



Bloomingtondale Neighborhood Watch



IF I DON'T CALL THE POLICE
MY NEIGHBOR WILL

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NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING...

The next meeting is **Wednesday, May 11th, 2016, at 7:00 p.m., in the Village Hall Council Room**, in which local transportation options will be addressed. A **Pace Transportation** representative will provide a presentation on all their services and answer questions. At this time, you may feel that there is no need for such services, but it is difficult to understand the options for you and/or family members. During the evening, **Block Captain Identification Cards will be distributed**. Also, if you have not completed the Block Captains forms, please bring the completed forms to the meeting. Refreshments will be provided. **See you there!** ☺

FYI. Information will be shared regarding the **July Neighborhood Watch Meeting**, which is the upcoming **tour of the Homeland Security Facility at College of DuPage**.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWS...

The March Neighborhood General Meeting on Wednesday, March 9, 2016, discussed the revamping of the Neighborhood Watch Program and the renewal of N/W Block Captains. It was determined that the N/W Program should be reviewed and updated so that the proper lines of communication continue for our community. The role of the N/W Block Captain is to be the liaison between a residential area and the police department. With technology changing our world, the N/W Program wants to reinforce the idea that the human aspect and relationships with one another are important, especially with our Block Captains and the residents they represent. Also, it is essential that reliable up-to-date information regarding safety issues is shared. The Bloomingtondale Police Department has appreciated the individuals who have volunteered as N/W Block Captains over the years, ever since the program went into effect, and value the residents who work within their neighborhoods towards crime prevention efforts.

With this in mind, the N/W Steering Committee helped to establish a complete packet for current and new Block Captains that are interested in working with Emergency Services, especially with the police department, so that Bloomingtondale can continue its efforts in maintaining the quality of life for its residents. The Block Captain packet includes the application form, the Block Captain Duties agreement, and the roster of those participating in the N/W program for that particular residential area (which solidify the lines of communication). The N/W Block Captain is expected to be in contact with a minimum of five homes in their area, but the Block Captain may determine the maximum number of homes that they will communicate with through personal contact, phone contact, or e-mail messaging. The role of the Block Captain is not to overextend themselves or their time, but to keep in touch with their neighbors, especially if a safety incident occurs. The Neighborhood Watch Program operational objectives are to disseminate information to homeowners on how to protect themselves, their property, and their community; to establish helpful relationships between neighbors; and to create real and psychological restraints for criminals. Have concern for your neighborhood and awareness of activities. Act on suspicious people, vehicles, and/or activity by contacting the police immediately (9-1-1). **Awareness and Involvement** are the keys to a successful Neighborhood Watch Program – keeping interest high and continuing the groups' crime prevention education must be a primary focus for all participants. Through such involvement, residents can take significant steps to deter, detect, or delay burglaries, thus, making Bloomingtondale a safer place to live. As criminals become aware of active neighborhoods regarding crime prevention efforts, they will avoid such areas and move on to easier targets. With so much going on in today's society, teamwork is vital for public safety. The Bloomingtondale Neighborhood Watch Program encourages the public's involvement with crime prevention efforts and activities. For questions or for further information about the program, please contact Officer Dawn Odoi at (630) 529-9868.

SAFETY INFORMATION:

Help Us Find You....

The Bloomingtondale 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.

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.

CURRENT CASES BEING INVESTIGATED...

Theft 100 Block of Country Club Drive

A Bloomingtondale man reported that sometime between 2:59 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 3, 2016, person(s) unknown removed a package. The approximate value of the loss is \$550.00. No further information is available at this time.



Theft of Lost / Mislaid Property

Picture Show – W. Army Trail Road

A Glendale Heights woman reported that on Friday, March 25, 2016, at 9:00 p.m., she realized she left her wallet on the seat next to her in the show. When she returned to see if it might still be there, it was nowhere to be found. Approximate value unknown. Nothing further.

Burglary to Motor Vehicle 200 Block of Hillandale

A Bloomingtondale woman reported that sometime between Saturday, March 26 at 12:00 a.m. and Monday,

March 28, 2016, at 12:00 p.m. (noon) person(s) unknown entered her unlocked vehicle and removed several miscellaneous personal items. The approximate value of the loss is unknown. Nothing further at this time.

Burglary to Motor Vehicle

Hilton Indian Lakes – W. Schick Road

A Lombard man reported that sometime between 11:45 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 13, 2016, person(s) unknown entered his unlocked 2002 Jeep and removed his cellular phone from the front console. The vehicle was parked and unattended in the parking lot when the incident occurred. No suspect information at this time.

Theft

Sporty's Catering – Army Trail Road

A Bartlett man reported that sometime between 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 12 and 7:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 13, 2016, person(s) unknown removed a catalytic converter from his 2007 Hyundai. The vehicle was parked, secured and unattended in the parking lot when the incident occurred. No further information at this time.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Bloomingtondale Park District "Touch a Truck" event

Saturday, May 14, 2016 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (noon)
Springfield Park

Annual family event that features contests, raffles, crafts 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. Area 51 Exotics also will be on site with its petting zoo including a monkey, chocolate skunk, savanna monitor and more!

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

Friday, May 20, 2016 5:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (noon)

Bloomingtondale 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 Dominick Corsiglia and Officer Jin Han 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 5, 2016

Location and time in Bloomingtondale 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 2, 2016 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Bloomingtondale Park District / Circle Park

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND INVOLVEMENT!!