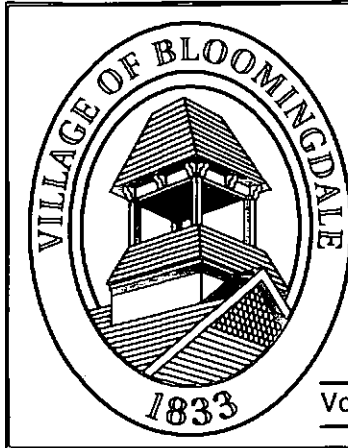
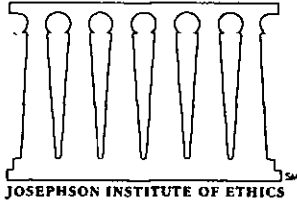


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From the Mayor's Desk



Robert G. Iden

We have a lot of things to be excited about in town right now. For one - we can finally see the light at the end of the tunnel on the Lake Street construction!

See details on page 3.

We are continuing our improvements to the course at Bloomingdale Golf Club. I think residents will be happy with the changes we are making. You might want to check out the resident rates and information listed on page 11.

The Stratford Square Shopping Mall renovation is complete and looks wonderful! Currently, Marshall Field's, one of our original anchor stores, is going through an upscale remodeling. We are also excited about the brand new facade that is nearly finished at Springbrook Shopping Center. I am happy to tell you that at long last, a grocery store will be opening in the center this June.

We have a couple of events coming up in May I would like to encourage residents to take part in. The first is the American Cancer Society's North DuPage Relay for Life which takes place from Friday, May 19 at 6 p.m. until Saturday, May 20 at 10 a.m. This is the fourth year Village employees will walk as a team.

This year I am also extending an invi-

tation to all residents to become involved. Whether you sponsor a team, become a team member, make a pledge or volunteer your time the day of the event, this is a chance to make a small difference in the fight against a disease that has touched the lives of almost all of us in one way or another. For more information, call the DuPage area American Cancer Society at 469-3011 or my office at 671-5600.

The Bloomingdale Historical Society is planning a very meaningful and memorable Memorial Day ceremony which will take place in St. Paul/Evergreen Cemetery on Lake Street. The observance will begin at 9:30 a.m. with a flag ceremony conducted by the VFW. A special feature planned will be presented by local Bloomingdale Historical Society member Bob Kurek. A Civil War buff, Kurek has located at least 18 graves of Civil War veterans and six graves of veterans of the War of 1812 in the cemetery.

As Memorial Day is devoted to those who died in the line of duty, Kurek will give a short bio on one or two of the Civil War soldiers from Bloomingdale who died in battle. I am very pleased to be able to be a part of this event as the history of Bloomingdale is a topic of great interest to me.

The Historical Society is also planning to have members of our local boy and girl scout troops place flags on the

graves of veterans. The entire ceremony will take only 30-45 minutes. Parking will be available in some business lots both east and west of the cemetery as businesses will not yet be open at that time of day. This promises to truly be a community event honoring our past. The public is encouraged to come and be a part of it.

Happy Spring!



Easter Egg Hunt

The Bloomingdale Lions Club will conduct its annual Easter Egg Hunt at Johnston Recreation Center on April 8 at 11:00 a.m. for youngsters ages 2-8.

**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
2nd 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 p.m. -- Indian Lakes -
Illinois Room

FAMILY FEST COMMISSION

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

SEPTEMBERFEST COMMISSION

3rd Wednesday of the month
March-December
7 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, 108 W. Washington

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

Paul Lockwood
Village Clerk

TRUSTEES

Robert Czernek
Legal & Intergovernmental

John Dabrowski
*Community Programs and
Special Events*

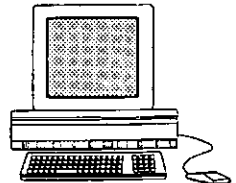
Patrick S. DeMoon
Police

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

Anthony B. Mulizio
Finance and Personnel

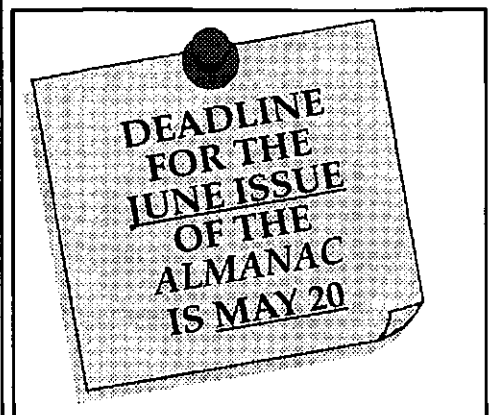
Gloria Reyes
Public Works and Services

**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 web address is: VILLAGEBLOOMINGDALE@worldnet.attn.net

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



**Bloomingtondale Letter Carriers Collecting
Food Donations On Saturday, May 13**

The Bloomingtondale Post Office & National Association of Letter Carriers are having their seventh annual Food Drive on Saturday, May 13, 2000. According to coordinator Daryl Miller, "Last year residents donated a record 6,400 pounds of food which brought our six-year total to over 27,000 pounds of food to the Bloomingtondale Township Food Pantry."

Please leave non-perishable food items by your mailbox by 9 a.m. All items will be given to the Bloomingtondale Township Food Pantry which serves the area. The mail carriers thank you in advance for your participation.



Volunteer teens helped Teri Bennett of Township General Assistance, and food drive coordinators, Daryl Miller and Bryan Foler load some of the food donated by generous Bloomingtondale residents last year.

Stand Up and Be Counted: Year 2000 Census Is Underway!

The National Census, conducted in the United States by the Census Bureau every 10 years, is under way. Every resident of the Village of Bloomingdale should have received a written form from the Census Bureau.

IF YOU DO NOT WANT TO RECEIVE A PERSONAL VISIT by Census Bureau workers, complete the form and return it to the Census Bureau by mail. If you fail to do this, the Census Bureau will contact you at home until they secure a completed census form.

The Census is important for many reasons. The districts for Congress and the districts for State Legislature and County Board offices are determined by population counts made during the Census. Failure to cooperate could mean under-representation for certain elected offices. The State income tax, motor fuel and other tax payments the Village of Bloomingdale receives from the State of Illinois are based on the Village population determined during the Census. The Village of Bloomingdale receives approximately \$113.00 per year, per resident in these tax payments. If the population is under-counted, the Village loses monies it is entitled to receive. This could cause taxes to be increased due to this loss of State and Federal funds.

PLEASE - Complete the form and mail it in. If you do this simple act, you will have no personal contact from Census workers.

United States Census 2000

At Last! Lake Street Construction Due to be Complete June 15

We're almost there! The new light poles are in. Although they aren't all powered yet, they should be soon. Crews will be starting to do landscape work in the medians this spring. Work is currently progressing on the new sidewalks. Signage concerns are being addressed. The permanent traffic signals should be up and running by mid-May.



The projected completion date for the Lake Street project is June 15.

Hazardous Waste Collection April 29 & May 20

The DuPage County Solid Waste Department will be sponsoring two spring Household Hazardous Waste Collections. The first is April 29 at College of DuPage, parking lot #11, just south of 22nd Street & west of Lambert Road. The second is May 20 at our own Public Works Garage, 305 N. Glen Ellyn Road. Hours for both are 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Residents may drop off household hazardous wastes that may be poisonous, flammable, corrosive, and/or reactive, such as lead-acid batteries, fireworks, explosives, ammunition, latex and oil based paint, photo or pool chemicals, fluorescent bulbs, pesticides, fertilizer, propane tanks, auto fluids, turpentine, cleaners, asphalt sealer and poisons.

Questions? Call the HHW Hotline at 510-2810.

