



# Bloomingtondale Neighborhood Watch



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**MARCH / APRIL 2019**

## **NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING...**

The meeting on Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019, at 7:00 p.m., in the Training Room of the Bloomingtondale Police Department will address

Personal Safety / Self Defense information. Due to recent events and related news stories, it was determined that the Bloomingtondale Police Department Defensive Tactic Instructors would conduct a presentation and address questions and concerns. At all times, but especially with the warm weather months, it is important that the public is aware and alert of their surroundings, as well as, prepared for the "what if" scenarios. Please join us for this important subject matter. Consider bringing a family member, friend, and/or neighbor.

Refreshments will be served. Hope to see you there!



## **NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWS...**

For the March Neighborhood Watch General Meeting, it was part two of the Open Forum with Village Officials. Mayor Franco Coladipietro and Director of Public Works–Jim Monkemeyer looked forward to meeting with the public regarding the latest news for the Village's development. Public Works Director Jim Monkemeyer has been with the Village for years, in which he has been dedicated to the infrastructure of this community. The Public Works Department has many divisions and he was able to cover each one in a short amount of time. First, the Public Works Department manages the Village's infrastructure, including the planning, constructing, operating and maintaining: Right-of-Ways / Streets / Sidewalks / Street Lighting / Traffic Signals / Traffic Controls and Street Identification Signs; Urban Forest / Landscaping / Streetscapes; Water Supply and Distribution System; Sanitary Sewer Collection and Wastewater Treatment System; Storm Sewer Collection and Storm Runoff Management System; Public Buildings, Grounds, and Properties; Vehicle and Equipment Fleet; and prepare and manage a \$15-\$18 Million Annual Budget. Director Monkemeyer leads a staff totaling 39 full-time employees combined in Public Works & Utilities. Temporary and/or seasonal employees, totaling 5.75 full-time equivalents, are hired annually to address peak work demands. The Forestry Division operates and maintains the health, composition and structure of the urban forest, including parkway tree pruning, annual tree planting, tree removals, stump grinding, contract curbside branch collection, and overall beautification. Building and Grounds Division operates and maintains preventative, routine and emergency

maintenance on all Village owned buildings and surrounding grounds, which include the Village Hall, Police Station, Public Works Facility, Gazebo, and other miscellaneous buildings, equipment, and properties. The Street Maintenance Division needs to manage 172 Lane miles of Asphalt roadways, 122 Linear miles of Concrete sidewalk and curb, 67 center lane miles of right-of-ways (restorations), 2,600 street identification and traffic control signs, 1000 Village owned street lights, and 4 Village owned traffic signals and 5 school / speed advisory signs. Don't forget about the recreational paths maintenance that the P.W. Department looks after. P.W. also oversees multiple contracts including crack sealing, pavement markings, mud-jacking, street sweeping to name a few. The Street Maintenance Division is also responsible for the Village's snow and ice control plan and procedures as well as responding to other weather related issues. This past winter was a high record for salt usage – approximately 1800 tons, in which it runs about \$60-\$70/ton. The Water Distribution Division operates and maintains the Village's water distribution, sanitary sewer collection and storm sewer collection systems. This includes preventative maintenance such as hydrant flushing, valve repairs, sanitary sewer main cleaning and televising and storm structure cleaning and reconstruction; as well as responding to immediate needs including emergency water main break repairs, replacement of broken hydrants, assistance with suspected sanitary sewer back-ups, locating of utilities and flooding and other adverse weather events response. The Water System repair includes 25-35 water main breaks/year for 79 miles of storm sewage, and 2000 manhole coverings. Hydrant flushing that occurs each year takes about 3 weeks to complete. Water reclamation occurs in which the discharge is placed into the east branch of the DuPage river. With all that, there should be a dedicated time to thank Bloomingtondale Public Works Department for all that they do 365 days/year!!!

Mayor Coladipietro has been the Village President for the past six years, in which he has become quite comfortable with the residents. Mayor Franco wanted to be less formal and sat down amongst the audience. With this approach, the residents feel comfortable to ask as questions to take advantage of this unique opportunity. The elephant in the room – Indian Lakes Resort property. Between property re-zoning and planning, there will be many future meetings, that will include the residents' input, before any changes occur.

