



Village of Bloomingdale

Almanac

FEBRUARY 2008

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B-Card for
Great
Savings in
Bloomingdale!

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insert

From the Desk of Mayor Bob Iden

It's hard to believe we are already into the second month of 2008. We have a lot to look forward to here in Bloomingdale this year.

We already have a few developments slated. Alden Gardens, a 5-story, 90 unit assisted living facility will go up on Army Trail Road, just east of Glen Ellyn Road, next to Alden Valley Ridge. The Tower Records store, on west Army Trail Road, will be demolished in Spring 2008, and replaced with retail.

The Scottish Rite will build a headquarters at the corner of Medinah Road & Lake Street in Spring 2008. This will complete the development on the old Adventureland parcel. Also, planning to build on the south side of PetSmart on Gary Avenue is a Bed, Bath & Beyond store.

Some updates from 2007 –

In December, I wrote about electric power outages. As a result of Village Board meetings with Com Ed, the utility company committed to make repairs and improvements in order to address the cause of some of the past outages. I am pleased to report that Com Ed is doing that work, in line with the schedule they provided. Village staff will continue to monitor their progress, and I will update on the additional work later this year. Residents are reminded that power outages should always be reported to Com Ed at 1-800-Edison1. If your neighbor's power comes back and yours has not, you should call that number again.

Stratford Square Mall management reports that the new Century Theaters have been very well received by the community. Because of the theaters' success, mall officials will soon be publicizing the names of two restaurants which have also decided to locate in the mall. Watch the local papers for that announcement.

The Old School House at Lake & Third streets, which we had been renovating in 2007, is complete. Both the Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce and Bloomingdale Historical Society are now headquartered there. I can't think of two more fitting groups to inhabit the space – one a curator to preserve the memory of how we got here, the other a moving force in our growth and prosperity. The community is invited to stop by on February 21 from 4-7 p.m. to an open house showcasing this historic building.

And speaking of history, the Village of Bloomingdale is marking its 175th anniversary on March 11th. What a great year to see the 1894 schoolhouse come into use again. Also, in celebration, the Bloomingdale Historical Society has written a book covering Bloomingdale's first 150 years, which will be released on March 11, Founders Day. For more information on the book and the reception in honor of its release, see page 6.

The Bloomingdale Business Promotion and Cultural Development Committee has also found a way to celebrate the anniversary that will benefit both residents and local businesses. The "B-card" promotion will offer special discounts from participating Bloomingdale businesses to all residents carrying a B-Card (found in the middle of the insert). The promotion runs from March 7 through March 16.

And last, but definitely not least, I need to thank our employees and our commission members for all they have done for the Village over the past year. You will find the volunteers names on page 8 and a re-cap of just a few of the many employee endeavors on behalf of the Village on pages 10 and 11.



"Cops and Kids for Christmas" was a great experience for both the cops and the kids! See page 28 for story and more photos.

**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

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

If you're "surf
the net" and hav
question to ask
an issue to bring
our attention, jus
mail it to us. If y
wish to send us
an electronic
message, our
address is:



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

**Our website address is:
www.villageofbloomingdale.org**



Welcome Officer Cressman



Our newest police officer, Joseph Cressman, was sworn in by Mayor Iden last month. He is currently attending the Suburban Law Enforcement Academy. He is pictured here with his wife, Gabrielle, and Police Chief Tim Goergen.

Spring Curbside Branch Collection Set for Week of April 21

Kramer Tree Specialists, Inc. will once again perform branch collection under the direction of the Village Forestry Division. Branch collection will begin on Monday, April 21st. 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, April 21.
- Woody branches 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:

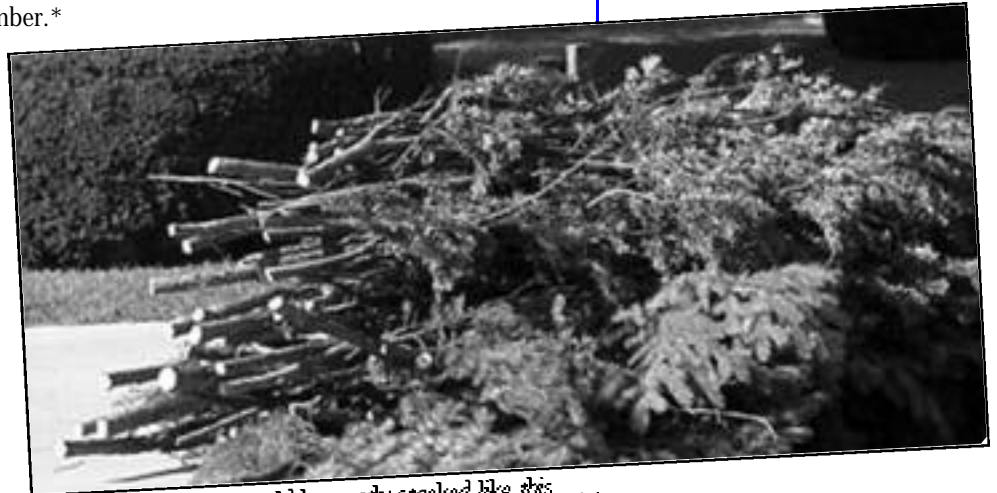
- Branches left out in a tangled mess.
- Woody branches under 1/2 inch in diameter.
- Leaves, vines, small (under 1/2 inch in diameter) flexible willow stems, herbaceous plants and weeds.
- Large stumps, roots and root balls.*
- Wooden fencing and construction lumber.*

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 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.



