



Village of Bloomingdale

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Fall 2007



Donation of Traffic Trailer Honors the Memory of Police Department Citizen Volunteer Bob Chambers

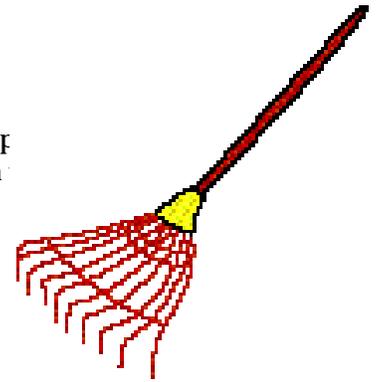
The Bloomingdale Police Department recently thanked Kathie Chambers for donating funds toward the purchase of a Traffic Trailer that is used for special events. Kathie's late husband, Bob Chambers, was a member of the Police Department Citizen Volunteers for over 5 years. The trailer was dedicated to the memory of Bob Chambers. Bob was a valuable member of the Citizen Volunteer program and was awarded the VIPS Gold Standard President's Volunteer Service Award. He will greatly be missed.

Members of the Bloomingdale Police Department's Citizen Volunteers were also recognized for their commitment to the department. Pictured above are (l to r) front row: Deputy Chief Frank Giammarese, Chief Tim Goergen, Deputy Chief Roy Derby / Back Row: Deputy Chief Tom Schrieber, Volunteer Jim Headley, Volunteer Roger Rossi, Kathie Chambers, Volunteer Joanne Marianos, Volunteer Coordinator Marv Roehlke, and Volunteer Norm Hathaway. (Not pictured: Volunteer Hal Nehmzow).

Leave the Leaves

Leaves are prime organic matter! Grind them up with a lawn mower or shredder and put them back on the lawn. There will be no waste to bag up and pay to haul away.

Grinding leaves up very fine with the lawn mower and leaving them right on the lawn is a lot easier than raking, and provides a nutritional bonus. And the biggest benefit of all to recycling leaves on the lawn and garden is that it is worm food. Worms digest leaves and leave behind rich castings full of fertilizer that is perfect plant food, and their tunnels aerate the soil. A garden rich in worms is very healthy indeed.



For more information on recycling leaves, visit the University of Illinois Extension Office web site at www.urbanext.uiuc.edu/hortihints/0010a.html.

If you aren't interested in grinding them, residents are reminded that raking and/or blowing leaves into the street is a violation of Village Ordinance #2000-10, which prohibits the dumping or placing of any waste upon any Village street or other public property.

Residents are encouraged to participate in Allied Waste Industries' yard waste/leaf collection program. Leaves and yard waste placed in yard waste bags or cans (with handles) will be picked up by Allied Waste on regular trash days through November 30th. Weight limit of each bag or can is 50 pounds. A yard waste sticker (\$2.00 each) must be affixed to each bag or can. Stickers can be purchased at the Village Hall, Bloomingdale Pharmacy, and local Butera, Dominicks and Jewel Food Stores. Questions concerning the yard waste/leaf collection program can be directed to Allied Waste at 847-429-7370.

YES, We Sweep the Streets Periodically, But NO, We Do Not Provide Curbside Leaf Collection

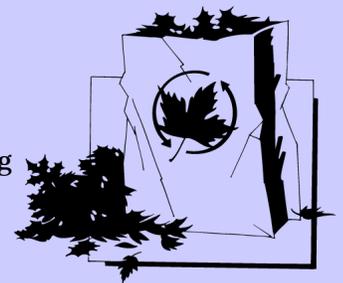
The Village provides street sweeping services through a private contractor periodically throughout the year. Several sweeps are scheduled to take place in the fall. Street sweeping maintains the Village's attractive appearance, while reducing the potential for flooding caused by debris at curb lines.

The Village does not provide leaf collection services, and residents are reminded that raking and/or blowing leaves into the street is a violation of Village Ordinance #2000-10, which prohibits the dumping or placing of any waste upon any Village street or other public property.

