



# *Village of Bloomingdale*

# **Almanac**

*Growth with Pride*

**Septemberfest  
is almost  
here!  
See page 11  
to check out  
the great line-  
up for 2007!!**

**AUGUST 2007**

## ***From the Desk of*** **Mayor Bob Iden**

Due to a substantial increase in housing construction since the 2000 census, the Village of Bloomingdale has authorized the United State Bureau of the Census to conduct a Special Census in our community starting in October 2007. The Special Census is important to all residents of Bloomingdale because it will increase reimbursed funds from the State of Illinois based on the number of people who reside in our Village.

Special Census workers will visit all residents residing in areas of our community constructed since the 2000 census, specifically: Alden Horizon, Bloomingdale Walk (Town homes), Casa Bella Estates, Dartmoor, East Gate, Los Lagos, Medinah Groves, Medinah Meadows, Lori Court, Rosedale Estates, Seven Oaks Estates, Sunrise Assisted Living, Villas of Thornfield, and Villa Veneto. Your cooperation with the Special Census is greatly appreciated and necessary for a fair and accurate count of Bloomingdale residents.

Special Census workers will be wearing red, white and blue badges and are required to contact all residents in the survey area personally and by telephone. They will work in the evenings and on Saturdays. The Special Census questions are briefer than the regular census, and should only take a few minutes to answer. Questions regarding name, sex, race, age and marital status will be asked of each member of your household. All information obtained will only be used for the purpose of the Special Census. Furthermore, all information is absolutely confidential under the United State Code, Title 13. No other government agency, IRS, BFI, CIS, Welfare, Immigration or our local government, can obtain your individual responses. Moreover, the information cannot and will not be used for any municipal code enforcement.

We also still need Special Census workers. It's a great way to help our community and make a few extra dollars. See the notice on page 3 for more information. Any questions concerning the Special Census should be directed to Assistant Administrator Barb Weber at (630) 671-5613.

Before I go on to other news, let me extend a hearty congratulations to Dennis Szafran, our Public works Superintendent, on his retirement after 23 1/2 years with the Village of Bloomingdale. Denny's enthusiasm for life and his dedication to special events in the village will be missed. I wish him lots of enjoyable hours golfing and fishing.

As you are probably aware, Indian Lakes Resort is about to become the Hilton Bloomingdale Indian Lakes Resort. Both the Village and resort owners believe this name recognition will boost stature for the resort and generate increased business volume.

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**The lobby of the Century Stratford Square Theatre. See more information on page 8.**

**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 p.m. -- Village Hall

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**  
1st, 2nd 3rd & 4th Mondays of every month  
7:30 p.m. -- Village Hall

**PLAN COMMISSION**  
1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month  
7:30 p.m. -- Village Hall

**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**  
Six times a year or as needed

**BOARD OF FIRE AND POLICE  
COMMISSIONERS**  
3rd Wednesday of every month  
5:00 p.m. -- Village Hall

**POLICE PENSION BOARD**  
Quarterly beginning in January  
4th Monday  
5:00 p.m. -- Village Hall

**FAMILY FEST COMMISSION**  
3rd Wednesday of every month  
9:30 a.m. -- Library

**SEPTEMBERFEST COMMISSION**  
2nd & 4th Thursday of the month  
March-December  
7:00 p.m. - Village Hall

**BUSINESS PROMOTION &  
CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT  
COMMITTEE**  
1st Friday of the month  
10:00 a.m. - Village Hall

**LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
2nd Wednesday of every month  
7:30 p.m. -- Library

**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**  
Board of Directors Meeting  
1st Thursday of every month  
8:00 a.m. -- Indian Lakes

**BLOOMINGDALE FIREPROTECTION  
DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
2nd Tuesday of the month  
7:30 p.m. - Firehouse,  
179 S. Bloomingdale Road

