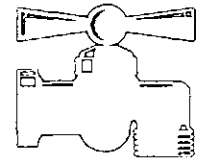


# Village of Bloomingdale Almanac

October 2004



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## From the Desk of Mayor Bob Iden

The 32nd annual Septemberfest was definitely one for the books! Hats off to Chairwoman Pam Hager and her great Septemberfest Commission members for all their efforts in putting together this fantastic event. From the first fire engine in the parade until the last note played by Hi-Infidelity, the day was picture perfect and full of fun and food for all those who came out.

You can check out the pictures on pages 10 and 11, as well as see the names of the many sponsors of this year's event. Please patronize those businesses that so kindly support this time-honored community tradition.

Of course, one of the many highlights of the day was the dedication of the "Everyday Heroes" statue. This is the third statue placed by our Business Promotion and Cultural Development Committee, and once again, no tax dollars were expended for the project. We were especially pleased to have Art Myers, the artist who created "Everyday Heroes" with us. He and his wife, Jeanne, came from Colorado to be here for the dedication. They were very happy to be able to share the dedication of his artwork with the community.

If you did not get a chance to see this original sculpture dedicated to our police and fire departments, please find an opportunity to do so. It is located at the south end of Old Town Park on Washington Street across from the old fire station.

Some thank yous are in order for the statue project. First, thanks to the Business Promotion & Cultural Development Committee – Chairman Remo Turano of Turano Bakery; John Vertnik of Stark & Company Realtors, Georgene Geils, formerly of Economart; Branka Poplonski of Century 21 Lullo; Jacki Unger of Signarama; Bloomingdale Fire Chief Tim Marrocco; and Dan Smith of Indian Lakes Resort. Their vision made the statue possible.

A very big thank you is due to Bret Collins, the greens superintendent for Bloomingdale Golf Club. Bret oversaw the site work for this entire project. He was actively involved from the site design inception until the final mum was planted in the landscaped area. His initiative, attention to detail and ability to bring it all together ahead of schedule and under budget made his participation invaluable to the project.

Thanks also to the Bloomingdale Park District. They embraced the idea of putting the statue in this park and were on board with us every step of the way. They incorporated their own plans of locating flagpoles in the park with the placement of the statue, which I'm sure you will agree gives the whole setting even more impact.

Back to the Septemberfest events. Thank you to (continued on page 3)



Mayor Iden and artist Art Myers pose with "Everyday Heroes" following the unveiling ceremony.

**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 Tuesday 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*

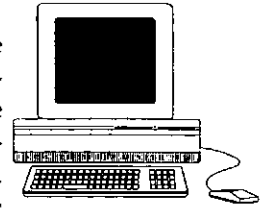
**James M. Gebis**  
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& Environmental Concerns*

**Judi Von Huben**  
*Community Programs &  
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*Public Works & Services*

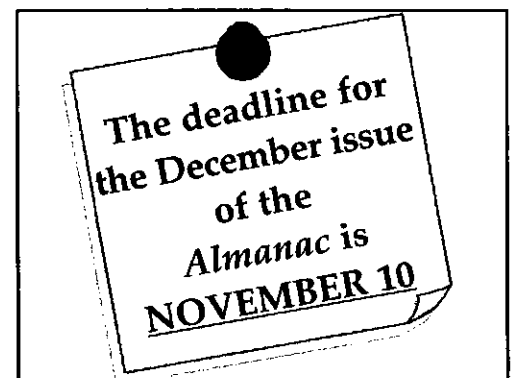
**We'd like to hear from you:  
Please note our website  
address --**

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:



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

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



**A Visit with the Lincolns**



President and Mrs. Lincoln (Max and Donna Daniels) recently visited the Bloomingdale Park District Museum for a reception hosted by the Bloomingdale Historical Society. (Photo inset) The Lincolns enjoyed the quilt exhibit currently showing at the museum.

## Still Placing Bricks at Statue

Thanks to the many businesses and people who supported our efforts to bring "Everyday Heroes" to Bloomingdale. Whether you attended one of our fundraising events, provided prizes or sponsorship dollars, or purchased a brick, we are grateful to each of you.

We've had inquiries about purchasing bricks at the "Everyday Heroes" statue. We intend to have bricks placed again before winter, so if you are interested call Mary Ellen at the Village - 671-5600 and she can get you a form.

We will extend the **Septemberfest Special** through October 15. If you buy a brick by October 15, you get an Everyday Heroes T-shirt or a policeman or fireman bear for FREE and your brick will be placed this year. Bricks ordered after October 15 will not be placed until spring. Bricks will continue to be available at all 3 sites - the library, golf course and Old Town Park, as long as there is room.

Again, thanks to all who helped make the "Everyday Heroes" statue possible.

-- *The Business Promotion & Cultural Development Committee*

## From the Mayor's Desk

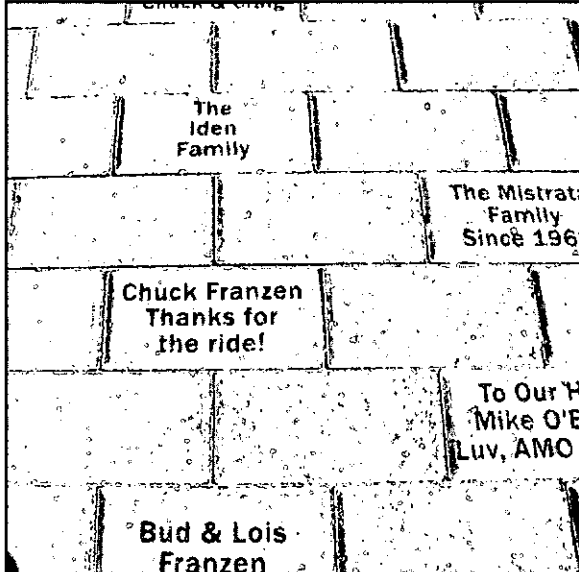
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resident Gene Abbott of Abbott & Associates for his rendition of "God Bless America" during the flag raising. And thanks to the Lake's Park's Varsity Lancettes for their beautiful dance following the unveiling of the statue.

Later in the day, five outstanding young people were awarded \$2000 scholarships from the Septemberfest Commission's Joe Draghi Scholarship Fund. The recipients were Katherine O'Rourke, Anthony Pavone, Elizabeth Pike, Joel Riemenschneider and Tim Wojcicki. Read more about the accomplishments of these terrific young adults on page 9.

It was a full weekend as the Bloomingdale Historical Society hosted a re-dedication of four Civil War graves in St. Paul's Cemetery on Sunday. Civil War re-enactors, a speech by Gen. Ulysses S. Grant (portrayed by Larry Werline), the Gettysburg Address by President Lincoln (Max Daniels), fife and drum music, and a cannon salute were all part of that program. See pictures on page 32.

I would say "enjoy the crisp, cool days of fall," but as I write this on a sunny September afternoon, summer seems to be finally here.



## WELCOME Bloomingdale is a CRIME WATCH COMMUNITY



We immediately report all suspicious activities to our police department

Keep Your  
Trick or  
Treaters  
Safe &  
Happy  
This  
Halloween

NO candy should be eaten until it has been inspected by an adult.

Discard any unwrapped items.

Check all food wrappers for signs of tampering.

Keep costumes simple. Costumes should be made of light, brightly colored or reflective material, so that your trick-or-treater can be easily seen at night. Costumes should not restrict either vision or movement.

At least one person in the group should carry a flashlight while trick or treating.

Trick or treat in groups whenever possible, accompanied by one or more adults.

Instruct your children not to enter any home, and don't invite anyone else's child into your home.

For safety's sake, trick or treat only at homes in your own neighborhood.

Remind children to cross only at corners, and to look both ways before crossing the street. Children should use sidewalks whenever possible, obey traffic lights, and walk - never run - across streets.

**TRICK OR TREAT HOURS ARE  
FROM 1:00-7:00 PM ON  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31**

**Happy  
Halloween**

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## 2005 Tree Planting Program



The Village Board has again allocated funds for this very successful program which was started in 1982. For the sixth year, additional funds have been included for business/commercial properties. The program provides trees, including planting, at a 50/50 cost sharing with the Village. The trees will be planted next Spring and are available for street parkways, residential front yards and business/commercial properties. Business/commercial properties that wish to participate should contact Jim Johnson, Urban Forester, at 630-671-5804.

The following are the guidelines of the program:

- Since the budget is limited, the program will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Requests should be submitted by December 1, 2004. No payment is required at this time. Bills will be sent about February 1, 2005.
- Trees will be 2 1/2 inch caliper, unless stated otherwise. Trees will be quality nursery stock but not specimen plants.
- The Village reserves the right to disapprove requests based on conflicts, safety, or proper spacing.
- Removal of dead trees, stumps and/or large roots is not included and must be performed by participants before March 15th.
- Each residential parcel will be limited to two trees per year. Each business/commercial property will be limited to four trees per year.
- Participants will be given the opportunity to mark the desired location for the tree; however, the Village retains the right to change the location, if necessary.
- We anticipate the cost of 2 1/2" caliper trees to be between \$250 and \$350 each, with the Village paying half of the amount.
- Trees will be guaranteed for one year. Participants are responsible for all watering which will be described in instructions furnished by the Village.
- For trees to be planted in the public parkway, this application will serve as the permit requirements of the ordinance regulating trees on public areas.

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



## 2004 Branch Collection Program

**REMINDER** – The fall collection commences on Monday, October 18. Kramer Tree Specialists, Inc. will collect branches under the direction of the Village Forestry Division. Branches must be out by 7:00 a.m. on Monday, October 18.

**Note:** This program is only available to single family detached residences. Townhome residents should contact their association regarding branch collection.

For more information, refer to p. 12 of the 2004 Fall issue of the Village Almanac or the Village's website at [www.vil.bloomington.il.us](http://www.vil.bloomington.il.us) under Village Services – Forestry Division.

# 2005 Tree Planting Program -- Residential Request Form

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

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

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

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

Indicate number of each type desired:

## PARKWAY

\_\_\_\_\_ **Autumn Blaze Pear** (*Pyrus calleryana* 'Autumn Blaze')  
Pyramidal shaped with more horizontal branch formation. Glossy green leaves change to reddish-purple in fall. White flowers from late April to early May. Matures to a height of 35'-40' with a 15' spread.

