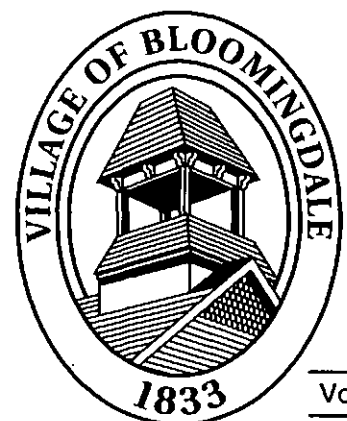


Character Counts

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From the Mayor's Desk



Robert G. Iden

Village Prepares for Y2K

The Village is aware of the challenges that must be met to prepare for the year 2000 when date-sensitive systems and electronic devices may fail to read the year 2000. Village staff has reviewed various services provided to our residents and businesses, and is investigating potential millennium bug impacts and preparing plans for equipment replacement and remediation, as well as contingency plans in the event of any failure which would affect the Village's mission critical services.

Village staff, along with the utility companies that service the Village, are working aggressively to prepare for January 1, 2000 and beyond. Although the Village is confident that our mission critical services will remain intact, there is no way to know for certain what will happen, especially given our reliance upon outside services beyond our control. To accommodate for these uncertainties, Village staff is preparing contingency plans, and we recommend that every household and business do the same.

Village residents and businesses are advised to take a thorough inventory of the critical, and potentially date sensitive, electronic appliances in their

homes and/or business and to contact the manufacturers of such devices to ensure that they are Y2K compliant. Special consideration should be given to critical devices such as digital thermostats, electronic timers on furnaces, burglar alarms, etc.

The Village is certainly not endorsing a "gloom and doom" approach, but rather a common sense approach. Regardless of the cause, whether it be Y2K, a natural disaster, or a merely a brief utility service interruption, it just makes good sense to be prepared.

In upcoming editions of the Village Almanac we will continue to provide updates of the Village's compliance efforts. We will also provide basic household emergency preparation guidelines as recommended by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. If you are interested in learning more about how to prepare your household for emergencies, check FEMA's web site at www.fema.gov or write to: FEMA, PO Box 2012, Jessup, MD, 20794-2012, for a copy of any of the following publications:

Emergency Preparedness Checklist
(L-154) Item #8-0872 ARC 4471

Your Family Disaster Supplies Kit
(L-189) Item #8-0941 ARC 4466

Your Family Disaster Plan
(L-191) Item #8-0954 ARC4466

Emergency Preparedness Publications
(L-164) Item #8-0822

Are You Ready? Your Guide to Disaster Preparedness (L-164) Item #8-0822

In other news, we are very excited that the Bloomingdale Golf Club is officially open for the 1999 season. Although we are continuing to improve the course, play will not be interrupted as these enhancements are implemented.

On Sunday May 2, Bloomingdale Golf Club will host a 2-person Spring Scramble with a 9 a.m. shot gun start. For information on the scramble, as well as rates for play, call the Pro Shop at 529-6232.

Also opening very soon is the new clubhouse. We are planning an open house sometime in early to mid-May for all the residents. Watch the local papers and/or the sign in front of the Village Hall for the date and time.



VOTE

April 13

**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 Thursday of every month
6:30 PM -- Village Hall

POLICE PENSION BOARD

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

LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

FAMILY FEST COMMISSION

3rd Wednesday of the month
(except September & October)
7p.m. - Library

SEPTEMBERFEST COMMISSION

3rd Wednesday of the month
March-December
7 p.m. - Village Hall

**BUSINESS PROMOTION &
CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE**

4th Tuesday of the month
7:30 p.m. - Village Hall

**BLOOMINGDALE FIRE PROTECTION
DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

2nd & 4th 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 893-7000 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

Harriet Ford

Village Clerk

TRUSTEES

Robert Czernek

*Legal & Intergovernmental
Relations*

Patrick S. DeMoon

Police and Community Relations

James M. Gebis

*Planning, Zoning
& Environmental Concerns*

Dorothy Lester

Public Works and Services

Anthony B. Mulizio

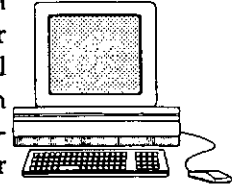
Finance and Personnel

Gloria Reyes

*Business Development
& Social Services*

**PLEASE NOTE: We have a
New Website Address --**

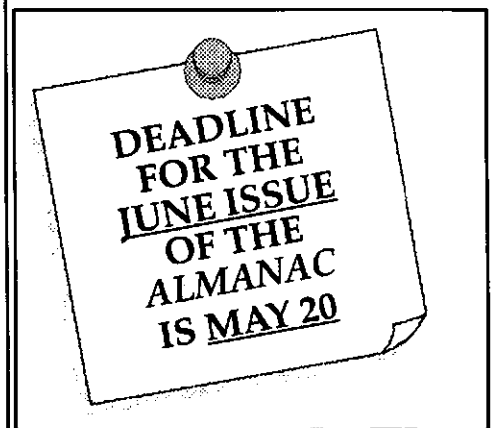
If you're "surfing the net" and have a question to ask or an issue to bring to our attention, just E-mail it to us. If you wish to send us an electronic message, our address is:



VILLAGE.BLOOMINGDALE@worldnet.att.net

Our new website address is:

www.vil.bloomingtondale.il.us



**Bloomingtondale Letter Carriers Collecting
Food Donations On Saturday, May 8**

The Bloomingtondale Post Office & National Association of Letter Carriers are having their 6th Annual Food Drive on Saturday, May 8, 1999. Bloomingtondale Food Drive Coordinator Daryl Miller notes, "Over 20,000 pounds of food were donated over the last five years thanks to the generosity of Bloomingtondale residents."

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.



Stand Up and Be Counted: Village Will Receive \$105 for Every Person Counted in 2000 Census

The U. S. Census is scheduled to begin on April 1, 2000. It is very important that an accurate census be conducted with all residents of the Village counted.

The Village receives \$105.00 in tax reimbursement from the State of Illinois for each person who resides in the Village. The reimbursement for motor fuel tax, photo processing tax, use tax and state income tax accounts for more than \$2,207,000 per year. An accurate census assures that Bloomingdale receives the maximum revenues from the State of Illinois on tax reimbursements based on local population.

When the special census was conducted in 1997, our population was 21,024. Since then, additional new housing starts have increased our population.