**VILLAGE OF BLOOMINGDALE  
ELECTED OFFICIALS**

**Robert G. Iden**  
*Village President*

**Susan L. Bartucci**  
*Village Clerk*

**TRUSTEES**

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

**Robert Czernek**  
*Traffic and Street Infrastructure*

**John Dabrowski**  
*Police and Community Relations*

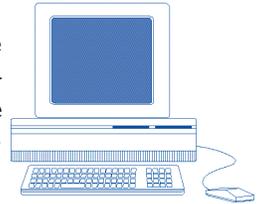
**Judi Von Huben**  
*Intergovernmental Relations and  
Emergency Planning*

**Bill Bolen**  
*Finance, Personnel and  
Administration*

**Jim King**  
*Facilities and Golf Course*

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

If you're "surfing the  
net" and have a ques-  
tion to ask or an issue  
to bring to our atten-  
tion, just E-mail it to us.  
If you wish to send us



an electronic message, our address is:

**VILLAGE.BLOOMINGDALE@world-  
net.att.net**

**Our website address is:**  
[www.vil.bloomingtondale.il.us](http://www.vil.bloomingtondale.il.us)

**The deadline for  
the October issue  
of the  
Almanac is  
SEPTEMBER 10**

**Miss Illinois Contestants Met the Mayor!**



Mayor Iden met and had lunch with the 2007 Miss Illinois contestants prior to their appearance at Stratford Square Mall in June. He's standing next to Heidi Ekstrom, Miss Illinois 2006. Looks like being Mayor isn't always a tough job!

## Mayor's Column (continued from page 1)

As a result of the facility improvements taking place at Indian Lakes, the resort will require less golf course property. To that end, the Village plans to purchase the southernmost 35 acres of the existing golf course and preserve it for a passive public open space use. Plans are moving ahead for this purchase and should be finalized in October, 2007.

In other exciting news at the Stratford Square Shopping Center, the new theater opened last month. See pictures and details elsewhere in this issue. Also check out the plans for our 35th annual Septemberfest celebration on page 11.

It's a busy summer in Bloomingdale Have fun. Stay cool.

Sincerely,

Mayor Robert Iden

## Fall Branch Collection Begins on October 15; Special Pickups Following Severe Storms

If you missed the summer branch collection, don't despair. Our fall branch collection will begin on Monday, October 15. Kramer Tree Specialists, Inc. will once again perform branch collection under the direction of the Village Forestry Division. The program is only available to single family detached residences. Townhome residents should contact their association.

In the event of severe storms, the Village will provide storm damage collection of woody branches 1/2 inch to 6 inches in diameter. Please contact the Forestry Division at 630-671-5800 within 72 hours of storm for branch collection.

## Calling All Businesses!

Ever wish you could market one of your special promotions to all of Bloomingdale at no extra cost to yourself? Well, Bloomingdale's Business Promotion & Cultural Development Committee has an idea for you. The group is crafting a community-wide program to allow businesses to offer a special promotion or discount to all Bloomingdale residents through the use of a "B" (as in Bloomingdale) Card. This special B-Card promotion will be available to residents for a limited time, from March 7 through March 16, 2008 in celebration of the 175th anniversary of the founding of Bloomingdale, which is March 11, 2008.

All the business needs to do is decide what promotion, (i.e. 20 percent off, Buy one, get one free, \$5 off a \$25 dollar purchase, etc.) it wants to do. The committee will create and disseminate the card through the Almanac and selected locations, as well as create a small placard for your business window to let customers know you are a participating business. If you are interested, call Mary Ellen at the Village Hall, 671-5600 to get your name on the list.

The 10-day promotion will be advertised through the Almanac, on the Village's new and improved website, (debuting this month) and through other local media. In February, 2008, a list of participating businesses and their corresponding promotions will be published.

## Earn Extra \$\$\$\$ As a Census Taker For Bloomingdale

### BLOOMINGDALE NEEDS SPECIAL CENSUS WORKERS IN OCTOBER

The Village of Bloomingdale has asked the U.S. Census Bureau to conduct a Special Census of areas developed in our community since the last 2000 Census. The U.S. Census Bureau will hire census workers for a period of 20 to 25 days; beginning approximately October 2007. Rate of pay is \$14.50 per hour, plus reimbursable mileage, and paid training

Prospective applicants must be:

- 18 years old (restricted hiring of 16-17 year olds).
- Able to work several hours per day (min. 20 hrs per week).
- Available for day, evening and weekend work, as needed.
- Available to attend a three day paid training session.
- Have a valid driver's license, and access to a working automobile.
- Physically able to do considerable walking and climbing of stairs.
- Able to write legibly; take directions, and understand instructions.