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_ **Armstrong Maple** (*Acer x freemanii* 'Armstrong')  
A fast growing, narrow tree with ascending branches. This Maple also has good fall color – orange to red, and is often used as a street or parkway tree. Grows moderately to fast to a mature height of 40'-50'.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Shingle Oak** (*Quercus imbricaria*)  
A medium sized tree with a broad to rounded crown. A member of the Red Oak family, its leaves are not lobed. It grows slowly to moderately with a mature height of 50'.

## FRONT YARD

\_\_\_\_\_ **Autumn Blaze Pear**

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_ **Armstrong Maple**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Shingle Oak**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Serbian Spruce** (*Picea omorika*)  
Perhaps the most handsome of the Spruces, with a more graceful and refined habit. It has a remarkably slender trunk and short ascending or drooping branches, forming a very narrow, pyramidal head. Grows moderately to a mature height of 50'-60'.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Norway Spruce** A fast growing tree that can reach 120'-150'. Dense, dark green needles about one inch long. Tree thrives well in average soil conditions, but prefers moisture in the soil to maintain its deep green color.



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

## Kumon Center offers math and reading programs for local students

Bloomington area students can find after-school tutoring and enrichment programs at the Kumon Math and Reading Center in Old Town Square Plaza. Bloomington residents Sheila Gupta and Urvi Shah operate the center at 160 S. Bloomington Road. "We are dedicated to education and to serving the community," Gupta says. "Every child has the potential to excel and we want to unlock that potential."

Toru Kumon, a teacher and parent who wanted to help his child succeed, developed the unique Kumon Method more than 50 years ago in Japan. The center develops cost-effective, personalized programs to serve students in preschool, primary and secondary schools. "Our goal is for all students to begin studying above their school grade," Gupta says.

The center has a staff of four and currently serves about 170 students. Kumon Centers are located in 43 countries, with 1400 centers in the United States alone. For more information, visit [www.kumon.com](http://www.kumon.com), e-mail the Bloomington location at [goalsachievers1@yahoo.com](mailto:goalsachievers1@yahoo.com), or call 630-510-7788.

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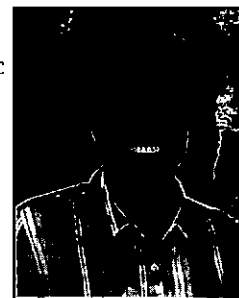
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## St. Isidore's Grade School Welcomes New Principal

St. Isidore pastor, Rev. Anthony Taschetta announced Cynthia Collins as the new principal at St. Isidore Catholic Grade School in Bloomington.



Collins replaces Sandy Renehan, who was principal for 13 years. Renehan is now the principal at the new All Saints Academy in Naperville that will open in the fall of 2005.

Collins was previously at St. Dominic School in Bolingbrook where she started as a second grade teacher in 1991. Over the years she was promoted in various teaching positions and was most recently the assistant principal.

"Her strength is her Catholic identity rooted in a deep faith, as well as her vast experience, enthusiasm and compassion," Fr. Taschetta said. Collins will lead a teaching and support staff of 25 people with a student body of 338 pre-school and grade school students.

"This is a great new challenge and everyone has been so welcoming. St. Isidore is a remarkably friendly and active place. It has an extremely energetic parish environment and I'm thrilled to be a part of it," Collins said. "The academic standards are very high and I hope to help the children be the best they can be." She and her family reside in Bolingbrook.

As one of the largest parishes in the Diocese of Joliet with over 5,000 families, St. Isidore parish and school are located at 427 W. Army Trail Rd. For information call 630-529-3045.

## Bloomington Township Offers Wide Variety Of Programs and Services for Seniors

The Bloomington Township Senior Center provides many services and activities and is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The center is located at 6N050 Rosedale Road (off Lake Street) in Bloomington, and provides a clean, comfortable and safe place for seniors to participate in various activities. Some of the services and activities include:

Congregate Meals	RTA Discount passes
Recreational Activities	Energy Assistance (LIHEAP)
Health Services	Chore Program
Rules of the Road Review	Temporary Handicapped Parking Permit
Income Tax Assistance	Vehicle Stickers
Notary Public	Voter Registration
Senior Discount Cards	

The center is also home for the Bloomington Township Senior Council made up of individuals representing the center as well as other senior organizations throughout the township. The Senior Council functions as a clearinghouse for activity information between the township and various other groups.

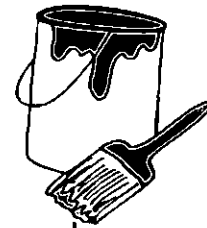
The senior center also publishes a bi-monthly newsletter, called "The Senior Connection," which is mailed to over 2,000 seniors listing various upcoming events as well as articles of interest. The cost of providing this newsletter is partially offset by sales of advertising. If you would like to receive a free copy of this newsletter, stop by the center and sign up to receive future issues. To acquaint yourself with our center or for further information, please call 630-529-7794.

## Need to Dispose of Household Hazardous Waste?

**REGIONAL HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE FACILITY.** Residents from throughout the state can drop off HHW at the regional collection site operated by the City of Naperville. The regional HHW collection facility is located at Naperville Fire Station No. 4, 1971 Brookdale Road (just off Route 59) and is open on Saturdays and Sundays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., except on holidays.

**STATE-SPONSORED HHW COLLECTION EVENTS.** The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) also sponsors one-day HHW collections throughout the state. Downers Grove will host a Mobile HHW Event on Saturday, October 23rd. Visit the IEPA's website at [www.epa.state.il.us/land](http://www.epa.state.il.us/land) for more information.

**Note:** Latex paint is not accepted at the regional HHW Facility or at the mobile HHW Collections. Latex paint, which does not contain the solvents found in oil-based paints, can be dried out (in a well-ventilated area away from children and pets) with an absorbent material such as sand, sawdust, oil dry, or kitty litter. Dispose of the hardened/dried out paint with the lid removed, in your regular garbage. (Refer to the DuPage County 2004-2005 Recycling Guide (available for viewing and printing at [www.dupageco.org/dec](http://www.dupageco.org/dec)).



## Please!! Do Not Rake or Blow Leaves Into the Street!

The Village utilizes BFI as their leaf disposal agency. BFI will pick up leaves, as well as yard waste, through the end of November. Residents must affix a yard waste sticker to each container or Kraft paper bag. Yard waste stickers (\$1.37) can be purchased at the Village Hall and at the following locations:

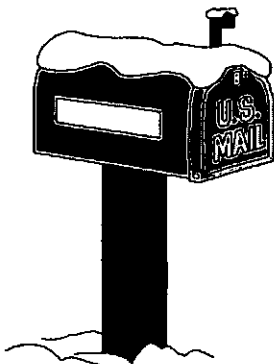
- Bloomingdale Pharmacy, 156 S. Bloomingdale Road
- Butera Foods, 550 Lake Street, Roselle
- Jewel, 2164 Bloomingdale Road, Glendale Hts.
- Dominicks, 144 S. Gary Ave & 325 Army Trail Road

The Village of Bloomingdale does not offer any other Village-wide leaf pick-up program.

Village Ordinance #2000-10 prohibits the dumping or placing of any waste upon any Village street or other public property. This ordinance is in effect for the protection of all residents and to ensure the beauty of the Village. The placing or blowing of leaves into the street is considered an ordinance violation. Leaves collecting around storm drains may result in flooded streets, yards, and basements during heavy rains.

We encourage each resident's assistance in keeping the Village presentable during the beautiful fall season. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

## Before the Snow Flies . . . Please Winterize Your Mailbox



Residents are requested to inspect mailboxes and posts to ensure sturdiness and compliance with the postal service installation requirements, and correct any problem identified. 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.

Also, if ornamental rocks or planters are used for landscape beautification, residents need to ensure that they are a minimum of three feet in back of the curb or pavement on non-curb streets. If deemed necessary for safe snow removal operations, these obstacles will be removed by the Village.

## Thanks for making it a great Septemberfest!

The 32nd Septemberfest celebration was blessed with a beautiful day, a large number of attendees, and it has now taken its place on the page of the Village of Bloomingdale's history book.

It is a long day for many, but a very rewarding one. It is wonderful to see all of the families that turn out to partake in the events of the day -- from the kickoff of the parade until the last note of the "Hi Infidelity" performance. It is a day of food, fun, visiting with neighbors, family and friends and enjoying the "small town" feel of our community.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend a well deserved **Thank You** to all the members of the Commission and to the community for its continued support of this event. This is truly a "community" event and one that continues to grow in popularity as time goes on.

A very special **Thanks** also goes out to Bob Maguire and Vern Fasse and the Public Works Department employees. These people went above and beyond their normal duties to insure the success of the event.

Also thanks to our "Everyday Heroes," the Bloomingdale policemen and firemen for providing traffic and crowd control as well as medical services for the day.

And thanks to Mayor Bob Iden and our Village Trustees for their continued support of this event and to all of our sponsors who gave generously so that this event could continue.

Congratulations go out to our five \$2,000 Joe Draghi Memorial scholarship winners: Elizabeth Pike, Tim Wojcicki, Katherine O'Rourke, Anthony Pavone, and Joel Riemenschneider.

**Pam Hager, Chairperson**

## Beware of Car Burglaries

Car burglaries are one of the most frequent crimes reported to the police. A car burglary occurs when a vehicle is illegally entered (with or without force) and items are taken from inside the car. Surprisingly, many car burglaries have one thing in common—an unlocked door or window.

Here are simple reminders that can help protect your car from a burglary.

- ✓ Park your vehicle in a secure garage whenever possible. If you live in an apartment or condominium area without garage access, park your vehicle in a well-lit area close to a street or building entryway.
- ✓ Lock all car doors even when parked in your driveway or in a garage. An unsecured door is an easy opportunity and the most common point of attack in car burglaries. Also, properly secure the windows paying special attention to small vent windows and sliding back windows.
- ✓ Always remove your keys from the ignition—even in your garage. This will help prevent burglaries and car thefts.
- ✓ Never leave personal belongings in plain view. Avoid leaving valuables in your vehicle. If you must store belongings in the car, hide them from view in a glove box, under the seats or in your trunk.
- ✓ If your vehicle is burglarized despite your efforts, always report the burglary to police, even when nothing appears to be missing. Your information could reveal a crime pattern in a specific area of town and greatly increase the likelihood of catching the burglar.

Remember that the police are unable to solve crimes that go unreported.

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

## International Youth Exchange Opportunity

The 70 Rotary Clubs in northeastern Illinois each offer a scholarship opportunity to local high school students ages 16-18 interested in studying abroad for a year. Worldwide, Rotary Youth Exchange assists each year over 7000 students to learn about another culture and promote international understanding and world peace.

