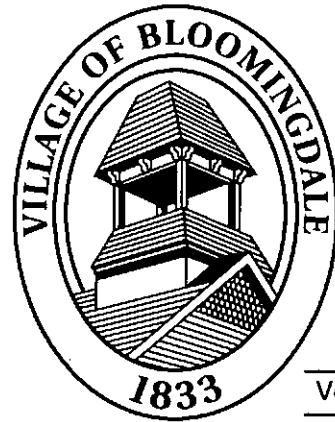
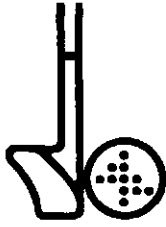


New Golf Course 'Swings' Into First Season
See pages 4-7



The Village Almanac

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Mayor's Direct Line



Robert G. Iden

the scenes on pages 4-7 of this newsletter.

This is an exciting time for Bloomingdale. We have officially opened Bloomingdale Golf Club for the 1997 season. You can read more details on the course and the people behind

The April election is behind us. I want to thank residents for the support given to myself, Village Clerk Harriet Ford and Trustees Pat DeMoon, Jim Gebis and Tony Mulizio. The election on April 1 also means a new commitment for Ray Friscia, who has been a Village Trustee since 1995. He won a seat as a Bloomingdale Township Trustee which means he will be leaving the Village Board.

Ray has been an invaluable asset to the Board. He takes to the Township a great deal of enthusiasm and a commitment to work for the good of his constituents. We wish him well in this new position. The vacancy which will be created will be filled within the next month with an appointment.

In other news, we have some exciting additions in store. The Social Security

Administration is nearly finished with its new building on Lake Street, just west of Platt Hill Nursery. Also nearing completion is Barnes and Noble Book Store on Scott Drive, west of Gary Avenue. Platinum Salon & Day Spa will also be opening in the fall on Schick Road next to Burger King.

In the next issue of the Bloomingdale Newsletter we will feature exciting details about the 1997 Family Fest celebration.

Sincerely,

Robert G. Iden
Village President.

Refuse Collection Takes a Holiday for Memorial Day

Refuse collection will not take place on Memorial Day. During that week, collection will be one day later than usual.

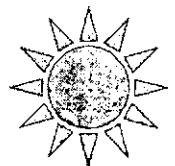
Another note from BFI:

When placing newspapers out for recycling, please place them at the bottom of your bin, or in brown paper bags. This will help keep the newspapers from blowing around during these windy spring days.

See page 12 of this newsletter for a complete list of holidays that affect refuse collection.

**THE VILLAGE HALL
WILL BE CLOSED SATURDAYS
FROM MEMORIAL DAY THROUGH LABOR DAY**

Village of Bloomingdale Offers Full Time Maintenance Work Summer Employment Opportunities



The Village of Bloomingdale is seeking individuals to fill seasonal positions in Village Services - Public Works Division. The positions work 40 hours per week doing miscellaneous maintenance. Applicants must have a valid Illinois driver's license.



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

**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

ETHICS COMMITTEE
1st Wednesday in May
7:30 PM

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 BLOOMING-
DALE ELECTED OFFICIALS**

Robert G. Iden
Village President

Harriet Ford
Village Clerk

TRUSTEES

Patrick S. DeMoon
Police and Community Relations

Ray Friscia
*Legal & Intergovernmental
Relations*

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

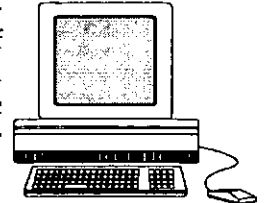
Dorothy Lester
Public Works and Services

Anthony B. Mulizio
Finance and Personnel

Gloria Reyes
*Business Development
& Social Services*

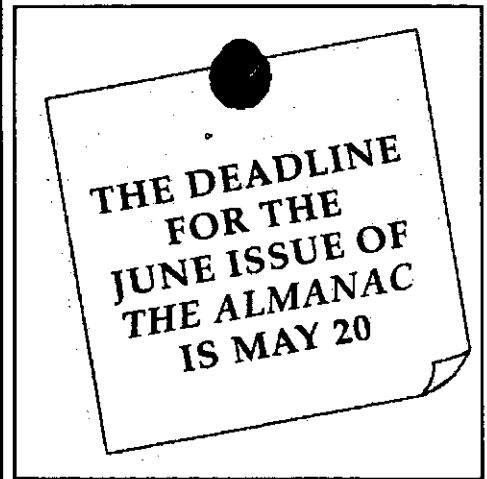
**Please Note: We Have a
New E-Mail Address --
Look Us Up!**

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 new address is:



VILLAGE.BLOOMINGDALE@worldnet.att.net

We look forward to hearing from you.



**Letter Carriers Collecting Food Donations
On Saturday, May 10**

The Bloomingdale Post Office & National Association of Letter Carriers are having their 4th Annual Food Drive on Saturday, May 10, 1997. Bloomingdale Food Drive Coordinator Daryl Miller notes, "Over 10,000 pounds of food were donated over the first three years thanks to the generosity of Bloomingdale residents."

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



Letter carrier Daryl Miller and Food Pantry Director Helen Fiduccia with some of last year's donations from generous residents.

Brunch, Chore Day on Seniors' Calendar of Events

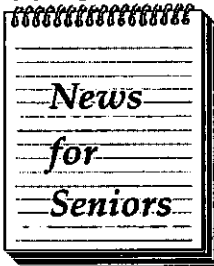
The Senior Bunch Brunch will be held at 10 am on April 25 at Alden Valley Ridge Rehabilitation and Skilled Nursing Center, 275 E. Army Trail Road. The topic of discussion will be "Alternative Living Arrangements for Seniors," presented as a panel discussion with representatives from various health care organizations. Registration is required. For information call Catherine Publ at 893-9616.

DuPage Senior Citizens Council is seeking volunteers and seniors for "Spring Chore Days." Chore Days is a fun volunteer activity which helps older homeowners who find it difficult to handle yard work, raking, planting new flower beds and other small home projects. Chore Days will be held on Saturday, April 26. To volunteer call Judy at 620-0804. Seniors who need help with outdoor spruce up and other small home projects should call the Council at the same number to see if they qualify for this assistance by April 15.

Volunteer handymen are also needed for the DuPage Senior Citizens Council's Home Maintenance Program. Typical home repairs include minor plumbing, carpentry and electrical repairs, and the installation of safety devices such as handrails, safety rails and door locks. Call Linda O'Leary at 620-9794 to find out how you can be involved.

REMINDER:

April 30 is the deadline for displaying your 1997 Village of Bloomingdale vehicle sticker



Check the Calendar And the Clock Before Using Outside Water

The summer season is around the corner. Sprinkling restrictions are in effect from May 1 through September. These restrictions have been mandated by state and federal authorities controlling Lake Michigan water allocations. The following are highlights from our Ordinance No. 90-30:



The following restrictions apply to automatic sprinkling devices and allow for sprinkling only between the hours of 5:00 AM and 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM and 9:00 PM. These times have been established not only as a conservation method, but also as optimum times for effective lawn sprinkling with minimum loss due to evaporation or runoff.

Single Family residences with odd numbered addresses may sprinkle Monday, Wednesday and Saturday.

Single family residences with even numbered addresses may sprinkle Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday.

Units of government, commercial, industrial, manufacturing, office buildings and multi-family residential buildings may sprinkle on Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday.

There is no sprinkling allowed on Fridays.

Permits for newly sodded or seeded lawns will be available from the Director of Village Services office upon application of such permit. Permits would allow for outside watering by means of automatic sprinklers for a period of thirty (30) consecutive days.