Applications available:  
Village of Bloomingdale  
Monday-Friday 201 S.  
Bloomingdale Rd.  
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Bloomingdale, IL. 60108

Questions?  
Contact: Barbara Weber  
Asst. Village Administrator  
(630) 671-5613.

The U.S. Census Bureau is an Equal Opportunity Employer

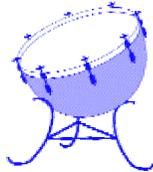
## Summer Concert Series Continues in August

The annual Summer Concert Series will continue through the month of August. Concerts take place in Old Town Park and all begin at 7 p.m. The park is located at 111 Third Street, in the heart of Old Town. Concessions will be available.

For more information call 529-3650 or check the website at [bloomingdaleparks.org](http://bloomingdaleparks.org)

**August 7**  
NO CONCERT

**August 14**  
**American English**  
(Beatles Tribute)



**August 21**  
**Grand Avenue Big Band**  
(Big Band)



**August 28**  
**The Renditions**  
(50-60's)

Summer Concerts are sponsored by  
the **Bloomington Park District**  
and the  
**Village of Bloomington.**

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## Emerald Ash Borer is Here in DuPage County

Ash trees in Illinois are being invaded by a destructive pest, the **Emerald Ash Borer**. It can hitchhike on traveling firewood unbeknownst to the carrier. One way you can help is by not moving firewood - **buy it at your destination.**

In mid-July an emerald ash borer infestation was discovered in several trees in neighboring Glendale Heights near the intersection of North Avenue and Bloomington Road. A Department of Agriculture nursery inspector discovered the presence of the insect while examining distressed ash trees.

The Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) is a major cause of ash tree mortality and decline. No bigger than a penny, this green menace has wreaked havoc on millions of ash trees in the Midwest and if not controlled could potentially wipe out the ash tree species in North America.

The adult beetles nibble on ash foliage but cause little damage. The larvae (the immature stage) feed on the inner bark of ash trees, disrupting the tree's ability to transport water and nutrients. The Emerald ash borer probably arrived in the United States on solid wood packing material carried in cargo ships or airplanes originating in its native Asia

### EAB Facts:

- It attacks only ash trees
- Adult beetles are metallic green and about 1/2 inch long
- Adults leave a D-shaped exit hole in the bark when they emerge in the spring of the year
- Woodpeckers like EAB larvae; heavy woodpecker damage on ash trees may be a sign of infestation

Earlier this year the Department of Agriculture spot-checked ash trees in Bloomington. Also, when the Village takes down an ash tree because of disease or damage, the bark is stripped and the trunk is examined for signs of the EAB



*The damage done by EAB is only evident inside the tree behind the bark.*



*The adult EAB is very small. See the size in relation to a penny.*

damage. To date, we have not had any evidence of the small green bug's presence. As the pest is now in a neighboring town, we must continue to be vigilant. The Department of Agriculture may also be returning to this area. We advise that residents should be watchful of their ash trees, as well. Direct observation of the EAB is difficult, however if your ash trees start to look sickly or as if they might be dying off in spots, please call the Forestry Division at 630-671-5800 so someone can come out to look at it

For additional information, visit [www.agr.state.il.us/eab/](http://www.agr.state.il.us/eab/)

**WELCOME**  
Bloomingdale is a  
**CRIME WATCH**  
community



We immediately report  
all suspicious activities  
to our Police Department

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

Sincerely,

Tim Goergen,  
Chief of Police

Dawn Odoi,  
Community Relations  
Officer

529-9868

## **Don't Let Yourself be Scammed!**

The Bloomingdale Police Department wants all citizens to be aware of home repair fraud, phone scams, mail fraud, and Internet scams and to practice the following safety tips.

