

Village of Bloomingdale Almanac

June 2001

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Family Fun at Family Fest!!!

by Adeline Dobbins

Bloomingdale's 13th annual Family Fest will begin Thursday, June 21 and run through Sunday, June 24 at the corner of Lake Street and Springfield Drive. Everyone is invited to four days of fun, food and entertainment.

Fest hours will be 6-10 p.m. Thursday and 1-11 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Thursday's festivities will begin six o'clock on the dot at the Carousel Stage where everybody's favorite DJ *Mike Lettieri*, of M&R Music, Inc., will provide a variety of crowd-pleasing music, special shows, games and an introduction for Thursday's featured entertainer stilt walker-balloonist *Frank Birdsall*.

The Garden Stage will be rockin' from 7-10 p.m. as *Johnny Star and the Meteors* confirm that rock 'n' roll music from the 50's and 60's has not lost its appeal. Then Neil Diamond impersonator, Bloomingdale's very own *Michael Palmisano*, will join the band. His performance will leave no one doubting that Diamond's music will endure—forever.

Windy City Amusements, Inc. will light up the Midway with exciting carnival rides & games for the whole family, and bounteous good eats will be served up by a cornucopia of food and beverage vendors.

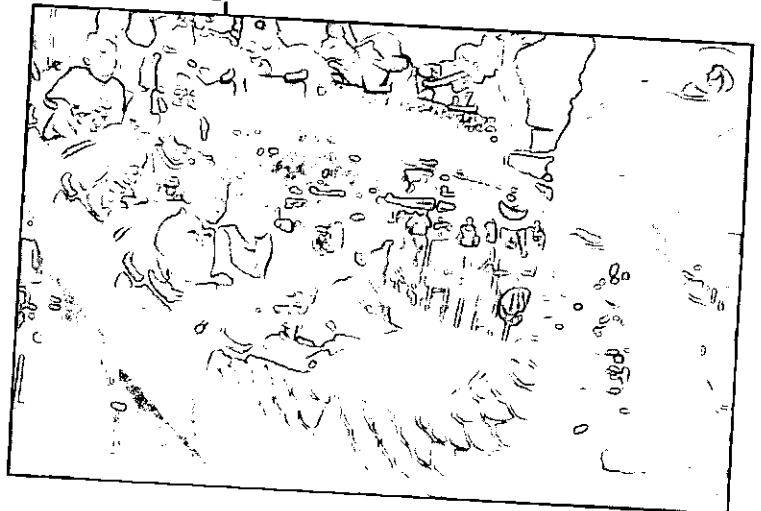
Advance ride tickets can be purchased for a discounted price at the Village Hall and the Public Library until June 20th. A sheet of 40 tickets is \$20, a \$30 value. This is only available until June 20th. Please contact the Public Library at 529-3120 for more information.

A full schedule of Family Fest activities will start on Friday June 22 and continue through Sunday—1-11 p.m.

Each day will bring more fun for children of all ages. In addition to carnival rides and games along the Midway, everyone will delight in the variety of things to do at the Carousel Stage. And, the Children's Activities Tent will host all sorts of activities each day as well, including The Vertical Challenge, a 24-foot high climbing wall, which will be operating on Saturday from 1-5 p.m.

Animal Entertainments will present its wondrous Exotic Petting Zoo, along with pig races—five times each day—and continuous camel and pony rides.

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**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**

3rd 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

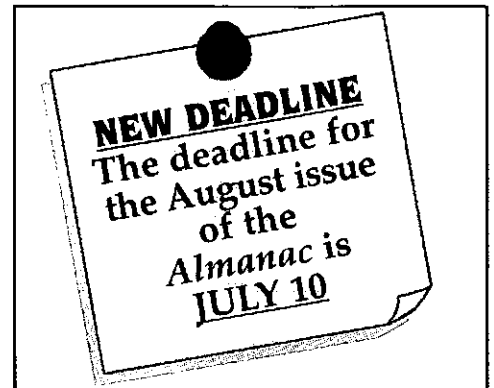
**We'd like to hear from you:
Please note our website
address --**

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



VILLAGE.BLOOMINGDALE@world-net.att.net

**Our website address is:
www.vil.bloomingtondale.il.us**



Village Officials Take Office



Following the April election, Village officials were sworn in by Judge Louis Rathje, whose ancestors played an important part in Bloomingdale history. Pictured left to right: Village Clerk Susan Bartucci, Trustee Jim Gebis, Mayor Bob Iden, Rathje, Trustees Patrick DeMoon & Judi Von Huben.

Upper left photo inset: Tony Mulizio was honored by the Village Board for his eight years of dedicated service as Village Trustee.

Q&A

About Cable TV Service And Rates

When the Village of Bloomingdale was originally served with Cable TV in 1983, it was under a franchise agreement between the Village and MetroVision. For the first couple of years, rates were regulated by the franchising authority, i.e. the Village.

Then, in 1986, Federal legislation changed the way rates were regulated, in fact, all local authority was taken away. In 1992, a new Cable Act was passed by Congress, and gave some basic, minimal control to the Village. That applies only to the basic rate, not the enhanced or expanded basis service, and not to any premium services. The village reviews rate adjustments annually for compliance to make sure that the cable company is abiding by the law.

Aside from legislation, we have also seen changes in the cable companies. First, Time Warner bought out MetroVision. Then, AT&T Broadband bought the Time Warner Cable franchise and system, but not the whole Time Warner company.

A number of residents have contacted us recently and asked some questions. A summary of those is presented here for general information.

WHY DON'T WE HAVE ANOTHER CABLE COMPANY TO CHOOSE FROM? Our franchise agreement for Cable has never been an exclusive arrangement, nor is it now. If another company came to us asking for a franchise, we would certainly talk to them. Whether we would grant such a franchise would depend on the quality of the company and their ability to perform.

WHY DO SOME TOWNS HAVE MORE THAN ONE CABLE CHOICE, AND BLOOMINGDALE DOES NOT? Ameritech, through their Americast subsidiary, started to get into the cable business a few years ago. They installed and are operating some systems, such as in Glendale Heights. Just when we started to talk with them about a franchise, Ameritech was purchased by SBC. The new parent company chose not to be in the cable business, so they ended the discussions. While we would be willing to look at a new franchise, with the high costs of installing a cable system, and sharing the revenue with an existing system, it is somewhat unlikely that another traditional cable system will be in our future.

WHAT ARE OUR OPTIONS? For now, the options are limited to the dish systems, or traditional antennas. New technology might provide other options in the future.

TO WHOM DO I COMPLAIN ABOUT AT&T'S SERVICE? Naturally, we would suggest that complaints go first to the company. After that, please notify Dan Wennerholm, Village Administrator, at the Village Hall, 671-5610. We also hold a public hearing each year in the fall regarding the performance of the cable company. The date for this year's hearing has not yet been set, but please contact us at the village hall for up-to-date information.

WHY DO THE RATES KEEP GOING UP? This question is best answered by AT&T, but for the most part, the answers we have received are related to the cost of upgrading and maintaining the system, along with providing the programming.

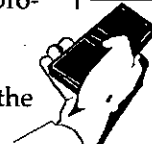
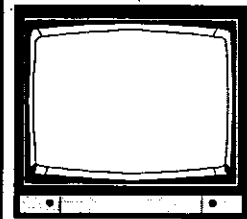
WHAT CAN THE VILLAGE DO TO GET HIGH SPEED INTERNET ACCESS VIA CABLE? There is no requirement in the Cable Television Franchise agreement to provide other services, such as telephone or high speed access to the internet. We are, however, making sure that AT&T is aware that there is a market for such services, and we have been assured that they are anxious to meet that need. Depending on the location, there are wireless options for this service available in Bloomingdale.

Sidewalk Repairs Begin in June

The following areas are scheduled for sidewalk repairs, commencing in June. Repairs consist of removal/replacement or mud-jacking.

- Brookdale
- Byron
- Deer Glen
- Greenway
- Harvard
- North Suncrest
- South Suncrest
- Westlake Highlands

For more information, contact the Street Maintenance Division at 671-5800.



**SEPTEMBERFEST
VENDORS WANTED**

**29TH ANNUAL
BLOOMINGDALE
SEPTEMBERFEST**

**Saturday,
September 8, 2001
6:30 PM - 10:30 PM --
Food vendors only**

**Sunday,
September 9, 2001
10:30 AM - 5:30 PM**

\$45 per booth
Limited electricity
available --
Please inquire
if interested

A portion of the proceeds
will benefit the
Joe Draghi
Scholarship Fund for the
Ms. and Mr. Bloomingdale
Scholarship Competition

**DEADLINE FOR ENTRY IS
AUGUST 30, 2001**

For information,
write or phone:

Village of Bloomingdale
201 S. Bloomingdale Road
Bloomingdale, IL 60108
671-5614



In Memorium

The Village of Bloomingdale extends deepest sympathies to the family of Ray Friscia who passed away in April after a lengthy illness. A Village Trustee twice, a District 15 School Board Member, and most recently a Bloomingdale Township Trustee, Ray's 28 years in the Village of Bloomingdale were largely spent in the service of our community.

