



# Village of Bloomingdale Almanac

December 2001

## From the Desk of Mayor Bob Iden

There is no doubt the events of September 11, 2001 have changed the nation forever. Since that tragic Tuesday in September many residents have asked questions regarding the safety of the Village's water supply and whether or not it could be a target of terrorist activity. While you can never say "never," we believe our water supply is safe from potential acts of terrorism. Following is a brief Q&A regarding this.

**Q: Is the Village drinking water supply safe from terrorist attack?**

In short that while it is considered a potential threat, for reasons explained below we believe the Village drinking water supply can be considered safe from potential acts of terrorism.

**Q: What are the kinds of threats or acts of terrorism to which drinking water is vulnerable?**

Experts in the field of terrorist activities consider the threat of contamination of the drinking water through terrorist activities to be small. The primary threats are contamination by chemical, biological, or radiological agents, damage, destruction or sabotage of physical infrastructure and disruption to computer systems. Most contaminants would need to be introduced in very large quantities, thereby minimizing a threat.

**Q: What protection and prevention is in place to protect against such potential attacks?**

The Village has prepared an emergency response plan for each of these situations, one that was very recently reviewed for Y2K preparations. These plans provide for shutting the system down or re-starting the system, notifying the public of any emergency steps to be taken, like boiling water and advising of alternate sources of water, such as the Village back-up well supply. From Lake Michigan to your tap, the water is tested frequently for chemical, biological and radiological contaminants. Further, the facilities and infrastructure are physically secured in several ways, with an increased security level and heightened alert since September 11th.

**Q: Is anthrax a threat to the water supply?**

General biological agents considered as weapons of mass destruction, including anthrax, pose the most danger in aerosol form.

**Q: What can I do to help?**

The Village has several hundred miles of utility infrastructure for water, sanitary sewage, and others. If you witness activities that appear unusual near fire hydrants, manholes or other utilities, or have other questions do not hesitate to contact Village Services -Utilities Division at 630-671-5830 during normal business hours M-F 8:00 a.m. -4:30 p.m., or the Police Department non-emergency number at 630-529-9868 or in the case of an emergency 9-1-1. Your contact will be taken seriously and investigated as appropriate.

The holiday season brings out the best in people – the desire to share our blessings with others. This year the sentiment started a little early – and promises to carry into the new year. From the Village Board and all our staff, the warmest wishes to you and your families for a happy, healthy and peaceful holiday season.



Police Chief Gary Schira and I shared lunch with third graders Jennifer Meyo and Tiffany Ecklund at the Erickson Elementary Thanksgiving Feast.

**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 and 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 - Illinois Room

**FAMILY FEST COMMISSION**

2nd Wednesday of every month  
9:30 a.m. -- Library

**SEPTEMBERFEST COMMISSION**

1st Thursday of the month  
March-December  
7:00 p.m. - Village Hall

**BUSINESS PROMOTION &  
CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT  
COMMITTEE**

1st Friday of the month  
10:00 a.m. - Village Hall

**BLOOMINGDALE FIRE PROTECTION  
DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

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

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

**TRAFFIC CONCERNS COMMITTEE**

Quarterly or 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**

**Robert Czernek**

*Legal & Intergovernmental*

**John Dabrowski**

*Police*

**Patrick S. DeMoon**

*Finance & Personnel*

**James M. Gebis**

*Planning, Zoning  
& Environmental Concerns*

**Judi Von Huben**

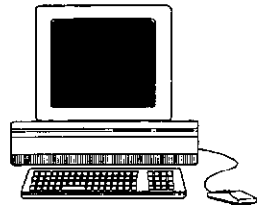
*Community Programs &  
Special Events*

**Gloria Reyes**

*Public Works & Services*

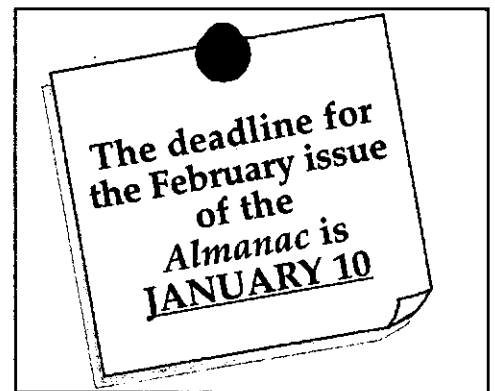
**We'd like to hear from you:  
Please note our website  
address --**

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



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

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



**A Timely Thank You**



Sixth grade teacher Natalie Thompson's student advisory group at Westfield Middle School presented banners signed by many students to members of the Bloomingdale Police Department and the Bloomingdale Fire Department in thanks for their everyday efforts in the line of duty. The time spent also afforded students a unique opportunity to talk to the police and fire departments about the events of 9/11 and about their own safety.

# New 3 Year Agreement with BFI for Refuse, Recycling Pickup Services Begins December 1

A new three-year agreement begins with BFI Waste Services for all residential curbside solid waste collection services. Residential customers covered under the terms of this contract will continue to be billed on a quarterly basis for refuse and recycling services. The monthly collection rate effective December 1, 2001 is \$12.08 for refuse and recycling, (\$6.04 for seniors 65+), and \$1.32 per yard waste sticker. The new agreement provides for the same basic services with the following enhancements:

## RECYCLING - NO NEED TO SORT

Recyclables can now be placed into the same container(s). There is no longer a need to sort paper from the bottles, cans and plastics. All recyclable items will all be sorted at the recycling center.

## DID YOU KNOW ?

- ✓ Bloomington's residential recycling efforts resulted in a projected 2,460 tons of material redirected from the waste stream to be reused as raw materials during 2001.
- ✓ For every 1 ton of fiber recycled, you save 17 fully mature trees? 26,764 trees have been saved so far based on Bloomington's curbside recycling program.
- ✓ For every 1 pound of aluminum cans recycled, 27 new cans will be on the shelf in 30 days? Bloomington recycled 2,656,800 cans in 2001 alone.

**GREAT JOB BLOOMINGDALE!!**

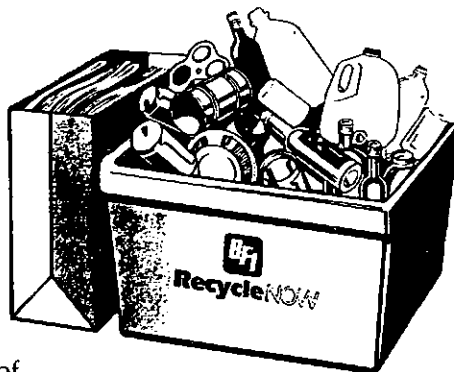
## YARD WASTE

Christmas trees will be collected at no additional cost during the four weeks following the Christmas holiday. All plastic bags, ornaments, etc should be removed from the trees.

## OPTIONAL CART SERVICE

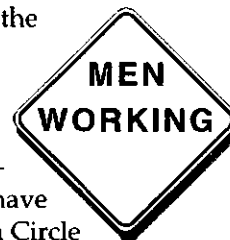
BFI has reduced the monthly charge to rent a 60 or 90 gallon cart down to \$1.25 per month. Wheeled carts are completely enclosed containers with an attached lid to prevent blowing trash and unwanted pests. Carts reduce the need to purchase cans and plastic garbage bags. Contact BFI Customer Service to arrange having a cart delivered. (847) 429-7370

An updated Solid Waste and Recycling Program Reference Guide was sent to all residential customers in November. Additional copies are available at the Village Hall or by calling BFI at (847) 429-7370.



