

THE BLOOMINGDALE GAZETTE

A PUBLICATION OF THE BLOOMINGDALE HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION

Hi Neighbor!

Well, another year has gone by and we find our community approaching 1300 homes. Remember when: they said "you'll never get a golf course."; they said they were going to bulldoze Park East down; they said we wouldn't get a light at Bell Shoals and Bloomingdale for at least 5 years. It's been a good year for our community - but we still have some problems facing us. Look at Canoga Park's condition. Remember the "STD" versus "MCHA" issue? Well, the "home rule" charter for the county is now in place, and - like it or not - we are all faced once again with this issue. As your editor, I would like to know your thoughts (or even answers your questions) on this issue. If you're a new resident and would like to know what's going on, please call me at 685-0011. Your homeowners association will be discussing these issues as well as the coming year's agenda at their next meeting.

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*When? Tuesday Jan 15th
Coffee @ 7:30 pm
Meeting @ 8:00 pm*

Where? Circle M Ranch day nursery (on Bloomingdale 1/4 mi east of Bell Shoals)

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Bob K.*

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU, 2

As I sit here at my desk I can't help but have a smile on my face as I reflect back on the past two weeks, remembering all the smiling faces I watched as I escorted Santa through Bloomingdale on Dec. 22nd. The children enjoyed the visit, right there in their own front yards, imagine that !!!, We all had a good time, and now it is time for a few thanks, because without a lot of people donating time, goods, and services, this day would never have made so many children happy and full of the Christmas Spirit.

I would like to thank the management of Pizza Hut, McDonald's, Wendy's and Chuck E. Cheese for donating all the toys. To Tom Kemper, thanks for the use of Santa's "sleigh", and to my husband Chris for driving that "sleigh." To our elves, Jennifer, Vickie, Antoinina, Kim, and Kelly. I know how hot it got that day, but you held on, and smiled all the way. Last but not least to Santa (aka Bob Knott) without you, well you know.....

Maureen Pheils

MORE THANKS.....

The Hayride and Christmas Carroing was also a great success. The young adults had a good time, as did the older folks. We couldn't have asked for better weather. We hope we entertained those of you who did get to see us. Our carróling was "near perfect". We also had an opportunity to view some lovely Christmas decorations, good job Bloomingdale.

We would like to thank Jerry Willis, a Bloomingdale resident, for donating and driving the haywagon. If any of you missed the wagon, Jerry decorated it all up in lights this year to lend a festive appearance, the new lights also helped many of us to read our music sheets, which by the way were printed by Bob Knott, thanks. Thanks to Burger King for the refreshments. Thanks also to Ted Keiser and the Junior Bloomingdale Recreation Association for the advertising and organization of the hayride. Hope to see you all next year.

Chris & Maureen Pheils

Membership Report

As of December 28, 1984 the membership in the Bloomingdale Homeowners Association. is 27 families. Just a note of interest, all memberships for 1983-84 expired on November 1st. the anniversary of the association. Those of you who wish to renew, or any new members there is an application for membership in todays gazette. The Association needs your support, be it in dues, time, ideas or suggestions, we need your support, to keep going.

Thank You,
Maureen Pheils, Membership

BHA NEWS AND VIEWS

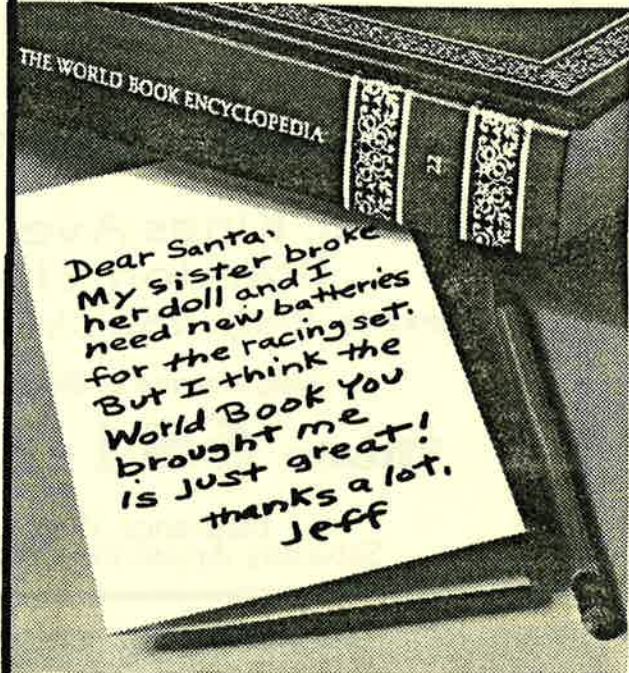
On November 20, 1984, the BHA Board of Directors extended the terms of the six board members scheduled to leave office in November until January when an election can be held. There were not enough members present to hold the election in November.

