



Bloomingtondale Neighborhood Watch



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FALL – SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER / NOVEMBER / DECEMBER 2014

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING...

Next meeting is the Open Forum with Village Officials on Wednesday, January 14th, 2015, at 7:00 p.m., in the Village Hall Council Room.

The annual "Open Forum" meeting is an established tradition for Bloomingtondale citizens. The meeting features representatives from the Mayor's Office, the Police Department, the Fire Department, and the Village Services Department. The speakers will each present a "State of Bloomingtondale" address as they summarize the current status and future developments for each agency. The Village continues to grow and change, in which the public is encouraged to attend and bring any questions or concerns to this unique and insightful evening. Refreshments for the meeting will be provided.



Hope to see you there!

Note: The above is not a misprint – the Neighborhood Watch General Meeting schedule has changed. Due to scheduling conflicts for our Village Officials to attend the January meeting and due to conflicts for citizens who participate in other community meetings, it has been determined that the N/W meetings would be changed to the second Wednesday of the scheduled months listed below. It was also decided that the meetings would begin at 7:00 p.m. instead of 7:30 p.m. so that the meetings would have a better chance of ending earlier in the evening hours. If you have any questions or concerns about the schedule change, please contact Officer Dawn Odoi at (630) 529-9868. Thank you!!!



2015 Neighborhood Watch Meetings:

January 14th July 8th
March 11th September 9th
May 13th November 11th

Tuesday, August 4th, 2015 – National Night Out Against Crime

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWS...

The year 2014 has ended. It is hoped that everyone had a good holiday season and are prepared to have a wonderful new year in 2015. As the Fall season of 2014 was busier than ever with so many happenings and events, it may be a good idea to re-cap some of the police department and community highlighted activities.

During the September Neighborhood Watch General Meeting, a representative from DuPage County Animal Care and Control was able to give the

audience an insight into the agency's services. Located in Wheaton (off of County Farm Road), the facility is known as an open admission animal shelter for stray and owner-relinquished non-native animals. The goal is to help the animals locate their owners or if no owner can be located, help in the animal's adoption process to a new home. The agency annually takes in approximately 4,000 animals, with cats having the highest number, dogs with the second highest number, rabbits in the number three position, and hamsters, gerbils, rats, birds and reptiles rounding out the yearly total. For stray animals (generally dogs & cats), they are checked for tags and microchips (permanently inserted in skin between shoulder blades) to locate an owner. If an owner is found and the animal returned, the owner must verify updated vaccinations for the animal and the owner may pay boarding charges. If an animal is not claimed within 7 working days, then the animal becomes property of the shelter, in which it would be evaluated for health & temperament for adoption or transfer, or euthanasia purposes. The animal may have been surrendered (given up) to the shelter due to financial reasons, a family move, allergies, or the owners were unprepared, possibly uneducated about the animal to properly care for it. The shelter's goal is to avoid euthanasia if at all possible. The animal will be assessed for quality of life, not set on the age of the animal. There is no time limit for an adoption of an animal as long as it is deemed adoptable.



DuPage County also has Animal Control Officers who provide the following services pertaining to wildlife to residents of unincorporated DuPage County: removal of sick or injured wildlife from residential property; removal of wildlife from inside the living area of a residence (living area does not include chimneys, attics, crawl spaces or under stoops or decks – this requires a licensed animal trapper or removal service); removal of wildlife that has become trapped or entangled in a manner in which it cannot free itself (examples: stuck in car engine, window wells,

trapped in a fence, etc.). Nuisance wildlife is not handled by DuPage County Animal Care and Control, in which a licensed trapper or removal service is needed. Examples of nuisance wildlife are: squirrels nesting in an overhang of a house; skunks building a den next to the foundation of a home; raccoons building a nest in the attic of a home; seeing a wild animal on one's property. With all this, DuPage County Animal Care & Control is a self-supporting (non taxpayer funded) county department designed to: prevent and control rabies through bite investigation & rabies registration; enforce state and county animal control and welfare laws; and provide public education programs for adults and children.

October brought over 1,000 people (children & adults) for the annual Bloomingtondale Police Department's & Bloomingtondale Fire Department's Open House event that has coincided with the Bloomingtondale Library's and Bloomingtondale Park District's Halloween Party. The weather was unseasonably warm (no complaints) and all participants enjoyed the activities, games, displays, and the opportunity for a fun family event.