The use of hand-held water devices is permitted without restriction for any purpose except when the device is left on unattended, or no device is used to control the flow of water. If a hand-held watering device is left on unattended, it is subject to restrictions for an automatic sprinkling device.

Yard Waste Season is Underway

Browning Ferris picks up yard waste (grass clippings, leaves, brush trimmings and tree trimmings) from April 1 through November 30. Yard waste is to be placed curbside in either 33 gallon or less containers or in biodegradable paper bags. Yard waste stickers must be applied regardless of the method used.

Yard waste stickers are \$1.23 each and are available at the Village Hall or at the following local businesses: Dominick's, Jewel/Osco, Economart, and Bloomingdale Pharmacy. They may also be purchased directly from BFI. Remember, a yard waste sticker must be applied to each container or bag used.

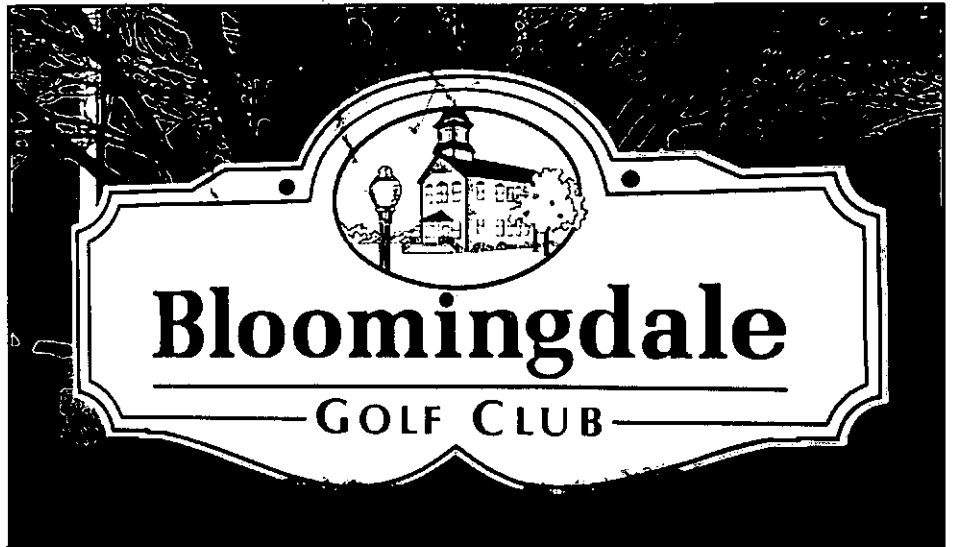
BFI will also pick up bundled branches if a yard waste sticker is affixed to each bundle. Bundles should be no longer than four (4) feet and weigh less than 50 pounds. Branches may not exceed three (3) inches in diameter.



Bloomingtondale Golf Course is Open for Business!

It has been an exciting year for the Village of Bloomingtondale. It was only last March that Village residents went to the polls and overwhelmingly voted to make Bloomingtondale a home rule community. The move enabled the Village to institute a 1/4 cent sales tax earmarked for the purchase of the 159-acre Glendale Golf Club.

In September of 1996 the Village officially purchased the property, ensuring the land would be preserved as open space. Since that time the Almanac has provided updates to keep the residents abreast of the intentions and changes in store for the golf course.



New name, new sign: The new look of the Bloomingtondale Golf Course!

The Bloomingtondale Golf Club, as it was renamed in a contest open to residents, has officially begun its first season. The weather did not dampen the enthusiasm of Mayor Bob Iden, Village Administrator Dan Wennerholm as they "sliced" the ribbon for the official opening day of Bloomingtondale Golf Club on Friday, March 28.

Following on the next three pages is some information about the golf course, rates, current facilities, staff and plans for the future.

Staff



Don Helmig

The Village of Bloomingtondale has contracted with Golf Plus for the management of the golf course operation. Don Helmig, owner of GolfPlus, is managing the golf course for us. He is not new to the golf club. Helmig has been here for 21 years. He began in 1976 handling the food and beverage for Glendale Golf Club. In 1989 he was asked to take over management of the golf course, in addition to the food and beverage.

In 1987, Hamilton Partners took over the property. Don says although it was a good relationship with them, the future of the course was always up in the air.

Hamilton's intent was to sell the land for development of a business park and there were times the sale was "only a month away." Consequently, there were no banquets booked from September 1995 until the Village purchased the property in September 1996. Don lives with his wife Joyce in Hampshire. They have four children and five grandchildren, none of whom golf, according to Don.

Don looks forward to working with the Village and is excited about rebuilding the credibility of the course and its facilities, as well as looking forward to the many improvements currently in the works for the course.

Cyrille Girouard took over operation of Catering Enterprises in 1989 when Don began managing the golf course operation. A native of Streamwood, he and his wife Amy now live in Hanover Park. You might say food service business is in Cyrille's blood as he grew up helping out at Pizza Cottage, his parents' restaurant in Roselle. He credits his food service education to those experiences, along with what he learned cooking with the neighboring German chef. While at Pizza Cottage, Cyrille was involved in the community and active in the Roselle Chamber.



Cyrille Girouard



Golf Course Offers New Staff, Facilities Improvements

Ready to venture on his own, the young man opened P.C. East, a restaurant and off-premise catering business in Itasca in 1983. There he discovered he really enjoyed the catering and banquet end of the business. Don's offer to run the food service at the golf club came at exactly the right time for Cyrille.

Food for the events at the golf course is prepared on site in the full service kitchen as overseen by Cyrille. The well-known, extremely well-attended Lenten fish fry is one of those special events we may be able to see more of. Coming up on Sunday, May 11 is a Mother's Day brunch. More information on this special occasion appears elsewhere in this issue.



Andy Carr

Andy Carr is the most recent employee to come on board to Bloomingdale Golf Club. He is a PGA Golf Professional who was hired in February. Andy got his introduction to the game of golf growing up in California. He began his golf career "picking up the ranges" as a youngster. Following college, Andy moved to the Midwest.

The 35-year old has been the pro at Twin Orchard Country Club in Long Grove and at Hilldale Golf Course in Hoffman Estates. He currently lives with his wife, Laura and children, Joshua and Jessica in Streamwood.

As golf pro, Andy will manage the golf operations. This includes supervising staff, merchandising the Pro Shop, giving lessons and giving free golf clinics.

Brett Collins has been the superintendent of grounds-keeping since April 1996. Brett's job is year-round as he is in charge of maintenance of the grounds, greens, trees etc. He oversees the groundskeeping budget. His crew currently consists of a crew of nine groundskeepers, plus a mechanic.



Brett Collins

Like Andy, Brett has nearly grown up around golf courses. He began 14 years ago working as a crew member for a groundskeeper and eventually worked his way up. His early experience was in southern suburbs of Flossmor and Calumet City. Most recently, Brett served as assistant to Tom Lively for eight years at Ruth Lake Country Club in Hinsdale.

Thirty-one-year old Brett, his wife Marian and son, 19-month A.J., currently live in the house at the south end of the golf course which keeps him very close to both work and home at all times.

Improvements, Facilities

There are several changes and improvements either completed or underway to improve both the look and the enjoyment of playing the course. New equipment has been purchased for the grounds crew which will better manicure the grass. Stumps and dead trees have been removed. Shrubs and flowers will be planted about May 15. The existing irrigation system will be in use and the intention is to extend the lines to many of the fairways.

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Sign up Now for Our First Spring Scramble

Bloomingdale Golf Club is happy to host its first Spring Scramble on Sunday, April 27. This is a team scramble format open to any amateur two-person team.

Included in the registration fee is greens fee, cart fee, prizes, food and beverages. Prizes will be 50% cash and 50% gift certificates.

