



## **Beecher Police Department**

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**NIXLE COMMUNITY ALERTS:** The Beecher Police Department has launched a new Community Information Service designed to deliver important and timely information to residents in our area using the latest technology. This service, Nixle, delivers trustworthy and important neighborhood-level public safety and community event notifications instantly sent to you by cell phone text message, email, and web. There is NO Spam or Advertising. Nixle is available at no cost (standard text message rates apply for cell phone subscribers who do not have text plans with their cell phone providers). The service is simple to use, reliable and trusted. Register now and learn more at [www.nixle.com](http://www.nixle.com). We would ask you to forward an email to 5 of your neighbors or friends in the community and recommend that they register to receive neighborhood information. Stay connected to your world, from the public safety alerts that are relevant to you, to the important neighborhood advisories you want to know about, and other valuable community information. You decide what information you want and whether you want it sent to your cell phone, email, or just simply over the web. We are really excited to have you experience Nixle.

**GARBAGE CONTAINERS AND YARD WASTE BAGS TO CURB; TIME RESTRICTIONS:** In June of 2009, the Village Board amended the refuse ordinance, (8-10-5 Deposits in Streets), to prohibit placing garbage containers and yard waste bags on the Village parkway, prior to 5:00 p.m. the day before pick-up. All containers must be removed from the parkway, (Village right-of-way) within 24 hours of pick-up. The ordinance was amended by the Board in response to citizen complaints where containers and yard waste bags were being placed at the curb sometimes days before the scheduled pick-up and then left at the curb for several more days. This caused a variety of health concerns including garbage being littered on the streets and into adjacent yards. The police department and Village code enforcement has been working collectively to educate the public regarding the ordinance change. Violators have been issued warnings and hundreds of letters have been sent out. Village ordinances are available on-line, 24 hours a day at [www.villageofbeecher.org](http://www.villageofbeecher.org). Beginning May 1, 2010, citations will be issued for violations of the ordinance with a fine amount of \$100.00

**PARKING OF BOATS, CAMPERS, TRAILERS RECREATIONAL VEHICLES AND 2<sup>ND</sup> DIVISION VEHICLES:** No trailer, boat, camper, recreational vehicle or 2<sup>nd</sup> division vehicle, (trucks with a weight class over 8000 lbs.), may be parked on the street for more than 3 hours. Zoning also prohibits the parking of these vehicles in the front yard for more than 3 days.

**PARKING ON CURBED STREETS:** Not every subdivision has curbed streets and most of the subdivisions with curbed streets restrict parking to only one side of the street. This restriction was imposed for public safety reasons and signs have been posted to indicate the side of the street where parking is prohibited.

**SOLICITORS:** A permit is required for any person or firm to solicit in any residential neighborhood, with the exception of religious organizations, students high school age or under soliciting for the benefit of a school or community (scouts, little league, etc.) activity or program. These individuals do not need a solicitation permit from the Village, but should instead display their student ID or an ID from their school or organization stating the student's name and the school or organization for whose benefit the student is soliciting. However, all solicitors must respect the wishes of residents who do not want to be disturbed. By posting a “no solicitors” sign, by ordinance, they should not solicit your residence and their permit can be revoked for such violations.

**NO LEFT TURN TO PARK:** Whenever there is a double yellow line on the roadway, it is illegal to turn left, over the double yellow line for on street parking. On Penfield Street in front of the Village Hall and post office and along Gould Street are examples of “no left turn for parking”. This law does not apply to pulling into a private driveway, alley, street or garage.

**FIREWORKS:** It shall be unlawful for any person to knowingly possess, offer for sale, expose for sale, sell at retail or use or explode any fireworks. The entire ordinance complete with definitions is available on the Village and police departments website.

**CURFEW:** In 1995 the Village of Beecher adopted an ordinance to coincide with Will County's curfew ordinance. A brief overview of the curfew times are as follows:

**Age 16 or 17 - 10:00 pm Sunday thru Thursday & 12:00 am Friday & Saturday;**  
**Age 13, 14 & 15 - 9:00 pm Sunday thru Thursday & 11:00 pm Friday & Saturday;**  
**Age 12 or under - 8:00 pm Sunday thru Thursday & 10:00 pm Friday & Saturday.**

Exceptions to the curfew times are; unless accompanied and supervised by a parent, legal guardian or responsible companion at least 21 years of age who has prior approval of the legal parent or guardian; or, if the minor is engaged in a business or occupation, attending an official school function, religious ceremony, activity or other event sponsored by a not for profit community organization, or is traveling directly to or from home for any event or activity specified above. A copy of the entire ordinance can be obtained online at the police department website.

**DOG TAGS:** All dogs kept within the Village must have a valid rabies vaccination and current Village dog tag. The cost of the tag is \$10.00 annually expiring March 15<sup>th</sup> of each year (the rabies vaccination must be done by your veterinarian). Having a dog is a rewarding experience but also a big responsibility. Dogs are animals and need control by their owner. Remember to leash your dog when out in public and pick up after your dog by removing any excrement. Any violation of the dog ordinance is a \$100.00 fine, a court action or both. Being a responsible pet owner means being a good neighbor also, mainly by keeping your yard clean of “dog poop”. Please pick up after your dog on a regular basis; keep current on all shots and vaccinations; leash your dog in public and register the dog at the Village Hall for the annual dog license.

