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# BNA BRIEFS

## BNA CALENDAR

**Tuesday, June 14, 7:00 p.m. / BNA Board Meeting** Bloomingdale Community Office, 3509 Bell Shoals Road / Call 813-252-0252 or email [bl.neighbor1@gmail.com](mailto:bl.neighbor1@gmail.com) for information.

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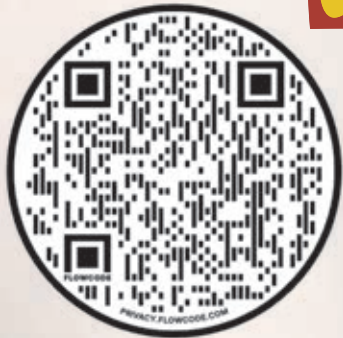


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By Community Resource Deputy Clifford Fletcher  
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## COMMUNITY TRAFFIC AND SAFETY

These station notes include information about traffic laws and safety issues to help residents be more informed. Find information about your neighborhood on the Hillsborough County Sheriff's website:

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**BICYCLES:** (316.2065 fss) The bicycle statute has a lot in it. At the top of the list, if you're riding on the road, you must follow all the same laws as a vehicle. Stopping for stop signs, signaling, yielding right of way to pedestrian etc. Bicycles shall be equipped with a lamp on the front exhibiting a white light visible from a distance of at least 500 feet. And a rear red lamp visible from 600 feet. If you must ride in the road, be visible and follow all related traffic laws. Always follow the flow of traffic. For more detail see 316.2065

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(2) Pedestrians shall be subject to traffic control signals at intersections as provided in s. 316.075, but at all other places pedestrians shall be accorded the privileges and be subject to the restrictions stated in this chapter.

(3) Where sidewalks are provided, no pedestrian shall, unless required by other circumstances, walk along and upon the portion of a roadway paved for vehicular traffic.

(4) Where sidewalks are not provided, any pedestrian walking along and upon a highway shall, when practicable, walk only on the shoulder on the left side of the roadway in relation to the pedestrian's direction of travel, facing traffic which may approach from the opposite direction.

(5) No person shall stand in the portion of a roadway paved for vehicular traffic for the purpose of soliciting a ride, employment, or business from the occupant of any vehicle.

(6) No person shall stand on or in proximity to a street or highway for the purpose of soliciting the watching or guarding of any vehicle while parked or about to be parked on a street or highway.

(7)(a) The driver of a vehicle at an intersection that has a traffic control signal in place shall stop before entering the crosswalk and remain stopped to allow a pedestrian, with a permitted signal, to cross a roadway when the pedestrian is in the crosswalk or steps into the crosswalk and is upon the half of the roadway upon which the vehicle is traveling or when the

pedestrian is approaching so closely from the opposite half of the roadway as to be in danger.

It is strongly suggested that runners and bicyclist protect themselves by wearing light colored or reflective clothing. If you must walk in the road, you should be facing traffic.

**SCHOOL BUS:** Know when you must stop for a school bus. (316.172 fss) "The driver of a vehicle upon a divided highway with an unpaved space of at least 5 feet, a raised median, or a physical barrier is not required to stop when traveling in the opposite direction of a school bus which is stopped in accordance with the provisions of this section." Anything other than the before mentioned must stop for all school buses while they are loading children. \*\* Remember school will be out for summer so watch out for our children as they will be in the neighborhood more often. \*\*

**GOLF CARTS:** There are no places on county roads or roadways of the Bloomingdale area that are legal to drive a "golf cart" period. This also includes 4 wheelers, buggies, go carts etc. However, there are some vehicles which have similar appearances which are legal. These vehicles must have lights, blinkers, and break lights amongst other safety devices. They have speed limits and can only be used on roads where the speed 35 or less. They must have a current tag issued by DMV and have insurances. These are not your normal golf cart. They are registered with the DMV.

## AREA LAW AND ORDER

During the past four months there have been over 430 traffic stops conducted in Bloomingdale east and west. Sixty-five (65) traffic crashes. Eight (8) DUI investigations conducted. Eight (8) vehicle burglaries. Three (3) residential burglaries. Remember to keep your vehicle locked and valuables put away. Please contact us at the Erindale Dr. office 813-635-8040 if you have any questions or concerns.





## Bloomington Special District June Message

By Kristine Schroeder

As summer approaches and the school year comes to an end, more and more people will be outside enjoying our beautiful community. Whether you are walking, running, or biking, as you navigate our roads and sidewalks, please stay safe. Keep in mind a simple rule, "Bike with and Run Against." When you ride a bike, stay in the bike lane, when available, and move in the same direction as the flow of traffic. When running, it's the opposite rule: run against the direction of traffic but when you can, stick to the sidewalks. Here's to a fun, active and safe Summer!



