



Village of Bloomingdale

Almanac

APRIL 2008

**Attention
Seniors --
Come to the
Senior Fair
on May 9!**

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From the Desk of Mayor Bob Iden

Now that April is upon us, we hope spring is also. This has been a winter that made everyone yearn for spring. Before the winter becomes a distant memory I want to take this opportunity to recognize the Village's snow and ice control team. They had numerous long shifts trying to keep up with the many winter weather events we experienced this season. Whether they were driving the plows clearing the roadways or out in the wind and snow clearing the walks surrounding Village Facilities, their efforts made this winter a little easier for us.

In addition, the utility division employees (many of whom also plow) were very busy keeping up with the winter water emergencies, such as main breaks and excess water flows during periods of thaw. I also acknowledge the remaining staff members in those divisions who were keeping the regular day to day functions going while the others were out either fighting the elements or trying to get some much needed rest.

So hats off to Street Supervisor Ed Lewen and the men and women of Bloomingdale's snow & ice control crew and the rest of the team: Robin Anderson, Juan Arce, John Beckman, Ryan Benhart, Rob Blum, Calvin Boyd, Al Bruno, Shirley Burger, Joe Chambers, Ed Cieslak, Anthony Coronato, Andy DiBasilio, Denise Doherty, Kurt Domianus, Paul Dublin.

Also Vern Fasse, Tim Grant, Tim Heffron, Jim Horvath, Jim Hunt, Bob Jensen, Jim Johnson, Tom King, Pat Maranto, Howard Marshall, Mark Mason, Rich Meyer, Mark Michaels, Chris Mitchell, Lauren Moore, Kevin O'Dea, Helen Price, Grant Sharp, Juana Stoiser, John Thorpe, Elias Vega, Joe Witzak and Mike Young. Thanks to each of you!

I also want to point out that last month the Village of Bloomingdale observed the 175th anniversary of its founding. We have come a long way since the Meacham brothers crossed the newly blazed trail, known as Army Trail to settle in the area we now know as Bloomingdale, Roselle and Medinah. The Meachams and those who came after them, were looking for a future in a place where their families could flourish.

Slowly, but surely those early pioneers grew the town of Meacham's Grove around them. These early residents created roads, formed churches, established schools, began businesses and farmed the land. Bloomingdale came into its own in the mid-1970s with an explosion of population, business and prosperity, but we owe a debt of gratitude to those first settlers for their fortitude in weathering hardships in order to establish the Village of Bloomingdale.

Sincerely,

Mayor Bob Iden



Back in the early 1900s when there was a heavy snow the townspeople would come together to clear the snow enough to allow for the horses and wagons to get through. This is Second Street (now known as Bloomingdale Road.).

**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**
1st Thursday of the month
5:00 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

**New and Improved Village
Website -- CHECK IT OUT!!!**

If you're "surf the net" and have a question to ask an issue to bring our attention, just 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.villageofbloomingdale.org



Bloomingtondale Police Officer Honored



The Bloomingdale Police Department has established an in-house "Bloomingdale Officer of the Year Award" to recognize the hard work and dedication of a particular officer (or officers). The first recipient of the award as selected by the Police Department supervisors is Anthony Svoboda. Officer Svoboda has been with the department for six years. He is pictured here with Deputy Chief Frank Giammarese (left) and Police Chief Tim Goergen.



Senior Day Fair on May 9 To Feature Health Screenings, Community Organizations

The Bloomingdale Police Department and the Senior Citizen Advisory Council cordially invite senior citizens to the Senior Day Fair on Friday, May 9th, 2008, from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. (noon) at the Medinah Shriners Banquet Facility, on Swift road, just north of Army Trail Road. The Senior Day Fair was created by the Council to give seniors the opportunity to visit with local agencies, service providers and businesses in a comfortable and friendly atmosphere to help identify the resources that are available to them. Refreshments will be

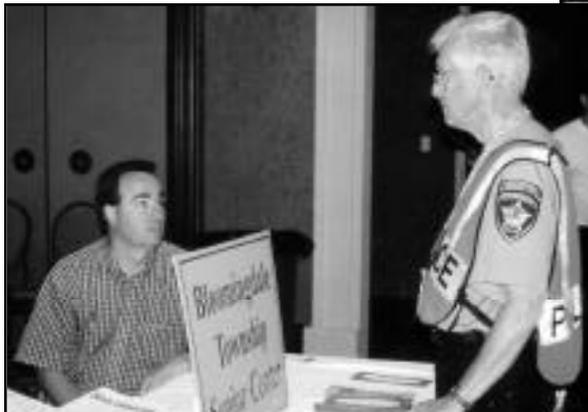
available and there is no fee to enter.