## Road Construction Update

The Village and its contractor, R. W. Dunteman Company, have recently achieved substantial completion of the summer street reconstruction program.



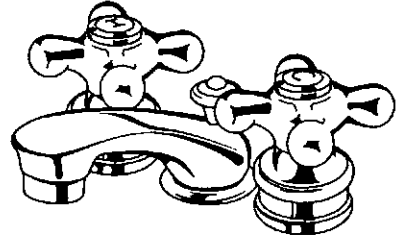
The final roadway surfaces have been paved on Circle Avenue south of Schick Road, Edgewater Drive between Laurel Lane and Royce Drive and on Lakeshore Lane.

During the roadway improvements on these sections of road, other improvements included in the project are a new sidewalk on the west side of Circle Avenue, a new recreational trail on the north side of Edgewater Drive, and a new, wider sidewalk on Lakeshore Lane.

Although the final project restoration is not yet complete (as of the date of publication), we are confident that the sod restoration will be installed during the end of this year. We are working with all parties concerned regarding the construction delays experienced this summer and fall to see the project through to its end as quickly as possible. The Village apologizes for any inconveniences these delays have caused.

# Public Comment Invited on Sunnyside Water Quality Improvement Project

The DuPage County Department of Environmental Concerns, Conservation Foundation of DuPage County, Bloomingdale Park District and Village of Bloomingdale are seeking public comment for a proposed storm runoff water quality improvement project in Sunnyside Park located at Glen Ellyn Road and Byron Avenue.



## DuPage County Mobile Household Hazardous Waste Collections for 2002

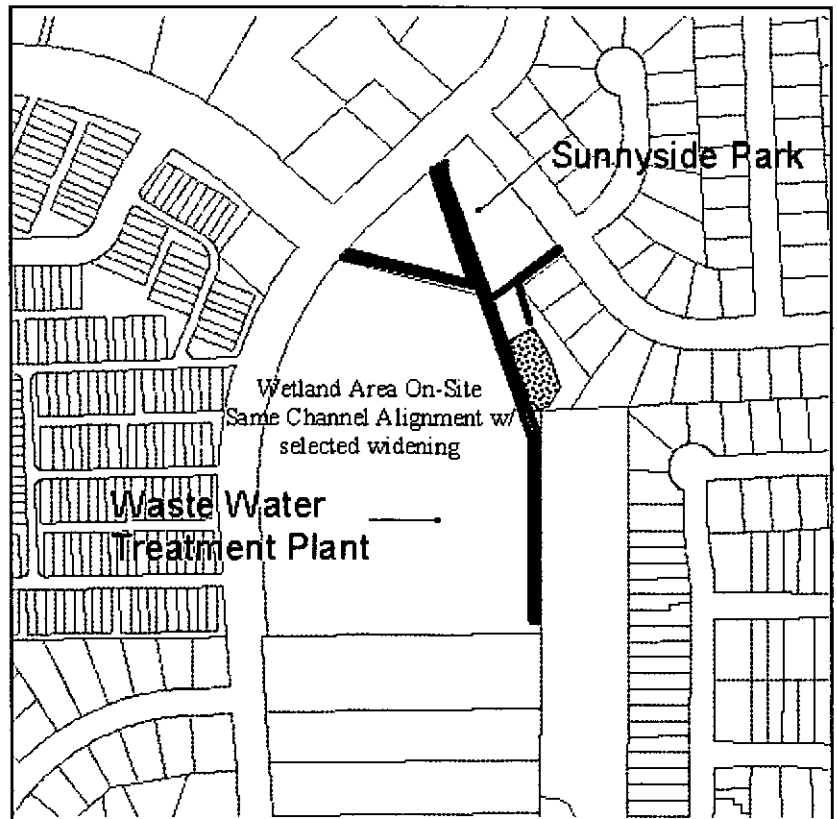
Dates, times and locations for Mobile Household Hazardous Waste Collections in 2002 will be published in the Spring. A permanent collection site is located in Naperville.

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

This innovative project consists of two components. The first component proposes a realignment of an existing storm sewer that currently outfalls into the East Branch DuPage River. The storm sewer will be redirected into a proposed wetland zone where sediments, oils, and other contaminants from the urban/street storm water runoff will have a chance to be filtered through the wetland before discharge to the East Branch DuPage River. The second component of this innovative project involves the removal of all concrete-lined channels along the East Branch DuPage River on both Park District and Village properties, reshaping of the East Branch channel-stream banks, and restoration and stabilization of the stream banks using deep-rooted vegetative wetland/prairie plants.

A project of this type has never been performed in DuPage County, thus making the Sunnyside Water Quality Improvement Project a 'first-of-its-kind' project and a potential model for future projects in the DuPage County. The County is currently monitoring existing water quality and biotic life to establish a baseline of data that can be used to compare with the operation of the model naturalized wetland and stream bank quality improvement system. It is believed that the final water quality monitoring report will find that water quality, biotic and aquatic-life will be improved after the construction of the project. It is also anticipated that the project will result in a natural, more aesthetically pleasing and safer environment for Sunnyside Park visitors.

DuPage County is the lead agency for the Sunnyside Park project, but is very interested in working closely with the Bloomingdale Park District and Village of Bloomingdale during the final design phase of the project to ensure all potential problems are being addressed. Please contact Meredith Seymour, Project Engineer at DuPage County Department of Environmental Concerns at (630) 682-7230 with any questions regarding this project.



# Late Nite Catechism Comes to Bloomingdale

Call it Loretta Young meets Carol Burnett.

Part catechism class, part stand up routine, this interactive comedy was born in Chicago. Written by Vicki Quade and Maripat Donovan, both products of the Chicago Catholic school system, "Late Nite Catechism," is one of the longest running comedies in Chicago theater history.

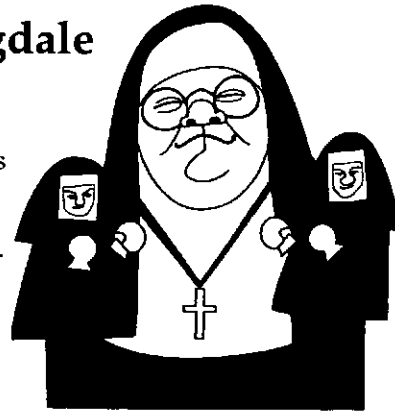
The show runs every week at the Royal George Theater in Chicago and at the Copely Theater in Aurora, but the Business Promotion and Cultural Development Committee will be bringing the professional production out here to Lake Park High School in February.

The committee, which has placed the statue of a mother and child at the library, and more recently, the statue of the golfers at the golf course, is looking toward the placement of its third statue. In order to raise the monies this time, they are planning to host two performances of "Late Nite Catechism."

The show has been called "An uproarious piece of interactive theater...inspired, well written, hilarious," by the *New York Times* and "A habit-forming hoot," by the *New Catholic Explorer*. It is an interactive experience. You, the audience member, are part of Sister's class.

"Late Nite Catechism" will be presented at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, February 23 and at 2 p.m. on Sunday, February 24. Tickets are \$25.00. Sign up for Sister's class. Take this opportunity to visit the old days of the Latin Mass, meatless Fridays and the good old ruler across the knuckles. You'll laugh your sins off!

Tickets are available at the Bloomingdale Public Library and the Village Hall. Or call 671-5600 for more information.



