



BLOOMINGDALE GAZETTE

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The Bloomingdale Homeowners Association wishes every resident a Happy New Year. We need your support now more than ever. Every penny received goes toward sustaining and improving our programs and services for you, the resident.

Another Membership Drive Begins; Look for your invitation in the mail this week!



Your \$35 membership allows the BHA to continue the programs and services that make our community special; including The Fall Festival, Annual Clean-Up Days, Advocacy for community improvements to county officials, The Award-Winning Bloomingdale Gazette, The BHA 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.

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, 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.

"Team Bloomingdale" needs You!

Do you care about our Bloomingdale Community, and want to take an active role in its future? Do you enjoy meeting people and working for a common goal? Then, the Bloomingdale Homeowners Association (BHA) wants you!



Meetings are on the second Tuesday of each month at the Bloomingdale Community Office at 6:30 p.m.

Not sure you have the time? The BHA encourages all interested residents to attend a few board meetings to see if joining the Board is a good "fit." Current board members are residents, like you, who want Bloomingdale to thrive.

Call 813-681-2051 or email bloomingdale.homeowners@gmail.com.

MONTHLY EVENTS

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

Jan. 1 // 2020 Membership drive starts! Look for your membership invitation! We need your support!

Monday, Jan. 13, 6:30 p.m. // Bloomingdale Taxing District Monthly Trustee Meeting, Bloomingdale Community Office, 3509 Bell Shoals Road. Call 813-684-6667 for information.

Tuesday, Jan. 14, 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, Jan. 16, 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

As Bloomingdale Square nears its renovation end, new stoplight and traffic patterns are in place. The Bloomingdale Avenue stoplight in place for several months, now has new right and left turn lanes. This should assist shoppers exiting the center.

Also active is the new stoplight at Bell Shoals and Starwood Avenue.

This intersection requires caution as drivers are not used to both shopping center and charter school exit traffic.



SAVE THE DATE!

Community Clean-Up // March 7

Scholarship Deadline // April 1 2020Community Scholarship Applications Available!

Don't let the opportunity for \$2,000 in college scholarship money slip through your fingers. Applications are available online at www.bloomingdalehoa.com, the BHA office, and via email at bloomingdale.homeowners@gmail.com. The deadline is April 1. Mail completed applications to BHA, 3509 Bell Shoals Rd, Valrico, FL, 33596. Or, drop off the application at the office. Good luck, seniors!

Garage Sale // April 4

Fall Festival // October or November, TBD

Santa // December 6

Bloomingdale Resident Clean-Up Day



March 7, 2020

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. OR until bins are full

Hillsborough County Parks Maintenance Facility 1629 Natures Way (behind Alafia Elementary School) (Bloomingdale Gazette will post a list of acceptable items) **Community Garage Sale**



Saturday, April 4, 2020 8 a.m.

So many sales throughout all of Bloomingdale! Don't miss this one.



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January Community Calendar

Master Gardener Library Program: Growing Sprouts and Microgreens / Jan.7, 6:30-8 p.m. / Riverview Branch Library, 10509 Riverview Dr., Riverview // Learn how to grow delicious sprouts and microgreens. You can produce an edible crop in less than a week on your kitchen counter with minimal supplies. Grow year-round with no concerns about weather conditions and without fertil-



izers or pesticides. Tastings and door prizes included. Presentation by Master Gardener Anne Marie Boehm. Contact Anne Marie Boehm for information: email amblibrary@gmail.com or call 813-205-6621.

Free HOA Board Certification Class / Jan. 16, 6:30 p.m., Information and exhibits at 5:30 p.m. / The Regent (downstairs multi-purpose center), 6437 Watson Road, Riverview // Board Member Certification class taught by attorneys approved by The State of Florida to teach board member



certification classes. This class is informative for current board members, aspiring board members, and others who want to learn more about community association law. Sponsored by MEA HOA, Ilc, RSVP by emailing Office@ MEAHOA.com so we know how many attendees to prepare for. Include your name and the name of your association when you RSVP.

Running of the Bulls 5k / Jan. 18, 8 to 11 a.m. / Bloomingdale Senior High School / 1700 E Bloomingdale Ave. // The Running of the Bulls 5k benefits Bloomingdale High School students. Participants can run or walk! All are welcome for this great community event to support the school. Register at https://fitniche.com/event/running-of-the-bulls-5k/.



Gasparilla Children's Extravaganza / Jan. 18, 4 - 7 p.m. / Bayshore Boulevard, Tampa / website: tinyurl.com/sr2d9dz // Bring your little pirates out for some family fun!



