

Village of Bloomingdale Almanac

DECEMBER 2005

Great
opportunities
to share the
spirit of the
season!

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From the Desk of Mayor Bob Iden

As we enter the holiday season, which traditionally brings out the giving nature of people, I have to say this has already been a giving year in the Village of Bloomingdale. The devastation from Hurricanes Katrina and Rita brought out enormous generosity of spirit, time and donations from our businesses and residents.

In the October Almanac, we reported a 53-ft truck was sent to Wiggins in Stone County, Miss. loaded with bedding, non-perishable food, baby supplies, cleaning supplies, toys, school supplies, personal hygiene products, tools, pet food and supplies, over the counter medicines and medical supplies.

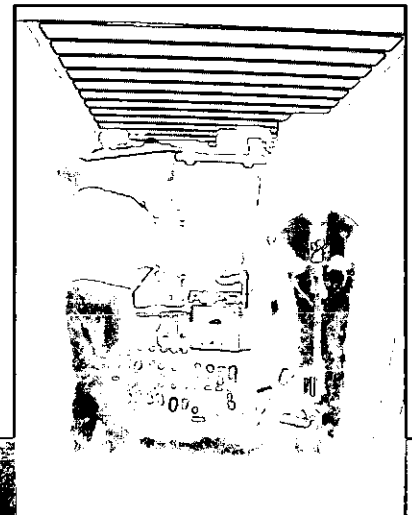
On Friday, October 14, we packed another 53-ft truck with 32 pallets full of more of the above, plus clothing, and sent it down to Lake Charles, LA. They were affected by Hurricane Katrina and then really hit by Hurricane Rita. We worked with VFW Post #2130 in Lake Charles to have those items distributed.

The last 53-foot truck took off for Hackberry, LA. on Monday, October 17. Some 37-pallets full of the same items – we tried to split the kind of items evenly between the two Louisiana-bound trucks – filled this last delivery. VFW Post #8107 from Sulphur, LA worked with us to get the items to an emergency distribution center in Hackberry. These people were also affected by both hurricanes, but devastated by Rita. In all, over 100 pallets were donated to hurricane victims – a tremendous outpouring of kindness and generosity.

At the same time the Bloomingdale community was coming together, St. Isidore Church was conducting its own project, an ongoing hurricane relief project, "Operation Hope," for St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church in Pascagoula, Miss. Not only is this the poorest parish in the county, but many of them lost absolutely everything. Through Operation Hope, St. Isidore volunteers have already rebuilt the church rectory and are currently working on the convent. The next step is to help these devastated families put their households back together.

To that end, St. Isidore's parishioners are currently collecting all kinds of household items -furniture, bedding, kitchen appliances, lamps, major appliances, computers and electronics - anything you might need in a home. They will accept new or gently used items, anything that does not need to be repaired. Clothing is not being accepted.

The items are being collected at the old Sears Hardware store, 121 E. Lake Street, where the Village conducted its own collection. However, the collection center is only open Wednesdays, 5-8 p.m. and Saturdays, 9 am – 1 p.m., hopefully, through the (continued on page 3



Two more semis left for Louisiana loaded with donations to assist in the hurricane relief effort

**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

**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

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

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

**BLOOMINGDALE FIRE PROTECTION
DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

2nd Tuesday of the month
7:30 p.m. - Firehouse,
179 S. Bloomingdale Road

The following committees meet on a less regular basis or as needed. Call the Village Hall at 671-5600 for the next scheduled meeting.

**RECREATIONAL PATHWAY
COMMITTEE**

As needed

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Six times a year or as needed

**VILLAGE OF BLOOMINGDALE
ELECTED OFFICIALS**

Robert G. Iden
Village President

Susan L. Bartucci
Village Clerk

TRUSTEES

Bill Bolen
Legal & Intergovernmental

Robert Czernek
Finance & Personnel

John Dabrowski
Police

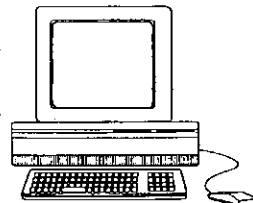
James M. Gebis
*Planning, Zoning
& Environmental Concerns*

Judi Von Huben
*Community Programs &
Special Events*

Gloria Reyes
Public Works & Services

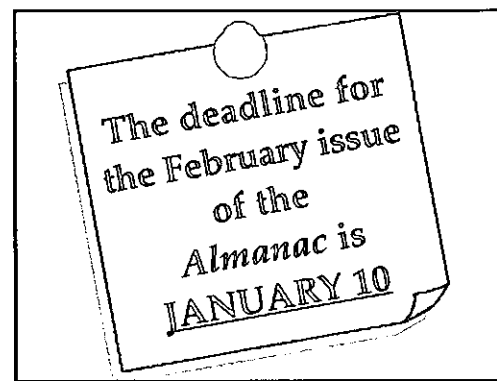
**We'd like to hear from you:
Please note our website
address --**

If you're "surfing the net" and have a question to ask or an issue to bring to our attention, just E-mail it to us. If you wish to send us an electronic message, our address is:

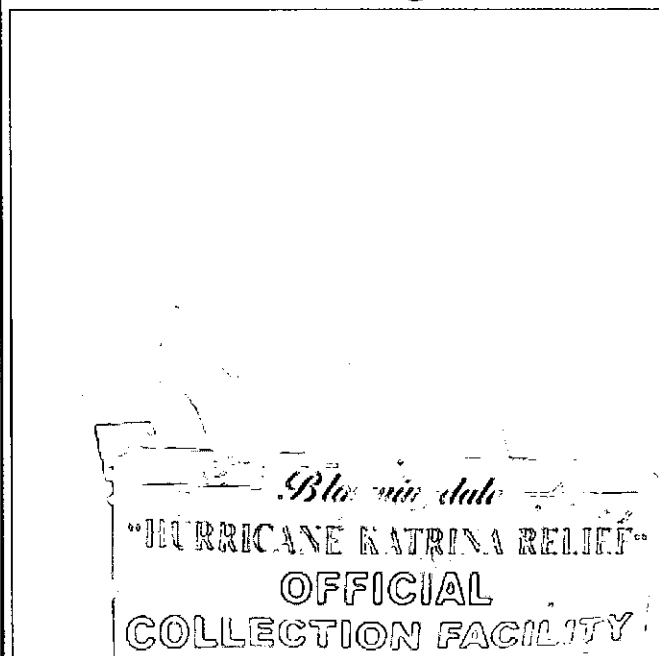


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www.vil.bloomingle.com



Leos Off to a 'Roaring' Start!



The Bloomingdale Leos Club was officially organized on Wednesday, October 26, 2005 when more than 40 Westfield Middle School students became charter members. The young people will gain leadership experience through the development of community service projects. They have already taken on a few projects, one of which was volunteering at the Katrina relief center. Mayor Iden congratulated the group on their choice to make community service a serious commitment in their lives. Inset - each new Leo signed the club's charter.

From the Mayor's Desk *(continued from page 1)*

month of December. It is suggested that you call Josie at the church at 295-8364 before you come by to make sure the center is still open.

The holidays bring more opportunities to help those less fortunate, many in our own backyards. On page 4, you will find a few of those opportunities, which have traditionally been supported by this community. Look around – there are many more opportunities to share the spirit of the season – food drives, Toys for Tots, and more being sponsored by our schools, churches and businesses.

I wish you all the happiest of holidays.

Mayor Bob Iden

Notice a Ground Swell or a Constant Flow Of Water? It Could be a Water Main Break

Winter is typically a busy time of year for Public Works crews. Water main breaks occur year round but are more frequent in the winter months. "Water main break" is a term frequently used to describe a variety of underground pipeline failures. The Village water distribution infrastructure consists of approximately 122 miles of water mains, 1750 fire hydrants, 6,000 b-boxes, and 1500 valves to maintain and repair. These are generally located in the parkway in front of your home or in rear yard easements. Most water main breaks are easy to detect as the ground above the leak will swell and a constant flow of water will run out. Repairs are typically scheduled by the severity of the leak with priority given to the safety of the water supply, potential for damage, and inconvenience to the affected customers. Repairs vary in time due to conditions such as weather and conflicts with other utilities. To make a repair the crew has to shut off the water main. Water is generally off 4 to 6 hours for the average repair. The crews typically knock on the doors of the homes affected by the shutdown unless it's late at night. When the water is turned back on, it may be discolored. This discoloration is generally due to mineral sediments in the watermain that are disturbed from the repairs. This will settle in a short period time. Unless you are specifically notified, the water remains safe to drink or what is commonly called "potable."

To report a watermain break please call the Village Services – Utilities Division at 630-671-5830 during normal business hours Monday through Friday 7:30 am to 4:00 pm. After hours the on-call person can be reached by calling the Police Department non-emergency number at 630-529-9868.

Prevent Frozen Water Pipes This Winter

When it's bitter cold:

Let hot and cold water trickle from faucets located adjacent to an outer wall.

Open cabinet doors to allow heat to warm uninsulated pipes under a sink or an appliance near an outer wall.

Make sure the furnace thermostat is left on and never set below 55 degrees.

If you plan to be away, ask someone to check your home daily to make sure the furnace is sufficiently warming the house.

If pipes freeze:

Make sure you and your family members know how to shut off your home's water service.

Call a plumber and an insurance agent to inspect whatever damage has occurred.

Never try to thaw a pipe with an open flame or torch.

Always be careful of the potential for electric shock when working in or around standing water.

Thanks!

Thanks to these following businesses for their contributions to the Hurricane efforts since the last Almanac

Abbott & Associates

Karen Campe –
St. Walter's Church

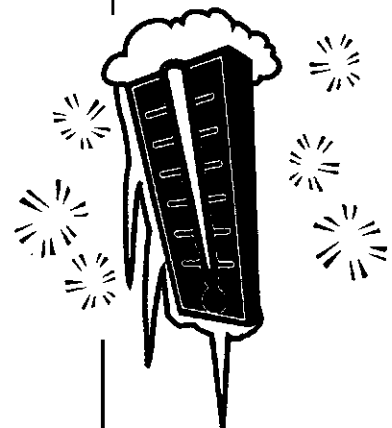
Bartlett VFW Ladies
Auxiliary Post 11018

Glen Oaks Hospital
Medinah Woods Club

Menards – Glendale Hts.

ReMax

Rosewood Restaurant



Share the Spirit of the Holidays



Please be an Angel by joining together with the Village of Bloomingdale employees this holiday season in support of the **Salvation Army's Angel Tree Kids**, (ages 3 through 5) attending the Salvation Army's Shiloah Head Start Childcare Program in Chicago. Angel Tree tags identifying each child's gift needs and toy desires are available at the Village Hall. All gifts need to be purchased and returned **un-wrapped** to the Village Hall by Thursday, December 15th. The little angels will receive their gifts before they break from school for the holidays. If you are interested in participating and would like to be sent a tag, please call Barb Weber at the Village Hall 671-5613.



Bloomingdale Township Sharing Tree - Last year the Volunteer Council of Bloomingdale Township helped make the season brighter for over 750 children in Bloomingdale Township. The Council is asking for help again this holiday season. Names & wishes of local needy youngsters and residents of convalescent and nursing homes will be on the Sharing Tree, located at the Township Transportation Building, 123 Rosedale Road. Wrapped gifts must be returned by December 16.

The Council also notes so many of the "older children," aged 14 - 18, are forgotten each year because they are hard to buy for. They have come up with a suggestion that is both easy and eliminates the guesswork of what to buy. Mall certificates and gift cards are a perfect choice for the older kids. For more information on the Sharing Tree Program, call Terry at 529-9993.



Ages, names and suggested gift ideas for **Marklund Home** residents will be placed on trees at:

Bloomingdale Park District, 172 S. Circle
Headlines Hair Salon, 156 E. Lake Street
(Springbrook Shopping Center)
Olive Garden, 332 W. Army Trail Road

Wrapped gifts, with names attached should be returned to the site where the tag where picked up by December 16.



