



# Bloomingtondale Neighborhood Watch



IF I DON'T CALL THE POLICE  
MY NEIGHBOR WILL

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## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING...

Wednesday, July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016, 6:30 p.m., at the Homeland Security Education Center (Building HEC and HTC) – College of DuPage, 425 Fawell Boulevard, Glen Ellyn (Intersection of Fawell Boulevard and Lambert Road).



Note: Use Parking Lot Fawell "E". The facility houses the college's Criminal Justice, Fire Science/EMS, Police Department and the Suburban Law Enforcement Academy. This comprehensive, multi-jurisdictional training center was one of the few educational institutions in the U.S. selected to receive a relic from the Twin Towers following 9/11. Watch Commander Sam Bonilla will give those attending an in-depth tour of the facility and will answer questions about the training that occurs. Pizza and soda will be served at the beginning of the meeting since the start is a ½ hour earlier. Please RSVP to Officer Dawn Odoi at (630) 529-9868 so that the appropriate amount of food can be ordered. Also, please be at the facility by 6:30 p.m. so that the presentation can begin. During the meeting, we will update the audience on recent activities within our community and address any questions or concerns. Please consider joining us and encourage others to take advantage of such an opportunity to visit this impressive training facility. **Hope to see you there!!!!**

## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWS...



Everyone loves driving their own car. It is convenient and gives a sense of independence. But what happens when it is not available? The following could happen – it breaks down / needs maintenance; a family member needs your vehicle; you are taking medication that tells you not to operate a vehicle; or the time has come to give up your driver's license. Public transportation, **PACE**, can be the answer.

History – Bus transportation was separate, such as Blue Bird and Nortran, until the Regional Transit Authority (RTA) was created in 1983, which unified the bus agencies. By creating a partnership, the fares, branding and management were made consistent throughout the region. Being able to transfer from one bus to another was also possible. The Chicago Transit

Authority (CTA) owns 12 facilities, in which 11 have full service bus garages. PACE is not an acronym. PACE serves six counties – Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry, and Will. In summary, the following services are available to the public: Fixed Bus Routes, Express Bus Service, Community Transit Services, ADA Paratransit Service, Van Pool & Ride Share service and Pulse Lines.

Fixed Bus Routes – Regular Bus Routes are the same place, the same time, and a set route. There are 199 routes in 220 communities in six county regions. These provide fast and economical service to jobs, physicians, shopping and other attractions. Park-N-Ride Locations – are Transit Centers (Bus Terminals) found at shopping centers, church parking lots, even at White Fence Farm or Yorktown Mall.

Express Bus Service provides service to popular places – Wrigley Field, AllState Arena, USCellular, Six Flags Great America, Soldier Field, Toyota Park, Ravinia Festival, Brookfield Zoo. Bus on the Shoulder – mimics Trans Service for those areas that don't have service. These buses use shoulder lane to pass slow traffic, currently on I-55 Stevenson Expressway, soon will be on I-90 Jane Adams Expressway (Elgin to Rosemont). PACE Express has full size "Coach Class" buses, which are very comfortable. Interesting note: Drivers split their shifts or work part-time.

Community Transit Services – a "demand-response" service (you call, they come). Passenger must call in advance to reserve ride. Different types:



Dial-A-Ride, Call-N-Ride, Limited "Eligible" Rides – example Veterans to the V/A Hospital. First, Dial-A-Ride – is limited services to a small geographic area; operated by counties, township, municipalities and other groups in coordination with PACE; and each program sets their own rules regarding fares, boundaries, and eligibilities. Locally, there is Dial-A-Ride for Bloomingtondale Township and Ride DuPage for Wayne Township. Call-N-Ride (similar to Dial-A-Ride) everyone is eligible to ride. PACE (or contractor) operates this service, riders only need to reserve a trip one hour in advance, and it has some scheduled stops – mainly serves Wheaton and Winfield.

ADA Paratransit Service is mandated by Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, provides “Para” or “Like” Public Transportation Service to individuals with disabilities. Duplicates fixed route service for those that are unable to use fixed routes due to disabilities. \$3.00 per ride / each way. Limited to riders w/ disabilities who live within (or can get to) ¼ mile of a fixed route. All trips must originate and end within ¾ of a fixed route. Passengers must be certified by the Regional Transit Authority (RTA) for Paratransit Service and riders must call one day in advance.

Paying the Fare – Regular Fare is \$1.75 per one way trip (using a Ventra Car) or \$2.00 cash. Ventra is the fare payment system for PACE and CTA. For more information, visit [VentraChicago.com](http://VentraChicago.com) or call 1-877-669-8368.