The Bloomingdale Senior Citizen Advisory Council is an organization established by the Bloomingdale Police Department to address the needs and concerns of the senior population. The Council consists of various senior citizen representatives from local organizations, homeowners associations, church groups and activity clubs. The members of the Senior Citizen Advisory Council are diligently working on the event to provide a wide variety of services, in which participants can gather information and meet with representatives to ask questions and address the issues of seniors. Giveaway bags and other items will be distributed upon arrival and throughout your visit. Door prizes will be given out each half hour during the event.

The following are some of the agencies and services involved with the Senior Day Fair:

- Local hospitals: Alexian Brothers Medical Center, Central DuPage Hospital, Glen Oaks Hospital (providing health services, such as blood pressure checks)
- Local dentists, chiropractors, eye doctors, foot doctors, pharmacists
- Discuss options with Home Health Agencies, Adult Support Services and Extended Care Centers
- Meet with representatives and consider joining Community Groups/Activity Clubs
- Governmental Units: Village, Police, Fire, Park District, Library
- Wholesale stores and Fitness facilities
- Collection of Used/Unwanted Eye Glasses – donations collected by Bloomingdale Lions Club
- Bloomingdale Lions Club – Hearing Check (Hearing Screening Service)
- Illinois Secretary of State – Renewal of Driver's License (those under the age of 75),
- Obtain Identification Cards, and Rules of the Road information will be available.

Visit the Fair and obtain the available materials to benefit you, your friends and family. Any questions regarding the event, please contact Officer Dawn Odoi at (630) 529-9868.



Free Transit For Seniors 65 and Over On Some Fixed Pace Routes

Effective March 17, 2008 senior citizens aged 65 or over living in the RTA service region (Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry and Will counties) are eligible for free transit on fixed routes (**not Dial-a-Ride services**) operated by the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA), Metra and Pace. For more information about the program go to the RTA website at www.rtachicago.com

Seniors may sign-up for the program at:
Bloomingdale Township Senior Center
6N050 Rosedale Road
Bloomingdale, IL. 60108
(630) 529-7794

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Yard waste pick-
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1st and contin-
ue through
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Small twigs, leaves and other yard waste
may be placed in bags with stickers
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Questions should be directed to Allied
Waste at (847) 429-7370.



**You may now pay your
utility bill by Visa or
MasterCard, either
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**To pay by phone, please
call the
Village Hall at
(630) 893-7000.**

Old Schoolhouse Open House



(l to r) Chamber President Steve Scholten, and Village Trustees John Dabrowski and Judi Von Huben happily watch Mayor Bob Iden cut the ribbon. *Photo courtesy of Dave Von Huben*

The original Bloomingdale Schoolhouse built in 1894 reopened its doors last month after an extensive renovation by the Village of Bloomingdale. An Open House was held February 21 to celebrate the renovation and the opening as the new home of the Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce. Mayor Iden provided a brief history of the building and, along with Village Board members, cut the ribbon to signify the opening. Following the ribbon cutting Chamber Board members Lea Jackman and Liana Mirea unveiled the new Chamber logo.

See more photos on the back page.

Looking for a Summer Job? Check Out These Employment Opportunities with the Village!

The Village of Bloomingdale is seeking individuals to fill seasonal positions in the Public Works Maintenance and Utilities Divisions. These positions work approximately 40 hours per week. The work includes physical labor. Applicants must have a valid Illinois drivers license. Starting hourly rates are between \$8.00 to \$8.50 per hour.

Applications may be obtained at the Bloomingdale Village Hall, 201 S. Bloomingdale Road from 8:30a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

For further information, please contact Human Resources
Director Kay Argo at (630) 671-5616.

The Village of Bloomingdale is an Equal Opportunity Employer.



Planting for the Future

The Village of Bloomingdale and School District 13 will celebrate Arbor Day by planting an Autumn Flame Maple tree (*Acer rubrum* 'Autumn Flame') at Erickson School, 277 Springfield Drive. The celebration will take place on Friday, April 25 at 10:30 a.m.

All residents are invited to join the Village of Bloomingdale, School District 13, and students and faculty of Erickson School in the Arbor Day Observance.

Volunteers Needed for Community Tree Planting

The Village Forestry Division is looking for volunteers to plant 200 seedlings, including Red Buckeye, Columnar English Oak, Bald Cypress and Red Maple, on Saturday, April 26th, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Public Works Facility, 305 S. Glen Ellyn Road.

This is the 14th consecutive year for this popular event.

The Village will supply seedlings, soil and pots for the purpose of growing the seedlings into saplings for transplanting into the local community. Community Tree Planting involves a commitment from all participants to plant trees on public property, such as right-of-ways, school grounds, community parks, etc.

Participants are asked to bring gloves and enthusiasm. After this growing season, the trees will be planted in the Village's nursery for further growth.

