

## Bloomingtondale Heads Back 2 School!

See the story on pp. 12-13.



Photo: Wendy Knipp

**REFERENDUM PASSES!**  
See details on p. 8.

### QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"If opportunity doesn't knock, build a door." *Milton Berle*

## This Month



**BHA COMMUNITY CORNER**  
Page 4

**BHA FALL FESTIVAL APPROACHES!**  
Page 5

**COMMUNITY CALENDAR**  
Page 6

**REFERENDUM PASSES, THE COMMUNITY WINS!**  
Page 8

**BACK 2 SCHOOL**  
Pages 12-13

**RESIDENT PHOTO OF THE MONTH**  
Page 15

**BLOOMING**  
*Yard Art Special*  
Page 18

**SCHOOL NEWS**  
Pages 20-23

**PLEASE RECYCLE**


## WINNER

**2013, 2014 & 2016**

**Hillsborough County  
Neighborhood  
Recognition Award**

**Best Communications  
Newsletter Category**






# THE BLOOMINGDALE GAZETTE

## YOUR INSIDE CONNECTIONS

**Bloomingdale Homeowners Association, Inc.**  
 3509 Bell Shoals Road - Valrico, Florida 33596 - (813) 681-2051  
 Email: [Bloomingdale.Homeowners@gmail.com](mailto:Bloomingdale.Homeowners@gmail.com)  
 Website: [www.BloomingdaleHOA.com](http://www.BloomingdaleHOA.com)

BHA Board meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at the Bloomingdale Community Office.

**President:** *George T. May IV*  
**Vice President:** *Suzy Watts*  
**Secretary:** *Joanie Wilson*  
**Treasurer:** *Grace Lewis*



**Directors at Large:**  
*Daniel Berkowitz*  
*Sean Donahue*  
*Bobbi Ferraro*  
*Carl Hallinan*  
*Billy Hightower*  
*Beth Smedley*  
*Charlie Woodcock*

# YOUR COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER



**JOY BOISSELLE**  
**Editor - The Bloomingdale Gazette**  
 3509 Bell Shoals Rd.  
 Valrico, FL 33596 - (813) 681-2051  
 Email: [InBloomingdaleNews@gmail.com](mailto:InBloomingdaleNews@gmail.com)  
 Website: [www.BloomingdaleHOA.com](http://www.BloomingdaleHOA.com)

Design/Layout: Chris Pascucci, NTZ Studios  
 Staff Writers: Wendy Knipp, Deidre Morgan, Jessica Hinson  
 and Student Reporter: Jon Alfano

The official publication of the BHA since 1980

The Gazette is delivered free to Bloomingdale residents on the first Saturday of each month.



**ANDREA DALY** 

**Community Development  
 Program Manager, Advertising**  
 11268 Winthrop Main Street, Suite 101  
 Riverview, Florida 33578 - (813) 731-2490  
 Email: [adaly@tampabay.com](mailto:adaly@tampabay.com)

# What Can I Recycle in the Blue Cart?

Recyclables need to be empty and dry. Go bagless, place items loose in the cart.

## Yes, Toss These In:



Clean Plastic Bottles and Containers (caps on)



Dry Paper, Newspaper, and Junk Mail



Clean Milk and Juice Cartons



Clean Glass Bottles and Jars



Dry Paperboard Boxes



Clean Aluminum Cans



Dry Flattened Cardboard



Clean Steel and Tin Metal Containers

## When In Doubt - Leave It Out



NO Plastic Bags or Film



NO Polystyrene Foam or Styrofoam™



NO Soiled Paper Items



NO Clothing, Shoes, or Textiles



NO Garden Hoses, Cords, Ropes, or Wires



NO Electronics (Recycle at a Community Collection Center)



**Hillsborough County Florida**  
Public Works

670243-1

More recycling information: [HCFLGov.net/Recycling](http://HCFLGov.net/Recycling) • (813) 272-5680



## Yard of the Month



Photo: Wendy Knipp

Mary & Fredric Cachon 1318 Monte Lake Drive Valrico, FL 33596 (Bloomingdale Trace)



Yard of the Month is sponsored by Ace Hardware of Bloomingdale. Send your Yard of the Month nominations to: InBloomingdaleNews@gmail.com or call (813) 681-2051

Winners will receive a \$25 gift card redeemable at Ace Hardware of Bloomingdale



*Karastan...*  
our choices  
will floor you!

When you buy a Karastan carpet, you can feel confident you are purchasing the best flooring for your home. Karastan's textured carpeting is one of the most durable products that can be used in your home. *Karastan*

**NAFFCO**  
FLOORING & INTERIORS  
Proudly serving Tampa Bay  
*since 1937.*

**SOUTH TAMPA • 254-4066**  
1510 S. MacDill Ave.

**CARROLLWOOD • 961-1362**  
14306 N. Dale Mabry Hwy.

**BRANDON • 413-8313**  
1920 W. Brandon Blvd.

[www.NAFFCOFloorAndInteriors.com](http://www.NAFFCOFloorAndInteriors.com)

**18 MONTHS SAME AS CASH • NO INTEREST**

669802-1





# BHA COMMUNITY CORNER



**DON'T FORGET TO LIKE US ON FACEBOOK!**

## Support programs and services that benefit our community! Join the BHA!

The Fall Festival is right around the corner followed by our Santa visit and food drive in December. These are just two reasons we need you to join the BHA. Membership is not pro-rated and your \$35 membership is returned 100 percent to the community.

**Your \$35 supports** The Fall Festival, Annual Clean-Up Days. Advocacy for community improvements to county officials, The Award-Winning Bloomingdale Gazette, The HOA website, Facebook and Twitter Pages, Community-Wide Garage Sale, Santa Visit and Charity Food Drive, Yard of the Month and a Scholarship and Community Service Hour Program.

In addition, our Neighborhood Standards Program helps maintain our property standards and quality of life. We do not enforce deed restrictions; rather we work with county code officers to report code violations. See the standards list at [www.bloomingdalehoa.com](http://www.bloomingdalehoa.com). Finally, our office staff is ready to assist anyone with questions.

Make checks payable to the BHA and mail to 3509 Bell Shoals Road, Valrico, FL 33596, or stop by the office and drop off your payment. An easier method is to use our PayPal option. Go to [www.bloomingdalehoa.com](http://www.bloomingdalehoa.com), look for the PayPal link and follow the simple instructions.

The BHA is an IRC 501(c) (4) non-profit organization, run entirely by unpaid volunteers who live in your neighborhoods. All residents are welcome at our monthly board meetings on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Bell Shoals office.



## BHA EVENT CALENDAR

If you have events pending in our community, email [bloomingdale.homeowners@gmail.com](mailto:bloomingdale.homeowners@gmail.com), or call 813-681-2051. We will help you promote your event on our Facebook page.

**Monday, Sept 10, 6:30 p.m. / Bloomingdale Special Taxing District Monthly Trustee Meeting**, Bloomingdale Community Office, 3509 Bell Shoals Road. Call 813-684-6667 for information.

**Tuesday, Sept 11, 6:30 p.m. / BHA Monthly Board Meeting**, Bloomingdale Community Office, 3509 Bell Shoals Road. Residents always welcome. Call 813-681-2051 for information.

**Thursday, Sept 20, NEW TIME: 6 p.m. / Bloomingdale Area Community Council** chaired by Hillsborough County Deputy Cliff Fletcher, Bloomingdale Community Station, 3622 Erindale Drive, 813-635-8040. Learn about safety and security issues affecting our community.

## BHA BRIEFS

### Board Meeting Highlights and Other Board News

The August meeting focused on the upcoming Fall Festival.

### Office Reopens

The BHA office reopened on Aug. 30 following staff medical leave. If you have not been contacted after phone calls or emails, please reach out again. We apologize for the inconvenience.

### Natures Way Manhole Rehabilitation

Manhole repairs are ongoing along Natures Way from Elba Drive to Kingsford Drive. This project involves the repair of 10 manholes. The first round of manhole rehabilitations will be on three manholes north of Glenhaven Road up to Eastridge Drive. Natures Way will not be closed, but repair crews will utilize the inner lanes as work zones and keep outside lanes open.

**NOTE:** Be aware of "NO Left Turn" traffic signs from Glenhaven Dr, Elm Grove Ln, Eastridge Dr, and Moondale Dr. Those residents should use the Green Hollow Ln entrance to gain access to these streets. The traffic plan has not been approved at this time, but the visual below will give a general idea of what may come. The county project engineer anticipates 3-4 weeks to complete the first round of work.



Photo: Norbert Gobin

### \$20M "Facelift" Coming to Bloomingdale Square

The status of Bloomingdale Square has sparked many conversations. Thanks to Marc Elias, a Regency Centers leasing representative, the time has come to set the record straight. Bloomingdale Square will receive a \$20 million "re-development" over the next several years. "We want to see our tenants succeed," Elias stated.

Fencing surrounds the old Walmart in anticipation of demolition that should begin this month. Slated for the new space will be Publix and a second anchor store, HomeCentric. Other new additions at the nearly 300,000 sq ft store include First Watch Restaurant, Tropical Smoothie Café, GNC and Chicken Salad Chick. Another anchor store will join the list of tenants at the complex in the remaining space vacated by Publix.

Parking and landscaping improvements as well as a complete building façade "facelift" will provide a "fresh look" to the older shopping complex. A new traffic light is planned at the Bell Shoals entrance as well.



Walmart fenced in preparation for demolition.  
Photo: Dann Berkowitz

View the site plan at [www.regencycenters.com/pdffdocuments/GetPropertyPdf/150](http://www.regencycenters.com/pdffdocuments/GetPropertyPdf/150).







## Get Your “Boo!” On at the BHA’s Fall Festival Trick or Treat Street offers safe candy-gathering opportunity!

The BHA Fall Festival is an event where residents, young and “young at heart,” gather for a day of community-building family-oriented fun. This year’s event is Oct. 20 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Bloomingdale High School Stadium at 1700 E Bloomingdale Ave.

