

Bloomingdale Real Estate Trends

by Laura Frazier

Ask any local Realtor about the climate of the real estate business in Bloomingdale and you are likely to receive the same exuberant response; "Busy. Very busy!" As new home sales explode and existing home turnover continues at a steady pace, Bloomingdale real estate is moving and shaking. Over the past few years, there has been a resurgence of home sales not seen in our area since the market peaked in the late

1980's. Michael Davis of Re/Max Realty has seen a gradual but definite trend in resale home values increasing.

"We have come out of the static market that defined area real estate from the late 1980's to the mid 1990's. About three years ago, we began to see an appreciable increase in home resales at the entry level (\$80-100,000 price range), and have in the past year or so begun to see increases across the board," says Mr. Davis, "More and more people moving to our area are willing to pay higher prices to live in certain neighborhoods, including Bloomingdale."

Prospective buyers are often quite specific about buying in the Bloomingdale area for several

reasons. The Bloomingdale school district, known widely as one of the best in the county, is a huge draw for young families moving to the area. The community offers miles of sidewalks for jogging and bicycling, two large and well equipped parks, and will soon be home to the Bloomingdale Branch of the YMCA. Accessibility to shopping and its' proximity to major arteries such as the cross-town expressway and I-75 are noted as location plusses for Bloomingdale. Dollar-wise, Bloomingdale residents are spared the high maintenance and/or community development fees (sometimes as much as \$85/month) assessed by newer
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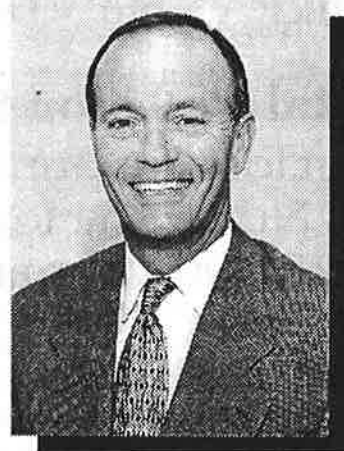
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Students at Alafia Elementary School proudly display ribbons they won in the Reflections Art Competition. Some of the students' work will be advancing to the county competition.

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Alafia Elementary "Reflections" Winners

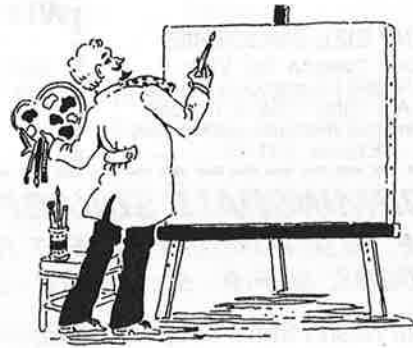
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Twenty-seven Alafia Elementary students collected prize ribbons and certificates earned in the annual National PTA Reflections art program. Students submitted original creations in one of four categories (visual arts, photography, music and literary composition) inspired by this year's theme "Suddenly you turn around and...". Alafia's Reflections Chairperson Debbie Dixon announced that the winners will represent Alafia at the county level of the contest, to be held at Tampa's Blake High School in January.

"We are so proud of all the students who participated in the Reflections program," says Ms. Dixon. "The children obviously worked very hard on their entries. The volunteer judges, members of the Brandon League of Fine Arts, had a challenging task in selecting the winners".

Winners at the county level of the contest will proceed to the state level. State winners will then advance to the National level. Winning artwork at the national level will be featured in the National PTA's travelling exhibit.

The Alafia Elementary 1998 Reflections Program Winners are Lauren Ashley, Kasey Joy Ellison, Amy McMullin, Jasmine Oliver, Kelsey Primiano, Jessica Tisak, Mary Kate Childress, Rachel Maxwell, Ryan McMullin, Corrine Szczesny, Lauren West, David Ellison, Corinthianus Fowler, Sara Bassett, Brandon Crawford, Emily Frazier, Karina Gutsche, Ashley Hobbs, Melanie Hoos, Angela Machina, Maria Machina, Jeremy Russo, Jacqueline Selementi, Kelli Serio, Josh Simpson, Kyle Simpson, and Amanda Tolbert.



