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The next General Meeting of the
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2. ISLETON DRIVE will have new neighbors....Let's welcome Karen and Dave Kyle. They will be moving into 739 Isleton Drive.
3. WINDTREE COURT residents...I would like for you to meet your new neighbors the Isenbarger's. Susan, David, and their two children Caley (she's 4 yrs. old) and Greg (he's 2 yrs. old) are moving from Pelham, Alabama.

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At the Board of Director's meeting on November 29, the officers were elected from the new 12-member board. They will be serving until November 1, 1986, and are: President - Ted Keiser, Vice President - Jim Weiss, Secretary - Susan DeLuca, Treasurer - Errol Whitfield, and Sergeant at Arms - Hugo Ramos. Congratulations and Welcome!



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BLOOMINGDALE PARK WEST, PRIVATE OR COUNTY ???

During the month of October is was discovered accidentally that Criterion had made arrangements with The Hillsborough County Park Department to dedicate Park West as a county park, negating it's use as a private park for Bloomingdale residents. After speaking with Jim Selvey, County Commissioner and Ed Radice, Director of the Parks Department to confirm this dedication, Susan Meitz, Criterion Corporation was invited to speak at the October BHA meeting where she did concur that Criterion (as representatives of the park's owners, MGIC) was negotiating with the county regarding Park West to avoid having to pay impact fees. That evening Russ Thompson and a group of concerned citizens formed a Park Committee with Russ as Chairman. During the last of October several things were accomplished: 1) Attorney Richard Wheeler met with Criterion. 2) The Park Committee had a meeting. 3) Contact was made with Ed Radice regarding our options.

It was found that should the residents decide that Park West was to remain private it had to be deeded either to the BHA temporarily or the STD permanently. Also Criterion was demanding some sort of positive assurances that the park would be maintained-- such as the passage of the STD or a \$10,000 escrow account, or both.

During November an all resident meeting was set up at Brandon High School. Only 67 people went to listen as the pro's and con's of the county park were debated and Ed Radice made a presentation as to what the county could do.

What follows are the highlights of three important areas: 1) What Ed Radice and the Park Department will do; 2) the result of an investigation team; and 3) the negative aspects of a county park....

Mr. Radice has stated they would like to build a Community Building which would be manned by full time park department personal. They would have games, activities, crafts and educational classes for all levels. There would be much needed improvement of the playground equipment with the addition of a Tot Lot. Lights would be added to the tennis courts, possible expansion of the raquetball courts, general clean-up of the area and regular maintenance to the entire park area, and added parking spaces. They would also clean up but not remove the conservation area behind Park West, possible adding a nature walkway through it. See the site plan map in this Gazette.

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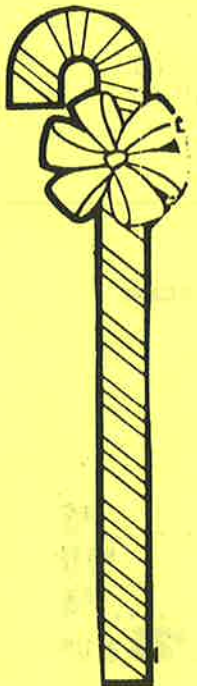
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Thank You For Your Support

A representative of the Park Committee visited 5 area parks. All parks displayed adequate parking and trash removal. They were all equipped with numerous amounts of playground equipment and all were in excellent condition. The landscaping was neat and the grass was trimmed. No graffiti was in or around any parks. The parks that had lighted tennis courts posted a lights off at 10 p.m. rules. All the tennis courts were well surfaced. All the parks personal were very helpful to us, and answered any questions we had. All in all we were extremely impressed with the condition of these parks, and rather embarrassed at our own parks when we returned. I might add that some of the parks were located in "older" neighborhoods and still gave a good appearance to us.

The Park Committee is concerned that a County Park could increase traffic flow through Bloomingdale West. The lighted tennis courts could bring problems for residents adjacent to the park. The lack of Community Control could also be a problem.

If you would like to voice your opinion regarding this issue, please address them to The Park Committee, P.O. Box 918, Brandon, Fl. 33511.



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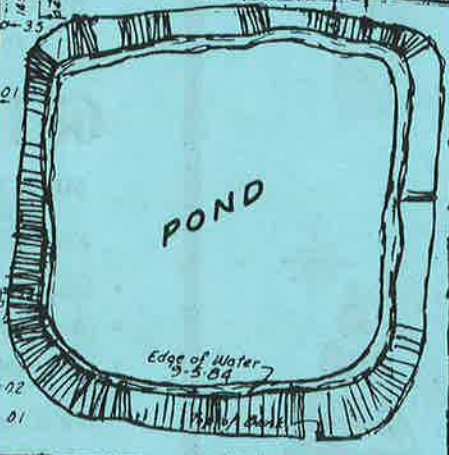
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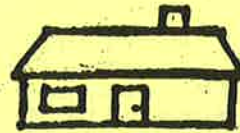
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EDITORIAL....

