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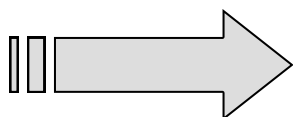
New Logo

New website

New way of doing things

We have been working hard this winter improving our association. With our new website we will be able to post neighborhood news faster and with more detail.

www.bloomingdaleneighborhood.org



Check out more information
about the Web site on page 6

Attention:

Starting with the next Bloomingdale Newsletter issue, **ONLY PAID MEMBERS** will have the newsletters delivered to their house.

Our dues are voluntary, but necessary to help run good programs, events and activities for the neighborhood.

Please send in your 2012 Dues now, so that you can receive the newsletters and help with the expenses of the Bloomingdale Neighborhood Association.

We are hoping to plan more activities and events this year. We encourage everyone to get involved. Do you have any suggestions on activities or events?

Monthly Bloomingdale Meetings

10:00 AM—Third Saturday

Trinity Methodist Church

Community Room off Short Street

Everyone is Welcome

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Auto Theft Prevention. The Fort Wayne Police Department would like to offer you some ideas on how to prevent your vehicle from being stolen.

During colder months, it is common for people to leave their vehicle running to "warm it up" before leaving. Because of this, the FWPD receives numerous calls regarding stolen vehicles. Please avoid leaving your car while it is running, even if only for a few minutes.

Locking your car is always the best solution. If you make it easy for someone to get in, they will most likely take advantage of this.

Control your keys. Only leave the keys necessary for repair shops to do their job. Or, have a spare key made that says "Do Not Duplicate" just for this purpose.

When possible, park in well-lighted, busy areas and close to buildings with windows.

Buy and install a car alarm.

If your vehicle is older, have the door locks replaced with tapered ones. These are more difficult to "Jimmy".

Take your keys with you when going in to pay at convenience stores/fuel stations.

Avoid parking in between larger vehicles, which may obscure surveillance on your vehicle.

Periodically check your license plate to ensure that it is still present.

Avoid hiding or intentionally leaving a spare key inside the vehicle.

Use a product to lock the steering wheel. Although these can be easily defeated in most cases, it is one more deterrent they have to contend with. More than likely, they will find an easier target. Locks that engage both the steering wheel and one of the pedals are preferred.

If you have a garage, use it. Keep the door locked.

When going out of town, disconnect the battery or remove the electronic ignition fuse.

Consider anti-theft devices such as fuel shut-off, kill switches, or electronic chip keys.

Like Operation I.D., record the following information and keep it in a location other than the vehicle:

Make and Model

Model Year

Registration (plate) number

Vehicle Identification Number (VIN)

Color

Any specialties such as bumper stickers, dents, paint variations, etc.

The Fort Wayne Police Department would like to remind you to be vigilant in the protection of your vehicle and the items that you keep inside them. Criminals look for the easy target...is your vehicle an easy target?

Source: http://www.fwpd.org/prevention/?ID=crime_prevention1195141193

Bloomington's Ambassador



XLVI FACES

Bloomington's own Donna Gordon-Hearn was chosen by the XLVI Super Bowl Host Committee to be one of the 46 faces that defines Indiana. XLVI Faces shows that every day, hard working Hoosiers are coming together to make Indiana great and ready to host Super Bowl XLVI.

Here is what was printed on the website. "Hoosier turned world-traveler, Donna Gordon-Hearn grew up in Warsaw, Indiana. Donna and her husband traveled and lived in Worcester, Massachusetts, St. Louis, Missouri, Honolulu, Hawaii, Agana, Guam, San Francisco, California, Indianapolis, Indiana and Boynton Beach, Florida. Donna's husband Bob worked for 25 years at Indianapolis Power & Light Company before retiring. After he passed away in 2000, Donna

returned to Indiana, settling in Ft. Wayne, near her daughter and grandchildren. Donna's handiwork will be keeping Super Bowl volunteers warm during the Super Bowl in Indianapolis. Donna knit 150 of the more than 13,000 scarves that will be handed out to the more than 8000 volunteers and front line hospitality workers."

Thank you Donna for all you do.

Free Tax Help until April 24, 2012. Income must be under \$50,000.00 Have direct deposit with your bank or receive a check by mail and file electronically. Filers must have a picture ID; Social security cards or ITIN numbers for everyone in the family; W2's, Unemployment and 1099 forms; for renters, the name and address of the landlord; for homeowners, property tax information; child care expenses, you will need name, address and Social Security number of the provider; bank account information; and if possible, a copy of your 2010 tax return.

Tax Sites in Allen County, Indiana

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St. Mary's Catholic Church, 1101 S. Lafayette St., Mon, Tue and Wed. from 12 noon to 3 p.m.

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NAME: _____

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Please list 3 neighborhood concerns you have

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

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~Thank you for your support~

(Please cut out and enclose with your payment)

Monday is Garbage Collection Day

Recycling Day is 'Week A'

**5 March and 19 March
2 April, 16 April and 30 April
14 May and 29 May**

Official 2012 Flag-Flying Days

January 1	New Year's Day
January 16	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
February 12	Lincoln's Birthday
February 20	Presidents' Day
February 22	Washington's Birthday
May 13	Mother's Day
May 19	Armed Forces Day
May 28	Memorial Day
June 14	Flag Day
June 17	Father's Day
July 4	Independence Day
September 3	Labor Day
September 11	Patriot Day
October 8	Columbus Day
November 6	Election Day
November 11	Veterans Day
November 22	Thanksgiving Day
December 7	Pearl Harbor Day
December 25	Christmas Day

Financial Planner for the older and not-so-old population.