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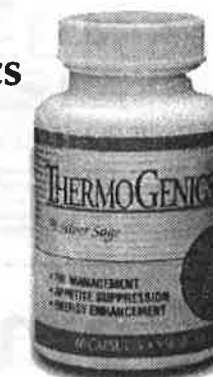
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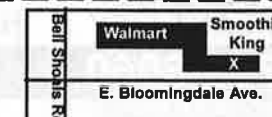
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by Laura Frazier

We asked students at Alafia Elementary School and Burns Junior High School to share their New Year's Resolutions with our readers. We assured students that their comments would be published anonymously so that they could feel free to be honest in expressing their hopes and dreams for 1999. Here are their touching, funny and often very wise resolutions.

Mrs. Emery's Third Grade Class, Alafia Elementary School

"My New Year's resolution is to get better at math. Also I want to get better at getting my room clean".

"I would make my hair longer, and I will not die, and I will stay my age forever, and make my stuffed animals talk".

"I want to go and work at the Ringling Brothers and work with the dogs, big cats and horses and make my life better".

"My resolution is to clean my plate".

"I want to be a better math person. I wish I could have 4 dogs, a little kitten and a pet lizard"

"I want to be very good at math. I want to be good at adding and subtractioning".

"If I would change something, I'd make people stop littering, because it's not good for the world, and people might be blind and might slip, so don't litter".

"My resolution is that I promise to try to do much better in school at Alafia and to be a news reporter for channel 8 news".

"I think that even if you hate somebody of if they think you are dumb, don't listen to them. So try to make friends, share the things that you like to do, and I think you will make friends".

"I want to have new friends. I want to remember subtraction and addition. And I want to cook food".

"I am being mean to my brother and my sister. I want to try to be nicer to them so I won't get in trouble".

"My New Year's resolution is to try to do better at home. I'm going to try not to play Nintendo for two days".

"I would like to study more about animals, so I can become a famous animal scientist, so I can

teach other people about animals".

"My resolution is to do subtraction better by the end of the year".

"I want to help people".

"I want to learn time tables, because I know it is good, but I want to learn hard ones".

"I want to memerrise all my addition facts, I want to memerrise all my subtraction facts, and I want to eat more healthy food".

Mrs. Smithers' 6th Grade Language Arts Class, Burns Junior High School

"My resolution for the year 1999 is to have more confidence in myself and others".

"In honor of the coming new year, I will try very hard to not take my anger out on other people".

"I'm going to make straight A's in at least one of the nine weeks".

"My resolution is that I will strive to find more friends that need a friend, and also work harder on my grades".

"My resolution is that I will get good grades and keep my room clean".

"My New Year's resolution this year is to behave and not fight with my sister, which will make my mom very happy".

"My resolution is to be more friendly to my Mom's new boyfriend".

"This year, I'll try to help pick up trash around the house".

"My resolution is not to fight with my sister".

"I will try to turn in my work on time and bring my grades up".

"My New Year's resolution next year is I'm going to try not to bug my mom".

"Next year, I will do my best in class".

"This year, I resolve to save some money to buy an old computer to take apart to see what's inside and how it works".

"If I could change one thing in the year 1999, it would be my way of cleaning".

"I want to take better care of my dog".

"My New Year's resolution this year will be to do my best to get good grades and try not to get any conduct cuts for the rest of the year".

"My resolution is to not fight with my two sisters".

"I will improve on my baseball skills so I can get a

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By Elton Dumont

Alfie's "What's it all about?"
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Alfie's is in the same location that housed the Whistle Stop. They originally opened in October with coffee and pastry only, but now they are open for lunch. So on a recent Tuesday my wife and I dropped in for lunch.

It is very cozy and comfortable when you walk in. They have a limited number of tables including a cocktail table and piano, but you don't have to worry about being crowded, even with a full house. The tile floor and vinyl lace tablecloths also add a nice touch and if you wish, you can choose to dine outside.