For more information or to volunteer, please contact Helen Price at 630-671-5800.



CodeRED Emergency Notification System Now in Use; Be sure Your Telephone Number is Registered

The Village has instituted the CodeRED Emergency Notification System - an ultra high-speed telephone communication service for emergency notifications.

CodeRED allows us to telephone either the whole Village, or targeted areas of the Village in case of an emergency situation that requires immediate action (such as a water boil water notice, gas leak, missing child, etc.) The system is capable of dialing 50,000 phone numbers per hour. The recorded message will be delivered to a live person or to an answering machine, making three attempts to connect to the home telephone first, and then to the registered cell number.

CodeRED is replacing the former Reverse 911 system. Bloomingdale residents with published telephone numbers are already included in the existing CodeRED database. If you are a resident with a non-published or unlisted phone number, or if you would like to add your cell phone as a back-up notification, you may register for CodeRED online at www.villageofbloomingdale.org

Even if you registered your non-published or cell phone number with the Reverse 911 system, you need to re-register, as CodeRed is a new database.



Bloomington Garden Club Upcoming Events

The Bloomington Garden Club invites all to their next two upcoming programs. On Wednesday, April 16 the group features "Perfect Perennials for Perpetual Color (for really lazy gardeners!)" by Greg Bartoshuk. Bartoshuk is a Master Gardener, award winning daylily hybridizer and landscape designer. Enjoy a garden full of color almost all year without much work.

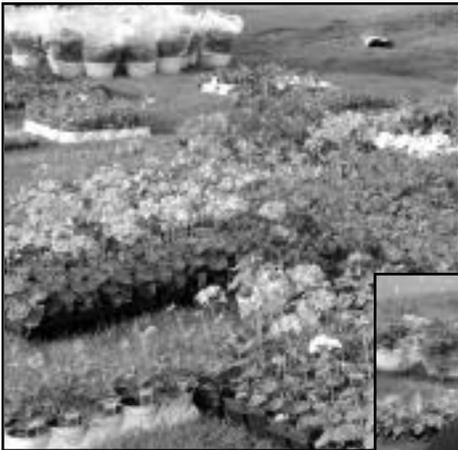
On Wednesday, May 21 the featured program will be "Creating Eco-Gardens on Residential Landscapes," presented by Dennis Paige. Paige is an Environmental Educator and Interpretative Naturalist at the Spring Valley Nature Center in Schaumburg.

Both meetings start at 6:30 on the lower level of the Bloomington Public Library, 101 Fairfield Way. There is no charge for attendance.

Annual Plant Sale

The always anticipated Garden Club plant sale takes place on Friday, May 16 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday, May 17 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Bloomington Village Hall, 201 S. Bloomington Road.

The annual Plant Sale features, direct from our Michigan grower, flats of thriving, colorful flowers (48 plants per flat), premium hanging baskets, geraniums in all hues, Proven Winners, wave petunias, plus perennials from garden club members' gardens, and more at excellent prices. Our flats and baskets are an exceptionally good value at \$13. (May 18 - rain date)



Please Take a Moment to Complete the Bloomington Resident B-Card Survey

Now that the B-Card promotion is over, the Business Promotion Committee would like to know what residents think. The committee is also surveying participating businesses to see how they felt about this first-time business event.

Please fill out this form and drop it in the mail (B-Card, 201 S. Bloomington Roads, B'dale IL 60108) or into the water billing drop box in front of the Village Hall. Or print out the form on the Village's website at www.villageofbloomington.org and fax to 630-893-5136.

Resident B-Card Survey

Did you take advantage of the B-Card Discounts?

Yes _____ No _____

If No, why not: _____

Are there other businesses you wish had participated?

Yes _____ No _____

If yes, which businesses?

Other Comments: _____

'Oh, No! We Have a Sanitary Sewer Backup! If That Happens to You, Here's What You Need to Know

With spring come thoughts of all of those projects that we have been pondering through the winter. It is also a time for plants and trees to begin growing. With that growth, tree roots once again have the possibility of invading sanitary sewer lines through a variety of access points.

If you experience a sewer back-up in your home please contact us at the number listed below prior to calling a contractor or sewer rodding company. We will check the Village sanitary sewer for blockages and advise you as to what or who is responsible for the problem. If the problem is in the Village sewer main we will remove/repair at no cost to you. If the problem is in the private sanitary sewer service we will advise you on the steps you need to take to correct the problem.

The following tips for hiring a contractor apply not only for that project you may be considering, but for that emergency sewer rodding or repair you may be faced with. We hope these general tips will assist you in obtaining a good contractor at a reasonable cost.