Branch Collection Program Begins October 16

Kramer Tree Specialists, Inc. will once again perform branch collection under the direction of the Village Forestry Division. Branch collection will begin on Monday, October 16th. The program is only available to single family detached residences. Townhome residents should contact their association regarding branch collection.

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.



Construction Speed Zones -- ALERT

As the summer season ends, the "Construction Season" looks to continue for the next few months. Projects along Army Trail Road will proceed until November and continue after the holidays until possibly March 2008, while the Schick Road project should be completed in October, weather permitting.



For any roadway construction project, speed zones are adjusted to provide extra care for those workers. Lower speed limits are determined and posted for each construction area. These special speed limit signs give proper warning to drivers that a construction or maintenance speed zone is being approached. They indicate the maximum speed limit in effect as well as the minimum fine for a violation. For the past few years, there have been an increase of injures and death to construction workers. The Illinois Department of Transportation has responded to the safety concern for workers on the roadways and has increased the penalties.

Attention Drivers: Construction Speed Zones are in effect at all times! Construction workers have various working hours and the special speed limit signs (and penalties) are enforced continually. Although a driver may not see a construction worker or believe that the weather or time of day may not be conducive for construction work, the speed zone is imposed throughout the duration of the construction project. The penalties begin at \$375.00 and increase depending upon the incident and the driver's record. Most tickets will have an attached court appearance with additional court fines. Note: If there is not a special construction speed limit sign posted, then the driver is required to adhere to the posted speed limit for the area.

It cannot be emphasized enough that drivers should adhere to construction speed zones. Construction workers are in dangerous positions near moving vehicles and their presence should be noted and due care should be taken. Although roadway construction areas are annoying to many drivers, your frustration can easily cause accidental injury or death of workers, due to careless speeding. Please pass this information to all the drivers you know and take extra care in roadway construction areas.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Any questions about this information or other crime prevention material, please contact Officer Dawn Odoi at (630) 529-9868.

College of DuPage

NEW!! Late Start Classes Available for Fall at the College of DuPage Bloomingdale Center

The College of DuPage in Bloomingdale is offering several exciting new 12 week Classroom Courses this Fall!

These include:

FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING 1140 (4 CREDITS)

An introduction to Financial Accounting concepts and principles.

INTRODUCTION TO BUSINESS 1100 (3 CREDITS)

An introduction to the environment and functions of business.

LEARNING COMPUTER BASICS 0800 (3 CREDITS)

Develop computer skills for personal or professional growth.

INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY 1100 (3 CREDITS)

Students explore the concepts and theories necessary to understanding of our social worlds.

REGISTER NOW FOR THE NEW CLASSROOM COURSES THAT BEGIN THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 24TH AND END DECEMBER 19, 2007.

Call the Bloomingdale Center at (630) 942-4900 for more information.

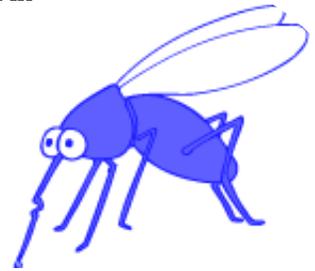
COD Bloomingdale Center
162 S. Bloomingdale Rd.
Bloomingdale, IL 60108

West Nile Virus: Protect Yourself and Your Family

The August rains have drastically increased the mosquito population in the Bloomingdale area. The recent flooding in northeast Illinois have produced "buckets" of floodwater mosquitoes that can be a tremendous nuisance, but they rarely carry West Nile virus.

Even so, the Illinois Department of Public Health has sent out the following reminder:

People need to remain vigilant and take preventive measures against mosquito bites. We may still experience hot summer temperatures and possibly more warm weather in the fall, so it's important to continue to take the following precautions:



- Avoid being outdoors when mosquitoes are most active, especially between dusk and dawn. Use prevention methods whenever mosquitoes are present.
- When outdoors, wear shoes and socks, long pants and a long-sleeved shirt, and apply insect repellent that includes DEET, picaridin or oil of lemon eucalyptus according to label instructions. Consult a physician before using repellents on infants.
- Make sure doors and windows have tight-fitting screens. Repair or replace screens that have tears or other openings. Try to keep doors and windows shut, especially at night.
- Eliminate all sources of standing water that can support mosquito breeding, including flowerpots, clogged roof gutters, old tires and any other receptacles. Change water in bird baths weekly. Properly maintain wading pools and stock ornamental ponds with fish. Cover rain barrels with 16 mesh wire screen. Report areas of stagnant water in roadside ditches, flooded yards and similar locations that may produce mosquitoes to the Clarke Mosquito Hotline at 800-942-2555.