- Keep doors and windows locked at all times.
- Never open the doors to strangers. Ask service people for identification and call the company for further verification. ANY suspicious people or activity – contact the local police department immediately.
- Check with family, friends, the Village Building Department/ Police Department for validity of a business and/or repair activity within the Village limits.
- Don't give personal or financial information over the phone. Do not dial unfamiliar code numbers on the phone.
- Hang up on nuisance callers and report them.
- Consult with trusted individuals regarding any business / financial affairs.

In order to reduce victimization, please be alert and aware of your surroundings, utilize good safety practices, and keep in contact with your neighbors and your local police department. Being “the eyes and ears of the community” will help reduce victimization for you and others.

If you have any questions, concerns, or are looking for more information about Crime Prevention material, please contact Officer Dawn Odoi of the Bloomingdale Police Department at (630) 529-9868.

## **Con and Scam Alert Update**

Scam and Con Artists work all year long to hone their skills and ruses to separate people from their money. These unscrupulous individuals devise schemes that appear to be legitimate and play on the possibility that someone will take the “bait” for a “get rich quick” opportunity of a lifetime or be a sympathetic soul for a person in need. Senior citizens are not the only targets; everyone is susceptible to something that sounds too good to be true or trying to be a Good Samaritan. The Bloomingdale Police Department has been notified of the following deceptive acts taking place locally:

- Jail inmates are performing a **phone scam**, in which individuals randomly call telephone numbers from a payphone in jail. When someone answers the phone, the inmate tells the person that someone they know is injured and that they (the inmate) were asked to call the emergency contact person. The inmate then asks the person to dial \*72 to get more information about the injured individual. By dialing \*72, it gives the inmate the ability to have control over your phone by calling any number and having it billed to your phone account. One of our police officers experienced such a call at his residence, in which the Caller Identification Device showed “Prison” plus the 773 phone number.
- The letter scam, in most cases referred to as the Nigerian letter, requests help to get money into the country via your bank account. The requestor will ask for your personal information, including a financial account number and possibly your social security number to complete a transfer of funds into your account and for your assistance, you will receive a portion of the money transferred into the country. Some con artists will offer to send a helpful courier to expedite the process. Please note that it does not only come in letter form, but the con artists have utilized the Internet and sent it as an e-mail.
- Along the same lines, either by letter or by e-mail, the Award Winning Notification scam is going strong. Recently, an individual was sent a letter with a realistic-looking check that congratulates them as one of the winners of the North American Utilities draw. The winners were selected through a computer ballot system, drawn from 149,000 telephone numbers and utilities bills of individuals who sign up for the services. The letter / e-mail notifies the individual that the lump sum pay out of \$48,500.00 can be issued once they receive the \$2,980.00 to cover the charges/fees associated to the Lotto Regulatory Board. A phone number is provided to coordinate the collection of your winnings and they ask for confidentiality until your prize money is received to avoid multiple claims. Again, the check may look legitimate so that you won't want to pass up the winning opportunity.
- Lastly, the Seal Coat (Roof Repair, or any other household repair) scam has never gone out of style. The repair people (at least two individuals involved) will note that some home repair is needed on your residence and they will quote a price for the work. A down payment for equipment or the full amount is needed before the repair can begin and many times the repair crew will gain access into the home to perform a theft or will complete a sub par repair on the home. The so-called repair workers will show great concern for the situation and convince you that the repair is needed immediately before further damage occurs.

# BE KIND TO YOUR TREES & SHRUBS: Watering Tips from the University of Illinois Extension Office & The Morton Arboretum

Trees and shrubs require just as much care as vegetable and flower gardens, according to the University of Illinois Extension Office. Watering is a common practice associated with all plants.

Contrary to popular belief, most roots are not located beneath the tree or shrub and few roots are found deep in the soil. Most tree or shrub roots that absorb water, called feeder roots, are within the top 15 inches of soil. If the soil is heavily compacted clay, roots may be even closer to the surface. These roots are generally congregated at the dripline, or outer branches, of the plant. Since the tree's branches act like an umbrella, it only makes sense that roots are past the dripline. Mature plants may have feeder roots extending 6 to 50 feet past the dripline.