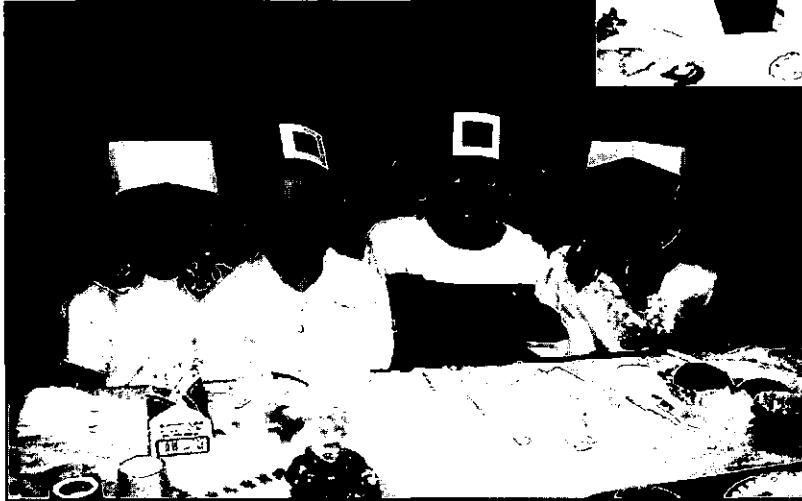
Chicago Commons Head Start is an At Risk Program for kids ages 6-18. Young people served by this Head Start attend an after-school program, where they receive a snack, dinner and help with homework. There are 85 kids in this program and they are very needy. Unfortunately, the Chicago Housing Program will be moving them out of the program's location in January. Resident Aviva Beal, who works with them, would like to see these kids have a special Christmas, and Curves would like to help.

A Giving Tree containing tags with name, age and suggested gift ideas will be available at Curves Bloomingdale, 322 E. Army Trail Road. Gifts should be wrapped with the child's name attached and returned to Curves by December 10. Please - no toys that depict violence. The youngsters will be treated to a pizza party when they receive their gifts. For more information contact Aviva at 894-5434 or Carol at Curves at 295-9700.



Giving Thanks!

The annual Thanksgiving Feast at Erickson Elementary was another great success. Volunteers served about 700 guests, including students, school staff, and local dignitaries such as School District 13 board members, the mayor of Bloomingdale (at right with pilgrims), the fire chief, and the chief of police. In addition, the Student Council held a food drive for the Bloomingdale Food Pantry and about 2000 books were donated to schools on American Indian reservations.



It was a Hauntingly Good Time in Boo-mingdale!



Interested in Becoming a Bloomingdale Police Officer?

Application packages for Police Officer are currently available at the Bloomingdale Police Department.

A \$15.00 non-refundable fee will be charged per application package. Completed applications must be returned by 4:30 p.m. on December 16, 2005.

Attendance at an Orientation meeting on Saturday, January 7, 2006 is mandatory.

For more information call Sue Osicek at (630) 671-5858.





Winter Gardening Tips Snow & Ice on Trees and Shrubs

The winter storm that poses the greatest danger to trees and shrubs is a heavy, wet snowfall followed by very cold temperatures and more snow. The result is a heavy accumulation on the crowns of trees and shrubs, which can cause stems to split and break.

Snow removal on trees and shrubs should only be done while the snow is fresh; once it becomes frozen, trying to remove it can cause damage, such as broken branches.

To remove snow, gently brush it or shake it from the branches to lessen the accumulated weight caused by the heavy snow. It is best to tap the branches carefully with your hand rather than using a utensil, such as a broom or brush, which may cause breakage.

Avoid using large amounts of de-icing salts around plants along sidewalks and driveways.

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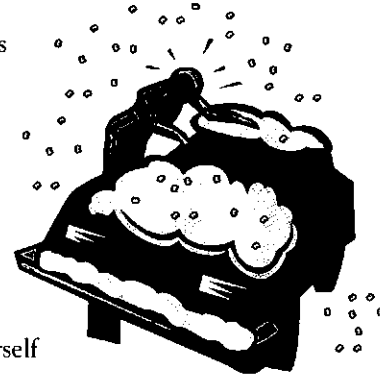
Six Smart Tips to Help You Drive Safely This Winter

The leading cause of death during winter storms is transportation accidents. Many accidents could be avoided if drivers took time to learn and practice these tips for driving safely during snowy and icy conditions.

Perhaps the deadliest danger of all is "black ice." Black ice is ice which forms on a roadway, usually due to snow melting and re-freezing. Since it is almost invisible, drivers fail to recognize black ice conditions and may drive at normal speeds-often resulting in very serious accidents. Always be alert to the possibility of black ice when temperatures are near or below freezing. Pavement that looks dry, but appears darker in color and dull-looking, should alert you to the presence of black ice.

Failing to allow yourself enough time to stop is a major cause of winter driving accidents. During slippery conditions stopping distances can triple. Driving at a slower speed, anticipating stops at traffic lights and intersections, and applying brakes sooner than normal will help ensure accident-free stops. When braking, brake carefully with short, rapid application of the brakes. Always allow plenty of extra space between you and other vehicles to minimize the need for quick stops.

Acceleration, turning, and passing also present dangers during winter. Accelerate slowly to avoid loss of traction and subsequent loss of control. Turn slowly, with caution, to avoid sliding into a stationary object or the path of an oncoming vehicle. Avoid sudden movements. Pass with care because passing lanes are not maintained as well as driving lanes. Again, leave extra space between yourself and other vehicles so there's room to maneuver in case something goes wrong. During a skid, steer cautiously in the direction you want the car to go.



Here are some other tips you should remember for driving safely in winter:

- Always use your seatbelt.
- Turn on your headlights during adverse weather conditions. Overcast skies and falling snow limit visibility. It is important to see and be seen.
- Like all the signs say, bridges and overpasses freeze before the roadway. Use extra caution on these.
- Remember that driving in winter weather conditions causes physical and mental fatigue and reduces reaction times. Get plenty of rest and adequate nutrition. Don't drive while you're sleepy or on medication that causes drowsiness.
- Prepare your vehicle well ahead of time. Check fluid levels, tire pressure, lights, and the battery. Have a mechanic give your vehicle a winter check-up and make any necessary repairs.
- Stock an emergency kit containing heavy clothes and a blanket, traction material such as sand or kitty litter, tire chains, a small shovel, first aid kit, flashlight, jumper cables, and a bright cloth to use as a flag.



Some Important Reminders About Holiday Candles, Colored Lights & Christmas Trees

From now until New Year's Day there are all sorts of things to celebrate. Unfortunately, decorations, food, and alcohol all present dangers, particularly to young children. A few common-sense precautions can help keep your holidays safe and happy.

Candles, colored lights, Christmas trees, artificial snow, and plants add a lot of beauty to festive occasions. Unfortunately, young children (pets, too!) often like to play with these. Kids may even try to taste these lovely decorations, or experiment with that candle flame. Make sure decorations are kid-safe or out of reach. Watch out especially for small ornaments, button batteries, and festive yet poisonous plants such as mistletoe, poinsettia, and Jerusalem cherry. (Hard or chewy candy can choke children, so keep it away from them, too.)

Candles are also popular, but don't let yours go up in smoke! Speaking of candles, have you ever let one get too close to some greenery, paper, or a tablecloth? You know what can happen. Keep an eye on those candles. Never leave them burning unattended, and never place them too close to other objects. (Light candles only in containers meant for lighted candles--many candles are not meant to be lit in their original, usually decorative, containers.) Keep those lighters and matches out of children's reach, too.

If you use outdoor lights, make sure they're approved for outdoor use. For indoor and outdoor lights, inspect them for broken or missing bulbs, and check the cords for fraying before you use them. Don't place cords where they can trip people, and don't run them under furniture, rugs, carpeting or other objects, or around doors and windows.

A crackling fire in the fireplace is a welcome sight. Keep yours safe. Make sure the fireplace and chimney are clean when you begin using it each year. Call a professional to clean and inspect your flue. Keep the area in front of the fireplace free of combustible material, and use a screen to keep sparks from flying out. Again, keep young children and pets away from the fireplace.

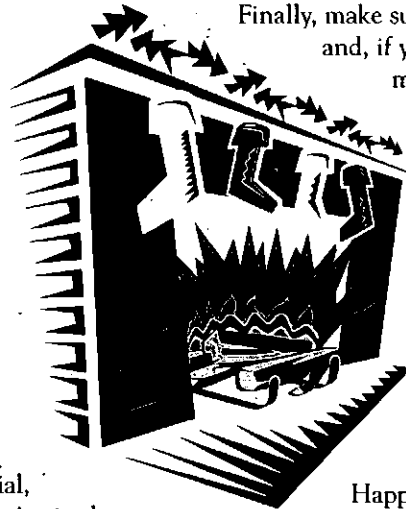
There's plenty to eat during the holiday season. Unfortunately eating food that isn't prepared correctly or that has been sitting around too long can turn happiness to misery. Food-borne illness can make you very sick. It can also kill. You should always be aware of food safety precautions and follow them no matter what time of year. If you are hosting a celebration, be sure to follow safe handling, cooking, and re-heating practices, especially for meats and eggs. These precautions can usually be found printed on the food packages and in published literature, such as cookbooks or health department brochures. Don't take a chance by eating food that is not fully cooked, seems to have been sitting out too long, or that contains raw eggs--not even cookie dough!. The risk of serious illness is just not worth it.

Many holiday celebrations include alcohol consumption. If you do drink, never drink and drive. Watch out for guests and make sure everyone is riding with a sober driver. Provide plenty of alternatives to alcohol such as soft drinks, coffee, tea, and cocoa. Stop serving alcohol a few hours before your party ends. Also, never leave drinks around where youngsters and pets can get them. Alcohol can make them very sick. Collect used glasses and cups quickly and lock up your supply.

Finally, make sure your home is equipped with smoke detectors and, if your home uses a fossil fuel heat source, carbon

monoxide detectors. Test the batteries frequently--some people find it helpful to replace the batteries twice a year when Daylight

Savings Time begins and ends. If your home has been vacant for several days test the detector batteries when you return. The low-battery alarm may have sounded while you were away and could be silent when you return. The battery may be dead and you won't know unless you check. Don't let accidents spoil your holidays. Plan now to play it safe this year and every year.



Happy Holidays!

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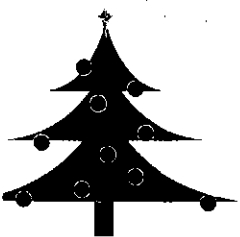
Happy Holidays!

The Village Hall will be closed:

Friday, December 23 and Monday, December 26

Friday, December 30 and Monday, January 2

for the Christmas and New Year's holidays

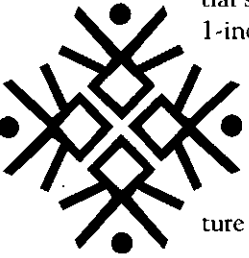


Let It Snow ❄️ Let It Snow ❄️ Let It



With the seasonal snowfall just around the corner, the Village Services Department, Public Works Division is ready to combat snow and ice on the 138 center lane miles of Village streets, making them safer for motorists.

When a storm begins, day or night, Village crews are promptly mobilized and begin spreading salt. The Village initially salts all Village streets approximately 100 feet before and after each intersection. The initial salt application mitigates icing conditions contributing to more effective snow removal operations. After a 1-inch to 2-inch accumulation of snow, crews begin the snowplow operations according to predetermined snow routes. The routes consist of 4 routes with 8 vehicles (2 separate vehicles handle cul-de-sacs and dead ends) and have been carefully designed to allow for the optimum use of the available snowplowing equipment and personnel. All Village-owned streets will eventually be plowed, but main streets are cleared before side streets, which are cleared before cul-de-sacs and dead ends. The rate at which the streets are cleared depends on many factors including total accumulation, type of snow (wet or powder-like), temperature and volume of traffic on streets during plow operations.



What Are the Village's Parking Regulations When It Snows?

The Village's winter parking ban takes effect after snowfalls of 2 inches or more. The ban applies to all vehicles on any Village-owned street and is in effect for a period of 24 hours or until the streets have been cleared of snow. Residents can assist Village crews in the snow removal efforts by parking vehicles in driveways or other off-street parking areas.



What If a Snowplow Damages My Mailbox?