The Bullfrog Bazaar Market / Jan. 19, noon to 4 p.m. / Bullfrog Creek Brewing Co. / 3632 Lithia Pinecrest Rd / (813) 703-8835 / info@bullfrogcreek.com // It's our 1st Market of the New Year! Food Truck, Live Music, and Beer! Every 3rd Sunday of the Month from noon -4 p.m. If



you are interested in becoming a vendor email kelly@bullfrogcreek.com.

GASPARILLA! ARRRRR!

Gasparilla Pirate Parade & Festival / Jan. 25, 10 a.m. / Sail Pavilion, 333 S Franklin St, Tampa

Schedule:

11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Gasparilla Invasion

Route: The Jose Gasparilla sets sail at the south end of Hillsborough Bay at 11:30am., sails north to Seddon Channel & docks at the Tampa Convention Center at 1 pm.

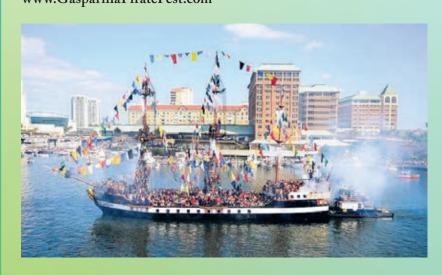
9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Gasparilla Invasion Brunch

Location: Tampa Convention Center

Admission: Tickets REQUIRED for adults and for children over the age of two. Tickets available: www.GasparillaTreasures.com

2 p.m. - approx. 5:30 p.m. Parade of the Pirates

Route: The parade begins at Bay to Bay Blvd & Bayshore Blvd. It continues along Bayshore Blvd to Brorein St., turns east on Brorein St, then north on Ashley Dr. Parade ends at Cass St. & Ashley Dr. FREE to attend. For additional event information visit: www.GasparillaPirateFest.com



Senior Community Choir / Jan. 27, every Monday from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m./The Bridges, 11202 Dewhurst Drive, Riverview // A new senior community choir is seeking singers with all levels of singing experience. "Joyful Voices" was created for older adults who have a love of music and a desire to sing. Singers are not limited to Bridges residents. Studies have proven that



singing with others provides benefits, such as managing stress, alleviating pain, increasing happiness and establishing friendships. Sixty-minute rehearsals will be held at the Cambridge Clubhouse. A spring performance will be held in April. For information and to reserve your spot, call 813.413.8900.

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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 Girl Scouts.)

How to save money on your property taxes! Deadline March 1!

We have reached a new year! If you purchased a home in 2019 or anytime in the past and just forgot to Homestead, now is the time to go online or visit the Hillsborough County Property Appraiser's office.

Do you know about your Homestead benefits? Is the home you're living in your primary home?

Hopefully the information below from the property appraiser will help you save some money in the new year. If you don't know how to check if your home is "Homesteaded," call anyone from The Chadderton Group and we'll check for you.

Florida law allows up to \$50,000 to be deducted from the assessed value of a primary/permanent residence. After receiving the first year homestead exemption, any annual increase in the assessed value is capped at the lower of 3% or the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index. This is a big savings!

Here is what you need to know:

- The owner must have legal or beneficial title by January 1 of the year of the application.
- The statutory filing deadline is March 1.
- The owner must establish Hillsborough County as his/her legal domicile, reside on the subject property as of January 1 and be a US citizen or Permanent Resident.





By Ronnie McLaughlin

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- Owner must show proof of Florida residency (i.e. Driver license).
- If you are active duty military, you may qualify by providing the county with proof of Florida residency such as Florida driver license or LES (Leave and Earnings Statement)
- Proof of Citizenship (i.e. voter registration or permanent resident card).
- Owner should provide the address of the property, tax bill or deed/title.
- Social Security numbers for your spouse and any owner who resides on the property.

If you have any questions or want details, visit the website at www.hcpafl.org/Property-Info/Homestead-Other-Info. If there are special circumstances you can visit the appraiser office at 311 Pauls Drive in Brandon.





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Gorgeous 5/3/2 home in the Starling area. Upstairs bonus room plus full bedroom and bath. Master and 3 more bedrooms downstairs. Available end of November 2019 for \$2.200/month.



Gorgeous townhome! Wood Flooring. Extended screened lanai with wooded views. New Appliances. 3 bedroom 2



Plant City farm. 8 stall barn. Fully fenced with front and back pastures.

Leaving 2019 with a bang and going into 2020 swinging! Let's make 2020 the best year for your family! Put our proven track record to work for you. We help families get their homes sold for top dollar and get the most out of their money when buying. Get Smart... Choose the Best Team for your family... The Ezell/Thompson Team.











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BLOMINGDALE SPECIAL DISTRICT

THE COMMUNITY'S COMMON AREA CONNECTION

(Editor's Note: The Bloomingdale Special District's (BSD) monthly column will inform readers about the BSD, its mission and ongoing and new initiatives. The BSD 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.)

