

Bloomingtondale Avenue: A Designated Truck Route?

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by kitzi taylor

Why is Bloomingdale Avenue—with its schools, parks, baseball fields, shops and churches—a designated truck route? When I assumed the position of editor of the *Gazette*, this most frequently asked question piqued my interest immediately. With all of the investigative fervor I could muster, I set about to research this issue for all of our readers. Little did I know. Little do I now know. Read on.

The term "designated truck route" sounded as though, not only were tractor trailers *permitted* to travel the road, but that they were actually being *directed* to Bloomingdale, *away from* other thoroughways. Gary Tate, of Traffic Services at the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), confirmed this. "The county used to post 'NO THRU TRUCKS' signs on all roads which were closed to heavy vehicles," he stated. "About three years ago, the Board of County Commissioners decided to use the positive approach by selecting specific portions of roads as truck routes. This way, maps

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An unpleasant situation: Bloomingdale Avenue, home to Bloomingdale Senior High School and Bloomingdale Little League, is the main thoroughfare for industrial trucking. Can a grassroots effort change this, making it safer for the area's children?

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The Best Lawns & Gardens

The Penningtons of Fairway Manors live in a paradise-like home, a veritable Garden of Eden, full of flowering shrubbery, pointy, exotic bushes, ancient trees and meandering stone pathways. Upon first glance, the viewer most likely will be found fumbling through her purse for a pen and scrap of paper on which to scribble down the name of the professional landscaping agency which brought about such a wonder; however, after anxiously asking the nearest Pennington, she will soon discover that, amazingly, the credit of the beautiful landscaped lawn and shrubbery belongs solely to the lady of the house, Marilyn Pennington.

Yes, as incredible as it may seem, Marilyn managed to create this work of vegetal, rustic artistry all by herself. She deserves praise for more than just the final product of her labors, though, for, without her determined initiative and daily efforts, this wonderland of home greenery might not have been such a fruitful success. Marilyn carefully planned her unique splendor using a pallet of varying shades of green, cheerful reds, dramatic purples and vibrant yellows. Shrubby of all kinds border one another in distinct union and find their foundations in earthen mulch. Perhaps, if this beauty were only exhibited in the front yard, some appreciation might be lost, but Marilyn decorated the entire perimeter of the house, from pool to fences to entry ways to thoroughfares, with a continuous ebb and flow of floral elegance.

Marilyn and her husband, Bill, have been living in Bloomingdale since 1987. Bill is a retired U.S. Marine Corps man who served for 31 years. The next time you are passing through Fairway Manors, look out for Marilyn's masterpiece, the *Bloomingdale Gazette's* Best Lawn for the month of August.

We're looking for the Best Lawns & Gardens! Send information and photo to Kitzi Taylor, Editor, *Bloomingdale Gazette*, "The Best Lawns & Gardens," 220 W. Brandon Blvd., Suite 102, Brandon, FL 33511.



The above is one of the many views of Marilyn Pennington's creative landscaping.

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Mobile Watch is watching

by LaWayne Wyatt

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Working closely with the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office, District II, Mobile Watch patrols the streets and byways of Bloomingdale, promptly reporting any suspected irregularities so that appropriate authorities can appear on the scene, when necessary. With crime and safety being major concerns for all residents, Mobile Watch serves a purpose in the community.



LaWayne Wyatt is the coordinator of the Bloomingdale Mobile Watch program.

Begun in 1980 when Bloomingdale had only 50 homes (and every one had at least one member on the staff), Mobile Watch has seen its numbers swell to over 200 in 1990 (3% of residents) and, lately, shrink to nearly the 50 of its earliest days.

New members are urgently needed to help patrol this burgeoning community of over 3,300 homes. Volunteers work one three-hour shift per month, using their own cars. Special communications equipment is provided by Mobile Watch. Each patrol drives within an assigned area and reports any suspicious or unusual activity. They do not become involved in apprehending or stopping anyone. You, simply, report what you observe to the Base Station: the operator there notifies the Sheriff's office, and deputies take action.

Consider doing your part to maintain Bloomingdale as the model community that it has been recognized by the Sheriff's office to be: one of concerned, active citizens who pay their taxes, yet recognize the added protection that a citizen patrol offers. Sign up by calling one of the Core Committee members listed on page 2 of the Gazette.

If you have concerns you would like to share with the Bloomingdale community, send a letter to Kitzi Taylor Editor, Bloomingdale Gazette, 220 W. Brandon Blvd., Suite 102, Brandon, FL 33511, or call 654-1919. If it matters to you, then it matters to all of us.