Curbside Branch Pickup Program In Progress

Just a reminder, the Spring 2000 Branch Pickup Program is still underway. Pickups for the following areas are remaining. For further information, please call Helen Price at 671-5800.

SECTION THREE: Pick-up begins April 10, 2000

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.

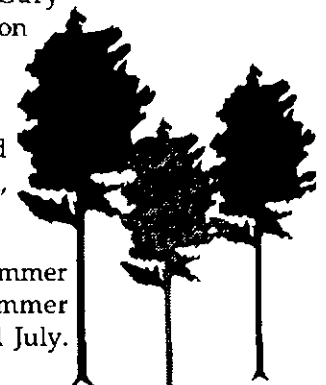
SECTION FOUR: Pick-up begins April 17, 2000

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 FIVE: Pick-up begins April 24, 2000

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.

PLEASE NOTE - To better serve our residents, a summer pick-up is being added to the program. The summer pick-up will take place during the end of June and July. Dates will be in the June Almanac.



April 30 Is Deadline for Displaying 2000 Bloomingdale Vehicle Stickers

All vehicles owned by a Bloomingdale resident or registered to a Bloomingdale address must have a Village vehicle license. Stickers are on sale now and must be affixed by midnight, April 30.

The cost of a vehicle sticker for a passenger car is \$10. Costs vary for other vehicle licenses. Call the Village Hall for more information. A late charge of \$5 will be assessed for late sticker purchases.

Vehicle stickers can also be purchased at the following locations:

First Chicago Bank

Springbrook and

Schick & Gary facilities **ONLY**

Springbrook Currency Exchange

Towne Center Shopping Center

115 E. Lake Street

West Suburban Currency Exchange

158 S. Gary Avenue

Immortalize Your Most Colorful Pants at the 4th Annual Bad Pants Open!

Start looking through your closets for your most colorful pants because the fourth annual Bad Pants Open will again be sponsored by Indian Lakes Resort and Nordic Hills on Memorial Day. Last year the Lions Foundation of Illinois and Lions Clubs International each received a check for \$6,000 as a result of that fundraiser.

"The most outrageous pair of golf pants worn that day will be enshrined in the "Bad Pants Hall of Fame," said resort manager Ata Kashanian.

Shot-gun start is at 9 a.m. The cost is \$69 and includes a round of golf, a Bad Pants Open hat and a ticket for the party afterwards, as well as golf clinics, prizes and door prize drawings. For more information call 529-0200, ext. 6789.



Jim Smith of Ottawa, Il. wearing 1999's "Baddest Pants"

DuPage Senior Citizens Council Seeking Meals on Wheels Volunteers

DuPage Senior Citizens Council is looking for volunteers to deliver meals to homebound seniors or help in the kitchen at their senior dining centers. Volunteering to deliver meals can work out for many people's schedules since it does not require a weekly commitment.

Many homebound seniors depend on the council for their meals. In some cases, the volunteer who delivers their meal is the only human contact they receive all day. Our dining centers also provide seniors with friendship as well as a nutritious meal. Our seniors need you! If you are interested in volunteering, please give DuPage Senior Citizens Council a call at 620-9794.

How Do I Reach . . .

The following are direct numbers for various Village departments.

671-5600 Mayor's Office

671-5610 Administration

671-5630 Finance

General Finance

Accounts Receivable

Accounts Payable

671-5650 Water Billing

671-5690 Village Services Dept. Adm.

671-5676 Engineering

671-5660 Building & Zoning

671-5800 Public Works Maintenance

Street Repair

Snow Plowing

Forestry

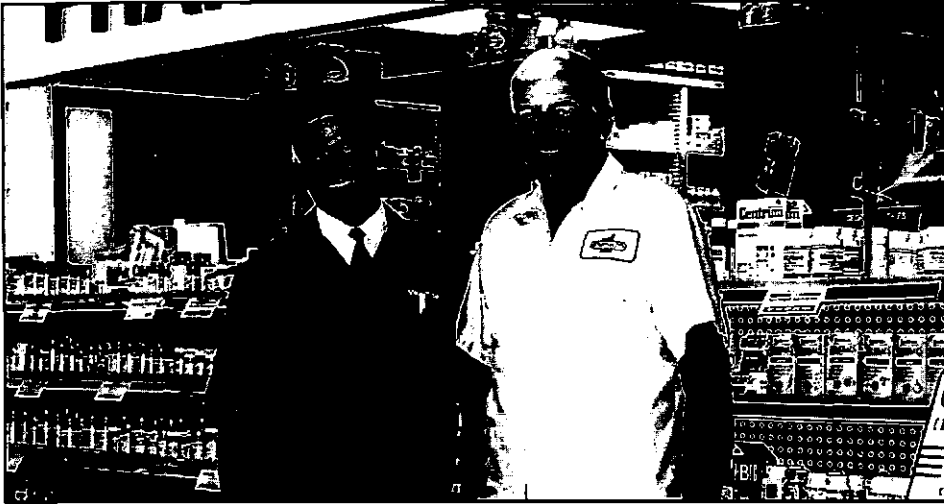
671-5830 Public Works Utilities

671-5850 Water Reclamation Facility

The 893-7000 number is still operational and will give you the extensions for individual employees if you know who you are trying to reach.

The Police Department non-emergency number remains 529-9868.





Bloomingtondale Pharmacy Celebrates

Bloomingtondale Pharmacy, 156 Bloomingtondale Road, recently celebrated its 20th anniversary in Bloomingtondale in the Towne Square Shopping Center. The pharmacy was the first tenant in the center 20 years ago and is the only original business remaining. The father & son pharmacist team, George & George Thies, Jr., are known for their friendly, helpful and personal service, as well as their community support.



Erickson third graders performed a CHARACTER COUNTS! dance for community members prior to their recent CC! Training.

Temporary Employment Opportunities

Village Offers Seasonal Maintenance Positions

The Village of Bloomingtondale is seeking individuals to fill seasonal and temporary positions in the Public Works Maintenance & Utilities Divisions. The positions work 40 hours per week doing miscellaneous work. Applicants must have a valid Illinois driver's license.

Applications may be obtained at the Village Hall, 201 S. Bloomingtondale Road, from 8:30 AM-4:30 PM Monday through Friday, and from 8:00 AM-12:00 noon on Saturdays.

For information, call 671-5692.

IEPA Honors Village's 1999 Consumer Confidence Report

The Village of Bloomingtondale's 1999 Water Quality Report was recognized by Illinois Environmental Protection Agency as "one of the best first time consumer confidence reports issued in Illinois" according to Mary F. Reed of IEPA's Compliance Assurance Section. The report contains information regarding the Village's water quality and the results of any water quality testing performed on samples collected in 1998.

The Village of Bloomingtondale Utilities Superintendent, Robert C. Maguire indicated "the Village is proud to have been recognized for this effort. This was our first Water Quality Report and we feel honored the IEPA has chosen it for display." Kevin M. O'Dea, Water Production Supervisor for the Village, prepared the report. Kevin has done an outstanding job with this report.

Over 1,750 privately owned and public water supplies throughout the state were required to provide this report to their water users during 1999. The IEPA has requested additional copies from the Village Services - Utilities Division to be used as an example in displays throughout the state and at association meetings with other water supplies.

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671-5600

25th Annual Dance-a-thon



Lake Park High School teacher Jim Benzin was honored for his many years as sponsor of the annual Lake Park Dance-a-thon which has raised over \$600,000 for charity in DuPage County over the years. This year's event, "A Blast from the Past" was held in March and celebrated the 25-year history of the event.