A board member on the Glen Oaks Hospital Foundation and a veteran of World War II, Ray had been directing his efforts toward locating a veterans' clinic here in Bloomingdale Township. He was pleased at the overwhelming response of veterans located in this area. Last month, the Bloomingdale Township petitioned the assistance of Congressman Henry Hyde to achieve the dream of a VA out-patient clinic within the township.

Ray will always be remembered for his boundless energy, his commitment to public service, his steadfast loyalty, his concern for people, his bright smile that often denoted mischief, his love for Bloomingdale, and his hopes for its future.

**Support the 29th Anniversary celebration
Be a Friend of Septemberfest!**

This is the eighth year that the Septemberfest Commission is promoting "Friends of Septemberfest" to encourage Bloomingdale residents to support the Joe Draghi Scholarship Fund to benefit the Ms. and Mr. Bloomingdale Scholarship Competition. Individuals donating \$10 or more will be listed on the donor signage at Septemberfest under the "Friends" heading.

To become a "Friend," fill out the form below and mail it to the Village Hall. Donations must be received by August 24 to be included on the donor sign.

FRIEND OF SEPTEMBERFEST

YES! Count me in as a Friend of Septemberfest. I want to ensure that Ms. and Mr. Bloomingdale and their court will continue to receive scholarships for their continuing education.

Name (as you wish it to be listed) _____

Address _____

(daytime phone) _____

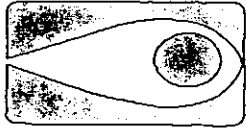
(evening phone) _____

I am enclosing a check for \$10 \$25 other

Mail your check or money order made payable to Septemberfest 2001 to:
Friends of Septemberfest, c/o Village of Bloomingdale, 201 S. Bloomingdale Road,
Bloomingdale, IL 60108.

Neighborhood Watch: Keeping You and the Community Safe!

WELCOME
Bloomingdale is a
CRIME WATCH
COMMUNITY



We immediately report
all suspicious activities
to our police department

The Neighborhood Watch Program is a cooperative effort between the residents of Bloomingdale and the Bloomingdale Police Department to help reduce burglary, vandalism, and other neighborhood crimes. Its operational objectives are to disseminate information to homeowners on how to protect themselves, their property and their community; to establish communication and helpful relationships between neighbors; and to create real and psychological restraints for criminals.

Neighborhood Watch goes beyond the concept of securing your own home. It means caring about your neighbors, being aware of who is in the neighborhood, and what is happening. It also means calling the police and your neighbors if you see suspicious people, vehicles, or activity. It gives you and your neighbors a greater sense of security when you know someone cares.

As criminals become aware of areas having Neighborhood Watch groups, they avoid them and move on to other neighborhoods because they know that the residents are alert and will report their activities to the police.

Awareness and **Involvement** are the keys to a successful Neighborhood Watch program -- keeping interest high and continuing the group's crime prevention education must be a primary focus for all participants. Through involvement, residents can take significant steps to deter, delay or detect burglaries, thus making Bloomingdale a safer place to live.

The Bloomingdale Neighborhood Watch Program has general meetings every other month on the third Friday of the month. (The third Friday of the following months: February, April, June, August, October).

Programs presented so far this year have included information about child sex offender registration procedures, as well as the ways to obtain the offender listings. Attendees also saw demonstrations by the three of the seven DuPage County Sheriff's Department Canine Units and their Deputy handlers. These were Astor and Tyrant, German Shepherds from the Canine Explosive Unit and Canine Patrol/ Narcotics Division, and Hunter, a bloodhound which tracks and locates missing persons.

May's meeting provided information on the dangers of inhalant abuse, which is a problem on the rise. Our next meeting dates are the following:

Friday, August 17, 2001 7:30 p.m.
Friday, October 20, 2001 7:30 p.m.

Topics to be announced. Please join us for these presentations and discussion opportunities about current and relevant topics for our community.

Any questions or concerns, Detective Dawn Odoi at 529-9868.

Enjoy the summer!
Be safe!



Police Officer Applications Now Available

Applications packages for police officer are available at the Bloomingdale Police Department. A \$15 non-refundable fee will be charged per application package. Completed applications must be returned by 4:30 p.m. on June 22, 2001. Attendance at an orientation meeting on Saturday, July 7 is mandatory. For more information call Irene Jones at 671-5610.



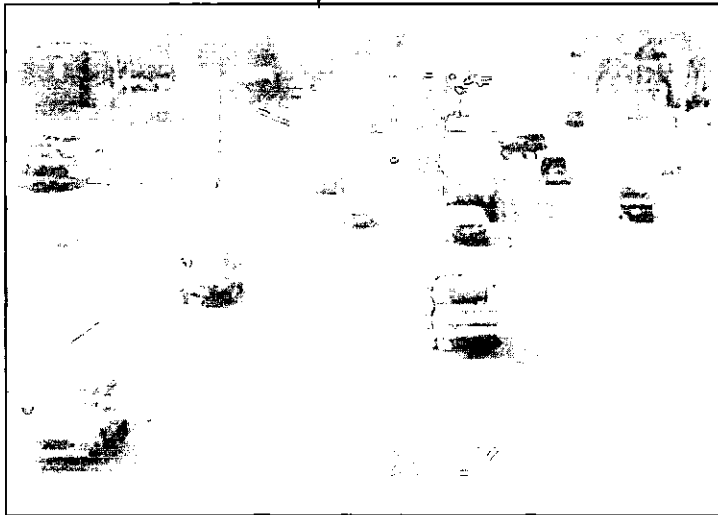
Deputy Kirt Feinstein and Hunter

Army Trail Road Construction Underway

The DuPage County Highway Department began Army Trail Road Widening Improvements (84 Court to Schmale Road) on March 15, 2001. The expected construction completion date is June 30, 2002. Phase I has been moving along well and should be completed in June, 2001, weather permitting.

Phase Two – July/August 2001 to November 2001 (weather permitting) will consist of the following:

- Squeeze traffic onto the south side of Army Trail Road.
- Squeeze traffic onto the west side of Gary Avenue.
- Create a work zone on the north side of the road.
- Maintain two lanes of traffic in each direction.
- Maintain left turn lanes.



Army Trail Road and Gary Avenue looking west.

Army Trail Road is targeted to be closed at the CP-IC railroad crossing of Army Trail Road (west of Gary Avenue) during the period of July 7, 2001 to July 15, 2001. The DuPage County Highway Department is planning to detour traffic via County Farm Road, Schick Road, and Gary Avenue.

Temporary traffic signals have been erected and energized. For your safety and the safety of the construction workers, please use extreme caution while driving in the work zone and obey all construction and work zone signage. Please observe new work zone speed limits, as posted.

The DuPage County Highway Department contact is Kent Kuper, Senior Civil Engineer 682-7318. The Village of Bloomingdale contact for the DuPage County Highway project is Jim Monkemeyer, Assistant Director of Village Services 671-5692.

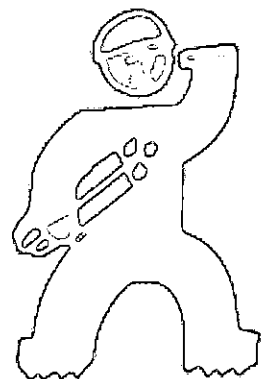
Did you
know . . .

The Village
contracts street
sweeping
services.
Streets with
curb and gutter
are cleaned
periodically
May
through
November.

Sewer Problems?

If you are experiencing sewer problems, please call Village Services - Utilities Water Distribution at 671-5830. We will send a technician to inspect and determine the problem at no charge to you. If the problem exists within the Village sewer system, the Village will correct the problem at no charge.

If the problem exists in the resident's service line, the Village has the expertise to offer possible solutions. The Village also offers a 50/50 cleanout program for private properties. For further information, call 671-5830.



Was the Winter Hard on Your Street or Parkway?

Public Works Maintenance Streets restores damaged parkways resulting from snow and ice control vehicle damage. If you have a damaged parkway, please call 671-5800

Public Works inspects and fills potholes throughout the year. If you notice a location needing repair call 671-5800.

Our featured business:

The Pickle Piano Company

The Bloomingdale Business Promotion & Cultural Development Committee will be selecting a local business or two to highlight in the Almanac every issue. This issue features Pickle Piano Company.

The Pickle Piano Company was founded in 1988 by Roselle resident Matt Bechteler, a former concert pianist and professional organist and choir director. The staff of Pickle Piano understands the languages of classical music and insures the finest in tonal voicing, regulation, tuning, restoration, refinishing and PianoDisc installation.

The company is one of the leading specialists in restoration of vintage pianos, but also has great beginner pianos, new and reconditioned, as well as digital pianos. Pickle Piano is located at 104 W. Lake Street in Old Town. Call 847-PICKLES or 894-2992 to learn more about this most unique Bloomingdale business.



Members of the Bloomingdale Garden Club recently brought centerpieces to Lexington Health Care of Bloomingdale to brighten the dining room tables for spring. The centerpieces were handcrafted of silk pansies and other brightly colored florals.

