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CITIZENS ON PATROL

By: Miriam Leech

ARE EYES AND EARS OF BLOOMINGDALE COMMUNITY

While driving through the Bloomingdale area it is not uncommon to spot them guarding crosswalks, assisting motorists or directing traffic. These volunteers are members of the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) Citizens on Patrol (COP) initiative. They serve a vital role in our neighborhood, and the Bloomingdale Homeowners Association is hoping residents will want to fill additional patrol shifts, especially on weekends.



Photo: Miriam Leech

As volunteer COPs, Bloomingdale resident Kathy Samuelsen and her partner, Kelly Polick, keep their eyes and ears on the Bloomingdale area during the evening hours.

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AREA RESIDENTS TAKE TO THE STREET FOR SIXTH ANNUAL PLAZA BELLA PINK WALK

By: Kim Miller

Plaza Bella (Bell Shoals Road and Bloomingdale Avenue), hosted its 6th annual breast cancer awareness walk on Saturday, Oct. 19, in conjunction with breast cancer awareness month. Roz Creager, Green Boutique owner, originally came up with the idea of the Pink Walk after being part of the American Cancer Society, and serving on its board for 13 years in Tampa. She chaired the breast cancer fashion show, and was part of the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer fundraisers held in Tampa. Said Creager, "I thought why we don't do something like this out in Brandon?" Six years and five events later, \$80,000 has been raised by the walk for breast cancer treatment and research. Roz hopes this year's total exceeds the \$23,000 raised at the 2012 Pink Walk.

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Photo: Kim Wallace

Green Boutique owner, Roz Creager, captures the enthusiastic crowd prior to this year's Pink Walk.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"I would rather sit on a pumpkin, and have it all to myself, than be crowded on a velvet cushion." *Henry David Thoreau*

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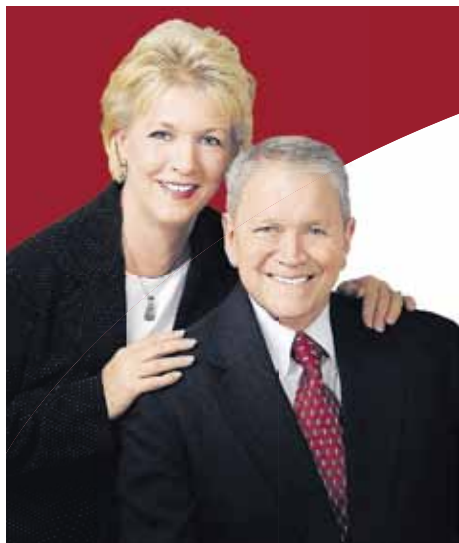
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SIXTH ANNUAL PLAZA BELLA PINK WALK (CONT.)

Money raised from the walk is donated to a charity selected by Plaza Bella and the Kiwanis Club. This year's recipient was the Brandon Outreach Clinic, which was presented with a \$1000 check. The YMCA's LIVESTRONG program also benefitted from a gift basket raffle. The baskets were filled with products donated from the various businesses in Plaza Bella.

Approximately 370 walkers participated in the 2013 Pink Walk, some registered as individuals, some as teams. The largest team registered was from River Hills, with 57 members. Participants choose between two routes. The first route, known as the "Diva Strut," starts at Plaza Bella and goes to the Bloomingdale library and back. Roz explained that many of the survivors, those presently in treatment, or who just finished treatment choose this route. "It gives them a sense of accomplishment," explained Roz. The second route (a 5k) can either be walked or run from Plaza Bella to Natures Way in Bloomingdale East and back.

Like last year's event, the walk was dedicated to Antoinette Ceullar, a dear friend of Roz's who passed away in 2012 after a personal fight with the disease. The walk Ambassador was 87 year old Maria Tadeo, honored for her fight with the disease. Maria sat in her wheelchair and listened as her granddaughter, Annie Hudgens, spoke eloquently about her "Mima," about "journeys in life, and moments that change us."



Photo: Kim Miller
Pink Walk participants take to the sidewalk for the 2013 event.



Photo: Kim Miller
Brandon Outreach Clinic gratefully accepts check
from Brandon Kiwanis Club.



Photo: Kim Miller
Walk Ambassador Maria "Mima" Tadeo, granddaughter
Annie Hudgens (L), and daughter Miriam Vidal (R).

READING, WRITING, AND 'RITHMETIC HELP COMES TO BLOOMINGDALE

By: Suzanne Jones

GradePower Learning celebrated its grand opening on Oct. 10 with a Brandon Chamber of Commerce ribbon cutting ceremony. The new educational facility is located in the Royal Oaks Shopping Plaza, on the corner of Bloomingdale Avenue and Lithia Pinecrest Road. Staff and educators were on hand to explain the new learning center's offerings and teaching approach to the area-business representatives and others who attended the event.

GradePower is a North American company that originated in 1984 when founder Dr. Nick Whitehead opened the Oxford Learning Center in London Ontario Canada. Now a franchise company, Oxford/GradePower offers an array of educational programs in 140 centers across the U.S., Canada, the Bahamas and Bermuda.



Photo: Suzanne Jones

Center Director Andrew Learned wields the
Brandon Chamber of Commerce's ribbon cutting
scissors at GradePower's October grand opening.

The Bloomingdale-area GradePower Learning center offers after-school educational support for students of all ages and grades. Offerings include: SAT/ACT Test Prep, A.P. and Honors Support, Early Reading & Development, Homework Support, Math, Reading, Writing, Science, ADD/ADHD, and ESOL. The opening was planned to coincide with the Fall SAT and ACT test preparation schedule as well as the school's first semester report cards.

"It's a perfect time to introduce Grade Power here in Brandon," said Center Director Andrew Learned. (Yes, that's really his name.) "College entrance exams and the first grading period are critical to both getting into a good university as well as winning the scholarship that might make college affordable; success is critical and could reap results for years to come."

Grade Power is located at 3212 Lithia Pinecrest Rd. Ste. 102, Valrico, FL 33596. For more information about Grade Power or any of its programs please contact Andrew Learned at (813) 689-6527, or via email at SouthBrandonFL@GradePowerLearning.com.

THINGS TO DO THIS MONTH

Don your sweater or jacket and enjoy the many activities and events the area offers during November.