THINK TREES GARDEN CALENDAR

APRIL:

- As temperature warms, remove winter protection/coverings from plants.
- Remove tree wraps applied last fall.
- Dig and move trees and shrubs prior to bud break.
- Bare root plants should be planted before new growth begins; container plants can still be planted later into the spring.
- Plant a tree in celebration of Earth Day and Arbor Day.
- Divide and move perennials every three years to prevent them from over-crowding.
- On susceptible crabapples, control apple scab with a fungicide just as leaf buds begin to open. Spray should be repeated every 10 to 14 days until dry weather begins.
- Deadhead spring bulbs when they are finished flowering to direct energy back into bulbs. Discard tulips that only produced large leaves and no flowers.

MAY:

- Watch for insects and diseases that gave you problems last year. The sooner you detect damage, the easier they will be to control.
- Replenish mulch around existing plants to a depth of three to four inches. Keep mulch away from trunks.

College of DuPage Brings Off Campus Learning Center To Bloomingdale

After 17 years of serving students in the Glenside Public Library, College of DuPage has brought its off-campus learning center to Bloomingdale. The new facility is located at 162 S. Bloomingdale Road, in Town Square. It opened on March 27, the beginning of spring quarter.

A grand opening is planned for Saturday, April 29 from 1:30 - 4:30 p.m. Several dignitaries will be on hand for the 2:30 p.m. ribbon cutting. There will be tours of the new facility and C.O.D. faculty will be on hand to conduct computer demonstrations.

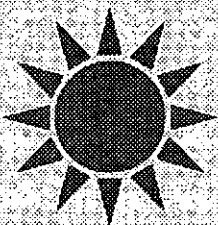
The 5600 square-foot facility will house a Center for Independent Learning (CIL), an independent study-based center especially designed for today's busy working adults that offers a non-traditional delivery format known as "flexible learning."

Through various media, including study guides, textbooks audio and video tapes, television, radio and computer-based lessons, CIL students spend a minimum amount of time on campus while earning college credit.

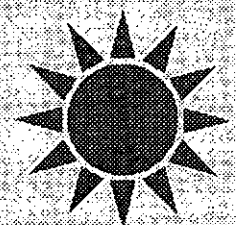
Open 62 hours a week, including Sunday afternoons, the center will offer 100 college-level transfer courses. There will also be an expanded number of traditional classroom courses, as well as enhanced non-credit and English as a second language courses.

For more information on the new Bloomingdale CIL facility, call 942-4900.

Here Comes Summer . . .



The Village Hall will be closed
Saturdays
from Memorial Day through Labor Day



THINK TREES PRUNING EVERGREENS

Evergreens come in an unlimited number of sizes and shapes. If the right evergreen is selected to fit the assigned space, minimum pruning is required. However, if pruning is necessary, Justin C. "Chub" Harper of the American Conifer Society makes the following recommendations:

Easiest to control are Yews and Hemlocks. Both have abundant buds on both old and new wood that develop into twigs when the cut is above the bud. Thus, they can be sheared and not permanently harmed so they can be used as hedges. The leaves tolerate some shade so they grow well on the inside of the plant and hence the plant can be made dense by shearing or pruning. Pruning just before new spring growth allows the pruning cuts to be covered with new growth very rapidly to get away from the "just sheared look".

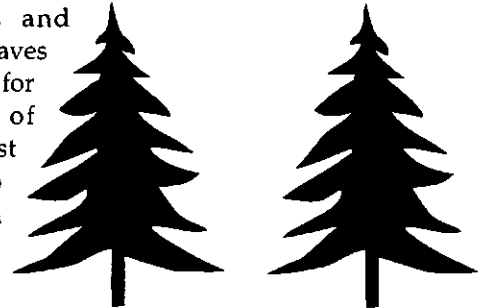
Next easiest to control are the Firs, Cedars, Spruce, and Douglas Firs. These have easily identified buds along the current season's growth and sometimes on the stem of the previous year's growth. Size can be controlled at any time by pruning back to a bud or live twig. For a formal shape, they can be pruned or sheared when the current season's growth is soft (not woody). Their leaves are somewhat shade tolerant so pruning or shearing has the potential for making a dense plant.

More care must be taken with Pines. When pruning Pines one must be aware of their lack of buds along the stem and that buds are only at the tip of current season's growth.

Thus, pruning at most times of the year must be done carefully or shape will be lost. The time to prune Pines is in the spring when growth is soft, a candle (the expanding buds) can be cut or pinched before the needles are fully elongated and buds will develop from needle fascicles below the cut. Early summer pruning or "candling" will produce a compact plant.

The group most difficult to prune and control their size and the Junipers, Arborvitae, and Falsecypress (Chamaecyparis). In this group, buds are present only where there are green leaves; a branch cut back to a non-leafy region will not form new foliage. Thus cutting or shearing to the brown inner part results in an unsightly scar that may not be covered for many years if ever. The naked or brown interior is the result of the fact that this group's foliage is intolerant of shade and therefore the interior leaves die. If they are sheared, it should be done with care and only when they are actively growing in the spring. This group of plants ends up being a thin "shell" of green growth over a

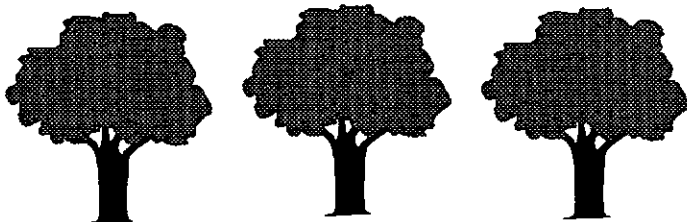
zone of twigs and limbs with no leaves and no potential for development of buds. Care must be taken not to open this thin "shell" during pruning.



PARKWAY TREE MAINTENANCE

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

The Village has a comprehensive, systematic pruning schedule which ensures each tree is trimmed every five years. Contract tree pruning occurs during February through April. In-house trimming can occur any time during the year. If a resident believes a parkway tree requires pruning, please contact the Forestry Division at 671-5800.



PART-TIME FORESTRY DEPARTMENT EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The Forestry Division is seeking a temporary Forestry assistant. Ideal candidate is a college student pursuing a degree in Forestry or Horticulture with related work experience. Applications are available at the Bloomingdale Village Hall. For further information, contact Larry M. Slavicek at 671-5803.

Bloomingdale Receives 5th Consecutive Tree City USA Designation

Bloomingdale has been named a Tree City USA for the fifth consecutive year. The Tree City USA program is sponsored by TREE CITY USA the National Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters and the USDA Forest Service. The Village was presented the award by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources on March 23, 2000 at the Morton Arboretum.



Community Events Community Events Community Events

Blood Drive April 14

The Village of Bloomingdale will be conducting a blood drive in conjunction with Life Source Blood Services. This drive is slated for 1-5:30 p.m. on Friday, April 14 at the Village Hall, 201 S. Bloomingdale Road. The Village is planning to have this blood drive designated for an 11-year old Winfield boy who is suffering from toxic shock from a virus which entered his blood system causing his entire body to shut down.

The youngster is the grandson of the Bloomingdale Police Department chaplain and coordinator of Bloomingdale's Youth Peer Jury. Call Lori at 671-5614 to make an appointment to take part in the village's blood drive. Any donated blood above and beyond that needed by the youngster will help alleviate the severe blood shortage currently being experienced in the area.

17th Annual Student Art Show

Come see the future minds and efforts of art in the 21st century. The Bloomingdale Park District Museum, 108 S. Bloomingdale Road, will present its 17th Annual Student Art Show through April 22. View a sampling of works of art by Bloomingdale students in grades kindergarten through high school. See everything from photography to watercolors to collages. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 10:00 am - 4:00 p.m. and Sunday 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. For more information call the Bloomingdale Park District at 529-3650 or the Museum at 539-3096. Information is also available on the park's website, www.bloomingdaleparks.org.