To begin their exchange adventure in August 2005, applicants must be in the top half of their high school class and have an aptitude for foreign languages. For more information and a preliminary application please contact Andrew Knox, District Outbound Student Coordinator at (847) 931-9000. Youth Exchange information is available at the following website: [www.rye6440.org](http://www.rye6440.org) <http://www.rye6440.org/>.

Prospective applicants will be interviewed and evaluated for the program by their local sponsoring Rotary club and by the District committee. Applications are due by October 25, and applicants and parents or guardians must be available for the District interview on November 6th.

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



We immediately report  
all suspicious activities  
to our police department



## Joe Draghi Scholarships Awarded

Five students were awarded a \$2000 scholarship from the Septemberfest Commission. Each submitted an essay about themselves, as well as two letters of recommendation from adults who spoke of the applicants' activities and community service.

Lake Park High School seniors **Elizabeth Pike** and **Tim Wojcicki** were among those selected. Pike is involved in many school activities, the most time-consuming of which

has been being a four-year member of the varsity cross-country and track teams. Academically, the young woman maintains a 3.5 GPA while taking honor and advanced placement course and has also been very active in her church. She plans to attend the business field or pursue a career in corporate law.

Wojcicki has made music a large part of his life, from his earliest piano lessons to playing percussion in the fourth-grade band to his current position as a member of the drumline for Lake Park High School's Marching Band. Scouting has also played a huge part in his life; in addition to the many leadership roles he has served there, Wojcicki is also an Eagle Scout. He has also served the community through the youth groups at both St. Isidore and Medinah Baptist churches. This outstanding young man plans to major in the music and elementary education fields, at either Illinois State University or Northern Illinois University.

**Katherine O'Rourke** and **Anthony Pavone** were both 2004 graduates of Lake Park High School. Like the other winners, O'Rourke took her school activities and turned them into opportunities to serve the community. She spent her four years at Lake Park as a leader in Student Council where she earned recognition for her research and activism leading to the placement of Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) into Lake Park High School. Currently a freshman at Notre Dame University, O'Rourke is studying psychology through the premed program.

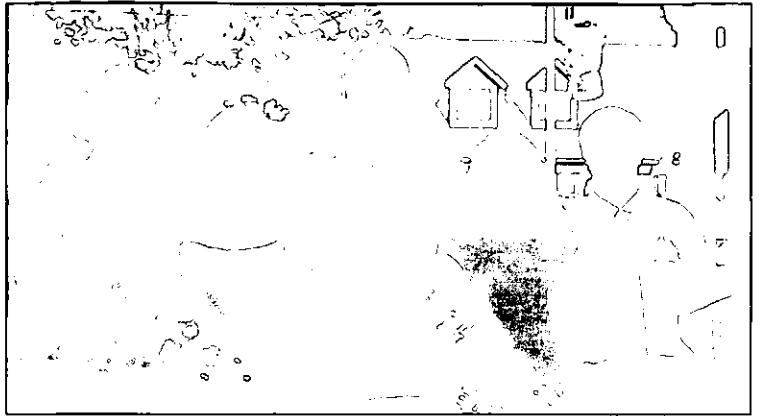
Outstanding academics, exceptional athletics, and a commitment to community service define Anthony Pavone. The young man has garnered recognition and awards for both his classroom and sports achievements. Pavone found opportunities for community service while sharing his love for sports. He volunteered with Special Olympics for four years and also coached a 14-year old Amateur Athletic Union basketball team. Pavone is a freshman at Illinois Wesleyan University where he is studying business administration.

**Joel Riemenschneider**, 2003 Lake Park graduate, was the fifth scholarship recipient. His academic achievement in high school was exemplary, as he achieved a 5.36 GPA on a 5.0 scale and graduated 8th in his class of 660. He was also active in competitive sports, excelling in track and field and cross-country. Outside of school Riemenschneider served his church community through a variety of leadership activities. At Wheaton College he continues to find ways to serve others through a variety of volunteer projects. Riemenschneider intends to pursue a career in the field of math and science.

**Cadet Christopher Bahr**, son of William and Mary Bahr, was selected for the Dean's List for the spring semester at the U.S. Military Academy. Bahr graduated from Lake Park in 2003. He plans to graduate in 2007 from West Pointe and be commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army.

**Samantha Walte** was one of four Lake Park High School seniors to be named National Merit Scholarship semifinalists. The students were selected based on test scores of the 2004 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test and represent less than one percent of the U.S. High School seniors.

To become finalists, the students must have a record of very high academic performance, be endorsed and recommended by their school principal, and earn SAT scores that confirm their earlier qualifying test performance. Scholarships awarded through the National Merit Program are underwritten by approximately 500 business organizations and higher education institutions.



# Thanks for the Memories

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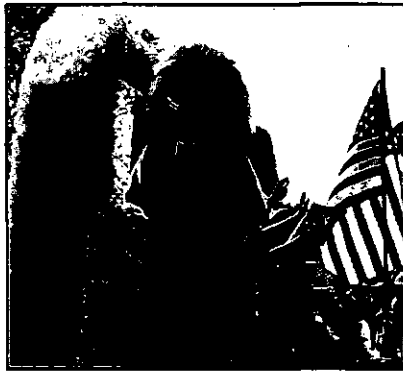
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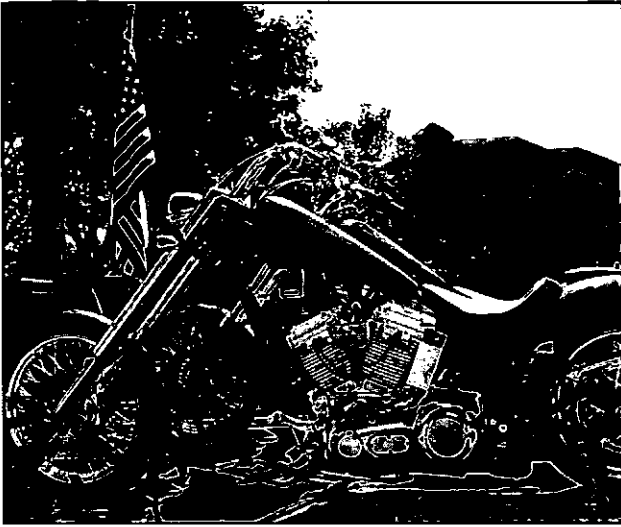
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# Septemberfest 2004



## Motorcycle and Car Show Winners

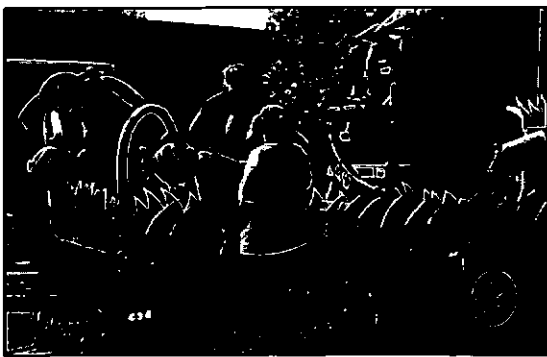
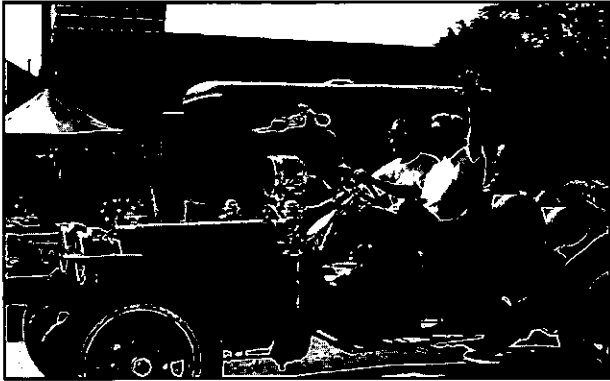
Back for the second year was an expanded motorcycle show. Fifty-six bikes were registered. The People's Choice awards went to:

- Sportster – Angelo Scardullo, 1996 Sporty
- Dresser/Touring – Dan Murphy, 2001 Indian Chief Roadmaster
- Antique – Al Byers, 1932 Indian Pony Scout
- Cruiser – Mark Garrison, 2003 Harley Davidson Softtail Standard
- Import Sport – Mark Mason, 1999 Ducati M900
- Import Touring – Al Bruno, 2003 Yamaha Silverado
- Rat – Alec Mahony, 2004 Mini Chopper
- Custom – David "Elvis" Sum, 2003 Boneyard Customs Chopper.

Participants' Choice Awards were actually the same as the People's Choice with the exception of Cruiser – Roy Hauser, 2002 Harley Davidson Dyna Wide Glide and the Custom – Rich Mahony, 2004 Extreme Customs Pro Chopper.

The Car Show was also well attended. Several awards were presented to cars in the show:

- Mayor's Choice – Peter Charuso, '65 Cadillac
- Septemberfest Commission Best of Show – Arnie Press, '74 Pantera
- Best Muscle Car – Rick Bueter, '69 Camero
- Best Convertible – Ron Walski, '61 Bonneville
- Most Unique – Nicholas Carso, '52 Bentley
- Oldest – Kevin Kusch, '28 Chevy Coupe
- People's Choice – Christopher Zagors, '59 Fairlane



# Community Events Community Events

## Bloomington Women's Club Fashion Show Set for November 6

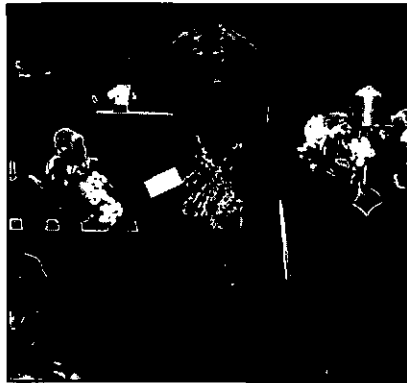


Bloomington Women's Club hosts its 30th annual fashion show of holiday fashions on Saturday, November 6 at Indian Lakes Resort.

"Glitz and Glamour" begins at 11 a.m. with lunch at Noon.

This year's charity is the Humanitarian Service Project, which delivers groceries monthly to 105 impoverished senior citizens living in DuPage and Kane counties.

The fashions will be featured from Carson Pirie Scott in Stratford Square, Monalisa Boutique, Total Wedding and York Furrier. Bloomington's Amici's will be doing models' hair. Tickets are \$32 until October 15, then are \$35. For tickets or more information call Rosie at 630-291-3667.



