**OVERVIEW: The 2017 Bloomingdale Civic Association House Tour & Reception**

***‘BLOOMINGDALE: VICTORIAN SECRETS AND MODERN TRUTHS’***

**WHEN & WHERE:**

The biennial 2017 Bloomingdale Civic Association’s (BCA) House Tour, with the theme of ‘Victorian Secrets & Modern Truths’, will be conducted on **Saturday October 28, 2017 (Rain Date: October 29), 10:30 am to 7:00 pm with required registration at Tyber Creek Wine Bsr & Kitchen at First and T St., NW (10:30 am to 5 pm).** The Bloomingdale neighborhood is bounded by Michigan Avenue, NW to the north, Florida Avenue, NW to the south, 2nd Street, NW to the west, and North Capitol Street, NW to the east. **Tour tickets are $30 (in advance) and $35 (day-of-event).** Advance tickets may be secured on-line at <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3051980>

**PURPOSE:**

The Tour seeks to raise money primarily for scholarships for Bloomingdale youth,, promote the Bloomingdale neighborhood as a unique place to visit and live, strengthen community identity and sense of ‘place’, and encourage both community engagement and informal interactions among diverse DC residents.

**ACTIVITIES:**

 The Tour includes the following:

* The morning hours (beginning at 11 am) are primarily reserved for **a variety of interactive Architecture and Design Workshops** conducted by Bloomingdale architects and designers. These Workshops will be kicked-off by a multi-media lecture by Bloomingdale architect Ahmet Kilic who will discuss the history of Bloomingdale’s architecture, the functions served by original interiors, and adaptations of those interiors over time to meet changing needs and lifestyles. The lecture will be followed by design workshops on such topics as ‘How to Use Color and Pattern’, ‘Cool Spaces - Hot Wall Coverings’, ‘Landscaping in Small Spaces’, and ‘Container Gardening at its Best’. Capacity is limited – so buy your tickets early and indicate workshops you wish to attend!!
* The **self-guided Tour of 7 to 10 of some of Bloomingdale’s most distinguished homes** will begin at 1:00 pm and close at 5 pm. Tour Credentials (secured at the Tour Registration Site located at the *Tyber Creek Wine Bar and Kitchen*, 1st and T Streets NW) **MUST** be presented for entrance to each Tour Home.
* **The Tour’s reception** will be 4 pm to 7:00 pm at the *Old Engine 12 Restaurant* (North Capitol & Quincy St., NW). Light refreshments will be provided. Persons without Tour credentials will be charged $10 for admission. This is a major Bloomingdale social and networking event!
* A **Signature Souvenir Tour Program Book** will be provided to all paid attendees, featuring a special section on ‘ Arts and Letters in Bloomingdale’, photos and descriptions of Tour Homes, a Map of a Self-Guided Tour Route and other Bloomingdale attractions (e.g., its heritage trail), and ads from small businesses..

 ***Proceeds from the House Tour will be dedicated primarily to BCA’s Scholarship Fund for youth who either attend or graduated from Bloomingdale-serving high schools, and/or reside in Bloomingdale. BCA is a 501 ( c) (3) organization.***

***Questions?*** *Contact Bertha Holliday,* *Tour Chair*