Bloomingdale Historical Society Seeking Donations To Replace Civil War Gravestones

The Bloomingdale Historical Society has begun a project to identify and replace the gravestones of Civil War veterans buried in St. Paul/ Evergreen Cemetery. The initial plan is to replace five headstones, with others to follow, as the veterans are identified.

There are about 20 Civil War veteran graves identified in the cemetery to date, although not all the headstones need to be replaced.

The community is invited to participate through a \$5 or \$10 sponsorship. Sponsorship will help defray costs of the project, as well as allow citizens the opportunity to say "Thank you, you are not forgotten."

to our Civil War soldiers. The Historical Society is pleased the project will be assisted by Philip H. Sheridan, Camp 2, Department of Illinois, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

The ceremony is tentatively scheduled for Spring, 2002. For more information, contact Bob Kurek at 894-0045

YES, I/we want to support the Bloomingdale Historical Society Gravestone Restoration Project.

_____ \$10.00 I/we wish to sponsor a soldier on the program

_____ \$5.00 I/we wish to be listed as a "Friend" on the program

Name _____

Address _____ Daytime phone _____

Please make checks out to Bloomingdale Historical Society, with a notation "Gravestone Project." Mail to:

Bob Kurek
203-D College
Bloomingdale, IL 60108

Funds will be used to obtain military and pension records, gravestone replacement, cemetery costs, program and ceremonial expenses, and incidental costs in seeing that all Civil War veterans buried in St. Paul/ Evergreen Cemetery are located, recognized and honored for their part in preserving the Union between 1861-1865.



Fun, Food & Family Entertainment at Family Fest

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For those looking for a place to sit down, relax, and enjoy a friendly game, The Village Vocal Chords once again will sponsor the Bingo Tent on Friday, 6-11 p.m., and on Saturday and Sunday from 5-11 p.m.

The Business Tent, featuring local commercial exhibitors, will be open at various times throughout the Fest.

A filled-to-the-brim musical entertainment schedule will begin on Friday from 6:30-8:00 p.m. when the Garden Stage will host *The Nightshift Band*. This variety show band's repertoire virtually spans the 20th century, from the jazz stylings of big band music, through rock 'n' roll classics of the 50's and 60's, to disco & rock of the 70's, and up to the contemporary hits of today. They will return to the Garden Stage—following the main stage show—until 11 p.m.

The Main Stage will present *Foghat* at 8:30 p.m. This band's roots go back to the second generation British blues-rock scene, where they were contemporaries of Led Zeppelin and Cream.

Saturday afternoon's opening act on the Garden Stage will be *Stardust*. This trio of female vocalists will present a fast-paced show that cascades through dreamy harmonies reminiscent of

three famous sister acts of the 30's and 40's—Boswell, Andrews and McGuire—from 1:30-4:30 p.m. Then, from 6:30-8:00 p.m., and again following the Main Stage show until 11 p.m., *Off the Record* will rock that Garden Stage with a solid mix of the most current rock 'n' roll, classic rock, country and blast-from-the-past oldies.

Saturday's Main Stage headliner will be one of country and western music's rising stars, *Ty Herndon*. His performance, which begins at 8:30 p.m., will include songs from his four albums, the most recent of which, "Steam," features an energetic sound that's a little bit country and a little bit rock 'n' roll.

Sunday, from 1:30-4:30 p.m., the Garden Stage will host *The Chicago Rovers*. This trio of talented musicians got together in 1998 in order to consolidate their individual St. Patrick's Day engagements. They were well received and decided to continue their blend of traditional Celtic music, which has a unique touch of modern sensibility. The Garden Stage finale—from 6:00-7:30 p.m., and following the fireworks until 11 p.m.—will feature the *Uptown Rhythm Express featuring the Blooze Brothers*, the nation's number one Blues Brothers tribute band.

The Main Stage will host two closing acts beginning Sunday at 7:30p.m. *Ronnie Rice* will shake, rattle and roll the platform with his unique blend of classic rock 'n' roll. Then, the *New Colony Six* will let loose a high-energy performance of songs from their top-10 rock 'n' roll albums and number one singles from the 60's and 70's, along with selections from some of the groups with which they have shared the stage and airwaves.

Sunday's fireworks display, sponsored by the Village of Bloomingdale and the Bloomingdale Park District, gets bigger and better every year, and this year is no exception. The phenomenal pyrotechnic extravaganza will blastoff at about 9:30 p.m. and continue until at least 10 o'clock.

There will be no on-site parking. There will, however, be ample secured parking with well-organized traffic control at five efficiently served shuttle bus pickup points located throughout the village. The parking locations will be:

- Indian Lake Resort, 250 W. Schick Rd. (east end)
- Stratford Junior High School, 251 Butterfield Dr.
- Winnebago Elementary School, 195 Greenway Dr.
- Westfield School, 149 Fairfield Way
- DuJardin Elementary School, 166 S. Euclid Ave.

Special handicap parking accommodations must be arranged in advance by calling the Bloomingdale Police Department at (630) 529-9868.



Community Events

National Trail Days Celebration June 2

Saturday, June 2 marks the **Trail Dedication & National Trails Day Celebration** at the Meacham Grove Forest Preserve from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. A new trailhead will be dedicated at Meacham Grove. Entrance is at the Circle Avenue parking lot just north of Lake Street. Ranger-led nature walks, environmental display and special drawings featured. Call Jayne at 871-6403 for more information.

Culture Club hosts Artists' Reception

The **Culture Club** of Bloomingdale hosts its annual **Artists' Reception** to kick off the Members' Show at the Bloomingdale Public Library from 1-3 p.m. on Saturday, July 28, at the Bloomingdale Public Library. Also featured will be readings by the Writer's Workshop of Bloomingdale. Refreshments & music provided by the library.

CA-MAR Dance School Recital June 30

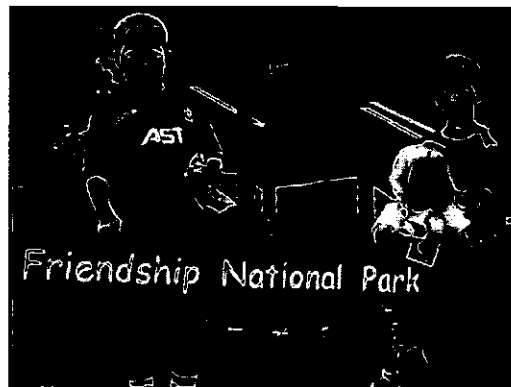
CA-MAR Dance School presents its annual dance show "**All Inclusive**," on Saturday June 30 at Lake Park West, 500 Bryn Mawr at 7 p.m. Seating is reserved. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at the CA-MAR studio, 103 Third Street. Call 893-1444 for more info.

Register for 'Freedom from Smoking'

Freedom from Smoking, a six-week clinic to help you quit for good, will be held at the Bloomingdale Fire Protection District Headquarters, 179 S. Bloomingdale Road on Thursdays, beginning July 12. The program is sponsored by the DuPage County Health Department and is free. Call 682-7979, ext. 7152 to register.

Bloomingdale Church Hosts Vacation Bible School June 12-15

Bloomingdale Church, 264 Glen Ellyn Road, sponsors its **23rd annual Vacation Bible School Day Camp**, June 12 - 15. This year's theme is Friendship National Park for "campers" who have completed kindergarten through 6th grade. With the rangers and counselors, children will discover important lessons on character in the journey of life. Camp runs from 9:30 - noon. There is no fee, but written parental consent is required. To register call the church office at 894-0090 or come and register in person on June 12 at 9:15 a.m.



Mega Yard Sale June 15

The annual **Mega-Yard sale to benefit DuPage Habitat for Humanity** takes place at St. Isidore's Parish Center, Gary Road at Army Trail Road, on Friday, June 15, from 9- 5 and Saturday, June 16 from 9 - 2. Proceeds help Habitat for Humanity to build affordable housing for members of the community. Donations of any new or gently used items, such as clothing, sporting goods, furniture, toys, housewares, etc. for the sale will be accepted at St. Isidore Church on Saturday, June 9 and Sunday, June 10 from 9 am - 6 pm. For more info call Donna Kleiser at 830-6524.

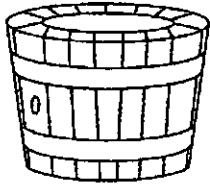
'Written Word' Exhibit June 24

"The Written Word," a juried exhibition of art with text, runs now through June 24 at the Bloomingdale Park District Museum, 108 S. Bloomingdale Road. Call Beverly Rautenberg, curator, at 539-3096 for hours or more information.

Mosquitoes Bugging You?

10 Quick Tips for Keeping Them Under Control

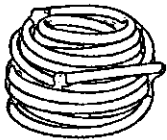
Bloomington Township, by contract with Clarke Mosquito Control, is the agency responsible for mosquito abatement services throughout the Township, which includes the Village of Bloomington. The product used by Clarke is environmentally safe for use in residential areas. This product is used in very low doses and therefore is considered not harmful to most adults, children and household pets. If there is any concern of allergy or of chemical sensitivity, residents can request to be placed on a call list for advance notice of pesticide use. Residents may report these and any other concerns directly to Clarke Mosquito Control at its "Mosquito Hotline," 1-800-942-2555.



