



Village of Bloomingdale

Almanac

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Pickup

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JUNE 2007

From the Desk of **Mayor Bob Iden**

Things are really hopping in Bloomingdale. We had two banks open last month. Midwest Bank, 236 W. Lake Street, held its ribbon cutting on May 3. Midwest is located just west of Platt Hill Nursery, in the Amari Locallo Office Building. Old Town Bank & Trust of Bloomingdale, 165 W. Lake Street, also opened its doors with a ribbon cutting on May 11. It is located at the corner of Rosedale and Lake. Both of these fine financial institutions are excited to be in their new Bloomingdale neighborhoods and intend to be active in the community.

In the same general area, on the south side of Lake Street, beginning at South Maple extending westward, the Alden Horizon Senior Living community is really taking shape. This 90-unit rental complex for seniors ages 62 and up should be ready for occupancy later this year.

Across the street from the Village Hall on the west side of Bloomingdale Road, Kirkby-Phelan & Associates are finishing up their 12,000 sq. ft. professional office building. This professional accounting business has grown with the Village, and is relocating from an office in our Old Town area.

And - at long last, Stratford Square is nearly ready to unveil the new 16-screen Cinemark Theater featuring 16 wall-to-wall screens, stadium seating with high back rocking chairs, all digital projection and digital surround sound. June 29 is slated as opening day at the brand new Cinemark Century Stratford Square. We can almost smell the buttered popcorn!

Speaking of food - by the end of summer, we should be enjoying juicy steaks and delicious chops, as well as grilled chicken and fish at Jameson's Original Charhouse. This long-awaited restaurant located on the Schick Road side of the Stratford Drive (a/k/a/ "Ring Road") promises to be a family favorite.

Check inside this issue for lots of summer activities in store from neighborhood garage sales and concerts in the park to lots of great fun events and programs from our library and park district. And of course, June 21-24 marks our annual Family Fest celebration. See pages 15 and 16 for all the details.

Sincerely,

Mayor Robert Iden



Youngsters from Child's Voice School in Wood Dale school recited and signed the Pledge of Allegiance as the flag was raised at the ribbon cutting ceremony at Old Town Bank.

**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 FIRE PROTECTION
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

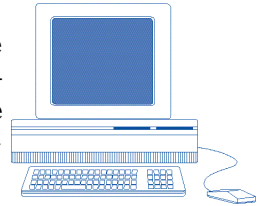
Judi Von Huben
*Intergovernmental Relations and
Emergency Planning*

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

**The deadline for
the August issue
of the
Almanac is
JULY 10**

I Want to be a Firefighter



Last month, the Bloomingdale Park District, in cooperation with the Bloomingdale Fire Protection District, offered children a chance to work with a real firefighter to see what it's like to be a firefighter. Youngsters got to spray the fire hose, go through the firefighter's course and dress up like a firefighter. As you can see, spraying the hose was a big hit!

Schick Road Reconstruction

Just a reminder – Road Reconstruction will take place on Schick Road (Ridge to Circle); this includes removal and replacement of the existing asphalt pavement including curbs, gutters and road base. Landscape medians will be added near the intersection of Schick Road and Fairfield Way.

This work will begin mid-June and will take approximately 2 1/2 months to complete. During construction, the road will be closed to through traffic. If you live in the construction zone you will be permitted to proceed past the barricades to reach your residence.



Motorists are advised to use alternate routes around the construction zone to avoid delays. Local detour signage consisting of "Road Construction Ahead" signs will be posted prior to construction.

Common Sense Safety for Your Car

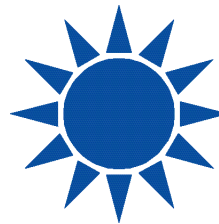
The Bloomingdale Police Department cautions residents that we have experienced some car burglaries in town. Officers are conducting foot patrols in residential and apartment complex areas in an attempt to apprehend offenders.

While on patrol, officers have noticed several vehicles with valuables in plain view, which is very enticing to would-be thieves. To prevent or reduce your chances of becoming victim of burglary to your vehicle, please take the following precautions:

- Secure all locks and windows of the vehicle
- Never leave valuables in plain sight, including currency, GPS systems, laptop computers, etc.
- When possible, park in a well-lit area.

If you observe any suspicious activity in your neighborhood, call 911 or the police department non-emergency number (630) 529-9868 as soon as possible. Any citizens with questions or concerns can contact Deputy Chief Frank Giammarese at (630) 529-9868.