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Reconstruction Scheduled for Byron Avenue, Arbor Lane, Bedford Lane

The Village is reconstructing Byron Avenue, Arbor Lane and Bedford Lane. This project includes removal and replacement of the existing asphalt pavement including curbs and gutters, and road base. The new road pavement on Arbor Lane and Bedford Lane will be the same width as the existing road; no widening is planned. Pavement reconstruction on Byron Avenue will consist of a 30 foot wide road, with a parking lane adjacent to Sunnyside Park. An eight foot wide Multi-Purpose Recreational Trail is planned to replace the existing sidewalk on the north side of Byron Avenue between Arbor Lane and Fremont Court. All work is funded 100% by the Village.

This work will begin mid-May and will take approximately three and a half months to complete. During construction, Byron Avenue will be closed to through traffic. If you live in the construction zone, or on one of the adjacent streets you will be permitted to proceed past the barricades to reach your residence.

Motorists are advised to use alternate routes around the construction zone to avoid delays. Local detour signage will be posted prior to construction.

As part of the work on Byron Avenue, Arbor Lane and Bedford Lane, the Village will be installing a depressed curb at each driveway. This means the "bump" at the curb of each driveway is being eliminated, and a smooth transition from the street to each driveway will be constructed. The Village will also be reconstructing the driveway aprons, that is, the concrete driveway between the sidewalk and the curb, as part of the project.

If you have any questions regarding this project you may call the Street Construction Hotline at the Village Hall, Engineering Division, 893-7073 ext. 259.

Pavement Overlay

The Village will also have overlay maintenance on the following Village streets constructed during the summer of 1999: Washington Street (west of Bloomingdale), Third Street (north of Franklin), Founder's Pointe North, Founder's Pointe South, Carlton Drive, Villa Way, Woodside Drive, Bloomfield Circle, Orchard Lane, Ridgewood Lane, S Windham Lane, Fernwood Drive, Northwoods Lane, Indian Lakes area pavement patching (various locations), Fairfield Way (Millford to Bloomingdale), Fairfield Court.

Overlay maintenance consists of pavement patching, curb and gutter repairs to correct drainage deficiencies, storm sewer repairs and a new asphalt road surface.

The Village will also be installing new curb and gutters on Applewood Lane and Elmwood Lane. A new 5 foot wide sidewalk will be installed in place of the existing 3 foot sidewalk on Applewood Lane. The road pavement on Applewood Lane will be narrowed by 2 feet so that driveways are not shortened by the sidewalk widening.

This work will begin in Mid-May and will take approximately 3 1/2 months to complete. Lawn restorations, where necessary, will be done after Labor Day. If you have any questions regarding this project you may call the Street Construction Hotline at the Village Hall, Engineering Division, 893-7073 ext. 259.

April 30 Is Deadline for Displaying 1999 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.

Extended hours for vehicle sticker purchase at the Village Hall will be offered on:

Wednesday, April 28	8:30 AM-6:00 PM
Thursday, April 29	8:30 AM-6:00 PM
Friday, April 30	8:30 AM-7:00 PM
Saturday, May 1	8:00 AM-2:00 PM
Monday, May 3	8:30 AM-6:00 PM

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

Summer Employment Opportunities Village Offers Seasonal Maintenance Work

The Village of Bloomingdale is seeking individuals to fill summer temporary positions in the Public Works Utilities Divisions. The positions work 40 hours per week doing miscellaneous maintenance. The Public Works Maintenance-Forestry Division is specifically seeking candidates pursuing degrees in forestry or horticulture with related work experience. Applicants must have a valid Illinois driver's license.

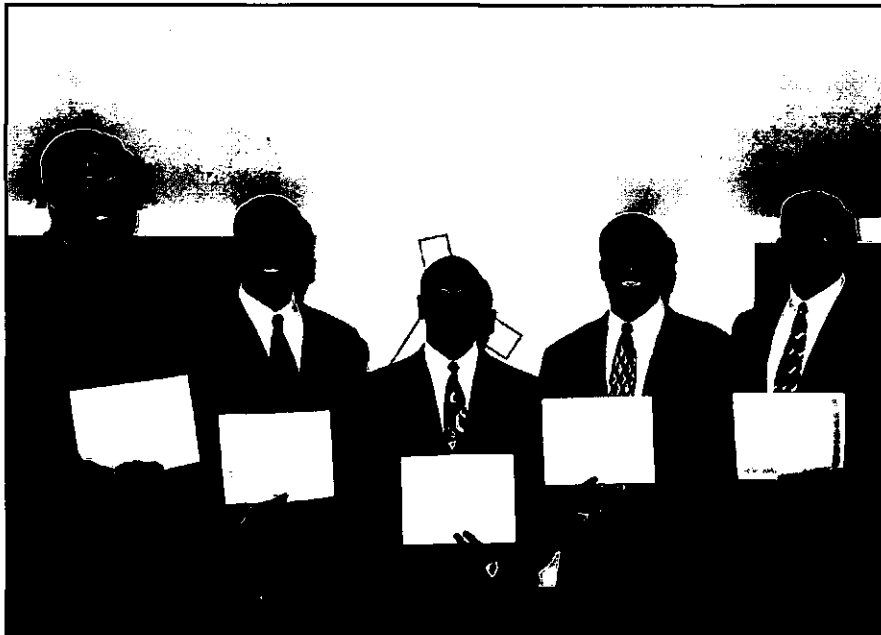
Applications may be obtained at the Village Hall, 201 S. Bloomingdale Road, from 8:30AM - 4:30 PM Monday through Friday, and from 8:30AM - noon on Saturdays. Applications will be accepted through Friday, April 30. For information call 529-5865.

Village Up for Hometown Award

Bloomingdale was recently named a finalist in the Governor's Hometown Award for the Street Smart Senior program. The program, designed and run by Detective Dawn Odoi, is in its second year. It educates area senior citizens about such concerns as personal safety and how to protect against phone, mail and solicitation scams. Formal announcement of the winner will be made in June at the Governor's Hometown Award dinner.

Detective Odoi is enthusiastic about the program, as have been the seniors who have participated. "This program promotes communication between the Village service agencies and seniors. They come away from the Street smart program informed, alert and confident about carrying on their daily routine of working, residing and traveling in Bloomingdale and other area towns.

"In addition," says Odoi, "seniors want to be able to give back to the communities they live in. The Street Smart Senior program shows them they can be productive and are still a valuable part of our community." The senior program will be offered again in fall.



Sworn to serve: Five new police officers were recently hired. They graduated from the Police Academy March 26. Shown here after being sworn in by Mayor Iden are Gary Wrobel, Bruce Mason, Tony Pagan, Jimmie Smith and Matt Wolenberg. Pagan was class president at the Academy.

