



# Bloomingtondale Neighborhood Watch



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**JULY/ AUGUST 2011**

## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING...

Our next meeting is set for **Wednesday, September 21st, 2011, at 7:30 p.m., in the Village Hall Council Room.**

The scheduled speaker is Dr. Wayne Johnson who is the program Coordinator for the Law Enforcement and Justice Administration Forensic Science Programs at Harper College in Palatine Illinois. Wayne retired from the Chicago Police Department where he specialized in Organized Crime and Homicide Investigation. He spent some time with the Chicago Crime Commission and as an Acting Chief with the Cicero Police Department.



You won't want to miss this meeting. Wayne has an incredible amount of information to share not to mention many stories from his days with the Chicago Police Department. Refreshments for the meeting will be provided. Hope to see you there!

Mark your calendars! The following dates have been scheduled for the

### 2011/2012 Neighborhood Watch General Meetings:

September 21, 2011  
November 16, 2011  
January 18, 2012

## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWS...

Our fourth Neighborhood Watch general meeting of the year took place on Wed. July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at the Village Hall. There were approx. 30 residents in attendance at this meeting. Deputy Chief Sater discussed several recent crimes that have occurred in Bloomingtondale.

There was a delayed ruse residential burglary that was reported on July 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:24 am. in the area of Army Trail Rd. at Oriole St. The victim/homeowner stated that on July 16<sup>th</sup> at approx. 2:45 p.m. a male, possibly hispanic or gypsy approx. 40 years of age, 5'05", 160 pounds, black short hair wearing a ball cap, a brown short sleeve shirt and khaki pants came to his front door and told him he would be cutting down trees behind his residence. The victim walked to the back of his residence with the suspect. They spoke in the backyard for 15 minutes and during that time the

suspect kept talking on a radio in a foreign language. The victim later discovered a large US coin collection was missing from his master bedroom. The coin set was in a cardboard box and consisted of US Mint Treasury Coin Proof Sets in silver and gold. This coin collection was valued at over \$50,000.00.

Also mentioned were four vehicle burglaries that occurred on Friday July 8<sup>th</sup> between 10:00 a.m. and noon at Lifetime Fitness, 455 Scott Dr. In all of these cases a front or passenger window was broken to gain entry. Purses and credit cards were taken. Since the meeting there were two additional vehicle burglaries that occurred at Lifetime on Sunday the 24<sup>th</sup> of July between 8:00 and 9:45 am.

There were several burglaries that had occurred at office buildings along Lake St. and Fairfield Way. Wiring containing copper was taken in these burglaries. A subject was subsequently arrested and charged with 5 separate counts of burglary.

Our guest speaker was Rebecca Fyffe the Deputy Director of Policy and Development for the Wildlife Control Policy Institute. She was joined by Thom Skibbe with ABC Wildlife



Control and Prevention out of Arlington Heights. Several residents that attended have made comments that it was one of the best Neighborhood Watch meetings that was ever held. Rebecca and Thom shared their expertise in dealing with the wildlife that is living among us. Whether it be skunks trying to make their home under your deck; squirrels trying to make your attic into their new home, or coyotes seen in or near your backyard, it is nice to know there are wildlife animal experts there to assist us. Preventive techniques were discussed as well as when a homeowner should call in professional to deal with the wildlife problem. If you still have any questions you can call Rebecca at 773-870-0870 and Thom at 847-870-7175.

There are now over 83 Neighborhood Watch Block Captains as of August 2011. See how well your area is represented by the pin map that is kept at the police station and on display at the N/W meetings.

## CURRENT CASES

**Residential Burglary**– On Saturday, July 30<sup>th</sup> at 2:27 pm in the afternoon



Bloomingtondale police officers responded to the 100 block of N. Circle for a residential burglary that had just occurred. Upon the officers arrival it was learned that the complainant had just walked into his mothers home and found a male subject burglarizing the home. The suspect dropped the “goods” and fled out the front door. He was last seen on foot running eastbound on Broker from N. Circle. The suspect was wearing sandals and had left one of his size 10 “Gotcha” brand sandals at the scene. Entry had been gained to the residence by a rear basement window. The suspect was described as a male white, approx. 20 years of age, short blonde hair, blue T-shirt, jeans, and spoke with a Polish accent.