*"Girls are good and boys are bad. But we'll talk more about that later."*

## Looking for that Special Holiday Gift?

Looking for a different holiday gift idea? There are still bricks available at both statue sites - the Bloomingdale Public Library and the Bloomingdale Golf Club. A 4"x8" brick costs \$75 and can be imprinted

with three lines, 13 characters across. It's a gift that will last a lifetime. A holiday gift card will be provided showing the wording to be imprinted.

Bricks will be placed in late spring 2002.

OR - send friends or family to one of the performances of "Late Nite Catechism" planned for February. This long-running hit is truly a memorable experience. Call 671-5600 to choose either of these options for gift giving.



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



The Village of Bloomingdale will again be offering Expanded Weekend Dial-A-Ride hours during the holiday season from **Saturday, November 24th through Sunday, January 6th**. The Holiday Weekend Service will run from **8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturdays and from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Sundays**.

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

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

\$1.30 For Adult Residents (age 14 and older)

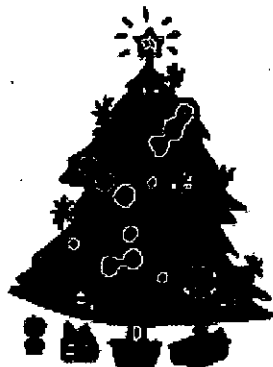
\$.75 For Village Residents with a Disability, Village Seniors (age 65 and older) and for students (age 7 to 13)

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

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

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

## Think Trees . . . Real Christmas Trees



### Enjoy Your Christmas Tree . . . Then Recycle It At the Curb

During the month of January, Browning Ferris Inc., the Village refuse hauler, will pick up Christmas trees on your regularly scheduled refuse pick-up day - Thursdays, January 3 and 10, 2002, and Fridays, January 4 and 11, 2002.

Residents are requested to position their Christmas trees cut end toward the curb for easy loading. Browning Ferris Inc. will dispose of the Christmas trees.

Celebrating the holiday season with a real Christmas tree is a longstanding tradition. Close to 33 million American families celebrate the holiday season with a fresh, farm-grown Christmas tree each year. Christmas tree enthusiasts believe the aroma of a real Christmas tree is food for the soul, a strong reminder and symbol of life, family traditions and the innocence of childhood itself.

The use of evergreens as a symbol and celebration of life during Winter Solstice celebrations started in ancient Roman and Egyptian times. This practice evolved over the centuries to be incorporated in the celebration of Christmas in the Germanic areas of Europe. The first recorded display of a decorated Christmas tree was in 1510, in Riga, Latvia (established by Germans in 1210). Christmas trees were decorated with fruit, cookies and candy that would later be shared among family members as gifts after the holiday season was over.

By the 1700s, the tradition of celebrating the holidays with a Christmas tree was widely used throughout Europe. Decorations included lace, ribbon, tin, food items and lit candles. The tradition was brought to the United States by Hessian mercenaries during the Revolutionary War. In 1804, U.S. soldiers stationed at Fort Dearborn, in Chicago, used evergreen trees in their barracks for Christmas.

The popularity of the Christmas tree then proliferated. Christmas trees have been sold commercially since about 1850. In 1856, Franklin Pierce, our 14th President, brought the Christmas tree tradition to the White House. In 1923, President Calvin Coolidge started the National Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony now held every year on the White House lawn.

Many people still perceive that real Christmas trees come from forests. In fact, real Christmas trees are actually grown on over 15,000 tree farms throughout North America, planted and harvested as a crop. These farms contain about one million acres dedicated to growing Christmas trees. On average, over 2,000 Christmas trees are planted per acre.

"Christmas trees are like other crops. They are meant to be harvested, just like corn or vegetables," says Mike Walterscheidt, Forestry Professor Emeritus, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas. "Since trees are a crop, they are managed on a sustainable basis."

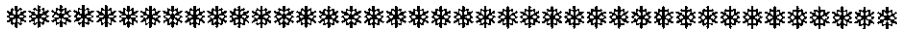
Walterscheidt explains that the harvest and consumption of a real Christmas tree triggers a complete environmentally-friendly cycle that begins with spring planting and continues through harvest and recycling. For every tree harvested, two or three seedlings are planted in its place. In planting new trees for holiday seasons seven to ten years in the future, farmers are establishing an environment that helps counteract possible greenhouse effects, produce oxygen and clean water, as well as provide a habitat for wildlife.

Using a real Christmas tree is the environmentally friendly choice. Real trees are a renewable, recyclable resource which provide many advantages to air quality, wildlife and soil.





**Anthony DeMoon/Q 101 Recognized:** When Radio Station Q101 was honored in October with the prestigious Achievement in Radio award for Best Website/Chicago Market, it was Bloomingdale's own **Anthony DeMoon** who was heralded for creating the cutting edge design and content found on Q101.com. DeMoon's talents were tapped last year to redesign the station's website and his efforts were sent into cyberspace when Q101.com was re-launched in June. Geared towards the 18-24 male market, the site includes graphics and information on music, concert calendars, movie reviews, biographies of listeners, Q & A columns and more. DeMoon has been with the station for eight years and has an extensive background in website development.

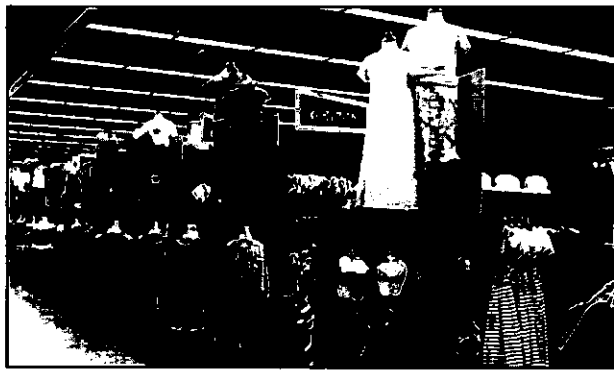


**Bloomingdale Library Staff Member Publishes Historical Article:** **Barbara Sondalle**, a staff member of the library's local History Room, was recently published in "The Review," a publication of the DuPage County Genealogical Society. Her article, entitled "Victims of the Iroquois Theatre Fire From Our Backyard," gives a brief synopsis of the 1903 Chicago disaster, as well as making the DuPage connection of several victims and survivors. Earlier this year, the Bloomingdale Public Library was given a "time capsule" of information regarding the worst theater fire in the U.S. which was then turned over to the Chicago Historical Society.



**Welcome new business:**

**Burlington Coat Factory** just opened in Stratford Square in the former Ward's store. The lower level includes outwear for entire the family, sports & formal wear, shoes & accessories, linens, bedding, home décor accessories, as well as bath & kitchen accessories. Upstairs is the Baby Depot, Burlington's baby product specialty department featuring furniture, toys, accessories and a national baby registry. Visit the website - [www.coat.com](http://www.coat.com).



**Costco Wholesale**, a warehouse Club retailer, will be opening Friday December 7 at 505 W. Army Trail Road. Costco features fresh and frozen food, bakery, health & beauty, office supplies, photo, optical, computers & electronics, apparel, jewelry, books and much more. In order to get information about membership, or to purchase a membership card, call 307-6221, or stop by the offices in front of the building on Army Trail Road, west of Gary. Visit the website - [www.costco.com](http://www.costco.com).