Garden Club Plant Sale May 5 & 6

The Bloomingdale Garden Club is hosting its Annual Plant Sale on Friday, May 5th, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and on Saturday, May 6th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Plants for sale will include annuals, perennials and hanging baskets. The sale will take place at the southeast corner of Pleasant & Schick (2 blocks west of Glen Ellyn Road).

Marklund Golf Classic May 8

Marklund Charities announces the Gale Sayers Marklund Golf Classic on May 8, 2000 at Indian Lakes Resort. The 18th annual event includes continental breakfast, 18 holes of golf, prizes, shoot-outs, golf contests, dinner, entertainment and silent/live auctions. Tickets are \$350 per golfer. Call 529-2018 for reservations. Marklund is committed to enriching the lives of infants, children and adults with developmental disabilities through quality programs and services.

Relay for Life May 20

The North DuPage Unit of the American Cancer Society will conduct its annual "Relay for Life" walk/run from 6 p.m. Friday, May 19 to 10 a.m. Saturday, May 20 at Lake Park High School in Roselle.

The idea is to have fun while raising money to fight cancer, and provide services to cancer patients and their families. The Village of Bloomingdale is sponsoring a team. Residents are encouraged to participate by forming a team, or joining a team that needs more people. For more information call the DuPage area office at 469-3011 (See Mayor Iden's column, p. 1).

Bloomingdale Church Day Camp Begins June 13

Bloomingdale Church, 262 Glen Ellyn Road, will host its annual Day Camp from Tuesday, June 13 through Friday, June 16 for youngsters completing grades kindergarten through sixth grade. This year's theme, Sonshine Farm, will incorporate the six pillars of character from CHARACTER COUNTS! into its activities and lessons. The camp traditionally attracts over 400 youngsters to the program. There is no fee. Call 894-0090 for more information or to register. Bloomingdale Church is a community church which emphasizes practical application of the Bible to living today and offers a variety of programs for children, teens and adults.

Sock Hop Fundraiser

On Saturday, June 10, the Bloomingdale-Roselle Rotary and Bloomingdale VFW Post 7539 will host a Sock Hop at the Trinity Lutheran Family Life Center in Roselle. Time will be from 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. The theme for this 50's-60's dance is Happy Days. Contests will be held and prizes awarded for best costumes, best hair, best dancers, twist, limbo, hula-hoop, etc. Entry ticket prices are \$15 for one and \$12.50 each for two or more.

Food, beer, wine, and soda pop will be available for sale.

Proceeds will support community charities and organizations such as the Bloomingdale CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition.

Come enjoy yourself and relive the best of times while helping your community. Call Bill Bahr at 307-3634 or Bill Wolff at 894-5692 for tickets before tickets are sold out.



Entry deadline is July 29

2000 Ms. and Mr. Bloomingdale Scholarship Competition Open to 16-20 Year Old Residents

Applications are now available for the 2000 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 28th Annual Septemberfest on Sunday, September 10, 2000.

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 12, 2000.

The Joe Draghi Scholarship Fund funds the scholarships. Last year, scholarship winners shared \$6,500.00. Entry forms are due to the Bloomingdale Village Hall by Saturday, July 29, 2000. Any questions please contact Irene Jones at 671-5610.

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

2000 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 2000 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 29, 2000.

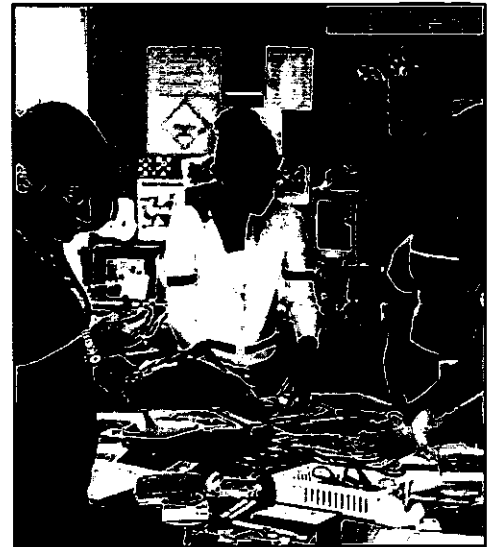
Mail applications to:

2000 Ms. and Mr. Bloomingdale Scholarship Competition
c/o Bloomingdale Village Hall
201 South Bloomingdale Road
Bloomingdale, IL 60108

Judging date will be Saturday, August 12, 2000. Winners will be announced at the Septemberfest event on Sunday, September 10, 2000.

ALL REQUIREMENTS MUST BE MET.

SCHOLARSHIPS ARE LIMITED TO FUTURE TUITION, BOOKS & FEES

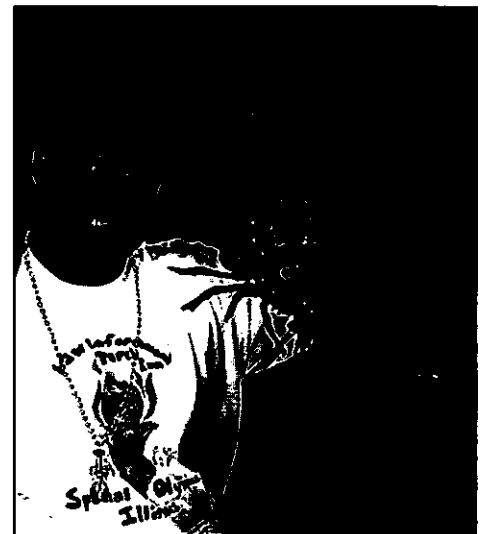


Westfield Junior High 7th graders attend workshops with a variety of artists and artisans at the annual ArtWorks. Above - students create memory pages for their photos in Scrapbooking Workshop.

Thanks, Marshall Field's

A belated thanks to Marshall Field for its generous support of our award-winning Street Smart Senior program.

A grant for \$500 was presented to the Bloomingdale Police Department through the efforts of the Marshall Field's Assets Protection Team and the Central Public Relations Department.



Bloomingdale Officer Bill Darre was one of the police officers acting as servers at Red Lobster for "Cops & Lobsters" last month to raise over \$1300 for Special Olympics.

ABOUT TOWN

Erica Swaya was one of six Lake Park High School Business Club DECA members to receive recognition last month for their excellent showing at the State DECA competition in Springfield. The Bloomingdale senior was a state finalist in the Travel and Tourism event. DECA is the only national student organization operating through the nation's schools to attract young people to careers in marketing, management, merchandising and entrepreneurship.

When **Shaun Talbott** received his Eagle Scout award in a Boy Scout Court of Honor held at St. Isidore Church in February, he was completing a tradition started by his brother Ryan, then carried on by brother Kevin. Only two percent of all scouts ever achieve this highest honor. Dale and Judy Talbott are the proud parents of three of them. Shaun's Boy Scout achievements include earning the 10 required and 11 optional merit badges, participating in numerous service projects and holding several leadership roles, including assistant senior patrol leader and senior patrol leader.



He completed his Eagle project at St. Isidore Church, constructing decorative wooden shelves for two storage closets in a meeting room adjacent to the main parish. Additionally, repairs were made to several cabinets in the Sacristy of the church.

The eighteen year old also distinguishes himself as a member of the Order of the Arrow. In addition, he has earned an Ad Altre Dei, which is a religious medal.

