



## Village of Bloomingtondale

# Almanac

SPECIAL EDITION

Spring 2003

*In this issue . . . .*

*Once again, we are bringing you a special edition of the Village Almanac with some timely news for spring and early summer. Also included is our report on water quality which you will find on pages 14-19. Please keep this edition handy as a reference guide for branch pick-up tips, building permit information, disposal of household hazardous waste, and more.*

### Bloomingtondale Cares

If the yellow ribbons wrapped around trees and telephone poles along Bloomingtondale Road, Fairfield Way, Schick Road, and Lake Street are giving you a surge of patriotism, you can thank the Bloomingtondale VFW Post 7539 and a few Bloomingtondale students.

The students have been helping the VFW to show our hopes for the safe return of the troops. Although the young people were originally fulfilling school or church requirements for community service, they found it was both a lot of fun and rewarding because of the positive responses they got from motorists passing by.



Stephanie Behnke, Melissa Drufke, Nathan and Trevor Koehn, Lindsey and Erin Donnelly and Adam Castello spent more than one weekend tying the ribbons.

The volunteer efforts of our VFW has been taken up by many others in and around the community. The organization has been collecting packaged snacks, beverages, toiletries, white socks, phone cards, and other small comforts of home to send to our troops since November. Many other residents have taken up the cause, including Marilyn Johnson who has been collecting items in her two Patti's Hallmark stores – one in Addison and one in Glendale Heights. Post #7539 is also grateful to Johnson for her donation of three cases of stationery so the service people could write letters home. In addition, the VFW sent 500 Mother's Day cards, donated by Marilyn, so the troops would be able to send cards home to their wives and mothers. *(continued on page 7)*

## What to Know About Grass & Weed Ordinance

Summer is here and the grass is growing! In order to keep our community looking its best, the Village of Bloomingdale does require that lawns be mowed. The Village is inspecting to ensure compliance with the weed ordinance. Please ensure your grass is kept cut under the maximum height of ten inches. Other violations include the growth of noxious and exotic weeds. Thank you for your cooperation on this matter! For more information please contact the Building & Zoning Division at 671-5660.

## New Curbside Branch Collection Program Set to Begin This Summer

The Bloomingdale Public Works' Forestry Division is currently soliciting proposals for the new Village Curbside Branch Collection Program. We are outsourcing this program to continue to provide the high level of quality service that our residents have come to expect. This will allow us to reallocate existing Village resources currently performing this work, to address other work demands. The Village's Branch Collection Program contract requires that the work be performed by a qualified, experienced contractor, working under the direction of the Village Forestry Division.

More details of the program will be provided as soon as proposals have been reviewed and a contract has been awarded. Please refer to the June Almanac for further branch collection details. The summer branch collection is anticipated to be completed in late July. This program will be available to single family detached residences. Residents of townhomes should contact their association regarding branch collection.

The following guidelines are provided to ensure a quick and efficient pick-up program, and ease the transition to our new program:

- Branches must be out by 7:00 a.m. on the Monday of the designated branch collection week, likely to be sometime in July 2003.
- Woody branches over 1/2 inch in diameter are the only items that will be picked up. (Note: any spikes, hooks or other metal objects must be removed).
- Long lengths are favored, provided branches do not block sidewalks and pedestrian access.
- All branches should be placed at the curb or pavement edge and stacked in an orderly fashion with the cut or larger end towards the pavement.
- Thorny tree branches should not be concealed inside piles. These require special care as to not cause injuries to the workers.

The following items are unacceptable:

- Branches left out in a tangled mess.
- Woody branches under 1/2 inch in diameter.
- Leaves, vines, small (under 1/2 inch in diameter) flexible willow stems, herbaceous plants and weeds.
- Large stumps, roots and root balls.\*
- Wooden fencing and construction lumber.\*

The above items are considered yard waste and may be placed in bags or cans with tags for Browning Ferris Industries pick-up (our refuse hauler). BFI yard waste pick-ups commence April 1st and continue through November 30th. Questions concerning BFI pick-ups should be directed to 847-429-7370.

\*Large stumps, roots and root balls are considered trash and do not require a yard waste tag, provided each item is of manageable size and under 50 pounds. Wooden fencing and construction lumber are also considered trash, but require a special pick-up. Contact BFI for more information.

In the event of severe storms, the Village will provide storm damage pick-up of woody branches over 1/2 inch in diameter. Please contact the Forestry Division at 630-671-5800 within 72 hours of storm for storm damage disposal.

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

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## Schick Road/Springfield Road Intersection Improvements to Begin This Summer

The Village of Bloomingdale is nearing the start of construction on the improvement of the Schick Road and Springfield Drive intersection. The purpose of the improvement is to add the left turn lanes on Springfield Drive, so that all legs of the intersection will have a left turn arrow. By constructing the turn lanes on Springfield, we hope to avoid the types of accidents which occur most often at this intersection.

The Village applied for construction grant funding under the Federal Highway Authority TEA-21 program administered by the Illinois Department of Transportation and the DuPage Mayors and Managers conference. The construction grant funding covers 70% of the estimated construction cost totaling approximately \$700k. The Village will pick up the remaining costs of this project.

After bids are opened in June 2003, award of the project to the successful contractor would be made by the Illinois Department of Transportation. Work is likely to begin after the 4th of July, and would take 4-5 months to complete the construction.

The construction improvements consist of pavement widening on Springfield Drive to accommodate the new left turn lanes, pavement resurfacing on Springfield Drive and Schick Road, and new traffic signals on all 4 legs of the intersection. The sidewalks and pedestrian signals will be maintained. The pavement widening is necessary to maintain 2 lanes in each direction of travel and the new left turn lane on Springfield Drive. The widening of the pavement will be done entirely on the west side of Springfield Drive. There is no widening planned on the east side of Springfield Drive or on Schick Road.

Further questions concerning this project can be directed to the Village Services Department Engineering Division at 671-5676.

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## Bloomingdale Named Tree City USA

Bloomingdale has been named a Tree City USA by The National Arbor Day Foundation. This is the eighth consecutive year Bloomingdale has received this national recognition.

The Village was presented the award by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources on March 20, 2003 at Joliet Junior College.

The Tree City USA program is sponsored by The National Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters and the USDA Forest Service.

"Trees in our cities and towns help clean the air, conserve soil and water, moderate temperature and bring nature into our daily lives," said John Rosenow, president of The National Arbor Day Foundation. "Trees are a vital component of the infrastructure in our towns and cities, and provide many environmental and economical benefits ... A community, and its citizens, that recognizes these benefits and provides needed care for its trees deserves recognition and thanks."



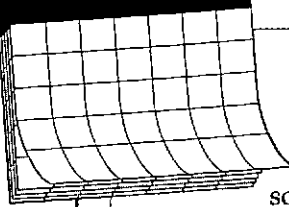
*Jim Johnson, (our new Forester) and Tim Grant, Forestry Division, recently accepted the Tree City Award from a representative of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.*

**Child Booster  
Seat Giveaway  
& Bike Rodeo  
at  
Bloomingdale  
Park District**

**May 10th,  
10 am-12 noon**

**Sponsored by  
both the  
Police Department  
and Park District**

MAY-JUNE-JULY



# Garden Calendar

**MAY:** Watch for insects and diseases that gave you problems last year. The sooner you detect damage, the easier they will be to control. At the end of the month when soil temperatures have warmed, replenish mulch around existing plants to a depth of two to three inches. Keep mulch away from trunks. Cool weather and excess moisture allow many fungal diseases to thrive. To prevent reinfection, remove infected leaves that have fallen to the ground.