They open at 8 a.m. with gourmet coffee, Cappuccino, Espresso and Cafe Con Leche. You can also satisfy that sweet tooth with scones, gourmet muffins, cheesecake, banana nut bread or brownies.

The lunch menu is quite adequate, but the Alfie's House Sandwich is particularly detailed. The soup of the day was "Ten Veggie Soup," which I ordered. It was very good, full of a lot of diced or minced vegetables in a yellow creamy broth. I also ordered a Tuna sandwich on rye. It was very good with only tuna and no fillers you find in other restaurants. The sandwiches come on oversize bread, so if you're only moderately hungry go to the back of the menu for the soup and half sandwich. My wife had the Alfie's House Sandwich which is layered hot pastrami on lightly toasted bread with lettuce, tomato, provolone and

Alfie's sauce. The sauce turned out to be very similar to thousand-island dressing. It was a very good selection.

The sandwich section includes a Margie's Special Chicken Salad Sandwich with pecans and red grapes, or a Black Walnut Chicken Salad Sandwich with crusted black walnuts. For standard fare there is the BLT, Grilled Ham and Cheese or Egg Salad. There is also a sub section that features something called the Italian Stallion Sub. Don't overlook the salads and salad plates though, and they also offer daily specials. On the day that I went the special was not an off menu item, but a reduced price on an existing offering. Our bill for both sandwiches, a bowl of soup and 2 iced teas was \$16.41 including tax, not including gratuity.

On the down side, there were only two items worth mentioning, the service was quite slow and there were no children's items on the menu.

On the up side, they are open until 9 p.m. Monday through Friday and until 11 p.m. on Saturday, which is great for after the movies Saturday. According to Cyndi Buchanan, the owner, they have live music on Friday and Saturday nights and starting in January, they are planning on having Murder Mysteries, Fifties Nights, Car Shows and Craft and Variety Shows. Cyndi was not sure which would be first, the Fifties night or the Murder Mystery. I suggest you call her and make a reservation because seating will be limited. She is also planning on printing a flyer of some type that will show the upcoming events on a 60 or 90 day window. If it becomes available you might see it here.

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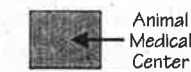
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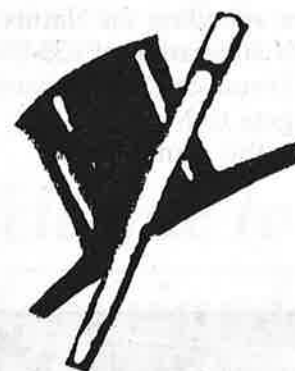
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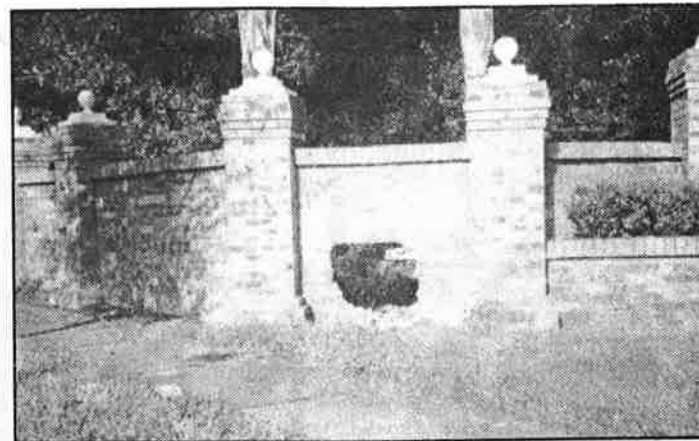
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Accidents Abound in Bloomingdale



It seems that November was a bad month for accidents. Two accidents occurred on Nature's Way in Bloomingdale East and less than 1/3 mile from each other. The first one (pictured on the left) resulted in a light pole coming down and 6 feet of the wall being totally pushed out. According to Al Devney, the property manager, the Sheriff's Department notified him, but he doesn't have any report about the injury to the occupant. Al stated that TECO had replaced the cement pole in less than a week while he got a contractor to remove the debris and is already processing the paperwork to get the wall repaired.