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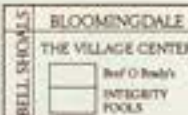
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Church Happenings: Global Beverages hosts a wine tasting

by Melanie Taylor

On August 8th, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., Bloomingdale's specialty wine, liquor and cigar store, Global Beverages, will host a wine-tasting extravaganza to benefit the Church of the Nativity Food Pantry. A monthly tradition, the wine-tasting event will remain free of charge for everyone, but will be taking donations of \$5 and up for the Food Pantry. The owners, Chuck and Claire Schoonover, hope to raise in excess of \$2,000 for the charitable organization aimed at providing the area's underprivileged with food.

The Nativity Food Pantry was established in 1983 by Nativity's Sister Constance, and has managed to feed over 48,000 families thus far. Already this year, families, individuals and babies were given over 225,000 pounds of food, 93% of which was donated by local businesses, organizations and friends in the community and parish. The Food Pantry is affiliated with The Spring, Good Samaritan Ministries, New Life Dwelling Place, Landmark Baptist, Stepping Stone Farms, San Jose Mission and many other programs which help to bring individuals of all types and needs under its care.

The volunteers, most of them retired Friendship Club members, give tirelessly of their time and talent, and are the greatest parish contribution. They obtain, sort, package and distribute all of the food and other necessities every week. Some of them are on the scene daily to prepare for the Thursday distribution; others are involved in administration and the actual distribution.

Hopefully, with broad community-based support, provided by charitable events such as Global



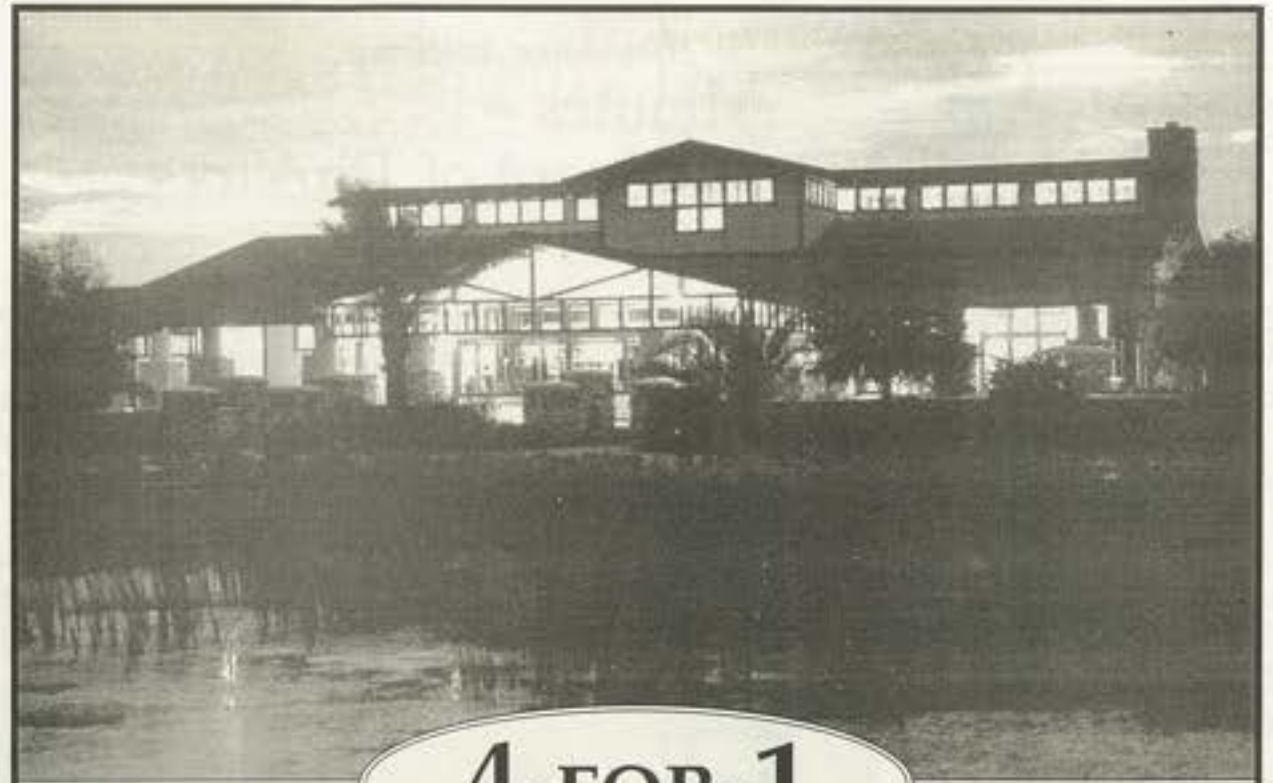
Ten-year Food Pantry veteran, Dick Mahoney, along with Dave Schmidt and Ned Nevaril, load up the collected provisions for the needy every week.

