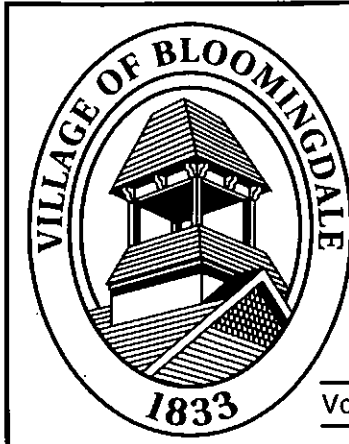


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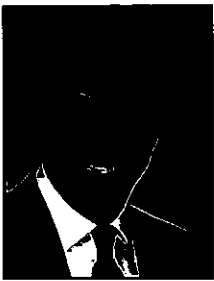
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From the Mayor's Desk



Robert G. Iden

As we enter the new year, it is appropriate to thank the many commission and committee members who have volunteered their time and expertise during 1999 for the betterment of the

village. Their names can be found on page 4. We also acknowledge the Neighborhood Watch participants on page 6. These residents volunteer to be the extra "eyes and ears" for the Bloomingdale Police Department. Their help is invaluable.

On January 24, the Village Board appointed Paul E. Lockwood as Village Clerk to fulfill Harriet Ford's term of office. Paul comes to us with an extensive background in communications, as well as experience in working with governmental agencies. A two-year resident, Paul is very enthusiastic about taking over the clerk's job and looks forward to becoming more involved in the community. We welcome him aboard.



Paul Lockwood

Residents and businesses will be happy to know we are approaching the end of the Lake Street construction project. This last phase, which will be completed in spring, will include landscaping, lighting and restoration work. It has been a long haul, but the end is now in sight. The next road project that will affect both our residential and commercial population is Army Trail from Schmale west to Gary Avenue. DuPage County tells us they are planning to start this project this summer.

In 1998 the Village Board passed an adult use ordinance to regulate the licensing and location of such businesses. Although at that time we had no specific need for such an ordinance, the village made that proactive move. Last November, thanks to that ordinance and the diligence of Building Commissioner Mike Gricus and Director of Village Services Michael Marchi, we were able to stop an undesirable use from locating at 207 East Lake Street without ending up in a potentially long and costly litigation. In other communities, officials have had to fight these battles over many months while the business was operating.

We look forward to the year 2000 and beyond in Bloomingdale. In upcoming Almanac issues I'll talk about programs and projects we have slated to accomplish during this year.

Sincerely,
Robert Iden

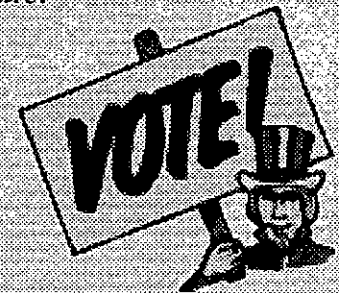
In Sympathy

On a sad note, we extend our deepest sympathies to former Trustee Ray Friscia and his family on the loss of his wife, Marie. The couple recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Both Friscias have dedicated a large part of their lives to volunteer efforts. Marie will be missed by many.

Register to Vote by February 22

Last day to register to vote in the March 21 primary is Tuesday, February 22. This is for both new registrations and address transfers within the county.

You can register to vote at the Village Hall and the Bloomingdale Public Library during regular business hours.



**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 PM -- Village Hall

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

1st, 2nd and 4th Mondays of every month
7:30 PM -- Village Hall

PLAN COMMISSION

1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month
7:30 PM -- Village Hall

**BOARD OF FIRE AND POLICE
COMMISSIONERS**

3rd Wednesday of every month
5:00 PM -- Village Hall

POLICE PENSION BOARD

Quarterly beginning in January
2nd Monday
5:00 PM -- Village Hall

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

2nd Wednesday of every month
7:30 PM -- Library

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Board of Directors Meeting
1st Thursday of every month
8:00 AM -- Indian Lakes -
Illinois Room

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

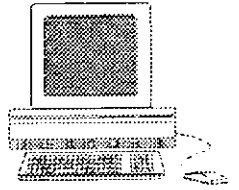
James M. Gebis
*Planning, Zoning
& Environmental Concerns*

Anthony B. Mulizio
Finance and Personnel

Gloria Reyes
Public Works and Services

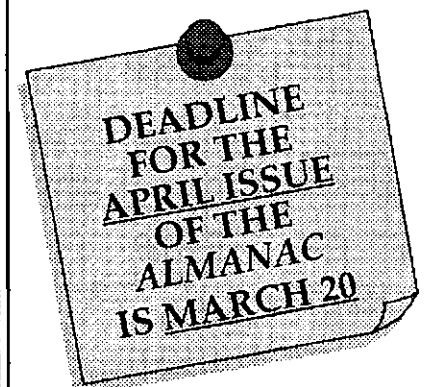
**We's like to hear from you:
Please note our website
address --**

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:

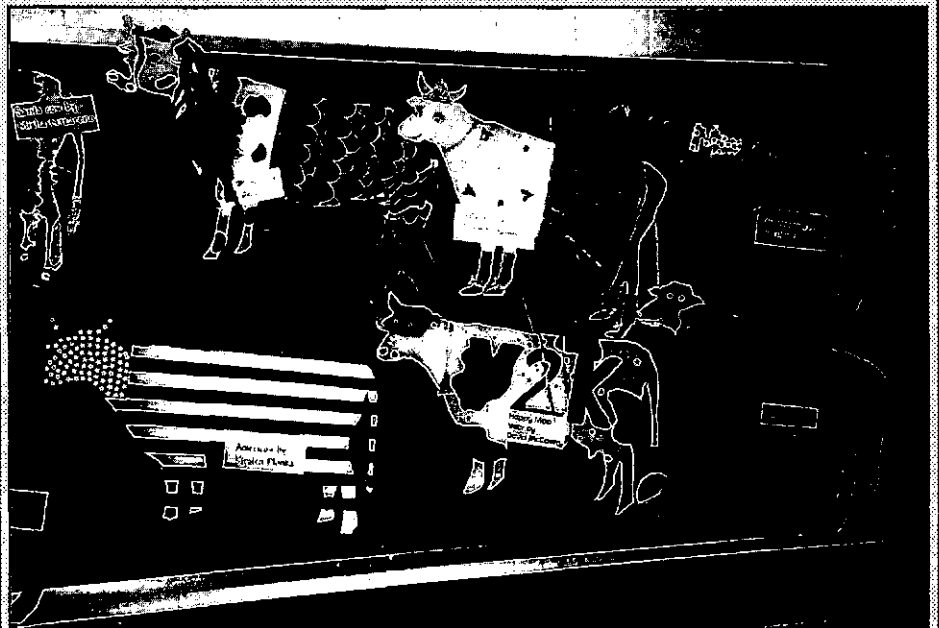


VILLAGE.BLOOMINGDALE@worldnet.att.net

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



COWS ON PARADE!!!!



Moormaid Cow, Ballerina Cow, Moirna, Americow, Happy Moo Year and The Bright Cow were just a few of the cows created by Westfield 8th graders on display at the School District 13 office.

Stand Up and be Counted:

Year 2000 Census Begins March 15

The National Census, conducted in the United States by the Census Bureau every 10 years, will commence on April 1, 2000.

Every known resident of the Village of Bloomingdale will receive a written form from the Census Bureau. 4 of 5 people will receive a short form. 1 of 5 people will receive a long form.

IF YOU DO NOT WANT TO RECEIVE A PERSONAL VISIT by Census Bureau workers, you need to complete the form which will be mailed to you 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 undercounted, 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.

You will start to receive written Census forms by mail by March 15, 2000. Complete the form and mail it in. If you do this simple act, you will have no personal contact from Census workers. An accurate count assures our community receives all of the money we are entitled to by law.