On November 14 and again on November 28, articles were published in the BRANDON NEWS regarding Bloomingdale's Special Taxing District and the disposition of Parks East and West. Despite the fact that correct information was available to the BRANDON NEWS on both occasions, incorrect and misleading information was published both times.

The GAZETTE sincerely hopes that you, the residents of Bloomingdale, will take the time to read the articles in today's GAZETTE about the STD and Park issues. We feel you have the right to be properly informed to be able to make intelligent decisions regarding the future of Bloomingdale.

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Kudos to Debra Bradley of the Tampa Tribune, East Hillsborough Section. Her reporting shows not only a non-slanted picture of events in Bloomingdale, but also accurate research and detail concentration. Thank you Debbie. -SD

PAST PRESIDENT INVOLVED IN ACCIDENT

On Saturday evening, November 30, Brenda Manning, past President of the BHA was seriously injured in an auto accident. It occurred when Ms. Manning was hit on the driver's side by a "high-riser" pickup truck.

By Monday, December 2 she had been moved out of the Intensive Care Unit of Brandon Hospital and into a regular room. As of press time Ms. Manning is still a patient in the hospital.

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On Thursday, November 14, the Assistant County Attorney, Amelia Brown, informed us of two items: first, the STD Board of Trustees would require the submission of seven resumes, not five as we were originally told, and second, that the December 4 Public Hearing could not take place as we had hoped until December 18. Therefore, all resumes submitted before the STD Committee were brought to the BHA meeting the evening before the first Commission hearing.

Then, on Wednesday, November 20, Attorney Richard Wheeler and Committee Chairwoman Susan DeLuca appeared before the Board of County Commissioners. At that time they presented verified petition signatures, the completed ordinance, and the resumes of seven trustees plus alternates. After less than one minute of debate, Commissioner Jim Selvey moved that the Special Taxing District for Bloomingdale be placed on the agenda for a Public Hearing on December 18. This motion was seconded by several other Commissioners and unanimously approved by all seven.

The seven STD Trustees that were approved at the November 19 general membership meeting of the BHA are: Thomas M. Calcaterra, CPA; J. Christopher Deem, Attorney; Glenda M. Hewitt; Robert Knott; Christopher Lee Phells, P.A.C.; Russell D. Thompson; Fred Uphoff, Jr.; and alternates Joseph D. DeLuca, Jr., CFP, and M. George Besa.

On December 18 at the County Court House on Pierce Street, the Public Hearing will be held before the County Commissioners to hear pro and con arguments regarding the establishment of our Special Taxing District. As this is a Public Hearing, all residents of Bloomingdale are welcome to attend and express their opinions regarding the formation of the STD to maintain the common areas.

After the Public Hearing and approval of the STD, Bloomingdale resident Jeff West will hand carry our STD ordinance to the Secretary of

State in Tallahassee for signature before December 31, 1985. Once this is accomplished the STD becomes law and the seven trustees become official.

As the residents of Bloomingdale did sign petitions showing a minimum of 70% approval of the STD, it is hoped that the Public Hearing and the official signatures are something that can be accomplished quickly and to the advantage of Bloomingdale.



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Letters to the Editor

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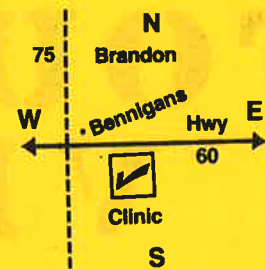
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The Holidays & your pet

by M. Wissman D.V.M.



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On behalf of the staff of Suncoast Veterinary Clinic I wish you a Happy Holiday Season, and a safe one too.



JIM SELVEY, COUNTY COMMISSIONER A FRIEND TO BLOOMINGDALE

As the GAZETTE goes to press, the STD has not yet become law. But despite this, the residents of Bloomingdale owe a debt of gratitude to Commissioner Jim Selvey. Not only has Mr. Selvey been readily accessible to Bloomingdale every time he was needed either in person at meetings or over the telephone, but also he has gone out of his way to assist us with information and resource people as we have needed them. Thank you "Big Jim," we sure do appreciate your help!



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BURGLARIES IN BLOOMINGDALE
by Cheryl Ledford

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...these burglaries were committed by seven youths between the ages of 13 and 16?

...these kids took over \$13,000 worth of jewelry, cameras, tapes video equipment, radios, and money?

...7 youths were walking the streets of Bloomingdale at 9:30 in the morning on a school day and no one ever questioned their presence or questioned why they weren't in school?

...in not even one burglary case was forced entry into the home necessary because windows and doors were left open or unlocked?

Detective Ken Escobio of the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Department says that due to the diligence and persistence of Deputies Art Holloman and Stan Horman these crimes were solved in a few days. In most cases 60-70% of the stolen property has been recovered.

Have you asked yourself how you can prevent this from happening to you?

BE A NOSEY NEIGHBOR!

"Bloomingdale residents need to get their act together! A strong Neighborhood Watch Program is a good crime preventor," says Detective Escobio. He claims that organizing your block as a Neighborhood Watch, knowing who works, when, where, what hours, what their cars look like, the age of their kids, etc., is not only a good way to make your neighbors your good friends, but you can also utilize each other to help protect your homes and property.