Compiled by Miriam Leech

2019 REVIEW AND A LOOK AT 2020

By Tom Leech, President

Holiday Decorations and Community Signage

This past year witnessed several innovative changes to Bloomingdale operations. Most recently, you may have noticed the new holiday decorations. In addition to the traditional banners, the Board of Trustees voted to add the snowflake lights this year. Your feedback has been overwhelmingly positive so you can expect to see them again each year. The lights themselves now belong to the District. In the future, we need only budget for installation. Beginning in January, after the holiday decorations are taken down, look for all signs district-wide to be pressure washed and painted.



Photo: Geoff Dahl

We began 2019 talking about an upgrade to the community's main entrances. The surveying and boundary-definition process has taken longer than expected but we are pressing onward with the project. Our next steps include gaining County consent to use and access those areas owned by the County and establish any new easements or rights-of-way.

Off-Duty Deputy Program

The District experimented with a new security program featuring off-duty Hillsborough County Sheriff's Deputies. The program proved so successful that a five-month pilot evolved into a permanent, fully budgeted security program. The Sheriff's Office appointed a Liaison Officer dedicated to coordinate our program and the District plans to continue the program indefinitely.

Sidewalk Repairs

One on-going frustration involves the community-wide sidewalk repair effort that began in May. The District continues to work with Hillsborough County Public Works to resolve issues related to broken irrigation lines, turf damage, and trash and debris left behind. The project is scheduled for completion by March 1, 2020.

Board Member Thank You

Finally, I would like to thank Jay Kittle for his service to the community as a member of the Board of Trustees. Jay joined the board in 2016 and was most recently the Secretary and Community Relations lead. Thanks for your time and efforts, Jay. Best wishes to you in your future endeavors. we will continue to work with Public Works to address the problems as swiftly as possible.

BLOOMINGDALE SPECIAL DISTRICT

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Tom Leech, President
Charlie Woodcock, Treasurer
Russell Jones, Trustee
Randy Kehrmeyer, Trustee
Claire Letkiewicz, Trustee

Monthly Meeting

As a reminder, meetings are held the second Monday of the month and all Bloomingdale residents are invited to attend the next meeting of the BSD on Jan.13 at 6:30 p.m. at the Bloomingdale Community Offices, 3509 Bell Shoals Road. 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!

For information on the Bloomingdale Special District visit:

mydistrictwebsite.com/bloomingdale-special-taxing-district

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Hillsborough County Helpful After Holiday Tips!

Compiled by Gwen Graverson

Disposing of your live family tree after the Holiday season...

Now that the holiday season is over with, its time to take down the holiday décor and decide on the best way to dispose of the now unwanted live Christmas Tree.

Pickup at the Curb

Curbside pickup of live Christmas trees is available to County solid waste customers by following these steps:

- Remove all decorations, lights, and tinsel;
- Cut the tree trunk, limbs and branches into sections no longer than 4 feet and no wider that 6 inches in diameter; and
- Place curbside on your regular yard waste collection day.

Drop it Off

Hillsborough County solid waste customers can skip the hassle and work of cutting their live Christmas trees into smaller pieces for curbside pickup by taking trees directly to one of the following Yard Waste Processing Facilities:

- 346 Falkenburg Road in Tampa
- 13001 U.S. 41 in Gibsonton
- 8001 W. Linebaugh Ave. in Tampa

The County's yard waste sites are open Monday through Saturday from 7:30 a.m.

until 5 p.m., with the exception of holidays. Customers are required to have a photo I.D. and their current property tax bill showing the Hillsborough County Solid Waste Disposal Assessment to access the Yard Waste Processing Facilities, and they must be able to unload the trees themselves.



Customers should also remove all decorations, lights, and tinsel. Artificial trees are not accepted at the yard waste sites. For any questions about taking trees to a Yard Waste Processing Facility, call Hillsborough County Solid Waste at (813) 272-5680.

Recycle and Reuse

One way to recycle your Christmas tree is to simply move it to your back yard. The deteriorating tree will provide a habitat for birds and other wildlife. To provide food for birds, you can hang suet or sliced fruit from the branches. You can also chop or grind your live Christmas tree and repurpose it as mulch around trees, shrubs, and flower beds. For more ideas and information regarding recycling and repurposing live Christmas trees, contact the Hillsborough County Extension Service's Florida Yards and Neighborhoods Program.

For information, the county's website: www.hillsboroughcounty.org/en, Facebook: www.facebook.com/HillsboroughFL/, or call 813-272-5680.



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Bloomingdale Through Your Lens!