The AWANA teams from Bloomingdale Church recently attended an Olympic competition from which the girls

team brought home the gold. Making up the first place girls team are Kelly Waterman, Kim Morey, Sarah DeRenzo, Devin Johnston, Kelsey Coleman, Yorgia Sepsakos, Carly Coleman and Brittany Davies

worked together to garner a top place finish. The girls earned a first place banner and a medal for each teammate. Their coaches were Tina Davies and Rachel Soden.

The boys' team made up of Chris Gottschalk, Michael Bergeron, Tony Bergeron, Nathan Hodges, Cory Hodges, Alex Kuper, Sean Vesper, Jason Hibbon and Jose DeBesa, brought home a third place award. Mike Grisco and Dale Waterman coached the boys' team.

AWANA meets each Wednesday at Bloomingdale Church, 260 Glen Ellyn Road at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. For more information contact Bloomingdale Church at 894-0090.

Winnebago Elementary School has instituted weekly CHARACTERS COUNTS! winners for exhibiting good character as exemplified in the six pillars -trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship. A special award is sent home and the students have their picture placed in the weekly school newsletter.

Showing outstanding character during the week of February 15 were Steven Suarez, Ushma Trivedi, Peter Leith. Christopher Nawrot, Tyree Yarbrough and Molly Grutzmacher. Kelsey Haddad, Jennifer Chuman, Brad Pontarelli, Kenny Jewell, Carissa Corral, Gina Pisario for the week of February 21. Week of March 6 was Jack Gober, Ben Leidberg, Jasmine Jamahdor, Namita Parikh, Taylor Soss and Misha Borja. Thomas Sperlik, Jennifer Caravello, Daniel Suarez, Noell Jordan, Eric Truhlar and Paul Wlodarczyk for week of March 12.

Villagers Club News: The Villagers' Club of Bloomingdale would like to thank all those who participated in their Annual Housewalk in November. The Villagers raised \$11,272.00, which was distributed to local charities at their April meeting. The charities that benefited were Burn Alliance Camp, Trinity Adult Day Care, Community Clinic and MYM, a program for young mothers.

The Villagers are getting ready for their next housewalk in November 2000. Anyone interested in placing their home in the Housewalk or knows of someone in Bloomingdale whose home would lend itself to the Housewalk, is encouraged to call Anita Nitzche at 980-4576 or Corrine McCoy at 585-8264. Five homes will be selected for the Housewalk.

The Villagers' Club of Bloomingdale is a women's civic organization that meets the first Thursday of the month from September to May. Anyone interested in further information about the Villagers should contact Sue Matula at 894-2580.

Fall Registration at St. Paul Children's Center: St. Paul's Children's Center is now accepting registration for Fall. The center offers opportunities for children to explore and experience educational materials, participate in large and small groups, engage in activities that encourage creativity through music, art, children's literature and dramatic play.

Openings are available in the 3-year old T/TH morning class and the 4-year old MWF morning and afternoon classes. For more information, please call Director Victoria Melvin at 980-9196.

BLOOMINGDALE *Golf Club*

EASTER & MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH



\$18.95 Adults
Children 5-12 \$9.95
Children under 5 free.

2 seatings: 10:30am and 1:30pm.

Reservations required, 529-6232.

Bloomington Park District Wins State Award for Outstanding Facility

The Bloomington Park District Museum facility, at 108 S. Bloomington Road, went under a major renovation and expansion in 1998. The Museum hosted a re-grand opening December 1998 and has recently hosted several exhibits including a National Quilt Show. The Illinois Park and Recreation Association. The Bloomington Park District Museum facility was recently awarded the 1999 Outstanding Facility and Park Award in the category of best renovation/expansion in the entire state from the Illinois Park and Recreation Association. The Museum celebrated its 150th birthday last year and is the oldest building in Bloomington.

The Bloomington Park District Museum is located at 108 South Bloomington Road, Bloomington. See p. 8 about the current exhibit or visit the Bloomington Park District website at www.bloomingtonparks.org.

Check Out Golf Club Rates & Procedures for 2000

The discounted Resident green fees for the 2000 Season are as follows:

Weekday

18 Holes	\$21.00	With Cart	\$34.50
Senior 18 Holes	\$14.00		\$27.50
9 Holes	\$13.50		\$22.50
Senior 9 Holes	\$ 9.50		\$18.50
Twilight	\$14.00		\$25.00
EarlyBird (6-7 am)	\$10.50		\$17.50



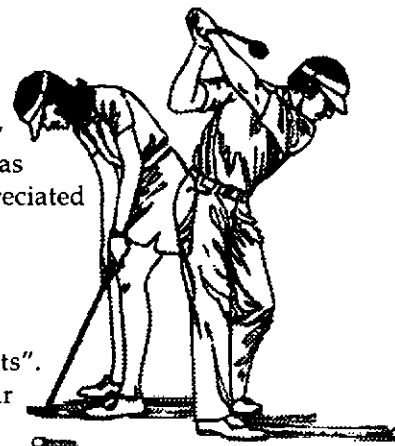
Weekend

18 Holes	\$39.00	18 Holes & carts mandatory before 2 pm on weekends.	
18 After 2 pm	\$25.50	With Cart	\$39.00
9 After 2 pm	\$16.00		\$25.00
Twilight	\$14.00		\$25.00
EarlyBird (6-7 am)	\$19.50 (Includes Cart)		

Residents may make tee time reservations 10 days in advance (non-residents may only do so 7 days in advance). Credit card numbers are required on the weekends, as well as when reserving more than two tee times on any day of the week. It is appreciated that any tee times needing to be canceled be done so at least 24 hours in advance.

Any children under age 12 need to be accompanied by an adult.

Instead of issuing a "Resident ID" card, we will be setting up "Resident Accounts". Residents should stop in the Pro Shop and have a picture ID with them verifying their address.



Off the Shelf

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LIBRARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL

- 6 Writer's Group Subcommittee 7:00-9:00PM
8 Writer's Group Workshop 9:00AM-NOON
11 Bloomington Seniors 11:00AM-3:00PM
*11 "Severe Weather Preparedness" 7:00-9:00PM
—Jim Allsopp
12 Library Board Meeting 7:30PM
17 Bloomington Historical Society 7:30-9:00PM
19 Bloomington Garden Club 7:00-9:00PM
*19 "Foods That Fight Cancer" 7:00-8:30PM
—Jeanine Fitzmaurice
*20 Book Discussion Group 7:30-9:00PM
23 LIBRARY CLOSED
26 Writer's Group Workshop 7:00-9:00PM
26 Friends of the Library 7:30-9:00PM
*30 "Sunday at the Movies"
Runaway Bride

MAY

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11 Writer's Group Subcommittee 7:00-9:00PM
*11 "Unlocking Your Creativity" 7:00-9:00PM
—Ann Kleboe
12 Writer's Group Workshop 9:00AM-NOON
*20 Bus Trip—Kohler, WI 8:00AM-6:30PM
*18 Book Discussion Group 7:30-9:00PM
24 Writer's Group Workshop 7:00-9:00PM
24 Friends of the Library 7:30-9:00PM
*25 "Stress Reduction" 7:00-9:00PM
—Dr. Calcagno
28 Library closed on Sundays for the summer
29 LIBRARY CLOSED: Memorial Day

*Registration required (630-529-3120)

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK APRIL 9-15, 2000

READ! LEARN!

CONNECT@THE LIBRARY!