The Village will replace and/or reimburse a resident up to \$50.00 for a mailbox and post which is damaged as a result of the Village snowplow operations, provided the homeowner notifies the Village of the damage, the Village performs an in-house investigation, and the mailbox is installed per Village setback requirements. If you have questions as to whether or not your mailbox is in compliance with Village requirements, you may contact the Village Services Department -- Street Maintenance Division at 671-5800.

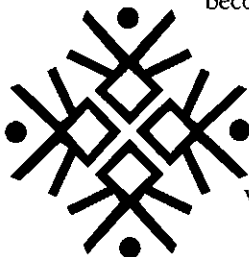


Why Does My Driveway Sometimes Get "Plowed In" When a Snowplow Truck Passes?

The Village snowplows are designed to direct the snow to the curb side of the plow blade. "Side delivery plows" are the fastest and most efficient means available to remove snowfall from the streets. As a result, snow is discharged along the length of the curb, the parkways, and the private driveway areas. The Village has thousands of private driveways abutting Village streets, the cleaning of which is the responsibility of the property owner.



Manpower and equipment limitations prohibit the Village from responding to routine requests to remove snow from private driveways. Therefore, we strongly recommend you delay your schedule for clearing the driveway until the snowplows have cleaned the majority of your street. **THE VILLAGE ORDINANCES PROHIBIT THE DISCHARGE OF SNOW ONTO THE VILLAGE STREETS.** This illegally placed snow may freeze or become compacted, creating a safety hazard for all motorists.



Who Do I Call With Questions About Snow Removal Operations?

Any questions regarding snow removal should be directed to the Village Services Department - Public Works Maintenance Division Superintendent at 671-5800.

Snow ❄️ Let It Snow ❄️ Let It Snow

Wintertime Words to the Wise . . .

Use extra caution when driving through intersections following a heavy snowfall.

Snow is piled on cross streets when intersections are plowed. Until crews have had their final pass to completely clear the intersection, the snow piles along the curb lane may hinder visibility.

Please do not attempt to stop the snow plow operators to discuss questions or problems.

Such interruptions slow crews and reduce the speed of the truck and the efficiency of the snow removal operations. Drivers are instructed not to stop to talk to residents.

If it is still snowing, or if snow is anticipated on the evening before garbage pick-up day, we ask that you delay putting out your garbage for as long as possible.

This will eliminate the problem of garbage containers being covered by snow that is pushed against the curb by the plows. Place garbage containers on the driveway or as close to the driveway as possible to give refuse collectors room to pick them up

Additional Snow Removal Information

Ornamental rocks along the curb or next to the pavement on non-curb streets present a serious safety hazard to the snow removal equipment. **If residents use rocks or planters for landscape beautification, they need to insure that they are a minimum of three feet in back of the curb or pavement on non-curb streets.** If these obstacles are not removed by the residents, the Village will remove them, if deemed necessary for safe snow removal operations.

Fire Hydrants

For the convenience of firefighters - if an emergency should occur (maybe at your address), dig a path to the fire hydrant in front of your house **from the street**. Dig out around the fire hydrant too. If firefighters can see a hydrant, they can get to it more quickly. Better yet, adopt a hydrant near your home and see that it is accessible.

Motorists - Stay Back Three Car Lengths

Do not follow snow plows too closely. Sometimes they stop and then back up. If you're right behind one when that happens, well . . . Give snow plows plenty of space. Also, remember driving on slick wintertime pavements is dangerous, even if they've been plowed.

Take more time to get where you're going, begin slowing for stops sooner and, for heaven's sake, don't drink and then try to drive.



Winter Phone Numbers

Village of Bloomingdale
Snow Phone (630) 671-5800
Call this number to report a problem.
We regret that it is not possible to advise exactly when your particular street will be plowed.

Village of Bloomingdale
Police Department -
Non-Emergency . (630) 529-9868
Call this number for non-emergency general information.

Bloomingdale Fire District -
Emergency 911

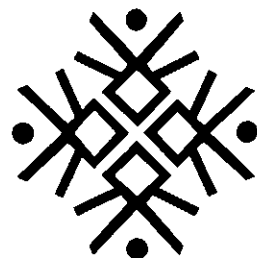
Illinois Department of Transportation
Information Line. 312-DOT-INFO
(312-368-4636)
Call this number for information on State roads (i.e., Lake Street)

The Illinois Department of Transportation also offers weather/road condition information on their web site:
<http://www.dot.state.il.us/tpublic.html>

Division of Transportation -
DuPage County . . . 630-407-6920
Call this number for information on DuPage County Roads (i.e., Army Trail Road, Bloomingdale Road, Gary Avenue, Schmale Road)

Illinois Tollway Roadway
Information Line . . 800-865-5394
Call this number for tollway information including problems with fog, snow, ice, high winds and trailer bans. The information is updated every four hours, or more often if weather conditions warrant.

Weather Information . 630-976-1212

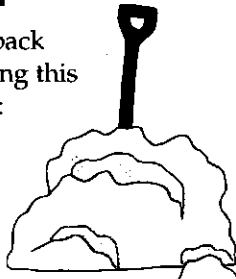


WINTER

A Pile of Snow Shoveling Tips

Be heart healthy and back friendly while shoveling this winter with these tips:

- If you are inactive and have a history of heart trouble, talk to your doctor before you take on the task of shoveling snow.
- Avoid caffeine or nicotine before beginning. These are stimulants, which may increase your heart rate and cause your blood vessels to constrict, which places extra stress on the heart.
- Drink plenty of water. Dehydration is just as big an issue in cold winter months as it is in the summer.
- Dress in several layers so you can remove a layer as needed.
- Warm up your muscles before shoveling, by walking for a few minutes or marching in place. Stretch the muscles in your arms and legs, because warm muscles will work more efficiently and be less likely to be injured.
- Pick the right shovel for you. A smaller blade will require you to lift less snow, putting less strain on your body. Newer shovels are manufactured from lightweight components that are ergonomically designed from high-impact molded polyethylene that won't rust, dent or bend, and are extraordinarily strong and durable. Aluminum tubing is also lighter and stronger than old-fashioned wooden handles.
- Begin shoveling slowly to avoid placing a sudden demand on your heart. Pace yourself and take breaks as needed.
- Protect your back from injury by lifting correctly.



Enjoy Your Christmas Tree . . . Then Recycle It at the Curb



Allied Waste System, the Village's refuse hauler, will pick up Christmas trees on your regularly scheduled refuse pick-up day, December 28th through January 27th. Place your Christmas tree in the parkway and follow these simple guidelines:

- Do not put trees in plastic bags -- they will not be recycled.
- Remove all decorations including lights, garland, tinsel, and metal (such as nails). Be sure to remove the stand.
- Dispose of artificial or natural wreaths in the regular household garbage.
- Position the Christmas tree with the cut end toward the curb for easy loading.
- Do not place artificial trees at the curb for recycling.

Village's Snow & Ice Teams Keep Streets Safe When Snow Adds Sparkle Around Town

Going into winter, we are sure of only two things: It's going to be cold and it's going to snow. The Public Works Snow and Ice Control Team is ready to go at a moment's notice. The Team stands ready to implement the Village's "bare pavement" policy of clearing every street of snow and ice from curb to curb when the snow flies.

The Team is gearing up for its annual winter battle against the elements. Equipment preparations, salt purchases and plow driver training begin in early October. The purpose is to provide the residents, visitors and consumers with the area's safest streets when Old Man Winter casts his fury on Bloomingdale.

A rigorous preventative maintenance program for all snow fighting vehicles and equipment helps ensure the equipment will perform in the event of winter storms. Public Works begins purchasing its salt supply in November, having nearly 1,500 tons of salt on hand to deal with the winter storms.

Wonder why fully-outfitted snow plows are rolling down the street on sunny days in November? Plow drivers and secondary crews train to get familiar with their assigned routes. The drivers get out onto the streets so they can reacquaint themselves with their routes, and take note of any hazards that may damage the equipment.

The Snow and Ice Control Team takes great pride in their efforts to keep the residents of the Village of Bloomingdale safe during the snow and ice season.



The Business Beat is a new addition to the Almanac. We plan to feature news about businesses - newly opened ones, those under construction and those who have something special to tell the residents about - awards won, charitable fundraisers hosted, recent major remodels, etc. Retail businesses provide a significant part of the village's tax base. Supporting them helps keep your Village portion of your property tax bill low.

Remember - BUY IN BLOOMINGDALE.

NEW BUSINESSES

CARTRIDGE WORLD, a leader in inkjet and cartridge refilling and one of the world's fastest growing franchises, is now open in Bloomingdale Court, 358 W. Army Trail Rd.,

Suite 150. The business, which specializes in refilling printer cartridges at roughly half the cost of a brand-new cartridge, is one of more than 1,000 stores world-wide.

In addition to refilling cartridges for inkjet

and laser printers, photocopiers and fax machines, Cartridge World also sells new cartridges, paper products and supplies.

Owner Dominick Dauphine says the franchise's philosophy is to save people money while helping to preserve the environment, since cartridges often end up in landfills.

Cartridge World is open Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m.-7:30 p.m., Saturdays 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. and Sundays 11:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. The store also offers free delivery and invoicing services for business owners. Contact the store at (630) 893-6300 for more information.

NEW REAL ESTATE FIRM TO SERVE BLOOMINGDALE AREA

With a staff of five certified real estate agents, **EXECUTIVE REALTY GROUP** has opened its doors in Bloomingdale at 140 W. Lake St., near Maple Ave. The new agency, which offers residential and commercial real estate services, opened in September.

According to Pat Coleman, agent/partner, the company's philosophy is to offer customers a warm, homey atmosphere when buying or selling their homes and businesses. "We want to make their experience as friendly and attentive as possible."

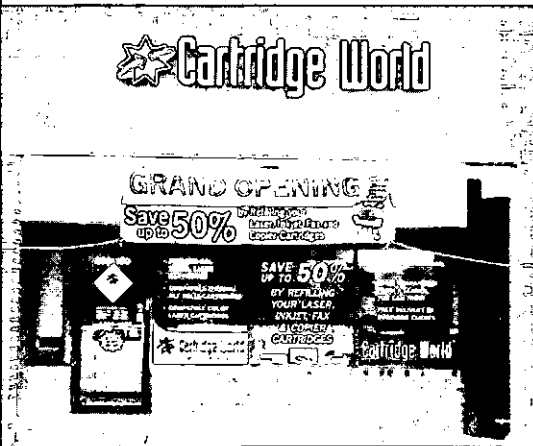
In addition to traditional sales, the company also specializes in foreclosures and offers relocation services.

Coleman says the firm is offering a free home warranty for every new buyer or seller who contracts with Executive Realty Group. Office hours are Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. and weekends by appointment. For more information, call the office at (630) 894-1030.

THE MANDARIN BISTRO has opened to rave reviews from patrons who have discovered the new restaurant tucked in Springbrook Shopping Center at 156B E. Lake Street. Owned by residents Tony and Trina Man, the eatery features what Tony calls a new concept of Chinese restaurant -- "good food, good service and good environment."

Mandarin is an upscale Chinese cuisine served to the royal family and high officials in China, Tony explained. Now he and Trina serve it to their Bloomingdale patrons. A chef himself, with decades of experience both here and in Europe, Tony says the restaurant's specialty is his own recipe for Crispy Duck, which can be served with orange sauce or other sauces.

Mandarin Bistro is open seven days a week for lunch and dinner, beginning at 11:30 a.m., for dine-in or take-out. Delivery is also available. Call 630-893-8168.



Village of Bloomingdale Expanded Holiday Weekend Hours for Dial-A-Ride Transportation

The Village of Bloomingdale will again be offering Expanded Weekend Dial-A-Ride hours during the holiday season from Saturday, November 26th through Sunday, January 1st. The Holiday Weekend Service will run from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturdays and from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Sundays.

Bloomingdale residents may ride anywhere within the Bloomingdale Township Boundaries, and also to Central Dupage, Alexian Brothers and Glen Oaks Hospitals; DuPage Oncology Clinic, Monakea Medical Complex, Wheaton Medical Clinic, and Wheaton Eye Clinic.

Bloomingdale's Weekend Dial-A-Ride one-way rates are:

\$3.00 For Adult Residents (age 14 and older)

\$1.50 For Village Residents with a Disability, Village Seniors (age 65 and older) and for students (age 7 to 13).