Branches should be neatly stacked like this . . .



. . . not left in a jumbled mess like this

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH IN ACTION

The Bloomingdale Police Department publicly recognizes and expresses sincere gratitude to the residents listed below. The time and dedication as volunteer Neighborhood Watch Block Captains have led to the continued success of the program. Thanks to all of them for their contributions throughout the year to promote safety and enhance the quality of life for our community.

Mary Albert	Connie Hasselbach	Jack Sassmann
Bill Bahr	Juanita Hathaway	Susan Schembari
Cindy Barber	Jacquelyne Hill	Rhonda Schubert
Robert Becker	Donna Hoidas	John Schultz
Anna Marie Bergl	Dorothy Jaskey	Robyn Scurek
Pam Brewer	Gretchen Johnson	Kendra Siegle
Gregg Burgess	George & Gloria Kas	John Sofere
Andre Burke	Joyce Klinowski	Nilofer Sohel
Brad Butler	Joseph Kuzdzal	Juanita Soyaut
Lee Clarbourn	Rita & Frank Letizia	Enza Vicari
Bart Cohen	Anthony & Theresa	Susan Voelker
Carol Cosentino	Lobraco	Mary Theresa Wedel
Patricia Cox	Rozanne Malott	Bob Wikrent
Susan Culhane	John Manos	Bill Wirkus
Ray Cullerton	Judy Martin	Louise Zeitoun
Josephine Dabrowski	Patrick McNamara	
Sam D'Amico	Jane & Gil Michelotti	
Janet Davitt	Carol Neff	
Bonnie Decoursey	Carol Nies	
Mary Ann Divenere	Nancy O'Leary	
Monica Dolhun	Holly Paoletti	
Donna Doyle	Sandra Perakis	
Paula Duffey	Dawn Percudani	
Patty Eagleton	Dorothy Prohaska	
Tim Fenner	Patrick Quigley	
Mary Sue Fornari	Bernard Rapacz	
Amy Frane	Marvin Roehlke	
Mitch & Vivi Frumkin	Gail Rohlfing	
Laura Geraci	Roger Rossi	
Sally Gill	Cynthia Rothamer	
Patrick Griffin	Judi Rotondo	
Charissa Hannigan	Lewis Sapien	

Neighborhood Watch Calendar of Upcoming Events

GENERAL MEETINGS
3rd Wednesday evening of every other month at 7:30 PM in the Village Hall Council Room:

March 19
May 21
July 16
September 17
November 19

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME -- BLOOMINGDALE PARK DISTRICT
Tuesday, August 5, 2008
6:00-9:00 PM

WELCOME
Bloomingdale is a
CRIME WATCH
community



We immediately report all suspicious activities to our Police Department

OUR SUCCESS IS MEASURED BY THE SCOPE OF YOUR INVOLVEMENT

Sincerely,

Tim Goergen, Dawn Odoi,
Chief of Police Community Policing Officer

529-9868



Bloomingdale's Lions Share the Spirit of the Season

Several members of the Bloomingdale Lions Club volunteered their time to do some shopping at Jewel-Osco to make Christmas baskets for some local families in need at the holidays. As you can see, it is a popular event and the Lions seem to have a great time in this charitable mission.



Honoring Our Vets

Thanks to the generosity of Platt Hill Nursery and the Bloomingdale VFW, in cooperation with the Bloomingdale Historical Society, holiday wreaths were placed on the graves of all the veterans buried in the St. Paul/Evergreen Cemetery on Lake Street.

You may now pay your utility bill by Visa or MasterCard, either in-person or by telephone.

To pay by phone, please call the Village Hall at (630) 893-7000.



CodeRED Emergency Notification System: New Technology Lets Us Call You to Let You Know About Emergency Situations

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 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 and/or e-mail address.

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 or e-mail address as a back-up notification, you may register for CodeRED online at www.villageofbloomingdale.org



