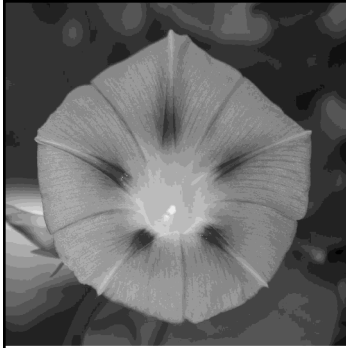


Bloomingdale News



**Bloomingdale is
Blooming !!**

Special points of interest:

- New Officers elected beginning January 2010
- Your association, once again on the City's active list.
- FWPD Liaison Officer will be assigned once again.
- Membership remains the same: Family \$3, Business \$6.00
- Wells Street Corridor, dedicated by City Officials November 12, 2009.
- Northwest Area Partnership representation
- New Year—New Start
- Membership drive in progress. Please show your support.

Why Bloomingdale Needs To Bloom

Due to the lack of communications, Bloomingdale Neighborhood Association was placed on the "Inactive List" with the City of Fort Wayne.

Your association is now active again.

You ask, "So, what makes the difference?"

No spring (Great America Clean Up Day) and fall clean up.

No money from old tires picked up from your alleys.

No grant money from the City/State.

No representation to your City Council.

No representation to Northwest Area Partnership. (Meeting of other neighborhood associations)

No police liaison officer for our area. (Officer attends and speaks at our meetings)

No input to the City about neighborhood improvements.

These are just a few things going on behind the scene.

Being located between three major roadways, Spy Run, Wells and Sherman Streets, our neighborhood plays an important part of Fort Wayne.

Bloomingdale is one big link in the Fort Wayne's chain. The development of the Omni Source land; extending the bike trail through our neighborhood not only north/south but east/west; the Wells Street Corridor improvement, all through Bloomingdale neighborhood. Our arteries lead to Franke Park Zoo, Edys Ice Cream, Glenbrook Shopping Center, three schools and many other venues.

We have so many things to be happy about .

Yes neighbor, **Bloomingdale is Blooming!!**

This can only happen when people get together, organize their needs and initiate a plan.

The Wells Street Corridor Project — Wow !

The Wells Corridor Business Association reactivated four years ago due specifically because of a goal that was written in the Bloomingdale Community Development Plan, or CDAP. This Plan was written by area volunteers and the City Planning Staff to give direction to needs of the area, wants, and to help stabilize the neighborhood. At about the same time, some new young managers and business owners arrived on Wells Street that were also interested in a business association.

Our focus has been on revitalization of the street through rezoning, aesthetics (planters, cleaner parks and streets), Commercial Code ordinances, and aiding our city staff in securing facade grant money for businesses and working on securing our new streetscapes improvements.

With our new look comes the need to continue our work on spreading the desire to improve our neighborhood through interaction with the residents. If you have interactions with our businesses, please tell them you appreciate our work and where and how we can serve you in the future.

Judi Wire, owner,

The Great Panes Glass Company

President WCBA

Winter and my Vehicle

The biggest cold weather starting problem is the battery.

Things to check in the fall:

Battery post. Make sure the post are clean and the clamps are tight on the post.

Clean battery case. Do this while the battery cables are removed for cleaning using a mixture of baking soda and water.

The age of the battery is important. Have a "Load Test" preformed to determine battery condition. After a couple years of service a battery will accumulate sediment at the bottom of the battery shorting out the plates causing failure. If the test fails, trouble will follow.

If you have an old battery, you can bet it will fail in cold weather.

If you are not mechanically inclined, take the vehicle to a respectable service center. Cheaper is not always the best.

Here is a good site to read more tips:
<http://www.google.com/landing/searchtips/>

Got gas?

The gas tank can cause failure to start. Water and sediment are the big problems.

Water in the tank is due to moisture in the air. If you run your vehicle on the empty side of the fuel gauge you are looking for trouble. Running on an empty tank has a large air space between the fuel level and the tank. As air cools, moisture can form inside the tank. Over time, this can cause rough running or gas line freeze. Adding an additive such as "Dry Gas" can help prevent this problem. The best way to prevent this is to keep your gas tank on the full side.

If your vehicle seems a little sluggish check or replace the fuel line filter. The filter is usually located behind the carburetor or on the inside of the frame near the driver's door. (but not always) This is a forgotten item by most people.

Lemon in a drink: Now that I've worked in a restaurant, I never ask for lemon in a drink. Everybody touches them. Nobody washes them. We just peel the stickers off, cut them up, and throw them in your iced tea. Charity Ohlund, Kansas City waitress (Found in Reader's Digest, Dec. 2009)

Tires tired?

One should check the tire pressure at least twice a year; spring and fall. If you notice one tire not looking like the others it could be low air pressure.

Proper air pressure will increase your gas mileage and longer tire life.

Safer driving. The vehicle will not handle right with uneven tire pressure, especially when cornering.

Tires wear faster if the shocks are bad since the tires bounce up and down flexing the side walls.

Don't forget the spare. Vehicles using a real spare tire needs air pressure check at the same time you check the other tires.