For the Kids

7th Annual Chalk & Walk Art Fest / Nov. 2 / 1-3 p.m. / Center Place Fine Arts & Civic Association, Inc. / 619 Vonderburg Drive, Brandon / Create your own masterpiece, plus activities, demonstrations, performances, magic, face painting, music, and more. Each artist will receive a box of chalk, a sidewalk section, coupons and fun items from local businesses. Free community event for ages 3 and up. Tickets are required. For more information, visit www.centerplacebrandon.org.

Freckleface Strawberry The Musical / Nov. 22 / 7 p.m. / Center Place Fine Arts & Civic Association, Inc. / 619 Vonderburg Drive, Brandon / Family musical based on the best-selling book by actress Julianne Moore. Themes are self-esteem, bullying, growing up. Center Place Family Theater shows recommended for ages 3 and up. Free General Public Show sponsored by State Farm. All shows are approximately 50 minutes long. Call 813-685-8888.

Lego Block Party / Nov. 24 / 2-4 p.m. / Bloomingdale Library Community Room/ 1906 Bloomingdale Ave. / Kids use Lego building blocks to have a fun, creative, interactive afternoon. For grades K-5. Funded by the Friends of the Bloomingdale Regional Library. Call 813-273-3652.

For the Adults

Cork & Olive Date Night / Nov. 2 / 5:30 p.m.-midnight / 1026 Bloomingdale Ave., Brandon / Grab your significant other and enjoy a night out on the town and support a worthy cause. The Village Early Learning Center's Date Night at Cork & Olive Wine Bar & Café includes Karaoke, tasty hor d'oeuvres, and a glass or two of wine. Non-wine drinkers may purchase soda, juice, mixed drinks and water. Fifteen percent (15%) of proceeds go to Families of Spinal Muscular Atrophy (FSMA). Reduced rate childcare of \$10 per child for parents attending the event is available at the Village Early Learning Center, 3741 Canoga Park Drive. For more info please call 813-651-0779.

Lowry Park's Zoofari / Nov. 2 / 7-11 p.m. / Lowry Park Zoo / This is one of Tampa's biggest, tastiest, and "wildest" all-inclusive food festivals. For one ticket price, guests can go on a sampling of the Bay area's best restaurants, enjoy open bars, browse the "Art Safari" art auction and dance to live music. Tickets are \$65 and can be purchased online at www.lowryparkzoo.com or call 813-935-8552.

Jazz Under the Stars / Nov. 10 / 6 p.m. / St. Andrews United Methodist Church / 3315 Bryan Road, Brandon / Community-wide FREE concert featuring the Jazz Legacy Big Band. Bring a non-perishable food item to donate to ECHO. Visit www.saumc.net or call 813-689-6949, ext. 224.

Corks and Forks 2013 / Nov. 15 / 7-10 p.m. / Poolside at the Campo Family YMCA / 3414 Culbreath Road, Valrico / With this year's theme, Night of the Stars, will have guests enjoying an evening of enchantment and glamour at this annual fundraiser, featuring cuisine from a variety of local restaurants and vendors. Wine tasting, live auction, raffle, DJ and dancers. Open to the public; all funds raised go back into

the community and help kids discover the magic of the YMCA. Tickets \$75; \$25 for military and include beer, wine, food, and entertainment. Dress like a "Star." Call 813-684-1371.

Talk at Congregation Beth Shalom of Brandon / Nov. 21 / 7:30 p.m. / 706 Bryan Road, Brandon / Adult education; representative of The Victor Center for the Prevention of Jewish Genetic Diseases will speak on genetic diseases found in the Jewish population. Free and open to the public. Call 813-681-6547.

Craft Fairs and Holiday Events

Barnes & Noble Holiday Book Fair to Benefit the Brandon Ballet / Nov. 3 / 1-3 p.m. / 122 Brandon Town Center / It is the perfect time to start making holiday purchases, so support the Brandon Ballet by spending an afternoon of shopping and fun at Barnes & Noble. Present flyer or use book fair ID #11208964 at check out and a portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Ballet. This includes Nook e-Readers and accessories. Call 813-684-4282.

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ONGOING EVENTS/ACTIVITIES

Gifts & Crafts Fair / Nov. 9 / 10 a.m.-3 p.m. / The Bridges Retirement Community / 11350 Bloomingdale Avenue, Riverview / Get ready to shop because it is that time of year again! This one-stop holiday shopping event features over 35 vendors. Shoppers will have an extensive selection of unique handcrafted and manufactured products to select from including holiday decorations, handmade crafts, stylish jewelry and handbags, bath products, sweet treats and much more. Shopping is FREE and open to the public; admission and parking is free. Call 813-413-8900.

Metropolitan Ministries Holiday Tent Blessing / Nov. 20 / 11 a.m. / Metropolitan Ministries Holiday Tent / 400 West Palm Avenue, Tampa / 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.: Prayer and Worship; 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.: Lunch. The Rev. Morris E. Hintzman and the staff and partners of Metropolitan Ministries invite you to join them as our community comes together to witness God's spirit move in powerful ways. RSVP by Nov. 15 to Kathy Myers at 813-209-1039 or kathy.myers@metromin.org.

Holiday Tea / Nov. 24 / 2 p.m. / Center Place Fine Arts & Civic Association, Inc. / 619 Vonderburg Drive, Brandon / Break out your hats and holiday attire. Scones, holiday teas, tea sandwiches, and assorted desserts will be provided. Special holiday entertainment, Silent Night Auction for holiday gifts, and prizes for best hat and best table. Tickets \$35 per person; table sponsors \$250 (table of 8) (table sponsors will set and decorate their own table). Reservations by Nov. 8th. Call 813-685-8888.

Christmas Town at Busch Gardens / Select Friday, Saturday, and Sunday Nights Beginning Nov. 29 / 6-11 p.m. / Busch Gardens Tampa is transformed into a holiday wonderland of wintry surprises for 18 select nights through December 23. Guests will be immersed in special Christmas entertainment, live music, festive treats, holiday shopping, and thousands of twinkling lights, and everyone's favorite attraction, SnowWorld, returns for even more snow! Christmas Town is a separate-ticketed event. Families with children 3-9 will enjoy special \$10 advance tickets for their youngest members. Single-night tickets start at \$40. Visit www.seaworldparks.org.

