



# Bloomingtondale Neighborhood Watch



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## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING...

The next meeting is Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013, at 7:30 p.m., in the Village Hall Council Room.

As the Summer season begins, many are spending time outdoors and planning their summer vacation getaways. Safety information for staying at home and for taking a trip will be addressed. Common Cons and Scams will also will be presented. Refreshments will be provided. Hope to see you there!



## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWS...

The March Neighborhood General Meeting on Wednesday, March 20, 2013, was relocated to Lake Park High School – West Campus, in which to coincide with the **Heroin in our Community Symposium**. The event featured the DuPage County State's Attorney Robert Berlin, the DuPage County Metropolitan Enforcement Group (DUMEG) Director Mark Piccoli, the DuPage County Sheriff's Tactical Narcotics Team (TNT) Sergeant Eric Swanson, and the DuPage County Coroner Richard Jorgensen. In addition, the local police Chiefs were in attendance and they were instrumental in organizing the event: Bloomingtondale Chief Frank Giammarese, Hanover Park Chief David Webb, Itasca Chief Scott Heher and Roselle Chief Steve Herron. The event was deemed important enough that the Bloomingtondale Neighborhood Watch Program did not want to have a meeting to interfere with the insightful information given by such a group of professionals.

The evening focused on the heroin epidemic affecting DuPage County, which has seen a 700% usage increase to the area. Heroin has stretched its boundaries from the city to the suburbs through the "heroin highway" on the Eisenhower interstate highway (I-290). The "highway" leads heroin users to "K town", in which the street names start with the letter "K". Suburban teens and young adults travel the roadway to the west side of Chicago to purchase the heroin, in which they may use it immediately or bring it back to their community to use. Undercover surveillances by DuMEG and TNT have documented the vehicles taking the trip from the suburbs to the city and back, in which the vehicles register to DuPage suburbs, such as Elmhurst, Hinsdale, Lombard, Joliet (in addition to Bloomingtondale, Roselle, Itasca and Hanover Park). In most cases, the trip to retrieve the drugs may be 40 minutes

long (total time). Note: Many DuPage suburbs have been documented which such activity during the ongoing surveillances done by DuMEG and TNT. Most times, this highly addictive drug is originating from the Mexican Cartel and it is snorted and smoked as well as injected. Those buying the heroin, do not really know what is in it, what it has been "cut" with, and have no idea about its purity.

The presenters gave a thorough explanation of what heroin is (its plant origin), what it does to the body, and the affects on those who are related to the 'heroin user'. Heroin stops the respiratory system, in which heroin slows a person's breathing until the body is not getting enough oxygen and the heart stops. Emergency rooms have recently seen overdose cases double and triple.

Heroin Use: Signs and Symptoms: Physical—constricted pupils, nodding off, mumbled or incongruent speech, lack of hygiene, needle marks on arms and other body parts, scratching. Behavioral—changes in personality, isolating from family & friends, lying/stealing/or other deceptive behaviors, school and work performance are negatively affected including numerous absences, loss of interest in activities, oversleeping, lack of appetite. Withdrawal Symptoms—muscle aches, cramping, night sweats, intense cravings, diarrhea. Typically withdrawal symptoms start a few hours after last use and peak for 2-3 days, and subside after a week.

For additional information, see the following video: <Heroin> [http://www.nbcchicago.com/news/local-beat/Drug\\_Deals\\_Alone\\_The\\_Heroin\\_Highway\\_Chicago-106482653.html](http://www.nbcchicago.com/news/local-beat/Drug_Deals_Alone_The_Heroin_Highway_Chicago-106482653.html)

Treatment Resource Information was provided by: Alexian Brothers Behavioral Health Hospital, Gateway Foundation – Alcohol & Drug Treatment, and Serenity House Counseling Services, Inc. Some of materials provided by the agencies listed above can be obtained through the Bloomingtondale Police Department.

Online resources include the following:

[www.drugfree.org](http://www.drugfree.org)

[www.drugabuse.gov](http://www.drugabuse.gov)

[www.samhsa.gov](http://www.samhsa.gov)

[www.abovetheinfluence.com](http://www.abovetheinfluence.com)

[www.drugfreeworld.org](http://www.drugfreeworld.org)

The symposium's purpose was to address an existing and growing issue in our community. Don't ignore but acknowledge and learn about the dangers of heroin use.