DuPage County Ordinance Prohibits Burning Yardwaste or Household Refuse

The DuPage County Board adopted the DuPage County Waste Management Ordinance on March 22, 1988. Landscape waste means all accumulations of grass or shrubbery cuttings, leaves, tree limbs, and other materials accumulated as the result of the care of lawns, shrubbery, vines and trees. Open Burning means the combustion of any matter in the open or in an open dump. Refuse means waste of all kinds. (definitions from Ordinance OWR-OO1-90, the DuPage County Waste Management Ordinance).

What is allowed:

▲ Open burning shall be allowed for recreational purposes. This is defined as an outdoor fire utilized to cook food for human consumption.

▲ Fires in approved containers shall be permitted, provided that they are not less than 15 feet from any structure. Approved containers are defined as containers designed for this purpose. Examples are the Weber outdoor fireplace or other similar listed devices.

▲ Any open burning shall be constantly attended until the fire is extinguished. Fire extinguishing equipment such as dirt, sand, garden hose, etc. shall be available for immediate use.

▲ Within the village's boundaries, all open burning shall be confined to approved containers designed for the designated purpose.

What is not allowed:

▲ It is unlawful for any person to cause or allow any open and uncontrolled burning of landscape wastes in the Villages of Bloomingdale and Glendale Heights or unincorporated DuPage County.



▲ It is unlawful for any person to cause or allow the burning of any refuse including landscape waste in any chamber not specifically designed for the purpose and approved by the Illinois EPA.

▲ It is unlawful for any person to cause or allow the open dumping or disposal of any waste, including landscape waste, at any site in Bloomingdale, Glendale Heights or unincorporated DuPage County, except at a site approved by the Illinois EPA.

▲ It is unlawful for any person to abandon, dump, or deposit any waste, including landscape waste, upon the public highways or other public property, except at a site approved by the Illinois EPA.

The Bloomingdale Fire Protection District #1, and village and county officials shall have the final approval for open burning, and in certain cases may determine that the fire needs to be extinguished for health and safety reasons.



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 go on sale March 1 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.

A new sticker application form will be arriving in your mailbox this year. Residents will be receiving a pre-printed application with the prior year's data included. An envelope for mailing back the application and payment will be included.

To avoid long lines and inclement weather, residents are encouraged to mail application with payment. Vehicle stickers will be returned by mail. Of course, as always, vehicle stickers can be purchased in person at the Village Hall, as well as at the following locations:

- Bank One**
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



We extend thanks to the following individuals for their volunteer contributions during 1999 to Village Commissions and Committees:

Business Promotion & Cultural Development Committee

Ata Kashanian	John Vertnik
Mary Ahart	Chris Favaro
Georgene Geils	RemoTurano

Board of Fire & Police Commissioners

Warren Gnau	Frank Letizia
	Louis Pavone

Police Pension Board

Jeff Fritz	Mark Kreciak
Steve Apostolopoulos	Robert Denney
	Shilora Larson

Plan Commission

Mauro DeFalco	Jim King
Judi Von Huben	Guy Sanalitra
John Manos	Ron Fangusaro
John Dabrowski	Rich Prybell

Septemberfest Commission

Barbara Arrivi	Debby Bodnar
Gary Fuchs	Pam Hagar
Mike Korney	Kathy Lovely
Dolores Orlik	Lynne Richman
	Gloria Tomaras

Happy Valentine's Day!



Temporary Employment Opportunities Village Offers Seasonal Maintenance Work

The Village of Bloomingdale 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 maintenance. Applicants must have a valid Illinois Driver's license.

Applications may be obtained at the Village Hall, 201 S. Bloomingdale Road, from 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM Monday through Friday and from 8:00 AM - Noon on Saturdays. For information call 671-5692.

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Thanks, Signs by Tomorrow!

We thank Signs by Tomorrow,
154 S. Bloomingdale Road, for
their continued support of the
Septemberfest Scholarship Fund.

Our apologies to them for omitting their name from the list of donors in the October issue of the Almanac.

THINK TREE CARE

PLANTING, PRUNING & 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.

CONTRACT TREE PRUNING

Nels J. Johnson Tree Experts of Evanston, Illinois will begin parkway tree pruning for the Village in February. All trees with a diameter at breast height of eight or more inches will be pruned to improve tree health and structure. Streets included in this year's cycle are:

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|------------------|-------------------|
| Bourne Ln. | Jackson Ln. |
| Braintree Ln. | Jefferson Ln. |
| Cambridge Ln. | Juniper Ln. |
| N. Circle Ave. | Kingston Ln. |
| S. Circle Ave. | Larchmont Ln. |
| Constitution Dr. | Lehigh Ln. |
| Downing Dr. | Lockwood Ln. |
| Edgebrook Dr. | Longridge Dr. |
| Euclid Ct. | Lynbrook Dr. |
| Euclid Ave. | Manor Ln. |
| Fairfield Ct. | E. Park Ave. |
| Fairfield Way | N. Pleasant Ave. |
| Freeport Dr. | N. Prairie Ave. |
| Hawthorne Dr. | Salem Ct. |
| Hingham Ln. | E. Schick Rd. |
| Independence Ln. | Spring Valley Dr. |
| Ironwood Dr. | St. Francis Ct. |
| Ivy Ln. | |

TREE PLANTING

50/50 Tree Planting Program:

The 50/50 Tree Planting Program is a program for parkway and front yard trees which was started in 1982. Trees are provided to residents, including planting, in a 50/50 cost-sharing with the Village. The trees are planted in the spring and are limited to two trees per year on a lot.

Village residents are notified of the program in the October 'Almanac'. Information and applications for the 'Tree Planting Program' are included for interested property owners. Actual requests must be submitted by December 1st and billing occurs in February.

Parkway Tree Planting

Replacement parkway trees may also be requested from the Village. The size of this program is limited by the available funds in the Tree Budget and is maintained on a first-come, first-served basis. The tree planting usually occurs between one and two years from the time of the request.

PARKWAY TREE MAINTENANCE

The residents may plant parkway trees. In this case, a permit must be obtained and the tree species must be approved. The Village Forester can provide assistance in species selection.

GARDEN CALENDAR:

FEBRUARY & MARCH

Don't be fooled by warm, sunny days. It is still too early to remove mulches, screening, and other winter plant protections. Make sure they are still in place.

Prune trees and shrubs. The ideal time to prune is in the dormant season, just prior to new growth. Wait to prune spring-flowering plants to avoid removing this year's flower buds.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

The Village Forestry Division is looking for volunteers to plant 100 seedlings provided by the National Tree Trust on Saturday, April 29th, from 10 a.m. - noon at the Public Works Facility, 305 S. Glen Ellyn Road.

For the sixth consecutive year, the Village has received a Community Tree Planting grant from the National Tree Trust. The Village will be receiving 100 Bald Cypress (*Taxodium distichum*) seedlings, soil and pots for the purpose of growing the seedlings into saplings for transplanting into the local community. Community Tree Planting involves a commitment from all participants to plant trees on public property, such as right-of-ways, school grounds, community parks, etc.

The National Tree Trust is a private, non-profit organization created to serve as a catalyst for local volunteers and community groups in the growing, planting and maintenance of trees in rural communities, urban areas and along our nation's highways.

Part-Time 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.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH IN ACTION

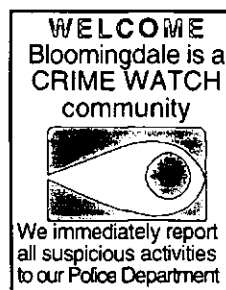
The Bloomingdale Police Department would like to express its gratitude to the following residents who have volunteered their time and talents in making the Neighborhood Watch program a huge success in 1999.