## Villagers Hosts Auction on October 7

Bloomington Villagers Club hosts its annual auction on Thursday, October 7 beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Bloomington Golf Club, on Glen Ellyn Road, two blocks south of Lake Street. Featured in the bidding will be holiday items, collectibles, foodstuffs, home accessories and handmade items, as well as specialties and surprises. A silent auction will also be conducted. Refreshments will be served.

The November 4th meeting, "Holiday Appetizers," will feature Rosanne of Bloomington's Rosanne's Catering who will show members and guests how to prepare some canapés for those upcoming holiday parties. The meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. at the Bloomington Public Library, lower level.

## Arts & Craft Fair at Church of the Incarnation October 10

An outdoor Holiday Arts and Craft Fair will be held from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Saturday, October 9 and Sunday, October 10 at the Church of the Incarnation, 261 W. Army Trail Road, Bloomington. Booth spaces (10' x 10') will be \$100 each. For more information, call Dawn McElroy at 847-207-5358.



## Episcopal Church of the Incarnation Hosts Pumpkin Patch Project

The Episcopal Church of the Incarnation hosts its 11th annual national Pumpkin Patch Project October 16-31, at the church site, 261 Army Trail Road. Last year 403 churches of 20 denominations in 28 states participated in the project, which pays Native Americans on a Navajo Reservation in Farmington, New

Mexico to grow 750 acres of pumpkins on their 80,000 acre farm.

After the pumpkins are harvested, they're transported by truck to church youth groups throughout the US. Proceeds from the sale of pumpkins, gourds, and corn stalks benefit church youth groups. Pumpkin patch hours at the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation are Monday through Friday, 2 to 8 p.m.; Saturdays and Sundays, noon to 8 p.m. For more information, call Russ Trainor at 630-830-3671.

## October 3-9 is National Fire Prevention Week



# Community Events Community Events

## Lions Sponsor Spaghetti Dinner on October 22

The Bloomingdale Lions Club will sponsor a spaghetti dinner from 5 to 8 p.m. on Friday, Oct 22, 2004 at the Bloomingdale Golf Club located at 181 N. Glen Ellyn Road. Tickets for the dinner are \$8 per person. Children under 8 are free.

Proceeds from the dinner will benefit visually impaired and hearing-impaired persons in the community as well as other local needs. For additional information, contact Ron Olson at the 630-894-0480 or [pinkers61@aol.com](mailto:pinkers61@aol.com)



## State Representative Carol Pankau to Host Town Meeting on October 26

On October 26th, State Representative Carole Pankau will be holding a town hall meeting, hosted by the Bloomingdale Public Library at 7 p.m. Before and after Representative Pankau speaks, there will also be several guest speakers from the Citizens' Utility Board holding short clinics to show you how to save money on your phone bill. See the 4th page of the library newsletter in this Almanac issue for more details.

## Festival of Giving at Stratford Square

Stratford Square Mall is planning its 2nd Annual "Festival of Giving" Charity Event for November 21st 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. This special event is a kick-off to the holiday season and gives local non-profit organizations the opportunity to raise money through the sale of \$5.00 event tickets. The event features store specials and discounts, door prizes, entertainment, free gift-wrap and more! Tickets are available beginning October 1 and can be purchased through your favorite non-profit organizations. Call the mall at 630-351-2800 for a list of participating groups and information about this special event! A participating organization list is also available at [www.stratfordsquaremall.com](http://www.stratfordsquaremall.com)

## Bloomingdale Women's Club Hosts Ice Cream Social

The Bloomingdale Women's Club invites all area women to an ice cream social on Thursday, October 14, to meet members and explore the club's activities. Last year BWC's philanthropic efforts benefited the Humanitarian Service Project, Fairy Godmothers, Adopt a Senior Citizen and Child, Bloomingdale Park District, Girls Baseball and many other DuPage area charities.



Meetings are held the 2nd Thursday of the month at the Bloomingdale Public Library, 101 Fairfield Way. For more information, call Violette at 894-6783.

## Library Displays Chris Milostam's Artwork in October

The artwork of Chris Milostam will be on display at the Bloomingdale Public Library throughout the month of October.

The "Evolution of an Artist" exhibit at the Bloomingdale Library is a collection of processes and mediums Chris has explored as she reconnected with her childhood passion for painting.

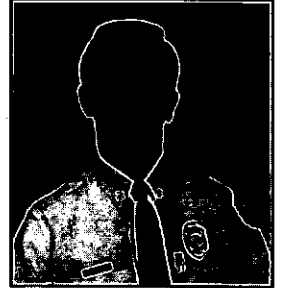
"I fell in love with color when I was five years old. I could sit for hours, dabbling with my paints, marveling that yellow slapped over blue produced green. Purple, the color of lilacs, was my favorite color."

The exhibit features images of nature, people and places in a variety of mediums. The Glendale Heights resident and Bloomingdale Culture Club member is currently sharing her art in local libraries, galleries, and even on CTA trains!



## Assistant Fire Protection Chief Retires

The Bloomington Fire Protection District #1 announces the retirement of our most senior member, Assistant Chief Bill Wolff, after serving 32 years with the district. Assistant Chief Wolff started with the District in 1972 as a paid-on-call firefighter. He became a career firefighter in October, 1974 and progressed through the ranks to attain his current position as Assistant Chief of Operations in January, 1985. During his tenure, Bill has seen the District expand to a full compliment of firefighters and equipment.



Bloomington began providing paramedic service in the Fall of 1979. Bill was one of the first members of the District to attend the new paramedic program offered at Northwest Community Hospital in Arlington Heights. He was instrumental in purchasing new equipment, training, fire suppression, the Fire Prevention Bureau, community liaison, and the building of the new headquarters station. Bill's enthusiastic, out-going, personality played an important part in his constant contributions to the community. He is past commander of the Bloomington Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #7539. It would be no exaggeration to say that he has been the driving force behind many programs in the community such as; sending packages to our troops in Iraq, community blood drives, and his single-handedness in the pursuit of the yellow ribbon program in Bloomington.

His presence will be sorely missed both at the station and future emergency incidents.

## At the Museum . . .

### Quilt National '03 And Midwest Regional Fiber Art Show

**Bloomington Park District Museum**  
**108 S. Bloomington Road**

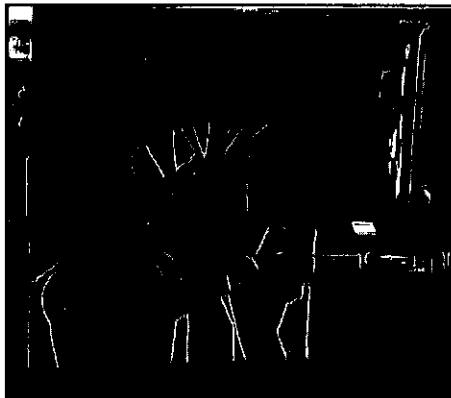
Dates: Sat., September 11 –  
Sat. October 16

Time: Wed. 4-8 p.m.;  
Thurs. & Fri. 10-4 p.m.;  
Sat. noon-4 p.m.

Admission: \$4 resident / \$6 non-resident

Over 20 prestigious contemporary quilts from "QUILT NATIONAL '03" on loan from the famous Dairy Barn Collection, in Ohio are currently exhibited in Gallery LL. The Quilt National 2003 book will also be on sale showing the best of contemporary art quilts..

In Gallery I, see nature through the vivid imagination of six award-winning regional quilt and fiber artists. Complementing the Quilt National Show, "INSPIRED BY NATURE", a contemporary invitational exhibition of works by several midwest artists, including Bloomington resident Barbara Albrecht. Call Curators Diane Duffy & Marje Reichart 630/539-3096 if you would like to receive more information.



### We Need Artists to Help Celebrate the Holidays with 'Impressions of the Season'

The Bloomington Park District Museum is looking for artists to enter to help celebrate the holidays with "IMPRESSIONS OF THE SEASON", a juried, family orientated mixed media art show.

Non-refundable entry fee \$10/ piece or 3 / \$25 (max. of 6 pieces). Prizes include \$100/Best of Show; 1st Place / \$75; 2nd Place / \$50; 3rd Place / \$25

and ribbons for Honorable Mentions.

Please call the Museum at 630/539-3096 for entry form or e-mail questions to [bpdmuseum@earthlink.net](mailto:bpdmuseum@earthlink.net).

Walk-ins are also welcome at the drop-off on Monday, October 25 and Tuesday October 26 3-8 p.m. The show will run from November 6 - Thursday, December 23.

A complimentary reception will be held on Sunday, November 14 from 2-4 p.m.



# Bloomington Fire Protection District #1



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## Test Your Smoke Detector

Illinois law requires that you mount one working smoke detector on every habitable level of your house. Here is some information from the Bloomington Fire Protection District and the NFPA on proper installation and testing of these detectors.

### Install and Test Your Smoke Alarms

Smoke alarms are the most effective early warning devices available. Because fire can grow and spread so quickly having working smoke alarms in the home can mean the difference between life and death. But these life-saving devices are only effective when they're working properly. Smoke alarms with batteries that are dead, disconnected, or missing can't alert people to the dangers of smoke and fire.

### The Right Way to Install Alarms

- Smoke alarms need to be installed on every level of the home, including the basement, and outside each sleeping area. New homes are required to have a smoke alarm in every sleeping room and all alarms must be interconnected.
- If people sleep with bedroom doors closed, recommend that a qualified electrician install interconnected smoke alarms in each room so that when one alarm sounds, they all sound.
- Hard-wired smoke alarms operate on household electrical current. They can be interconnected so that every alarm sounds regardless of the fire's location. This gives occupants extra time to escape if they are in one part of the home and a fire breaks out in another part.
- Smoke alarms should be mounted high on walls or ceilings (remind people that smoke rises).
- Smoke alarms should never be painted.

### Check Smoke Alarms Regularly

- Smoke alarms need to be tested once a month, following the manufacturer's instructions.
- Batteries in smoke alarms should be replaced once a year, or as soon as the alarm "chirps" warning that the battery is low.
- Never "borrow" a battery from a smoke alarm.
- Don't disable smoke alarms even temporarily. If the smoke alarm is sounding "nuisance alarms," suggest that people try relocating it farther from kitchens or bathrooms, or replace the alarm with one that has a pause, silencer or hush button.
- Regularly vacuuming or dusting smoke alarms, following the manufacturer's instructions, can keep them working properly.
- Smoke alarms need to be replaced once every 10 years.
- Suggest installing smoke alarms with "long-life" (10-year) batteries.

