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25th Anniversary Septemberfest Sparkles With New Events

The celebration of a silver anniversary is a landmark occasion, and the Bloomingdale community will not be disappointed with the day-and-one-half-long celebration planned for the 25th annual Septemberfest. To commemorate this very special marriage between Bloomingdale residents, the Village Board and employees, local not-for-profit organizations, and the Park District, the festival will begin on Saturday evening, September 6 with an old fashioned sock hop and collector car show from 6:30 pm to 10:00 pm. On Sunday, September 7, the event will run from 10:30 am until 5:30 pm, featuring entertainment, food, antique and craft dealers, and games that will appeal to family members of all ages. All festival activities will be held in the heart of Bloomingdale Old Town at Lake Street and Bloomingdale Road.

Saturday evening's festivities will begin with music and entertainment provided by Mike Lettieri of M&R Music. At 7:30 pm, Danny and the Twisters will take the stage to provide their special brand of classic rock and roll. In keeping with the 25-year theme, sock hoppers are encouraged to dress in costumes reminiscent of 1972 and earlier, and will be eligible for prizes for the top three costumes. The car show will feature 40 vehicles that are at least 25 years old. In addition to receiving a commemorative dash plaque, all vehicles will be judged for the Mayor's Choice and

Best of Show awards. Car enthusiasts who wish to participate in this show must submit an application by August 15 to the Septemberfest Commission. Please see page 8 for the application.

Sunday's music lineup will appeal to everyone. Bloomingdale natives Jam'R and 2nd Dimension combine singing, dancing, and audience participation as they perform Top 40s, hip-hop, and chant-response at 2:10 pm and 5:00 pm. At 3:30 pm, Simply Vintage will perform underground rock from the 1960s, including favorites such as Cream, Led Zeppelin, and Crosby, Stills & Nash. Mike Lettieri of M&R Music will continue his role as disc jockey and MC, with music, games, karaoke, and local talent Tunisia Davis to sing the national anthem.

The opening ceremonies will begin at noon with a small parade featuring the Bloomingdale Park District baton twirlers, local girl and boy scout troops, and classic cars to escort Village Board members and the Ms. and Mr. Bloomingdale candidates to the Main Stage. The parade will start at the Post Office, cross Schick Road, continue down Third Street to Franklin Street, and finish at the Main Stage.

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**VILLAGE BOARD,
COMMISSION & COMMITTEE
MEETINGS**

The public is encouraged to attend all Board and Commission meetings

**REGULAR MEETINGS
OF THE VILLAGE BOARD**

2nd and 4th Monday of every month
7:30 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 Wednesday
7:00 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

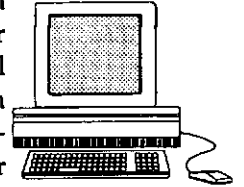
Finance and Personnel

Gloria Reyes

*Business Development
& Social Services*

**Our E-Mail Address --
Look Us Up!**

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

Visit our web page site at:
<http://www.xnet.com/~bdale>

**DEADLINE
FOR THE
OCTOBER ISSUE
OF
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IS SEPTEMBER 20**

**Storm Sewers, Sidewalks, Streets Undergoing
Improvements This Summer**

Village street construction storm sewer repairs are complete on Lehigh Drive, Larchmont Drive, Lynbrook Drive, Brentwood Court, Dover Court, and Colony Court. Curb installation and initial layers of paving will follow in late July/early August, followed by pavement removal on Longridge Drive. New curbing and paving on Longridge Drive will occur in late August. Restoration of lawns will take place after Labor Day. The contractor for this work is A. Lamp Concrete Contractors, 847-635-3060. If you have any questions call the hotline at 893-7073 x259.

SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION

Carriage walk replacements in Suncrest Subdivision will begin during the final week of July. Carriage walks will be eliminated on Nordic Road west of Euclid Avenue and Pleasant Avenue north of Schick Road. A new five-foot wide sidewalk will be installed, set back from the curb by a grass strip. The contractor for this work is M & C Scavelli, 773-774-1772. If you have any questions, please contact Mark A. Garrison, Engineering Technician at 893-7073.

LAKE STREET

Utility companies are currently making adjustments to facilities in advance of the widening of Lake Street. The utility company work requires temporary lane closures since some of these facilities are located beneath the pavement. Demolition of house and tree removal is slated for fall of 1997. The pavement widening of Lake Street by the Illinois Department of Transportation is scheduled to begin in late summer 1998, with completion targeted for fall of 1999.

Village Updates Building Construction Ordinances to Protect Public Safety, Health

The Village of Bloomingdale President and Board of Trustees recently adopted ordinances to amend the current Village building, electrical and mechanical construction codes updating the minimum regulations governing building construction within the Village.

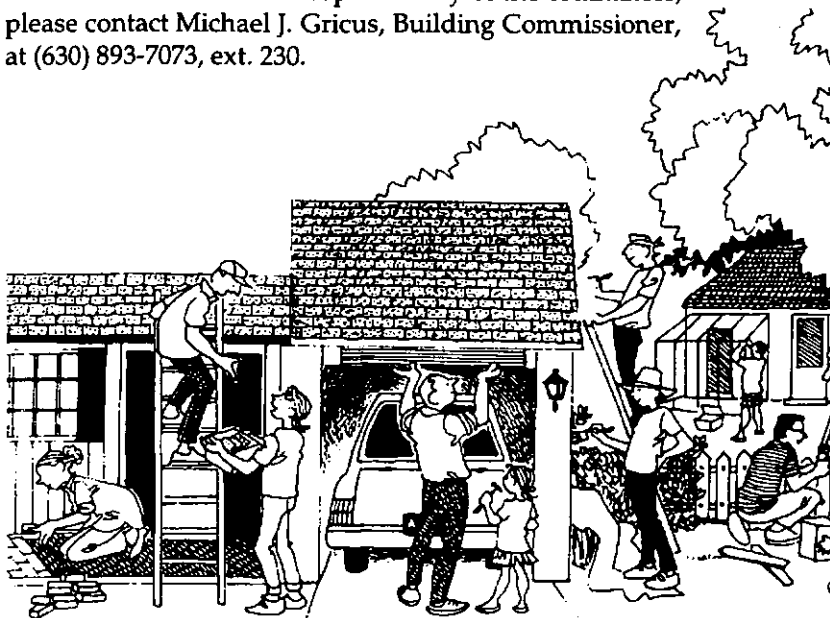
These ordinances will not be retroactive to existing buildings or businesses unless new construction is proposed on the premises. Only areas that would be affected by the new construction would be required to comply with newly adopted ordinances.

The building construction codes adopted by ordinance at this time are the 1996 Edition of the BOCA National Building Code, the 1996 Edition of the International Mechanical Code and the 1996 Edition of the National Fire Protection Association - National Electrical Code. Adoption of these widely recognized model codes will clearly provide the minimum construction standards within the Village of Bloomingdale to insure the public safety, health and welfare insofar as they are affected by building construction.

A thirty (30) day grace period will be extended to building permit applications which were submitted after July 28, 1997. It is anticipated that new construction permit applications received after September 1, 1997 will be subject to the requirements of the newly adopted ordinances.

Any proposed developments that are presently on the Old Town Committee, Plan Commission or Village Board agenda will not be required to meet new ordinance requirements. Petitioners applying after September 1, 1997 will be subject to the requirements of the newly adopted ordinances.