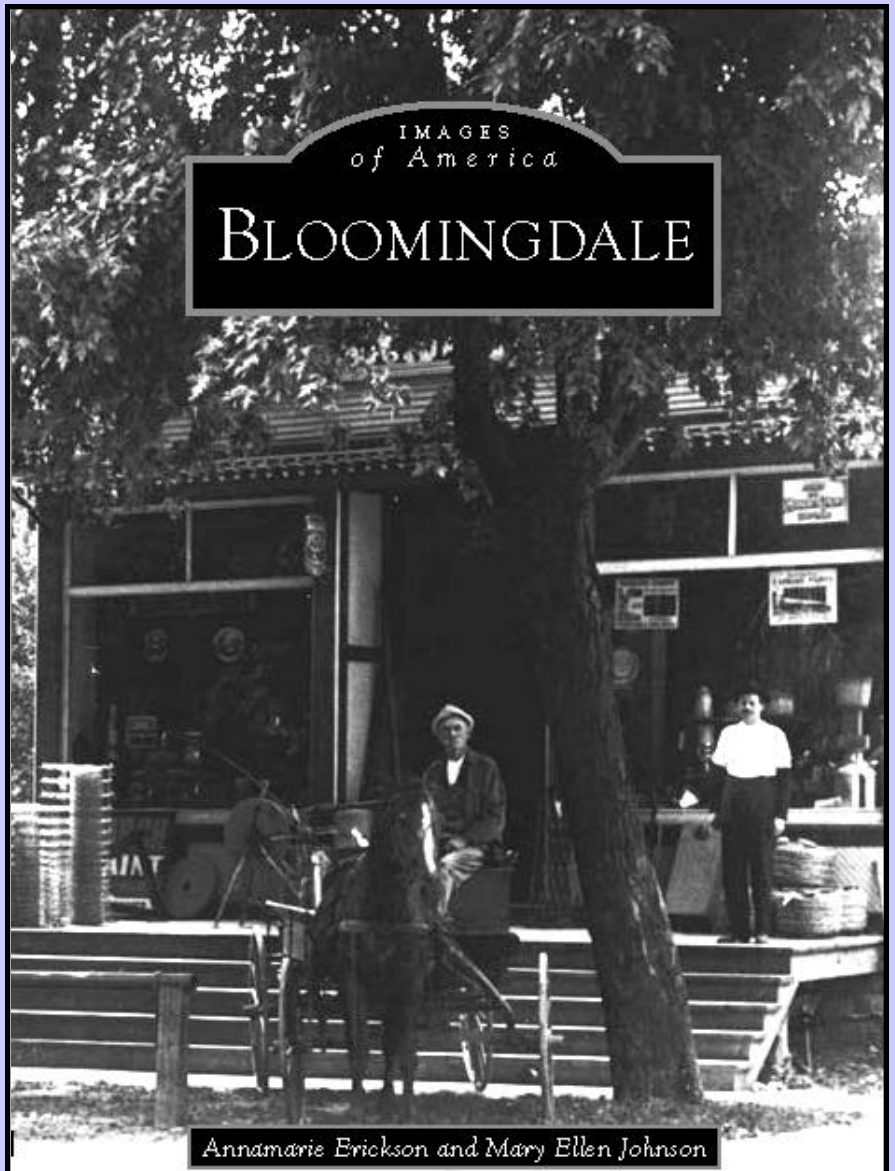
It's the Book **Bloomingle** Has Been Waiting For -- **Our Village's History** Told Through Photos And Stories

The book on the history of Bloomingle as told through photographs and captions is almost here! The book is due out in March 2008, in celebration of the Village's 175th anniversary. Covering from 1833 through 1983, it is amazing to see how Bloomingle changed in a mere 150 years. The paperback includes information about Bloomingle residents who fought in the Civil War. Historic views of current areas and structures are featured, including historic photos of the recently renovated old school at Lake and Third Street. There are also many pictures of friends & neighbors from the past.

Most of the photographs used in the book were either donated to the Bloomingle Library's Local History Room or loaned to the Historical Society from local residents or their descendents. All proceeds from the book will go to the Bloomingle Historical Society for educational efforts, as well as for the preservation and display of historic items.

The Bloomingle Historical Society will be hosting a "Reflections" afternoon on Sunday, March 9 at the Bloomingle Public Library from 2-4:30 p.m. The afternoon will feature informal visits with many of the people who have contributed to the book, either through photographs or through their oral histories. Selected photos will be on display. The Historical Society is also working with the publisher to have books available on that day. Everyone is invited to the free afternoon. Light refreshments will be served. The library does ask that those planning to attend please RSVP to Kandy at 630-924-2765 in order that the staff will have sufficient refreshments.

The Historical Society has ordered a limited number of first-run books. If you are interested in reserving a copy, please fill out the form below. After March 11, books will also be available at the Village Hall, Bloomingle Library and at the Chamber office, 108 W. Lake Street, while supplies last.



Bloomingle Historical Book Order Form

Name: _____

Daytime Phone: _____

Address: _____

Number of books @ \$19.99 each _____

Please include check made out to Bloomingle Historical Society

Mail to:
Bonnie Homola/BHS
Bloomingle Public Library
101 Fairfield Way
Bloomingle, IL 60108



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 the Village portion of your property tax bill low.

Remember - BUY IN BLOOMINGDALE.

NEW BUSINESSES

PIZZERIA ANTICA OFFERS TASTE OF ITALY: If you are looking for a taste of real Italy, look no further than Pizzeria Antica, 119 W. Lake Street, just west of Bloomingdale Road. The eatery was opened in December by three friends – Gaetano Ancona, Vito Lanotte and Antonio Romano. Romano previously operated a pizzeria in Addison and owns the Romano brand Italian foods. Ancona and Lanotte, both of whom were chefs in Italy, brought with them the authentic recipes used in the restaurant.