Mosquitoes and summer go hand-in-hand. Mosquitoes are known transmitters of encephalitis, malaria and yellow fever to humans, and heartworm to pets.

A few simple preventative actions if performed by all residents can help reduce mosquito populations and breeding grounds, since many generations of mosquitoes can breed right in your own yard.

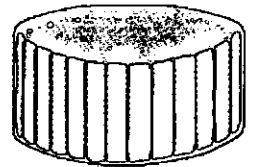
Standing water means you could be raising mosquitoes. While adult, flying mosquitoes may rest in tall grass and shrubbery, they do not develop there. All mosquitoes need water to begin and complete their life cycle. Some mosquitoes lay their eggs in standing water where they hatch in just a day or two. Other mosquitoes may lay their eggs in old tires, tin cans, or other water-holding containers. The eggs may remain unhatched for weeks or even months until they are covered with



water! Minimizing locations of standing water may reduce potential breeding ground for mosquitoes.

YARD & HOME CHECKLIST

- Remove and properly dispose of old tires, tin cans, buckets, drums, bottles or any water-holding containers.
- Fill in or drain any low spots in your yard such as depressions or ruts, which create puddles.
- Keep yard drains, swales and culverts clear so water will drain away.
- Cover trash containers to keep out rain water.
- Repair leaky outside faucets.
- Empty plastic wading pools at least once a week and store indoors when not in use.
- Make sure your backyard pool is properly cared for while on vacation.
- Fill in tree rot holes and hollow stumps that hold water with sand or dirt.
- Change the water in bird baths and plant pots or drip trays once each week.
- Keep grass cut and shrubbery trimmed around the house.



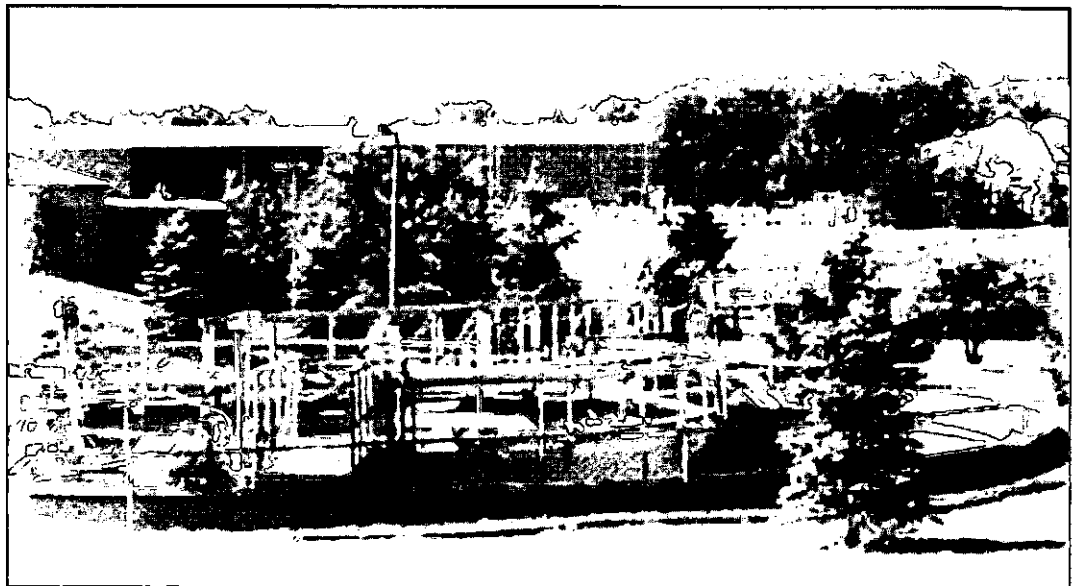
Together we can minimize potential breeding grounds and increase our enjoyment of the great outdoors.

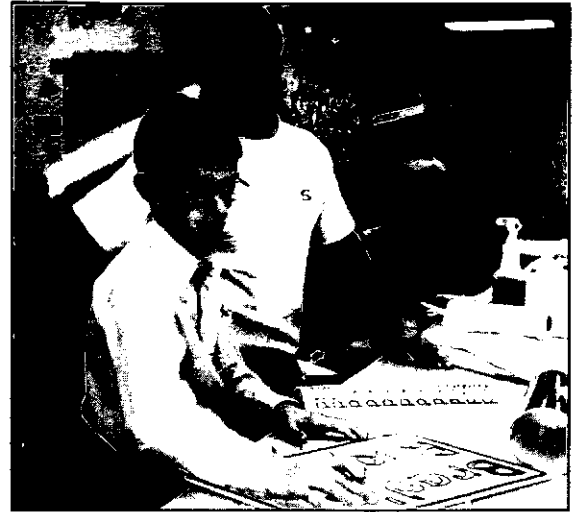
For more information, visit Clarke's website at www.clarkemosquito.com.

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We Do Our Best, But If You Smell Us . . .

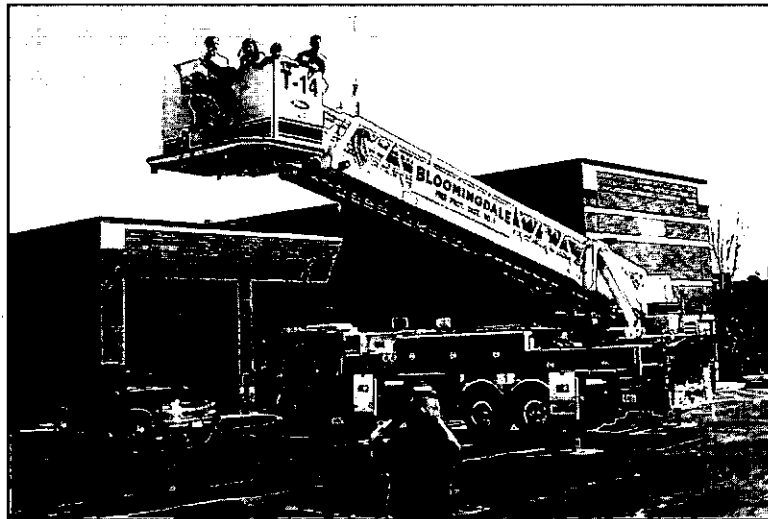
The Wastewater Division strives to keep odors from the treatment plant from becoming offensive. Sometimes weather conditions cause odors to become more prevalent. We will continue to monitor this. If it becomes a serious concern, please call 671-5850 and we will do our best to minimize the effect.





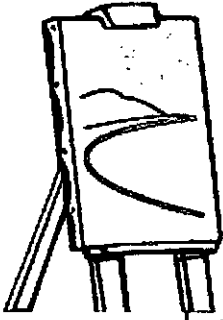
Career Day 2001

Nearly 100 Bloomingdale youngsters from several area schools learned about jobs from a variety of businesses and agencies on the annual Career Day. Represented here are (clockwise) Headlines, Westfield Junior High School, Signs by Tomorrow, Advantage National Bank, Bloomingdale Village Forestry Division and Bloomingdale Fire Department.



Junior Achievement In the Classroom

Mayor Iden recently taught a five-week Junior Achievement class for Nancy Jeske's third grade class at DuJardin School. The third-grade curriculum deals with the city, so Mayor Iden taught the youngsters about planning a city, setting up subdivisions and neighborhoods, newspapers, banking, and other service business that cities need in order to function.



Wanted: Septemberfest Festival of Arts Participants

The Bloomingdale Women's Club is looking for crafters to participate in its 29th annual Festival of Arts to be held in conjunction with Septemberfest on Sunday, September 9. The craft show will be held in the parking lot in Old Town from 10:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Call Rosie at 351-6822 for an application or write to P.O. Box 271, Bloomingdale, IL 60108.

Got an Old Car You'd Love to Show Off? Sign Up for Septemberfest Classic Car Show

Bring your antique or classic car to the street dance and car show to celebrate Septemberfest 2001. The show will run Saturday, September 9, 2001 from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. in Bloomingdale Old Town, Third and Franklin Streets.

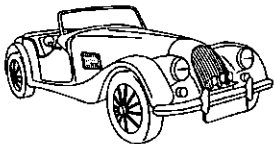
There is **NO ENTRANCE FEE**. All exhibitors receive commemorative dash plaques, and participate in the Mayor's Choice award, the Septemberfest Commission Best of Show Award, and other prizes. However, due to space limitations, the show is limited to 40 vehicles.

The first 40 cars to meet the eligibility requirements listed to the right will be selected for this show. You will receive written confirmation of your participation.

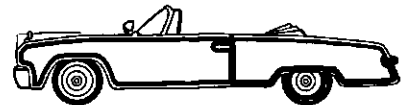
Eligibility:

1. Cars must be at least 25 years old.
2. You must be able to drive your vehicle into the display area.
3. Cars must arrive by 5:30 p.m. for staging.
4. Cars must be suitable for display, i.e. no in-progress restorations or questionable graphics.
5. You must complete and return the application on or before August 24, 2001.
6. All cars must carry liability insurance, have safety glass, and have a working fire extinguisher inside the car during the show.