Cindy Albin
 Rose Amato
 Hugh Bailey
 Frank Bartolone
 Robert Becker
 Lee Beckermann
 Daniel Bell
 Anna Marie Bergl
 James Bitzer
 Pam Brewer
 Mary Lynn Brown
 Greg Burgess
 Andre Burke
 Brad Butler
 Michael Cannata
 Gregory Carrol
 Lynnette Casolari
 Edward Christofano
 Bart Cohen
 Don Coleman
 John & Erin Corley
 Carol Cosentino
 Clarence Costa
 Ginger Crissie
 Susan Culhane
 Ray Cullerton
 Josephine Dabrowski
 Janet Davitt
 Bonnie Decoursey
 Daniel Del Campo
 Kort Dickson
 Mary Ann Divinece
 Monica Dolhun
 Donna Doyle
 Paula & George Duffey
 Donna Dwyer
 Patty Eagleton
 Cathy Favilla
 Tim Fenner
 Mary Sue Fornari
 Amy Frane
 Mitch & Vivi Frumkin
 Laura Geraci

Sally Gill
 Joyce Gladbach
 Sue Glynn
 Joyce Go
 Sharlene Grass
 Vincentine Grassmuck
 Agnes Gribbon
 Patrick Griffin
 Charissa Hannigan
 Jim Harris
 Connie Hasselbach
 Juanita Hathaway
 Jacquelyne Hill
 Jimmy Hinton
 Rich Hodyl
 Donna Hoidas
 Jane & Dennis Hyde
 Dorothy Jaskey
 Gretchen Johnson
 Henry Jones
 Jennifer Jordan
 George Kas
 Joyce Klinowski
 Kathleen Kohl
 Alan J. & Lori A.
 Kramer
 Bonnielynn Kreiser
 Joseph Kuzdzal
 Sandra Lamar
 Rita & Frank Letizia
 Anthony & Theresa
 Lobraco
 Linda Magnussen
 Rozanne Malott
 Manager
 Manager
 Manager
 John Manos
 Judy Martin
 Lad & Marie Matias
 Mary McGowan
 Paul McIntyre
 Patrick McNamara

Victoria Melvin
 Jane & Gil Michelotti
 Elaine Moline
 Chris Monisco
 Mary Jane Murray
 Dick & Dottie Nagle
 Donald Napoli Jr.
 Carol & Andrew Neff
 Kathleen Nendze
 Carol & Dennis Neri
 Carol Nies
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 Dawn Percadani
 Frances Pingel
 Sandy Polito
 Dorothy Prohaska
 Patrick Quigley
 Bernard Rapacz
 Roberta & Michael
 Ratliff
 Pam Rion
 Virginia Riordon
 Marvin Roehlke
 Gail Rohlfing
 Roger Rossi
 Cynthia Rothamer
 Judi Rotondo

Pam Ryan
 Walter Santi
 Mary Santucci
 Lewis Sapien
 John & Bonnie Sassmann
 Susan Schembari
 Shirley Schlak
 Rhonda Schubert
 John Schultz
 Patricia Shanahan
 Donna Shaw
 Kendra Siegle
 Joanne Sisco
 Barb Soden
 Mary Soellner
 John Sofere
 Nilofer Sohel
 Juanita Soyaut
 Rich & Cindy Stepanek
 Troy & Virginia Stinson
 Janice Toy
 Carl Triana
 Steven & Staci Usedom
 Jeannie Van-Sky
 Enza Vicari
 Susan Voelker
 Mary Theresa Wedel
 Brigitte Werder
 Cindy Westfall
 Constance White
 Bob Wikrent
 Patricia Zaborowski
 Louise Zeiton



**OUR SUCCESS IS
 MEASURED BY THE SCOPE
 OF YOUR INVOLVEMENT**

Sincerely,

Gary J. Schira,
 Chief of Police

Randy Sater,
 Detective

529-9868

Mark Your Calendar for Spring Branch Collection

The Bloomingdale Public Works' Forestry Division will be conducting its Spring Branch Collection Program beginning on March 27, 2000. **PLEASE NOTE - To better serve our residents a summer pick-up is being added to the program.** Residents' branches will now be collected three times per year, once during each spring, summer and fall. The summer pick-up will take place during the end of June and July. Branches downed by storms will also be picked up. For storm damage pick-up, please contact Helen Price at 671-5800 within 72 hours of storm for scheduling.

The branch collection program is available to single family detached residences within the Village of Bloomingdale only. If residents of townhomes have questions regarding branch collection, please contact your association.

The following information shall assist residents regarding branch collection procedures:

Branches must be out **NO LATER THAN 7 A.M. ON THE DAY PICK-UP IS TO BEGIN FOR THE SECTION** as our crew will be making only one pass down each block and **WILL NOT RETURN.**

Woody branches up to six inches in diameter and up to twenty feet in length are the only items that will be picked up. Long lengths, up to twenty feet, are favored. Do not reduce the length for our benefit. Any branches exceeding six inches in trunk diameter will not be picked up. Our chipper is designed to chip woody limbs and branches. The equipment will not grind small twigs, vines or other non-woody yard waste.

LEAVES, VINES, SMALL (under 1/2 inch in diameter) FLEXIBLE WILLOW STEMS, HERBACEOUS PLANTS AND WEEDS WILL NOT BE PICKED UP BECAUSE THE SOFT MATERIAL CLOGS AND DAMAGES OUR EQUIPMENT. IF IT IS BAGGABLE, IT IS YARD WASTE.

All branches should be placed at the curb or pavement edge and should be **STACKED IN AN ORDERLY FASHION** with the cut or larger end towards the pavement. Small branches may be bundled with string. **PLEASE NOTE - branches left out in a tangled mess will not be picked up due to time required for our crew to sort for loading.**

Branches with spikes, hooks or other metal objects will not be picked up. **STUMPS, ROOTS, ROOT BALLS, WOODEN FENCE AND CONSTRUCTION LUMBER ALSO WILL NOT BE PICKED UP.**

Please do not conceal thorny tree branches inside piles. These require special care as to not cause injuries to our workers.

Small twigs, leaves and other yard waste may be placed in bags with tags for B.F.I. pick-up. B.F.I. yard waste pick-ups begin April 1st and continue through November 30th. Questions concerning B.F.I. yard waste pick-ups should be directed to 469-1036.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated and will ensure a successful program. For further information, please call Helen Price at 671-5800.



SPRING 2000 BRANCH PICKUP SCHEDULE

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SECTION ONE: Pick-up begins March 27, 2000

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.

SECTION TWO: Pick-up begins April 3, 2000

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 THREE: Pick-up begins April 10, 2000

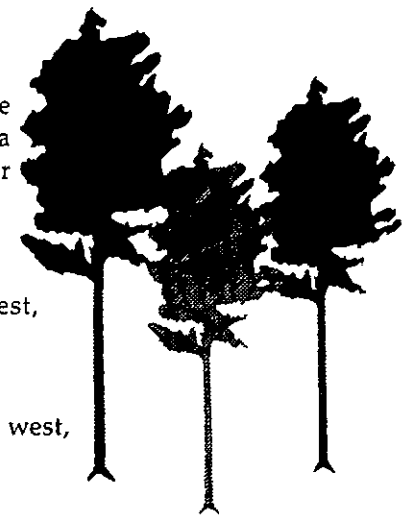
Area bounded by Army Trail Road on the south, Bloomingdale Road on the west, Edgewater Drive on the north, and Glen Ellyn Road on the east.

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 and Glen Ellyn Road on the east.



Shop with a Cop

On Saturday, December 18, 1999, members of the Bloomingdale Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #175 conducted a "Shop with a Cop" campaign at the Bloomingdale Wal-Mart. Forty-five children between the ages of four and eleven, and their parents/guardians attended. These youngsters were selected through the Bloomingdale Township General Assistance Program. Each child participating in the program was provided with \$100 from the F.O.P. lodge to pick out clothing items and a toy. Wal-Mart provided refreshments as well as a present from Santa Claus after the children finished shopping.