The young men make their own bocconcini for Le Pizze Italiane, such as Quatro Formaggi and Capricciosa. Other specialties are panzerotto and arancino (rice balls). Rounding out the menu are appetizers, salads, grilled panini, hot and cold sandwiches, thin pizzas with a variety of toppings, and dessert – homemade tiramisu and cheesecake. Coming soon will also be pasta dishes, espresso and cappuccino. The prices are reasonable, the food excellent. Dine in, carry out or request delivery. Pizzeria Antica is open Tues–Thurs 11 am – 10 pm, Fri–Sat 11 am – midnight and Sunday 1 -10 pm. Call 630-307-0300. Pizzeria Antica is a B-card participant. Check out their special on the pull-out page.

BUSINESSES NEWS

INNER AWARENESS HYPNOSIS NOW OFFERING CAREER TRAINING & CERTIFICATION: In response to the growing demand for professionally trained and qualified Consulting Hypnotists, Inner Awareness Hypnosis Center, LLC, has just received approval from the State of Illinois to become a private and vocational school and holds a Certificate To Operate Issued by the Illinois State Superintendent of Education.

The school offers Hypnotism Certification Training for individuals who desire a career change or career advancement, or who want to work with people in a private professional setting of their own. Ardean Calloway, is a Certified Consulting Hypnotist and Instructor for the National Guild of Hypnotists, and is founder and Administrator of IAHC. In addition to teaching Hypnotism Certification Training, she maintains a private practice at 113 Fairfield Way, Ste. 204. She is a member of the Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce, the Association for the Advancement of Ethical Hypnosis, and a Certified instructor for the Silva Method™ Training Program. For more information, please visit www.innerawarehypnosis.com or call 847-816-0289.



Tony and Trina Man (2nd & 4th from the left) posed with Master Chef Martin Yan of “Yan Can Cook”, and “Top Chef’s” Lee Anne Wong, who announced the top 100 winners.

MANDARIN BISTRO NAMED TOP 100 CHINESE RESTAURANTS: Tony & Trina Man are very proud to announce that their restaurant, Mandarin Bistro, 156 E. Lake Street (in Springbrook), has been named one of the Top 100 Chinese Restaurants in the USA for 2007 in the category of overall excellence. Following the application, the restaurant was evaluated on a number of points, and was visited anonymously by a Mystery Diner, who added a personal evaluation. The award ceremony took place in New York in November. Mandarin Bistro features the upscale cuisine served to the royal family and high officials in China. The house special is a fresh spring roll, which is boiled shrimp and chicken mixed with fresh vegetables and wrapped in thin rice paper. The eating establishment has been a local favorite since its opening two years ago.

KEVIN JORDAN RECEIVES ASSET MANAGEMENT DESIGNATION: Kevin L. Jordan of the financial services firm Edward Jones in Bloomingdale, has achieved the professional designation of Accredited Asset Management Specialist from the Denver-based College for Financial Planning. This advance training offers investment professional the hands-on information needed to provide comprehensive financial services, such as understanding asset allocation and strategies. Jordan works directly with his clients to understand their personal goals from college savings to retirement. He has been with Edward Jones for four years and can be reached at 630-893-1996.



Numerous Scholarships Available to Graduating High School Seniors

The **Bloomington Women's Club**

announces the availability of applications for one \$1,000 scholarship for 2008. The scholarship is available to male or female high school seniors who reside in Bloomington. A grade point average of C or better is required. Enrollment in any post-high school program, including 2- and 4-year college, trade school or specialized program is eligible for this scholarship. Applications will be available after February 1 in local high school counselors' offices and in the Village Hall. They are due back to the club by April 1. For more information call Rose Fitzpatrick at 630-291-3667.



The **Bloomington Chamber of Commerce** will also be offering scholarships to graduating seniors and continuing post secondary students for vocational, business or a two- or four-year college. Candidates must be a Bloomington resident or employee of a Bloomington Chamber member. Previous Bloomington Chamber of Commerce scholarship winners will not be considered. Applications will be available at the Chamber office, 108 W. Lake Street, on the website, or at the Bloomington Village Hall after February 15. Call the Chamber office at 980-9082 for more information.

College-bound high school seniors who have attended **District 13** schools are invited to apply for scholarships available through the district.

A \$750 scholarship is being offered from the DuJardin Parent-Teacher-Organization (PTO); a \$750 scholarship is being offered from the Erickson PTO. Westfield Middle School is offering two \$750 scholarships: the annual scholarship from the Student-Teacher-Parent organization, and one from former Westfield Social Studies teacher Jay Perkins in memory of his late wife Patti.

Past students of both DuJardin and Erickson may apply to only the school most recently attended. Students who attended one of the elementary schools and Westfield Middle School may apply to the elementary school as well as to Westfield.

Applications will be available from Lake Park High School and Driscoll High School counselors' offices, the District 13 school offices and can be downloaded from the district's web page, www.sd13.org. Applications must be submitted by April 4. Winners will be selected by a committee evaluating the students' applications, grade point averages, introductory letters, and letters of recommendation. Winners will be notified in early May. For more information, contact the District 13 office at (630) 893-9590.