**Around & About Town**

**The Business Promotion and Cultural Development Committee Proudly Features  
Platt Hill Nursery**

The history behind Platt Hill nursery dates back to 1855 when Scottish immigrant David Hill founded a nursery in Dundee, IL. In the early 20th century, Hill operated over 1000 acres and was the largest evergreen grower in the world.

Following in his great-grandfather's footsteps, Platt Hill purchased the five-acre garden center in Dundee in 1980 from the family and has expanded from there. He has operated the Bloomingdale location since 1983, continually improving and enhancing to create the site as it is today.

Platt Hill Nursery is a complete garden center opened year round. They carry a wide selection of fresh and artificial Christmas trees, wreaths, poinsettias, as well as handmade kissing balls and other holiday items.

Platt Hill features homegrown nursery stock, perennials and annuals, bulbs, trees and bushes, as well as seasonal merchandise, books and gift certificates. The Bloomingdale location also offers free seminars throughout the year. Visit Platt Hill at 222 W. Lake Street. Phone number is 529-9394.

# Get Ready . . . Winter Weath

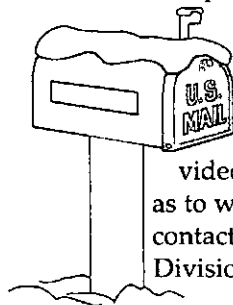
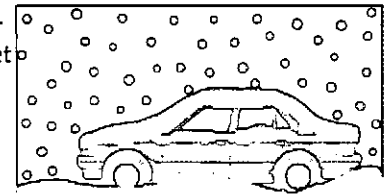


With the seasonal snowfall just around the corner, the Village Services Department, Public Works Division is ready to combat snow and ice on the 118 center lane miles of Village streets, making them safer for motorists.

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

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

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

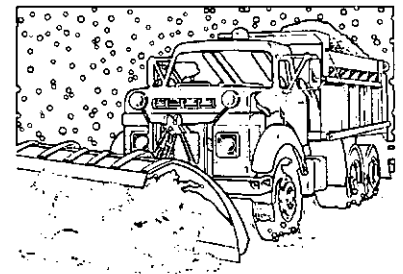


## What If a Snowplow Damages My Mailbox?

The Village will replace and/or reimburse a resident up to \$35.00 for a mailbox and post which is damaged as a result of the Village snow plow operations, provided the mailbox is installed per Village setback requirements. If you have questions as to whether or not your mailbox is in compliance with Village requirements, you may contact the Street Division of the Village Services Department or the Public Works Division at 671-5800.

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

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



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

## Who Do I Call With Questions About Snow Removal Operations?

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



# er is Just Around the Corner!

## Wintertime Words to the Wise . . .

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

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



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

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

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

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

### Additional Snow Removal Information

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

### Fire Hydrants

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

### Motorists - Stay Back Three Car Lengths

Do not follow snow plows too closely. Sometimes they stop and then back up. If you're right behind one when that happens, well . . . Give snow plows plenty of space. Also, remember driving on slick wintertime pavements is dangerous, even if they've been plowed. Take more time to get where you're going, begin slowing for stops sooner and, for heaven's sake, don't drink and then try to drive.

## Winter Phone Numbers

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

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

**Bloomingdale Fire District -  
Emergency . . . . . 911**

**Illinois Department of Transportation  
Information Line  
312-DOT-INFO  
(312-368-4636)**

Call this number for information on State roads (i.e., Lake Street)

**Division of Transportation -  
DuPage County . . . 630-682-7321**  
Call this number for information on DuPage County Roads (i.e., Army Trail Road, Bloomingdale Road, Gary Avenue, Schmale Road)

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

**Weather Information . . . 630-976-1212**





## Think Safety This Holiday Season

### While Shopping...

- ✓ Keep your purse/wallet and packages with you at all times.
- ✓ Do not leave items unattended in a shopping cart, on a counter or floor.
- ✓ Place your wallet, money, etc. in your front pocket.
- ✓ Hold your purse close to your body and keep it in front of you.
- ✓ Don't display large amounts of cash to others.
- ✓ Be alert and walk confidently.
- ✓ Try not to burden yourself with too many packages.
- ✓ Place all valuables in your trunk.
  
- ✓ Park in well-lighted areas and look around and inside your vehicle before opening it.
- ✓ Teach your children to go to a cashier if they are lost.

### At Home...

- ✓ Make your home appear occupied; use timers on lights, radio, and TV.
- ✓ Don't leave valuables near windows or in plain view for others to notice.

# Neighborhood Watch: Keep Your Holiday Season Safe and Happy!

Dear Residents of Bloomingdale,

The holidays are quickly upon us, as many of us are shopping for presents and preparing for family gatherings. During this hectic time of the year, the Bloomingdale Police Department encourages safety measures that can help ensure the protection of belongings and personal well-being as large numbers of people are out and about getting things accomplished for the holidays. While the Police Department emphasizes for its citizens to take part in their own safety and report suspicious activity and/or people, recent events have also heightened people's awareness to be alert and informed at all times.

With this in mind, the Bloomingdale Police Department is asking for your involvement in the community more than ever. Programs, such as Neighborhood Watch, Citizen Police Academies I & II, Street Smart Seniors I & II, and the Senior Citizen Advisory Council, provide a unique forum for positive interaction between services agencies and the residents. Presentations are given, information and stories are shared by all and needed lines of communication are strengthened beyond the classroom atmosphere. Many of the nation's leaders are asking the American public to work together for a common cause: the safety of our people and our communities. They have agreed that now, more than ever, is the time for citizens to get involved with neighborhood watch programs so that partnerships between residents, police/fire departments, village services, businesses, and community leaders can be established. The American Flag and the phrase "United We Stand" can be seen displayed on homes, vehicles, business windows, street poles, emergency vehicles, etc. A renewed sense of national pride has motivated many to take a stand and come together.

Families are stretched in many directions due to scheduling work, school, meetings and other activities into daily planners. Yet, it is hoped that some time could be spared to take part in worthwhile community programs in which benefits extend beyond the few hours given. Neighborhood Watch meets the third Friday every other month beginning in February (December/January no meeting is scheduled due to the Holidays).

Mickey Mantle once stated "Life is not a spectator sport...If you're going to spend your whole life in the grandstand just watching what goes on, in my opinion you're wasting precious time."

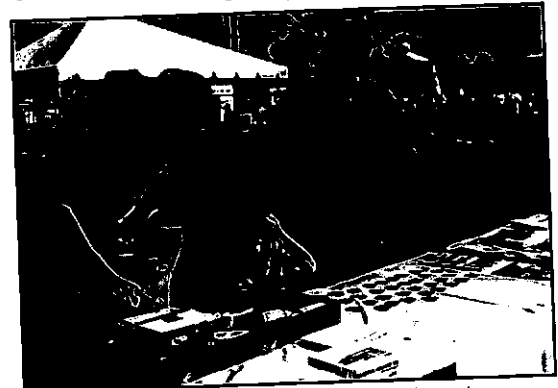
Please consider stepping up to the plate and getting involved in the game. Your efforts are needed to benefit the community as a whole. If you are interested in learning more and seeing how your involvement can make a difference, contact Detective Dawn Odoi at the Bloomingdale Police Department (630) 529-9868.

Please have a safe and healthy Holiday Season!