- Always get more than one estimate. Contractors vary in price for numerous reasons. You will see that in obtaining more than one estimate.
- Ask the contractor if they have worked in Bloomingdale before and if they are familiar with the codes and permit requirements. Ask for references.
- Ask if the contractor is licensed, bonded, insured, and if copies are available if requested.
- Avoid signing a contract that backs you into a price and waives your right to change your mind. When asked to do so by a contractor, that quote is probably too high and you are being pushed because of the "EMERGENCY" nature of a sewer repair.
- Emergency or after hours cost proposals are typically always higher than regular hours. In most cases you can wait and schedule work to occur during regular hours. It may be an inconvenience to do so, but it should result in lowering the cost. Ask the contractors who are providing you an estimate if there is any cost savings for scheduling the work during regular hours.
- Your sewer back-up will not get any worse if you do not put any more water in it. Refrain from using your water until your sewer is repaired.

Village Services Department contact numbers:

- **For information on Codes and Permits:**
the Building & Zoning Division can be reached at (630) 671-5660.
- **For Sanitary Sewer Problems or general information:**
the Utilities Division can be reached at (630) 671-5830 during normal hours Monday – Friday 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. After hours, Utilities Division on-call personnel can be reached through the Police Department non-emergency number at (630) 529-9868.



Household Hazardous Waste Collection on May 3

The first mobile event of 2008 will be held on Saturday, May 3rd from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The location is the Elmhurst Public Works Garage at 985 S. Riverside Drive (north of Roosevelt Road and south of St. Charles Road on east side of IL Route 83).

Acceptable items include mercury thermometers, lawn chemicals and old/expired medications (but not medical waste, such as syringes). Latex paint is not accepted. For a complete list of acceptable and unacceptable items, and for information on latex paint disposal/recycling, contact the HHW Hotline at 630-510-2810 or visit DuPage County's web site at www.dupageco.org/edp/ and click on "Waste, Recycling and Energy."



WELCOME
Bloomingtondale 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

Bloomingtondale Police Department Aims to Combat Handicap Parking Space Abuse

Are you tired of seeing someone park their vehicle in a handicap parking space, then jump out of the car and run into the store? People do it everyday and they usually don't get caught. Handicap parking abuse is everywhere, especially at your nearby grocery store, shopping mall, restaurant and even the post office. There are times when all of the designated handicap parking spaces are filled with people who are quite capable and do not need the special consideration. When able-bodied citizens use reserved handicap parking spaces, they are being thoughtless in their actions by hindering those individuals who truly need to be in close proximity to a building.

Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White initiated an important piece of legislation on January 1st, 2006, to help combat this problem. The legislation deals with the fraud and abuse of disability placards and license plates. The fine for parking in spaces reserved for persons with disabilities has been increased from \$100.00 to **\$250.00**. The penalty for those who illegally manufacture or alter handicap plates and placards was rigorously increased as well; the fine for a first time offender will be at least \$500.00 up to \$1,000.00. A second or subsequent offense would be a Class 4 Felony with a minimum fine of \$2,000.00 and a maximum fine of \$10,000!

The Bloomingtondale Police Department commenced a program to enforce this legislation and reduce disability parking abuse. The Bloomingtondale Police Department conducts random checks of handicap parking spaces, strictly enforcing any violations. The main purpose of this initiative is to educate the motoring public and to ensure that the dedicated parking spaces are being used appropriately. Note: If you have an official handicap placard and you are the person it is designated to, please place it on the rear view mirror when the vehicle is parked, but not when you are driving the vehicle.

If you have any questions regarding community activities or in need of crime prevention information, please contact Officer Dawn Odoi at (630) 529-9868.



Illinois Law Enforcement Torch Run Supporting Special Olympics

Illinois Special Olympics has a mission to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type games for children and adults with intellectual disabilities. Special Olympics, a not-for profit organization, provides continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community. The program helps empower people with intellectual disabilities to realize their full potential by enhancing their physical fitness and motor skills while building self-confidence and social skills. Special Olympics athletes carry these benefits with them into their daily lives at home, in the classroom, on the job and in the community.

The Illinois Law Enforcement Torch Run is the single largest year-round fundraising event benefiting Special Olympics Illinois. In 2007, the Torch Run raised more than \$2 million. This intrastate relay has two goals: to raise money and increase public awareness for the athletes of Special Olympics. Each year, more than 3,000 officers in Illinois run more than 1,500 miles carrying the Flame of Hope through the streets of their hometowns and deliver it in June to the State Summer Games in Normal, Illinois.

The Bloomingtondale Police Department has been an active participant to support the work of Special Olympics Illinois. The department currently has items on sale, the proceeds of which will go toward the Law Enforcement Torch Run fundraising efforts.. Each item has the 2008 Special Olympics logo and the pricing will be as follows:

- T-shirt: \$15.00
- Baseball cap: \$15.00
- State of Illinois pin: \$5.00
- Combo set (t-shirt, hat, pin): \$25.00.