State Representative Franco Coladipietro is now accepting applications for students wishing to be considered for a 2007-2008 General Assembly Scholarship. The scholarship through his office is available to residents of the 45th representative district, which includes parts of Bloomington. It covers tuition for the fall, spring, and summer terms at any four-year Illinois public university.

Applications can be requested by calling the district office, as well as available at the district high schools and the College of DuPage. All applications and supporting materials must reach the district office no later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, April 20, 2007.

The recipients will be chosen by Representative Coladipietro's Scholarship Advisory Committee and will be notified by mail during the summer. For more information, please call Joyce at (630) 582-0045.

Watch the April issue of the Almanac for information on the 2008 **Joe Draghi Septemberfest Scholarship** available to Bloomington residents.

Thanks!

The Village of Bloomington depends on the efforts of a variety of commissions and committees during the year. Each serves a specific purpose and is made up of volunteers, many of whom contribute a good deal of time to carry out the work of the commission. We extend thanks to the following individuals who have given so freely of their time during 2007.

Business Promotion & Cultural Development Committee

Jacki Unger	John Vertnik
Branka Poplonski	Remo Turano
Georgene Geils	Bob Allen
Lori Selvaggi	

Board of Fire & Police Commissioners

Warren Gnau	Frank Letizia
	Louis Pavone

Police Pension Board

Jeff Fritz	Len Jaster
Steve Apostolopoulos	Alan Birkley
	Randy Sater

Plan Commission

J. Thomas Brice	Guy Sanalidro
Jeff Dolce	Ron Fangusaro
Tim Lauing	Dan Hauser
Dan Proctor	

Septemberfest Commission

Carole Lockhart	Marilyn Zaccardi
Dolores Orlik	Jill Mixer
Gloria Tomaras	Bill Wolff
Mitch Frumkin	

Family Fest Commission

Guy Sanalidro	Milton Clark
Tim Jarzemyk	Kandice Kretler
Julie Deeke	Dennis Szafran



Recognize Good Character

CHARACTER COUNTS!SM

Recognition Program Nomination Form

The program is easy! All you have to do is complete this form when you see a member of the Bloomingtondale Community who lives, works, or attends school in Bloomingtondale exhibiting outstanding character. Just check the pillar that applies and write a brief description of what you saw the individual doing. Return this form to any Bloomingtondale CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition Member (School District 13, Westfield Middle School, Erickson School, DuJardin School, Winnebago School, Bloomingtondale Police Department, Village Hall, Bloomingtondale Park District -Johnston Recreation Center, Bloomingtondale Township, or the Bloomingtondale Library. Nominees will be recognized at the Bloomingtondale CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition's Annual Recognition Breakfast on Saturday, May 3rd. Forms must be submitted by April 14th.

- _____ Trustworthiness Individual is honest. Keeps promises. Shows commitment and courage.
- _____ Respect Follows the Golden Rule. Is tolerant of people's differences. Respects others' opinions. Settles disputes peacefully.
- _____ Responsibility Individual is accountable for choices. Sets a good example. Uses self control. Always does his/her best.
- _____ Fairness Always willing to listen. Teaches and models fair play.
- _____ Caring Act of kindness. Individual is compassionate. Expresses gratitude. Helps others.
- _____ Citizenship Obeys laws and rules. Protects the environment. Respects authority. Is a good neighbor. Cooperative.

Name of person being nominated: _____

Address & phone number of person being nominated: _____

Name of person submitting form _____

Address & phone number of person submitting ____: _____

Description of nominee's display of character (Attach an additional sheet if necessary.)



His Character Counts!

For additional information, please call Sandy at (630) 529-3650 or email sandy@bloomingtondaleparks.org or fax to (630) 529-9184.

The CHARACTER COUNTS!SM Recognition Program is a project of the Bloomingtondale CHARACTER COUNTS!SM Coalition.

Last year one of the residents honored was Frank Maranto, shown here surrounded by friends and family. Maranto, who retired at the end of the school year, was recognized for exhibiting outstanding character in his work as a crossing guard at DuJardin Elementary School.

Village Accomplishments in 2

Each year the February Almanac lists employees who have reached a milestone anniversary with the Village. In addition to that recognition, we'd like to highlight some of the activities and accomplishments of the various employee divisions. This is by no means a complete list, but highlights from most of the areas.

A number of projects enlisted the help of several groups of employees. These are:

- Crisis Management Team working with other Village groups on Emergency Preparedness
- Work on the Old School building
- Family Fest & Septemberfest
- Redesign of the Village's Website

Finance Department

We appreciate the efforts of all the Finance staff during the time that the Assistant Finance director position was vacant (since May of 2007). We are pleased to announce David Meimers has joined our staff in this role in January.

Also, some "fascinating financial" statistics from 2007...

- Accounts Payable issued over 4,000 payments
- Utility Billing issued over 54,000 bills, reminders and late notices
- Payroll issued over 1,200 paychecks
- Accounting issued over 700 invoices
- The front counter accepted over 600 credit card payments.