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



We immediately report  
 all suspicious activities  
 to our police department



*Detective Fuchs fingerprinting youngsters at Lifetime Fitness*



*Harvest Moon Magic - the Bloomingdale Police Department Senior Citizen Advisory Council Fundraiser.*

# Community Events

## Sing the Messiah

"Sing the Messiah," along with community members at 7:30 p.m. on December 21 at Lake Park East Campus, 600 S. Medinah Road. This first ever area "Do it yourself Messiah" is sponsored by the Five Star Performing Arts Community, made up of five area communities. The choir is the audience, which will be divided by voice. A 17-piece orchestra will accompany the singers. The libretto is available for purchase for \$8 at the park district and library offices in Roselle and Itasca. For more information, call Joan Stinton, 630-250-7938.

## Brunch with Santa at Indian Lakes

Indian Lakes Resort sponsors with **Brunch with Santa** at the Sedona Grille on Sundays, December 2, 9, 16 & 23. The brunch is served 10 am - 2 p.m. Adults are \$22.95 adults; 12.95 for children. Kids under 5 are free. Champagne brunch for adults; a knee-high buffet for kids. Santa will be there. Reservations are suggested. Call 529-0200 ext 6749.

## The Season of Giving

Be an Angel by joining Village of Bloomingdale in support of the **Salvation Army's Angel Tree Kids**, (ages 3 through 5) attending the Salvation Army's Emergency Lodge Headstart Childcare Program in Chicago. Angel Tree tags identifying each child's gift needs and toy desires are available at the Village Hall. Gifts need to be purchased and returned un-wrapped to the Village Hall by December 14th. Call Barb Weber at the Village Hall 671-5613 to participate.

## Park District Collecting Gifts for Marklund Residents

The Bloomingdale Park District will be helping provide gifts for **Marklund** residents. Tags with the name of the child, something about him/her and some suggested gift ideas are available in the main lobby of the Johnston Center, 172 S. Circle. Wrapped gifts, with the child's name attached, should be brought back to the park district by December 12.

## Bloomingdale Township Sponsoring Sharing Tree

The **Bloomingdale Sharing Tree**, sponsored by the Bloomingdale Township, is located at the Transportation Building on Rosedale Road. (directly north of township building). Names and wishes of local needy youngsters and residents of convalescent and nursing homes can be picked up here. Wrapped gifts need to be returned by December 14.

## "Reflections" Calendars Available

**Calendars** for the new year featuring photos from the past are on sale at the Bloomingdale Public Library for \$5. The project is a fundraiser for the Bloomingdale Historical Society to help fund programs. The next "Reflections" program will take place from 2-4 p.m. on Sunday, February 3 at the library and features a presentation about the history of Meacham Grove, the Forest Preserve area at the north end of town. Legend has it the Potawatomi Indians gathered vegetation there for food. Learn more. For information or reservation call 529-3120 ext 324.

## "Photo 2002" January 12-March 19

"Photo 2002" (formerly "Choice Pics") will be presented at the Bloomingdale Park District Museum January 12 to March 9. The exhibit is open to artists aged 18 and over. Cash awards will be given in three categories, plus best of show. For more information or an application, call Beverly at the museum at 539-3096.

## Small Works

*A National Juried Exhibit*

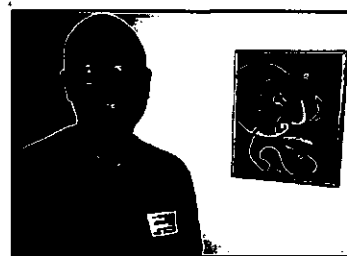
Bloomingdale Park District Museum, 108 S. Bloomingdale Road

Patrick Penney of Elmhurst (bottom photo) with his acrylic on canvas entitled "Ham."

Lois Keller of Chicago (top photo) poses with her gouache on paper entitled "Dreaming with Eyes Open."

The exhibit runs through December 15.

The museum is open Wednesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.



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# Bloomington Fire Protection District #1



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## Fire-Safety Tips for a Safe Enjoyable Holiday

*Use candles with care.*

*Keep an eye on children.*

*Select toys with safety in  
mind.*

*Choose a fresh Christmas  
tree and keep it watered.*

*Inspect decorative lights for  
damage.*

*Give space heaters space.*

*Use only nonflammable  
decorations*

*Never put wrapping paper  
in a fireplace*

*Have a Safe and  
Happy Holiday  
Season  
from the  
Men and Women  
of the  
Bloomington  
Fire Protection  
District #1*

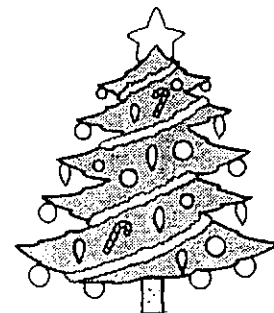
## HOLIDAY DECORATIONS

Electrical decorations and strings of lights can help brighten the holiday season, but misusing or

using damaged decorations may lead to dangerous situations—including injury from shock or fire.

The safety experts at Underwriters Laboratories Inc. (UL) and the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) encourage you to use this handy checklist when decorating your home this holiday.

- Does your live tree or greenery have fresh green needles?
- Is your tree a safe distance (at least three feet) from fireplaces, radiators, space heaters, heating vents, and other sources of heat? Is it blocking an exit?
- Do you use light strings that carry the UL Mark?
- Before plugging in newly purchased electrical decorations, or those you've used previous seasons, do you carefully inspect each decoration?
- Do you unplug light strings and electrical decorations before replacing light bulbs or fuses?
- Do you keep light strings and electrical decorations away from the reach of children?
- Do you check for red or green UL Marks on your light strings? - the green holographic UL Mark means that the light string should only be used indoors. The red holographic UL Mark indicates the light string can be used both inside and out—and can withstand conditions related to outdoor use.
- Do you turn off electrical light strings and decorations before leaving your home or going to bed?
- Have you made sure your home is equipped with working smoke detectors?
- Have you developed a fire escape plan for your household?



If you answered "yes" to all of these questions, congratulations! If you answered "no" to any of these questions, you owe it to yourself and your loved ones to correct the electrical hazards in your home.

## CANDLE CARE

Candles can add a cozy touch to the home during the holidays, but if not used carefully, they can be a serious fire hazard as well. According to the

NFPA, candles cause nearly 7000 home fires every year. These fire prevention tips from UL and the NFPA can help keep your family safe from the dangers of candles.

- Be sure to place candles in sturdy, non-combustible holders, and keep them well away from decorations and other combustible materials. Check candles frequently to make sure they don't burn down too far.
- Do not leave children unattended in a room with lit candles and always keep candles, as well as matches and lighters, out of the reach of children.
- Do not display lit candles in windows or near exits in case you need these to escape.
- Under no circumstances is it safe to use lit candles to decorate Christmas trees.