Bloomingdale Photographers! The Gazette wants your photos – anything that highlights our people pets, places and things! Some photos will grace the cover; others will be highlighted in the issue! Send high resolution photos to inbloomingdalenews@gmail.com.

Here are just a few photos from our super-talented residents!



Apollo, the bearded dragon (Photo: Mackenzie Allison (12))



Florida Aquarium (Photo: Irv Dupre)



 $Yellow\ Throated\ Warbler\ (Photo:\ Robert\ Jaeger)$



Theo and Cosette (Photo: Irv Dupre)



Lincoln Markowitz (Photo: Nathan Markowitz)



Daisy Herring (Photo: Julie Herring)



Get a healthy start to 2020; Register for Bloomingdale's Running of the Bulls 5k!

By Jane Owen



The Running of the Bulls 5k will be held on Saturday, Jan. 18 at Bloomingdale High School. The 5k starts and finishes on the track and the utilizes the sidewalks, roads and parking lots on campus.

Participants can run or walk the race and enjoy community support. The Bloomingdale Band Drumline performs. Student volunteers cheer for participants. Post-race food includes Chick-fil-a, Panera pastries and bagels and fruit. Participants receive a shirt and are entered into a raffle for donated items from sponsors, including race entries into Tampa's Gasparilla Distance Classic, a GNC basket, and gift cards to local businesses. Finishers receive medals.

Made possible by local business sponsorships, such as Gold Sponsor Acropolis Greek Taverna, the race is hosted

by Band Boosters and supports the Bloomingdale band and athletic teams. Registrants can choose an athletic team to support during registration.

Bloomingdale Lacrosse Coach Matthew Borowski not only ran the 2019 race, he encouraged his lacrosse team to participate. "We participated because of the incentives that the Band Boosters gave our team. We struggle with fundraising dollars and we do not get much

support from the district since we are also a pay-for-play varsity sport."

Borowski believes taking part in the race not only helps the school, it helps the Bloomingdale community. "The unfortunate part is education is annually getting squeezed for every dollar that we have so getting out and supporting a local organization is one of the best ways to build strong communities."

2019 Race Winner John Carter from Plant City said he is apt to run the race again, "Because I am competitive I always want to improve on previous race (times) but with the Running of the Bulls 5k, the pre and post-race activities is the main reason I mark my calendar for the event."

Borowski loved the ambience of the race, "We enjoyed the atmosphere the most. I thought the Band Boosters did a great job at creating an intimate atmosphere utilizing almost every inch of pavement on the school grounds. It was fun to see how they managed to fit 3.1 miles on campus."

To register, go to: https://fitniche.com/event/running-of-the-bulls-5k/







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Goodbye 2019, Hello 2020!

2019 was a year of change for the BHA and the community. The BHA came under new leadership as President George May stepped down for new President Suzy Watts. Construction continued at a frenzied pace with improvements to the community's parks, turnover of vacant buildings, the ongoing facelift of the Bloomingdale Square and lest we forgot, the widening of Bell Shoals Road. Traffic woes will continue into the new year.

2020 will see many of the BHA's programs and services continue to thrive and expand. Membership cards have been mailed. Dues are the same \$35 as last year - truly a bargain for the amount of work the BHA volunteers selflessly give to the community.

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In January 2019, Suzy Watts takes over the BHA from George May.



Gazette is the Best AGAIN! Hillsborough County Large-Scale Communications Award for 2018-19







BL Gazette finds new distribution point courtesy of the Campo YMCA



New Publix set to open Jan. 16 at newly renovated Bloomingdale Square; joins home décor store Home Centric and soon to be added LA Fitness.



New BSHS Football Coach Jake Coulson, Congrats on a Super 2019 Season!



The community yard sale continues to grow in popularity. This year's event is April 4! Follow the BHA Facebook page for more information!

Congratulations
Paige Vodopich,
2019 Community
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Winner! This
year's scholarship
application is
available now,
deadline to submit
is April 1...
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2019 BSHS Graduation

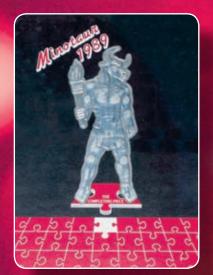


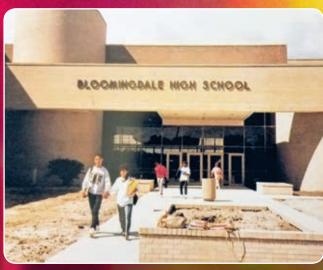
2019 Back to School! Cameron Bird, Cimino Elementary – one of many resident submitted photos!

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Goodbye 2019, Hello 2020!





The beneficial community-clean-up continues on March 7, 2020! Details are coming soon!

