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a lifelong learning community | november/december 2021

It's the most wonderful time of the year...

Virtual CP Rail Holiday Train

The CP Rail Holiday Train is going virtual again this year due to the ongoing pandemic. Details on the concert, including musical guests, date, time and virtual hosting platform, will be available at: cpr.ca/holiday-train/united-states

Holiday Decorating Contest

Nomination period now through December 10, 2021
Nominate your home by emailing the property address, name, email, phone number, and pictures to holidaycontest@bensenville.il.us. Submitted properties will be posted to the Village's Facebook page.

Vintage Holiday Cookies and Candies

Saturday | November 13 | 2 pm | Live on Zoom
Learn about some classic holiday desserts at this humorous, nostalgic event with cookbook collector Amy Alessio. Everyone will leave with recipes! Register at benlib.org.

Family Apple Pie Making

Tuesday | November 23 | 5 pm & 7 pm
BENSENVILLE COMMUNITY PUBLIC LIBRARY
Make an apple pie for your holiday gathering! Pies will be assembled at the Library and you can take them home to bake. All materials and ingredients will be provided. One pie and one time slot per family, please.
Register at 630.766.4642.

Holiday Magic and Tree Lighting Ceremony

Sunday | November 21
SANTA VISITS 5 – 7 PM | TREE LIGHTING 7 PM
DOWNTOWN BENSENVILLE

Letters to (and from!) Santa

November 26 – December 15
BENSENVILLE COMMUNITY PUBLIC LIBRARY
Santa wants to hear from you! We have a mailbox that goes straight to the North Pole, so drop off your letters to Santa Claus! And if you wish, you can leave a return address and Santa will write you back!

Adopt a Snowman

Monday | November 29
Adopt and decorate your very own 4ft snowman any way that you want; then, your snowman will remain at Fischer Farm all December long for everyone to enjoy.

Holiday Gingerbread Contest

December 1 – December 15
Build your best gingerbread house and see how it stands up against the rest of the district. For more info and registration visit the DGLC.

Letters to Santa

December 1 – December 17
Are you asking Santa for a special Christmas gift? Write your letter to him and drop it off to the DCLC by December 17!

Holiday Open House

Friday | December 3 | 5 – 7 pm
BENSENVILLE COMMUNITY PUBLIC LIBRARY AND LIVE ON ZOOM
Please join us for this annual event and celebrate the holidays with some special musical performances.
Register at benlib.org or 630.766.4642.

Farmside Christmas

Saturday | December 4 | 3 – 7 pm
FISCHER FARM
Enjoy ice sculptors, reindeer, carriage rides, holiday crafts, a photo with Santa. Warm up around a bonfire with some hot chocolate and treats. Registration begins November 9 at the DGLC.

Santa Claus is Coming To Town

December 6 – December 16
Santa will be making personal house visits across Bensenville this Holiday season in his travelling workshop. Registration begins November 9 at the DGLC.

Virtual Visit With Santa

**Tuesday, December 7 & Wednesday, December 8
6:30 & 8:30 pm | Live on Zoom**
Join us on Zoom for a one-on-one virtual visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus! Please register for one, 5-minute slot, and that will put you in line in the Zoom waiting room to meet with Santa and tell him if you've been naughty or nice this year! Register at benlib.org or 630.766.4642.

Holiday Card Making

Wednesday | December 15 | 6:30 pm
BENSENVILLE COMMUNITY PUBLIC LIBRARY
There are many ways to tell someone that they are in your thoughts during the holidays. The most creative is by making them a homemade holiday card! Join Mr. Parish for a night of card making. Register at benlib.org or 630.766.4642.

Bensenville Reads: Vicki Delany

Thursday | December 16 | 7 pm | Live on Zoom
This year for our annual Bensenville Reads event we'll be reading books from Vicki Delany's Year Round Christmas Mysteries series, then hearing a live Zoom presentation from the author herself! If you're a cozy or crime genre lover stop by the library to see the Vicki Delany display and be sure to register for the presentation!
Register at benlib.org or 630.766.4642.

Senior Holiday Party

Friday | December 17 | 10 am – 1:30 pm
WHITE PINES BANQUETS
Registration is required by purchasing tickets at the Village Hall Finance Counter by December 10th. Ticket costs are \$15 for incorporated Bensenville residents and \$33 for non-residents. Tickets will not be sold at the door.

Holiday Ice Show

Sunday | December 19 | 1:30 pm
EDGE ICE ARENA | 735 E. JEFFERSON STREET
BENSENVILLE
\$8 general admission and it is open to the public.
Includes Skate with Santa after the show
(\$3.00 skate rental additional).

Santa Storytime

Tuesday | December 21 | 6:30 pm
BENSENVILLE COMMUNITY PUBLIC LIBRARY
Join Santa and Mrs. Claus as they read holiday books and sing songs just in time for Christmas! Register at benlib.org or 630.766.4642.

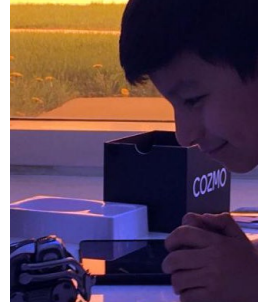


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SCHOOL DISTRICT 2

THE SEARCH CONTINUES

New superintendent is likely to be named in January.

The BSD2 Board of Education initiated its search for a new superintendent of schools this fall. In September and October, Hazard, Young, Attea, and Associates (HYA), the District's superintendent search consultants, conducted an online survey of BSD2 stakeholders and met with numerous focus groups representing a wide range of people from across the District. In both the survey and the focus groups, HYA asked participants to share their thoughts about the strengths of our schools, the challenges the District is currently facing, what the new leader's priorities should be, and what professional and personal characteristics they would like to see in the District's next superintendent.