Free for children (under age 7) when accompanied by a fare-paying adult



Reservations shall be accepted up to one week in advance on a first come, first serve basis. Same day service requests are accepted, however, transportation cannot be guaranteed.

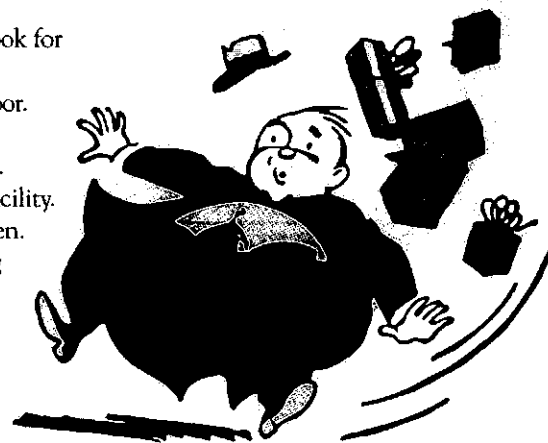
Weekend Dial-A-Ride Reservations may be made by calling: 1-888-405-2060

Be a Safe Holiday Season Shopper

Now that the Thanksgiving Feast is finished, we're on to the holiday shopping workout. Safety should be carefully considered at all times, but particularly now when so many will be shopping for those large purchases or for those few last minute items. During this hectic time of the year, the following safety measures can help to ensure the protection of your belongings and your personal well being.

While Shopping:

- Keep your purse/wallet and packages with you at all time.
- Hold your purse close to your body and keep it in front of you.
- Place your wallet, money, etc. in your front pants pocket.
- Don't display large amounts of cash to others.
- Take only the appropriate amount of money, credit cards, or checkbook for the shopping you are conducting.
- Do not leave items unattended in a shopping cart, on a counter, or floor.
- Teach children to go to a cashier if they are lost.
- Be alert and walk confidently. Pay attention to those around you.
- Be careful when giving out your credit card or when using an ATM facility.
- Place all valuables in your trunk. Anything in plain view may be taken.
- Park in well-lighted, busy areas. Consider the time of day or evening that you will be doing your shopping.
- Look around and inside your vehicle before opening your vehicle.
- Any problems, notify the security department or the police department.



At Home:

- Secure doors and windows at all times. Use timers on lights, radio, and T.V. to make your home appear to be occupied.
- Do not advertise vacation plans with strangers or casually with businesses you may frequent.
- Ask a friend or relative to check on things while you are away.
- Notify the police department of the dates you will be away.

Any questions or concerns about this information or any other crime prevention information please contact Detective Dawn Odoi at the Bloomingdale Police Department at (630) 529-9868.

Bienvenidos Iglesia de Dios Pentecostal!

St. Paul's United Church of Christ, 118 First Street, has been sharing its facility with parishioners of Iglesia de Dios Pentecostal (The Pentecostal Church of God). The church belongs to the Midwest group of the Pentecostal Church of God. They have the same beliefs as St. Paul, but are of a different council. The three-year old Hispanic congregation's prior home was the former Christ the Redeemer Church.

While all are welcome, Pastor Juan Vivar notes his congregation largely comes from Bloomingdale, Glendale Heights, Carol Stream, Addison, Medinah and Wheaton. The church offers teaching and fellowship for Christian believers and responsible stewardship of all God's gifts.

Sunday Services

1:30 p.m. Sunday School

3 p.m. Evangelistic Services

Wednesday

7:30 p.m. Bible Studies

Fridays

7:30 p.m. Alternate Children/Teen services

For more information on the church or any of its services, call Pastor Vivar at 847-670-5506.

Meet the Newest CHARACTER COUNTS! Winners!



The CHARACTER COUNTS! Youth Award winners from 2005: Christine Czajkowski, St. Isidore; Vince Mastrodomenico, Erickson; Theresa Hughes, Westfield; Jason Karuna, Winnebago; Danny Kaniyal, DuJardin

Mark Your Calendar for Neighborhood Watch Meetings & Events

Neighborhood Watch General Meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday evening of every other month at 7:30 p.m. in the Village Hall Council Room. The public is encouraged to come.

Each evening will have a scheduled topic and/or speaker.

The dates for 2006 are:

January 18th

Scheduled Topic:

Open Forum with representatives of the Village, Police Department and Fire Department

March 15th

May 17th

July 19th

September 20th

November 15th

National Night Out Against Crime

Tuesday, August 1, 2006

6:00 p.m - 9:00 p.m.

Bloomingdale Park District

WELCOME
Bloomingdale is a
CRIME WATCH
COMMUNITY



We immediately report
all suspicious activities
to our police department

2006 Season Baseball and Softball Registration

The Bloomingdale Baseball and Softball Association will hold its registration for all boys' baseball and girls' softball on:

Saturday, January 14, 2006 10AM – 2PM
Saturday, January 21, 2006 10AM – 2PM



As last year, the registration will be held at Stratford Square Mall on the second floor, just outside Carson's, in the Kidsquare Clubhouse.

Boys and girls from age 5 – 18 are invited to register for the upcoming season. New players will need to show their birth certificate.

For more information visit: www.bloomingdalebaseball.com

Or call:

- Gary Olk 847-361-0033 for Boys ages 5 – 10.
- Brian Cauwels 630-222-8756 for Boys ages 11 – 18.
- Phyllis Gorniack 630-290-3660 for Girls of all ages.

Bloomingdale Historical Society Notes: Holstein Mill

by Annamarie Erickson for the Bloomingdale Historical Society

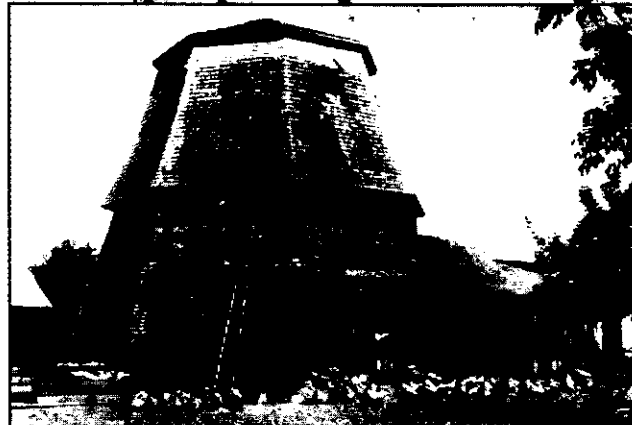
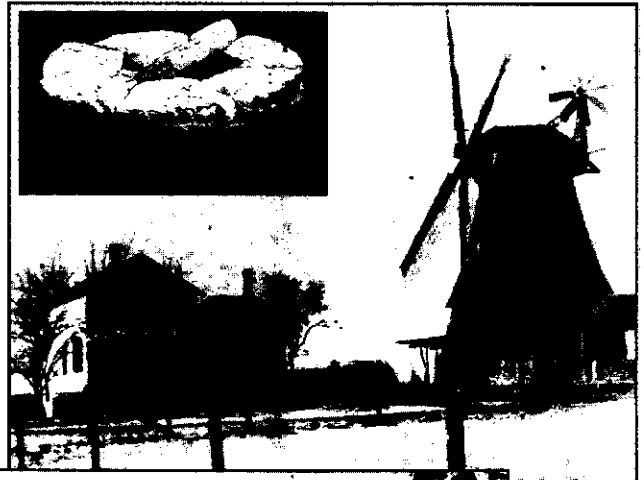
Was there a windmill in Bloomingdale? Yes, it was approximately across the street from our present Village Hall, right here on Bloomingdale Road. Henry Holstein built a grist mill in the 1850's. The mill was put together with wooden pegs and all the gears were made of hard wood. It was used to grind flour from grain and corn into cornmeal. The mill capacity was about 400 bushels per day. The mill stones were imported from France. Henry Raap was brought here from Germany to keep the mill stones sharp. According to the 1880 census, as a skilled mechanic, he made \$1.50 per day. These stones can now be seen on the north side of the Park District Museum, 108 S. Bloomingdale Road.

In 1899 a tornado came through Bloomingdale, ripping the top off the mill. Holstien capped the building and then used it as a grainery. He did not rebuild the windmill on this site.

The Bloomingdale Historical Society meets on a monthly basis and will begin hosting several programs a year to acquaint people with a variety of historical subjects both local and general. Whether you are a history buff – or would just like to know more about the old red schoolhouse on Lake and Third streets, the Bloomingdale Historical Society might be your kind of group.

For membership inquire at the Local History Room – Bloomingdale Public Library, 924-2765 or call Emil Zidek at 529-8919.

Next Almanac - see Bloomingdale's Victorian Mansion.

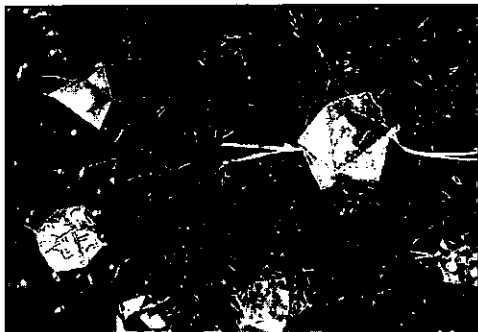


Upper picture: Holstein Mill; Insert: Remaining mill stones; lower picture: Mill after tornado

Community Events Community Events

See the 'Spirit of the Holidays' at Park District Museum

Take time during your holiday season to visit the cozy Bloomingdale Park District Museum at 108 S. Bloomingdale Road for the "Spirit of the Holidays". The family-friendly exhibit and sale is being held through Saturday, December 22, 2005. Regular hours during exhibit: Wed 4-8 pm; Thurs/Fri 10-4 pm & Sat 12-4 pm.



The display includes fine art, book & paper art, ornaments, and a collection of art items from around the world. Featured in the show will be Artist Annette Perone Leiber acrylic/mixed media, ten artists from the Book and Paper Arts Guild and Charlotte Main, World Traveler-Art Collector and experienced Artist-in-Residence. These handmade origami ornaments (shown in picture) are on sale at the Park District Museum. Call the curators at 630-539-3096 for more information.

Bloomingdale Garden Club Digs Into New Season of Programs

Bloomingdale Garden Club members are busy finalizing our 2006 schedule. Among the wonderful speakers and programs anticipated are:

January 18. Costa Rica, the Jewel of Central America. Armchair tour presented by Joyce Basel, Garden Club president.

February 15. Daffodils, presented by the Midwest Daffodil Society.

March 15. Arianna's Flowers of Bloomingdale Workshop.

April 19. Butterfly Gardens, presented by Dr. Rex Bastian.

May 17. Heirloom Plants. Mayo Underwood of Underwood Gardens.

For more information, please contact Helen Price, 630-980-6585.

Villagers Featuring Not-so-Extreme-Makeover

The Villagers of Bloomingdale will be featuring some ideas for a (Not-so-) Extreme Makeover when Jean Roberts of the Decorating Den presents "Do's & Don'ts of Home Decorating" at the Thursday, February 2 meeting. Meetings begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Bloomingdale Public Library on the first Thursday of the month. The fun seminar will also include some prizes from Jean. The Villagers are a social and philanthropic organization open to area women. For more information call Bette at 924-6861.

Marklund Home Top Hat Ball Set for February 11

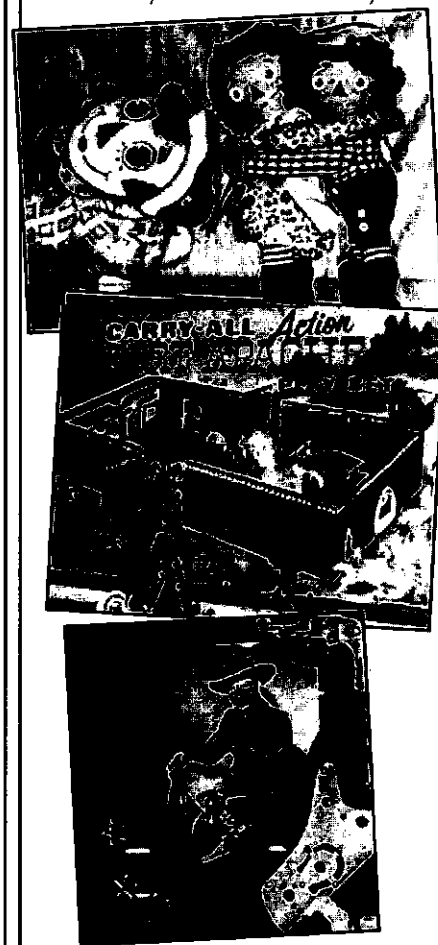
Marklund is hosting its 10th annual Top Hat Ball on Saturday, February 11, 2006 at Navy Pier in Chicago. Marklund is a not-for-profit network of services providing a full-life experience for infants, children and adults with developmental disabilities. Founded in Bloomingdale 51 years ago, the original children's home on South Prairie Avenue is a 90-bed pediatric nursing facility for individuals birth to age 21. For more information on this major Marklund fundraiser, call 630-593-5488.

