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A NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION

TO ALL BLOOMINGDALE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

At the February 1st Board of Directors meeting, the Board began the initial stages of setting the BHA goals and Objectives for the balance of this year. In addition, many of the items we discussed have long term implications and require further input before many of these goals are adopted.

Planning and goal setting are an important part of all organizations and are crucial to the smooth, continued operation of the BHA. Listed below are 19 suggested goals or objectives which we will discuss at the general membership meeting on February 15th at 7:30 pm.

1. Increase membership above 50%
2. More activities
3. Community Improvement Project
4. Revise By-Laws and BHA Policies
5. Improve BHA Image and Visibility
6. Revamp Gazette
7. Establish a Womens Club
8. Resolve the S.T.D.
9. Establish Consumer Advocate/Service
10. Endorse/Support Neighborhood Watch
11. Raise \$\$ Mega-Bucks
12. Define what BHA membership means
13. Brandon area service project
14. Establish public relations effort
15. Better/More guest speakers
16. Resolve Park East/Buffer Zone Issue
17. Improve BHA financial controls and publish a financial statement
18. Establish a Golden Age Club
19. Introduce Flag-Pledge-Prayer at meetings.

These suggested goals and objectives were presented by the Board members as general suggestions and as a way to provide you with a starting point for your suggestions. At the general membership meeting, we will discuss each of the above topics, plus add any suggestions which are received at the meeting. Please give this matter some thought between now and the meeting Feb. 15th and come prepared to take an active role in the goal setting process for your association.

Don

Don Luke
Vice Pres., B.H.A.

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Did you know there are approximately 530 homes (at last count) that receive the Bloomingdale Gazette! AND, we are still growing. We need volunteers to distribute on Isleton, Hallmark or, if you like, we will place you where you want. Also, there are some jobs open to work on the paper. We NEED you. Come and join us- you'll have lots of fun.

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GAZETTE RESTRUCTURING

The Board of Directors of the B.H.A. is restructuring the Gazette and its committee. The Gazette will be printed once a month. The restructuring is to improve the quality of the Gazette, not increase the quantity. If you are a mature teenager or adult who wishes to volunteer for a position, please complete the coupon below and mail it to Wendy Neuhoff. After checking the position(s) you are interested in, fill in your name, address and phone number. These volunteer positions are for a one year period.

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- _____ EDITOR - Chair Gazette Committee, lay out ads and articles, edit as required, advise board regularly of status.
- _____ ASSISTANT EDITOR - To collect articles from reporters, assist in layouts, act as Editor in Editor's absence, be responsible for 45 day calender (to contain committee meeting dates, General Membership meeting dates and any other pertinent dates).
- _____ FINANCIAL SECRETARY - Keep ledger and account for all monies.
- _____ ADVERTISING MANAGER - Solicit ads, collect monies and keep dual receipt book.
- _____ DISTRIBUTION CHAIRPERSON - Insure Gazette has bags, maintain current list of homes, make sure Gazette is delivered to all homes and sales offices.
- _____ REPORTERS - Contact individuals for brief columns. The board would like to see the following columns:

(Check the ones you're interested in.)

- _____ Kitchen Corner (household hints/recipes)
- _____ Kid's Korner
- _____ Birthday Column
- _____ New Neighbor Column
- _____ Cradle Corner
- _____ Hospital Column
- _____ Garden Column

NAME _____ PHONE _____

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Mail to: Wendy Neuhoff, 4020 Eastridge Dr., Valrico, FL 33594

COMMENTS ARE WELCOME, TOO!!!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

(Dear Editor, Would you please print the following letter for me.)

February 8, 1983

Dear Bloomingdale Homeowners,

Concerning the Special Taxing District (STD) being proposed for Bloomingdale, here are some questions and comments we should all think about.

- Why did we buy a house in Bloomingdale?
Was it because
 - the area is neat & clean?
 - Bloomingdale is attractive?
 - the pleasant surroundings?
 - wanted a new instead of old house?
 - resale value of your house?
 - recreational facilities?

- It is easier to maintain well developed common areas, park facilities, walls, etc. than to renovate after the above has reached a noticable state of disrepair.

- Better to maintain the reputation of being a concerned, progressive development than to try to rebuild a reputation after the area starts to deteriorate.

- Having maintenance and development of our facilities under residents control should be a good selling point, rather than a concern for the unknown.

- Four options are available to us.
 - M.S.U. - money paid is not deductible from your income tax and other reasons make this unfeasible.