Police

- Chief Tim Goergen taught a "Leadership Academy to Police supervisors and HR Director Kay Argo.
- The men and women of the Police Department continued to provide quality service to the public, as well as foster a feeling of security and safety to our residents and businesses
- The department also increased pro-active participation in our schools and continued its connection with the seniors



Village Services – 9 Divisions

Members of several of these divisions are part of the Snow and Ice Response Team and have already had several opportunities to prove themselves this season! Other activities and responsibilities are listed below each division.

Streets

- New Pavement Patching Initiatives
- Lake Street street-light maintenance
- New employee training

Forestry

- Emerald Ash Borer Response Plan
- Streetscape Beautification Program
- Earned our 13th consecutive Tree City Award

Building & Grounds

- Balanced the maintenance needs of all departments
- Additional efforts for outdoor Library events and Village fests
- Created an Emergency Planning Room in the Police Department



– So Much to be Proud Of!

Equipment Maintenance

Continued to expand special skills and expertise to maintain Village-wide vehicle fleet, which includes squad cars, trucks and equipment

Utilities Distribution

- Worked on lift station beautification with Forestry Division
- Continued excellent emergency response on main breaks, sewer back-ups and power outages

Utilities Production

- Maintain a low percentage of “unaccounted for” water use
- Continued to supply reliable and safe water for consumption.



Reclamation

Maintained National Pollution Discharge Elimination System permit compliance in operations during the construction of Phase 1 Improvements to the Water Reclamation Facility (which is not an easy thing to do.)

Engineering

- Road Program
- Schick Road Local Agency Pavement Protection
- Lake Street & Springfield Intersection Traffic Signal
- Installed recreational path benches (with Street Division)
- Camden Drive Watermain Repairs/Restoration (large project)



Building & Zoning

- Continued Property maintenance inspections and building code updates
- Worked closely with Planning & Development to monitor construction projects, such as Alden properties, Toll Brothers Townhomes, Century Theaters and Jamesons, to name a few.

Informational Services

One-person department continued to meet challenges of new technology, such as mobile computers and wireless communications



MARSHALL GRAY INDUCTED INTO ST. VIATOR HIGH SCHOOL

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME: Resident **Marshall Gray** was inducted into the St. Viator High School Athletic Hall of Fame in 2007 in recognition of his contributions to the school's hockey program.

In 1972, Gray was invited to participate in the start up of a hockey program at St. Viator's. Located in Arlington Heights, the high school was an all-male school at that time. Gray himself had played hockey out East while in high school, prep school and college.

He ended up managing the team for eight years through 1980. This was a strictly volunteer position as the high school hockey club was not funded through the school budget. His many duties included renting of ice, conducting practices and coaching the games, as well as fundraising. Gray's son, Marshall III, known as Lee, played from 1976-80 and was a starter all four years. He was also an alternate captain in his junior and senior years.

In 1979, the team won conference and went on to be #2 in the state. Gray says his years with St. Viator were a wonderful experience. He enjoyed working with the students and the challenge of helping them become better people and better hockey players.

He was both moved and honored by his induction into the Hall of Fame. He is also proud to say the team still exists and continues to compete well. He manages to stay in touch with some of the players he coached. Marshall and his wife Sandie have resided in Bloomingdale for 17 1/2 years.



LOOKING TO HELP OUT?

The DuPage Senior Citizens Council needs help delivering meals Monday - Friday to homebound senior citizens between 10:30 a.m. and 12 noon. Volunteers can deliver daily, weekly or as a substitute. Routes take an hour and driving directions will be provided. Volunteer alone, with your children, spouse or friends. This nutritional program offers these homebound seniors a vital human connection they often miss. Bloomingdale Township on Rosedale Road in Bloomingdale is one of the 12 meal pickup locations in DuPage County. Call 630-620-0804, ext. 26 to sign up.

BREAKFAST IS SERVED!

The long-awaited Bentley's Pancake House and Restaurant opened in Springbrook Shopping Center in January. The eatery is open from 6 a.m. - 3 p.m. daily. Watch for more info in the next issue of the Almanac.

SCOUTING WITH THE MAYOR

The Webelos Den from St. Isidore Cub Scout Pack 401 visited Mayor Iden as part of their preparation for the citizenship badge. Here they get to see the view from the Mayor's seat in the Council Room.



NEW BUSINESS NETWORKING OPPORTUNITY

Christopher Sobey of American Chartered Bank wants to work more diligently in 2008 to develop relationships with area business owners. To this end, he invites local business owners to join American Chartered Bank's Business Networking Group. Beginning February 13, the group will meet every other week in the morning at the Bloomingdale branch, 485 W. Army Trail Road. There is no cost to join the group and Sobey believes each business involved can benefit from this interaction between the businesses. He is offering a completely free platform to socialize on a regular basis with other area small business owners. The coffee and refreshments are on American Chartered. Call Sobey at 630-510-4311 or email him at csobey@american-chartered.com to learn more.