Entries are limited to 60 teams. Registration deadline is Wednesday, April 23 at 5:00 p.m. This is a 9 a.m. shotgun start.

Register in the Pro Shop. The fee is \$130 per team, payable upon registration.

For more information, call the Pro Shop at 529-6232.



About the Golf Course . . .

All ball washers, benches, tee markers and trash baskets have been replaced. There will be a computerized handi-cap system. Several of the holes will be changed for more interesting play, although this will not interfere with the play during this season. The course will remain open during the construction period. Lohmann Golf Design is the golf course architect re-designing the holes.

At this time there are still permanent tee times available, as well as openings for golf outings. There are three banquet rooms available at Bloomingdale Golf Club for special events. The Antler Room holds 175 comfortably; the Surrey Room will accommodate 100 and there is a smaller room for 50 people. The banquet facility will be available now through October 1998, at which time the building will be demolished in anticipation of the opening of the new clubhouse.

The Village recently contracted with Larson-Kramer-Kjelstrom and Associates, Ltd. to design and build a new clubhouse. Construction is slated to begin in November, 1997. The new clubhouse will be located at the present Pro Shop location. It will be two levels for a total of approximately 18,000 square feet. It will include a Pro Shop, golfer's bar, plenty of lockers for both men and women, as well as a banquet room that can accommodate up to 240. The new facility is planned for a March 1999 opening.

New Bloomingdale League

Bloomingdale Golf Club is currently forming a Bloomingdale League which will play on Mondays from 4:00-5:30 p.m. The nine-hole league is open to Village residents and employees. Call 529-3380 for more information.

Other Facts About the Bloomingdale Golf Club

- ◆ Gift certificates available.
- ◆ Golf outing packages, including dinner packages are still available for this season.
- ◆ Dress code is enforced. No tank tops are allowed. The Pro Shop will stock inexpensive T-shirts to accommodate golfers with improper attire.
- ◆ Residents will need a photo ID with address to obtain discount.



Mothers Day Brunch

Treat Mom to a fabulous brunch on her special day. From apples to zucchini and everything in between, Cyrille promises a meal to remember! Bloomingdale Golf Club is excited to host this first-time ever event on Sunday, May 11.

Mother's Day brunch will be held from 9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Reservations are a must. Call 529-3380 for reservations and/or details.



Golf Course Fees & Times

Public Weekday	Senior Weekday	Resident Weekday	Resident Senior Weekday	Resident Youth Weekday
18 holes before 2 PM \$25.00	18 holes before 2 PM \$15.00	18 holes before 2 PM \$19.00	18 holes before 2 PM \$12.00	18 holes before 2 PM \$12.00
9 holes after noon \$15.00	18 holes after 2 PM \$13.00	18 holes after 2 PM \$17.00	18 holes after 2 PM \$10.00	18 holes after 2 PM \$10.00
League 9 holes only \$14.00	9 holes after noon \$11.00	9 holes after noon \$12.00	9 holes after noon \$8.00	9 holes after noon \$8.00
Twilight after 4 PM \$16.00	Twilight after 4 PM \$16.00	Twilight after 4 PM \$12.00	Twilight after 4 PM \$10.00	Twilight after 4 PM \$10.00

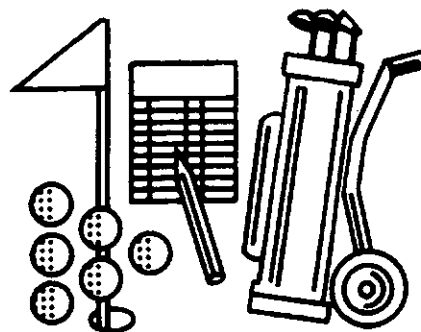
Weekends & holidays	Weekends & holidays	Weekends & holidays	Weekends & holidays	Weekends & holidays
18 holes before 2 PM \$29.00	18 holes before 2 PM \$29.00	18 holes before 2 PM \$29.00	18 holes before 2 PM \$29.00	18 holes before 2 PM \$29.00
18 holes after 2 PM \$26.00	18 holes after 2 PM \$26.00	18 holes after 2 PM \$20.00	18 holes after 2 PM \$20.00	18 holes after 2 PM \$20.00
9 holes after 2 PM \$17.00	9 holes after 2 PM \$17.00	9 holes after 2 PM \$14.00	9 holes after 2 PM \$14.00	9 holes after 2 PM \$14.00
Twilight after 4 PM \$16.00	Twilight after 4 PM \$16.00	Twilight after 4 PM \$12.00	Twilight after 4 PM \$12.00	Twilight after 4 PM \$12.00

Pull carts -- 9 holes \$2.00 ; 18 holes \$3.50

Golf cart per golfer is additional and varies with time and day of the week.

Early Bird rates are also available on both weekdays and weekends.

**Call the Pro Shop at 529-6232
for further information**



Celebrate Earth Day at Book Rescue & Recycling, Household Hazardous Waste Collection April 19

There are a number of Earth Day events coming up this month. All books are welcome on Saturday, April 19 at the Book Rescue and Recycling Event in downtown Naperville, corner of Jackson & Eagle Streets from 9-3. Everyone is encouraged to bring and take books. All books remaining at the end of the day will be recycled.

Also on April 19, a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event will be held at Elmhurst Public Works Garage, 200 S. West Avenue. Roselle also hosts a HHW Collection Event on Saturday, April 26 at the Botterman Waste Water Treatment Center at 1401 Central Avenue. Both events are open 8am - 3pm. Call the County's Solid Waste Department at 682-7373 with questions.

Knights Give Marklund a Bath

When Marklund began in 1965, the building was designed for developmentally disabled clients from infancy to age six. Today, 41 of the 98 clients are over the age of 18. Because of difficulty in lifting these older clients in and out of the bathtub, Marklund approached the Knights of Columbus St. Isidore's Council for help.

Once again the St. Isidore Council was happy to assist. They purchased a \$10,000 Parker Madison Model 442, no ordinary bathtub. This equipment allows the client to be placed on a table and the tub containing up to 65 gallons of water is elevated to cover the bather.

The St. Isidore Knights have a long history of helping Marklund with funds from their annual Tootsie Roll drives. Since the Council began in 1984 they have contributed over \$108,000 to Marklund Home. Interested in becoming a Knight? Call Grand Knight Karl Krebs at 980-1833 or Membership Chairman Mike Beagley at 351-6001.

THINK TREES

BLOOMINGDALE RECEIVES TREE CITY USA GROWTH AWARD



Bloomington has been named a Tree City USA by The National Arbor Day Foundation. It is the second year Bloomington has received this national recognition.

Bloomington is also the recipient of a Tree City USA Growth Award for demonstrating progress in its community forestry program in the following activity areas:

- ◆ Engineering/Forestry Coordination
- ◆ Land-Use Planning Coordination

The Growth Award was created to recognize environmental improvement and higher levels of tree care in Tree City USA communities.

A National Arbor Day Foundation program, Tree City USA, recognizes U.S. towns and cities which develop comprehensive urban forestry programs.

Tree City USA began as a 1976 Bicentennial project co-sponsored by the National Association of State Foresters and the USDA-Forest Service. The National League of Cities and the U.S. Conference of Mayors are now co-sponsors as well.

To become a Tree City USA, a community must meet four standards: a tree board or department, a tree care ordinance, a comprehensive community forestry program, and an Arbor Day observance. Communities apply for Tree City USA annually.

"As we celebrate the 125th anniversary of Arbor Day this year, it is especially appropriate to recognize the value of trees to our communities," John Rosenow, The National Arbor Day Foundation's president said. "Trees beautify and lend value to our homes, neighborhoods, parks and business areas. At the same time, those trees conserve energy, help clean the air, protect rivers and streams, and provide a home for wildlife."

