

## Village of Bloomingdale

# Almanac

*Growth with Pride*

Time for the  
annual tree  
planting  
program!

See pages  
6 and 7

**OCTOBER 2006**

## From the Desk of Mayor Bob Iden

We've seen another Septemberfest come and go, which means fall is now upon us. A big thanks to Chairman Bill Wolff and his Septemberfest Commission for a terrific job. Some seasonal reminders – the fall branch pick-up takes place the week of October 16 (pg. 6), the annual tree planting program is underway (pp. 6-7), and you can find safety tips for trick or treaters on p. 8.

In other news, DuPage County is asking municipalities to help publicize its new program – DuPage Rx, a prescription drug discount card. This program is successfully being offered in over 300 counties nationwide.

Some highlights:

- The drug discount card is not insurance.
- The discount card can be used at some 165 participating pharmacies throughout DuPage to purchase prescription drugs that are not otherwise covered by any type of insurance. The average savings is 20%. Some over-the-counter diabetic supplies will also qualify for a discount.
- All DuPage county residents, regardless of age, income or existing health care coverage may use the discount card and there is no charge for the card. There are no forms to fill out. The cards do not expire and there is no yearly renewal process. Each family needs only one (1) card.
- Medication for pets is eligible if the prescription is taken to a participating pharmacy.

Bloomingdale residents may pick up information and a drug card at:

Bloomingdale Village Hall, 201 S. Bloomingdale Road  
Bloomingdale Public Library, 101 Fairfield Way  
Bloomingdale Township, 123 N. Rosedale  
Russo Clinic, 245 S. Gary Avenue, Suite 200

The following are participating pharmacies in Bloomingdale:

Bloomingdale Pharmacy  
Dominick's Pharmacy  
Costco Pharmacy  
K-Mart Pharmacy  
Meijer Pharmacy  
Walgreen's Pharmacy (both locations)  
Wal-Mart Pharmacy

For more information, call toll-free 1-877-321-2652.

Enjoy the crisp, cool days of autumn.

Mayor Bob Iden



Joe Draghi Septemberfest scholarship winners - Elizabeth Necka, Colleen Bryers, Mark Poplonski, Katie Johnson (story on p. 11)

**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 Monday of every month  
7:30 p.m. -- Village Hall

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**  
1st, 2nd 3rd & 4th Mondays of every month  
7:30 p.m. -- Village Hall

**PLAN COMMISSION**  
1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month  
7:30 p.m. -- Village Hall

**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**  
Six times a year or as needed

**BOARD OF FIRE AND 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

**FAMILY FEST COMMISSION**  
3rd Wednesday of every month  
9:30 a.m. -- Library

**SEPTEMBERFEST COMMISSION**  
2nd & 4th Thursday of the month  
March-December  
7:00 p.m. - Village Hall

**BUSINESS PROMOTION &  
CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT  
COMMITTEE**  
1st Friday of the month  
10:00 a.m. - Village Hall

**LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
2nd Wednesday of every month  
7:30 p.m. -- Library

**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**  
Board of Directors Meeting  
1st Thursday of every month  
8:00 a.m. -- Indian Lakes

**BLOOMINGDALE FIRE PROTECTION  
DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
2nd Tuesday of the month  
7:30 p.m. - Firehouse,  
179 S. Bloomingdale Road

**VILLAGE OF BLOOMINGDALE  
ELECTED OFFICIALS**

**Robert G. Iden**  
*Village President*

**Susan L. Bartucci**  
*Village Clerk*

**TRUSTEES**

**James M. Gebis**  
*Planning, Zoning  
& Environmental Concerns*

**Robert Czernek**  
*Traffic and Street Infrastructure*

**John Dabrowski**  
*Police and Community Relations*

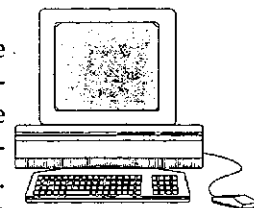
**Judi Von Huben**  
*Intergovernmental Relations and  
Emergency Planning*

**Bill Bolen**  
*Finance, Personnel and  
Administration*

**Jim King**  
*Facilities and Golf Course*

We'd like to hear from you:  
Please note our website  
address --

If you're "surfing the  
net" and have a ques-  
tion to ask or an issue  
to bring to our atten-  
tion, just E-mail it to us.  
If you wish to send us



an electronic message, our address is:

**VILLAGE.BLOOMINGDALE@world-  
net.att.net**

Our website address is:  
[www.vil.bloomington.il.us](http://www.vil.bloomington.il.us)

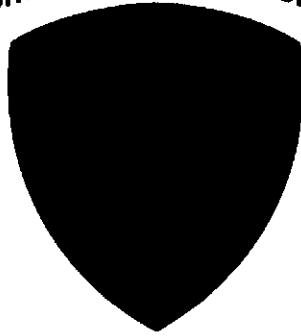
The deadline for  
the December issue  
of the  
Almanac is  
**NOVEMBER 10**

**Senator Roskam Talks with Sunrise Assisted Living Residents**



Illinois Senator Peter Roskam, who is running for Illinois' open 6th Congressional District seat, visited with residents of Sunrise Assisted Living, along with his parents, to talk about their Dog Tag Return project.

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## Air Rifles: What You Need to Know About State and Local Regulations

In response to questions and concerns of the residents, the Bloomingdale Police Department provides the following information relating to the Illinois State Rifle Act and the Bloomingdale local ordinance regulating and limiting the Use of Weapons.

Under the Illinois Criminal Code Air Rifle Act, an "air rifle" includes any air gun, air pistol, spring gun, B-B gun, paint ball gun, pellet gun, or any implement that is not a firearm, which impels a breakable paint ball containing washable marking colors or a pellet constructed of hard plastic, steel, lead, or other hard materials with a force that is reasonably expected to cause bodily harm.

- It is unlawful for any person under the age of 13 to carry an air rifle on public streets, roads, highways or public lands, unless the rifle is unloaded.
- It is also unlawful for anyone to discharge any air rifle anywhere except on a safely constructed target range that has been designed as such.
- An air rifle should be kept within the house of residence or other private enclosure and it should not allow any projectile to pass over any grounds or space outside the limits of such grounds or residence.
- Bloomingdale Local Ordinance 75-49 regulating and limiting the use of weapons relating to air guns states the following in summary.
  - No person shall have in his possession, except within his own domicile, or carry or use, a revolver or pistol of any description, shotgun or rifle, or any airgun, b-b gun, gas operated or spring gun, including paint ball guns, or any instrument, toy or weapon, slingshot or "beany", or bow made for the purpose of throwing or projecting missiles of any kind by any means whatsoever, whether such instrument is called by any name set forth above or by any other name.
- The only other place that above listed items may be possessed, carried or used would be in licensed shooting galleries or in private ground or premises under circumstances when such instrument can be fired, discharged or operated in such manner as not to endanger persons or property; and that the carrying and transportation of such items should be not concealed, unloaded and properly cased, to and from any range or gallery.

Every person convicted of a violation of this Ordinance shall forfeit to the Village such dangerous or deadly weapon so concealed or displayed. In addition, any person violating any provisions of this Ordinance shall be fined not less than twenty five dollars (\$25.00) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for each offense.

### Attention Parents

Please be aware that paint ball guns, b-b guns, and other similar toys may resemble real weapons and it may be difficult for the public and law enforcement personnel to make this determination from a distance. The public and law enforcement personnel will appropriately respond to ensure the safety of the community.

Also, please note that financial responsibility for such violations committed by juveniles are ultimately the responsibilities of the parents of such children.

**WELCOME**  
Bloomingdale is a  
**CRIME WATCH**  
**COMMUNITY**



We immediately report  
all suspicious activities  
to our police department

## New DuPage County Website Includes Helpful Information for All Types of Local Emergencies

DuPage County has developed a website to provide DuPage County residents with emergency preparedness information and links to important local resources in all types of emergencies. The website is a response to the need for a central information source on avian (bird) flu and a possible influenza pandemic. However, it can be used for all types of local emergencies, including floods and severe storms.

The website, [www.protectdupage.org](http://www.protectdupage.org) will serve as a source for vital information which will be consistent with local, state and federal authorities and topic experts.

### Oops!

On behalf of the Family Fest Committee, we would like to thank the following volunteers who were inadvertently left off of the open letter of thanks in the last Village Almanac issue...

Patty Eagleton  
Sara Eagleton  
Joe Jelensky  
Kandy Jones  
Missy Mills

Thanks again to each of you for your time and help out on the Family Fest site!

Tim Jarzemsky,  
Family Fest Co-Chair

Kandice Krettler,  
Family Fest Co-Chair

## SEPTEMBERFEST CAN'T GET MUCH BETTER THAN THIS!

The 34th annual Septemberfest celebration was looked upon favorably by Mother Nature, even with the weatherman calling for rain and storms all weekend. Gloria Tomaras kicked off the Fest with the annual parade at 11 AM and closed with the band Hi Infidelity at 10:30. The opening ceremony began with three young ladies from Bloomingdale School of Music singing our National Anthem. With the chance of rain lingering around the area, some of our Motorcycle Show participants never made it to the Fest, but Mark Garrison was able to convince enough enthusiasts to stick around for the final judging at 6 PM. Our car show, thanks to Marilyn Zaccardi, had 47 participants that started arriving at 3 PM. The final judging was also at 6 PM with each winner telling a little bit about their particular vehicle. (funny how people look at you when asked to speak into a microphone) Vendors selling everything from newspapers to ice cream could be found along Third and Franklin Street. Jewelry, Hot Dogs, Funnel Cakes, Gyros, and soda were available thanks to Jackie Lic.

