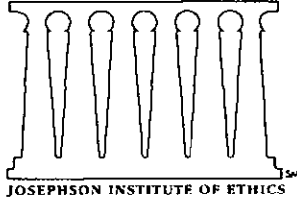
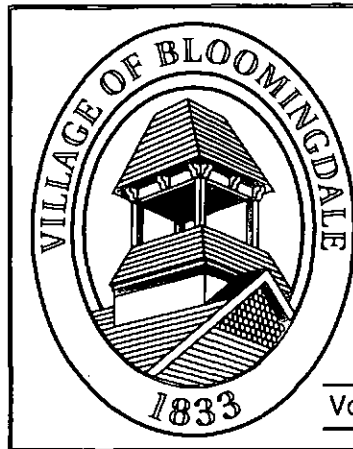


# Character Counts!

CHARACTER COUNTS!



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# The Village Almanac

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## From the Mayor's Desk



Robert G. Iden

Happy New Year to all! The last year of the 20th century promises to be a memorable one in Bloomingdale.

As I write this column, the record snowfall of January 1999 is rapidly disappearing. We had a lot of compliments for our guys (and gal) who plow the streets. That's always good for them to hear. See a message from the Street Division on page 5 regarding some damage following the snow event.

Some friendly reminders in case we should get hit again with another major snowfall this season - Please remember to shovel out the fire hydrants near your home. Fire department personnel do not know where every fire hydrant is located. Save them some precious time in the event

of an emergency. Also, please open up the inlets on the streets so as the snow melts, it has some place to drain. Lastly, help out your neighbors, which could include shoveling a path for the neighbor kids to walk so they don't have to walk in the street to their school bus stop.

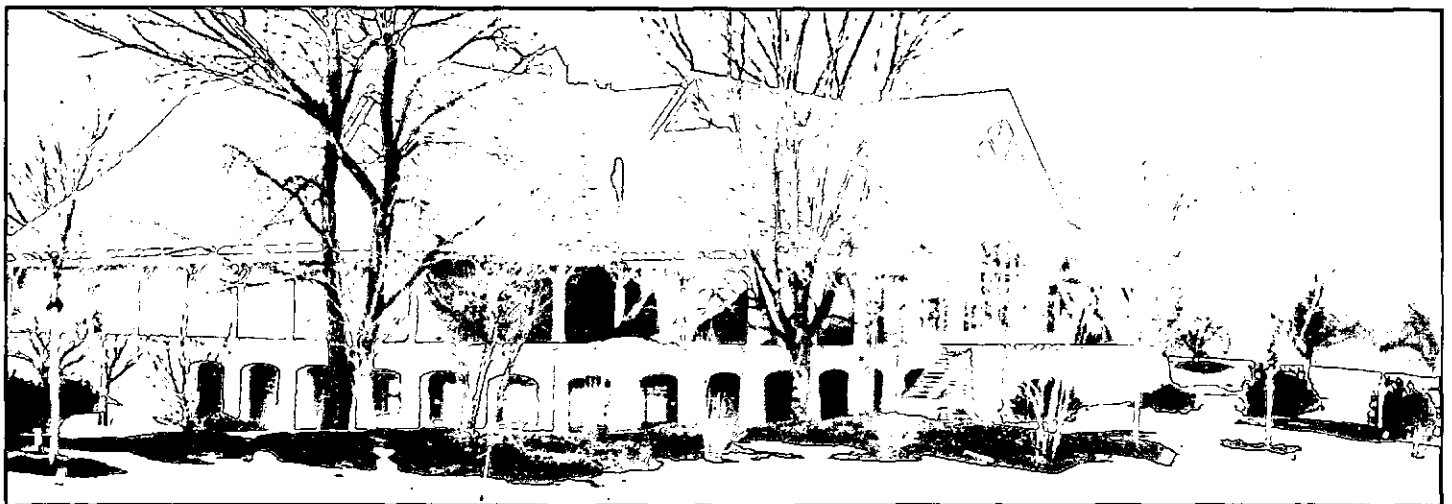
Work has stopped on the Lake Street project, but as soon as weather permits, that construction will be continuing. See page 3 for more information on those plans.

Speaking of projects, the progress of our golf course clubhouse is on target for a spring '99 opening. We're under roof; completion of the interior work has been occurring over the winter months. The landscaping work is about 70 percent complete with the remaining to be finished as weather permits in spring. The 18-green complex will be done and ready for play for 1999 season. The practice green will also

be open for 1999. The irrigation system will be ready and the new cart paths will be completed. Details about the grand opening activities for the new clubhouse will appear in our April issue of the Almanac. The picture below is looking from the northwest at the back of the clubhouse. See the back page for another view of the clubhouse.

Another especially exciting project planned for 1999 is the remodeling of Stratford Square Shopping Center. Opened in March 1981, Stratford is scheduled for a major renovation to become more family and customer friendly for the 21st century. See page 12 to learn more on the construction plans, and for information on the exciting Crown Jewels of England Exhibition currently going on at the mall.

I also need to (continued on page 5)



**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*

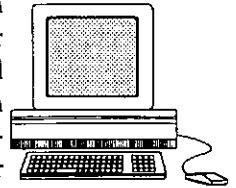
**Dorothy Lester**  
*Public Works and Services*

**Anthony B. Mulizio**  
*Finance and Personnel*

**Gloria Reyes**  
*Business Development  
& Social Services*

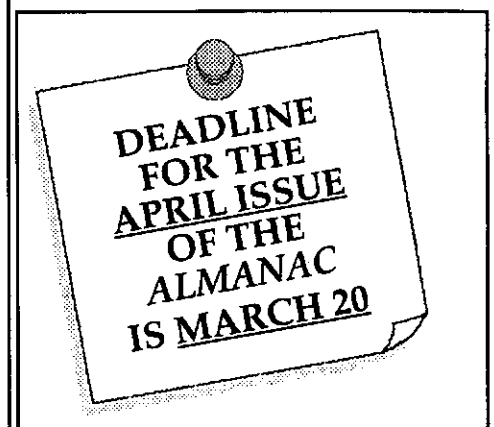
**PLEASE NOTE: We have a  
New Website Address --**

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](http://www.vil.bloomingtondale.il.us)

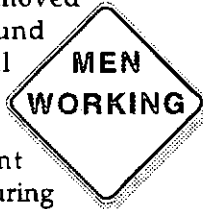


**SMILE!**

Bloomingtondale dentists Claudio Levato (center) and his wife Sharon (left) demonstrate how the CASEY dentistry program works to Library Director Mary Rodne. This program, which is an interactive audio visual presentation DVD (Digital Video Disk) was donated to the library by the Levatos to help patrons better understand dentistry and good oral hygiene. A special thank you to the Levatos for their donation.

## Lake Street Construction: A Progress Report

The inclement weather brought construction to a stop for right now. Once feasible, it will continue again. Existing pavement will be removed and all underground drainage work will take place during the winter months. New westbound pavement will be constructed during the spring of 1999. Please use extreme caution while driving in the work zone and obey all construction and work zone signage. Questions? Call Paul Helmick, resident engineer at 529-0454.



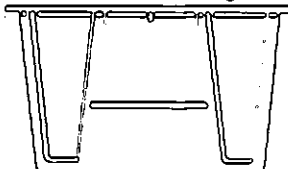
### A Correction . . . Please Note

Last issue we listed the phone number for information on County Roads incorrectly. The number for information on County roads, such as Army Trail Road, Bloomingdale Road and Gary Avenue is 682-7321.

## NEW RECTANGULAR RECYCLING BINS FOR PAPER MATERIALS

To simplify the recycling process, the Village's new refuse collection contract with BFI provides for the provision of an additional rectangular recycling bin for the collection of paper recyclable materials. The additional bin will be of no cost to the refuse customers and will allow for the separation of non-paper recyclable material using the current 20 gallon round-blue bin.