Lake Street Work Continues

Stage 2 of the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) Lake Street Construction Project construction began in January and consists of removing existing westbound pavement and completing underground drainage work, constructing new westbound lanes and switching traffic to the north side of Lake Street using the new pavement.

The underground drainage work is finished. The new permanent pavement installation for the outer two westbound lanes on Lake Street is scheduled to be started on April 7, 1999. The work will start near the cemetery, and proceed west to Portillo's. The contractor will then install the section from Glen Ellyn Road to the cemetery, and finally from Portillo's west to the end of the project. There will be 15-foot wide gaps in the pavement to allow access to businesses and other driveways on the north side of the road which have no other access to the site. After the pavement is cured, the driveway access will be across the new pavement and the gaps completed. This work will take 2-3 weeks to complete.

Beginning last month, Bloomingdale Road is one lane in each direction at the intersection of Bloomingdale Road and Lake Street in order to construct and widen the intersection. There will be left turn lanes at Lake Street. One lane traffic is expected to remain this way until fall.

Other changes to be aware of include:

- Driveways which will be gapped (a space left in the paving to allow access) include Brodie's, Contaldo's, Bloomingdale Office Plaza, Sunrise, Dunkin' Donuts, Lake Street Cafe, Al's (one driveway), Little Europe (one driveway), Cirex, Alden.
- Driveways which will be closed (since there is access from another street or connecting site) are Lee's Auto Parts, Bloomingdale Town Center, Circle Center, Shell Gas Station and strip center to the east.
- Rosedale Road, North Maple Avenue and Lakeview Drive will be done one-half at a time (always open to traffic). Circle Avenue will remain open until the Lake Street driveways to Shell and Circle Center are complete, and then Circle Avenue north of Lake Street will be closed for about 2 weeks.

Switching of traffic from the existing lanes onto the new pavement along the north side of the right-of-way will occur around Memorial Day. The contractor needs to install temporary pavement adjacent to the new pavement so that there are two lanes in each direction.

On days when the contractor is installing the new permanent pavement, it will be necessary for work to be done at night on the new pavement. The pavement will have control joints sawed into the new concrete within 12-18 hours after installation. The control joints are necessary to control cracking on the new pavement sections. This sawing operation will be the extent of the night work.

For your safety and the safety of the construction workers, please use extreme caution while driving in the work zone and obey all construction and work zone signage. Watch for new work zone speed limits.

For further information on the Lake Street Widening project, please contact Paul Helmick, Illinois Department of Transportation at 529-0454 or Jim Monkemeyer, Village of Bloomingdale, 893-7073 ext. 262 or Lake Street Widening Hotline at 893-7073 ext. 253.

Team to Compete At Cooperstown

The Bloomingdale Bulldogs are busy raising funds for their trip this summer to compete in the Cooperstown Tournament. In addition to the sponsor book they are producing, the following projects are also underway.



Discount Cards are available for \$5 each. These provide numerous discounts on restaurants and services in Bloomingdale and are good through 1999.

The Bulldogs are also holding a raffle in July for a variety of prizes, including:

- Two first class round trip tickets on United Airlines
- Four \$50 GC Shoe Carnival
- Front row seats to Schaumburg Flyers game with an overnight stay in an area hotel
- Gift baskets from Marshall Fields valued at \$300

Also, a website is being built and advertising space for local businesses will be available.

To help the Bulldogs attain their dream by participating in any of these fundraisers, or to simply make a donation call Ted Cucci at 351-1231 or Rich Calabrese at 307-9967.

Donations can also be sent to:
Bloomingdale Bulldogs
c/o Rich Calabrese
P.O. Box 143
Bloomingdale, IL 60108-0143



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 1998.

Cindy Albin
 Rose Amato
 Hugh Bailey
 Frank Bartolone
 Robert A. Becker
 Lee Beckermann
 Anne Marie Bergi
 James Bitzer
 Pam Brewer
 Mary Lynn Brown
 Greg Burgess
 Brad A. Butler
 Michael C. Carnata
 Gregory S. Carrol
 Lynette Casolari
 Edward Christofano
 Dan Coleman
 Erin Corley
 John Corley
 Carol Cosentino
 Patricia Cox
 Anthony Cozzi
 Ginger Crissie
 Kathy A. Cucci
 Ray Cullerton
 Josephine Dabrowski
 Janet Davitt
 Bonnie Decoursey
 Kellie A. Devilbiss
 Kort Dickson
 Mary Ann Divinece
 Monica J. Doihun
 Donna Doyle
 George Duffey
 Paula Duffey
 Patty Eagleton
 Cathy Favilla
 Dominic I. Fezzuogho
 Mary Sue Fornari
 Amy Frane
 Pat Garrett
 Laura Geraci

Sally A. Gill
 Joyce Gladbach
 Sue Glynn
 Joyce Y. Go
 Sharlene E. Grass
 Agnes Gribbon
 Vincentine Grassmuck
 Patrick N. Griffin
 Kimberly Rae Haheman
 Charissa Hannigan
 Janet Hanz
 Grace S. Harty
 Juanita J. Hathaway
 Jacquelyne L. Hill
 Sally Holland
 Jane & Dennis Hyde
 Dorothy I. Jaskey
 Gretchen L. Johnson
 Henry Jones
 Jennifer Jordan
 Ray Jones
 George & Gloria Kas
 Carol Kieznitsky
 Joyce Klinowski
 Kathleen Kohl
 Bonnielynn Kreiser
 Frank I. Kreml
 Joseph Kuzdzal
 Sandy Lamar
 Ken Lawn
 Frank Letizia
 Rita Letizia
 Joe Lipari
 Anthony & Theresa
 Lobraco
 Terry Mackintosh
 Linda Magnussen
 John Manos
 Judy A. Martin
 Joe Mathy
 Lad Matias
 Marie Matias

