

THE BLOOMINGDALE GAZETTE

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Dear Friends & Neighbors:

March 31st. marks the end of our formal membership drive for 1979-80. To date, 37 families have joined of approximately 74 residences (51%). Again, I hope that the other half of our residents will join and support their Association.

Deputy Larry Scofield of the Hillsborough County Sheriffs Dept. gave an excellent presentation at our February meeting on how to protect your home from burglary. Did you know that your patio doors can be removed from their tracks in a matter of minutes, even if they are locked, chained, and have a burglar bar installed. If you attended the meeting, Deputy Scofield told how, in a few minutes, this could be protected against. Booklets were distributed to those persons at the meeting showing this corrective measure and others. Additional copies will be available at the March meeting.

It has been reported that children have been seen playing on the island in the rear of the homes in Section 2. I realize that kids will be kids and the island affords an excellent place for childlike imaginations to conjure up ghosts and pirates treasure. But, this area is totally undeveloped. Snakes and other critters which have been forced to relocate due to the construction will most naturally gravitate to these undeveloped areas. Rattlesnakes have been seen and killed in this area. I strongly urge all parents to warn their children of the inherent danger of playing on the island. Palmettos afford an excellent living and breeding area. Lets not have one of our children run the risk of being bitten, possibly fatally.

Your Association has been advised by the Transportation Dept. of Hillsborough County schools that the buses can not come into our development since it would add 3 minutes to their schedule and would disrupt their already tight routes. Hogwash... It is our opinion that 3 minutes is not worth the potential danger our children are exposed to on Bell Shoals Rd.

It is our understanding that if enough phone calls are received by the School Board, the Transportation Dept., and the Sheriffs Dept., this can be changed. We strongly urge all residents of school age children to make these calls. Your Association will continue to work toward this goal also, but we need your individual assistance. Do you care enough to take the time to make the calls?

Last months newsletter had a sheet attached requesting information so that a Community Directory could be published. Response has been disappointing. Let me say that this directory will not be sold or given to companies in order for them to solicit business or any other negative purposes. If a company wants your name and address, they have other means of getting the information.

There is no sense in publishing the directory if only 25 people will be listed. Another sheet is attached for your use. Your cooperation will be appreciated.

By the time you read this letter, your officers and Board of Directors will have had a meeting with a representative of Criterion Corp. (parent company of Bay Homes) to discuss some of the problems of the community and to determine what Bloomingdale's future is. The results of this meeting will be presented at our March meeting.

Our next meeting is scheduled for 8 P.M. on Tuesday, March 11 in the Bay Homes Sales Office. Will we see you there?

Fred Uphoff
President

COVENANTS COMMITTEE FORMED

A committee to insure the equitable enforcement of the Covenants of Bloomingdale was formed at our last meeting.

Chaired by Bubba Berry (681-1342), its other members include Tom Crouch (681-5129), Larry Lido (681-1066), Phil Witter (685-1324) and M. Charles (685-9254).

The procedures for making known an alleged violation of one of the covenants is to first call any of the above committee members. Your call will be kept anonymous. Discussion of the problem will take place and a visit to verify the complaint will be made. If justified, the person will be contacted and asked to correct the situation. A report will be made at the next regular meeting to give an update as to what progress is being made.

NOTICE --- Articles of general interest are needed for the "Gazette". Please submit by the end of each month.

FIRST ANNUAL BLOOMINGDALE BLOCK PARTY SCHEDULED

The Bloomingdale Homeowners Association will have their first annual Block Party on Saturday, April 26, 1980 starting at 4:00 P.M. until. It will be held on Casaba Loop in Section 3.

Everyone is invited to attend. Please bring one main course (enough for their family) already prepared, a special casserole, and a dessert. BYOB or what ever.

Music will be available for listening or dancing.

Lets have a good turnout and make this first affair a success.

Calender

General Membership Meeting, Tuesday,
March 11th. *P.M.
Bloomingdale Block Party, Saturday,
April 26th. 4P.M.