Lions Sponsoring Las Vegas Night on February 18

The Bloomingdale and Roselle Lions Clubs will participate in their first joint Las Vegas Night on Saturday, February 18, 2006. Registration will begin at 6:30 p.m. with start time at 7 p.m. The fundraiser will take place at Indian Lake Resort, at 250 East Schick Road. Funds raised will benefit the Lake Park Marching Band, hurricane relief, the visually impaired, and the other needs in our communities. For additional information, contact Perry Knutson at 630-894-7394 or Lionperry@hotmail.com

Come See the 'Toys of the Century' Display at the Library

No matter what your age, the Christmas season often brings back fond memories of one toy or another. The Bloomingdale Public Library will conjure up memories for many with its "Toys of the 20th Century" display. All toys belong to either library staff or residents. Included is an extensive doll collection and three doll house furniture collections, dated 1917, 1950, and 1985. Toys to appeal to boys include a Gene Autry autographed kid's holster & guns and GI Joe dolls, as well as a variety of trucks and cars. A 1915 cast iron carriage and 1935 Monopoly game are also among the collection. The exhibit runs through January 15 in the local History Room at the library.



SEAN LUSTER has been a part of the Bloomingdale Chess Team since 1991. That's when a 13-year old Sean joined the team giving him an opportunity to play chess with people outside of his family. He started playing when he was four or five, taught by his paternal grandmother. He doesn't remember how old he was because he can't remember a time that he didn't know how to play.

It was in 1997, when Sean was in college, that he took over coaching the chess team for the library. Today, as the library's computer services assistant, he continues his coaching role. During his many years as coach, Sean remembers the team taking six championships. This year marks the second consecutive time the team has won the interlibrary championship beating out the other six libraries.

The young people he coaches are excited about the game. Sean says anyone can play the game, but getting excited about it keeps you playing. He agrees logic skills and analytical thinking definitely help a player to succeed; it's truly a way to exercise the brain. Parents of his young charges have told him they think their children's concentration improves after they begin playing chess in earnest.

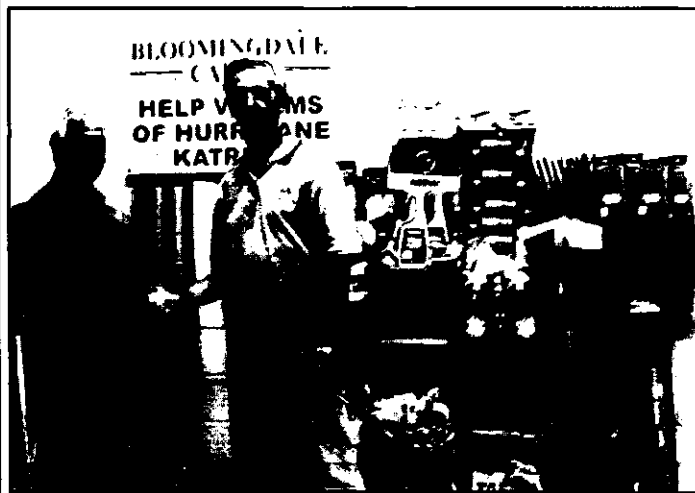
The chess team has been a consistent summer time activity for the last 18 years or so. Sean is looking to possibly expand this to some fall and winter meetings. If your youngster is interested, call Sean at 924-2768. If there is enough interest, it is very possible the chess opportunities will increase. Watch the Almanac for news on an expanded chess season.

And congratulations to the Chess Team on an outstanding season!

On Friday, November 11, the **BLOOMINGDALE PARKS FOUNDATION** held its annual dinner to honor outstanding volunteers to the Park District programs. Attendees enjoyed dinner, music, a raffle, and entertainment. This year's Award Recipients are as follows: Julee Woodman & Kim Kreiser, Bloomingdale Soccer Organization; Mike Spejcher, Youth Basketball Association; Terry Milani & Dennis Hennessy, Bloomingdale Athletic Club; Alex Gospodarek, Bloomingdale Baseball & Softball Association; Marina and Rudy Guzman, Gymnastics; Angel Ahrens, Bloomingdale Barracudas Swim & Dive Team; and Edith Makra, Bloomingdale Parks Advisory Committee. This year the Foundation also honored **Bill Wolff**, for his many years of dedication to the community, most recently his work shipping packages to the troops in Iraq & Afghanistan and the coordination of our hurricane relief efforts. The Foundation named him an inspiration and role model for community volunteerism.



Sean (right side of table) demonstrates a strategy to the team.



Frank Useni (left) of Bloomingdale's Rosewood Restaurant donated a portion of the funds raised from his "All You Can Eat" pasta dinners for cleaning supplies for the hurricane relief. Relief effort coordinator **Bill Wolff** (r) purchased the items for the shipments to the two Louisiana locations we helped.



Bloomington Fire Protection District #1



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Winter Weather Safety

Recently we have witnessed natural disasters and the evacuation of thousands of people from heavily populated areas.

While such a scenario is never easy, the key to a smooth operation is being prepared. The Bloomington Fire Protection District recommends the following measures for dealing with the challenges of severe winter weather:

- Store drinking water, first aid kit, canned/no-cook food, non-electric can opener, radio, flashlight and extra batteries where you can get them easily, even in the dark. Have an ample supply of prescription medication on hand.
- Keep cars and other vehicles fueled and in good repair, with a winter emergency kit in each.
- Know how to contact other household members through a common out-of-state contact in the event you and have to evacuate and become separated.
- Know how to turn off gas, electric power and water before evacuating.
- Know ahead of time what you should do to help elderly or disabled friends, neighbors or employees.
- Check on neighbors, especially any who might need help.
- If you think you might want to volunteer in case of a disaster, now is the time to let voluntary organizations or the emergency services office know--beforehand.
- If you go outside for any reason, dress for the season and expected conditions:
- For cold weather, wear several layers of loose-fitting, lightweight, warm clothing rather than one layer of heavy clothing. Outer garments should be tightly woven and water-repellent. Mittens are warmer than gloves. Wear a hat. Cover your mouth with a scarf to protect your lungs from extremely cold air. Wear sturdy, waterproof boots in snow or flooding conditions.
- If advised to evacuate, tell others where you are going, turn off utilities if told to, then leave immediately, following routes designated by local officials.
- Avoid travel if possible. If you must travel, do so during daylight. Don't travel alone. Stay on main roads, and keep others informed of your schedule.
- Beware of overexertion and exhaustion. Shoveling snow in extreme cold causes many heart attacks. Set your priorities and pace yourself after any disaster that leaves you with a mess to clean up. The natural tendency is to do too much too soon.



Know how the public is warned (siren, radio, TV, etc.) and the warning terms for each kind of disaster in your community; e.g.:

- "winter storm watch" --- Be alert, a storm is likely
- "winter storm warning" --- Take action, the storm is in or entering the area
- "blizzard warning" --- Snow and strong winds combined will produce blinding snow, near zero visibility, deep drifts, and life-threatening wind chill--seek refuge immediately!
- "winter weather advisory" --- Winter weather conditions are expected to cause significant inconveniences and may be hazardous, especially to motorists
- "frost/freeze warning" --- Below freezing temperatures are expected and may cause damage to plants, crops, or fruit trees
- "flash flood or flood watch" --- Be alert to signs of flash flooding and be ready to evacuate on a moment's notice
- "flash flood warning" --- A flash flood is imminent--act quickly to save yourself because you may have only seconds
- "flood warning" --- Flooding has been reported or is imminent--take necessary precautions at once

For more information about severe weather safety, contact the Bloomington Fire Protection District at 894-9080.

Off the Shelf



BLOOMINGDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

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Entertainment Coupon Books



Looking for a great holiday gift for yourself or a loved one? Then look no further than the Entertainment 2006 coupon book. The book sells for \$25 and is filled with fantastic deals at restaurants and businesses in the surrounding area (Chicago West/Central edition only). All proceeds from the sale will benefit the Friends of the Library. The coupon books will be available in the Business Office through the first of the year but supply is limited so hurry in!

HOLIDAY HOURS



December 24	LIBRARY CLOSED
December 25	LIBRARY CLOSED
December 31	LIBRARY CLOSED
January 1	LIBRARY CLOSED

PEP News



Would you like to volunteer with the People Educating People (PEP) Volunteer Program from College of DuPage but can't commit long term? Can you give three hours in the morning or evening of January 4, 5, 9, OR 10?

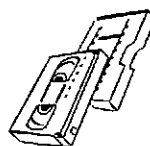
Help us register adult ESL students or proctor tests for GED students at the Glen Ellyn campus. Bilingual skills required only to assist Spanish GED students.

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

Adopt-A-Magazine

The Bloomington Public Library is conducting the annual Adopt-A-Magazine drive to help maintain and expand the periodicals collection. If you would be interested in making a financial donation for the collection, please contact Peggy Carlson at 924-2733 for more information and a list of suggested magazine titles.

HOLIDAY VIDEO AND DVD SPECIAL



To wish you a happy holiday there will be a special from December 18 - January 2. Three videos and three DVDs per card may be checked out free during this period, with a limit of one checkout per day.



Youth Services Department
YOUTH WINTER PROGRAMS

PROGRAM REGISTRATION

Registration is required for the following programs, unless noted otherwise.
Register in person at the Youth Services Desk or call the Youth Services Department at 924-2740.
Please have your library card ready when you come in or call.



NARNIA MANIA (grades 3 - 6)
Monday January 16th
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Registration is required;
limit 25 participants.

Looking for a fun way to spend your day off from school? Join us at the library for a magical afternoon of Narnia-themed adventures. You've seen the movie, you've read the books, now come see the library's twist!



CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATION
(families)
Sunday January 22nd
2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Registration is required.

As we approach the Chinese New Year, we invite families to join us at the library for a celebration of Asian culture. Food, music, and crafts will be provided as well as a presentation of our new Japanese Kamishibai storytelling stage.



SUD-SATIONAL SOAPMAKING
(Grades 4-6)
Sunday, February 5
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Registration is required;
Limit: 10 participants.

Tired of using the same old soap every morning? Want to make your shower time more interesting? Sign up for this fun and informative workshop on homemade soap. Participants will learn how soap was made in the past and make their own bars of soap using the tried and true melt and pour method.



VOLUNTEENS
ORIENTATION

(grades 7 - 12)

Monday, January 16th
3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Registration is required; limit 15 participants.

Are you a student in grades 7-12? Are you looking for a fun way to get job experience, earn service hours, or make a difference in the community? If so, the Bloomingdale Public Library VolunTEENS program is looking for you! You'll be scheduled 1-3 hours per month to work with the Youth Services staff during the school year. You'll prepare crafts, help keep the library tidy, and help out with special events. The Orientation Meeting familiarizes teen volunteers with department and library procedure, and is mandatory for all first-time VolunTEENS. For more information about this program please contact Sarah Joynt, VolunTEEN Coordinator, at 630-924-2745.

MOTHER DAUGHTER BOOK CLUB
(Grades 4-8)

Sundays, February 12, March 12, and April 9th
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Join us at the information meeting on Wednesday, January 18th at 7:00 p.m. to learn more about this popular discussion format, to pick up the first title, and to vote on future titles.

WINTER READING PROGRAM 2006



"A READING WONDERLAND"
(Family Reading Program for Parents and/or Caregivers and their Infants, Toddlers, Preschoolers, and Kindergartners.)

