



Bloomingtondale Neighborhood Watch



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NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING...

The meeting on Wednesday, May 9th, 2018, at 7:00 p.m., in the Village Hall Council Room

will provide the audience with Personal Safety information as people begin to enjoy the summer weather. Whether you are walking around your neighborhood or on a walking path, shopping or attending entertainment venues, or if you have travel plans, safety should be the priority. Discussion will be about your awareness level.

Hope you can attend! See you there!



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWS...

The Bloomingtondale Police Department K-9 Unit has been a vital part of our agency. Officer Levi McGhee and canine police dog "Kane" made their official debut at our Neighborhood Watch meeting in 2015 and they were an instant hit. As "Kane" turned 5 years old in March 2018, it seemed like a good idea for the K-9 Unit to meet with the residents during the March Neighborhood Watch Meeting to share their work experiences and how time has strengthen the bond between the two.



Officer McGhee reminded the audience that Kane was imported in 2014 from Frankfort, Germany through "TOPS In Dog Training". Kane was selected by TOPS due to the family blood-line which showed good health and a reliable working dog. Kane was pre-trained 12 weeks before being joined with Officer McGhee. From their first meeting, the work began for both of them and eight weeks later a team was bonded together. To train, the dog works to receive his reward – "the toy" = play time. A dog may fail the training because it does not have the "drive" to work in which to receive the 'toy' (playtime) and it may not have the desire to please the handler / partner. Kane has both even to this day. The training aspect will always be a part of their relationship, as Kane and Officer McGhee have 30 hours of maintenance training each month to hone their skills.



Obedience and narcotics are emphasized during such training. Obedience is the key so that the dog listens to the handler at all times with verbal commands and hand signals. No matter where the police officer / handler moves, the dog will always heel and go to the proper place. It is essential that Kane listens to only Officer McGhee and follows his instructions for the safety of both them. Officer McGhee 'snaps' the leash to

promote listening, in which there is one time to correct, one chance to get it right – example: so that Kane does not run into the street against traffic because he is too focused on catching the offender. While Officer McGhee and Kane work during the afternoon / evening hours, they are often involved with searches for drugs during traffic stops, which is the reason for continued narcotics training. Tracking is the hardest for the dog to learn but the most important because they use it a good percentage of the time on the job. When following the human scent, the dog needs to keep on the scent and not lift-up. Also, the dog is to use scent to discriminate a missing person versus the 'bad guy'. If possible, the tracking could begin with an Article (clothing, guns or drugs that were dropped) from the missing person or the suspect to be apprehended. A Blind Track is one in which there is no starting article, so that the use of witness' accounts may be used to locate the scent. To conduct an Area Search, it has been determined that the subject is known to be in the area and Kane would start downwind to gather the needed smell/scent.

For the meeting, Officer McGhee and Kane were joined by "TOPS In Dog Training" trainer Derrick Collins. Derrick is an established trainer with the TOPS Dog Training. Derrick was part of Kane's initial training and his continual training, which was evident when he entered the meeting room because Kane's attention was drawn to Derrick. It was noted that Kane signals like an alarm system, in which he knows that something has changed in the immediate vicinity of his partner, Officer McGhee. Officer McGhee provided the audience a unique insight into Kane's obedience by demonstrating his ability to follow verbal and hand signals. After each task, Kane is given praise. Officer McGhee showed the audience how Kane is able to locate narcotics, in which items that simulate drugs were used and hidden from Kane. Kane used the ability of scent to locate the item and he made it clear to Officer McGhee. Lastly, a demonstration of Kane's devotion to Officer McGhee was shown. Kane is always on alert and watches as his partner, Officer McGhee, interacts with others in public. Yet, if there is danger to Officer McGhee, Kane does not hesitate to intervene. But when Officer McGhee instructs Kane to stop his actions, Kane is obedient to his handler's wishes. It was apparent that a lifelong relationship has been created between the two. The community as well as the police department will continue to benefit from this exceptional unit.

BICYCLE SAFETY TIPS:



At this time of the year, many are taking advantage of the longer daylight days and taking their bicycles around town or on bike trails. Be smart and practice good bicycle safety for everyone in your family.

- Always wear a bicycle helmet (fit snug & secure).
- Conduct a bicycle safety checklist.
- Wear appropriate clothing (bright / reflective-especially at night & proper shoes).
- Obey all traffic signals and signs.
- Be observant.
- Prevent bicycle theft (place in a safe place & secure it – utilize a lock in public places).
- Do not assume that vehicles see you – be aware on the roadways and at intersections.