In the second case, (pictured on the right), a motorcycle with two riders punched the hole through the brick wall at Cambridge Cove. Once again the local Sheriff notified Mr. Devney. In this case, Al stated that both riders were hospitalized



in critical condition.

Mr. Mack Austin, a director of Deputy Pete Maurer's Community Council has asked about support for additional Speed Limit signs on Nature's Way to help reduce the speeding that apparently was a contributing factor in one of the accidents. At the monthly Community Council Meeting, another idea suggested was placing speed humps on Nature's Way. The council indicated that the County has informally rejected this idea.

If you are interested in helping serve on the committee to try and reduce speeding on Nature's Way, please call the Sheriff's substation at 635-8040 and leave your name with Resource Deputy Sandy Capitano. She'll see that it gets to Mack or the person who is going to form the committee to investigate the alternatives.

Books, Pizza & Fun!

Bloomingdale area students are busy earning Pizza Hut "Book-It" certificates, redeemable within 30 days of presentation, at area Pizza Hut Restaurants. Students earn the certificates, good for a free personal pan pizza, by meeting teacher established monthly reading goals. The Pizza Hut at 1200 Brandon Boulevard offers a perfect opportunity to redeem the coupons and celebrate meeting those goals, with free entertainment on Tuesday nights from 6:00-8:00 featuring, face painting, balloon animals, and the antics of Jumbo the Clown.



Turkey Coloring Contest Winner



Monica Aisenberg won the Tommy Turkey Coloring Contest in the November issue of the Bloomingdale Gazette. For her entry she received 4 movie tickets from AMC Regency and 4 ice skating passes from the Ice Sports Forum.

Welcome to Bloomingdale



We are pleased to acknowledge three brand new residents to our community.

- Hailey Nicole Landrum, born Sept. 25, 1998. Congratulations to Pam and Jon Landrum in Bloomingdale East, the proud parents.
- Robert Dean Hill, born Nov. 12, 1998. Congratulations to Heather and Robert in Bloomingdale West, the proud parents.
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Bloomingtondale Yard of the Month

By Paul Almeida

As I drove through Bloomingtondale East and West, I was impressed by how many of our residents take pride in the appearance of their yards. Selecting the yard that just "stuck out" was more difficult than I had anticipated. After much deliberation, I decided that the January award should go to David and Martina Miller, who live at 4001 Shadow Hill Lane in 'The Greens'. The well-manicured lawn, bushes, shrubs and plants melded together for the right balance.

According to David, "My job is to take care of the lawn, while Martina's jog is the flowers, plants and shrubs." I have also discovered that they purchase their plants from the University of South Florida.

We congratulate the Millers for their interest in our community. Their efforts have earned them a \$25 gift certificate from Wal-Mart and the Yard of



the Month sign that they can proudly display for January.

If you'd like to help, or have a candidate for review, please call me at 661-2018.

Bloomingtondale West Recreation Center News

by Laura Frazier

Bloomingtondale West Recreation Center has released the Winter Activities Schedule for classes beginning the week of January 11, 1999. Center Recreation Director Donna Clouse invites Bloomingtondale parents interested in finding fun, challenging extracurricular activities for their children ages 4 - teens to visit the Center, located in Bloomingtondale West at 3919 Canoga Park Drive. "Parents find that our program has so many good points," says Clouse. "We offer weekly classes in many activities that, because they are so low cost, give kids an opportunity to try new things without the pressure of a high cost commitment. Our classes often serve as a "jumping off point" for children exploring new interests. Here they can try something different, see if they like it, and take it from there. The very young children (preschool through kindergarten) also have the added benefit



Donna Clouse with her charges in the after school care group.

of getting familiarized with group activities and developing social skills".