Stop in the library the week of April 9-15 and help celebrate National Library Week! The theme for this year's celebration is Read! Learn! Connect@the library! To bring focus to this special week, the Library will feature:

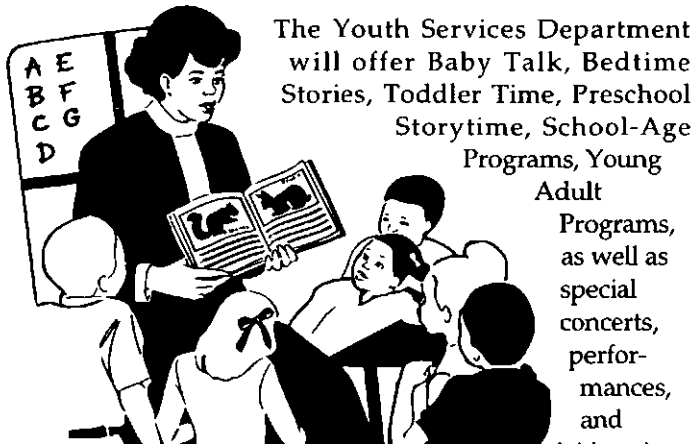
- A special display highlighting the library staff's favorite books may be found in the Adult Services Department.
- A Youth Services Department display will feature various new materials that may be checked out of the library.
- In the Circulation Department every patron who uses their card will be entitled to take an Easter Egg from a basket. The eggs will contain one to three coupons for free video or DVD rentals. (Minors under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian to use coupon.)
- Starting April 9 Bloomington patrons, who have a pin number assigned to their library card, will be able to place requests on materials or renew some materials from their home or library computers. A pin number may be obtained at the Circulation Desk.

CHECK OUT WHAT'S NEW FOR KIDS OF ALL AGES!

SUMMER READING CELEBRATION!

June 19 - August 5

This summer, join the Bloomingdale Public Library in Celebrating 25 Years of Service. The Youth Services Department is busy planning for the reading club celebration! Watch for Youth Services Librarians who will be visiting Bloomingdale schools in May to promote the program!



The Youth Services Department will offer Baby Talk, Bedtime Stories, Toddler Time, Preschool Storytime, School-Age Programs, Young Adult Programs, as well as special concerts, performances, and activities. A

Summer Brochure with detailed program and registration information will be mailed to Bloomingdale residents in May.

VOLUNTEENS NEEDED

at the Bloomingdale Public Library

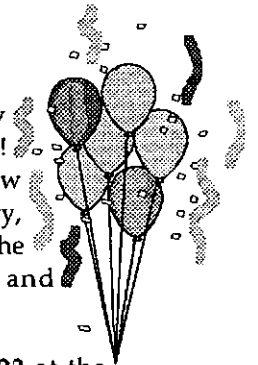
Young adults entering seventh through twelfth grades in August 2000 who are interested in volunteering this summer are invited to attend a training session. The new VolunTEENS group will help the Youth Services staff during our summer reading program. VolunTEENS may help prepare crafts, make posters, read to young children, assist with programs, and may even have a chance to work at our reading club check-in station.

All interested candidates must register for and attend one of the following training sessions on June 5 at 4:30 p.m., June 6 at 4:30 p.m., or June 10 at 2:00 p.m. The VolunTEENS program begins the week of June 19. Register now for one training session at the Youth Services Reference Desk or by calling 529-3120 x332. VolunTEENS should be ready to pick the times that they would like to work when they come for their training session.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY PAGES!

Friday, June 9
10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
OR
2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

You are invited to attend a birthday party for Pages, the Library mascot! Twenty-five years ago Pages' new home, the Bloomingdale Public Library, opened for the first time. Party at the Library and enjoy stories, games, and crafts!



Registration begins Monday, May 22 at the Youth Services Reference Desk or by calling 529-3120 x332.

CHESS CLUB

(Ages 8 & up)
Wednesdays, beginning June 21
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Registration begins June 5



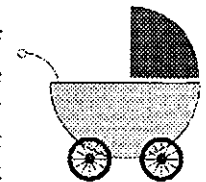
Come join the current Interlibrary Chess Club Champions. The Bloomingdale Public Library Summer Chess Club will meet at the Library on Wednesdays from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. beginning June 21. If you are eight years of age or older and know a little or a lot about the game, this is your chance to sharpen your 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. Registration begins June 5.

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 will send the new baby and its family a congratulatory packet with a certificate for a free board book to be picked up in the Youth services Department. 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.



Adult Programs

PLACES TO GO, THINGS TO SEE . . .



Mark your calendars today for the latest in the series of Bloomingdale Public Library bus tours. For full information, call the Library at 529-3120 ext. 324 or stop by the Library for a flyer that contains the complete trip details. Early registration is encouraged as prior tours have filled quickly. The tour include bus transportation, which departs from and returns to the Library at the times indicated. Non-residents are welcome to participate. Please join us for this enjoyable and educational trip!

Kohler, Wisconsin

Date: Saturday, May 20, 2000

Depart: 8:00 a.m. Return: 6:30 p.m.

Price: \$58.00 due at time of registration

Join the library and Falicia Tours as we travel north to Kohler, WI to explore this historic, planned community. The Kohler Co. (maker of plumbing and many other items) was established in 1873 and the Village of Kohler, established in 1912, was one of the earliest planned communities. The village has grown into the Midwest's premier resort destination with two hotels, three 18-hole golf courses, ten restaurants and cafes, a health and racquet facility with salon and day spa, a wilderness preserve, and shopping opportunities galore. We will travel around on a guided bus tour before stopping for lunch at The American Club, the Midwest's only AAA Five Diamond Resort Hotel. After lunch, we will enjoy a self-guided tour of the Kohler Design Center, featuring a 36,000 square foot exhibition hall complete with three levels of dramatic design ideas. Our final stop will be the Waelderhaus or "house in the woods", a reproduction of an old-world Austrian chalet. This two-hour trip will have a rest stop with complimentary muffins and coffee on the way to Kohler but not on the return trip. Please drop by the library to make your reservation.

Chicago Architectural Boat Cruise/Navy Pier

Date: Saturday, August 5

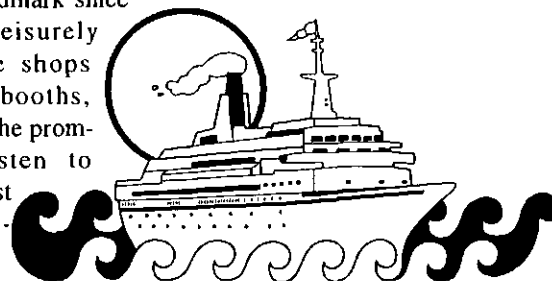
Depart: 8:45 a.m. from the library

Price: \$57.00 due at time of registration

What a better way to begin a relaxing summer day in Chicago than with a 90-minute narrated architecture boat tour. We will board Chicago's First Lady, a luxury cruise vessel designed in the spirit of a 1920's presidential yacht. Our narrator will be a trained Chicago Architecture Foundation guide who will spotlight 53 historically and architecturally significant sites.

After the tour, lunch will be served at the King Wah Chinese Restaurant in Chinatown followed by a visit to Navy Pier, a Chicago landmark since

1916. Leisurely browse the shops and artist booths, walk along the promenades, listen to music or just people watch.



Book Discussions

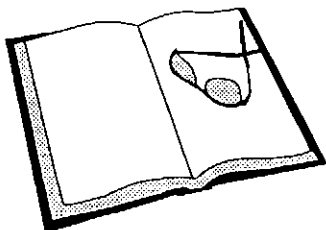
Bloomington Library's Book Discussion group meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Thursday of the month:

April 20 *Corelli's Mandolin* by Louis DeBerniaeres

May 18 *Memoirs of a Geisha* by Arthur Golden

June 15 *A House for Mr. Biswas* by V.S. Naipaul

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



JOIN OUR FRIENDLY SENIORS!

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



BLOOMINGDALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY INVITES NEW MEMBERS

The Bloomingdale Historical Society Steering Committee meets on the first Monday of each month at the Bloomingdale Public Library. Meetings are held from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. New members are always welcome. For additional information, call 529-3120 ext. 324.