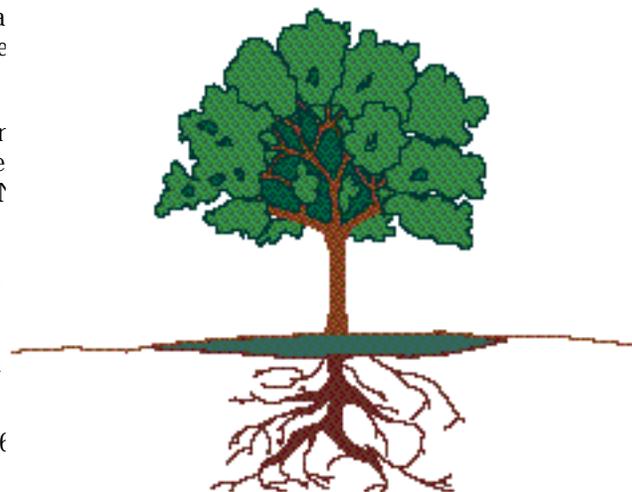


Feeder roots aren't large. Most are finer than a strand of hair. They are easily severed when digging or can dry out during droughts. Yet, they are easily replaced during the winter.

Watering should occur when less than an inch of rain has fallen in a two-week period and temperatures have passed 85° F. For practical purposes, plan on providing an inch or two of water every two weeks. In order to saturate the soil, apply the amount in a single application. Several light applications totaling an inch or two over a two-week period tends to force roots to the surface in search of water.

Here are additional watering tips from The Morton Arboretum:

- Let the top few inches of soil dry out between waterings to avoid saturation and to allow roots and soil organisms to breathe.
- Use soaker hoses and drip irrigation -- effective watering tools because they discharge even streams of slow, trickling water directly to the root zone beneath trees and shrubs. When combined with a 3 or 4-inch layer of organic mulch, plants can use nearly all of the water that's provided with little evaporation loss.
- Another effective means of watering a small tree is letting a hose run slowly at its base until the ground is moist. For large trees, let the hose run at various points around the tree's drip line - the imaginary line on the ground that encircles a tree's extended branches.
- Water shrubs at the plant base and under the spread of branches until soil is moistened to a depth of 6 to 8 inches.
- When using a sprinkler system, place a container (an inch-thick can or fish or cat food can, works well) nearby to measure when you have an inch of water to the soil.
- Plants vary in their ability to tolerate water stress. Prioritize watering newly transplanted trees and shrubs first, then those that have been in the ground from 2 to 5 years and have under-developed root systems. Then water "specimen" trees or important trees, then all other plants.
- Water strategically. Plants absorb more water in the early morning, but sun can cause evaporation.
- Avoid using fertilizer during drought conditions. Fertilizer salts can cause root injury when soil moisture is limited.



For more information, call The Morton Arboretum's Plant Clinic at 630-941-5200 or visit the University of Illinois Extension web site at <http://www.urbanext.uiuc.edu/news/news.cfm?NewsID=6983>

## Village's Severe Weather Siren System Designed to Alert Residents to Dangerous Winds & Tornadoes

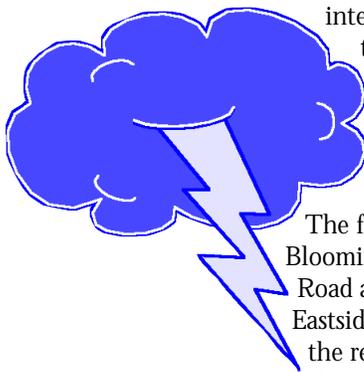


During severe weather residents will sometimes hear a warning siren. Information for activation of this warning system comes from the National Weather Service, State or Federal Agencies, local Public Officials and /or first hand observation. Most often, it comes from the National Weather Service's current information regarding storm conditions.

The Weather Emergency Alert system is activated when any of the following conditions are present:

- The Village of Bloomingdale is in the path of an approaching tornado
- Conditions of an approaching storm exist for the development of a tornado
- A tornado sighting within the Village of Bloomingdale or nearby communities is confirmed.
- It has been confirmed that "damaging force" winds will be impacting the Village of Bloomingdale
- The National Weather Service has issued a Severe Storm/ High Wind Warning indicating damaging force winds.