On stage we had a lot of things going on this year. M & R Music provided the DJ work plus color highlights of all the various events -- pie eating contest by the Chamber of Commerce, Park District Beamers performing gymnastic routines, Lake Park High School Lancettes doing cheerleading exhibitions, and the Center Stage Dance Company performing a variety of dances. All of this was coordinated by Jill Mixer who was unable to attend & appreciate all of her good work thanks to a new job.

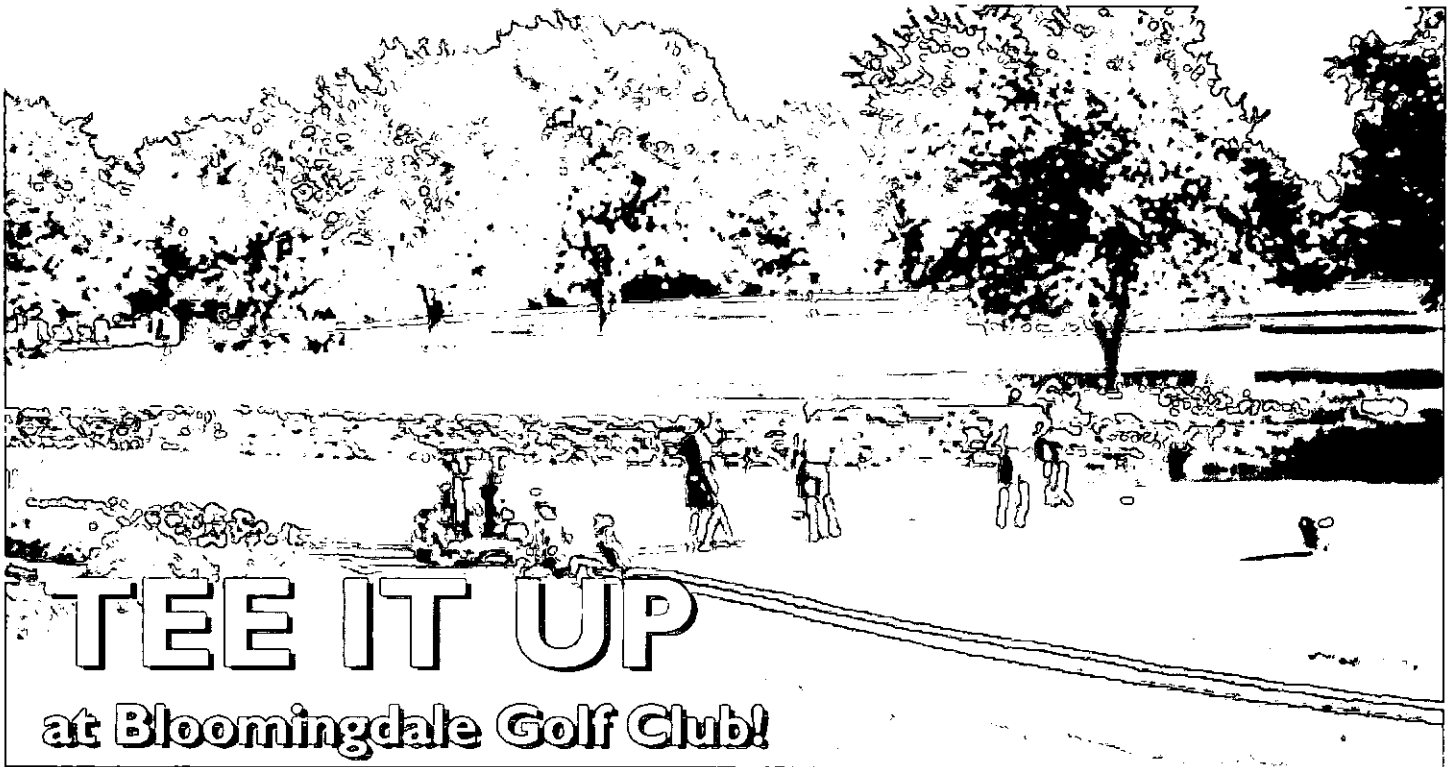
But, the most important part of the whole evening was put together by Carole Lockhart, the presentation of our four scholarship winners. These four candidates were able to participate by filling out a scholarship application form. They were required to submit two letters of recommendation, provide an essay with a minimum of 500 words, and have an interview with a panel of judges. The four scholarship winners were Colleen B. Bryers, Kathryn Nicole Johnson, Elizabeth A. Necka, and Mark Poplonski. Congratulations to all, each will receive a \$2,000 scholarship from the Joe Draghi Memorial Scholarship Fund.

I personally would like to thank all of our Village Service employees and our Police officers. Especially, Randy Sater, Len Jaster, Bob Maguire, and Vern Fasse for all of their hard work and assistance. These people were instrumental in providing traffic and crowd control as well as other necessary essentials needed for such an event. Let us not forget the Bloomingdale Fire Protection District for providing medical services throughout the entire day.

Last, but by no means least, nothing would have been possible without the help and support of our Mayor, Village Trustees, Dolores Orlik, Jo Witucki, Mark Bousquet, Judi Von Huben, and Carol Dublin. A special thanks goes out to all of the sponsors and supporters who donated monetarily to Scholarships for our Future. In closing, thank you for giving me the opportunity to participate in this annual event. It was an experience that I will never forget!

Bill Wolff, Chairman

See pictures and sponsors on back page.



## The Teeing Ground

As promised last issue, the golf course will be offering a few golf clinics this fall. These clinics are for players who would like to review the basics and/or short game fundamentals in order to improve their shot making consistency. Cost will be \$25 per person each class. Range balls are included. Classes will be limited to 6 students. Sign up for both classes and receive \$10 off.

### Days and Dates: Saturday October 7th or October 14th

- ◆ Basic Fundamentals/Full Swing – 10:00 am to 11:00 am.
- ◆ Pitching/Chipping – 11:15 am to 12:15 pm

Classes will be limited to 6 students. Call the golf shop at; 630-529-6232 to sign up or stop by in person. Payment must be made to the assistant golf professional either by check or cash.

Fall rates will go into effect on October 2nd. At this time the rates will be:

### Fall Rates

Start and end dates subject to change

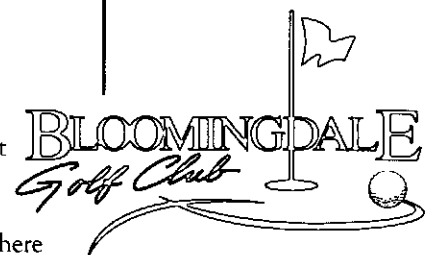
#### Green Fees and Cart Fees

<u>SEVEN DAYS a WEEK</u>	<u>RESIDENTS *</u>		<u>NON-RESIDENTS</u>	
	WALK	RIDE	WALK	RIDE
18 Holes	\$22.00	\$34.00	\$25.00	\$37.00
9 Holes	\$12.00	\$19.00	\$15.00	\$22.00
18 Holes (Senior and juniors)	\$17.00	\$29.00	\$20.00	\$32.00
9 Holes (Senior and juniors)	\$10.00	\$17.00	\$13.00	\$20.00
Twilight (after 2:00 pm – up to 18 holes)	\$14.00	\$21.00	\$17.00	\$24.00

\* Must show proof of residency to receive this rate

As a reminder, the end of the year Fall Scramble is slated for Sunday October 22nd. The event will be a 10 am shotgun start with a banquet to follow. All participants leave with a prize!!

To register your team, stop by the golf shop or visit our website at [www.bloomingdalegc.com](http://www.bloomingdalegc.com) and click on the front page flashing display to access a registration form. Feel free to call us if there are any questions. We look forward to seeing you!



## Mark Your Calendar for Fall Branch Collection Program Week of October 16

Fall branch collection will once again be performed by Kramer Tree Specialists, Inc. under the direction of the Village Forestry Division. Branch collection week begins on Monday, October 16.

The program is only available to single family detached residences. Townhome residents should contact their association regarding branch collection.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated and will ensure a successful program.

Questions? Call the Forestry Division at 630-671-5800.

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**671-5600**



*Bur Oak Tree*

## 2007 Tree Planting Program

The Village Board has again allocated funds for this very successful program which was started in 1982. For the eighth year, additional funds have been included for business/commercial properties. The program provides trees, including planting, at a 50/50 cost sharing with the Village. The trees will be

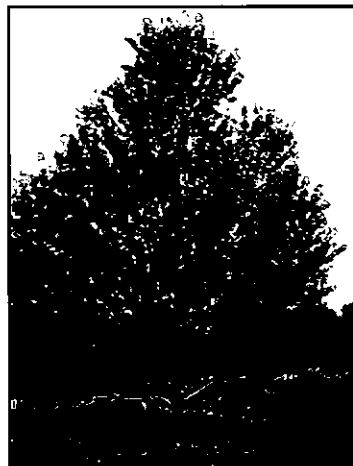
planted next Spring and are available for street parkways, residential front yards and business/school/commercial properties. Business/school/commercial properties that wish to participate should contact Jim Johnson, Urban Forester, at 630-671-5804

The following are the guidelines of the program:

- Since the budget is limited, the program will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Requests should be submitted by December 1, 2006. No payment is required at this time. Bills will be sent about February 1, 2007.
- Trees will be 2 1/2 inch caliper, unless stated otherwise. Trees will be quality nursery stock but not specimen plants.
- The Village reserves the right to disapprove requests based on conflicts, safety, or proper spacing.
- Removal of dead trees, stumps and/or large roots is not included and must be performed by participants before March 15th.
- Each residential parcel will be limited to two trees per year. Each business/commercial property will be limited to four trees per year.
- Participants will be given the opportunity to mark the desired location for the tree; however, the Village retains the right to change the location, if necessary.