Questions? Call Dolores Orlik at 671-5650.



2001 Septemberfest Car Show Application



Owner's name (please print)

Address

City/State/Zip Code

Daytime phone

Evening phone

Vehicle make

Vehicle model

Year

Member of the following car club(s)

Insurance Carrier

Policy number

Yes, I will participate in Sunday's parade.

Participants are invited to attend our parade on Sunday at 11:00 AM.

Mail your application to Septemberfest Car Show, c/o Village of Bloomingdale, 201 S. Bloomingdale Road, Bloomingdale, IL 60108, Attention Mrs. Dolores Orlik. **DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION IS FRIDAY, AUGUST 24, 2001.** All information must be complete.

Entry deadline is July 29

2001 Ms. and Mr. Bloomingdale Scholarship Competition Open to 16-20 Year Old Residents

Applications are now available for the 2001 Mr. and Ms. Bloomingdale Scholarship competition sponsored by the Village of Bloomingdale's Septemberfest Commission. This scholarship competition is open to young men and women who are residents of incorporated Bloomingdale and who are between the ages of 16 and 20 years of age. The recipients will be announced at the 29th Annual Septemberfest on Sunday, September 9, 2001.

Applicants will be judged on poise, civic involvement, and communications skills. All applicants must submit an essay of 300 to 400 words that describes the contributions that they feel they could make as a representative of Bloomingdale's youth. Judging will take place on Saturday, August 11, 2001.

The Joe Draghi Scholarship Fund funds the scholarships. Last year, scholarship winners shared \$10,000.00. Entry forms are due to the Bloomingdale Village Hall by Saturday, July 28, 2001.

Any questions please contact Irene Jones at (630) 671-5610.

**Don't miss this opportunity!
Fill out the form below and return it today!**

2001 MS. AND MR. BLOOMINGDALE SCHOLARSHIP ENTRY FORM

I am a resident of incorporated Bloomingdale, between the ages of 16 and 20 years and would like to enter the 2001 Ms. and Mr. Bloomingdale Scholarship Competition.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

School attending _____

Age _____

I have attached a letter of 300-400 words to introduce myself to the committee and to describe how I can contribute to Bloomingdale in the role of Mr. or Ms. Bloomingdale.

APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN JULY 28 2001.

Mail applications to:

2001 Ms. and Mr. Bloomingdale Scholarship Competition
c/o Bloomingdale Village Hall
201 South Bloomingdale Road
Bloomingdale, IL 60108

Judging date will be Saturday, August 11, 2001. Winners will be announced at the Septemberfest event on Sunday, September 9, 2001.

ALL REQUIREMENTS MUST BE MET.

SCHOLARSHIPS ARE LIMITED TO FUTURE TUITION, BOOKS & FEES

Be in the Septemberfest Parade!!!

Plans are underway for this year's Septemberfest celebration on September 8 and 9, 2001. The committee is looking for businesses, civic organizations, boy scouts, girl scouts and sports organizations to participate in the parade held on Sunday morning. Call Debby at 894-8309 for more information.

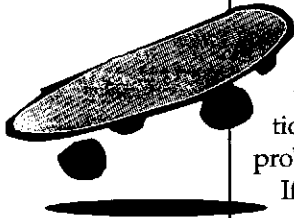
From the Bloomingdale Fire Department **Help Your Kids Practice Safety on Wheels**

Playing where you live is lots of fun, but you need to play safely. Obey the safety rules for everything that you do.



Wear protective gear before you use any kind of roller skate or a skateboard. When you skate you should wear a helmet, elbow pads, wrist guards, gloves, and kneepads. Remember not to wear anything that keeps you from seeing or hearing well. Don't hitch rides on the back of buses, cars, trucks, or vans, and don't skate at night. Skate in a safe place. Avoid places where there is water, oil, sand, gravel or dirt. Never skate where there are cars. In order to have the safest and most enjoyable time skating, take lessons or learn from someone who can teach you the basics of turning, braking, stopping and controlling your speed.

About 1,000 American bicyclists die in crashes every year, about three-fourths of them die from head injuries. Hundreds more suffer permanent brain damage. Most of these head injuries can be prevented with bike helmets. When you ride a bike, be sure to wear a helmet that fits well and feels comfortable. It can protect you from serious injury in case of an accident. Fasten the strap securely. The helmet should sit evenly on the top of your head, not slide around your head or pull off with the strap fastened.



Before you ride your bike, make the following safety checks. The seat is secure. The wheels have no loose or broken spokes. The tires are inflated to the proper pressure (this is printed on the tire). The brakes work smoothly and quickly. The handlebar is tight and in the correct position. Reflectors are clean and on tightly. There are no cracked parts on the bike. If you find any problems, let your parents know immediately so they can decide if your bike is safe enough to ride. If there are any questions, have your bike inspected by a bicycle mechanic.

Be aware of traffic. Stop, look left, look right, and then left again for cars and other moving objects before leaving a sidewalk, driveway, or alley. Enter the roadway only when it is clear.

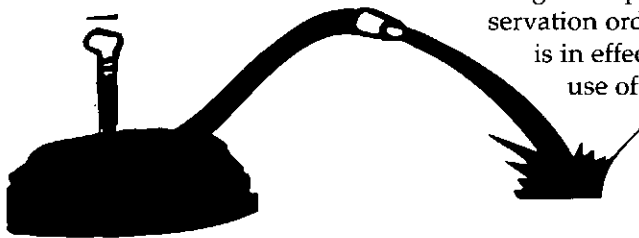


When you ride in traffic, you can maneuver better than the cars around you. Most bicyclists get into accidents because they are tempted to ignore traffic rules. Being predictable is the key to safe bicycling in traffic. The basic rules for riding predictably are: Get Smart – know the rules, Be Confident – learn riding skills and always be courteous, and Communicate – make eye contact, signal your moves, and wave when someone yields.

By wearing the proper protective equipment at all times and being aware of what's happening around you, you can have a safe and enjoyable summer on wheels.

For further safety information on bicycling, contact the IL Dept. of Transportation, Div. Of Traffic Safety, 3215 Executive Park Drive, P.O. Box 19245. Springfield, IL 62794-9245 and request the booklet Safe Bicycling in Illinois.

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.

Fees for Delinquent Water and Sewer Bills Increased

The Village Board recently passed an ordinance that increased water and sewer fees including several related to the collection of delinquent water bills. It is important to note that **water and sewer rates were not changed**. Water and sewer rates have remained the same since 1994. However, considerable time and money is spent in the collection process and the new fees will help defray these costs. The new fees are:

Certified Letter Fee: \$10.00

Fee for past due notice requiring a certified letter to be sent

Reconnection Fee: \$30.00

Fee to turn water service on after disconnection because of non-payment of bill

Collection Agency Fee: 25% of the amount due

Fee assessed by the Village's collection agent

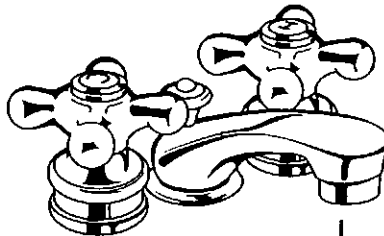
Application Fee: \$10.00

Fee to establish a new account

The Village requires all utility accounts to have a security deposit. The security deposit amount has also been increased to \$50.00. The purpose of the deposit is to ensure payment of all future utility charges. However, if you are a current resident moving from one address in Bloomingdale to another address in Bloomingdale, the Village Board authorized a 50% reduction of the security deposit to \$25. **Please note:** If you are moving within Bloomingdale, please notify the Village of this when you establish your new utility bill account to ensure you receive the "discount."

Lastly, it is important to understand that the owner of a property, the occupant thereof, and the user of the service are jointly and severally liable to pay for the water and sewer service provided to the property by the Village. In other words, **regardless of who actually uses the water, the owner and/or tenant can be held responsible for the bill.**

If you have any questions about the new fees or the security deposit please call the Village Water Billing department at 893-5650.



HELP WANTED

Secretary, Village of Bloomingdale Building & Zoning Division

The Village Services Department – Building & Zoning Division is seeking applicants for the position of secretary.

Applicants must have experience with computers (familiarity with Microsoft Word, and Excel), proficient typing skills, and the ability to manage considerable telephone and front counter activity. The position has extensive involvement in the day to day activities of the Business License and Permit processes. The starting salary is \$13.99/hour (\$29,099.20/year).

Applications may be obtained at the Bloomingdale Village Hall, 201 S. Bloomingdale Road, Bloomingdale, IL. Position is open until filled. If there are any questions, please contact Jim Monkemeyer at (630) 671-5692. EOE

Summer 2001 Branch Pickup Schedule

SECTION ONE:

Pick-up begins July 2, 2001

Area bounded by Schick Road on the south, Gary Avenue/Cloverdale Road on the west, Lake Street on the north, and Bloomingdale Road on the east.