BFI will be delivering the new rectangular recycling bins during the week of February 15th along with an informational recycling brochure to all Bloomingdale residential refuse customers using curbside refuse collection services.

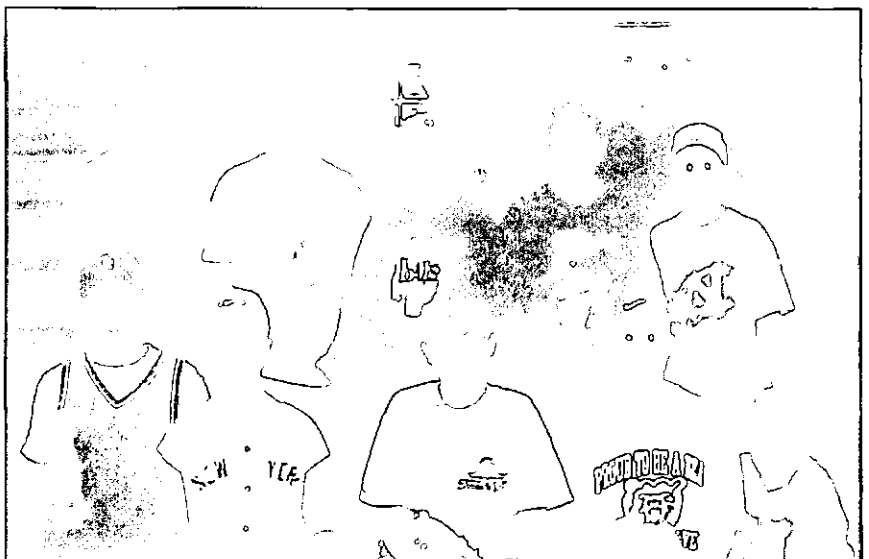


## BLOOMINGDALE BULLETS FUND RAISING TO PAY FOR TRIP TO COOPERSTOWN DREAMS PARK

The Bloomingdale Bullets is a 12-year old traveling baseball team who have a once in a lifetime opportunity to make a dream come true. But they need the community's help. The team has been offered a spot in the Cooperstown Dreams Park Tournament. Cooperstown is the legendary home of baseball, where the game began one afternoon in 1839. This tournament is offered to 12 year old boys traveling teams only and Cooperstown is very selective in their invitations. The team is honored to have been chosen to participate. As stated above, this is a once in a lifetime opportunity for the boys.

The coaches agree the 12 year old Bullets team is an example of high caliber play, young players experiencing the purity of baseball as it was meant to be played! Regardless of the outcome at Cooperstown, all players leave with a sense of pride, dignity and accomplishment. The young players are asking for community support in attaining this dream through becoming a Cooperstown Dream Team Sponsor.

1. Base Sponsor	\$ 50.00	Name in Sponsor Book
2. Base Sponsor	\$ 75.00	Above plus Certificate
3. Base Sponsor	\$150.00	All of the Above plus Name on Team Banner
Home Plate Sponsor	\$250.00	All of the Above plus Small Plaque
Home Run Sponsor	\$500.00 or more	All of the Above, Large Plaque plus Full page Ad/Recognition in Sponsor Book



*The Bloomingdale Bullets Dream Team*

## 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 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.

Sticker applications will arrive in your mailbox soon. To avoid long lines and inclement weather, residents are encouraged to mail applications with payment in the envelope provided. 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:

**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.

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**The Village Hall will be closed  
on Presidents Day, February 15**

Thanks

We extend thanks to the following individuals for their volunteer contributions during 1998 to Village Commissions and Committees:

### Business Promotion & Cultural Development Committee

Ata Kashanian	John Vertnik
Mary Ahart	Remo Turano
	Georgene Geils

### Board of Fire & Police Commissioners

Warren Gnau	Frank Letizia
	Louis Pavone

### Family Fest Commission

Mary Rodne	Milton Clark
Pat Cirrincione	Robert H. Cohen
John T. Dabrowski	Karen Paras
	Guy Sanalitra

### Police Pension Board

Jeff Fritz	Terry Marker
Steve Apostolopoulos	Robert Denney

### Plan Commission

Mauro DeFalco	Rich Prybell
Judi Von Huben	James King
John Dabrowski	

### Septemberfest Commission

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

### Traffic Concerns Committee

Patrick Ranallo	Pat Cirrincione
Robert Cohen	Robert Gergen
	John O'Sullivan

### Recreational Pathway Advisory Committee

Michael Croll	Helen Price
Richard Ford	Mark Redini
Mic Minneman	Carmen Rotolo
Karen Paras	Janine Sabal
	Judi Von Huben

## SCORE! Opens Bloomingdale Center

Shooting hoops and climbing "mountains" while improving reading and math skills? It's possible at SCORE!, a new educational center that helps kids do better in academic subjects while participating in a fun, interactive sports-oriented environment. The new center, recently opened in the Stratford Center, offers kids in grades K-8 the opportunity to improve basic skills by teaming up with academic coaches.

Students work on an individualized curriculum that adjusts to their unique academic needs and learning style. A SCORE! Card keeps track of students' progress, and can be traded in for prizes later. SCORE is a nationwide company with more than 65 centers, seven of which are located in the Chicago area. The Bloomingdale location at 142 S. Gary Ave. opened in December. Hours are Monday through Thursday 2:00-8:00 p.m., Friday 2:00-6:00 p.m. and Saturday 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Call the center for additional details at 539-2589.

## Mayor's Column

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take a moment to thank all of the Commission and Committee members who have helped the Village of Bloomingdale this past year. Listed on the opposite page, their contributions of time and talent are invaluable to us. If you haven't done so before, think about getting involved this year. One of the places we have some vacancies is the Family Fest Commission. Mary Rodne, Family Fest Chairman, has given up her post after nearly ten years, as have some others on the commission. We are grateful to all of them for their efforts. If you're interested, call my secretary Mary Ellen at 893-7000, ext. 221 for information.

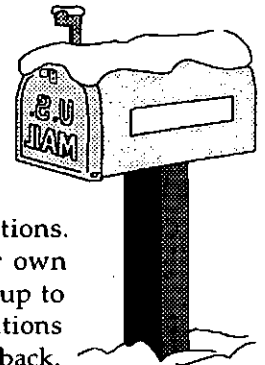
Sincerely,

Robert Iden, Mayor

## The Blizzard's Over . . . Now It's Time To Think About Mailbox Repairs

The weekend of Friday, January 1, 1999 through Monday, January 4, 1999, we experienced a record snowfall. The Village of Bloomingdale Snow and Ice Team did an extraordinary job in keeping the roads safe for the motoring public during this time.

Unfortunately, snow and ice control operations sometimes result in mailbox damage. Although the damage is unavoidable, we apologize for any inconvenience. The Public Works crews will be out as soon as weather permits to reinstall and repair mailboxes damaged as a result of snow and ice control operations. Residents may choose to repair or replace their own mailboxes. The Village will reimburse residents up to \$35 for mailbox/post repairs. Mailbox installations must follow postal regulations for height and setback. Contact Public Works 529-5865 for this information. Please submit purchase receipts to Dennis J. Szafran, Public Works Maintenance Superintendent, Village of Bloomingdale Public Works Facility, 305 Glen Ellyn Road.



The record amount of snowfall also necessitated additional snow removal operations to lessen traffic visibility and flooding concerns throughout town. The Village Public Works crews will be out in the spring to repair parkway damage as a result of snow and ice control operations.

Again, we apologize for any inconvenience and thank you for your understanding during this record snowfall of 1999.