Should anyone have questions regarding the adoption of these ordinances or wish to review copies of any of the ordinances, please contact Michael J. Gricus, Building Commissioner, at (630) 893-7073, ext. 230.



DuPage Seniors To Host "Blast from the Past" Radio Days September 7



DuPage Senior Citizens Council is hosting its second annual "Blast from the Past... DSCC Radio Days" benefit auction. The event begins at noon on Sunday, September 7, at the Radisson Hotel in Downers Grove, and is sponsored by Penn Pacific Life Insurance Company.

Guests will have the opportunity to dine on exceptional cuisine and bid on tempting treasures such as Bulls exhibition tickets, jewelry and more during the silent auction. The afternoon's entertainment will include the "Those Were the Days" Radio Players, who will perform two authentic radio plays from the past for all to enjoy. Tickets are \$25 per person.

Proceeds will be used to help fund Council programs. The DuPage Senior Citizens Council offers DuPage seniors delivered meals, home maintenance, and advocacy support for causes that affect the elderly population. Call Patti at (630) 620-0804 for information.

The DuPage Senior Citizens Council is in need of volunteers to help deliver meals to homebound seniors in Bloomingdale and many surrounding communities. The summer months are of particular concern since many area residents are unable to leave their homes due to extreme heat. Volunteers may give as much time as they are able - one day a week, twice a month, or on a substitute basis. Contact the DuPage Senior Citizens Council at (630) 620-0804 if you can help or would like to learn more about serving the needs of seniors in your community.

DuPage County Human Services will host its 6th Annual Caregivers' Fair on Friday, October 10 from 8:00 AM-1:00 PM in the auditorium of the DuPage County Complex, 421 N. County Farm Road, Wheaton. The Fair will educate seniors and caregivers about services available in the area. The event will include free giveaways, raffle prizes, entertainment and refreshments.

In addition, free health services including blood pressure, cholesterol, glucose, vision and hearing screenings will be available. Flu, tetanus and pneumonia shots will be available at nominal fees. Call toll-free at 1-800-640-3683 for more information.

News For You About Village Services

FALL BRANCH COLLECTION PROGRAM

The Bloomingdale Public Works' Forestry Division will be conducting its semi-annual Branch Collection Program beginning on September 22, 1997. 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 630-529-5865, 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 THE FIRST DAY OF THE SCHEDULED PICK-UP WEEK** as our crew will be making only one pass down each block. **PICK-UP WILL BE ALLOWED ONLY DURING THE SCHEDULED WEEK.**

Woody branches up to six inches in diameter and twenty feet in length are the only items that will be picked up. 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, MULTIFLORA ROSE BUSHES, SMALL (under 1/2 inch in diameter) 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. STUMPS, ROOTS AND ROOT BALLS ALSO WILL NOT BE PICKED UP.**

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. Branches should not be bundled, tied, bagged or placed in cans. Branches left out in a tangled mess will not be picked up due to time required for our crew to sort for loading.

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 630-469-1036.

FALL 1997 SCHEDULE

SECTION ONE:

Pick-up **SEPTEMBER 22 - SEPTEMBER 26 1997**

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 TWO:

Pick-up **SEPTEMBER 29 - OCTOBER 3, 1997**

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 THREE:

Pick-up **OCTOBER 6 - OCTOBER 10, 1997**

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 FOUR:

Pick-up **OCTOBER 13 - OCTOBER 17, 1997**

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

SECTION FIVE:

Pick-up **OCTOBER 20 - OCTOBER 24, 1997**

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.

SIDEWALK SUPERINTENDENT

NEW BUSINESS - NOW OPEN

A-1 Cleaners

320-100 W. Army Trail Rd.

Sportswon

322-100 W. Army Trail Rd.

Disc Replay

348 W. Army Trail Rd., #110

(Temp store/Bulls merchandise)

Michael's

402 W. Army Trail Rd.

Wooden Indian Cigar Shop

126 W. Lake Street

Antiques in the Barn

274 E. Lake Street



C & R Tobacco

132-C Ridge Avenue

First American Bank

80 Stratford Drive

Earth & Glo

164 Stratford Square (Kiosk)

Definitions

724 Stratford Square (Kiosk)

Peace Frogs

366 Stratford Square (Kiosk)

Social Security Office

230 W. Lake Street

Business Briefs

If homemade pasta and desserts tantalize your tastebuds, then the newest Italian restaurant in town may become one of your favorite choices when dining out. Located in Old Town at 109 Franklin Street (at the corner of Third Street), **Mamma Mia** features a wide variety of Italian fare, including a selection of appetizers, pastas, veal, chicken, fish and an array of desserts. Four to five daily specials are also featured.

According to Tony Pontarelli, the restaurant caters to "people who understand food." Mamma Mia was recently featured on Fox TV's morning show, "The Breakfast Club." Pontarelli also owns the Pasano restaurants, with locations in Addison and Roselle.

Mamma Mia is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 11:30 a.m. - 10 p.m., The restaurant is closed on Monday. Reservations are suggested for the week-end. Friday 11:30 a.m.-9 p.m., Saturday 4-11 p.m. and Sunday 2-9 p.m. Rooms are available to serve large groups of up to 50 people.

New Locations

Social Security Office

The Social Security Office, previously located at 125 Fairfield Way, has moved to new headquarters. It is now located in the Bloomingdale Office Park at 230 W. Lake Street, just west of Platt Hill Nursery. Customers will find the new quarters offer a larger reception area and expanded interview areas offering a professional and confidential setting in which to conduct their business.

AlphaGraphics

Alan Zaeske, owner of AlphaGraphics, a design-copy-print center, will be moving his store from its present Gary Avenue location (next to Dominick's) to his new location in Circle Center on Lake Street (next to Rosati's Pizza). Fax and phone remain the same - 582-2574 and 582-2579, respectively. The new location will offer new services, including web page design, electronic file receiving and full color prints from either Mac or PC disks.



BLOOMINGDALE KIDS DARE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE:

Four youngsters, representing the four elementary schools in Bloomingdale, spent five days at DARE camp last month in Carbondale, accompanied by Detective Randy Sater. The camp fees were largely paid for with the generous contributions made by K-Mart and Hair's the Place Salon & Spa during this past year. Pictured with Detective Sater are Amanda Fowler, Troy Fankhanel, Karl Albrecht and Drew Pettus.

The Village has additional recycling bins
available for \$7.45 each.

Lids are also available for \$2.80.

Stop by the Village Hall to purchase these items.

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The Ms. and Mr. Bloomingdale Scholarship Competition, formerly known as the Bloomingdale King and Queen Contest, is open to young women and men between the ages of 16 and 20 years of age who are residents of incorporated Bloomingdale. To enter this competition, applicants must complete an application and submit an essay of 300 - 400 words that describes the contributions they feel they will make as a representative of Bloomingdale's youth. Then, they are interviewed by a judges panel made up of civic and business leaders from Bloomingdale. The emphasis in this competition is on poise, personality, civic involvement, and communication skills. Applications were due August 1.

