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2020 Graduation, Courtesy of COVID-19

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New Board Members Wanted

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Not sure you have the time? The BHA encourages all interested residents to attend a few board meetings to see the Association at work, and to determine if joining the board is a good fit. Remember, current board members are residents like you who have the betterment of the community as their number one goal.

Membership 2020 Update

As we begin the last half of 2020, we are still below normal membership numbers. Please join. Make your \$35 checks payable to the BHA and mail to 3509 Bell Shoals Road, Valrico, FL 33596. An easier method is to use our PayPal option. Go to www.bloomingdalehoa.com, look for the PayPal link and follow the simple instructions.

NEW SERVICE FOR RESIDENTS!

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MONTHLY EVENTS

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

BHA Board Meeting / Tuesday, August 11, 6:30 p.m. / Bloomingdale Community Office, 3509 Bell Shoals Road. / Call 813-681-2051 for information.

Bloomingdale Area Community Council / HCSO Security and Safety meeting, **Cancelled Until Further Notice** / Bloomingdale Community Station, 3622 Erindale Drive, 813-635-8040

Upon advice from counsel, these events have been postponed until further notice.



Garage Sale is Sept. 5! / The first 50 residents who sign up will have their addresses listed in the Gazette on the day of the sale in addition to on Facebook. Send us your address and items for sale!

NEW! Fall Community Clean-Up / Oct. 3 / Planning has begun! We are hoping to provide free shredding, a donation truck and commercial dumpsters. Stay tuned.

Santa / December 6 / Santa is coming! This year will feature a tropical Santa in neighborhood drive-by mode. We will have volunteer elves passing our candy canes and Christmas “duckies.” In addition, we will have several stop points where residents can take pictures. This will be a “No Contact” event.



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Submitted by Paula Staples, UF/IFAS Extension

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Date: August 25, 2020

Time: 12 noon – 1 p.m.

Register at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/designing-urban-rights-of-way-to-prevent-damage-from-tree-roots-tickets-114595490196>

After registering we will send you the link to the webinar and pass code on or before August 21.

Presenters: Deb Hilbert, PhD. Student, University of Florida IFAS, Urban Tree and Landscape Management Lab, Rob Northrop, Extension Forester, University of Florida IFAS Extension



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Bloomington's Community Garage Sale Postponed Until Further Notice

By Jane Owen

The Bloomington 5th Annual Garage Sale is back! Postponed from its original April date, the sale is now on Sept. 5. With COVID-19 limiting our freedom, many residents have found more time for home projects, yard work and decluttering. Here is a prime opportunity to clear out unwanted items and turn those items into cash!

The sale will be promoted throughout the community both online and with signs at major neighborhood entries and intersections. Garage Sale hosts should put out directional signs from major roads to their homes.

Garage sale hosts can get their addresses posted by emailing Bloomington.homeowners@gmail.com. Send Address, items for sale and a picture or two if available.

Bloomington HOA President, Suzy Watts, believes this is a wonderful event for our community. "Since this is an outdoor activity, we can maintain safe distances, wear masks and use hand sanitizer to keep safe. These actions are key interactions these days. We have thirty surprise bags for thirty lucky hosts. Board members will be handing them out that Saturday. I look forward to seeing my neighbors and of course enjoying the fun adventure of garage sales."

Event information: Bloomington Community Garage Sale, Saturday, September 5, 8 a.m. Contact bloomington.homeowners@gmail.com.



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Take Precautions to Minimize Risks GARAGE SALE COVID SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS

**An inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 exists in any public place where people are present.
Should you have a garage sale, take precautions to minimize risks.**

These are recommendations for garage sales during the pandemic.

Hosts:

- Display a sign to remind customers about social distancing
- Place tables and chairs 6 feet apart
- Disinfect or wash merchandise when possible before putting it out for sale
- Organize items in a way that limits the amount of people touching the items.
For example, display items on a table instead of placing them in a box to rummage through.
- Clean tables throughout the sale.
- Supply hand sanitizer on tables for customers
- Wear masks and disposable gloves
- Keep more items on the driveway than inside of your garage

Attendees:

- Sanitize hands after handling any sort of payment method
- Keep distance if a sale is currently crowded
- Have the correct amount of cash or offer the remainder as a donation so you are not getting change
- Wear a mask and disposable gloves

Hey Bloomingdale! Back-to-School Photos Wanted

The Bloomingdale Gazette wants your back-to-school photos. Let us know if your child is at “brick and mortar” school, virtual school or home school.

