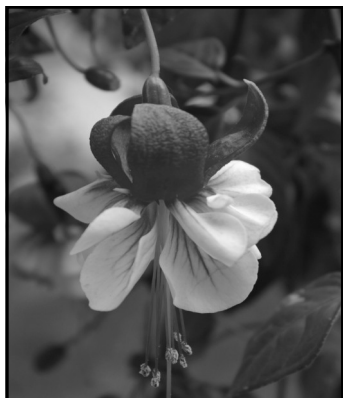


Bloomingtondale News

Everyone's little bit adds up to a BIG BIT



The Dog Days of Summer are Nearly Gone.

This summer we have had 18 days over 90 degrees according to the National Weather Association.



1718 Andrew Street - It is common knowledge to eliminate critters from your neighborhood is to eliminate, (1) Water, (2) Food and (3) shelter.

This is the only time I can remember the City solving three problems in the stroke of a pen. Thank you Fort Wayne for your services.

In reality, this house had a big sow raccoon and family, living quite well in her one-owner home! So, please bring in your pet's water and food before evening and before the nocturnal friends are searching for food.

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Association meeting Sept 18 & Oct 16
at the Little Turtle Library, 10:00 am

Clip and Save

Monday is Garbage Collection Day

Recycling Day is 'Week A'

6 September and 20 September

4 October and 18 October

1 November and 15 November

29 November



President's Corner

So, you've been wondering what we can do to protect our homes from burglars? Here's what we can do:

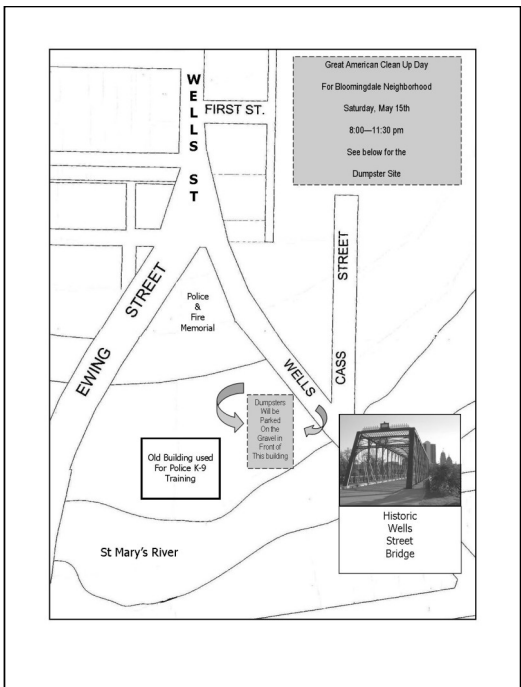
For starters, one of the easiest ways to protect your home is to make sure that all of the lights are working around the outside of your home - - and use them. Turn your porch lights on after dark - - your back porch and exterior garage lights, too. Ok, Bloomingtondale, I'm going to repeat this one, "*Please, turn on your porch lights after dark.*" Light up the neighborhood.

Another simple way to guard against burglary is keep your shrubbery and bushes trimmed below four (4) feet near all sidewalks and driveways. Consider planting thorny landscaping such as rose bushes beneath windows, but remember to keep them trimmed so they do not obstruct your view from inside your home.

According to the Fort Wayne Police Department, "Doors are usually the first choice of burglars. All exterior doors should be supplemented with a double cylinder deadbolt lock with a one (1) inch throw. Replace the locks that do not have a free rotating bevel beauty ring." Use your window locks or cut rods to length to use in your windows.

The Fort Wayne Police Department also recommends installing alarms if possible. In addition to these suggestions, ask close friends and neighbors to watch your home - - and do the same for them.

For more tips on burglary prevention, go on-line to www.fwpd.org/prevention . . . And please: ***Turn on your porch lights!***





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Fall Cleanup - September 18

Once again the Bloomington Neighborhood Association will be accepting homeowner tires, but no business tires.

We will also accept car and garden tractor batteries. These batteries must not be leaking, and only sealed batteries can be accepted. There is no limit on the number of batteries you can recycle and it is a great source of income for the Association.

We had a wonderful gathering of volunteers for the spring event so let's all do our little bit and fill both dumpsters this time. Yes, both! The city has provide two bins this time!

Note: We have increased our membership dues a little because of increased cost; first increase in 20 years.

2011 Membership Dues Application

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Residence \$5.00 – Business \$9.00

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they sold the business to their sister Nyla and her daughter Shawna.

G.I. Joe's is proud to be family owned and operated now for over forty years. Most of the past employees have been family members. Their current full-time employees span three generations of their family: Nyla and her husband Bob, their daughter Shawna and Ashley, Nyla's granddaughter. Marvin, the original owner, is still a fixture at the shop today.

G.I. Joe's is not just for veterans and current soldiers. They offer a unique shopping experience for people of all ages and walks of life. They offer a full line of military, hunting, camping, and cold weather gear, novelty items, as well as children's, women's, and pet clothing and accessories. With over 2500 square foot of shopping space you are sure to find something that interests you. If you are looking for something that you cannot locate, give them a call and they promise to do their best to help you find it.

