

Senior Connection

From the Office of Township Supervisor, Michael D. Hovde, Jr.

Supervisor Hovde's Summer Update

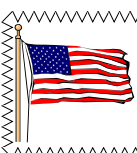
Welcome to Summer! We have had quite a bit of activity at the Senior Center, and I enjoy seeing everyone at our lunch events. We will continue to host a combination of the in person meals along with the Drive Through meals, so stay tuned for more events. For the most up to date information, please call us at 630-529-7794, or visit our website at www.bloomingtondaletownship.com.

We are working on installing a few public access computers at the Senior Center, which will be a great resource to those who need to use them. In other news, our township deputy, Officer Kermend has received a promotion and moved to a new position, so we have a new deputy, Officer Kielczewski, who is eager to help out. We plan on having an informational seminar from law enforcement this Summer at the Senior Center, so stay tuned for details.

Finally, I want to remind everyone that Bloomingdale Township runs an outstanding food pantry, which also stocks a variety of household items, as well as a diaper bank, providing products for both children and adults.

I thank all of you for your support and if you ever need assistance, please call me at the Supervisor's office 630-529-7715 so we can help.

Michael D. Hovde, Jr.
Bloomingdale Township Supervisor



*Serving Senior Citizens
Throughout Bloomingdale Township*





Pizza Party

FRIDAY

August 18, 2023

\$8.00 per person

make checks payable to:

SENIOR COUNCIL OF BLOOMINGDALE TOWNSHIP

Lunch at 12:00pm

Bingo at 1:00pm

MENU:

PRONTO'S

PIZZA

PLEASE CHOOSE 2 PIECES

AT SIGN-UP

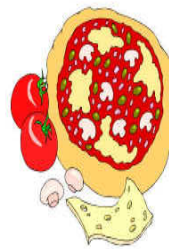
CHEESE, SAUSAGE,

PEPPERONI

TOSSED GARDEN SALAD

DESSERT

LEMONADE & ICE TEA



Resident Sign-Up Starting on

Thursday, July 20, 2023

at the Senior Center

60 MAXIMUM

SEPTEMBER LUNCHEON

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2023



\$14.00 Per Person

make checks payable to:
SENIOR COUNCIL OF BLOOMINGDALE TOWNSHIP

Lunch at 12:00pm
Bingo at 1:00pm



MENU:



**Sliced Roast Loin of Pork,
Bratwurst,
Sauerkraut, Dinner Roll, Mashed
Potatoes w/Gravy & Apple Strudel
for Dessert**

**RESIDENT SIGN-UP STARTING ON
THURSDAY, JULY 20, 2023
AT THE SENIOR CENTER
60 Maximum**



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CON AND SCAM ALERT UPDATE

Scams and Con Artists work all year long to hone their skills and ruses to separate people from their money. These unscrupulous individuals devise schemes that appear to be legitimate and play on the possibility that someone will be a “sympathetic soul” for a person in need or take the “bait” towards a “get rich quick” opportunity of a lifetime. Senior citizens are not the only targets. **Everyone** is susceptible to something that sounds “*too good to be true*” or may be taken advantage of in trying to be a “*Good Samaritan*”. The following are only a few of deceptive acts that may circulate at this time:

“**Relative in trouble**” scam. Senior citizens may receive phone calls from individuals *claiming* to be related to the senior citizen, such as their “favorite” (or beautiful or handsome) grandson / grand-daughter / nephew / niece (or other family member). The senior citizen may then instinctively state the name of a family member and the caller would *assume the identity of that family member*. The caller states that he / she has been in an accident and/or is under arrest, in which they need help to raise money to be released from the hospital or from jail. The senior citizen becomes very upset that a family member is in trouble, in which the senior citizen is willing to send the money (generally, via Western Union) to help the family member out of such a bad situation. The Bloomingdale Police Department encourages everyone to question any phone call that doesn't seem quite right. **Please do not provide any personal information and verify information that you are given with family members, trusted friends, or your local police department.**

The “**Letter scam**” by mail or e-mail, in most cases referred to as the Nigerian letter, requests help to get money into our country via your bank account. The requestor will ask for your personal information, including a financial account number and possibly your social security number, to complete a transfer of funds into your account **and** for your assistance, you will receive a portion of the money transferred into the country. Some con artists will offer to send a helpful courier to expedite the process. Please note that it does not only come in letter form, but the con artists have utilized the Internet and sent it as an e-mail.