## Bloomington Special District to Host Superintendent Addison Davis

The Bloomington Special District will host Mr. Addison Davis, Superintendent of Hillsborough County Public Schools, at the BSD monthly meeting on Monday, June 13 at 6:30 pm. Davis will talk about the current state of HCPS and offer his vision for the future. After a short presentation, he will field questions from the attendees.

This is an informational session. While questions will be answered, the event is not intended as a venue to complain about HCPS.

Those interested in attending should RSVP with the Bloomington Special District office manager at 813-684-6667 or bstd@verizon.net to ensure adequate seating is available.

### Key Meeting Details:

**Who:** Addison Davis, Superintendent of Hillsborough County Public Schools

**What:** An information session where the Superintendent discusses the current situation with HCPS and offers a vision for future and steps to get there; He will take questions

**Where:** BSD Office at 3509 Bell Shoals Rd, Valrico, FL

**When:** 6:30 p.m. Monday June 13, 2022; Open to the Public

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# Seeds of Faith Community Garden Presented Award by the University of Florida

By Jane Owen

Seeds of Faith Community Garden, located at Bay Life Church in Brandon, was awarded the 2021 Florida-Friendly Landscaping: Community Garden Category award, presented by the University of Florida IFAS Extension.

The Community Garden category award is a state-wide award with recognition made over a two year period. Lynn Barber, an agent for the Florida Friendly Landscape Program sponsored by University of Florida, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, presented the award on Saturday, May 14. Lynn share this about Seeds of Faith during the presentation:

"Seeds of Faith Community Garden follows Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ principles to conserve resources and enhance horticultural success. Seeds of Faith Community Garden grows and donates nutritious fruits and vegetables to people in need, producing over 2,000 lbs. of edibles per growing year. Produce is primarily donated to ECHO and Hope for Her. Plants provide refuge for pollinators while the site provides refuge for protected gopher tortoises. Additionally, the garden serves as an educational resource for Hillsborough County residents/students of all ages."

"It was really special to receive the recognition for all the hard work and service to the community that our garden receives from its growers. Thanks to all and thank you, Jackie Rivas, for nominating us!" said Steve McKinnon, Seeds of Faith Garden Secretary.

Seeds of Faith reached 1,850lbs of produce so far in 2022 and has limited harvesting left for the season. This summer they will be planting four to five beds of sweet potatoes on the

community side of the garden. Seeds of Faith has a few open beds for next year. For more information, please visit: [www.baylife.org/seeds-of-faith-community-garden/](http://www.baylife.org/seeds-of-faith-community-garden/) or contact: [seedsoffaithgarden19@gmail.com](mailto:seedsoffaithgarden19@gmail.com)

Bloomington High School students from Beta Club and National Honor Society regularly volunteer at Seeds of Faith. The Bloomington Gazette highlighted their involvement in the November 2021 issue. Volunteers from the community are welcome on workdays. June 11th is the last workday before summer.

Pictured Left to Right, John Dukes, Garden Director, Lynn Barber, University of Florida Friendly Landscape Program agent, and Steve McKinnon, Garden Secretary



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# **BNA Awards \$2,000 Scholarship to Ryan Marquis**

Ryan Marquis with his parents David and Joanne Marquis and BNA Vice President Sean Donahue

By Michelle Colesanti

Congratulations to Bloomingdale High School recent graduate, Ryan Marquis, who was awarded this year's Bloomingdale Neighborhood Association (BNA) \$2,000 scholarship. The scholarship honors BJ Stelter, who passed away in 2019 after having served the Bloomingdale community for 14 years as the second principal of Bloomingdale High School. Ryan has not only excelled inside the classroom and during extracurricular school activities, but also throughout the community.

Ryan played viola in the school orchestra during his freshman year but changed it up in his sophomore year when he joined JROTC and became a part of the marksmanship, physical fitness (Raiders) and Saber teams. Last summer he was a member of the American Legion Boys state program. Ryan was also part of the National Honor Society, Senior Steering and Beta Club.

He said, "As a member of National Honor Society and Beta Club, I performed community service like community gardening events, participating at Alafia Elementary School's spring fling and helping with community trash clean-ups." He added that as a member of Senior Steering, he helped raise money for his 2022 graduating class. Outside of school, Ryan set his sights on helping those in need. He said, "I volunteered at different community organizations such as Feeding Tampa Bay and Seeds of Hope, which both have the goal of helping the less fortunate by providing food."