Please send us hi-res photos (as close to or larger than 1 MB) with names and school attending no later than Aug. 26 or Sept. 15 for our Sept. 2 and Oct. 7 issues! Send to inbloomingdalenews@gmail.com.



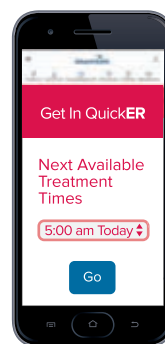
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Class of 2020 Drives-Thru For Diplomas

Brief and Photos by Deidre Morgan (unless otherwise noted)

The Class of 2020 have endured an unusual school year, but the administration at Bloomingdale High School, made sure that they were not forgotten. On July 15, outgoing Principal, Sue Burkett, greeted students in front of the school with a big smile, while making sure to stay six feet apart and handed students their diplomas. Even though this was not how any of the students anticipated how their senior year would be, they all made the best of it and were so happy that the school honored them and made them feel special. Good Luck and Congratulations to all of the Bloomingdale High School Graduates of 2020!!

Watch the 2020 Graduation at the link below:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=70EMC8ut1V4&list=PLjAJNT9F0eeswcnP1ogdf2LejDU48mxP&index=5&t=0s>



Nick Klaeren receives his diploma



Morgan Robertson and Adrianna Pellegree



A student signs the Class of 2020 banner.

Samuel Hernandez decided that since decorating hats is usually off limits, he now had the opportunity to show off his creativity.



Gaby Martinez, Senior Class President and Principal Burkett celebrate their final moments together.



A Bloomingdale Grad waits her turn in line.



Principal Burkett shows off her kicks with one of the graduates.



Dr. Donny Peek, Assistant Principal of Curriculum, gives a student their name card and instructions.



Joseph "Joey" Tutt, Attending the State College of Florida Courtesy Photo



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ne rocking their Covid couture.
Photo: Dawn Robertson



Twins Angel and Kendra Dixon are all smiles accepting their diplomas from outgoing Principal Sue Burkett.



Morgan Robertson walks the red carpet to get her diploma.
Photo: Dawn Robertson



Welcome Back to Bloomingdale High School, Dr. Marcos Rodriguez

By Deidre Morgan



Dr. Marcos Rodriguez is no stranger to Bloomingdale. He served as the Assistant Principal for Administration and is now back as the new Principal of Bloomingdale High School.

Born in Camaguey, Cuba, Rodriguez moved to Miami with his family at age six so that the family could have better opportunities.

Education was the natural choice for him as both of his parents are teachers. His mother, Regina earned her educational specialist degree from Nova University and was a math teacher in Miami-Dade and Broward County for many years. His father, Enrique, earned a master's degree from the University of Miami and was also a teacher in both Miami-Dade and Broward county for many years.

Rodriguez said, "Growing up with two teachers in the house allowed me to see how hard teachers work daily to create lessons that help students grow both academically and socially. Hearing the stories of how my parents made a difference in the lives of their students inspired me to follow in their footsteps."

After high school, he attended USF and majored in Music Studies. He then taught Band, Choral and Drama. Dr. Rodriguez received both of two master's in educational leadership and received his Doctor of Education in Leadership from the American College of Education.

Dr. Rodriguez says that his vision for Bloomingdale is to obtain a yearly graduation rate of 100%. "Every student has the ability to learn and be successful. In order to have this vision become reality we need to ensure that many things are in place.

First and foremost, we need to have an environment or culture that maximizes the potential for learning. To do so, teachers need to be supported and teachers need to be involved in the process of generating effective and positive change.

Simultaneously, a focus needs to be on creating and fostering effective relationships amongst all stakeholders. By doing so, we can create an atmosphere of trust and understanding. When our students can relate to a staff member that cares about their educational journey any barrier that exists for learning is eliminated.

Relationships along with relevant and rigorous curriculum in academic courses are also essential. Focusing on ensuring that we are using research driven strategies in the classroom coupled with the content expertise of our teachers creates a recipe for success in the classroom where students can be successful.