Paul McIntyre
 Victoria Melvin
 Chester Mendygral
 Pat Mendygral
 Gil Michelotti
 Jane Michelotti
 Elaine Moline
 Bob Moore
 Chris Morisco
 Linda Muholland
 Miriam Murphy
 Mary Jane Murray
 Dick Nagle
 Dottie Nagle
 Andrew Neff
 Carol Neff
 Kathleen Nendze
 Carol Neri
 Dennis Neri
 Robert Nibbs
 Mark Nichols
 Carol Nies
 Georgette Nootens
 Rose Panock
 Elizabeth Pavia
 Anita Pedersen
 Sandra J. Perakis
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 Frances M. Pingel
 Sandy Polito
 Dorothy Prohaska
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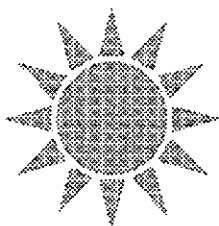
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 Pam Rion
 Marvin E. Roehlke
 Gail Rohiling
 Cynthia Rothamer
 Judi Rotondo
 Walter Santi
 Mary Santucci
 Bonnie Sassmann
 John Sassmann
 Susan Schembari
 Shirley Schiak
 Rhonda Schubert
 John Schultz
 Patricia Shannahan
 Joanne Sisco
 Barb Soden
 Mary E. Soellner
 Alice Spanos
 Cindy Stepanek
 Troy Stinson
 Virginia Stinson
 Janice Toy
 Carl A. Triana
 Patricia Anne Triviski
 Jeannine Van-Sky
 Susan L. Voelker
 Mary Therese Wedel
 Bridgette Werder
 Constance White
 Bob Wikrent
 Patricia Zaborowski
 Louise Zeiton



OUR SUCCESS IS
 MEASURED BY THE SCOPE
 OF YOUR INVOLVEMENT

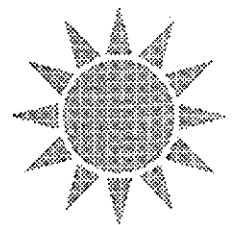
Sincerely,
 Gary J. Schira,
 Chief of Police

Randy Sater,
 Detective
 529-9868



Here Comes Summer . . .

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



THINK TREES

TREE CITY USA

Bloomington has been named Tree City USA for the fourth consecutive year. Dennis Szafran, Public Works Maintenance Superintendent, received the award from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources at the Morton Arboretum on March 23, 1999.

SUMMER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The Forestry Division is seeking two seasonal/temporary Forestry assistants. Ideal candidate is a college student pursuing a degree in Forestry or Horticulture with related work experience. Applications are available at the Bloomington Village Hall. For further information contact Larry M. Slavicek at 529-5865, ext. 19.

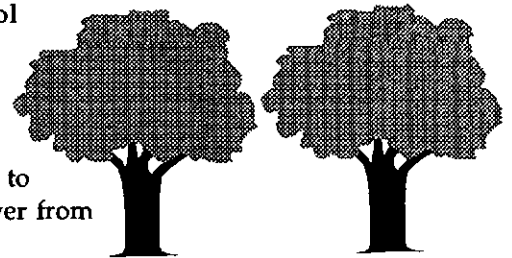
CONTROLLING APPLE SCAB

Control apple scab on Crabapple trees with a fungicide just as leaf buds begin to open. Spraying should be repeated every 10 to 14 days until dry weather begins, about the end of June.

ANTHRACNOSE

Anthracnose is a general term for fungal diseases of shade trees. In Bloomington it most commonly occurs on Ash trees when cool, wet spring weather persists. Symptoms on Ash trees include dark-brown or black spots which can enlarge to blotches, distorted leaves and most noticeably leaf drop. The severity of Anthracnose varies each year; however, even in those years when injury is severe, Anthracnose does not result in tree death. Several years of continued infection can weaken a tree, and trees already stressed by soil, site or other factors will be less tolerant.

Spraying for Anthracnose is not justified by the cost and the limited control obtained. The most practical measure is to water and fertilize stricken trees to help them recover from defoliation.



Be a Part of History: Join the Festivities When Local History Room Dedicated at Library on Sunday, April 11

The Board of Trustees and staff of the Bloomington Public Library invite residents to attend the dedication of the Local History Room on Sunday, April 11, 2-4 p.m.

"The Local History Room will function as a depository of oral and written memorabilia as well as a source of education programs and exhibits for library patrons," said Mary Rodne, library director.

Although acquisitions will be limited to oral and written memorabilia, exhibit space will be available for artifacts and documents. Filing cabinets and exhibit cases have been designed and constructed to provide proper preservation of historical materials.

"Interest in local history is increasing," said reference clerk Kandy Jones. "The library receives many requests from students and genealogical researchers."

There have been gaps in the information the library holds and many untapped resources in the community. The local history room's growing collection, and contributions from the reactivated Bloomington Historical Society, have filled many of those gaps.

During the history room's physical remodeling phase, Jones and Judy O'Loughlin, reference librarian, were

collecting and transcribing oral histories of many long time Bloomington residents while volunteers Elsie Fish, Dorothy Jaskey and Bob Kurek were organizing, preserving and filing fragile historical documents.

It has taken the library three years to develop and execute precise plans for the preservation of the history of Bloomington.

During 1996/97 the mezzanine area was remodeled and a new, more accessible stairway was installed. The library staff attended workshops on preservation of material and developing policies for local history collections.

In 1998 display cases and display panels were installed for physical artifacts, a tabletop unit was constructed and wired for video monitors, and provision was made to add ultraviolet protection to the skylight.

With the addition of audiovisual equipment for the display area, special track lighting for displays and installation of a computer, printer and scanner, the local history room is prepared to serve library patrons as a state-of-the-art resource center.

For more information contact Kandy Jones, 529-3120 Ext. 327 or Mary Rodne, Ext. 308.

Community Events Community Events Community Events

Blood Drive April 16

Blood drive sponsored by the Village on Friday, April 16 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the Council Room of the Village Hall. All area residents are encouraged to attend. For more information or to make an appointment call Lori D at 893-7000, ext. 225. Walk-ins also welcome!

Arbor Day Tree Planting

A tree planting ceremony to celebrate Arbor Day will be held at Old Town Park on Friday, April 30 at 1 p.m. A variety of trees will be planted at the newly constructed park, Third & Washington streets, in Old Town. Everyone is invited to attend the beautification program sponsored by the Village of Bloomingdale and Bloomingdale Park District. Refreshments will be served. For more information call the Park District at 529-3650.

Women's Self Defense Class

There are still a few openings in Deputy Chief Chuck Mader's Women's Self Defense class beginning on April 27. The class will be held for three weeks from 6-9 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Contact Donna Hulata at 529-9868 ext. 212 for more information or to register.

Relay for Life April 17

Relay for Life, an eight-hour walk/run will be held from noon to 8 p.m. on Saturday, April 17 at Lake Park High School, West Campus. The team event to fight cancer is sponsored by the North DuPage Unit of the American Cancer Society. A team made up of Village of Bloomingdale employees will once again join others in raising both funds and awareness of cancer in our community. For more information, or to register call the ACS at 469-3011.