Also, Detective Escobio asks "Why invest so much money in such a lovely home in a beautiful, expensive neighborhood and not be willing to invest around \$10 for a bolt lock for the doors and \$1.25 for window locks for the windows?" These are very inexpensive ways to secure your valuables and still be able to leave your windows slightly open for ventilation.

Detective Escobio also warned that Christmas is a wonderful time of year for criminals to enhance their financial position because so many valuable items are on display under the tree. That can be tempting, especially if entry into the home is so easy. So keep your holidays merry and safe -- LOCK UP!

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WILL MOBILE WATCH SURVIVE?

by Dave Cvetan

I've been a resident of our community for 1 1/2 years and have witnessed the turmoil and growing pains normally experienced by a community of our size. I've repeatedly solicited support for the Mobile Watch; however, much of my efforts have been in vain. The struggle for survival has been frustrating; we succeeded only because a handful of residents cared enough about the community to devote their time and contribute enough money to maintain an effective operation. This same handful of people have declined in numbers while our population has steadily increased. We presently have 82 Mobile Watch volunteers who represent a community of 3,000 adult residents. Obviously, the majority of our residents must feel that the Mobile Watch is unnecessary--then I ask you, who do I receive 20 to 30 calls a month requesting our assistance?

In December, we have been forced to reduce our coverage to four nights a week--we just don't have the people! Simply stated, we are contemplating disbanding the Mobile Watch in January unless December becomes a record month for new volunteers. Before you shrug us off, I ask each of you to consider the following:

1) Our Neighborhood Watch Program is a facade and borders on the realm of non-existent. If you don't believe me, activate your telephone roster and see what happens! Our Mobile Watch is the only community crime prevention effort that is still functional.

2) A few years ago, the Mobile Watch folded due to lack of support. The crime rate increased so sharply that a group of dedicated residents reorganized the program (unfortunately, it took a rash of burglaries to convince residents that their support and the Mobile Watch were indeed needed). We now enjoy one of the lowest crime rates in Hillsborough County and personally I'm convinced our Mobile Watch is an effective deterrent to rising crime rates. Because of the growth of our community, it would be virtually impossible to start all over again once we've gone under--the larger the numbers, the harder to organize!

3) Effectiveness: I could write a book on the things we've done for the community in just the past year. Surely, those whom we've helped are thankful: how about supporting us now that we need your help? What about you wives who feel more secure just knowing the Mobile Watch is a phone call away when your husbands are out of town on business--women are welcome to volunteer as are husband/wife teams!

4) The Sheriff's department has been superb in responding to Mobile Watch reports of incidents, suspected crimes, and even auto accidents. While I'm certain they will provide the same proficient response to a resident's request, if the Mobile Watch fails, who will be on the scene until the Sheriff's patrol arrives? Just recently, we were able to have a physician (one of our members) at an accident scene before the police or ambulance arrived!

This is a last ditch effort to drum up support for the Mobile Watch. The community is fortunate to have a few dedicated organizers who are trying to keep the Mobile Watch alive: we do not get paid for our nights and weekends of loyal "volunteer" service, for the verbal attacks from people we are trying to help, for the names we're called when responding to a disturbance in the Park, for the phone calls in the middle of the night, for the last minute frustration of juggling shifts due to no-shows, for the disappointment we feel inside when residents call for help and we can't respond because we don't have enough volunteers, for the agony of making and distributing a workable monthly schedule when we have more people dropping out than joining, for the police knocking at our doors at 2a.m. for more details on an incident that happened earlier in the evening, for having to decline invitations to dinner because we have base station 4 or 5 times a month, for having to beg residents for money so we can fix our radios, and most important, for having to cope with the notion that the rest of the

residents don't care even enough to give us only 3 hours a month to support a proven, capable Mobile Watch. No, we haven't complained because we felt as though we were providing a useful and appreciated service to the community--lack of support has now cast doubt on this assumption.

THE BOTTOM LINE: We are leaving it up to you--should we lack the necessary support to continue, we will cease our patrols on January 1, 1986.

NOTE: Those interested in saving the Mobile Watch can join by calling one of the following:

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Paul Kelmer	681-9701
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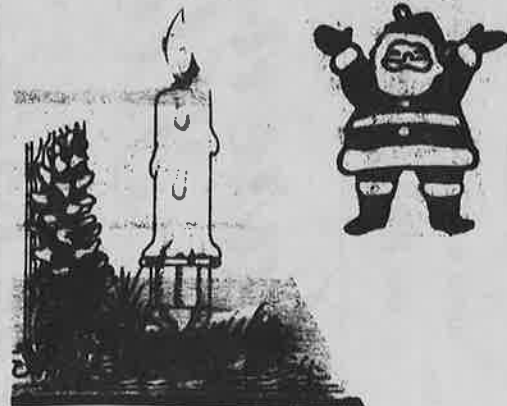
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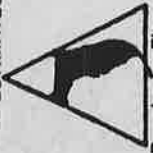
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