With nearly 50 sponsors lined up to spread the word about their companies to our community, organizers are still looking for more!

Headlining the event is a safe “trick or treat” street where booth participants will pass out candy and goodies to children. Parents, make sure your child brings a bag to collect their day’s haul!

In addition, entertainment and activities include a DJ spinning the latest music hits, two inflatable bouncy houses, static displays, crafts for kids, face painting, photo booth, games and contests, and food trucks! And, new this year is an Art Show! Talented students and other artists will offer works for sale.

Don’t forget the Howl-O-Ween Pet Costume Contest and the Halloween Children’s Costume Contest. Due to last year’s overwhelming response, this year there are two age groups! Capping the day will be a rousing demonstration from the Rajun Bull Drumline!

The Fall Festival offers something for everyone. Come out, support your community and have a fall-tastic day! For information, contact 813-252-0252 or email [bhafallfest@gmail.com](mailto:bhafallfest@gmail.com).



The Bloomingdale Homeowners Association is proud to present

2018 Annual



## Fall Festival



Saturday, October 20, 2018 • 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Bloomingdale High School Stadium  
1700 E Bloomingdale Ave.



### Our FREE family-friendly event will feature:

- “Trick or Treat” Street
- Food trucks
- Children’s & pet’s costume contests
- Bouncy houses
- Art show
- Face painting and games
- Balloon artist
- Crafts
- Local small business tables

Visit us at the Bloomingdale Homeowners Association web page, Facebook page or check your Bloomingdale Gazette for updates and additional information. Contact the Bloomingdale Homeowners Association at (813) 252-0252 or email [BHAFallFest@gmail.com](mailto:BHAFallFest@gmail.com).

BloomingdaleHOA.com

BloomingdaleHOA

BHA Board of Directors IRC 501(C)(4)



**IF ONLY SCHOOL DROP-OFFS COULD BE**  
*So easy* ♥  
**DRY CLEANERS**

**50% OFF**  
YOUR FIRST ORDER

**20% OFF**  
DRY CLEANING

Offer valid only when coupon is presented at drop-off. Coupons can only be redeemed for services sold at participating Tide Dry Cleaners locations. They cannot be redeemed for any product sold at any other retail store. Not valid on leather, household items or wedding dresses. Cannot be used with any other discount or promotion. One discount per household. Offer valid for one-time use through 09/30/18.

**Tide DRY CLEANERS**

**GET IN AND OUT WITH CARSIDE VALET.**



DRY CLEANERS

1928 East Bloomingdale Ave • 813-662-4243  
Mon-Fri 7-7 • Sat 8-5 • Sun 10-3

Proudly Using **GREENEARTH** CLEANING

674457-1

**Your love, Our expertise**

Caring for a loved one with *dementia* can become *overwhelming* and the decision to seek help can feel like giving up. But it’s never the wrong choice to get the best care.

Superior Residences offers specialized services for those with Alzheimer’s and dementia-related illnesses, from temporary respite care to full-time residency. We give families *peace of mind* knowing their loved one is receiving expert care in a secure, compassionate community.

**Call to make an appointment today. Visit our community and see how we can work together to give your loved one the best possible care.**

**(813) 657-8587 • [www.SuperiorALF.com](http://www.SuperiorALF.com)**  
1819 Providence Ridge Blvd • Brandon, FL 33511

**Live the Moment...Love the Moment™**  
Assisted Living Facility #9739





## September Community Calendar

PLEASE CHECK THE BHA COMMUNITY CORNER FOR ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS RIGHT HERE IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

# THIS WEEKEND!

**Bier Fest at Busch Gardens Tampa Bay! / Sept. 1-3 and every weekend through Sept. 16 / Noon to 8 p.m. each day / Busch Gardens, 10165 N McKinley Drive, Tampa**

// This all-new festival blends the local Tampa Bay craft scene with time-honored traditions to create a unique food and beer celebration. More than 100 beers from 65 different breweries around the world will rotate through the four-weekend festival featuring live entertainment and contemporary fare that pays homage to a traditional Oktoberfest with a modern spin. Event included with park admission. Food, drinks and specialty tastings are available for additional purchase.



**Saladino Dog Park Ribbon Cutting / Sept. 4, 2 p.m. / 1705 Bryan Road**

// Join us as we celebrate the opening of our newest dog park. The park will have shade shelters, artificial turf and separate areas for big and small dogs. Enjoy!



**Brandon's Tampa Bay Wellness Expo / Sept. 9 / 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. / Westfield Brandon / 459 Brandon Town Center Dr**

// Tampa Bay Wellness Expo presented by MedExpress Urgent Care. An event all about your health & for all ages; offering resources for your individual wellness journey. Enjoy healthy food samples, traditional and holistic medicine options, mental & spiritual wellness resources & education, and interactive activities. MedExpress Urgent Care will host a Teddy Bear Clinic to educate children about the importance of healthy habits. The Tampa Bay Wellness Expo will also feature a business expo area with information from local health and wellness experts from Pediatric to Geriatric medicines. It's never too early or too late to work towards being the healthiest you.



**Tampa Bay Active Life Games / Registration deadline: Sept. 19, Games scheduled from Oct. 5 - 19 / Activities take place throughout City of Tampa, City of Temple Terrace, and Hillsborough County** // Calling all 50+ year olds! Register now for the Tampa Bay Active Life Games, also a regional qualifier for the Florida Senior Games. Events include swimming, bowling, running events, tennis, darts, billiards and more! Registration is \$30 per person, \$25 extra for golf. For information, [www.hillsboroughcounty.org/en/residents/recreation-and-culture/recreation/tampa-bay-active-life-games](http://www.hillsboroughcounty.org/en/residents/recreation-and-culture/recreation/tampa-bay-active-life-games).

**Game of Thrones Live Concert Experience / Sept. 21 / 8 p.m. / Amalie Arena / 401 Channelside Dr, Tampa** // The critically acclaimed Game of Thrones® Live Concert Experience will bring the world of Westeros to Tampa, giving fans the opportunity to watch in wonder as famed composer Ramin Djawadi leads an orchestra and choir performing music from all seven seasons of the iconic, Emmy® Award-winning HBO series. The new dates for the Game of Thrones Live Concert Experience will include new music and footage from Season 7, as well a new custom stage design and mesmerizing visuals courtesy of state of the art video technology. Look for tickets on Ticketmaster.

**Mad Hatter Party at Center Place / Sept. 28 / 6-9 p.m. / Center Place Fine Arts / 619 Vonderburg Dr, Ste B, Brandon** // Wear your mad hat and join us for a Mad Hatter party to benefit Seeds Of Hope & South County Spartan Athletics...It's always FOR THE CHILDREN! Only \$30 p/p includes dinner twisted cocktails music and a silent auction. Great night of fun and spouses are welcome. Auction items and chest of cheer items are welcomed for donations!

**2018 Holiday Cards for Troops / Oct. 6 / 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. / Center Place, 619 Vonderburg Dr** // Show your support by making hand-made Holiday Cards for our Troops! The decorated cards (blank inside) are sent to our deployed service members. The soldiers will be able to write a sentiment to their loved ones inside each card. This is a free community event! Donations appreciated! Ages 16 & up! NO childcare provided. For information, call 813-685-8888.

**"Symphony of Colors" Quilt Show / Oct. 12, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Oct. 13, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. / The Regent, 6437 Watson Road, Riverview** // Only happens every 3 years! Symphony of Colors is this year's theme. Features judged quilts made by members of Piecemakers Quilt Guild of Brandon; basket drawing with proceeds to Brandon Outreach Clinic; Food Truck (Philly Phlava); Upbeat Boutique (over \$9000. of inventory) for your shopping pleasure; Silent Auction; Beethoven's Bookstore with quilt patterns, books and magazines; Mozart's Vendor Marketplace; Electric Dresden Opportunity Quilt raffle and drawing; Join us for this exciting event! Admission \$8 daily, \$12 for both days. Free parking. For information, contact [RNRYAN@verizon.net](mailto:RNRYAN@verizon.net).



**Calling all runners!** Want a chance to win a medal while running through the scenic Hillsborough County parks? You got it! The Run Hillsborough 5K will feature a race through a different park around the County each quarter. Discover the various terrains and natural beauty of these parks while you race with your fellow competitors.

### Inaugural Run

Sign up for the inaugural 5K featuring Stephen J. Wortham Park and Rhodine Scrub Nature Preserve. This recently renovated trail will take you on a journey through streams and preserves all right here in Hillsborough County. Located conveniently in Riverview, discover a hidden gem in your own backyard. Learn more about the trail renovation and steps taken by the Conservation & Environmental Lands, and Parks teams to rejuvenate this lush location.

### Things to know

Race date: Sept. 29, 2018

Address: 12108 Rhodine Rd., Riverview, FL 33579

Packet pick up: 7 - 8:15 AM

Race start: 8:30 AM

Entry Fee: \$25 per runner

Swag: Participants get a t-shirt and medal for completing the race

Prizes: Awarded to the top three female and top three male participants

For information, call (813) 557-8272.





# AS OUR COMMUNITY EXPANDS, SO DO WE.

You may have noticed a few new faces in the neighborhood. It seems Riverview and the South Shore area is growing at a record pace. The area has added new developments, shopping centers, restaurants and a new hospital. Well, kind of. To meet the needs of this growing community, BayCare's St. Joseph's Hospital-South is growing too. We're currently investing in a two-phased expansion that will be completed in mid 2020. Once completed, we'll have an expanded emergency department with 55 exam rooms, including 14 dedicated to pediatric patients. We'll also have added a five-story patient tower with an 18-bed observation unit, 36 additional private patient rooms, 12 progressive care rooms, a dedicated 12-bed pediatric unit and space for a future neonatal intensive care unit (NICU). As a community-based hospital, we're doing all this because we believe that a growing community needs a hospital that's doing the same. To learn more: [StJosephsSouth.org](http://StJosephsSouth.org). **Humanity at Work™**.