Additional information about West Nile virus can be found on the Department's Web site at www.idph.state.il.us/envhealth/wnv.htm. More information is available at the West Nile Virus Hotline (866-369-9710) and the DuPage County Health Department (630-682-7979).

REMEMBER: The mosquito season doesn't end officially until the first frost.

National Night Out, August 7, 2007

More than 800 people came out to spend the evening with friends and neighbors at The Oasis



Water Reclamation Facility -- Phase 1 Improvements Under Construction

Construction of the Phase 1 Improvements is underway at the Water Reclamation Facility on Glen Ellyn Road. This is the first phase of improvements recommended in the Village's Facility Plan Amendment approved by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. The total project will cost approximately \$11 million. The project is financed through a low interest loan from IEPA.

Currently the view at the facility resembles several large holes which have resulted from the demolition of old process equipment originally placed into service in 1973. The building of these new structures and process equipment are definitely underway. The new upgrades to the facility will include a first flush tank for excess flow to the facility, two odor control systems, a biosolids building and handling equipment, improved air handling within the digesters and a lab/office building.

The design was completed by Baxter and Woodman Engineers of Crystal Lake, IL. The contract was awarded to Williams Brothers Construction Company from Peoria, IL. They began the project demolition and building process in June of this year. Final completion is expected for this project by October of 2008.

The facility currently handles a peak capacity flow of 8.625 million gallons per day (mgd) and an excess flow capacity of 15.1 mgd. The facility falls under the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit requirements. These upgrades will enable the facility to meet and maintain the parameters of the NPDES permit requirements.



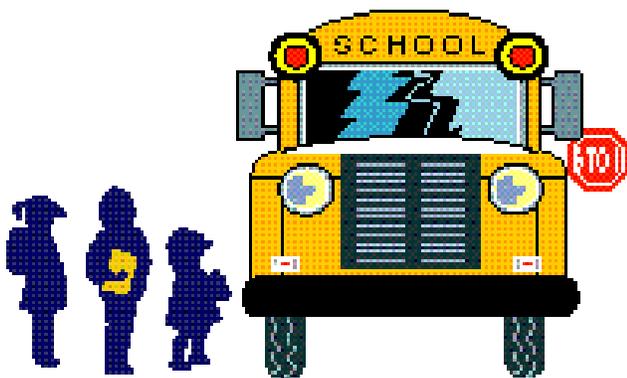
Neighborhood Watch: Keeping You and the Community Safe **Back to School Basics About School Zones, Speed Limits & More**

Now that children have returned to their school schedules, many can be seen walking to and from school or waiting at the bus stops. Motorists may view school buses as an obstacle, as they rush to and from work or hurry to complete errands as we start losing daytime hours. It is important for motorists to remember the Rules of the Road, especially when it comes to school buses, designated school zones and residential areas. Please know that when a school bus is stopped, with its red lights flashing and "Stop" arm extended, motorists must come to a complete stop, as noted below. Ignoring this fact is more than a simple moving violation – you risk losing your driver's license.

The Bloomingdale Police Department asks for your help in making the community safer. One of the biggest complaints the Police Department receives from parents, school staff and residents is the failure of motorists to use due care in school zones and around school buses. This includes reports of motorists driving too fast and passing school buses loading and unloading children. The Bloomingdale Police Department aggressively enforces traffic laws near schools and school crossing areas, so drivers should be aware of school zone ordinances.

The Yellow Bus

In the United States alone, there are 450,000 yellow buses carrying 23.5 million children every day. In the U.S., more than 600 school-aged children are killed each year in school hour accidents involving private vehicles. On average, there are only nine such fatalities involving school bus occupants. Yellow buses have one of the best safety records of any vehicle in passenger service.



