



# Bloomingtondale Neighborhood Watch



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

**Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017, 7:00 p.m.**

Updated information regarding recent activities within our community will be addressed and time will be given to answer questions or concerns of the public. The possibility of scheduling tours of the DuPage County Jail, the Crime Lab, and the Coroner / Medical Examiner's Office to be a part of a Neighborhood Watch meeting are being investigated. Any further information will be given when available.



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

Summer time usually translates into "Vacation Time". ☺ Airline travel has been in the news recently. So, for the May Neighborhood Watch General Meeting, Mrs. Kim Walsh from Carlson Wagonlit Travel was available to clarify information and answer questions of the audience. Mrs. Walsh has been a travel agent for over 25 years and she provided some insight into the current airline issues and procedures.

First, due to news headlines, Mrs. Walsh advised in summary that the airlines have the right to oversell a flight and this is done primarily due to the customers in the business industry who have a tendency to cancel or re-schedule their flights. Airlines have a right to 'bump' individuals from a flight. An individual/customer has the right to be compensated if he/she is 'bumped' from a flight. The airline will only give travel vouchers to be used on future trips. If the flight is cancelled or delayed more than two hours, the customer can request a refund back to their credit card. If an airline cancels due to weather conditions (an uncontrollable circumstance) and they do not give the individual anything, then they will put you on the next available flight. Mrs. Walsh advised that most airlines will charge a fee if an individual changes a non-refundable ticket, these fee rates range depending on the airline. Baggage fees are used by most airlines. Regarding any luggage, it is strongly suggested that you do not lock your bags because security will be checking them **and** they will gain access. Also, it is recommended that no valuables (including medications) be placed in your checked luggage. A person's medications should stay with the person while on the plane. Also a snack and water should be prepared/carried by the individual (for those who are diabetic or for those taking medication with

food) in case of delays on the tarmac. Other current airlines issues were discussed during the meeting. The three foot prized rabbit brought about the discussion about pet travel and the safety of pets, in which most airlines will restrict pet travel during winter and summer weather. Pets are allowed in the cabin if the carrier can fit under the seat. Companion and therapy dogs are allowed with proper documentation. There is only a certain number of animals allowed on a flight. One of the other airline news stories was about the children who attempted to wear leggings on the flight which were banned items (according to the media). To clarify that situation, the flight tickets were given to the family, in which there are rules for appropriate dress attire when accepting such free airline tickets. The family was not abiding by the agreement that they had accepted the airlines tickets under (which prohibit leggings under the agreement).

Mrs. Walsh briefly spoke about the "Prepare for Takeoff: Permitted and Prohibited Item Check List" that can be obtained on-line under the Transportation Security Administration website. The area of liquids, gels, and/or aerosols require following the 3-1-1 liquids rule: 3.4 oz. or less per container, in a 1 quart (1 liter) clear, plastic, zip-top bag, 1 bag per customer. Exceptions (in reasonable amounts over 3 ounces): Baby formula, breast milk, and baby food; Medications (liquid, gels, and/or aerosol); Liquids (to include water, juice, or liquid nutrients) or gels for diabetic or other medical needs. **Note:** the exceptions must be declared to a security officer at the checkpoint. The Travel Checklist covers Personal Items, Medication and Special Needs Devices; Sharp Objects; Sporting Goods; Firearms/Guns/Ammunition; Tools; Electronic Devices, etc.

Other information to consider regarding airline travel:

Before Leaving for the Airport – give yourself enough time to arrive at the airport early; wear easily removable shoes; passengers with a disability or medical condition may call ahead to the TSA toll free helpline at (855) 787-2227.

Before Entering the Checkpoint – Eligible passengers look for the TSA Pre-Check Lane for expedited screening at participating airports; have your **ID and boarding pass** out for inspection.

At Checkpoint – Remove the 3-1-1 liquids bag and place it in the bin; Ensure pockets are empty (keys, tissues, currency, wallets, cell phones, etc.) and remove bulky jewelry; Remove your shoes and place them directly on the X-ray belt; Remove computers and large electronics from carry-on and place in the bin alone (video game consoles, remote control toys, etc.); Remember to check bins and collect all belongings after going through screening.