**St. Joseph's  
Hospital-South**

#### OUR NETWORK:

*BayCare Behavioral Health • BayCare HomeCare • BayCare Laboratories • BayCare Medical Group  
BayCare Outpatient Imaging • BayCare Surgery Centers • BayCare Urgent Care*

#### OUR HOSPITALS:

*Bartow Regional Medical Center • BayCare Alliant Hospital • Mease Countryside Hospital • Mease Dunedin Hospital • Morton Plant Hospital • Morton Plant North Bay Hospital  
St. Anthony's Hospital • St. Joseph's Hospital • St. Joseph's Children's Hospital • St. Joseph's Women's Hospital • St. Joseph's Hospital-North • St. Joseph's Hospital-South  
South Florida Baptist Hospital • Winter Haven Hospital • Winter Haven Women's Hospital*

**BAYCARE.ORG**



# BLOOMINGDALE

## Special Taxing District

### THE COMMUNITY'S COMMON AREA CONNECTION

By Miriam Leech, BSTD Staff

*(Editor's Note: The Bloomingdale Special Taxing District's (BSTD) monthly column will inform readers about the BSTD, its mission and ongoing and new initiatives. The BSTD meets at 6:30 p.m. on the second Monday of the month at the Bloomingdale Community Office, 3509 Bell Shoals Rd. Questions? Call 813-684-6667 or email bstd@verizon.net.)*

#### Referendum PASSES!

The results of the August 28 Primary Election are in, and the Bloomingdale Special Taxing District (BSTD) Referendum to increase the non-ad valorem tax assessment from \$130 to \$170 per year **PASSED** with a vote of 1,965 (60%) to 1,292 (40%). This much needed increase is the first in 12 years.

Beginning in Fiscal Year 2020 (FY20) (October 1, 2019), the increased tax funds will be available to the Trustees not only to continue the current level of maintenance but also:

- ✓ Display holiday lights and decorations once again.
- ✓ Contract with off-duty Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office deputies to patrol our streets and provide additional security.
- ✓ Replace aging and deteriorated walls.
- ✓ Upgrade aging irrigation and wells, as well as landscaping, signs, and lighting.
- ✓ Maintain new medians to be installed during the Bell Shoals Road widening project.

The Trustees now will submit the passed referendum to the Hillsborough County Tax Collector's Office, and then in June 2019 hold a public hearing to adopt the tax assessment roll. Over the next months, Trustees will be planning for and then incorporating the increased funds into the FY20 budget. That budget also will be presented at a public hearing in June 2019.

**The Trustees would like to thank everyone for voting YES for our community!**



#### Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

On Saturday, Aug. 4, at 9 a.m., the Bloomingdale Special Taxing District (BSTD) Trustees were joined by a few special guests for a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony to celebrate the return of the Bloomingdale signs at the Bloomingdale Avenue and Culbreath Road entrance to the community. Thanks to a mini-grant from the Hillsborough County Office of Neighborhood Relations and sponsored by the Board of County Commissioners, the BSTD was able to re-install the signs as well as have the area around them re-landscaped.

The Trustees would like to thank Commissioner Stacy White, Office of Neighborhood Relations Liaison Wanda Sloan, Property Manager Rick Pitrowski, Signs by Mineo, Buccaneer Landscaping, and BSTD Office Manager Miriam Leech for their contributions.

Pictured from left: Mark Horst, BSTD Treasurer; Rusty Jones, BSTD Trustee; Dave West, BSTD President; George May, Bloomingdale Homeowners Association President; Hillsborough County Commissioner Stacy White; Tom Leech, BSTD Vice President; Claire Letkiewicz, Bloomingdale Cove Homeowners Association President; and Jay Kittle, BSTD Secretary.

#### Another Wall Hit

In the early morning hours of Aug. 4, the wall near the Bloomingdale Golfers Club on Natures Way Boulevard was hit in a single vehicle crash (image right). The BSTD is still awaiting the accident report; there was no report of injuries. The repairs for this accident will be costly and time consuming, as the brick used to build the original wall is no longer available. Every effort will be made to salvage existing brick to make the wall look as close to new as possible.

#### Board Vacancy

The BSTD Board is in search of a new trustee following the resignation of Dann Berkowitz in August. Trustees must be residents within the boundaries of the taxing district, be registered voters in Hillsborough County, and submit a financial disclosure statement to the State. If you, or anyone you know, are interested in joining the Board, please attend the September meeting (see below)! Come make your voice heard!



## BLOOMINGDALE

### Special Taxing District

3509 Bell Shoals Road  
Valrico, Florida 33596  
(813) 684-6667 Office  
(813) 684-2358 Fax  
BSTD@verizon.net  
www.bloomingdaletaxingdistrict.org  
Hours: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

David P. West, President  
Tom Leech, Vice President  
Mark Horst, Treasurer  
Jay Kittle, Secretary  
Russell Jones, Trustee  
Bob Meginnis, Trustee  
Vacancy

#### Monthly Meeting

The residents of Bloomingdale, as always, are invited to attend the next meeting of the BSTD on Sept. 10 at 6:30 p.m., at the Bloomingdale Community Offices, 3509 Bell Shoals Rd. If you would like to speak at the meeting, members of the public are allotted 3 minutes to make comment or ask questions per Hillsborough County policy. *Hope to see you there!*



# CREATE THE BATH OF YOUR DREAMS!

LIFETIME WARRANTY FOR AS LONG AS YOU OWN YOUR HOME

Easy Monthly Payments  
**AS LOW AS**  
**\$79** per month

## Get your bathroom makeover in as little as ONE DAY!

Beautiful, durable, anti-mold, ABS Acrylic means your bath or shower stays sparkling clean forever, with zero maintenance. Get the look of stone or tile, but without the maintenance.

- Tub-to-shower conversions
- Walk-in showers
- Jetted and spa tubs
- Roll-in showers
- Non-slip surfaces

**\$850 off**  
**Your New Bathroom**

Not valid with any other offers with this ad.  
Expires 9/30/18

**BEAUTY, SAFETY, COMFORT & VALUE! HUNDREDS OF DESIGNS.**  
Convenient design process right from the comfort of your home.

**BathPlanet®**

LIFETIME WARRANTY



CALL TODAY FOR YOUR FREE, NO-OBLIGATION IN-HOME DESIGN.

CALL  
Mon. - Sat.  
8am - 6pm  
Sunday  
9am-2pm

**(813) 437-2978**  
[www.bathplanet.com/tampa](http://www.bathplanet.com/tampa)



MADE IN USA

# High-Impact **WINDOWS**

**Be Storm READY!**  
**Intruder Safe...Hurricane Strong**

**Protect Your Home**  
with triple-pane  
high-impact windows  
LIFETIME product & labor guarantees



## High-Impact Coastal Windows and Doors

Payments  
as low as  
**\$79** per month



**50%**  
Labor & Installation\*

**Buy 3 Windows  
Get One FREE**

\*3-window minimum; no other offers apply  
\*\*On initial visit only



**Morgan Exteriors, Inc.**

Licensed • Bonded • Insured  
Lic. # CRC-057210

SERVING THE  
TAMPA BAY AREA  
FOR OVER  
23 YEARS!

CALL  
Mon. - Sat.  
8am - 6pm  
Sunday  
9am-2pm

**(813) 437-2978**

[www.morganexteriorsinc.com](http://www.morganexteriorsinc.com)



672727-1





# BLOOMINGDALE COMMUNITY STATION NOTES

By Community Resource Deputy Clifford Fletcher  
and CSO Debbie Vijil

## Area Law and Order

Between July 20 and Aug. 20, the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office conducted 30 traffic stops in the Bloomingdale area. Those traffic stops resulted in 14 citations, six verbal warnings and ten written warnings. There were two non-injury traffic crashes and two injury traffic crashes. Three were arrested for DUI.

Additional arrests made were two for warrants and an incident of mail theft with the arrest of two subjects.

No burglaries to report for this time period. There were seven reported thefts including two from unsecured vehicles and two trailers stolen.

## HCSO Joining 2018 Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Campaign



Leading into this Labor Day weekend, the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office is proudly joining this year's national campaign known as "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over."

HCSO has partnered with the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) for this drunk-driving enforcement campaign. Through Sept. 3, local law enforcement will show zero tolerance for impaired

driving, increasing patrols throughout the county.

Over the 2016 Labor Day holiday period, there were 433 crash fatalities nationwide. Of the fatal crashes, more than one-third (36%) involved drivers who were drunk with .08+ blood alcohol concentration (BAC). One-fourth (25%) involved drivers who were driving with a BAC almost twice the legal limit.

Age is a particularly risky factor. Among drivers between the ages of 18 and 34 who were killed in crashes over the Labor Day holiday, 47 percent of those fatalities involved drunk drivers with BACs of .08 or higher.

Countless tools are available to ensure you get home safely. Drinking and driving is a choice one you should never make.

## Security Tip: Freeze Your Credit Report

Not establishing new credit? Consider freezing your credit file for your protection. Since July 1, it is free to freeze your credit report in Florida. This will stop anyone from applying for credit using your personal information. You may also place a freeze your children's credit file. For information on identity theft, go to the Federal Trade Commission at FTC.gov.

## Next Bloomingdale Area Community Council Meeting (BACC)! New time!

Get involved; attend our monthly meeting as a neighborhood representative. Our meetings are on the third Thursday of each month – this month's meeting is Sept. 20 at 6 p.m. at 3622 Erindale Drive. The BACC works directly with the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office to identify community concerns and find solutions to all types of problems. For information, call the Bloomingdale Community Station at 635-8040, or come by the station.