We also need to focus on our extracurricular activities, electives, clubs, athletics, and music programs. Skills learned in these programs prepare students for life outside of high school. Student involvement opportunities assist in teaching student's leadership traits and strategies that will continue to make them successful in a holistic manner.

Lastly, in order to meet the goal of reaching a 100% graduation rate our community needs to be involved. Fostering and creating more partnerships within the community will create supports in place to help provide a memorable experience for our students."

Dr. Rodriguez would like the community to know that Bloomingdale Senior High School has a strong school culture and rich tradition of academic, athletic, musical and social success.

"It is my role to not only honor the past but to also strive to put initiatives in place so as a school community we can continue to make Bloomingdale Senior High School the prestigious institution that it is today. I am eager to work with the amazing staff at Bloomingdale. Together, we will continue to create the best atmosphere our students can have for both academic and social learning."

"I am extremely honored and excited to be the new principal at Bloomingdale Senior High School. I look forward to getting to know all our students, families and community members in the upcoming months! **Go Bulls!**"



Marcos is a proud father of two amazing boys, Alex (7) and Christian (4), with his wife Kati, who works for the school district as a speech language pathologist.

THE COMMUNITY'S COMMON AREA CONNECTION

TOM LEECH, BSD PRESIDENT

Bell Shoals Overgrowth

The Bell Shoals widening project continues along at a brisk pace. Because of the presence of construction equipment and the associated prep work, the District halted regular mowing operations along both sides of the road. We will continue spot-checking for areas that are overgrown – such as in the vicinity of Green Hollow, recently – and address these as appropriate.

Creeping Fig Maintenance

One of our major projects this summer has been removing dead fig vines along walls throughout the community and cleaning up and painting the affected wall sections. Some residents have voiced confusion about the extent of the work and who is doing the work. Let me correct some misconceptions about the Bloomingdale Special District's responsibilities and processes for wall maintenance and hopefully answer questions.

1. Landscaping and maintenance of Bloomingdale common areas is the responsibility of the Bloomingdale Special District. We have no affiliation with the Bloomingdale Homeowner's Association.
2. The vine on the walls in the community is creeping fig, planted throughout the District to beautify the community and deter graffiti.
3. Fig grows unevenly, depending on where it is planted. Sunlight exposure, for example, is not consistent throughout the District and affects fig growth.
4. The work being done is on the external side and top of the walls. No work is being done on the residential side of the walls.
5. The District maintains the fig on the external side and top of the wall.
6. Residents maintain their side of the wall. The District's founding ordinance has never allowed for the maintenance of the residential side of the walls.
7. On average, it takes two years for fig plants to grow and cover a section of wall.
8. When fig on the outside of the walls dies, the dead vines are removed, the walls cleaned and repainted before fig is replanted.
9. Since our previous landscaping company did not bother with this process of removing dead fig, pressure-washing the walls, and replanting, this may account for what seems like a large number of bare walls.
10. The District has no authority – nor have we ever had the authority – to go on private property to maintain fig or paint walls.
11. The District has no way of knowing whether the fig grows down or covers a resident's side of the wall.
12. Residents may trim fig that grows on the resident's side of the wall in the same way that residents may trim tree limbs that grow over a wall into a resident's yard.



New Landscaping Test

You may have noticed new plantings along the southern portion of Natures Way near Culbreath. The tree canopies along Natures Way, Culbreath, and other locations make turf adhesion difficult and replacement costly. We are experimenting with non-turf ground cover as an option for areas where turf does not grow well. The District will evaluate the growth and health of each experimental planting and solicit feedback on preference. Please take a look and let us know what you think.

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Monthly Meeting

The next meeting of the Bloomingdale Special District is Monday, August 10, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. (EDT). You can access the meeting via GoToMeeting at this address:
<https://www.gotomeet.me/MiriamLeech/august-10-2020-bsd-meeting>.

You can also dial in using your phone.
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Brenda Wade and Team Use Social Media Savvy to Help Local Restaurants

By Joe Harless

Restaurants in Greater Brandon and Tampa Area Offering Delivery and Take Out is a mouthful – and a successful Facebook page. The brainchild of Brenda Wade, a local real estate mogul, and the Brenda Wade Team, the Facebook page has become a way to alert residents in the area to restaurants that are open and need our support during the COVID-19 pandemic.