During this same time frame there were also a couple of residential burglaries reported to the Dupage County Sheriff’s Department in the nearby area of unincorporated Medinah.

**Theft** Sometime between July 30<sup>th</sup> and August 2<sup>nd</sup>, an unknown person removed the front grill of a 2000 Buick while it was parked and unattended in the parking lot of the Deer Glen Apartment complex.

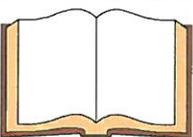
**Burglary to Motor Vehicle**- On August 4<sup>th</sup> between the hours of 11:30 am and 4:00 pm an unknown person shattered the front passenger side window of a 2004 Lexus and removed a gold colored gym bag which contained miscellaneous women’s clothing, an Apple IPOD and two Apple Nano IPODS. The approx. loss and damage is \$950.00 The incident occurred at the Bloomingtondale Golf Club, 181 Glen Ellyn Rd.

**Note: Please call the police department if you see anything suspicious in your neighborhood. As with the previous newsletter there are still many “crews” that are committing ruse type scams to enter your homes. These scams are occurring in nearby surrounding towns.**

### **Signs**

As a reminder, the police department has ordered new Neighborhood Watch street signs. If you would like a sign replaced or have a suggestion for the placement of a new sign please call Deputy Chief Randy Sater at 630-529-9868.

### **Statistics: January 1<sup>st</sup> through August 9<sup>th</sup> 2011**



**Accident Reports-751**  
**Case Reports-1655**  
**Service Calls- 9925**  
**DUI Arrests-89**  
**Traffic Stops-6761**

**National Night Out Against Crime** was held on Tuesday evening August 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Bloomingdale Park District, 172 S. Circle Ave. The hours were set for 6:00 pm until 9:00 pm, however the weather did not cooperate on that evening. It was very hot, humid and storms were looming. The event was eventually shut down at 7:30 but not before over 900 people enjoyed hamburgers, hotdogs, chips, watermelon, cookies, soft-drinks and water. The pool was open and many youngsters enjoyed the cool water and pool games. The Bloomingdale Fire Department was also a big hit as they sprayed scores of kids with water from one of their hoses. The Bloomingdale Park District deserves a big thank you for partnering with the police department to make this night out against crime such a successful event.



The Park District supplied a stage and sound system where several of our Bloomingdale youths sang as part of the Bloomingdale’s Got Talent Competition. In addition, the park district presented several members of our community with “Most Valuable Volunteers” awards. There was also a raffle with items provided by the park district. The award and raffle winners can be found on the park district website. A big thank you also needs to be given to Glendale Catering who provided the grill, chefs, and food; Meijer’s for donating fifty pounds of cookies; Caputos for donating twenty seedless watermelons; and Signs By Tomorrow for updating the National Night Out signs.

A special **Thank You** goes out to our Neighborhood Watch members and volunteers who helped with directions, food preparation, and serving: Sam D’Amico, Patty Eagleton, Stacy Eagleton, Jim Headley, Gale and Jackie Huslander, Norm and Juanita Hataway, Janet and Dennis Davitt, Laura and Jack Geraci, Lavonne and Ray Zisk, Jack Sassman, Joyce Klinowski, Carol Consetino, Roger Rossi, Patrick Griffin, and police department administrative assistant Sue Osicek.

Lastly, our Neighborhood Watch program is directed by a Steering Committee consisting of seven very active Block Captains. They meet several times a year to assist the police department in leading the many activities and ideas to make our community a safe place to live. Two of these members will be resigning soon and we need a few more block captains to take that next step. If you are interested in joining our N/W Steering Committee please contact Deputy Chief Randy Sater at 630-529-9868.