Celebrate Earth Day with Book Swap April 24

Celebrate Earth Day by bringing your books to Naperville's Book Rescue and Recycling Event on Saturday, April 24 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the corner of Jackson and Eagle streets. Everyone is encouraged to bring books, browse and take books. All books remaining at the end of the day will be recycled. For more info, call 420-6088 or 682-7373.

Bloomingdale Athletic Club Cheerleading Clinic & Tryouts

Bloomingdale Athletic Club Cheerleading Clinic & Tryouts for girls entering grades 4-8 in September 1999 at Bloomingdale Park District, 172 Circle Avenue. Clinic on Tuesday, April 13 - \$5. Parent must accompany child to

sign waiver. Call 529-3650 for times for age groups and for more information. Tryouts on April 20.

Church Hosts Art Exhibition & Auction April 23

The Episcopal Church of the Incarnation hosts its 7th annual Art Exhibit and Auction, presented by Marlin Art Gallery of New York on April 23 at the church, 261 W. Army Trail Road. Preview of art begins at 7 p.m. with the auction following at 8 p.m. The event features all media and price ranges. Tickets are \$5 and will be available the evening of the auction. Refreshments will be served. For more information call 351-9431.

Groundbreaking for Fire Protection District Station on May 1

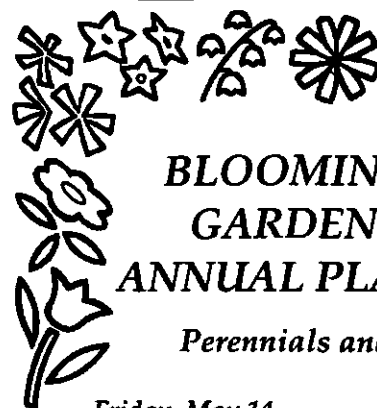
Bloomingdale Fire Protection District No. 1 is pleased to announce their groundbreaking ceremony for its new headquarters station on Bloomingdale Road, north of the Village Hall, at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 1.

Culture Club Hosts Guest Artist on April 20

The Culture Club of Bloomingdale invites all creative and artistic people to attend the April 20th meeting at 7 p.m. at the Bloomingdale Museum, 108 S. Bloomingdale Road. Guest artist Carol Balabanow will demonstrate making miniature folding books. Refreshments will be served.

Also, mark your calendars for the sixth annual Culture Club Art Exhibit beginning with a reception on May 23 from 2-5 p.m. featuring entertainment and refreshments, along with a juried award winning art display. The show runs through June 30 at the museum.

Also coming up during the month of May is a miniature flower painting exhibit at the Roselle library.



BLOOMINGDALE GARDEN CLUB ANNUAL PLANT SALE

Perennials and annuals

Friday, May 14 12Noon - 7:00 P.M.
Saturday, May 15 9:00 A.M. - 12Noon

227 E. Schick Road, Bloomingdale, IL

BUSINESS BRIEFS

TGS Printing services

TGS Printing, 160-C S. Bloomingdale Rd., offers a wide range of publication services, from business cards, letter-head and forms to full-color brochures, flyers and newsletters. The company also offers design and layout services as well as production and film output. Hours of operation are 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Monday-Saturday. Contact Jay Stamatis, owner, for more information at 582-1668.

ChiroSpa opens shop in Bloomingdale Athletic Club

Due to popular demand from the members, and some not-so-subtle hints from Dave, ChiroSpa has opened shop in the Bloomingdale Athletic Club. A venture from Dr. Michael Kelly of Old Town Chiropractic and Ms. Patti Ranallo of Hairs the Place Salon and Spa, ChiroSpa is a unique blend of chiropractic and massage services on an "on call" basis.

Dr. Michael Kelly will be available by appointment for initial chiropractic exams and therapy. He is also trained in Active Release Therapy for those chronic injuries that won't respond to massage or manipulation alone. For more information call Dr. Kelly at 893-7313.

At this time ChiroSpa is also offering the traditional 1-hour and 1/2-hour massages which can be customized to your desire. Be it Swedish, Shiatsu, reflexology, sports, acupressure, deep or soft, they will cater to you. For massage appointments, call Toni at 893-5876.

Stratford Square Renovations Updates Mall's Look for the Millennium

The Stratford Square mall renovations began last month with scheduled completion in November 1999. The shopping center will remain open and customers will be able to continue shopping throughout the renovation.

"Stratford Square Mall has not seen a major renovation since we opened in March 1981," said Robert H. Cohen, vice president/group manager for Urban Retail Properties Co. "Although the shopping mall looks wonderful today, this renovation will update our overall style and image in the community! It will be very family friendly. We will definitely be on the 'cutting edge' for the move into the next millennium."

Mr. Cohen added they are also excited that Marshall Field will be performing a store renovation this year. He notes that Wards remodeled their Stratford location last year making it one of only three prototype Wards stores for the future. Cohen is also expecting another exciting department store enhancement announcement at Stratford later this year.

In other news, the following stores opened at the mall:

Zutopia - a Gymboree store for ages 6-10

Liquid Assets - swimsuits

Kids' Foot Locker

Johnny Rockets - fast food - 50's diner fare

Puppy Toes - children's clothing

Sweat Shop - t-shirts

Soon to come:

Limbo Lounge - trendy, young adults clothing

Charlotte Russe - women's clothing

Also open:

The Communications Store

Courtyard 369-10 W. Army Trail Road

Sushi Bar

Courtyard 369-19 W. Army Trail Road

Academy Awards & Engraving

Old Town Commons 148-110 S. Bloomingdale Road

Spring Fever to Benefit Children with Cancer

The Bloomingdale Women's Club offers a great opportunity to break your spring fever while helping cancer-afflicted children to escape their illness for a while. The club's 25th annual fashion show, to be held on May 1 at Indian Lakes Resort, will benefit the TLC Camp for Children with Cancer.

This year's fashions will be from DeAnn's Bridal, 5-7-9 Shops, Foxtail Boutique, Gantos, Gingiss, Jack & Jill, Montgomery Wards and Sassy's Originals. Hair designs will be created by Hairstyles by Eclectic. Again, club members, their families and friends will do the modeling.

Another feature of the day will be door prizes and wonderful raffle prizes donated by local merchants. The Grand Raffle prizes include a 7-day Caribbean cruise for two, two round-trip tickets from Continental Airlines anywhere in the continental U.S., Alaska, Caribbean or Mexico, a \$500 shopping spree at J.P. Jewelers and a deluxe escape weekend at Indian Lakes Resort.

The fundraiser's beneficiary, Togetherness Through Loving and Caring (TLC) Camp for Children with Cancer, based in Lombard, depends solely on contributions to send children with cancer and their siblings to camp for a week so they can break away for a little while, and just enjoy being a kid. This is the only camp in Illinois which provides this for patients and their siblings.