There is no differentiation in the sound of the warning siren for a tornado or damaging winds. The siren is a steady tone which rings for three minutes and warns us of any of these weather concerns. No matter which weather reason causes the activation of the warning siren, residents are encouraged to proceed to an interior room on the lowest level of their home or business. They should then monitor local television, radio, weather alert radio or current weather data for the most up-to-date information.



The four weather sirens in Bloomingdale are located: off Glen Ellyn Road and Carriage Way by the Village's Eastside pump station; in Old Town near the rear of the old Village Hall; at Stratford Park; and at Gary and

Lawrence. The weather sirens are tested the 1st Tuesday of each month at 10:00 am.

The Village also has lightening detectors located on park district land and at Bloomingdale Golf Club. These detectors are made to alert people within the vicinity of these properties of the danger of lightening. The sound made by these detectors is not meant to carry far as they are for a designated area.

## National Night Out August 7th at the Oasis!

The Bloomingdale Park District and the Bloomingdale Police Department are proud to sponsor the 24th Annual National Night Out Against Crime. Festivities begin at 6:00pm until 9:00pm. Open swim, food and beverage, as well as games, prizes, music and lots of fun are on the menu for the evening.

This evening is designed to generate further support and participation in the local anti-crime efforts through the Neighborhood Watch Program and strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnership nationwide.

Any questions, contact Officer Dawn Odoi at (630) 529-9868. Please consider joining us for this free, fun, family event and help us to "Take A Bite Out of Crime!"





# THE BLOOMINGDALE BUSINESS BEAT

**The Business Beat features news about businesses - newly opened ones, those under construction and those who have something special to tell the residents about - awards won, charitable fundraisers hosted, recent major remodels, etc. Retail businesses provide a significant part of the Village's tax base. Supporting them helps keep your Village portion of your property tax bill low.**

**Remember - BUY IN BLOOMINGDALE.**

## NEW BUSINESSES

### CENTURY STRATFORD SQUARE THEATRE NOW OPEN:

The long-awaited Century Stratford Square Theatre opened to much fanfare last month. Mayor Bob Iden joined Larry Feldman, CEO Feldman Mall Properties and Century Theatre officials in cutting a reel of 35 mm film to officially open the theatre. The 16-screen theatre features wall-to-wall screens, all digital sound and stadium seating with high-back rocking chairs. For movie listings and show times at the new Century Theatre at Stratford Square, visit [www.cinemark.com](http://www.cinemark.com) or call 1-800 FANDANGO (1-800-326-3264) Express Code 994#.



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*Starck Realtors, pictured from bottom to top – Manager Nancy Thunberg, Joan Vertnik, Jim Marzullo, Administrative Assistant Pat Layton, Linda Derrico, John Vertnik, Sue Peluso, Marie Luparello, Pat Ladeur, John Ladeur and First Freedom Loan Officer Mark Gunderson. Not pictured: Karen Angel, Karen Meyer and Frank Zappa.*

## CONGRATULATIONS, SIGN\*A\*RAMA!

Jacki Unger celebrates Sign\*A\*Rama's 15th year of successful business this month. The store is located at 369 W. Army Trail Road. Jacki and her daughter, Heli, can help you with any signage or promotional needs. In honor of the anniversary, customers will receive a free gift with purchase during the month of August.



*Jacki and Heli celebrating 15 years of service in Bloomingdale*

**STARCK REALTORS ARE #1!** Congratulations to Starck Realtors' Bloomingdale office, which has been named #1 in the company for the sixth consecutive year. The top producers in the office celebrated at the recent annual Awards Dinner of Excellence as they received awards individually and as a team. The majority of these outstanding realtors are experienced agents who live in Bloomingdale.

Starck has provided full service and real estate expertise since 1960. They boast exposure in multiple listing services, as well as prominent exposure on over 600 internet sites. The Bloomingdale office has been located at 181 S. Bloomingdale Road, next to the Bloomingdale Village Hall since 1980.