**JUNE/JULY:** Monitor rainfall and keep plants well-watered during times of heat or drought, especially newly-planted trees and shrubs. Plants should receive one to two inches of water every week or ten days, and you should supplement water if we have not had a rainfall. Pay particular attention to drought sensitive plants such as maples, birch and hydrangea. Pull weeds before they go to seed. After a rain, roots can be pulled more easily and completely. Remove spent flowers and pinch back leggy foliage from annuals and perennials to promote bushier growth and more flowers.

For more gardening tips, visit the University of Illinois Extension Hort Corner at <http://www.urbanext.uiuc.edu/hort/index.html>

## Forestry Division

### Parkway Tree Maintenance



For any and all work by a resident or resident's contractor on a parkway tree, a permit is required by Ordinance No. 95-61, An Ordinance Regulating the Planting, Maintenance and Removal of Trees on Public Areas.

The Village has a comprehensive, systematic pruning schedule which ensures each tree is trimmed every five years. Contract tree pruning occurs during February through April. This year's contract tree pruning is already in progress; areas will include Bloomfield Hills, Byron Avenue, Edgewater Drive and Greenway Drive. In-house trimming can occur any time during the year. If a resident believes a parkway tree requires pruning, please contact the Forestry Division at 630-671-5800.

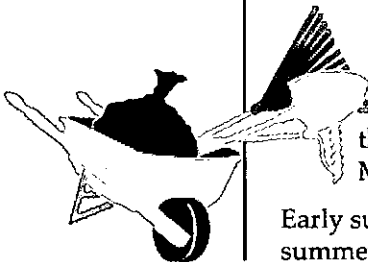
#### PLEASE NOTE -

Installing planter walls around parkway trees is work which requires a permit. The Village discourages the installation of planter walls around parkway trees because the parkway is Village property and the typical installation of a small diameter ring filled with soil is injurious to the tree. For those residents who have installed planter walls without permits, approval can be obtained by contacting James M. Johnson, Village Forester, at 630-671-5804. The Village will be notifying residents of a violation when unacceptable planters are encountered.



### Wood Mulch – Free for the Taking!

The Village has woodchip mulch available at Public Works, 305 Glen Ellyn Road, for those who wish to come and pick it up. Pick-up can be done from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. - Monday through Friday.



Early summer is an advantageous time to mulch as the mulch will moderate the effects of the summer's sun and heat on the soil and plant roots.

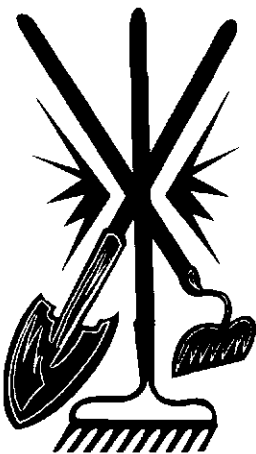
# Handle New Trees and Shrubs with Care!

When taking plants home from the grower, consider investing in a grower's nominal delivery fee if plants are too large or unwieldy for your vehicle.

And remember to:

- Always pick up the plant from the bottom of the root ball or support the root system on a handcart. Do not lift it by the trunk/branches or drop it onto the ground. Remember, your goal is an intact root system!
- Carefully move the plant into and out of the vehicle.
- Stabilize the plant in your trunk or truck bed so that it does not roll around.
- Cover the plant with a sheet or tarp to protect its branches from damaging winds.
- Wedge your trunk door open or pad the area of the door so that it does not damage the plant. Securely tie the trunk.
- When planting make the hole width as much as three times the diameter of the root ball, but only as deep as the root ball. The tree needs support; therefore, it should rest on undisturbed soil. It is important to make the hole wide because the roots must push into the surrounding soil to become established. On most lots in new developments, the existing soils have been compacted and are unsuitable for healthy root growth. Breaking up the soil in a large area around the plant provides the newly emerging roots space to

expand into loose soil to hasten establishment.



And remember to:

- Identify the trunk flare. The trunk flare is where the roots spread at the base of the tree. The top of the flare should be visible after the tree is planted.
- Place the tree at the proper height. If the tree is planted too deep, roots will have difficulty developing due to a lack of oxygen. It is better to place the plant a little high than to plant it below the original growing level.
- Cut or straighten any roots of containerized plants that are circling around the root ball. Containers should be carefully removed while holding the plant at its base by gently pulling or cutting.
- Remove nylon twine and treated (often tinted green) burlap from balled and burlapped plants.
- Fill the hole gently but firmly.
- Mulch. A circle of mulch, two inches deep, should be placed around the new planting.
- Water. Proper watering is the single most important aspect of maintenance of transplanted trees, but definite rules are difficult to give. Too much or too little can result in tree death. The object of watering the tree is to soak the soil of the entire root zone. Watering should be done in a very slow trickle at the base of the tree. Frequency of watering depends on temperature, wind and soil type.



**Yard Waste stickers are available at these locations:**

**Bloomingtondale Pharmacy**  
156 S. Bloomingtondale Rd.

**Butera Foods**  
550 Lake St.  
Roselle

**Dominicks**  
325 Army Trail Rd.  
Glendale Heights

**Dominicks**  
144 S Gary Ave.  
Bloomingtondale

**Jewel**  
2164 Bloomingtondale Rd.  
Glendale Heights

**Village of Bloomingtondale**  
201 S Bloomingtondale Rd.

## Building Permits: How to Know if You Need One!

Village residents who are planning to build or install an accessory use or structure, such as a swimming pool, fireplace, patio, deck, gazebo, fence, shed, room addition, attached / detached garage, or central air conditioning unit, should contact the Village Services - Building and Zoning Division before starting the project. The Building and Zoning Division is staffed with certified / trained personnel who will be able to determine the various codes, requirements and permits involved with the construction of your individual project.