 - Home Owners Assoc. - not tax deductible, not all residents are members making it unfair.

 - S.T.D. - tax deductible, under control of all property owners.

 - Do nothing and let our neighborhood and investment start to deteriorate and decrease in value.

- Take a look at some of the subdivisions in the area that have not allowed for maintenance of walls, fences and common areas. The value of comparitable size homes in these areas is approximately \$10,000 or more, less than ours. Using the current proposed CAP on the STD of \$84.00 the anticipated expense would be as follows:

10 years - \$840.00
20 years - \$1680.00
30 years - \$2520.00
40 years - \$3360.00

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Ten years STD taxes of \$840.00 is far less than the probable \$10,000 lost value of your house.

The projected revenue from the STD money should more than cover, for the current number of houses, what Criterion estimate they spend on maintenance annually. As the number of homes increases the tax base will also increase.

500 homes x \$84 = \$42,000
600 homes x \$84 = \$50,400

If we consider ourselves responsible enough to assume the responsibility of homeownership, then we must also consider ourselves responsible enough to protect our investment.

We have insurance to protect our homes and property. The STD is insurance for our development.

One last question, do you invest money to make money or to lose money?

Sincerely,

J.P. Sealy
J.P. SEALY

If we wait as as some suggest, we may save \$168.00 or \$252.00 or we could lose several thousand. The choice is ours.

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S.T.D. BILL REVIEW

If you wish to review the S.T.D. Legislation, please contact one of the following:

Bob Knott 685-0011
Don Luke 689-8090
Sandi Neubig 685-7108
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THE GAZETTE IS PART OF YOUR COMMUNITY.

Call Wendy at 685-1222 or contact a Board Member.

"PARTY IN THE PARK"

The Bloomingdale Homeowners Association is planning a major spring party/picnic to be held Saturday, April 9th at 12:00 pm in Bloomingdale Park East. The "Party in the Park" is FREE for all Bloomingdale development residents. We plan to have barbequed chicken, ribs, hot dogs, soft drinks, beer and cookies or brownies as well as games and activities for all ages. There will be prizes for the various games and activities. A softball game is planned for 3:30 pm along with a kite flying contest earlier in the day for the kids. A Tug of War pit will be prepared and a contest organized--- so begin organizing your teams and come prepared to get muddy. There will be music and many, many games and activities for the entire family, ALL FREE. Mark your calenders now and plan for the whole family to attend.

WATCH THIS SPACE FOR FUTURE NEWS ABOUT--- "PARTY IN THE PARK"

P.S. If you want to help plan this party call 689-8090 for details.

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*FLOWER & CARD FUND- Call
Wynella Wilson at 681-6011

GARDEN TIPS

We are currently experiencing a fairly typical Florida winter. The temperature can vary from balmy spring like 75 degrees to a damaging cold of 17 degrees. Many plants survive even the coldest temperatures without dropping a leaf while others all but die. With very few exceptions, those plants that look dead, more than likely are suffering only from frost or freeze damage. We have been known to have frosts well into March so don't rush out and remove all the apparently dead foliage. Leaving this tissue on the plants serves two functions:

1. The damaged tissue helps to prevent further damage to the live parts of the plant. If you remove the damaged tissue now and we have another cold night, you might lose a plant which you wouldn't normally have lost.

2. By waiting until the new growth starts in the spring, you are sure that you are not removing live tissue unnecessarily. When new growth is present, you can tell exactly how much damaged tissue to remove.

Even if it appears that the plant has been killed completely back to the roots, wait until Spring to replace the plant because we seldom get cold enough to kill the roots of most of the plants that grow here.

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Megan Cahill
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DIRTY LAUNDRY

Big game hunters have searched long to find the elephant's grave yard; it's a mystery that may never be solved. But what I want to know is--- where do the socks go in the washer? Doing the laundry is bad enough without having scavenger hunts with it as well. I put socks in two at a time but they come back divorced, and where those other ones have disappeared to I'll never know. The washer is smart though--- it only eats one sock from each pair. I guess it knows I'd be on to it if the whole pair was gone.

The laundry "hunt and search" game actually begins in the bedrooms and bathrooms. My first task is to find the dirty clothes wherever my family has hidden them. Yes, those muddy jeans that practically walked in on their own are nowhere to be found. That probably means they're stuffed back into the drawer. The family never puts their clean clothes away but they spend hours hiding the dirty ones. My husband is as guilty as the rest. Either he's worn only one set of clothes this week, (wives know husbands wear at least three sets per day) or they've been filed in the file cabinet.