Clouse, a Recreation Specialist with Hillsborough County for the past 20 years, has *Continued on page 22*



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Trivia Contest

What is your trivia IQ? If you think you have stored a lot of unrelated statistics in your cerebellum, take the following test (research it if you have to) to see how good you really are! Send your answers to:

The Bloomingdale Gazette
Attn: Trivia Contest
3509 Bell Shoals Rd.
Valrico, FL 33594

The winner will receive a trophy and acknowledgement in the February issue of the Gazette. In case of a tie, there will be a drawing to determine the winner. The deadline for receiving your answers is January 20, 1999. Good luck!

1. What is the capital of Portugal?
2. What type of candy did Forrest Gump always talk about?
3. How many contiguous states are there in the United States?
4. Who was the author of 1984?
5. Who played Opie Taylor?
6. How many keys on a standard piano?
7. What is the name of Tonto's horse?
8. What actor played the character "K" in "Men in Black"?
9. What does the acronym SCUBA stand for?
10. What were Romeo and Juliet's last name?
11. What is the main ingredient of Borscht?
12. Name the holiday that replaces Washington's and Lincoln's birthdays.
13. Who was president Eisenhower's Vice President?
14. Where in Tampa can you find minarets?
15. What is the name of the cantankerous Southern rooster in the old Looney Tunes cartoons?
16. What is the capital of Alaska?
17. What city is the Peach Bowl played in?
18. Where is Count Dracula from?
19. What is the name of Tampa's professional soccer team?
20. What is the name of Wilbur Wright's brother?
21. Name at least four of the Marx brothers.
22. What is the name of Popeye and Olive Oyl's baby?
23. Who played Scarlett O'Hara in "Gone With the Wind"?
24. What Charlie Brown character plays the piano?
25. Name the largest dinosaur known to man.



Bloomington Special Taxing District Property Manager's Report, November 1998

Irrigation

STD hosted a pre-bid meeting for a new well at River Crossing and an irrigation project on Rosemead.

Zones at Chad's Ford and Greenhollow are currently non-operational. Working with various vendors to repair both zones. Gotham zone also non-operational. Pressure switch and gauge were damaged and will be replaced.

Completed inspection of 8.5 miles of irrigation and repaired or replace 18 spray heads, 8 rotors, 18 bulbs, 2 zone lines and 2 risers.

Landscaping

The plugging on Nature's Way between Polumbo and Holleman has been successfully completed.

Installed new Poinsettias at the major entrances and replaced 9 poinsettias that were stolen from our flowerbeds.

Signage

The Oak Crest signs at Needham have been

replaced.

The Bloomingdale East sign at Clubreath and Erindale has been repaired and partially replaced.

Repairs on the Fairway Manor sign at Polumbo are underway.

1. Other

There was an accident by Kendal on Nature's Way and another one at Cambridge Cove on Nature's way. The Kendal accident has been repaired by the STD and TECO. The Cambridge Cove repairs are still the responsibility of the developer. I replaced 10 bulbs at the Kiowa entrance in November. Somebody is having a good time breaking them.

Finally in the land of eat, drink and pitch: I picked up 35 bags of trash, 90 political signs, 4 hubcaps, 3 socks, 2 pots, a baby car seat, a child's life jacket, one Frisbee, one coconut, one tire, one towel and .17 cents. NOTE: THE NOVEMBER BEER OF CHOICE WAS BUD LIGHT.

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Bloomingtondale Real Estate

Trends

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communities.

Luana Russell of Coldwell Banker sees the many subdivisions within the walls of the community as a major part of Bloomingtondale's charm. "Bloomingtondale is a very large community and yet offers a variety of "villages" to its' residents," says Ms. Russell. "There are neighborhoods composed of smaller homes that first time buyers may be looking for, many middle range subdivisions offering either a contemporary or traditional look and feel, and there are the upscale communities, some gated, featuring custom or semi-custom built homes." The "villages", each marked with its' own main entrance, serve to provide a feeling of continuity on each street, and uniqueness to each subdivision.