For many more tips go to the AAA website:

http://www.wivb.com/dpp/news/AAA_cold_weather_tips_20090113

Snow, Ice, and Dirt Removal

Every owner or occupant of any house or other building, and the owner or proprietor, lessee or persons entitled to possession of any vacant lot, and every person having charge of any church, jail, public hall or other public building in the city, shall, during the winter season and during the time snow shall continue on the ground, by 9:00 a.m. every day clean the sidewalk in front of such house or building, and in front of which lot, from snow or ice, and keep it conveniently free thereof during the day.

He shall also, at all times, keep such sidewalk clear from all dirt or filth, or other obstruction or encumbrance, so as to allow citizens to use the sidewalk in an easy and commodious manner. City Code: 99.047

Did You Know

All women of child-bearing age need folic acid supplements, whether or not they're pregnant. They can prevent serious birth defects but only if started at least three months before pregnancy.

A 2010 Census Taker WARNING

How do you tell the difference between a U.S. Census worker and a con artist? The BBB offers the following advice:

- If a U.S. Census worker knocks on your door, *they will have a badge, a handheld device, a Census Bureau canvas bag and a confidentiality notice. Ask to see their identification and their badge before answering their questions.* However, you should **NEVER** invite anyone you don't know into your home.
- Census workers are currently only knocking on doors to verify address information. **DO NOT** give your **Social Security number, credit card or banking information** to anyone, even if they claim they need it for the U.S. Census. Census workers will not ask for banking and financial information nor will they solicit donations.
- Eventually, Census workers may contact you by telephone, mail or in person at home. However, they will not contact you by e-mail, so be on the lookout for e-mail scams impersonating the Census. Never click on a link or open any attachments in an e-mail that are supposedly from the U.S. Census Bureau.

For more advice on avoiding identity theft and fraud, visit www.bbb.org

Clip and Save

Monday is Garbage Collection Day

Recycling Day is 'Week A'

11 January and 25 January

8 February and 22 February

8 March and 22 March

Advice from Snopes.com Very important!

1) Any time you see an E-Mail that says forward this on to '10' (or however many) of your friends, sign this petition, or you'll get bad luck, good luck, you'll see something funny on your screen after you send it, or whatever, it almost always has an E-Mail tracker program attached that tracks the cookies and E-Mails of those folks you forward to.

The host sender is getting a copy each time it gets forwarded and then is able to get lists of 'active' E-Mail addresses to use in SPAM E-Mails, or sell to other spammers.

Even when you get emails that demand you send the email on if you're not ashamed of God/Jesusthat 's E-mail tracking and they're playing on our conscience.

These people don't care how they get your email addresses - just as long as they get them.

Also, emails that talk about a missing child or a child with an incurable disease "how would you feel if that was your child"...Email tracking!!! Ignore them and don't participate!

2) Almost all E-Mails that ask you to add your name and forward on to others are similar to that mass letter years ago that asked people to send business cards to the little kid in Florida who wanted to break the Guinness Book of Records for the most cards.

All it was, and all any of this type of E-Mail is, is a way to get names and 'cookie' tracking information for telemarketers and spammers -- to validate active E-Mail accounts for their own profitable purposes.

You can do your Friends and Family members a GREAT favor by sending this information to them;

You can do your Friends and Family members a GREAT favor by sending this information to them; you will be providing a service to your Friends, and will be rewarded by not getting thousands of spam E-Mails in the future!

Do yourself a favor and STOP adding your name (s) to those types of listings regardless how inviting they might sound,or make you feel guilty if you don't t!...it's all about getting email addresses - nothing more!

You may think you are supporting a GREAT cause, but you are NOT!

Instead, you will be getting tons of junk mail later and very possibly a virus attached! Plus, we are helping the spammers get rich! Let's not make it easy for them!

Also: E-Mail petitions are NOT acceptable to Congress or any other organization - i.e. social security, etc.

To be acceptable, petitions must have a signed signature and full address of the person signing the petition, so this is a waste of time and you're just helping the Email trackers



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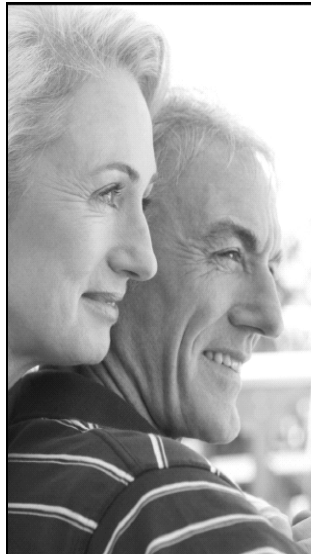
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Meetings, Little Turtle Library

January 16, 2010 at 10:00 am

February 20, 2010 at 10:00 am

March 20, 2010 at 10:00 am



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Please cut out along box and enclose with payment—Thank You

What's in an Advertiser

The advertisements you read in our newsletter is their support of the Bloomingtondale neighborhood. Not only do they have businesses in our area but many live in the neighborhood.


Their support deserves our support!

The other week, while checking out the new Wells Street Corridor, I visited one of the shops and found a one-of-a-kind gift. All hand made by a local artist. I stopped at another merchant and found two used like-new items for half the price.

My wife and I do a lot of traveling. We always seek out old established stores in out-of-the-way places. Many are lightly used type stores with well selected merchandise. Oh yes, most items are made in the USA! Another thing is the local restaurants with the parking lot filled with local vehicles. They are always friendly and love to talk to out-of-town people.

The next time the you are tired of the couch, drive down the Corridor, park and visit all the shops. You just might be surprised.

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