SECTION TWO:

Pick-up begins July 9, 2001

Area bounded by Army Trail Road on the south, Bloomingdale Road on the west, Edgewater Drive on the north, and Glen Ellyn Road on the east.

SECTION THREE:

Pick-up begins July 16, 2001

Area bounded by Army Trail Road on the south, Old Gary Avenue on the west, Schick Road on the north, and Bloomingdale Road on the east.

SECTION FOUR:

Pick-up begins July 23, 2001

Two areas with the first bounded by Army Trail Road on the south, Glen Ellyn Road on the west, Lake Street on the north and Medinah Road/Walter Road on the east. The second area is bounded by Lake Street on the south, Rosedale Avenue on the west, Picton Road/Foster Avenue on the north, and Medinah Road on the east.

SECTION FIVE:

Pick-up begins July 30, 2001

Area bounded by Edgewater Drive on the south, Bloomingdale Road on the west, Lake Street on the north, and Glen Ellyn Road on the east.



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LIBRARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE

- 4 Summer Reading Program Registration Begins
- 4 Bloomington Historical Society 7:00-9:00 PM
- *7 The Art of Feng Shui Gardening 7:00-8:30PM
- 7 Creative Writing Session 7:00-9:00 PM
- 10 Writer's Workshop 10:00 AM - NOON
- 12 Bloomington Seniors 11:00 AM-3:00 PM
- *12 Travel Photography—James Hojnacki 7:00-8:30PM
- 13 Library Board Meeting 7:30 PM
- 18 Summer Reading Program Begins
- 20 Sunshine Serenades/Cirrus Falcon NOON-1:00PM
- *20 Summer Chess Club Begins 2:00-4:00PM
- *20 Bloomington Garden Club 7:00-9:30PM
 Clematis & Other Climbers, Joe Dusak, Platt Hill
- *21 Book Discussion Group 7:30 PM
- 27 Sunshine Serenades/Thomas Yurik Band NOON-1:00 PM
- 27 Writer's Workshop 7:00-9:00 PM
- 27 Friends of the Library Meeting 7:30-9:00 PM

JULY

- 4 Independence Day LIBRARY CLOSED
- *6 Bus Trip: Short Shakespeare! 9:30AM-5:30PM
- 9 Bloomington Historical Society 7:00-9:00 PM
- 10 Bloomington Seniors 11:00 AM-3:00 PM
- 11 Sunshine Serenades/Kraig Kenning NOON-1:00PM
- 11 Library Board Meeting 7:30 PM
- 12 Creative Writing Session 7:00-9:00PM
- 14 Writer's Workshop 9:00AM-Noon
- *17 Organizing for Home and Office 7:00-9:00PM
- 18 Sunshine Serenades/Dooley Brothers NOON-1:00 PM
- 18 Bloomington Garden Club 1:00-3:00 PM
- *19 Book Discussion Group 7:30-9:00PM
- *20 8th Annual Mystery Dinner 7:00-10:00PM
- 25 Sunshine Serenades/Jason Hubbard NOON-1:00PM
- 25 Writers Workshop 7:00-9:00PM
- 25 Friends of the Library Meeting 7:30-9:30PM
- *26 Bus Trip: Big, The Musical 11:00AM-5:30 PM
- 28 Culture Club Artists Reception 1:00-3:00 PM

AUGUST

- 1 Sunshine Serenades/Street Corner Blue NOON-1:00 PM
- 4 Last Day to Check-in Reading Logs
- 6 Bloomington Historical Society 7:00-9:00 PM
- 8 Library Board Meeting 7:30 PM
- 9 Ice Cream Social -- Country Fair 5:00-9:00 PM
- *10 Roy's Famous Friday Night Fish Fry 6:30-9:30 PM

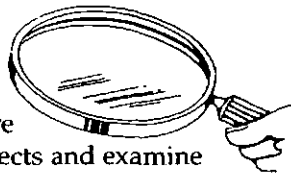
*Registration required (630-529-3120).

SEE PAGES 21 & 22 FOR COMPUTER CLASSES

8th Annual Mystery Dinner - "Chained Melody"

Friday, July 20 7-10 p.m.
 \$20.00 per person

The theme this year is about a famous rock star that is kid-napped. Can you find her before it is too late? Question the suspects and examine the evidence to determine the kidnapper.



Buffet style dinner of Chicken Vesuvio and Roast Sirloin of Beef, tossed salad and rolls, new potatoes and California medley vegetables, assorted pastries for dessert. Come join the fun! Please register in the Business Office.

PEOPLE EDUCATING PEOPLE (PEP) VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

The People Educating People (PEP) Volunteer Program needs many classroom tutor-aides to work with adults in English as second language and basic math classes in Bloomington and surrounding communities. The next 14-hour training series will be held on August 4, 11, and 18. Day and evening assignments, once or twice a week, begin September 20.

Volunteers are also needed to register students or proctor tests in Bloomington, Lombard, Glen Ellyn, and elsewhere. On-the-job training provided.

For more information call Ruta at (630) 942-3794.

SUMMER PROGRAMS FOR KIDS OF ALL AGES

Summer Reading Brochures

Detailed Summer Reading Program Brochures for adult and youth were mailed to each household. If you have not received your copy, please contact the library at (630) 529-3120.

'Feed Your Need to Read' Summer Reading Program



Join the "Feed Your Need to Read" Summer Reading Program and read for fun and prizes. Parents may register infants through children entering 8th grade in the Youth Services Department. Students entering

9th grade or higher may register for the "Feed Your Need to Read" Adult Reading Program in the Adult Services Department. **Registration begins Monday, June 4, 2001.** Upon registration, you will receive a reading log with complete details regarding the summer reading program.

The Youth Services Summer Reading Program is based on time spent reading. Prizes for the reading program and grand prize drawings have been generously donated by the Friends of the Bloomingdale Public Library. Each child completing the first 2 1/2 hours of reading will receive a specially designed "Feed Your Need to Read" t-shirt compliments of the Friends of the Bloomingdale Public Library.

Please note that in order to count toward the reading program, books must be checked out from the Bloomingdale Public Library. Please save your receipts from check-out as they will be required when checking in your reading log.

Family Feasts . . . Stories & Art For the Whole Family

KidSquare at Stratford Square Mall
Wednesday, June 27, July 11, and July 25
10:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

Stories, music, crafts, and more will be presented by the Library's Youth Services staff at the Stratford Square Mall's KidSquare club. There will be prize giveaways at each program.



Drop-In Craft Saturdays
Saturdays, June 23 - July 28
9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Drop-in any time you like during the above hours and make a fun and easy craft to take with you. The activities are designed to require little supervision; however, children under age 9 must be accompanied by an adult.



Important Dates to Remember

- June 4** Registration begins for Feed Your Need to Read Summer Reading
- June 18** Summer Reading begins
- June 18** First day to check-in reading logs for credit
- July 20** 8th Annual Mystery Dinner
- August 4** Last day to check-in reading logs for credit
- August 9** Ice Cream Social
- August 10** Roy's Famous Friday Night Fish Fry



Mark your calendar today!

Youth Services Department

SUMMER SPECIAL EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

TRAVEL KITS

Applications available June 4 - August 4



Looking for something to do during your vacation? Stop by the Youth Services Desk at least 7 days before the departure date of your trip and fill out an application for a TRAVEL KIT. When you are ready to leave, pick up your kit filled with books, audio materials, and games to entertain you while you are on the road. The books and audio materials need to be returned to the library when you are home again. TRAVEL KITS are for Bloomingdale Public Library cardholders only.

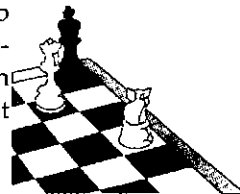
Applications will be available starting Monday, June 4, for pick-up dates of June 18 - August 11. Saturday, August 4, is the last day we will accept applications.

CHESS CLUB (Ages 8 and up)

*Wednesdays, beginning June 20 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Registration will be accepted in-person or by phone (529-3120 ext. 332) beginning Monday, June 4, 2001.

Come join the current Interlibrary Chess Club Champions. If you are eight years of age or older and know a little or a lot about the game, this is your chance to sharpen your skills. Players will compete with other club members and a ranking will be established. The Chess Club will compete in the Interlibrary Chess Club Tournament in August as the reigning champs.



*Please note that Chess Club will not meet on Wednesday, July 4, 2001. The library will be closed

Thursday Weekly Specials -- Family Entertainment

Feed your need for fun, by attending a banquet of family entertainment. Tickets are available for these programs at the Youth Services Desk one week before the program. Seating will begin 10 minutes prior to showtime and tickets will only be guaranteed until showtime.

High Energy Trivia

June 21 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Feed your brain as you participate in the stand-up-and-cheer excitement of a real live game show. High Energy Trivia is the Midwest's #1 program for children and families. Flashing lights, real contestant buzzers, and great music add to the fun-filled competition. Tickets available June 4.