## Peer Jury Focuses on Teaching Teens Accountability, Responsibility

The Village of Bloomingdale Police Department is initiating a Peer Jury program. The program is open to students ages 13 - 17 who are either residents of Bloomingdale or attend school in Bloomingdale.

Juvenile officers from the police department decide who is eligible to put into the peer jury system. These are usually first time offenders committing misdemeanors with no other extenuating circumstances. The students who sit on the peer jury will listen to the situation, ask questions, gather information, as well as determine the sincerity level of the offender. They will then pass judgement and define the consequences for the offender. This could range anywhere from a letter of apology to a number of community service hours. There is some training involved for those who sit on the jury.

The peer jury concept has worked successfully in other area communities. This is an opportunity for young people to help their community, as well as their fellow students. The program will be in operation in February 1999, but the program is still open to new jury applicants. Interested eligible students should contact Detective Gary Fuchs at 529-9868.

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# Residents Will Go To The Polls

## April 13 To Elect Village Officials

Residents will elect three Village Trustees on Tuesday, April 13. In the space below the candidates give you a brief overview of their background and their reasons for seeking election.

Remember that Monday, March 15 is the last day to register to vote or transfer registration in order to be eligible to vote in the April 13 election. Absentee voting will be available at the Village Hall from 8:30 AM-4:30 PM Monday through Friday and Saturdays 8:00 AM-12:00 noon beginning March 22.



### **Karen Barnes, 4 year Trustee**

Karen and her family have lived in Bloomingdale for 18 years. She is presently in her fourth year as a School Board Member for District 13. She helped form the Bloomingdale School District 13 Education Foundation and is currently its school board liaison.

Over the years, Karen has been actively involved in organizations throughout the community. She was a member of the Erickson Elementary School PTO, serving as their treasurer for two years. As a parent, she has also been actively involved in a variety of activities of Boy Scout Pack 457 and the Bloomingdale Athletic Club.

Karen is self-employed. She provides help to seniors preparing and filing their Medicare/Insurance claims. She also spent two years with the Tax-aid Program, volunteering her time to help seniors with their taxes.



"My desire to serve the whole community is simple. Nowadays, everyone is busy. You want to get involved, but you cannot. You need someone that will come to you and find out how you feel as an individual or business owner. I would like to be that person. I would like to be your voice.

"If our schools, churches, businesses, park district, library, township and village offices all worked together, we would become much stronger as a community. As we move into the new millennium, every one of us becomes a more important piece to keeping our community closer together. As a Village Trustee, I will make sure that the decisions I make are in the best interests of all of you and the future growth of our Village."



### **Robert Czernek, 4 year Trustee**

Bob, his wife Barb and their two daughters, have resided in Bloomingdale since 1986. For the last year and a half, Bob has been a Village Trustee. He has also served on the Plan Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, Old Town Review Committee and the Golf Course Advisory Committee. Other civic activities include serving as a committeeman for Bloomingdale Township for two years, as well as participating in its Septemberfest Committee.

He and his family are active in St. Matthew's Church. He coached girls' basketball for four years and is a past president of the St. Matthew's School Board. Self employed, Bob owns a distribution company in Schaumburg. He is a member of the Greater O'Hare Businessman's Association.

Bob would like to continue as a Village trustee because he sees the need for an independent trustee who will question "why?" or "Have we really looked at all angles of this project?"

"I am strongly committed to improving intergovernmental relationships in order to reach common goals that would greatly benefit all residents without adding an additional tax burden. I believe it is the responsibility of the municipality to work closely with neighboring villages, the schools, township, park district and the county to develop expanded programs for youth and seniors."



**John Dabrowski, 4-year Trustee** ☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆

John Dabrowski is a 23-year resident of Bloomingdale. An electrical contractor, John manages and operates D J Electric, (10 year Bloomingdale business) with his wife Jodi.

In addition to living and working in Bloomingdale, John is very active in the community. Currently, John serves on the Village of Bloomingdale Plan Commission. He believes this commission is vital as the members determine and uphold the quality of life that the residents of Bloomingdale currently enjoy and expect. John also is a current member of the Board of Directors for the Fairfield Condo Association, a position he has held for 11 years.

For the past five years John served on the Bloomingdale Family Fest Commission, where he chaired the sponsorship committee and shared his expertise in serving as a member of the on-site operations team. In addition, John has served as a volunteer for many annual community events sponsored by the Friends of the Library and the Bloomingdale Public Library. He is a member of the Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce and a supporter of Chamber-sponsored events.

"I have a vital interest in this community. As a Village Trustee, I will work with local residents and businesses to address their needs and will strive to keep property taxes low. I will work with the various Village departments to continue Bloomingdale's reputation as an outstanding community in DuPage County."

**Dorothy Lester 4-year Trustee** ☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆

A 26-year resident of Bloomingdale, Dorothy is currently serving her third term as Trustee, having been elected in 1989, 1991 and 1995. Dorothy is retired from Amoco Corporation after 35 years of service. She is working as a Realtor Associate with Signature Realty located in Tiffany Pointe. Dorothy is a graduate of DePaul University with a degree in Business Administration.

She is Chair for Public Works and Services Committee. During the last four years the following programs came under her committee: the updating of the water and sewer treatment plant, street program, sidewalk program, tree planting program, recycling of hazardous waste, and continuation of the program to underground overhead lines. During this time she also was involved in initiating the Recreation Path program, the computerization of the Village, initiating TIF districts to help businesses, establishing intergovernmental programs with parks, schools, and law enforcement agencies and the protection of open space at Golf Course through Home Rule.



"I have demonstrated my dedication to the enhancement of Bloomingdale's quality of life as a member of the Planning, Zoning & Environmental Concerns, Golf Course Development Committee (serving as liaison with Whitney & Company, the interior designers for the Clubhouse), and Police and Community Relations. "I am strongly committed to lowering our taxes, continuing the quality of construction by enforcing our ordinances, continuing our open space program, maintaining our streetscape without infringement upon the business community and insuring the Village Budget is prudently prepared and administered. As a Village Trustee my votes will always be in the best interests of the residents."



**Gloria Reyes, 4-year Trustee** ☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆

Gloria Reyes, a familiar face and name to the Village of Bloomingdale, is seeking a third term as Village Trustee. She has lived in the village for over 10 years, and with her husband John and daughter Tiffany, is actively involved in the community. She has been a member of the Old Town Commission, Family Fest Committee and the District 13 Advisory Committee.

Gloria was also active in Brownie Scouting and was the Village liaison to American Disabilities Act Committee. Presently, she is the Village liaison to the Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce, the Bloomingdale Business Development and Cultural Development Committee and the Bloomingdale Public Library. Gloria and her family are members of St. Isidore Church.

Gloria's '95 platform was based upon fiscal responsibility, no tax increases, continuing the 1989 Quality of Life initiatives and ongoing review of the community's Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

"I remain committed to this vision of making Bloomingdale a very special place to work and live. I want to see that platform become reality through such projects as the Community Bike Path initiative, the construction of the new Golf Course facilities, the Lake Street expansion and new business and residential development, to name a few. "My personal involvement provides first hand knowledge and understanding of the strengths, opportunities and needs within the community. This exposure allows me to see issues from both sides, to understanding of all the facts and ultimately making good and fair decisions."

**THINK TREES . . . . .**

**WANTED: VOLUNTEERS TO PLANT 100 SEEDLINGS ON APRIL 24**

The Village Forestry Division is looking for volunteers to plant 100 seedlings provided by the National Tree Trust on Saturday, April 24th, from 10 a.m. - noon at the Public Works Facility, 305 S. Glen Ellyn Road.