For Brenda Wade, community involvement comes easy. She is known for her generous contributions to local charities and events throughout the local and Tampa Bay area. The FB page came about when Brenda and her team noticed restaurants struggling during the beginning of the pandemic shutdown. The team uses lunchtime for working meetings and they noticed immediately the cutbacks restaurants were making.

“We’d go to pick up food, and the [restaurant] staff would tell us business was down to 30 percent,” Wade said.

To help the community, Wade and her staff set up a Facebook page listing all of the area restaurants open for takeout and delivery services. She reasoned that every restaurant, even chain stores, were still staffed and managed by community members.

The team reached out to local businesses and offered to feature them on the page, allowing the businesses still open to advertise their current services. The page also featured reopening plans of restaurants that had temporarily shuttered. In the first three days, the page earned 5,000 followers.

“We market for a living, so we felt we could lend some of that to the community,” Wade explained. The response has been amazing with just under 15,000 members on the page to date. One of the hallmarks of the page is the positivity of users. Restaurant owners routinely thank Brenda and the page for providing a service which has helped them to stay afloat during this tremendous period of uncertainty.

Wade is proud of the impact the page has had on both businesses and customers. “This effort has helped businesses survive and grow while allowing us to better interact with the community.”



No Library Card Needed at Bloomingdale's Little Free Library

By Jane Owen

Our Bloomingdale Regional Public Library remains closed. But, tucked in our friendly neighborhood streets we have little free libraries with books for all ages.

On July 3, Bloomingdale's Little Free Library opened with a sweet grand opening. Neighbors gathered, a small celebration with donuts and water were enjoyed and all in attendance were impressed by the little library box that began as a dream and came about after a collaborative effort between neighbors.

What is a little free library box? Little Free Library boxes are a "take a book, give a book" free book exchange. Anyone may take a book or give a book to share. Most free library boxes have a unique personal touch. Bloomingdale's Little Free Library, located in the Windsor Woods subdivision at 3811 Cold Creek Drive, has a beautiful story.

Melanie Martin is the inspiration and reason for the new library. She first saw a little free library box on a home makeover TV show, where the designers redid the homeowner's front yard and placed a lending box in their new yard. Ever since, Melanie has imagined the day she would have one in her yard. The main roadblock to her dream was that her husband, Clay, traveled extensively and the family moved frequently due to his job.

Melanie and Clay and their four boys moved to the Valrico area last fall and bought a house in Bloomingdale. They quickly knew that this was not only a friendly place but that it was a perfect place for a free library box.

"Our new neighbors are so friendly, and we love meeting people as they are out for walks with their families and dogs. I began noticing how many people walk and bike around our street every day, especially as the pandemic hit and everyone began to stay home. My boys and I really miss going to the public library... I love that they allow you to place holds and pick up books when ready but there's nothing like going to the library and seeing the selection and choosing one yourself. (I knew) This would be the perfect time to set up a Little Free Library box!"

Melanie talked to her husband and the boys and they all agreed the time was right. Then they posted on the Nextdoor.app about looking for supplies to build the box. The response was overwhelming.

"So many people had books to donate, others donated money for supplies, and a few others donated pallets of wood that were broken down to build the box. It was so great to have others as excited about this library box as my family was! With the help of my husband and a wonderful neighbor, Tommy (George) May, the box was built within a few weeks and we set it up over July 4th weekend!"

Bloomingdale's Little Free Library has an active Facebook page where available books are often shared. Search @LFLBloomingdale on Facebook to find the page.

On www.littlefreelibrary.org there is a map of all registered Little Free Library boxes so anyone can search for a Little Free Library near them. There are a few in our area. Also, another new free library box, "Bloomingdale's Community Library," which is not on the map, is located at the entrance to Cypress Reserve off Natures Way.

Do you know of an interesting community story? We love to showcase our residents! Email InBloomingdaleNews@gmail.com.

Ready for readers!



3811 Cold Creek Drive

Photos: Jane Owen



Tommy (George) May who lent his carpentry skills to the building of the new library box helped at the ribbon-cutting event held July 3. Melanie Martin makes the opening official while husband Clay looks on.