Motorist Responsibilities:

- When traveling in a school zone, drivers must obey the posted 20 m.p.h. reduced speed limit during school hours while school children are present.
- On one-way streets, all vehicles must stop when the red lights are flashing and the stop sign is extended.
- On two-lane roads, drivers traveling in both directions must stop when the red lights are flashing and the stop sign is extended.
- On four-lane roads, where traffic moves in two directions, drivers traveling in the same direction as the school bus must stop when the red lights are flashing and the stop arm is extended. Drivers going in the opposite direction of the school bus are not required to stop because students are not permitted to cross four-lane roads after discharging from the school bus.
- Drivers should also be aware that school buses stop at all railroad crossings.
- Residential areas have 25 m.p.h. speed limit, unless otherwise posted.
- If convicted of passing a stopped school bus in Illinois, you will lose your driving privileges for three months. If you receive two convictions within five years, your driving privileges will be suspended for one year. In addition to the suspensions, violators will be fined \$150.00 for the first offense and \$500.00 for the second or subsequent conviction.



WELCOME
Bloomingdale is a
CRIME WATCH
community



We immediately report
all suspicious activities
to our Police Department

With help from everyone, we can all be safe.

EVENTS

Unique Art Exhibits at Park District Museum

The Bloomingdale Park District Museum, 108 S. Bloomingdale Road, presents two art shows running currently through October 20. In Gallery 1, the EN/COMPASS Art Group presents "Prisms." These cross-disciplined artworks combine black and white values with a limited color palette, to present a unique relationship of 2-D and 3-D work.

Gallery II holds "Thinking Outside the Box," a show in which 12 artists each present 22 unique objects for 2 unique boxes.

Each artist was given the same type of box to transform in their own creative way relating to a theme they have chosen. All objects and boxes are displayed on separate canvases and shelves. For more information call the curators at 539-3096.

**G'day Mates!**

Join Western DuPage Special Recreation Association for a special luncheon at the Bloomingdale Outback Steakhouse, 166 S. Gary Ave, on Friday, September 21 at 11:00am. Outback will be dishing up their outstanding tucker (that's Aussie for food) to benefit the WDSRA. Tickets for this fabulous luncheon are \$25. Outback is donating the entire luncheon and all proceeds from ticket sales will help support the recreational programs that WDSRA provides for individuals with special needs. WDSRA serves nine communities including Bloomingdale. So join us for a bonzer (that's Aussie for great) lunch in support of WDSRA! Tickets are available by calling (630) 681.0962.

Rotary Celebrates 10th Anniversary with Kids' Activities at Parkside Park on September 22

The Bloomingdale-Roselle Rotary invites all to join them on Saturday, September 22, 2007 at the organization's 10-Year Anniversary Celebration. The event will take place at Parkside Park [Maple and Pine Avenues in Roselle] and will feature several activities for the kids. There will be opportunities for Buddy Baseball with residents of the Alden Home of Bloomingdale, as well as a night game on the Miracle Field with the WDSRA competitive wheelchair teams. There will also be tailgate-type food and beverages available for purchase.

In addition, the Bloomingdale-Roselle Rotary Club will be hosting a beanbag toss tournament starting at 3:30 p.m. at the large ball field in Roselle [Pine and Rush Street by the Skate Park]. The boards and bags will be provided. All they need is you and a worthy teammate.

For the low, low price of \$30, you get a two-player team entered, two t-shirts, two meal and drink tickets and a chance to go for the brass ring! If you're interested in a sponsorship, for a mere \$100 you get a team entry, meal and drink tickets for two, player t-shirts, your name or logo on a prominently displayed site banner, website and event day recognition.

Go to www.brrotary.org for more information about Rotary and Bean Bag Tournament FAQ's. If you still have questions, call Phil Van Duyne at (630) 773-6700 or send him an e-mail at p.vanduyne@itascachicago.com.

Lake Park High School Offers Programs for the Community

Community Education Program:

Lake Park High School's fall Community Education classes are beginning soon.