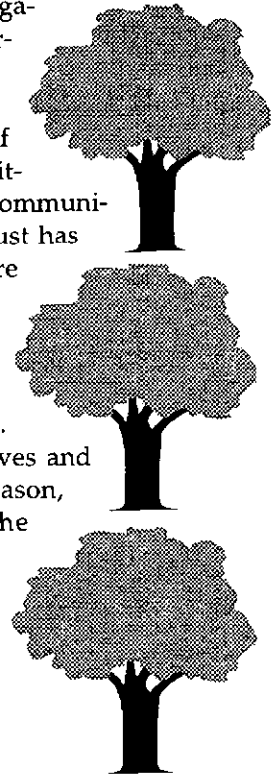
For the fifth consecutive year, the Village has received a Community Tree Planting grant from the National Tree Trust. The Village will be receiving 100 Downy Serviceberry (*Amelanchier arborea*) seedlings, soil and pots for the purpose of growing the seedlings into saplings for transplanting into the 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. The Tree Trust was established in 1990 and endowed with a one-time grant from Congress as part of the "America the Beautiful" initiative designated by President Bush. The Tree Trust has partnered in reforestation, beautification and education projects with 300

groups, which include volunteer organizations, government agencies, forest product firms and other leading corporations, in 35 states since its founding. Now in its eighth year of operation, the Tree Trust is committed to bringing more trees to more communities across the nation. The Tree Trust has helped volunteers plant and nurture over one million trees each year in communities and along roadsides.

Volunteers will be trained to containerize and care for seedlings. Participants are asked to bring gloves and enthusiasm. After this growing season, the trees will be planted in the Village's nursery for further growth.

For more information or to volunteer, please contact Larry M. Slavicek, Urban Forester, at 529-5865, Extension 19.



**Village Honors Mary Rodne for 10 Years of 'Boundless Energy' as Chairman of Village's Family Fest**

At its Monday, January 25, 1999 meeting, the Village Board recognized the efforts and dedication of Mary Rodne, chairman of the Bloomingdale Family Fest. She had been a part of the Family Fest Commission even before it was officially known as such, becoming a "charter member" when the commission was first created in 1989.

Over the years, the fest grew from a one-day event to a four-day event which draws several thousand people. Rodne, Director of the Bloomingdale Public Library, is stepping down to channel her energies into other areas.

Mayor Iden presented Rodne with a plaque, saying that "It is fitting that we recognize the dedication and boundless energy that Mary put into the fest year after year. Her enthusiasm for the event never wavered."

While the Village Board recognized Mary's individual achievements, they also acknowledged and thanked the Bloomingdale Library Board for their support of Mary's time, as well as the time of the library staff who were invaluable to her in the coordination of Family Fest every year.



The Village is currently seeking interested residents to serve on the Family Fest Commission for the 1999 event. Rodne's position, as well as some others are open. Plans need to be made soon for this summer's fete.

For more information, or to apply, call the Mayor's office 893-7000, ext. 221.



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# BRUSH COLLECTION SCHEDULE

The Bloomingdale Public Works' Forestry Division will be conducting its semi-annual Branch Collection Program beginning on March 22, 1999. Once during each spring and fall are the only times the Village of Bloomingdale picks up residents' branches with the exception of branches downed by storms. For storm damage pick-up, please contact Helen Price at 529-5865, Extension 7, 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 529-5865, ext.7.

## SPRING 1999 BRUSH PICKUP SCHEDULE

### SECTION ONE:

Pick-up begins **MARCH 22, 1999**

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 TWO:

Pick-up begins **March 29, 1999**

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

### SECTION THREE:

Pick-up begins **APRIL 5, 1999**

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 FOUR:

Pick-up begins **APRIL 12, 1999**

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 FIVE:

Pick-up begins **APRIL 19, 1999**

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.

## Springfield Park Nature Area News

### Do you know where the Springfield Park Nature Area is?

Answer: Adjacent to Springfield Park behind Erickson School  
at 277 Springfield Drive, Bloomingdale

The SPNA has announced a series of 5 "Family Nights" beginning April 16th, 1999. Family Night is designed to heighten the public's awareness and understanding of the SPNA and its many attributes such as the wetlands area, prairie restoration area, recreation area, wildlife habitat area and as a teaching resource.

Leading up to the first Family Night will be a series of contests for schoolchildren in grades K through 6. Beginning in January, a monthly contest letter will be sent home from school with the students. They will be asked to correctly identify an animal, plant, bird or fish that makes its home in the SPNA.

The SPNA has adopted the frog as its mascot. The first contest is "Name the Mascot." The winning entry will receive a free family pool membership to the Bloomingdale Park District. To foster an image of the frog as its mascot, the SPNA will award "Beanie Baby Frogs" as prizes for each of the contests and during each of its five "Family Nights".

The SPNA is encouraging surrounding schools to become actively involved with the SPNA by using it as a hands on learning resource. Many ongoing activities at the SPNA range from burning the marsh area in late March to seed collection in the fall. School children and adult volunteers are encouraged to participate in collecting and planting seeds from many species of native Illinois prairie plants. They can also enjoy watching blue herons, white egrets, Canadian geese, Mallard ducks, bluebirds and yellow finches that make their home in the SPNA.

Mark your calendar for the first Family Night on Friday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at Erickson School. Tours of the nature area begin at 6:30 P.M. At 7:30 P.M., join us for a presentation about the Illinois Prairie and the prairie plants that thrive in the SPNA. Open to the public!

For more information, contact the Bloomingdale Park District at 630-529-3650 or email @ [bdalnature@ho](mailto:bdalnature@ho)



## A Word About License Plates

Police Chief Gary Schira recently received a letter from an anonymous author in which the legality of displaying only one "vanity" license plate on a passenger car was questioned.

Please note: Regardless if the license plates are vanity or standard issue, both front and rear plates must be displayed on passenger cars as noted in the Illinois Vehicle Code (625 ILCS 5/3-413 (a)), "Registration plates issued for a motor vehicle other than a motorcycle, trailer, semitrailer, truck-tractor; apportioned bus, or apportioned truck shall be affixed thereto, one in the front and one in the rear." Displaying only one license plate on a passenger car can result in one being stopped by a police officer and a traffic citation being issued.

### Fashion Show to Benefit Children With Cancer

The Bloomingdale Women's Club is gearing up for their 25th Annual Fashion Show to be held May 1st at Indian Lakes Resort which will benefit the TLC Camp for children with cancer based in suburban Lombard. The camp is the first in Illinois for children ages 4 through 13 and their siblings.

Local businesses are encouraged to support the BWC's effort for a successful fundraiser by advertising in the program which will be distributed to every attendee at the fashion show. The fashion show utilizes the entire upper level of Indian Lakes Conference Center and draws over 600 for the luncheon and show. Tickets for the show may also be purchased for \$28.00 (advance) or a table of 8 for \$224. Donations for the raffle are also needed - businesses may consider small or large appliances, gift certificates or merchandise. Raffle books are also available for purchase. Cash donations will be gratefully accepted. All sponsors will be listed in the program.

TLC Camp is one of the most endearing charities sponsored by the BWC since it deals with our greatest asset: children. In the 28 years of service to the community, the BWC has given over \$280,000 to various charities and individuals. The BWC is a philanthropic organization formed in 1971. For information, call Debby Bodnar at 894-8309.

# Community Events

## Business Expo February 25

The Bloomingdale Chamber will be one of six participating chambers of commerce at the Five Star Business Expo on Thursday, February 25 from 11 am-6 pm. Rated one of the BEST Business Expos in DuPage County by the DuPage Business Ledger, the expo takes place at Indian Lakes Resort, 250 W. Schick Road. Call the Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce at 980-9082 for information.