Along the same lines, either by letter or by e-mail, the **Award Winning Notification scam** is going strong. An individual may receive a letter with a realistic-looking check that congratulates them as one of the winners of a drawing. The company claims that the ‘so-called winners’ were selected through a computer ballot system, drawn from 149,000 telephone numbers and utilities bills of individuals who sign up for the services. The letter / e-mail notifies the individual that the lump sum pay out of \$48,500.00 can be issued once they receive the \$2,980.00 to cover the charges/fees associated to the Lotto Regulatory Board. A phone number is provided to coordinate the collection of your winnings and they ask for confidentiality until your prize money is received to avoid multiple claims. Again, the check may look legitimate so that you won't want to pass up the winning opportunity. Please do not believe it!

Lastly, the “**Seal Coat (Roof Repair, or any other household repair)**” scam has never gone out of style. The repair people (at least two individuals involved) will note that some home repair is needed on your residence and they will quote a price for the work. A down payment for equipment or the full amount is needed before the repair can begin and many times the repair crew will gain access into the home to perform a theft **or** will complete a sub par repair on the home. The so-called repair workers will show great concern for the situation and convince you that the repair is needed immediately before further damage occurs. **There is always time to make a good decision regarding a repair or investment in your home. Please check first** with a family member or friend/neighbor, and with the Village regarding building codes and permits.

The Bloomingdale Police Department wants all citizens to be aware of home repair fraud, phone scams, mail fraud, and Internet scams and to practice the following safety tips.

Keep doors and windows locked at all times.

Never open the doors to strangers. Ask service people for identification and call the company for further verification. **ANY** suspicious people or activity – contact the local police department **immediately**.

Check with family, friends, the Village Building Department / Police Department for validity of a business and/or repair activity within the Village limits.

Don't give personal or financial information over the phone. Do not dial unfamiliar code numbers on the phone.

Hang up on nuisance callers and report them.

Consult with trusted individuals regarding any business / financial affairs.

Tax Scam Tricks by IRS Posers

Though the tax season is over, tax scammers work year-round. The IRS advises you to stay alert to protect yourself against new ways criminals pose as the IRS to trick you out of your money or personal information. These scams first tried to sting older Americans, newly arrived immigrants and those who speak English as a second language. The crooks have expanded their net, and now try to swindle virtually anyone. Here are several tips from the IRS to help you avoid being a victim of these scams:

- Scams use scare tactics. These aggressive and sophisticated scams try to scare people into making a false tax payment that ends up with the criminal. Many phone scams use threats to try to intimidate you so you will pay them your money. They often threaten arrest or deportation, or that they will revoke your license if you don't pay. They may also leave "urgent" callback requests, sometimes through "robo-calls," via phone or email. The emails will often contain a fake IRS document with a phone number or an email address for you to reply.
- Scams use caller ID spoofing. Scammers often alter caller ID to make it look like the IRS or another agency is calling. The callers use IRS titles and fake badge numbers to appear legit. They may use online resources to get your name, address and other details about your life to make the call sound official.
- Scams use phishing email and regular mail. Scammers copy official IRS letterhead to use in email or regular mail they send to victims. In another new variation, schemers provide an actual IRS address where they tell the victim to mail a receipt for the payment they make. All in an attempt to make the scheme look official.
- Scams cost victims over \$20 million. The Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration, or TIGTA, has received reports of about 600,000 contacts since October 2013. TIGTA is also aware of nearly 4,000 victims who have collectively reported over \$20 million in financial losses as a result of tax scams.

The real IRS will not:

- Call you to demand immediate payment. The IRS will not call you if you owe taxes without first sending you a bill in the mail.
- Demand that you pay taxes and not allow you to question or appeal the amount that you owe.
- Require that you pay your taxes a certain way. For instance, require that you pay with a prepaid debit card.
- Ask for credit or debit card numbers over the phone.
- Threaten to bring in police or other agencies to arrest you for not paying.

If you don't owe taxes or have no reason to think that you do:

- Do not provide any information to the caller. Hang up immediately.
- Contact the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration. Use TIGTA's "IRS Impersonation Scam Reporting" web page to report the incident.
- You should also report it to the Federal Trade Commission. Use the "FTC Complaint Assistant" on FTC.gov. Please add "IRS Telephone Scam" in the notes. If you know you owe, or think you may owe taxes: Call the IRS at 800-829-1040. IRS workers can help you if you do owe taxes. Stay alert to scams that use the IRS as a lure. For more, visit "Tax Scams and Consumer Alerts" on IRS.gov.