Six Tips to Stem the Mosquito Invasion; Help Reduce Mosquito Populations in Your Neighborhood

Hillsborough County Information
HC Media Release



The easiest way to prevent mosquito bites is to stop them from breeding in the first place. Mosquito larvae need water to grow, so the most effective method to keep them from reproducing is to deprive them of water.

With more than 40 species of mosquitoes in Hillsborough County, the Asian tiger mosquito and the yellow fever mosquito have become significant pests. Active at dusk and dawn, they typically fly and feed in the daytime. These mosquitoes can spread dengue fever, Zika, yellow fever, and other illnesses. They breed only in containers of water, not in puddles, ponds, or ditches. The best way to control them is by eliminating their breeding places.

Reduce mosquito breeding with these simple steps:

1. Drain water from garbage cans, gutters, pool covers, coolers, toys, flower pots, or any other containers where water has collected.
2. Discard old tires, drums, bottles, cans, pots and pans, broken appliances, and other items that aren't being used.
3. Empty and clean birdbaths and pet bowls.
4. Protect boats and vehicles from rain with tarps so they don't accumulate water.
5. Maintain the water balance (pool chemistry) of swimming pools. Empty plastic swimming pools when not in use.
6. Repair leaky pipes, outdoor faucets, and faulty septic systems. Don't let runoff water from air conditioners collect in shady areas.

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up to \$40 OFF

MUST PRESENT COUPON AT TIME OF SERVICE
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REPLACE

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SAVE up to \$250

MUST PRESENT COUPON AT TIME OF SERVICE
Cannot be combined with any other offer. Total savings varies on equipment; \$150 savings on standard electric/gas water-heater, \$250 savings on GE Hybrid Heat-Pump water-heater. Cannot be applied to past purchases or estimates. See dealer for details.

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Make Your Tee Time at 1 Stop Golf Shop

By Jane Owen

Professional Golfer Ben Hogan said, “The most important shot in golf is the next one.” If you want to improve your next golf shot, head to 1 Stop Golf Shop.

Business partners Jim Allsbrook, a 20-year Army Veteran/DoD Civilian Retiree and long-time Bloomingdale resident, and Sean Klotz, an 18-year Class A PGA Member opened the “all things” golf store on July 1 in the Valrico Center Shoppes off Lithia Pinecrest Road. The duo met at Silverado Golf Club in Zephyrhills where Klotz worked for 12 years as head golf pro.

Both Klotz and Allsbrook started playing golf at a young age: Klotz worked at a golf shop at 16 and believes having this shop is like getting back to his roots. Allbrook started playing golf at age 12 and is happy to be able to invest in what he loves. He looks forward to investing in local youth who want to play. The team is rounded out by Landon Ogilbee, a 3-year club repair professional.

1 Stop Golf Shop offers a friendly, comfortable environment where golf enthusiasts will find the newest golf merchandise, customized club fitting, club repair services, and professional instruction.

According to Owner Sean Klotz, the full concept of the 1 Stop Golf Shop is to be interactive. The shop has an impressive Trackman Golf Simulator, a radar-and camera-based simulator that provides 68 golf courses for players. The simulator has 3 different uses- club fitting, lessons, and virtual golf games. For beginners, the shop also has a putting simulator. It provides data on putting- where the ball is going, where the face is going and where the path is going which provides the ability to fit putters to the person.

Klotz said, “I’ve always enjoyed being a golf pro at a golf course but being close to home- we’re three minutes away, we’re local- that is definitely part of it. We wanted to create a hometown, local golf retail facility that also did club fitting, merchandising, club repair, and lessons. It’s the one-stop.”

Owner Jim Allsbrook is thrilled to own a local business and looks forward to investing in the community in the future: “I’m very excited. Part of it is me looking forward to giving back. I love being here in this community. Down the road we are looking at starting an underprivileged youth program where we provide them with clubs and lessons. Our goal would be to just get them into golf.”

1 Stop Golf Shop is the place to go for everything golf. It is located at 3321 Lithia Pinecrest Road. Store hours are: Tuesday- Friday 11 am – 7 p.m, Saturday 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Sunday 1 – 6 p.m.