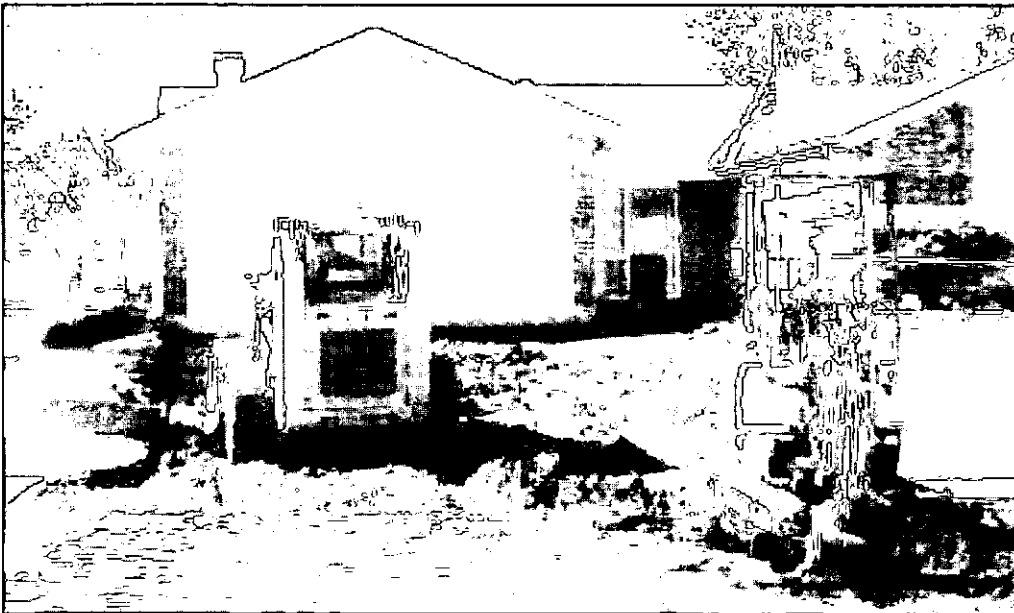
Many times, residents are unaware that their projects may cause drainage problems for themselves

and their neighbors; that the accessory use or structure is located in a public easement; that ordinances may prohibit certain types of projects; or that the accessory is encroaching upon a neighbor's property. In addition, for some projects, the Building and Zoning Division will make sure that the design plans include the proper construction materials for your safety and, during construction, will conduct an inspection(s) to verify permit compliance.

The Building and Zoning Division has prepared informational packets which outline the basic requirements for a number of accessory uses and structures. Although these packets provide the

basic requirements, each project is unique and residents should consult with the Building and Zoning Division before starting the project. Packets are available for the more common projects such as fences, decks, gazebos, sheds, swimming pools, patios, room additions, attached / detached garages, re-roofing, fireplaces and residential central air conditioning units. These information packets are free of charge.

For more information, you can come into the Village Hall and speak with someone from the Building and Zoning Division or you may call 671-5660.



## Before You Begin Digging for That New Deck, Fence or Room Addition...

**Before you begin any project ... Please call J.U.L.I.E. at 1-800-892-0123 before you dig.** In 1992, the Village was required to become a member of the J.U.L.I.E. System. This is a one-call system that notifies utility companies of a party's intent to excavate properties. As a member we are required to locate our underground utilities within 48 hours of initial notification. We process approximately 3,600 locate requests per year.



## Village Services Division Phone Numbers

Administration	671-5690
Building & Zoning	671-5660
Engineering Division	671-5676
Forestry Division	671-5803
Public Works Maintenance Division/Streets	671-5800
Utilities Division/Water Production/Water Distribution	671-5830
Wastewater Treatment Plant	671-5850

## Bloomingtondale Cares

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That passion has been contagious. Students at Erickson Elementary School, along with other schools and other organizations, are also collecting items for the troops. The effort at Erickson was spearheaded by its fourth-grade girl scout troop.

Troop #478 went to the Bloomingtondale Fire Protection District Headquarters where the main depository for the donations has been located and packed nearly 60 boxes to be sent.

The scouts - Nina Alfano, Kara Barto, Jenna Marie Gorniack, Hollyn Holsinger, Alyssa



*Troop #478 from Erickson Elementary School*

Menconi, Jennifer Meyo, Lauren Ruty, Courtney Schuchmann, Katie Sobin, Sara Starodub and Sarah Steffens - enjoyed their experience so much, they are looking forward to going back.

The boxes at the Village Hall have been filled repeatedly since

the last Almanac went out. Especially generous were residents of the Stratford Place apartment complex. Three times they delivered bags and boxes of donated items.

VFW 19th District Commander Bill Wolff and his fellow vets are grateful to everyone for the help. All together the VFW has sent out 590 small boxes, and 105 big ones. Each box also contains a handwritten note thanking each service person for their efforts in the war on terrorism.

Wolff says the project will go on as long as the troops are there. Anyone knowing of a local person serving in the Middle East should contact Wolff at 894-9080 so that a box might be sent to that individual.

## Check That Calendar Before You Turn on the Sprinkler!

The Village is required by our Lake Michigan Water allocation to have a water conservation ordinance. The Village's Water Conservation and Control Ordinance is in effect each year between May and September. This ordinance limits use of automatic sprinkling devices and encourages conservation. The ordinance allows single-family residential use of automatic sprinklers for **ODD numbered addresses on Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday from 5:00 A.M. to 9:00 A.M. or 5:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.** Single family residences with **EVEN numbered addresses, commercial, governmental, industrial, and office buildings are allowed on Tuesday, Thursday, and Sunday during the same time periods.** Use of any automatic sprinkling device on Friday is not permitted.

## 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. 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.

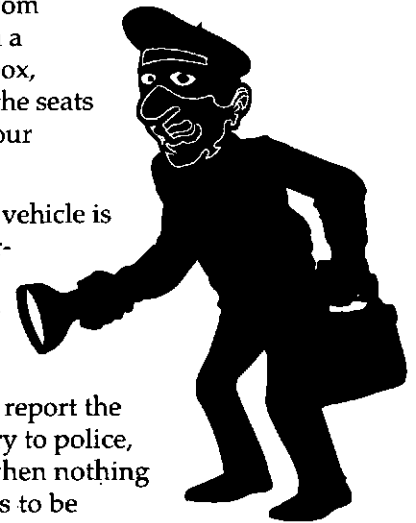
Always remove your keys from the ignition—even in your garage. This will help prevent burglaries and car thefts. Never leave personal belongings in plain view. Avoid leaving valuables in your vehicle. If you must store belongings in the car, hide

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.



## 'Heroes of Tomorrow Built with Character Today'



Representatives from schools attended by Roselle youngsters gave the Roselle Character Development Commission a hand in reinforcing the message "Heroes of Tomorrow are Built with Character Today."

The poster project featured students from Bloomingdale's Erickson, DuJardin and Westfield Schools. The kids ranging in age from pre-school through eighth grade met at the Roselle Fire Station and were dressed up in kid-sized fireman garb for the photo shoot. They are posed in front of one of the Roselle engines holding a variety of firefighting equipment and looking serious about the job.

The "Hero" posters went out to all the participating students, schools and village offices. They were distributed at the Roselle Character Development Coalition meeting, as well as at a Roselle Chamber meeting.



# Household Hazardous Waste: What It Is, What You Need to Know

## What is Household Hazardous Waste?

Discarded consumer products with flammable, toxic, corrosive, or reactive ingredients.

**Note:** electronic equipment (computers, printers, etc.) are not acceptable at HHW event. Although BFI does take these items as trash, United Recycling in West Chicago (630-231-6060) also recycles them for no fee. Hours of operation: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 7:00 am to 3:30 pm.

## How can I avoid Household Hazardous Waste?

**Use it up!** If you use all of a product with hazardous ingredients in accordance with label directions, there is no HHW to manage. Containers that once held a hazardous product are not considered HHW if they are completely empty. If you can't use it up, see if someone else can use the remaining product.