Is the weather outside turning you into a snowman? Cuddle up with a good book in this reading program designed for children who have not yet entered first grade. Register in person at the Youth Services Reference Desk to receive your information packet beginning January 9th. Completed reading logs must be turned in at the Youth Services Reference Desk by February 17th to receive your prizes and be entered into the GRAND PRIZE DRAWING.



"READ TO SUCCEED"

Sponsored by the
Chicago Wolves Hockey Team
(1st - 8th graders)

Participants in this reading program have the chance to win exciting prizes, such as Chicago Wolves merchandise! Register in person at the Youth Services Desk to receive your information packet beginning January 9. Completed reading logs must be turned in at the Youth Services Reference Desk by February 17th to receive your prizes and be entered into the GRAND PRIZE DRAWING.

Youth Services Department YOUTH WINTER PROGRAMS

REGISTRATION INFORMATION/REQUIREMENTS FOR WINTER STORYTIME PROGRAMS

Bloomington Library cardholders may register for storytimes at the Youth Services Reference Desk, or by telephoning (630) 924-2740. Please have your library card when you register.

Please note that selected programs are open to Bloomington Public Library cardholders only. We regret that we cannot accommodate non-resident attendance at all programs. Please refer to the registration information provided for each program.

All programs, except Bedtime Stories and Family StoryTime, require registration and siblings may not attend registered programs.

The following age appropriate programs are intended for the registered child. Please make alternative arrangements for siblings.

Winter Programming begins the week of January 9

Winter Programming ends the week of February 13

STORYTIMES

Programs for children ages three months through five years.

*Registered storytimes are limited to
Bloomington Public Library cardholders only.*



ROMPER RHYMES (3 months - 15 months)

Tuesdays, January 10 - February 14
9:45 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

The best way to start "reading" to infants is not really reading at all! Romper Rhymes is a language-enrichment program in which nursery rhymes, songs, and fingerplays are shared with babies and their caregivers. The program is designed to engage parents/caregivers and children in a bonding experience while allowing participants to meet other caregivers and share information. Bring only the child that is registered. Please make other arrangements for siblings.

BUDDING READERS (16 months - 23 months)

Tuesdays, January 10 - February 14
11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Budding Readers is a transition class designed to prepare toddlers for our two year old storytime. Children and their parents/caregivers will enjoy nursery rhymes, songs, and fingerplays in addition to stories and flannel boards. Bring only the child that is registered. Please make other arrangements for siblings.



TIME FOR 2'S (24 months - 35 months)

Wednesdays, January 11 - February 15
10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Time for 2's is a storytime for children two years old accompanied by a parent or caregiver. This program is designed to help children develop listening skills, and features stories, flannel board interplay and musical activities. Please make other arrangements for the care of siblings, so that the parent/caregiver may be able to share this special time with his/her child.



PRESCHOOL STORYTIME (ages 3 - 5)

Mondays, January 9 - February 13
10:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

Thursdays, January 12 - February 16
1:30 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.

Preschool Storytime includes a variety of book sharing, flannelboard stories, videos, and musical activities. In order to foster the child's independence, parents/caregivers and siblings are asked to remain outside the program area during the storytime. This program is limited to preschool age children. For those children going into Kindergarten, please see Primary Connections program information.



PRIMARY CONNECTIONS (K - 1st)

Mondays, January 9 - February 13
4:15 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Primary Connections is a six week program for the child who has outgrown preschool storytime, but not outgrown the library. The children will enjoy a fun-filled session of stories, crafts, and musical fun selected for their newly developing skills. In order to foster the child's independence, parents/caregivers and siblings are asked to remain outside the program area during the storytime.

DROP-IN STORYTIMES

*THE FOLLOWING STORYTIMES
DO NOT REQUIRE REGISTRATION*

FAMILY STORYTIME (All ages)

Fridays, January 13 - February 17
10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Family Storytime is designed to serve families with babies, toddlers and preschoolers who want to attend morning storytime together. Children will enjoy a variety of book sharing, flannel stories, musical activities and/or puppets during these sessions.

BEDTIME STORIES (All ages)

Tuesdays, January 10 - February 14
7:00 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.

Bedtime Stories is designed to serve families with babies, toddlers and preschoolers who are unable to attend daytime sessions. **FEEL FREE TO COME IN YOUR PAJAMAS!**

ADULT WINTER PROGRAMS

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP NEWS

ADULT BOOK GROUP

The Adult Book Discussion Group continues to meet on the third Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m., and the previous Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. Our selections for January and February are as follows:

**Wednesday, January 18 (10:00 a.m.) and
Thursday, January 19 (7:30 p.m.)**
The Blind Assassin by Margaret Atwood

**Wednesday, February 15 (10:00 a.m.) and
Thursday February 16 (7:30 p.m.)**
The Jane Austen Book Club by Karen Joy Fowler

HISTORICAL BOOK GROUP

The Historical Group meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a.m. Our selections for January and February as follows:

January 3

The Journey of Crazy Horse: a Lakota history
by Joe Marshall

February 7

*The Ferry Woman: A Novel of the
Mountain Meadow Massacre* by Gerald Grimmett

BOOK/FILM DISCUSSION GROUP

**2nd Monday at 6:00 p.m.
AND
4th Monday at 7:00 p.m.**

Participants will watch the film the first meeting and discuss the book at the second.

January 9 and 23
About a Boy by Nick Hornby

February 13 and 27
Chocolat by Joanne Harris

ADULT PROGRAMS

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



OSTEOPOROSIS SCREENING

Wednesday, December 14
4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Early detection of osteoporosis is crucial. Women over 35 are invited for a free bone density ultrasound screening. **Limited appointments will be available. Registration is required. Call AlexianConnects at 1-866-ALEXIAN (253-9426).** (Program at library).



CREDIT MANAGEMENT

Wednesday, January 11
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Credit is an important tool in your overall financial picture. Come to this seminar, presented by Citibank, and learn how to use your credit thoughtfully, purposefully and in coordination with an overall financial plan.



HIP AND KNEE INJURIES IN THE ELDERLY: PREVENTION AND TREATMENT

Wednesday, January 18
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Hip and knee injuries are becoming increasingly more common as the average age in the U.S. population increases. Dr. John Lyon, orthopedic surgeon, will describe common hip and knee injuries that occur in the elderly. He will also discuss means of prevention and treatment methods for specific injuries. **Registration is required. Call AlexianConnects at 1-866-ALEXIAN (253-9426).** (Program at library).



POMPEII: FROM ASHES TO ARCHAEOLOGY

Wednesday, January 25
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

In 79 AD Mount Vesuvius erupted and covered Pompeii with volcanic ash. This event preserved streets, buildings and even humans and animals. In this slide lecture program, Dr. Michelle Paluch-Mishur examines Roman wall paintings, ancient architecture and artifacts that offer a window into the life and appearance of the ancient city of Pompeii. This program relates to the Field Museum of Natural History special exhibition "Pompeii: Stories from an Eruption" scheduled to be in Chicago from October 21, 2005 through March 26, 2006.



ADULT WINTER PROGRAMS



Adult Winter Reading Program January 9 - February 17

Adults and high school age teens are invited to participate in our winter reading program, A Reading Wonderland. Stop by the Reference Desk starting on January 9 to register. For each five books read, you will be entered in the final drawing for prizes.



New Film / Book Discussion Group coming in 2006!

Coming to your library in January 2006! The Film / Book discussion group will meet twice per month: the 2nd Monday at 6:00 p.m. AND the 4th Monday at 7:00 p.m.

Participants will watch the film at the first meeting and discuss the book at the second. Meetings will be held January through May and September through November.

Nick Hornby's *About a Boy* will be the topic of January's discussion. The first meetings will take place on January 9 and January 23. Books will be available at the Reference Desk in December.

If you are interested, or would like more information, please contact Karen Luster at 630-924-2734 or via email at kluster@linc.lib.il.us.

Book Group Kits

Do you participate in a book discussion group? Bloomingdale Public Library offers book group kits that are available for check out. Kits contain multiple copies of book discussion titles previously used in our Adult Book Discussion Group, questions for discussion and author information.

The kits circulate for six weeks. The individual who checks out the kit is responsible for all the books contained in the kit. Book discussion kits can be reserved up to two months in advance by calling the Reference Desk at 630-924-2730. There are twenty one titles currently available.

TEEN PROGRAMS



Study @ the Library

Finals Caf 

(6th - 12th grades)

Thursday,	December 15	5:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Tuesday,	January 10	5:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Wednesday,	January 11	5:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Are you ready for finals? Take a break from the books or study with friends at the Finals Caf @ the library. Get rejuvenated while enjoying coffee, hot chocolate, food and other refreshments. Done with finals? Don't have finals? You are still welcome to study and take a break at the Finals Caf .



Teen Coffeehouse

(6th - 12th grades)

Thursday, January 26th
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Looking for a cool place to hang out with your friends? Check out the Teen Coffeehouse. We've got Dance Dance Revolution. And in case the dance competition with your friends isn't enough, we'll also provide food, drinks, and other games to play. Registration not required.

New Teen Area

Watch for new developments coming soon in our teen area, upstairs near the music CDs! The furniture and fixtures will be installed in early 2006 and will provide teens with a comfortable place to sit and listen to music CDs, or relax and do homework. Abby Williams, YA librarian, recently won a national prize from Demco which provided the design service and partially funded the makeover of this area.

Local History News

The Local History Department will have an exhibit of antique toys including dolls from the collection of Rita Samuelson, cast iron toy soldiers, carriages, and doll house furniture from the 1920's, 1950's, and the 1980's.

Computer Lab

WINTER PROGRAMS

Computer classes are recommended for ages 13 and older. There is a \$10.00 refundable deposit 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 December 5. Deposits will not be refunded unless cancellation is made at least 24 hours in advance of the class start time.

BEGINNERS COMPUTER COURSE

Monday	January 9	2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Tuesday,	January 10	2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Monday,	January 16	2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Tuesday,	January 17	2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Monday,	January 23	2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Tuesday,	January 24	2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Instructor: Sean



This new six session course will provide the basic tools needed for the topics of computer use that people are most interested in. Getting comfortable with Windows and the mouse while learning about the Internet, email, word processing and printing will be the primary focus. This course is intended for anyone, whether they're interested in refreshing old skills or have never touched a computer before. Much of the class will be devoted to questions and all topics will include hands-on practice. (No previous experience necessary.)

INTRODUCTION TO WORD

Monday, December 12

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

This class will be aimed at those with little or no experience using Microsoft Word. Topics such as creating and saving files, formatting, and editing documents will be covered. There will be time available for questions and specific problems related to Microsoft Word.

INTERMEDIATE WORD

Tuesday, December 13

2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

This class is intended for users who have some experience with computers and Microsoft Word. It will cover how to use the more advanced options available in Microsoft Word 2000. Lecture will include using outlines, adding images, and other formatting/design topics. (Having taken Introduction to using Microsoft Word is recommended.)

UNDERSTANDING YOUR COMPUTER 3

Wednesday, December 14

6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

The final session of Understanding Your Computer will cover more advanced hardware topics. Learning to install, remove, and update components of the computer will be discussed as well as understanding the basics of how they work. Understanding device drivers and why they are important will be covered.

ADVANCED WORD

Tuesday, December 20

2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

This class will discuss the more complex features that Word provides. In addition to editing and creating documents, Microsoft Word has tools to create labels, envelopes, letters, and more. Mail merge and tables will be discussed. (Having taken Intermediate Microsoft Word is recommended.)

UNDERSTANDING YOUR COMPUTER 1

Wednesday, December 21

6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

This class is the first of three sequential courses in which we will cover more advanced topics than those discussed in Understanding Windows or Introduction to the PC. This class will continue over three sessions and will allow more time for explanations. Topics to be covered include: Windows functions such as using/installing software, finding and organizing files, and more. We will also discuss basic hardware ideas and how to use disks, CDs, and the hard drive.

USING POWER POINT

Wednesday, January 11

6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

Power Point can be used to create slides, overheads, audience handouts or on-screen presentations. This class will cover the basics of creating and organizing a presentation. (Having taken Introduction to Microsoft Word or equivalent experience is recommended.)

USING POWER POINT 2

Wednesday, January 18

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.



Bloomingtondale Park District

We're right around the corner!

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

Holiday fun for Everyone!