Spring Adult Programs PROGRAMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST FOR ADULTS

HOMEBOUND SERVICE

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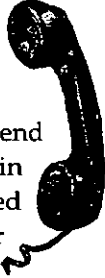
- ✓ A senior without a car? .
- ✓ Physically handicapped?
- ✓ Recovering from surgery?
- ✓ Limited by illness?

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.

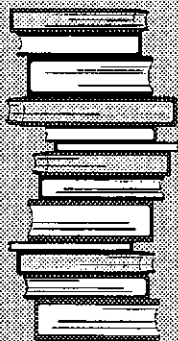
Please call ahead so we may assist you . . .



Individuals with disabilities who plan to attend Library programs and who require certain accommodations to participate are requested to call the Library, 529-3120 (TDD number 529-4739), 48 hours in advance of program date.

WANTED

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.



People Educating People (PEP)

College of DuPage's People Educating People (PEP) volunteers tutor adults in English as a Second Language (ESL), reading and basic math classes. PEP is seeking volunteers for the new C.O.D. location at Town Square, Bloomingdale, as well as for sites in Addison and Carol Stream. Fourteen hours of training are required. The next series will be May 6, 13 and 20. Call Ruta at (630) 942-3794.

Bloomingdale Garden Club Annual Plant Sale

Perennials and Annuals

Friday, May 5 10:00AM- 7:00PM
Saturday, May 6 9:00AM--2:00PM

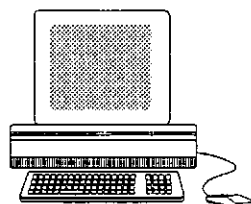
*Southeast Corner Schick & Pleasant
3 Blocks West of Glen Ellyn Road
Bloomingdale, IL*



Computer Tutors Available

On Tuesday evenings, free Internet tutoring is available between 7-8:30 p.m.

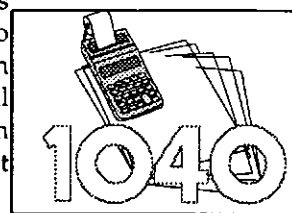
On Wednesday evenings, free tutoring is available for Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, Powerpoint), Internet, or questions regarding computer upgrades, etc.



Please call 529-3120 ext. 324 for a _ hour appointment for either evening.

INCOME TAX FORMS

To assist our residents at tax time, the Library has a variety of Federal and State tax forms available for distribution or to photocopy. Photocopies are ten cents per page. The Library will be open until 9:00 p.m. on Monday, April 17 to aid last minute filers in gathering forms.



SUMMER HOURS

Starting May 28 the library will be closed on Sundays for the summer. Regular Sunday hours will resume on September 10. 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



Yearlong Celebration of Library's 25 Years of Service to Community Begins June 9

The Bloomingdale Public Library will begin its celebration of two and a half decades of service to the community on June 9, 2000 with an open house from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The open house will be the first in a yearlong series of special events commemorating the library's 25th anniversary.

On June 9 the Library Board of Trustees along with the library staff and The Friends of the Library will welcome patrons at an outdoor café set up in Friendship Court. Throughout the day refreshments will be served and there will be musical entertainment.

Also on June 9, the youth services department will celebrate the birthday of the library's mascot, Pages the Bear. Youngsters will enjoy stories, games and crafts. Advance registration is required for either the 10:30-11:30 a.m. party, or the 2-3 p.m. party. **Registration begins Monday, May 22.** Sign up at the youth services reference desk or call 529-3120, ext. 332.

As we begin this year of celebration, we'd like to share a bit of historical data from the library's archives.

"After several years of study by a committee of residents, a referendum was held in June of 1974," said Karen Taylor (first president of the library board.)

"The community overwhelmingly showed its interest in having its own library."

"The board purchased a two-classroom modular unit from School District 15 and had it moved to town," said Taylor. "I'm sure many a resident groaned when they saw the faded pink 'shoe box' roll down Bloomingdale Road. Many donated dollars, materials and services, and many donated hours went into transforming the shoe box into a library."

Taylor also shared recollections of the people who diligently worked for a year to establish a solid foundation upon which today's library was built:

- A man and his son putting up a sign in the rain
- A man putting in the chimney when it was 10 degrees and snowing
- Area businesses, developers and organizations donating over \$25,000 in money, materials and services
- A troop of Cub Scouts planting flowers they started from seed
- Thirty people working weekend after weekend building, planting, painting and laying sod
- Hundreds of square feet of lumber, gallons of varnish and thousands of donated books
- Sore muscles, smashed fingers and black tar on a kid's good coat
- Hopes, dreams, perseverance and pride.

The original library was dedicated on June 9, 1975 and opened its doors with a collection of 4,500 adult and juvenile books, a staff of three, and over 30 volunteers providing 28 hours of service each week.

As we celebrate 25 years of progress and expansion, Bloomingdale's 35,000-square foot library holds 90,000 items, has 50 staff members, six volunteers and is open 68 hours a week.

For a complete account of its history, visit the library's web site:
www.bloomingdale.lib.il.us.

12 Special Bookmarks Commemorate Library's 25th Anniversary

During the Bloomingdale Public Library's 25th anniversary year, a series of 12 special-edition bookmarks will be offered to patrons at a modest price.

The first bookmark will be available on June 9, 2000. Then each month, through May 2001, a new bookmark will be introduced.

Sharon Kane, the local artist who painted the woodland-scene mural in the children's play area of the youth services department, has designed this series of bookmarks for the library.

Sharon was born and raised in South Bend, Indiana. She began her art career at the age of nine when she had a drawing published *Children's Activities Magazine* (now *Highlights for Children*.) Her stories and poems also appeared in that publication and she became a regular contributor to *Child Life* and *The Christian Science Monitor*.

During Sharon's early teens her art was published in *Scholastic Magazine*, *Seventeen Magazine* and the *South Bend Tribune*. At age seventeen she created a cartoon "Buttons an' Beaux," which was syndicated in newspapers across the country.

When Sharon was 25, her first children's book "Where Are You Going Today?" was published by Albert Whitman & Co., Chicago.

During the next 20 years she illustrated more than 25 picture books for Golden Press and Rand McNally.

Representative pieces of Sharon's work are on permanent display at the Northern Indiana Historical Society in South Bend.

Spring Adult Programs

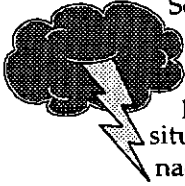
SEASONAL PROGRAMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

Please read the latest schedule of programs scheduled by the Adult Services Department. There is something for everyone. All programs are free of charge but require registration which should be made by calling the reference desk at 529-3120, ext. 324.

Severe Weather Preparedness

Tuesday, April 11, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Jim Allsopp, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service, will be at the library to host a program on severe storm safety and preparedness. Please join us as Mr. Allsopp shows participants how to identify severe weather situations and what to do in the event of tornadoes and thunderstorms. This program is free but registration is required.



Foods that Fight Cancer

Wednesday, April 19, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Is it possible to eat your way to cancer prevention? It's been noted that one-third of cancer deaths in the U.S. may relate to how and what people eat. However, the good news is that diet is a factor each of us can control. Find out what foods you should be including in your diet by registering now for this program led by Jeanine Fitzmaurice, a local registered and licensed dietitian. There is no charge for this program. Registration is required.

Watch a Feature Film at the Library!