Mike Offutt presents "Tall Tales & Kitchen Band"

June 28 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

If you think kitchen utensils are only good for cooking you haven't heard Mike Offutt's homemade kitchen band. Join him as he presents tall tales, true stories, and songs. You may even get a chance to perform in his kitchen band. Tickets available June 21.

Mark Nichols and the Puppet Palace Theater present "The Magic Onion"

July 5 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Take a bite out of boredom and enjoy a hilarious puppet show about a beautiful princess and her faithful dog, a wicked magician and his magic onion, a handsome prince, a hungry dragon, and a castle in an enchanted blue forest. Tickets available June 28.

Popeye & Sweepea

July 12 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Find a new use for spinach and join Alex (aka "Popeye") as he presents an astounding trained dog act. Popeye and his dogs have appeared on *Late Night with David Letterman* and earned *Guinness Book of World Records* awards. The show features amazing tricks such as tightrope walking, balancing a can, and jumping rope. Tickets available July 5.

The Spoon Man

July 19 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Come and get "SPOONED" at the Library. Jim Cruise, "The Spoon Man," gives a real stirring performance. His program contains several outrageous impressions such as Elvis as a Spoon Player, a Heavy Metal Spoon Player, and a Rap Spoon Player. He also creates a Hillbilly Band out of members of the audience. Tickets available July 12.

American Eagle Productions present "The World of Pooh"

July 26 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Do you feel a rumbling in your tummy? Join Pooh, Piglet, Eeyore and Tigger, too on their merry adventures. American Eagle Productions bring the classic stories of A.A. Milne to life in an enchanting musical performance. Tickets available July 19.

Adult Services Department

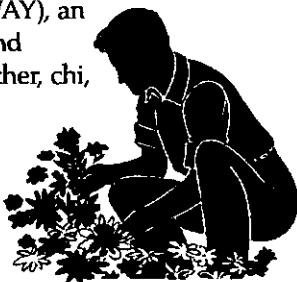
SUMMER ADULT PROGRAMS

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

The Art of Feng Shui Gardening

June 7, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

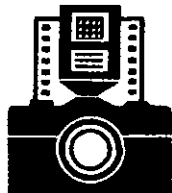
Why do we feel relaxed and comfortable in some spaces and rushed and tense in others? According to the principles of feng shui (pronounced FUNG SHWAY), an ancient Chinese art, when people and nature live in harmony with each other, chi, (healing, enlivening energy) results. This informational slide and lecture presentation by Judith Miller, is a great introduction to the major feng shui principles of balance, the baqua, chi and the five elements. Although the emphasis is on gardens, the principles can be easily applied to any environment. Don't miss this exciting, free presentation. Registration is required.



Travel Photography

June 12, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Vacation time is one of the few times that many people take out their cameras and snap pictures. To preserve your memories of people, places, and things, join award-winning photographer James Hojnacki as he shows you how to take better photographs. Topics to be addressed include: equipment, composition, film, exposure settings, protecting your film, and airport security. There is no charge for this program but registration is required.



Organizing for Home and Office

July 17, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Do you feel like you could be better organized? If so, you won't want to miss this presentation by professional organizer Barbara Tischler. She will help you lower your stress level by showing you techniques for simplifying your life and thereby controlling your environment. Barbara is a member of the National Association of Professional Organizers and has her own business, The Clutter Coach. Call the reference desk to register.



Homebound Service

Are you.....

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

AND

- A Bloomingdale Resident?

If so, you are eligible to receive free delivery of library materials to your home. Call Denise Grimse at 529-3120 ext. 330 for more information.



Adult/Teen Summer Reading Program

June 4 -- August 4

Adults and high school age teens are invited to participate in this year's summer reading program, "Feed Your Need to Read."

- Each time you read or listen to a book between June 4 - August 4, stop at the Reference Desk and we will record your title. After you have read five books, you will receive a T-shirt and an entry in our final drawing. For every additional five books read, you will get another entry for the drawing. Prizes are donated by local merchants,

- In addition, if you choose to read a book from our preselected list of "food related" titles, you will receive an additional entry for the final drawing. You will receive one coupon for each title read from this list.

- We will provide an optional review form for you to fill out and express your opinion about the books you read, so we can share your recommendations for good summer reading. The completed forms will be available for browsing to help you discover new titles and authors to enjoy.

Join Our Friendly Seniors!

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

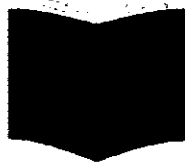
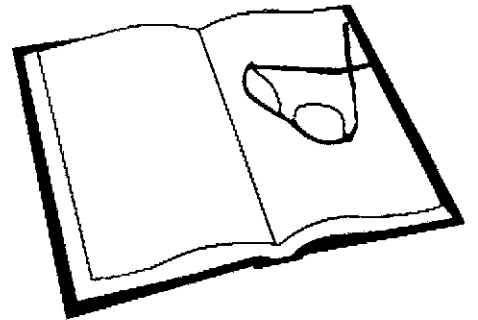
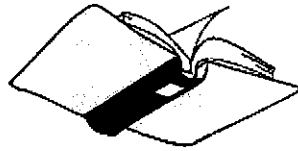
Adult Services Department

SPRING ADULT READING OPPORTUNITIES

RESERVE FUTURE BESTSELLERS

These great summer reads may be reserved now. Stop by or phone the Adult reference desk at 529-3120 ext. 324. Using your Bloomingdale Library card and PIN, you may also place your own requests using our online catalog at www.bloomingdale.lib.il.us

- Elizabeth Adler—*The Last Time I Saw Paris*
- James Lee Burke—*Bitterroot*
- Patricia Cornwell—*Isle of Dogs*
- Loren Estleman—*Master Executioner*
- Elizabeth George—*A Traitor to Memory*
- Eileen Goudge—*Stranger in Paradise*
- Andrew Greeley—*The Bishop and the Beggar Girl of St. Germain*
- Steve Martini—*Jury*
- Judith McNaught—*Waters Edge*
- Walter Mosley—*Fearless Jones*
- Marcia Muller—*Point Deception*
- Robert Parker—*Gunman's Rhapsody*
- James Patterson—*Suzanne's Diary for Nicholas*
- Nancy Pickard—*Ring of Truth*
- Danielle Steel—*Leap of Faith*
- Margaret Truman—*Murder in Havana*



LIBRARY CLOSINGS

- Friday, June 1 Staff Inservice
- Wednesday, July 4 Independence Day



Upcoming Bus Trips

Short Shakespeare! "A Midsummer's Night Dream"

Friday, July 6
9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Cost: \$55.00

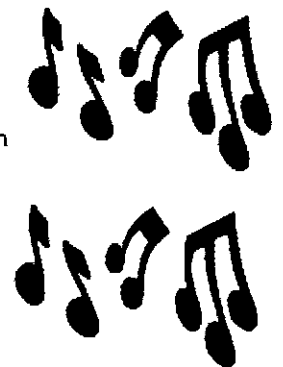


The library is hosting a bus trip to Navy Pier to see the Chicago Shakespeare Theater perform an abbreviated rendition of *A Midsummer's Night Dream*. Following the performance, the actors will come out on stage for a question and answer session with the audience. Our trip will begin with a buffet lunch at Beyond Words Café in the Harold Washington Library Center. Then, we will head to Navy Pier where we will have an hour to relax or sightsee. The play will begin at 2:00 p.m. Afterwards, we board the motor coach for the return trip to the library. Please plan to join us for this special event. Register in person during library hours in the business office. Payment due at the time of registration. Please make checks to *Bloomingdale Public Library*.

"Big, the Musical"

Thursday, July 26
11:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Cost: \$28.75

Enjoy lunch and a show. Join the Bloomingdale Seniors as they sponsor a trip to the Drury Lane in Oakbrook Terrace. Motor coach leaves the library at 11:00 a.m. and returns around 5:30 p.m. Choice of lunch entrees: rotolo di pasta, orange roughy, or pork loin medallion calvados. Make checks payable to the Bloomingdale Seniors Club. Registration and payment taken in the Business Office. Last day to register is June 27th. For questions contact Denise Grimse 529-3120 ext. 330.



Computer Lab Offers Instruction on the Internet, Popular Computer Programs for Ages 13 & Older

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. Please call the Library (630) 529-3120 for more information, or for the most updated class schedule visit the Library's web site at www.bloomington.lib.il.us/class/. Please register in the Business Office of the Library.

Intermediate Microsoft Access

Wednesday June 6th, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

This class will cover more advanced topics such as Edit Masking, creating Modules, and using Wizards. (Having taken "Introduction to Microsoft Access" or equivalent experience is recommended.)

Seniors Computer Course

Thursday June 7th, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Friday June 8th, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Thursday June 21st, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Friday June 22nd, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Thursday June 28th, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Friday June 29th, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

This six-session course will cover a wide range of computer topics. It is intended to give participants a strong foundation in computing, emphasizing general computer/Windows principles, using the Internet, and familiarity with Microsoft Office products.