### Part of the Plan: Knowing How to Respond When the Alarm Sounds

- Although smoke alarms are essential protection from a fire, they aren't enough. A smoke alarm sounds the warning but families also need a well-developed home escape plan.
- Households should develop a home fire escape plan that everyone is familiar with.
- Make sure everyone can clearly hear and recognize the sound of all smoke alarms at all times, and knows exactly what to do when it sounds. Some studies have shown that some children may not awaken to the sound of the smoke alarm. Communicate with parents that they should know what their child will do before a fire occurs. For more information on this issue visit [www.nfpa.org/factsheets](http://www.nfpa.org/factsheets).
- Escape plans should be practiced at least twice a year.
- Remind people to be fully prepared for a real fire: when a smoke alarm sounds, they need to get out immediately.

For additional information, contact the Bloomington Fire Protection District #1 at [www.bloomingtonfire.com](http://www.bloomingtonfire.com) or the NFPA at [www.nfpa.org](http://www.nfpa.org).

# 2004 Annual Water Quality Report

*Keeping you informed about water quality in your community*

This report is intended to provide you with important information about your drinking water and the efforts made by the VILLAGE OF BLOOMINGDALE water system to provide safe drinking water. The source of drinking water used by BLOOMINGDALE is purchased from the Dupage Water Commission and is supplied to them under contract from the City of Chicago.

For more information regarding this report, contact:

**Name:** Village Services Department -  
Utilities Division  
Robert C. Maguire,  
Utilities Superintendent

**Phone:** (630) 671-5830



## Source of Drinking Water

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and groundwater wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426 - 4791.

### **Contaminants that may be present in source water include:**

- **Microbial contaminants**, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.
- **Inorganic contaminants**, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial, or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
- **Pesticides and herbicides**, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.
- **Organic chemical contaminants**, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by - products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.
- **Radioactive contaminants**, which can be naturally - occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.



## **Source of Drinking Water (cont'd)**

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health. Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice from their health care providers about drinking water. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

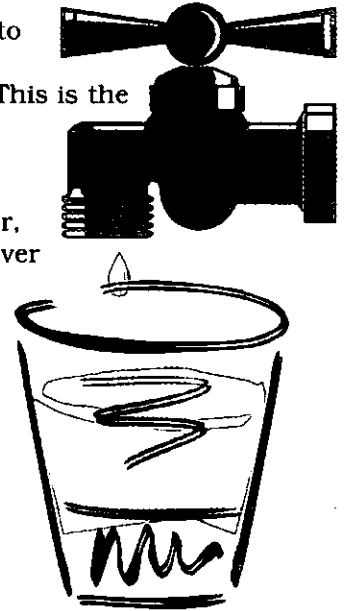
## **Source Water Assessment Summary**

***For the period of January 1 to December 31, 2003.***

When available, a Source Water Assessment summary is included below for your convenience.

The Illinois EPA considers all surface water sources of community water supplies to be susceptible to potential pollution problems. The very nature of surface water allows contaminants to migrate into the intake with no protection, only dilution. This is the reason for mandatory treatment for all surface water supplies in Illinois.

Chicago's offshore intakes are located at a distance that shoreline impacts are not usually considered a factor on water quality. At certain times of the year, however, the potential for contamination exists due to wet weather flows and wet weather river reversals. In addition, the placement of the crib structures may serve to attract waterfowl, gulls and terns that frequent the Great Lakes area, thereby concentrating fecal deposits at the intake and thus compromising the source water quality. Conversely, the shore intakes are highly susceptible to storm water runoff, marinas and shoreline point sources due to the influx of groundwater to the lake. Throughout history there have been extraordinary steps taken to assure a safe source of drinking water in the Chicagoland area; from the building of the offshore cribs and the introduction of interceptor sewers to the lock-and-dam system of Chicago's waterways and the city's Lakefront Zoning Ordinance. The city now looks to the recently created Department of the Water Management, Department of Environment and the MWRDGC to assure the safety of the city's water supply. Also, water supply officials from Chicago are active members of the West Shore Water Producers Association. Coordination of water quality situations (i.e., spills, tanker leaks, exotic species, etc.) and general lake conditions are frequently discussed during the association's quarterly meetings. Also, Lake Michigan has a variety of organizations and associations that are currently working to either maintain or improve water quality.



Finally, one of the best ways to ensure a safe source of drinking water is to develop a program designed to protect the source water against potential contamination on the local level. Since the predominant land use within Illinois' boundary of Lake Michigan watershed is urban, a majority of the watershed protection activities in this document are aimed at this purpose. Citizens should be aware that everyday activities in an urban setting might have a negative impact on their source water. Efforts should be made to improve awareness of storm water drains and their direct link to the lake within the identified local source water area. A proven best management practice (BMP) for this purpose has been the identification and stenciling of storm water drains within a watershed. Stenciling along with an educational component is necessary to keep the lake a safe and reliable source of drinking water.

## 2003 Water Quality

### Dwifinition of terms --

**Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG):** The level of contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLG's allow for a margin of safety.

**Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL):** The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

**Level Found:** This column represents an average of sample result data collected during the CCR calendar year. In some cases, it may represent a single sample if only one sample was collected.

**Range of Detections:** This column represents a range of individual sample results, from lowest to highest that were collected during the CCR calendar year.

**Date of Sample:** If a date appears in this column, the Illinois EPA requires monitoring for this contaminant less than once a year because the concentrations do not frequently change. If no date appears in the column, monitoring of this contaminant was conducted during the CCR calendar year.

**Action Level (AL):** The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

**Treatment Technique (TT):** A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

n/d - Not detectable at testing limits n/a - not applicable

## City of Chicago (Parent Supply) Detected Regulated Contaminants

### Microbial Contaminants

Contaminant (unit of measurement) Typical Source of Contaminant	MCLG	MCL	Level Found	Range of Detections	Violation	Date of Sample
<b>Turbidity</b> (%<0.3 NTU) Soil runoff. Lowest monthly percent meeting limit	n/a	TT	100.0%	n/a		
<b>Turbidity</b> (NTU) Soil runoff. Highest single measurement	n/a	TT 1 NTU max	0.25	n/a		

### Inorganic Contaminants

Contaminant (unit of measurement) Typical Source of Contaminant	MCLG	MCL	Level Found	Range of Detections	Violation	Date of Sample
<b>Barium</b> (ppm) Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits	2	2	0.020	0.019 - 0.020		
<b>Nitrate</b> (as Nitrogen) (ppm) Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits	10	10	0.357	0.305 - 0.357		
<b>Nitrate &amp; Nitrite</b> (ppm) Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits	10	10	0.357	0.305 - 0.357		

## Disinfectants/Disinfection By-Products

Contaminant (unit of measurement) Typical Source of Contaminant	MCLG	MCL	Level Found	Range of Detections	Violation	Date of Sample
<b>TTHM'S</b> Total Trihalomethanes (ppb) By-product of drinking water disinfection	n/a	80	17.30	7.200-28.100		
<b>HAA5</b> (Haloacetic Acids) (ppb) By-product of drinking water disinfection	n/a	60	9.100	6.700 - 12.800		
<b>Chlorine</b> (as Cl <sub>2</sub> ) (ppm) Drinking water disinfectant	4.0	4.0	1.32	0.02 - 1.32		
<b>TOC</b> (Total Organic Carbon)	The percentage of Total Organic Carbon (TOC) removal was measured each month and the system met all TOC removal requirements set by IEPA					

## Unregulated Contaminants

Contaminant (unit of measurement) Typical Source of Contaminant	MCLG	MCL	Level Found	Range of Detections	Violation
<b>Sulfate</b> (ppm) Erosion of naturally occurring deposits	n/a	n/a	17.200	15.600 - 17.200	

## State Regulated Contaminants

Contaminant (unit of measurement) Typical Source of Contaminant	MCLG	MCL	Level Found	Range of Detections	Violation	Date of Sample
<b>Fluoride</b> (ppm) Water additive which promotes strong teeth.	n/a	n/a	0.960	0.910 - 1.004		
<b>Sodium</b> (ppm) Erosion of naturally occurring deposits; Used as water softener.	n/a	n/a	7.00	6.90 - 7.00		

## Radioactive Contaminants

Contaminant (unit of measurement) Typical Source of Contaminant	MCLG	MCL	Level Found	Range of Detections	Violation	Date of Sample
<b>Beta/Photon Emitters</b> (pCi/l) Decay of natural and man-made deposits.	0	50	2.000	nd - 2.000		11/05/01

**Unit of measurement**

- ppm - parts per million, or milligrams per liter
- ppb - parts per billion, or micrograms per liter
- NTU - Nephelometric Turbidity Unit, used to measure cloudiness in drinking water
- % < 0.5 NTU - percent samples less than 0.5 NTU
- pCi/l - picocuries per liter, used to measure radioactivity

**Water Quality Data Table Footnotes**

**Turbidity**

Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness of water. We monitor it because it is a good indicator of water quality and the effectiveness of filtration and disinfectants.

**Unregulated Contaminants**

A maximum contaminant level (MCL) for this contaminant has not been established by either state or federal regulations, nor has mandatory health effects language. The purpose of monitoring this contaminant is to assist USEPA in determining the occurrence of unregulated contaminants in drinking water, and whether future regulation is warranted.

**Fluoride**

Fluoride is added to the water supply to help promote strong teeth. The Illinois Department of Public Health recommends an optimal fluoride range of 0.9 mg/l to 1.2 mg/l.

**Sodium**

There is no state/federal MCL for sodium. Monitoring is required to provide information to consumers and health officials concerned about sodium intake due to dietary precautions. If you are on a sodium-restricted diet, you should consult a physician about this level of sodium in the water.

**Village of Bloomingdale Regulated Detected Contaminants**

**Coliform Bacteria**

Maximum Contaminant	Total Coliform Maximum	Highest No.# of Positive Total	Fecal Coliform or E. Coli. Maximum	Total No.# of positive E. Coli or Fecal Coliform Samples	Violations	Likely source of contamination
0	1 positive monthly sample	1	Fecal Coliform or E. Coli MCL: a routine sample is total coliform positive, and one is also fecal coliform or E. Coli positive	0	0	Naturally present in environment

**Lead and Copper**

Lead MCLG	Lead Action Level	Lead 90th percentile	# sites over	Copper MCLG	Copper 90th percentile	# sites over Copper AL	Likely source of contaminant
0 ppb	15 ppb	4	2	1.3 ppm	0.001 ppm	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits

**Action Level (AL):** The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

**Action Level Goal (ALG):** The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. ALG's allow for a margin of safety.