Don't Forget 'Stranger Danger' Warnings in the Summer



As the spring season moves into summertime, many people are taking advantage of the great outdoors. The Bloomingdale Police Department wants students and parents to be aware that there are unscrupulous individuals who also look forward to the warm temperatures when they can monitor the schools and playground areas where today's youth gather.

The Bloomingdale Police Department strongly encourages children and young adults avoid contact with unfamiliar individuals who may ask for directions, attempt to provide gifts/money, or engage in any conversation. "Stranger Danger" talks apply to everyone, no matter the age or physical size of a person. The Bloomingdale Police Department also encourages anyone who has an encounter with a suspicious person and/or vehicle, to please notify our agency as soon as possible, once he/she is in a safe place. Any questions or concerns regarding this information, can be directed to Officer Dawn Odoi at (630) 529-9868.

Have a safe and fun summer!



Cats a Nuisance?

We have had a few calls this spring regarding homeless cats wandering through the Village.

"Feral" cats are unsocialized cats which may be one or more generations removed from a home environment and may live in a group or colony of similar cats.

These cats and their offspring are victims of abandonment, accidental loss, and failure by owners to sterilize their pets.

Unfortunately, the Village is not equipped to catch, shelter or have these animals sterilized. We would advise residents not to feed them which will encourage the cats to go elsewhere for a food source.

We realize it is difficult for animal lovers, especially cat lovers, to let an animal go hungry. However, short of "adopting" and attempting to tame a feral cat, (which we are not advocating) there is little more one can do to help decrease the numbers.

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Calling All Amateur Photographers: We'd Like to Add Some of Your Best Shots to Our Website

The Village of Bloomingdale is currently reconstructing its web site, and is in need of photographs that convey a positive visual image of:

Scenic Locations in Bloomingdale
Living In Bloomingdale
Shopping/Dining In Bloomingdale
Community Events

Please send any photographs you have to weberb@vil.bloomington.il.us along with your name, address, and phone number. Should the Village decide to use any of your photographs on its web site, or other promotional material, you will receive \$25.00 per photograph used. (After receipt of your signed release.)

Holiday Garbage Pickup Schedule

Independence Day (July 4)

falls on Wednesday this year. Therefore, during that week, all garbage pick up will be a day later than your regularly scheduled day. (i.e. Thursday, rather than Wednesday, etc.)

Volunteer Spirit Extraordinaire!

Volunteer spirit! We had about 30 people come out to help plant tree seedlings in April, including a number of Cub Scouts from DuJardin Elementary. Two hundred seedlings, this year Red Bud, Sycamore and English Oak trees, were transplanted into containers. Forester Jim Johnson and his assistant Tim Grant coordinated the annual event

These tree seedling will be nurtured for two to three years at the Grow Center located at the



Public Works facility. The young trees will then be transplanted to the Village Nursery, located on Cardinal Drive at Wellhouse #3, where they will remain for another two to three years, or until they reach maturity. Once they mature, the trees are utilized throughout Village parks, parkways and landscape projects. This year's Arbor Day planting at DuJardin School was a Tulip Tree which had been part of a seedling tree planting a number of years ago.

Curbside Branch Collection Begins July 16

Typically, the Village sponsors three branch pick-up collections per year – spring, summer and fall. Beginning Monday, July 16, the **one-week summer branch collection** will be conducted by Kramer Tree Specialists, Inc. under the direction of the Village Forestry Division. The last branch pick-up program for 2007 will be scheduled in October. (Watch for details in the October Almanac.)

The program is only available to single family detached residences. Townhome residents should contact their association regarding branch collection.

Branch Collection Guidelines:

- Branches must be out by 7:00 a.m. on Monday, July 16th.
- Woody branches $\frac{1}{2}$ inch to 6 inches in diameter are the only items that will be picked up. (Note: any spikes, hooks or other metal objects must be removed).
- Long lengths are favored provided branches do not block sidewalks and pedestrian access.
- All branches should be placed at the curb or pavement edge and stacked in an orderly fashion with the cut or larger end towards the pavement.
- Thorny tree branches should not be concealed inside piles. These require special care as to not cause injuries to the workers.

The following items are unacceptable:

- Branches left out in a tangled mess.
- Woody branches under $\frac{1}{2}$ inch in diameter.
- Leaves, vines, small (under $\frac{1}{2}$ inch in diameter) flexible willow stems, herbaceous plants and weeds.
- Large stumps, roots and root balls.*
- Wooden fencing and construction lumber.*

The above items are considered yard waste and may be placed in bags or cans with tags for Allied Waste (our refuse hauler) pick-up. Yard waste pick-ups commence April 1st and continue through November 30th. Questions concerning Allied Waste pick-ups should be directed to 847-429-7370.