With many new developments blossoming in Bloomingtondale East, there is good cause for comparison of new construction vs. existing houses by people considering calling Bloomingtondale home. Area Realtors say new homes offer an abundance of interior space everywhere from family rooms to bathrooms to closets. Ceilings soaring to 14 feet heights and three car garages are popular features of many new homes. Builders may offer special incentives to prospective buyers, such as paying

closing costs or providing option packages ("free pool!") at no extra or reduced cost. Some are enticed by the ability to personally select architectural and cosmetic details for their new home, from carpet and tile color to elevation and preferred site.

For other buyers, an existing home in an established neighborhood may be more preferable. Mature landscaping and the lack of surrounding construction for years to come are desirable points to consider. Existing homes, generally speaking, feature larger lots, more square footage per dollar, and no construction wait time. New home buyers can typically expect to wait out a 5 to 7 month building process, which may require the buyer to rent a home in the interim. Rental homes in Bloomingtondale are scarce; the demand for leased homes exceeds the supply. Bloomingtondale rental home prices range from 900-\$1500/month, and most are snapped up as quickly as they become available.

The Florida Association of Realtors recognizes Brandon as one of the largest real estate markets in the state. Dennis Lewis of ERA Robertson Realty Inc. says, "Real estate activity in Bloomingtondale is certainly a contributing factor to Brandon's large market rating, due to the sheer sales volume in the greater Bloomingtondale area. Whether the home is new or existing, if it's priced right, it will sell."

Bloomingtondale 1998 MLS Re-Sale Homes, Sales Closed Through October 31, 1998*

Price Range	Houses Sold	Median Size	Days on Market
\$70-\$100,000	92 Homes	1,422 sq. ft.	94 days
\$100-\$150,000	138 Homes	2,039 sq. ft.	91 days
\$150-\$200,000	42 Homes	2,472 sq. ft.	88 days
\$200-\$250,000	19 Homes	2,710 sq. ft.	92 days
\$250-\$300,000	4 Homes	3,756 sq. ft.	99 days
Over \$300,000	5 Homes	3,589 sq. ft.	145 days

*Data provided by Michael Davis

Community Investment Tax Projects

According to a News Release from the Office of the County Administrator for Hillsborough County the "CIT" has generated \$90.6 million in the first 18 months to find community improvements. The allocation to date is: Hillsborough County - \$35.5 million, City of Tampa - \$12.8 million, County Public Schools - \$22.6 million, Tampa Sports Authority - \$17.7 million, Plant City - \$1.2 million and Temple Terrace - \$850,000.

If you recall, the halfpenny sales tax was approved in 1996. Currently, 25 percent of the revenue comes from tourists and visitors to our county. The average cost is about \$10 per year per person for county residents.

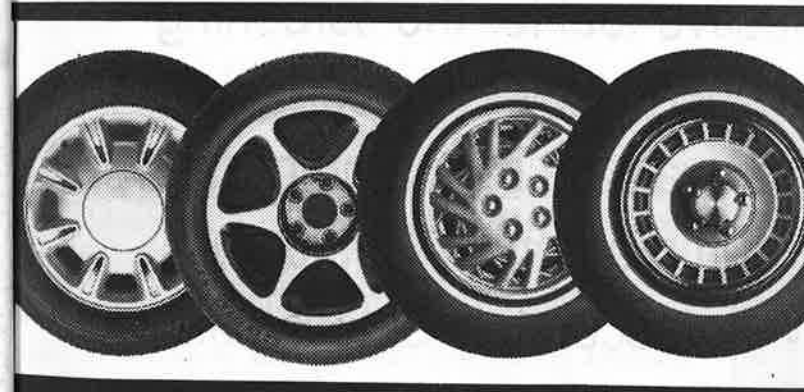
Some of the 170 projects that have completely or partially been funded by the CIT include over \$21 million for the Falkenburg Road Jail.

Also on the list of improvements is 4.5 miles of sidewalk and improvements of turn lanes at Providence Road and Providence Lake Boulevard.