Beverages' wine tasting benefit, the Nativity Food Pantry's breadth of service will expand even more in the future.

Global Beverages is located on the corner of Lithia-Pinecrest Road and Bloomingdale Avenue.

August vacation Bible school

Brandon Cumberland Presbyterian Church will host a free vacation Bible school for all children ages 6 to 12 years old beginning Monday, August 11, through Friday, August 15th. The festivities begin each evening at 6:00 p.m. with a light dinner and the programs end at 8:30 p.m.. There will be story telling, crafts, fun and games. All area children are invited. The church is located at 826 S. Miller Road, just north of Lumsden. Call 684-4689 for reservations or for more information.



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Bloomingtondale Homeowners Association Minutes - Meeting of the Board of Directors

Directors in attendance: Randy Wolfe, LaWayne Wyatt, Michael Davis, Anne Underwood and Pat Radel

Guests present: Pam Liguori and Joe Liguori

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. following the special presentation by Columbia Bank of \$1,000.00 to the Bloomingtondale Mobile Watch.

The Directors discussed the status of The Bloomingtondale Gazette, Inc., including issues relating to the liquidation and dissolution of The Bloomingtondale Gazette, Inc. as a separate corporate entity and the engagement of USAd, Inc. as the contract publisher of the Bloomingtondale Gazette. The terms of the contract executed with USAd, Inc. were discussed, and all Directors were in agreement with the execution of the contract.

The Directors discussed the handling of resident telephone inquiries to the Bloomingtondale Community Office. The Directors unanimously approved the establishment of a voice mail system pursuant to which callers to the Bloomingtondale Community Office telephone number will hear a taped message providing the

telephone numbers of the Bloomingtondale Special Taxing District, the Bloomingtondale Mobile Watch and USAd, Inc., as agent for the Bloomingtondale Gazette, and then be able to leave a message for the BHA. The BHA Directors will retrieve the messages on a daily basis and return the telephone calls. The Directors agreed upon a rotating schedule for each Director to handle one week of retrieving and returning voice mail



BHA President Randy Wolfe and Mobile Watch Coordinator LaWayne Wyatt accept a \$1,000 donation to the Mobile Watch program from J.A. "Ray" Grimaldi, president of Columbia Bank, and Operations Manager Nancy Blattner.

messages.

The Secretary's Report and Treasurer's Report were deferred until the August 1997 meeting. There was no Neighborhood Improvement Program (NIP) Report.

Upon motion duly made by Director Davis, and seconded by Director Wyatt, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m..

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Real estate moves by Michael



Michael Davis

by Michael Davis

Selling your home is one of the most important steps in your life, so you need to be equipped with essential tips before attempting the endeavor...

Tip No. 11: *Clean like you've never cleaned before.* Pick up, straighten, unclutter, scrub, scour, dust,...well, you get the idea. If your living room feels crowded, take out every piece of furniture you can get away with. If your home still isn't ready to appear in House Beautiful, then clean some more. Remember, you're not just competing with other people's homes—you're going up against brand-new homes as well.

Tip No. 12: *Fix everything no matter how insignificant it may appear.* The step that squeaks, the light switch that doesn't work, the hairline crack in the bathroom mirror—they might be minor annoyances to you, but they can also be deal-killers. The problem is that you never know what will turn a buyer off. And even something minor that's gone unattended can suggest that perhaps there are bigger, less visible problems present as well.

Tip No. 13: *Remove all traces of you from your home.* When you toured other people's homes, you may have felt some discomfort. This probably occurred because you saw, heard or otherwise sensed something that made you feel as if you were intruding into someone's life. This is the last thing you want others to feel when visiting your home. Making your home as neutral as possible erases this potential for discomfort. Paint and carpet in muted shades of white or beige, and make sure to remove most of the family portraits and personal knickknacks.

Tip No. 14: *The little touches can make a difference.* While personal items can detract, other small touches can help make your house a home to buyers. A well-placed vase of flowers, accent pieces of sculpture, and potpourri in the bathroom can enhance the attractiveness of your home in a subtle way. Home magazines provide helpful suggestions.

"Real estate moves by Michael" will be continued in an upcoming issue. To obtain a free copy of the entire report, "29 Essential Tips That Get Homes Sold Fast (And for Top Dollar)," please call 684-8881.