Understanding Your Computer

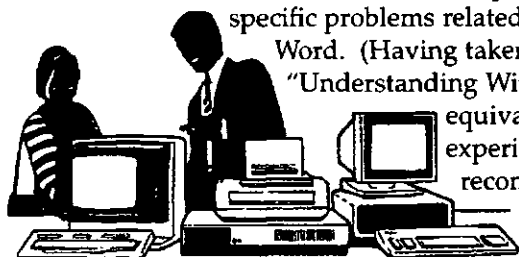
Wednesday June 20th, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

The first of three sequential courses, this class will cover Windows topics such as using/installing software, organizing files, changing settings and how to use disks, CDs and the hard drive. (Having taken "Understanding Windows" and "Introduction to the Personal Computer" or equivalent experience is recommended.)

Introduction to Using Microsoft Word

Wednesday June 27th, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

This class will be aimed at those with little or no experience using Microsoft Word. Topics such as creating and saving files, formatting, and editing documents will be covered. There will be time available for questions and specific problems related to Microsoft Word. (Having taken "Understanding Windows 1" or equivalent experience is recommended.)



Introduction to Microsoft Access

Wednesday July 11th, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

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.)



Introduction to the Personal Computer

Thursday July 12th, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Those with little or no knowledge of computers will benefit from this class. Skills and techniques to perform basic functional operations with a computer will be covered.

Introduction to Microsoft Excel

Saturday July 14th, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

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

Understanding your Computer 2

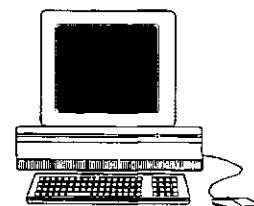
Wednesday July 18th, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

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

Introduction to the Internet and E-Mail

Thursday July 19th, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

This class will introduce participants to the Internet, including navigating with the browser. Creating an e-mail address and using e-mail will also be covered. (Having taken "Understanding Windows 1" or equivalent experience is recommended.)



(Classes continued on page 18)

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The Internet for the Intermediate User

Saturday July 21st, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

This class will cover topics such as downloading, formatting your browser, using advanced E-Mail features, and other more advanced skills. (Having taken "Introduction to the Internet and E-Mail" or equivalent experience is recommended.)

Using Power Point

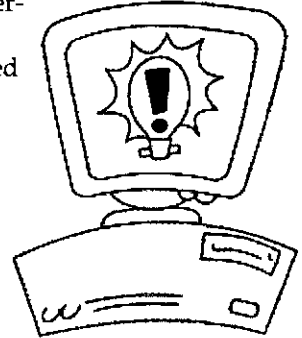
Wednesday July 25th, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

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

Understanding Windows 1

Thursday July 26th, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

This class will provide a basic understanding of how to use Windows. Topics such as using the desktop, manipulating windows, and understanding files will be covered. This class is intended for those with little to no knowledge of computers.



Summer Hours

Starting May 27 the library will be closed on Sundays for the summer. Regular Sunday hours will resume on September 9. The summer hours are:

Monday-Thursday		9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Friday-Saturday		9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Sunday		CLOSED

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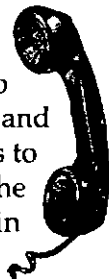
Donations of used books for our ongoing Book Sale!

May be left any time at the library or can be arranged for pickup.

Call 529-3120.

Please call ahead so we may assist you . . .

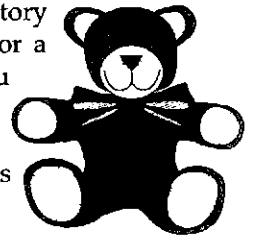
Individuals with disabilities who plan to attend Library programs and who require certain accommodations to participate are requested to call the Library at 529-3120 48 hours in advance of program date.



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 Department at 529-3120 x332.



LIBRARY CLOSING TIME

Please be aware of library hours when dropping children off at the library. The library closes at 9:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Fifteen minutes before closing an announcement is made reminding children to call home for a ride. If a child's ride fails to show 15 minutes after closing, any child under the age of 16 will be escorted to the Bloomingdale Police Department, per library policy.

For your convenience, library hours are posted on the outer doors and are also listed in this newsletter.

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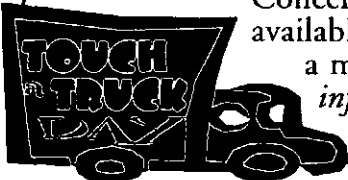
We're right around the corner!

Touch A Truck

June 10, Noon-5:00pm

Is your child fascinated with trucks and large equipment? Come climb, sit and play on a variety of trucks that will be displayed at Old Town Park. Parental supervision is required for this event. At 3:30pm, "White Saddle Band" will entertain on the Old Town stage to kickoff the 2001 Summer Concert Series. Concessions will be available as well as cotton candy and a moonwalk! *Admission is FREE, inflatable attraction is \$1.*

NEW!



Summer Concert Series Begins!!

Beginning June 10th, Old Town Park will be the site of the Summer Concert Series sponsored by the Park District and the Village of Bloomingtondale. "White Saddle Band," with a special time of 3:30pm-5:00pm in conjunction with the new special event "Touch a Truck," will kick-off the annual series. All concerts begin at 7:00pm-rain or shine, unless otherwise noted. June and July dates are as follows:

FAMILY SERIES-TUESDAYS

June 12 Stormcrow
 June 26 Lynne Jordan & the Shivers
 July 10 DuPage Symphony Orchestra
 July 17 The Only Sons
 July 24 DeeZ

CHILDREN'S SERIES-THURSDAYS

June 14 Jan's Clan Puppets
 June 28 Circus Boy
 July 12 Dave Rudolph
 July 26 Chuck Field & Friends

SUNDAY SERIES

June 10* White Saddle Band
 June 17 Waterhouse
 July 8 Big Guitars from Memphis
 July 15 Calico
 July 22 Banda Rika

*Special kick-off time of 3:30pm



Come with your chairs & blankets to sit on, and enjoy the summer nights at Old Town Park. Don't forget to enter your name in the FREE t-shirt drawing! Look for August dates in the next Village Almanac.

Pool Opens June 2

Season Pool Passes on sale now at the JRC (rate info listed in Park District brochure and online, or call 529-3650). Purchase a 10-visit coupon booklet for only \$30.00.

Pool Special Events

Come join us at the pool for a variety of special events. Participation in these events requires a pool pass, admission fee, or registration fee, with the exception of the Beach Party, which is FREE! A sampling of this year's events are listed below:

Flag Day June 14
 Fun with Fathers June 17
 Summer Beach Party July 15
 Lunch with the Lifeguards July 20
 CHARACTER COUNTS! Water Carnival . . August 15

For more information on pool special events, please call the Park District office at 529-3650, or visit our website.

At the Museum...

The Written Word

A juried exhibition of 2-D & 3-D art with text
 Now-June 24, 2001

Bloomingtondale Artists VII

July 14-August 24, 2001

Dedicated exclusively to adult artists residing within our Park District boundaries, this exhibit will accept all fine art entries (drawings, paintings, original prints, photography, ceramics and sculpture). Ribbons will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners, as well as a purchase award, which will be the beginning of our permanent art collection at the Museum. Entry forms are available at the Museum and Park District Office.

Opening Reception:

Saturday, July 14, 5-8pm

Drop-off Dates for artwork

(at the Museum, 3 pc. limit/person):

Thursday, July 5, 4-8pm

Friday, July 6, 10am-2pm

Saturday, July 7, 10am-2pm

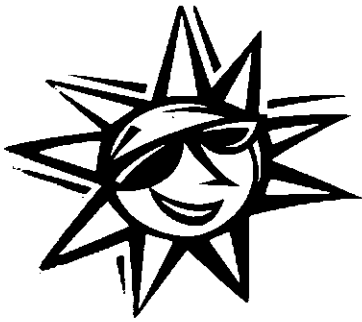
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Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 8:30 am to 8:00 pm; Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm; Saturday 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

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11th Annual

Sunshine Serenades 2001*



12:00 Noon to 1:00 p.m.
at Founders Park Gazebo
Bloomingdale Road and Fairfield Way

sponsored by
The Village of Bloomingdale
and

The Bloomingdale Public Library

Bring a picnic lunch and a blanket
Enjoy the sunshine, good company and
lively music

NO ADMISSION FEE

ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE

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| June 20 | Cirrus Falcon
<i>Rock n Roll</i> |
| June 27 | Thomas Yurik Band
<i>Rock, soul, Motown and Blues</i> |
| July 11 | Kraig Kenning Duo
<i>Blues and Rock</i> |
| July 18 | Dooley Brothers
<i>Ballads & doo-wop from the 50s & 60s</i> |
| July 25 | Jason Hubbard Band
<i>Rock n Roll, 50s & 60s</i> |
| August 1 | Street Corner Blue
<i>Swing, Blues and Rock n Roll</i> |



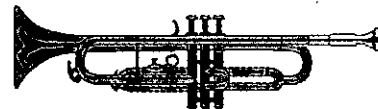
Thanks to our Gazebo Concert concessionaires:

Capone's Deli: Pizza

Friends of the Library: Soda & Frozen Novelties



* In case of rain, concerts
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level of the Library



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