## Culture Club Showcases Artists

The artists of the Bloomingdale Culture Club invite all fellow artists to Newcomers Night at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, February 16 at the Bloomingdale Museum, 108 S. Bloomingdale Road. The program will provide materials and methods for working with batik, collage and crayola clay. Upcoming Member Art Shows:

- Bloomingdale Public Library,  
101 Fairfield Way

Tom Schwegler's Award Winning Photographs  
January & February 1999

Sanaa Ezzat's Water Color Show  
March 1999

- Barnes & Noble Booksellers  
200 S. Gary Avenue

Carol Balabanow & Beverly Miotke  
Two-Women Oil Painting Show, February

For more information on the Culture Club, call Beverly at 529-1367.

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

St. Isidore's Council of Catholic Women will once again host the annual St. Joseph's Table from 4-7 p.m. on Friday, March 19 in the Ministry Center located at Army Trail Road and Gary Avenue. The traditional celebration recreates the tables of plenty that are shared in Italy in thanksgiving for the many gifts a family receives. It is a continual table laden with good food.

A suggested donation is \$5 per person or \$20 for a family. All donations will be given to the We Care Fund which helps families in need throughout the year. More information about the event call Chairman Brenda Byrne at 876-0087.

## Villagers Club Spring Fashion Show April 1

The Villagers Club of Bloomingdale is looking forward to its Spring Fashion Show to be held on Thursday, April 1 in the lower level of the library, 101 Fairfield Way. A short business meeting precedes the event at 7:30 p.m. Sassy's of Bloomingdale will present the latest in spring fashions for my fair lady. All models will be members of the Villagers Club. There is no cost for the fashion show and everyone is invited to enjoy this relaxing evening. For more details call Jan Dunteman at 543-4024.

## 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
Bloomingdale 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
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### Buses, Buses, Buses

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

### Hotlines

<b>Adoption.</b> For adoption info call 1-800-572-2390
<b>AIDS:</b> For testing info call 1-800-243-2437
<b>Business:</b> Small Business Hotline call 1-800-252-2923
<b>Children and Teenagers:</b> Child Abuse Hotline call 1-800-252-2873
<b>Child Support:</b> For help collecting child support call 1-800-447-4278

<b>Crime:</b> We Tip Hotline (for reporting crime) call 1-800-782-7463
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<b>Internal Revenue Service:</b> 1-800-829-1040
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<b>Labor:</b> State Occupational Safety and Health Act info call: 1-800-321-OSHA
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<b>Lawyer Referral Service:</b> 1-800-252-8916
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<b>Secretary of State:</b> General info call 1-800-252-8980 Driver's license info call: 1-800-252-2904
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<b>Senior Citizens:</b> General info for seniors call: 1-800-252-8966
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<b>Attorney General:</b> Senior citizens consumer protection call 1-800-252-8666
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<b>Tourism:</b> Illinois tourism info call: 1-800-223-0121 <b>Volunteer Development of DuPage</b> (volunteers always needed).....	682-7586
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# BUSINESS BRIEFS

## Stratford Square Mall Renovation 1999

Stratford Square Mall will be sporting a fresh new look in 2000! A major renovation begins in the mall mid-February and will be complete for the 1999 holiday season. Improvements will include new flooring throughout the center, improved vertical transportation, enlarged restrooms including two family rooms, comfortable seating areas and an expanded retail area on the lower level. A new water feature will shoot water 28 feet in the air.

The food court will be enhanced with a garden oasis feel. A fabulous addition will be the interactive children's areas which will be located on each wing of the shopping center. The interactive areas will include sculptures that the customer can make move. Flowers grow, birds fly and fish swim... all at the control of your fingertips. These enhancements are being made with one goal in mind... the customer.

Renovation work will take place around the clock. The mall will remain open and customers may shop throughout the renovation process. Stratford Square Mall will be very customer and family friendly - something which will keep the shopping center on the top of your list for shopping and entertainment.

If you have questions or would like additional information, please feel free to call the Customer Service Information Center at 539-1000 or the Marketing Department at 351-2800. Feel free to access Stratford's new website at [www.stratfordmall.com](http://www.stratfordmall.com). Urban Retail Properties looks forward to the new look for Stratford Square, and appreciates the community's continued support during this exciting renovation!

Currently on display at Stratford Square Mall is the largest and most authentic reproduction of the Crown Jewels of England. By British law, the originals of the Crown Jewels and Implements of State may not leave England. The pieces on display at the mall have been authentically recreated by Royal Exhibitions with the use of semi-precious stones, 24-karat gold finish and Austrian crystals. Artists, goldsmiths jewelers and master craftsmen from four continents have taken great pains to preserve each intricate detail of the collection. This impressive and educational exhibit will be available free to the public through February 14.



*"We've been peddlin' since 1958"*

*The Most Unique Family Owned  
and Operated Business in Town.*

## **Econ-O-Mart**

### Economart to Close

After 40+ years of serving Bloomingdale and the surrounding areas, Wally and Georgene Geils have made the decision to close Economart, 110 S. Ridge. The difficult decision was made due to the declining health and advancing years on the part of both Wally and Georgene, Heidi's desire to pursue her original career in art and Gretchen's wish to be a full-time mom. Although the last day of regular business was December 29, Economart is open on Thursday, Friday and Saturday through February 27, 1999 from 9 am to 6 pm to liquidate inventory. All sales will be cash, Master Card, Visa or Discover. All sales will be final.

The Geils family thanks Bloomingdale for its patronage and loyalty, as well as for all the friendships they have made since they opened the doors on May 1, 1958.

### Business Survey Results are In

In 1998, the Business Promotion & Cultural Development Committee conducted a business survey to provide a "report card" of the businesses' satisfaction with Village services. The committee wanted to better understand what issues local businesses consider top priority for the Village to address to create a better environment for business.

All segments of business from all areas within Bloomingdale were sent this survey.

The results indicated overall satisfaction in the area of Village Services and appearance of public areas. Opportunities for the committee to pursue included increased two-way, non-regulatory interaction, communication and improved effectiveness of business promotion efforts.

The Business Promotion Committee, with the direction of trustee liaison Gloria Reyes, as well as consulting firm Visual Edge, is developing initiatives to address the business concerns. A copy of the results are available for the business community by calling Dan Wennerholm at the Village Hall, 893-7000.

## School District 15 Would Like to Know . . .

The following is a survey from Marquardt School District 15. Winnebago Elementary School is within Bloomingdale's boundaries.

- How often do you use computers, fax, Internet, etc. in your business/work?  
A. Every day    B. Once or twice a week  
C. Rarely        D. Never
- How important will computer technology skills be to workers in the future?  
A. Very important    B. Somewhat important  
C. Not very important    D. Don't know
- Would you like to be able to communicate electronically with District 15 schools?  
A. Yes            B. No
- Would you be interested in technology training classes for adults?  
A. Yes            B. No
- If you would be interested in participating in future District 15 technology planning, please provide contact information below.
- If you or a representative of your business would be willing to demonstrate and speak about your technology experiences to students, please provide contact information below.

Contact information:

Name/Company \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested as a:

Individual \_\_\_\_\_ Business \_\_\_\_\_

Planning participant \_\_\_\_\_

Demonstration/speaker \_\_\_\_\_

Additional comments:

Thank you for your support. Please return this survey to:

Judith Goetsch, District Technology Director  
Marquardt School District 15  
2174-C Gladstone Court  
Glendale Heights, IL 60139

## Bad Pants Golf Outing Generates \$5,000 For Lions Foundation of Illinois

The Bad Pants Open, sponsored last season by Indian Lakes Resort, generated a donation of \$5,000 to the Lions of Illinois Foundation for its work with the hearing and sight impaired in Illinois.

Pictured from left is Randall King, General Manager of Nordic Hills Resort in Itasca; Van Stone, Executive Administrator of the Lions of Illinois Foundation; and Ata Kashanian, General Manager of Indian Lakes Resort in Bloomingdale.