*The Bloomington Fire Protection District would like to thank those who so generously contributed to the various fund-raising events sponsored by the district. The \$43,234.80 donated was sent to the New York City Firefighter's 9-11 Disaster Relief Fund for the families of the firefighters affected by the tragedy.*

# Off the Shelf

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### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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### LIBRARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### DECEMBER

*2 Polar Express	1:00 p.m.
3 Bloomington Historical Society	7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
8 Writer's Group	9:00 - NOON
*8 Breakfast/Brunch with Santa	9:00 a.m./11:30 a.m.
11 Bloomington Seniors	11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
12 Library Board Meeting	7:30 p.m.
23	LIBRARY CLOSED
24 Christmas Eve	LIBRARY CLOSED
25 Christmas Day	LIBRARY CLOSED
26 Friends of the Library	7:30 - 9:00 p.m.
26 Writer's Group	7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
30	LIBRARY CLOSED
31 New Year's Eve	LIBRARY CLOSED

#### JANUARY

1 New Year's Day	LIBRARY CLOSED
2 Registration for Youth Services' Winter Programs Begin	
7 Bloomington Historical Society	7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
8 Bloomington Seniors	11:00 - 3:00 p.m.
9 Library Board Meeting	7:30 p.m.
10 Writer's Group Steering Committee	7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
12 Writer's Group	9:00 - Noon
14 Youth Services' Winter Programs Begin	
16 Bloomington Garden Club	1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
*17 Adult Program - Cleopatra of Egypt	7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
*17 Book Discussion	7:30 p.m.
23 Writer's Group	7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
23 Friends of the Library	7:30 p.m.
*24 Adult Program - Lyric Opera	7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
*29 Adult Program - Let's Create Candles	11:00 - 12:30 p.m.
*29 YS Program - January Jumble	4:30 - 5:30 p.m.
31 Writer's Workshop	7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

\*Registration required (630-529-3120).

### People Educating People (PEP) Volunteer Program

People Educating People (PEP) at College of DuPage is seeking more volunteer tutor-aides for English as a Second Language (ESL), literacy and Adult Basic Education math classes. Day and evening assignments are available at the Bloomington Town Square location. A 14-hour training is required. The next series for ESL and reading class tutors will be Feb. 3, 10 and 17. Call Ruta at (630) 942-3794 for more information.

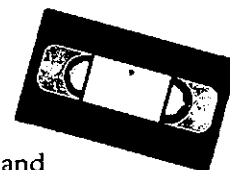


### Upcoming Holiday Hours



<u>Sunday, December 23, 2001</u>	Library closed
<u>Monday, December 24, 2001</u>	Library closed
<u>Tuesday, December 25, 2001</u>	Library closed
<u>Wednesday, December 26, 2001</u>	9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
<u>Thursday, December 27, 2001</u>	9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
<u>Friday, December 28, 2001</u>	9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
<u>Saturday, December 29, 2001</u>	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
<u>Sunday, December 30, 2001</u>	Library closed
<u>Monday, December 31, 2001</u>	Library closed
<u>Tuesday, January 1, 2001</u>	Library closed

### Feature Film/DVD Reserves



Bloomington cardholders may now reserve feature film videorecordings and DVDs. Patrons will be called when the title becomes available and will have until the close of the next business day to pick up the item. No notices will be mailed. Fees of \$1.00 for each video or DVD still apply. Reserve on your own using your PIN through our online catalog or see a reference librarian for assistance.

# **WINTER PROGRAMS FOR KIDS OF ALL AGES**

## **REGISTRATION INFORMATION/REQUIREMENTS FOR WINTER PROGRAMS**

In-person registration begins at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 2, 2002. Phone-in registration will be accepted after 10:00 a.m. that same day at (630) 529-3120 ext. 332. Please have your library card when you register.

Child must be specified age or grade level by the day of the program.

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

All programs, except Bedtime Stories require registration.

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

*Programming begins the week of January 14, 2002*

*Programming ends the week of April 1, 2002*

### **STORYTIMES**

*Programs for Newborns through Preschoolers  
Registered storytimes are limited to Bloomingdale Public Library cardholders only.*

#### **BABY TALK** (Birth-15 months)

**Wednesdays, January 16 - April 3, 2002**  
9:30 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.



Baby Talk is a language enrichment program in which nursery rhymes, songs, fingerplays, and books are shared with babies and their parents or caregivers. The program is designed to engage parents and children in a bonding experience while allowing participants to meet other caregivers and share information. Bring only the child that is registered. Please make other arrangements for siblings.

#### **BEYOND BABY TALK** (16 months - 23 months)

**Wednesdays, January 16 - April 3, 2002**  
11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Beyond Baby Talk is a transition class designed to prepare Baby Talk graduates for Toddler Time. Children and their parents or caregivers will enjoy nursery rhymes, songs, and finger plays in addition to a story or flannelboard. Bring only the child that is registered. Please make other arrangements for siblings.

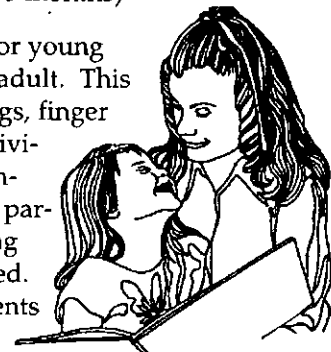
### **TODDLER TIME** (24 months - 35 months)

**Tuesdays, January 15 - April 2, 2002**

10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. (24 - 29 months)

11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. (30 - 35 months)

Toddler Time is a storytime for young children accompanied by an adult. This program features stories, songs, finger plays, action rhymes, and activities. Adults should wear comfortable clothing, so they can participate with their child. Bring only the child that is registered. Please make other arrangements for siblings.



### **Do You Know Any New Or Expectant Parents?**

***Make sure their babies are BORN TO READ!***

In order to promote the importance of reading to babies, the Bloomingdale Public Library is offering BORN TO READ packets to new parents in Bloomingdale. The new baby and its family will receive a congratulatory



packet that will include a certificate for a free board book. If you, or anyone you know, is a new or soon-to-be parent, and would like to receive this service, please call the Library's Youth Services Desk at 529-3120 ext. 332.

## Youth Services Department

# PROGRAMS FOR KIDS OF ALL AGES

## STORYTIMES (continued)

### PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR (ages 3 - 5)

**Mondays, January 14 - April 1, 2002**

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

**Tuesdays, January 15 - April 2, 2002**

(See *Bedtime Stories*)

7:00 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.

**Wednesdays, January 16 - April 3, 2002**

2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**Thursdays, January 17 - April 4, 2002**

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Preschool Story Hour includes a variety of book sharing, flannelboards, videos, filmstrips, musical activities, and crafts. In order to foster the child's independence, parents and siblings are asked to remain outside the program area during the story hour.

## BEDTIME STORIES (All ages)

**Tuesdays, January 15 - April 2, 2002**

7:00 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.

Bedtime Stories is designed to serve families with babies, toddlers and preschoolers who are unable to attend daytime sessions. **FEEL FREE TO COME IN YOUR PAJAMAS. NO REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR THIS PROGRAM.**



## School Age Special Programs

### JANUARY JUMBLE (K - 2nd grades)

**Tuesday, January 29**

4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Come to our January Jumble where we'll make fabulous February crafts. February is so full of fantastic holidays we thought we'd get a jumpstart. Be sure to join us on the 29th for a fantasy of fun February crafts. *This program is limited to Bloomingdale Public Library cardholders only.*

### CREATIVE COLLAGES (3rd - 5th grades)

**Wednesday, February 6**

4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Plan to join us as we share Eric Carle books and become inspired by his unique artwork. We will learn about how he creates his books and we will create our own tissue paper collages in his style. *This program is limited to Bloomingdale Public Library cardholders only.*

## Holiday Video Special

To wish you a happy holiday there will be no video or DVD fees from December 19, 2001 through January 2, 2002. Three videos and three DVDs per card may be checked out during this period.



## Winter Reading Programs

Winter Reading Programs start on the day you register and end on Saturday, February 23. (Registration begins on Wednesday, January 2). **PLEASE REGISTER IN PERSON TO GET YOUR MATERIALS.**

### "READERS BREAK RECORDS"

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

Families keep track of the reading and listening time on the log provided at registration, beginning January 2. **Turn in completed reading log to the Youth Services Reference Desk between January 14 and February 23 to enter the PRIZE DRAWING.** Sign up in person during regular program registration.

