



Bloomingtondale Neighborhood Watch



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NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING...

Next meeting is the **Open Forum with Village Officials, on Wednesday, January 19th, 2011, at 7:30 p.m., in the Village Hall Council Room.**

If you have missed it in the past, then make the annual "Open Forum" meeting part of your New Year's resolution. The meeting features representatives from the Mayor's Office, the Police Department, the Fire Department and the Village Services Department. The speakers will each present a "State of Bloomingtondale" address as they summarize the current status and future developments for each agency. The public is encouraged to attend and bring any questions or concerns to this unique and insightful evening. Refreshments for the meeting will be provided. Hope to see you there!



Mark your calendars! The following dates have been scheduled for the **2011 Neighborhood Watch General Meetings:**

March 16 th	August 2 nd (National Night Out Against Crime)
May 18 th	September 21 st
July 20 th	November 16 th

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWS...

As another year closes, the last Neighborhood Watch General Meeting occurred on Wednesday, November 17, 2010. Unfortunately, the scheduled speaker / presenter from the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County was unable to attend. A few days before the meeting, Norm Hathaway volunteered to inform and entertain the audience with his slide show presentation of the Hill Tribes of Northern Thailand. Although, it was a little different for a Neighborhood Watch meeting, the audience seemed to be fascinated by the countryside and people captured in the

photos. Some tribes are noted for the rings around their neck that are worn throughout their lives and others for the objects that are placed in their earlobes. Norm Hathaway narrated during the presentation and it brought the audience a glimpse of a far away land. Norm and Juanita Hathaway have visited 132 countries (soon to be 133 countries with a trip in the early part of 2011) and they are quite adventurous in trying the local cuisine at each stop. If you missed the meeting and you are interested in a travel show presentation, the Hathaways provide them within our community at various times. Check the calendars on the Village and Public Library websites to see if one is scheduled for next year. Our appreciation goes out to Juanita and Norm Hathaway for providing such a wonderful and entertaining event to close the 2010 year.

HOLIDAY CHEER

As the year 2010 ends, so does my (Officer Odoi) time as the Crime Prevention / Community Relations Officer for the Bloomingtondale Police Department, as I return to patrol duties. Please accept my gratitude and appreciation to all the Neighborhood Watch Block Captains, Bloomingtondale residents, senior citizens, children, families, school personnel, business workers, community organizations and service providers who have contributed to the efforts of enhancing the quality of life issues for our community. Thank you for making my job easier and more enjoyable during my tenure as the Crime Prevention Officer.

Questions about Crime Prevention programs and events, including Neighborhood Watch, will be addressed by Deputy Chief Sater and Deputy Chief Beck of the Bloomingtondale Police Department at (630) 529-9868.



WINTER DRIVING TIPS:

- Plan ahead ó route, time of day, traffic, weather forecasts. Allow extra time for travel.
- Wear seat belts at all times.
- Clean windshield, windows, rear windows, headlights, brake lights, and license plate area, especially if snow is on the vehicle.
- Keep your car's headlights on low beam. This provides better visibility particularly in fog or snow.
- Use turn signals.
- Watch the car in front of you for signs of trouble. Keep extra space between cars. Anticipate and prepare for slippery roads or other dangers.
- If you travel below the posted speed limit, please stay in the far right lane to avoid any speeding vehicles.
- If you miss an exit or street, go to the next exit / street. Do not cause an accident in a last minute maneuver. Drivers behind can only do so much.
- If you need to slow down or stop on a slick road, apply the brakes firmly and steadily, but not so firmly that they lock up. As you begin to slow, gently ease up on the brakes. Do not pump the brakes.
- If you skid, don't panic. Take your foot off the brake and then steer in the direction of the skid. Once the car regains traction, you can straighten the wheel.
- For emergency vehicles, please slow down and move to the right lanes, if possible. Make sure that all emergency vehicles have passed before resuming driving.
- If you have an accident, stay in your vehicle and always contact the police.




CURRENT CASES BEING INVESTIGATED...

Theft Olive Garden (332 W. Army Trail Road)

A Winfield woman reported that while dining at Olive Garden on Saturday, December 4, 2010, person(s) unknown removed numerous credit cards from her purse and used them at multiple locations. Her purse was hanging on the back of the chair at the time of the incident. The approximate value of the loss is \$2,725.

No further information is available at this time

 **Note:** Other Thefts of purses and/or their contents have been reported in which the victims were shopping or dining in restaurants and left their belongings unattended (for a short period of time).

Burglary to Motor Vehicle 200 Block of Lorraine

A Bloomingdale woman reported that sometime between 11:30 p.m. on Monday, December 13 and 7:10 a.m. on Tuesday, December 14, 2010, person(s) unknown entered her unlocked 2009 Cadillac and removed her purse from the

front seat. The vehicle was parked, secured and unattended in the garage of the residence at the time of the incident. The garage was left open overnight. The approximate cost of the loss is valued at \$250.00. No further information is available at this time.

Residential Burglary 100 Block of Rosedale

A Bloomingdale man reported that sometime between 6:00 p.m. and 8:55 p.m. on Saturday, December 18, 2010, person(s) unknown forcibly entered his home, unwrapped all the presents under the tree, ransacked the bedrooms and removed three necklaces. The approximate value of the loss is \$700.00. No suspect information at this time.

Theft Meijer (130 S. Gary Avenue)

A Roselle woman reported that on Saturday, January 9, 2010, person(s) unknown removed her tan colored cloth purse and its contents from the shopping cart while she was loading her purchases. The approximate cost of the loss is valued at \$77.00. No further information.

SAFETY REMINDERS:

Keep doors and windows closed and locked at all times, including doors that connect from the garage to the home.

Utilize outside light and motion light detectors around your home.

Utilize timers to turn lights, radio(s) or television(s) on and off at appropriate times in different areas of your home.

Residential alarm system: verify it is operational and use it anytime you leave your home.

Landscaping: Maintain lawn, bushes & trees, as well as, removal of snow.

Leaving newspapers, mail and / or garbage containers out for extended periods will draw unwanted attention.

Properly lock your unattended vehicles at all times, including in your driveway.

Remove all personal / valuable items from unattended vehicles, including GPS devices and garage door openers.

Do not publicize vacation plans, especially on social networking sites.



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

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2011!!!!

STAY SAFE!! DRIVE CAREFULLY!!