## Disinfectants and Disinfection By-Products

Regulated	Highest Level	Range of Levels	Unit of measurement	MCLG	MCL	Violation	Likely source of contaminant
Total Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	16	10.13 - 15.75	ppb		60*	No	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Total Trihalomethanes	42	19.1 - 41.67	ppb	n/a	80*	No	By-product of drinking water chlorination

\* MCL Statement: The maximum contaminant level (MCL) for TTHM and HAA 5 is 80 ppm and 60 ppm respectively and is currently only applicable to surface water supplies that serve 10, 000 or more people. These MCLs became effective 01/01/2004 for all groundwater supplies and surface supplies also serving less than 10, 000 people.

After 01/01/2004, surface water supplies serving less than 10, 000 people, any size water supply that purchases from a surface water source, and groundwater supplies serving more than 10, 000 people must meet a state imposed TTHM MCL of 100 ppm. Some people who drink water containing trihalomethanes in excess of the MCL over many years experience problems with their livers, kidneys, or central nervous systems, and may have increased risk of getting cancer.

## WATER: The Pure Facts

Water constitutes 40% of the reported daily beverage consumption in the United States

You can survive about a month without food, but only five to seven days without water.

The average five minute shower uses from 15 to 25 gallons of water.

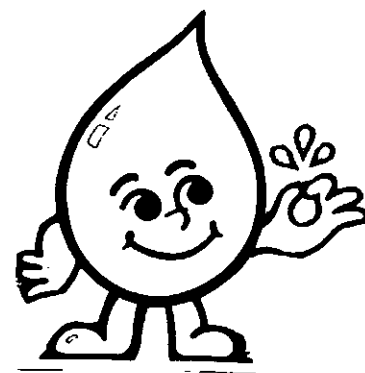
Each person uses about 100 gallons of water per day.

The average household consumes at least 50% of its water by lawn sprinkling.

An automatic dishwasher uses approximately 9 to 12 gallons of water while hand washing dishes can use up to 20 gallons.

Water has zero calories and zero sugar, but a good drink of water can reduce hunger.

Water helps the body metabolize stored fats, helps maintain proper muscle tone, and helps rid the body of wastes.



# Off the Shelf



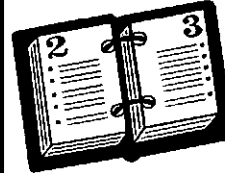
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Mark your calendars!

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Halloween Party..... October 30  
Holiday Open House..... November 30  
Polar Express..... December 5  
Breakfast with Santa..... December 11



### *from the director . . .*

As the long days of summer fade into the crisp evenings of autumn, change is in the air. Just as we welcome the cooler weather and bright colors of the season, I welcome you to take advantage of the changing services and programs we provide. Just a few of the highlights of the coming months include:

#### Expanded Research Databases

Did you know the library has added many new databases over the course of the last year? You may access dozens of electronic databases that contain thousands of full text articles, company information, automotive repair manuals, and quality health information. To access this world of information either visit us or, use your Bloomington Library card and the Internet: (<http://www.bloomington.lib.il.us>). Look for more information in the pages that follow.

#### Election 2004

The right to vote is precious to all Americans; to practice that freedom residents must first register to vote. Voter registration is open until October 5, 2004 which is the last day to register for the November 2, 2004 General Primary Election. The Bloomington Library is proud to offer registration service all the hours we are open until the deadline. Voters are reminded that they may also use the DuPage County Election Committee Web page to register (<http://www.dupageelections.com>).

#### Long Range Plan

The Bloomington Library is pleased to announce the availability of our Long Range Plan Brochure. Thanks to the hard work of a committee of local residents, we now have a document that will help us meet the challenges of the future. Community involvement is one of the strengths of this library so please stop by the library to pick up a copy (available in mid-October).

#### Teen Read Week - October 17 - 23

Bloomington Library is committed to meeting the needs of the local teen population. This year's Teen Read week theme is "It's Alive", a celebration of all things scary. Horror is a favorite genre with teens so look for a special book display and program during the week.

#### Halloween Party

All residents are invited to attend the 16th annual Halloween Party, Saturday October 30, 2004 from 1:00 - 3:30 p.m. Look for more information in the pages that follow.

#### Festival of Giving

The Friends of the Bloomington Library will be participating in Stratford Square Mall's 2nd Annual Festival of Giving. Do not miss out on this opportunity to support your local library and save on your holiday shopping. The Festival of Giving will be November 21st from 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. at Stratford Square Mall. The entire mall will be open late with special store discounts, gifts, door prizes, entertainment, and free gift wrap. Only ticket holders will be admitted and many local charities will benefit from this important event. If you would like to support the Friends of the Library, the \$5 tickets will be available after October 1st in the Business Office.

Thanks for your time & see you at the library,  
Tim Jarzemsky

## Youth Services Department

# FALL YOUTH PROGRAMS

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 529-3120, ext. 332.  
*Please have your library card ready when you come in or call.*



### BOOK ARTS

Grades 3 and up  
Thursday, October 7  
4:15 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
Registration is required

Imagine putting your thoughts, drawings, photos, etc. in a journal or book created by your own hands! Come and learn a technique or two to customize your own hand-made book. We'll give you some ideas on how to fill your books. You will leave with your own creation to take home.



### HALLOWEEN SYMMETRY CRAFT AND HALLOWEEN PUMPKIN LANTERN

Grades 2 - 6  
Monday, October 11  
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
Registration is required

Join us on your day off from school to use the basic principles of symmetry to create a Halloween decoration of two jack-o-lanterns, one being the reverse of the other. Each decoration will contribute to a unique Halloween quilt pattern to be displayed in the library for the Halloween Party. After the party, your decoration can be taken home. The Halloween Pumpkin Lanterns can go home with you the same day.



### NEON BOOKMARKS

Grades 3 - 6  
Wednesday, November 3  
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Registration is required

If you liked the needlepoint workshops, then you'll enjoy using yarn in another way. This time we'll weave yarn through neon needlepoint canvas, and decorate it with pony beads. This will be a colorful and unique bookmark that will save your place in your favorite book, or be a creative gift idea for family and friends.



### DESIGN A NECKLACE

Grades 3 - 6  
Wednesday, November 10  
7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
Registration is required

Create an artisan necklace with two-tone imported batik beads. These are mini beads of black and ivory. We will string them to a cord in a unique design of your choosing. Keep it to wear yourself, or make it as a holiday gift for someone.



### BOOKS GET OUR VOTE

November 14 - 20  
Registration is not required

Come help us celebrate Children's Book Week by voting for your favorite book character or favorite children's author. Ballots will be available at the Youth Services Reference Desk beginning Sunday, November 14th through Saturday, November 20th. After you cast your vote, you will receive a special sticker.



### ZOO ORNAMENT WORKSHOP

Families  
Monday, November 15  
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.  
Registration is required

The Bloomingdale Public Library and Friends of the Library will be co-sponsoring a Community Tree at the Brookfield Zoo. All children and their families are invited to join us to make special ornaments for decorating Bloomingdale's 17th Annual Community Tree. Refreshments will be served. All families who make ornaments are invited to help trim the tree at the Brookfield Zoo on Saturday, November 20 at 1:30 p.m.



### HOLIDAY SEQUIN ORNAMENT CRAFT

Grades 4 - 6  
Tuesday, November 16  
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.  
Registration is required

Save November 16 for an evening to create a special holiday ornament. We will decorate a 3 inch styrofoam tree with sequins, beads and straight pins. Bring a thimble with you if you have one, and plenty of patience. It will be worth the effort when you see the completed product. Decorate your tree with it, or give it as a "one of a kind" gift.



### FAMILY READING NIGHT

Families  
Thursday, November 18  
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.  
Registration is not required

On Thursday, November 18th, we will celebrate Family Reading Night with a family drop-in craft. Come as a family between 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. and make a book mobile. We will have a selection of brand new books that your family may check-out and be the first to share them together.



### AMERICAN GIRL HOLIDAY TEA

Grades 3 and up  
Sunday, December 12  
2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
Registration is required

This is a special afternoon set aside for girls and their dolls (any kind) or teddy bears. Dress up and come to enjoy an afternoon of holiday treats, music, table decorations, and some conversation with other girls in grades three and up. We'll also watch a video of Felicity's tea party at Miss Manderly's. Sign up with a friend and/or sibling for this special holiday party for girls.

**Youth Services Department**  
**FALL YOUTH PROGRAMS**



**CHILLERS.**  
**WITH**  
**PADDY LYNN**

Kindergarten and up

**Monday, October 11**  
**2:00 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.**

***Registration is not required***

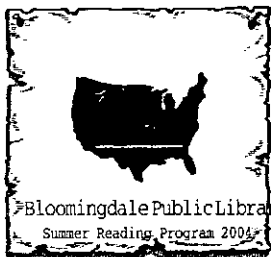
There's no school today, so let's have some creepy fun, and get in the mood for Halloween! Join Paddy Lynn, professional storyteller and actress, for a program of scary stories and story-acting. School-aged children and their parents are invited to come and participate in this bone-chilling experience.



**THANK YOU**  
**VOLUNTEERS!**

The Bloomingdale Public Library staff would like to thank the twenty-six teens who volunteered their time and talents during the summer reading program and at the Ice Cream Social. These great young people worked a total of 421.5 hours, and they all were of tremendous help in making the Summer Reading Program a success.

Want to be notified sooner when your reserves are ready for pickup? Provide us with your email address and we will alert you this way instead of by mail. Call the Circulation Department at (630) 529-3120 ext. 312 for information.



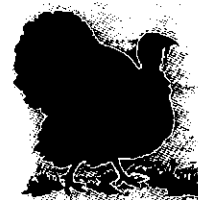
**"EXPLORE THE**  
**READING TRAIL"**  
**SUMMER**  
**READING**  
**PROGRAM**

Congratulations to everyone who participated in the Summer Reading Program. A total of 573 children registered for the program and earned prizes based on the amount of time they spent reading. By the end of the program, participants had read a total of 6,117.5 hours. Thank you again to the Friends of the Bloomingdale Public Library, local businesses, and the Daily Herald and its "Big Ticket" program for their donations of prizes. They all helped make the Summer Reading Program a success.