Cork & Olive Wine Tasting and Jazz

Looking for an evening out in the Bloomingdale area? Cork & Olive Wine Bar & Cafe, located in the Plaza Bella Shopping Center (formerly located next to the Rolling Pin Kitchen Emporium on Brandon Parkway), hosts Jazz music every Wednesday, 7-9 p.m., with 2 for 1 house wines, and again on Fridays and Saturdays 8-11:30 p.m. On Nov. 20, the shop will host a Mini-Happy Hour Shopping Event, with various vendors selling their wares from 6:30-9 p.m. and offering 2 for 1 house wines. Also look for their monthly Sip and Dip Events, held the last Thursday of every month. For \$10 customers receive five tickets good for wine tastings, and there are featured wine discounts and music. Because of Thanksgiving, November's Sip and Dip will be held Nov. 21. For more information, call 813-315-9856.



Photo: Miriam Leech

Cork & Olive offers customers free home delivery of a case or more within five miles of the store. They also keep track of customers' favorite wines, and sell an additional product line of imported extra virgin olive oils, specially blended spices, natural sea salts, hand-blown glassware and other wine related gifts.



Photo: Miriam Leech

The Wine Bar & Café moved from Brandon Crossroads Shopping Center to its current Bloomingdale location (Bloomingdale Avenue and Bell Shoals Road) in January of this year following owner Jane Standstill's purchase of the business.



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CITIZENS ON PATROL (CONTINUED FROM COVER)

By: Miriam Leech

a special kind of person to volunteer in this capacity, and I can't say enough about how great these citizens are," explains Deputy Lorraine Jordan, COP coordinator.

There are approximately 15 volunteer COPs in Bloomingdale, and a total of 75 in Hillsborough County including those in Apollo Beach, FishHawk, Brandon; and the areas of Lutz, Town & Country, and Citrus Park; and in Westside areas. Volunteers range in age from 20 to 80 years old, and are required to perform 12 hours of duty each month for a minimum of 4 hours per shift. "Citizens on Patrol have proven incredibly helpful in our community," commented BHA President George May. "More weekend patrols could help with traffic management, including traffic control for accidents we see occurring."

Bloomingdale resident Kathy Samuelson was part of the first class of volunteers to graduate from COP training in March 2007. "It is a very worthwhile program because we are providing a great service and helping the men and women who protect us every day," said Samuelson, referring to the HCSO deputies who value the citizen volunteers.

COP volunteers are a valuable asset to the HCSO because they are able to help in situations when a deputy may be needed elsewhere. COPs provide vacation watch for neighbors who request a patrol past their home while away, and provide coverage for schools when crossing guards are not able to show up for duty. Jordan explained that COPs are very instrumental in calling in aggressive or erratic driving that they may witness when on patrol. "They are instructed to follow the reported vehicle until a deputy can take over pursuit," said Jordan. Many times this leads to a DUI arrest.

These volunteers are also helpful in locating and tracking vehicles or suspects who may be wanted by the authorities. They do this by keeping a safe distance and communicating by radio. COP volunteers may write tickets only for handicapped parking and fire lane violations.

Many COPs volunteer as much as 40-50 hours per month, with patrols taking place between 6 a.m. and midnight and always with a partner. Each volunteer has



Photo: Miriam Leech

Citizens on Patrol, a community volunteer initiative of the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office, is a valuable asset to the HCSO—helping in situations when a deputy may be needed elsewhere.

the flexibility to set his/her own calendar.

On Nov. 5, 15 new volunteers will begin training in performing CPR, using community patrol car radios, directing traffic, and assisting motorists. All volunteers must pass a physical exam and a background check. Contact Deputy Jordan at (813) 247-8223, or ljordan@hcsotampa.fl.us, if interested in becoming a member of the COP program. The program is always in need of more volunteers.

FRIDAY NIGHT HOOPS

GIVES TEENS A SHOT AT SAFE, LATE-NIGHT FUN



The Campo YMCA held its second Friday Night Hoops on Friday, Oct. 18. The after-hours event kept area teens entertained from 9:30 p.m. to midnight with scrimmages, a 3-on-3 tournament and contests.

Forty kids showed up at the first Friday Night Hoops in September, and the October event attracted 20 teens ready to alley-oop their way to midnight. "The highlight of the night for me was the dunk contest. It was awesome to see the teens try to outdo each other with the best and most creative dunk," said Kaliegh Hincman, Campo YMCA Sports Director. "The Campo Y decided to hold the event as an alternative option for teens in the area. A lot of times the 12-17 age group gets overlooked and there aren't many opportunities for them. This event gives them something different to do on a Friday night other than partying, while being in a safe and controlled environment."

The Campo Y plans on offering Friday Night Hoops (a.k.a. Midnight Basketball) about once every quarter starting in 2014. (Another one is not planned for the remainder of this year due to all the holidays.) The cost is planned to be the same: \$10 for facility members/\$15 for program members.



Twenty teens showed up to dribble their way to midnight in the second Friday Night Hoops event held by the Campo YMCA on Oct. 18.

KIDS SEND THANKS

By: Miriam Leech

Donavan Marshall, a senior at Bloomingdale High School, and his brother, Eric, a 4th grader at Valrico Academy, took part in the Holiday Cards for Troops Kids Night held Sept. 25 at Center Place Fine Arts & Civic Association. Kids ages 8-15 punched, stamped, glued, and bedazzled patriotic themed cards, and included personal notes of thanks to be sent to troops deployed overseas. Event organizer and Stampin' Up representative Susan Saunders said, "I get teary when I read the nice things these kids write in their cards." Kids Night was a partner to the 6th Annual Holiday Cards for Troops community event that took place on Oct. 5. Hundreds of blank holiday cards are handmade and sent to servicemen and women far away from home to be used later to correspond with their families. The thank you cards made at the kids' event will be included in the boxes of holiday cards.



Photo: Miriam Leech

Bloomingdale resident Eric Marshall shows off his finished thank you note made at the Holiday Cards for Troops Kids Night event on Sept. 25.



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6-8 p.m.

Soul Circus Cowboys
8:30-11:30 p.m.



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10

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The 2013 Bloomingdale Homeowners Association (BHA) membership drive is 60 days shy of completion. At \$25 a year, BHA dues are some of the lowest, if not the lowest, in Hillsborough County. For seven cents a day, your dues payment allows the BHA to provide a myriad of programs and activities all aimed at bettering the community that the organization serves. Remember, 100 percent of collected dues go back to our community.