**Buy safer products.** Seek out and purchase products without hazardous ingredients. If no safer alternative exists, purchase only as much of a hazardous product as you need to do the job. Avoid large, economy size containers unless you are sure you can use it up.

## How can I dispose of Household Hazardous Waste safely?

Because some hazardous products can't be safely used up or recycled, DuPage County provides a permanent HHW collection site, operated by the City of Naperville. It is located at Naperville Fire Station No. 4, 1971 Brookdale Road (just off Route 59).

DuPage County also conducts one day HHW collection events at temporary sites throughout the County.

### Acceptable materials

oil-based paints	wood stain	varnish
fertilizer	pesticides	insecticides
pool chemicals	cleaning solvents	used automotive fluids
poisons	household batteries	thermometers (mercury)
lead-acid batteries*	propane tanks (up to 30 psi)*	cellular phones/ batteries / chargers**
fluorescent ballasts	fluorescent bulbs	

### Unacceptable materials

latex paint***	radioactive waste	smoke detectors
fire extinguishers	ammunition	explosives
fireworks	business waste	medical waste
agricultural waste	regular trash	

\*Lead-acid batteries and propane tanks are not accepted at the permanent Naperville HHW Facility

\*\*Cellular phones/batteries/chargers can also be dropped off at the DuPage County Administration Building located at 421 N. County Farm Road in Wheaton. DuPage County has joined the national program "Call to Protect," which distributes cellular phones to victims of domestic violence during investigation and prosecution. The cellular phones will be refurbished and reprogrammed to call only 911 or the DuPage County Family Shelter.

\*\*\*Latex paint is not accepted at the permanent Naperville HHW Facility or the mobile collection sites. Latex paint can be dried out with an absorbent material such as sand, sawdust, oil dry, or kitty litter in a well-ventilated area away from children and pets. Dispose of the hardened/dried out paint with your regular garbage and recycle the empty paint can with the lid removed.

For more information, contact: HHW Hotline at 630-510-2810 or DuPage County's web site at <http://ec.dupageco.org/solidwaste/>.

## Dispose of Household Hazardous Waste In Bloomingdale May 31

Bloomingdale will host  
a one day HHW  
collection event on  
Saturday, May 31st from  
8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The mobile collection  
event will be held  
at the  
Public Works Facility,  
which is located at  
305 Glen Ellyn Road.

## Living With Wildlife

The presence of wild animals in our village reflects their ability to adapt to the urbanization of their native habitat. Although it may seem that these wild animals use this urban environment at the expense of their human neighbors (creating a disturbance or causing property damage, earning the "nuisance" wildlife reputation), these animals are behaving naturally.

In an effort to limit human-wildlife conflicts (especially with raccoons, opossums and skunks), we encourage homeowners to take the following preventive action:

- Do not feed wild animals.
- Keep pet food / water dishes inside, especially at night.
- Clean up spillage from bird feeders.
- Keep grills / barbecues clean; even the smallest food scraps may attract wild animals.



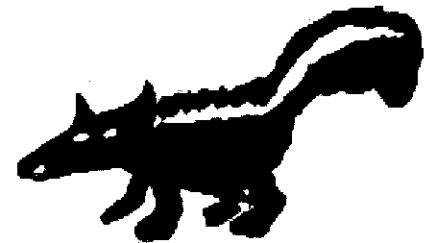
- Keep trash cans inside if possible; if this is not possible, place ammonia-soaked rags on top of the lid and secure with bungee cords.
- Trim tree limbs that provide easy access to your roof.



- Repair broken, weak, or rotted areas on your roof, soffit and fascia.
- Install and maintain chimney caps.
- Use welded wire to exclude animals from underneath decks, elevated sheds, openings under concrete slabs and porches.
- Secure outside access to crawl spaces.
- Cover window wells – (if an animal falls in, carefully place a roughened board into the window well at a 45° angle; the animal should climb out at night).

Specific questions regarding nuisance wildlife can be addressed to the Public Works Superintendent at 671-5800. Suggestions for dealing with wildlife concerns are available from the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County's Willowbrook Wildlife Center in Glen Ellyn at 942-6200.

*(Portions reprinted courtesy of the Willowbrook Wildlife Center)*



## Reminder: Village Begins Off-street Parking/Recreational Vehicle Ordinance Enforcement

On November 25th 2002, the Village of Bloomingdale adopted Ordinance No. 2002-49. Placement of recreational vehicles and /or trailers on residentially zoned properties, along with site specific requirements, are now subject to the new ordinance regulations.

A key change in the regulations is the prohibition of parking a recreational vehicle and /or trailer in a front yard, including a front yard driveway. Corner property side-yards are regulated the same as front yards. Also regulated are allowable driveway pavement types, width, location and street access-curb cut allowances. Recreational vehicles and /or trailers are now required to be screened from view by means of landscaping or fencing, depending on site specific conditions, as outlined in the ordinance.

Building and Zoning Division inspectors have begun performing property inspections and taking

photographs of recreational vehicles not in compliance with ordinance regulations. If in violation of the ordinance, an initial notice letter will be sent with a copy of the applicable ordinance section in violation attached, along with a photograph of the observed violation.

Compliance requirements for a specific ordinance violation will be indicated in each notice letter along with a deadline for compliance. The time-frame for individual resident compliance may vary depending on the required remedy. Reasonable requests for adequate or additional time to comply may be granted on a case-by-case basis. Village Building Commissioner Mike Gricus (630-671-5661) began mailing notice of violation letters on May 1, 2003.

A copy of the ordinance is available for review at the Village Hall – Village Services Department counter at 201 S. Bloomingdale Road.

# Mosquitoes and the West Nile Virus

(Reprinted courtesy of Clarke Mosquito Control)

West Nile Virus, a disease transmitted by mosquitoes, was first discovered in the Chicago area in 2001 after making its first U.S. appearance in New York City in 1999. The 2002 outbreak resulted in over 800 confirmed cases in Illinois. The virus, which can cause encephalitis, is transferred when mosquitoes that have bitten a bird carrying the virus then bite a human. Crows, blue jays and hawks appear to be highly sensitive to West Nile Virus. For humans, the only risk of contracting West Nile Virus comes from mosquito bites – it is not spread by person-to-person or bird-to-person contact.

Symptoms of the disease are initially similar to the flu, with muscle weakness and disorientation. Though the majority of those infected will have mild symptoms or no symptoms at all, in some individuals, West Nile Virus can cause inflammation of the brain (encephalitis) and in severe cases, paralysis, coma or death. The disease is most serious – even fatal – in those with compromised immune systems and the elderly.

## What Can Residents Do?

Clarke Mosquito Control offers the following advice to residents to help protect themselves against infection and assist in the fight against West Nile Virus:

- Inspect all window and door screens to be sure they're "bug tight".
- Stay indoors at the times when mosquitoes are most

prevalent: morning, dusk, and early evening. When you are outdoors, cover up with long pants and a long-sleeved shirt.

- Use insect repellents. Repellents deter mosquitoes from biting when applied properly to exposed skin and clothing. Apply mosquito repellent with DEET in accordance with label directions. For the latest information on West Nile Virus, consult the Illinois Department of Health website at [www.idph.state.il.us](http://www.idph.state.il.us), or DuPage County Health Department website at [www.dupagehealth.org](http://www.dupagehealth.org).