*Accolade Elk Tree*



*Autumn Blaze Maple Tree*

We anticipate the cost of 2 1/2" caliper trees to be between \$250 and \$350 each, with the Village paying half of the amount.

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

For trees to be planted in the public parkway, this application will serve as the permit requirements of the ordinance regulating trees on public areas.

If further information is desired, contact Jim Johnson, Urban Forester, at 630-671-5804.

# 2007 Tree Planting Program — Residential Request Form

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

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

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

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

Indicate the number of each type desired:  
(limit of two trees per residential parcel per year)

## PARKWAY

\_\_\_\_\_ **Tatarian Maple** (*Acer tataricum*)  
An attractive medium sized maple; it develops a dense rounded canopy. The seed (samaras) turn an appealing scarlet red which remain ornamental through late summer into fall. Attractive fall color is a mix of yellows and reds. Grows 15 to 25 feet tall in 10 years.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Japanese Tree Lilac** (*Syringa reticulata*)  
Small tree with stiff, spreading branches that develop an oval to rounded crown. Cherry-like bark and white, fragrant flowers in late June. Matures to a height of 20 to 30 feet.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Autumn Blaze Maple** (*Acer x freemanii 'Autumn Blaze'*)  
A tree that lives up to its name, it exhibits brilliant and long lasting orange-red fall color. It combines the best characteristics of the Red and Silver Maples. Grows moderately to fast with a mature height of 40 to 50 feet.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Bur Oak** (*Quercus macrocarpa*)  
The Bur Oak tree is a long-lived majestic oak tree. It is tall and fairly slow-growing, ultimately reaching a height of 70 to 80 feet. It has an impressive crown with a massive trunk, making it a picturesque specimen.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Accolade™ Elm** (*Ulmus 'Morton'*)  
Resistant to Dutch elm disease, it has an attractive vase-shaped habit with graceful, upright-arching branches, reminiscent of the American Elm. Its foliage is glossy dark green in summer, yellow in fall. Its mature size is 50 to 60 feet tall by 30 to 40 feet wide. Accolade™ Elm also has excellent drought tolerance.

## FRONT YARD

\_\_\_\_\_ **Tatarian Maple**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Japanese Tree Lilac**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Autumn Blaze Maple**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Bur Oak**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Accolade™ Elm**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Norway Spruce** (*Picea abies*)  
A large evergreen coniferous tree, 40 to 60 feet tall at maturity, with graceful drooping branches. Mature cones are 4 to 6 inches long, the longest of any spruce. Cones are light green, turning medium brown at maturity.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Coralburst Crabapple** (*Malus 'Coralcole'*)  
This small tree forms a rounded bushy head, and has small dark green foliage. It boasts double rose pink flowers in mid-spring, and reddish orange to bronze fruit in the fall. Growing 8 to 10 feet tall and wide, Coralburst Crabapple prefers full sun to partial shade.



*Coralburst Crabapple*

**DELIVER OR SEND TO:**  
**DEPARTMENT OF VILLAGE SERVICES, BLOOMINGDALE VILLAGE HALL**  
**201 S. BLOOMINGDALE ROAD, BLOOMINGDALE, IL 60108**

*Deadline is December 1, 2006*

# EVENTS

## COMMUNITY

### Come to Villagers of Bloomingdale Meeting in J.C. Penney's Lingerie Department on October 12

The Villagers of Bloomingdale take a cue from an Oprah Winfrey TV show and offer guests to their October 12 meeting an opportunity to be properly measured to determine their bra size. The event will take place at the Stratford Square J.C. Penney store in the lingerie department beginning at 7 p.m. Ladies will be privately measured and given a card to earn a free bra after six have been purchased. Other perks will be provided by Penney's. The evening is open to ladies of all ages in the area. For reservations call 630-924-6861.

On November 2, the club will feature its annual Auction beginning at 6:30 p.m. at Bloomingdale Golf Club, 181 Glen Ellyn Road. Items up for bid include collectibles, home accessories, handmade items, foodstuffs, holiday items, specialties and surprises. Also featured will be a special door prize for guests and an auction raffle. Admission is free; refreshments will be served. All proceeds benefit local charities.

### Students will Present 'Colors of Character' on October 17

Tuesday, October 17 marks the annual CHARACTER COUNTS! celebration beginning at 7 p.m. at Old Town Park. This year's program is called "The Colors of Character". Erickson, DuJardin, Winnebago, Westfield, and St. Isidore schools, as well as the CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition will all participate in presenting the pillars.



The Park District cheerleaders have been invited and the American Youth Character Award Winners will be presented. Bloomingdale VFW Post 7539 will present the colors. Everyone attending is asked to bring a canned food donation for the Bloomingdale Township food pantry in order to support those in need within our community. The festivities should last about an hour; popcorn and cider will be available.

### Pottery Making, Conservation, Featured at Upcoming Garden Club Meetings

A Pottery Making Demo will be featured at the October 18th meeting at 6:45 p.m. at the Bloomingdale Public Library, 101 Fairfield Way. Artist Ken Nance was recently featured in the Elmhurst Art Museum's 10th Annual Fine Arts Festival. He has demonstrated and displayed his original pottery at Villa Park's French Market, and has taught pottery classes at the Elmhurst Park District.

Conservation @ Home, presented by Jennifer Hammer of The Conservation Foundation, is the topic for the November 15th meeting, also at the library. The Conservation Foundation is dedicated to improving the quality of people's lives by preserving open space and protecting natural areas. The care of the Earth must start in our own yards. So, whether it's creating a butterfly or rain garden using native landscaping, using organic fertilizers, or removing invasive plants from your property, every little thing we do on our properties makes a difference in cleaning up our water, providing natural habitat and creating healthy landscapes for people and wildlife. This program begins at 6:45 p.m. also.

For Bloomingdale Garden Club membership information, contact Esther Ahlrich, 630-980-3565.

### Keep Your Trick or Treaters Safe & Happy This Halloween

- NO candy should be eaten until it has been inspected by an adult.
- Discard any unwrapped items.
- Check all food wrappers for signs of tampering.
- Keep costumes simple. Costumes should be made of light, brightly colored or reflective material, so that your trick-or-treater can be easily seen at night. Costumes should not restrict either vision or movement.
- At least one person in the group should carry a flashlight while trick or treating.
- Trick or treat in groups whenever possible, accompanied by one or more adults.
- Instruct your children not to enter any home, and don't invite anyone else's child into your home.
- For safety's sake, trick or treat only at homes in your own neighborhood.
- Remind children to cross only at corners, and to look both ways before crossing the street. Children should use sidewalks whenever possible, obey traffic lights, and walk -- never run -- across streets.

Please report any suspicious persons or acts of vandalism to the Bloomingdale Police Department by calling 9-1-1.

**TRICK OR TREAT  
HOURS ARE FROM  
3:00-7:00 PM  
on Tuesday,  
October 31**

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### 'All That Jazz' Featured at Republican Women's Luncheon on October 20

The Bloomingdale Township Republican Women present their second annual fashion show, "All That Jazz," on Friday, October 20, at Medinah Shrine Center, 550 Shriners Drive in Addison. The event begins with cocktails at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 7 p.m. Modeling the latest in fashion will be several elected officials. Raffle prizes will also be featured. Tickets are \$60. Call Fran Scalafini at 630-924-0118 for tickets or more information.



### Bloomingdale Women's Club Fashion Show on October 28 to Benefit The Bridge

The Bloomingdale Women's Club invites all to attend its 32nd Annual Fashion Show and Luncheon at the Alta Villa Banquets on Saturday, October 28, to benefit The Bridge Communities. Cocktail hour (cash bar) and viewing of raffle prizes will open at 11:00 a.m. with luncheon at noon, followed by the Fashion Show. Fashions will be provided by Carson Pirie Scott, York Furrier, Mona Lisa Boutique, David's Bridal, Jack & Jill children's clothing and Gentleman's Quarters formal wear. Tickets are \$35.00 if purchased before October 11; \$40.00 per person after October 11.

This year's charity is a grass-roots Glen Ellyn-based non-profit organization dedicated to providing transitional housing and supportive services for homeless families in DuPage County. The majority of the families are single-mother heads-of-household and many have been victims of domestic violence. Bridge works to provide families with the life skills needed to move from homelessness to independent living. The Bridge Communities Program is unique in that it is firmly based on a volunteer mentor model. Volunteer mentors from faith communities as well as neighborhood groups work directly with families to foster change. From the sponsorship of one family in 1988, Bridge Communities has grown to partner with 38 churches and one community group across DuPage County, who presently support nearly 70 homeless families in the Bridge Transitional Housing Program.

Previous charities benefited through the Bloomingdale Women's Club fundraiser include The Humanitarian Project, P.A.D.S., SuperSibs, Ray Graham Association, American Cancer Society, Marklund Children's Home, Fairy Godmother Project and Ronald McDonald House. For more information and ticket reservations, contact Camille at 630-924-9338.