Later in October, HYA compiled the results of the survey information and the information it gathered from the focus groups, and presented it all to the BSD2 Board and community in the form of a Leadership Profile Report. That report can be viewed at www.bsd2.org | Services | Superintendent's Office.

In November, HYA will research and recruit a slate of candidates that fit this profile, and the board will likely begin interviewing candidates in early December, and conduct follow-up interviews of finalists in mid-December.

While there is a chance the Board could name the District's new superintendent before winter break, that announcement is more likely to occur sometime in January.

MONEY MATTERS:

District 2 Board of Education approves 2021-2022 budget.

The District 2 Board of Education approved the 2021-2022 budget at its September 15 meeting. The budget can be reviewed at bsd2.org | Services | Business & Finance | Budget & Financial Reports.

The 2021-2022 budget authorizes about \$43.6 million of spending, paid for with about \$41.3 million in revenue. The projected deficit is about \$2.35 million.

The budget includes \$3.75 million of construction expenses for the addition to the Bensenville Early Learning Center at Tioga School. The cost of this project will be covered by cash reserves and bond proceeds leftover from previous construction projects. Completion of this project is expected later this year.

The budget would project a \$1.4 million surplus without that spending from the District's cash reserves, which is allowing the District to continue improving and expanding its facilities without a tax increase.





D2...a great community!

WE BELONG

New club at Blackhawk celebrates diversity and spreads kindness

Drop in on a We Belong Club meeting at Blackhawk Middle School, and, at first glance, it might seem like a bunch of kids hanging out. Listen to the chatter, though, and you'll soon realize that's a huge part of what has made the new club so special -- it has provided a safe space for students struggling with their identities to explore those issues together.

"They're telling each other, 'It's horrible how that happened to you,' and 'You're amazing and you're beautiful and everyone loves you,'" said Wendy Spikings, a BMS counselor who launched the club last year with Juliet Zabel, a sixth grade English and language arts teacher. "It's just students supporting students, and it's an amazing thing to watch."

About 30 students participate in We Belong Club, which launched online last year and is now meeting in person.

"We started off creating that safe place, but they really want to make certain that we're getting the word out there, too," said Mrs. Zabel. "So we've made bracelets and ordered sweatshirts and flags. We've also made posters for the hallways, but they're not just posters that advertise the club -- they also promote acceptance in our school and tell everyone it is OK to choose who you want to be."

Mrs. Zabel said the club came about because staff were watching students struggle with identity issues in ways that impacted their social and emotional wellbeing and their academic performance, and it was heartbreaking.

"Students are changing, and the times are changing, and the adults don't seem to be changing as quickly as the students are," she said. "We realized, though, that at this stage of adolescence, they will have questions, and they don't necessarily know who they are at this point. So we decided to bring awareness to this idea of student identity, and to try to make certain our school was a safe environment where kids could ask questions and teachers could help them investigate these issues and find answers about their identity."

Since launching, We Belong Club has received an overwhelming outpouring of support from BMS staff and the broader BSD2 community, said Ms. Spikings. "People heard about this positive thing, and they wanted to be a part of it. That's a really good example for kids to see how the community is coming together to support them," she said. "And we really emphasize that everyone is welcome, that this is a club for everyone, so I think it has been great for those students who are struggling with their identity to realize that they are accepted by people who are different from them, too."



ALL ABOARD!

Keeping up with the BSD2 Board of Education is easier than ever now!

BSD2 Board of Education meetings have always been open to the public, and the materials Board members review in those meetings are always public documents, available to anyone upon request.

Now it is easier than ever for District 2 parents, staff and residents to keep up with the BSD2 Board. No need to attend meetings in person. No need to request copies of the Board's agenda packets. Since the start of the pandemic, all Board meetings have been live streamed on the District's website, www.bsd2.org. Last spring, the Board made that practice the District's policy, so stakeholders from all across the District need only go online to watch Board meetings.

Additionally, parents and staff will receive email and text message reminders before every meeting. Messages will include links to the live stream and to the same online Board agenda packet that, until now, was only provided to Board members.

Following each meeting, the District will also recap highlights and need-to-know info in *BSD2 Board Briefs*, which will be posted to the District's website and sent to parents and staff.

To receive meeting notifications and the "BSD2 Board Briefs" recaps, contact Tim Waldorf, Community Relations Coordinator, at 630.766.5940 ext. 1122 or twaldorf@bsd2.org.

TOGETHER AGAIN

BSD2 community enjoyed schools' fun family events in person this fall

Earlier this fall, our schools hosted two wonderful events for our students and their families.

September 29 was BMS Literacy night, which featured reading-related crafts, games and prizes, and a special appearance via ZOOM by young adult author Megan E. Freeman, who discussed her debut novel, *Alone*.



Two days later, on the evening of Friday, October 1, the Johnson and Tioga School communities came together for Johnson PTA Fall Fest. Held outside and *under the lights* at Johnson on a gorgeous fall evening, it provided families from both schools opportunities to enjoy carnival games and cake walks, balloon artists and face painters, hayrides and pumpkin painting, and much, much more.



Both events were excellent reminders of what a great community we have here in District 2, and it was great to see that community coming together once again for memorable moments like these.

Thank you to everyone whose efforts made them possible!

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HOURS

MONDAY | 9 AM-9 PM
TUESDAY | 9 AM-9 PM
WEDNESDAY | 9 AM-9 PM
THURSDAY | 9 AM-9 PM
FRIDAY | 9 AM-5 PM
SATURDAY | 9 AM-5 PM
SUNDAY | 1 PM-5 PM

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LIBRARY CLOSINGS

Thursday, November 25 | Thanksgiving
Friday, December 24 | Christmas Eve
Saturday, December 25 | Christmas Day
Friday, December 31 | New Year's Eve
Saturday, January 1, 2022 | New Year's Day



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BENSENVILLE COMMUNITY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Bensenville Reads Vicki Delany's Cozy Holiday Mysteries

VIRTUAL AUTHOR VISIT | THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16 | 7:00 PM | LIVE ON ZOOM

The Bensenville Community Public Library is proud to announce Vicki Delany as our next Bensenville Reads author! Vicki Delany is one of Canada's most prolific and varied crime writers as well as a national bestseller in the U.S. She has written more than forty books: clever cozies to Gothic thrillers to gritty police procedurals, to historical fiction and novellas for adult literacy. This year for our annual Bensenville Reads event we'll be reading books from her Year Round Christmas Mysteries series, then hearing a live Zoom presentation from the author herself! If you're a cozy or crime genre lover stop by the library to see the Vicki Delany display and be sure to register for this Zoom presentation!