All four years of high school he played recreational baseball. "I also umpire baseball and

softball games at the BYSA fields," he added. Other than his love for playing baseball, he is also an avid saltwater fisher. "I also love going out to kayak fish with my parents during the weekends."



Ryan will be attending the University of Central Florida (UCF) this fall. While there, he plans to major in aerospace engineering. Ever since taking an aerospace class in middle school, he was hooked on the idea of creating airplanes and rockets that can maybe help humanity explore the cosmos. He hopes one day to work at an aerospace company such as Space-X, Boeing or even NASA. The BNA scholarship will help make it easier for Ryan to realize his dream.

He said, "I am just completely honored to be the recipient for this award. For me it seems like the whole Bloomingdale community is cheering for me to chase my dream of becoming an aerospace engineer, and that just means so much to me. Ryan said, "The BNA were so amazing and nice, and I would just love to thank them once again for everything they have done for me."

Photos Courtesy of Bloomingdale Athletics

# **BSHS Athletes Sign to Play Sports in College**

By Jane Owen

On May 4th, three Bloomingdale athletes signed letters of intent to play their respective sports in college. Two of the athletes, Elijah Calhoun and Joline Raposo will attend St. Thomas Aquinas College in Miami. Elijah will compete in track and field and Joline will play basketball. Jaxon Ross will attend the College of Mount Saint Vincent Bronx in NY and will play soccer.



On May 12th, two Bloomingdale baseball players signed letters of intent to play baseball in college. Trey Clinton will play at St. Petersburg Community College and Danny Garcia will play ball at Wallace Community College.

This is a tremendous accomplishment! Only a little over 7% of high school athletes (about 1 in 13) get the opportunity to play a varsity sport in college.

Bloomingdale Athletic Director Sara Bogue shared the school's pride in the athletes:

"It is always such an exciting and proud moment when our student athletes commit to playing at the next level! To see their hard work, dedication, and sacrifice pay off... there really aren't words to describe that. I am incredibly proud of these students for what they have accomplished and I know there are big things to come for them!"

*Congratulations Elijah, Joline, Jaxon, Trey and Danny!*







# BSHS Softball Wins District Championship!

By Jane Owen

On May 5th the Bloomingdale Softball team defeated Palmetto High at home 3-0 to clinch the 2022 FHSAA Softball District Tournament Title.

Highlights for the night included: Natalie Cable pitched 7 shutout innings with only 2 hits given up and 16 strikeouts. She also went 1-3 at the plate and had a stolen base. Emma Silva had a clutch night going 3-3 with 2 RBIs (runs batted in) late in the game. Camryn Nolte went 1-3 with a clutch 2 out base hit that gave the team the lead in the bottom of the 6th inning. Ashley Serniotti went 1-3 on the night.

Bloomingdale went on to compete in two regional games. On May 12, they solidly beat Wiregrass Ranch 3-1 giving up 2 hits and striking out 19. Camryn Nolte and Miranda Dilling came up clutch with back-to-back doubles to give the team the 3-0 lead in the 4th. On May 17, Bloomingdale lost their regional semi-final game against Mitchell 4-7.

***Congratulations to Bloomingdale Softball for the District Title and an excellent season with a 20-6 record!***



# Burns Flag Football Wins County Championship!

On May 5th at King High School, the Burns Middle School Girls Flag Football team won the championship game against Walker Middle, 13-7.







# Shopping, Nature, and Great Food Awaits in Mount Dora

Story and Photos by Michelle Colesanti

## Visit Mount Dora for Relaxing Getaway

A recent visit to Mount Dora was both relaxing and enjoyable. The town, founded in 1880, is just shy of two hours by car from Bloomingdale. With its ‘hilly’ elevation at 184 feet above sea level, it feels reminiscent of a New England town. In fact, you will find Lobster Rolls and other regional delights throughout town.

My husband and I stayed for two nights at the Lakeside Inn, enjoying a room overlooking Lake Dora. The Inn, which opened in 1883, is actually the oldest continuously operating hotel in Florida. Notables such as Thomas Edison, Henry Ford and Presidents Calvin Coolidge and Dwight D. Eisenhower have stayed there. If you vacation at the Inn, you can leave your car parked and walk just about everywhere.

Whether you are interested in a romantic getaway or a girl’s weekend, Mount Dora may have what you are looking for. If you are looking for late night activities, this may not be your best option.

There are great parks located near the lake and within walking distance of downtown. Palm Island Park is an eight acre preservation area where a boardwalk winds through a wooded area; sometimes hugging the lake. Dirt trails also divert away from the boardwalk allowing you a more intimate walk through the trees and plants indigenous to the area.