### Ray Graham Fundraiser Celebrates 'Sweet Home Chicago' at Gala on November 18

It will be "Sweet Home Chicago" in Woodridge on Saturday, November 18, when the Ray Graham Foundation celebrates its annual Gala Fundraiser with a salute to all things Chicago. From the evening's featured entertainment, the Bluz Brothers, to Chicago sport items and memorabilia in the silent auction, the focus will be on celebrating that "roddlin' town" to benefit all persons with disabilities served by the organization. The Ray Graham Association for Persons with Disabilities has two facilities in Bloomingdale - a Community Learning Center (CLC) located on Glen Ellyn Road and a Community Integrated Living Arrangement (CILA) on Circle. Tickets are \$125 per person. For more information or to order tickets call 630-628-7274.

### DuJardin to Host Holiday Bazaar & Craft Show on November 4

The DuJardin Elementary School PTO, will host its 2nd annual Holiday Bazaar and Craft Show on Saturday, November 4th from 9 am to 3 pm in the school at 166 S. Euclid. This is a wonderful opportunity to do some holiday shopping among dozens of unique gifts and goodies. Admission is \$1.00 and kids are free. There will be raffle prizes and a bake sale as well!

The PTO still has spaces available. All crafters, in-home sales consultants and non-profit groups are welcome. For applications or additional information, please call Sherrill at (630) 307-9407 or Dina at (630) 204-7715.



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Nick is greeted by wife Christi.

Specialist Nicholas Smaga returned home August 10th after serving in Iraq in Support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The 785th Military Police Battalion Reserve Unit located in Frasier, Michigan was mobilized and deployed to Camp Bucca in June of 2005. During his deployment, Nick was involved with the in/out processing of over 30,000 detainees at Camp Bucca. Another part of his responsibilities included supply support and training the Iraqi police for their new duties. His family traveled to Frasier on August 10th to join the other 144 families in welcoming home their soldiers. Nick is the son of Ron and Jane Smaga and husband of Christi Smaga of Bloomingdale. His sister Jackie and brother Jim were also on hand to help in welcoming him home. Neighbors helped in the celebration by placing small flags in their yards in Nick's honor and a welcome home banner was hanging from his parents' house. The family thanks Signs by Tomorrow for their generous help with quick preparation of the banner and cost assistance. On Sunday August 14th, other family and friends dropped by to welcome Nick home.

**Check it Out!** Chuck Brezinsky is a man of many creative talents. The young man, who loves woodworking, recently completed a new picnic table and birdhouses for the backyard of his home. Chuck lives in a group home supported by the Ray Graham Association here in Bloomingdale. He purchased the materials for these projects with money he earns as a member of the City of Elmhurst's park crew.

Chuck also purchased a digital camera and printing dock as he also serves as the resident photographer. In addition, he helps out with the Ray Graham card making



Chuck displays one of his birdhouse creations.

business. Ray Graham is a 56-year old organization, which strives to increase the quality of life for over 2,300 people with disabilities, by providing residential, educational, recreational, and vocational and respite services throughout DuPage County. The group is hosting its annual "Gala" fundraiser in November. For more information, see Community Events on page 9.

### Congratulations, Septemberfest Car and Motorcycle Show winners!

- Muscle Car: Don Cook, 1970 Nova SS
- Newest Show Vehicle: Zak Flagg, 2005 Ford Focus
- People's Choice: Don Franzen, 1941 Chevy
- Commission's Choice: Tom Svestka, 1957 Chevy Bel Air
- Oldest Survivor: Joe Harp, 1949 Ford (all original)
- Best of Show: Angelo DiSanti, 1955 Ford

- People's Choice:
- Sportster: Mike Krugman, 1992 Sportster
  - American Touring: Al Abbot, 2000 Victory V92C
  - Antique: Greg Aue, 1976 Harley Davidson Superglide FXG

- Trophy Class
- Best Softtail: Vinny Maglio, 2006 Vinny Custom
  - Best Hardtail: Matt Gralamo, 1993 Suzuki GSXR Custom
  - Best Paint: Dino Reboletti, 1987 Harley Davidson FXST
  - Best Antique: Mike McNamer, 1970 Harley Davidson XLH
  - Best in Show: Angelo Scadullo, 1996 Harley Davidson XL



People's Choice winner

## Congratulations, Scholarship Winners!

**Elizabeth Necka** is currently a senior at Lake Park High School. She is very involved in activities there, including theatre, math team and speech team, as well as serving as editor of the high school's newspaper. Elizabeth has a great commitment to giving of herself and her time. She has volunteered as a religious educator for 4th and 5th graders at St. Isidore; as a Volunteer at the Bloomingdale Public Library, for various Park District activities, and other local fundraising efforts. She plans to attend college with the intent of becoming a psychiatrist, specializing in pediatrics.

**Colleen Bryers** is 2006 graduate of Glenbard North High School. An ambitious young woman, dance and gymnastics have been a big part of her life and she has held leadership and teaching roles in both. An active member of St. Isidore's Youth group, the Northern Illinois freshman has also led retreats for the teens, worked at P.A.D.S. and in soup kitchens. This ambitious young lady held two jobs through most of high school to save for college. She intends to major in the human services field and wishes to have a career in recreational therapy working with either young children or older adults.

**Mark Poplonski** is a 2005 graduate of Lake Park High School where he was very involved in sports, playing varsity baseball and football, in addition to earning All Academic All Conference honors both junior and senior year. Following in his parents' footsteps, Mark has spent much of his life volunteering for the Bloomingdale Chamber, the Bloomingdale Library and the local Republican headquarters. He and his twin brother, along with two longtime friends, plan to open their own business someday. Each is majoring in a different business field. Now a sophomore at Northern Illinois University, Mark is majoring in business finance.

Also a 2005 Lake Park graduate, **Katie Johnson** was a member of the Lancettes pom/dance team, Dance Ensemble and track & field, as well as staying on the honor roll. In the Bloomingdale community, she served on our Peer Jury program, coached for the Bloomingdale Bears pom program and served as a student ministry leader, as well as taught junior church for Bloomingdale Church. But it was the experience working with mentally challenged and physically disabled students at Lake Park, Marklund and through Northeast DuPage Special Education Cooperative that led her to her goal of becoming a special ed teacher. The 19-year old is currently a sophomore at Northeastern Illinois University.

## Bloomingdale Historical Society Notes

*by Annamarie Erickson for the Bloomingdale Historical Society*

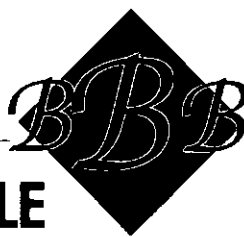
Bloomingdale was originally a stage stop on the Frink, Walker & Company route between Chicago and Elgin. Owner Martin O. Walker was from Rutland County, Vermont, which is the same county our original settlers, the Meachams, hailed from. (Perhaps they knew each other!) Bloomingdale became a postal stop in 1837. It is believed that this northeast corner building on Lake St. & Bloomingdale Road, pictured below, was built near to 1840. We do know for a fact that Sherman P. Sedgwick ran the Post Office and a drug store in the building in the 1840s.

On June 10, 1853, residents petitioned the Township for a plank road (which is now Lake Street) past the Francis X. Neltner tailor and merchandise shop that was housed in this building. But the most important event that took place on this spot, is the voters of Bloomingdale decided to incorporate the Village on April 16, 1889.

In the 1940's and 50's it became Roy's Tavern, a well known eating place on the long ride between Chicago and Elgin. The Historical Society's annual Roy's Fish Fry event is based on the Friday Night special featured at this establishment. By the 1970's and 80's the building had fallen to use as the Bigger Jigger, a motorcycle enthusiast bar. It was demolished on September 17, 1984.



*A holiday parade marches east on Lake Street past Roy's Tavern in the early 1950's.*



# THE BLOOMINGDALE

# BUSINESS BEAT

**BUY IN BLOOMINGDALE** — Supporting our businesses keeps the Village portion of your property tax bill low!

## CARSON'S STRATFORD SQUARE COMMUNITY DAYS WILL RAISE FUNDS FOR NON-PROFITS, SCHOOLS

Carson's Stratford Square is hosting a Community Day on November 11, 2006: The Care to Share Community Day is a fund-raising event for all non-profit and school organizations. Participating organizations sell coupon booklets for \$5.00 each and 100% of the price is retained by the organization. Each booklet contains special savings coupons valid on the Community Day One Day Sale on Saturday, November 11, 2006. Customers can purchase a Community Day booklet from any participating organization or in our store preceding and during the event. Interested organizations can go to Carson's website at [www.communitydayevent.com](http://www.communitydayevent.com) for information or contact the store at 630-351-8980.

## OLD TOWN BANK & TRUST BREAKS GROUND

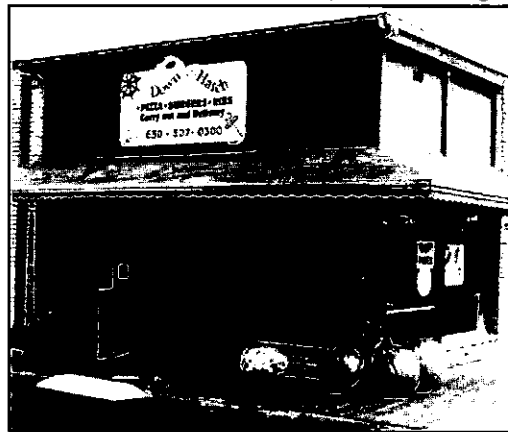
Old Town Bank & Trust of Bloomington broke ground on July 18, 2006! Old Town Bank and Trust, the third branch of Advantage National Bank, is scheduled to open its doors in early spring 2007 at Lake Street and Rosedale on the former site of Pirate's Cove. Unlike the majority of banks today, Advantage National Bank is not part of a big multinational organization. It is part of Wintrust Financial Corporation. The founders of Advantage National Bank and Wintrust believe strongly in their Mission Statement: To provide the best customer service around, bar none.