RTA Reduced Fare/ Ride Free Programs—must be 65 & older.

Introducing Pulse – fast, frequent, and enhanced express bus service. It is the latest technology & streamlined route design. Pulse will differ from regular fixed route bus service by limited stop express. VANPOOL Incentive Program (VIP) – Traditional Vanpool, Employer Shuttle, Metra Feeders, Advantage Van as well as PACE Ride Share are available. PACE is committed to the environment by using hybrid buses (diesel & electric), CNG buses (compressed natural gas), which are easier on environment and produce fewer emissions.

### SAFETY INFORMATION:



Many people are taking advantage of the warm weather days and enjoying the great outdoors. The Bloomingdale Police Department wants children & parents to be aware that some unscrupulous individuals may monitor the playground area and neighborhoods where today’s youth gather. It is strongly encouraged that children and young adults avoid contact with unfamiliar individuals who may ask for directions, attempt to provide gifts / money, or engage in any conversation. “Stranger Danger” talks apply to everyone, no matter the age or physical size of a person. The Bloomingdale Police Department also encourages that if an encounter with a suspicious person and/or vehicle occur, notify our agency as soon as possible once safety has been established.

During the summer months, our community has experienced some power outages due to weather conditions or overloaded electronic issues, which can cause the traffic control devices / traffic signals to malfunction. The Bloomingdale Police Department would like to remind drivers that traffic intersections need to be monitored at all times to make sure that the traffic signals are working properly. If a traffic signal is not working at all or has conflicting signals (example: flashing red & green lights), drivers are to treat the intersection as a four-way stop, even without stop signs posted. It is requested that drivers pay attention on the roadways to reduce the opportunity for traffic crashes.



Some residents have contacted the Village of Bloomingdale and the Bloomingdale Police Department complaining about solicitors in their neighborhoods. Solicitors are to comply with local registration procedures. Please call the police department regarding those who are not complying or any suspicious person(s), vehicle(s) or activity in the area. Any questions or comments, please contact Officer Dawn Odoi of the Bloomingdale Police Department at (630) 529-9868.

### CURRENT CASES BEING INVESTIGATED...

**Theft Wal-Mart – Army Trail Road**  
A Glendale Heights woman reported on Friday, May 6, 2016, at approximately 5:08 p.m., person(s) unknown removed her wallet while she was shopping. The approximate value of the loss is \$280.00. No further information is available at this time.

#### **Burglary to Motor Vehicle**

#### **TGIFriday’s – Army Trail Road**

An Addison woman reported that sometime between 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 8, 2016, unknown person(s) entered her unlocked vehicle and removed her purse. The approximate value of the loss is unknown. No further information at this time.



#### **Theft of Lost/Mislaid Property**

#### **Potbelly’s – Army Trail Road**

A Elgin man reported that sometime between 4:30 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. on Thursday, May 19, 2016, person(s) unknown removed his I-Pad from the table. No further information.

#### **Theft of Lost/Mislaid Property**

#### **Kohl’s – #6 Stratford Square**

A Carol Stream woman reported that on Thursday, June 16, 2016, at 1:30 p.m. she left her cellular phone in the fitting room. When realizing that she left the phone, she returned to discover the phone was missing. No further information.

### SPECIAL EVENTS

#### “National Night Out Against Crime”

Tuesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016

5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.



#### Bloomington Park District / Circle Park

Our annual event takes the time to thank the community and encourage further efforts from citizens to “Take a Bite Out of Crime”. The pool is open to all and organized games will be provided. Food (hot dogs, hamburgers, etc) will be provided free of cost and will be served from 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

Also featured during the event will be.....

#### K-9 Demonstration – 6:30 p.m.

Officer Levi McGhee and “Kane” will demonstrate their abilities that are an important part for law enforcement.

#### Heroes vs. Half Pints Softball Showdown – 7:15 p.m.

Middle school players showcase their skills against the Bloomingdale Police Officers. See how softball is played as both teams take the field for victory. ☺

AND

#### Whiffle Ball Classic with Bloomington Fire Department

Children entering grades 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> are invited to play whiffle ball with the Bloomington Fire Department. This is a non-competitive game and everyone plays.

Please join us for this free, fun, family event.

### ATTENTION:

The Bloomingdale Police Department is taking applications for police officers. Applications are available through Friday, July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016, through the police department or on the Village of Bloomingdale website. A \$40.00 non-refundable fee will be charged for each application (mail check; drop off cash/check; or credit card by phone or in person). All packets must be completed and received by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Late applications will not be accepted – No exceptions.