One of the primary sources to fund the Ms. and Mr. Bloomingdale scholarships is the Joe Draghi Scholarship Fund, named in honor of a long-time and beloved Septemberfest Commission member. Donations from Bloomingdale businesses and residents still are needed to finance the scholarships. Scholarship awards for this year will be: \$2,000 for Ms. and Mr. Bloomingdale, \$1,100 for first runners-up, \$900 for second runners-up, \$800 for third runners-up, and \$700 for fourth runners-up. To become a Friend of Septemberfest and contribute to the Joe Draghi Scholarship Fund, fill out the application on page 8, or contact the Village Hall.

Another source of income for the scholarship fund is the booth fee of \$35 paid by Septemberfest exhibitors and not-for-profits. This year, food vendors are needed for Saturday night. All other Septemberfest vendors will participate on Sunday only. Look for the return of the Bloomingdale Lion's Club's food booth on Saturday evening and Sunday, and the Bloomingdale Women's Club Festival of Arts. The Festival of Arts runs concurrently with the Septemberfest festivities on Sunday, and features original clothing, jewelry, wood and ceramics.

Septemberfest booth spaces are still available. To apply, submit your check for \$35 with the application form available at the Village Hall, or call 630-529-9868, extension 271 for more information. Deadline for entry is August 16, 1997.

The Septemberfest Commission has planned two new activities to celebrate this silver anniversary: a Septemberfest time capsule, and an art exhibit. Bloomingdale residents are encouraged to suggest items of historical significance to include in the time capsule, which will be opened at the 50th anniversary. Drop a note with your idea(s) to the Septemberfest Commission at the Village Hall, or call 893-7000 and ask for Dolores at extension 214. The art exhibit also has a special thematic twist. We are looking for a creative representation of either what Septemberfest looked like 25 years ago, or what Septemberfest will look like for the 50th anniversary. The exhibit is open to artists of all ages, and entries will be displayed during the festival on Sunday, September 7. To enter, complete the application on page 8 by Wednesday, August 27, and bring your entry to the Village Hall by September 3, 1997.

Other entertainment and activities on Sunday include the Bloomingdale Park District Beamers gymnastic team on the Main Stage at 1:45 pm; old fashioned games; and a pie and/or watermelon eating contest.

Parking arrangements still must be finalized. Watch local newspapers for details several weeks before the event, and be sure to pick up a copy of the entertainment schedule and exhibitors list at the Village Hall the week before the event. Don't miss this fabulous salute to a Village tradition. Mark your calendars now and plan to attend the 25th Septemberfest anniversary celebration.

Creative Visionaries Needed for 25th Anniversary Art Exhibit

Think back - can you visualize the first Septemberfest? Who performed at the 1972 festival, and where it took place? What did people wear? How many vendors were there, and what did they sell? Now fast forward to 2022 and ask yourself the same questions.

This is an opportunity for artists of all ages to do what they do best - use their imagination. We are looking for creative representations of Septemberfest, circa 1972 and/or 2022. Entries may be in any media (paintings, prints, drawings, photography, collage, sculpture, etc.). To enter, please return the completed application to the Village Hall by Wednesday, August 27. Entries are due at the Village Hall no later than Wednesday, September 3. Artwork will be displayed on Sunday, September 7 during Septemberfest. As soon as we know the total number of exhibitors and approximate size of their pieces, we will announce the display location.

Wanted: Automobile Enthusiasts for 25th Anniversary Car Show

Bring your antique or classic car to the sock hop and car show to celebrate the 25th anniversary of Septemberfest. The show will run Saturday, September 6, 1997 from 6:30 to 10:00 pm in Bloomingdale Old Town, Third and Franklin Streets.

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

ELIGIBILITY: 1. Cars must be at least 25 years old; 2. You must be able to drive your vehicle into the display area; 3. Cars must arrive by 5:30 pm for staging; 4. Cars must be suitable for display, i.e. no in-progress restorations or questionable graphics; 5. You must complete and return the application on or before August 15, 1997; 6. All cars must carry liability insurance, have safety glass, and have a working fire extinguisher inside the car during the show.

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

Support the 25th Anniversary Celebration - Be a Friend of Septemberfest

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

To become a "Friend," fill out the form on page 8 and mail it to the Bloomingdale Village Hall. Donations must be received by August 29 to be included on the donor sign.

SEPTEMBERFEST VENDORS WANTED

25TH ANNUAL BLOOMINGDALE SEPTEMBERFEST

Saturday, September 6, 1997
6:30 PM - 10:00 PM --
food vendors only
Sunday, September 7, 1997
10:30 AM - 5:30 PM

\$35 per booth
Limited electricity available --
Please inquire if interested

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

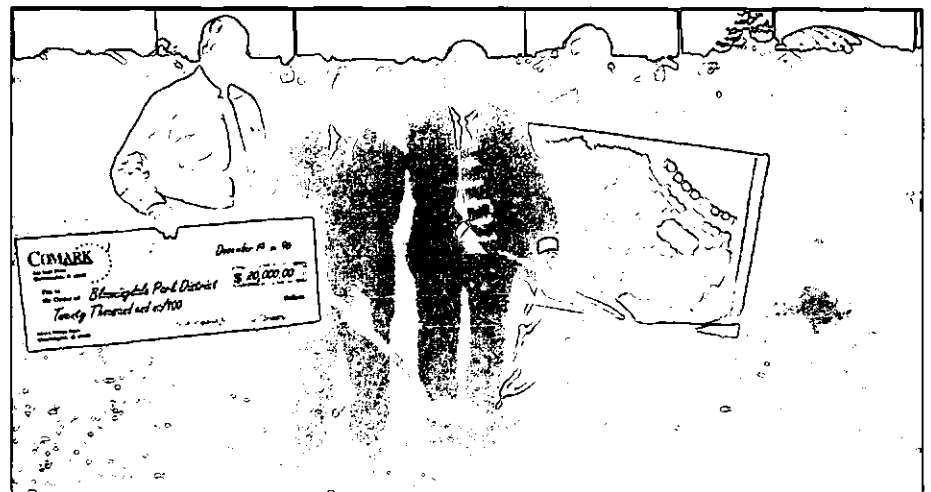
**DEADLINE FOR ENTRY IS
AUGUST 16, 1997**

For information,
write or phone:

Village of Bloomingdale
201 S. Bloomingdale Road
Bloomingdale, IL 60108
(630) 529-9868, ext. 271

COMARK DONATES \$20,000 TO FUND NEW BASKETBALL FACILITY

A groundbreaking recently took place for a new outdoor basketball facility that will be ready for play by the end of this year at Springfield Park. Comark, the Bloomingdale-based personal computer and peripherals corporation, made a \$20,000 cash donation to the Bloomingdale Parks Foundation that will be used toward the courts. Pictured in the photograph at right at the groundbreaking are (l to r) Bloomingdale Director of Parks & Recreation Steve Scholten, Comark President Chuck Wolande, Comark Chairman Phil Corcoran, and Foundation Board member Mike Darovec.



Septemberfest 1997 Art Exhibit Application

Name (please print)

Age

Address

City/State/Zip Code

Daytime Phone

Evening Phone

Title of work (optional)

Media

Size (approximate)

Brief description of the year and activity depicted in your work of art.

Mail your application to Septemberfest 1997 Art Exhibit, c/o Village of Bloomingdale, 201 S. Bloomingdale Road, Bloomingdale, IL, 60108. DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION IS WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29. All art work must be delivered to the Village Hall on or before Wednesday, September 3.