We all are living in a fast changing world where we are confused about yesterday and cannot figure out tomorrow. We have an ever-shrinking income, which leads us to viewing our assets more closely. As my father always told me, save 10% of the money I made before paying my expenses. But dad..."it's a dime on a dollar, pay yourself first"! Well, my age is 67, retire in 1999 at age 56 and I am still worrying if I have enough money to finish my life. But, along with a good financial advisor I have everything paid off, funeral arrangements made and still have some money in the bank.

Choosing a financial planner is the most important decision you can make for yourself and your loved ones. If you are thinking, I have little money to hire a financial planner; the City has a program called, "[Bank on Fort Wayne](#)" which will help you get started planning your money. The program may cost you nothing or a very small fee, depending on your circumstances. If you have no internet connection use the City's 211 phone service to get started. YOU CANNOT AFFORD NOT TO!!!!

For more information click on one of the links below.

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Cleaning Tips

The best way to dust blinds: Close them, then wipe up and down with an old dryer sheet. It will create an antistatic barrier the helps prevent dust from building up again.

Bar Keepers Friend is not just for bars. It is a powdered product with an active ingredient is rhubarb powder, which does a good job of cutting through grit and grime. It cleans glass-top stoves, counters, toilets, porcelain, and more. Do not use on gold, silver, pewter, marble, lacquered metals, or anodized aluminum.

Website: <http://www.barkeepersfriend.com/cleaning-directions>

Microwave cleaner: Simply pour a cup of water into a microwavable bowl, add some Arm and Hammer power to the water, and boil the water. The steam softens the splatter and the power refreshes the smell. Wipe the inside out completely, ohhhh, so nice!

Website: <http://www.armandhammer.com/solutions.aspx>

Got cobwebs? Pull a tube sock over the end of a yardstick to be able to reach cobwebs. his works well for cleaning under oves and refrigerators.

Free Crime Prevention Seminar

Mar. 21, 7-8 p.m. at the FW Public Safety Academy. The seminars will include Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) information, preventative measures to avoid becoming a victim of robbery, financial fraud, motor vehicle theft, burglary and scam artists.

Seminars will be held the 3rd Wed. of each month. Free to the public.

For more information click on: <http://www.fwpd.org/prevention>

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Get Green is Ft. Wayne's only family-friendly St. Patrick's Day festival. It is held on the old Wells St. Bridge between Wells and Superior and host by the FW Professional Firefighters.

May 17, starting at 9:00 a.m. Check our website for all current events at: <http://www.bloomingtonneighborhood.org/events>

Great American Cleanup

May 19, 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
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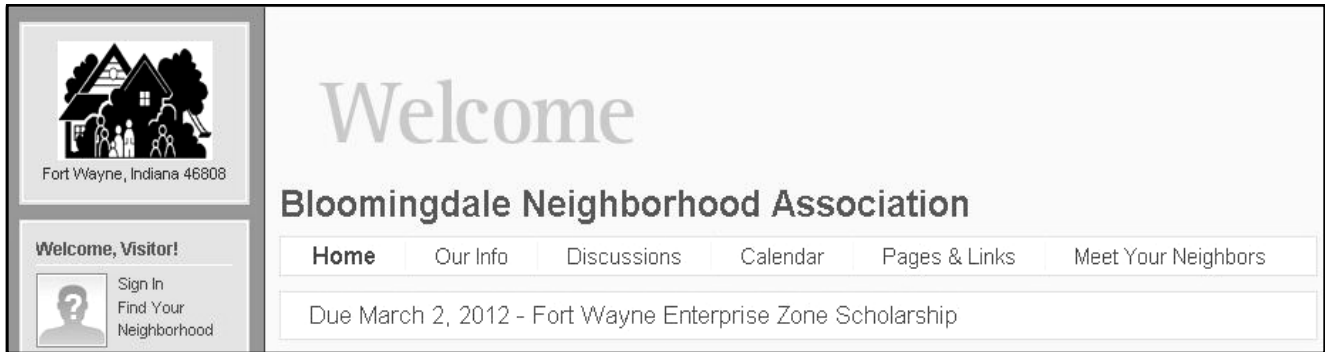
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Click on any one of the links, Home, Our Info, Discussions, Calendar, Pages & Links and Meet Your Neighbors will each open a different window. There are other links throughout the pages so watch for underlines, they are usually links.

- **Home** is where you sign in. It is located under the new logo. If you are just visiting, click your way around the site. If you desire to become a member of the website you will be prompted to create a user name, a password and your email address. (*You can be assured your email can only be accessed by the administrator and used for association business*)
- **Our Info** shows Bloomington's boundaries map and other information.
- **Discussions** is where to start a discussion or post a reply. This is a good pulse of the neighborhood area. Feel free to start a thread. As neighbors get use to checking into the site there will be more activity.
- **Calendar** is just that. Dates, times, place, links e.g. If you desire not to post something, feel free to email the administrator.
- **Pages & Links** has two columns; **Documents & Pages** and **External Links**. Pictures, links and announcements will be found under Documents & Pages. The External Links will have useful links just a click away.
- **Meet Your Neighbor** is all our members of the website. Click on their name or picture which will bring up another window for Bio Details. Any personal details you have to type in or leave blank if you wish.
- **Our Info, right upper corner**, click on the Google map to see a larger map of our neighborhood boundaries in respect to the city streets.
- *Our Info*—same as on the top row of areas.
- *Contact*—is where you find our officers, email addresses and links.
- *Newsletter*—newsletter archives. The format is PDF and you can save or print out a hard copy for your own use. In the future, this is the only way you will get a paper copy of the newsletter. The only exception will be the resident without an internet connection and request a printed copy from the association.
- *Map*—the larger Google map.
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