"An effective community forestry program is an ongoing process of growth and renewal — a program of planting and care that continues through the years," Rosenow said. "The Tree City USA award is an excellent indication that there is a solid foundation for that process of improvement."

On March 18, 1997, Bloomington received the awards at the Illinois Department of National Resources Tree City USA Conference and Awards Ceremony held at the Morton Arboretum, Lisle, Illinois.



Chamber Honors Beard, Kettlesen, Geils for Contributions to Community

The Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce hosted a gala evening as the Crystal Ball, the third annual dinner dance, took place on March 23. Highlights of the evening included three special awards.

The Village of Bloomingdale honored David Beard as the 1996 Citizen of the Year. Beard was nominated by the Bloomingdale Park District for his dedication to the soccer program. He has been a soccer coach for as long as he has lived here and has served on the Bloomingdale Soccer Board since its inception. He and his wife Marsha, along with sons John and Stephen, have been Bloomingdale residents for nine years. Beard has been very active with Bloomingdale Alliance Church serving as an elder and working on several projects, including Habitat for Humanity. He also found time to serve on the School District 13 Advisory Board and to be a parent chaperon for Lake Park Marching Band.

Also recognized was Linda Kettlesen of Mailboxes Etc. who was selected as Chamber Ambassador of the Year, a honor bestowed on that chamber member who demonstrates a great deal of enthusiasm for the Chamber, its activities and for the fellow members. Kettlesen opened her business in Springbrook Shopping Center in May, 1993. By February, 1994, she was serving on the Board of Directors for the Chamber. She has actively contributed to the dinner dance, secretary's day, 5-star expo and program development committees, as well as the membership committee, her favorite commitment.

Perhaps the most touching part of the evening was the reception given to the Business Person of the Year, Wally Geils. A standing ovation was given to the 77-year old Geils, who along with his wife Georgene, founded Economart in 1958. It remains one of the oldest continuously run businesses serving Bloomingdale.

Geils was one of the founding directors of the Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce. He has also served

in a number of other civic positions over the years, including Village trustee. After regaining his composure following this well deserved, but unexpected honor, Geils entertained the crowd with stories of those early days when this quiet burb's biggest claim to fame was as "a speed trap along Route 20."



Wally and Georgene reflect on years past.



Wally Geils receives a standing ovation as he approaches the podium.



New Chamber officers - Jim Petterec, 2nd Vice President/Programs, Dr. Mike Kelly, Secretary/Treasurer, Mary Ahart, 1st Vice President/Membership, President David Favarro and past president Jim Casement.



Linda Kettlesen is congratulated by 1995 Ambassador Alan Zaeske.



David Beard receives his award from Trustee Gloria Reyes.

Bloomingtondale Community Events

Culture Club News

The Culture Club of Bloomingtondale meets monthly at 7 p.m. at the Bloomingtondale Park District museum or at the recreation center on the third Tuesday. Programs are provided free to members or with a \$5 charge for non-members. The club is open to anyone from the surrounding area interested in the arts. For more information call Diane Duffy at 894-6068.

Beginning April 25, the paintings of member Sanaa Ezzat will be featured in the lower level gallery of the Bloomingtondale Public Library. Also coming up is the third annual Members' Show at the Bloomingtondale Museum. This year's event begins with a reception on Friday, June 20 and will run through July 27. Pictured is a visitor at last year's show.



Writer's Workshop Open Forum April 16

The Writer's Workshop of Bloomingtondale, in conjunction with the Friends of the Bloomingtondale Public Library, welcome writers to its fifth annual writer's open forum, as part of the celebration of National Library Week. The forum is intended to serve as a catalyst for bringing talented people together and allowing them to share with the public an insight into the wealth of creative effort taking place within the community. The Forum will be held 7-9 p.m. on Wednesday, April 16 at the library, 101 Fairfield Way. For more information call Colleen Verbeke, 980-4231.

Villagers Club to Present Donations

The Villagers Club will host its installation dinner at China Palace on May 1, starting at 7 p.m. At that time, the club will present donations to the following as a result of this year's fundraising:

- ◇ Bruekner Guest House which provides short term care for older adults
- ◇ Illinois Fire Safety Alliance to send three children to Burn Camp
- ◇ Humanitarian Service Project which provides food for two seniors and birthday gifts for five youngsters

- ◇ Family Shelter Service which offers aid to family members suffering domestic abuse

Other organizations receiving funds this year from the Villagers include: Bloomingtondale Park District, Marklund Home, Bloomingtondale Public Library, People's Resource Dental Clinic, Bloomingtondale Township Food Pantry and Pet Rescue.

Home Health Care Items Available for Loan from Lions Club

The Bloomingtondale Lions Club offers the following items on loan to individuals in need within the greater Bloomingtondale community:

- ◇ Two Triumph Orpho-kinetic adult scooters (battery operated complete with charger, adjustable seat, tiller top controls, automatic braking and touch pad horn button)
- ◇ One standard wheel chair
- ◇ One walker
- ◇ One four-legged cane
- ◇ One porta-potty
- ◇ One non-electric exercise bike

These items are available on loan and would revert back to the club once the items are no longer needed. The items are not new, but are very serviceable for individuals not able to afford this kind of equipment. Interested parties should contact president Mike Morrisroe at 539-0880.



Leroy the Lion joined Patti and Peter Cottontail for the Lions Club annual Easter Egg Hunt in Circle Park where several hundred youngsters located about 2000 eggs.

ABOUT TOWN

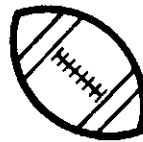
Lester Wang, eighth grader at Westfield Junior High took first place in School District 13's spelling bee last month. He went on to take second place the DuPage Regional Spelling Bee.

Cynthia Church, Marquardt Middle School English teacher, was recently chosen by the Illinois State Board of Education to participate on the validation committee which will review the writing test that students take as part of their IGAP testing. She has participated in several state board of education workshops and was selected for this honor because of her experience in the field.

Last month the **Marquardt Middle School Choirs** participated in the Illinois Grade School Music Association District 7 Choral Concert. The Mustang (beginning girls) Choir received an II Excellent rating. The Concert (advanced boys & girls) Choir received a I Superior rating and have qualified for the Illinois State contest on April 27.

Bloomington Athletic Club Football Registration for ages 10-14 will be held from 10 am - 3 pm on Sunday, April 20 at the Bloomington Park District, 172 S. Circle.

Tryouts for cheerleaders for the **Bloomington Bears** will be held on Monday, April 14 at the Bloomington Park District, 172 S. Circle. For more information call 582-0819.



Helpful Numbers

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

Immediate Medical Care

Stratford North - Branch of Central Dupage Hospital; Open: 7 days a week
 Mon-Fri 7:30 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.
 Sat-Sun 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.....893-9600

Buses, Buses, Buses

Pace Passenger Service.....	364-PACE
RTA Information Center.....	836-7000
Bloomington Township Transportation.....	893-7555
Dial-a-Ride (weekends only)....	682-7542
DuPage County ADA Paratransit Services.....	1-312-917-4537

Hotlines

Adoption:
 For adoption info call 1-800-572-2390

AIDS:
 For testing info call 1-800-243-2437

Business:
 Small Business Hotline call 1-800-252-2923

Children and Teenagers:
 Child Abuse Hotline call 1-800-252-2873

Child Support:
 For help collecting child support call 1-800-447-4278

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

Internal Revenue Service:
 1-800-829-1040

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

Lawyer Referral Service:
 1-800-252-8916

Missing Children:
 I-Search call 1-800-843-5763

Secretary of State:
 General info call 1-800-252-8980
 Driver's license info call 1-800-252-2904

Senior Citizens:
 General info for seniors call ..1-800-252-8966

Attorney General:
 Senior citizens consumer protection call 1-800-252-8666

Tourism:
 Illinois tourism info call 1-800-223-0121

Volunteer Development of DuPage
 (volunteers always needed)....682-7586

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH IN ACTION

OPEN ENROLLMENT . . .