There are still some novice launderers out there. Recently my sister-in-law had a baby, so the new Dad helped out with things around the old homestead by doing the laundry. He was distressed that his shirts ended-up so wrinkled (he'd dried them for the full ninety minutes that he felt were necessary). He was told that if he got the shirts out before they were completely dry and hang them up, they'd be fine. It worked for him so he tried the same technique on the towels. As soon as they weren't dripping he carefully folded them and put them away. The mildew packs in the closet should help. The other things that novices are adept at are making mouse clothes using the washer and dryer and new clothing as their only supplies. Even better are the pink mouse clothes.

Well, I'll get back to herding my laundry, I have a few lost sheep.

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GRANNY'S CUPBOARD

Chicken Wings (China)

12 chicken wings
3 TBSP. butter or margarine
1 small onion, shredded
1 8½ oz. can pineapple chunks
drained and juice reserved
orange juice
¼ cup soy sauce
2 TBSP. brown sugar
1 TBSP. vinegar
1 tsp. ginger
½ tsp. salt
½ tsp. mace
½ tsp. tabasco sauce
½ tsp. dry mustard
1½ TBSP. cornstarch

syrup; add enough orange juice to make 1½ cups liquid. Blend all ingredients except pineapple and cornstarch. Add to chicken. Simmer 30 minutes. Add pineapple & cornstarch in small amount to pan. Simmer until thick. Serve with rice. Makes 4 servings.

DELICIOUS!!!

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CRAFT CLUB

Feb. 14th, 8 PM at
3703 Orangepointe Rd.

Our own Jane Luke is going to give a talk on quilting & its history (at no charge).

Everyone is WELCOME!!!!

Melt butter in large skillet; add wings & onion. Cook until wings are brown on both sides, about 10 minutes. Measure reserved pineapple

CRITERION CORNER

It's doubtful that the first "I Ran To Bloomingdale" race slipped by without your notice. But, if it did let me just say that it was a success!! A combined total of approximately 1000 runners entered the 10K and 5K races. The response was more than favorable as the runners and friends enjoyed the beautiful course as well as the food and fun thereafter.

The raves ran high about the clean, clear and classic tree lined course. From all reports...Bloomingdale was said to be a fantastic place to visit and possibly even a better place to live! One runner will soon be listed as a new Bloomingdale resident!

But, before all is said and done, a grand scale "THANK YOU" has to be given to those residents who gave their all and sat in the chilling temperatures at 6 a.m. to welcome the runners. A lot went into planning the success of this race but without those volunteers it would have been impossible. Once again, "THANK YOU".

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ATTENTION PARENTS

An RCA 12" portable black & white TV was removed from our car the evening of Jan. 22. If it has turned up in your home, would you please call 685-9280 to arrange to have it returned? It was a child's Christmas gift. NO QUESTIONS ASKED.

"It can't happen here?"

A 10 year old takes her dog for a walk on a quiet neighborhood street, a few blocks from her home. A car stops and a suspicious man in the car tries to call the 10 year old girl over to the car. What could have been his motive?? What neighborhood could this happen in?? The answer to the title question is-----

IT DID!!! in our neighborhood.
(Alert your children, please.)

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

The Bloomingdale sub-division has been growing by leaps and bounds, but we are not keeping pace with the growth. We need many more volunteers. If you are interested in helping to keep your neighborhood safe call after 6 pm.

Hank Manning 681-2424

Tom Hackney 689-6443

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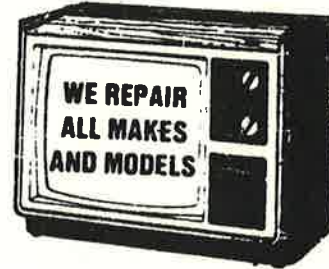
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<i>February</i>		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 <i>Gasparilla Day</i>	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 <i>Craft Club</i> 8 pm	15 <i>General Membership Meeting</i> 8 pm	16	17	18 <i>No School</i>	19
20	21	22	23 7:30 pm <i>NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH ADVISORY BOARD MEETING</i>	24	25 <i>Arty Party</i>	26
27	28	1 <i>Board Meeting</i> <i>March</i> 1983	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 <i>Gazette Deadline</i> 7pm for 3/12/83	9	10	11	12

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



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