



Bloomingtondale

Neighborhood Watch

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NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING...

Next meeting is on Wednesday, March 11th, 2015, at 7:00 p.m., in the Village Hall Council Room and will feature our **K-9 Unit – Officer Levi McGhee and “Kane” the police department dog.** Officer McGhee will introduce Kane to the audience and discuss their training and police experiences thus far. The Bloomingtondale Police Department is proud to have its first official K-9 unit and the N/W meeting is a great opportunity to get an inside look at its newest member.

Refreshments will be served.

Hope you can attend and look forward to seeing you there!

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWS...

The 2014 year closed with some interesting activity in Bloomingtondale, in which the annual Neighborhood Watch Open Forum meeting on January 14th, 2015, offered an update on all Village happenings. Each distinguished Village Official provided a great presentation and gave essential information to the audience. Police Chief Frank Giammarese was the first speaker because he was actively involved with the homicide investigation that took place on December 22, 2014. Chief Giammarese wanted to extend his gratitude to all Neighborhood Watch Program participants for their time and efforts in working with Village agencies to keep the community safe and support the community activities/events throughout the year. The Police Chief stated that these partnerships are needed during the challenging times in our society where miscommunication and misunderstanding may develop. It is a balancing act with social media having such a presence in our society. Maintaining the positive lines of communication and addressing the public's concerns is a priority in this community. Chief Giammarese (with Deputy Chief Beck's



assistance) provided a PowerPoint presentation that included Paul Harvey's dialogue on "The Policeman" (YouTube dated: 2-9-13). Police Chief Giammarese discussed the communication gap that can occur between the public and law enforcement officers. To do their job safely and properly, police officers will give instructions to a person(s) during a traffic stop, in the process of an arrest, and/or handling a call for service. It is recommended that the instructions are followed by the public, whether the individual agrees or disagrees.

A show of resistance or defiance will probably end badly. Yet, there is recourse, in which the public can register a complaint regarding the incident and/or the police officer's actions. There is always a chain of command and each complaint will be given due process / proper attention. Chief Giammarese has appreciated the positive and the negative comments as the department continues to grow amongst facing financial challenges and crime issues. Due to recent retirements, the police department has hired 3 individuals from the existing list and they are currently at the College of DuPage Suburban Law Enforcement Police Academy. Calls for service, case reports, traffic accidents, and traffic stops were discussed, in which the numbers were comparable to recent years. The police department continues to work with other agencies and participate in community events with the schools, the library, the park district, and the shopping areas. The consolidation of the 9-1-1 dispatch with the Addison Police Department (known as AC/DC) has been working well and adjustments are addressed as needed. **FYI:** 9-1-1 calls from cellular phones are still routed through DuPage County and then to the appropriate police dispatch service versus using Bloomingtondale landline phones that are directly routed to Addison Dispatch Center (AC/DC). Chief Giammarese proudly spoke about the department's canine unit, in which

“Kane” and Officer McGhee keep busy on patrol and on the job training. Police Chief Giammarese looks ahead with a positive outlook for the police department and the Village.

Director of Village Services Mike Marchi looks forward to this annual opportunity to meet with residents and highlight his department (Public Works, Engineering, and Building & Zoning), who tackle the quality of life topics that the public may not realize until a problem arises – especially streets and water issues. As the Village endures the ups and downs of the winter season, Director Marchi wants the citizens to know that safety is always in the forefront. Each concern regarding the street conditions is addressed, yet, the public works public works department encourages citizens to shovel / snowblow the snow onto the parkways instead of putting the snow into the streets which makes clean-up more difficult. Other helpful tips for winter survival is to clean off roofs (if possible), check on neighbors, and be mindful when lowering home temperatures—too low may cause CO detectors to sound. As we look to Spring, the street construction will begin (check the Village Almanac for road listings). ComEd will be working with underground lines on Army Trail Road (from Schmale Road to Gary Avenue) and Schick Road (from Bloomingdale Road to Gary Avenue). The Village will continue its efforts against the Emerald Ash Bore regarding tree removal and replacement. Regarding developments, the following are in the process or will occur in the near future: old Pizza Hut will be replaced with Starbuck’s & 2 other tenants; Chick -Fil-A will be at old Applebee’s; swim club will occupy old Joanne Fabrics (ringroad by mall); Palmer Sports Gymnastics will be at old Quality Cheese location (Glen Ellyn Road); Texas Roadhouse will be south of Mario Tricoci (ringroad by mall); Pier One relocate to Bloomingdale Court(east of current location). The following are open to the public: Quick Fire restaurant in the mall; Giordano’s on Gary Avenue and Goodwill Store on Army Trail Road.