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEEDS YOUR EYES AND EARS!

As an involved resident and Block Captain, you can be an important part of the communications link between your Police Department and your neighborhood.

Block Captains also enroll neighbors as Neighborhood Watch members, attend bi-monthly meetings, deliver bi-monthly newsletters, and once a year update their membership roster. It costs only an hour or two a month to help keep your neighborhood safe from crime.

If you are interested in learning more about the Neighborhood Watch program, contact the Bloomington Police Department, Detective Randy Sater, at 529-9868. You are invited to attend our next meeting May 23 in the Bloomington Village Hall council room to see first hand how your involvement can make a difference.

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

WELCOME
 Bloomington is a
CRIME WATCH
 community



We immediately report
 all suspicious activities
 to our Police Department

D.A.R.E. Sponsors Family Challenge on April 19

The fifth annual D.A.R.E. Family Challenge will take place Saturday, April 19 at the FermiLab, Batavia, Il. Featured are a 5K race plus a one mile and one-half mile fun run/walk. For more information call Officer Karen Miller at 543-4100 ext. 238.

The Family Challenge is being held to further the purpose of D.A.R.E. and to honor young people who D.A.R.E. to take a stand against drugs and violence. Families are encouraged to register and walk/run together.

In related news, the Bloomingdale D.A.R.E. program benefitted from the 2nd Annual Hair and Fashion Show co-sponsored by Hair's the Place Salon and Spa and Redkin. A portion of the proceeds of the show and the raffle tickets were generously donated to our drug resistance education efforts.

Hair's the Place Salon and Spa, located at 132 Ridge, also donates a portion of every spa service on behalf of drug and alcohol abuse education.



Bloomingdale D.A.R.E. coordinator Detective Randy Sater and program graduate Victoria Kas, were featured guest speakers at "Masquerade."

Fire Chief Richard Randecker Retires

Chief Richard Randecker will retire after 36 years of service to the Bloomingdale Fire Protection District No. 1. Chief Randecker began his career in 1961 as a volunteer firefighter and worked his way up through the ranks until being appointed Fire Chief in 1985. Chief Randecker played an intricate part in the growth of the district, as the department grew from all-volunteer to the present full-time staff of 37. Chief Randecker will actively participate in choosing the new chief.

Confused About Which Holidays Affect Your Garbage Pickup Day?

In response to calls we received during the holiday season, we give residents the following reminder from Browning-Ferris Industries.

Garbage collection will not be provided on the following holidays:

New Year's Day
Independence Day (4th of July)
Memorial Day
Labor Day
Thanksgiving
Christmas

On holiday weeks, collection will be provided one day late that week only. For example, during the week of Thanksgiving, garbage pickup scheduled for Thursday will be moved to Friday. The regular Friday pickup will move to Saturday. Questions may be directed to BFI at 469-1036.

June 26-29

BE A FAMILY FEST VOLUNTEER!

Bloomingdale Family Fest 1996 will be held on June 26, 1996, 6:00 pm-11:00 pm. June 27, 28 and 29, 12:00 noon-11:00 pm. As in the past, we are looking for VOLUNTEERS to help us selling tickets in the ride ticket booths. If you would like to volunteer at the Fest please contact Mary Rodne at the Bloomingdale Public Library, phone number 529-3120.

The Fest committee has another great Fest planned for this year so mark your calendars

for Thursday,

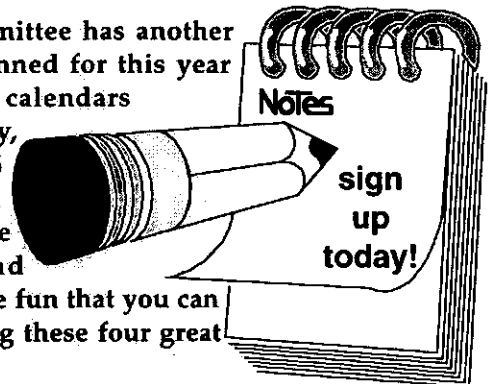
June 26

through

Sunday, June

29, 1997 and

come enjoy the fun that you can only get during these four great days in June!





The Bloomingdale Park District

We're right around the corner!

Walkers Wanted! March For Parks

Sunday, April 20th, Beginning at Noon

Each year in communities across the nation, citizens pitch in to help improve their state, local and national parks during **March For Parks**.



On April 20, caring individuals will have an opportunity to help out a local natural resource – the wetlands and marsh at Springfield Park. Participants of last year's **March For Parks** raised over \$2,000, all of

which went to the restoration and improvement of the wetlands. Anyone can help raise money for this cause – just pick up a pledge sheet today!

For more information on **March For Parks**, or to pick up pledge sheets, please call Mary Jo Bailey at 529-3650.

Summer Brochures Out Soon!

Our summer brochure will be hand-delivered to your doorstep or apartment complex the week of May 5th. It will be packed with all sorts of information and fun ideas for the summer. Watch for it!



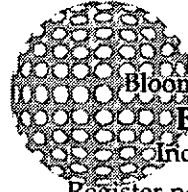
We Won!

The Illinois Parks & Recreation Association's 1997 "Best of Show" award for brochure cover went to the Bloomingdale Park District's Fall, 1996 brochure.

Congratulations to Bloomingdale resident and graphic artist, Ardis Pecirno, for her award-winning design!

Sign Up Now For Men's & Women's Golf League

Openings are still available for both our Women's and Men's recreational golf leagues. The Women's League plays on Fridays at the Bloomingdale Golf Club beginning May 9. The first tee time is 5:30 pm, and the fee for 14 weeks of play is \$235 for residents and \$260 for non-residents. The 15-week Men's League will meet at Indian Lakes on Tuesday evenings beginning May 6. The fee for the Men's League is \$300 for residents and \$325 for non-residents.



You're Invited!

to the
Bloomingdale Parks Foundation's

Benefit Golf Outing

Indian Lakes – May 19, 1997

Register now and enjoy a wonderful day of golf, food, a special sports memorabilia auction and a chance to win a

Chevy Camaro or Ford Thunderbird!

The \$125 ticket includes 18 holes of golf, cart, lunch and dinner, a raffle ticket and the auction.

A donation to the Bloomingdale Parks Foundation is included in the price. To register for the golf outing, or for further information, please call Steve Scholten at the park district office.

Thanks to Indian Lakes Resort for their donation of this golf outing and all the food!

Bloomingdale Parks Foundation
A not-for-profit organization

Pool Opens June 6!

Summer is just around the corner! Pool passes for families or individuals go on sale at the park district office beginning May 1. Buy before June 7 for great savings!

	May 1 – June 6	June 7 – August
Family (up to 4 people) (\$5.00 each addtl. child)	\$75.00	\$95.00
Individual	\$32.00	\$45.00

Barracuda Swim Team Registration

The Barracuda Swim Team will be holding registration for the 1997 team at the Park District on the following dates:

Wednesday, April 16 – 7:00pm to 9:00pm

Saturday, April 19 – 9:00am to Noon

Saturday, May 10 – 9:00am to Noon

Participants must be able to swim the length of the pool. For information on the Barracuda Swim Team, please call the park district. Newcomers welcome!