Another check for \$5,000 was presented to the Lions International Foundation for its health care projects in the united States and around the world. The Bad Pants open will be held again on Memorial Day weekend of 1999 to benefit the same organizations.



## 'CHARACTER COUNTS' Growing in Bloomingdale

In the October issue of the Almanac, Mayor Iden addressed the introduction to the Character Counts! Program here in Bloomingdale. CHARACTER COUNTS! is based on six common ethical values that transcend political, religious, socio-economic and cultural differences. Called the "Six Pillars of Character," they are trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship.

Several of our governmental agencies, along with community organizations, have formed a local coalition in order to promote the mission of strengthening the character of America's youth. The coalition agrees that character education is the parents' job. But there are critical supporting roles to be played by everyone in a community from teachers, youth leaders and professional athletes to business leaders and clergy. Everyone who interacts with a young person has an impact on character, for good or bad. Good must prevail.

In recent meetings the coalition developed a Mission Statement - "To actively build and nurture trustworthiness, respect, responsibility fairness, caring and citizenship throughout our community." The coalition's Vision Statement sums up its ultimate goal - "Our community, living the principle that Character Counts!"

The Bloomingdale CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition is currently focusing on three areas:

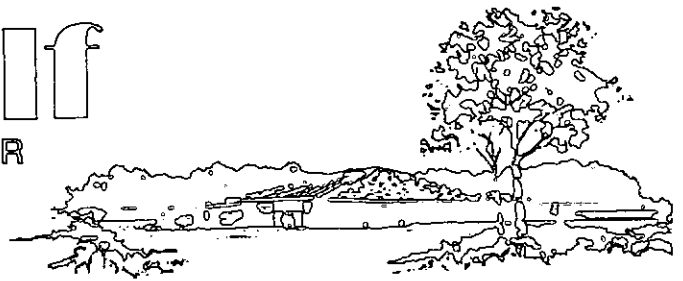
- Develop a training program for our community
- Develop common language and activities
- Form a Speakers bureau

With these goals in mind, the coalition intends to initiate a broad-based community effort to foster positive character development in children. For more information on CHARACTER COUNTS! Contact Dr. Jerry Gordon at School District 13 at 893-9590.

*"Character really counts! In personal relationships, in school, at the workplace - in life - who you are makes a difference."*

# Off the Shelf

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## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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## Meet Our New Staff Members



With the start of the New Year, the library has two new staff members. In the Reference Department Denise Grimse is the new full time reference librarian replacing Judy O'Laughlin, who is now part time. Denise was a Children's Librarian Reference Assistant at Schaumburg Township District Library. A life long resident of the Chicago Metropolitan area, Denise completed her Masters in Library Science at Dominican University this past May. Along with her husband and two children, she enjoys traveling, bicycling and tennis in her spare time. Dawn Klodzinski joined the Circulation/Technical Services staff on a part time basis as she finishes her education to be an Occupational Therapist. Dawn and her husband are kept busy caring for their 18-month-old baby. Please welcome these new staff members the next time you visit the library.

## LIBRARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### FEBRUARY

9	Bloomingtondale Seniors	11:00AM-3:00PM
*9	Chocolate Creations for Valentine's Day - Rose Deneen	7:00PM
10	Library Board Meeting	7:30PM
11	Writer's Group Subcommittee	7:00-9:00PM
13	Writer's Group	9:00AM-Noon
*13	Effective Salary Negotiation- Bruce Bloom	10:00AM
*17	Small Business Seminar- David Favaro	7:00PM
17	Bloomingtondale Garden Club	7:00PM
*22	Making Melon Baskets- Tobi Star Abrams	6:30PM
*23	Footloose in England- John Lynn	7:00PM
24	Writer's Group	7:00-9:00PM
24	Friends of the Library	7:30PM
27	Drop-In Craft Day- all ages	9:00AM-4:30PM
27	Chess Club- ages 8 and up	2:00-4:00PM

### MARCH

*2	Advanced Memory Books Jennifer Sall	6:30PM
*4	Book Discussion Group	7:30PM
9	Bloomingtondale Seniors	11:00AM-3:00PM
*9	Chicago Wolves Player Visit- Jeremy Mylymok	4:30PM
*9	Reaching Your Long-Term Investment Goals - Joe Michalec	7:00PM
10	Library Board Meeting	7:30PM
11	Writer's Group Subcommittee	7:00-9:00PM
13	Writer's Group	9:00AM-Noon
*15	From Crib to College: A Guide to Planning A Child's Education - Chris Favaro	7:30PM
*23	How to Get What You Want - Out of Life/Charles Strauss	7:00PM
24	Writer's Group	7:00PM
*24	Spring Floral Arranging- Gloria Grimaldi	7:30PM
24	Friends of the Library	7:30PM
27	Drop-In Craft Day - all ages	9:00AM-4:30PM
27	Chess Club - ages 8 and up	2:00-4:00PM

\*Registration required (630-529-3120)

## Youth Services Department

# READING OPPORTUNITIES FOR KIDS OF ALL AGES!

## Drop-in BABY TALK

"Language, Literature and Love for Infants"  
(Ages birth to 17 months) \*No registration required.

Thursdays, January 21 - April 8                      6:30pm - 7:15pm

By popular demand, we've added an extra session of this popular infant program. Baby Talk is a language-enrichment program in which nursery rhymes, songs, finger-plays and books are shared with babies and their caregivers.

Caregivers will learn about age-appropriate activities and how to make homemade toys. Please wear comfortable clothing so you can participate with your child.



## BEDTIME STORIES

(Toddlers and preschoolers)

\*No registration required.

Tuesdays, January 19 - April 6                      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 Preschool Story Hour). Children are encouraged to wear their pajamas so they'll be ready to hop into bed once stories are done!

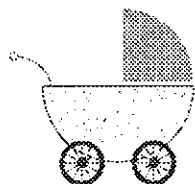
## **DO YOU KNOW ANY NEW OR EXPECTANT PARENTS?**

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.



## WINTER READING PROGRAMS

Begins on the day you register and ends on March 6.  
Registration must be in person.

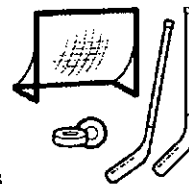
"READ TO SUCCEED" is for 1st through 8th grade readers.

"READ WITH Curious George!" is for Caregivers and their Infants, Toddlers, Preschoolers, and Kindergartners.

### "READ TO SUCCEED"

#### with the Chicago Wolves Hockey Team !!

All participants in this reading program have a chance to WIN hockey pucks, Wolves school supplies and even Chicago Wolves game tickets! Just keep track of the books you read between the day you register and March 6th and return your booklog to the Youth Services Desk. (The book logs contain order forms for discounted Wolves hockey game tickets. Proceeds from ticket sales benefit your local library system).



### Meet a Real Professional Hockey Player! **WIN TICKETS TO A GAME!**

(all ages)

Tuesday, March 9 at 4:30 pm

We'll celebrate our "READ TO SUCCEED" achievements (see below to find out how to join) with a visit from Defensemen Jeremy Mylymok of the Turner Cup Champion Chicago Wolves. Everyone who attends has a chance to win tickets to a Wolves hockey game; also, Jeremy will let some lucky person try on all his hockey gear!

### "READ WITH CURIOUS GEORGE"

#### and win great prizes!

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

George says, "Be Curious and Read to Your Kids!"

This winter, Curious George is encouraging all of us to read to our children as much as we can! Pick up your "Curious George" reading packet in the Youth Services Department. Inside you will find a book log and lots of Curious George goodies. Families should keep track of the books they read between the day they register and March 6th and return their completed book log to the Youth Services Desk. All children and caregivers who do so have a chance to win great PRIZES!