The Village, especially the Public Works Department, are trying to digest the different concerns to how it will affect the Village as a whole. Rules and ordinances will be followed as a matter of principle and it sets precedent. Future meetings will be posted regarding the Indian Lakes property and the public will be kept informed. Mayor Franco discussed lighter subjects, including new businesses that have been completed or are in development: Mission Church, La Strata, Golden Corral, Lucky's Dog House, Texas Roadhouse, Woodman's, Carson Pirie Scott (old JCPenny's space), and Aldi's (old Staples building). The Mayor assured the audience that he has been continuously working on the Old Connie's Pizza building. The property has been vacant for 20 years, in which the Village is seeking to condemn the property under the law, take ownership, and flip the property into something to benefit the Village. Mayor Franco stated in summary that the Village is constantly 'bird dogging' in seeking new businesses and drawing them in to show what Bloomingdale has to offer. Lastly, the Mayor spoke about creating additional events in the Old Town area since September Fest and the Holiday Tree Lighting have become quite popular. Those in attendance conveyed their gratitude to all the Village officials for their hard work and efforts for the betterment of the Bloomingdale community.

### **ATTENTION: DISTRACTED DRIVING**

**Distracted driving** is any activity that could divert a person's attention away from the primary task of driving. All distractions endanger a driver's, a passenger's and a bystander's safety. **Types of distractions include:** Texting; Using a cell phone or Smartphone; Eating & Drinking; Talking to passengers; Grooming; Reading-including maps; Using a navigation system; Watching a video; Adjusting a radio, CD player or MP3 player.

**Text messaging has received the most attention** because it requires visual, manual, and cognitive attention from the driver, which is by far the most alarming distraction.

**Violating the electronic device / hands-free driving law has become a moving violation and it will affect your driving status. Please remember that we share the roadways, so...**

**Drive Now. Text Later. You can't do both.  
It's not worth it!!!**

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

**Residential Burglary**                      **100 Block of Windham**  
A Bloomingdale man reported that between 5:30 p.m. – 8:45 p.m., person(s) unknown forcefully entered his residence and removed firearms, household items, and purses. Approximate value of the loss is unknown. No further information available at this time.

**Theft**    **Wal-Mart - 314 W. Army Trail Road**  
A West Chicago woman reported that at 4:30 p.m., person(s) unknown removed her purse. The approximate value of the loss is \$2,000.00. No suspect description or further information available.

**Theft**    **Panera Bread – 370 W. Army Trail Road**  
A Glendale Heights woman reported that between 9:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m., her wallet was stolen. Her purse was hanging on the back of the chair when she noticed her wallet was



missing. The approximate value of the loss is unknown. Nothing further at this time.

**Residential Burglary**                      **300 Block of Sicilia**  
A Glendale Heights man reported sometime between 2:10-2:30 p.m. person(s) unknown removed the watch he placed down. No further information is available at this time regarding both incidents.

## **SPECIAL EVENTS**

**“LIGHT UP OUR COMMUNITY” –  
Remembering the Fallen – Honoring Those Who Serve  
May 12<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

Officer Raymond Murrell lost his life on January 19, 2017, in the line of duty as he responded to a retail theft in progress at a business on Army Trail Road. **To honor Officer Murrell and other Emergency Responders, we encourage residents to show support by replacing their porch light, garage light, or front window light with a blue light bulb for one week.** This **community unity event** is being organized through the efforts of the **Rawls Family – Professional Mailing & Printing Services, Inc., ER2 Image Group, and Home Depot (475 S. Schmale Road - Carol Stream), who have discounted the blue lights to be displayed.** Please consider taking part during National Police Appreciation Week by changing to the blue light bulb.



**THANK YOU BLOOMINGDALE FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!**



**“Rooftop Cop” at Dunkin’ Donuts  
(200 E. Lake Street)  
Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
5:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (noon)**

Bloomingdale 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 Damian Iwanicki and Officer Phillip Jaffe along with other police officers 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!

**Child Safety Seat Check Event  
Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019                      10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
Meijer Parking Lot – 130 S. Gary Avenue**

Child passenger safety seat technicians will be available to check child car seats and provide safety information for every level of car seats. Ensuring that children are safe within a vehicle is a high priority with everyone. If you have any questions regarding child safety seats or the seat check event, please contact Officer Dawn Odoi at (630) 529-9868.



**Illinois Special Olympics Torch Run  
Leg #14 – DuPage  
Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

**Location and time in Bloomingdale 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.