Septemberfest 25th Anniversary Car Show Application

Owner's Name (please print)

Address

City/State/Zip Code

Daytime Phone

Evening Phone

Vehicle Make

Vehicle Model

Year

Member of the following car club(s)

Insurance Carrier

Policy Number

Mail your application to Septemberfest 25th Anniversary Car Show, c/o Village of Bloomingdale, 201 S. Bloomingdale Road, Bloomingdale, IL, 60108, attention: Mrs. Dolores Orlik. DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION IS FRIDAY, AUGUST 15. All information must be complete.

Friend of Septemberfest

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

Name (as you wish it to be listed)

Address

Daytime Phone

Evening Phone

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

Mail your check or money order, made payable to Septemberfest 1997, to: Friends of Septemberfest, c/o Village of Bloomingdale, 201 S. Bloomingdale Road, Bloomingdale, IL, 60108.

ABOUT TOWN

Bloomington School District 13 officially appointed Dr. Susan O'Brien as the new principal of DuJardin Elementary School last month. Dr. O'Brien replaces Cheryl Kmiecik who left to take a principal position in Palatine School District 15.

Prior to her appointment, Dr. O'Brien was assistant superintendent for instruction at West Chicago School District 33. Her administrative responsibilities included supervising the development and evaluation of the instructional program for 3,600 students, directing staff development activities, managing federal and state grants and directing the district's public relations program.

"I am thrilled to be a part of such a welcoming DuJardin School community," said Dr. O'Brien. "I follow so many people who have done a wonderful job here, and I look forward to continuing the educational excellence DuJardin represents."

Susan R. Kuczera, CPA, ChFC, CFP, newly elected president of the American Society of Women Accountants (ASWA), has earned the Chicago chapter's Woman of Achievement Award for her career accomplishments, educational achievements, contributions to the community, to ASWA and to other organizations. This award places Kuczera among the nominees in line for the 1997 Women of Achievement Award to be announced later this fall.

At the recent Money Mag's Financial Planning Day in Elgin, Kuczera said she looks forward to using this coming year as president of the organization to maximize the opportunities to enable others to be women of achievement. In addition to providing financial planning services to those deemed "too small" by many established financial practitioners, Kuczera offers tax and accounting services and effects securities transactions as a registered representative of Terra Securities Corp. She also conducts seminars of financial management and strategies.

The Bloomington resident and business woman is an active member of the Villagers Club of Bloomington, the Bloomington Women entrepreneurs, the Bloomington Chamber of Commerce and the three B's Investment Club.

Steve Krystyniak was recently named the new restaurant manager at Indian Lakes Sedona Grille. Krystyniak, 29, comes to the restaurant with impressive credentials. He was most recently the assistant general manager of Rosebud Restaurant in Chicago, and was opening coordinator for Planet Hollywood locations nationally and internationally. He and his wife Sherri reside in Bloomington.

The Sedona Grille is Indian Lakes' fine dining restaurant which includes a nightclub with live entertainment on weekends. The restaurant features a unique and flavorful Southwestern cuisine that offers a variety of fresh meat, fish and poultry.

The St. Isidore Knights of Columbus awarded their \$500 Fr. Joseph Siegel Scholarship this year to Amy Ahmann, daughter of James & Elizabeth Ahmann. The scholarship was established in 1995 as a tribute to the former associate pastor of St. Isidore's who was the chaplain of the council for six years before moving to another parish.

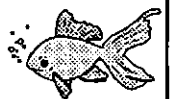
Amy is an honors graduate from Driscoll Catholic High School, who was a member of the National Honor Society, Science Club, Spanish Club, LaSallian Youth and the Driscoll Diplomats. Outside of school, the Bloomington resident has been a volunteer at the Bloomington Public Library and helped raise funds for Marklund Home through the efforts of LaSallian Youth.

The young woman has been named in Who's Who Among American High School Students, as well as an All-American Scholar. Amy has been accepted at College of DuPage for two years and will then transfer to DePaul University where she plans to pursue a course in accounting, leading to her CPA.

Marquardt Middle School will hold back-to-school registration on Wednesday, August 13 from 1:00-7:00 PM for Blackhawk, Hall and Marquardt Middle School (grades 6, 7, & 8); and on Thursday, August 14 from 1:00-7:00 PM for Reskin, Winnebago, and Marquardt Middle School (grades 6, 7, & 8). All registration will be held at Marquardt Middle School, 1912 Glen Ellyn Road, Glendale Heights. Residency verification will be required.

Library Hosting 'Historical' Fish Fry!

The Bloomington Public Library's Local History Room will re-create on old local favorite -- "Roy's Friday Night Fish Fry."



The evening will include a fish fry prepared by Roosters Barn and Grill, dancing to big band music, and an opportunity to learn more about Bloomington's past. More details information will be available soon at the library for this September 19th event.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH IN ACTION

Sign Up Today for the Bloomingdale Citizen Police Academy

The Bloomingdale Citizen Police Academy will be offered to residents and business persons of Bloomingdale beginning September 4, 1997.

The course covers such topics as:

- ◇ Search and Seizure
 - ◇ Auto Theft
 - ◇ Accident Investigation
 - ◇ Crime Scene Processing
 - ◇ Self Defense
 - ◇ Use of Force
 - ◇ Firearms
 - ◇ DUI Enforcement
 - ◇ Rape Awareness
 - ◇ Radar Enforcement
 - ◇ Interrogation
 - ◇ Juvenile Law
 - ◇ Street Gangs
 - ◇ Cults
- and more.

Programs are presented by our own professional police officers who are specialists in each topic.

Don't miss this opportunity to learn first hand what it is like to work in law enforcement in the 1990s. For more information or to apply, call Detective Randy Sater at 529-9868.

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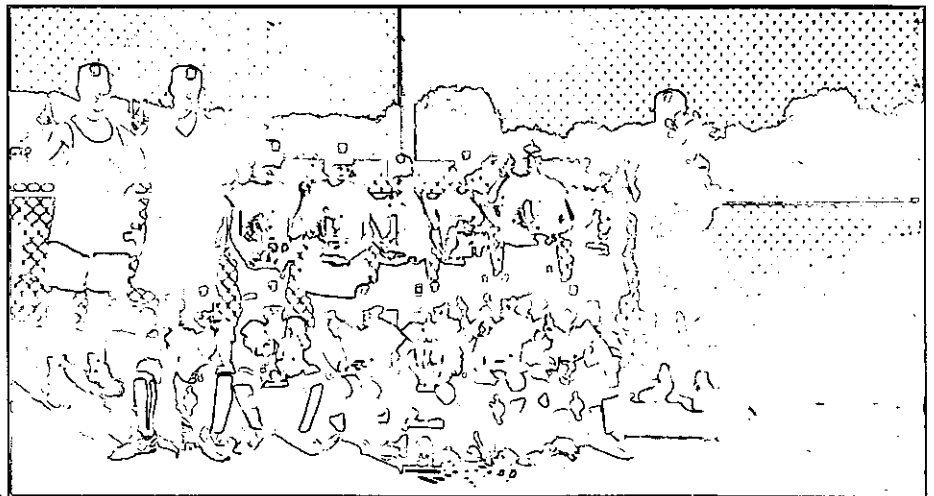
Bloomingdale Blast Heads to Tennessee

For most people, thoughts of pennant races and World Series championships come in the fall. But for the 12 girls on Bloomingdale's 10 and under softball team, their coaches and families, World Series excitement takes place in the good old summertime. After winning the state championship in Schaumburg in June, Coach Dan Blagaich's girls softball travel team won a chance to compete in the National Softball Association World Series in Chattanooga, Tennessee on July 28- Aug. 4.

