



Bloomingtondale Neighborhood Watch



IF I DON'T CALL THE POLICE
MY NEIGHBOR WILL

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NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING...

**is Wednesday, July 21st, 2010, at 7:30 p.m.,
in the Village Hall Council Room.**

Are there times when you hear in the media about incidents involving police in-car cameras and then wonder about such technology? Well, instead of listening about other police department's equipment, it is time to see what's going in Bloomingtondale. Officer Tony Pagan will provide information regarding our police department's In-Car Camera system, as well as, Live Scan (arrestee processing procedures: fingerprinting and photograph). Take an inside look into an officer's typical day with such equipment. Refreshments will be provided. Please join us and encourage others to attend to benefit from such a unique opportunity into police procedures.



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWS...

At this time of year, many individuals are in "travel mode". Whether on the road or in the air, many want to enjoy their summer vacation and get away to some destination. Well, the same safety practices that you use at home should travel with you just like the luggage you packed. These safety tips are for everyone and are needed as much as your toothbrush. ☺
If you are using a hotel or resort during your trip, please review the following information.



Hotel – Checking In

Always make reservations ahead of time and secure them with a credit card. Otherwise, if desirable facilities are not available, you may become stranded or in an unsafe room.

If your room is not ready when you attempt to check in (e.g. if you arrive early in the day), ask to store your luggage in a locked room. Many hotels and motels have a "day room" where you can temporarily store your luggage.

When completing the guest registry, some women prefer to sign their name in a gender-neutral fashion using only their first initial and last name, such as M. Johnson.

Register with your business address rather than your home address (if possible).

Advise the front desk never to release your room number.

Avoid shortcuts such as back stairwells when moving about the lodging.

Ask the front desk clerk specific questions about the hotel's security features:

If there are hotel security officers, how can they be reached?

Does the hotel lock the outside doors at a certain hour?

If they do, what is the best way to re-enter?

When You Arrive at Your Room

If a bell person shows you to your room, ask him or her to point out the room's safety features, locks and exits.

If you are not shown to your room by a bell person, conduct a quick visual check of your room to see if anything appears to be out of place. Leave immediately if it appears like someone may have been in your room.

Do not let strangers show you to your room or carry your luggage if they are not affiliated with the hotel.

Do not enter your room if someone appears to be watching you or loitering nearby. Walk confidently by such people, but not into a dead end. Go where there are other people. If that is not possible, enter your room quickly and report your concerns to the front desk.

Never leave money, checks, credit cards, car keys or valuables in a hotel or motel room. Take them with you.

Particularly if you are staying in a hotel or motel more than one night, unpack and place belongings in the room closet and dresser. Arrange your belongings so you will know if anything is missing.

Maintain a daily check of your belongings.

Lock your empty suitcases so they cannot be used to carry your belongings out of your room.

General Hotel Safety Recommendations

Keep your room key in a safe place.

Request a key that does not have your room number on it.

Report missing or lost keys immediately and possibly move to a different room.

Use the door viewer to identify anyone requesting entry. Open the door only if you are certain the person has a legitimate reason to enter your room. If in doubt, call the front desk.

If you are expecting someone to come to your room, pre-arrange an exact time of arrival, as well as some form of introduction or identification.

Completely close the room curtains, especially in the evening or if you will be away from the room for some time.

Do not leave magazines around your room or the pool that have your home address on them.

Ask the front desk staff for the safest areas for jogging, walking, shopping, etc. Ask for a map of the area you are staying in.

If you feel uneasy about going to fax, photo copying, laundry, pool, or exercise facilities alone, have someone go with you or tell the front desk where you will be.

Hang the "Do Not Disturb" sign on the outside door knob when you exit, and leave a light and TV or radio on. These discourage burglars.

Parking at a Hotel

Park your car in a well-lit area close to the lobby or use valet parking.

Do not park in a space with your room number on it, if possible.

Before getting out of your vehicle, check your surrounding for suspicious-looking people.

When you get out, lock your vehicle. Do not leave valuables in the vehicle or in the trunk.

Walk confidently and briskly from your vehicle to your destination.

Be aware of loiterers when moving valuables from your vehicle to your room.

Memorize your vehicle's license number so you will not have to go outside to get it when registering.

Neighborhood Watch General Meetings for 2010

September 15th November 17th

SAFETY INFORMATION:

Bloomington has experienced some power outages due to weather conditions or overloaded electronic issues, which then has caused the traffic control devices / traffic signals to malfunction. The Bloomington 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 Bloomington and the Bloomington 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 Bloomington Police Department at (630) 529-9868.

CURRENT CASES BEING INVESTIGATED...



Burglary to Motor Vehicle

Indian Lakes Resort 250 W. Schick Road

A Roselle man reported that sometime between 1:10 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 26, 2010, unknown person(s) entered his unlocked 2003 Chevrolet and removed a Passport 8500 Radar Detector from his windshield. The vehicle was parked and unattended in the parking lot at the time of the incident. The approximate value of the loss is \$300.00. No suspect information.

Theft

Meijer – 130 S. Gary Avenue

A West Chicago woman reported that on Monday, June 28, 2010, person(s) unknown removed her prescription from the shopping cart while she was shopping in the store. Approximate cost of the item is \$50.00. No one turned in the item and there is no further information available at this time.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Heroes vs. Half Pints Softball Showdown

Thursday, July 22, 2010 7:30 p.m. Springfield Park

Come see the Bloomington Park District Summer Camp Kids show the Bloomington Police Officers how to play softball as both teams take the field for victory. ☺

Bloomington Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #175

Golf Outing

Saturday, July 24th, 2010 Tee times begin at 1:00 p.m.

Hilton – Indian Lakes Resort Best Ball Play

Longest Drive Contest & Closest to the Pin Contest

Golf outing includes: 18 holes, cart, cook-out & 2 hrs. open bar
\$125.00 per golfer

\$50.00 for the Cook-Out & cocktails only. Feel free to join us.

Raffle tickets are available now and throughout the event.

Chance at some great prizes!

Tickets: 1 - \$1.00 or 6 - \$5.00 (Winners need not be present)

Bring your foresome together and please help our Lodge to make this a successful event!!!

To RSVP or any questions, please contact Officer Tony Pagan at (630) 671-5778 or Officer Brian McCoy at (630) 671-5772.

THANK YOU! ☺

“National Night Out Against Crime”

Tuesday, August 3rd, 2010 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Bloomington Park District

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.

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

To obtain further crime prevention information or ask questions, please contact Officer Dawn Odoi (630) 529-9868.