If you would like to purchase an item or would like to make a donation, please contact Officer Dawn Odoi of the Bloomingtondale Police Department at (630) 529-9868. For further information about local Special Olympics fundraising events, please check the Village of Bloomingtondale website at www.villageofbloomingtondale.org Please don't miss out on the opportunity to contribute to the lives of these special individuals!

Thank you!!!



THE BLOOMINGDALE BUSINESS BEAT

The Business Beat features news about businesses. Retail business provides a significant part of the Village's tax base. Supporting them helps keep the Village portion of your property tax bill low. Remember - BUY IN BLOOMINGDALE.

BUSINESS NEWS



On November 15, 2006, the DuPage County Board presented NOW Foods with the Earth Flag for Business. NOW Foods became the first "for profit" company to receive the Earth Flag in DuPage County.

NOW FOODS BRINGS HEALTHY FOOD TO YOUR

TABLE: Did you know that Bloomingdale is home to one of the world's largest dietary supplement manufacturers? Located near the southeast corner of Army Trail and Glen Ellyn roads, NOW opened in 1968 and has been in Bloomingdale since 1998. From its 203,000 sq ft facility, complete with three in-house laboratories, NOW manufactures over 1,500 health products. NOW Health Group is the parent company of both NOW Foods and The Fruitful Yield stores, including the Bloomingdale Road location.

NOW has received many awards for product quality, safety, and environmental efforts. They offer health newsletters, teleseminars, educational programs, and guided facility tours by appointment. Now in their 40th year of business, NOW is expanding its facility by 40,000 sq ft to accommodate its continued growth. This expansion will create many new employment opportunities. To learn more about NOW Foods, go to www.nowfoods.com.



TURANO BAKERY, 142 N. Bloomingdale Road, has been a Bloomingdale staple since 1973. In addition to the traditional Turano breads and rolls, the Bloomingdale location has always baked the pastries, sweets and specialty items for the company. While the national company will be focusing mostly on bread items, our Bloomingdale location will continue to make those sweet treats that keep us coming back for more. And while the sign outside will now say Chicago Pastry and the brand name reads "Casa dei Dolci" (meaning "House of Sweets"), the recipes, the quality, the service and the traditions remain exactly the same. Owners Remo and Egidio Turano want patrons to know the bakery is still "family owned with Old World pride." Chicago Pastry is open 7 days; stop by or call to place an order, (630) 529-6161.

TONY & MIKEY'S ITALIAN DELI AND CAFE opened a few months ago at 231 E. Army Trail Road. Owner Agostino Chiamonte is new to the restaurant business although he has been in the catering business for some time.

The new venture is completely "a family affair" as his mom, dad and aunt work along with him, and the eatery is named after Agostino's sons, Tony and Mikey. The Italian deli carries everything from subs, grilled Panini and Italian specialty sandwiches to soups and salads, plus pasta and chicken dishes. Chiamonte says although he gets raves on his whole menu, his top two best-sellers are subs and Panini. The restaurant opens daily at 10 a.m. and is closed Sunday. Delivery is available for lunchtime. Of course, Tony & Mikey's also does catering. Call (630) 295-9130.



Agostino's family ready to serve you! Inset: Lunchtime at Tony & Mikey's.

BLOOMINGDALE CHURCH CELEBRATING 30 YEARS AND BUILDING AGAIN TO THE COMMUNITY

The Bloomingdale Church, 264 Glen Ellyn celebrates its 30-year anniversary this year and has been a visible congregation in town from the beginning. Beginning in April 1978, and supported by both the Lombard Bible Church and the Blanchard Road Alliance Church in Wheaton, Bloomingdale Alliance Church initially met in Marquardt School until an initial structure was completed in 1979 on its five-acre Glen Ellyn Road property. Dr. David Riemenschneider, the original pastor, and his wife Marina are still an active part of the pastoral staff today.

Other pastoral staff include Bill Calvin, associate pastor; Mark Taube, music director; Dan Bailey, children's director; Burt Hollaway, junior high director; Daniel Riemenschneider, high school director; and Joe Zanayed, young adult director. The church, which teaches the practical application of the Bible to people's lives today, is comprised of people with a variety of many church backgrounds.

The church is currently undergoing additional construction as the congregation builds a large two-story brick addition to connect with the main church facility. The 9,600 square-foot addition includes additional classrooms for the church's children and adult programs, as well as a new kitchen area, elevator, library area, additional restrooms and more parking for the site. This "Phase Four" project is the fourth building addition to the church's main building

The original sanctuary was constructed in 1985, the gymnasium in 1990, a sanctuary enlargement and classrooms in 1995, and finally Phase Four to be completed early this summer. In each construction phase, the congregation provided considerable volunteer labor to keep costs manageable. This latest addition is estimated to cost \$1,500,000 and is being financed by a \$800,000 loan from Harris Bank in combination with the donations of \$700,000 which were contributed over the past two years.