Bloomingdale Park District

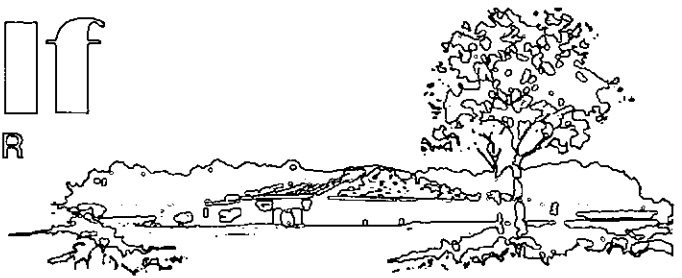
172 South Circle Avenue • Phone 630-529-3650

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

Parks and Recreation... The benefits are endless!

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LIBRARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL

12	Writer's Group	9:00 AM-12:00 noon
*16	Writer's Open Forum V	7:00 PM
*17	Family Reading Night with Arthur -- all ages	7:00-8:00 PM
*22	Children's Health Issues Lecture - Dr. Zevon	7:00 PM
*23	Taking Charge of Your TV	7:00 PM
23	Writer's Group	7:00-9:00 PM
24-30	National TV Turnoff Week	
*24	Nutrition & Weight Loss Lecture - Dr. Kelly	7:00 PM
25	Library In-service	LIBRARY CLOSED
*25	Poetry Coffeehouse	7:00-9:00 PM
*27	Spring Party - all ages	1:00-3:00 PM
*28	The Magic of Science - all ages	7:00-8:00 PM
*29	Cardiovascular Health Lecture	7:00 PM
*30	What's a Story Game? - all ages	7:00-8:00 PM
*30	Friends of the Library meeting	7:30 PM

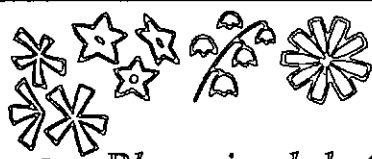
MAY

*1	Painting on Silk Scarves - Toby Abrams	7:00 PM
*1	Stress Relief & Ergonomics - Dr. Kelly	7:00 PM
*8	Sinus Relief Lecture -Dr. Kelly	7:00 PM
8	Writer's Group Subcommittee	7:00-9:00 PM
10	Writer's Group	9:00 AM-12:00 noon
13	Bloomington Seniors	11:00 AM-3:00 PM
14	Library Board Meeting	7:30 PM
17	IN-PERSON REGISTRATION FOR SUMMER READING BEGINS	9:00AM-5:00 PM
*22	Bending/Lifting/Stretching Techniques class - Dr. Kelly	7:00 PM
25	LIBRARY CLOSED ON SUNDAYS UNTIL SEPTEMBER 7	
26	Memorial Day	LIBRARY CLOSED
28	Friends of the Library Meeting	7:30 PM
28	Writer's Group	7:00-9:00 PM

JUNE

10	Bloomington Seniors	11:00 AM-3:00 PM
11	Library Board Meeting	7:30 PM

* Registration Required



*Bloomington Garden Club
Annual Plant Sale*

*Perennials and annuals,
Flowers and Vegetables*

ONE DAY ONLY!!!

Saturday, May 17, 1997

9:00 AM-4:00 PM

at the Bloomington Library

*Proceeds benefit the
Garden Club's
Scholarship Fund*



Youth Services Department

SIGN UP FOR THESE SPRINGTIME SPECIAL EVENTS!

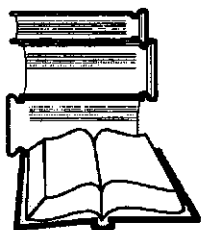
SPECIAL EVENTS

Registration is required for the following programs. Please call the Library Program Registration Hotline at 529-9029.

Family Reading Night with "ARTHUR!"

Thursday, April 17, 7:00pm - 8:00pm

Bring the whole family for a fun-filled night of stories and activities that all celebrate reading. The theme for the evening is "Arthur" - the lovable character from Marc Brown's picture books. Come spend some time reading and playing with your family - you may even win an Arthur book of your very own!



*First 50 children entering the meeting room doors at 6:55pm will win a free Arthur book bag!

National TV-Turnoff Week is April 24 - 30 1997

The Bloomingdale Public Library invites your family to join us for the following programs this week instead of watching TV!

Spring Party

Sunday April 27 1:00pm-3:00pm

1:00 EAT DIRT.....while taking part in a tree planting ceremony in the Library's Heritage Grove. It tastes good! We promise!

2:00 ALICE IN WONDERLAND - The Musical
Have your picture taken with Alice's White Rabbit after a special musical performance of this classic children's tale.

The Magic of Science

Monday April 28 7:00pm - 8:00pm



This is your chance to participate in a hands-on evening of Science Fun. We will offer some simple science demonstration. Your family will then have the opportunity to try some Science Magic of their own.

What's a Story Game?

Wednesday April 30 7:00pm - 8:00pm

When you combine stories and games the fun is sure to be endless. There will be something for everyone.

Summer Reading is Coming!!!!

Fly to the moon.....
with TEAM I READ!
June 16 - August 2, 1997

IN PERSON registration begins Saturday, May 17
at 9:00am.

Did you know that the public library summer reading program is the most popular summer activity for children across the nation? Every year, thousands of families take part in library activities that not only help sustain school skills but also provide great fun those long, hot days.



Time to get reading!!

This year we'll celebrate the mystery and excitement of outer space with TEAM I READ! (Sponsored by the Illinois Library Association). TEAM I READ participants will receive prizes based on how many minutes they spend reading.

The Youth Services staff will offer Baby Talk, Toddler Time, Preschool Story Hour, Story Art, and Books and Bites as well as special concerts, performances and activities.

Registration for TEAM I READ programs begin on Saturday, May 17 at 9:00am in the Youth Services Department. For this session, we will have **IN PERSON** registration only.

School Visits

Watch for the Library's TEAM I READ staff to make an appearance at your school during the week of May 5-9, 1997. They'll fill you in on all the excitement planned for the Summer Reading Program and distribute informational brochures. Patrons who do not attend Bloomingdale public schools may pick up brochures in the Youth Services Department during that week.



THE LIBRARY NEEDS YOU! JOIN THE JUNIOR FRIENDS!

Once again the Bloomingdale Public Library is looking for young, energetic volunteers for the Junior Friends group to help with the Summer Reading Program! Junior Friends may help prepare crafts, make posters, read to young children and assist with programs.

If you are entering 6th grade or up, and would like to be a Junior Friend, please complete the application below and return it to Sue Drogos, Youth Services Assistant, by May 15. All former Junior Friends need to fill out a current application if they still wish to participate in the program. An organizational meeting will be scheduled. This is a great chance to become involved, participate in exciting activities and to make new friends. By signing the application, Junior Friends agree to abide by the Junior Friends Guidelines.

JUNIOR FRIENDS GUIDELINES

1. Please dress neatly.
2. Respect all library rules regarding behavior. Please remember that YOU represent the library.
3. If you cannot make your scheduled time please call the library at 529-3120 and ask to speak to someone in the Youth Services Department.
4. Please check-in with a Youth Services staff member when you arrive for your scheduled time. They will give you your assignment for the day.
5. Please wear your JUNIOR FRIENDS VOLUNTEER BUTTON while on duty.

JUNIOR FRIENDS APPLICATION (Please print)

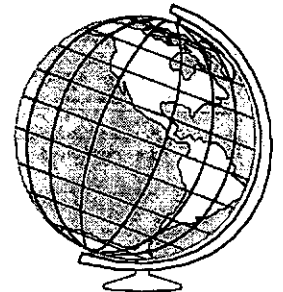
Name _____ Grade in fall _____

Address _____

Telephone Number _____

Parent's Signature _____

Junior Friend's Signature _____



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

CHESS CLUB

8 yrs. old & up
Wednesdays

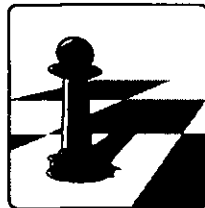
Registration Begins:

Saturday, May 17

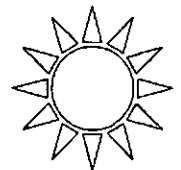
Chess Club Begins:

Wednesday, June 18

Times: Wednesdays, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.