Residents who find a blue jay or crow that appears to have died as a result of natural causes should contact Public Works Maintenance at 671-5800. We will assist residents in retrieval of dead blue jays and crows and provide notification to the DuPage County Health Department. We regret that we are unable to assist in the disposal of any other dead birds.

DuPage County Health Department offers this useful information for distinguishing crows from other birds with black feathers:

Adult crows are about 17 to 21 inches in length; they are all black including feathers, beak, legs and feet.

Grackles are also all black, smaller than crows, but larger than a robin (11 to 13 inches in length). The head has a purple or green iridescent sheen; the rest of the body is black or brown-black. The eyes are yellow. The tail feathers are nearly as long as its body.

Starlings are robin-sized birds with black spotted feathers, yellow beaks and yellow feet.

# Installation of New Water Meters Continues This Summer



In January, the Village began modernizing its water meters to better serve our residents and businesses. This project involves replacing all water meters with new, proven technology that uses remote radio frequency water meters & devices. This project will improve operating efficiency by allowing water meters to be read

accurately from a vehicle equipped with radio frequency transmission/receiving capabilities.

To date, approximately 3000 meters (45% complete) have been installed. The Village has had no significant problems or complaints with the installation of the new meters.

The Village of Bloomingdale would like to thank everyone who has already scheduled an appointment and/or has had a new water meter installed. For residences and/or businesses that have not yet received notification for installation of a new water meter, please respond to this urgent request as soon as you receive it. Your prompt response will ensure the project remains on time and within budget.

This work is being performed by Professional Meters, Inc. (PMI) Each PMI authorized and licensed plumber will present a Village of Bloomingdale picture identification card before asking to enter your home. **Do not admit anyone into your home without this Village of Bloomingdale Identification Card.** If you are not sure whether an individual is an authorized representative of PMI, you may call the Village Police Department at 529-9868.

There is no cost to you for replacing your water meter.

More information regarding this project is available on the **Project Hotline at (630) 671-5830.**

# An Open Letter to Bloomingdale

The Bloomingdale Senior Citizens Advisory Council is an organization set up by the Bloomingdale Police Department to discuss the needs and concerns of Bloomingdale senior residents. During monthly meetings, police department personnel and senior citizen representatives from various organizations and associations address topics and/or problems that have been identified through its members.

Recently, the Council mailed a survey to over 1,700 Bloomingdale seniors. Many of those who responded had nothing but kind words for our Village, our Police Department, and our Fire Department. However, some senior citizens have concerns about a variety of issues and it's these issues the Council would like to try to address at this time.

## Where do seniors obtain most of their information about events in our community?

Results are listed in order by the most read:

The Village Almanac  
Bloomingdale Township Senior Connection  
Friends and Neighbors  
Daily Herald  
Park District Newsletter  
Bloomingdale Press  
Library Newsletter

## Neighborhood Watch, CPR and more

In the survey, questions were asked about the Neighborhood Watch Program, CPR classes, speeding cars and shrubbery that block vision to main thoroughfares. Some of these questions can be easily answered, while others are more complex.

**Neighborhood Watch** meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of every other month. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 21st, 2003, at 7:30 p.m. in the Village Hall Council Room.

The **Bloomingdale Fire Department** holds CPR classes every month. If a group of at least (6) individuals are interested in CPR classes during the day, fire department personnel can arrange it. Also, anyone can walk into the fire department and get their blood pressure tested at any time.

The survey responses included an inquiry for a comprehensive Village calendar containing all senior events and a reference for homeowners on dependable low-cost companies for repairs. The **Bloomingdale Library** maintains a community calendar for the Village of Bloomingdale and organizations can request to have their public functions listed on it. **DuPage County**

**Human Services** has a Senior Citizens Resource Directory listing organizations and services that are helpful to seniors in all types of situations. The directory includes programs that offer assistance to seniors with the goal of helping them in their home environment as long as safely as possible. To obtain a copy of the Senior Citizens Resource Directory or to inquire about the DuPage County Human Services (located at 421 N. County Farm Road - Wheaton), individuals can call (630) 682-7000.

## Exercise classes

In response to those requesting senior citizen exercise classes, the **Bloomingdale Park District** does offer a 20% discount for seniors on most programs (excluding bus excursions). The Council will pass along the thoughts about exercise classes for senior citizens only to the Bloomingdale Park District for their consideration. The Park District also sponsors bus excursions, both daily and overnight trips. The Bloomingdale Park District is located at 172 S. Circle Avenue. The telephone number is (630) 529-3650 or visit them on the web at [www.bloomingdaleparks.org](http://www.bloomingdaleparks.org).

## Library programs

Seniors voiced concerns about a few of the programs at the **Bloomingdale Library**. The survey responses stated that there were too few computer classes for beginners and intermediate levels during the day. The Council has spoken to the library administration and notified them about this concern. A point of information, the Bloomingdale Public Library also sponsors bus day trips. The Library is located at 101 Fairfield Way. The telephone number is (630) 529-3120 or visit their website at [www.bloomingdale.lib.il.us](http://www.bloomingdale.lib.il.us).

## Transportation

There were some questions and concerns about public transportation in Bloomingdale. The Pace Bus Service (Suburban Bus Division of the RTA) involves neighborhood routes and Metra Stations with designated pick-up points within a local Township area. The Dial-A-Ride Bus Service provides curb to curb service and a phone reservation is needed to receive service. Generally, it requires at least (48) hours advance notice by the individual requesting the service. During peak times, the Dial-A-Ride service may require as much as 4-5 days notification. The telephone number to call is 1-847-364-7223 or 1-888-405-2060. The cost is \$1.25 each way. Dial-A-Ride offers service to the following:

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# Senior Citizens

Central DuPage Hospital  
Alexian Brothers Medical Center  
Grocery stores  
Stratford Square Mall  
Bloomington Township Senior Center  
Other, call for more information about your destination

**Prior phone registration for Dial-a-ride is necessary.**

\*\*\*At the present time the Village of Bloomington does not offer any other form of public transportation for seniors.

## Check out the programs and services at the Bloomington Township Senior Center

To avoid duplication of efforts, the Village of Bloomington does not offer services that are currently available at the **Bloomington Township Senior Center**. The Senior Center is located at 6N050 Rosedale Road in Bloomington. The telephone number is (630) 529-7794. If you are not currently receiving the Senior Connection by mail, you can sign up for this publication at the Senior Center. Some of the programs currently offered by the Bloomington Township Senior Center are:

- Flu shots
- Assistance with income tax preparation
- Chore programs such as general yard work, cleaning, and snow removal
- Blood pressure testing
- Bus excursions to casinos, plays and trips
- Craft classes-Stained glass and Ceramics
- Exercise classes on Wednesday mornings
- Cards-Poker and Pinochle
- Bingo on Tuesdays
- Holiday parties and other special events during the year

The Bloomington Senior Citizens Advisory Council would like to thank every senior who took the time and effort to respond to our survey letter.