VINTAGE HOLIDAY COOKIES AND CANDIES

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13 | 2 PM | LIVE ON ZOOM

Learn about some classic holiday desserts at this humorous, nostalgic event with cookbook collector Amy Alessio. Everyone will leave with recipes! Registration is required through our online calendar or by phone; space is limited.

BILINGUAL NIGHT: Lotería Game Night

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18 | 6:30 PM | ALL AGES

Lotería is a traditional game of chance, similar to bingo, but uses images on a deck of cards instead of numbered ping pong balls. Join Miss Karen and Miss Sofia for Lotería game night and a chance to win prizes! Registration is required through our online calendar or by phone; space is limited.



HAPPY NAPPING STORYTIME

**THURSDAYS AT 1:15 PM | DECEMBER 2 - DECEMBER 16 AND JANUARY 13 - FEBRUARY 24
AT THE LIBRARY | AGES: 4 YEARS OLD AND UNDER**

Join Miss Diane to share some gentle stories and rhymes to unwind before naptime. Bring your favorite snuggly animal or blanket to share some sweet stories as we stretch out and relax together. Registration is required through our online calendar or by phone; space is limited.

AUTHOR VISIT: GUS MORENO

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7 | 7 PM | IN-PERSON AT THE LIBRARY AND LIVE ON ZOOM

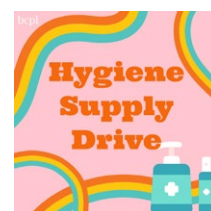
In his new novel, *This Thing Between Us*, a widower battles his grief, rage, and the mysterious evil inhabiting his home smart speaker. Join author Gus Moreno as he discusses his mesmerizing new horror thriller. Registration is required through our online calendar or by phone; space is limited.



HYGIENE SUPPLY DRIVE

ENTIRE MONTH OF DECEMBER

All month long bring in your unused, unopened toiletries, as well as unopened baby products to the drop off box located in the Youth Services Department. The donations will be put in the Library's free food pantry and donated to a women's shelter. Put your name on the "Wall of Fame" and enter into the raffle for donating. Items accepted, but not limited to: toothpaste, deodorant, feminine hygiene products, mouth wash, baby wipes, diapers, formal, combs & brushes, just to name a few. Stop by the Youth desk when you donate to get your raffle ticket. You'll receive one ticket per visit when you donate.





Craft along with us from home! Adults are invited to join us live on Zoom for DIY crafts. We'll supply the crafting materials for free — we'll have them bagged up ready to go and you can pick them up! Please note that some craft programs will be held in person at the Library, as indicated in the description. Registration for our craft programs is required through our online calendar or by phone; space is

limited. Materials for Zoom crafts are available one week prior to the event; participants must be registered prior to pickup and must be a BCPL cardholder. One Take & Make kit per person, please. Registration closes one day prior to the event. Invitations to the Zoom event will be emailed to participants after registration closes.

DIY MACRAME JAR HOLDER

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15 | 7 PM | LIVE ON ZOOM | ADULTS ONLY

Join us on Zoom and make a decorative macramé mason jar holder to hang in your home. This craft is perfect to hang succulents, sand art, candles, or anything you'd like!

ORIGAMI POINSETTIAS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2 | 7 PM | LIVE ON ZOOM | ADULTS ONLY

Using origami papers in seasonal shades, learn a simple fold technique and make these lovely flowers to trim your gifts or holiday table.

DIY VEGAN SOAP

TUESDAY, JANUARY 4 | 7 PM | AT THE LIBRARY

Have you ever wanted to learn how soap is made, but the thought of working with lye or tallow seems both dangerous and gross? Well you're in luck — we're hosting a program that will teach you how to make wonderful homemade soap from safe, vegan ingredients!

ANYTIME CRAFT KITS

NOVEMBER 6 | GRATITUDE LEAVES

DECEMBER 4 | WOOD SLICE ORNAMENT

Like crafting, but too busy to attend a program? Stop by the library to pick up an Anytime Craft Kit! Anytime Craft Kits are available all month long beginning the first Saturday of the month, while supplies last. Each kit includes the materials to create the project, plus step-by-step instructions. Anytime Craft Kits are for adults only on a first-come, first-served basis. One craft per adult, please! Sorry, we are unable to hold crafts.



Registration for these virtual Zoom programs is required through our online calendar or by phone; space is limited. Registration closes one day prior to the event.

ORGANIZE & SAVE YOUR DIGITAL FILES WORKSHOP

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10
7 PM | LIVE ON ZOOM**

Join our Digital Librarian & Archivist Elizabeth Morris to learn uncomplicated ways to organize and save your digital files. Learn how to create your own file hierarchy, name files, and where you should store and back up your files. We will also briefly discuss what happens to social media accounts when someone dies and making digital afterlife plans.

ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY MINUTES: THE RACE TO SAVE THE RMS TITANIC

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8
7 PM | LIVE ON ZOOM**

On the Night of August 14, 1912 The RMS Titanic Struck an iceberg and within 160 minutes she sank beneath the waves. We have been told from Titanic mythology that her fate was sealed and that no one could have saved the 1521 people who died that day. The real story is that everyone who froze in the North Atlantic could have been saved if it were not for human failing. Join Author William Hazelgrove as he explains how this tragedy could have been averted.

