



# Bloomingtondale Neighborhood Watch



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## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING...

Next meeting is on Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019, at 7:00 p.m., in the Village Hall Council Room and will feature **Mayor Franco Coladipietro** and **Director of Public Works Jim Monkemeyer** to provide the audience with the "State of Bloomingtondale" address. This meeting with Village Officials provides the audience an opportunity to get first-hand information on the current status of the community and ask questions about the future.



Please consider joining us for this informative presentation.

Refreshments will be served.

Hope you can attend and look forward to seeing you there!

## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWS...

For the January Neighborhood Watch meeting on January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019, with the 2018 year closed, Director of Public Safety Frank Giammarese and Bloomingtondale Fire Chief Jeff Janus met with the audience to provide a summary of accomplishments and a bright look to the future for Bloomingtondale. Director Giammarese was the first speaker and he told the residents that the police department is in a good position and has a positive attitude. There is an ongoing theme to be good to our citizens – to do all that we can do in each incident and leave the situation better than when we started. Things in society have become more complicated.



In order to adapt to these changes, the Bloomingtondale Police Department has received grant funds to enlist the services of Northeast DuPage Family and Youth Services (NEDFYS). NEDFYS strives to help with Crisis Intervention, Youth/Adult/Family Counseling, and Referrals to Food, Shelter, and Legal Services. With an increase in mental health service calls / incidents, NEDFYS provides another option for emergency personnel. In the past, the options seemed to be Elgin Mental Health Center or to provide a ride to another location. Police officers these days need to help people find proper connections for quality of life issues.

Another issue which has increased over time is the problem of Heroin overdoses, in which administering Narcan is a regular occurrence. Many still battle with heroin addiction and family members and friends are watching with their loved ones struggle with drugs. With Vaping concerns in communities, Director Giammarese advised the audience that compliance

checks are being completed with vape products as well as tobacco items for those that are under the age limit.

Regarding staffing at the Bloomingtondale Police Department, there is currently a police officer testing in progress, due to recent retirements. With the upcoming budget requests, the police department will be seeking to increase more cameras in police vehicles, as well as more staff, and to request more involvement in multi-jurisdictional tasks forces.

"Close before you doze!" Bloomingtondale Fire Department Chief Jeff Janus and fire personnel are continuing to bring that message to the public. Closing bedroom doors before going to sleep will help keep carbon monoxide and smoke out of the room if an incident occurs. Fire Chief Janus provided photos to emphasize the point of the message and he encouraged residents to get and maintain carbon monoxide detectors, as well as, smoke detectors. Also, during these winter months, Chief Janus encouraged and appreciates the public's help by adopting a fire hydrant - keeping it clear and visible with a 3 ft. radius around it.



To prevent falls, it is always best to keep walkways / sidewalks and driveways clear. The fire department's response totals for the 2018 year were 5,000 calls for service, in which averaged to about 13 calls a day. All fire department personnel are cross-trained for fire calls and EMS calls. Chief Janus reminded the audience that the Bloomingtondale Fire Protection District is part of the "Alliance", to consolidate resources with other fire agencies. By dropping the borders, the fire agencies in the Alliance not only help one another, but they are all operating under the same procedures – "same playbook", in which other fire agencies are seeking to follow this example. The organizational chart helped the audience understand the structure of the fire department and it showed that the citizens are the priority. Fire Chief Janus encourages the public to register with Smart 9-1-1 for quick access to a person's medical conditions and medications for emergency personnel to administer immediate help. Also, Chief Janus promoted the use of the File of Life packets (mini medical files that are placed on the refrigerator door) that can be obtained by the fire department and/or the police department.

Chief Janus showed the audience photos regarding the fire personnel handling Hazardous Material, which has been seen more often than before, which require special suits and

continuous training. Other photos showed the fire department personnel in action during the following calls for service and/or training drills: In-Trench training (assistance provided by the Public Works Department to dig the trench); Mass Casualty Drills (including Active Shooter); Driving Training of Fire Vehicles; photos of Roll-over crashes; and Evacuation from smoke-filled rooms. Chief Janus stated that his department has appreciated the assistance from Indian Lakes Hotel as a training site for his agency and other nearby fire agencies.