Sunday, April 30, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

If you're in the mood for a movie, come to the library on Sunday when we will be showing the hit movie, *Runaway Bride* featuring Julia Roberts and Richard Gere. This romantic comedy features Maggie (Roberts) as the elusive bride and Ike (Gere) as a journalist who writes a derisive article about her. The sparks fly when these two meet! If you haven't seen this yet or if you'd like to see it again, here's your chance. Free popcorn will be served! (This movie is rated PG.)

Unlocking Your Creativity

Thursday, May 11, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

LaGrange artist and teacher Ann Kleboe will conduct a "hands-on" workshop showing participants ways to recognize and express their creative talents. Ms. Kleboe, as an experienced stone carver, jewelry designer and teacher with a degree in psychology, will guide attendees through a stimulating 2-hour session.

Stress Reduction

Thursday, May 25, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

If you would like to learn how stress affects the body and the simple things you can do at work and/or home to reduce these affects, join Dr. Calcagno from Olympic Chiropractic. He will show individuals how to take a beginning step toward a proactive role in personal health-care starting with advice on reducing the negative affects of stress in one's life. Registration is required.

Adult Summer Reading Program

June 19- August 5

Help us celebrate 25 years of public library service to the village of Bloomingdale by participating in the Adult Summer Reading Program.

- Each time you read or listen to a book between June 19 - August 5, stop at the Reference Desk and we will record your title. For every five books read, you will receive an entry in our final drawing. You will receive one entry for each title. Prizes are donated by local merchants.

- In addition, if you choose to read a book from our Super Seventies list of best sellers from the era in which our Library was founded, you will receive an additional coupon for the final drawing. You will receive one coupon for each title read from this list. Take a stroll down memory lane, and check out what we were reading 25 years ago!

- 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.



Bloomingtondale Park District

We're right around the corner!



Paintball Trip

Saturday, April 29

Look out behind you; you're about to be hit! Come and bring your friends as Bloomingtondale and Medinah Teams head out to Challenger Park's Paintball Course in Joliet. Playing fields are designed like Hollywood sets complete with bunkers, towers, bridges, forts and destroyed buildings. This trip includes gun rental, 200 paintballs, unlimited CO₂, rules and safety instructions and transportation. Participants should bring a sack lunch. Registration deadline is April 14, 2000.

Location: Leave from Johnston Rec Center

Ages	Time	Fee
12-15 yrs	8:15 am-3:00 pm	\$50

Summer 2000 Program Brochure on your Doorstep Soon!



Watch for our Summer brochure arriving in the mail the end of April. Descriptions and details of hundreds of summer programs will be in this issue, as well as information on our parks, special events, pool, camps and rental facilities. **Get ready for a season full of sizzling summer fun!**

Coming Soon! Summer Concert Series Returns

Beginning June 13, Old Town Park will be the site of the Second Annual Concert Series, sponsored by the Park District and the Village of Bloomingtondale. This series of **free** concerts will include a wide variety of music as well as a special childrens' series. Bring your chairs and blankets to sit on, and enjoy the summer nights at Old Town Park.

Pool Opening

Nothing says summer like a refreshing, inviting pool; and ours will officially open June 3rd! Season pool passes to the 250,000-gallon pool, complete with water slide, sand volleyball, baby pool and concession area go on sale May 1st. Both the individual and family pool passes are available, as well as convenient coupon books.



Buy a pass on or before June 10, and you get entered in a drawing to win a FREE pool rental! So buy your pool pass early!

Crafters Wanted! Old Town Festival of Arts & Crafts

Saturday, June 17

Booth space is still available for the Old Town Festival of Arts & Crafts scheduled for June 17 at Old Town Park. Hours for the fair will be 10 am to 3 pm. Interested crafters should call Mary Jo Bailey at 529-3650, or e-mail her at bailey@bloomingtondaleparks.org. The deadline to apply is May 1. Limited space is available, so sign up today!

Dance Recital 2000



Bartlett High School - May 20-21

All 38 dance classes will perform in our Annual Spring Dance Recital. Dance types include tap, jazz, lyrical hip-hop, and ballet. Come see the girls showcase their nine months of hard work! For times and ticket information, please call the Park District at 529-3650.

Adult Softball Leagues Begin Soon!

We are now taking registration for the Tuesday/Thursday Night Men's 12" League, the Monday Night Men's 16" League, and the Wednesday Evening 14" Co-Rec League. A \$50 deposit is due upon registration. Ages 18 and up are welcome. All leagues begin the week of May 15.

League	Fee
Mens 12"	\$615/695 (R/NR)
Mens 16"	\$400/450 (R/NR)
Co-Rec 14"	\$400/450 (R/NR)



The Bloomingtondale Park District Museum presents

17th Annual Student Art Show

Now through April 22

Come see the future minds and efforts of art in the 21st Century!

A sampling of almost 200 art projects produced by students in grades Kindergarten through High School will be on display during this exhibit. Pieces range from photography to watercolors to collages.



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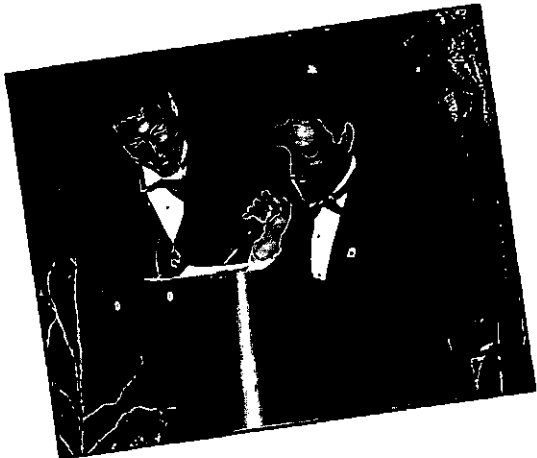
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Chamber of Commerce Awards 2000

On Saturday, March 11, 2000 the Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce presented its annual awards at "Watch the Stars Come Out - Saluting Junior Achievement." The traditional dinner dance celebration was held at Indian Lakes Resort. The Businessperson of the Year Award was presented to Dr. Michael Kelly of Old Town Chiropractic Center. Branka Poplonski, a realtor with Lullo Century 21, received the Ambassador of the Year Award. Bank One of Bloomingdale, represented by Jeff Simpson, Sue Floetl, and Deb Stroemer, was honored as the Business of the Year.



Although the intent of each award is to honor different contributions by members, the recipients have a lot in common. In addition to their commitment, support and active participation, each has been a vital partner in the growth of the chamber, the development of its programs and the continuation of its commitment to the community.

The Chamber of Commerce created two new awards this year. Rookie of the Year was presented to Vicki Hettlinger of Hettlinger Interiors. This award goes to the outstanding first year member. As a new member, Hettlinger jumped in to become the point person for last year's silent auction, and continues to actively serve on several committees. She received the Rookie of the Year Award not only for being very committed to Chamber activities, but also for her enthusiasm and "can do" attitude.



Another award created this year was the Character Builders Award to honor those who have provided outstanding leadership and service to our community in the Bloomingdale CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition. The first Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce Character Builder Award was presented to Mary Hahn and Donna Marino, teachers at Westfield Junior High.

This award was created to show the commitment the Chamber of Commerce has to the Bloomingdale CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition. Marino and Hahn's energy, enthusiasm and leadership have led to the creation of an organization that encompasses almost every governing body in the village and many civic, educational, and youth organizations. In addition to making nearly 20 presentations in the Bloomingdale area, the dynamic duo has also spread the message of CHARACTER COUNTS! to Roselle, Carol Stream, Itasca, and Streamwood.



The evening also featured a silent auction to raise funds for Junior Achievement. Junior Achievement is a non-profit organization which has developed education-to-career programs to be presented during the school day by volunteers from the local business community. The \$4000 plus raised that evening will help provide funding for JA programs in Bloomingdale.