**Please call ahead so we may assist you . . .**

Individuals with disabilities who plan to attend Library programs and who require certain accommodations to participate are requested to call the library, (630) 529-3120, 48 hours in advance of program date.



**THANKSGIVING**  
**HOLIDAY HOURS**

Wednesday, November 24	Library closes at 5:00 p.m.
Thursday, November 25	- <b>LIBRARY CLOSED</b> -
Friday, November 26	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, November 27	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, November 28	1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.



## Adult Services Department

# FALL ADULT PROGRAMS

### BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP NEWS

New members are always welcome! Books are available about one month in advance at the Adult Reference Desk. Any questions, please call 529-3120 ext. 324.

#### **Adult Book Group**

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

October 20 and 21 - *The Crown of Columbus* by Michael Dorris and Louise Erdrich  
November 17 and 18 - *The Bridge of San Luis Rey* by Thornton Wilder

#### **Historical Book Group**

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

November 2 - *The Pioneers* by James Fenimore Cooper  
December 7 - *Wau-Bun: The "Early Day" in the North-West* by Juliette M. Kinzie

#### **Science Fiction and Fantasy Group**

Meets at 7:30 on the second Tuesday of the month

October 12 - *To Ride Pegasus* by Anne McCaffrey  
November 9 - *Foreigner* by C.J. Cherryh



#### **CHICAGO'S HAUNTED HISTORY**

Saturday, October 2  
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Author Ursula Bielski combines in-depth research and vivid storytelling to present the best of Chicago's true ghost stories as well as the history of Chicago area cemeteries. Audience questions and sharing of experiences is highly encouraged!



#### **ROMANTIC PARIS**

Saturday, October 16  
2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Come and sample the unique gifts that this wonderful city has to offer via an energetic slide presentation. Over the course of the program you will visit Notre Dame, St. Chapelle, the Louvre, Arc de Triomphe, Eiffel Tower, Montmartre and much more. The presenters, Al and Gail Popowits, have lived and traveled in Europe for the past twenty years and, in addition, have been European travel guides. Light refreshments will be served.



#### **THE MUSIC OF ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER**

Wednesday, November 3  
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Pianist Eugene Kwok returns to entertain audiences with selections from *Cats*, *Aspects of Love*, *Evita*, *Jesus Christ Superstar*, *Song and Dance*, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, *Sunset Boulevard*, and *The Phantom of the Opera*. Kwok has a current selectively memorized repertoire of more than 1,200 songs that grows daily and has performed at numerous functions for individuals, corporations, and major organizations.



#### **COOK'S GUIDE TO CHICAGO**

Sunday, November 14  
2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Chicago offers a delightful array of goodies, from shrimp chips and pomegranate molasses to tropical fruits and out of this world vegetables. Marilyn Pocius, author of *A Cook's Guide to Chicago*, leads the audience on a virtual culinary tour and gives practical advice on how to make use of the wonderful international pantry at our doorsteps. The audience gets to sniff, taste, and sample some of the ingredients.



### Character Counts! Day

Tuesday, October 19, 2004 has been designated CHARACTER COUNTS! DAY in Bloomingdale. The celebration to promote the six pillars of character will be held at Old Town Park at 7:00 p.m. This year's theme is "Celebrate Our Diversity".

The recipients of the 2004 American Youth Character Awards from Erickson Elementary, DuJardin Elementary, Winnebago Elementary, St. Isidore School and Westfield Middle School will be recognized. There will be performances by Bloomingdale school students and the Bloomingdale Park District youth. Refreshments and surprises for everyone. Please join us in this special community event.

### TOWN HALL MEETING WITH CAROL PANKAU

On October 26th, State Representative Carole Pankau will be holding a town hall meeting, hosted by the Bloomingdale Public Library from 7:00 - 8:45 p.m. This is an excellent opportunity to learn more about state issues that affect you. Also, there will be several guest speakers from the Citizens' Utility Board. They will be holding 5-10 minute clinics before and after Representative Pankau speaks regarding how to save money on your phone bill. Please bring your phone bill to the meeting.

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

**TEEN PROGRAMS**



**WHO-DUN-IT?** (6th - 12th grades)  
Thursday, October 21  
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Rendezvous with murder and celebrate Teen Read Week @ the library. The Mystery Shop of Carol Stream will provide the clues while you and your friends use the evidence to determine the Prime Suspect. Call the Reference desk at 529-3120 ext. 324 to register for this fast paced mystery game.

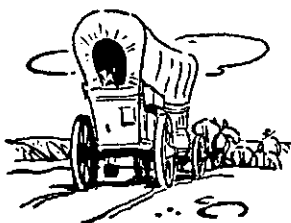


**GINGERBREAD HOUSES** (6th - 12th grades)  
Monday, November 22  
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Run, run as fast as you can and decorate your very own gingerbread house to be put on display for the library's Open House. We'll provide the supplies for the framework and decorations, all you need to provide is the decorative genius. Registration is limited to 10 participants. Register at the Reference desk or call 529-3120 ext. 324.

**THANK YOU**

The Bloomingdale Public Library would like to extend a special thank you to Michael and Bertie Ratliff for their generous donation of \$500. The money will be used to purchase books for our business reference area. Also, the library received a donation of \$146 from the FairPlay Foundation, an organization founded by Sandra Tenuto, daughter of former Mayor Sam and Donna Tenuto.



**"EXPLORE THE  
READING TRAIL "  
SUMMER  
READING  
PROGRAM**

This year's 98 adult and 73 teen participants read a record number of 1,175 books. Those in the program this year also had a higher completion rate for reading at least five books than in previous years. Thanks to all who registered for the program and to our local sponsors who provided many wonderful prizes.

**DO YOUR RESEARCH  
AT HOME WITH OUR  
ONLINE DATABASES**

Nearly all of our online databases available at the library can now be searched from your home or office computer. Access is available through our home page ([www.bloomington.lib.il.us](http://www.bloomington.lib.il.us)), then click on "Databases." You will be asked to enter your Bloomingdale library card number and a PIN number. If you have not set up a PIN, the default is "changeme." These are a sampling of some that are now available outside of the library:

**AUTO REPAIR REFERENCE CENTER**

Has information for vehicles 1954 - present including service bulletins, recalls and wiring diagrams.

**MORNINGSTAR**

Includes stock and mutual fund reports, including a portfolio X-ray feature that enables investors to analyze holdings' diversity.

**REFERENCE USA**

Business and residential directory. Data can be sorted by business size, geography, and type of business and downloaded to a spreadsheet file.

**HERITAGE QUEST**

Contains U.S. Federal Census records from 1790-1930. Also provides access to local history books and articles for genealogy researchers.

**LEARNING EXPRESS LIBRARY**

Interactive practice exams based upon official tests such as ACT, SAT, GMAT, GRE, LSAT, GED, TOEFL, and many more.

**CHICAGO TRIBUNE, DAILY HERALD,  
CHICAGO SUN-TIMES**

Need to see an article or obituary? Content available from 1985 to present for the Chicago Tribune and Sun-Times, 1997 to present for Daily Herald.



**OFF THE SHELF -  
ELECTRONIC  
VERSION**

Would you like a copy of this newsletter emailed to you? Send your email address to [sluster@linc.lib.il.us](mailto:sluster@linc.lib.il.us) and we will add you to our mailing list. Issues are distributed on a bimonthly basis.

## Computer Lab

# FALL PROGRAMS

The following 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. Residents of Bloomington will be placed in the class (if space is available). Non-Residents will be placed on a waiting list and will be contacted if space becomes available. Residents on the waiting list will be given priority over non-residents on the waiting list. Please register in the Business Office of the Library beginning October 4, 2004. Deposits will not be refunded unless cancellation is made at least 24 hours in advance of the class start time.

## **ADULTS COMPUTER COURSE**

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

Monday	November 1,	6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Wednesday	November 3,	6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Monday	November 8,	6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Wednesday	November 10,	6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Monday	November 15,	6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Wednesday	November 17,	6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

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

### **ADULTS COMPUTER COURSE OUTLINE**

#### **Sessions 1 and 2:**

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

Discussion will continue over first two classes with recommended practice exercises given after both session 1 and 2.

#### **Sessions 3 and 4:**

These two classes will introduce participants to using the Internet. Basic understanding of connecting and using the World Wide Web will be covered as well as more detailed E-Mail questions and introducing more complicated Internet topics such as downloading, searching, and using multimedia products online (music, movies, games, etc.).

The third class will cover most of the topics covered in "Introduction to the Internet and E-Mail" with a few changes to better suit the class. In the fourth session we will fill in E-Mail and Browser details missing from the third session and begin with the complicated topics discussed above.

#### **Sessions 5 and 6**

The final two sessions of this course will introduce the Microsoft Office Suite, paying particular attention to MS Word but also introducing products such as Excel, Power Point, and Publisher, while discussing the Office environment. These classes should provide enough comfort to get started in any MS Office program.



### **INTRODUCTION TO THE PERSONAL COMPUTER**

Tuesday October 12, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

Those with little or no knowledge of computers or those seeking to review and refresh basic concepts will benefit from this class. Skills and techniques to perform basic operations with a computer will be covered. The class will also discuss terms and general knowledge related to computers to help students become more comfortable discussing and working with computers, as well as making them savvy computer shoppers.

### **INTERMEDIATE WORD**

Wednesday October 13, 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 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.)

### **DESIGNING WEB PAGES WITH HTML**

Saturday October 16, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

In this course we'll learn how to create basic web pages using HTML code. We will cover basic topics like inserting text, links, pictures, and background colors; as well as more advanced design topics. While the library does not provide a location on the Internet for students to post their web page, they will learn the skills required to develop one. This class is intended to be introductory but some Internet experience may help to understand topics discussed. (Having taken "Using the Internet" is recommended.)

## Computer Lab **FALL PROGRAMS**

### ADVANCED WORD

Wednesday October 20, 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 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.)

### CREATING A WEB SITE

Saturday October 23, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

This class will pick up where "Designing Web Pages With HTML" left off. It will teach students how to acquire web space online, transfer their files to the Internet, weave together multiple pages to make their web sites more efficient and easier to understand, and cover more advanced HTML topics more thoroughly. (Having taken "Creating Web Pages With HTML" or equivalent experience is strongly recommended.)

### WINDOWS XP

Tuesday October 26, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

This class will examine the new features of Windows XP that casual users are likely to notice and would have the opportunity use. It will also illustrate specific differences between XP and older versions of Windows to help users adapt to the changes. (Having taken "Introduction to the Personal Computer" or equivalent experience is recommended.)