So what does your money do for the community? The volunteer board approves an annual budget which covers operating expenses, including the part-time BHA staff consisting of an office manager, the Gazette editor and reporters, and a webhost. While the Bloomingdale Gazette is a monthly information resource for residents, the office manager is available Monday through Thursday to answer resident questions via phone and email.

In addition, each year the BHA provides the community with programs designed to build community cohesiveness and pride. At a minimum, these include an annual spring clean-up day for disposing of bulk trash, the awarding of a \$2,000 scholarship to a Bloomingdale resident attending Bloomingdale High School, a Fall Festival, a website, a Facebook page, and for the past 25 years, a Santa and Mrs. Claus visit and charity food drive.

Over the past eight years, the BHA spearheaded a neighborhood naming and sign installation project for 10 neighborhoods that were unnamed by the original developer. Of the ten, two neighborhoods remain to be named and signed. This project should be completed before the end of 2014. The BHA also assists with maintaining neighborhood standards through the deed restriction enforcement program. Currently, the association is exploring a first-ever deed restriction update with residents in Bloomingdale Estates, one of the oldest neighborhoods in our community. Finally, the BHA is heavily involved in communicating with local and state government agencies on issues affecting our community, such as the "Big Box" project, and the widening of Bell Shoals Road.

None of the BHA programs are free, and your support is urgently needed. If you wish to view the annual budget and monthly financials, contact the office manager at 813-681-2051, or by email at bloomingdale.homeowners@gmail.com.

Again, we would like to thank those that have already joined, donated to our scholarship fund, or purchased a "Neighborhood Pride" license plate. If you haven't received your notice, you can still pay by check made payable to the BHA, PO Box 7221, Brandon, FL 33508. An easier method is to use our new PayPal option. Go to www.bloomingdalegazette.com, look for the PayPal link, and follow the simple instructions provided. A \$1 processing fee is added.

Your donation funds valuable BHA community programs and activities:

Monitoring of local and state government issues affecting Bloomingdale

Assistance with maintaining neighborhood standards

Spring clean-up

Annual scholarship

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Website & Facebook presence

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Santa and Mrs. Claus

Special projects like neighborhood naming/ sign installation

BHA office, web, and Gazette staff to help inform and support the community

BLOOMINGDALE REAL ESTATE & HOUSING

By: Dina White

It's a great time for real estate in Tampa Bay and surrounding areas, even as the season turns from the busy summer months to the grind of the school year and anticipation of the holiday frenzy! Homeowners and sellers find themselves in a low-inventory market, with high demand, allowing some to walk away with enough profit to put towards relocation, upsizing, and/or retirement.



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Bloomingdale is no exception to these trends with its homes in high demand thanks to the pride of residents, excellent location, and access to Hillsborough's finest schools such as Cimino and Alafia elementary, Burns Middle school and Bloomingdale High. Realtors have pre-approved buyers and renters looking to purchase in Bloomingdale, but struggle to find inventory and are waiting for the right house to come on the market. Current residents who are

thinking about upsizing or downsizing while remaining in Bloomingdale, remain on the fence about selling, not realizing the demand and value for their home. A serious homebuyer will hunt throughout the holidays and work with sellers on a closing date that works for both parties.

Thank you for reading the first of many real estate columns in the Gazette, specific to Bloomingdale's real estate trends. My goal is to arm Bloomingdale and its prospective residents with information about these trends, their home values, and steps they can take to assist in maintaining Bloomingdale's prestige. As a member of the Bloomingdale Homeowners Association (BHA) and licensed Realtor, it's my sincere hope to see our community working together to increase our real estate potential. Check back next month for more Bloomingdale real estate buzz and tips on how minor aesthetic improvements can increase your home's value.

Real Estate Statistics for Bloomingdale East and West from September 15 – October 15. (All data was pulled from MLS and public records with a cut-off date of 15 October 2013. Does not include For Sale or Rent by Owners. Below prices and data varies depending on conditions of sale, financing,

square footage, bedrooms, location, etc. and should be used as a guideline only. For specific data and a comprehensive analysis specific to your neighborhood or home's marketability and value or overall real estate questions, please contact me directly.)

Total homes sold: **18**

Foreclosures sold: **1**

Short Sales sold: **3**

Average Days on Market
(Cumulative: until Pending Sale): **16**

Average Days to Contract: **14**

Average Days to Close: **72**

Average List Price
(not including Short Sales or Foreclosures): **\$215,521**

Average Sold Price
(not including Short Sales or Foreclosures): **\$210,829**

Number of Homes currently for Rent: **49**

Average price of monthly rent: **\$1689**

Number of Total Homes currently for sale
(not under contract): **34**

Number of homes Active w/ Contract or Pending sale: **48**

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Now that the dust has settled from the renovations at Bloomingdale Senior High School (BSHS), Principal Sue Burkett, and Assistant Principal/Athletic Director Donny Peek are turning their attention to some additional projects involving the school's sports programs. In particular, the school is setting its sights on a field house, a locker room for the women's softball team, a concession stand and restrooms—all in the area of the softball, baseball, and football fields.

For years now, fans attending softball and baseball games have missed innings having to make the journey to the restrooms at Charley Harris Stadium or they must use mobile facilities. The girls softball team has never has a locker room. A small concession stand was erected from the efforts put forth by softball and baseball parents, a few years ago. Now, behind the fundraising efforts of the school, which was matched by the school district, the first phase of the project is ready to commence.

Raising funds for the second phase of the project (the field house) is proving to be a daunting task. The district does not match funds raised by the school, so the total cost rests on BSHS—approximately \$100,000 for a 3,000 square foot building. Gate receipts do not help with this cost as many people might assume. Money collected at the gates for sporting events does not come directly back to the school. Those monies are sent downtown to a general fund where the money is dispersed amongst the schools for referees, lighting, uniforms, equipment, etc. Only if BSHS meets their incentive goal of \$80,000, does the school get anything extra; that number was not met last year.

The field house will sit between the existing hospitality house and the tennis courts. It will house a locker room and restroom dedicated to the football

program, a weight room, a multipurpose room, two more locker rooms for other sports, another restroom, a laundry facility, and a coaches' office.

