



# Bloomingtondale Neighborhood Watch



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## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING...

The meeting will be Wednesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021,  
at 6:00 p.m., - Location to be Determined.



Deputy Chief Sam Bonilla will meet with the audience to discuss the current status of the Bloomingtondale Police Department, encourage Summer Safety & Awareness, and address the citizens' questions and/or concerns.

**NOTE:** Please check the Village website and the Bloomingtondale Police Department Facebook page regarding the details if the N/W Meeting will be In-Person and/or Virtual (Live Streamed).

## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWS...

For the March Meeting, Mayor Franco Coladipietro graciously accepted the invitation to appear via Live-Stream, in which to



provide a "State of Bloomingtondale" address. Mayor Coladipietro reviewed the history of the Indian Lakes Hotel before discussing recent events. Due to the shooting incident in February, the Liquor

License was immediately revoked and the process of revoking the Business License began with the Hearing scheduled in March. The Mayor advised that the Indian Lakes Hotel owner decided not to fight the Business License Revocation and there is no intention to re-open the hotel as it is currently for sale. The Village has fielded a number of proposals for the property, but they have not met the Village Board's vision, which is shaped by the residents feedback. The Mayor stated that the Village is re-evaluating the Indian Lakes property since acquiring the 230+ acres to add to the 32 acres of Open Land previously acquired.

The Mayor's second most asked about topic – Stratford Square Mall. In November 2019, the property was purchased by a New York owner and discussions with the Village took place regarding re-development. But then, the Pandemic hit and the discussions stalled. The Village does not own the property, but has a say as it pertains to the community. The anchor stores (Kohl's, Sears, Carson Pirie Scott, Burlington, JCPenney) are individually owned, but the Village has veto power. At this time, discussions look to begin once again, but with a different perspective. The COVID Pandemic seemed to discourage the past idea of retail and focus on the need of open areas for the public. The Mall will not be re-developed as it stands now, but will be re-imagined, possibly mixed-used comprised of residential and big-box / outdoor lifestyle retail (ex. Bloomingtondale Court). The Mayor sees a tremendous opportunity in this change. Focusing on a positive upcoming

development, Woodman's continues to roll with its construction progress with the opening scheduled for September 2021. The ring road in front of Woodman's will be resurfaced and the Village will have future discussion about the ring road upkeep with the Mall property owner.

Mayor Coladipietro then discussed the Village's Budget, in which there are 5-year plans and 10-year plans. The Mayor advised the audience that the budget is voted & approved, but that it can be adjusted due to the unexpected – ie. COVID Pandemic. Each month, the budget became a 'living, breathing thing that adjusted and adapted to the current situation – (similar to how citizens adapted the past year). The Village Board evaluated the revenue and the spending, in which a balance budget is the goal – and it gets done. 2020-2021 was a lean year to moderate and spending was deferred to be more selective on purchases.

The Mayor spoke about the enhancement projects that have been completed – example - paving Schick Road / Old Town area, and the Lake Street development from Medinah Road west to Bloomingtondale Road. Mayor Coladipietro wants Bloomingtondale to maintain its reputation in residential, business, and industrial areas. He further advised that each town is competing with one another to draw in people and businesses. Residents want to have continued pride in all things that Bloomingtondale continues to accomplish. This year, there will be a concentration on re-stabilizing the town after the Pandemic, in which to put towards reserves. Last year, there were sufficient reserves and debt was not high in order to obtain bonds for Indian Lakes property.

Mayor Coladipietro asked for continued patience with the switch from Republic to S.B.C. Waste Solutions, Inc. The Mayor advised that the citizens will be given more service for less money and that the Village signed a 5-year contract with the company (contract reassessed at that time). Questions about the old Connie's Pizza property were addressed, in which after attempts to work with the property owner. The Village filed for eminent domain but the Court ruled against the Village. The Village seeks to work with the new owner of Springbrook Plaza and re-engage with the Connie's property owner. The Mayor advised that there has been some interest at the old Dunkin Donuts location (north side of Lake street by Dino's restaurant). Brief discussion regarding Indian Lakes property reference retention tanks vs. retention ponds (similar to parking lot of Third Street). At this time, there is no further movement on the property at the corner of Lakes Street and S. Circle Avenue.

Amazon Fresh is now open and doing well. Raising Cane will be opening soon. Work continues on the property at Stratford Crossing – new location for TJ Maxx and Home Goods. Bucaro Funeral Home is open on Army Trail Road. Regarding residential property, Pulte has created much interest in the development on Knollwood Drive and there is a new developer at the Springfield Drive property on Donmor Drive.