'EVENING IN THE ORIENT' ON MARCH 7

The Western DuPage Special Recreation Association Foundation plans an exciting evening at "The Pearls of the Orient," its 14th Annual Charity Auction on March 7 at the Abbington, Glen Ellyn. Enjoy the sights and sounds of the Orient, dinner, open bar, live & silent auctions. Tickets are \$70 before February 15, \$80 after. For more information or to register call (630) 681-0962 or visit wdsra.com.

GOING STRONG AFTER 25 YEARS

On December 13, the Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce held its Annual Holiday Luncheon and Awards Recognition at the Hilton Chicago Indian Lakes Resort in Bloomingdale. As part of the program the Chamber celebrated its 25th Anniversary with 190 members present.

Feroz Ahmed of LPI Financial was recognized as Ambassador of the Year for his efforts to welcome and assist new businesses. In addition, he works hard to encourage involvement in Chamber activities. He has been a member of the Chamber Board of Directors since 2003.

Business Person of the Year was presented to **Salomon Diaz** with Outback Steakhouse. Salomon and Outback are both committed to community service and sponsor many events for community organizations. In 2007 they donated the entire proceeds from a luncheon to the Chamber scholarship fund. With the success of the luncheon, the Chamber was able to double its scholarship program.

Old Town Bank and Trust of Bloomingdale was presented the Business of the Year award for its ongoing commitment to the Village of Bloomingdale. In a short period of time the bank has shown itself to be a leader in support of Chamber and community activities. Bank officials have served on a variety of Chamber committees and the bank has co-sponsored a variety of Chamber activities, including the golf outing and the 25th anniversary events.

This year's Rookie of the Year was presented to **Tom Lewandowski** of Insty Prints – Roselle. Tom joined the Chamber in 2007 and immediately joined in with the 25th Anniversary Committee and the Open House Committee. Tom has made an impact in a short period of time.

This year's luncheon provided the Chamber with an opportunity to celebrate its 25th Anniversary. On hand to share in the festivities were thirteen past presidents. Pictured are, seated, **Lea Jackman, Branka Poplonski, Liana Mirea and Rae Novak**. Standing are **Gene Abbott, Ed Levato, Jim Casement, Gary Schira, Bob Allen, Al Spagnola, Jim Luberdia, Jerry Gordon and Paul Paoletti**.



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Golf Club's Lenten Fish Fry Begins February 8; Easter Brunch on March 23

Bloomingtondale Golf Club, 181 Glen Ellyn Road, will begin Friday night Lenten Fish Fry on February 8 through March 21. Dinner is served beginning at 4:30 p.m. until 9 p.m. No reservations are accepted. For more information call 630-529-3380.

Easter Brunch will be featured at Bloomingtondale Golf Club, 181 Glen Ellyn Road, on Easter Sunday, March 23. Reservations are required. Call the Golf Club at 630-529-3380.

Villagers' February 7 Meeting Highlights the Hathaways 30 Years of Travels to Third World Countries

Residents Norman & Juanita Hathaway are world travelers who have spent the last 30 years traveling third world countries. The couple has brought back souvenirs and photographs from countries all



over the world. On Thursday, February 7, the Hathaways will present a travelogue program on the people of Bolivia for the Villagers of Bloomingtondale meeting at the Bloomingtondale Public Library, 101 Fairfield Way. Learn



about living on floating islands, buying love potions and hiking in Valle de la Luna. The club invites couples and singles to this interesting and free program beginning at 6:30 p.m.

On March 6, the Villagers of Bloomingtondale will host Professor Victorio Gustavo, Chicago historian, presenting a program on the history of Chicago, followed by a question and answer period. This free program is also open to all interested and begins at 6:30 p.m at the library.

Garden Club February 20 Program Features Native Plants

The Bloomingtondale Garden Club will present Debbi Gavon of the DuPage County Forest Preserve District at its Wednesday, February 20th meeting. Gavon will discuss "Introducing Native Plants to a Traditional Garden of Perennials and Annuals" beginning at 6:30 in Room B at the Bloomingtondale Public Library, 101 Fairfield Way.

Native plants are beautiful, hardy, easy to maintain, and beneficial to the environment. Native plants naturally adapt, providing shelter and food to native wildlife more consistently, even during drought or freezing conditions. All are invited to this informative program. Contact Debbie DeChinistso at 630-351-1010 for more information

LIBRARY CLOSED ON FEBRUARY 22

The Bloomingtondale Public Library will be closed on Friday, February 22, 2008 for a staff in-service.

Fun for All Ages at Lions Club's March 8 Easter Egg Hunt

The Bloomingtondale Lions Club will be hosting its annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 8 at Circle Park starting at 11:00 a.m.

The hunt is early this year and could be cold, but the Lions promise fun for all. Children ages 2, 3 & 4 will participate in the Egg Hunt in the playground area. Children ages 5-6 and 7-8 will participate in the Egg Roll Race on the field.

The Easter Egg Hunt has been a tradition in Bloomingtondale for more than 30 years. Last year more than 100 youngsters, with their parents, enjoyed the event.