## **SAFETY INFORMATION:**

### **Strategies to Prevent Nuisance Coyotes:**

Never leave small children and pets unattended. If a coyote approaches you, do not run but rather yell, stand up straight and wave your arms or throw something at the coyote to scare it away. The goal is to make yourself appear larger. Pets should be walked on a short leash. It may be helpful to carry a portable compressed air horn, a loud whistle or other noisemaker to help scare away coyotes.

Fencing: A backyard fence may prevent coyotes from entering your yard. The fence should be at least 6 feet high in order to thwart a jumping coyote. Coyotes like to dig, so install vinyl lattice 2 to 3 feet below ground to prevent any tunneling.

Property owners should limit the availability of unintentional food sources such as pet food, bird food, fruit from backyard trees and trash. Never intentionally attempt to feed or leave water outside for a coyote or other animal. Make sure garbage containers have tight-fitting lids.

Do not provide shelter for coyotes or other wildlife. Remove any brush or wood piles from your property. Check underneath backyard sheds for any evidence of burrowing.



### **Help Us Find You...**

The Bloomingdale Police and Fire Departments often need to locate an address quickly, and an easily identifiable address is vital.

Please display your address numerically, rather than written form i.e. 200 E. Wood Street.

Be sure your address numbers contrast to the color of your house. Do not put light-colored numbers on a white house. Also, do not place your address numbers on either the front door or garage door. If the doors are open, no one will be able to find the address.

Finally, illuminate your address at night to allow an officer or fire personnel to find your home more easily in an emergency.

Any questions or comments, please contact Officer Dawn Odoi of the Bloomingdale Police Department at (630) 529-9868.

## **CURRENT CASES BEING INVESTIGATED...**

### **Burglary to Motor Vehicle**

**Mario Tricoci**

**64 Stratford Drive**

 A Roselle woman reported that sometime between 12:50 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 17, 2013, unknown person(s) shattered the front passenger's window of her 2005 BMW. Once entry was gained, the offender(s) removed her purse plus its contents from the rear floor board. The vehicle was parked, secured and unattended in the parking lot when the incident occurred. No suspect information at this time

### **Burglary to Motor Vehicle**

**300 Block of Sheffield**

A Bloomingdale man reported that sometime between 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 23 and 5:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 24, 2013, person(s) unknown removed several power tools from the backseat of his 2003 Ford. The vehicle was parked,

unsecured, and unattended in the driveway at the time of the incident. The approximate value of the loss is unknown. Nothing further at this time.

### **Burglary to Motor Vehicle**

**Buffalo Wild Wings**

**140 S. Gary Avenue**

A Bartlett woman reported that sometime between 4:00 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. on Friday, April 26, 2013, person(s) unknown removed her wallet from her unlocked 2000 Toyota. The vehicle was parked and unattended in the parking lot when the incident occurred. No suspect information at this time.

### **Residential Burglary**

**200 Block of Royal**

A Bloomingdale woman reported that sometime between 12:00 p.m. and 4:15 p.m. on Saturday, April 27, 2013, person(s) unknown entered her residence and removed several pieces of jewelry. No further information at this time.

## **SPECIAL EVENTS**

### **Bloomington Park District "Touch a Truck" event**

**Saturday, May 18, 2013 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.(noon)**

Annual family event that features contests, raffles, crafts, concessions and a mass kite launch highlight the annual Statewide Kite Fly and Touch-A-Truck events. Touch-A-Truck features a variety of trucks and vehicles to climb, sit and play on. Parental supervision is required.



### **"Rooftop Cop" at Dunkin' Donuts (169 E. Lake Street)**

**Friday, May 31, 2013 5:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (noon)**

Bloomington Police Officers unite with the Dunkin' Donuts staff to bring attention to the Special Olympics' mission of recognizing the tremendous courage, strength and perseverance of its athletes on the playing fields and in life. Officer Dawn Odoi and Officer Dominick Corsiglia will conduct a rooftop sit-in to greet Dunkin' Donuts customers and welcome donations for Illinois Special Olympics. So, come on in to Dunkin' Donuts and don't forget to look up!



### **Illinois Special Olympics Torch Run – Leg #14 – DuPage**

**Sunday, June 9, 2013**

Location and time in Bloomingdale to be determined.

Please check the Village website from upcoming details.

Law Enforcement Officers throughout DuPage County will be carrying the Special Olympics "Flame of Hope" and running in intervals along a planned route to show support and unity for this great cause.



### **Reminder: National Night Out Against Crime**

**Tuesday, August 6, 2013, 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.**

**Bloomington Park District / Circle Park**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND INVOLVEMENT!!**