"This was our goal when we first started the season," said Blagaich. "It's extra special for us because it's the first time in NSA history that a Chicago-area team won the chance to travel to the World Series. It's always been a team from downstate."

Since the season started this summer, the team has competed in tournaments as far away as Blue Island and Portage, Indiana. More than 30 teams will compete in the age 10 and under division in Chattanooga. Trophies will be awarded to the top six teams.

The Blast roster and their positions include Stephanie Blagaich, first base and pitcher; Lauren Callahan, left fielder; Annie Dolan, second base and shortstop; Emily Eggert, catcher and center fielder; Megan Mazur, closer and shortstop; Emily Petrus, shortstop and center fielder; Lindsey Plass, third base and catcher; Kylie Radice, catcher; Tracy Rainey, first base and center fielder; Kari Schmeihil, catcher and right fielder; Denise Tirol, third base; and Christy Zeman, pitcher and outfielder. Assistant coaches are Mick Mazur and Joe Dolan.



The Illinois State Champions at the West Chicago tournament - Bottom row (l to r) Annie Dolan, Emily Eggert, Kylie Radice, Emily Petrus, Lauren Callahan, Tracy Rainey. Top row (l to r) Mgr. Dan Blagaich, Coach Joe Dolan, Lindsey Plass, Denise Tirol, Kari Schmeihil, Christy Zeman, Stephanie Blagaich, Megan Mazur, Coach Mick Mazur.

The Village Hall will be closed
on Saturdays in August;
Saturday hours resume on September 6

Bloomingtondale Community Events

Villagers Gear Up For Fall

The first meeting of the new season for the Villagers Club of Bloomingtondale will be Thursday, September 11 at 7:30 p.m. in the lower level of the Bloomingtondale Public Library, 101 Fairfield Way. Entertainment for the meeting is famed banjo player, Mark Dvorak.

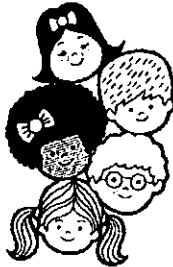
This women's organization offers a variety of activities including gardening, bridge, canasta, fine dining experiences, movie outings, salad luncheons, bowling and golfing, to name a few.

Plans are being finalized for the Villagers' annual "Walk Through the Holidays," which is a major event for the entire Village. The date will be Friday, November 14. Five uniquely fashionable homes in the Bloomingtondale area will be highlighted.

Membership is open to women in the area. For more information contact Lynn Gilly at 894-6977 or Janet DeRoche at 894-0849.

Joy Junction Preschool

This fall Joy Junction Preschool launches its new school at Bloomingtondale Church, 260 Glen Ellyn Road. Director Marsha Beard has an impressive 20-year service record of experience in children's education. She has been an early education teacher in several public elementary schools and in two preschools.



The Joy Junction Preschool has been fully licensed by the Department of Child and Family Services in the state of Illinois. It boasts a spacious facility at the Bloomingtondale Church including large, new classrooms and a full gymnasium with cushioned hardwood floor for the children's recess time in the cold months of the year.

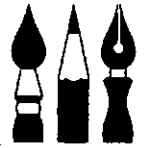
Preschool classes will be offered Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings and afternoons for children four years of age by September 1, 1997. A Tuesday/Thursday morning class will be offered for children three years of age as of September 1, 1997. For a informational brochure, call Joy Junction Preschool at 980-9212.

New Look for 16 Year Old Gym

The Bloomingtondale Park District invites residents to a grand opening party in honor of the newly renovated gym at 172 S. Circle, on Saturday, September 13. The ribbon cutting ceremony at 10 a.m. begins the day's festivities which will include all sorts of games for the whole family, refreshments, contests, basketball and volleyball games, raffles and prizes.

Youth Artists Showcased

The fourth annual youth art competition is underway at the Bloomingtondale Park District Museum in Old Town 108 S. Bloomingtondale Road. The display will be on view through August 31 and is open to the public Wednesday through Friday 12:30-4:30 p.m., Saturday 11:00 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sunday Noon-4 p.m. Hundreds of pieces of artwork were submitted for the annual competition which was judged just prior to the show's opening on August 2.



Artists, ages 6 - 18, came from all over the area to participate. Various categories include drawing, painting, cartooning, three dimensional works and textiles. Winners in the age and media categories received ribbons and a small cash award.

For more information on the "Youth Art Competition IV," call the Park District Museum at 980-7650 or stop by for a visit.

Back to School Fair

The sixth annual Back to School Fair provides free health and human services for DuPage families living on low incomes. The 1997 Fair will be held Wednesday, August 20 from 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Odeum Sports and Expo Center, 1033 N. Villa Avenue (between Lake Street & North Avenue).

Interested persons may pre-register for the Fair at their local township office, DuPage County Human Services or at Catholic Charities.

Families on low income are eligible to receive free school physicals. Those families interested in receiving a school physical for their children must make an appointment by calling GlenOaks Hospital at 545-6150. **Appointments are required and are limited in number.** In addition to health and human services, a bag of new school supplies, valued at \$10 each, will be distributed to each eligible student.



REMINDER:

Labor Day is a refuse collection holiday

THINK TREES . . . DO NOT TOP THEM

What Is Topping?

The sight of topped trees is all too common in the communities and along the roadways of America - trunks with stubby limbs, trees stripped of all dignity and grace.

Topping causes unnecessary stress and increased risk to the tree's health. The results pose a danger from rot and weakly attached re-growth. In short, as one arborist said, "Topping is the absolute worst thing you can do for the health of your tree."

Why NOT To "Top"

- 1. Starvation:** Good pruning practices rarely remove more than 1/4 to 1/3 of the crown, which in turn does not seriously interfere with the ability of a tree's leafy crown to manufacture food. Topping removes so much of the crown that it upsets an older tree's well-developed crown-to-root ratio and temporarily cuts off its food-making ability.
- 2. Shock:** A tree's crown is like an umbrella that shields much of the tree from the direct rays of the sun. By suddenly removing this protection, the remaining bark tissue is so exposed that scalding may result. There may also be a dramatic effect on neighboring trees and shrubs.
- 3. Insects and Disease:** The large stubs of a topped tree have a difficult time forming callus. The terminal location of these cuts, as well as their large diameter, prevent the tree's chemically based natural defense system from doing its job. The stubs are highly vulnerable to insect invasion and the spores of decay fungi. If decay is already present in a limb, cutting the limb can speed the spread of the disease.
- 4. Weak Limbs:** At best, the wood of a new limb that sprouts after a larger limb is truncated is more weakly attached than a limb that develops more normally. If rot exists or develops at the severed end of the limb, the weight of the sprout makes a bad situation even worse.
- 5. Rapid New Growth:** The goal of topping is usually to control the height and spread of a tree. Actually, it has just the opposite effect. The resulting sprouts (often called water sprouts) are far more numerous than normal new growth and they elongate so rapidly that the tree returns to its original height in a very short time and with a far more dense and dangerous crown.
- 6. Tree Death:** Some species of trees are less tolerant to topping than others and do not sprout readily after severe pruning. The reduced foliage will lead to the death of the tree.
- 7. Ugliness:** A topped tree is a disfigured tree. Even with its re-growth it never regains the grace and character of its species. The landscape and the community are robbed of a valuable asset.