"We are very excited about the opportunity and look forward to being the number one choice for community banking in Bloomington," said Christine Smith, Senior Vice President of Retail Banking. Advantage National Bank's two branches are located at 75 E. Turner Avenue in Elk Grove Village, 847-364-0100 and at 1350 West Lake Street in Roselle, 630-529-0100.

## NEW BUSINESS

**TOWN CENTRE CLEANERS** opened the beginning of September at 117 E. Lake Street (behind the McDonald's). Owners Chulmin and Julia Chu have 20 years of experience in the dry cleaning industry between them. They provide dry cleaning services, including leather and suede, laundering, alterations and the heirlooming of wedding gowns. With their plant in Elgin, they are also able to provide same day service. Currently, the Chus are offering 50% off incoming dry cleaning through November; the next three months will feature a 30% discount. They intend to try to provide the lowest price on dry cleaning in Bloomington. Town Centre Cleaners is open Mon - Fri 8-7 and Sat 8-5. The phone number is 351-8970.

Recently opening at 119 W. Lake Street is **DOWN THE HATCH**. If the name sounds familiar it's because owner Greg Weseman's family owned the former "Down the Hatch" restaurant in Schaumburg, known for its pizza. Having grown up "in the business," it's only natural he and wife, Holly, start their own family business. Greg says the pizza recipes and suppliers are the same, so if you remember his parents' pizza, you won't be disappointed. The couple has added ribs, burgers, hot dogs and a variety of sandwiches and sides to the fare. Adding to the fun of this location is its history - the building was the Bloomington Police Department and jail during the early 70's. The eatery is open Mon-Thurs, 11-8; Fri-Sat, 11 - 10; closed Sunday. Call 307-0300 for delivery.



## STRATFORD SQUARE'S 'NIGHT OF GIVING' KICKS OFF THE HOLIDAY SEASON ON NOVEMBER 12

The 4th annual Night of Giving will be held at Stratford Square Mall on Sunday, November 12th from 6:30pm-10:00pm. This popular charity shopping event kicks off the holiday season and most importantly gives local non-profit organizations the opportunity to sell the \$5 tickets to the event and keep 100% of their proceeds!



The Business Beat features news about Bloomington businesses - newly opened ones, those under construction, and those who have special news - awards won, charitable fundraisers hosted, recent major remodels, etc. Call Mary Ellen Johnson, Almanac Editor at 671-5600 with news about your business.

# Off the Shelf



## BLOOMINGDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

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Home page: [www.bloomington.lib.il.us](http://www.bloomington.lib.il.us)

Phone: 630-529-3120  
E-mail: [bdref@inc.lib.il.us](mailto:bdref@inc.lib.il.us)

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## MyMediaMall

Have you checked out our electronic book and video collection? Available through our webpage ([www.bloomington.lib.il.us](http://www.bloomington.lib.il.us)) you can browse, check out, and download digital audio books, eBooks, and now videos any time of day from any home computer. The new videos are all nonfiction, both for adults and children.

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Digital books are compatible with most home computers. eBooks (digital text based versions of a book) can be read on PCs, MACs, PDAs, and Smartphones. Downloaded audio books (digital versions of traditional audio books on tape or CD) can be enjoyed on your PC or on hundreds of portable WMA/MP3 players. You can burn audio books to CD and listen to them in the car or on any standard CD player. Audio book files are in WMA format and will need to be converted to another file type to run on iPods.

For more information contact one of our Reference staff members at 924-2730.



### THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY HOURS

Wednesday, November 22	Library closes at 5:00 p.m.
Thursday, November 23	- LIBRARY CLOSED -
Friday, November 24	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, November 25	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, November 26	1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.



### UPCOMING EVENTS

Halloween Party	October 28
Holiday Open House	November 28
Polar Express	December 3
Breakfast/Brunch with Santa	December 9

**THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED ON  
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13  
FOR A STAFF INSERVICE DAY.**

### NEW NEXTREADS SERVICE



Looking for a new and interesting book to read? Our new **NextReads** service can give you a list of suggested new titles available by various subjects and fiction genres, and also new audio books. Sign up for up to twenty different email newsletters which will highlight new materials by topics such as Armchair Travel, Biographies, Business, or fiction specialties such as Mysteries, Romance, Historical Fiction, or Fantasy. These newsletters will automatically be mailed to you, and are directly linked to our online catalog, so you can place a hold on the new items. Some newsletters are distributed monthly, and the remainder are bi-monthly. To sign up for this new service visit our webpage ([www.bloomington.lib.il.us](http://www.bloomington.lib.il.us)) and look for the **NextReads** logo.

Youth Services Department  
**FALL YOUTH PROGRAMS**

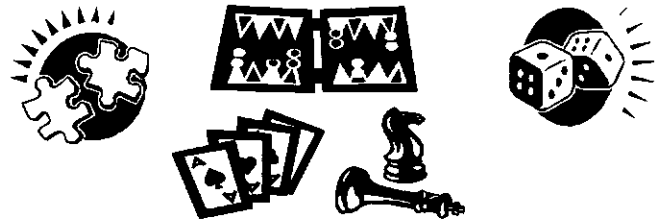


**ZOO  
ORNAMENT  
WORKSHOP**

(Families)

**Monday, November 13**  
**7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.**  
**Registration is required.**

Once again the Village of Bloomingdale and the Bloomingdale Public Library will be co-sponsoring the Village of Bloomingdale Community Tree at the Brookfield Zoo. You are invited to come create a craft that will be on display on the Friends of the Library tree at Brookfield Zoo. The families of all who have created ornaments are invited to come and decorate the tree on Saturday, November 18, 2006 from 1:30 - 3:00 p.m. Please register at the Youth Services Reference Desk, or telephone the Youth Services Department at 924-2740.



**FAMILY GAME NIGHT**

(Families)

**Thursday, October 26th**  
**6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.**

**No Registration Required**

Need a night away from the TV? Looking for something different to do? Families are invited to stop by the library for an evening of fun and games. Try out our growing collection of games, including DDR on the big screen, Mario Kart, board games and more! This program is open to all families, and registration is not required. For more information, contact the Youth Services Department at 630-924-2740.

*Voyage to Book Island*



Bloomingdale Public Library  
Summer Reading Program 2006

**"VOYAGE TO  
BOOK ISLAND"  
SUMMER READING  
PROGRAM**

Congratulations to everyone who participated in the Summer Reading Program. A total of 624 children registered for the program and earned prizes based on the amount of time they spent reading. By the end of the program, participants had read a total of 5870 hours. Thank you again to the Friends of the Bloomingdale Public Library, local businesses, and the *Daily Herald* and its "Big Ticket" program for their donations of prizes. They all helped make the Summer Reading Program a success.



**THANK YOU  
VOLUNTEERS!**

The Bloomingdale Public Library staff would like to thank the thirteen teens who volunteered their time and talents during the summer reading program and at the Ice Cream Social. These great young people worked a total of 153 hours, and they all were of tremendous help in making the Summer Reading Program a success.



## Adult Services Department FALL TEEN PROGRAMS



**DANCE DANCE REVOLUTION**  
(Teens 7th - 12th grades)  
Thursday, October 12  
&  
Thursday, November 9  
6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Show off your best dancing skills on our big screen! Don't dance? Just come and hang out with your friends. We have food and other games too. Registration not necessary, just stop on by!

**TIM BURTON HALLOWEEN PARTY**  
(7th - 12th grades)  
Monday, October 30  
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.



HAPPY HALLOWEEN!! Bring your friends and celebrate Halloween by watching a Tim Burton movie and making Goth socks.

Register at the Adult Reference Desk or call 630-924-2730.



**24/7 RESEARCH DATABASES**  
(7th - 12th grades)  
Thursday, November 2  
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

We'll provide the keys you need to unlock the information in our 24/7 Research Databases. Learn how to search our databases from the library or the comfort of your home. Get a head start on school projects by becoming familiar with the power of our online information. We'll provide an overview of online resources that cover social studies, science, literature, history, and more. You have a virtual library at your fingertips - we'll show you how to use it!

*There will be a \$10 refundable deposit required for this class. Sign up in person in the Business Office.*

**SNOWMAN CROSSING ORNAMENTS**  
(7th - 12th grades)  
Thursday, November 16  
4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.



Join us in making ornaments for the teen YA Spot tree which will be on display at the Library's Snowman Crossing. We have all the supplies; you just need to bring your creative talents.

Register at the Adult Reference Desk or call 630-924-2730.

## GET ACTIVE @ YOUR LIBRARY TEEN READ WEEK 2006



**YA SPOT MURAL CONTEST -  
TEEN READ WEEK EVENT**

Attention all artists! The YA Spot's display area needs your creative work! The Library is sponsoring a mural contest between September 18th and October 7th, with winners to be announced during Teen Read Week 2006. Interested? Here's some additional information you'll need to know:

To participate, stop by the Adult Services Reference Desk starting September 18th. Murals are due October 7th, so give yourself plenty of time.

Mural contest is for teens in grades 7th - 12th only!