It's apparent that the BHA is not attracting a lot of interest in the community. We hope that this malaise (Jimmy Carter's favorite word) is due to the holiday season and not the BHA. Frankly, we board members don't know where to turn. We sincerely believe we need the BHA or something similar in Bloomingdale, but unless you support the organization it will soon die. We would like for you to give us one more chance. In January the board will present it's proposed agenda for 1985. Afterwards, we will accept nominations from the floor to fill the expiring board positions. It is your community and your association. If you don't like the way we are running things, get involved and change it.

There are momentous changes taking place in Florida. These are changes which will affect property values and the quality of life. BHA is an organization which can speak for you at school board meetings, county commission meetings, and other community forums. BHA organized the campaign to provide funding to cover the cost of maintaining the common areas. Even though we eventually lost out to politics last spring, something has to be done because the development is rapidly approaching completion.

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LETTERS

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Editor:

Perhaps the residents of Bloomingdale
 who bicycle and run on the streets do
 not realize what position they are in.
 Numerous times at night I have driven
 passed people running or on bikes
 (especially on Bloominfield Dr.), who
 were not visible untill nearly upon
 them. They are not on sidewalks, but
on the street. Do they not realize
 the dangers of this?
 Please let them know they should not
 be out exercising after dark.

Thanks

Pansy Reed

good point, some runners have only
 time after dark to run, but they could
 wear something highly visible, parents
 what do your kids wear when playing
 out at night? Ed

Editor,

My husband and I have received a
 letter indicating that application
 has been made for a alcoholic
 beverage license (beer, wine, take
 out only) for the occupants or
 owners of land BL-7. This section
 is located on the corner of Green-
 hollow Lane and Nature's Way, across
 from the tennis courts in Park East.
 The application will be made to the
 Zoning Hearing Master on 7 Feb. 85
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Virginia Lees

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January and February are traditionally the coldest months of the year in Florida and despite the current warm spell, we will no doubt see sub-freezing temperatures. I would like at this time to pass on some measures for protecting your landscape from the severe cold.

During the year you should accumulate some natural mulch. If you haven't, now is the best time to do so while the ak leaves are falling. Mulching over cold-tender ground covers is a good method of protecting them from the cold. Plants like bromeliads, wandering jew and ajuga benefit from this. You should nearly cover the plants completely for the best effect.

For larger shrubs to small trees, covering first with a sheet or blanket and then with a layer of plastic is fairly effective. Plastic should not come in direct contact with the plant as the plastic conducts the cold and may contribute to the cold damage. Covering is especially helpful on nights with heavy frost. The covering should be removed before the sun gets hot the next day. Piling mulch up around the trunk of the plant is also helpful but should be removed periodically during warm spells to prevent rotting the bark.

Recent studies done by the University of Florida show that quarter strength applications of a soluble salt fertilizer, such as Peters or Miracle-Gro is effective against cold damage. Applying fungicide on cold-damaged plants and trees is very important in the days immediately following a freeze. The sooner, the better!

The following table will give you an idea of what needs protection and when.

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First, if anyone has an announcement or news item of interest to Bloomingdale please let me know and I'll put it in this column.

Next, anyone who may have some Journalistic flare and would like to do a regular article, including this column, let the Editor know.

We do want the Gazette to be informative. If that means some controversial items, so be it, its our forum for our neighborhood. The Editor will keep it clean and make it fit. Let's hear your concerns, and information, any new babies in Bloomingdale??? Etc..