# Aggressive Drivers: What to Do When One Crosses Your Path

With upcoming warmer temperatures, many people will be "out and about," especially traveling more frequently in their vehicles. In addition to some hazardous weather conditions and the beginning of the Chicagoland's favorite time of the year, 'Construction Season,' aggressive drivers are a problem. Some people want to get to their destination regardless of public safety and can be upset by the smallest things.

The following information provides a picture about aggressive drivers that you may encounter during your travels.

- For these drivers, frustration levels are high and level of concern for fellow motorists is low.
- They run stop signs and red lights, speed, tailgate, weave in and out of traffic, pass on the right, make improper and unsafe lane changes, make hand and facial gestures, scream, honk, and flash their lights.
- They drive at speeds far in excess of the norm, which causes them to: Follow too closely, change lanes frequently and abruptly without notice (signals), pass on the shoulder or unpaved portions of the roadway, and leer at and/or threaten (verbally or through gestures) motorists who are thoughtless enough to be in front of them.

When confronted by an aggressive driver:

- First and foremost make every attempt to get out of the way.
- Put your pride in the back seat. Do not challenge them by speeding up or attempting to hold-your-own in your travel lane.
- Wear your seat belt. It will hold you in your seat and behind the wheel in case you need to make an abrupt driving maneuver and it will protect you in a crash.
- Avoid eye contact. Ignore gestures and refuse to return them.
- Report aggressive drivers to the appropriate authorities by providing a vehicle description, license number, location, and if possible, direction of travel.
- If you have a "Cell" Phone, and can do it safely, call the police.
- If an aggressive driver is involved in a crash farther down the road, stop a safe distance from the crash scene, wait for the police to arrive, and report the driving behavior that you witnessed.
- Avoid the challenges or confrontations of an aggressive driver and support law enforcement's efforts to rid the streets and highways of this menace.

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

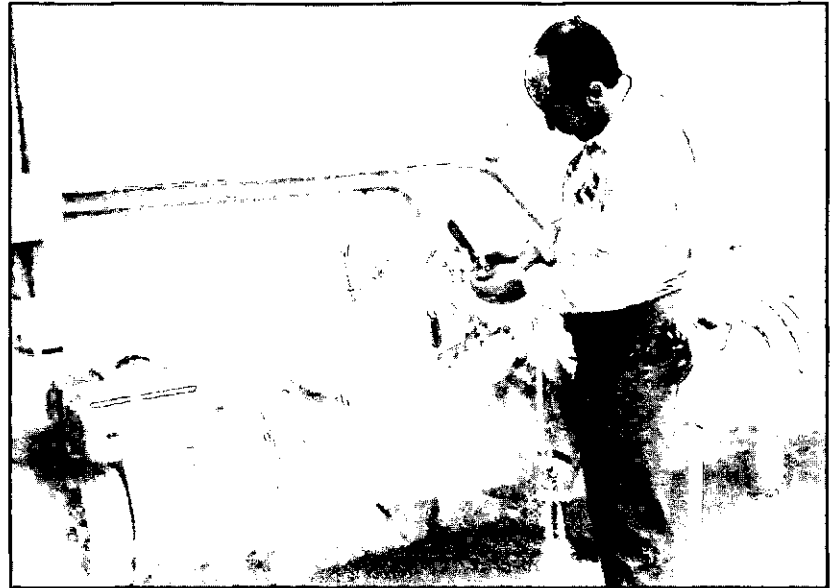
# Water Quality Report 2003

*Keeping you informed about water quality in your community*

## About this report ...

The Village of Bloomingdale Village Services Department wants each of you as consumers to be aware of our actions to insure that the water we provided is safe for you and your family. The Village of Bloomingdale currently meets or exceeds all water quality standards set by the United States and Illinois Environmental Protection Agencies. These agencies developed the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) that sets standards for water quality and monitors compliance. We are able and happy to report that there has been no violation of a contaminant level or any other water quality standard during the period beginning January 1, 2002 and ending December 31, 2002.

If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water supply, please contact Robert Maguire, Utilities Superintendent, at 630-671-5830. Information contained in this report will soon be available on the Village of Bloomingdale website ([www.vil.bloomingtondale.il.us](http://www.vil.bloomingtondale.il.us)) on the Village Services link. You can also e-mail your comments about the report to [VILLAGE.BLOOMINGDALE@worldnet.att.net](mailto:VILLAGE.BLOOMINGDALE@worldnet.att.net)



*Along with collecting samples and monitoring the water system, the Water Operator also performs preventative maintenance on equipment to insure a dependable water supply. Here Pat Maranto installs a new solenoid on a flow control valve.*

**Michael D. Marchi P.E.,  
Director of Village Services**

## Source Water Information

(Source water information was provided to the Village by the City of Chicago)

Lake Michigan is the sole source of water used to provide drinking water to the Village of Bloomingdale. The Village has three groundwater wells on inactive standby status that would be used only on an emergency basis where the Lake Michigan water source was not available. These wells are pumped to waste and bacteriological samples are collected to insure their water quality is suitable for use. The Village of Bloomingdale receives Lake Michigan source water from the Dupage Water Commission. This surface water supply is treated by the City of Chicago, sold to the Dupage Water Commission, and then purchased by the Village for use by the residents, businesses and visitors using water from the water supply.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has found the quality of Lake Michigan has improved dramatically over the past twenty years. Lake Michigan, by volume, is the second largest Great Lake and the only one located totally within the United States. It serves as a source of water for the City of Chicago and 123 suburban communities. It is also used for boating, swimming and fishing, and as a scenic wonderland. Sources for both tap water and bottled water can pick up contaminants as water travels over the surface of the land and through the ground. The drinking water source is vulnerable to industrial waste and runoff from surrounding lands. Potential sources of pollution such as pesticides, herbicides, radioactive materials, and organic and inorganic petroleum and gas production by-products can impact the source water.

The City of Chicago does not have any indications of the presence of these contaminants at this time, mainly because of restrictions that prohibit industrial effluents from entering Lake Michigan. Sewage treatment plant effluents are not discharged into the lake, thereby reducing the threat of microbial contamination. All sixty three miles of shoreline within Illinois are now considered to be in good condition. The Illinois EPA is

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

implementing a source water assessment program (SWAP) to assist with watershed protection of public drinking water supplies. The SWAP will inventory potential sources of contamination and determine the susceptibility of the source water to contamination. All sources of pollutants into Lake Michigan will be identified. Further information on our community water supply's source water assessment is available on the USGS website at <http://il.water.usgs.gov> or by calling the Groundwater Section of the Illinois EPA at 217-785-4787.

Possible contaminants consist of:

- **Microbial contaminants**; such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural, and livestock operations;
- **Inorganic Compounds**; such as salts and metals, which may be naturally occurring or result from urban stormwater 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 agricultural, urban stormwater runoff and residential uses;
- **Organic Chemical contaminants**; including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and may also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff and septic systems;
- **Radioactive contaminants**; which may be naturally occurring or be the result of gas and oil production and mining activities.

## **2002 Source Water Assessment Summary**

Our community water supply purchases water from another water supply. The following information relates to that supply's source water.