Two new classes this fall include Italian and Pilates & Yoga.

Other offerings include computer, digital photography, dance, arts and crafts, and personal finance classes.

Through these classes, you can learn how to get the most from your digital camera, how to live on your investments after retirement, or how to make that next birthday cake a work of art.

For a complete list of Lake Park Community Education classes, log on www.lphs.org and look under "community" for the Fall 2007 brochure. Any adult aged 18 or older can register.

Some classes begin the week of September 18 so call Lake Park's Community Relations department at (630) 295-5402 now to reserve your spot or learn more information.

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Walk-a-Dog-a-Thon Set For September 23

Bloomington's 2nd Walk-a-Dog a-Thon Fundraiser will be hosted by the Bloomington Lions Club, Westfield Middle School Leos Club and Erickson Cub Scout Pack #457 on Sunday, September 23 at 2:00 p.m. at the Springfield Park Nature Trail.



Registered dogs and walkers can win a prize for tallest dog, oldest dog walker, youngest dog, etc. Prizes also awarded to the five "Top Dogs" who raise the most money.

\$15 registration in advance; \$20 on the day of the event.

For a registration envelope, call (630) 894-7394 or contact bloomingtonlions@netscape.net.

One hundred percent of the proceeds will be donated to Canine Companions for Independence, a non-profit organization that raises and trains dogs for the blind and physically impaired.

Lake Park High Offers Distinguished Citizens Program

Lake Park High School invites all senior citizens living within the District 108 boundaries to become members of our Distinguished Citizens program. Seniors are invited to monthly fine arts events at the school, including the Holiday Breakfast and Craft Fair in December and a luncheon and the musical "Oklahoma" in May. The first event of the school year is a reception and fall band concert which will be held the evening of Wednesday, October 10. Activities are free-of-charge to all qualified participants. Itasca Bank & Trust Co. is a generous sponsor of this community program. If you're interested in becoming a Lake Park Distinguished Citizen, please call the Lake Park High School Community Relations department at 295-5402.

Minister of Magic Casts a Spell over Wizard Fest!

A spell of happiness was cast the night of Wizard Fest at Old Town Park this summer. Mayor Bob Iden served as the Minister of Magic and said he enjoyed the young (and not-so-young) muggles throughout the park enjoying the variety of activities and displays in anticipation of the release of the seventh and final Harry Potter novel. Pictured with the Minister of Magic are the winners of the evening's costume contest.



Come to the Villagers' Auction On October 4

The Villagers Club of Bloomington hosts its annual Auction beginning at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 4th at the Bloomington Golf Club, 181 Glen Ellyn Road. Admission is free. Auction items include handmade treasures, collectibles, holiday items, home accessories and more. In addition, several gift certificates from local restaurants and businesses, such as Lynfred Winery, Eaglewood Resort and Johnny G's Meats & Deli, will be included in the bidding. This 20-year tradition is one of the club's major fundraisers. All proceeds benefit local charities. Refreshments will be served. Everyone is welcome.





TEE IT UP

at Bloomingdale Golf Club!

The Teeing Ground

As we wind down another golf season, with the exception of the August rains, we have had a nice season for golf. Although the days are getting shorter, there remain many opportunities to get in those last rounds of golf. Fall golf is considered by many to be the best time of the year to play golf. Plan on getting to the golf course during this beautiful time of the year before the snow begins to fly!

As a reminder, residents of Bloomingdale may make tee time reservations 10 days in advance (call the pro shop) as long as they provide proof of residency (if we do not have it currently on file). For convenience, you may also book tee times on-line (7 days in advance) and see the golf programs we have to offer on our website at www.bloomingdalegc.com.

Those of you who have participated in our "Loyalty Program" and have earned enough award dollars need to redeem them by the end of the season. Don't let them expire! If you are uncertain how many award dollars you have accumulated, give us a call and we will let you know.

