



Bloomingtondale Neighborhood Watch



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NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING...

The meeting on **Wednesday, March 8th, 2017,**
at 7:00 p.m., in the Village Hall Council Room

will provide the audience with an overview of **ALICE (alert, lockdown, inform, counter, evacuate)**. ALICE is an extension to traditional emergency procedures during an intruder / active shooter event. ALICE is a proactive approach in which to provide additional options and increase the odds of survival during an event.



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

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWS...

As it has become tradition, the annual Neighborhood Watch Open Forum meeting with Village Officials was held on January 11th, 2017, and there was a great turnout that evening. Each distinguished Village Official provided a great presentation and gave essential information to the audience. Before beginning, Police Chief Frank Giammarese introduced the special guests in the room (Village Administrator Peter Scalera, Trustee Michael Hovde, Financial Director Gary Szott). Chief Giammarese advised that the police department took 25,000 calls for service last year. Chief Giammarese briefly spoke on traffic enforcement, in which the department's outlook is focused on change in driving behavior versus issuing traffic citations.



He also talked about the continued training of police officers (crisis management, investigations, truck enforcement, bike unit, NIPAS-multi-jurisdictional). Chief Giammarese advised that the department is working on current citizen concerns such as the increase in truck traffic and the weight restrictions on Bloomingtondale roads due to traffic avoiding the Elgin-O'Hare tollway. Also, there has been extra patrol around the shopping areas due to the shopping mall fight incidents around the country. 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 Academy. 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. Police Chief Giammarese continually looks ahead with a positive outlook for the police department and the Village.

Fire Deputy Chief Don Kaderabek represented the Bloomingtondale Fire Protection District. Deputy Chief Kaderabek presented an informative PowerPoint presentation that highlighted the fire department's personnel and the fire equipment needed to do the job. The organizational chart helped in understanding the fire department structure and it showed that the citizens are the priority. The fire department's response totals for the 2016 year: EMS—3,240 calls and Fire—1,279 calls, in which he spoke about a few of the fire incidents. There had been calls about down wires and Deputy Chief Kaderabek stated that it is always best to stay inside the vehicle if a wire ever falls on it. The fire department personnel is always training to keep up their skills on the latest techniques in EMS and fire. On a lighter note, Deputy Chief Kaderabek told the audience that each year the fire department receives its share of ducklings caught in sewage drains and that the personnel take great care to retrieve them. Regarding new things for the fire department, they have received new breathing apparatus equipment and pet oxygen masks from grant money. The fire personnel are taking a deeper interest in keeping physically fit. Deputy Chief Kaderabek encouraged 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, he 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. As always, it is encouraged that residents use large numbers with contrasting colors on homes so that the emergency responders will not have difficulty finding a location. And in years past, Deputy Chief Kaderabek 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.



Many in the audience were surprised to hear that this would be the Director of Village Services Mike Marchi's last Open Forum meeting since he will be retiring in May. Director Marchi always 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. Engineering manages the roads, sidewalks, and storm water drainage issues. Building and Zoning have seen the following businesses develop: Mariano’s, Starbucks, Chipolte, T-Mobile, Lakeview Memory Care, Lock-up storage, McAlister’s Deli, Sporty’s, DuPage Medical Group. Building and Grounds ensure the safety of snow removal and ice control as well as the village kennel. The Streets Division cares for asphalt, concrete, sidewalk, stamped asphalt, and recreational path maintenance as well as street sweeping. 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. As we look to Spring, the street construction will begin (check the Village Almanac for road listings). The Forestry Division oversees the chipping, pruning, removal, stump grinding, and tree planting street scape. The Village will continue its efforts against the Emerald Ash Bore regarding tree removal and replacement. Water Division looks over the distribution, waste management, testing and repair of water main breaks. Safety is always in the forefront for every division of the Village. Those at the meeting responded by applauding the public work crews for all their hard work in maintaining the Village throughout the year. Mayor Franco Coladipietro will be completing 4 years in May and he wanted to thank all Village staff because their high quality of leadership has made our community successful. The Mayor stated that he wanted to address (as he put it) the good, the bad, and the ugly. First the “good”. As Lake Street continues to develop to become the corridor into Bloomingdale, the future is bright. The old Shell station is being developed into Lucky’s Dog House and the old Paulie’s Amaco station is the new location for the Dunkin Donuts (currently 169 E. Lake Street). The Village has acquired land for re-development due to the standards that Bloomingdale wants to maintain. Contracts to business owners are in the process of completion. Old Town Project continues to create the idea as a community center. Businesses are developing in the area, in which a micro brewery and a restaurant are being worked on. Other future businesses coming to Bloomingdale will be Firehouse Subs and Noodles and Company. Onto the “bad” (as noted by the Mayor). The Open Space area in Indian Lakes Estates and the area by Hilton - Indian Lakes Resort still has uncertainty. The Village has made no promises or contracts regarding residential development on the Indian Lakes Resort property. The Mayor stated that any development will be a community decision and that public hearings would be announced when the time comes. Also, with the “bad”, the issue that “on-line” buying hurts / effects the sales tax revenue for our village. The Mayor continues to encourage all citizens to ‘buy Bloomingdale’ meaning to frequent Bloomingdale stores and restaurants. Now, onto the “ugly”. Many in the audience had already heard that the Macy’s store would be closing in Stratford Square Mall. The news was not welcomed, but not unexpected. Also, there are concerns about the future of K-Mart & Sears. The Mayor advised that the Village continues to work with Stratford Square Mall management towards re-development plans.

I want to extend my sincere “[Thanks](#)” to Mayor Coladipietro, Police Chief Giammarese, Fire Deputy Chief Kaderabek, 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.

Soon after the January Neighborhood Watch Meeting, the Bloomingdale Police Department lost one of its own. Officer Raymond Murrell’s last tour of duty ended on Thursday, January 19, 2017.

The Bloomingdale Police Department truly has appreciated the community’s support during such a difficult time.

Officer Raymond Murrell #145 will be always be in our thoughts and in our hearts as we perform our duties.

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...

Burglary to Motor Vehicle

10 Block of Founders Pointe N

A Bloomingdale woman reported that sometime between 12:00 a.m. and 1:59 p.m. on Saturday, December 31, 2016, person(s) unknown entered her 2008 Honda and removed a purse. The vehicle was parked, secured and unattended on the street when the incident occurred. No further information.



Theft of Lost/Mislaid Property

Round 1 – 120 Stratford Square

A Carpentersville man reported that on Thursday, January 5, 2017, at 3:00 p.m., he placed his cellular phone on the counter while servicing a game and when he turned around, the phone was gone. The approximate value of the loss is unknown at this time. No further information.

Theft

Planet Fitness (152 S. Gary Avenue)

A Palatine man reported that sometime between 5:45 a.m. and 6:35 a.m. on Tuesday, February 14, 2017, person(s) unknown removed his wallet. The approximate value of the loss is unknown. No further information is available at this time.

Theft

Lifetime Fitness (455 Scott Drive)

A Glendale Heights man reported that sometime between 8:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. on Friday, February 17, 2017, person(s) unknown removed his wallet and other items. The approximate value of the loss is unknown. No further information at this time.

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