

HOLIDAY GIVING OPPORTUNITIES IN BLOOMINGDALE

Bloomington Employee's Salvation Army Angel Tree - Please be an Angel by joining together with the Village of Bloomington employees this holiday season in support of boys and girls attending the Salvation Army's Red Shield Head Start Program, located in Chicago's Englewood Community. Angel Tree tags identifying toy and/or clothing needs of each child by age and gender are available at the Village Hall. All gifts need to be purchased and returned **un-wrapped** to the Village Hall by Tuesday, December 15. If you are interested in participating and would like to be sent a tag, please [click here](#), or call Barb Weber at (630) 671-5613.



Bloomington Township Sharing Tree - The names & wishes of local needy youngsters and residents of convalescent and nursing homes will be on the Sharing Tree, located at the Township Transportation Building, 123 Rosedale Road. Wrapped gifts must be returned by December 12, and the Council notes that gift cards are perfect for the "older children" aged 14-18 who are often forgotten each. The Transportation Building will be open weekdays 10 - 6, Saturday 10 - 5 and Sunday 11- 5 through December 12. For more information on the Sharing Tree Program, call Sue at (630) 529-9993.

Bloomington VFW Post 7539 - Bloomington VFW Post 7539 is assembling holiday packages for our servicemen and women who are still far from home. Items sent include: peanut butter, jelly, crackers, tuna, canned fruit, canned pasta, beef jerky/Slim Jims, nuts, Pringles, granola bars, Altoids, Lifesavers, Tic Tacs, Crystal Lite, Gatorade, eye drops, saline, nasal spray, antibiotic ointment, vitamins, BenGay, Q-tips, cotton balls and handwritten notes or cards during the holiday season. Nonfood items appreciated are: CDs and DVDs, pencils, blank birthday cards, tissues, batteries, bug spray, fly swatters, thank you cards, and sunscreen in the summer. Items can be delivered to the Bloomington Fire Station at 179 S. Bloomington Road seven days a week, between the hours of 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Please enter on the south side of the building and ring the doorbell.



If shopping isn't your thing, but you still want to help, the post can always use donations to help pay for shipping all the packages they send out. Please make checks payable to: VFW Post 7539. Send them to VFW Post 7539, c/o Bloomington Public Library, 101 Fairfield Way, Bloomington, IL. 60108, and in the memo put "Support the Troops."

Marklund - Ages, names and suggested gift ideas for residents will be placed on the tree at Marklund Children's Home, 164 S. Prairie Ave, and on the trees at:

- Bloomington Park District, (Giving Tree), 172 S. Circle
- Olive Garden, 332 W. Army Trail Road
- Pivot Point, 144 E. Lake Street (Springbrook Shopping Center)

Wrapped gifts, with names attached should be returned to the site where the tag was picked up.

Presents for Pets - In addition to collecting for Marklund Home residents, the Bloomington Park District will also be collecting gifts for our four-legged friends. All are invited to open up their hearts to light up this holiday season for Marklund residents, as well as for deserving pets. Stop by the "**Giving Tree**" at the **Johnston Recreation Center**, 172 S. Circle Avenue to pick up a wish list.