30 Years of Education Excellence



The BL Special District established an off-duty deputy program to improve safety and security in the community.

Bell Shoals widening officially started last year with the removal of trees and utility line work. Construction will continue for at least three years. Projects inside the Bloomingdale community include traffic calming on Natures Way, continued sidewalk repairs and subdivision road paving.



The Fall Fest was successful and fun for all! This year's event is expected to return in October or November.





The BHA is also involved in trying to resolve traffic cut-through issues at Bloomingdale entryways, including Bloomingfield Drive.



Park Renovations continued throughout 2019 at both East and West Parks. The latest improvement was the completion of pickleball courts at the East location.



Residents reached new Halloween decorating highs in 2019. Every year, more residents add to the Spooktacular event!





The Berntsen family, Jon, Heather, son Nikolai and their pup Sammy provided the most followed and heart-warming lost and found story of the year.

Here Comes Santa Claus, here Comes Santa Claus!





Volunteers, Thank you! We couldn't do it without you!

SPACE A

Miami and Santa



Tami Howell, Village Early Life Center with Santa



Santa Claus Came to Town!

need in the area.

The Bloomingdale Homeowners Association hosted Santa Claus and all his elves last month at The Village Early Learning Center off of Canoga Park Drive This free public event was available to children and pets of all ages. All were encouraged to stop by between 11am - 3pm and partake in arts and crafts, a visit with Santa, and to have their pictures taken. Donations were collected, food and money, for families in

Madisyn Streets



Joshua and Caleb Robinson



Savannah Daugherty and Jadyn Summerall



Olivia and Asher Camp



Anthony Sehogan, Dominic and Anthony Righi









Eric Alvarez Sanchez

A steady flow of visitors came throughout the day and Santa took his time in visiting and chatting with each and every one individually. The smiles were endless as families headed out, knowing their wishes were safe with jolly ol' St. Nick.

Many thanks to our volunteers and our VELC partners for helping us provide this fun and heart-warming annual event!



Leeshai Coleman (6), Serenity Coleman (5), and Zion West







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Here Comes Santa Claus, here Comes Santa Claus!





Sophia Macias



BHA Board: left to right, Billy Hightower, Grace Lewis, Santa, Sean Donahue, Suzy Watts and George May



Addison Solomon



Max Shields



Hunden and Santa ready to hit the road!



Madeleine and Carter Haughey



Charlotte and Ethan Williamson



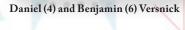
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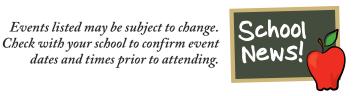
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Early Release Mondays Resume January 7, 2020 - Students Return to School January 20 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - Non-Student Day





ALAFIA ALLIGATOR ALLEY

School Website: alafia.mysdhc.org Facebook Page: Alafia Elementary PTA

Jan. 7 - Kona Ice @ Hart Parking Lot, 1:50 p.m.

Jan. 13 – Class/Group Pictures, Media Center, 8 a.m.

Jan. 14 - Science Night and PTA General Meeting, Cafeteria, 6 p.m.

Jan. 21 - Chick-Fil-A Family Night

Alafia PTA Information

Please sign up for updates and information at: alafiapta.membershiptoolkit.com Also download the mobile app: membership toolkit

Alafia Gator Store

Open on Mondays for K- 2nd & Wednesdays for 3rd-5th from 7:10-7:35 a.m.

Wear your School Spirit shirts on Friday's and get a Gator Buck! School Spirit items can be purchased online https://alafiapta.membershiptoolkit.com/schoolstore Items purchased will be sent to your students classroom.

Our Media Center is ALWAYS looking for Volunteers to come in and help, sign up here: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508054ca5ae2fa5fb6-oct



CIMINO COUGAR CENTRAL

School Website: cimino.mysdhc.org Facebook Page: Cimino Elementary Media Center and Cimino PTA

Jan. 15 - Your Pie Spirit Night

Jan. 23 - Group Picture Day

Jan. 23 - Bullfrog Creek Bingo Spirit Night

Jan. 28 - Cougar Cool Cats Awards, HONESTY, Multi-Purpose Room, 8 a.m.

Jan. 28 - Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night, 4 p.m.

Jan. 30 - Math Night, Multi-Purpose Room, 6 p.m.

Jan. 31 - All Pro Dads, Wear Black or White for HONESTY, 6:30 a.m.

Spirit Wear

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BURNS BRUINS BANTER

School Website: burns.mysdhc.org Facebook Page: Burns Middle School PTSA Follow us @BurnsPTSA

Jan. 13 - Art Camp, 4:30 p.m.

Jan. 14 – 6th Grade Health Screening, 9:30 a.m.