Peek said, "We want our student-athletes to be proud to attend Bloomingdale and be part of something special. We want to not only be known for our academics and our band, but our athletics as well. To do that we have to show our student-athletes we are serious. It is known that exercise, whether it is through organized athletics or on your own, enhances academic/intellectual thought processes. It is a stress reliever. If the student-athlete comes to Bloomingdale because they love our academics, and then sees our beautiful athletic facilities, it's a bonus for us." Peek is also the brainchild behind the mandatory once weekly study halls for freshman athletes and those whose grades aren't quite hitting the mark, and are deemed ineligible.

Both Burkett and Peek would like to see the support of the community, alumni, students, parents, and local businesses. "Hey, if someone wants to donate a huge amount of money to cover the costs for the field house, I have no problem naming that field house after them," exclaimed Peek. There will be a donors' wall, and etched brick pavers sold as a fundraiser for \$100 each will surround the field house. The pavers are a great way for alumni, students, businesses, and families of Bloomingdale to be a permanent part of the facility.

So, the question remains, "If they build it, will they come?" That will be up to the efforts of the administration of BSHS, along with support from the Bloomingdale community. Look for more information on how and when you can join the excitement by helping BSHS build a new Field House "One-Seat-At-A-Time."



A new field house at Bloomingdale High is hoped one day to stand between the hospitality house and the tennis courts.

Photo: Kim Miller

The BSHS Athletic Department is raising funds for the new field house through their One-Seat-At-A-Time Campaign.



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ADAM'S GARDEN HOLDS CEREMONY

By: Miriam Leech

AND SPECIAL MEANING FOR BLOOMINGDALE FAMILY

A beautiful, serene place of reflection can be found on the grounds of Brandon Regional Hospital. It's called Adam's Garden. But for Bloomingdale couple Kristi and Scott Allred, the garden is that and so much more. Adam's Garden is named in honor of their son, who on May 8, 2004, did not survive the complications of his birth at 38 weeks. "It is such a special, special place for us, and such an honor," says Kristi.

On Oct. 15, families who lost babies before or at birth gathered to honor their child's memory at the 7th Annual Pregnancy & Infant Loss Remembrance Ceremony, which took place in Adam's Garden. And as they do every year, the Allreds attended along with their son Matthew. Scott helped open the ceremony, addressing how Adam's loss forever changed their lives and what a wonderful big brother Matthew would have been. Matthew was just 2 years old when Adam passed away.

The remembrance ceremony is part of the Perinatal Bereavement Program at BRH, developed by nurse Laurie Van Damme, who was on duty the day that Adam was lost. She said, "I knew we had done everything we could to try to save Adam, but afterward I felt like we should have done more for his family." Van Damme was inspired to begin the bereavement program and to create the garden because she was so touched by the Allreds, and by Adam.

Columns in the garden hold tiles with the names of babies lost too soon. This year, the nurses and physicians at BRH are paying for an extension to Adam's Garden. Two new columns of tiles were in place for the latest ceremony, and the remainder of the extension should be complete later in the year.

The remembrance ceremony included a few words from hospital staff and local clergy, and families were invited to share their story of loss. The ceremony also included candle lighting, musical performances, and a slide presentation of photos of the babies lost.

Adam's Garden is located at the northeast corner of the BRH lawn at Parsons Avenue and Oakfield Drive in Brandon.



Photo: Miriam Leech

A decorative arch welcomes visitors to Adam's Garden, a place of remembrance for Adam Allred and all babies who lost their lives before or at birth.

Bloomingdale residents Kristi, Scott, and Matthew Allred attend the 7th Annual Pregnancy & Infant Loss Remembrance Ceremony in Adam's Garden, named for their son who was lost May 8, 2004.



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Guests light candles as in Adam's Garden as part of the Oct. 15 the ceremony at Brandon Regional Hospital.

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MORE ITEMS RECYCLABLE WITH NEW ROLL CARTS

Bloomingtondale is on a roll with the new automated trash collection system. Most residents are positioning their roll carts in an acceptable place and facing them the correct way. Understanding Single Stream Recycling is the next step. There are two major advantages to the new automated single stream collection: no more sorting items into blue and green bins (all recyclables go into the Blue roll cart to be separated later at a recycling facility), and more items are approved for recycling. The following list of acceptable and unacceptable items was included in your Hillsborough County "Fill It. Tilt It." information packet distributed with the new containers.



THESE ITEMS GO IN THE BLUE RECYCLING CART:

CONTAINERS

- ♻ Glass bottles and jars
- ♻ Aluminum cans and foil
- ♻ Steel and tin cans
- ♻ Aseptic containers and gable top cartons (milk jugs, juice boxes)

PAPER

- ♻ Paperboard (cereal boxes, food and beverage boxes)
- ♻ Mail, magazines, newspapers and advertisements
- ♻ Writing papers, pads and notes
- ♻ Corrugated cardboard boxes (flattened)
- ♻ Paper bags
- ♻ Any other paper that is clean, unsoiled and tears

PLASTICS

- ♻ All plastics labeled No. 1 through 7 on the bottom of the item
- ♻ Grocery and shopping bags
- ♻ Plastic packaging
- ♻ Plastic film (cereal box liners, clean plastic storage bags)

Bundle up loose plastic bags, plastic packaging and plastic film into a single bag, and tie securely, before placing in the cart. Toss all other recyclables in the cart, without bagging.

THESE ITEMS CANNOT BE PROCESSED:

- ♻ Soggy or solid paper that has been used for cleaning people or pets
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STRIDES

By: Kim Miller

FOR EDUCATION

On Saturday, Nov. 23, the Hillsborough Education Foundation will host the second annual "Strides for Education Walk/Run" to raise funds for scholarships for Hillsborough County school students. The fundraiser will take place at the Tampa Bay Times Forum Plaza, 401 Channelside Drive. Registration begins at 7:30a.m. and the walk/run begins at 9 a.m.

One hundred percent of the funds raised by the students and their families will be placed in the Bloomingdale High School scholarship fund, which is managed by the Hillsborough Education Foundation. This money is then used to award scholarships, at the end of the school year to deserving juniors and seniors.