### **SAFETY INFORMATION:**

Many people are taking advantage of the warm weather days and enjoying the great outdoors. The Bloomingtondale Police Department wants children & parents to be aware that some unscrupulous individuals may monitor the playground area and neighborhoods where today's youth gather. It is strongly encouraged that children and young adults avoid contact with unfamiliar individuals who may ask for directions, attempt to provide gifts / money, or engage in any conversation. "Stranger Danger" talks apply to everyone, no matter the age or physical size of a person. The Bloomingtondale Police Department also encourages that if an encounter with a suspicious person and/or vehicle occurs, notify our agency as soon as possible once safety has been established.



During the summer months, our community has experienced some power outages due to weather conditions or overloaded electronic issues, which can cause the traffic control devices / traffic signals to malfunction. The Bloomingtondale 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 Bloomingtondale and the Bloomingtondale 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 Bloomingtondale Police Department at (630) 529-9868.

### **CURRENT CASES BEING INVESTIGATED...**

#### **Theft of Lost/Mislaid Property**

##### **Bloomingtondale Church – 264 Glen Ellyn Road**

A Carol Stream woman reported person(s) unknown removed her cellular phone and misc. personal items from her jacket pocket while it was unattended in the coat room. No further information is available at this time.



##### **Theft Ross – 350 W. Army Trail Road**

A Wayne woman reported that while she was shopping unknown person(s) removed her cellular phone from her purse. The approximate value of the loss is unknown. No further information at this time.

#### **Burglary to Motor Vehicle 300 Block of Sutherland Lane**

A Bloomingtondale man reported that person(s) unknown shattered the passenger's side window of his 2000 GMC. Once entry was gained, the offender(s) removed two leaf blowers from the front floor board. The vehicle was parked, secured and unattended in his driveway when the incident occurred. No further information.

#### **Burglary to Motor Vehicle 300 Block of Starling**

A Bloomingtondale man reported that person(s) unknown entered his unlocked vehicle and removed a wallet and cellular phone. The approximate value of the loss is unknown. The vehicle was parked and unattended in the driveway at the time of the incident. No further information is available at this time.

### **SPECIAL EVENTS**

#### **"National Night Out Against Crime"**

**Tuesday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017**

**5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.**

#### **Bloomingtondale Park District / Circle Park**



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 5:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

St. Paul Evangelical will provide free ice cream sundaes.

Also featured during the event will be.....

#### **K-9 Demonstration – 6:30 p.m.**

Officer Levi McGhee and "Kane" will demonstrate their abilities that are an important part for law enforcement.

#### **Heroes vs. Half Pints Softball Showdown – 7:15 p.m.**

Middle school players showcase their skills against the Bloomingtondale Police Officers. See how softball is played as both teams take the field for victory. ☺

**AND**

#### **Whiffle Ball Classic with Bloomingtondale Fire Department**

Children entering grades 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> are invited to play whiffle ball with the Bloomingtondale Fire Department. This is a non-competitive game and everyone plays.

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

#### **Bloomingtondale Library Ice Cream Social**

**Tuesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017**

**5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.**

#### **Bloomingtondale Library Parking Lot**

#### **Citizen Police Academy**

**September 6<sup>th</sup> – November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**Wednesday evenings from 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.**

Presentations and discussions on various areas of law enforcement will be addressed, including Constitutional Law, Criminal Law, Juvenile issues, Radar enforcement, Traffic stops, D.U.I. enforcement, Use of Force, Defensive Tactics, Evidence procedures, Firearms Simulator, and K-9 Unit. The classes provide a unique opportunity to have police officers as instructors.

Refreshments will be served. No Registration Fee.

Please contact Officer Dawn Odoi at (630) 529-9868.

#### **Child Safety Seat Check**

**Saturday, September 30, 2017, from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

**Meijer – 130 S. Gary Avenue, Bloomingtondale**

Please contact Officer Dawn Odoi for further information.