GENEALOGY DISCUSSION GROUP

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15

7 PM | LIVE ON ZOOM

Join Elizabeth Morris, the Library's Digital Librarian & Archivist, for an all-skill-level group discussion on getting started with genealogy using Ancestry.com, and overcoming roadblocks in your research. If you have a genealogy journey that you would like to share with the group, you are invited to share how you started, stayed organized, and saved your journey back in time. All genealogy questions are welcome.



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NOW RECOMMENDING... SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!

What to read next...? Browse all of our online booklists — staff picks, themed recommendations, topical resources, and more at benlib.org/booklists! We've got recommendations for everyone: early childhood, school ages, teens, and adults. Looking for something else? Reach out to us! Our staff is ready and willing to make reading, listening, or viewing recommendations to you! Call us at 630.766.4642, email us at reference@benlib.org, or contact us via our online form!

JOIN A VIRTUAL BOOK CLUB THIS WINTER

Turning to literature to stay busy? Join a virtual book club and let's talk books! Our virtual book clubs will be meeting on Zoom once a month. We feature a variety of book clubs for different interests: non-fiction, 20s/30s, horror novellas, and more! Registration is required through our online calendar or by phone; space is limited. Books will be available one month prior to the event and can be picked up at the Circulation Desk or by using our Curbside Pickup Service.

Holiday Open House

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3 | 5 – 7 PM | IN-PERSON AT THE LIBRARY AND LIVE ON ZOOM

Every holiday season, the Holiday Open House is one of our most popular, highly anticipated programs for both patrons and staff. Last year we hosted an entirely virtual Holiday Open House. This year we will be offering an in-person and a virtual option to enjoy the musical performances. We will have a limited number of in-building spots for patrons who would like to come to the library, but we will also be streaming via Zoom. So join us and get into the holiday spirit! Registration required through our online calendar or by phone; space is limited.

santa: live
on zoom!

VIRTUAL VISIT WITH *Santa*

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7 AND WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8 | 6:30 – 8:30 PM
LIVE ON ZOOM**

Join us on Zoom for a one-on-one virtual visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus! Please register for one, 15-minute slot, and that will put you in line in the Zoom waiting room to meet with Santa and tell him if you've been naughty or nice this year! Registration required through our online calendar or by phone; space is limited.



POLISH FAMILY MOVIE NIGHTS

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4 | BALERINA (RATED PG; 1 HR 29 MIN) | 7 PM | ALL AGES

Join Mrs. Kat for an evening of family movies in Polish! Take advantage of stadium seating and HD projection in the Library's auditorium. Admission to the show is free! Registration is required through our online calendar or by phone; space is limited.



POLISH STORYTIME

**WEDNESDAYS AT 5:30 PM | DECEMBER 8, JANUARY 12, AND FEBRUARY 9
AT THE LIBRARY | AGES: 0 TO 6 YEARS OLD**

Join Mrs. Kat as she shares all of our favorite books, songs, and movement activities in Polish! Registration is required through our online calendar or by phone; space is limited.

CUENTOS & CANCIONES

FRIDAYS AT 10:30 AM | DECEMBER 3, JANUARY 7, AND FEBRUARY 4 | AT THE LIBRARY | AGES: 0 TO 6 YEARS OLD

Join Miss Karen for songs and stories in Spanish! Registration is required through our online calendar or by phone; space is limited.

NO SCHOOL HANGOUT

MONDAY, DECEMBER 27 AND TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28 | 1 PM | AT THE LIBRARY | GRADES: 5TH - 8TH

Looking for something to do to pass the time during your Winter break? Join Mr. Parish for an afternoon of video gaming as we play our favorite Nintendo Switch games. Registration is required, and participants are encouraged to bring their own controllers if they have one.

ELF ON THE SHELF — IN THE LIBRARY!

DECEMBER 1 TO DECEMBER 22

Our Elf is hiding in the Youth Services Department! Stop by and see if you can find her and get a little treat and a raffle ticket for a grand prize!





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FENTON COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL

Dear Fenton families & valued community partners,

Thank you for all your patience and support as we rebooted the traditional school structure. As we continue to fight this pandemic, our goal is to work toward *as close to normal as possible* (but we know it's not) and we are well on our way!

Fenton is a buzz of activities, discussions, and laughter. In the topics below, you will learn more about how we're doing.

COVID Mitigation

Fenton is continuing with our layered mitigation approach, which is the use of more than one safety precaution at the same time. Getting vaccinated is the most effective tool against COVID-19 and Fenton held its 12th vaccination event on September 10th.

Other preventative measures include wearing your mask correctly, washing your hands often, and keeping your distance from others. Our staff deep cleans and disinfects our building every day, and hand sanitizer is readily available throughout the building. All individuals who feel sick should stay home.

The use of all these options, and more, have allowed us to continue with in-person learning.

Blended Learning

Fenton incorporated more classes into *blended learning*, which involves students working independently or in small groups outside the classroom on certain days. We removed lockers and created a new study lounge near the ARC for blended students to use in their personal journeys. Additionally, we repurposed other areas to create a mathematics lab and writing lab to provide both student support from certified staff and modern study areas for blended learning.

Homecoming

The Student Council organized a wonderful Homecoming. The theme was *Fenton Goes Hollywood* with spirit days such as *Stunt Double* day and *Walk of Fame* day. Instead of a schoolwide assembly, we amplified our volleyball match and then shifted to our annual bonfire where the Homecoming Court was announced. A huge thank you to Joe Vallez and the Bensenville Park District for helping us arrange an outdoor Homecoming Dance at White Pines Golf Club. We are very fortunate to have compassionate and generous community partners.