## Coffee With A Cop

No agenda, no speeches, just a chance to ask questions, voice concerns and get to know the deputies in the neighborhood. Coffee with a Cop brings law enforcement and community members together to discuss issues and learn more about each other. On Aug 17 at Moreno's Bakery, BHA board members attended Coffee with a Cop. Pictured l. to r. are D5 Community Resource Deputy Breanna Rodriguez, Chief Deputy Donna Luszczynski, BHA Board member Charlie Woodcock, Sheriff Chad Chronister, BHA Board member Billy Hightower and Master Deputy Cliff Fletcher.



## tip411: Simple and Effective

We have a new tool to help you help us keep our county safe. It's called tip411. All you have to do is download it to your smartphone or tablet. tip411 is simple yet effective.



You can find the app through the Apple App store or Google Play. Just type in "HCSOSHERIFF" (no space). Download it and keep it handy.

tip411 is easy to use. To send us a tip, press "New Tip." You can also include a photograph or video. Just touch the camera icon at the bottom.

All tips transmit instantly to our Communications Center, where the information is directed to the appropriate area, i.e. patrol, narcotics, warrants, etc.

We monitor tip411 twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. And all tips are anonymous.

Remember: in the event of an emergency, always dial 9-1-1.



## Bloomingdale Real Estate Update

*(Editor's Note: Real estate columnist Ronnie has lived in Bloomingdale for eight years with her husband and two children, a son attending University of Florida and daughter at Bloomingdale High School. A productive Realtor, she is also active in the Bloomingdale High School PTSA and Girl Scouts.)*



By Ronnie McLaughlin

The Chadderton Real Estate Group  
Keller Williams Realty

813-601-5659

ronniemclaughlin@kw.com

www.chaddertongroup.com

### Outside Renovations Provide Great Return on Investment

Fall is almost here! Considering screening in your lanai, adding a landscape feature like a fire pit area or fountain, or updating your flower gardens?

Homeowners considering taking on a renovation project may want to look outside to get the most bang for their buck. A study from the National Association of REALTORS® and the National Association of Landscape Professionals found that outdoor remodeling projects bring great value – both emotionally and financially – to the homeowners who complete them. The study found that the most cost-effective project was implementing standard lawn care, which recoups 267 percent of the project cost at resale.



Before After



### Neighborhood Snapshot – River Crossing

River Crossing is a mandatory HOA neighborhood comprised of 182 homes built between 1988–2003 and located south of Natures Way Boulevard and North of the Alafia River. The homes average 2,168 square feet, both one and two story, 3 and 4 bedrooms, and average 3 bathrooms. Nine homes sold over the past year. Pool homes average \$125.83 per square foot and the non-pool homes averaged \$97.56 per square foot.

# Evict Mosquitoes from Your Yard

Find out where to discard water-holding debris at  
**HCFLGov.net/EvictMosquitoes**



Hillsborough  
County Florida  
Public Works

670252-1



## Back-to-School, 2018-2019 Year Off to a Great Start!



(LtoR) Ms. Reeves (Art Teacher) and Abby Patton (8th grade) Burns Middle School

Lucas Wong (2nd grade), Nick DeJesus (4th grade), and Josh DeJesus (5th grade) Cimino Elementary School



For most students, the beginning of the school year is filled with lots of excitement, anticipation and let's face it, a little anxiety. Students wonder things like, "Who will be in my classes? Where will I sit at lunch? What if I get lost?" Parents have questions too, just different ones. We ask things like, "Do I really have to label each school supply? Agenda or no agenda? PE uniforms are how much?" And everyone's favorite, "What's the best time to leave the house to avoid the buses or car lines?"

By now, these questions have all been answered, and everyone is falling into their normal routines or getting used to new ones. So, parents and students, take a moment and give yourself a pat on the back for making it through the first few weeks of school. And thank you to everyone else who helps our students every day, including teachers, administrators, faculty, staff, lunchroom workers, custodians, bus drivers, crossing guards, school resource officers, coaches, aids, and all who touches the lives of our students. Even if you don't have a child in school, chances are you encounter school zones or bus stops and so thank you for your patience. Helping our students is helping our community. Good luck to everyone this 2018-2019 school year!



Daniel Cowan (6th grade) Bell Creek Academy



(LtoR) Jaden (6th grade at Burns Middle School), Ethan (3rd grade at Alafia Elementary School), and Malik Millet (9th grade at Bloomingdale High School)



Katie Campbell (1st grade) Alafia Elementary School



(LtoR) Rylynne (5th grade) and Ryder Hoppe (Kindergarten) Cimino Elementary School



Anna Fischer, Kaitlyn Power, Michaela Walker (7th grade) Bell Creek Academy



Cameron Bird (3rd grade) Cimino Elementary School



Gabriella Beach (2nd grade) Bloomingdale Children's House



Ryder Hoppe (Kindergarten) Cimino Elementary School



Conner Kurto (9th grade) Bloomingdale High School



Madelyn Fauskee (2nd grade) Brooker Elementary School



(LtoR) Scarlett (Kindergarten) and Brooke (5th grade) Cimino Elementary School



Ryan Fidler (7th grade) Burns Middle School



(LtoR) Violet (1st grade) and Isabella Williams (3rd grade) Cimino Elementary School



(LtoR) Principal Griffiths and Bradley Whitt (3rd grade) Cimino Elementary School



Maggie (11th grade, BSHS) and Erin Elliott (college freshman, HCC)



(LtoR) Daylin, Braden, and Skylar Alvarez (6th grade) Burns Middle School



Colin Kurto (1st grade) Cimino Elementary School



Olivia Fauskee (6th grade) Burns Middle School



(LtoR) Emerson Boley and Sarah Katt, (8th grade) Burns Middle School



(LtoR) Liam (2nd grade at Cimino Elementary School), Jaedyn (9th grade at Bloomingdale High School), Kylan (7th grade at Burns Middle School), and Masen Tamulonis



Nathan Luciano (5th grade) Brooker Elementary School



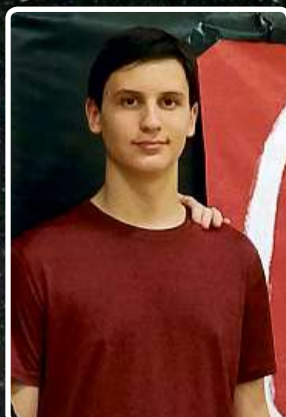
(LtoR) Tegan (2nd grade) and Atticus Hanks (Pre-K) Boyette Springs Elementary



Sofia Holland (VPK) Primrose School of Bloomingdale



Brandon Whitt (8th grade) Burns Middle School



Michael Knipp - (9th grade) Bloomingdale High School



(LtoR) Jason Knipp and Jason McGinnis (6th grade) Burns Middle School



Keira Kurto (7th grade) Burns Middle School



Andraya Holland (1st grade) Cimino Elementary School



Wyatt (4th grade) Cimino Elementary School



Kristian Walker (5th grade) Valrico Lake Advantage Academy



Kyla Lesley Atchison (10th grade) Howard W. Blake Magnet High School of the Performing Arts



Kyra (Kindergarten) Cimino Elementary School



Venus Luciano (3rd grade) Brooker Elementary School



Joshua Sommer (12th grade) Bloomingdale High School



Bryleigh Eden Atchison (5th grade) Winthrop Charter School



Emily Beach (VPK) Bloomingdale Children's House



(LtoR) Ariel (8th grade at Burns Middle School), Iyla (Kindergarten at Alafia Elementary School), and Austin Burcham (9th grade at Bloomingdale High School)



Michaela Walker (7th grade) Bell Creek Academy

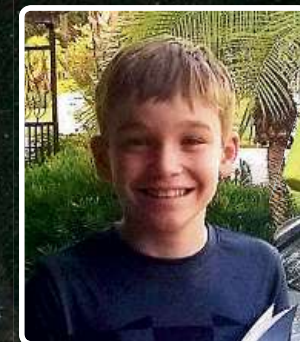


(LtoR) Merrick Bass, Tyler Meldrum, Ryan Fidler, Joseph Egan (7th grade) Burns Middle School

Compiled by Wendy Knipp



Alex Childress (6th grade) Florida Virtual School Megabytes



Dillon Fernandes (7th grade) Burns Middle School



Sarah (12th grade) and Stephanie Goodman (9th grade) Bloomingdale High School

Lauren Freeman (Preschool) Primrose School of Bloomingdale





# SUMMER SPECIALS

We service  
and sell all  
brands

SAME-  
DAY  
SERVICE

FREE 2nd  
Opinions

Trane 5-Star Dealer



**TRANE**  
It's Hard To Stop A Trane.®

**CALL NOW and avoid SUMMER'S HEAT!**

**CALL IN  
SEPTEMBER  
& RECEIVE A  
FREE WIFI-  
PROGRAMMABLE  
THERMOSTAT  
WITH UNIT REPLACEMENT!**

**UP TO \$1,500 TRADE-IN ALLOWANCE  
WITH EXISTING UNIT; UP TO \$900 IN  
UTILITY REBATES – THAT'S UP TO  
\$2,400 IN SAVINGS!  
SPECIAL FINANCING AVAILABLE\***

**No-Hassle Financing**

Subject to credit approval; call for details. We get a 99% approval rate!

**Great financing plans with convenient monthly payments.**

**813-344-4007**

Family Owned and Operated  
Since 1983

**Air Masters**  
of Tampa Bay, Inc. Since 1983  
Air Conditioning & Heating



Angie's list  
Contractor



\*W.A.C. • CMC1249497

\*Call for details. Exp 9/30/18.

## Still Honoring... One Family At A Time



Only on site  
crematory in  
the Brandon,  
Valrico, and  
Riverview  
area.