## Youth Services Department

# MORE CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING

## DROP-IN CRAFT DAYS!

(All Ages)

>\*No registration required

Saturday, February 27 9:00am - 4:30pm

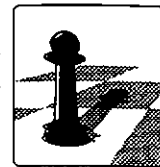
Saturday, March 27 9:00am - 4:30pm

Drop in any time 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.

## CHESS CLUB

(Ages 8 and up)

Chess Club is not just for summers anymore! The Chess Club will also meet during the school year one Saturday a month from 2:00pm - 4:00pm.



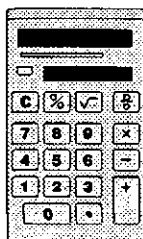
Saturday, February 27 2:00pm - 4:00pm

Saturday, March 27 2:00pm - 4:00pm

# 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.

## 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.

## 1999 ADULT BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Bloomington Library's 1999 Adult Book discussion group will meet at 7:30 PM on the first Thursday of the following months.

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|------------|---|
| February 4 | <i>Airframe</i> by Michael Crichton                     |
| March 4    | <i>The Weight of Water</i> by Anita Shreve              |
| April 1    | <i>The Other Side of the River</i><br>by Alex Kotlowitz |
| October 7  | <i>Stones From the River</i> by Ursula Hegi             |
| November 4 | <i>Falling Leaves</i> by Adeliyen Yen Mah               |



## 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!





## Adult Programs

# CRAFTS, FLOWERS, FINANCIAL PLANNING & 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.

### Small Business Seminar

Wednesday, February 17 at 7:00 p.m.

If you own a small business or are thinking about starting one, this seminar is for you. David Favaro of Padgett Business Services in Bloomingdale will offer advice on how to make more money and spend less time on your business.

### Making Melon Baskets

Monday, February 22 at 6:30 p.m.

Tobi Star Abrams returns to teach the art of basketry. Participants will learn how to make a beautiful melon basket in this three-hour class. A list of supplies will be furnished at registration. Early registration is suggested for this popular class.

### Footloose in England

Tuesday, February 23 at 7:00 p.m.

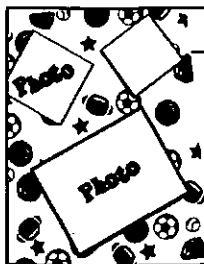
Join us for this colorful presentation by John Lynn featuring the scenic and storied English countryside - its history, charms, and traditions - as experienced during a nearly 700-mile walk from Land's End on the southwest coast to the Scottish border in the north, the first leg of a nearly 1200-mile walking odyssey of Great Britain. This presentation is a mix of humor, photography, and geography, and is suitable for all age groups. Mr. Lynn presents over 200 programs a year. He has been featured on the front covers of both the Chicago Tribune and the Chicago Sun-Times, as well as making guest appearances on WGN radio. Please join for a fascinating evening with Mr. Lynn.



### Advanced Memory Books

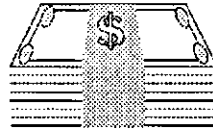
Tuesday, March 2 at 6:30 p.m.

Join Creative Memories consultant Jennifer Sall as she offers instruction on some of the more advanced memory book techniques such as sponging, adding borders, and the use of lines. A working knowledge of basic memory book techniques is required. A list of supplies will be available at the time of registration. Register early as this popular program fills quickly.



### Reaching Your Long Term Investment Goals

Tuesday, March 9 at 7:00 p.m.



Joe Michalec of Edward Jones in Bloomingdale will offer strategies and techniques for investing wisely and safely. Anyone interested in long-term investments or saving for retirement will find something of interest in this program.

### From Crib to College: A Guide to Planning a Child's Education

Monday, March 15 at 7:30 p.m.

Learn the strategies and techniques of successful planning for tomorrow's graduates and their educational needs. Chris Favaro of Padgett Business Services in Bloomingdale will present information on this popular topic. As college costs continue to rise, this program should be of interest to all parents.

### How to Get What You Want Out of Life

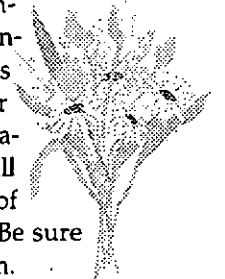
Tuesday, March 23 at 7:00 p.m.

This program is a continuation of the Personal Enrichment series with Charles Strauss. The featured author for this meeting is Stephen Covey. Topics to be discussed include fear as well as areas of influence versus areas of concern. Those who attend are invited to use this meeting as an opportunity to explore personal growth opportunities.

### Spring Flower Arranging

Wednesday, March 24 at 7:30 p.m.

Gloria Grimaldi returns to offer instruction on designing floral arrangements and centerpieces using spring flowers and greenery. You may recognize Ms. Grimaldi as "The Flower Lady" from Time-Warner cable channel 4. This one-hour presentation is not a hands-on workshop, but all who attend will be eligible to win one of the newly created floral arrangements. Be sure to register early for this popular program.





## Spring Bus Tours

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 these enjoyable trips!

## Doing Time with the Angels

**Date:** Saturday, April 17, 1999

**Depart:** 8:45 a.m. Return: 5:00 p.m.

**Price:** \$48.00 (includes deluxe motor coach, professional escort, all admission fees, gourmet lunch, tax, and gratuity)

**Registration Deadline:** Sunday, March 21, 1999

The morning begins with a tour through the Time Museum at Clock Tower Resort in Rockford, Illinois. The museum was established to illustrate the historical development of timekeeping devices from 300 BC to the present day. Your visit will help you to better understand various ways in which time has influenced past and present civilizations.

Lunch will be at a wonderful riverside restaurant called Cliffbreakers in Rockford. In addition to enjoying the food, you are sure to enjoy the landmark architectural décor. You will see one of the most exclusive collections of antiques in the United States. It features interiors and signature pieces from the Astor Hotel, Cole Porter Mansion, the Vanderbilt Estate, and others. We will have a tour and learn the history of many of these marvelous antiques. Lunch will consist of apple almond stuffed chicken breast, tossed salad with choice of three dressings, fresh baked rolls and butter, a side dish of either vegetable of the day or baked potato, and beverage.

After lunch, we will stop at the Angel Museum in Beloit, Wisconsin. Housed in historic St. Paul on the Riverfront, the museum is the only nonprofit museum in the United States devoted exclusively to angel objects, vignettes, and history. The museum features the world class collection of Joyce and Lowell Berg of Beloit. With more than 12,000 items, it is considered the largest privately held angel collection in the United States. The museum also houses Oprah Winfrey's collection of black angels. You will have ample time to enjoy the museum and browse the angel gift shop. After viewing all of the lovely angels, we will enjoy a piece of homemade pie and either coffee or a soft drink before heading home.

## 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.

## 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:

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## Great Ideas To Help You Get Fit!

### Aerobics Free Week

Try any one of our aerobic classes\* for **FREE** the week of February 22nd to 27th. Our excellent staff of instructors offer you great exercise classes six days a week. Stop in and try any or all of these super Passport Fitness classes!  
*\*Does not include Jazzercise.*

**Step Into Shape** (Low impact, high intensity aerobics)  
Tuesday & Thursday: 6:45 to 7:30 PM

### Step Plus

(Low impact, high intensity plus isolated muscle workout)  
Monday & Wednesday: 6:30 to 7:30 PM  
Tuesday & Thursday: 9:15 to 10:15 AM  
Saturday: 8:45 to 9:45 AM



### Tighten 'N Tone

(Utilizes free weights to shape and strengthen every muscle)  
Tuesday & Thursday: 7:35 to 8:20 PM

### 55+ Forever Young Fitness

It's never too late to feel great! Discover a variety of low impact exercises, stretching, and light resistance training for overall body toning, flexibility and cardio improvement. Instructor Cindy Kunowski, A.C.E. will tailor the class to your needs while you have fun! Pre-registration is required.