8. Cost: The true costs of topping are hidden. These include: reduced property value, the expense of removal and replacement if the tree dies, the risk of liability from weakened branches, and increased future maintenance.

9. Violation: If topping is done to a Village of Bloomingdale parkway tree, it is a violation of Ordinance No. 95-61 and subject to penalty.

Alternatives to Topping:

There are times when the size and shape of a shade tree need to be controlled. With care and skill, this can be accomplished without marring the tree's beauty or usefulness. Responsible pruning even contributes to the health and safety of a tree.

As alternatives to topping, some general principles are:

- 1. Start out right by planting trees that will fit your available space.**
- 2. Begin proper pruning early in the life of a tree.**
- 3. To slow growth of a tree, avoid the use of nitrogen fertilizer.**
- 4. Prune properly and regularly. A light pruning every three years will keep your tree in healthy condition. It will also have less drastic effects on both the landscape and your financial assets compared with neglecting older trees or resorting to topping.**

If further information regarding the pruning of trees is desired, contact Larry M. Slavicek, Village Forester, at 630-529-5865, ext. 19.

Golfers Put on 'Bad Pants' For a Good Cause

The winner of the Memorial Day weekend's "Bad Pants Open" was Joe Sessa of Glendale Heights. Sessa and scores of golfers wore their most colorful and bizarre pants to play in a unique golf fundraising event held at Indian Lakes and Nordic Hills Resort to benefit Lions of Illinois Foundation, Lions International, and Starlight Foundation.



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Library Hosting Writer's Seminar '97 On September 28

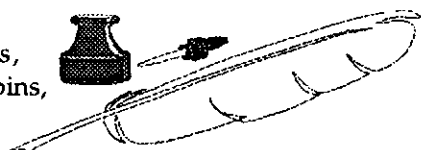
The Writer's Workshop of Bloomington will host "Writer's Seminar '97" at the library on September 28, 10:00am to 3:00pm.

Seminar sessions will include:

1. "Raise Your Freelance to the Challenge," presented by Larry Krengel, Associate Professor, College of DuPage;
2. "Finding a Home on Publisher's Row - From a Writer's Perspective," presented by Mary Jane Miller, Author;
3. "Poetry - It Works for Everyone," presented by Phil Zurawski, Coordinator, The Arlington Poetry Project;
4. "Finding a Home on Publisher's Row - From the Publisher's Perspective," presented by Dominique Raccach, President, Sourcebooks, Inc.

Seminar '97 is a cooperative effort of The Writer's Workshop, The Bloomington Public Library, and the Friends of the Library. A registration fee of \$20.00 will cover all sessions, luncheon, and morning/afternoon refreshments.

For further details, contact Adeline Dobbins, (630) 529-5810.



LIBRARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AUGUST

5	Ice Cream Social	6:00pm - 9:00pm
7	Writer's Group Subcommittee	7:00pm - 9:00pm
9	Writer's Group	9:00am - Noon
12	Bloomington Seniors	10:00am - 3:00pm
13	Library Board Meeting	7:30pm
27	Writers Group	7:00pm - 9:00pm
27	Friends of the Library Meeting	7:30pm - 9:00pm

SEPTEMBER

1	Labor Day	Library Closed
6	Registration for Fall Programs Begins	
7	Sunday Hours Resume	
9	Bloomington Seniors	10:00am - 3:00pm
*9	Computerized Card Catalog Training	7:00pm - 8:00pm
*10	Writing Resumes and Cover Letters	7:00pm - 9:00pm
	Bruce Bloom	
10	Library Board Meeting	7:30pm
11	Writer's Group Subcommittee	7:00pm - 9:00pm
*13	Amish County Trip	7:30am - 9:00pm
13	Writer's Group	9:00am - Noon
*16	Computerized Card Catalog Training	7:00pm - 8:00pm
*17	Effective Interviewing Skills	7:00pm - 9:00pm
	Bruce Bloom	
*23	Not for Children Only	7:00pm - 8:00pm
24	Writer's Group	7:00pm - 9:00pm
24	Friends of the Library	7:30pm - 9:00pm
*27	Writers Seminar	9:00am - 5:00pm

OCTOBER

2	Book Discussion Group	7:30pm
*8	Effective Job Search Strategies	7:00pm - 9:00pm
	Bruce Bloom	
8	Library Board Meeting	7:30pm
9	Writer's Group Subcommittee	7:00pm - 9:00pm
11	Writer's Group	9:00am - Noon
14	Bloomington Seniors	10:00am - 3:00pm

* Registration Required (630-529-3120).

LIBRARY HOLIDAY HOURS

AUGUST 30, 1997	SATURDAY	9:00AM - 5:00PM
AUGUST 31, 1997	SUNDAY	CLOSED
SEPTEMBER 1, 1997	LABOR DAY	CLOSED
SEPTEMBER 7, 1997	SUNDAY HOURS RESUME	1:00PM - 5:00PM

Youth Services Department

REGISTER NOW FOR GREAT FALL PROGRAMS

Fall Program Registration

Registration, in person or by telephone (529-9029, Program Hotline), will begin on Saturday, September 6 at 9:00 am. Please have your library card ready when you come in or call.

Non-residents will be placed on a waiting list. If there is room in the program, they will be notified 24 hours before the start of the program session. Beginning 24 hours before the start of the program session, registration is open to both residents and non-residents.

All programs require registration except Drop-in Craft and Evening Drop-in Storytime.

**FALL PROGRAMMING BEGINS THE WEEK OF
SEPTEMBER 22, 1997**

**FALL PROGRAMMING ENDS THE WEEK OF
DECEMBER 8, 1997**

A Great Big THANKS to Our Local Businesses for Their Support!!!!

The Bloomingdale Public Library would like to thank the following merchants for their very generous donations to the Adult and Youth Services Summer Reading Programs, TEAM I READ.

- ◆ First Chicago Bank, Schick Road
- ◆ Garibaldi's, Stratford Square Mall
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- ◆ T-Shirts Plus, Stratford Square Mall
- ◆ Waldenbooks, Stratford Square Mall
- ◆ West Suburban Bank, Army Trail Road



Storytimes

Baby Talk (birth to 17 months)

Wednesday, September 24 – December 10 10:00 – 10:45 am

Baby Talk is a language enrichment program in which nursery rhymes, songs, finger plays, and books are shared with babies and their caregivers.



Toddler Time (18 – 36 months)

Tuesday, September 23 – December 9

9:45 am – 10:15 am (18-24 months)

10:30 am – 11:00am (25-36 months)

11:15 am – 11:45 am (18-36 months)

Toddler Time is a storytime for young children accompanied by an adult. They will participate in stories, songs, rhymes and musical activities.

Preschool Story Hour (3-5 years)

Monday, September 22 – December 8 10:00am & 1:30pm

Wednesday, September 24- December 10 10:00am

(This is offered at the same time as Baby Talk)

Thursday, September 25-December 11 1:30pm

*Tuesday – see "Evening Drop-in Storytime"

Preschool story hour features stories, musical activities, filmstrips and songs. Five year olds enrolled in kindergarten are welcome.