Free Meals

Fenton has distributed more than 300,000 free meals since the pandemic began. Students can't learn or stay healthy without eating. School is fully in-person but not everyone is back to work. On September 21 our students rejoined the mission and earned community service hours by packing 200 bags for our staff volunteers to load into cars during our Food For Families event. Fenton's next free Food For Families distribution is scheduled for December 7.

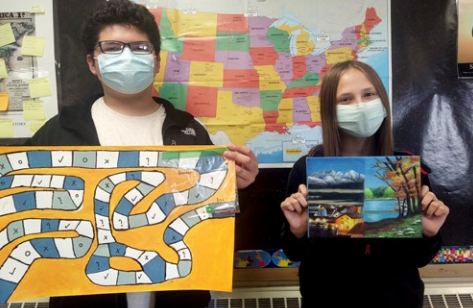
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FENTON'S SEPTEMBER 11, 2001 REMEMBRANCE PROGRAM HONORS VICTIMS OF TERRORIST ATTACKS, THOSE WHO RESPONDED, AND ALL WHO STAND READY TO SERVE TODAY

Nearly 60 first responders and members of the armed services were honored during Fenton's "September 11, 2001 Remembrance Program," which took place before the varsity football game on Friday, September 10th.

The ceremony aimed to honor first responders, veterans, and Americans who perished in the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, as well as recognize those who are currently on standby to serve and protect our local communities and our great nation.

Among the distinguished guests was Retired Army Lieutenant Colonel Ryan Yantis, who was working in the Pentagon the day of the attack. The ceremony also honored Prisons of War (POW), soldiers Missing in Action (MIA), and fallen first responders.

Fenton football players, soccer players, cheerleaders, and Dance Force members led the honored guests onto the field. Cheer and Dance students then unfolded and held a large American Flag at mid-field.

The Chicago Bears generously participated in the ceremony and donated \$5,000 to Bensenville and Wood Dale first responders. Retired Bears Emery Moorehead and Wendell Davis were in attendance to pay tribute and deliver the check.

Bison football players were selling "Never Forget" t-shirts during lunch periods throughout the week and at the gate before the game. All proceeds, plus all revenue from the concession stands, are also being donated to first responders.

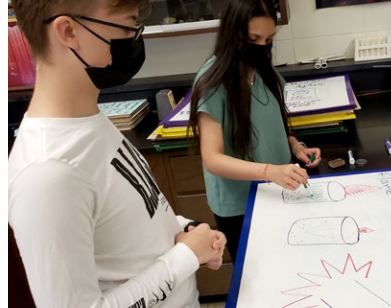
Fenton's event attracted coverage from Fox 32 Chicago, WGN Channel 9, and NBC 5 Chicago.



DONATE YOUR 2021 GRADUATION GOWN

Fenton is seeking gently used graduation gowns from the Class of 2021 to be reused for students in the Class of 2022 who may not be able to buy their own gown. Contact Mrs. Trujillo (trujillo@fenton100.org) in the principal's office if your family had a 2021 graduate and would like to donate the gown.





FENTON PLAYS HOST TO CHICAGO BEARS OUTREACH

The Chicago Bears and Gatorade generously conducted a training camp with our Fenton Bison football squad on July 26, with Bears alumni Jason McKie (retired fullback) and Brandon McGowan (safety) sharing wisdom and technical advice.

One day later, Fenton played host to the Nike 11-On Competition in partnership with the Chicago Bears. Eight schools from Springfield to Chicago were in Bensenville for the tag football tournament, dressed in Bears shirts and retro leather helmets.

In addition to the invaluable mentorship and rigorous competition, the Bears also made two monetary donations to Fenton. First was a \$2,500 donation to the Fenton football program for assisting in both events. Second was a \$12,000 donation toward equipment for the Fenton athletic training room, which is used by all athletic programs.





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Bensenville Park District

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Administrative Office**
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Bensenville | Illinois 60106
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BvilleParks.org
WhitePinesGolf.com

White Pines Golf Club
500 West Jefferson Street
Bensenville | Illinois 60106
630 766 0304

**Bensenville Water Park
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1100 West Wood Street
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Fischer Farm
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Bensenville | Illinois 60106
630 834 3152

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BENSENVILLE PARK DISTRICT

VETERANS DAY BREAKFAST

THURSDAY | NOVEMBER 11 | 9-11AM | WHITE PINES GOLF CLUB

Celebrate and honor our Bensenville veterans while enjoying a delicious breakfast buffet and presentation. Advance registration is required, including veterans. This event is complimentary for Bensenville Park District Residents who are veterans and their spouse, children, or widow; additional guests may register for \$13. Register at the DGLC. A parking lot shuttle will be available for the event. Seating first come, first choice.

ADOPT A SNOWMAN

MONDAY | NOVEMBER 29 | FISCHER FARM

Who wants to decorate another Christmas Tree! Why not decorate a snowman that is guaranteed not to melt! For \$5 you can adopt and decorate your very own 4ft snowman any way that you want; then, your snowman will remain at Fischer Farm all December long for everyone to enjoy.

HOLIDAY GINGERBREAD CONTEST

DECEMBER 1-15

Build your best gingerbread house and see how it stands up against the rest of the district! Submit your builds to Lisa Semetko at lsemetko@bvilleparks.org for a chance to win a shout out on social media and a gift card! Winners chosen on December 17.

LETTERS TO SANTA

DECEMBER 1-17 | DGLC | FISCHER FARM | WHITE PINES GOLF CLUB

Are you asking Santa for a special Christmas gift? Write your letter to Santa and drop it off at one of three magical locations by December 17th to ensure Santa can get it on time! Mailbox locations will be at the Deer Grove Leisure Center, White Pine Golf Club and Fischer Farm. Please be sure to include a return address on your letter so that Santa can write back.