Groundbreaking in May, 2007



Day camp



The Bloomingdale Church directs multiple children programs including the weekly Awana Clubs, Sunday School, Children's Church, Joy Junction Preschool and its annual Day Camp. A teen coffee house, The Solid Grounds, and the gym are open to teens every Friday night. There are also numerous adult education classes on Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights. The congregation gathers for worship and teaching from the Bible every Sunday at 8:30 AM and 11 AM.

The Bloomingdale Church has been known as the "people church" for most of the 30 years of its existence. The original concept of the logo made of people standing together to form the church was created by long time Bloomingdale resident, Bill Murray. In keeping with its official logo, the Bloomingdale Church has sought to be a people focused church through its multiple, highly active programs for children, teens and adults. A large, colorful wood people church logo hangs on the exterior of the church near the new construction.

Septemberfest/Joe Draghi Scholarship Application Deadline is May 2, 2008

GET YOUR TEACHER RECOMMENDATIONS NOW!

The Septemberfest/Joe Draghi Memorial Scholarship has awarded hundreds of thousands of dollars to young adults in our community over the last 33 years. Community service has played a large part in the lives of past scholarship winners. **COMPLETED APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN MAY 2, 2008.**

The applicant must comply with the following criteria:

- Is a resident of incorporated Village of Bloomingdale, Illinois
- Is a U.S. citizen or permanent resident.
- Is between the ages of 16 and 20 years of age.
- Exhibits school and community involvement.
- Plans to attend a college, university, or trade school after graduation from high school or is currently enrolled in a college, university or trade school.
- Complete the following application packet:
Application Form (typewritten preferable)
 - a. Two letters of recommendation – one letter must be from a high school teacher, college professor, volunteer coordinator adult source (not a family member or family friend).
 - b. Compose an essay of a minimum of 500 words describing your life, contributions to the community, your activities, career plans, schools applied to, if applicable, and your opinions/ideas about living in the Village of Bloomingdale and attach it to the application form. Essays will be judged on content, grammar, and thoroughness.
- The application packet must be complete (including letters of recommendation) when submitted and all requirements must be met. The application packet should be mailed or delivered to:

The Septemberfest/Joe Draghi Memorial Scholarship
c/o Village of Bloomingdale
201 S. Bloomingdale Road
Bloomingdale, IL 60108
- There will be a mandatory judge's night interview to be held on Sunday, June 8, 2008 at the Village of Bloomingdale, Council Room, 201 S. Bloomingdale Rd., Bloomingdale, IL 60108.



The 2007 Joe Draghi Septemberfest scholarship winners.

COMPLETED APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN MAY 2, 2008.

ANY APPLICATION POSTMARKED AFTER THAT DATE WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

If you are interested in applying for one of these scholarships, pick up an application form at the Village Hall, 201 S. Bloomingdale Road, the Bloomingdale Public Library, 101 Fairfield Way, or at the counselors' offices at the local high schools. This packet is also available on the Village of Bloomingdale's website at: www.villageofbloomingdale.org For more information, call (630) 671-5720.

Winners will be publicly announced at the 36th annual Septemberfest on Saturday, September 6, 2008. Attendance to receive your award, if chosen, is not mandatory. Scholarships are limited to future tuition, books, and any other commensurate educational expenses. Scholarship checks are paid directly to the school. The Septemberfest/Joe Memorial Scholar one-time grant.

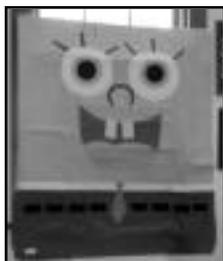


EVENTS

COMMUNITY

Art Show at Park District Museum Through April 26

The Bloomingdale Park District Museum, 108 S. Bloomingdale Road, hosts the 25th annual Student Art Show running now through April 26th. View the creativity of local children ranging from kindergarten through high school. Over 200 works are displayed in a variety of media. Come be inspired. The museum is open Wed, 4-8; Th & Fri, 10-4; Sat, 12-4.



Women's Club Hosts 'A Rainbow of Fashion' on April 6

The Bloomingdale Women's Club invites all to their 33rd annual Fashion Show, "A Rainbow of Fashion" on Sunday, April 6, 2008. The event begins with cocktails at noon and lunch at 1 p.m. at Alta Villa, 430 N. Addison Road in Addison. Tickets are \$35 each. Contact Candie at 630-462-0540 for tickets or more information. This year's show will benefit People's Resource Center.