In order to reduce victimization, please be alert and aware of your surroundings, utilize good safety practices, and keep in contact with your neighbors and your local police department. By being "**the eyes and ears of the community**" will help reduce victimization for you and others.

If you have any questions, concerns, or are looking for more information about Crime Prevention material, please contact your local police department.



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Bernie	Landsbaum	Pam	Taylor

AARP PRESENTS "SMART DRIVER COURSE"

The Bloomingdale Township Senior Center, in conjunction with the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), will host a "Smart Driver Course" on September 7 & 8, from 9 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. The cost of the class is \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members. This includes all classroom materials (except pens) necessary to complete this 2 day course. **Please bring your driver's license.** This course will be conducted at the Senior Center, located at: 6N050 Rosedale Road, Bloomingdale, 60108, (630) 529-7794. Register at the Senior Center. **No mail-ins accepted!!!!**

(In-Person) Resident sign up begins July 20th; Non-resident sign up begins July 27th

The "Smart Driver Course" is open to persons 60 and older. Participants will refine their existing skills and develop safe, defensive, driving techniques. They will review how to handle adverse conditions and traffic hazards, and learn how aging and medication affects driving, and much more.

CHECKS MUST BE MADE PAYABLE TO AARP AND ACCOMPANY THE REGISTRATION

Please enroll me in the AARP SMART DRIVER COURSE

Location: Bloomingdale Township Senior Center

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

MEMBER \$20 _____ AARP NUMBER _____ NON MEMBER \$25 _____

DRIVERS LICENSE NUMBER _____

Calendar of Events

July 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Weekly Activities

Monday: Bridge 12:00-4:00 PM
 Tuesday: Stained Glass 9:00 - NOON
 Tuesday: Bingo 12:00-3:00 PM
 Wednesday: Pinochle 12:00-4:00 PM
 Thursday: Ceramics 9:00 -3:00 PM
 Thursday: Tai Chi 10:00-10:45 AM

August 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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WEEKLY EXERCISE CLASSES

MONDAY 8:45-9:45

(Total Body Fit)

WEDNESDAY 8:45-9:30 A.M.

(Chair Yoga)

WEDNESDAY 9:45-10:30 A.M.

(Pace Fit)

FRI 8:45-9:45 A.M.

(Fit For Life)

-REGISTRATION REQUIRED FOR MONDAY and WEDNESDAY-

September 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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TAI CHI/QI GONG CLASSES

THURSDAYS

10 AM - 10:45 AM

Slow and gentle movements with relaxing breathing exercises will be taught on Thursdays from 10-10:45 a.m. at the Senior Center.

The circled ○ dates indicate events sponsored by the Senior Council/Center. The blackout dates indicate Township closed.

MOVIE MATINEE

Call 630-529-7794 to reserve a seat.

July 13th
“The Call of the Wild”

July 27th
“80 for Brady”



August 10th
“Champions”

August 24th
“The Quiet Girl”

****Movies run from 1:00—3:00 PM****
(THURSDAYS)

RULES *of the* **ROAD**

Friday, August 11, 2023

10:00 am—12:00 (noon)

**Illinois Rules of the Road
Review Course
will be offered**

FREE

to persons 60 and older

**at the
Bloomington Township
Senior Center**

Call to reserve a seat

(630) 529-7794

Resident sign-up - July 19th
Non Resident sign-up - July 26th
MAX - 20

Bloomington Township Senior Center

BUNGO
An illustration of three dice, one in front and two behind it, showing different faces.

It's How We Roll!

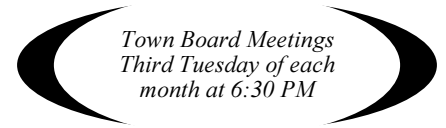
Come join us at the Senior Center for BUNGO.

**We will be meeting on August 4th and
September 1st, from 10:30am to 1pm.**

**The cost is \$10.00 (cash only) which includes pizza,
soda and prizes.**

Please reserve a seat for Bunco either in person or by calling the Senior Center (630-529-7794)

Bloomingtondale Township Quick Reference



www.bloomingtondaletownship.com

Bloomingtondale Township Offices

Supervisor's Office	630-529-7715
Assessor's Office	630-529-6927
Highway Department	630-529-5221
Town Clerk's Office	630-529-7715
General Assistance Department	630-529-9993
Senior Center	630-529-7794
Youth Service Bureau	630-893-6685
Mosquito Hot Line	1-800-942-2555

Township Officials

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Monday-Friday, 8:30 AM-4:30 PM

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Monday-Friday, 7:00 AM-3:30 PM

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