While discussing community events, there is consideration for the July 3<sup>rd</sup> fireworks, National Night Out Against Crime, September Fest, and Brew Fest, as well as concerts in the park at Old Town Park. A concert has been approved for Mission Church for Friday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021. All community events will depend on the current status of the State regarding the COVID-19 Pandemic guidelines. It is best to check the Village website and the E-news for the latest information.



### **BICYCLE SAFETY TIPS:**

At this time of the year, many are taking advantage of the longer daylight days and taking their bicycles around town or on bike trails. Be smart and practice good bicycle safety for everyone in your family.

- Always wear a bicycle helmet (fit snug & secure).
- Conduct a bicycle safety checklist.
- Wear appropriate clothing (bright / reflective-especially at night & proper shoes).
- Obey all traffic signals and signs.
- Be observant.
- Prevent bicycle theft (place in a safe place & secure it – utilize a lock in public places).
- Do not assume that vehicles see you – be aware on the roadways and at intersections.

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

#### **Burglary 100 Block of W. Schick Road**

A Bloomingdale woman reported that (2) unknown males entered her home pretending to be contractors and removed jewelry. The approximate value of the loss is unknown. No further information available.



#### **Theft 100 Block of Hingham Lane**

A Bloomingdale man reported that during an unknown period of time, person(s) unknown removed the registration from his vehicle. The approximate value of the loss is unknown. No suspect information is available.

#### **Theft Turtle Wax – 252 S. Gary Avenue**

A Carol Stream man reported that person(s) unknown removed his wallet from his vehicle. The approximate value of the loss is unknown. Nothing further at this time.

#### **Burglary to Motor Vehicle 100 W. Schick Road**

A Bloomingdale woman reported that 11:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m., person(s) unknown entered her unlocked 2011 Hyundai and removed her cellular phone from the center console. The vehicle was parked and unattended in the parking lot when the incident occurred. No further information.

#### **Motor Vehicle Theft 300 Block of Dublin Road**

A Bloomingdale man reported that sometime between 1:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m., unknown person(s) removed his 2017 Mercedes-Benz from his driveway. The vehicle was unsecured and unattended when the incident occurred. Nothing further.

#### **Burglary to Motor Vehicle 200 Block of Hillandale Drive**

A Bloomingdale man reported that sometime between 3:30 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. (the next day), person(s) unknown entered his 2016 Dodge Ram and removed some miscellaneous personal

items. The vehicle was parked, secured and unattended in his driveway when the incident occurred.

#### **Residential Burglary 100 Block of Rose Drive**

A Bloomingdale man reported that sometime between 1:50 p.m. and 2:07 p.m., a male subject distracted him in his backyard and then two other male subjects entered his residence and removed some miscellaneous US Currency. The subjects were last seen entering a tan SUV with no rear windows, heading westbound on Rose Drive towards Rosedale Avenue. Nothing further at this time.

**Remember:** Report all suspicious person(s) and vehicles in your neighborhood and around shopping areas, including unregistered solicitors, repair services, and those seeking assistance.

### **REGARDING SOLICITORS...**

Solicitors must 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 the Bloomingdale Police Department at (630) 529-9868.

### **REMINDER TO ALL DRIVERS:**

**Attention Drivers: Construction Speed Zones are in effect at all times!** As the “construction season” begins, construction workers have various working hours and the special speed limit signs (and penalties) are enforced. Although a driver may not see a construction worker or believe that the weather or time of day may not be conducive for construction work, the speed zone is imposed throughout the time that the construction is occurring. The penalties begin at \$375.00 and increase depending upon the incident and the driver’s record. Most tickets will have an attached court appearance with additional court fines. Note: If there is not a special construction speed limit sign posted, then the driver is required to adhere to the posted speed limit for the area.

### **SPECIAL EVENTS**

#### **“LIGHT UP OUR COMMUNITY” – Remembering the Fallen – Honoring Those Who Serve May 9<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

Each year, residents are encouraged to “Light Up Our Community” with blue lights displayed on the front of residential homes to show support for Emergency Responders, and in Bloomingdale – to honor fallen Officer Raymond Murrell Badge #145. Since the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Bloomingdale Fraternal Order of Police #175 wanted to share this time (National Police Week) to pay tribute to the Healthcare Workers (Hospital / Medical Staff and Nursing Care Facilities) for all the work and dedication they have given to our communities. These Healthcare Workers have shown incredible courage, strength, and perseverance in their workplaces when our country has needed them the most. This support can be shown by tying blue ribbons on trees in solidarity with First Responders and the blue lights seen on residential property. Please consider taking the time to show support for Police Officers with blue lights and appreciation for Healthcare Workers with blue ribbons.

### **THANK YOU BLOOMINGDALE!!**