Hopefully we are on the road to better distribution. We are trying... One idea is to switch to mailing the Gazette, it would cost about \$ 75.00 more each month, and quite frankly we don't have that strong a financial backing. Membership makes up about 50% of B.H.A. income. The Editor plans to change advertising charges, that may help, but the paper is not a money maker, it is heavily subsidized by the B.H.A.

Anyone ever wonder why Rosemead, Canoga Park (near park) and Garnett streets are not lit???? I was, after 12 calls to TECO they admitted to an oversight and will schedule lighting in the next budget-go-round, possible Fall '85 but atleast were in the books.

Many of the handball and basketball players at Park West have been driving through the playground to put their cars near the courts. Besides being illegal, it is dangerous for the little ones. When brought to the attention of Criterion, they gave us permission to get the sheriff out after these people, they also extended the fence. Hopefully this will keep our playground safe. Thanks Criterion.

At the January B.H.A. meeting proposed changes in the by-laws will be presented, also an agenda for 1985 will be discussed. There may also be some discussion on the second "Letter to the Editor". What do you think??? Should B.H.A. stand on this issue? This is the sort of thing Les mentioned in the "B.H.A. News and Views". Do you, the residents, want your collective voice heard??

We hear that Henry Wilson in "Under the weather", hope he is feeling better and well on the road to a speedy recovery.

B.H.A. ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

Many thanks go out to Gloria Dyke and Wynella Wilson for all their hard work on a fun Christmas party. For those who did attend, fine food good entertainment was enjoyed by everyone.

This was the second time that your B.H.A. has sponsored a dance of this type. Our first was the Spring Fling. We would like to continue providing these types of functions on a regular basis, but we need your support.

The Junior Bloomingdale Recreation Association is collecting aluminum cans as a fund raiser. . . . anyone wishing to help, please save your cans. When you have a bagfull call Kendra at 689-4842.

THANKS: A special "Thank You" to Frank Devito for all the work he has done as our Advertising Manager over the past year. We are going to miss his contributions greatly.

Ed

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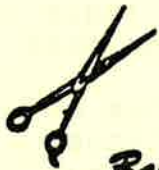
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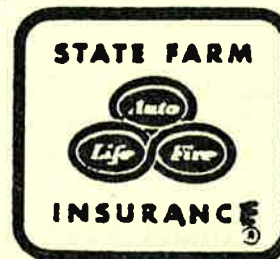
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"NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR"



By: **TED & CHRIS KEISER**



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Consider the same question again, worded differently. You are now buying a home and have a choice of two, equal in size, number of bedrooms, both have swimming pools, both were built in the same year, both are in the same subdivision, and priced exactly the same. The first seems lonesome, uncared for, and appears to be occupied only as protection from the weather. The untrimmed yard leading to a smudged front door doesn't begin to tell the story. Beyond lies a collection of ignored "pleas" for attention -- a broken switch plate, uncaulked bathtub, stained carpet, a kitchen sink drowning in dirty dishes, clutter scattered from one end of the house to the other.

Your other choice looks like a model home, outfitted for a royal reception. With hedges and lawn neatly manicured, the sparkling entrance seems to bid you a "Warm Welcome". Then, once inside, you want to stay forever. Your senses are bombarded by the look and smell of springtime in the bright kitchen, the glow of freshly painted walls and woodwork, and an overall abundance of old-fashioned pride of ownership.

As a buyer (with both homes priced equally) which would you choose, and why? It is not hard to tell the difference between the wise and the not-so-wise sellers, is it?

Let your home smile a welcome to buyers! With a little effort on your part, your home can be sold more quickly and at a better price. These tips have proved invaluable to owners and are worth your special attention.

Remember First Impressions Are Lasting... The front door greets the prospect. Make sure it is fresh, clean and scrubbed looking. Keep lawn trimmed and edged and the yard free of refuse.

Faded walls and worn woodwork reduce appeal. Why try to tell the prospect how your home could look, when you can show him by redecorating? Fix that dripping faucet; it suggests faulty plumbing. Loose knobs, sticking doors & windows, warped cabinets, and other minor flaws detract from home value. Check & repair caulking in bathtubs and showers. Make this room sparkle. Use fresh clean towels when house is to be shown.