Don't miss this silver anniversary show, "Silver Extravaganza." Tickets are \$30 and can be obtained by calling Candie at 462-0540.

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National Library Week

Global Reach/Local Touch Connect @the Library April 11-17, 1999

In celebration of National Library Week with the slogan "Global Reach, Local Touch, Connect @the Library," the library will be having a number of events.

- ➔ The Bloomingtondale Historical Society will be dedicating the Local History Room on Sunday, April 11, 2-4 p.m.
- ➔ The Youth Services Department will be introducing Classroom Classics. A program featuring displays of area grade schools classrooms' favorite book choices. The students' photographs, artworks and writings will be included in the display.
- ➔ The Adult Services Department will be offering Internet Training on Thursday, April 15 at 7:00p.m. Class size is limited, so register early.
- ➔ Starting April 11 all educational videos may be checked out for three weeks.
- ➔ From April 11 through 17 anyone using their new Library Plus Card or applying for the card will be given a coupon to check out a popular video free of charge.
- ➔ A special display featuring the library staff's favorite books may be found in the Adult Services Department.

LIBRARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL

8	Writer's Group Subcommittee	7:00-9:00PM
10	Writer's Group	9:00AM-Noon
11-17	NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK "GLOBAL REACH-LOCAL TOUCH"	
13	Election Day	
13	Bloomingtondale Seniors	11:00AM-3:00PM
14	Library Board Meeting	7:30PM
*15	Internet Training	7:00-8:30PM
*19	Smart Summer Snacking- Jeanine Fitzmaurice	7:00-9:00PM
22	National TV-Turn Off Week Family Craft Night - Drop-In	3:30-8:30PM
*26	Foot Care Workshop- Praveen Vohra, D.P.M.	7:00-9:00PM
*27	How to Get What You Want Out of Life-Charles Strauss	7:00-9:00PM
28	Writer's Group	7:00PM
28	Friends of the Library Meeting	7:30PM

MAY

*1	How to Buy a New or Used Car	10:00AM
*1	Mother/Daughter Scrapbooking Workshop	10:00PM
3	Bloomingtondale Historical Society	7:30-9:00PM
6	Writer's Group Subcommittee	7:00-9:00PM
8	Writer's Group	9:00AM-Noon
11	Bloomingtondale Seniors	11:00AM-3:00PM
12	Library Board Meeting	7:30PM
*20	How to Get What You Want Out of Life-Charles Strauss	7:00-9:00PM
26	Friends of the Library Meeting	7:30PM
30	SUMMER HOURS	LIBRARY CLOSED
31	MEMORIAL DAY	LIBRARY CLOSED

*Registration required (630-529-3120)

READING OPPORTUNITIES FOR KIDS OF ALL AGES!

TIME TREK READERS!!!

Trek through time with the 1999 Bloomingdale Public Library Summer Reading Program. Through the pages of books and with the help of exciting programs and performers you can actually visit another place in time; dig up dinosaur bones, travel in a covered wagon, build an Egyptian pyramid, soar into space, explore a medieval castle, or rock around the clock! In-person registration for both the Children's and Adult Summer Reading programs begins on Monday, June 7, 1999. Summer Reading brochures will be sent home with elementary school students after the Youth Services staff visit their schools in May. Brochures will be available at the library after these visits.

CLASSROOM CLASSICS

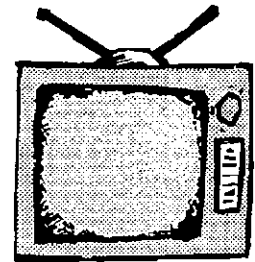
Help us kickoff this new program by visiting the display of your school's favorite book choices. Each month we'll feature a different classroom of students from Erickson School, DuJardin School and Winnebago School complete with student photographs, artwork and writing. Starting Sunday, April 11th we'll be featuring the following classes:

Margaret Reule	3rd grade at Erickson School
Nancy Jeske	3rd grade at DuJardin School
Donna Stone	3rd grade at Winnebago School

NATIONAL TURN OFF THE TV WEEK

April 22-28, 1999

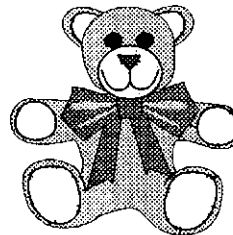
During this week, our schools are trying to promote the importance of shutting off the TV and doing something fun and enriching with your family. We'd like to help you out by opening our CRAFT ROOM to you for an evening of creative family time on:



Thursday, April 22nd from 3:30pm-8:30pm.

Use your Library Plus Card to check out a Craft Kit at the Youth Services Desk to use in the Craft Room. Each Craft

Kit contains glue, scissors, markers and other craft supplies for you to use as your imagination guides you! Everyone who uses the Craft Room on this date will get FREE french fries from McDonald's and a chance to WIN a Bloomingdale Library Teddy Bear!



MAKE A DIFFERENCE! JOIN THE JUNIOR FRIENDS!

Once again the Bloomingdale Public Library is looking for young, energetic volunteers for the Junior Friends group to help with the summer Reading Program - TIME TREK READERS! Junior Friends may help prepare crafts, make posters, read to young children, assist with programs and may even have a chance to work at the Time Machine check-in station.

If you are entering 6th grade or up, and would like to be a Junior Friend please complete the application below and return to Sue Drogos, Youth Services Assistant, by May 15. All former Junior Friends need to fill out a current application if they still wish to participate in the program. *A mandatory training session will be scheduled. Be ready to pick your dates then.*

This is a great chance to become involved, participate in exciting activities and make new friends. By signing the application, Junior Friends agree to abide by the Junior Friends Guidelines.

JUNIOR FRIENDS GUIDELINES

1. Please dress neatly.
2. Respect all library rules regarding behavior. Please remember YOU represent the library.
3. If you cannot make your scheduled time please call the library at 529-3120 x331.
4. Please check-in with a Youth Services staff member when you arrive for your scheduled time.

JUNIOR FRIENDS APPLICATION (Please print)

Name _____ Grade in fall _____

Address _____

Telephone Number _____

Parent's Signature _____ Junior Friend's Signature _____



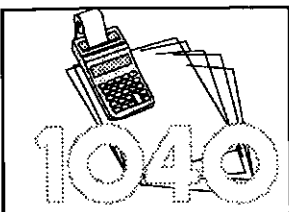
Make a world of difference --- be a Junior Friend!!!

Adult Services Department

ADULT PROGRAMS & SERVICES OF SPECIAL INTEREST

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 Thursday, April 15 to aid last minute filers in gathering forms.



