



Bloomingtondale Neighborhood Watch



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NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING...

On Wednesday, March 19th, 2014, at 7:30 p.m. in the Training Room of the Bloomingtondale Police Department, our meeting will feature Watch Commander Matt Wolenberg and Officer Sean Noonan regarding the BASSET program (Beverage Alcohol Sellers and Servers Education and Training). In light of warmer temperatures on the horizon and upcoming holidays and celebrations, the public should be aware of the State of Illinois' and the Village's objective to train servers to serve responsibly in the community's restaurants and bar establishments. The public is encouraged to attend and bring any questions or concerns regarding the meeting topic or any other issues within the community. Refreshments for the meeting will be provided. **Hope to see you there!**



2014 Neighborhood Watch Meetings:

May 21st July 16th
September 17th November 19th
Tuesday, August 5th, 2014 – National Night Out Against Crime

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWS...

The January "Open Forum" format launches the Neighborhood Watch General meetings and it gets the program focused in the right direction for the new year. For two of our presenters, it is the first year in their new positions and they were enthusiastic about the meeting. First year Mayor Franco Coladipietro and first year Fire Chief Jeff Janus, were joined by veteran presenters Director of Village Services Michael Marchi and Police Chief Frank Giammarese. Each presented an insight into their agency's activities and collectively they gave the audience the "State of Bloomingtondale". It was agreed that the Mayor would begin the evening.

Mayor Coladipietro looked forward to this public gathering and told the audience that during his first year, he has encountered three questions: 1- How do you like being Mayor? 2- How can we get Mariano's to Bloomingtondale? 3-What have you been doing the last 8 months? The Mayor

has been truly enjoying his first year and he stated that it has been a great start. The last 8 months, the Mayor has sought to continue in a new direction for our Village. Unfortunately, regarding Mariano's, the company appears to be seeking a stand-alone building, which makes it difficult for the immediate available sites that are part of 'strip malls'. The Mayor, who also works as a Real Estate Tax Attorney, understands the view point of businesses and he continually strives to meet and work with companies to encourage a move to our community to occupy those spaces. The Mayor stated that he was pleased with the response to the recent community survey to open lines of communication and he wants the public's input regarding their ideas as well as questions and concerns about our town. The Mayor and Village Board are looking to change the Village's current website and they are bidding out the project so that the website will be more current/trendy and easier to navigate. The website may include on-line payments and permits, as well as, more interaction of questions/answers. The citizens seek more economic development and retention of businesses for our area, in which the Village is recruiting for a coordinator to put together a vision for certain areas in town: Lake Street (Glen Ellyn Road west to the Old Town area), Stratford ring road, jump start to Springbrook Plaza and obtain a longtime lease with Caputo's. An unfortunate change has been the JCPenney's store closing. In the near future, "Round One", an entertainment center (like "Pinstripes") will open by the area of the former Bally Doyle's. Currently, two big topics for the Village are the "Open Space" of Indian Lakes regarding possible uses for the area and a gun range on N. Circle Avenue. The Mayor encourages the public to attend the meetings on both issues. The next Planning Commission meeting will be on Tuesday, April 15, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. at the Bloomingtondale Golf Club.

Director of Village Services Michael Marchi followed the Mayor's presentation. It has been quite a winter season, in which Mr. Marchi advised that there have been 39 water main breaks thus far. He highly praised the public works personnel who have been called out on several occasions

(on weekends and holidays) for snow removal and street safety issues. Those at the meeting responded by applauding the public work crews for all their hard work in maintaining the streets under difficult conditions. Director Marchi stated that he believes that the remaining salt supply should get the Village through the rest of the upcoming weather conditions. He also reminded the audience that salt and other chemicals are ineffective during “flash freezes”. The public themselves need to take extra caution during these times when the temperature drastically drops. Along the same lines of discussion, Director Marchi is aware that the streets’ pothole situation is the next issue to address after such a harsh winter. The public is encouraged to call (630) 529-5865 to report any potholes in the Bloomingdale area. Looking to spring weather, the Village will continue its efforts against the Emerald Ash Bore regarding tree removal and replacement. There are also plans for improvements to sidewalks and streets during the summer. It is hoped that there is a smooth transition into the warmer weather months.