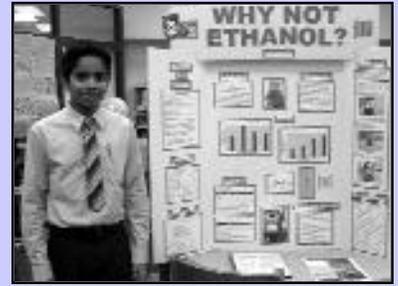
Finally, here are some dates to keep in mind; fall rates begin the 1st week in October and our annual "Fall Scramble" is scheduled for Sunday, October 7th. The event will be a 9:30 am shotgun start and the field will be limited to 36 foursomes. The fee to participate is \$95 per player and we ask for all players to register a complete foursome. If you do not have a group to play with, contact the Head Golf Professional, and he will do his best to find you a group. More information and registration forms are available in the golf shop or on-line.

Happy Golfing,
The Staff at Bloomingdale Golf Club



Bloomingtondale Students Deserve Recognition

Siddhant Khaitan, currently an 8th grader at Jay Stream Middle School, was awarded the Gold Medal at the State Science Fair held on May 5th, 2007. The Illinois Junior Academy of Science (IJAS) holds the annual State Science Fair at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign in May. Students from middle and high schools from all over the state of Illinois participate in this by doing a science project related to their interest and compete progressively at school, regional and state levels. The Regional Science Fair was held in March at Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago.



Siddhant with his award winning science project.

Khaitan advanced from school to Regionals at Illinois Institute of Technology in Chicago, then on to state competition. He was also granted the Presidential Research Grant from IJAS. His project compared ethanol and gasoline for their fuel efficiency, environmental impact and economic benefits. He ran different mixtures of gasoline and ethanol using a small generator and compared the engine run time and carbon monoxide emissions for the mixtures.



Laura pours the hot crayon mixture in large molds.

Laura Yeakey, a senior at Glenbard North High School, was awarded the Girl Scout Gold Award in May. The Girl Scout Gold Award is similar to the Boy Scout Eagle Award. In addition to carrying out a project, she completed 65 hours of volunteer work.

Yeakey's project, entitled "Super Crayons for Super Kids," involved collecting broken and unwanted crayons, sorting, melting and pouring them into large candle-sized molds to make very large crayons for handicapped children. Several schools and Girl Scout troops in the Bloomingtondale, Roselle and Carol Stream area helped by collecting and donating crayons for her project. The Marklund Home received some of the 1,100 big crayons that Laura made.



Half-Pints & Heroes: For the 4th year in a row the Bloomingtondale Police Department went up against the Bloomingtondale Park District Campers and counselors for a good old fashioned softball game. Here are the Heroes and Half-Pint teams after a great night on the ballfield in July.

Almost Done

The Old School, located at the corner of Lake & Third streets, continues to be rehabbed and revitalized in anticipation of having a useful purpose once again. The 113-year old structure will soon house the Chamber of Commerce office, as well as being used by the Bloomingdale Historical Society.



Workers attach shutters to the newly installed windows.



The original wood is exposed on the exterior of the building.



The building will be a little better insulated this time around.

Pictures in the Attic?

The book the Bloomingdale Historical Society will be publishing with Arcadia Publishing in March is underway. Arcadia books are known for their historical perspectives which are told through pictures and captions. The Bloomingdale book will cover the time period from 1832 (the year before the founding of Bloomingdale) through 1983, Bloomingdale's 150th birthday.

The organization is still interested in your pictures – anything in Bloomingdale pre-1983. Remember, history is simply the past – not only the 1800's. People, places, events, photos from clubs – these are all welcome. Your photos will be returned; they simply need to be scanned to the publisher's specs. There would be no payment for photos included, but your photo could be part of an official documentation of the history of a 175-year old community. The Historical Society needs any submissions no later than September 26th. Please help the Historical Society with this community-wide project. For more information, contact Mary Ellen Johnson at 671-5600 or Bonnie Homola at 582-8101.



Whip Sturm (owner of Whip's Auto on Bloomingdale Road) had a band, The Melody Whips, which played from the 50's through the early 70's.



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Summer In The Village!

*Heroes Vs. Half Pints,
Sunshine Serenades, Ice Cream Social*

