



Bloomingtondale Neighborhood Watch



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NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING...

It has been determined that the next meeting scheduled on **Wednesday, March 20th, 2013, will be relocated to Lake Park High School – West Campus, in which to coincide with the Heroin in our Community Symposium.**



The event will feature the DuPage County State's Attorney Office, the DuPage Metropolitan Enforcement Group (DUMEG), DuPage Sheriff's Tactical Narcotics Team (TNT), DuPage Coroner's Office, in addition to local police departments: Bloomingtondale, Hanover Park, Itasca and Roselle. The evening will focus on the heroin epidemic affecting DuPage County through young adults as well as adult age community members. The event has been deemed important enough that the Bloomingtondale Neighborhood Watch Program did not want to have a meeting to interfere with the insightful information given by such a group of professionals. The public is strongly encouraged to attend the symposium and to bring others to address this issue affecting our communities. Hope you can attend and look forward to seeing you there!

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWS...

As the new year began, the Neighborhood Watch Program held its annual Open Forum meeting on January 16th, 2013, with its notable presenters. Each Village Official provided essential information to the audience.

Police Chief Frank Giammarese was able to attend despite feeling a little under the weather and gave the latest information on the department's current status and future developments. Frank Giammarese is closing in on his third year as Police Chief and he stated that he has appreciated the positive and the negative comments as the department continues to grow amongst facing financial challenges and crime issues. There has been some increase in domestic violence / family trouble and financial crimes, as well as, issues involving social networking and bullying. The department continues to work with other community agencies: the schools, the library, the park district and the shopping areas. Within the schools, safety presentations for all grade levels occur twice a year and the



School Resource Officer Program has been reinstated at Stratford Middle School. The patrol officers continue their work on the streets, in which approx. 11,000 traffic stops were made last year. Also, the officers are conducting foot patrols and surveillances (in vehicles and by camera) to address crime activity. The staffing remains the same despite recent retirements and there is new energy in the recent hires. Also this year, there is a new look to the police vehicles regarding the Ford Interceptors and Ford SUVs and a new design on the cars. The consolidation of the 9-1-1 dispatch with the Addison police department has been moving along quite well and the department has adjusted as needed. Chief Giammarese looks to the future with the possibility of a canine unit and the opportunity to obtain grants and donations to increase service programs to the community.

Mayor Iden addressed the audience and he thanked them for their service to the Neighborhood Watch Program, which helps to maintain the welfare of the Village. The Mayor stated in summary that the Village is in pretty good shape and the sales tax base is stable. He encourages residents and visitors to shop and dine in Bloomingtondale which will keep things viable. Mayor Iden believes the Village Officials have listened to residents' concerns, regarding the matter of attracting and retaining businesses. Mayor Iden advised that there has been a rise in sales and the Village looks forward to the completion of the Super Wal-mart. He further advised that Stratford Square Mall is in better financial state than the last 10 years, especially since Urban Investment Development is in charge again (they were the original company when the mall was built in 1983). The Mayor stated that change will come about with time and he then took questions from the audience which dealt with Stratford Crossings. The Village is looking at 12 different firms, including Trader Joes, Mariano's, Bed, Bath & Beyond, in which the businesses are looking for concessions, so that the Village is proceeding cautiously. The Village is also working on the commercial growth of Circle Center and Glen Ellyn Road. The industrial area has positive growth, in which Now Foods is expanding and they have purchased the building on Knollwood Drive.



Working on his first year as Fire Chief, Mike McNamara introduced himself to the audience, even though he is a 28 year veteran of the department. Service, safety and teamwork are the goals of the agency, while covering 14.5 square miles and protecting 45,000 residents. Personnel changes have recently occurred, which include the following: Deputy Chief Jeff Janus, Battalion Chief Matt McAloon, and Lieutenant Alan Emody. Chief McNamara gave a full explanation of the Bloomingdale Fire Protection District with a wonderful power point presentation. The department will acquire a new four wheel drive ambulance (needed especially since the 2010 Blizzard) and a new ladder truck (1.2 million). Their procedures for Mutual Aid are a model for the nation, in which others are looking to follow their protocols. Chief McNamara looks forward to working on staffing, physical fitness and training issues for the department as the year progresses.



Director of Village Services Mike Marchi has also served the Village for 28 years, in which his department is in charge of everything else (not already mentioned by the other Village officials), most of which may be taken for granted by the public. Village Services has 3 divisions: Public Works, Engineering, and Building & Zoning. There has been downsizing, from 55 to 48 employees, but the services have remained the same. The treatment plant has been completed, in which energy efficient items will result in savings in electrical costs. Annual business and residential inspections have occurred and it was noted that foreclosures are down. Mike Marchi sees that future recruitment may be a tough task to address, in which the challenge is to get young people involved in the field areas, such as water treatment. Summer help, generally five teens, work on sidewalks, forestry and other areas to hopefully generate interest. Until the recent amounts of snow, Village Services has been dealing with water main breaks and potholes. the Emerald Ash bore. Village services has been preparing for the Emerald Ash Bore and the road programs to get underway, which will include Greenway, Medinah Road and fog sealing of Bloomfield Hills and Founders Pointe.

I want to extend my sincere “[Thanks](#)” to Police Chief Giammarese, Mayor Iden, Fire Chief McNamara and Director of Village Services Marchi for taking the time and providing our residents with important information about the Village activities.

SAFETY REMINDER

As the weather becomes warmer, many people will seek to enjoy the outdoors. 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 should look both ways before driving through a crosswalk.

Drivers stopping for a traffic signal or stop sign should stop before the crosswalk pavement marking.

Also, during a busy day, residents sometimes forget that little things matter. In this case, Village sidewalks. Please be considerate of neighbors, children, dog walkers, bicyclists and any other travelers who wishes to use the public sidewalk.

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.

CURRENT CASES BEING INVESTIGATED...

Criminal Damage to Property

Wilshire Towers Apt. Complex (205 Regency Drive)

A 33 year old Addison man reported that sometime between Saturday, February 9 at 9:30 p.m. and Sunday, February 10, 2013, 8:00 a.m. person(s) unknown shattered the windshield, slashed all four tires and keyed the entire 1997 Chevrolet from front to back. The vehicle was parked, secured and unattended in the parking lot when the incident occurred. No further information at this time.

Theft

Lifetime Fitness (455 Scott Drive)

A 46 year old Carol Stream woman reported that while her son was at the gym working out, he placed his I-Phone 4 down on the floor under his sweatshirt when playing basketball and when he returned to retrieve the phone it was missing. He went to the front desk to see if someone might have turned it in, but no one returned it. Nothing further.



Theft

Amor Salon (130 S. Gary Avenue)

An employee reported that sometime between 3:00 p.m. and 3:15 p.m. on Thursday, February 14, 2013, person(s) unknown removed her 7” tablet from the receptionist’s desk located in the front of the salon. No suspect information at this time.



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