The theme of the mural has to be book and/or library related.

The library will provide paper for the mural.

Only one entry per person.

There will be two winners.

Winners of the contest will receive a \$25 gift card and their art work will be displayed in the YA Spot.

Winners will be announced during Teen Read Week 2006, October 15 - 21st.

**TEEN BINGO -  
TEEN READ WEEK EVENT**

(7th - 12th grades)  
Tuesday, October 17  
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

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Celebrate Teen Read Week 2006 and play bingo at the Library. There will be lots of prizes and it will be loads of fun! Please register at the Adult Reference Desk or call 630-924-2730.



**TEEN YOGA -  
TEEN READ WEEK EVENT**

(7th - 12th grades)  
Thursday, October 19  
7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Take a break from the books, relax and learn yoga poses from Pamela. She will guide you through each exercise and show you the benefits and fun of yoga. Wear comfortable clothes, bring a mat or beach towel, and don't eat a big meal beforehand. Register at the Adult Reference Desk or call 630-924-2730.

**Adult Services Department**  
**FALL ADULT PROGRAMS**

**BOOK DISCUSSION**  
**GROUP NEWS**

New members are always welcome! Books are available approximately one month in advance at the Adult Reference Desk. Any questions, please call 924-2730.

**ADULT BOOK GROUP**

Meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Thursday of the month and the previous Wednesday morning at 10:00 a.m.

**October 18 and 19**

*Broken for You* by Stephanie Kallos

**November 15 and 16**

*Gilead* by Marilynne Robinson

**HISTORICAL BOOK GROUP**

Meets from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. on the first Tuesday of the month.

**November 7**

*A Midwife's Tale: the life of Martha Ballard, based on her diary, 1785-1812* by Laurel Ulrich

**December 5**

*Wedding of the Waters: the Erie Canal and the Making of a Great Nation* by Peter L. Bernstein



**SPOTLIGHT ON**  
**LIBRARY DATABASES**

Preparing for an official exam such as the SAT, ACT, GED, ASVAB, etc.? The library subscribes to a test preparation database that offers instant scoring and can help you target those skill areas that need the most attention. Complete answer explanations accompany each question so you can understand why a particular answer is right or wrong. To access, use our website ([www.bloomington.lib.il.us](http://www.bloomington.lib.il.us)), click on "Research" on the left side, then "Premium Research Databases," then "Test Preparation." For more information, contact the librarians at the Reference Desk at 924-2730.



**HAVE A QUESTION FOR A**  
**REFERENCE LIBRARIAN?**

Contact us one of these convenient ways:

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Call us at 924-2730

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ICQ: 319632035

**Email us at [bdref@linc.lib.il.us](mailto:bdref@linc.lib.il.us)**

**24/7 Service:**

**Ask Away Service** - click on the link on our webpage:

**[www.bloomington.lib.il.us](http://www.bloomington.lib.il.us)**

This is a cooperative network of participating librarians who provide online reference service any time of the day or night.

**RESEARCH ESSENTIALS**

One-hour appointments are available to meet with Julie Keating, one of our reference librarians. She can show you the basics of library research, including an introduction to our computer catalog and the electronic databases. This program is available for individuals or groups. Please call Julie for an appointment, 924-2735.



Adult Services Department  
**FALL ADULT PROGRAMS**

**ADULT PROGRAMS**

All programs are free and open to everyone.  
Please call the Adult Services desk to register, 924-2730 unless noted otherwise.



**QUICK 'N EASY HOME DECORATING WITH JULEA JOSEPH-USING WHAT YOU HAVE**  
Tuesday, October 10  
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Julea Joseph, a local interior designer who has appeared on HGTV's Decorating Cents, will help you "Sass up your Space!" with a comprehensive workshop on quick and easy decorating with existing belongings for your home environment. Along with basic rules for decorating rooms, learn how to weed through existing belongings, uncover hidden treasures, and make smart shopping choices for incorporating a few new pieces into your home's design.



**LIVING WITH DIABETES**  
Wednesday, October 18  
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Diabetes is a chronic disease with potentially serious complications. Learning about the disease and doing your best to take care of yourself can help you live a longer, healthier life. Dr. Ekta Ohri will discuss diabetes management guidelines, including early warning signs and symptoms, risk factors, blood glucose monitoring and exercise goals. Registration required. Please call AlexianConnects at 1-866-ALEXIAN (253-9426). Program at library.



**INTERNET SAFETY**  
Monday, October 23  
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Dawn Odoi, of the Bloomingdale Police Department, will discuss the dangers on the Internet and precautions parents can take to keep kids safe in cyberspace.



**THE CASSINI-HUYGENS MISSION TO SATURN**  
Tuesday, October 24  
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

After a 7-year trip to the ringed planet 930 million miles from the Sun, the Cassini-Huygens spacecraft successfully entered orbit to begin its mission of exploration and discovery. Over the four years of the primary mission, Cassini-Huygens will investigate the mysteries of the planet, its incredible system of rings, and its complement of moons. This presentation will focus on the objectives of the mission, information about spacecraft instrumentation, and most importantly the exciting images and results of the mission to date. Please join Jim Kovac, JPL Solar System Ambassador, for this evening presentation.



**SCHEMES AND SCAMS**  
Wednesday, November 1  
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Don Delaney is the author of *Fraud: the Secret Files of America's #1 Investigator*. A claims adjustor for over 30 years, Delaney has seen every scheme, sham, or flimflam - some cases are so outrageous they're hard to believe. Join us as Delaney shares insider accounts of fascinating insurance fraud cases.



**MEDICARE PART D: CHANGES FOR 2007**  
Thursday, December 7  
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Dan Cantu, of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois, will present an overview and update of the Prescription Drug Benefits approved under the Medicare Modernization and Improvement Act of 2003. During this informative session, he will explain the Part D - Prescription Drug Benefit including eligibility, enrollment, benefits and cost sharing as well as changes made for 2007. After the session he will answer questions and provide helpful handouts and other reference materials.



**FOOT SCREENING**  
Wednesday, December 13  
4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Dr. Robert Geary, podiatrist, will screen patients for persistent pain, swelling, loss of sensation and blisters or ulcers that will not heal. **Limited appointments will be available. Registration is required. Please call AlexianConnects at 1-866-ALEXIAN (253-9426).** Program at library.

**"VOYAGE TO BOOK ISLAND"  
SUMMER READING PROGRAM**

We saw a large increase in participation this year with 151 adults and 101 teens, who read a total of 1211 books! Thanks to all who registered for the program and to our local sponsors who provided many wonderful prizes.

## Computer Lab

# FALL COMPUTER PROGRAMS

The following computer classes are recommended for ages 13 and older. There is a \$10.00 refundable deposit (cash or check only) for each class, due at the time of registration. Classes are limited to twelve participants. Please register in the Business Office of the Library, beginning Monday, October 2, 2006. Deposits will not be refunded unless cancellation is made at least 24 hours in advance of the class start time.



## ADULTS COMPUTER COURSE

*Please note:*

*A \$60.00 deposit  
is required for this course.*

Monday,	October 9	2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Thursday,	October 12	2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Monday,	October 16	2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Thursday,	October 19	2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Monday,	October 23	2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Thursday,	October 26	2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

**Instructor: Sean**

This six-session course will cover a wide range of computer topics. It is intended to give students a strong foundation in computing, including general computer/Windows principles, using the Internet, and familiarity with Microsoft Office products. The skills learned here will help to prepare the student for whatever computing task interests them. Please see the following Course Outline for more information.

## ADULTS COMPUTER COURSE OUTLINE

### **Sessions 1:**

Very basic introduction to computers and how we use them. Topics such as learning how to use disks and CD-ROMs, becoming comfortable with the mouse, using windows, and running programs.

### **Session 2:**

Students learn word processing through a thorough introduction to Microsoft Word. Skills are gained that will help with printing, Internet use, email, and any other aspect of computing that requires text or typing.

### **Sessions 3, 4, and 5:**

These three classes will introduce participants to using the Internet and email. Basic understanding of connecting to and using the World Wide Web will be covered. Also included will be more detailed email topics and introducing more complicated Internet issues such as downloading, searching, and using multimedia products online (music, movies, games, etc.).

### **Sessions 6:**

The final session of this course will introduce new programs, including those in the Microsoft Office Suite, as an attempt to broaden students' interests. Also included is a thorough review of the previous five classes, refreshing and expanding upon everything contained in the course.

### USING POWER POINT 2

**Wednesday October 11, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.**

**Instructor: Sean**

Extending on the basic skills learned in Using Power Point, this class will teach students to make their slide shows more dynamic and complex. Going beyond the presets and designing your own slides, creating slide transitions, sounds, animations, and slide show options will all be covered.

### USING DIGITAL CAMERAS/SCANNERS

**Wednesday October 25, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.**

**Instructor: Sean**

This class will teach the basic skills required to use the Bloomingdale Library's scanner and two sample digital cameras. Techniques taught will include taking pictures, viewing them on the camera, transferring them to a computer, and acquiring text and/or images from the scanner. While all digital cameras are different, the same basic principles will apply to the students' cameras as those used in class. It is recommended that students have basic experience using Windows so that you are comfortable pointing and clicking and following instructions.

### 24/7 RESEARCH DATABASES (7th - 12th grades)

**Thursday, November 2**

**7:00 - 8:30 p.m.**

**Instructor: Julie**

We'll provide the keys you need to unlock the information in our 24/7 Research Databases. Learn how to search our databases of full-text articles from the library or the comfort of your home. Get a head start on school projects by becoming familiar with the power of our online information. We'll provide an overview of online resources that cover social studies, science, literature, history, and more. You have a virtual library at your fingertips - we'll show you how to use it!