**Traditional, Trusted and Personalized  
Funeral Services. Committed to arranging a  
service that is most befitting to your loved one, striving  
to celebrate their life in a meaningful way.**

**813-677-9494**

[www.serenitymeadows.com](http://www.serenitymeadows.com)

6919 Providence Road, Riverview, FL 33578



For more about Serenity Meadows like us on Facebook at  
<http://www.facebook.com/serenitymeadowsriverview>

672574-1

## Bloomingtondale is Proud of Its Military Connections

Congratulations, Lieutenant Meghan Hayes! Bloomingtondale resident Meghan Hayes graduated from University of South Florida with a Bachelor of Arts Communications degree on May 4. She was commissioned as an Air Force Second Lieutenant on May 6. She is stationed at Peterson AFB in Colorado.

Proud father Kevin Hayes pictured with his daughter,  
Lieutenant Meghan Hayes.



Meghan Hayes  
takes her  
commissioning  
oath on May 6.

## Tampa Bay Area Young Marines Learn First Aid

Submitted by: Sgt. Walter P. Ryan Detachment Marine Corps League



Tampa Bay Area Young Marines learned CPR, the use of an AED (defibrillator) and general first aid from Jewels First Aid & Safety instructors Julie and Carlos Tyson, pictured behind students.

The Young Marine program is a non-profit youth education and service program for boys and girls age 8 through the completion of high school. For information on the Young Marines, contact the unit commander Brian Frank at 813-463-3130. Information about Jewels First Aid, CPR and Safety may be found at [www.jewelssafety.com](http://www.jewelssafety.com)



## Resident Photos of the Month

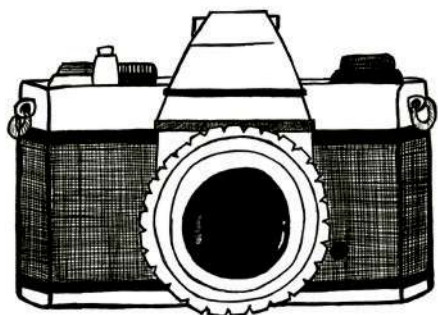
Bloomington residents continue to delight with their photo talents! Want to show off your photography skills? Photos can be of anything you are proud of and want to share – send people, landscapes, parties, animals, just about anything! Send your photo to [inbloomingtonnews@gmail.com](mailto:inbloomingtonnews@gmail.com) and share your talent with the community! Photos need to be close to 1 MB or greater resolution.



Ruby-throated Hummingbird Nectar Search  
Photo: Chris Dennard/Bloomington Ridge



On Safari in Serengeti National Park  
Photo: Elizabeth Dennard/BL Ridge



# MAJIK TOUCH CLEANERS

*"Experience the Difference"*



**Employment Opportunity!**  
**813-654-2323**  
**NOW HIRING**

**SHIRTS**  
**\$1.99**  
*Only* With Coupon

**SHIRTS \$1.99** Ea.  
Laundered only

Valid on incoming orders only.  
**No exceptions.**  
Not valid with other coupons or promotions.  
10/6/18 BG

MAJIK TOUCH CLEANERS

**15% OFF** ENTIRE ORDER  
Dry Cleaning

Valid on incoming orders only.  
**No exceptions.**  
Not valid with other coupons or promotions.  
10/6/18 BG

MAJIK TOUCH CLEANERS

**20% OFF** Wedding Gowns,  
Alterations  
& Drapes

Valid on incoming orders only.  
**No exceptions.**  
\$5 minimum order. Not valid with other coupons or promotions.  
10/6/18 BG

MAJIK TOUCH CLEANERS

**20% OFF** ENTIRE ORDER  
Comforters & Blankets

Valid on incoming orders only.  
**No exceptions.**  
Not valid with other coupons or promotions.  
10/6/18 BG

MAJIK TOUCH CLEANERS

**APOLLO BEACH**  
**645-1499**  
220 Apollo Beach Blvd.

**BLOOMINGTON**  
**643-0922**  
3425 Lithia Pinecrest Rd.

**BLOOMINGTON**  
**654-8113**  
3248 Lithia Pinecrest Rd.

**BLOOMINGTON**  
**654-9292**  
1025 E. Bloomington Ave.

**BRANDON MALL**  
**684-4499**  
913 Brandon Blvd.

**BRANDON**  
**643-6944**  
1836 W. Lumsden Rd.

**FISHHAWK**  
**654-7991**  
16707 FishHawk Blvd.

**PLANT CITY**  
**752-6631**  
2621 Thonotosassa Rd.  
(Plant City Crossings)

**RIVERVIEW**  
**672-4022**  
11444 Hwy. 301 S.

**RIVERVIEW**  
**672-1832**  
11697 Boyette Rd.

**RIVERVIEW**  
**671-4156**  
13196 Hwy. 301 S.

**SEFFNER**  
**684-5897**  
1515 N. Parsons Ave.

**VALRICO**  
**654-2324**  
1999 E. Brandon Blvd.  
(SR 60)

**VALRICO**  
**643-4825**  
2511 S.R. 60 E.

666523-1



## VOTED BRANDON'S #1 ROOFING COMPANY 8 CONSECUTIVE YEARS!

SAVE MONEY ON HOMEOWNERS INSURANCE



Tampa Bay's leading family-owned and operated roofing company, **Shingle Masters** provides every re-roof customer with a wind mitigation inspection to measure hurricane protection, saving most homeowners hundreds of dollars each year on insurance.

**Shingle Masters** also maximizes roof ventilation to lower cooling costs and extend the life of the shingles.

**Financing Available. Lifetime Workmanship Warranty Available.**

**Shingle Masters  
Roofing  
& Construction**

**(813) 661-4600**

**www.Shingle-Masters.com**

Licensed Certified General Contractor // CGC 1513621  
Licensed Certified General Contractor // CCC 1328724

666252-1

## Crystal Clear Pools

### Clean & Repair Pools

**Terry Eddings – Owner  
Licensed & Insured**

**813-763-4509**

**Brandon  
Lithia  
Riverview  
Valrico**

**\$25 Off**

**for New Clients**  
First month of service  
with coupon.  
Minimum of 4 weeks  
of service required to  
redeem. Exp. 9/30/18.

CRYSTAL CLEAR POOLS • BRANDON • LITHIA • RIVERVIEW • VALRICO

672304-1

## Pars and Birdies: Golf Course News Pizza, Trivia and Football at the 19th Hole

By Tim McLaughlin

General Manager, Bloomingdale Golfers Club

Are you hungry? Well, you might be by the time you finish reading this article. There is a new pizza shop in town and it happens to be your next door neighbor, you can almost smell it, right? Bloomingdale Golfers Club has more to offer these days than just golf, the pizzeria has been open since March and offers both a dine-in and take out experience to ease those last minute mealtime woes. With several craft beers on tap and expanded menu beyond just pizza, it should be easy to please anyone in the family.



Bloomingdale Golfers Club is also providing more entertainment than just golf. Check us out for Trivia night on Wednesdays at 7:00pm with our up and coming Trivia Guru Brandon to really test your knowledge. We will also be supplying the NFL ticket for the upcoming football season on 12 televisions in the grill room (I know I personally can't wait to watch the always well intentioned

Detroit Lions on TV here at Bloomingdale). Come join us on for food and drink specials on opening weekend on Sept.9, where we can all still claim to have a first place team!

Let's be honest though, we couldn't have article about Bloomingdale Golfers Club without mentioning the golf course. This summer has been a busy one despite the heavier than normal rainfall. The driving range tee is being resurfaced and re-sodded and should be back open at full length, come September. In addition, twenty five tee boxes were re-sodded but most compliments we receive these days are how great the greens are rolling.

We hope to see you around the clubhouse soon. For information, contact the BGC at 813-685-4105 or online at [www.Bloomingdalegolf.com](http://www.Bloomingdalegolf.com).

## Ladies, ladies, ladies...

By J.D. Carino (Bloomingdale CC campus)

Men are from Mars and women are from Venus – a book by John Gray Ph.D., describes how different men and women are and how we can learn from that.

Physical abilities separate the men from the women in golf. One main difference is in swing speed. An average male golfer swing speed with a driver is 75 mph or higher, while a woman has a driver swing speed of 60 mph or less.

And that's why there are different clubs, balls and the dreaded red tee boxes for ladies.



Irene Sandiego learns the impact position from teaching professional J.D. Carino

Women's clubs typically have shafts made of graphite or carbon fiber. They are lighter than steel and are designed with lots of flex (L). Women with a faster than average swing speed may want to try "senior" flex clubs (A).

Of course, if Lexi Thompson (LPGA pro) reads this article, I'm sure she's chuckling. She hits the ball a country mile and needs no help in the swing speed department.

Any questions or for lessons, visit [CochraneGolfSchools.com](http://CochraneGolfSchools.com) or call J.D. at 813-957-3205.



**John E.S. Cochrane  
GOLF SCHOOLS**

[www.CochraneGolfSchools.com](http://www.CochraneGolfSchools.com)



## Def Leppard/Journey Concert - A Review

By Jon Alfano

As a 17 year-old, I never got to experience Def Leppard and Journey in their heyday. However, that didn't stop me from listening to and adoring all their music. Both bands are among my absolute favorite artists of all time, and even several decades after they first reached stardom, seeing both at the same concert was a dream come true.

The Aug. 18 concert at Amalie Arena began with Def Leppard and it was perfection. Although each band played around 15 songs, Def Leppard especially made the most of it. Nearly every one of the band's greatest hits was played beautifully and each second of their show was a joy to any fan. The entire crowd was brought to their feet while singing along to favorites such as "Pour Some Sugar on Me" and "Rock of Age." I even got so into it that Mom told me to tone down the singing. Seeing my favorite band of all time rocking out in front of myself and thousands of other fans was an experience I will never forget.



Photo: Jon Alfano

Not to be overshadowed, Journey came out second and put on a great show. Arnel Pineda brought a great deal of energy right out of the gate, running across the stage and giving the lucky few in the front row high-fives. The songs played at the beginning were fantastic, like "Separate Ways" and "Only the Young." However, midway through their show, the band played long solos which, while impressive to watch and listen to, slowed down the pace of the show. The show ended spectacularly however, with their classic hit "Don't Stop Believing."