One of their most popular items is the military issue Mickey Mouse Boots. Some consider these the warmest boots on the face of the earth. Hunters, construction workers, farmers, and ice fisherman love them. Another top selling item are the military issue MRE's (that's meal ready to eat for you civilians). Each meal contains enough calories to sustain a soldier for a whole day. The G.I. Joe's staff would like to invite you to stop in and see them if you are in the area. It's hard to miss the building. It is 100 years old and adorned with a fantastic military-themed mural thanks to their neighbor Randy at RAF Airbrushed Art. Their street front window display is decorated by larger than life soldier statues ready for battle, and a silly statue of Marvin welcomes each customer as they enter. Stop down, they are open seven days a week, or give us a call. They have so much stuff, you will be amazed!



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PERSONAL SAFETY TIPS

Put your car keys beside your bed at night instead of putting them away by the door or other safe place. Most modern vehicles have some sort of security alarm which can be activated by using the buttons on the keychain. They can be used as a convenient security system that most people already own and requires no permanent installation. It will go off from most anywhere inside your home and will keep sounding until either the battery runs down or you reset it using the keychain.

If your car alarm goes off when someone is trying to break into your home the odds are the criminal will not stick around. The noise of the alarm tends to draw the attention of all the neighbors. Surely the criminal does not want to be seen.

Also remember to carry your keys while you walk to your car in a parking lot. The alarm can protect you in the same way. It could possibly save your life or protect you from a sexual abuse crime.

This could be useful for any emergency where you are unable to reach a phone like a heart attack. Another suggestion would be to carry your car keys with you in case of a fall outside where a spouse or companion cannot hear you. You can activate the car alarm to alert others to your problem.

Read more: <http://www.city-data.com/forum/automotive/629859-put-your-car-key-remote-beside.html#ixzz0xGo5Jzcf>

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1. **Location of suspicious activity:** _____
2. **Description of location:**
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3. **Vehicle descriptions:**
(make, model, color, 2 dr / 4 dr, plate #, distinguishing features, etc.)

4. **Type of suspected activity:**
(dealing, using, frequent traffic-foot/vehicle, parties, prostitution, etc.)

5. **Specific location where activity occurs:**
(front/rear door, garage, alley, walks out to meet vehicles, upstairs/downstairs, multiple apartments, etc.)

6. **Times of activity:**
(a.m., p.m., weekdays, weekends, etc.)

7. **Suspects names and/or descriptions:**

8. **Any additional observations/information:**

- Contact the FWPD Narcotics Bureau Tip Line at 260-427-1262
- Leave the above information along with a name and phone number where you can be reached.
- All information/tips remain confidential and you may remain anonymous.
- For assistance contact the FWPD Narcotics office 260-427-1203

Things Your Burglar Won't Tell You

1. Of course I look familiar. I was here just last week cleaning your carpets, painting your shutters, or delivering your new refrigerator.
2. Hey, thanks for letting me use the bathroom when I was working in your yard last week. While I was in there, I unlatched the back window to make my return a little easier.
3. Love those flowers. That tells me you have taste ... And taste means there are nice things inside. Those yard toys your kids leave out always make me wonder what type of gaming system they have.
4. Yes, I really do look for newspapers piled up on the driveway. And I might leave a pizza flyer in your front door to see how long it takes you to remove it.
5. If it snows while you're out of town, get a neighbor to create car and foot tracks into the house. Virgin drifts in the driveway are a dead giveaway.
6. If decorative glass is part of your front entrance, do not let your alarm company install the control pad where I can see if it is set. That makes it too easy.
7. A good security company alarms the window over the sink, and the windows on the second floor, which often access the master bedroom and your jewelry. It's not a bad idea to put motion detectors up there, too.

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9. I always knock first. If you answer, I will ask for directions somewhere or offer to clean your gutters. (Don't take me up on it.)
10. Do you really think I would not look in your sock drawer? I always check dresser drawers, the bedside table, and the medicine cabinet.
11. Here's a helpful hint: I almost never go into kids' rooms.
12. You are right: I will not have enough time to break into that safe where you keep your valuables. But if it is not bolted down, I can and will take it with me.
13. A loud TV or radio can be a better deterrent than the best alarm system. If you are reluctant to leave your TV on while you're out of town, you can buy a \$35 device that works on a timer and simulates the flickering glow of a real television. Find it at <http://www.faketv.com/> where you can view a video.

Eight more things a burglar won't tell you:

1. Sometimes, I carry a clipboard. Sometimes, I dress like a lawn guy and carry a rake. I do my best to never ever look like a crook.
2. The two things I hate most: loud dogs and nosy neighbors.
3. I will break a window to get in, even if it makes a little noise. If your neighbor hears one loud sound, he will stop what he is doing and wait to hear it again. If he doesn't hear it again, he'll just go back to what he was doing. It's human nature.
4. I'm not complaining, but why would you pay all that money for a fancy alarm system and leave

your house without setting it?

5. I love looking in your windows. I am looking for signs that you are home, and for flat screen TV's or gaming systems I would like. I will drive or walk through your neighborhood at night, before you close the blinds, just to pick my targets.
6. Avoid announcing your vacation on your Facebook page. It is easier than you think to look up your address.
7. To you leaving that window open just a crack during the day is a way to let in a little fresh air, but to me it is an invitation.
8. If you do not answer when I knock, I will try the door. Occasionally, I hit the jackpot and can walk right in.

Source: Convicted burglars in North Carolina, Oregon, California, and Kentucky; Security Consultant Chris McGoey of <http://www.crimedictor.com/>; Richard T. Wright, Professor of Criminology, University of Missouri-St. Louis, who interviewed 105 burglars for his book 'Burglars on the Job'.



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