### USING THE INTERNET

**Monday November 6, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.**

**Instructor: Sean**

This course will cover all from the most basic Internet questions and topics to more intermediate material such as search engines and downloading. This class is intended for those with little or no computer experience.

## Computer Lab

# FALL COMPUTER PROGRAMS

### PRINTING MAILING LABELS

Wednesday November 8, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

In this course students will use MS Word and other Microsoft Office tools like Macros and Mail Merge to automate repetitive tasks like the creation of mailing labels to save time (and skip lots of typing).

### USING EMAIL

Thursday November 9, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

This class will introduce the students to creating an email address, performing basic functions, and more advanced procedures such as using attachments and managing folders. (Having taken Using the Internet is recommended.)

### COMPUTER HARDWARE AND MAINTENANCE

Wednesday November 15, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

This class provides basic knowledge of the parts that make up a computer and how to go about upgrading, repairing and maintaining them.

### USING EMAIL 2

Thursday November 16, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

Using Email 2 takes users beyond the basics of sending and receiving email and teaches them to take advantage of the many features their email services provide. Topics such as attachments, folders, address books, mail options, spam protection, and more will be covered. (Having taken Using Email or similar experience is recommended.)

### INTRODUCTION TO ACCESS

Wednesday November 29, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

This class will provide a basic understanding of using Microsoft Access. Topics such as creating Tables, Queries, Forms, and Reports will be covered. (Having taken Introduction to Microsoft Word or equivalent experience is recommended.)

## LOCAL HISTORY NEWS

You are invited to find your family by doing genealogy research with the help of our Local History department staff. Check out our latest exhibit on genealogy and attend our Genealogy Workshop which meets the fourth Thursday of each month (except November & December) from 6:30 p.m. - 8:45 p.m. Individual help is available to do your research.



### REGISTER TO VOTE!

The Bloomingdale Public Library has registrars on staff and can assist you in getting registered to vote. To be eligible to vote in Illinois, an individual must:

Appear in person before the registrar

Be a United States citizen

Be 18 years old by the date of the next election, November 7 (17 year olds whose birthday is on or before the next election may register to vote)

On the date of the next election have resided in the voting precinct for 30 days

Provide two current forms of identification, one with current address

When appropriate, accurate naturalized citizen information

If you have recently moved to Bloomingdale or have not voted in the past two presidential elections, you will need to reregister. The deadline to vote in the November election is October 11. Stop by the Adult Reference Desk for assistance.



### PEP VOUNTEER PROGRAM

Join the People Educating People (PEP) Volunteer Program from College of DuPage as a volunteer classroom tutor. Tutors help adult students learn English as a Second Language (ESL), reading or basic math. Volunteers work once or twice a week for two to three hours. Day, evening and weekend classes are held throughout DuPage County. Bilingual skills are needed only for Spanish math tutoring.

The next training series for ESL, reading and math volunteer classroom tutors will be offered on consecutive Saturdays, November 11 and 18, 2006, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Glen Ellyn campus. The deadline to register is October 27. Spring assignments begin January 18, 2007.

For more information, call Joan Morris at (630) 942-3788.

# EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

Everyone is invited to attend the 18th Annual

## HALLOWEEN PARTY

at the

**Bloomington Public Library**  
**Saturday, October 28, 2006**  
**1:00 - 3:30 p.m.**



Sponsored by:

the Bloomington Public Library,  
the Friends of the Library,  
and the Village of Bloomington

The Halloween Party will be held outside  
under a tent, rain or shine!

*Children are encouraged to wear costumes.*

Tickets for games will be available  
from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

**The event will feature storytelling, free games,  
free refreshments and much more!**

Please call the Youth Services Reference Desk  
at 924-2740 to register for this event,  
or for more information!



8th Annual

## POLAR EXPRESS

Bring the family for a ride on "The Polar Express"  
\*based on the book by Chris Van Allsburg

We'll meet at the Roselle Train Station at  
**1:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 3**  
for a trip to the North Pole (Elgin Train Station).  
We'll have a storyteller, treats, caroling, and pickup a  
special visitor at the North Pole (Elgin Train Station).

**Tickets are \$8 for adults and  
\$6 for children (eleven and under).**

You may purchase tickets in person beginning at  
**9:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 14, 2006**  
in the Business Office.

### PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING POLAR EXPRESS:

Ticket sales will be limited to Bloomington residents only  
(valid photo id required). Seats are limited for this event.  
Groups wishing to sit within the same train car will need to  
purchase tickets at the same time.

Due to the seating configuration on the train cars, some  
passengers may be seated in the upper level of the train car.  
Furthermore, there is no guarantee that groups who purchase  
tickets together will be seated next to each other.

13th Annual

## BREAKFAST/BRUNCH WITH SANTA

Children of all ages and their families are invited to attend the 13th Annual Breakfast/Brunch with Santa  
to be held at the Bloomington Golf Club on Saturday, December 9, 2006.

This event is sponsored by the Bloomington Public Library and the Bloomington Golf Club.  
Breakfast and Brunch will be held at the Bloomington Golf Club:

**181 Glen Ellyn Road in Bloomington**

**Saturday, December 9**

### Breakfast

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

(Food will be served from 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.)  
(Activities will be offered from 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.)

### Brunch

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

(Food will be served from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.)  
(Activities will be offered 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.)



**Tickets will be available at the Library on Saturday, October 14, beginning at 9:00 a.m.**  
The cost of the breakfast is \$11.00 per adult, \$8.00 per child (ages 4-12), and free for kids under age 4 (a  
ticket is required). Checks may be made payable to the Bloomington Public Library.  
Sorry, we cannot accept credit/debit cards.

Photos with Santa will be available for purchase at the event.

# EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY



## SNOWMAN CROSSING

The Bloomingdale Public Library and the Village of Bloomingdale are pleased to announce the Eighth Annual Community Decorated Holiday Tree Program. The holiday trees will be displayed along the sidewalk at the Library. Twenty holiday trees will be available. The Library and the Village are inviting community groups, classes, and clubs to participate by decorating a tree between November 22 and November 27, 2006. Trees must be decorated by Monday, November 27, 2006, for the Library/Village Tree Lighting Ceremony. The ceremony will be held on Tuesday, November 28, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. outside the Library.

Trees will be assigned on a first come, first serve basis. However, the number of trees a school or other groups can decorate will be limited, so that all areas of the Village are represented. Each participating group will receive a location map of its tree and a list of the rules and regulations. Once your tree reservation is received and confirmed, you may begin planning your decorations. There is no required theme. There are, however, certain rules all groups must follow:

Decorating may not begin until Wednesday, November 22 and must be completed by Monday, November 27, 2006.

Groups must remove their own ornaments from their tree. Decorations must be removed from the trees between Friday, December 29, 2006 and Sunday, December 31, 2006. Beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 2, 2007, all remaining decorations will be removed and discarded from trees in preparation for chipping (chipped trees are used as mulch throughout the Village). **PLEASE NOTE: Ornaments will not be saved.**

The Bloomingdale Public Library and the Village of Bloomingdale are not responsible for any lost, stolen, or damaged decorations.

This event is open to Bloomingdale clubs, groups, and/or classes. The groups must either be from Bloomingdale or be Bloomingdale residents in order to participate. If groups wish to laminate ornaments, the Library has a laminator available. Please call ahead to reserve a time.

We are very excited about the Eighth Annual Community Decorated Holiday Tree program. If you have any questions and/or if you wish to participate, please contact Kandice Krettler in the Business Office at (630) 924-2723.

The Bloomingdale Public Library and the Village of Bloomingdale

*Cordially invite you to attend our*

**18th Annual  
Tree Lighting Ceremony  
and  
Holiday Open House**

**Tuesday, November 28, 2006  
6:30 - 9:00 p.m.**

**Activities**

6:30 - 7:00 p.m.

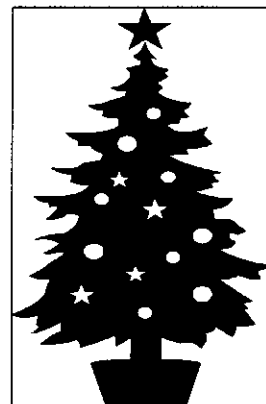
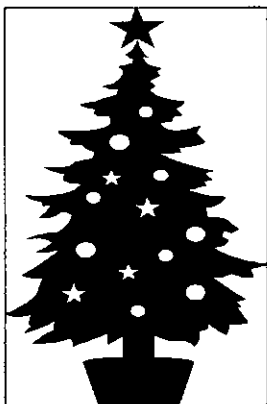
Community/Village Tree Lighting Ceremony

7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Various activities:

Children's crafts, musical performers, and refreshments.

Call the Library at (630) 529-3120 for more details.



# Bloomingtondale Park District

172 S. Circle Avenue

Ph. 630.529.3650

**Office Hours:**

M-TH: 8:30am-7:00pm

F: 8:30am-4:30pm

SA: 9:00am-1:00pm

*We're right around the corner!*

MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY  
NATIONAL DAY OF  
DOING GOOD



ANNUAL CHALLENGE

## Make a Difference Day

**October 21, 9:00am- Noon**

### Springfield Park

Make A Difference Day is the most encompassing national day of helping others—a celebration of neighbors helping neighbors. Everyone can participate. Bloomingtondale will participate in this year's Make a Difference Day on

Saturday, October 21, 2006.