In addition, the County School Board used \$36 million to build the new Riverview High School and relieving overcrowding at Bloomingtondale High, Brandon High and East Bay High.

A detailed list of all the CIT projects is available by calling the Hillsborough County Communications Department at 272-5275, or by visiting the county's website at www.hillsboroughcounty.org.

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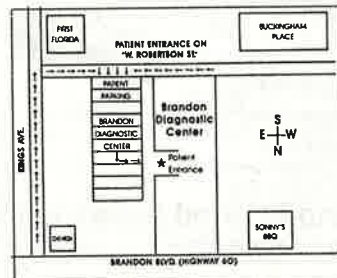


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Road Closing in Bloomingdale Signals Growth

As the sign in the accompanying photo shows, Erindale Drive was closed from December 7th through December 21st. I called the number on the sign that told of the closing and ended up talking with a very pleasant lady from the Hillsborough County Traffic Department.

She told me that Erindale was closed in order to facilitate the installation of a new manhole to connect with the existing sewer line in that section. Bloomingdale is STILL GROWING as evidenced by the 78 homes that are being built in that section in a new gated community.

These new homes will continue to increase the traffic volume on Erindale, Lithia Pinecrest and Culbreath while exerting more pressure on Alafia and Lithia Springs Elementary Schools. The Traffic Department

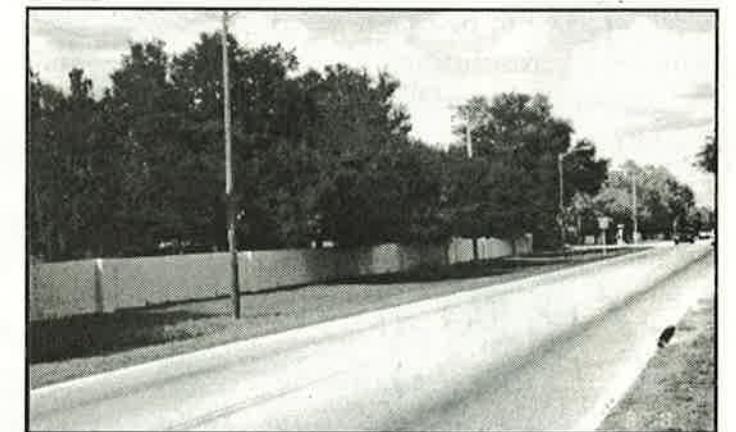


is making every effort to get the traffic light up at Bloomingdale and Culbreath and widen Bloomingdale Ave.

Holiday Bows Dot Bloomingdale

Judging by the comments we received - I think our residents were extremely satisfied with the red bows that were put up for the Christmas Holiday Season. Both the Bloomingdale Homeowner's Association and the Bloomingdale Special Taxing District sponsored this project. The Taxing District even went one step further and put Christmas lights around the various entryway signs that were very pretty during the evening hours.

The bows were hung at all the major entryways as well as along Bell Shoals and Nature's Way. According to Mr. Devney (Bloomingdale's Property Manager) the only negative comment was from a resident who wanted to know why we didn't have any bows along Bloomingfield Drive. Mr. Devney's response was that the STD doesn't have the authorization to hang the bows on a street that they don't maintain. He indicated however, that the BHA could include Bloomingfield Drive. Although it is too



late this year, if you live on Bloomingfield Drive or in Bloomingdale West and you want the Holiday decoration next year, please write to the BHA at the following address with your request: Bloomingdale Homeowners Association 813 E. Bloomingdale Avenue, No. 408 Brandon, FL 33511

New Year's Resolutions

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good scholarship".

"My resolution is to make my grades and school work improve!"

"My resolution would be to be nicer to my sister".

"I will not talk back to my parents".

"I will try to keep kids from going into drugs and make it a drug free environment".

"My New Year's resolution is to have fun but get straight A's at the same time".

"My resolution is to recycle and try to prevent pollution"

"My resolution is to make my Accelerated Reading goal".

"One of my resolutions for this year is to do assignments on time, instead of waiting to the very last minute to complete them".