Jan. 15 & 16 - School Wide Mid-Year Baseline Assessments

Jan. 27 – Band Booster Meeting, Room 146, 6:30 p.m.

Jan. 30 & 31 - Band All County Festival, Brandon High School, 9 a.m.



BLOOMINGDALE HIGH BULL BUSINESS

School Website: bloomingdale.mysdhc.org Facebook Page: Bloomingdale Senior High School Follow us @BloomingdaleSHS

Jan. 7 - JV Girls Basketball @ Durant, 9 a.m.

Jan. 7 - Boys and Girls Basketball @ Leto, 6:30 p.m.

Jan. 8 - Boys and Girls Basketball vs. Durant, 6:30 p.m.

Jan. 10 & 11 - Guard Camp, 5 p.m.

Jan. 10 – Boys and Girls Basketball @ Hillsborough, 6:30 p.m.

Jan. 11 – JV Boys Basketball vs Wharton, Jefferson, 9 a.m.

Jan. 11 - JV Girls Basketball @ Lennard, 9 a.m.

Jan. 13 - Boys & Girls Soccer vs. Newsome, 6 p.m.

Jan. 14-NHS Induction Ceremony, Auditorium, 6 p.m.

Jan. 14 – Boys and Girls Basketball vs. King, 6:30 p.m.

Jan. 15 - Boys & Girls Soccer vs. Tampa Bay Tech, 6 p.m.

Jan. 15 - Boys and Girls Basketball @ East Bay, 6:30 p.m.

Jan. 17 – Boys and Girls Basketball vs. Brandon, 6:30 p.m.

Jan. 18 - Robotics Competition, McKeel Academy of Technology, 7:30 a.m.

Jan. 18 – JV Boys Basketball @ Lennard, 9 a.m.

Jan. 18 - JV Girls Basketball vs. Wharton, Jefferson, 9 a.m.

Jan. 19 - JROTC Drill Meet, Brandon HS, 7 a.m.

Jan. 21 - Boys & Girls Soccer vs. Riverview, 6 p.m.

Jan. 21 - Boys Basketball @ Tampa Bay Tech, 6:30 p.m.

Jan. 22 - Boys & Girls Basketball vs. Leto, 6:30 p.m. Jan. 24 - Varsity Wrestling @ Bloomingdale, 3:30 p.m.

Jan. 24 - Boys & Girls Basketball @ Blake, 6:30 p.m.

Jan. 25 – JV Boys Basketball @ Durant, 9 a.m.

Jan. 25 - JV Girls Basketball @ Plant City, 9 a.m.

Jan. 25 - Varsity Wrestling @ Bloomingdale, 10 a.m.

Jan. 28 - Boys & Girls Basketball @ Chamberlain, 6:30 p.m.

Jan. 28 - Varsity Wrestling @ Durant, 7 p.m.

Jan. 29 - Varsity Wrestling vs. Plant, 7 p.m.

Jan. 30 - Varsity Wrestling vs. Plant City, 7 p.m.

Jan. 31 - Varsity Wrestling @ Lennard, 3:30 p.m.

Jan. 31 - Robotics, Carrollwood Day School, 5:30 p.m.

Jan. 31 - Boys & Girls Basketball vs. Steinbrenner, 6:30 p.m.

Make a Difference with the School Student Services Department

The Student Services Department is starting a clothing and school supply resource closet and we need your help! If you have new or gently used clothing appropriate for high school students that you no longer need or want, consider donating to us to help students in need. As you shop for school supplies, consider donating them to us to give to students who need them. Together, we will make a difference! For information, contact Flossie Parsley, School Social Worker, at 744-8018, Ext 261.

2020 Graduation Dates Announced – Florida State Fairgrounds

Bloomingdale High School: May 22, 2020 at 8 p.m. Durant High School: May 23, 2020 at 4 p.m. Newsome High School: May 26, 2020 at 9 a.m. Riverview High School: May 26, 2020 at 4 p.m. Strawberry Crest High School: May 28, 2020 at 8 p.m.



ATTENTION BSHS SENIOR PARENTS

The Bloomingdale Lacrosse team has started its annual Graduation Yard Sign fundraiser. You may have seen them in your neighborhood the past two graduation seasons. We are looking to increase those views! Please take advantage of our early bird purchase price. Help us spread the word even if you do not have a 2020 graduate! Form and payment directions can be found using this link: https:// forms.gle/sQBQ5wHrRqpGZUH99. Contact CoachBorowski@gmail.com for any questions, comments, or concerns. Go Bulls!