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District 13 Schedules 2008 Kindergarten Registration

Children who will be five years old on or before September 1, 2008, are eligible for kindergarten during the 2008-09 school year. Parents wishing to register their child for Kindergarten in District 13 schools should contact the elementary school they plan to attend.

DuJardin School, 166 S. Euclid, covers the east side of the district; students on the west side of the district attend Erickson School, 277 Springfield Drive. If you do not know which school you should attend, please contact the district office at 893-9590. Kindergarten registration packets can be picked up at either school office beginning Monday, February 4th. Completed packets can then be dropped off at your child's school during registration on the following dates and times.

- Feb. 19, Tues. 8:00 - 4:00 pm
- Feb. 20, Weds. 8:00 - 6:00 pm
- Feb. 21, Thurs. 8:00 - 4:00 pm
- Feb. 22, Fri. 8:00 - 4:00 pm

Parents will need to bring the child's original birth certificate. In addition, parents who do not already have a child attending District 13 schools also need to bring one of the following documents for proof of residency: a real estate tax bill, mortgage papers, signed lease, or agreement of sale, along with one other form of identification which includes a driver's license, auto registration, voter registration, public aid card, gas or electric bill. For more information, call DuJardin at 894-9200 or Erickson at 529-2223.

'Oh Shoot!'

Oh, Shoot! is the Bloomingdale Park District Museum's annual photography show which provides an opportunity for photographers to compete for cash prizes in this juried exhibition. Black and white, color, and digital images have been judged. Call 630-529-3650 for further information. The exhibit runs now through February 23. The museum is open Wed 4-8 p.m.; Thurs & Fri 10 - 4 p.m; Sat noon - 4 p.m. Admission is \$1 residents, \$2 non-residents, \$.50 for Seniors 60+ and children under 12.



Happy Anniversary!

Congratulations to the following Village employees who celebrated special service anniversaries in 2007.

30 years

Tom Schrieber

25 years

Scott Stick
Randy Sater
Jack Libman
Robin Anderson

20 years

Colin Trusk
Mark Garrison
Jim Johnson
Steve Abruzzo
Paul Dublin

15 years

Jim Monkemeyer
John Krueger

10 years

Bill Knowski

5 years

David Spradling
Karen Swanson

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Parkway Damaged By Snow Plows?

The Public Works Division understands that there could be some damage to parkways due to snowplowing operations. It is Village policy to repair parkways in April, May, and early June, weather permitting, as this is the best time for the germination of grass seed.

Please call the Public Works Division at 630-671-5800 to inform us about damage to your parkway so we can put your location on the list.

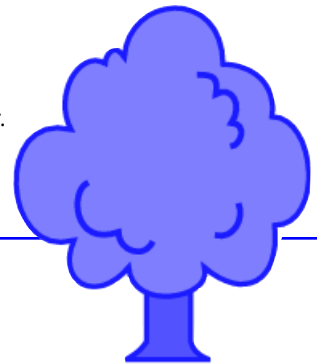


Thinking About Trimming or Removing a Parkway Tree? You'll Need to Obtain a Permit

For any and all work by a resident or resident's contractor on a parkway tree, a permit is required by Ordinance No. 95-61, An Ordinance Regulating the Planting, Maintenance and Removal of Trees on Public Areas. .

Please Note: Installing planter walls around parkway trees is work which requires a permit. The Village discourages the installation of planter walls around parkway trees because the parkway is Village property and the typical installation of a small diameter ring filled with soil is injurious to the tree. For those residents who have installed planter walls without permits, approval can be obtained by contacting James M. Johnson, Urban Forester, at 630-671-5804. The Village will be notifying residents of a violation when unacceptable planters are encountered..

The Village has a comprehensive, systematic pruning schedule which ensures each tree is trimmed every five years. Contract tree pruning occurs during February through April. In-house trimming can occur any time during the year. If a resident believes a parkway tree requires pruning, please contact the Forestry Division at 630-671-5800.



Contract Tree Pruning To Begin in February

Ciosek Tree Service of Lombard, Illinois will begin parkway tree pruning for the Village in February. All trees with a diameter at breast height of eight or more inches will be pruned to improve tree health and structure in a careful and systematic manner. Areas included in this year's cycle are

- Bayview Crossing
- Brookdale Estates
- Chateau Lorraine
- Stratford Lakes
- Campanelli Subdivision

Tree Talk Tree Talk Tree Talk 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.





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‘Cops and Kids for Christmas’ Brings Miles of Smiles This Holiday Season

Once again the Bloomingdale Police Fraternal Order of Police sponsored “Cops and Kids for Christmas.” Fifteen members of the FOP took 17 local needy children Christmas shopping for their family members, as well as for themselves at Meijer’s. Local financial support for this event continues. In addition

to a cash donation from Meijer’s,

Salerno Rosedale Chapels donated a coat, hat and

gloves for each child, and

the Chicagoland Italian-

American Charitable Organization donated

bicycles. Other donors included the

Bloomingdale Parks

Foundation, Trustee John

Dabrowski, Police Chief

Tim Goergen, and of course,

our own FOP.