"In 1999, I'm going to try my hardest to not make any rude remarks about anyone or anything".

"I promise to try and help my mom more often, without her having to ask".

"My New Year's resolution is to not fight with my sister, help homeless people with food, and stay out of trouble".

"I will try to be on time with everything".

"I will try to be nice to my brother".

"I will try not to be mean to my sister".

"One of my resolutions for this year is to get all my accelerated reader points and to get straight A's".



"I will try to improve in handwriting".

"My New Year's resolution is to stop fighting with my brothers and be nicer to them".

"I will try to read more and get better grades".

"My resolution is I will try to make A's and B's on my report cards".

"I resolve to keep my room clean".

"My resolution for New Year's is to stop being so spoiled and to stop getting so many things when I go out to the mall".

"I will try to keep kids off drugs and clean up my neighborhood, and keep my community clean".

"My resolution is to be very nice to my family because I'm special and they love me".

"I resolve to make my accelerated reader goal, and to be a better help around the house".

"My New Year's resolution for 1999 is to not tease my sister as much".

"My resolution is to have a great time with family and friends".

"I resolve to be more respectable to my parents because they love me very much".

"I resolve to not talk as much as I normally do".

"My New Year's resolution is to get at least 15 Sony Playstation video games".

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Bloomingtondale West Recreation Center News

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seen the Center stretch and grow since its' opening 3 years ago. In addition to year-round classes, the Rec Center offers an after school care program. Approximately 125 students age 6 - 12 are currently enrolled in the after school group, with an average daily attendance of about 70. Children arriving at the center after school can have a snack and change into play clothes before enjoying free time in the well-equipped park and game room. The children are then rounded up for homework time, a favorite of Clouse. "The six and seven year olds are special to me because they say the funniest things, and they are at an age where they are excited about learning and doing their homework. They raise their hands during homework time and are so receptive to our help". After homework, the children are separated into three age groups and enjoy a rotating selection of games and activities, including soccer, foursquare and a popular rope hopping game, jump the creek. The after school program operates 5 days a week from 2:00 - 6:00, with a fee of \$15 per child every three



Children play on the jungle gym at the Rec Center park.

months, and currently has several openings.

Phone-in registration for winter schedule activities will be taken through January 8. Anyone interested in the classes or the after school program can call Donna Clouse at 744-5907, Monday through Friday, from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

Bloomingtondale West Recreation Center Winter Activities Schedule (classes begin the week of January 11, 1999)

Children's Classes CLASS	AGE	DAY	TIME	FEE	WEEKS
Basketball	4 - 12	M/T/TH	5:30 - 6:30	\$20**	8
Ceramics	5 - 12	F	4:00 - 5:00	Supplies	-
Cheerleading	4 - 12	M/T/TH	5:30 - 6:30	\$20**	8
Home School PE	5 - 17	TH	1:00 - 2:00	FREE	-
Homework time	6 - 12	M - TH	3:00 - 3:30	FREE	-
Karate	5 & up	T/F	4:30 - 5:30	\$3*	-
Pee Wee Tennis (Beg)	3 - 5	T	1:30 - 2:00	\$8	8
Pee Wee Tennis (Int)	3 - 5	T	1:00 - 1:30	\$8	8
Court Hockey	8 - 12	F	3:00 - 4:00	FREE	8
Ballet/Tap/Acro	3 - 5	M	3:30 - 4:30	\$3	-
Ballet/Tap/Acro	6 - 12	M	4:30 - 5:30	\$3	-
Teens/Adults/Seniors Activities					
CLASS					
Ceramics		M	7:00 - 9:00	Supplies	-
Game Room		M - F	7:00 - 8:00	FREE	-
Spanish		TH	5:30 - 8:30	TBA	-
USA 1-2-3 Tennis		W	6:30 - 8:00	\$12	8

*Per class fee **Includes t-shirt, shorts and awards

Florida Intangible Tax Workshop

- What's Taxed?
- What's Not?
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Florida Department of Revenue

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