Right next to Palm Island is Grantham Point Park. It was created from road rubble and fill. There, you can’t miss Mount Dora’s most famous landmark – its lighthouse.

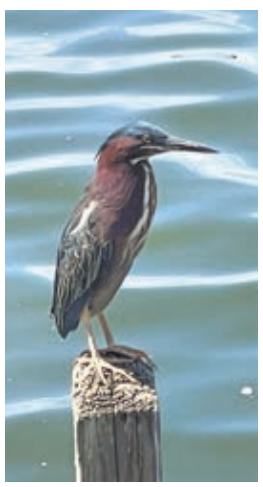
Get out on the lake and visit the Dora Canal. This one-mile narrow waterway separates Lake Dora from Lake Eustis and is so beautiful and serene. The grand cypress trees along the way are magnificent. Look for egrets, herons and many other birds, turtles and alligators. Two ways to enjoy the lake and canal include a two hour pontoon ride; one of the tour companies leave right from the Lakeside Inn, or if you are looking for a little more speed and excitement, book the CatBoat Adventure tour.

In downtown, shopping opportunities abound. Many of the stores boast art and gifts from local artists as well as antiques. My husband was not quite as thrilled about this, but plenty of outdoor benches await the men who wish to relax while their significant others shop. I managed to find some free moments to spend time on my own wandering in and out of the stores during our short stay.

There were many restaurants to choose from. We had breakfast one morning at a local favorite, The Highland Street Café. It is located just under a mile from downtown, but worth the trek. For dinner, we chose Pisces Rising, noted for its seafood, and then the next night we had a great meal at The Goblin Market, which was a charming and quite intimate restaurant with book-lined decor in every room. Though a little pricey, the food was wonderful and worth the splurge.

When the day ends, a visit is not complete without viewing a beautiful sunset over Lake Dora. There is something about ending your day with one of nature’s finest shows.

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# One Stop Golf Shop is a Hole in One!

By Amanda Ragan

June is the month to celebrate Dad, and what better way to reward the patriarch of the family than by giving him the gift of golf. If this idea feels old and used, One Stop Golf Shop may be the answer to an exciting new adventure for Dad and any other golfers in the family! One Stop Golf Shop offers enthusiast, new and old to the game, the chance to use their \$20,000 TrackMan Virtual Machine in a friendly neighborhood setting.



The virtual machine offers golfers the chance to play a virtual course or take targeted lessons based on video analysis and real time data. Sean Klotz, owner and golf pro, explained that "when you go out to the range to practice your swing you don't know the exact distance, speed, curvature, or angle that you hit the ball." However, the Trackman virtual machine can generate this data allowing golf professionals like Klotz to then tailor his instruction to each individual's strengths and weaknesses.

If Dad has his swing down though, maybe you can give him the experience of playing Pebble Beach, virtually at least. With over 65 different virtual courses, it is the perfect gift to give Dad for those rainy summer days, or when it just gets too hot to be outdoors! If you are looking for that big budget gift, One Stop Golf Shop can even do a custom home install for \$9,000. However, for those budget shoppers out there, One Stop Got Shop is running several specials throughout the month of June to ensure every Dad gets the chance to play.

Lesson Specials (1) Lesson - \$50; (2) Lessons - \$90; (3) Lessons - \$120: All lessons are 30 minute sessions and may be given to different people.

Virtual Golf Rentals - \$60 for 1st hour; \$100 for 2 hours. Bring up to 4 people - play courses such as Pebble Beach, Muirfield, St. Andrews, and many more!

One Stop Golf Shop is a veteran owned small business and Sean Klotz is PGA member and Valrico resident for over 25 years. For more information on One Stop Golf Shop please visit <https://www.1stopgolfshopfl.com> or call (813) 655-0355.







# Building Confidence One Performance at a Time

By Amanda Ragan

The start of summer is upon us, a time of year when our kids are so excited for school to be over and so bored just five minutes after pulling out of the school parking lot! If your kiddos need some additional entertainment, away from their phones, YouTube, and the incessant sibling squabbles, how about enrolling them in a summer camp? While the Tampa Bay Area hosts some of the best camps in state at parks like Busch Gardens, the Aquarium, and Lowery Park Zoo, the Valrico area hosts a unique camp that offers children a rare opportunity to share what they learn with others.