In Bloomingtondale, community members will join forces to beautify the Springfield Park concession building and surrounding area. All ages are invited to participate: help paint a mural on the building, plant perennials, and clean up Springfield Park. Everyone can lend a helping hand. Service groups, local businesses, scouts, families, and individuals are welcome to participate. All participants will receive a t-shirt. After the clean-up is completed volunteers are invited to stay for refreshments and enjoy a hayride around Springfield Park.

To register for this event, stop by the JRC to pick up a form, download one from [bloomingtondaleparks.org](http://bloomingtondaleparks.org) or call the Bloomingtondale Park District at 630-529-3650.

## Gentle Yoga for Seniors

Enjoy a one-hour class of stretching, strengthening, and relaxing. We will use chairs and blankets for support in many poses. It will improve your posture, increase your mobility, and make you feel great! Please bring a blanket to class. Yoga mats are provided.

**Location: Aerobics Studio**

**Instructor: Beth McCown**

**MIN/MAX: 8/16**

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
Adult	M	01:00-02:00P	10/23-11/27	\$42/52	103507-B1
Adult	Th	09:00-10:00A	10/26-11/30*	\$42/52	103507-B2

**\*NO CLASS 11/23**

## Friday Night Flick

**Fridays, Nov. 10 & Dec. 22, 7:00-9:00pm**

The Bloomingtondale Park District is proud and excited to offer it's first Friday Night Flick movie night. Why pay a babysitter \$8.00 an hour when you can drop your child off with our experienced staff to watch an exciting flick and have a snack for a much more affordable price? Children of all ages are welcome. Parental supervision is required for children under the age of 6, but all parents are welcome to stay. Parents planning on staying must pay the admission fee. Fee includes the movie, popcorn, and a drink. We will be showing Curious George on November 10 and The Polar Express on December 22. This is a drop in program, however pre-registration is also accepted.

**Location: JRC Gym**

**MIN/MAX: 10/100**

Age	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
6-12	11/10	\$2/5	104106-A1
6-12	12/22	\$2/5	104106-A2

# ADULT & SENIOR TRIPS

## Some Like It Hot!: An Insider's View of Oak Park

**Tuesday, November 28, 9:00am-4:30pm**

Come uncover the "hot" secrets of the Oak Park area on this fabulous day trip with City Ventures! You'll discover Oak Park's "hot" gallery area and witness a demonstration by an artist. We'll also be visiting a charming tea shop in Forest Park and a "steamy" garden under glass, the Oak Park Conservatory. Other stops for the day include a tour of Ernest Hemingway's birthhome and lunch at a local "hot spot." We'll travel past the impressive Wright designed homes and hear the inside stories of Wright's life in Oak Park. Your fee includes your Motorcoach transportation, lunch, tour, tour guide and demonstrations.

**Registration deadline is October 16.**

Location	R/NR Fee	Code #
JRC Parking Lot	\$58/36	103242-A1

## Shopping on State Street

**Wednesday, December 6, 8:45am-4:00pm**

Join us for our popular annual holiday shopping spree to State Street in Chicago. See all of the beautiful holiday decorations and magical lights, do lots of shopping, and enjoy lunch on your own at one of the wonderful restaurants in the city.

**Registration deadline is November 29.**

Location	R/NR Fee	Code #
JRC Parking Lot	\$14/19	103238-A1

## Shopping on Michigan Avenue

**Tuesday, December 12, 2:30-9:00pm**

This unique counterpart to our daytime State Street holiday shopping trip, this trip allows you to experience the delight of the holidays in Chicago during the evening hours. You'll be dropped off near Water Tower Place shopping center, and be on your own to enjoy shopping and have dinner. Venture down Michigan Avenue to take a closer look at the lights after shopping, before heading home. **Registration deadline is December 5.**

Location	R/NR Fee	Code #
JRC Parking Lot	\$14/19	103239-A1

**Register for programs at the Johnston Recreation Center, 172 S. Circle Ave., or online at [bloomingtondaleparks.org](http://bloomingtondaleparks.org)!**

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# HALLOWEEN HAPPENING

Friday, October 27

6:30-9:00pm

Johnston Recreation Center

172 S. Circle Avenue, Bloomingtondale, 630.529.3650

Kids ages preschool through 6th grade are welcome to join us for the ultimate Halloween experience: our annual Halloween Happening!

New this year is a scary and bouncy inflatable haunted house-bet you can't find your way out! There will be lots of great ghoulish fun including a castle moonwalk, haunted hayrides through Circle Park, loads of games and prizes, Magic by Mike, performances by the crazy and unforgettable Wacky Drac and the infamous Trick or Treat Trail Oasis-style!

Families won't want to miss our build a scarecrow contest! For the little ones there's our famous Creepy Crawlers Room and the Pumpkin Walk.

**NEW!** Wristbands will be sold beginning October 16 for \$5.00, which will cover your admission to the inflatable haunted house, haunted hayride, castle moonwalk and unlimited games. A separate wristband is available for adults for \$2.00, which covers your admission to the haunted hayride and the inflatable haunted house. Wristbands will also be sold the night of the event for \$7.00 for children/\$3.00 for adults.

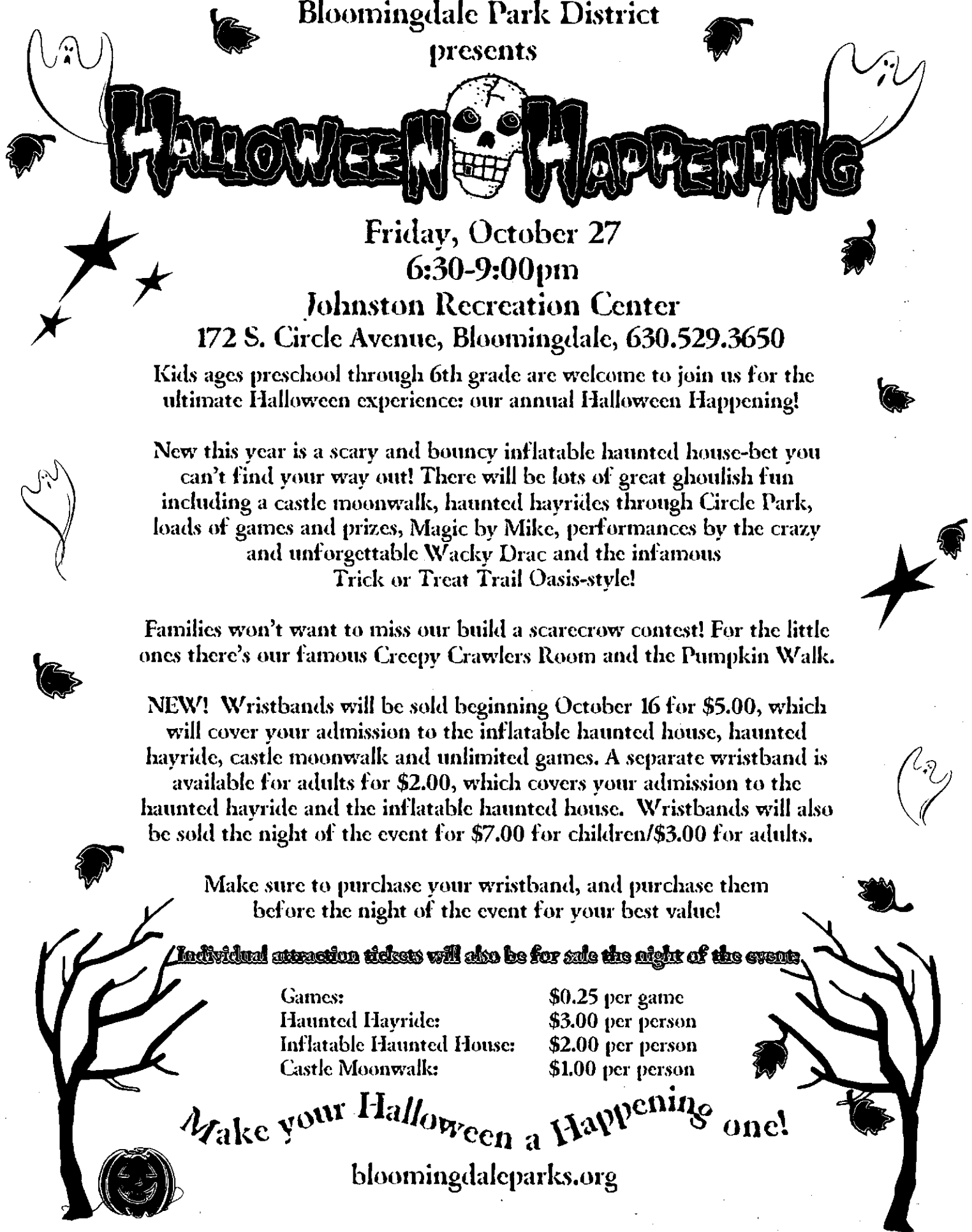
Make sure to purchase your wristband, and purchase them before the night of the event for your best value!

Individual attraction tickets will also be for sale the night of the event

Games:	\$0.25 per game
Haunted Hayride:	\$3.00 per person
Inflatable Haunted House:	\$2.00 per person
Castle Moonwalk:	\$1.00 per person

Make your Halloween a Happening one!

[bloomingtondaleparks.org](http://bloomingtondaleparks.org)





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