FARMSIDE CHRISTMAS

SATURDAY | DECEMBER 4 | 3-7 PM | FISCHER FARM

Starting December 1st throughout the month of December come to Fischer farm to enjoy the holiday lights and decorations as you walk the grounds of the historic 1836 farm. On December 4th come enjoy ice sculptors, reindeer, carriage rides, holiday crafts, and then warm up around a bonfire with some hot chocolate and treats. While you are there you can take a photo with Santa all while listening to some festive music to get in the holiday spirit! Registration begins November 9 at the DGLC, Pre-register \$5 for children 3-17, \$7 day of event.

SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN

DECEMBER 6-16

Catch Santa as he parades through the town in a lighted mobile workshop! Santa will be making personal house visits across Bensenville this Holiday season. Your visit time will be arranged by the Park District one week prior to the event. While the visits will be brief, everyone will leave with a special treat and share their gift list for the holiday season. Registration begins November 9. Sign-up at the DGLC early as space is limited. Max: 20 houses per date. \$10 per child | \$35 per family.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

SATURDAY | DECEMBER 11 | 10:00 AM-1:00 PM AND SUNDAY | DECEMBER 12 | 10:00 AM-1:00 PM

Enjoy a holiday breakfast featuring an appearance by good ol' St. Nick. Children are able to visit and have a photo taken with Santa, and join in holiday craft activities. Adults – \$25, kids aged 3-17 – \$15, kids 2 and under – free. Reservations accepted through Wednesday, December 8 at 3 pm. Payment required at time of reservation booking. All reservations and payments can be made by calling 630.766.0304 ext.2.



Winter Programming

Be on the lookout for our Winter Program Guide as it's packed full of great programming for all ages. Registration begins November 30. Below are just a few of the many programs we are offering this winter.

SCHOOL OF DANCE AND MOVEMENT

The School of Dance and Movement offers you a professional studio feel without the scary price tag. Our brochure is packed with classes like Jazz, Hip Hop, Tap and the list goes on. Along with these classes that we're offering, we also have private lessons. These classes provide one-on-one instruction to give your student the individual attention they need to advance their dance skills to the next level. Private lessons are by appointment only and space is limited. Sign up early!

EARLY CHILDHOOD

We are offering new programs as well as familiar favorites for our youngest learners ages 2-5! Join us for Passport to Adventure, Learning Labs, Messy Mondays, and Winter Science in the Parks.

YOUTH

HOT CHOCOLATE BOMBS 101 | JANUARY 13 | 5:30-6:30 PM | DGLC

Want to learn how to make your own Hot Chocolate Bombs? This class will teach you everything you need to know about creating, styling, and drinking your own hot chocolate bombs. For ages 14+.

YOUNG AT HEART

DANCING HORSES | JANUARY 12

The holiday show at the Dancing Horses in Wisconsin is the most festive and popular of all of their horse shows. This show will start with a late lunch of turkey stuffed chicken breast or pork roast and side salad with dinner roll. After the meal we will be enjoying the gravity defying act that is Dancing Horses. Be sure to get your tickets! Register by December 31 at the DGLC.

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It's
Time to
Book Your
*Holiday
Party!*

WHITE PINES
Golf Club

Book Early and We'll Toast To You!

Reserve your event now to receive **10% off** along with a **complimentary Champagne toast** and **waived facility fee**.

Contact Katy Jordan at Banquets@WhitePinesGolf.com for questions or to reserve.



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Christmas Tree & Holiday Trash Pick Up

Holiday tree collection will occur the same day as your regularly scheduled garbage service in January. Please remember to remove all lights, ornaments, tinsel, and trimmings from branches. Cut tree in half if it is over 10 feet in height. Residents are also asked not to leave stands on the tree. For additional information visit republicservices.com or call 708.345.7050.

REPUBLIC SERVICES HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Please note that the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays do not affect the 2021 Bensenville service schedule this year.

VILLAGE OF BENSENVILLE



PRESIDENT DESIMONE & THE VILLAGE OF BENSENVILLE BOARD PROUDLY PRESENTS

Holiday Magic

TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

SUNDAY | 21 NOVEMBER 2021 | 5PM TO 7PM

Tree Lighting Ceremony | 7 PM  Santa Visits | 5 – 7 PM

The Village of Bensenville is proud to announce our annual Holiday Magic and Tree Lighting Ceremony in Downtown Bensenville! The tree lighting ceremony begins at 7 PM and will be followed by a fantastic fireworks display. A DJ will begin playing holiday music at 5 PM and guests can keep warm with a free cup of hot cocoa or by stopping in the Bensenville Theater to enjoy a holiday classic. Free commemorative Bensenville ornaments will be available while supplies last.

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Mini Christmas Tree Sponsorship



Smaller trees can be sponsored for \$20.00 each and will be available in Downtown Bensenville for

you to decorate in memory of a loved one. To make a sponsorship request, please visit the Village Hall Finance Counter. Sponsorship request, payment, and decorating of tree must be completed by Thursday, November 18th. Trees are limited and on a first come, first serve basis. All proceeds will benefit the Bensenville/Wood Dale Food Pantry.

New Permanent Christmas Tree Planted in Downtown Bensenville

Every year the Village searches for the perfect Christmas tree to be cut down, moved to downtown Bensenville, and decorated for the holiday season. After years of contemplating more eco-friendly options, the Village is happy to announce that a permanent Christmas tree has been planted in downtown Bensenville. The planting of this permanent Christmas tree is a sustainable option that will save on yearly costs and look great for many years to come. Look for this new tree to be officially introduced at this year's tree lighting ceremony!



'tis the season!

VILLAGE OF BENSENVILLE TOY DRIVE

The Village is happy to announce that we will be accepting donations for our 51st annual Village Toy Drive on November 1st!

With safety remaining a top priority, the Village will only accept monetary donations this year. Donations can be made online at bensenvillefoundation.org/donate (select *Village Toy Drive* in the drop down menu) or send a check to Village Hall, 12 S. Center Street, Bensenville, IL 60106. Please make checks payable to the Bensenville Community Foundation and put *Village Toy Drive* as the memo. Your tax deductible donation will go towards purchasing brand new toys and wrapping supplies for Bensenville families.