Evening Drop-in Storytime (3-5 years)

Tuesday, September 23-December 9 7:00pm – 7:45 pm

Evening Drop-in Storytime is designed to serve children ages 3-5 who are unable to attend daytime sessions. No registration is required for the 12 week session.

Story Art (two grade levels)

K – 2nd graders

3rd – 5th graders

Thursdays,

Thursdays,

September 25 – October 30

November 6 – December 11

4:30 pm – 5:30 pm

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Each Story Art program will focus on an author, illustrator or story theme and include a variety of creative activities. Each session will run for 6 weeks.

Youth Services Department

Check Out These Great New Youth Programs!

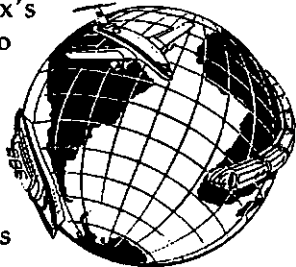
Globe-trotting with Felix

(2nd-3rd grades)

Monday, September 22- November 3 4:30- 5:30pm

(The program will not be held on October 13 because of a school holiday)

Join us for a 6 week program as Felix, a cuddly rabbit, tries to make his way home to Sophie, his little girl. Felix's globe-trotting will take him to London, Paris, Rome, Cairo, Kenya, and New York. We will travel with Felix as he learns about the lands and people he visits. Activities may include a craft or perhaps a sample of regional cuisine.



Rebecca Caudill Club (The Lunch Bunch)

(Grades 5-8)

Attention all "Books 'n Bites" fans! Twenty books are nominated each year to win the Rebecca Caudill Young Readers' Book Award. Each month we will discuss five of the twenty. A list of the titles to be discussed will be given to you at registration. The Library will provide the beverage and dessert! All you have to do is pack a lunch. If you love talking about books this is the program for you!

Saturday, September 27 12:00pm-1:00pm

Saturday, October 18 12:00pm-1:00pm

Saturday, November 22 12:00pm-1:00pm

Saturday, January 24 12:00pm-1:00pm

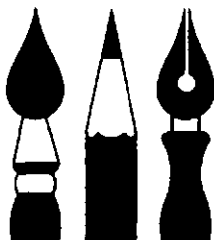
Drop-in Craft

(all ages)

Saturday, September 27 - December 13

Any time between 9:00am - 4:30pm

Drop in any time during the above hours to make a fun and easy craft. Children under the age of 6 must be accompanied by someone over age 12.



Special Youth Services Program for Adults!

"Not for Children Only!"

Tuesday, September 23 7:00pm-8:00pm

Tuesday, October 21 7:00pm-8:00pm

Tuesday, November 25 7:00pm-8:00pm

Do you ever wonder about the books that are available for your kids? Do you have fond memories of the books you read as a child? In this program, adults will get a chance to read and discuss children's books! A wise person once said, "There are many adult books that are just for adults, but there are no children's books that are just for children."

This will be offered at the same time as Evening Story Time. On these dates, the storytime will be extended to 8:00pm.

Calling All Young Adults - We Need You!

6th -12th grades

The Youth Services department would like to serve young adults better. How should we do that? What programs would be cool? What kinds of books/magazines/CD's/videos do you like? What's hip? What's not? YOU TELL US!

If you would like to be a member of the Bloomingdale Library Young Adult Board please sign up in the Youth Services Department.

"Mobile Mondays" at Stratford Square

Really Take Off!!

Once again the Youth Services staff and the Stratford Square Mall staff produced a popular storytime event every Monday afternoon at the Mall. Approximately 200 people attended each of the six sessions where they sang songs, heard stories and made a craft project.

A special thank you goes to Marketing Manager Suzanne Cook-Beres for her guidance and enthusiasm, and to the following merchants who donated merchandise or gift certificates:

American Vision Center	Candleman
Cinderella	Eddie Bauer
Expressly Portraits	Gloria Jeans
Kohl's	Record Town
Saint Louis Bread Company	Schoop's
TCF Bank	This End Up Furniture
Windy City Gifts	With Best Wishes

CHECK OUT THESE PROGRAMS FROM ADULT SERVICES

CAREER MANAGEMENT WORKSHOPS

Bruce Bloom, Career Management Consultant, will present a series of workshops on Career Management designed to help you Successfully Market Yourself!

Writing Effective Resumes and Cover Letters

Wednesday, September 10, 1997 at 7:00 pm

The focus of this workshop will be to identify your skills and accomplishments and effectively include them in a resume. Also, the basic components of resumes and cover letters will be discussed. Many resume and cover letter examples will be shown and handed out. Register in person or call 630-529-3120 ext. 324 or 325.

Effective Interviewing Skills

Wednesday, September 17, 1997 at 7:00 pm

The focus of this workshop will be on defining the interview, the goals of the employer, and the job seeker. Also included will be preparation for the interview process, such as describing your accomplishments, negotiating salary, and how to follow up. Register in person or call 630-529-3120 ext. 324 or 325.

Effective Job Search Strategies

Wednesday, October 8, 1997 at 7:00 pm

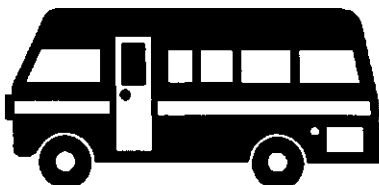
The focus of this workshop will be on strategies to use in conducting your job search. Covered will be networking, information interviewing, job club/support & networking groups, job fairs, alumni and professional associations, electronic job search resources and more. Register in person or call 630-529-3120 ext. 324 or 325.

AMISH COUNTRY TRIP TO SHIPSHAWANA INDIANA

Saturday, September 13, 1997 from 7:30 am to 9:00 pm

Cost \$57.00 per person

Join us for a wonderful trip to Shipshewana, Indiana, where the modern day world and the Amish live side by side. You'll enjoy unique shops with handmade quilts, country crafts, antiques, plus many restaurants and cafes. Included in the trip will be a 2 hour guided Amish Countryside Tour plus a real Thrasher Dinner served in an authentic Amish Home. Register in person or call 529-3120 ext. 324 or 325 for more information.



COMPUTERIZED CARD CATALOG TRAINING SESSIONS

Having trouble with the "computerized card catalog"? Join us for a training session on Tuesday, September 9 from 7 to 8 pm or Tuesday, September 16 from 2 to 3 pm. Basic and advanced search techniques will be covered, and a tour of the computer room will be given. Register in person or call 630-529-3120 ext. 324 or 325.

FALL 1997 ADULT BOOK DISCUSSIONS

1997 Adult Book Discussions will resume on Thursday, October 2 at 7:30 pm with A Thousand Acres by Jane Smiley, which presents King Lear with a twist, set in rural Iowa in the 1970s.

On Thursday, November 6 the last 1997 group will meet at 7:30 pm to discuss

The Stone Diaries by Carol Shields.

This is the story of an extraordinary woman and her life experiences which span this century.



To register and reserve a book stop by at the Adult Reference Desk or call 630-529-3120 ext 324 or 325.

LOCAL HISTORY UPDATE NEW ARRIVALS SET LOCAL HISTORY ROOM IN MOTION

With the delivery of new furniture and the beginning of volunteer assistance the Local History Room on the upper level of the library is taking shape. Volunteers Dorothy Jaskey, Elsie Fish and Bob Kurek have started inventorying and cross-referencing historical files so that they can eventually be computerized. Volunteers for future projects are welcome. Call Kandy Jones at 630-529-3120 ext. 327 or Judy O'Loughlin at 630-529-3120 ext. 330 to join the local history volunteers.