Many schools participate as teams. Last year Bloomingdale Senior High School took home bragging rights. Walk participants raised the most money (\$10,600) in 11 days and were awarded \$14,000 by the foundation for scholarships. Those scholarships were awarded by blind evaluation to seniors who submitted essays. The Bulls also were also home to the top fundraiser, alumni Vincent Roth.

This year Bloomingdale would like to exceed last year's effort, and reach the goal of \$20,000!

Bloomingdale students who participate can also earn community service hours. All students that successfully volunteer for three "stride-related" events, participate in the walk/run, and raise at least \$100 can earn 25 hours of community service. Students that raise more than \$250 will have the opportunity to earn additional hours.

Again this year the Hillsborough Education Foundation is offering their own incentives: the top fundraising student will win an Apple iPad, the top fundraising high school will receive \$5000 in bonus funds toward their scholarship fund.

Ms. Leena Hasbini, college and career counselor at Bloomingdale High School, said, "This is such a good way to help students who are truly deserving based on their academics and community involvement."

For more information visit the Bloomingdale High School Guidance Website (<http://www.bloomingdaleguidance.org/>) and click on volunteer opportunities under Guidance Blog.



Bloomingdale High School student participants at 2012 Take Stock in Children's Strides for Education Tampa Bay 5K Scholarship Walk.

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BOY SCOUT PROJECT

By: Kayla Hayes

TO ADD NATURES WAY BENCHES

Bloomingtondale High School senior and troop 601 Boy Scout, Connor Hickie, is fundraising for a project to benefit the Bloomingtondale Community. Hickie is currently a Life Scout earning his Eagle Scout ranking by putting his "Bloomingtondale Benches" project into action.

Hickie's project includes the construction of two benches that will provide a place of rest for runners and walkers along Natures Way Blvd. The first bench will be built close to the Fairway Manor neighborhood, and the second bench (a memorial bench) will be built across from Cambridge Cove. The memorial bench is in honor of Zach McCarthy, a close friend of Hickie's who passed away in a car accident on Natures Way Blvd. on Jan. 2, 2013.

"It will be nice to always have a place to sit and remember him as a person, a friend and an angel," said Hickie, who continues to visit the location of his friend's accident the second of every month with a group of McCarthy's close friends. A metal plaque will be welded onto the bench commemorating McCarthy.

Hickie brought his project before the BSTD (Bloomingtondale Special Taxing District) on Aug. 16. "They loved the idea because they were in need of more benches anyway," he commented. "Each site will include an iron-welded bench, concrete slab and corresponding landscaping." Hickie hopes to have at least the memorial bench in place this year, the same year of McCarthy's passing.

Hickie's financial goal is to raise around \$2,400. "I am hoping that [the community] will be able to help me complete my project with a donation. No amount is too small," said Hickie. He thanks Bloomingtondale residents in advance for any support they can offer in completing this project and helping to achieve his goal as an Eagle Scout.

Contact Connor Hickie by phone (813-507-0284) or email (connorthickie@gmail.com). Checks should be made payable to Connor Hickie (noting Eagle Project in the memo field), and mailed to 4134 Spring Way Cr. in Valrico.



Photo: Kayla Hayes

BSHS senior, Connor Hickie, works to earn his Eagle Scout ranking by completing his community project, "Bloomingtondale Benches." Hickie is currently in the fundraising stage and hopes to have his project completed by the end of 2013.

CAN-DO ACTIVELY RAISING FUNDS

Staff Report

TO SUPPORT LAWSUIT



Coordinated Active Neighborhoods Development Organization (CAN-DO) has completed a lot of behind-the-scenes work since the Sept. 9 community meeting at the Bloomingtondale Regional Library concerning the planned big box/supercenter next to the library. "We congratulate 813CARE (Carrollwood Against Rezoning) for their successful fight against a Wal-Mart development in their neighborhood. It's an example of what can be accomplished when neighbors stand up against improper development in the places they live and work; the county and developer are now both working to find something acceptable to all sides," said Gretchen King, CAN-DO representative. "Unfortunately, Bloomingtondale CAN-DO has not been allowed the same courtesy with the county nor the developer Redstone." According to King, the group was "strongly encouraged to consider legal action" by County Commissioner Hagan, which is exactly what they are busy doing.

Bloomingtondale CAN-DO is now a recognized 501c(4) organization, has a PayPal account and a bank account, a post office box, and approved paperwork with the state to accept donations. Money raised will support the lawsuit challenge of the Hillsborough BOCC approval of a land development code text amendment that changed the development requirements on the 43-acre vacant site near the intersection of Bloomingtondale Avenue and Lithia Pinecrest Road.

Dedicated volunteers are making phone calls to those who have previously expressed interest in supporting the legal case. Other volunteers are going door to door to deliver informational flyers to help inform the neighborhoods. Plans are underway for community events to educate and fundraise. Offers of volunteer time and in-kind donations (printing services, accounting assistance, etc.) may be sent to bloomingdalebigbox@gmail.com. Donations are being accepted thru paypal at <http://www.bloomingtondalebigbox.com/Page.asp?ID=140> and checks are accepted at the mailing address (Bloomingtondale CAN-DO, PO Box 1028, Valrico FL 33595). Updates are posted on the Facebook page, BloomingtondaleBigBox.

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The bottom line is this: violation notices are not meant to anger residents, but to inform them that a complaint has been made; that the violation is contained in their mandatory neighborhood deed restrictions and/or Hillsborough County Code Ordinances; and that the BHA and, more importantly, their neighbors are asking that they quickly remedy the issue at hand.

The deed restriction and code enforcement system ensures neighborhood standards are maintained, and property values are protected. All residents benefit by having an active code enforcement program in place, and by abiding by the "rules." Communication between neighbors is the first step to avoiding violation notices. If you see a problem, talk to your neighbor; it is the quickest way to resolve a potential conflict.

To clarify the code enforcement process, know that code enforcement in the Bloomingdale community is a multi-organization system. In our mandatory HOA neighborhoods, deed restriction enforcement is performed by the individual neighborhood board or a property management company. Generally, these mandatory HOA neighborhoods have tremendous success with resident compliance. Our mandatory HOAs are able to compel residents to make corrections through mediation, the levying of fines and liens, and litigation.