Come join the current Interlibrary Chess Club Champions. The Bloomingdale Public Library Summer Chess Club will meet at the Library on Wednesday afternoons from 2:00 -4:00 p.m. beginning June 18. If you are eight years of age or older and know a little - or a lot about the game, this is your chance to sharpen your skills. Each Wednesday players will compete with other club members and a ranking will be established. Then the CHESS CLUB will participate in the Interlibrary Chess Tournament in August as the reigning champs.



**THE LIBRARY
WILL BE CLOSED
ON ALL SUNDAYS FROM
MAY 18 THRU AUGUST 31.**

ENJOY THE SUMMER!



UPCOMING ADULT PROGRAMS

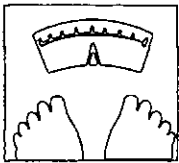
Lectures & classes for all ages & interests!

CHILDREN'S HEALTH ISSUES LECTURE

Are your kids plagued by constant ear infections and allergies? If so you should join us on Tuesday, April 22 at 7 pm. Dr. Zevan, with the Preferred Chiropractic Care Center in Bloomingdale, will present a lecture on Childhood health related issues. Dr. Zevan will discuss non-medical, natural alternative approaches to address symptoms relating to children's Ear Infections, Allergies, and Attention Deficit Disorder. Come and discover the possibilities of the potential alternatives to traditional medical methods. Call 630-529-3120 for reservations.

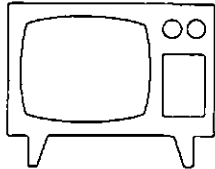
NUTRITION AND WEIGHT LOSS LECTURE

Do you want to take vitamins, but are unsure of what to use? Do you have questions about starting a safe and effective weight loss program? Then join us on Thursday, April 24 at 7 pm. Dr. Michael Kelly, with the Old Town Chiropractic Center in Bloomingdale, will begin a 4 part series of lectures on health issues. This first lecture will cover such topics as melatonin, calcium and osteoporosis, DHEA, energy and immune systems and much more. Come and discover the natural, chiropractic approach to nutrition and weight loss. Call 630-529-3120 for reservations.



TAKING CHARGE OF YOUR TV

Learn how to view TV programs with a informed eye. Join us for an interactive workshop for parents and teachers, Wednesday, April 23 at 7 pm. This program will provide parents with the tools and information to make informed choices in the programs their families watch and will help parents to begin a family dialogue that turns television viewing into an positive and educational experience. Call 630-529-3120 for reservations.



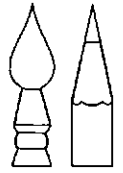
CARDIOVASCULAR HEALTH ISSUES LECTURE

Do you have high blood pressure or cholesterol problems? Come to the library on Tuesday, April 29 at 7 pm. and hear Dr. Zevan, with the Preferred Chiropractic Care Center in Bloomingdale. Dr. Zevan will discuss non-medical, natural alternative approaches to address symptoms relating to High Blood Pressure, High and Low Cholesterol, Anemias, Arterial Disease, and more. Come join us and discover the possibilities of the potential alternatives to traditional medical methods. Call 630-529-3120 for reservations.



PAINTING ON SILK SCARVES

Looking for a unique Mother's Day gift? Are you interested in new and different crafting ideas? Then be sure to join us on Thursday, May 1 at 7 pm. for this hands on craft program. Tobi Star Abrams will teach us how to create beautiful and unique silk scarves by painting on them. Class size is limited. Call 630-529-3120 for reservations.



STRESS RELIEF AND ERGONOMICS LECTURE

Are you stressed out at work? Then you should definitely come join us on Thursday, May 1 at 7 pm for the second lecture in Dr. Michael Kelly's four part series on health issues. Dr. Kelly will explain how to set up your work station ergonomically, stress reduction techniques and more. Call 630-529-3120 for reservations.

SINUS RELIEF LECTURE

Are you troubled by sinus pain, pressure and headaches? Come join us on Thursday, May 8 at 7 pm for the third lecture in Dr. Kelly's four part series on health. Dr. Kelly will present a discussion and live demonstration of the all natural, pain-free chiropractic approach to sinus relief. Call 630-529-3120 for reservations.

BENDING AND LIFTING TECHNIQUES AND STRETCHING CLASS

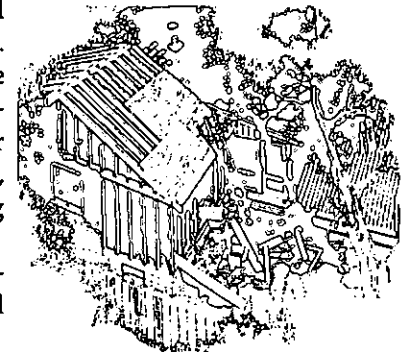
The final lecture in Dr. Kelly's series on health will present bending and lifting techniques to protect your back, as well as a stretching class for home, work, and travel. Thursday, May 22 at 7 pm. Call 630-529-3120 for reservations.

CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

In connection with Northern Illinois University, the Home Builders Association of Greater Chicago and the Residential Construction Employers Council, the Library will be a host site for the Construction Management Certification Program. The Certification Program consists of 13 separate classes, each 20 hours long, delivered in 8 - 2 1/2 hour evening classes across eight weeks.

On Tuesdays, from April 22 to June 10 at 6:00 - 8:30 pm the course being offered is EXTERIOR FINISHES. Some of the topics to be covered are Roofing materials and terms, Exterior Siding, Brickwork, Painting, Landscaping and more.

For course costs and registration information call 630-573-5070, ext. 221.



Coming Soon . . .

. . . in the former loft area — a new Bloomingdale Local History Room!

We are excited about plans for the first phase of this project, which includes storage for printed material and cassette recorders to be used in recording oral histories. The cassettes debuted on Sunday, March 16 at an afternoon of "Reflections of Bloomingdale's Past."

When the new room is ready volunteers will be needed, first, to help with the organization and preservation of print materials, and later, for work on Bloomingdale history projects.

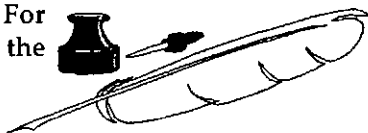
To volunteer call Kandy Jones at 630-529-3120, ext. 327, or Judy O'Loughlin at 630-529-3120, ext. 330.

Adult Summer Reading Program: Team I Read

Back by popular demand, the Bloomingdale Public Library's Adult Summer Reading Program will be held from June 16 to August 2. This year participants will join our "Team I Read" by reading a variety of different kinds of books in various sections of the library. Lists of book titles will be given to each participant to help them choose what to read. This year's reading categories will have our participants join our "Team I Read" in a visit to a foreign land, in solving a crime, in an exploration of another's life, in a deep space adventure, and in a free-for-all. Stop by the reference desk anytime after Saturday, May 17 to sign up for this free program and read along with your kids this Summer.

Writer's Open Forum V

In celebration of National Library Week, The Writer's Workshop of Bloomingdale and The Friends of the Library invite area residents to an open reading presented by local writers. Writer's Open Forum V will be held on Wednesday, April 16 at 7 pm. Admission is free; refreshments will be provided by The Friends of the Library. The writer's workshop, established in 1991, has a membership of more than 30 uniquely talented aspiring and published writers who live and/or work throughout the Chicago metro area. "The workshop has thrived in the nurturing atmosphere provided by the library," said Adeline Dobbins, the group's steering committee chairman. "Members find fellowship, support and encouragement as they work their way toward writing something that will be read more than once." For more information about the group, call Adeline at 630-529-5810.



