



# Bloomingtondale Neighborhood Watch



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## **NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING...**

**The Role of the Neighborhood Watch Block Captain will be the focal point on Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016, at 7:00 p.m., in the Village Hall Council Room.** The meeting will center on the Neighborhood Watch Block Captain role and responsibilities, in which to promote the continued success of the N/W Program. All current Block Captains are due for renewal. Each Block Captain will be given an informational packet with forms to be completed and they will have their photograph taken for a new Identification Card. If any Block Captain cannot attend the meeting, please notify Officer Odoi (630-529-9868) and an appointment will be made in the near future to

It is hoped that during the March meeting, Block Captains will be correctly established and recruiting efforts will begin to fulfill uncovered areas in our community. Refreshments for the meeting will be provided. **Hope to see you there!**

## **NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWS...**

The annual Neighborhood Watch Open Forum Meeting continues to be successful because the Village Officials bring their "A" game to discuss the past year and the latest developments.

First presenter on the meeting's agenda was Mayor Franco Coladipietro. Since the holidays just ended, the Mayor asked the audience about their thoughts on the Village's decorations. The audience stated that they really liked the bright lights around the Village complex and they positively commented on the holiday lights and landscaping near the marquee wall at Lake Street and Bloomingtondale Road. The Mayor advised that he consulted with the Village Administrator Pietro Scalera before going forward with the ideas. Mayor Coladipietro stated that the credit and the "Thanks" should be given to the Public Works Division who were able to put the plan into action. The Mayor further stated that the monument wall at Lake Street and Bloomingtondale Road creates an identity for the Village and it kicks off about what's in store for the area. The message is to let the citizens know that the Village is investing in the community and that there will be exciting things to come in the near future. The intersection is one of the "gateways" to Bloomingtondale. Other projects in the works are the Memory Care facility on Lake Street (where the two restaurants were

located), the Storage facility (N. Circle and Lake Street), and the mini strip mall (located at the southwest corner of Fairfield Way and Lake Street) that will hold Starbucks, Chipotle and another business to be announced. The Village purchased the strip mall on the northside of Lake Street by the cemetery for development. A project that is somewhat in limbo is Texas Roadhouse restaurant because the communication has not come from the business itself. The Mayor stated that the Village will know the restaurant's intentions within the next month. Regarding Stratford Square Mall, the Mayor has met with the Director Doug Kiehn and the Mayor continues to be a "cheerleader" everywhere he goes to draw businesses into the mall. Stratford Square is trying to recruit a business that will fill the JCPenney site. The DuPage Medical Group will extend their facility on the east side with approximately 40,000 square feet. Those driving on Army Trail Road may visit Chick-Fil-A, Mod Pizza, and see the construction of Pier One (next to Joanne Fabrics). Noodles & Company is looking to locate in town and Sears is looking to re-develop the building at Army Trail Road and Gary Avenue. Bloomingtondale (like some other towns) has become an area for a high volume of mattress businesses. The Mayor stated that it seems that businesses actively seek to be on Army Trail Road. In the industrial area of Covington Drive, there will be a building behind Costco that will be producing titanium heart valves. Regarding residential property, Don Morris and his company continue to build on Springfield Drive (west side) across the street from Springfield Park. The Mayor hopes that others see the good things going on and that the Village is building upon its reputation that has been established.

Fire Chief Jeff Janus stated that the Bloomingtondale Fire Protection District has a commitment to Service, Safety, and Teamwork. Chief Janus further stated that he wanted to have a goal for the fire department as well, in which to focus on Duty, Pride, and Tradition. The fire department is a paramilitary organization that services the public 24/7. Fire Chief Janus wants all the towns that are covered to know that there will be great service to each of the communities in their district: Bloomingtondale, Glendale Heights, Hanover Park, Itasca, Medinah, and Roselle. Bloomingtondale Fire Department is part of the West Suburban Fire Rescue Alliance joining the following villages – Addison, Carol Stream, Darien, Downers Grove, Elmhurst, Lisle, Naperville, Westchester, Wheaton, and

Woodridge. The idea is for the towns to combine their efforts in which to share resources, train together, and to set-up their fire engines in the same manner. Recently, the department received their new fire for which the Bloomingdale Fire personnel created the set-up and it has become an example to other fire departments. When the new fire truck went into service, Chief Janus brought back the tradition of wetting it down with the fire hoses and then having the fire fighters push it into the building (with some assistance from the motor). The tradition dates back to when horse-drawn engines were in use in fire departments. The fire department also has a brush truck, fire safety trailer, banana boat (for water rescue), and a side scan sonar. In 2015, the fire department went on 4,232 calls for service, in which 1,267 were fire related and 2,965 were for EMS calls. The fire department continuously trains throughout the year and the fire personnel give back as much as they can through community fundraising events. The fire chief encouraged the residents to sign-up for **Smart 9-1-1**, which would be very helpful to emergency personnel responding to a call at your home (such as the electrical panel location, pet's name, vehicles, etc.). Smoke alarms should be good for 10 years and CO detectors should be checked. Remember, if you see "Lb" that indicates low battery, but some people may look at it and see "97" and mistake it for a high CO reading. The fire department's response time is usually 1 minute or less. Questions have arisen because the 9-1-1 calls go to DuPage County, then are routed to the town of the caller (Bloomingdale calls go to the Addison AC/DC), and then to DuComm before the Bloomingdale Fire Department is dispatched. Lastly, during the winter months, the Fire Chief asks that residents please dig out the hydrant near your home.