Our goal is to ensure every Bensenville child in need receives a new toy during the holidays. For additional information, please call 630.594.1010.

Star of giving

Any donation of \$10 or more in support of the Bensenville Toy Drive receives a Star of Giving. This ornamental star will be hung on our community holiday tree with the donors name on it. If you wish to have a Star of Giving hung on the community Christmas tree, please make your donation by November 15th. Donations can be made at the Village Hall Finance Counter or online at bensenvillefoundation.org.



SENIOR HOLIDAY PARTY | December 17

The Village's annual Senior Holiday Party is back! Bensenville residents 55 years old and over are invited to enjoy a Senior Holiday Party on Friday, December 17th at the White Pines Banquet Hall, 500 W. Jefferson Street in Bensenville. This year's event will feature live entertainment, free giveaways, and a fantastic meal. Doors open at 10 am, lunch and festivities begin at 11 am and will end at approximately 1:30 pm.

Registration is required by purchasing tickets at the Village Hall Finance Counter during regular hours of operation starting November 1st through December 10th. Ticket costs are \$15 for incorporated Bensenville residents and \$33 for non-residents. Proof of residency is required at time of purchase. Seating is limited to accommodate social distancing. Pre-registration is **required**, tickets will not be sold at the door this year. For more information, please call the Senior Hotline at 630.350.3426.



HOLIDAY HOME DECORATING CONTEST

Gather all your holiday lights, reindeer, wreaths and decorations, for the annual holiday home decorating contest. Incorporated Bensenville residents are encouraged to nominate your home or business by emailing the property address, name, phone number and picture to holidaycontest@bensenville.il.us. The nomination period is now through December 10th, 2021. Submitted properties will be posted to the Village's Facebook page and winners will be posted to the Village's website at bensenville.il.us.

1. Entries must be received via email by 5 pm on December 10th.
2. Must be an incorporated Bensenville property to participate.
3. Contest is for exterior decorations only, including window decorations visible from the exterior.
4. Participants agree to have photos of their decorated residence exterior posted on the Village website and/or published in local media.





Look for our Outdoor Ice Rink in Downtown Bensenville this Winter

The temporary outdoor ice rink in downtown Bensenville is expected to be constructed beginning in December. Once suitable for skating, it will be available to the public Monday through Friday from 10:30 AM to dusk and over the weekend from 9:30 AM to dusk. Remember to check the flag near the rink for skating conditions. A green flag indicates that skating is permitted and a red flag indicates that skating is not permitted due to unsafe conditions.

Please visit the Village website at bensenville.il.us for additional information and to sign up for text notifications.




**VILLAGE HALL
WINTER HOLIDAY
HOURS**

*Village Hall will be closed
on the following days:*

**NOVEMBER 25 – 27
DECEMBER 24 – 27
DECEMBER 31 – JANUARY 3**

SENIOR AND DISABLED SNOW REMOVAL PROGRAM

The Village of Bensenville Senior Snow Removal Program is designed to help those in our community who need assistance obtaining a low cost solution to snow removal on their driveways, sidewalks, and private walks. The Village will hire independent contractors for common snow removal services and will subsidize half of the cost. Service prices range from \$15.00 – \$25.00 depending on the option you select.

The program does have specific eligibility requirements (listed below) that require documentation to prove eligibility.

SENIOR PROGRAM

Applicant must own property
(copy of recent property tax bill required)

Applicant must be over 65 years old
(copy of property tax bill with senior exemption required)

Applicant annual household income must
be less than \$65,500

Household must not have any other
person able to remove snow

DISABLED PROGRAM

Applicant must own property
(copy of recent property tax bill required)

Applicant must be disabled
(copy of Secretary of State Disability placard or
proof or registration of disability through Social
Security)

Applicant annual household income must
be less than \$65,500

Household must not have any other
person able to remove snow

For additional details about the program or to register, please visit the Village website or contact the Public Works Department at 630.350.3435.

AGING-IN-COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

NOVEMBER 3 | 5:30 – 7PM | VILLAGE BOARD ROOM | 12 SOUTH CENTER STREET

Bensenville senior citizens are invited to attend our upcoming Aging-in-Community workshop where you will have the opportunity to provide feedback to Village officials, staff, and other Bensenville taxing bodies. The Village of Bensenville recognizes the importance of our senior community and we want to hear your input and ideas as we plan for Bensenville's future. Contact the Village's Senior Hotline at 630.350.3426 to RSVP and for more information.



YOU'RE INVITED
TO ATTEND...



Aging-in-Community Workshop

PUMPKIN SMASH RECYCLING EVENT

NOVEMBER 6 | 9 AM – 12PM

BENSENVILLE PUBLIC WORKS PARKING LOT | 717 EAST JEFFERSON STREET

In partnership with SCARCE, the Bensenville Public Works Department will host a pumpkin smash recycling event on Saturday, November 6th. This one-day event is a great opportunity to properly dispose of your Halloween pumpkins while having a little family fun. During the event, you will have the option to either chuck or smash your pumpkin into a dumpster. Smash events like this help keep pumpkins out of landfills and reduce the amount of harmful greenhouse gasses being released into the environment.



CP RAIL HOSTS VIRTUAL HOLIDAY TRAIN

The Canadian Pacific Railroad Holiday Train, which typically makes a stop in Bensenville, will be hosting a virtual concert again this year due to the ongoing pandemic.

Details on the concert, including musical guests, date, time and virtual hosting platform will be announced in the coming weeks. For updates, please visit: cpr.ca/holiday-train/united-states.