Parks Foundation Recognition Dinner April 5

The Bloomingdale Parks Foundation hosts its annual Recognition Dinner on Saturday, April 5 at the Hilton Indian Lakes Resort, 250 W. Schick Road, beginning at 6:30 p.m. A number of volunteers will be honored for their dedication to park programs at the Foundation's signature fundraising event. The evening consists of dinner, entertainment, and dancing, as well as a special presentation "Windows to the Wetland," which will focus on the restoration plan for the park's wetland areas. Call Anita at 630-529-3650 or download a ticket order form at www.bloomingdaleparks.org

Earth Day Trails Clean-Up April 26

Everyone is encouraged to participate in the 2008 annual Earth Day trails cleanup to be held Saturday, April 26, rain or shine. Contact Fmndsgrtwstntrl@aol.com if you want to take responsibility of a section of the trail. To help clean up the Illinois Prairie Path, go to www.ipp.org or call 630-752-0120 for info.

Letter Carrier Food Drive May 10

On May 10, the National Association of Letter Carriers will hold their annual food drive. The need for donations is growing steadily with the economy being strained. All donations are given to the Bloomingdale Township Food Pantry for local residents. Please leave donations by your mailbox by 9 a.m. on Saturday, May 10. Thank you in advance for your help. -- *Food Drive Coordinators Daryl W. Miller & Bryan Toler*

Six Healing Encounters: The Journey Through Grief

An adult grief group, facilitated by a trained grief specialist, meets every first & third Thursday 6:30 - 8 p.m. at Alden Valley Ridge, 273 E. Army Trail Road. Contact Rev. Jeffrey Pears, bereavement coordinator at (630) 317-3341 to register for this adult grief support group.

How Sweet They Are! Third Annual Bloomingdale Lions' Vidalia Onion Fundraiser -- Order Yours Today!

The Bloomingdale Lions Club will have a busy spring. Once again, the Club is selling 10 lb bags of Vidalia onions. Each bag of these sweet onions will sell for \$10 a bag. Orders are being taken through April 30, 2008. Onions will be available for pick up May 9 & 10 at Starck Realty, 181 S. Bloomingdale Road. For more info call Sandy Kozlowski at 630-690-9281 or Sharyn Murphy at 630-529-7557. Mail in order, along with a check made out to the "Bloomingdale Lions Club," to P.O. Box 318, Bloomingdale, IL 60108 or drop off at Starck Realty, 181 S. Bloomingdale Road.

On Friday, May 9, the Lions will host a Steak Fry from 5-8 p.m. at the Bloomingdale Golf Club, 181 Glen Ellyn Road. For \$17 you can get a sirloin steak or BBQ chicken dinner. For tickets, contact Jerryb1202@aol.com.

Proceeds of these fundraisers will go to community programs, vision testing, and eyeglasses for needy Bloomingdale adults and children.

Editor's Note: Congratulations to the Bloomingdale Lions Club, which recently received an award from Lions Project Canine Companions for Independence for the club's contributions to their non-profit organization that raises and trains assistance dogs for persons in wheelchairs. The Lions raised the money through their September 2006 and 2007 Walk-a-Dog-a-Thons at Springfield Park.

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My Day Foundation Assists Cervical Cancer Patients

Resident Pamela M. Smialek founded the My Day Foundation, Inc. after her diagnosis and surgery for cervical cancer. Although she had personal support through her friends & family, she learned there was no organization that focused exclusively on cervical cancer. Through her organization she hopes to raise the money to aid in medical research and specifically for a cure for cervical cancer. She is beginning this campaign with a "Walk for the Cure" already set for May 4th, 2008. Harris Bank of Bloomingdale is sponsoring part of the Walk. Registration forms can be downloaded at www.mydaylooking.org or email questions to info@mydaylooking.org. Not only is the foundation raising money to aid in medical research, but also plans to reach out at a local level to clinics and sponsor Pap Screenings to woman who may not be able to afford them.

Villagers Fashion Show On April 3

The Bloomingdale Villagers will present their annual Spring and Summer Fashion Show featuring fashions from Coldwater Creek. The event begins at 6:30 at the Bloomingdale Public Library on April 3, 2008. Area women are invited. Refreshments and favors for each attendee. A \$10 charity donation is requested at the door. For more information call Joan at 630-529-9774 or Eileen at 630-924-1296.



Also -- mark your calendars. The Villagers 3rd annual Garden Walk takes place Sunday, July 20. Six great area gardens are slated for the afternoon. Watch the June issue of the Almanac for details



We're Updating Our Files

The Village is updating its water and sewer account records regarding owner information on residential and commercial rental properties. Tenants or owners of residential and commercial rental properties are requested to contact the Village to verify or update owner information. Owner information is often used to contact owners about utility bills and building and zoning issues. You may contact Dolores Orlik in Water Billing by calling 630-671-5650. The name of the owner, owner address and owner telephone number will be requested when you call in. Thank you for taking the time to help the Village update this important information.