The Bloomingdale Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #175 wishes to extend a big "Thank You!" to the residents and businesses who so generously donated to this worthwhile project. Thank you too to Wal-Mart and its employees. Due to the tremendous success of our first "Shop with a Cop" program, Bloomingdale FOP Lodge #175 is considering making this an annual event.



Detective Dawn Odoi and her two young shoppers are all smiles in the aisles of Wal-Mart.



Officer Tony Pagan helps a young man pick out some good toys.

Local Groups Make Scholarship Funds Available to Graduating High School Students, Returning Students

Once again several scholarships are available for residents through local groups. The Bloomingdale Women's Club is pleased to announce its 2000 scholarships. There are three \$500 scholarships. Two are available to male or female high school seniors residing in Bloomingdale. The other is available to a woman resident of the Village who is continuing her education or updating her skills. Community service will be a major component for awarding the scholarships.

Funds for the scholarships are obtained from one of the Bloomingdale Women's Club major fundraisers - the Festival of Arts which is held in conjunction with Septemberfest.

Applications are available at the Village Hall, the Bloomingdale Public Library and in the guidance office of local high schools as well as in the Financial Aid Office at the College of DuPage. Applications can also be requested by writing to Bloomingdale Women's Club Scholarship Committee, P.O.Box 271, Bloomingdale IL 60108. All applications are due back to the club by April 15, 2000. For more information, call Debbie Korell at 307-7978.

The Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce is offering three \$1000 scholarships for entrance to vocational school, business school or a 2 or 4-year college. They are available to both graduating high school seniors and continuing post-secondary students. Candidates must be a Bloomingdale resident who will be enrolled as a full time student (i.e. minimum of 12 quarter hours or 15 semester hours) with a most recent academic record of a "C" average or above.

Previous Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce scholarship winners will not be considered. Proof of enrollment as a full-time student and past academic performance will be required before monies will be awarded. Applications are due to the Chamber office, 109 W. Franklin by April 14. Pick up forms at the Village Hall, Public Library or Chamber office, as well as at local high school counselors' offices after February 15.

Applications are also now being accepted for three scholarships for college-bound high school seniors who previously attended School District 13 schools. The scholarships, made available by the district's parent-teacher organizations, may be picked up at Lake Park, Glenbard North, Driscoll Catholic and St. Francis high schools. Applications must be returned to the sponsoring District 13 school by Friday April 14.

Students may apply for scholarships offered by either school they attended. Each school is offering a \$500 scholarship. Seniors who attended Central School may apply for Erickson Elementary's scholarship.

Scholarship winners will be selected by a committee who evaluates the student's applications, grade point averages, introductory letters and letters of recommendation. This is the ninth year the district's PTOs have been offering the college scholarships.



TREE PRUNING: WHEN, HOW & WHAT TOOLS TO USE

Pruning is more than the indiscriminate cutting of limbs and branches. It requires an understanding of the function of the parts of the tree and their impact on overall tree structure. The objective of pruning is to produce strong, healthy, attractive plants. By understanding how, when and why to prune, and by following a few simple principles, this objective can be achieved. No tree pruning on Village parkways is to be done without a permit from the Forestry Division.

Reasons for Pruning

The main reasons for pruning ornamental and shade trees include safety, health, and aesthetics. In addition, pruning can be used to stimulate fruit production and increase the value of timber. Pruning for safety involves removing branches that could fall and cause injury or property damage, trimming branches that interfere with lines of sight on streets or driveways, and removing branches that grow into utility lines. Safety pruning can be largely avoided by carefully choosing species that will not grow beyond the space available to them, and have strength and form characteristics that are suited to the site.

Pruning for health involves removing diseased or insect-infested wood, thinning the crown to increase airflow and reduce some pest problems, and removing crossing and rubbing branches. Pruning can best be used to encourage trees to develop a strong structure and reduce the likelihood of damage during severe weather. Removing broken or damaged limbs encourages wound closure.

Pruning for aesthetics involves enhancing the natural form and character of trees or stimulating flower production. Pruning for form can be especially important on open-grown trees that do very little self-pruning.

All woody plants shed branches in response to shading and competition. Branches that do not produce enough carbohydrates from photosynthesis to sustain themselves die and are eventually shed; the resulting wounds are sealed by woundwood (callus). Branches that are poorly attached may be broken off by wind and accumulation of snow and ice. Branches removed by such natural forces often result in large, ragged wounds that rarely close. Pruning as a cultural practice can be used to supplement or replace these natural processes and increase the strength and longevity of plants.

Trees have many forms, but the most common types are pyramidal (excurrent) or spherical (decurent). Trees with pyramidal crowns, e.g., most conifers, have a strong central stem and lateral branches that are more or less horizontal and do not compete with the central stem for dominance. Trees with spherical crowns, e.g., most hardwoods, have many lateral branches that may compete for dominance.

To reduce the need for pruning it is best to consider a tree's natural form. It is very difficult to impose an unnatural form on a tree without a commitment to constant maintenance.

When to Prune

Hardwood trees and shrubs without showy flowers: prune in the dormant season to easily visualize the structure of the tree, to maximize wound closure in the growing season after pruning, to reduce the chance of transmitting disease, and to discourage excessive sap flow from wounds. Recent wounds and the chemical scents they emit can actually attract insects that spread tree disease. In particular, wounded elm wood is known to attract bark beetles that harbor spores of the Dutch elm disease fungus, and open wound on oaks are known to attract beetles that spread the oak wilt fungus. Take care to prune these trees during the correct time of year to prevent spread of these fatal diseases. The best time is during the late winter.

Flowering trees and shrubs: these can also be pruned during the dormant season for the same reasons stated above; however, to preserve the current year's flower crop, prune according to the following schedule:

- ▶ Trees and shrubs that flower in early spring (redbud, crabapple, etc.) should be pruned immediately after flowering (flower buds arise the year before they open, and will form on the new growth).
- ▶ Trees and shrubs that flower in the summer or fall always should be pruned during the dormant season (flowers buds will form on new twigs during the next growing season, and the flowers will open normally).
- ▶ Dead branches: can be removed any time of the year.

Pruning Tools

Proper tools are essential for satisfactory pruning. The choice of which tool to use depends largely on the size of branches to be pruned and the amount of pruning to be done. As with most things, higher quality often equates to higher cost.



Generally speaking, the smaller a branch is when pruned, the sooner the wound created will close. Hand pruners are used to prune small branches (under one inch diameter). To prevent unnecessary tearing or crushing of tissues, it is best to use a by-pass style pruner, which have a curved cutting blade that slides past a broader lower blade, much like scissors. Larger branches can be cut with a pruning saw.

Village Welcomes Two New Police Officers



Officer Kernica with Chief Gary Schira



Officer Chris Tompkins is sworn in by Mayor Iden

Two new officers have been hired on the Bloomingdale Police Department. Cindy Kernica was hired June 30, 1999 and is currently working on her own as a new patrol officer. Chris Tompkins was hired in September 27, 1999 and is currently in field training. Both officers graduated from the Suburban Law Enforcement Academy. As a result of his performance at the Academy, Tompkins was presented with a fitness award at the graduation ceremony.

News from the

BLOOMINGDALE
Golf Club

The Fish Fry is Back!

Now that the Bloomingdale Golf Club Clubhouse is finished, the Friday night fish fry is back! This is the eleventh season that Don Helmig of the Bloomingdale Golf Club has offered the Lenten favorite. The all-you-can-eat battered haddock dinner for \$9.25 will be featured every Friday from 5:30-9:30 p.m. until Good Friday. There is also a small menu selection for the "land lubbers" in the family. Reservations are suggested but not required. Call 529-3380 for reservations or information.



