



# THE BLOOMINGDALE GAZETTE

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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I would like to thank all of you who have been coming to our meetings and sharing your opinions and ideas. Last issue I wrote a pretty harsh letter, and attendance at our meeting was in the forties. The suggestion was made that I try a more positive and pleasant approach in my letters to you. I have noticed quite a reduction in unattended pets in our neighborhood and I think this deserves a big "THANKS" to all who have helped accomplish this.

A YMCA representative met with the B.H.A. representatives & together developed a questionnaire and list of facts about the proposed YMCA. Criterion is now reviewing it, and there is a joint meeting planned before distribution of the questionnaire.

A Bloomingdale resident & I attended the YMCA Branch Managers Board Meeting at Limona Chapel and we learned several interesting items previously unknown to us. They extended an open invitation to any resident who wishes to attend their Board Meetings. The issue of the proposed YMCA in Bloomingdale West Park Site was the major topic on their agenda and will probably be the major topic at their next meeting as well.

Please spread the word that a questionnaire should be arriving soon; and the more people who respond, the better the information will be. At their meeting the YMCA Board Members expressed a significant sensitivity to our community's opinions on this issue. I look forward to seeing you all at our next meeting.

Bob Knott  
President

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER TO THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF BLOOMINGDALE

The culvert that goes under Bell Shoals Road goes in about 6 different directions. There are 2 known alligators who travel between the lakes in this culvert. Before you go in there again, I think there is one fact you should know. For short distances (like about half a football field) an alligator can run faster than a thoroughbred race horse on the ground.

So please don't kid yourselves - it is REALLY dangerous in that culvert.

Bob Knott  
President

# Letters to the Editor

To: The Editor

I want to thank the person who turned me in for trying to help mothers who needed me to care for their child while they were working or had an errand to run. These mothers needed my help and I was there to help them. Someone seems to think that because children play in the street near my home that I am babysitting them. **I AM NOT.** I don't watch any children after school for anyone. So, whoever you are, **may I have your phone number** so you may help the mothers who need someone to care for their child?

Gerri Kanahan

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## GAZETTE COMMITTEE

Editor: Pam Labkon, 681-6853  
 Asst. Editor: Wendy Neuhoff  
 685-1222

DEADLINE: May 11 for May 14

I wish to personally thank Jane Luke for her article for this issue of the Gazette. It took time & effort to do such an informative piece. If anyone else is interested in doing the same, please call me. If there are subjects you would like to know more about, call me.

Pam Labkon, 681-6853

## BOARD CHANGES

The Board of Directors wishes to thank Jim Boatenhammer for his help and guidance during the past eighteen months. We are sorry to see you leave the Board but hope that you will continue to participate actively in the association.

The Board would like to welcome Don Luke as a new Board member. Don is a new resident of our community and is already involved with the committee regarding the YMCA.

Hal Labkon  
 Chairman of the Board

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION.....

The April 28th edition of the Tampa Tribune reports that there have been a series of sexual assaults on children in the area of Kings and Bloomingdale. These have occurred between 3/31 & 4/25. The suspect is a white male, 16-19 years old. Please alert your families.

B.H.A. MEMBERS flower & card fund.  
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## THE SECURITY PATROL STILL NEEDS VOLUNTEERS.....

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## Calendar:

May 4 - Board Meeting  
 May 18 - General Meeting

## B.H.A. OFFICERS

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## The First Residents

In Florida we are blessed with a great deal of fair weather that facilitates outdoor activities. Here in Bloomingdale, it being a newly developed (and still growing) area, our outdoor activities often bring us in close contact with the natural inhabitants of Florida. These include snakes, insects and alligators. Many of us like as little to do with these creatures as possible - especially the dangerous ones. But, admittedly, they were here first and we must somehow learn to coexist together. Avoidance is sometimes impossible, especially in the spring during the animals mating season when they come out of their usual spots and wander around. Also, the reptiles and insects that are displaced by clearing and construction must find new homes; we hope not with us. Knowing some of the habits of these animals can help us get along with and/or avoid them.