Overall, this concert was a complete blast and something that any classic rock fan should have experienced.

## Wanted: A Forever Home and Family!

Source: Hillsborough County

Hillsborough County's Pet Resource Center (PRC) has many cats and dogs looking for their "forever" homes. The PRC is the only open-admission facility in the county, meaning it accepts dogs and cats regardless of breed, size or medical condition. Residents can visit the center or search online to view hundreds of adoptable animals. All pets are microchipped, vaccinated, registered, and spayed or neutered before adoption.

The PRC, located at 440 N. Falkenburg Rd., is open daily from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. For information, call 813-744-5660 or visit [www.hcflgov.net/pets](http://www.hcflgov.net/pets).

Here are just a few fabulous faces to choose from:

# Camelia



Camelia, a 10-month-old female is friendly with children, housebroken, and enjoys other dogs.

# Sugar



At 2 years old, Sugar (female) is vaccinated, microchipped, neutered and registered.

# Transform Your Kitchen

## Morgan Cabinet Restylers will design a kitchen that works for YOU

- Give your old kitchen cabinets a new look and feel
- Stress-free remodeling that's fast, clean & affordable
- Custom-made sliding shelves or pull-out shelves

**\$500 off**  
Limited Time Only  
**Your Transformed Kitchen**

**ASK ABOUT - FREE  
GRANITE  
COUNTERTOPS  
UPGRADE!**

**Call Now  
FREE  
ESTIMATES**



We transform your kitchen *without* the hassles of a traditional kitchen tear-out / remodel.

**Morgan**  
Cabinet Restylers  
Licensed • Bonded • Insured  
Lic. # CRC-057210

Call  
Mon.- Sat.  
8 am-6 pm  
Sun.  
9 am- 2 pm



**(813) 437-2978**

**[www.morganexteriorsinc.com](http://www.morganexteriorsinc.com)**

672730-1



# BLOOMING IN BLOOMINGDALE

Photo Provided By: Peter and Eileen Kadzielewski

By Gwen Graverson and Guest Columnist Myrtle Cail

## ...HOW DOES YOUR GARDEN GROW?

(Editor's Note: A column for our green and brown thumb gardeners penned by local garden enthusiast Gwen Graverson. Have a gardening question? Contact Gwen at [inbloominglenews@gmail.com](mailto:inbloominglenews@gmail.com).)

### Artist Myrtle Cail's Yard Creations Inspire Others

Have you ever met someone that you liked immediately? For me, that person was Myrtle Cail. Not only does Myrtle have a warm and gracious personality, but she's also a talented award-winning local artist specializing in recycled art. She and I met through the Riverview Garden Club and just visiting her home is a treat to behold.

#### How it started...

Myrtle lives with her husband Jerry off a local road that is reminiscent of "old Brandon." Their property was originally known for their beautiful flower gardens and scrubs, however many of those plants were destroyed during a bad winter freeze. In response, Myrtle became creative and whimsical by adding plates, bottles, and rescued furniture to spruce up their gardens. Jerry began making wooden signs with quips and quotes to liven up the property. Visitors are greeted with a sign that reads, "We Three... The Cat, Myrtle, and I Welcome You" and left with "Happy trails to you, until we meet again."

#### Creativity spreads...

Myrtle's creativity is not just for the gardens. The home décor is eclectic, both inside and out. Wooden posts are mounted with glass bottles and "planted" to mimic imaginative trees which are then surrounded with brightly colored chairs and benches. Old wheels and wrought iron pieces hang on an outside arbor. Even the chickens have their own sign by Jerry which reads, "Chikins Need Luvin Too." Myrtle's favorite piece is a 6-pane window to which she added broken colored glass and grey caulk to create a "stained glass window." That window won 1st place in the Hillsborough County Recycled Yard Art competition. Myrtle's current garden project involves adding decorations to a claw-foot bath tub which is currently designed with mosaic butterflies.

#### Inspiring others...

Myrtle loves shopping at thrift and antique stores and equates it to "an adult Easter egg hunt." Through her talents and her willingness to share, she has inspired others to do the same.



## BLOOMINGDALE PAINTING

"A Brush Of Quality"

Since 1989

INTERIOR/EXTERIOR  
PRESSURE WASHING  
RESIDENTIAL/COMMERCIAL

Bloomingle Resident-Tod Howard  
FREE ESTIMATES, EXPERIENCED and RELIABLE

(813)654-5646 | (813)966-3601

[www.BloominglePainting.com](http://www.BloominglePainting.com)

License#PA3694 Bonded & Insured

666254-1



# GET 3 FOR FREE!

Tampa Bay Times  
[tampabay.com/freeads](http://tampabay.com/freeads)

Get three lines in the *Times* for free,  
visit [tampabay.com/freeads](http://tampabay.com/freeads) and see!





Ellen Bess has been writing for nearly as long as she can remember. Her humor columns have appeared in newspapers and periodicals in North Carolina, Georgia and central Florida. She lives with her husband, Frazier, a retired high school Chemistry teacher, in Bloomingdale West.

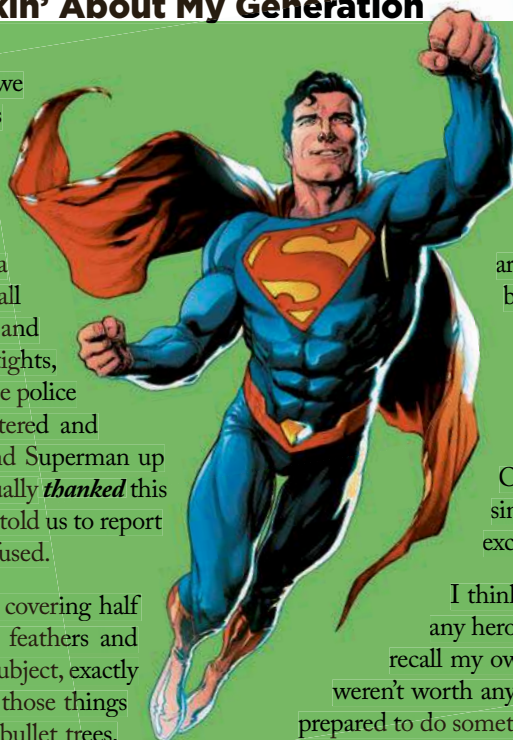


## Talkin' About My Generation

It's no wonder my generation is so screwy. The childhood heroes we worshipped during our formative years probably helped turn us into a bunch of confused loopies.

Like Superman. Now, here was a guy we all looked up to. "Man of Steel." "Truth, Justice and the American Way." But when you really analyze him, the man was an emotional time bomb; a one-man, self-appointed vigilante committee. Think about it: In all the episodes you watched, did you ever see him witness a crime and immediately notify the cops? You did not. He'd dash into his tights, leap into the air and commence to breaking heads. By the time the police showed up, walls and doors would be smashed, furniture shattered and the bad guys trussed up like Christmas geese. And did they send Superman up the river for taking the law into his own hands? Never. They actually *thanked* this lunatic for wreaking havoc. On the other hand, our moms always told us to report any wrong doing to the proper authorities. No wonder we're confused.

And the Lone Ranger. This guy rode around with a black mask covering half his face looking positively shift. His best friend wore leather, feathers and specialized in grunting mono-syllables. And while we're on the subject, exactly where was he getting all those silver bullets, anyway? He tossed those things around like they were subway tokens. They don't grow on silver bullet trees,



you know, and chances are slim he was spending idle weekends mining silver and molding bullets. There are a lot of unanswered questions about this guy.

Then, there's Lassie (no, nothing is sacred). Didn't you ever notice that nothing bad ever seemed to happen unless that mutt was hanging around? Jeff and Porky (and later that simpering idiot Timmy) could just be hanging around playing a game of checkers. All that dog had to do was show up and you could be guaranteed that *somebody* would be falling down the old mine shaft in a matter of minutes. Anytime there was a death, an accident, an illness, a fire or a plague, you could count on Lassie being within barking distance. That dog was no hero. She was a Jonah.

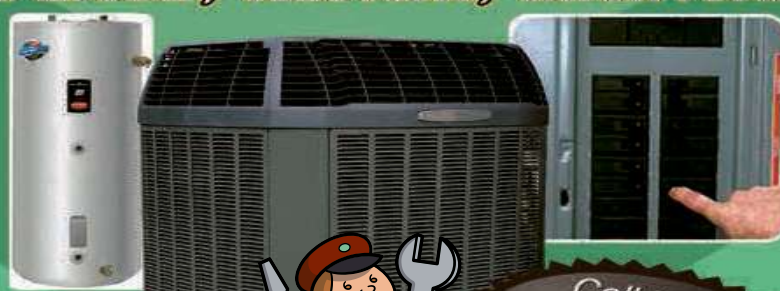
Of course, there was always Roy Rogers, one of the many monotone singing cowboys we grew up with. He never did anything so terribly bad except talk to Dale Evans like she had the I.Q. of dryer lint.

I think one of my main problems is that girls of my generation didn't have any heroes of our own, so we were always borrowing our brothers'. I distinctly recall my own brother reminding me that all the heroes were men and that girls weren't worth anything because they never did anything worthwhile. Well, I think I'm prepared to do something worthwhile right now. Like introduce my brother to Lassie.

## 24/7 SAME-DAY SERVICE. AIR CONDITIONING • PLUMBING • ELECTRICAL



### REPLACE, REPAIR, MAINTAIN



Senior & Military Discounts

FREE 2nd Opinions

Call today to schedule your FREE estimate!