### VIRUS/SPY-WARE PROTECTION

Wednesday October 27, 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

This course will examine the problems caused to computers by Viruses, Spy-Ware, Pop-Ups, and other malicious programs; while discussing ways to avoid and remove them if necessary. (Having taken Introduction to the Personal Computer & Introduction to the Internet is recommended).

### IMAGE EDITING

Saturday November 6, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

This class will cover the basics of image manipulation and editing using a program that is freely available in our computer lab or over the Internet. Skills such as cropping, rotating, changing file types, and more will be covered. The course should prove helpful for working with scanners or digital cameras. (Having taken Introduction to the Personal Computer or comparable experience recommended)

### USING DIGITAL CAMERAS/SCANNERS

Saturday November 13, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

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

### INTRODUCTION TO RESEARCH DATABASES

Tuesday November 16, 7:00 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.

Instructors: Julie and Peggy

The library subscribes to many databases that are available at the library and also from your home or office computer. This class will provide an overview of what we have and how to use them effectively. Topics that we will highlight include searching for magazine and newspaper articles, business information and health topics.

## **HOMEBOUND SERVICE**

Are you . . .

- A senior without a car?
- Physically handicapped?
- Recovering from surgery?
- Limited by illness?

AND

- A Bloomingdale resident?

If so, you are eligible to receive free delivery of library materials to your home. Call Karen Luster at (630) 529-3120 ext. 327 for more information.



## **JOIN OUR FRIENDLY SENIORS!**

The Bloomingdale Seniors Club meets at 11:00 a.m. at the Bloomingdale Library on the second Tuesday of every month. Join them for conversation, informational speakers, bus trips, and card playing. *Come join the fun and activities!*

# EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

Everyone is invited to attend the 16th Annual

## HALLOWEEN PARTY

at the

**Bloomington Public Library**  
**Saturday, October 30, 2004**  
**1:00 - 3:30 p.m.**



Sponsored by:

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

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

Children are encouraged to wear costumes. Tickets for  
games will be available from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

**STORYTELLING,  
FREE GAMES,  
FREE REFRESHMENTS,  
AND MUCH MORE!**

Please call the Youth Services Reference Desk  
at 529-3120 ext. 331 or 332 for more information.



7th Annual

## POLAR EXPRESS

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

We'll meet at the Roselle Train Station at  
**1:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 5**  
for a trip to the North Pole (Elgin Train Station).  
We'll have a storyteller, treats, caroling, and pickup a  
special visitor at the North Pole (Elgin Train Station).

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

You may purchase tickets in person beginning  
**Saturday, October 2, 2004 at 9:00 a.m.**  
at the Library.

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

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

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

11th Annual

## BREAKFAST/BRUNCH WITH SANTA

Pages, the Library Bear, is inviting children of all ages and their families to come to the  
Bloomington Golf Club for the 11th Annual Breakfast/Brunch with Santa.

This event is sponsored by the Bloomington Public Library and the Bloomington Golf Club.  
Breakfast and Brunch will be held at the Bloomington Golf Club located at:  
181 Glen Ellyn Road in Bloomington.

**Saturday, December 11**

### Breakfast

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

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

### Brunch

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

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



Tickets will be available at the library on Saturday, October 2nd, beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the Library.  
The cost of the breakfast is \$11.00 per adult, \$8.00 per child (ages 4-12), and free for kids under age 4  
(a ticket is required). Checks may be made payable to the Bloomington Public Library.

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

# EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

## SNOWMAN CROSSING



The Bloomingdale Public Library and Friends of the Library are pleased to announce the Sixth Annual Community Decorated Holiday Tree Program. The holiday trees will be displayed along the sidewalk at the Library. Twenty holiday trees will be available. Community groups, classes, and clubs are invited to participate by decorating a tree between November 24 and November 28, 2004. Trees must be decorated by Monday, November 29, 2004, for the Library/Village Tree Lighting Ceremony. The ceremony will be held on Tuesday, November 30, 2004 at 6:30 p.m. outside the Library.

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

Decorating may not begin until Wednesday, November 24 and must be completed by Monday, November 29, 2004.

Groups must remove their own ornaments from their tree. Decorations must be removed from the trees between Friday, December 31, 2004 and Sunday, January 2, 2005. Beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, January 3, 2005, all remaining decorations will be removed and discarded from trees in preparation for chipping (chipped trees are used as mulch throughout the village). Ornaments will not be saved.

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

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

We are very excited about the Sixth Annual Community Decorated Holiday Tree program. If you have any questions and/or if you wish to participate, please contact the Business Office at (630) 529-3120.

The Bloomingdale Public Library and the Village of Bloomingdale

*Cordially invite you to attend our*

### **16th Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony**

*and*

### **Holiday Open House**

**Tuesday, November 30, 2004**

**6:30 - 9:00 p.m.**

#### **Activities**

6:30 - 7:00 p.m.

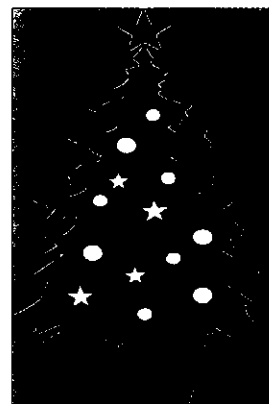
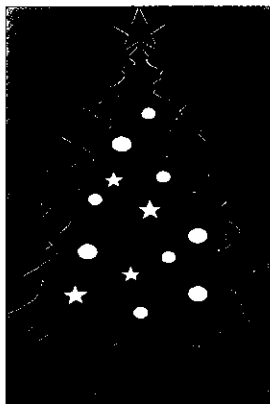
Community/Village Tree Lighting Ceremony

7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Various activities:

Children's crafts, musical performers, and refreshments.

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





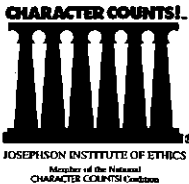
# Bloomington Park District

*Celebrating 40 Years of Fun!*

## Character Counts!™ Celebration Night

**Tuesday, October 19, 7:00pm**

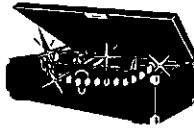
The whole community is invited to Celebration Night in Old Town Park. School children will perform and Park District tumblers will amaze spectators with a performance honoring each of the Pillars. This year the theme will be celebrating diversity in our community and around the world. A charity walk around the park will take place featuring luminaries that honor our diversity. If your family would like to sponsor a luminary, please contact Sandy at 529-3650. Don't miss this great event and your chance to show your support of the Six Pillars.



## Trash to Treasure Community Garage Sale

**Saturday, October 23, 8:00am-Noon, JRC**

This is your chance to clean out your closets and get rid of your unwanted stuff and make some extra money at the same time. Sell it at the community garage sale. Your trash may be someone else's treasure. Applications are available online at [bloomingtonparks.org](http://bloomingtonparks.org) and at the JRC office. The fee for an 8x8 space is \$10 for residents, \$15 for nonresidents, first come, first served. No food sales from individuals will be approved.



## Halloween Happening

**Friday, October 29, 6:30-9:00pm, JRC**



Kids ages preschool through 6th grade are welcome to join us for the ultimate Halloween experience: our annual Halloween Happening! There will be lots of great ghoulish fun including a castle moonwalk, haunted hayrides through Circle Park, loads of games and prizes, performances by the crazy and unforgettable Wacky Drac, and the infamous Trick or Treat Trail? Admission is free; tickets are sold for games, hayrides, and moonwalk. Make your Halloween a happening one!

## Spirit of Christmas Past

**Wednesday, December 1**

**6:00-8:00pm, Museum**

Spend an enchanted evening at the Bloomington Park District Museum as we showcase our annual holiday exhibit! Enjoy our charming collections from local artists and collectors on display, and take a charming carriage ride through Old Town Park. Santa will arrive to perform the annual lighting of the Christmas tree in Old Town Park, and then he'll move into the Museum to visit with guests.



## Magic of the Season Holiday Open House

**Saturday, Dec. 11, 12:00pm-3:30pm, JRC**

Join us for a magical time packed full of memorable holiday fun! You and your family will walk through our famous enchanted forest with a magical display of lights, meet Santa's helpers as you discover two live reindeer, take a horse-drawn carriage ride, and experience the awesome technique of Mr. Taps, the tap dancing wonder! You won't want to miss the spectacular performances of our singing preschoolers, dynamic tumblers, and energetic dancers! Who could forget our special guest...Santa Claus? He will want to visit with all the good boys and girls, so make sure to bring your list, 'cuz Santa will be checking it twice!



## Gift Certificates Now Available!

Looking for the perfect gift? How about a gift certificate to the Bloomington Park District? Gift certificates are now available in quantities of \$5, \$10, and \$20 amounts. Purchase them at the front desk for use toward Bloomington Park District programs.

## Important Dates to Remember:

- Score 6 Dates**
  - October 20, 6:30pm, JRC
  - November 17, 6:30pm, JRC
  - November 30, 6:30pm, JRC
- Teen Jams**
  - October 8, 8-10pm, JRC
  - November 12, 8-10pm, JRC

## At the Museum...

Now-October 16

### Quilt National and Fiber Artists

Admission: \$4 resident, \$6 nonresident

November 6-December 23

### ...And a Partridge in a Pear Tree

Our annual holiday show will feature the theme of the Twelve Days of Christmas including a large collection of decorations and ornaments reflecting the ancient song in a homey setting. In addition, a fine arts boutique will offer opportunities for buyers and viewers to get in the holiday spirit with gift ideas and artistic inspiration.



### Bloomington Park District Museum

108 South Bloomington Rd.

Hours: Wed. 4-8pm; Thurs. & Fri. 10am-4pm; Sat. 12-4pm

Phone & Fax 630.539.3096

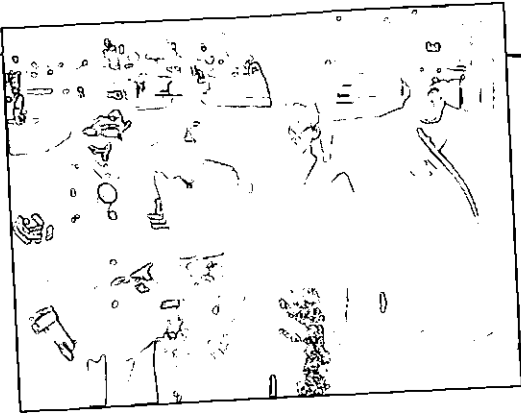
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