2000 Bloomingdale Men's League

The Bloomingdale Men's Golf League is scheduled to begin Monday, May 8. Tee times are from 3:30-4:30 p.m. For more information or to sign up, please call the Bloomingdale Golf Club at 529-6232.



Coming Up!

The Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce is really coming up in the world! As of February 2, it has moved from a basement level office at 109 Third Street to a first floor suite, complete with sunlight and great view of Old Town Park. The new address is 109 W. Franklin, just around the corner from the previous office. Stop in and say hi!

Community Events

School District Early Enrollment Process

If you are considering your child for early entry into kindergarten, you must contact the assistant superintendent at 893-9590 before February 15. All the necessary qualifications will be reviewed and must be completed satisfactorily in order for your child to be considered for early entry.

No child will be allowed to be considered for this program change unless the school district is notified of the parents' request prior to February 15. This date guarantees the completion of this process in a timely fashion so that all necessary preparation can be done.

St. Isidore Hosts St. Joseph's Table March 19

The St. Isidore Council of Catholic Women (CCW) will be having its annual St. Joseph Table on Sunday, March 19 from 3 - 7 p.m. in the Ministry Center located on Army Trail and Gary Avenue.

This extraordinary eating follows a European tradition of honoring St. Joseph for special favors by offering meals to the poor in the local villages. Today the parishioners bring their homemade foods - pastas, fish, casseroles, salads and baked goods - for the entire community to enjoy. Many local businesses and restaurants also make contributions.

A free will monetary donation is requested. The funds that are collected are given to the WE CARE. All donations to this charity go directly to people in need in the community.

Bloomington Women's Club Fashion Show March 25

The Bloomington Women's Club will present its 26th annual fashion show and luncheon "A Symphony of Fashions" on Saturday, March 25 at Indian Lakes Resort. Fashions from casual to formal are from Aeropostale, Diva Boutique, Dress Barn, Gantos, Gingiss Formalwear, Harold's, Kids R Us and York Furrier.

The proceeds will benefit the Humanitarian Services Project. Debby Bodner, co-chair of the fashion show, said "We've worked with the Humanitarian Services Project for years. They are instrumental in changing people's lives from seniors to kids. Our fashion show is a 'labor of love' that our members undertake. Our goal is to have 800 seats sold."

A Caribbean cruise and airline tickets are among the raffle prizes. The doors open at 11 a.m. for cocktails; the luncheon is at noon with the fashion show following. Tickets are \$28.00; \$30 after March 9. For reservations call Jennifer Hoffman at 510-3992.

Bloomington Chamber Awards Dinner March 11

"Watch the Stars Come Out" is the theme of the Bloomington Chamber of Commerce annual awards dinner and dance. The black tie optional event will be held Saturday, March 11 at the Indian Lakes Resort, 250 W. Schick Road. A cash bar is featured 6-7 p.m., followed by dinner, awards and dancing 'til midnight. A silent auction will benefit the Junior Achievement program. Tickets are \$65 per person. Contact the chamber office 980-9082.

Helpful Numbers

Police & Fire Emergency	911
Village Hall Administration	893-7000
Building, Engineering	893-7073
Public Works	529-5865
Police Department (non-emergency)	529-9868
Library	529-3120
Park District	529-3650
Fire Department (non-emergency)	894-8488
Bloomington Township	529-7715
Post Office	529-5252

Immediate Medical Care

Central DuPage Hospital Convenient Care
at Stratford Square;
Mon-Fri 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.;
Sat-Sun 8:00 am-6:00 p.m. 893-9600

Buses, Buses, Buses

Pace Passenger Service 364-PAPE
RTA Information Center 836-7000
Bloomington Township
Transportation 1-888-405-2060
Dial-a-Ride (weekends only) 682-7542
DuPage County ADA Paratransit
Services 1-312-917-4537

Hotlines

Adoption

For adoption info call 1-800-572-2390

AIDS

For testing info call 1-800-243-2437

Business

Small Business Hotline call 1-800-252-2923

Children and Teenagers

Child Abuse Hotline call 1-800-252-2873

Child Support

For help collecting child support call
1-800-447-4278

Crime

We Tip Hotline (for reporting crime)
call 1-800-782-7463

Internal Revenue Service

1-800-829-1040

Labor

State Occupational Safety and Health
Act info call: 1-800-321-OSHA

Lawyer Referral Service

1-800-252-8916

Missing Children

I-Search call 1-800-843-5763

Secretary of State

General info call 1-800-252-8980

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Senior Citizens

General info for seniors call 1-800-252-8966

Attorney General

Senior citizens consumer protection call
1-800-252-8666

Tourism

Illinois tourism info call 1-800-223-0121

Volunteer Development of DuPage

(volunteers always needed) ... 682-7586

ABOUT TOWN

Residents **Bob Gergen and Patricia Frank** were recognized by the Bloomingdale CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition at its January 19 meeting. The couple was presented with a certificate of appreciation for their financial support enabling the coalition to spread the message and ideal of CHARACTER COUNTS! throughout the community. Gergen and Frank came forward to offer their support after hearing Michael Josephson, founder of the national program, address some 200 local leaders in Bloomingdale this past summer.

David W. Smith, Ph.D., superintendent of schools for Lake Park High School, was recently named Educational Administrator of the Year by the West Suburban Association of Educational Office Professionals. Dr. Smith's particular area of interest is curriculum; he is devoted to student learning and accountability. Among his accomplishments, Dr. Smith initiated a Sister School program with Hamburg, Germany, in which Lake Park students have traveled to Germany and the German students have visited Lake Park.

The Bloomingdale Park District opened Choice Pics VI, its sixth annual photography exhibition, on Saturday, January 22 at the Bloomingdale Park District Museum, 108 S. Bloomingdale Road. Winning Best of Show was Diane Bruno for her silver print entitled "City Lights." In the category of black & white photographs, Paul Clark won first place for "Garden #22, 1998, a silver gelatin print. German Flores took second place for an untitled gelatin silver print. Third place went to Karen Loffing for her gelatin silver print, "Seeking Joe #2."

Three more ribbons were awarded for the color category. Taking first place was Shirley Calby for her print from color film entitled "Through Rose-Colored Glasses." Second place went to Paul Conarty for his C-Print, "A Study in Blue" and "My Domain," a digital photograph by Carrol Hines, took third place.

The exhibit runs through March 5. Museum Gallery hours are Tuesday - Saturday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Sunday Noon - 4 p.m. For more information call the museum at 539-3096.

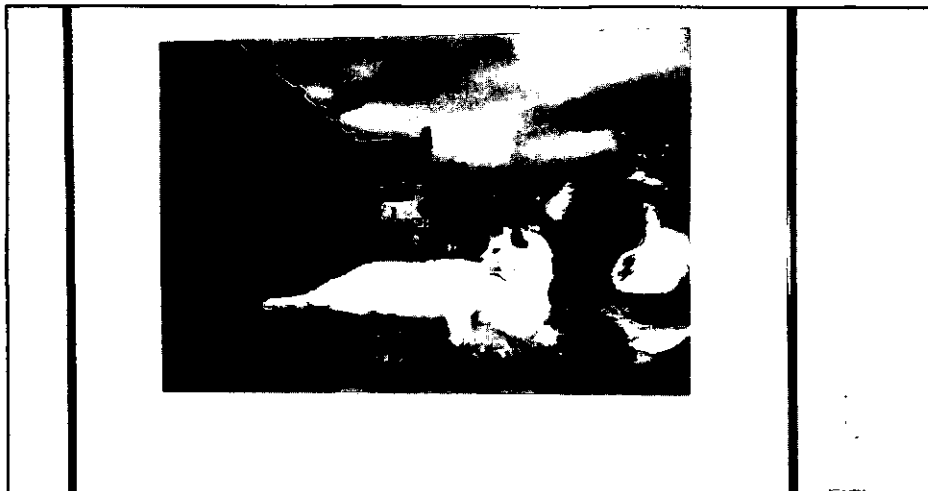


VFW Celebrates 100 Years

VFW Post 7539 Bill Wolfe accepts a proclamation from Mayor Bob Iden in honor of the 100th anniversary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Our local post meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Thursday of the month on the lower level of the Bloomingdale Public Library. For information call Jim Dorynek at 428-4824.