### "READ TO SUCCEED"

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

Participants in this reading program have the chance to win exciting prizes such as Chicago Wolves merchandise! Register in person beginning January 2. **Turn in completed reading log to the Youth Services Reference Desk between January 14 and February 23 to enter the PRIZE DRAWING.**

## Adult Services Department **WINTER ADULT PROGRAMS**

*All programs are free of charge but require registration which should be made by calling the Reference Desk at 529-3120, ext. 324.*

### Lyric Opera Lecture Series #5 HANSEL AND GRETEL

Sunday, December 16, 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

**THIS PROGRAM WILL BE HELD AT THE ITASCA COMMUNITY LIBRARY AS PART OF A JOINT PROJECT.**

Following the traditional tale made famous by the Brothers Grimm, Humperdinck's *Hansel and Gretel* remains one of the most popular operas. In fact, Richard Strauss (*Der Rosenkavalier*) was so impressed and enchanted by the opera, he conducted the first public performance. The opera is full of tunes you will recognize - but remember, the Brothers Grimm usually lived up to their name, and the staging of this famous fable is "filled with fabulous images and disturbing ideas."

And while the tale has been told and retold through the years, the opera is not recommended for children. This lecture will be at Itasca Community Library but please call the Bloomingdale Adult Services desk to register.



### CLEOPATRA OF EGYPT - AN EXHIBIT PREVIEW LECTURE

Thursday, January 17, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Join Michelle Paluch-Mishur for this interactive slide lecture which will focus on images of the Egyptian queen Cleopatra, one of the most fascinating women from ancient history. This preview is based on the exhibition, "Cleopatra of Egypt: From History to Myth", on display through March 2, 2002 at the Field Museum. The artworks discussed will range from sculptures created during Cleopatra's lifetime and works that give insight into the life of this great political figure. The lecture will also deal with how Cleopatra's image continued to be a fruitful subject in art history beyond the ancient world. The Field Museum will be the only North American venue for this exhibition. Please call the Adult Services desk to register.

**On Sunday Feb. 3, 2002 at 2:00 p.m., the Bloomingdale Historical Society will host a special DuPage County Forest Preserve presentation on Meacham Grove. For info or registration, please call (630) 529-3120 ext 324.**

### Lyric Opera Lecture Series #6 LA BOHEME

Sunday, January 20, 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

**THIS PROGRAM WILL BE HELD AT THE ITASCA COMMUNITY LIBRARY AS PART OF A JOINT PROJECT**

On Christmas eve in Paris, Mimi, a poor seamstress in fragile health, and Rodolfo, an equally poor poet, fall in love. At a café, Rodolfo introduces Mimi to his three roommates. One of them, Marcello, encounters his former flame, Musetta. These two reunite and are living together when Mimi comes to beg Marcello to help her. She cannot live with Rodolfo's constant jealousy but she loves him and he loves her. In the meantime, Musetta and Marcello are not getting along and separate. Mimi and Rodolfo stay together until Spring. It is while the two men are lamenting their lost loves that Musetta brings the dying Mimi to Rodolfo for her final moments. Join our Lyric Opera lecturer as she takes us through this Puccini classic. Please call the Adult Services desk to register.

### Lyric Opera Lecture Series #7 PARSIFAL

Thursday, January 24, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Join us for another interactive lecture of Wagner's *Parsifal*, the composer's last and most controversial opera. He dug into German and Christian legends and, in his inimitable fashion, created in *Parsifal* an allegory on the conflict between Christianity and paganism, good and evil, light and dark, physical passion and spiritual abstinence. It is rich in allusions and symbolism. Despite the difficulties of its layered literary trappings, obscure references, and daunting length, *Parsifal's* movingly lyrical music well rewards the intrepid opera-goer who is up to the challenge. Wagner's overture, with drum rolls, brass fanfares, ethereal strings, and his long-lined themes, sets a grand and serious tone. A hero must be found, according to prophesy, one who is innocent and ignorant of evil. Parsifal arrives on the scene and survives both seduction and aggression, to finally bring redemption to the good guys. There is, then, a focused plot line and an interesting group of characters, each reflecting a different aspect of the conflicts between good and evil, faith and faithlessness, all glued together with the powerful density of Wagner's music. Please register at the Adult Services desk.



## Adult Services Department **WINTER ADULT PROGRAMS**

### Let's Create Candles

Tuesday, January 29, 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Sign up quickly for this fun, hands-on craft program and make your own colorful, layered candle. Artist Tobi Abrams will be here to show how to make your own unique design. All materials will be provided and the class is free. Class size is limited to 25 persons and preference will be given to Bloomingdale library card holders. Please call the Adult Services desk to register.

### Get the Facts on Buying a Home

Tuesday, February 5, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Take this opportunity to talk to a realtor, a loan officer and an attorney and get the facts about buying a home. They will address such questions as where one should

start when buying a home, what to expect for out-of-pocket expenses and much more. If you're thinking about buying a new home, don't let this opportunity pass you by. Register for this class by calling the Adult Services desk.

### Not Paying for College

Tuesday, February 12, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Joseph Orsolini of Capital Securities Investment Corporation will be at the library to present his program, "Not Paying for College: Maximizing Chances for College Aid". He will address such issues as the college aid application process, determining need, long-term strategies for aid maximization and the new 529 plans. This program could prove very informative for anyone sending children to college. Please plan to join us. Register by calling the Adult Services desk.

### Reserve Future Bestsellers

These forthcoming December and January titles may be reserved now. Stop by or call the Adult Services desk at 529-3120, ext. 324.

Ken Follett - *Jackdaws*

William Bernhardt - *Natural Suspect*

Jayne Ann Krentz - *Smoke in Mirrors*

Lillian Jackson Braun - *The Cat Who Went Up the Creek*

Nora Roberts - *Heaven and Earth*

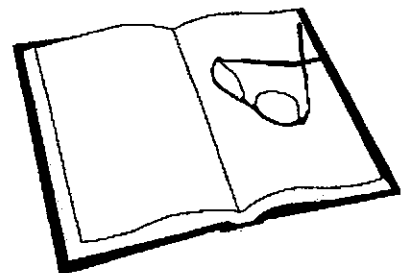
Dean Koontz - *One Door Away From Heaven*

Rosamund Pilcher - *Starting Over*

Catherine Coulter - *Pendragon*

Carl Hiaasen - *Basket Case*

Mary Higgins Clark and Carol Higgins Clark - *He Sees You While You're Sleeping*



### ADOPT-A-MAGAZINE

The Bloomingdale Public Library is conducting its annual Adopt-A-Magazine drive to help maintain and expand the periodicals collection. If you would be interested in making a financial donation for the collection, please contact Peggy Carlson at 529-3120 ext. 328 for more information and a list of suggested magazine titles.

*Thanks*

### UPCOMING ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION

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

January 17 -

*The Iceweaver*  
by Margaret Lawrence

February 21 -

*Drowning Ruth*  
by Christina Schwartz



Copies of the selections will be available at the Reference Desk approximately one month prior to the discussion. New members are always welcome!