The same weekend as the Open House & Halloween Party events, the Bloomingtondale Police Department, along with many other emergency agencies, conducted a Full Scale Active Shooter / Hostage Training Drill at Stratford Square Mall. The drill was a great learning experience for all involved and it continues the goal of enhancing the safety and quality of life for our community.

In the months of **October and November**, the Citizen Police Academy was revived and seventeen citizens signed-up to be the program's 19th graduating class. Seven sessions were scheduled to provide the participants with up-to-date information on the police department's policies and procedures with the police officers as the instructors. After the program's completion, the participants didn't want it to end. Another Citizen Police Academy will be scheduled for Fall 2015 (tentative mid-September to early November) and we look forward to graduating the program's 20th class. Check the Village Almanac and website in the Summer for information and registration.



The **November Neighborhood Watch General Meeting** prepared the audience with holiday safety tips and discussed the community's most recent activities and concerns. Also, in November, Mayor Coladipietro swore in police dog, Kane, into the K9 Unit with Police Officer McGhee. Both will continue their training and working relationship in their law enforcement duties.

In **December**, the Bloomingtondale Police Officers of the Bloomingtondale Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #175 began the holiday season by participating in the annual "Kids Shop with Bloomingtondale Cops" event. Children and their families (those in need and military service) were able to celebrate Christmas a little more thanks to contributions from the Bloomingtondale Meijer's store, Old Country Buffet, CIACO (Chicagoland Italian American Charitable Organization), Joe Salerno / Salerno's Rosedale Chapels, Bloomingtondale Township Republican Party, John Dabrowski and other private donors.

The Bloomingtondale Police Department wants to recognize and express our sincere gratitude to the Neighborhood Watch

Block Captains. Thank you for providing a line of communication between your neighborhoods and emergency agencies. Also, I truly appreciate the time and efforts given to our community events (Senior Day Fair, National Night Out, September Fest, Open House) throughout the year. These events are successful because of citizens' contributions. We look forward to working with all in the new year of 2015!!

Thank you!!!!



WINTER DRIVING TIPS:

- Plan ahead – route, time of day, traffic, weather forecasts. Allow extra time for travel.
- Wear seat belts at all times.
- Clean windshield, windows, rear windows, headlights, brake lights, and license plate area, especially if snow is on the vehicle.
- Keep your car's headlights on low beam. This provides better visibility particularly in fog or snow.
- Use turn signals.
- Watch the car in front of you for signs of trouble. Keep extra space between cars. Anticipate and prepare for slippery roads or other dangers.
- If you travel below the posted speed limit, please stay in the far right lane to avoid any speeding vehicles.
- If you miss an exit or street, go to the next exit / street. Do not cause an accident in a last minute maneuver; drivers behind can only do so much to avoid you.
- If you need to slow down or stop on a slick road, apply the brakes firmly and steadily, but not so firmly that they lock up. As you begin to slow, gently ease up on the brakes. Do not pump the brakes.
- If you skid, don't panic. Take your foot off the brake and then steer in the direction of the skid. Once the car regains traction, you can straighten the wheel.
- For emergency vehicles, please slow down and move to the right lanes, if possible. Make sure that all emergency vehicles have passed before resuming driving.
- If you have an accident, stay in your vehicle and always contact the police.



CURRENT CASES BEING INVESTIGATED...

Burglary to Motor Vehicle – Ulta 130 S. Gary Avenue

A Des Plaines woman reported that sometime between 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 9, 2014, unknown person(s) entered her vehicle and removed prescription medication. The approximate value of the loss is unknown. The vehicle was parked and unattended in the parking lot at the time of the incident. No further information at this time.



Burglary to Motor Vehicle

CosmoPro -- 398 W. Army Trail Road

A Hoffman Estates woman reported that sometime between 12:45 p.m and 12:55 p.m. on Thursday, December 11, 2014, person(s) unknown forcefully entered her locked vehicle and removed her purse. The approximate value of the loss is \$2,300.00. The vehicle was parked and unattended in the parking lot at the time of the incident. No further information is available.