Fire Chief Jeff Janus is humbled by his new position, but he is very enthusiastic about being the Chief for the Bloomingdale Fire Protection District. Chief Janus is a 20 year veteran of the fire department and he has previously worked with Director Marchi and Mayor Coladipietro in other village positions. Fire Chief Janus provided the audience with a powerpoint presentation to give them an insight into the inner workings of the fire department. He spoke highly about the fire department’s personnel, in which they handled 4,247 calls for service in 2013. Chief Janus reminds himself and his co-workers about their duty to the community: *Remember – It’s not about us...It’s about: Those we serve (our neighbors; our community). Those we serve with (our brother and sister firefighters). Those who allow us to serve (our families; our leaders; our predecessors).* The audience was informed that the department has consolidated their efforts with other departments in the use of DuComm for the dispatching of emergency calls from the public. The Fire Chief encouraged the public’s use of Smart 9-1-1 and the File of Life system so that emergency personnel have quick access to a person’s medical conditions and medications for immediate response in an health emergency.

Chief Frank Giammarese has been with the police department for 26 years and he has just completed his 4th year as Chief. Chief Giammarese updated the audience about the success of the dispatch consolidation with Addison, the school safety initiative, and the proactive efforts regarding Cybercrimes. As the year continues, the police department will be dealing with the issues surrounding the new laws for concealed gun carry and medical marijuana. Police Chief Giammarese thanked the audience for their efforts in the Neighborhood Watch Program and he encouraged the public’s involvement with crime prevention efforts.

All the Village officials have worked together through the years and they have seen the Village grow as their

careers have progressed. The future looks bright for our community.



SAFETY REMINDER

As the weather becomes warmer, many people will seek to enjoy the outdoors. Pedestrian safety is a village priority. Please try to observe the following guidelines.

Pedestrians should use the crosswalk when available and look both ways when entering the crosswalk.

Pedestrians should wear light colored or reflective clothing when going out for a walk after dark.

Drivers should look both ways before driving through a crosswalk.

Drivers stopping for a traffic signal or stop sign should stop before the crosswalk pavement marking.

Also, during a busy day, residents sometimes forget that little things matter. In this case, keeping Village sidewalks clear. Please be considerate of neighbors, children, dog walkers, bicyclists and any other travelers who wishes to use the public sidewalks.

Parking a vehicle over a sidewalk can be a hazard to those who use it daily. Parking over a sidewalk forces pedestrians to walk or ride their bike out into the street to maneuver around the vehicle. This can be dangerous due to oncoming traffic. While many families have numerous vehicles and not enough parking space, it is still important to keep the sidewalks clear to comply with Village code and avoid a \$25.00 fine.

The ordinance prohibits vehicles from blocking the use of a sidewalk during all hours of the day. Please obey this ordinance to respect the rights of pedestrians and to avoid the possibility of a ticket in the future.

CURRENT CASES BEING INVESTIGATED...

Burglary to Motor Vehicle Stratford Square Mall-Lot H

On January 24, 2014, a Schaumburg man reported that sometime between 4:00 p.m. and 9:30 p.m., unknown person(s) entered his vehicle and removed electronic equipment. The approximate value of the loss is \$80.00. The vehicle was parked and unattended in the parking lot at the time of the incident. No further information is available.



Theft of Mislaid Property Meijer (130 S. Gary Avenue)

A Carol Stream woman reported that on January 27, 2014, at 4:55 p.m., she placed her cellular phone down on the counter to pay for her purchase and she left before retrieving the cell phone. She realized that she left the phone behind, in which she returned to the check-out lane that she had used, but she did not locate the phone. No further information at this time.

Theft Bloomingdale Church (264 Glen Ellyn Road)

A Bloomingdale man reported that on February 7, 2014, at 10:00 p.m., person(s) unknown removed his cellular phone. No suspect information at this time.