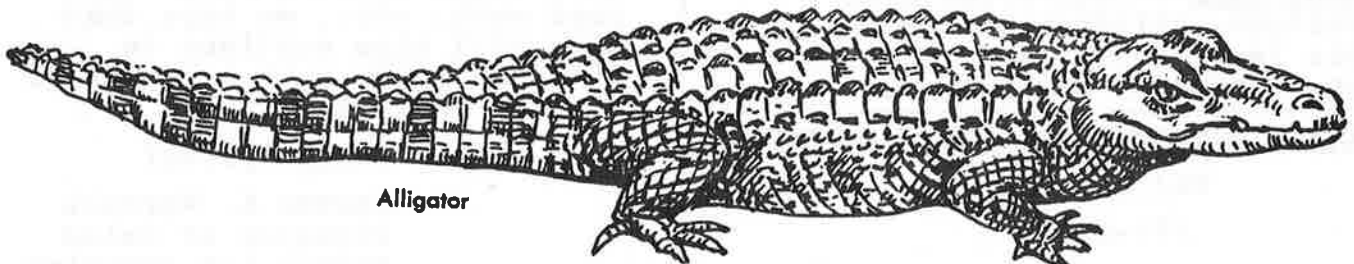
Gratefully, there are no poisonous scorpions in Florida. The Hillsborough County Extension Service informs us that this is the time when they move about and sometimes come indoors through window and door cracks. Or come in with us when we bring pine cones into the house since they often live in the cones. The scorpions have a painful sting, similar to a wasp, and can cause an allergic reaction in some people. Spraying around the bushes outside and windows and doors with Spectricide, Malathion or some of the other sprays will take care of scorpions as well as the other insect pests.

There are a few poisonous snakes in our area, including water moccasins, copperheads, rattlesnakes, and coral snakes. It is a good idea to familiarize yourself as well as your children with what these look like. They have been moving through the inhabited areas of our community since the land along Bell Shoals is being cleared. Their homes have been disturbed and they're looking for new ones. A poisonous snake can kill a small child in three minutes, so it's a good idea to keep an eye out.

Bloomingdale has at least one five foot alligator in the drainage runoff pond. He (or she) travels throughout the drainage pipes (culvert) that runs under Bell Shoals. An alligator uses it's oversized tail to knock it's prey off guard and into the water where it is much more agile. Their twisting method of fighting enables them to confuse any prey and drag it to the bottom of the water where the prey drowns. The best way of dealing with an alligator is avoidance. They don't usually attack, but when something or someone gets close by in the water or surprises one, it will "drag and drown". Let's give our Bloomingdale Gator a wide berth.

Living in a tropical part of the country does give us plenty of chances to experience wildlife, but it's best to experience it on our own terms. Be aware of the animals that are around us and deal with them with caution.

Contributed by: Jane Luke  
Resident



Alligator

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EVERYONE IS WELCOME !!!!!!!!

**"CRITERION CORNER"**

We want to welcome back to our  
Staff, Mr. Frank Giuliani, Deed  
Restrictions Supervisor. Frank,  
who is a resident of the Bloom-  
ingdale Community, has advised us  
that all the residents have been  
most helpful in supporting his  
efforts to keep our community a  
place in which we can all be proud  
to live. Frank also has asked that  
should any of you residents have  
deed restriction violations to  
report, or need assistance con-  
cerning the property, he can be  
reached through our Bloomingdale  
office, telephone 681-7784.

We are happy to see more and more  
participation in our new park  
area and as Spring approaches and  
more folks are enjoying their  
yard work, etc., we hope that  
they will also continue to  
find their new park a source of  
fun and relaxation.

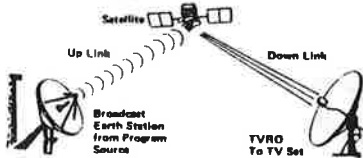
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Karmen K. Worrell  
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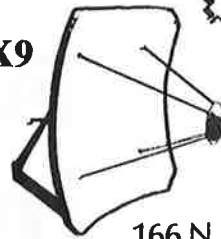
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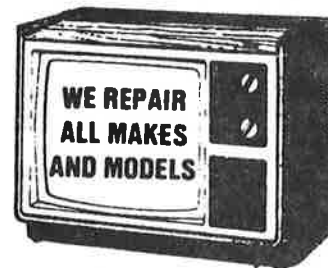
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