Police Chief Frank Giammarese has been a police officer for 27 years and he has been Chief six of those years. Chief Giammarese stated that being a police officer is a difficult job, but that our department continues to provide professional service. Recently, there was a murder/suicide in town involving mental health issues, which continues to be an increasing theme that police departments and other emergency agencies must prepare for to handle such calls. Chief Giammarese encourages the audience to register with **Code Red**, which will contact the listees with community alerts that may affect certain areas of town. The topic of body cameras for police officers was briefly discussed. Chief Giammarese stated that our police department is looking into what would work best, but must keep the following issues in mind: police officers are working 10 hour shifts which may be intimidating to the officer to be monitored for that period of time; considering scheduled breaks for the officer from the camera system; storage of the information that is gathered and determining the length of time to keep the information. Recent community concerns discussed with Chief Giammarese included residential burglaries, technology, and manpower.

Director of Village Services Michael Marchi was eager to show his PowerPoint presentation of the services that the public may take for granted, until something breaks. Building & Grounds, Public Works and Engineering are the main divisions of Village Services. They plan, construct, operate, and maintain the streets & sidewalks, forestry, water supply, and sewer system for our community. Director Marchi advised that the budget narrative is on-line. Engineering is involved with the annual Road Maintenance Program, Prowag Sidewalk

Accessibility Compliance, Storm Water Drainage Improvement Projects (Indian Lakes land), and the Infrastructure GIS/Mapping and Computer Aided Design. The Building and Zoning Division is currently involved with the Lake Street Commercial Redevelopment, other Commercial Development, and Residential Permit and Occupancy Inspections. Building and Grounds maintains the Public Building and Grounds of the Village properties, Village Vehicles and Maintenance, and the Kennel Facility. The Streets Division involves the Snow & Ice Removal, Asphalt Pavement Maintenance, Concrete sidewalk & curb maintenance, Traffic and Street sign maintenance, Recreational Path maintenance, and contact street sweeping services. Forestry Division has been involved with the Ash Bore issue for the past few years, which is in its final stage involving the last 40 trees they are keeping an eye on. Curbside branch collection, tree trimming (contract), park tree "training", tree removal, annual tree planting, street scape 50/50 program, entry sign landscaping, Bloomingdale identity feature, Tree City USA-Arbor Day Celebration working with schools.

### CURRENT CASES BEING INVESTIGATED...

#### **Burglary to Motor Vehicle 300 Block of Stratford Place**

A Bloomingdale man reported that sometime between 9:00 p.m. on Friday, January 8 and 6:30 a.m. on Saturday, January 9, 2016, person(s) unknown entered his unlocked vehicle and removed his wallet. Approximate loss unknown. The vehicle was parked and unattended in the parking lot at the time.

#### **Burglary to Motor Vehicle Wal-Mart 314 W. Army Trail Road**

An Addison woman reported that sometime between 12:00 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, January 9, 2016, person(s) unknown damaged the door to her vehicle and removed a kitchen appliance. Approximate value of the loss and damage is unknown. The vehicle was parked and unattended in the parking lot at the time of the incident. Nothing further.

#### **Burglary to Motor Vehicle Meijer - 130 S. Gary Avenue**

A Glendale man reported that sometime between 7:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 13, 2016, unknown person(s) entered his unlocked vehicle and removed clothing. Approximate value of the loss is \$200.00. The vehicle was parked and unattended in the parking lot at the time of the incident. No further information.



#### **Theft Reports**

The following reports have occurred from January 20 – February 21, 2016, in which the items were removed by unknown person(s):

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| Panera Bread       | 12:00-2:00 p.m.  | wallet removed from purse         |
| Lifetime Fitness   | 6:30-7:30 p.m.   | cellular phone from class         |
| Carson Pirie Scott | aprox. 4:45 p.m. | cellular phone from fitting room  |
| Meijer             | 2:45-2:50 p.m.   | wallet from service desk          |
| Portillo's         | 2:30-3:15 p.m.   | wallet from bench seating area    |
| Meijer             | 10:00 a.m.       | cellular phone from shopping cart |
| Mobile Gas Station | 5:30-6:30 p.m.   | cell phone from counter           |

All the reports listed in this section are crimes of opportunity. The Bloomingdale Police Department encourages citizens to be aware of their surroundings at all times and to secure their belongings, in which to become "harder targets" for criminals.