Arrange bedrooms neatly. Remove excess furniture that could make that room appear small. Use attractive bedspreads and freshly laundered curtains. Neat, well-ordered closets show ample storage space (so important in Florida).

Keep stairways and passageways clear. Avoid cluttered appearances throughout.

Let the sunshine in! Open draperies and curtains and let the prospect see how cheerful your home can be. Dark rooms do not appeal. Illumination is like a big welcome sign. The potential buyer will feel a glowing warmth when you turn on all your lights for an evening inspection.

Put yourself in the prospects place. A little effort now will pay off later!

*A suggestion for this article's contents was received by a Bloomingdale Homeowner. Your suggestions are welcomed. Contact Ted or Chris Keiser at 689-4842.

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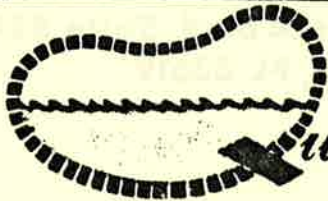
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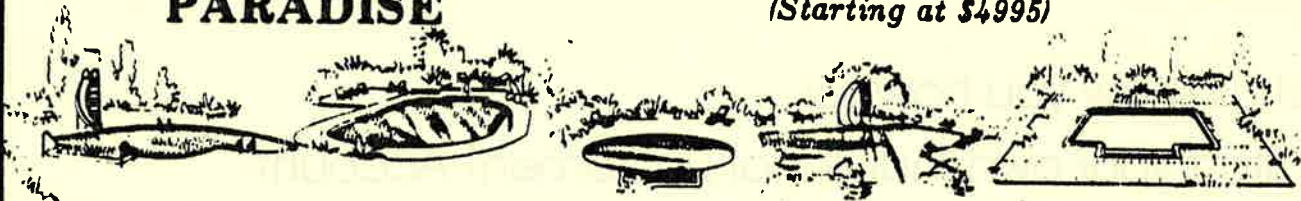


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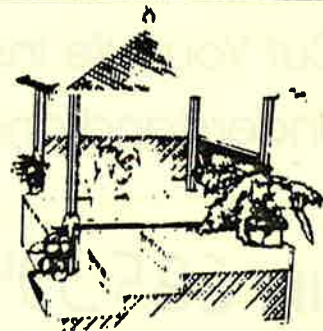
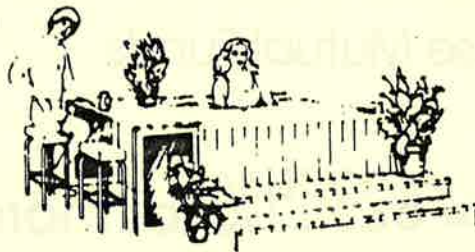
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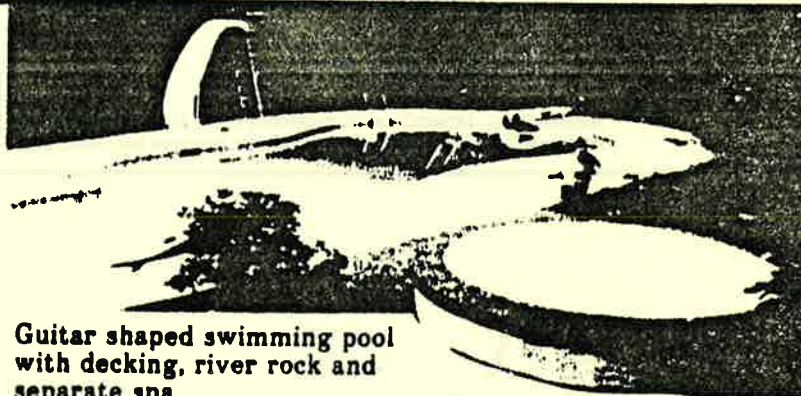
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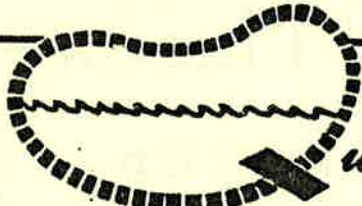
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