The Academy of Dance Dynamics offers a wide variety of children's camps, but one camp that stands out in particular is the Theater on the Road Camp. This two week camp offers elementary aged children the chance to work on producing a show during week one. During this time campers will audition, rehearse, memorize lines, and help create costumes and set pieces for a performance. Then during week two, the campers travel to different daycares in the area to perform their play. Renee Melanson, owner, instructor, and lifelong performer, explained that the campers love sharing their work with other children. Melanson stated that, "the experience fills many of the performers with a new sense of self-esteem and confidence, as they get the chance to discover the joy their hard work can bring to others." Another benefit of the program is that it brings live performance to day-cares full of children, many of whom have never seen a play. Melanson stated that what she enjoys most about the program is that it allows children to inspire other children to fall in love with live performance.



Photo provided courtesy of Academy of Dance Dynamics

This year the Academy of Dance Dynamics is offering two Theater on the Road Camps. Camp session one runs from June 6th - June 17th and session two will be July 11th - July 22nd. The cost is \$150 per week and includes all travel to the tour performances. For more information call 813-655-TAPS or visit: <https://www.academyofdancedynamics.com>.



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## Meet Your New Representative Andrew Learned

By Amanda Ragan

If you didn't recently receive a text message from FL- 69 State Representative Andrew Learned informing you that he is now representing the Bloomingdale community under the newly drawn district maps, don't worry he probably just doesn't have your number yet! Representative Learned is a Bloomingdale native, who went to Alafia Elementary and fondly remembers his kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Baker and her enthusiasm for frogs. A University of Tampa graduate and proud Navy Veteran, Learned now works to make things better in the Bloomingdale community, starting with, "fixing the damned roads!"



From Left to Right, Suzy Watts, BNA President, State Rep Andrew Learned, and Sean Donahue, BNA Vice President

There is no mistaking the passion and frustration felt by Representative Learned regarding Bloomingdale's and Brandon's traffic problems. As a fellow commuter of these roadways, Representative Learned has made it an official priority to improve infrastructure and safety in the area. He opened up a little about the planning that goes into the large-scale improvements he has worked to complete like the interchange of Bloomingdale and 301. He realizes that completing large scale transportation and infrastructure changes would be easier for commuters in the summer months as there is often less traffic during this time. However, he explained, "roads must be dry for three full days before asphalt or paint can be laid." Subsequently, planning any type of roadwork during the summer months is not feasible due to those pesky afternoon showers.

Representative Learned's goal to fix our infrastructure problems does not just stop at reducing traffic. As an avid biker who has cycled the Culbreath loop, according to his GPS tracker, over 1,164 times, Learned is very proud of the work he did to add bike lanes throughout the Bloomingdale community. He excitedly explained how he is thrilled to be adding the first bike lanes to Bell Shoals Road, a project he believes is long overdue.

However, Learned conceded that there is much more work to be done besides fixing our roads. Learned, a family man who is married with twin 8-year-olds, knows better than most the struggles facing families trying to find affordable housing here in the state of Florida. Recently, he and his family tried relentlessly to find a home to buy or rent in the current market and found the process to be near impossible with properties selling over asking price and rentals being snatched up in 15 minutes or less. This coupled with rising inflation prices and stagnant wages has Learned eager to return to the state capitol to continue working toward common sense, bipartisan plans that truly impact the people in his neighborhood.

Perhaps the most surprising fact about Representative Learned is that he seems to truly enjoy hearing from the people he has been elected to represent. In an era of automated responses, Learned still believes in sitting down and talking to his constituents. He encourages everyone to text or call him to let him know what he can do to make Bloomingdale and the surrounding area better, and he promises to text you with any important traffic updates!

For more information or to speak with State Representative Andrew Learned, visit <https://andrewlearned.com> or call (813) 856-1212.

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# Cimino Dads Cater to Teachers

Brief and picture submitted by Sara Solomon

To kick off Teacher appreciation week, the Cimino All Pro Dad Crew gave teachers a morning break. The dads controlled the Culbreath carline while the teachers were all treated to Dunkin Donuts and coffee. Pictured is All Pro Dads Joshua, Ian and Rich.



## Calling ALL 2022 Graduates!!

The Gazette wants your graduation photos for our July issue! The Gazette wants to help you celebrate your graduation moments, including pre-k through college graduations, Alafia and Cimino clap outs, formal pictures, parties, etc.! Send your graduation photos to [inbloomingenews@gmail.com](mailto:inbloomingenews@gmail.com) by June 22. At a minimum, identify those in the photo from left to right and the school the graduates are graduating from. Feel free to include the plans of the graduate! Photos need to be no less than 600x600 resolution, but preferably 1 mb or better for best results. We will do the rest! Don't forget to provide contact information just in case there are questions.



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