Spring Community Fundraiser

A number of local groups, including the Bloomingdale Rotary and Bloomingdale VFW Post 7539 are in the process of organizing a unique spring fundraiser. The plan is to have a sock hop, complete with dance contests, costume contests, Elvis impersonators, etc. What makes it unique is that each organization participating would be raising money for a particular charity of its own choosing. Any organization wishing to take part in this community-wide effort, or looking for more information can call Bill Bahr at 307-3634. The next steering committee meeting will be on February 10.



Carrol Hines award winning digital photo "My Domain"

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BLOOMINGDALE 1/16/05
Police work for seniors honored

The Bloomingdale Police Department was recognized recently with a Governor's Hometown Award for its Streetsmart Seniors program.

Streetsmart Seniors teaches seniors about issues that affect their safety, such as scams, elder abuse and vehicle safety. The offering received the award in the category of volunteer program.

"These people learn and share stories. They tell us about what's going in the community that we don't

know," said Police Detective Dawn Odoi.

Starting Feb. 1, the department will conduct a free six-week session of the Citizens Police Academy. The program will give residents a look at law enforcement and will cover such topics as personal safety, Internet crimes, scams, seat-belt safety and team building.

The Citizens Police Academy destroys myths about police work, Odoi said.

"If what you see on television about the police is what you believe, then you don't have a very good perspective," she said.

In mid-June, the department also will offer TALK, a program for teens that will deal with such topics as drunken driving laws, zero tolerance and retail theft.

Annemarie Mannion



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Support Your Local Businesses! !
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Applebee's Restaurant
354 W. Army Trail Road
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Camden Apartments
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153 Covington Drive
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PrimeCo Personal Communications
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Sprint PCS
204 S. Gary Avenue
671-2540

The Olive Garden
332 W. Army Trail Road
307-7080

Bertucci's Brick Oven Pizzeria
140 S. Gary Avenue
894-1300

Children's World Learning Center
290 Knollwood Drive
351-4511

DiMaggio's Eatery
142 S. Gary Avenue
582-0318

Family Doctors of DuPage, S.C.
245 S. Gary Avenue
893-9661

J. P. Jewelers
142 S. Gary Avenue
351-0123

Keller Williams Realty
142 S. Gary Avenue
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Modern Tuxedo
326 W. Army Trail Road
894-0000

Napco Graphics Corporation
200 Covington Drive
529-2900

Outback Steakhouse
166 S. Gary Avenue
582-8914

S & K Label Co.
147 Covington Drive
307-2577

Score! Educational Center
142 S. Gary Avenue
539-2589

Starbuck's Coffee
148 S. Gary Avenue
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476 Brighton Drive
980-4200

Buss (America), Inc.
230 Covington Drive
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308 W. Army Trail Road
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202 S. Gary Avenue
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400 W. Army Trail Road
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142 S. Gary Avenue
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353 Army Trail Road
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444 W. Army Trail Road
893-9955

S & S Hinge
210 Covington Drive
582-9500

Shear Artistry
322 W. Army Trail Road
893-8448

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302 W. Army Trail Road
307-8110

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314 W. Army Trail Road
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Somerset Apartments
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"REFLECTIONS AFTERNOON"

The first town meeting that was held in Bloomington was on April 2, 1850. To commemorate this day, the Bloomington Historical Society will co-host with the Bloomington Library a "Reflections Afternoon" on April 2, 2000 from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. The theme of the first Reflections of the year is "Cemeteries". Linda Tosch of East Peoria, Illinois will be the guest speaker. The historical significance of the Old Bloomington Cemetery, which is located on Lake Street, will be part of the discussion. Refreshments will be served.

For more information and reservations, please call the library at (630) 529-3120.



Residents enjoy a previous "Reflections" afternoon.

LIBRARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY

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| 7 | Bloomington Historical Society | 6:30-9:00PM |
| 8 | Bloomington Seniors | 11:00AM-3:00PM |
| 9 | Library Board Meeting | 7:30PM |
| 10 | Writer's Group Subcommittee | 7:00-9:00PM |
| 12 | Writer's Group | 9:00AM-Noon |
| *12 | Women's Self-Defense | 9:00AM-Noon |
| 16 | Bloomington Garden Club | 7:00PM |
| *17 | Book Discussion Group | 7:30-9:00PM |
| *19 | Women's Self-Defense | 9:00AM-Noon |
| 23 | Writer's Group | 7:00-9:00PM |
| 23 | Friends of the Library | 7:30PM |
| *24 | Monet to Moore | 7:00-8:30PM |
| 26 | Drop-In Craft Day- all ages | 9:00AM-4:30PM |
| *28 | Introduction to Computers | 10:00AM-11:30AM |
| *29 | Introduction to the Internet | 7:00-8:30PM |

MARCH

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| 6 | Bloomington Historical Society | 6:30-9:00PM |
| *7 | Internet Travel | 7:00-8:30PM |
| *8 | Antiques & Antique Evaluation | 7:00PM |
| 8 | Library Board Meeting | 7:30PM |
| 9 | Writer's Group Subcommittee | 7:00-9:00PM |
| *9 | Cooking with the Seasons | 7:00PM |
| 11 | Writer's Group | 9:00AM-Noon |
| 13 | Introduction to the Internet | 7:00-8:30PM |
| 14 | Bloomington Seniors | 1:00AM-3:00PM |
| *16 | Book Discussion Group | 7:30-9:00PM |
| *18 | Chicago Flower & Garden Show— | 10:30AM-4:45PM |
| | Bus Trip | |
| *22 | Perennials—Platt Hill Nursery | 7:00-9:00PM |
| 22 | Writer's Group | 7:00PM |
| 22 | Friends of the Library | 7:30PM |
| 25 | Drop-In Craft Day - all ages | 9:00AM-4:30PM |

APRIL

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| *2 | Bloomington Historical Society— | 1:30-4:30PM |
| | Reflections Afternoon | |
| 3 | Bloomington Historical Society | 6:30-9:00PM |
| 6 | Writer's Group Subcommittee | 7:00-9:00PM |
| 8 | Writer's Group | 9:00AM-12Noon |
| 11 | Bloomington Seniors | 11:00AM-3:00PM |
| 12 | Library Board Meeting | 7:30PM |

*Registration required (630-529-3120)

READING OPPORTUNITIES FOR KIDS OF ALL AGES!

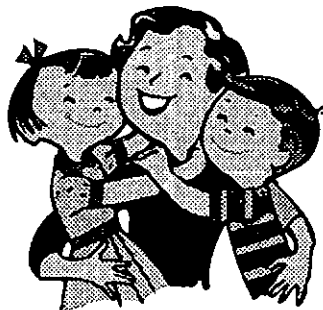
DROP-IN PROGRAMS:
NO REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR THESE PROGRAMS.

BEDTIME STORIES

(Toddlers and preschoolers)

**No registration required.*

Tuesdays, January 18 - April 4 7:00pm - 7:45pm



Caregivers can bring their toddlers AND preschoolers for stories, rhymes, musical activities and a video. Please wear comfortable clothing so you can participate with your child. (Stories may be the same as for Preschool Story Hour.) Children are encouraged to wear their pajamas

so they'll be ready to hop into bed when they get home!