**Next Session: April 8th to May 27th**

Thursdays: 10:30 to 11:30 AM

\$35 for residents/\$38 for non-residents

### Yoga

Bring harmony to your life by nourishing your body, mind and soul. Reduce stress, firm muscles and relax your body! Pre-registration is required.

**Next Session: April 5th to May 24th**

Mornings: Monday or Wednesday: 9:30 to 10:45 AM;

Saturday 10:00 to 11:15 AM

Evenings: Monday or Wednesday: 7:45 to 9:00 PM

### Spin Classes\*

The latest in fitness – SPIN utilizes an indoor stationary cycling workout that includes high cadence riding. Spinning places the workload on your heart and lungs while reducing the impact on your joints and connective tissue. A very effective workout! \*Spin classes are held at the Athletic Club of Bloomingdale, which is located at 321 Edgewater. Please call the Park District for a complete listing of days and times.



**Next session: April 5th**

Register at the Park District. Classes held at the Athletic Club of Bloomingdale.

### Diabetes Self Management

Taught by registered pharmacist, Ronald Tucci, Jr., this class will teach you more about diabetes self care, new medical technologies, important diet changes, understanding prescriptions and more. An informative class, all participants will receive informational material and special recipes. Pre-registration required.

**Thursday, March 11th from 7:00 to 8:30 PM**

\$25 for residents/\$27 for non-residents

### Easter Egg Hunt & Breakfast With Bunny



Enjoy a special breakfast with the Easter Bunny, followed by the Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt at Circle Park! Pictures with the Bunny, childrens entertainment and breakfast are all included in the ticket price. Tickets go on sale March 1st at the Johnston Recreation Center.

**Saturday, April 3rd**

### Preschool Registration Begins In March

Preschool registration for the 1999-2000 school year will be accepted March 1 through March 22 for all Park District preschool classes. All classes are held at the Bloomingdale Park District's Johnston Recreation Center and are offered two or three 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 2000. Please call for specific days, times and fees.



### Springfield Park Nature Area News

Springfield Drive  
(Wetlands located on the east side of Springfield Park)

**FAMILY NIGHT – APRIL 16th**

**Wetland Tours begin at 6:30 PM**

**Presentation on Illinois Prairies begins at 7:30 PM**

The Springfield Park Nature Area is sponsoring a series of five "Family Nights" beginning April 16th. Learn about the many attributes of the wetlands and marsh area and the plants, birds and fish that call the Springfield Park Nature Area home. Call us for more information.

**Boardwalk Dedication – Sunday, April 18th**

Visit the newly-completed boardwalk at the wetlands and get an up-close view of this beautiful nature area!

## Bloomingdale Park District

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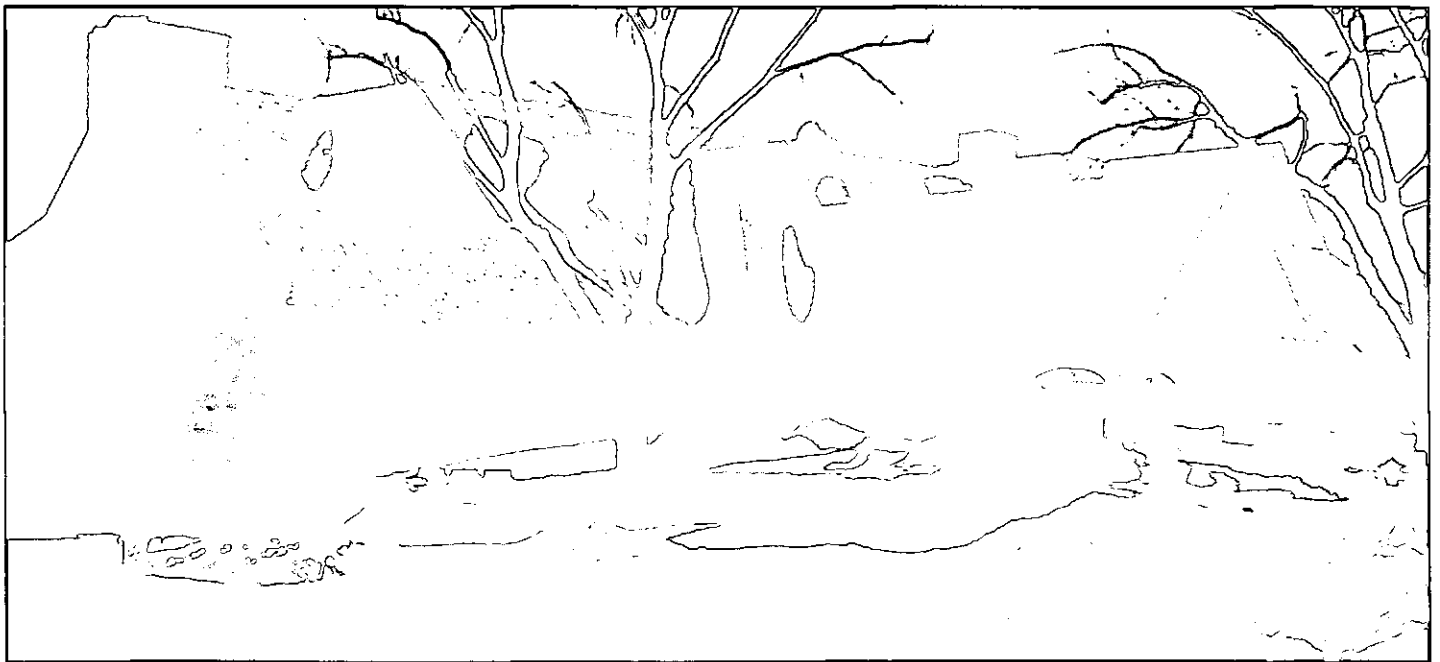
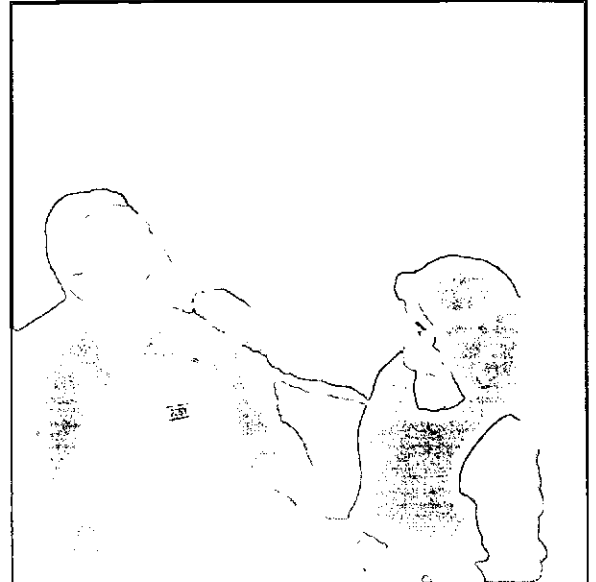
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## Ladies Self Defense Class Combines Common Sense, Self Confidence

Once again, Bloomingdale Deputy Chief Chuck Mader is offering his Ladies Self Defense Class. His unique program combines common sense, self confidence and hands-on physical techniques. The class culminates with an actual "attack" by a trained police officer. Every woman who has completed this class to date has "graduated" with skill in practical moves for defending herself, as well as a sense of self reliance and increased confidence.

The spring class will be held for three weeks from 6-9 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, beginning on April 27. Please contact Donna Hulata at 529-9868 ext. 212 for more information or to register.



The Bloomingdale Golf Club Clubhouse, looking south. See the Mayor's column on page 1 for details about this exciting addition to the community.