"BLOOMINGDALE REFLECTIONS REUNION" OCTOBER 26

Local history buffs will want to mark their calendars for Sunday afternoon, October 26, when the Local History Room will sponsor a "Bloomingdale Reflections Reunion," featuring lunch, a historical program and a chance for all past oral history participants and all other interested residents to meet. Check the next issue of the ALMANAC for details.

Q&A

It has been seven months since the dedication of the Library's new facilities and many comments have been placed in the suggestion box. The majority of them are very positive about the library's services and building. With all the changes that have taken place, some patrons have questions or comments that need to be addressed.

1. *Why do we have printer receipts?*

When plans were made to purchase a self-check out system, it became obvious that it would be more cost effective to have one system for noting the due date of materials checked out at the library. The self-check would only operate with a receipt printer and as a result all check out stations were changed to receipt printers. These receipts allow the patron to keep track of the titles and any differences in due dates at a glance. They can be conveniently posted on the refrigerator or a bulletin board. They do not have to be returned and if it is lost, call the circulation desk (529-3120 ex. 312) and a staff member will be able to access your record for the due date.

2. *When are we going to get more library material?*

There has been a substantial increase in the library's material budget:

Books	46%	Music	33%
Videos	47%	Audio Books	40%

Each week the very latest in new materials can be found on the "This Week's Additions" displays located in both the Adult and Youth Services Departments.

3. *Why did we change to a drive-up book and video return?*

Building reconfiguration and the need to eliminate congestion at the front entrance where the reason the library had the new book and video return installed in the parking lot. Having the drops located in the parking lot allows materials to be returned without leaving the car during inclement weather. They are also large enough to allow for 24-hour returns. Materials that are deposited in freestanding drops are considered returns from the previous day until the drops are emptied in the morning. Once the bins are swapped out, materials are considered returned on that day. The drops are emptied at least three times a day. We hope the convenience of a freestanding material return proves to be helpful to the community.

Please continue to complete suggestion forms at the main desk. Your input is important to the library board and staff.

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 Leslie Kuizema at 529-3120.



Don't Miss These . . .

Watch for details about these upcoming programs:

October 13

School Day Off Program



October 25

Halloween Party

November 1

Friends of the Library Autograph Auction & Culture Club of Bloomingdale Art Exhibit and Sale

November 11

School Day Off Program



November 17-23

Children's Book Week

November 20

Christmas Showcase

December 7

Holiday Open House

T.B.A.

Spooky Tales

T.B.A.

Grandparent/Grandchild Programs



Thanks to All Who Made It a Fabulous Family Fest!

Family Fest 1997 was held on June 26, 27, 28, and 29, and overall, the whole event was very successful. This year Fest attendance; food vendor participation; business sponsorship; and revenues broke all records. Those who attended enjoyed an array of food, great weather, and a variety of entertainment—musical acts, carnival rides, magicians, clowns, stiltwalkers, pig races, pony rides, camel rides, exotic and domestic petting zoo animals, and much more.

The whole event ran smoothly and this was due to the fine planning, cooperation, and hard work of a number of individuals who deserve special recognition for their almost year around work on the Fest.

These include:

Pat Cirrincione	Publicity
Milton Clark	Volunteers
Bob Cohen	Sponsorships
John Dabrowski	Sponsorships
Pat DeMoon	Village Trustee Liaison
Det. Sergeant Roy Derby	Police Department Liaison
Detective Frank Giammarese	Police Department Liaison
Ed Lewen	Public Works Department Liaison
Rich Meyer	Public Works Department Liaison
Karen Paras	Food Vendors
Guy Sanalidro	Volunteers
Dennis Szafran	Public Works Department Liaison
Gary L. Szott	Village Hall Liaison
Melissa Ward	Commission Secretary

Extra-special thank-yous are in order for Ed Lewen, Public Works Department, and his crew for the wonderful job they did on the site grounds before, during and after the Fest; and to Det. Sgt. Roy Derby, Det. Frank Giammarese and the Police Department for the fine job done with security before and during the Fest. The hard work and exceptional cooperation of these individuals contributed much to the success of the Fest.

Thank you also goes out to the Village of Bloomingdale and Bloomingdale Park District for the spectacular fireworks display, the Village officials for their support, staff of the Village Hall, Library staff and volunteers. We'd also like to thank Tony Pontarelli and Mario Rizzo for their fine cooperation, and the Village Vocal Chords for sponsoring Bingo this year. Also, a special thank you to Ryan Franklin and his staff at the Lone Star Steakhouse for sponsoring the Beer Tent again this year.

Special thank-yous are also in order for all the volunteers who manned the information tent, and the ride ticket booths. Their names are listed in the column at the right. The Fest Committee also extends a special thank you to each and every sponsor and contributor to the Fest. Each year the support from the business community has grown and is greatly appreciated.

In closing, I hope everyone who attended the Family Fest had a great time, and we look forward to seeing everyone there again in 1998.

Mary E. Rodne
Family Fest Chair



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Two Bloomingdale Lions Receive Special Awards

A member of the Bloomingdale Lions Club since February 1981, Bob Cywinski was recently presented with an Ambassador of Good Will Award by International President of the International Association of Lions Clubs, Augustin Soliva. Bob was given this honor primarily for his role in developing the Lions Day with the United Nations.



Bloomingdale Lion Bob Cywinski acknowledges receiving the Ambassador of Good Will Award from Augustin Soliva of Brazil, International President of the International Association of Lions Clubs.

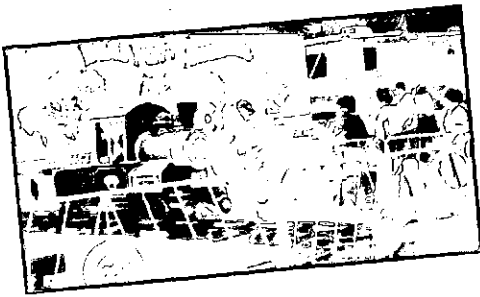
This program has grown from a meeting between the Lions International President and the UN Secretary 20 years ago to an annual meeting of 600 Lions at the UN in New York, with similar events held around the world in places such as Geneva, Paris, Rio and Nairobi.

Only 29 Ambassador of Good Will awards have been presented, based on an international membership of 1,450,000 Lions throughout the world.

Bob was a member of the Berwyn Lions from 1976 until joining the Bloomingdale club. He served in several capacities in Berwyn and was named their Lion of the Year in 1979.

Bob has also served in many capacities for the Bloomingdale Lions, including director, treasurer, sight chairman and publicity chairman. He has 22 years of perfect attendance as a Lion. In 1994, Bob was awarded the Melvin Jones Fellowship from his fellow Bloomingdale Lions, the highest award available from the Lions Club International Foundation.

Another outstanding Bloomingdale Lion, Ron Fangusaro was the Lions Candidate for Bloomingdale Citizen of the Year earlier this year. He was also recently recognized as Bloomingdale Lion of the Year after having served as chairman for several Lions Projects this year. Ron was president of the Bloomingdale club in 1995-96 and has just been appointed Zone Chairman for District 1-J Lions, overseeing the activities of about eight clubs in the area.



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