# CORNERSTONE

AIR CONDITIONING • PLUMBING • ELECTRICAL  
CORNERSTONEPROS.COM

## 813-343-0964

Lic: #CFC1428982 #CAC1816647 #EC0001103

Same Day Installation & Financing Up To 5 Years Approved Credit



**\$25 OFF** ANY SERVICE REPAIR  
AIR, PLUMBING OR ELECTRIC

Must present coupon. Cannot be combined. One per visit. Offer expires 9/30/18 BG

**\$39<sup>95</sup>** 77-Point A/C Cleaning & Checkup  
FREE 1 lb Freon 6-MONTH GUARANTEE

Must present coupon. Cannot be combined. One per visit. Offer expires 9/30/18 BG

**\$39<sup>95</sup>** SERVICE CALL  
M-F • 7am-7pm

Must present coupon. Cannot be combined. One per visit. Offer expires 9/30/18 BG

**FREE ESTIMATES & 2<sup>ND</sup> OPINION**

- ✓ NEW AIR-CONDITIONING SYSTEM
- ✓ AIR QUALITY INSPECTION
- ✓ DUCTWORK REPLACEMENT
- ✓ WATER HEATER REPLACEMENT
- ✓ PLUMBING WHOLE HOME REPIE
- ✓ WATER TREATMENT SYSTEMS
- ✓ WHOLE HOME GENERATORS





# September School News: A Look at What's Happening

Events listed may be subject to change. Check with your school to confirm event dates and times prior to attending.

Compiled by Deidre Morgan



## Labor Day Holiday – September 3 – No School

### ALAFIA ALLIGATOR ALLEY

Remember to wear your Alafia shirts on Spirit Fridays!  
Shirts are sold in "The Mint" Wednesday mornings from 7:30-8 a.m.

#### Tuesday Folders

Each year students receive an Alafia folder on the first day of school. These folders then serve as "Tuesday Folders" for the remainder of the year. Every Tuesday these folders will be sent home with pertinent information, forms, newsletters, etc. from the school, the PTA, and sometimes from the county. By sending home all informational fliers only on Tuesdays, we hope to eliminate confusion about when information is coming home. Your child will STILL get papers from teachers on any day of the week, but those will be academic. Please send BACK the folders every Wednesday.



### CIMINO COUGAR CENTRAL

Sept. 5 & 7 – Grandparents Breakfast, 7 a.m.  
Sept. 14 – Fall Picture Day  
Sept. 18 – PTA Meeting, 6 p.m.  
Sept. 21 – Cougar Challenge Kick Off  
Sept. 21 – All Pro Dad's, 6:30 a.m., Multi-Purpose Room  
Sept. 27 – Conference Night  
Oct. 5 – Cougar Challenge, 8 a.m.



### BURNS BRUINS BANTER

Sept. 5 – Fall Picture Day  
Sept. 12 – 1st Quarter Progress Reports  
Sept. 17 – Conference Night, 4:35 – 7:35 p.m.  
Sept. 28 – PTSA Dodgeball Fundraiser, 1:30 – 4:30 p.m. on the PE Fields  
Oct. 3 – Burns Orchestra Fall Concert, 6:30 p.m.



### BLOOMINGDALE HIGH BULL BUSINESS

Sept. 4 – Booster Club Meeting, 7 p.m.  
Sept. 5 – Cheer Tryouts, 4:30 p.m.  
Sept. 5 – JV/V Volleyball @ TBT, 6:15 p.m.  
Sept. 6 – JV/V Volleyball vs Plant, 6:15 p.m.  
Sept. 6 – JV Football vs Plant City, 7 p.m.  
Sept. 7 – Varsity Football vs Middleton, 7:30 p.m.  
Sept. 13 – Junior Ring Assembly, 9:30am  
Sept. 13 – JV/V Volleyball vs East Bay, 6:15 p.m.  
Sept. 13 – JV Football @ Armwood, 7 p.m.  
Sept. 17 – JV/V Volleyball @ Durant, 6:15 p.m.  
Sept. 18, 19 & 25 – Junior Class Ring Orders, 11 a.m. During lunches  
Sept. 18 – Junior Ring Parent Night, 6:15 p.m.  
Sept. 20 – JV/V Volleyball @ Strawberry Crest, 6:15 p.m.  
Sept. 20 – JV Football vs Strawberry Crest, 7 p.m.  
Sept. 21 – Varsity Football @ Lennard, 7:30 p.m.  
Sept. 22 – Boys Basketball Fundraiser, 7:45am Registration, 9 a.m. Start Time  
(To register for this event go to [goo.gl/forms/4FjKBkc7](http://goo.gl/forms/4FjKBkc7) or Contact Coach Vanzant at [shawn.vanzant@sdhc.k12.fl.us](mailto:shawn.vanzant@sdhc.k12.fl.us))  
Sept. 22 – Jr. Bulls Cheer Clinic, 10:00 am (please see flyer for more information)  
Sept. 25 – JV/V Volleyball vs Newsome, 6:15 p.m.  
Sept. 27 – JV Football vs Newsome, 7 p.m.  
Sept. 28 – Varsity Football @ East Bay, 7:30 p.m.  
Oct. 1 – Orchestra Fall Concert, 6:30 p.m.  
Oct. 2 – JV/V Volleyball @ Freedom, 6:15 p.m.  
Oct. 2 – Booster Club Meeting, 7 p.m.  
Oct. 3 – JV/V Volleyball vs Lennard, 6:15 p.m.  
Oct. 3 – Burns Orchestra Fall Concert, 6:30 p.m.  
Oct. 5 – Varsity Football vs Strawberry Crest, 7:30 p.m. (Homecoming)

Oct. 6 – Homecoming Dance (more information at a later date)  
October – SAT testing at Bloomingdale



### BULL BRIEFS

Fall FSA Writing and Reading Retakes and EOC's:  
Sept. 10 – 14, 17 – 21 and 24 – 28

#### School Advisory Council

Bloomingdale is currently forming its 2018–2019 School Advisory Council. We need parents, students and community members interested in developing ways to improve our school. Please reach out to LeeAnne Mason at [lee.mason@sdhc.k12.fl.us](mailto:lee.mason@sdhc.k12.fl.us), if you'd be willing to serve on the council.

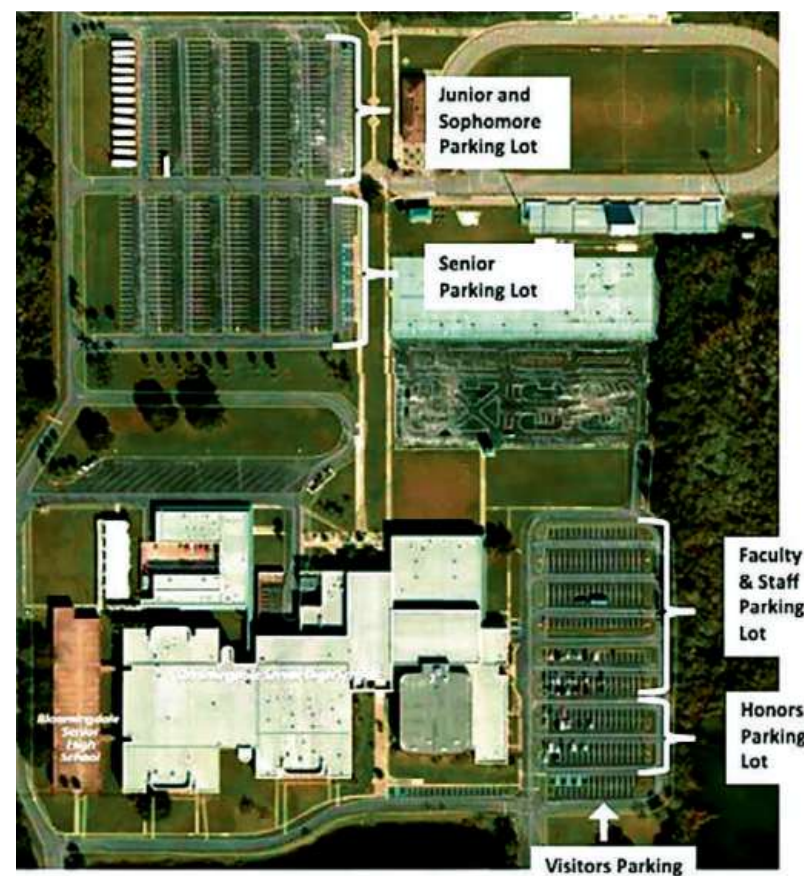
#### New Security Fence

New fencing has been installed around the building for our safety, which will make some procedural changes for us. All perimeter gates will be locked at 8:30 when school begins. This means, if you are late to school, you will need to be "let in". If you're a car rider or park in the Honors Lot, you will need to be buzzed in the front doors. If you park in the Student Lot, you will need to be let in that gate, as well. Please be aware that this safety measure will be somewhat of an inconvenience and being on time to school is the best way to avoid any added stress to your day!

With the new 8:30 start time, the building will be open at 7:45 for student entrance. Once the school day begins, the entire perimeter of the building will be secure. Please ensure you know where the new fencing has been installed so you are able to adjust your movement around the back of the building from the PE/patio area and the exterior buildings. Please also make sure you don't by open any exterior doors or fencing for anyone!!! Our safety is OUR priority!!!

### Are you parking in the right lot?

Check this graphic to make sure that you are!





**Jr. Bulls Cheer Camp, Sept. 22**

All students Kindergarten through 8th grade, Sept. 22 from 1-4 p.m. \$30 Pre-Registration, \$35 day of event. Camp participants receive a Bulls Cheer T-shirt, snacks and drinks, and entrance to the Tampa Bay tech vs Bloomingdale Home game to cheer in the stands with the Bulls Cheerleaders during the game! Email Coach DiPrima at [tracy.diprima@sdhc.k12.fl.us](mailto:tracy.diprima@sdhc.k12.fl.us).