DROP-IN CRAFT DAYS

(All ages)

**No registration required.*

Saturday, February 26 9:00 am - 4:30 pm

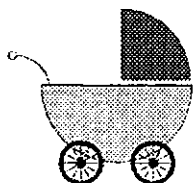
Saturday, March 25 9:00 am - 4:30 pm

Drop in anytime during the above hours to make a fun and easy craft. This is perfect for the busy family! Children under the age of 6 must be accompanied by someone over age 12.

DO YOU KNOW ANY NEW OR EXPECTANT PARENTS?

Do you know any expectant or new 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, you may give your name and address to a Youth Services Staff Member.



REGISTER FOR THESE PROGRAMS

Register in person or by telephone (630) 529-3120, ext. 332. Please have your library card ready when you come in or call.

SCHOOL-AGE SPECIALS

Theme programs geared to younger and older children for a once-a-month get-together!

Thursday, February 17 4:30 - 5:30 pm (K - 2)

Thursday, February 24 4:30 - 5:30 pm (Gr. 3 - 5)

Thursday, March 16 4:30 - 5:30 pm (K - 2)

Thursday, March 23 4:30 - 5:30 pm (Gr. 3 - 5)

WINTER READING PROGRAMS

Begins on the day you register, and ends on Saturday, March 4.

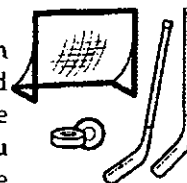
Please register in person, to get your materials.

"READ TO SUCCEED"

Sponsored by the Chicago Wolves Hockey Team!!

(1st through 8th graders)

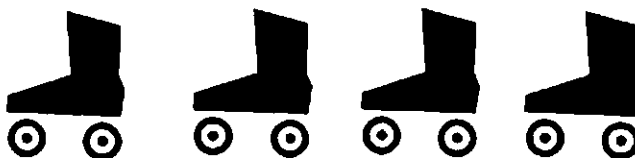
All participants in this reading program have a chance to WIN team pennants and hockey pucks. Just keep track of the books you read starting the day that you register, and turn in your book log to the Youth Services Desk on or before March 4th.



"SKATE INTO READING"

(Family Reading Program for Caregivers and their Infants, Toddlers, Preschoolers, and Kindergartners)

Families may keep track of the books they read between the day you register and March 4th, the last day to return your book log to the Youth Services Desk. All Children and Caregivers who turn in a completed log will have a chance to win great PRIZES!

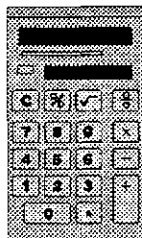


Adult Programs

ADULT PROGRAMS: SERVICES OF SPECIAL INTEREST

INCOME TAX FORMS

The library has Federal and State of Illinois income tax forms available to the public. The most common forms are free. The less popular forms may be photocopied from a master for 10 cents per copy. Do not hesitate to call the Reference Desk at 529-3120 ext. 324 for information.



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.

ADOPT-A-MAGAZINE

THANK YOU

The Bloomingdale Public Library would like to thank the following individuals, community groups and businesses for participating in the Adopt-A-Magazine program:

Hazel and Richard Hourigan
Evelyn Deeke
Jacqueline and Gerry Revely
Harriet Smolla
Joyce and George Reparsky
Anna Woods
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Marie Manning
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Bank One
Roberta and Michael Ratliff
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Bloomingdale Garden Club
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Jaclyn Ortiz
Karen and James Petrus
Ethyl Rathe
Tom Schwegler
Villager Club Of Bloomingdale
Lee Seyfert

JOIN US FOR YEAR 2000

ADULT BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Bloomingdale Library's Adult Book discussion group will meet at 7:30 PM on the third Thursday of the following months.

- February 17 *The Risk Pool* by Richard Russo
March 16 *The God of Small Things* by Arundhati Roy
April 20 *Corelli's Mandolin* by Louis DeBerniaeres



THANK YOU, KARA FOUNDATION

The Bloomingdale Public Library would like to extend a special thank you to the Kara Foundation for its generous donation of \$2,000. The money will be used to purchase books on healthy lifestyles, low fat cooking and health issues.

ATTENTION

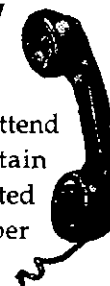
ALL BLOOMINGDALE SENIORS

The Bloomingdale Seniors Club meets at the Bloomingdale Library the second Tuesday of every month at 11:00 AM. The group invites you to join them for informational speakers, bus trips, card playing and an all around fun time!



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.



Adult Programs

ART, CRAFTS, COOKING, FLOWERS, & MORE!

If one of your New Year's resolutions is to make better use of your local library or to expand your horizons by learning about a topic that is new to you, try attending one of the adult programs offered by the Library. Registration is requested for all adult programs, and can be done in person or by telephone. Call 529-3120 ext. 324 for more information about any of the programs listed or to register.

Women's Self-Defense

February 12 and 19 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

The Bloomingdale Public Library will sponsor an interactive, two-part self-protection class for women on two consecutive Saturdays, February 12 and 19. Presented by Bloomingdale Deputy Chief of Police Chuck Mader and assisted by members of the Bloomingdale police department, the classes will stress the physical and emotional techniques and mental awareness essential for self-defense. The format of the class will include lecture, demonstration and class participation. All women, 18 and over, are invited to attend this two-day, free program. Please plan to attend both sessions. To learn how to avoid a potential attack and deal with one should it ever occur, register now by calling the library at 529-3120, x324. Attendance is limited.

Monet to Moore

February 24 at 7:00 p.m.

On Thursday, February 24 from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m., the Bloomingdale Public Library will sponsor an evening program entitled "Monet to Moore", a preview of the traveling exhibition of works of art donated to the Art Institute of Chicago by the Sara Lee Corporation. The collection will be on display in Chicago from March 13 to May 28. Our program will feature an interactive slide discussion highlighting many of the key players in the early development of the impressionist movement. Noted art historian and seasoned lecturer Jeff Mishur leads this engaging presentation. There is no charge for this program.

Antiques and Antique Evaluation

March 8 at 7:00 p.m.

Found something in your attic or at a flea market and are unsure of its value? To answer this question, join antiques expert Rex Newell at the Bloomingdale Public Library on Wednesday, March 8 at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Newell will lecture on antique buying and the appraisal process and offer his opinion regarding your antiques questions. Feel free to bring your "treasure" for an evaluation. There is no charge for this program but seating is limited. Reserve your space now.

Cooking with the Seasons

(Rescheduled from January 19)

March 9, 2000 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

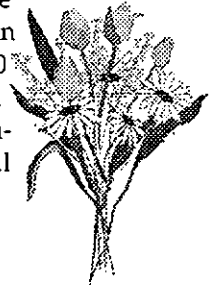


Join Chef Monique Hooker at the Bloomingdale Public Library on Thursday, March 9th from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. as she teaches practical ways to "cook with the seasons" for your daily meals as well as offering intriguing tips to use throughout the year. If you love to cook or love to eat, you will surely enjoy this program. Call the reference desk at 529-3120, x324 to make your reservation.

Perennials

March 22 at 7:00 p.m.

As spring approaches, now is a good time to plan an eye-catching garden. To help with this, Joe Dusek of Platt Hill Nursery in Bloomingdale will be at the Bloomingdale Public Library on Wednesday, March 22 from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. to discuss all aspects of perennial plants. Don't pass up this great opportunity to collect ideas for your personal garden and to ask Joe your questions.



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.

Adult Programs

PLACES TO GO, THINGS TO DO . . .

Spring Bus Tour

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. All tours include bus transportation, which departs from and returns to the Library at the times indicated. Non-residents are welcome to participate. Please join us on this enjoyable trip!