For thirty-three years, BHA volunteer board members have worked in our voluntary HOA neighborhoods to encourage property owners to voluntarily comply with contractual deed restrictions. They investigate complaints, mediate voluntary settlements of neighbor disputes, and work with Hillsborough County to achieve the highest possible level of compliance with county housing and zoning laws.

Since March of this year, more than 300 county code and deed restriction violation notices have been mailed to Bloomingdale residents from the BHA. Many issues are resolved quickly, but a resident can receive up to three letters for deed restriction violations. If no corrections are made, the BHA informs the original complainant that they have two options: mediation and/or litigation. The BHA does not have the authority or resources to force resident compliance. Residents are simply asked to "do the right thing."

The last organization in our code enforcement system is Hillsborough County Code Enforcement. The BHA works very closely with our neighborhood enforcement officers. If a complaint is received and it is determined to be a county code violation, the BHA will forward the complaint immediately to the enforcement office. The code enforcer will inspect the property, and process the complaint as determined by his findings.

The BHA encourages residents to "do the right thing": know your mandatory deed restrictions, comply with violation notices, and, first and foremost, communicate with your neighbors. You, your neighbors, your neighborhood, and the Bloomingdale community will all benefit. If you get a violation notice and have questions, email or call us at 813-681-2051.

Do you have a question on deed restrictions or other local home ownership requirements? Email your questions to bloomingdale.homeowners@gmail.com, and check the Gazette for answers.

REMINDER!

Help keep our community from looking "Trashy"!

After the delivery of our new garbage and recycling bins, many residents have forgotten that unless it is trash day, the garbage/recycling bins must be out of sight. This means they must be behind your fence, enclosed behind a decorative enclosure or shrubbery barrier, or in your garage - **no exceptions.**

If your bins are too large, you may exchange them for a smaller size by contacting your Franchise Collector between January 15 and March 15, 2014. After the one-time "swap out" period, roll cart size changes will incur a \$30 charge. Information on the new service is available at www.HillsboroughCounty.org/TalkTrash, or call 813-272-5680.



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Restaurant owner Michael Sells greets guests at the eatery's unofficial opening.

Colorado-based franchise restaurant, The Egg & I opened its doors to the public on Oct. 7. Restaurant owners Michael and Renalda Sells started giving back to the community even before the official launch by hosting a 'soft opening' on Oct. 6 with 100% of proceeds going directly to benefit Emergency Care Help Organization (ECHO) of Brandon. Approximately 500 guests attended the event, which resulted in a \$5,000 donation to ECHO.

"We're thrilled with the funds raised from the Oct. 6 event," commented Kathy Collins, Events Coordinator for ECHO. "We are grateful for the partnership with Egg & I; it's wonderful that they chose us." The Sells reached out to ECHO after their son volunteered for the organization over the summer, and they hope to continue helping local charitable and other organizations in a variety of ways moving forward. On a day-to-day basis the restaurant offers up its private meeting room free of charge as one way to help groups in need of a space to meet. The room accommodates approximately 30 people. "The room is equipped with features like a 56" flat screen that can be used for presentations," explained Michael Sells. "We're pleased that numerous community groups have already taken advantage of the space."

As for the restaurant itself, the Sells consider the business off to a good start and are happy with the community's response.

"We are very pleased with how things are going so far. Guests are commenting that they really enjoy the food. We feel good about the staff service and quality of food we are serving." The Raspberry Granola Pancake is one of Michael's favorite breakfast pancakes on the menu.

The Egg & I will again support ECHO by preparing soup for the organization's February 2014 Empty Bowls event, which creates awareness about food insecurity and funds ECHO's initiatives to alleviate hunger.

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Kathy Collins, Event Coordinator for ECHO, shares a little about ECHO with restaurant goers at the Oct. 6 charitable event hosted by Egg & I. ECHO supplies food and clothing to Brandon residents who have experienced a recent emergency.

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BLOOMINGDALE RESIDENT

By: Miriam Leech

NAMED NATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT SEMI-FINALIST

Sept. 25 started out like any other day for Strawberry Crest High School International Baccalaureate (IB) student Daryl Bagley, Jr. But one announcement from his principal turned that day into one worth celebrating for the Bloomingdale resident and his family.

Bagley, a senior at Strawberry Crest, was called to the principal's office to learn that he has been named a National Achievement Scholarship Semi-Finalist. He also learned that he is a National Merit Commended Scholar. "I called my parents right after I found out," said the scholar, knowing it was the news his mom was hoping for.

Each fall most high school juniors across the nation take a standardized test called the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT). Based on their answers to specific questions, the students may qualify for prestigious scholarships and to participate in recognition programs conducted by the National Merit Scholarship Program. The National Achievement Scholarship Program recognizes Black American students who receive the highest scores on the PSAT/NMSQT. The National Merit Scholarship Program recognizes students overall who receive the highest scores on the PSAT/NMSQT. There are several levels of recognition—approximately 34,000 students receive Letters of Commendation.

In addition to being a top scholar and IB student, Bagley plays trumpet in the Strawberry Crest Charger band, is a member of the National Honor Society and Mu Alpha Theta math honor society, and helped found both the robotics club and strategy games clubs at his school.

Bagley hopes to attend Carnegie Mellon University after graduation, pursuing a degree in computer science. He was one of only 50 seniors selected to attend the university's summer academics program, and spent six weeks at the Pittsburgh campus last summer taking coursework in calculus, physics, English, SAT prep, and the admissions process, as well as completing two engineering projects in cyber security and animation art. "It really gave me a chance to see what college is like," said Bagley.

The senior must now submit an additional application to become a National Achievement finalist, and is one step closer to securing this very prestigious scholarship.

Daryl Bagley, senior IB student Strawberry Crest High School, displays a scrapbook filled with memorabilia from his accomplishments in academics and robotics. Bagley has been named a National Achievement Scholarship Semi-Finalist and a National Merit Commended Scholar.



SCHOOL NEWS

School events listed may be subject to change. Be sure to check with your school to confirm dates and times prior to attending events.

ALL SCHOOLS

Hillsborough County Public Schools will be holding its Great American Teach-In on Nov. 21. The Teach-In is an annual event for business and community leaders to become teachers for a day. Please contact local schools to volunteer. Fall Break runs Nov. 25-29.