Since the quality of the raw water source is good, conventional treatment methods of disinfection, coagulation and sedimentation, and sand filtration are adequate in producing a water that is free of harmful contaminants. The use of chlorine for disinfection is an important part of water treatment. The City of Chicago adds chlorine during the treatment process. Levels in the Bloomingdale water supply range between 0.3 ppm and 0.9 ppm (.30 - 0.90 mg/l). Fluoride is also added by the City of Chicago to promote strong teeth and to meet guidelines on this treatment technique. A question that comes up on occasion is regarding the hardness of our water. Lake Michigan source water is typically around 8 grains per gallon (137 mg/l) and generally remains relatively constant.

Another concern that is frequently observed is regarding water taste and odors. These tastes and odors are associated with organic matter produced by decaying vegetation (typically algae) in Lake Michigan in late summer when water temperatures are higher. The City of Chicago is informed of these water quality complaints, and the number of complaints are used as a tool in developing treatment techniques to reduce taste and odor problems when they occur. We encourage you to call if you have taste and odor problems so this information can be directed to the City of Chicago.

## **Voluntary Testing**

The City of Chicago Water Department also monitors for contaminants which are proposed to be regulated or for which no standards currently exist but could provide useful information in assessing the quality of the source water.

## **Cryptosporidium**

Analyses for this contaminant have been conducted monthly on the source water since April 1993. Cryptosporidium has not been detected in these samples. Treatment processes have been optimized to ensure that if there are cryptosporidium cysts in the source water, they will be removed during the treatment process.

## Asbestos

Samples are examined for asbestos fibers on a routine basis. The EPA has determined that asbestos fibers greater than 10 microns in length could potentially cause lung cancer. Chicago does not find fibers that are in this size category.

## Taste and Odor Compounds

MIB and Geosmin are monitored in both the source water and finished water. These analysis assist the plant personnel to determine the effectiveness of the treatment process as they strive to reduce these compounds and provide a drinking water without detectable tastes and odors.

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 the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and their potential health risks can be obtained by calling the USEPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791. Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons, such as those 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 about drinking water from their health care providers. USEPA & Center for Disease Control guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the USEPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (1-800-426-4791).

The following tables represent the results of sampling for various contaminants by both the Village of Bloomingdale and by the City of Chicago. Each table reflects the sample results covering the period January 1st, 2002 through December 31st, 2002. The tables for the Village results are marked Village of Bloomingdale and the results from the City of Chicago are marked City of Chicago. The definitions will help you understand how much of each contaminant was detected.

## 2002 Water Quality Data

### Definitions:

MCLG:	Maximum Contaminant Level Goal, or the level of contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health.
MCL:	Maximum Contaminant Level, or the highest level of contaminant that is allowed in drinking water.
AL:	Action Level, or the concentration of a contaminant that, when exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements a water system must follow.
TT:	Treatment Technique or a required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

### Abbreviations:

nd:	not detectable at testing limits
n/a:	not applicable
ppm:	parts per million (also = to mg/l or milligrams per liter)
ppb:	part per billion (also = to ug/l or micrograms per liter)
ppt:	parts per trillion
NTU:	Nephelometric Turbidity Unit, used to measure cloudiness of drinking water. (Example) %<0.5 NTU=Percent samples less than 0.5 NTU.
MF/l:	Million Fibers per liter, used to measure asbestos concentration.
mrem/y:	millirems per year, used to measure radiation absorbed by the body.
PCi/l:	Picocuries per liter, used to measure radioactivity.
# pos/mo:	number of positive samples per month
%pos/mo:	percent positive samples per month



## Detected Contaminants

In most cases, the "Level Found" column represents an average of sample result data collected during the Water Quality Report (WQR) calendar year beginning January 1, 2002 through December 31, 2002. The "Range of Detections" column represents a range of individual sample results, from the lowest to the highest that were collected during the WQR calendar year. If a date appears in the "Date of Sample" 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 for that contaminant was conducted during the WQR calendar year.

### Microbial Contaminants - City Of Chicago

Contaminant	MCLG	MCL	Level found	Range of detections	Violation	Date of Sample	Typical Source of Contaminant
TURBIDITY (% < 0.5 NTU)	n/a	TF	100.00	100.00 - 100.00			Soil runoff
TURBIDITY (NTU)	n/a	TF = 5NTU max	0.430	n/a			Soil runoff

### Microbial Contaminants - Village of Bloomingdale

Contaminant	MCLG	MCL	Level found	Range of detections	Violation	Date of Sample	Typical Source of Contaminant
TOTAL (COLIFORM BACTERIA (#Pos/Mo))	0	>1	0				Naturally present in the environment

### Inorganic Contaminants - City of Chicago

Contaminant	MCLG	MCL	Level found	Range of detections	Violation	Date of Sample	Typical Source of Contaminant
Barium (ppm)	2 ppm	2 ppm	0.020 ppm	0.019 - 0.020 ppm			Discharge from drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries. Erosion of natural deposits
Beryllium (ppm)	4 ppm	4 ppm	1.000 ppm	nd - 1.000 ppm			Discharge from metal refineries and coal-burning factories
Nitrate (as Nitrogen) (ppm)	10 ppm	10 ppm	0.400 ppm	0.300 - 0.400 ppm			Runoff from fertilizer use. Leaching from septic tanks, sewage. Erosion of natural deposits.
Nitrate & Nitrite (ppm)	10 ppm	10 ppm	0.400 ppm	0.300 - 0.400 ppm			Runoff from fertilizer use. Leaching from septic tanks, sewage. Erosion from natural deposits.

### Inorganic Contaminants - Village of Bloomingdale

Contaminant	MCLG	MCL	Level found	Range of detections	Violation	Date of Sample	Typical Source of Contaminant
Copper (ppm)	1.3 ppm	AL = 1.3 ppm	0.001 ppm	0 exceeding AL		6/2002-8/2002	Corrosion of household plumbing systems. Erosion of natural deposits. Leaching from wood preservatives.
Lead (ppb)	0 ppb	AL = 15 ppb	4 ppb	2 exceeding AL		6/2002-8/2002	Corrosion of household plumbing systems. Erosion of natural deposits.