# Community Service Forum

Join The Community Roundtable at the FREE Community Service Forum. It will be held at Brandon High School on Thursday, Sept. 27, 6 to 8 pm. Students – Do you need Community Service Hours? Do you like Environmental issues? The Arts? Military activities? Or perhaps, Soup Kitchens? This is a great way to find the charity matching your interests. Help YOUR Brandon community. Charities – You will meet with area high school students seeking service hours for scholarship requirements. Support our community by introducing your charity to local volunteers – kids and adults. We have invited 10 high schools, 11 middle schools, the home school families, charter schools, and private schools to meet YOUR Non-Profit. Contact the [TheCommunityRoundtable.org](http://TheCommunityRoundtable.org) at 661-4350 or via email at [Roundtable2008@aol.com](mailto:Roundtable2008@aol.com).

**You Could Not, Would Not Want to Miss, A Spectacular Event Such As This!!!**

**Back to School Dance**  
**Friday, September 7th**  
**6:00—7:30 PM**

**Items available for purchase:**  
Kona Ice  
Face Paint  
Colored Hair Spray  
Sweet Treats

**Come & have some fun with Music, Snacks, Juice/Water & A Photobooth**

This is not a drop-off event. All students MUST be accompanied by an adult. (masks and weapons are prohibited)

Let us know if you can attend, fill out, cut off, & be sure to send!

Please RSVP so we can see, how many people there are going to be!  
Please submit RSVP by Friday, August 31st

Student Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
Teacher(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
Number Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ Classroom #: \_\_\_\_\_

**FACT:**

High-quality after school programs are associated with better peer relationships.

**BALANCED LEARNING® WAY:**

No wonder so many BFFs get their start here.

**REGISTER FOR THE 2018-2019 ACADEMIC SCHOOL YEAR. CALL FOR A TOUR TODAY.**

Infants – Private Kindergarten & After School

**Primrose School of Bloomingdale**

1280 Bloomingdale Avenue | Valrico, FL 33596

813.438.5980 | [PrimroseBloomingdale.com](http://PrimroseBloomingdale.com)



**Balanced Learning®**



Each Primrose school is a privately owned and operated franchise of Primrose Schools, a Balanced Learning® registered trademark of Primrose Schools, Inc. Copyright ©2018 Primrose Schools, Inc. All rights reserved. See [www.primroseschools.com](http://www.primroseschools.com) for more information and franchise details.

672878-1



## **Cimino's Cougar Challenge is Back!** By Wendy Knipp



Photo: Wendy Knipp

School is in full swing and for Cimino Elementary School, that means one thing, it's time for the 8th annual PTA family-friendly fundraiser, The Cougar Challenge.

It's a walkathon tradition that started in 2011 and has become so successful that it's the one and only PTA fundraiser. Students will spend the weeks before the walkathon collecting donations and on Oct. 5, they will walk the parking lot as many times as they can in 20 minutes. Afterwards, they cool down with a tasty

treat. Gavin White is a fourth grader who has been participating in this fundraiser for years and says, "I love running with my friends and eating the popsicles at the end."

One reason that this event is so successful is because families are encouraged to get involved by coming to the school and cheering on their student, walking with them, or volunteering. Janine Kurto is a parent at Cimino and says, "Not only do the children enjoy this event, but parents, siblings, and grandparents can also join in on the fun."

Last year, this fundraiser raised about \$60,000 before expenses and because the PTA hosted it, they retained 100% of the amount collected. Money raised will go in many directions including supplementing PTA events, classroom support, school improvement, technology upgrades, and student clubs including the Living Habitat Vivarium.

The amount of work that goes into this 2-hour event is extraordinary. Dedicated PTA members begin work in the summer and then after the event, it can take a month or more to wrap it up. PTA Cougar Challenge Coordinator Angela Harvey said, "This event takes a lot of dedicated parents and school staff to make it a great success each year." Business sponsors are essential as they donate money and other necessities. Abdoney Pediatric Dentistry is the Event Sponsor with many other generous businesses also contributing.

Cimino Elementary School is located at 4329 Culbreath Rd, Valrico. For more information or to donate, contact Angela Harvey at [Ciminocougarchallenge@yahoo.com](mailto:Ciminocougarchallenge@yahoo.com).



Photo: Janine Kurto



Photo: Wendy Knipp

## **Fundraising is a Ball at Burns Middle School** By Wendy Knipp

On Sept. 28, students at Burns Middle School will have a chance to participate in a PTSA fundraiser in which they'll play an updated version of a classic game that many of us played as kids, dodgeball!

Classic playground dodgeball was an action-packed sport that got everybody's blood pumping and really perfected one's lightning quick hand-eye coordination. Of course, with the good came the bad. Although it wasn't enjoyable to feel the stings of those rubber balls being whipped at you by much larger opponents, having to stop the entire game's momentum just to chase and retrieve the balls was utterly maddening. Hence, an updated version.

**Dodgeball2you** has created mobile arenas tall enough to keep the balls contained and sturdy enough to withstand someone falling into them. They also use balls that are much lighter, but still easily thrown. Burns students will be able to experience non-stop play in multiple arenas and adult PTSA volunteers will monitor the arenas to keep everything running smoothly.

This is the second year that Burns' PTSA has held a dodgeball fundraiser. Last year, the PTSA reached their fundraising goal and this year, they hope to surpass it. Jennifer Esley is the PTSA President and loves the idea of letting the kids have fun while fundraising.

She said, "It's a great opportunity for a kid to be a kid. With all the pressures of middle school I think the kids welcome some time to relax and build friendships." Among other things, money raised will be used to help fund grants and provide community outreach to the students.

Burns Middle School is located at 615 Brooker Road, Brandon. For more information about Dodgeball2you, visit <https://dodgeball2you.com>. For more information about Burns' PTSA including helping with fundraising, contact Jennifer Esley at [Jennifer.esley@yahoo.com](mailto:Jennifer.esley@yahoo.com).



Photo: Wendy Knipp





## Tailgates, Tackles and Touchdowns!

By Deidre Morgan

Bloomington High School's football season has begun and excitement is in the air for another great year of Bulls football. On Aug. 10, the "Meet the Bulls" game was played to showcase the talent for this upcoming year. The team played a scrimmage against itself, offense vs. defense. A week later on Aug. 17, pre-season started with the Bulls winning big over Riverview by a score of 56-14.

Over the summer members of the Bulls attended camps and combines to improve their skills and learn techniques that would benefit them for the year ahead. Some of the accomplishments gained from those camps were Justin Keijers who was ranked the #1 long snapper in the Nation and Jacob McDonald was named the #3 kicker and #7 overall in punters.

Others to keep an eye out for this season are linebacker Landon Moody, who racked up 100 tackles last year. Running backs Charles Montgomery and newcomer Dominic Gonnella, a transfer from Riverview, will be a powerful duo for the Bulls run game. The team is excited to improve last year's overall record of 7- 4 and go even further in the play-offs this year.



Photo: Deidre Morgan

Bloomington is currently ranked 10th on the Tampa Bay Home Team top 15 power rankings for the Tampa Bay area. Good Luck and Go Bulls!

The Bulls take the field on opening kickoff against the Sharks of Riverview.



## Welcome Back, Teachers

By Deidre Morgan

Bloomington High School was the host for this year's 2nd Annual Back to School Teacher Luncheon on Aug. 8. The luncheon was a way for the Valrico/FishHawk Chamber to honor and welcome teachers back for another great school year. Eighteen area schools were asked to invite an administrator/principal and six teachers to the luncheon, which was funded by local businesses.



Photo: Deidre Morgan

The Bloomington Orchestra provided music for the Back to School Teacher Luncheon held at BSHS on Aug. 8.

Bloomington's Orchestra, under the direction of Beverly Sutherland, provided music as the teachers checked in and received goodie bags from vendors. This year's guest speaker was Ernest Hooper, Editor for the Tampa Bay Times.

The following businesses provided food for the event; Yo-Yo Juice, Chick-fil-A of Brandon, LeAnne's cookies and Philly Pretzel Factory. Other vendors at the event were State Farm Insurance, Mathnasium and AR Workshop Art Studio of Valrico. If you would like to donate or be a part of this great event next year, go to <https://valricofishhawk.org>.

Good Luck to all teachers and students for a successful year!

# Kids R Kids Learning Academy

- Nutritious Meals & Snacks: Low Salt & Sugar
- Spanish & Music
- Brainwaves Curriculum
- ABC Mouse Computer Technology
- STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts & Mathematics)
- Extracurricular Programs
- Outdoor Playgrounds w/Water Park
- Trained Professional Staff Certified in First Aid & CPR
- Security Code Access Entry
- FREE Internet Viewing of Your Child's Day
- Pre-School
- Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten
- Before- and After-School Care



**Now Enrolling – All Ages**

813-657-6200  
www.krkvallrico.com  
4321 Lynx Paw Trail  
CHC431024

Located across from Lithia Springs Elementary



## Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten 2018-2019

Top-rated Program in Lithia and FishHawk –  
Preparation for National Common Core Kindergarten Standards  
Accelerated Pre-K Curriculum with Math, Science, Spanish, Music,  
Sign Language, APPLE & Gold Seal Accredited, and Computer Technology.

Servicing the following schools,  
grades K-5: Stowers, Valrico Academy,  
Bevis, FishHawk Creek, Lithia Springs,  
Foundation Christian, Alafia  
and Cimino.

813-654-7000  
www.krkcirca.com  
5815 Kids Crossing Drive  
CHC432384

Located between Stowers Elementary and Mosaic



# Brenda Sells BLOOMINGDALE

Current Listings



4607 Oak River Cir



1528 Crooked Stick Dr



4603 Dogwood Hills

2018 SOLD Listings



If you're looking to get your home **SOLD**,  
call Brenda.

Your **#1** Bloomingdale agent.

Direct (813) 924-8677

Office (813) 655-5333

Brenda@BrendaWade.com

www.BrendaWade.com

*BWA*  
**BRENDA WADE**  
**TEAM**  
*Signature Realty Associates*



663227-1