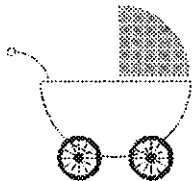
BLOOMINGDALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY INVITES NEW MEMBERS

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.

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 has launched its BORN TO READ program for new parents.



If you or anyone you know is a new or soon-to-be parent, please call the Library's Youth Services Department at 529-3120 x331 and give us their name and address (with the expectant person's permission, of course). The Library will send the new baby and its family a congratulatory card with a certificate for a free board book to be picked up in the Youth Services Department.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

STARTING MARCH 1, 1999 ANYONE WISHING TO ACCESS THE INTERNET AT THE BLOOMINGDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY MUST HAVE A LIBRARY PLUS CARD. THIS IS A PHOTO ID CARD. ANY MINOR UNDER THE AGE OF 18 MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A PARENT OR GUARDIAN WHEN APPLYING FOR THE CARD.

TWO FORMS OF IDENTIFICATION ARE REQUIRED AT TIME OF REGISTRATION.

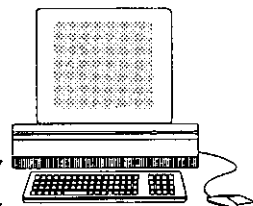
JOIN OUR FRIENDLY SENIORS!

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!



INTERNET TRAINING

Thursday, April 15 at 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, May 6 at 7:00 p.m.



In celebration of National Library Week with its slogan "Global Reach, Local Touch, Connect @ the Library," the Library is offering a new Internet training class. The class will meet for 90 minutes to learn basic Internet terminology and navigation skills. The class is not hands-on, a computer projection system will be used so that all can see the screen. Call early as registration is limited to 15 people.

The One on One Internet Training program will continue, although hours and days of the week may vary as our volunteers adjust their schedules for summer. Please call for current availability or to register for a session. Anyone interested in volunteering as an Internet trainer should call Peggy Carlson at 529-3120 ext. 328.

'VOICES OF VISION' OFFERS TALKING BOOKS TO SIGHT IMPAIRED

Is your eyesight failing? Or is it no longer possible for you to hold a book? Voices of Vision and the Library of Congress provide talking books to residents who can no longer read conventional print materials due to physical or visual disabilities.

Current fiction and nonfiction titles are available along with the equipment to hear the book. Contact Denise Grimse at 529-3120 ext. 330 for more information.

SUMMER HOURS

Starting May 30 the library will be closed on Sundays for the Summer. Regular Sunday hours will resume on September 12. 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

Spring Adult Programs

CRAFTS, FLOWERS, FINANCIAL PLANNING & MORE!

Please read the latest schedule of programs scheduled by the Adult Services Department. There is something for everyone. 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.

Smart Summer Snacking

Monday, April 19 at 7:00 p.m.



If you find it difficult to provide healthy summer snacks for your children or wonder if they are getting enough nutritious foods, this program is for you. Jeanine Fitzmaurice is a registered dietician licensed by the state of Illinois. She will give you all of the information you need to help your children eat a balanced diet and incorporate more physical activity into their daily lives. In addition to handouts, there will be sample snacks for everyone to enjoy. This program is aimed at adults so please leave the little ones at home. Registration is required.

Sore Feet? Foot Care Workshop

Monday, April 26 at 7:00 p.m.

Do you suffer from heel pain? Corns? Diabetes related foot concerns? Sports injuries? If so, this program is for you. Praveen Vohra, D.P.M., will present a program on the basics of foot care and what to do if specific problems are present. Dr. Vohra is an area resident and specializes in heel pain and foot care in diabetics. He also has extensive experience in sports medicine. Call the Library for more information or a reservation.



How to Get What You Want Out of Life

Tuesday, April 27 at 7:00 p.m.

AND

Thursday, May 20 at 7:00 p.m.

This popular series continues with Charles Strauss as the presenter. This group meets to explore personal growth opportunities and ways to get more out of life. Each month features books by a specific author. Topics will be announced several weeks before each meeting. Call the Library for more information or the topic of the month.

How to Buy a Used Car and Not Get Taken for a Ride

Saturday, May 1 at 10:00 a.m.

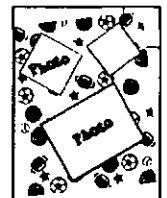


Buying a new or used car is a task that nearly everyone must face. To help with this sometimes-daunting task, the Library has invited Ron Fohrman, owner of Car Consultants, to present his program "How to Buy a New or Used Car and Not Get Taken for a Ride!" Mr. Fohrman will explain the entire car buying experience including price negotiating, getting more for a trade-in, financing, dealer profits and markups, and extended service contracts. He will also discuss the advantages and disadvantages of leasing a car rather than buying. Mr. Fohrman will also discuss "lemon laws" and related legal issues. Maintenance and dealing with the manufacturer are other topics that will be mentioned in this two and one-half hour presentation.

Mr. Fohrman has extensive experience in the automotive world. As the owner of a large dealership for nearly 20 years, he has great insight into how dealerships work. Since leaving the dealership arena, Mr. Fohrman has used his Car Consultants firm to help people understand the retail automotive industry and get the best deal. Patrons will gain much by attending this informative presentation. Mr. Fohrman encourages questions so please come with some in mind. Registration is required.

Mother/Daughter Scrapbooking Workshop

Saturday, May 1 at 1:00 p.m.



Celebrate Mother's Day a little bit early by attending this Library-sponsored program. Mothers and their daughters are invited to attend this workshop on one of today's most popular crafts. Sharon Siciak, a Creative Memories consultant, will teach those attending the basics of making a scrapbook. The process combines photographs, colored paper, and markers to form a work of art that, if created properly, will last a lifetime.

Early registration is requested, as this is a very popular program. Daughters need to be age 8 or older to participate. Grown mother/daughter pairs are also welcome to participate. Registration is required. A supply list will be furnished at the time of registration.

Adult Programs

PLACES TO GO, THINGS TO SEE . . .



Mark your calendars today for the latest in the series of Bloomington 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!

Shipshewana with the Amish

Date: Saturday, June 26, 1999

Depart: 7:30 a.m. Return: 9:00 p.m.

Price: \$59.00 (includes deluxe motor coach, professional escort, all admission fees, gourmet lunch, tax, and gratuity)

Registration Deadline: Sunday, May 23, 1999

After leaving the Library, we will enjoy a pleasant motor coach ride to Shipshewana. There will be a rest stop on the way, where muffins will be provided to all. Late morning will find us in the downtown area of the delightful town of Shipshewana, Indiana. Take a step back in

time into a friendly small town filled with horse-drawn carriages and interesting shops full of wonderful quilts and antiques. You will enjoy lunch on your own during your free time in town.

