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Dear Friends and Neighbors:

To bring you up-to-date on what is happening with your Homeowners Association since our last meeting:

- 1.) The Constitution and By-Laws were approved with modifications and should be ready for ratification by our February meeting.
- 2.) Members of the Board were elected and Officers chosen. A list of those people elected to serve is attached for your reference should you have any questions or problems.
- 3.) Monthly meetings will be held the second Tuesday of each month at 8 P.M. That's this Tuesday, January 8.
- 4.) We are in the process of incorporating within the State of Florida, hopefully, as a non-profit organization.
- 5.) Dues for membership in the Association were set at \$20.00 per year per household.

\$20.00 you say? What's the \$20.00 for? Don't we pay enough in taxes and isn't my housepayment high enough all ready? All of these questions are sound remarks, but before you make a decision to join or not to join, let me tell you what you will get for your \$20.00.

First, you get a unified, organized voice in dealing with local government to obtain better services for our development. In this area, we are presently working with the County Board of Education to see if the school buses can drive through the development to pick-up the children to avoid them having to stand on Bell Shoals Rd. in inclement weather and to avoid possible injury from some of the area residents who feel that Bell Shoals is their private drag strip. This hazardous condition is evidenced by the tire marks in the grass precisely where the children stand to be picked up by the bus.

Secondly, your Association is one voice which can be used in dealing with Bay Homes. Not in the sense of getting things corrected on a walk through list, but items which affect the overall development and therefore property values.

For example, it has been suggested that the Association contact Bay Homes to determine the feasibility of their cleaning the gutters of sand after each section is finished and all lots have been sodded.

Thirdly, your Association is, and will continue to be a source of information for all residents. For instance, did you know that if you have a fire, the Bloomingdale Volunteer Fire Dept. will respond and then send you a bill for services if you are not a member of the fire house. Not a working member, but a paid member. That's right. You will receive a bill. Payment of an annual \$15.00 membership gives you free fire protection. How do you Join? Come to Tuesday's meeting. The Fire Chief will be there to explain.

Also, did you know we had our first burglary, or rather, attempted burglary? Yes! Last Sunday, an alleged burglar broke into a home at 2:30 A.M. while the residents were home asleep. He was apprehended by the resident and turned over to the police.

We are fortunate to have Ben Holder as a resident. Ben is a Seargeant with the Tampa Police and is a Special Deputy with the County Police. He has volunteered to head our Security Committee and it is planned for Ben to present a meeting on how to secure your home.

Our street lighting committee is at work trying to determine when and of what type our street lights will be and if we have any options as to their style. In light, pun not intened, of the recent burglary attempt, the need for lights is reinforced even more.

Also, and this is IMPORTANT, a recent article in the "Brandon News" reported that a waste water treatment plant is being considered for the area and it is to be constructed on Lithia Road in back of the Bloomingdale Civic Center, This is on the edge of our development. We will discuss this at Tuesdays meeting to determine what stand the Association will take on its construction.

That's what your \$20.00 gets for you and that's only the beginning.

To join, you can drop off or mail your dues to Mr. John Jernigan, 3806 Casaba Loop or pay them at this Tuesday's meeting. Let's go for 100% enrollment.

Fred Uphoff
President

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