



THE BLOOMINGDALE GAZETTE

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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I was appalled at the pathetic turnout we had at the special YMCA/Criterion meeting. With approximately 300 homes (occupied) in our community, we had less than 50 homes represented at the meeting. It simply is not possible for me to "represent the will of the active community" in discussions and negotiations with Criterion when you - as homeowners - show such a blatant lack of interest and/or concern for issues of importance to our community as indicated by your absence at the meeting. If you don't care enough to get involved now, don't expect a sympathetic ear when, in the future, you voice your complaints about what's happening now.

If you do not come to our homeowner's association meeting and voice your opinions, you cannot expect to have any influence on the outcome.

The Criterion representative repeatedly stated their desire to move forward - with expedience - in their negotiations with the YMCA; and our flimsy representation had little impact on this except for a minor delay until a survey of public opinion can be obtained. If our rampant apathy carries over into our homeowners' association meetings and subsequently to the survey in the form of lack of response, we can say good-bye to any influence we might have had on the future of our community.

Bob Knott
President

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

April 20th, 1982
Pulte Sales Office
7:30 PM - coffee
8:00 PM - General Meeting

IS IT GONE????

The Third Annual B.H.A. Garage Sale still does not have a chair person. Are we going to lose our best fund raiser???? Call 681-6853 to volunteer,

B.H.A. OFFICERS

President	Bob Knott 685-0011
Vice Pres.	Hal Labkon 681-6853
Rec. Sec.	Sandi Neubig
Corr. Sec.	Brenda Manning
Treasurer	Mike Carricato
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Letters to the Editor

Dear Neighbors,

The National Wildlife Federation has declared our backyard as a Wildlife Habitat.

In our 4 years here we have observed over 40 different species of birds. Many of these birds live here year-round and right now they are nesting. A big majority of them nest on the ground. This makes their young very easy prey for all the cats that run in our area. A beautiful pair of snow-white ducks has decided to nest on the lake behind the models, which our lot joins. How much of a chance will their young have with all the cats in the area that are turned out?

A fox squirrel, on the endangered list, has been seen back there several times. We also have opossum, racoons and many varieties of poisonous and non-poisonous snakes.

All of these things can pretty much fend for themselves against a cat when they are grown. I need not mention what snakes can do, even small ones. How about birds? They have been known to peck holes in cats or tear their eyes out. A cat against an opossum or a racoon doesn't stand much of a chance, especially if it has hurt one of their young. Even the fox squirrel can pretty much tear a cat to pieces.

What I am trying to say is this: If you love your cat, you will keep it in your own yard. Our subdivision was built in the wild; the whole subdivision is really a wildlife habitat. So if you must let that cat out, PLEASE!, put a bell on it and be prepared to accept the consequence when, for instance, 1) the cat brings your young child a pretty coral snake to play with; 2) when your cat comes home ripped from one end to the other from a wild animal and you have an enormous vet bill; 3) your cat comes home infected with worms, diseases or fleas from untreated cats or wild life; 4) you have to pay a fee of \$22.00 or more to retrieve your cat from animal control because it has been caught in a cat trap. These traps are being placed all over the subdivision, not only because of wild life but because people are tired of being taken advantage of and kept awake at night.

Thank you,

Gloria Burdett

P.S. I love cats & have one of my own, BUT it never goes outside.

Hey, Neighbors! How about a little common courtesy? Because of someones lack of it, and lack of responsibility we have found ourselves in a very painful, expensive and frustrating position.

My dog was on a chain in my garage, when a female dog in heat came over. As a result of the incident our dog has had to undergo extensive surgery for a broken neck. The end result being IF my dog does make it through this, he will never be the same physically.


Kathy Russel

I have just returned from the meeting with Mr. Coffill and the gentlemen representing the YMCA. As a concerned homeowner I was very embarrassed and disheartened by the amount of residents that attended this meeting. The context of tonight's meeting will benefit or not benefit
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"LETTERS TO THE EDITOR" cont.

each resident. At one time or another we have had the opportunity to express our opinion one way or another to our neighbors. With the amount of participation that was shown from the concerned homeowners that were present, they should be commended, but for the majority that were not present I am appalled by the lack of enthusiasm. Bloomingdale residents get off your duffs and move with the community, don't sit back and let a handful be the deciding factor in this issue.

Sandi Neubig
A concerned but irritated
Homeowner

BABYSITTERS	
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Darlene Lebo, age 13 681-1066	<p><u>Gazette Committee</u> Editor: Pam Labkon - 681-6853 Asst. Editor: Wendy Neuhoff 685-1222 DEADLINE: 4/28 for 4/30</p>
Missy Carlin, age 14 689-1496 (Estates)	
Debbie Cundiff, age 16 685-2729	<p>"CRADLE CORNER"</p>  <p>WELCOME!!!!!!! Jennifer Brigette Jackson March 29th 7 lbs. 14 oz.</p>
Pam Greeley, age 21 681-9306 (Anytime)	
Chris Carlin, age 16 689-1496 (Estates) ALSO Grass cutting & yard work	
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Jodi Privett, age 13 681-7237 (Estates)	
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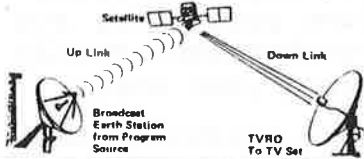
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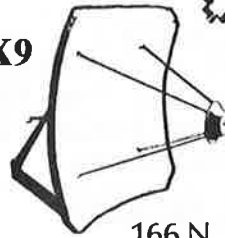
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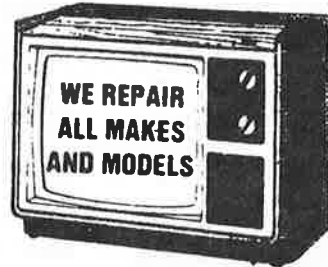
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