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sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
	1 BCPL Cooking Made Easy, 7pm Facebook BCPL Trivia Night, 7pm Green St. Grille Large Brush Pickup, brush and branches out by 7am	2 BCPL Tuesday Tales: Virtual Storytime, 10:30am Zoom BCPL Tuesday Tales Storytime, 11:30am at the Library BCPL Family Movie Night, 6:30pm CDC Meeting, 6:30pm, VH	3 BCPL Ready, Set, Grow!, 10:30am BCPL Crayons & Games, 6:30pm BPD Committee Meeting 6pm, DGLC BSD2 Board of Education regular workshop meeting, 6:30pm, Educational Administration Center	4 BCPL DIY Autumn Colors Bracelet, 7pm Zoom BCPL Polish Family Movie Night, 7pm BCPL Thursday Night Book Club, 7pm Zoom	5 BCPL Polish Storytime, 10:30am	6 BCPL Anytime Craft Kit Pickup Begins, 9am Pumpkin Smash, 9am-12pm, Public Works
7	8 BCPL STEAM Club, 5pm BCPL Carapia's Coven Book Club, 7pm Zoom	9 BCPL Tuesday Tales: Virtual Storytime, 10:30am Zoom BCPL Tuesday Tales Storytime, 11:30am at the Library BCPL LEGO Night, 6:30pm	10 BCPL Growing Readers: Virtual Storytime, 10:30am Zoom BCPL Crayons & Games, 6:30pm BCPL Organize & Save Your Digital Files, 7pm Zoom Food for Families, 4-5:30pm, Westview School	11 BCPL Homeschool Club, 11am BCPL Conspiracy Theories, 7pm Zoom BPD Veterans Day Breakfast, 9-11am, White Pines Golf Club BSD2 End of First Trimester	12	13 BCPL Vintage Holiday Cookies and Candies, 7pm Zoom
14	15 BCPL Lit Chicks Virtual Book Club, 7pm Zoom BCPL DIY Macramé Jar Holder, 7pm Zoom	16 BCPL Tuesday Tales: Virtual Storytime, 10:30am Zoom BCPL Tuesday Tales Storytime, 11:30am at the Library BCPL Bringo for Kids, 6:30pm Zoom Village Board Meeting, 6:30pm, VH	17 BCPL Growing Readers: Virtual Storytime, 10:30am Zoom BCPL Crayons & Games, 6:30pm BPD Board Meeting 6pm, DGLC FHS Board of Education Meeting, 7 pm in the AHC BSD2 Board of Education meeting, 7pm, Educational Administration Center	18 BCPL Bilingual Night: Loteria, 6:30 pm	19 BCPL Cuentos & Canciones, 10:30am	20
21 Holiday Magic Tree Lighting, 7pm in Downtown Bensenville	22 BCPL Kid Art Club, 5pm BSD2 Teacher Institute Day	23 BCPL No School Teen Movie: Shrek 2, 1pm BCPL Family Apple Pie Making, 5pm, 7pm FHS 12/08 Early Dismissal BSD2 Teacher Institute Day	24 BCPL 20/30ish Book Club, 7pm Zoom FHS No School/Thanksgiving Break	25 LIBRARY CLOSED FHS No School/Thanksgiving Break VILLAGE HALL CLOSED BSD2 Thanksgiving Break, No school	26 BCPL Letters to (and from!) Santa Begins! FHS No School/Thanksgiving Break VILLAGE HALL CLOSED	27 VILLAGE HALL CLOSED
28	29	30 BCPL Family Art Night, 6:30pm Zoom BPD Winter/Spring Program registration begins	 <p>All the magical details are available on page 12!</p>			

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sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
<p>5</p> <p>BCPL Breakfast with Santa, 10am-1pm, White Pines Golf Club</p> <p>FHS 96th Annual Bard & Choir Holiday Concert, 2pm in the auditorium</p>	<p>6</p> <p>BCPL Kids Drop-In Winter Crafts, 6:30pm</p> <p>BCPL Cooking Made Easy, 7pm Facebook</p>	<p>7</p> <p>BCPL Tuesday Tales Storytime, 10:30am at the Library</p> <p>BCPL Tuesday Tales: Virtual Storytime, 11:30am Zoom</p> <p>BCPL Virtual Visit with Santa, 6:30-8:30pm Zoom</p> <p>BCPL Gus Moreno Author Visit, 7pm Library and Zoom</p> <p>ODC Meeting, 6:30pm, VH</p> <p>Food for Families, 4-5:30pm, FHS</p>	<p>8</p> <p>BCPL Polish Storytime, 10:30am</p> <p>BCPL Virtual Visit with Santa, 6:30-8:30pm Zoom</p> <p>BCPL Crayons & Games, 6:30pm</p> <p>BCPL The Race to Save the RMS Titanic, 7pm Zoom</p>	<p>9</p> <p>BCPL Homeschool Club, 1pm</p> <p>BCPL Happy Napping Storytime, 1:15pm</p> <p>BCPL Bilingual Family Night: DIY Gingerbread Houses, 6:30pm</p>	<p>10</p> <p>BCPL Breakfast with Santa, 10am-1pm, White Pines Golf Club</p>	<p>11</p> <p>BCPL Anytime Craft Kit Pickup Begins, 9am</p> <p>BCPL Teen Grab and Craft Pickup Begins, 9am</p> <p>BCPL Kids Grab and Craft Pickup Begins, 9am</p> <p>BPD Farmside Christmas, 3-7pm, Fischer Farm</p>
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<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>BCPL No School Hangout, 1pm</p>	<p>28</p> <p>BCPL No School Hangout, 1pm</p> <p>BCPL Family Art Night: New Year's Eve Noise Makers, 6:30pm</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p>BCPL A "Noon Year" Celebration Storytime, 11:30am Zoom</p>	<p>31</p> <p>VILLAGE HALL CLOSED LIBRARY CLOSED</p>	

**Farmside Christmas
at Fischer Farm**

THROUGHOUT DECEMBER

See page 10 for all the details!