Chicago Flower & Garden Show

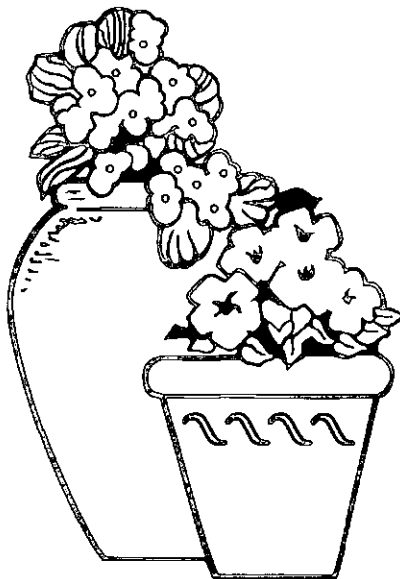
Date: Saturday, March 18

Depart: 10:45 a.m. **Return:** 4:45 p.m.

Price: \$47.00 (includes deluxe motor coach, professional escort, all admission fees, lunch, tax, and gratuity)

Registration Deadline: Thursday, March 16, 2000

The Bloomingdale Public Library is planning a bus trip to the annual Chicago Flower & Garden Show at Navy Pier. Sign up now to see 30 amazing gardens created by master craftspeople in the gardening industry. Some gardens will feature waterfalls and rain forests while others will be created around themes and fantasies. Explore over 150 booths sponsored by the area's top gardening supply houses or wander around famous Navy Pier. The cost for this trip is \$47.00 per person which includes lunch at King Wah Chinese restaurant in historic Chinatown. Payment is due at the time of registration. The bus leaves Bloomingdale Public Library at 10:45 a.m. on Saturday, March 18 and is due to return at 4:45 p.m. Space is limited. Call 529-3120, x324 to reserve your spot.



COMPUTER CLASSES

Introduction to Computers

February 28 10:00 –11:30 a.m.

If you have never used a computer before, this class is for you. You'll learn basic computer terms and receive hands-on instruction including how to use a mouse, open and close programs and other basic tasks. Limited to six participants.

Introduction to the Internet

Tuesday, February 29 7:00-8:30

Monday, March 13 7:00-8:30

This class is aimed at those who have some working knowledge of computer and computer-related terminology, but have little or no experience using the Internet. Limited to 20 participants.

Travel on the Internet

Tuesday, March 7 7:00-8:30 p.m.

This demonstration class will show you how easy it is to plan your vacation on the Internet. From researching your destination to making your plane reservations, you can do it all online. Limited to 10 participants.

INTERNET TUTORS NEEDED

The library needs volunteers who can offer one-on-one training for patrons. Tutoring sessions are offered in half-hour time slots. Anyone interested in volunteering as a tutor, please call Peggy Carlson at 529-3120, ext. 328



People Educating People (PEP)

College of DuPage's People Educating People (PEP) volunteers tutor in English as a Second Language, reading and basic math classes. PEP is seeking volunteers for the satellite center relocating in Town Square, Bloomingdale this spring quarter. Volunteers are also needed for the Addison and Carol Stream sites. Fourteen hours of training are required. Call Ruta at (630) 942-3794.



The Bloomingdale Park District

We're right around the corner!



NEW! Walleyball and Pizza

March 10

Attention 7th and 8th Graders! Spend the evening with your friends playing an enclosed game of volleyball: called Walleyball, and having some pizza. This is an evening where you can socialize, play some walleyball and feed on pizza. Registration-deadline is March 7.

Where: Athletic Club of Bloomingdale
321 Edgewater Dr.
Time: 7:00 – 9:30pm
Fee: \$15/resident, \$17/non-resident



Youth Baseball/Softball Camps



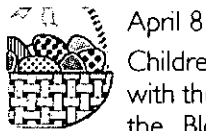
For boys and girls ages 8-14, our camps are a great way to learn the game of baseball.

Children should come ready to be challenged! Bring your glove, gym shoes, and comfortable clothes. The camp is led by Park District Athletic Supervisor and Driscoll Catholic High School Sophomore Baseball coach, Matt Hahn. Register now!

All camps are Sundays 3:30-5:00 pm.

Infielders Camp March 12
Outfielders Camp March 26
Catchers Camp April 2

Breakfast with the Bunny & Lions' Easter Egg Hunt



April 8

Children ages 2-8 are invited to a special breakfast with the Easter Bunny followed by entertainment and the Bloomingdale Lions' Club Easter Egg Hunt. Breakfast begins at 9:30 am at the Recreation Center, then on outside to Circle Park for the Easter Egg Hunt, which will conclude at 11:00 am. Children should bring a basket or container for their eggs. Tickets will be on sale March 1 – March 27, on a first-come basis at the Johnston Recreation Center.

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.



Fees: Men's 12" \$615/\$695 (R/NR)
Men's 16" \$400/450 (R/NR)
Co-Rec. 14" \$400/\$450 (R/NR)

Adult Golf League

Start thinking golf! The Bloomingdale Park District's Golf League begins Friday, May 12 for women; and Tuesday, May 16 for men. Join us at Indian Lakes Resort for a 15-week season. A \$75 deposit is required to hold a spot. Great prizes for winners! Register now!



Preschool Registration Begins in March

Preschool registration for the 2000-2001 school year will be accepted March 1 through March 17 for all Park District preschool classes. All classes are held at the Bloomingdale Park District's Johnston Recreation Center and are offered three or four days per week. Tiny Tot classes are designed for 3 and 4 year olds and Pre-Kindergarten classes are for those children entering Kindergarten in the fall of 2001. Please call for specific days, times and fees.

The Bloomingdale Park District Museum presents:

Choice Pics VI



Now through March 5

Our sixth annual juried photography competition and exhibition is running now through March 5. Come view the award winning pieces at the museum, 108 South Bloomingdale Rd.



17th Annual Student Art Show

March 18 – April 22

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

A sampling of several hundred 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.

Opening Reception:

Saturday, March 18th from 12:00 – 4:00pm

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172 South Circle Avenue • Phone 630-529-3650

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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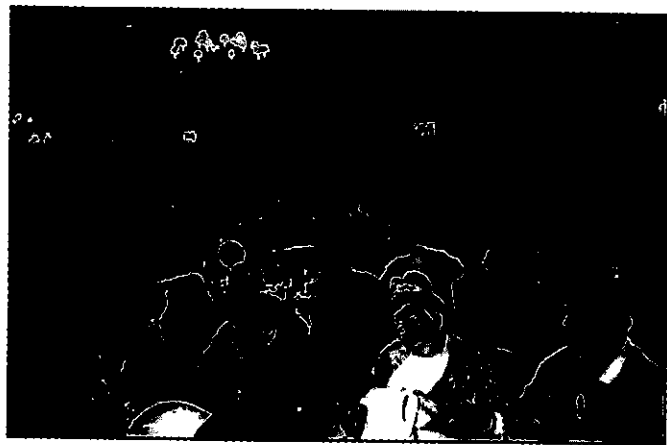
The new fire station is really coming along. The Fire Department plans to be in the building by early summer.



Members of the Bloomingdale Lions Club wish to thank residents of Bloomingdale and the surrounding communities for the fantastic way they supported the club's annual spaghetti dinner last month. Because of that support, the Bloomingdale Lions Club is able to sponsor two blind skiers to Ski for Sight for four visually and hearing impaired youngsters to Camp Lions, in addition to a number of other activities for which the club provides funding.



TAX TIME IS COMING. The Bloomingdale Public Library has Federal and State of Illinois tax forms available to the public. Most common forms are free; others can be copied for 10 cents per page.



CHARACTER COUNTS! in Our Community

RESPECT -- THE PILLAR OF THE MONTH -- Some ways to Model Respect:

- ◆ Value all persons and property
- ◆ Live by the Golden Rule -- "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."
- ◆ Value and Honor People -- for themselves, not what they can do for you or to you.
- ◆ Use the "Magic Words" "please," "thank you," and "excuse me."
- ◆ Be Tolerant and Accepting of Our Differences.
- ◆ Create an understanding that relationships built on RESPECT can be permanently damaged by disrespectful behavior.