Outstanding Siblings are out there...
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Bloomingdale grad receives ConAgra scholarship

Today, Melissa Wayson is probably out at the beach, but she should not be accused of being lazy; indeed, she deserves the rest. Wayson, a '95 Bloomingdale High School graduate, achieved tremendous academic success throughout her high school career and was awarded a \$1,300 Mike Harper Leadership scholarship by The ConAgra Foundation, Inc. in recognition of her superior performance.



Honor graduate, Melissa Wayson

She was selected for the prestigious, financial award out of a pool of more than 240 applicants. Recipients of the Mike Harper Leadership scholarships are chosen competitively on the basis of their academic records, personal achievements and an evaluation of a leadership essay. They must also be planning on enrolling at an accredited college, university or vocational-technical school. The program has been designed in efforts to identify young people who have the potential to be leaders in their chosen fields.

Melissa Wayson plans to attend Baylor University in the fall of 1997. During the summer, she enjoys working at Winn Dixie and, of course, hanging out with her friends at the beaches. Wayson is the daughter of Kathleen Wayson, an FTM employee located in Valrico. FTM is affiliated with the ConAgra Foundation.



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could be disseminated to truckers and they could plan their trips accordingly." Makes sense, so far.

At this time, a consulting firm (the smell of money) was hired to develop criteria that would be used to determine which roads would receive the coveted moniker, "Truck Route." It was this criteria that I set out to discover for all Bloomington homeowners.

No criteria or list of qualifying or disqualifying characteristics was locate-able for me. I asked Mr. Tate if, perhaps, the consulting firm might have this document, as it was they who were hired to develop it. "No," I was told, "they're out of it now." Oh.

After the elusive criteria were determined, either the county or the consulting firm decided that, along with many other road segments in Hillsborough, Bloomington Avenue, from Lithia-Pinecrest to US 41 (it actually changes to Madison Avenue at US 301), would be a Designated Truck Route. Lumsden was not selected; Causeway was selected to Providence; much of Martin Luther King Drive was (you see the pattern? I do not.).

Four public hearings were held in 1994, and in January 1995, Bloomington Avenue became an official, sign-bearing Designated Truck Route. By the way, the

maps that showed where these routes were located were provided by the MPO.

The remaining, unanswered question is: what were the criteria used to determine which roads, ultimately, would be designated truck routes? But other, peripheral issues hover, even today. What was the name of the consulting firm, why couldn't they just be asked for a file copy of the criteria, and how much were they paid to perform this service for our community? The relationship between organizations with names like "Planning and Growth Management, Planning Commission, Roadway Maintenance, Traffic Services and Metro Planning Organization" with the Board of County Commissioners, and just exactly who makes the decisions and who reviews them could also be clearer. Why a consulting firm was needed to come up with truck route specifications is another mysterious component.

According to Gary Tate, the Bloomington Avenue truck route will be reviewed in January 1998, as part of a regular three-year review process.

This is August 1997. Will we be able to get a copy of that criteria before then?

Hobbies:

Crazy about coins



Barbara Dunning says her daughter, Kaitlin, a seven-year old, loves collecting stickers. Tell us about your special collections!

If you're into collecting rare coins, recovered treasure, artifacts, antiquities and jewelry, then you probably knew to visit the recent Clearwater Coin Show held at the Sheraton Sand Key Hotel. There were 125 vendors from all over the world, creating the region's largest annual coin show and drawing droves of interested Floridians and their prized finds. Many Bloomington residents have been swept up in the coin trade and collection hobby by their desires to hold tangible relics of history, ancient and present, in their personal possession. Some were introduced to the pastime while stationed in military bases overseas, where it is possible to obtain the rarest of ancient coins.

For those of you who know very little of the fun and interesting hobby, the tools of the trade are as follows: a metal detector (used for personal excavation of anything from pocket change to bottle caps to ancient lost jewelry), a shovel, a magnifying glass, coin cleansing kit and a library of coin reference books and guides. Once you have the proper equipment, you are set for an adventure back into the annals of history. The best means for buying, selling and trading is a coin show. Some people find relaxing fun exploring beaches and abandoned parks with a metal detector and a shovel, and stay far away from the big towns.

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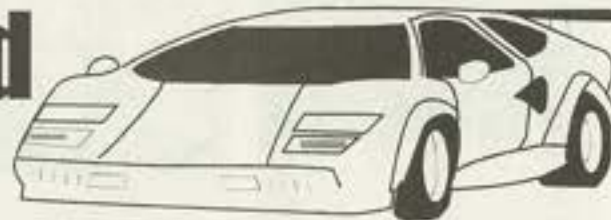
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