# Computer Lab Offers Instruction on the Internet, Popular Computer Programs for Adults & Seniors

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*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 Bloomingdale will be placed in the class (if space is available). Non-Residents will automatically 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.*

## Intermediate Microsoft Word

Wednesday, December 5th, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

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

## Understanding Your Computer 2

Wednesday, December 12th, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

Class will cover more advanced Windows topics such as changing settings, manipulating/customizing toolbars, properties screens and basic troubleshooting. (Having taken "Understanding Your Computer 1" or equivalent experience is strongly recommended.)

## Introduction to Microsoft Excel

Wednesday, December 19th, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

This class will cover the basic concepts creating and using spreadsheets. (Having taken "Introduction to using Microsoft Word" or equivalent experience is recommended.)

## Intermediate Excel

Wednesday, January 9th, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

This class covers more advanced topics in Excel such as formulas, graphs and linking between multiple worksheets. (Having taken "Introduction to Microsoft Excel" or equivalent experience is recommended.)

## Using Search Engines

Monday, January 14, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Instructor: Karen

This class focuses on the use of search engines in retrieving information on the Internet. Participants will become familiar with the capabilities of several search engines and will also be introduced to search strategies and evaluation techniques. Those taking this class should have basic mouse and keyboard abilities and a basic understanding of how to navigate the Internet. Having taken "Introduction to the Internet and E-mail" is recommended.

## Understanding Your Computer 3

Wednesday, January 16th, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

The final session of Understanding Your Computer will cover more advanced hardware topics. Learning to install, remove, and update components of the computer will be covered as well as understanding the basics of how they work. Understanding device drivers and why they're important will be covered. (Having taken "Understanding Your Computer 1 & 2" is strongly recommended.)

## Introduction to Microsoft Access

Wednesday, January 23rd, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

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

## Databases at Home and at the Library

Thursday, January 24, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Instructor: Julie

Have you ever had an urgent question that needed to be answered, but the Library was closed? Thanks to Bloomingdale Public Library's subscription databases, many of your questions can be answered from your own home, at any time of the day or night. Discover how to search General Reference Center Gold, Business and Company Resource Center, and Health and Wellness Resource Center and learn the "tricks of the trade" to help you uncover the information you need. Those taking the class should have basic mouse and keyboard abilities, and have a basic understanding of how to navigate the Internet.

## Advanced Microsoft Word

Saturday, January 26th, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

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



# Bloomington Park District

*We're right around the corner!*

## Winter/Spring 2002 Program Guide Coming Soon!

Watch your mailbox for the Park District's seasonal program guide. The guide is getting ready to hit the streets of Bloomington just in time for the holidays. Be sure to also check out our website at [bloomingtonparks.org](http://bloomingtonparks.org) as it will reflect a new look for the changing season. Look for your program guide complete with the Park Bench newsletter in mid December, and remember you will also find them at area locations such as the Village and Library for your convenience.



## Online Registration begins January 11!



In a hurry? Don't have time to stop by the park district between work and dinner time? That's ok! Beginning January 11, you will be able to register for your favorite park district programs from the comfort of your own home online at

[www.bloomingtonparks.org](http://www.bloomingtonparks.org)! Browse through the complete listing of programs, special events, and register for whatever you choose!

## Added Class Time: Intro to Preschool

A new class time had been added for preschoolers who do not meet the Sept. 1st age requirement for Tiny Tots. Children in the Intro program will be introduced to the school experience through a variety of activities. Class time features group activities, story time, snack time, simple craft projects, circle time, singing and free play. The main focus of the program is socialization, group interaction and following directions. Register now for Intro to Preschool on Tuesdays and Thursdays 12:30-2:30pm in Preschool B at the Johnston Recreation Center. Children must be 2-1/2 years old and toilet trained to participate in this class.

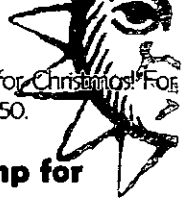
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## E-mail Santa!

Yes, even Santa is online! He's waiting to hear from children ages 3-8 this Christmas! The Bloomington Park District is helping Santa by giving him his own e-mail address that he can use from the North Pole. Just write your name, age and email address and then send Santa a nice letter telling him all about yourself, your family, your pets and school! Don't forget to let him know what you want for Christmas and what your special Christmas wishes are. Children are invited to email Santa by going to the Bloomington Park District website at [www.bloomingtonparks.org](http://www.bloomingtonparks.org) and clicking on "Send Email to Santa" on the home page. Hurry and email your letters because Santa will only take



emails until December 22, so he can get ready for Christmas! For more information call the Park District at 529-3650.



## Register Now for Kids' Place Camp for Winter Break

Camp is here for winter break! Sign up for one day or the entire session at the JRC. Activities include games, crafts, open gym, special events, trips, cooking and more fun than you can imagine. Students need to bring a lunch and drink each day and make sure to wear gym shoes. Camp is from 8:30-3:30 each day. Before and after camp extended care is available. Registration Deadline: December 13

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| <b>Wednesday, 12/26</b> | <b>A Christmas Carol at Drury Lane Trip</b>  |
| <b>Thursday, 12/27</b>  | <b>Bowling &amp; Old Country Buffet Trip</b> |
| <b>Friday, 12/28</b>    | <b>Beach Party</b>                           |
| <b>Monday, 12/31</b>    | <b>Kids' Express</b>                         |
| <b>Wednesday, 1/2</b>   | <b>Mini Golf Trip</b>                        |
| <b>Thursday, 1/3</b>    | <b>Winter Craft Bonanza</b>                  |
| <b>Friday, 1/4</b>      | <b>Swimming at Waterworks Trip</b>           |

Call the Park District for fees at 529-3650.

## Indoor Track Expanded Hours

The indoor track at Westfield gym is now open weekdays from 5:30am to 8:00am and 4:00 pm to 9:45pm. All persons using the indoor track must have a photo ID pass. Passes can be purchased at the gym office at Westfield School. For more details, call 529-3650.



**Indoor Track Pass Fee: \$5.00/R \$20.00/NR**

**Hours: Weekdays: 5:30am - 8am; 4pm to 9:45pm**  
**Saturday 8am to 1pm**  
**Sunday 8am to Noon**

## AT THE MUSEUM...

### PHOTO 2002

**January 12-March 9, 2001**

Get ready for our annual juried photography show (formerly known as "Choice Pics")! View the black and white, color, and digital photographs of talented area artists. Cash awards and ribbons will be awarded to the winners in each category, including digital! Admission is free. The Opening Reception for the show is Saturday, January 12, 5-8pm. Entry forms are available at the Museum and the Park District Office.

**Drop-off Dates at the Museum: (deadline for entries):**

**Thursday, Jan. 3 4:00-8:00pm**  
**Friday, Jan. 4 10:00-2:00pm**  
**Saturday, Jan. 5 10:00-2:00pm**

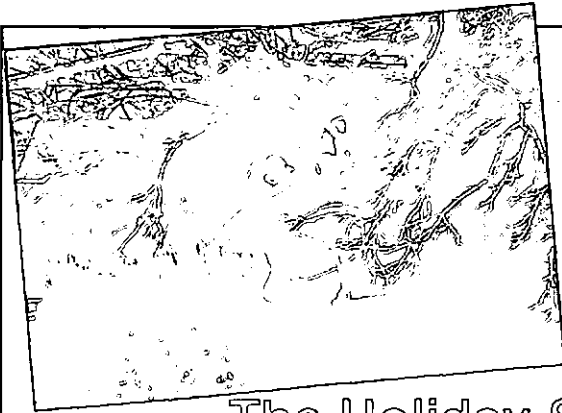
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