As Chief Janus and the Bloomingdale Fire Protection District tackle the new year, they will be preparing the budget, purchase of a new fire engine, conduct training and promotional exams, seek computer / software upgrades for the department, and prepare for the BMW Golf Championship at Medinah Country Club scheduled for August 2019.

Fire Chief Janus urges residents to use large numbers with contrasting colors on homes so that the emergency responders will not have difficulty finding a location. Chief Janus addressed the question that continues to pop up – Glen Oaks Hospital is the closest hospital-3.4 miles, with Alexian Brothers Hospital at 8.8 miles and Central DuPage Hospital at 9.7 miles.

The audience conveyed their appreciation for the service given by Director of Public Safety Frank Giammarese and Fire Chief Janus to lead Bloomingdale's first responders. Officer Odoi publicly thanked these officials for taking the time to present and answer questions from our citizens.



#### **SAFETY REMINDERS:**

Even during the winter months, there are many people who will seek to enjoy the outdoors and escape 'cabin fever'. 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 stopping for a traffic signal or stop sign should stop before the crosswalk pavement marking.
- ❖ Drivers should look both ways before driving through a crosswalk.

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. Any questions or comments regarding this information please contact Officer Dawn Odoi of the Bloomingdale Police Department at (630) 529-9868.

### **CURRENT CASES BEING INVESTIGATED...**

#### **Theft**

##### **300 Block of Glenwood Drive**

A 54 year old Bloomingdale man reported that between 2:43 p.m. and 11:00 p.m., an unknown person(s) removed a UPS package from the vestibule of his complex. No further information at this time.



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

##### **Picture Show Movie Theater 324 W. Army Trail Road**

A 35 year old Hanover Park man reported that sometime between 4:00 p.m. and 6:45 p.m., person(s) unknown entered his unlocked 2007 Cadillac and removed some miscellaneous personal items. The vehicle was parked and unattended in the parking lot when the incident occurred. The approximate value of the loss is unknown. No further information at this time.

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

##### **Turtle Wax Car Wash – 252 S. Gary Avenue**

A 29 year old Carol Stream man reported that sometime between 7:00 p.m. and 9:30 a.m. (next day), person(s) unknown removed a firearm from his 2017 Ford, possibly when the vehicle was being detailed. No further information is available at this time.

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

##### **200 Block of Wimbledon Place**

A 32 year old Bloomingdale man reported that sometime between 2:00 p.m. and 4:30 a.m. (next day), unknown person(s) entered his unlocked vehicle and removed a cellular phone. The approximate value of the loss is unknown. The vehicle was parked and unattended in the driveway at the time of the incident. No further information is available at this time.

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

##### **Wal-Mart – 314 W. Army Trail Road**

A 25 year old Bloomingdale man reported that sometime between 11:45 a.m. and 1:00 p.m., person(s) unknown entered his unlocked vehicle and removed a cellular phone and currency. The approximate value of the loss is \$7,650. The vehicle was parked and unattended in the parking lot at the time of the incident. No further information is available at this time.

**Remember:** With Spring around the corner and warmer temperature – Report all suspicious person(s) and vehicles in your neighborhood, including unregistered solicitors, repair services, and those seeking assistance. Call 9-1-1. ☺

### **UPCOMING EVENT**

#### **Senior Day Fair**

**Friday, April 26, 2019 from 9 a.m.–Noon**

**Medinah Shriners Banquet Facility- Addison, IL**



The Senior Day Fair was created by the Senior Citizen Advisory Council to give seniors the opportunity to visit with local agencies, service providers, and businesses to help identify the resources that are available to them. The event has been established to provide a means to visit with many organizations/service agencies, in which to obtain senior health and welfare information in a comfortable, friendly setting. Refreshments will be available and there is no fee to enter. Any questions about the event, please contact Officer Dawn Odoi at (630) 529-9868