CURRENT CASES BEING INVESTIGATED...

Theft of Mislaid Property – Meijer (130 S. Gary Avenue)

A Hanover Park man reported person(s) unknown removed a wallet left in a shopping cart. Approximate value unknown. No further information available at this time.

Theft of Mislaid Property Payless Shoes-Stratford Square

A Hanover Park woman reported that person(s) unknown removed currency from her wallet when she placed it down. The approximate value of the loss is \$120.00. No suspect description or further information available.

Theft of Mislaid Property

Lifetime Fitness (455 Scott Drive)

A St. Charles man reported that at 12:00 p.m. person(s) unknown removed his wallet. The approximate value of the loss is \$4,200.00.

A Glendale Heights man reported sometime between 2:10-2:30 p.m., person(s) unknown removed the watch he placed down. No further information is available at this time regarding both incidents.

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

SPECIAL EVENTS

“LIGHT UP OUR COMMUNITY” –

Remembering the Fallen – Honoring Those Who Serve May 13th – 19th, 2018



Officer Raymond Murrell lost his life on January 19, 2017, in the line of duty as he responded to a retail theft in progress at a business on Army Trail Road. This May, fallen Bloomingdale Police Officer Murrell will be honored in Springfield, Illinois and in Washington, D.C., in which his name will be etched into the Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in both locations. To honor Officer Murrell and other Emergency Responders, we encourage residents to show support by replacing their porch light, garage light, or front window light with a blue light bulb for one week. This community unity event is being hosted by the Rawls Family – Professional Mailing & Printing Services, Inc., who has generously donated their time and the printed flyers & posters and Lowe’s (400 W. Army Trail Road-Carol Stream) who have discounted the blue lights to \$3.00 each. Please consider taking part during National Police Appreciation Week by changing to the blue light bulb.

THANK YOU BLOOMINGDALE!!!

“Rooftop Cop” at Dunkin’ Donuts

(169 E. Lake Street)

Friday, May 18, 2018 ~ 5:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (noon)



Bloomingdale Police Officers unite with the Dunkin’ Donuts staff to bring attention to the Special Olympics’ mission of recognizing the tremendous courage, strength and perseverance of its athletes on the playing fields and in life.

Officer Jin Han, Officer Damian Iwanicki, and Officer Phillip Jaffe along with other police officers will conduct a rooftop sit-in to greet Dunkin’ Donuts customers and welcome donations for Illinois Special Olympics. So, come on in to Dunkin’ Donuts and don’t forget to look up!

Bike Rodeo and Bike Bloomingdale

Saturday, June 2, 2018 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Circle Park (south parking lot)

Schedule of Activities

10 a.m. – 11 a.m. – Bike Rodeo

Bike registration, bike & helmet safety check, mini bike course for children, entertainment, giveaway, and raffles.

10:30 a.m. – 11 a.m. – Check-in for Bike Bloomingdale

11 a.m. – 4.0/6.7 miles Bike Bloomingdale – led by Mayor Franco Coladipietro and Park Board President Buzz Puccio, escorted by Bloomingdale Police Department Bike Patrol.

11 a.m. – 1.5 miles Family Bike Bloomingdale

12 p.m. – 1 p.m. – Lunch provided

Note: Free event. But, Pre-registration for the bike rides is required to receive a Bike Bloomingdale T-shirt. Helmets are strongly recommended for all riders.

For further information – see www.bloomingtonparks.org

Illinois Special Olympics Torch Run

Leg #14 – DuPage

Sunday, June 10, 2018



Location and time in Bloomingdale to be determined.

Please check the Village website from upcoming details.

Law Enforcement Officers throughout DuPage County will be carrying the Special Olympics “Flame of Hope” and running in intervals along a planned route to show support and unity for this great cause.

Bloomingdale Park District

“Kite Fly” & Touch-a-Truck” event

Saturday, June 16, 2018

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (noon)

Springfield Park



Annual family event that features contests, raffles, crafts and a mass kite launch highlight the annual Statewide Kite Fly and Touch-A-Truck events. Touch-A-Truck features a variety of trucks, tractors, police cars, fire trucks, and vehicles to touch, climb, sit and play on. Parental supervision is required.

Bloomingdale Community Fireworks

Tuesday, July 3, 2018 – dusk (no rain date)

Bloomingdale Golf Club

Glen Ellyn Road & Lake Street