*Large stumps, roots and root balls are considered trash and do not require a yard waste tag, provided each item is of manageable size and under 50 pounds. Wooden fencing and construction lumber are also considered trash, but require a special pick-up. Contact Allied Waste for more information.

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

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated and will ensure a successful program.



Looking for Something Different for Dad for Father's Day?

Tell the world he's your personal hero by placing a brick with your sentiments at the "Everyday Heroes" statue in Old Town Park. The 4x8 bricks are \$100 each and hold three lines of copy at 13 spaces each. Orders placed by Father's Day, June 17, 2007 will be installed later this summer. A card announcing your gift to Dad is available at no charge. Bricks are also still available at the golf course and the library statue site. Call Mary Ellen at the Village Hall at 671-5600 for more information or to place an order.



Branches should be stacked like this . . .



. . . not like this.

35th Annual Septemberfest to Feature Car Show, Motorcycle Show & Parade on September 8th!

Car Show

Bring your antique, classic, or unique car to the Septemberfest Car Show, which runs from 2-8 p.m. in Bloomingdale Old Town. There is NO ENTRANCE FEE. All exhibitors receive an engraved commemorative tag, and participate in the Mayor's Choice Award and the Septemberfest Commission Best of Show Award. The first 50 cars to meet the eligibility requirements listed below will be selected for this show. You will receive written confirmation of your participation along with instructions.



Eligibility:

1. Cars must be unique in appearance.
2. You must be able to drive your vehicle into the display area.
3. Cars must arrive by 2:00 p.m. for staging.
4. Cars must be suitable for display, i.e. no in-progress restorations or questionable graphics.
5. You must complete and return the application on or before August 17, 2007.
6. All cars must carry liability insurance, have safety glass, and have a working fire extinguisher inside the car during the show.

Applications are available at Village Hall, on the website www.vil.bloomington.il.us or by calling Marilyn Zaccardi at 630-893-0956 or Carol Dublin at 630-671-5720. Deadline for applications is Friday, August 17, 2007.

5th Annual Motorcycle Show

People's Choice Class
2:00 – 7:00 p.m.

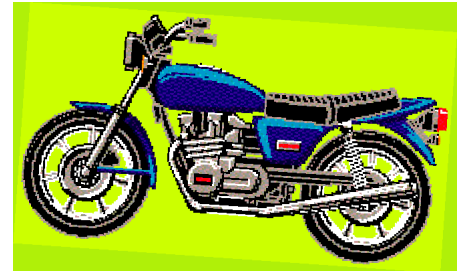
Trophy Class
4:00 – 6:30 p.m.

No Entry Fee – Ribbons Awarded

American Touring
American Cruiser
Sportster
Import Touring
Import Cruiser
Import Sport
Antique (pre-1980)
Custom

\$5 Entry Fee

Best of Show
Best Softtail Custom
Best Hardtail Custom
Best Paint
Best Antique



One winner from each category

All bikes to enter the show at Bloomingdale Road & Washington St. – Secure bike parking.

People's Choice – Show up anytime between 2pm & 4pm – Ribbons awarded at 6:30pm.

Trophy Class – Fill out and return registration form no later than August 26, 2007 One registration form per bike. Bike MUST be in the show area no later than 4:00 pm – Judging to be conducted from 5:00 pm-6:00 pm – Winners to be announced and trophies presented at 7:00 pm

Applications are available at Village Hall, on the website www.vil.bloomington.il.us or by calling Mark Garrison at 630-415-5385.

Be Part of the Parade and First Float Contest!!!!

The Septemberfest Parade is looking for participants for the parade and the first annual Float Contest. This year's parade steps off at 11:00 am and arrives in Old Town at approximately noon. Line-up begins at DuJardin School, 166 Euclid Avenue, at 10:30 am. Parade applications are available at the Village Hall, on the website, www.vil.bloomington.il.us, or by calling Gloria Tomaras at 980-8176 or Carol Dublin at 671-5720. Deadline for parade applications is August 17, 2007. For details on the contest, visit the website.



Color Shifts at Park District Museum

The Bloomingdale Artists' Association and fotoMuses photographers are currently holding their Spring Show, in Galleries I & II, at the Bloomingdale Park District Museum at 108 S. Bloomingdale Road in Bloomingdale through June 23, 2007.

The fotoMuses are a group of accomplished women photographers from the area. Their show is called "Color Shift". For this exhibit, it was their challenge to photograph color in a way that the viewer will notice color first and then look at the other compositional elements which make up the image. Their work is well thought out.