WINTER CARNIVAL

Friday, December 9

6:30-9:00pm

Johnston Recreation Center



We've reinvented the holidays!

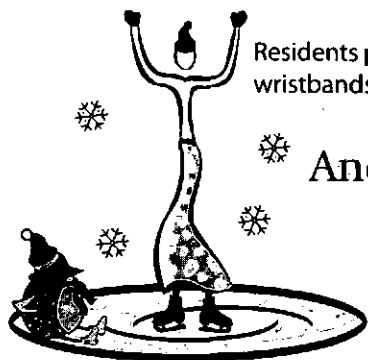
You and your family will love this awesome carnival,
featuring a ton of fun activities for all ages!

- ❄ Inflatable Amusements
- ❄ Mini Train Rides around our Famous Enchanted Forest
- ❄ Meet Santa's Helpers and Live Reindeer
- ❄ Take a Horse-Drawn Carriage Ride through Circle Park
- ❄ Holiday Puppet Magic by Mark Nichols
- ❄ World Yo-Yo Champion Mark Hayward

Residents pick up FREE event wristbands at the JRC thru Dec. 8. Nonresident wristbands are \$2. On Dec. 9, wristbands will be \$2 for residents and \$4 for nonresidents at the door. A wristband is required for entry.

And who could forget our special guest...

Santa Claus?



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Adult Programs



Hatha Yoga

The practice of Hatha Yoga elicits harmony in our lives. People of every religion, culture, and age group can practice and benefit from Hatha Yoga. Hatha is the yoga of physical postures. The gentle stretching movements of Hatha can make your life less stressful, bringing deep relaxation and greater flexibility to your body and mind. Treat yourself to an hour of rejuvenation through this ancient art. Mats are available, but it is recommended that you bring your own. Participants should bring a towel to each class. **DROP IN RATE IS \$10 PER CLASS.**

Instructor on Monday PM, Wednesday AM & PM, and Friday AM is Evelyn Walsh-Boyna. Instructor on Monday AM and Thursday PM is Beth McCown.

Location: Aerobics Studio
Instructor: Staff

MIN/MAX: 8/16

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
Adult	M	09:30-10:45A	01/30-03/06	\$50/55	203503-A1
Adult	M	07:15-08:30P	01/30-03/06	\$50/55	203503-A2
Adult	W	09:30-10:45A	02/01-03/08	\$50/55	203503-A5
Adult	W	07:15-08:30P	02/01-03/08	\$50/55	203503-A6
Adult	Th	08:00-09:15P	02/02-03/09	\$50/55	203503-A7

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: 6/16

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
Adult	M	01:00-02:00P	01/30-03/06	\$42/47	203507-A1
Adult	M	01:00-02:00P	03/13-04/24*	\$42/47	203507-A2

*NO CLASS 03/27

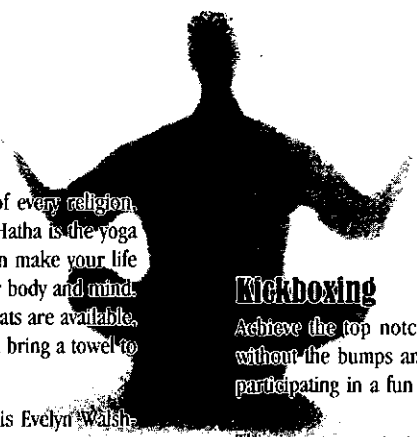
Meditation Made Easy

Come and learn simple techniques to build concentration that lead the mind naturally to a meditative state. Each week a new method will be discussed and practiced, assuring that you'll be able to find a technique that's right for you. All you'll need is an open mind and comfortable clothes.

Location: Aerobics Studio
Instructor: Evelyn Walsh-Boyna

MIN/MAX: 6/18

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
Adult	Tu	06:00-07:00P	01/10-01/31	\$40/45	203512-A1



Kickboxing

Achieve the top notch physical condition of a professional kickboxer or boxer without the bumps and bruises. Learn the techniques of boxing and kicking while participating in a fun and well-supervised workout.

This is not a contact program. Using your new skills for self-defense will also be covered. Kickboxing uses every major muscle group of the body and is highly effective for developing cardiovascular fitness and body fat reduction. Classes are taught under the instruction of Top Fitness.

Location: Westfield Gym; Saturday Classes meet at JRC
Instructor: Top Fitness Staff

MIN/MAX: 5/20

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
Adult	M	07:00-08:00P	01/16-03/06	\$80/85	203501-A1
Adult	Sa	09:00-10:00A	01/14-03/04	\$80/85	203501-C1

Advanced

Adult	M	08:00-08:30P	01/16-03/06	\$40/45	203501-B1
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Pilates

The newest trend in fitness, Pilates will help you connect with yourself as you become fitter, stronger, and focus on your inner strength. In this mat-based class you'll discover the method of Pilates body conditioning. You'll learn a series of controlled movements to strengthen and tone muscles, improve posture, provide flexibility, and balance and train your mind to control your body. You'll also master the art of using your core muscles, challenging your upper and lower body, and utilizing your arms and legs as stabilizers.

Location: Westfield Gym
Instructor: Staff

MIN/MAX: 6/18

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
Adult	W	06:00-07:00P	01/18-03/08	\$80/85	203521-A1

Senior Discount

Residents who are 62 years of age and better qualify for the Park District's 20% discount. You'll know if the discount applies to a given program by looking for the price tag symbol above.



The Westfield Track consists of two lanes. The inside lane is for walkers, and the outside lane is for joggers. 5 laps=1 mile.

All persons using the indoor track must have a photo ID pass. Passes can be purchased at the gym office at Westfield. Passes are good for one year from the date of purchase.

*INDOOR TRACK PASS \$5
\$5 RESERVATION/REGISTRATION*

The track is for use by persons 16 years old and over. Children 12 to 16 years old are permitted only when accompanied by an adult. Children under 12 years are not allowed on the track. Track etiquette will be followed.



Monday through Thursday
6:30-8:00A
4:00-9:45P

Friday
6:30-8:00A
4:00-8:00P

Saturday & Sunday
8:00A-12:00P



Register for programs at the Johnston Recreation Center, 172 S. Circle Ave., or online at bloomingdaleparks.org!



BLOOMINGDALE PARK DISTRICT MUSEUM



PHOTO 2006

January 21 - February 25

Our popular juried show returns to the Museum for the winter months. This exciting show draws some of the finest photographers in the Midwest. It will include black and white, color and digital photography with cash awards and ribbons. If you are interested in entering the show, please call the Museum at 630.539.3096.

SENIOR DAYS

AT THE MUSEUM

Feb. 9: free admission and refreshments.
Details available at the BPD Museum or JRC!



108 South Bloomingdale Road
Phone & Fax-630.539.3096

Hours: W: 4-8pm; TH: 10-4pm; F: 10-4pm; SA: 12-4pm
Curators: Diane Duffy & Marjorie Bristow Reichart

Adult Programs



Oil Painting

Come and enjoy the relaxed atmosphere where artist Linda Deptula will take you step-by-step through the strokes needed to create a wonderful oil painting. Energize your creativity by learning the techniques often practiced by artists as seen on PBS-TV. No drawing or painting experience is required. Space is limited, so sign up early. Wear old clothes or bring a smock. All supplies are included in the class fee. Canvas size is 12" x 16" unless otherwise stated. Let's have fun with oils! **Registration deadlines for these courses are the Fridays before the classes meet each session, at 4:30pm.**

Location: Museum
Instructor: Linda Deptula

MIN/MAX: 4/10

Lush Green Forest

Working on a black canvas, we'll create a lush green forest background, while sunlight illuminates trees in the foreground.

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
Adult	Tu	06:30-09:30P	01/24-01/24	\$50/55	203425-A1

Lilacs

Spring is coming. Smell the fragrance of fresh lilacs as we bring them to life on our canvas.

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
Adult	Tu	06:30-09:30P	01/31-01/31	\$50/55	203426-A1

Conquering the Clutter

January is National Get Organized Month, so start your year off refreshed and organized! Do you struggle to keep up with all the papers endlessly entering your home? Would you like to learn a better way of managing all the paperwork you currently have in piles throughout your home? Do you wonder which papers to keep and which you can get rid of? Then you won't want to miss this class—come learn simple tips and techniques on how to conquer those endless paper piles!

Location: Community Room
Instructor: Linette George

MIN/MAX: 5/20

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
Adult	W	07:00-09:00P	01/25-01/25	\$20/25	203415-A1

Hula Dancing



Aloha! The Hawaiian hula is fun and easy. In the hula, the hands tell the story while the hips and feet keep rhythm to the music. This class will teach basic hula moves and two authentic hula dances. No prior dance experience necessary. Youth class will participate in the spring dance recital, and costumes are included in the fee.

Location: Dance Studio
Instructor: Staff

MIN/MAX: 6/12

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
13+	Tu	07:20-08:05P	01/24-05/23*	\$105/115	208604-A2

*NO CLASS 03/28, 04/11

Adult Tap

Tap dancing is based on using both feet to create rhythm. Our beginning classes teach the basics of creating these rhythms. After learning the basics, students learn to incorporate their entire body into the movement and rhythm.

Location: Dance Studio
Instructor: Staff

MIN/MAX: 6/12

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
15+	Th	07:05-07:55P	01/26-06/01*	\$145/155	208401-A4

*NO CLASS 03/30, 04/13

First Aid

Coaches, teachers, parents, babysitters: this class is for you! Come learn critical first aid skills, such as determining unconsciousness, treating cuts, scrapes, burns, controlling bleeding, treating injuries to bones, muscles and joints. We will also cover preventing and caring for sudden illness, including heat and cold emergencies. Your certification earned in this class will be valid for three years.

Location: Community Room
Instructor: Lee Arnsman

MIN/MAX: 7/10

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
Adult	W	06:00-09:45P	03/08-03/08	\$40/45	203406-A1

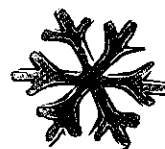
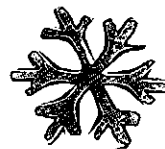
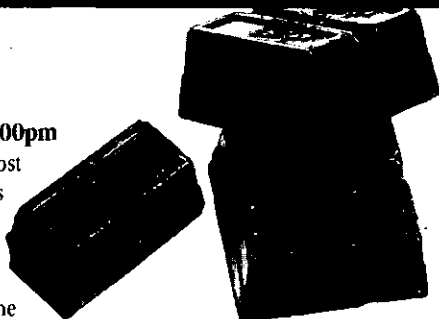


Chunk of Chocolate Tour

Monday, January 30, 9:30am-3:00pm

Delve into the delights of man's most delicious discovery! On this About Tours excursion you will learn about the history of cocoa and its connections with the ancient Aztec and Inca civilizations. We will hear about the varieties of chocolate, the ways in which it is used, and the forms it takes. You will hear about the blends, the powders, the different sweet levels and much more! Of course, we will satisfy our palates with a delicious lunch and memorable dessert, which will allow you to concoct your own chocolate candy bar with a variety of goodies in a gourmet chocolate shop. A stop at a chocolate candy supplier outlet and a chocolate-chip cookie factory outlet are also included in this "choco-riffic" day! **Registration deadline is January 10, 2006.**

Location: JRC Parking Lot **MIN/MAX: 10/30**
R/NR Fee: \$46/51 **Code #: 203202-A1**



Chicago Bulls Trip

Take the family for an inexpensive night to see the Chicago Bulls take on the New Orleans Hornets at the United Center and continue their quest for a second consecutive playoff appearance. Come see rookie sensation Chris Paul. Register now and don't wait, as tickets need to be ordered well ahead of time! Transportation and tickets are included in the price. Children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

Registration deadline is January 8, 2006.

Location: JRC Parking Lot **MIN/MAX: 10/20**
Instructor: Staff

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
Adult	Sa	05:00-11:30P	03/24-03/24	\$16/20	202207-A1



2006 Chicago Auto Show

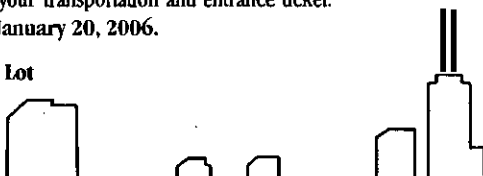
Monday, February 13
8:45am-4:00pm

Shake off those winter doldrums and join us as the 2006 Chicago Auto Show at McCormick Place! The Show features more than 1.2 million

square feet of the world's largest room transformed into a transportation fantasyland of amazing sites, with more than 1,000 exciting new production cars, trucks, sport utility, concept and specialty vehicles on display. See what's new for 2006 and beyond! Your fee includes your transportation and entrance ticket.