**Disinfection/Disinfectant By-Products – City of Chicago**

Contaminant	MCLG	MCL	Level found	Range of detections	Violation	Date of Sample	Typical Source of Contaminant
TTHM's (Total Trihalomethanes (ppb))	n/a	100 ppb	15.00 ppb	8.00-23.700 ppb			By-product of drinking water chlorination

**Disinfection/Disinfectant By-Products – City of Chicago**

Contaminant	MCLG	MCL	Highest level detected	Range of detections	Violation	Date of Sample	Typical Source of Contaminant
Total Haloacetic Acids (HAA5) (ppb)	n/a	60* ppb	9.00 ppb	4.00-15.00			By-product of drinking water chlorination

**Disinfection/Disinfectant By-Products – Village of Bloomingdale**

Contaminant	MCLG	MCL	Highest level detected	Range of detections	Violation	Date of Sample	Typical Source of Contaminant
TTHM's (Total Trihalomethanes (ppb))	n/a	80* ppb	21.8 ppb	n/a			By-product of drinking water chlorination

**Disinfection/Disinfectant By-Products – Village of Bloomingdale**

Contaminant	MCLG	MCL	Highest Level Detected	Range of detections	Violation	Date of Sample	Typical Source of Contaminant
Total Haloacetic Acids (HAA5) (ppb)	n/a n/a	60* ppb	15.1 ppb	7.9-15.1			By-product of drinking water chlorination

**Unregulated Contaminants – City of Chicago**

Contaminant	MCLG	MCL	Level found	Range of detections	Violation	Date of Sample	Typical Source of Contaminant
SULFATE ( ppm)	n/a	n/a	13.200 ppm	12.000-13.200 ppm			Erosion of naturally occurring deposits

\*MCL Statement: The maximum contaminant level (MCL) for TTHM and HAA5 is 80 ppm and 60 ppm respectively and is currently only applicable to surface water supplies that serve 10,000 or more people. These MCL's will become effective 01/01/2004 for supplies and surface water supplies serving less than 10,000 people. Until 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 have 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 an increased risk of getting cancer.

**State Regulated Contaminants – City of Chicago**

Contaminant	MCLG	MCL	Level found	Range of detections	Violation	Date of Sample	Typical Source of Contaminant
SODIUM (ppm)	n/a	n/a	7.000 ppm	7.00 – 7.00 ppm			Erosion of naturally occurring deposits. Used as a water softener
Fluoride (ppm)	n/a	n/a	6.90 ppm	6.800-6.900			Water additive that promotes strong teeth

**State Regulated Contaminants – Village of Bloomingdale**

The Village of Bloomingdale is not required to sample any State Regulated Contaminants.

# Water Quality Data Table Footnotes

## Village of Bloomingdale

### 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 for monitoring this contaminant is to assist USEPA in determining the occurrence of unregulated contaminants in drinking water, and whether future regulation is warranted.

## City of Chicago

### TURBIDITY

Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness of water. Chicago monitors it because it is a good indicator of water quality and the effectiveness of their 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 for monitoring this contaminant is to assist USEPA in determining the occurrence of unregulated contaminants in drinking water, and whether future regulation is warranted.

### SODIUM

There is not a state or federal MCL for sodium. **The Village of Bloomingdale is not required to monitor for this contaminant, but the City of Chicago is.** Monitoring is required to provide information to consumers and health officials that are concerned about sodium intake due to dietary precautions. If the level is greater than 20 ppm, and you are on sodium restricted diet, you should consult your physician.

## *Violation Summary Table*

### Violations for City of Chicago Source Water

No violations were recorded for their facility during this Water Quality Report period.

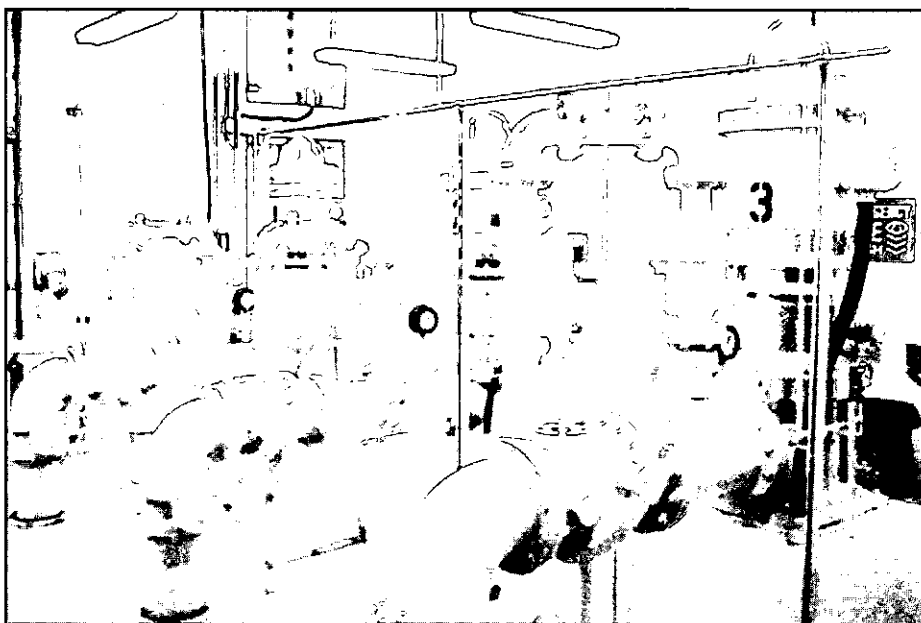
### Violations for Village of Bloomingdale Purchased Water Supply

No violations were recorded for this facility during this Water Quality Report period.

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**We hope you find this information helpful. Additional contaminants have been tested for but were not detected in the source water and therefore are not required by IEPA to be contained in this report. Further information on these contaminants can be received upon request. It is our goal to**

**keep you aware of what we are doing to insure that our water quality meets all regulations under the Safe Drinking Water Act. Starting in 1999 we have provided a report on water quality each year with updated sampling results. If you have any questions please contact Kevin O'Dea, Water Production Supervisor at 630-671-5830 between 7:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday and we will be happy to answer questions regarding this report or any other issue relating to water quality. Thank you for your interest! This information is also on the Village's Web Site ([www.vil.bloomington.il.us](http://www.vil.bloomington.il.us)) on the Village Services link.**





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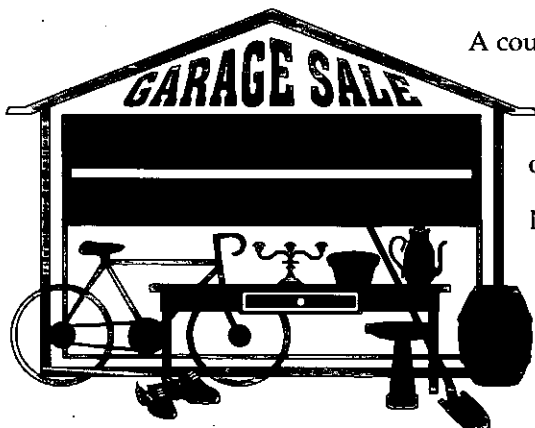
## Arbor Day 2003

*Mayor Robert Iden joined the students and staff of DuJardin Elementary School for the 2003 Arbor Day celebration on April 25. Mayor Iden read a proclamation from the Village and DuJardin Student Council members read quotes, short stories and poems. The tree planted is a White Swamp Oak, which was donated by the Village and planted by the village's Forestry Division. Students added worms to the soil during the shoveling ceremony. The event concluded with the playing of Louie Armstrong's "What a Wonderful World." All in all it was a great celebration.*



## Planning a Garage Sale???

A couple things to remember:



There is no cost or permit necessary to hold a garage or yard sale, however, the person conducting the sale must notify the police department of the sale prior to the start of the sale.

No more than 3 rummage or garage sales may be held on the same premises in any calendar year. Each may not be more than 3 consecutive days and can only take place between the hours of 9 a.m. and 6 p.m.

There are also requirements relative to garage sale signs, including size and placement restrictions. For more information, contact the Police Department at 529-9868.