Mayor Coladipietro was able to join us after a busy few days, in which he spoke highly of the department heads and the top notch services provided to those who live or visit Bloomingdale. Mayor Coladipietro believes in fostering good communication and he believes in the ability of those left in charge of each division. This trust allows the Mayor and the Village Board to concentrate on the policy and direction of the Village, in which the Village’s budget is a priority. At the same time, re-development on Lake Street and the Old Town area is being reviewed and planned. Another item being addressed is the Open Space area in Indian Lakes Estates and the Village communication with Stratford Square Mall directors as they address the \$30 million re-development of the property. Mayor Coladipietro stated that is a ‘cheerleader’ for the Village during his meetings and travels and he sees optimism for Bloomingdale’s future. The Mayor also encourages the public to invest in the community as well by keeping purchases and dining events in town. Mayor Coladipietro again spoke of gratitude to the public officials and workers for their service and he appreciates the public’s support for the

department is prudent with the use of salt due to the premium pricing which effects the Village’s budget. Mike Marchi also addressed the fact of life issues – potholes and water main breaks that occur due to the winter temperatures. The public can report these issues to his department at (630) 529-5865. Those at the meeting responded by applauding the public work crews for all

their hard work in maintaining the streets under difficult conditions. Each winter season, the Village appreciates the public’s help by adopting a fire hydrant (keeping it clear and visible) and the fire department likes the idea as well. Also, the

Village’s efforts.

Bloomingdale Fire Chief Jeff Janus enthusiastically spoke about his department as he completed his first year as chief. Fire Chief Janus presented another entertaining and informative PowerPoint presentation that highlighted the perception of the firefighter and he quoted Leonardo DaVinci “All our knowledge has its origins in our perceptions”. Chief Janus proudly showed the fire department photo and spoke about the fire department’s personnel and the fire equipment needed to do the job. The organizational chart helped us understand the structure of the fire department and it showed that the citizens are the priority. The fire department’s response totals for the 014 year: 4,498 calls for service, EMS–2,918 calls and Fire–1,580 calls, in which 55 were structure fires. When calling 9-1-1, it will take 3 transfers for the call to reach the fire department, and this issue is being addressed. Fire Chief Janus encourages the public to register with Smart 9-1-1 for quick access to a person’s medical conditions and medications for emergency personnel to administer immediate help. Also, Chief Janus promoted the use of the File of Life packets (mini medical files that are placed on the refrigerator door) that can be obtained by the fire department and/or the police department. Fire Chief Janus urges residents to use large numbers with contrasting colors on homes so that the emergency responders will not have difficulty finding a location. Chief Janus addressed and answered the question that continues to pop up – Glen Oaks Hospital is the closest hospital-3.4 miles, with Alexian Brothers Hospital at 8.8 miles and Central DuPage Hospital at 9.7 miles.



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

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. You may want to program your television or radio to talk show channels that sound like real

conversations.

- ❖ Properly lock your unattended vehicles at all times, including in your driveway.
- ❖ Remove all personal / valuable items from unattended vehicles, including GPS devices.
- ❖ Report all suspicious person(s) and vehicles in your neighborhood.

Any questions or comments regarding this information please contact Officer Dawn Odoi of the Bloomingdale Police Department at (630) 529-9868.

CURRENT CASES BEING INVESTIGATED...

Theft of Lost/Mislaid Property

Stratford Square Mall – 152 Stratford Drive

A 68 year old Schaumburg man reported that on Thursday, January 15, 2015, at 1:35 p.m., while shopping in the mall person(s) unknown removed his wallet from the counter of Annie's Pretzels where he believes he left it. No further information at this time.



Theft of Lost/Mislaid Property

Wal-Mart (314 W. Army Trail)

A 63 year old Wheaton woman reported that on Tuesday, February 3, 2015, while shopping at Wal-Mart she set her purse down. When she returned to retrieve it, she was unable to locate it. The approximate value of the loss is unknown. No further information at this time.

Theft 300 Block of Chesapeake

A 52 year old Bloomingdale woman reported that sometime on Thursday, February 12, 2015, person(s) unknown removed a package from the front of her residence. The approximate value of the loss is \$35.00. No further information is available at this time.

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