Tax Form Deadline



To assist our residents at tax time, on Tuesday, April 15, when the Library closes at 9:00 PM the lobby will be open until 11:30 PM for last minute tax form distribution. Federal and State of Illinois tax forms and a copy machine will be available for use in our front lobby.

Copies of tax forms can be made for 10 cents a page.

Introducing -- A New Self-Checkout System

On April 14 the Bloomingdale Public Library will introduce the latest in library technology which allows patrons to check out books on their own.

The 3M SelfCheck System, which works like a bank's ATM, increases efficiency and service by allowing staff to use their skills where they are most useful -- assisting patrons with research, planning community programs and fulfilling requests -- rather than routine material handling. This system also increases security and helps prevent materials loss because it links the already existing automatic circulation system with the 3M Security System, which electronically tracks materials.

The 3M Self Checkout unit is fast and easy to use, and guarantees your privacy.. The color monitor guides patrons through each step of the transaction with on-screen prompts and graphics that fully explain the process to even first-timers without assistance from staff.

Here's how it works: Patrons place a library card into the unit, which accesses the individual's database. If the patron is an approved customer, he/she may place the first item to be checked out into the unit. The system's internal scanner then "reads" the item's bar code and records the transaction while electronically "deprogramming" the item so that the patron may take it through the security gate at the library's exit. After all items are checked out by the system, it prints a date-due slip to complete the transaction.

Poetry Coffeehouse



Join the Library in an After-Hours Poetry Coffeehouse to celebrate National Poetry Month. To be held on Friday, April 25 from 7-9 pm, the program will feature local poets from the Writer's Group and Westfield Junior High who will read their original poetry. Accompanying the poets will be guitarist Bill Fishback, "The Reg-lar Joe." We will be serving coffee and cocoa, as well as desserts. Join us for this free program and celebrate Bloomingdale Poets!

Trips & Tours -- Mark Your Calendar Today!

Get out your calendar and reserve the dates for these exciting trips coming up in the next few months.

May - Holland, Michigan at Tulip Time

Date: Saturday, May 10
Depart: 8:00 am
Return: 9:00 pm
Price: \$62.00 (includes deluxe motorcoach, professional escort, all admission fees, gourmet lunch, tax and gratuity, programs and games en route)

It's Tulip Time in Holland, Michigan! During our visit to this famous town we will enjoy the following:

◆ Windmill Island: a 225 year old windmill! We will tour the windmill and watch flour being ground for you to take home and bake with if you wish. The island has a miniature "Dutch Village," a small museum of costumes, a candle making demonstration, souvenirs, and TULIPS!

◆ Veldheers Tulip Gardens" ACRES AND ACRES OF TULIPS! You will see many different kinds and colors. DeKlomp/Wooden Shoe & Delft China factory -- Watch a "Klompmaker" carve a wooden shoe out of a piece of wood. Also watch the artist at work, making and painting the pottery "Delft."

Lunch will be a real treat at Alpenrose, with Chef Herman, formerly with the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island preparing the meal.

Wear comfortable shoes and bring your camera for a fun day in Holland, Michigan.



June - Bridges of Madison County

Date: June 6-8, 1997
Price: \$349 double; \$329 triple; \$409 single
Deposit: \$50 at registration; payment in full due by May 2, payable to Falcia Tours, 531 Crystal Place, Gurnee, IL 60031.

Three days of tours of historic and romantic bridges are in store! Come see for yourself why the covered bridges in Madison County, Iowa are world famous. They were even featured in the hit movie, **The Bridges of Madison County**, starring Clint Eastwood and Meryl Streep. Call or stop by the Library for further details. Make your reservation early!



Patti LaBelle - First time Appearance at Ravinia; With dinner at Timbers Restaurant

Date: Tuesday, July 22, 1997
Price: \$74.00
Departure: 4:30 PM
Return: 11:00 PM

**NO REFUNDS
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We'll start the evening with dinner at the wonderful Timbers restaurant in Highland Park. You will have a choice of the following three entrees: (1) Timbers meatloaf, served with mashed potatoes and vegetables; (2) Woodland chicken breast served with mashed potatoes and vegetables; or (3) whitefish pan broiled, served with red boiled potatoes and vegetables. All meals come with garden salad, coffee, tea or soft drink, and for dessert -- Boston cream pie. A cash bar will be available.

We will then head over to Ravinia to enjoy an evening with the delightful Patti LaBelle. We will have pavilion seats for this fabulous show. This will be Patti's very first Ravinia performance. Sure to be a sell out!

Patti is the recipient of numerous awards and honors, including a cable ACE Award, three Emmy nominations, eight Grammy nominations, a 1992 Grammy Award for Best R & B Female Vocal Performance, and the Martin Luther King Lifetime Achievement Award.

August - Greenfield Village & Frankenmuth

Date: August 9-11, 1997
Price: \$359 double ; \$349 triple; \$449 single
Deposit: \$50 at registration; payment in full due by July 5, payable to Falcia Tours, 531 Crystal Place, Gurnee, IL 60031.

We'll visit the Kalamazoo "Air Zoo" aviation history museum; the Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village; and tour Frankenmuth, a Christmas wonderland. Call or stop by the library for complete details!

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!



Hall School fourth grade student Michael Woodall created a shield volcano, demonstrating how lava flow is a natural disaster.

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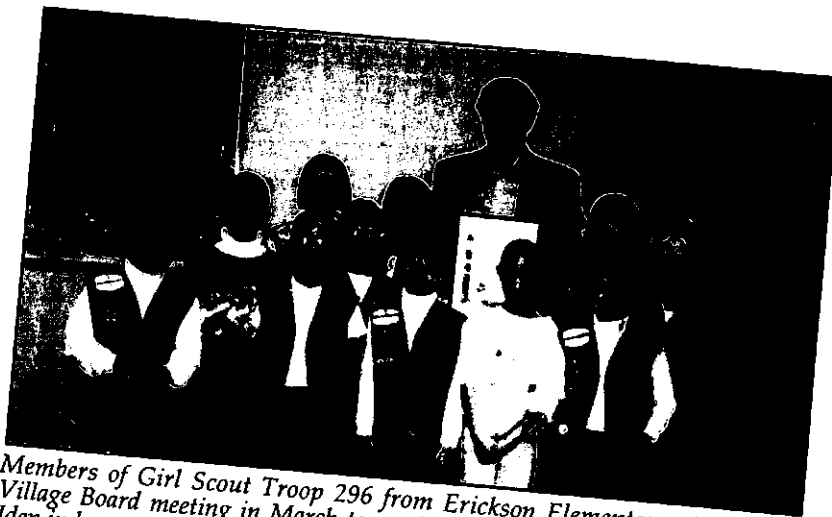
District 13 students play a teamwork game during the third annual Operation Snowflake, a drug and alcohol awareness and self esteem program.

Kids' Stuff

Bloomingdale kids are busy with school projects, scouting troops, and peer support.



Bloomingdale Museum hosts the art work of Bloomingdale students, K-12, through April 21 in the 16th annual Student Art Show.



Members of Girl Scout Troop 296 from Erickson Elementary attended a Village Board meeting in March to receive a proclamation from Mayor Bob Iden in honor of the 85th anniversary of girl scouting.

Can you help?

Mayor Bob Iden is looking for individuals interested in volunteering to assist in the planning of bikeways within the Village. Letters of interest should be submitted to Mayor Bob Iden c/o Village Hall, 201 S. Bloomingdale Road, Bloomingdale, IL 60108 by May 15.