1 Stop Golf opened July 1 in Valrico Center Shoppes near Sprouts. Business partners are Landon Ogilbee, Jim Allsbrook, and Sean Klotz.





August School News: A Look at What's Happening

Compiled by Deidre Morgan

*****School Calendar information is tentative. Please follow school websites social media pages as well as the Hillsborough County Public School website for up to date information.*****

August 24, 2020 – Back to School (Tentative)

September 7, 2020 – Labor Day – No School



ALAFIA ALLIGATOR ALLEY

School Website: alafia.mysdhc.org

Facebook Page: Alafia Elementary PTA

August 6 – Boo Hoo Breakfast, Kindergarten & parents from 8-9 a.m. (Tentative)

August 6 – Open House (Tentative)

- Kindergarten and VPK from 8-9 a.m.
- Sneak Peek for grades 1-5 for students with last name A-M from 1-2 p.m.
- Sneak Peek for grades 1-5 for students with last name N-Z from 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Alafia PTA Information

Please sign up for updates and information at:

alafiapta.membershiptoolkit.com

Also download the mobile app: membership toolkit

Media Center

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

August 6 – Open House

Meet the Teacher via Zoom Homeroom teachers will schedule Zoom meetings delivered from their classrooms. Families will be able to see their child's classroom and interact with your child's teacher. Zoom sessions will be recorded for families who are unable to participate at the specified time it is scheduled.

- Last names A-L – 11 a.m. to noon
- Last names M-Z – 1-2 p.m.



Student Newshounds Wanted

By Audra Nikolajski

Now that I am heading to college, the Gazette needs a new Student Reporter. This position has been one of the highlights of my time in high school. I would strongly recommend it to anyone with a passion for writing or a desire to go into a journalism. In the process of writing monthly copy assignments, the student reporter will hone their interviewing skills, improve their copy writing, learn to self-edit their work, and receive edits. Learning and practicing these skills has been invaluable to me as a writer and an aspiring journalist. The position also improves college applications, scholarship applications, and may give individuals a leg up when applying for internships or positions on university newspapers.

Most importantly, the position allows the student reporter to connect with his or her community in a way that they may not have before. I was able to meet some truly amazing individuals and write about some people that I would not have met otherwise. In doing so I was also serving my community and that is an honor as well. To serve and learn about others is by far the most rewarding part of the student reporter position. If you are interested please email inbloomingdalenews@gmail.com.

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



BURNS BRUINS BANTER

School Website: burns.mysdhc.org

Facebook Page: Burns Middle School PTSA

Burns PTSA

August 5 – Open House (Tentative)

****Mask are required for anyone entering the building****

Time slots are designated by last name:

A-J – 1:30--2:30 p.m.

K-N – 2:45-3:45 p.m.

O-Z – 4-5 p.m.



BLOOMINGDALE HIGH BULL BUSINESS

School Website: bloomingdale.mysdhc.org

Facebook Page: Bloomingdale Senior High School

Follow us @BloomingdaleSHS

August 6 – Open House (Tentative)

Returning students pick up schedules, purchase lockers and parking hangtags

- Seniors- 9-10 a.m.
- Juniors and Sophomores- 10 a.m.-noon
- Freshmen and new student orientation: 5-5:30 p.m. Students will meet in the gym and parents in the auditorium
- Freshmen and new student open house: 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Don't Forget!
Send us your back to school
pictures by the end of August!



We Need Listings

Look at all of these **SOLDS!**

Brenda's 2020 SOLD Bloomingdale Listings



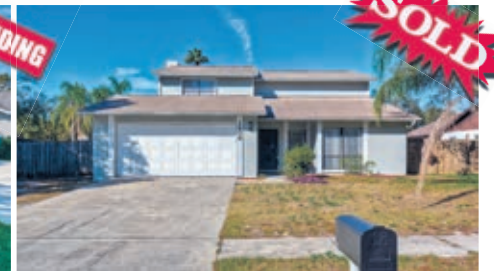
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1445 MONTE LAKE DR



2523 CENTENNIAL FALCON DR



1208 LETONA LN
\$280,000



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4501 COMPASS OAKS DR
\$314,000



2302 TIMBERGROVE DR
\$359,000



3603 WARMSRING WAY
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\$425,000



916 CENTERBROOK DR
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