE, MAHAN FAMILY WINES

SEPTEMBER

16th - No Turn On Red

(FUNK AND BRASS FUSION)
FOOD TRUCKS: PANZIZ FOOD TRUCK, KONA ICE, MAHAN FAMILY WINES

PRESENTED BY:



**Bloomington
Park District**



Pre-concert Fun

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

No Concert : August 5 National Night Out Event

Old Town Park, 111 Third Street, Bloomington.