Bloomingdale Seniors Head Back to Kindergarten

By Wendy Knipp

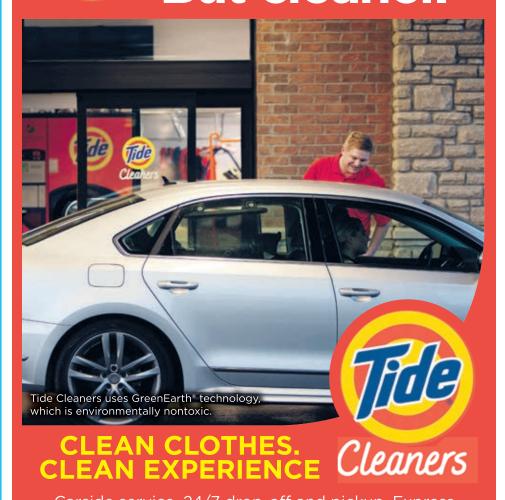
On Dec. 16, five Bloomingdale High School seniors returned to Cimino Elementary School to assist their beloved Kindergarten teacher Kerri Pepe on Craft Day – a day where her students make holiday gifts for their families. The students all had Ms. Pepe in 2007-2008 and have stayed in touch with her. They jumped at the opportunity to come back and help in her classroom. Bloomingdale is lucky to have such caring teachers and giving students.



From left to right: Bloomingdale seniors Jordon Gilley, Logan Martin, Cara Addeeb, Kerri Pepe, Alexis Cole and Matthew Smith visit Cimino. (Photos: Jessica Woody)



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Bulls Keep Winning

Brief/Photo by Jane Owen

The Bloomingdale Bulls Football team celebrated their 2019 winning season at their annual Football Banquet on Dec. 16. During Coach Jake Coulson's first year as Head Coach, the team went 9-3, making it to the play-offs for the second time in school history. Seniors were applauded and players received special recognition and awards. Congratulations to the team and the individual award winners!



2019 Football Banquet Awardees

rincipal Sue Burkett awards the Principal's Award to Gabe Jones as the team's General Manager and Gabe's dad Casio Jones looks on.



Parents and friends salute the 2019 Bulls Football awardees at the December banquet at the school.

And the winners are:

Principal's Award: Gabe Jones

JV MVP: Sean Dungan

Most Improved Players: Matt Eells and Jordan Leath

Weight Room Award: Dom Gonnella

Spirit Award: Sam Young

Big Stick Award: Jake Little

Coach Hutch Scholarship Award: Gabe Jones

Coaches Awards: Quinton McCoy, John Goodwin, Lance Alderson

Rookie of the Year: Malik Simmons

Special Teams Player of the Year: Bryan Palma

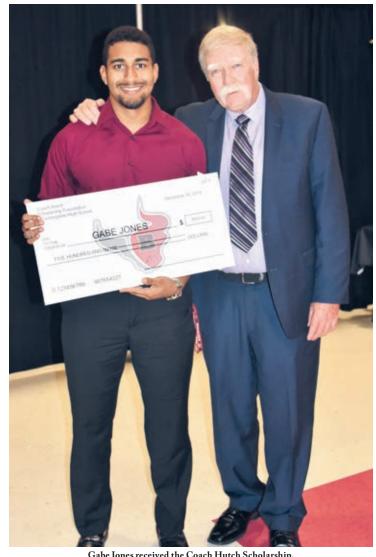
Offensive Trenches Award: Conner Pouchie

Defensive Trenches Award: Jack Sykes

Offensive Player of the Year: Gabe Akpewero and Maurice Frost

Defensive Player of the Year: Jamarion Neal and Wa'Myron Howard

MVP: Dom Gonnella



Gabe Jones received the Coach Hutch Scholarship.

Bloomingdale Student Athletes Sign National Letters of Intent

Brief/Photo by Deidre Morgan

On Dec. 18, four student athletes signed their National Letters of Intent to play college football at the next level. Supported by their families, friends, coaches and school administration, Maurice Frost, Dominic Gonnella, Gabriel Jones and Quinton McCoy will follow their dreams and play the sport they love at different colleges around the country.

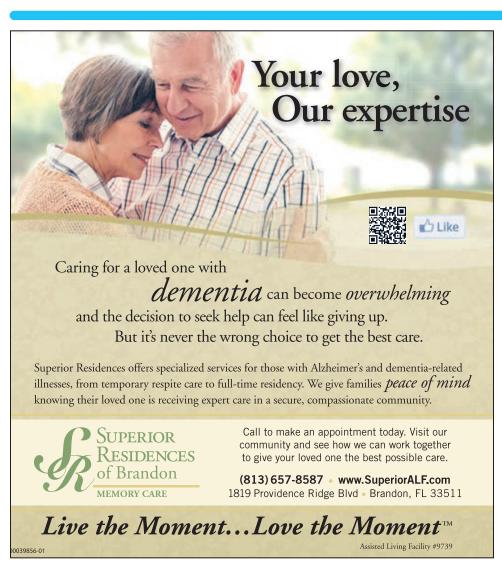
This team of elite athletes had a combined total of over 1,100 receiving and running yards, 86 tackles and 5 sacks. All four athletes will be attending Division 1 schools.