BLOOMINGDALE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

- Nov. 6 Community Service Forum, 6:30-8 p.m. in BSHS cafeteria. Student volunteers are invited to meet representatives from over 20 Brandon charities and learn about various service hour opportunities.
- Nov. 7 Junior Parent Night, 6:30 p.m. in school auditorium. Guidance office representatives will present important information about the Free Junior SAT (to be held during the school day this year!), college planning guidelines and information.
- Nov. 21 Great American Teach-In: BSHS is actively recruiting volunteer speakers! Contact College & Career Counselor Leena Hasbini to volunteer: 813-744-8018 X293, Leena.Hasbini@sdhc.k12.fl.us.
- Nov. 23 Strides for Education, held at Tampa Bay Times Forum Plaza, Channelside. The 2nd Annual Walk/Run begins at 9 a.m. and raises funds for scholarships for Hillsborough County Public and Middle and High School students. Elementary School Running Clubs are also invited to participate in the Elementary Fun Run. Click on Strides for Education at EducationFoundation.com to register, form a team, and start raising funds.

CIMINO ELEMENTARY

- Nov 7 Panera Spirit Night. All purchases on that day will support Cimino.
- Nov 15 All Pro Dads. Breakfast for dads and kids at 7 a.m. in the multi-purpose room. RSVP required at CiminoAllProDads@gmail.com.
- Dec 5 Reading night and music concert. Event starts at 6 p.m.

BURNS MIDDLE SCHOOL

- Nov 7 Track Meet at East Bay
- Nov 15 Movie night/dinner from 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.
- Dec 5 Winter Chorus Concert at Bloomingdale HS 7 - 8 p.m.
- Dec 12 Math League 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- Dec 13 Orchestra & Chorus Holiday Performance

ATTENTION PARENTS, SCHOOL AND PTA REPRESENTATIVES

The Gazette wants to hear from you! We love to print stories about student achievements, fun/interesting school events and activities. Story ideas, photos etc. can be submitted to the Gazette at inbloomingtonnews@gmail.com. Submission deadline is approximately the 15th of the month prior to publication. We look forward to hearing from you!







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BULLS FOOTBALL SEASON

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Staff Report

BSHS has had an exciting season with some nail-biter victories, blowout wins, and a heartbreaking loss for their homecoming game against Plant City. Here's a look at their season so far:

23-12 (W) vs. Strawberry Crest (8/30)
 21-0 (W) at Brandon High (9/6)
 50-40 (L) at Plant High School (9/20)
 40-0 (L) vs. Plant City (played at Riverview-9/27)
 24-21 (W) vs. Alonso (10/4)
 13-12 (L) at East Bay High (10/11)
 27-24 (W) at Riverview (10/18)
 24-10 (W) vs. Newsome (10/25)
 vs. Norton (home) - 11/1 [scores unavailable]

Bloomington's football regular season finale is Nov. 8 at Middleton High School. Let's support our team and show them our appreciation for the terrific season they've had.

Don't miss all the BSHS Mens & Womens Basketball action this winter. The first mens varsity game will be held Dec. 5, and the first womens varsity game is scheduled for Nov. 12.



Coach John Booth and BSHS players Tyler Clark and Joshua Wright run on to the Riverview field before the Sept. 27 homecoming game against Plant City. The game was relocated to Riverview High School due to soggy field conditions at Bloomington High.

Photo: Courtesy Clark Sports Media

SHERIFF'S OPERATION MEDICINE CABINET

A RESOUNDING SUCCESS

By: Mack Austin



Photo: Mack Austin

Bloomington Community Service Officer Sandy Capitano, Master Deputy Curtis Warren, Deputy Chris Former, Kristi Campbell from Home Instead Senior Care and Deputy Jason Castillo prepare to load the outdated and unused drugs and medicines collected at the Sheriff's Oct. 10 Operation Medicine Cabinet.

The Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office completed another successful Operation Medicine Cabinet last month to help Brandon and Valrico residents properly dispose of their outdated and unused medicines and drugs. Working with Kristi Campbell from Home Instead Senior Care, District IV Sheriff's deputies collected over 408.75 lbs. of unused and outdated prescription medicines and drugs. That's over 400 lbs. of drugs that were collected and then destroyed so the drugs did not get abused or end up in our water system or landfills.

The Sheriff's Office would like to thank Hawthorne Village

Retirement Community for the use of their facilities during this project. Special thanks also to the Lithia-Pinecrest Publix Pharmacy, Ben's Family Restaurant, Bell Shoals Baptist Church and Ken's Barber Shop and many others for helping publicize this special event. A very special thank you to all of the Brandon and Valrico residents who took the time to bring in their expired and unused drugs and medicines for proper disposal and destruction!

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BLOOMINGDALE COMMUNITY STATION NOTES

By: CRD Master Deputy Curtis Warren

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MAKE YOURS A SAFE AND SECURE HOLIDAY SEASON!

Driving Safety:

- Teens – Make Your Holidays Safe. Teenagers love this time of year! Schools are out for the Thanksgiving holidays. There are lots of holiday sales and parties to go to. And they get more driving time.
- When you are driving, make the critical decision to wear your seat belt, and ensure that anyone riding with you wears a seat belt. No excuses; no magic involved—it's a personal decision each one of us (new and experienced drivers) must make.
- Adults - No one wants to be involved in an accident, especially one involving a drunk driver. So, don't be a drunk driver yourself! Do not drink and drive, or ride with those who do! Talk to your teens about the dangers of drinking and driving. A few minutes discussing the dangers and setting strict rules can save a life – your teen's life. Don't forget to set a good example by buckling up.

SECURITY AT HOME AND AWAY:

November marks the official beginning of the holiday season. Folks will be busy shopping, traveling and celebrating. We in the Sheriff's Office want all of our residents to stay safe and enjoy this special time of year.

- As a Shopper - Be extra cautious by staying aware of your surroundings and your actions. Do not leave your car unlocked, especially with the engine running. Do not leave packages or other valuables in your car. Lock them in the trunk. Lock up your vehicles at home too.
- As Homeowners - Prepare and secure your home before you head out traveling or even before you go shopping. Burglars drive through neighborhoods looking for "easy targets." Don't let your home be one! Special Security Watch requests can be completed at the Sheriff's Bloomingdale Community Station on Erindale Drive if you are going out of town.

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Thanksgiving offers another chance to celebrate the new daughter-in-law who joined our family this year and makes our journey even sweeter!
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