After a morning of browsing the quaint town of Shipshewana, you will enjoy the afternoon as we take a two and one-half hour guided tour of the Amish countryside. You will see a Cheese Haus, a working Amish farm, and a furniture factory. Our tour guide for this educational tour is a wonderful Amish gentleman. Before we return home, our dinner will be traditional Amish fare with delicious chicken, ham, and all the trimmings including homemade pie.

The Bloomington Friends of the Library Invite You . . .

To join us in lending our library a helping hand.

Who are the Friends?

A diverse group of individuals who wish to help our Library in interesting ways.

What do we do?

Plan fun fund raising events which benefit our library and our community.

When do we meet?

The fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:30 PM. Members who are unable to attend meetings but wish to help out may donate a few hours of time to help with our various activities.

Where do we meet?

At the Bloomington Public Library at 101 Fairfield Way. Most of our activities are held at or around the library.

How do I join?

Please fill out the form below and return it along with your yearly \$5 membership fee.

YES! I'd like to join the Bloomington Friends of the Library!

Name _____

\$5.00 membership fee attached

Address _____

I cannot attend meetings but please call me to help out at events

Telephone _____

The Bloomingdale Park District

We're right around the corner!



Summer is Coming!

Pool Opening

Nothing says summer like a beautiful, inviting pool, and ours will officially open June 5th! Season pool passes to the 250,000 gallon pool, complete with a water slide, sand volleyball, baby pool and concession area go on sale May 1st. Both individual and family pool passes are available, as well as convenient coupon books. Buy a pass **before** June 4th, and you get a chance at a FREE pool rental! Call us for rates and details and remember... **THE POOL OPENS JUNE 5TH!**

Summer 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, camps and rental facilities. The summer program brochure will contain registration forms, important phone numbers, a map of our parks and facilities, and everything else you need to know to get the most out of your sizzling summer fun!



Summer Registration Begins with Brochure Delivery

If something catches your eye in our new brochure, don't hesitate! You can register for any of our summer programs as soon as you receive our brochure. Mail-in, fax or drop-off your registration to us at the Johnston Recreation Center. All registrations received prior to May 18th will automatically enter our lottery to be held on May 20th. Don't forget, registration continues throughout the summer for all programs that have openings. Register early to avoid missing out!

Barracuda Swim Team Registration



The Barracuda Swim Team will be holding two registrations for the 1999 summer season on April 17th and April 21st at the Johnston Recreation Center. Newcomers are welcome, but participants must be able to swim the length of the pool. The swim team practices throughout the summer at the park district pool and also competes in swim meets at area pools. For further information on the Barracuda Swim Team, call Sandy Johnson at the park district at 529-3650.

Summer Concert Series Begins June 8th

Old Town Park will be the site of a summer-long concert series sponsored by the Park District and the Village of Bloomingdale. Caribbean rock and reggae music by entertainer Mr. Meyers will kick off the series on Tuesday, June 8th at 7:00pm. The series of free concerts will include big band music, country western, brass and children's entertainers. Pack a picnic basket and bring family and friends to hear Mr. Meyers in concert June 8th!



Crafters Wanted - Old Town Festival of Arts & Crafts

Sunday, June 12

Booth space is still available for the first Old Town Festival of Arts & Crafts scheduled for June 12th at Old Town Park. Hours for the fair will be 10am to 3pm. Any crafter who is interested in displaying should call Mary Jo Bailey at 529-3650, ext. 38. The deadline to apply is May 1st. Limited space is available, so sign up today.

The Bloomingdale Parks Foundation News

"Family Night"

April 16 - Erickson School

Learn more about the premier wetlands and nature area at Springfield Park during "Family Night" beginning at 6:30pm with guided tours of the wetlands. At 7:30pm, a lecture on the prairies of Illinois will be presented as well as the winner of the name-the-mascot contest. "Family Night" is open to the public. For more information, please call 529-3650.

Boardwalk Dedication

The newly constructed boardwalk at the Springfield Park wetlands will be dedicated on Sunday, April 18th at 2:00pm. Everyone is invited to attend the opening of the 300 ft. long boardwalk and enjoy an up-close and personal view of the wetlands!

check out our e-mail address at

bdalepd@aol.com

or fax us at

630.529.9184

Bloomingdale Park District

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

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Chamber Honors Its Members

On February 6, 1999 the Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce honored several members of our community at the Annual Recognition Dinner Dance at Indian Lakes Resort. The first-time "Heritage Award" was given to Wallace and Georgene Geils of Econ-O-Mart for their more than 40 years in business in the Bloomingdale community. The "Business of the Year" trophy was presented to Comark. Egidio Turano of Turano Pastry Shops was honored as "Business Person of the Year" and the "Ambassador of the Year" award was given to David Favaro, Padgett Business Services.

The Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce created the "Heritage Award" to honor Wallace and Georgene Geils for the leadership and commitments they have provided the Bloomingdale business community. They opened Econ-O-Mart in 1958, in the building now known as the Pickle Piano building. A few years later they built their current facility on Ridge Avenue. Econ-O-Mart has been a fixture in Bloomingdale ever since. The Geilses provided customers with bulk items long before any of us heard of Sam Walton. The store, which became a major stop for customers from all over northern Illinois, closed its doors for the final time in February.

The Geilses have been active residents of the Village as well. Wally has been a Village Trustee and a member of the Economic Development Commission, which was instrumental in forming the Chamber of Commerce. Georgene has also been involved in several areas and currently serves on the Business Promotion & Cultural Development Committee. In addition to the Chamber award, Mayor Bob Iden presented them with a proclamation declaring Saturday, February 6, 1999 as Wally and Georgene Geils Day in Bloomingdale.

The dinner dance was also a fundraiser for Y-Me, a national breast cancer organization which offers support to breast cancer patients and their families. The event netted \$6500 for the cause with donations still coming in.

Character Counts in Our Community

The six pillars of character

Trustworthiness

Be honest. Be reliable -- do what you say you'll do. Be loyal -- stand by your family, friends and country.

Respect

Treat others the way you expect to be treated. Be tolerant of differences. Use good manners.

Responsibility

Think before you act. Do what you are supposed to do.

Fairness

Play by the rules. Be open minded. Make decisions without favoritism or prejudice.

Caring

Be kind. Forgive others. Help people in need.

Citizenship

Be a good neighbor. Stay informed; vote. Protect the environment.