Registration deadline is January 20, 2006.

Location: JRC Parking Lot
MIN/MAX: 10/30
R/NR Fee: \$13/18
Code #: 203201-A1



Chicago Blackhawks Trip

The Blackhawks are back on the ice for the first time in over a year. Come see a game before ticket prices get too expensive!!! Register early because tickets need to be ordered ahead of time. Transportation and tickets are included in the price. An adult must accompany children under 18.

Registration deadline is January 22, 2006.

Location: JRC Parking Lot **MIN/MAX: 10/20**
Instructor: Staff

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
Adult	Su	03:00-10:30P	03/26-03/26	\$35/40	202208-A1

Teen Trip

Chestnut Mountain All Nighter

Join us and teens from surrounding park districts at Chestnut Mountain for the night of your life. Slopes are open from 10:30pm-5:00am. Chestnut Mountain accommodates all types of skiers and snowboarders with 17 lighted downhill runs including 5 "easy," 9 "more difficult" and 3 "most difficult." Skis and snowboards are available for rent, and lessons will be ongoing from 11:00pm until 3:00am. Not only is there skiing and snowboarding, there is a campfire area, video game room, DJ dance room, and a snack bar. The bus will pick everyone up at the JRC. The fee includes bus, ski or snowboard rental, lessons, and a lift ticket.

Registration deadline is January 11, 2006.

Location: Community Room **MIN/MAX: 6/20**
Instructor: Staff

Grade	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
Lift and Lesson Only					
9-12	F,Sa	06:00-09:00A	02/03-02/04	\$47/57	202206-A1
Lift, Lesson & Ski Rental					
9-12	F,Sa	06:00-09:00A	02/03-02/04	\$57/67	202206-A2
Lift, Lesson & Snowboard Rental					
9-12	F,Sa	06:00-09:00A	02/03-02/04	\$62/72	202206-A3

WICKED

Registration deadline is January 30, 2006.



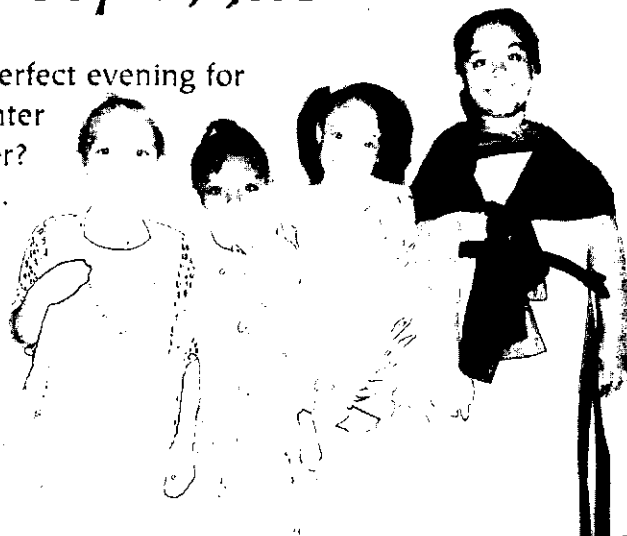
Daddy Daughter Dance

Saturday, February 25

6:30-8:30pm, JRC

Looking for a perfect evening for dad and daughter to spend together?

Join us at our annual Daddy Daughter Dance at the JRC. Couples will have a memorable evening together dancing to the music of our D.J., enjoying refreshments and having their picture taken. Come dressed in your best for the night of your life. Additional children are \$13.



Age	R/NR Fee	Code #
3-12	\$25/30	204301-A1

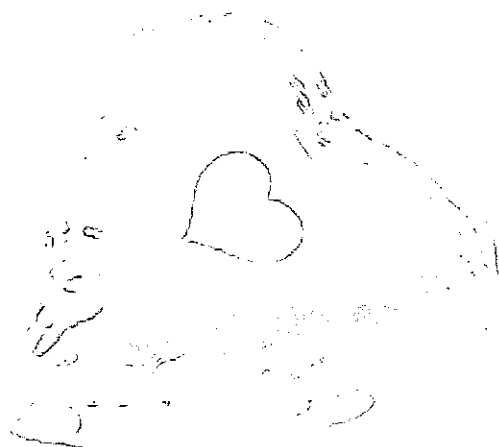
Be My Valentine

Be creative in this program by using different types of craft materials. You will create Valentine cards for your special friends and a Valentine box for all your special Valentine cards. Registration deadline is January 20.

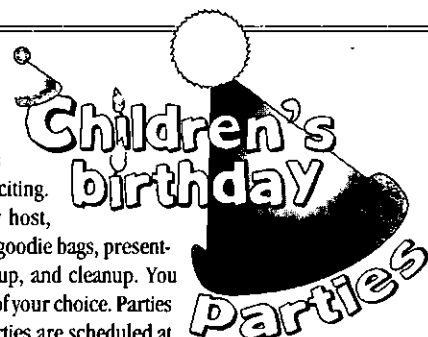
Location: JRC Kitchen
Instructor: Sandy Moore

MIN/MAX: 5/10

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
4-5	Th	06:00-06:45P	02/02-02/09	\$17/22	201113-A1
4-9	Th	07:00-07:45P	02/02-02/09	\$17/22	202629-A1



Have your child's next birthday celebration at the Bloomingdale Park District! We offer a variety of themes to make every birthday exciting.



All parties include a party host, decorated room, beverage, goodie bags, present-opening time, activities, setup, and cleanup. You provide a cake and candles of your choice. Parties are 1 1/2 hours in length. Parties are scheduled at the JRC on Saturdays, times vary. Applications must be submitted at least three weeks prior to the date requested. AGES 4-10

Fees are based on the number of participants:

- Residents 1-12 participants \$90.00
- Nonresidents 1-12 participants \$105.00
- 13-18 participants \$5.00 add'l per guest

Pizza lunch is available for an additional fee.

Themes:

- Gymnastics Party
- Dance Party
- Sports Party (available as of April 1st)
- Craft Party (add'l \$5.00 per guest)



Bloomingtondale Beat Youth Dance Program

Registration for Winter/Spring Dance begins soon! See your Winter/Spring Park District brochure for details. Choose from preballet, ballet, tap, jazz, funk, and combination classes for ages three to adult.

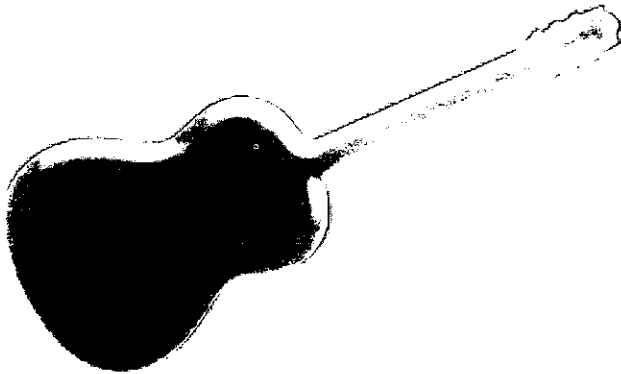
Me & My Baby Ballet

If your toddler loves to dance, but is too young to take ballet on their own, you will both enjoy this new ballet class. Age appropriate activities will be introduced including, basic positions, hops, leaps, turns, and many other fun ballet moves to music you both will love. Ballet dress attire and shoes are required for the children. Comfortable clothing and ballet shoes or socks are required for parents.

Location: Dance Studio
Instructor: Staff

MIN/MAX: 6/12

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
2.5-4	W	09:40-10:10A	01/25-03/01	\$36/46	208208-A1



Introduction to Guitar

Learn to play the guitar or brush up on basic chords, finger styles, tablature and notation. No experience is necessary. Newcomers and experienced students must provide their own guitar. Electric guitars are welcome.

Location: Meacham Room
Instructor: John Suits

MIN/MAX: 4/5

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
13-Adult	Sa	12:15-01:15P	01/21-02/25	\$80/85	202612-A1
8-12	Sa	01:15-02:15P	01/21-02/25	\$80/85	202612-A2

NEW!

Hula Dancing

Aloha! The Hawaiian hula is fun and easy. In the hula, the hands tell the story while the hips and feet keep rhythm to the music. This class will teach basic hula moves and two authentic hula dances. No prior dance experience necessary. Youth class will participate in the spring dance recital, and costumes are included in the fee.

Location: Dance Studio

Instructor: Staff

MIN/MAX: 6/12

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
8-12	Tu	6:30P- 7:15P	01/24-05/30*	\$141/151	208604-A1
13+	Tu	7:20P- 8:05P	01/24-05/30*	\$105/115	208604-A2

*NO CLASS 3/28, 4/11

Summer Day Camp Registration Begins in February

Registration for residents will be done lottery style and be accepted starting February 1, 2006. Non-residents may register beginning April 3, 2006. Registration forms are available at the JRC front desk or at bloomingtondaleparks.org. Call the Park District for more information at 529-3650. Be sure to register early as spots go quickly!

BSO Spring Soccer Season Registration

The Bloomingdale Soccer Organization (BSO) is a volunteer organization of the Bloomingdale Park District. Open to children from age 4 through 8th grade, this program strives to develop basic skills in each individual, while providing the opportunity for all players to participate equally in a team sport atmosphere.



Registration Dates And Times

Regular Registration:

R/NR Fee: \$55/60

Date	Day	Time	Location
January 21	Sa	9:00-noon	Johnston Recreation Ct
January 31	Tu	6:00-8:00pm	Johnston Recreation Ct
February 8	W	6:00-8:00pm	Johnston Recreation Ct

All player registrations are accepted on a first come, first served basis. If enough volunteer coaches are not found for an age group, registration and equipment fee will be refunded for the last players registered for that age group.

Late registrations will be accepted only where spots are available. An additional \$5.00 will apply to all late registrations. All teams are age-specific based on the player's age as of September 1, 2005.

Soccer registration will be conducted **only** on the dates listed above. Mail-in, fax in, email, drop-off or walk-in registrations will not be accepted for soccer. All fees must be paid and player information forms must be completed on the dates listed above.



TEEN JAMS

Get ready to rock with your favorite teen bands! If you are between the ages of 13-20 with a school ID or driver's license, come on out and support the bands and have a great time. Concessions will be available.

INTERESTED BANDS

If you have a band with members between the ages of 13-20 and are interested in the Teen Jams Series, contact Ellen at 630-529-3650 for more information. All prospective bands are required to submit a CD or cassette sampling of their music. Bands will receive a percent of the proceeds.

UPCOMING DATES:

January 27

February 17

Register for programs at the Johnston Recreation Center, 172 S. Circle Ave., or online at bloomingdaleparks.org!

Klub Friday Nite

Where is the most happening place to be on Friday Night? Grab some friends and head down to the JRC for Klub Friday Nite. Get your groove on while the DJ spins the hottest tunes in our new "Klub Room" dance area. Step into our newest addition, the "Rec Room" which features a foosball, air hockey and ping-pong table; and cards and chess on designated nights. If dancing and games isn't your thing, try out the nightly basketball tournaments in the gym or just shoot some hoops. A sure way to cure that case of the munchies is a visit to the "Snack Bar" for candy, nachos, pizza, beverages, and more. The highlight of each evening is the KFN free raffle that concludes with the famous giant bucket of gum. Participants must have a current membership with a parent-signed waiver and KFN ID prior to admittance to Klub Friday Nite. Membership and ID card are not transferred from the previous year. All participants must be signed out by a parent at the end of the evening.

Location: JRC
 Grade: 5-8
 Day: Friday
 Time: 7:30-10:00pm
 Fee: \$11 one time membership fee
 \$6 nightly entrance fee

Dates

January 13 Welcome Back! Bring a new member and get in for \$4.
 February 10 Valentine's Surprises. Guys, if you buy a flower for a dollar for your sweetie, you'll receive a coupon for the concession stand.

Bring your friends!



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