Wide Receiver Maurice Frost is headed to be a Navy Midshipmen, Running Back Dominic Gonnella will be a Bison at North Dakota State University, Linebacker Gabriel Jones will join the Wildcats at Davidson College and Defensive Tackle Quinton McCoy will be a part of former Tampa Bay Buccaneers Head Coach Lovie Smith's team as an Illinois Fighting Illini.

Congratulations and Good Luck on your journeys!



Bloomingdale High School Student Athletes signed their National Letters of Intent to play college football on Dec. 18 – Division 1 Football early signing day. Seated left to right are Maurice Frost (Navy), Dominic Gonnella (North Dakota State University), Gabriel Jones (Davidson College) and Quinton McCoy (Illinois).





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Happy New Year!

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| 754 CAPE COD CIR | \$192,900 | 2202 GOLF MANOR BLVD | \$333,000 | 3811 COLD CREEK DR | \$216,000 |
| 3411 RANCH RD | \$205,000 | 3509 AUTUMN GLEN DR | \$333,500 | 306 ROXBURY CROSSING CT | \$221,000 |
| 2606 SABLEWOOD DR | \$227,000 | 4339 BALINGTON DR | \$339,000 | 3609 SAVANNAH LAKE PL | \$230,000 |
| 2914 COPPER HEIGHT CT | \$229,000 | 2307 TIMBERGROVE DR | \$342,500 | 4102 AMBER RIDGE LN | \$248,000 |
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| 1516 EMERALD HILL WAY | \$247,000 | 3927 BUCKINGHAM LOOP DR | \$370,000 | 5416 TWIN CREEKS DR | \$282,000 |
| 2514 LAURELWOOD LN | \$252,500 | 714 CITRUS WOOD LN | \$370,000 | 2706 MOCK ORANGE CT | \$289,000 |
| 1505 CARTER OAKS DR | \$262,000 | 4409 MERRICK RUN LN | \$375,000 | 501 CITRUS WOOD LN | \$293,000 |
| 2834 BUCKHORN PRESERVE BLVD | \$265,000 | 2009 CIMMARON RUN DR | \$380,000 | 1706 WINN ARTHUR DR | \$300,000 |
| 3810 CLIFFDALE DR | \$265,000 | 4514 COMPASS OAKS DR | \$385,000 | 1507 WINDY GAP PL | \$315,000 |
| 5210 FAIRWAY ONE DR | \$270,000 | 3506 AUTUMN GLEN DR | \$389,000 | 105 DIANE AVE | \$325,000 |
| 4529 OAK RIVER CIR | \$276,000 | 5007 WHISPERING LEAF TRL | \$399,000 | 2202 GOLF MANOR BLVD | \$333,000 |
| 2510 BRIMHOLLOW DR | \$285,000 | 2005 RIVER CROSSING DR | \$402,000 | 1019 SWEET BREEZE DR | \$337,500 |
| 4322 BALINGTON DR | \$287,500 | 3701 TURKEY OAK DR | \$405,000 | 2733 BENT LEAF DR | \$345,000 |
| 4925 WILLOW RIDGE TER | \$290,000 | 401 HAVENWOOD WAY | \$405,000 | 2907 MOSSY TIMBER TRL | \$387,000 |
| 501 CITRUS WOOD LN | \$293,000 | 2903 SHETLAND RIDGE DR | \$422,500 | 3414 SYLVAN SHADOW ST | \$400,000 |
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| 2612 CLARESIDE DR | \$299,000 | 723 CITRUS WOOD LN | \$437,000 | 5124 ROLLING FAIRWAY DR | \$415,000 |
| 1706 WINN ARTHUR DR | \$300,000 | 3607 CORDGRASS DR | \$442,000 | 5114 SYLVAN OAKS DR | \$452,500 |
| 5004 CEDAR GLENN CT | \$307,500 | 2426 VALRICO FOREST DR | \$454,000 | 2925 VALENCIA RIDGE ST | \$478,106 |
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| 2529 BRIMHOLLOW DR | \$315,000 | 3506 OLD COURSE LN | \$504,000 | 1516 FOX HILL PL | \$540,000 |
| 2708 AVON RIVER DR | \$315,000 | 4909 SYLVAN OAKS DR | \$513,750 | 5210 SAND TRAP PL | \$550,000 |
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