During the length of the exhibit, the museum will be open on Wed., 4-8 p.m.; Thurs./Fri. 10-4 p.m. and Sat. 12-4 p.m. There will be an admission fee of \$1/residents/ \$2/ non-residents/\$.50 seniors and children. For more information, please call the museum curators at (630) 539-3096.



Call for Artists

The Bloomingdale Park District Museum at 108 S. Bloomingdale Road has issued a "call for artists" for an upcoming art show in July, called "From Sea to Shining Sea". The show is open to any artist 18 and over. All forms of original artwork, traditional and non-traditional are eligible. Work should have been completed in the last three years, reflect the title of the show and not previously on display at the Museum. A limit of 3 pieces of art per person may be submitted with a non-refundable entry fee of \$10 each or 3/\$25.

Nationally recognized Artist John Booth, signature member of the Oil Painters of America (OPA) and multiple award winner, will jury artists into the exhibit and select winner of cash awards and honorable mention ribbons.

The show will run from July 14 through August 18, 2007 with a complimentary reception on Friday, July 20 6-8 p.m.. Call the Museum curators at (630) 539-3096 for a prospectus or more information.

Summer Concert Series Begins on June 5

The annual Summer Concert Series begins this month. 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 www.bloomingtonlaleparks.org

June 5
Live Band Karaoke
(Audience participation)

June 12
Route 66
(50/60's Legends)

June 19
White Saddle Band
(Country)

June 26
Aurora American Legion Band
(Patriotic/Other)

July 3
NO CONCERT

July 10
Wild Ones
(Rock-a-billy)

July 17
Shirley King
(Jazz/Blues)

July 24
Roots Rock Society
(Caribbean/Reggae)

July 31
The Associates Band
(Motown/Variety Favorites)

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
Bloomingdale Park District and the
Village of Bloomingdale.



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

FUNCTIONAL PHYSICAL THERAPY: A total body approach is the focus at Functional Physical Therapy which opened last summer at 369 W. Army Trail Road (Unit 14) near FedEx/Kinko's. "We try to find out why the patient can't do what they want to do and then help them get back to doing it," says Tim Fedorski, PT, ATC.

The clinic offers physical therapy, rehabilitation and prevention services, and free injury screens. Patients are generally referred by physicians, and most major insurance plans are accepted. Fedorski has been a physical therapist for nine years and is an athletic trainer. He worked as a student trainer for the Chicago Bears for three years.

The clinic is open weekdays 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and Saturdays from 7 a.m. to Noon. For more information, call (630) 893-5534.

BLOOMINGDALE DOMESTIC AGENCY: Area residents looking for childcare, housekeeping, housesitting, cleaning services, or assistance with grocery shopping or personal needs can call Jolanta Mordas of Bloomingdale Domestic Agency at (630) 893-8857.

Mordas is fully bonded and licensed, and thoroughly screens employees' backgrounds and driving records. She is a member of the International Nanny Association. "I like helping families," Mordas says. "I want to help parents find the person who is right for them." Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, and by appointment. Mordas can also be reached at bloominglealeda@yahoo.com



WELCOME MIDWEST BANK: Midwest Bank officials and Illinois State Representative Franco Coladipietro get ready to clip that ribbon. From left to right are Tom Jalette, Dennis Motyka, Jay Fritz, Coladipietro, Brogan Ptacin, Pete Luecker and Benita Shah.

SUNRISE OF BLOOMINGDALE: Sunrise of Bloomingdale is hosting the following events at its Bloomingdale location, 129 E. Lake Street. All are open to the public.

June 15th - 2:30 - Father's Day Luau celebration. Hula dancing performed by the Royal Polynesian Revue, enjoy tropical beverages & shish kabobs! Free, but please RSVP to (630) 295-8600.

June 19th & June 21st - 6:30 - 8:00 pm - we are offering an educational presentation on Long Term Care insurance. The presenter is Drew Cali of Country Insurance & Financial Services. Free, but please RSVP to (630) 295-8600.

July 18th - 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 pm - Alexian Brother's Medical Center will be at Sunrise of Bloomingdale with "ASAP" (Alexian Stroke Assessment Program). This assessment takes 15 minutes, fee is \$85 per person - payable to Alexian Stroke Assessment Program. Physicians recommend this assessment to adults 45 & older or if your family has a history of stroke/heart disease. Call (630) 295-8600 to schedule an appointment.



Old Town Bank officials cut the ribbon at their new facility on May 11.