General Assembly Scholarship Program Available to Those Attending State Universities

Students who will be attending state universities in Illinois may submit applications for the General Assembly Scholarship program to the office of State Sen. Carole Pankau (R-Itasca) through April 15.

Students whose permanent addresses lie within the 23rd District are eligible. Eight one-year tuition waivers – for fall 2008, spring 2009, and summer 2009 – are available to students who will be attending state universities.

Senator Pankau appoints a screening committee of community leaders to review all applications and make recommendations to her. Names of those selected will be announced after June.

Applications are available at Senator Pankau's office at One Tiffany Pointe, Suite G, Bloomingdale, IL 60172, phone (630) 582-0390, or by going to www.pankau.senate.gov

Deadline for all completed applications is April 15.





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Spring Clean for Safety — Inside & Out!

With warmer weather and longer days approaching, people in Bloomingtondale are emerging from their winter cocoons to focus on long-neglected projects like spring-cleaning, home repairs, and yard work. Many are also lacing up their shoes for their first outdoor walk or jog of the season. These activities can be extremely beneficial, but they also involve a variety of health and safety hazards that can be avoided with the proper precautions. To help ensure everyone in our community stays safe this season, the members of the Bloomingtondale Fire Protection District offer some safety tips and suggest you copy and post them where they can be seen by your family members and co-workers.

Cleaning for Safety

Nature is undergoing a fresh start and so are homeowners who are ready to clean up the debris that has been accumulating in basements, storage sheds, and garages over the winter.

- Household and pool chemicals, paints, and poisons should be properly marked and stored under lock and key, away from children's reach. Dispose of any that are leaking, expired, or that look bad. (Ed. Note: see page 7 for Household Hazardous Waste Event)
- When cleaning up hazardous chemicals wear rubber gloves and follow the safety directions on the packaging.
- Never mix chemicals in the same container if you don't know how to dispose of them; seek outside advice. Never put them into the trash or pour down the drain.
- Make sure gasoline and cleaning fluids are well marked and stored in a cool, dry place away from the house and out of the reach of children and pets. Use only approved containers for gasoline storage.
- Never use gasoline to clean skin, clothes, auto parts, or floors.

- Clean up work areas. Put dangerous tools, adhesives, matches, or other work items away from children's reach.
- Check your barbecue grill for leaks and cracks, and be sure to store any propane tanks away from your house and garage.

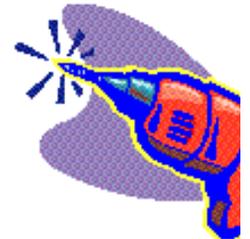
Remove all fire hazards, including stacks of rags, newspapers, and magazines. Pay special attention to the spaces around your furnace, hot water tank, fireplace, space heaters, and dryer, as well as under the stairs.

Outdoor Safety

Ready for some outdoor exercise and adventure? Here are a few pointers.

- Winter's inactive muscles can take only so much strain. Don't overdo it — build up slowly so you don't have strains that can put you out of commission for some time.
- It may look appealing, but don't wander on frozen rivers and lakes in the spring. The ice is beginning to thaw, and you never know just how thin the ice really is.
- Spring's extra rain and thawing snow can cause normally safe rivers, streams, and creeks to turn treacherous. Even standing on banks can be risky as they can be undercut by rushing water and give in under your weight.
- Springtime is also severe weather time. If the skies look threatening, check to see if a storm watch or warning has been issued before you initiate outdoor activities.

If you're already outside and thunderstorms threaten, go immediately into a building or enclosed vehicle. For tornadoes, go to the nearest safe structure, or the basement or interior first-floor room of your home. If there's no time to follow these precautions, take cover in a ditch or depression in the ground.



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(l to r) Susan Lancaster, Park District Commissioner, chats with her mother and former Mayor Viola Morrisroe and Historical Society President Bonnie Homola.



Trustee Jim King admires the historic photographs donated to the Bloomingdale Historical Society by Old Town Bank and Trust.



Mayor Iden shares a story with Chamber Past President Bob Allen and Old Town Bank & Trust President Christine Smith.

Chamber Open House

The Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce hosted an open house at the newly renovated schoolhouse in February. In attendance were chamber members and local business people, Village of Bloomingdale officials, representatives of School District 13, members of the Bloomingdale Historical Society and other community members.



Chamber members Lea Jackman of WDSRA and Liana Mirea of ACRE, Inc unveiled the new Chamber logo.

The 1894 school house is the new home of the Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce offices. In recognition of the historical significance of the building, the Bloomingdale Historical Society will have a display in the foyer, as well as some historic photographs on the wall.

(Photographs courtesy of Jeremiah Jackson of Moments in Time)