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New Year!

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HERE ARE SOME RARELY USED AND OFTEN NEEDED RESOLUTIONS.

LOOK THEM OVER - MAYBE THIS IS THE YEAR TO START THEM.

- 1- I will cast off this cloak of apathy and become an active member of the B.H.A. and my community.
- 2- I will improve relations with my neighbors by making sure my pets are always within the pet restraint laws of Hillsborough County.
- 3- I will do my part to promote neighborhood harmony by getting to know my neighbors.
- 4- I will spend as much time and energy saying, "Nice job!" or "Thank you!" as I do saying "Who the *@#& did that?!!".

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Happy New Year, Neighbors,

It's hard to believe, but another year has come and gone. The community is growing faster than a new-born babe. At last count there were more than 950 homes out here with many under construction. As usual we managed to fill the year with emotional and controversial issues, but hindsight shows that in almost every case we benefited as a community from the outcome. Before we leave the last year behind us, I want to say THANK YOU to all of you who contributed your time and talents on behalf of your community by working through and with YOUR B.H.A.

The new year brings promise of even greater growth in our community with such things as the Phase II expansion of Park East, the opening of the Preview Center, construction of the shopping complex at Bell Shoals and Bloomingdale, and further development of our beautiful new Bloomingdale Golfer's Club. The expansion of Park East will include a new basketball court, two covered picnic areas (one will have rest rooms), a general face-lift, and a remodelling of the parking facilities to accommodate the enlarged park.

With the recent creation of the Master Community Association by the developer and the renewed emphasis on the STD to replace it, now more than ever before we need to stand together as a team and work for the best interest of our community. It is very difficult for us (your B.H.A.) to represent your interests if you choose to stay in the shadows and complain rather than come forward and help. We are NOT super-humans, we are only your neighbors - and we care.

Sincerely,

Bob Knott, President

OOPS - OUR SLIP IS SHOWING

The November 1983 and December 1983 issues of the Gazette should have been Volume V, numbers 1 and 2 respectively, not Volume IV, numbers 15 and 16. Please forgive our error.

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Gardening with Eric Wilds

January and February in Florida are the best months to plant deciduous hardwood trees. These are trees which are bare at this time of the year and include maples, elms, rosewoods, oaks, and many others, including deciduous fruit trees (i.e., apple, peach, pear, etc.). Not all deciduous trees are hardy in this area. Trees such as jacaranda, tabebuia and chorisia are tropical trees and are best planted during warm weather because they need time to become established before winter.

It is very difficult to appreciate a bare tree and even more difficult to pay money for one, but, nonetheless, it is the best time to plant for many reasons. One reason, and the main one, is that the tree is dormant during this period and is less likely to suffer stress from water loss. Also, should any scars or breakage occur during planting, there is less chance of sap bleeding and invasion by disease or pests. Although containered trees may be planted at any time, they are more easily cared for and more likely to be successful if planted now.

If you are thinking of investing in a large specimen shade tree for your yard, it is especially important to plant at this time of year. Larger trees, ones too large for containers, are very difficult to move when they are leafed out and the sun is hot. Even extra care and expertise is sometimes not enough to pull them through the rough transition period until their roots can sustain them. So even though you may have reservations about that leafless trunk and twigs in the local nursery or tree farm, its chances of becoming a beautiful addition to your yard are much better now than when it might be much more appealing to you.

Sources for trees to be considered are local nurseries, landscapers and companies which specialize in moving large trees. When choosing who to purchase from, many things are to be considered. If you purchase from a local established nursery, you have the reassurance of dealing with a reputable firm carrying dependable goods. But it is usually impossible for the nursery owner to guarantee the tree because he has no control over the conditions it undergoes in your yard. If you deal with a landscaper, you are more likely to be provided with some sort of warranty for your money, and if not, at least the project is overseen by an expert and follow-up care should be provided. Large tree movers also may offer some sort of written guarantee and they can provide you with a large specimen instantly. When considering the size of the tree you would like to add to your yard keep in mind that the bigger the tree, the less chance of success and the more money lost.

So if you desire a deciduous shade or fruit tree in your yard, now is the best time to plant it. And later as the first green shoots emerge, you can welcome it as a harbinger of spring and think of the cool shade it will bring in summer.

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Gardening - continued

The native plant I would like to talk about this month is the live oak. The live oak is the number one landscape tree in America, designated so by many professional arborists and by the National Society of Arborists. The reasons for this are multitude. Aesthetically speaking, it is the most pleasing of oaks, growing to a majestic 70' in height and possibly a 100' spread. One striking feature is its natural grace of form requiring little or no pruning as opposed to the laurel or turkey oak which develop a cluttered mass of ingrowth if left unattended. Live oaks are also more resistant to pests, disease and deformities. They have the reputation of being slow, but if fed and watered adequately are competitive with most hardwoods over a five year span. Live oaks also have the distinction of being the last trees to shed leaves and are only bare for two to three weeks, thus the name "live" oak. These beautiful native trees occur naturally throughout Bloomington and if you are not lucky enough to have a naturally occurring specimen to enjoy, I strongly suggest you plant this tree over any other shade tree.



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Sure, you can take your kids to K-Mart and the grocery store. . . but you can't get a haircut, go to the dentist, shop for a dress, volunteer at school or run five miles with your children. Most of us do without unless we snag a neighbor, a husband or find that sainted & worshipped personna: the daytime sitter.

Do you have a child-proofed home, a fenced yard, a liking for children, a reasonable amount of patience-- and a sense of humor? Then you can turn this neighborhood need into money-- and there are few of us these days who haven't thought about ways to make a few extra dollars. If you're interested in day-sitting in your home and want to get started, put your name in the Gazette and the phone will start ringing. If you want to get into it full time, check with the county for licensing.

Not ready to do full time sitting, but still want to get out? Consider setting up a babysitting Co-op with some friends. I was part of one in Germany and it was SUPER. Eight of us were in the original group and set up the rules, etc. And it is easier to sit for a friend's children than a stranger's. As you babysit, you earn time-credit-- and you cash in your time-credit when you leave your children with someone else. It was a great sanity and money saver. There were three mothers in the group who formed their own play-time: every Mon-Wed-Fri mornings one mother had all 3 children from 9-11:30. If you want more guidelines to set up your own group, give me a call. A mother's sanity is too precious a thing to waste.

Narni

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- 1- Time-credits; 1 hour-1 child = 1 hour credit
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Dear Editor -

I would like to thank the B.H.A. Board and members who added to the Christmas spirit in our neighborhood. The activities organized this December made our last holiday in Bloomingdale very memorable (and they were activities very few neighborhoods had).

Those of you who didn't attend the hay-ride and carol sing at "the lake" missed something special-- 200 luminaries with flickering candles, our lighted tree serenely floating on the water and catered refreshments, all shared with neighbors added up to a great family evening.

Then Santa came to Bloomingdale and Christmas wishes were spoken as carols were played and photographs were taken and sent to an ailing grandmother so she could see the boys mugging and Megan crying.

And every night the lone tree floated-- its lights reflecting on the water-- and representing (to me) the joy of the season, the hope for peace in the new year and the warmth of community spirit.

Thank you to all who worked so hard to add to the Christmas memories of the rest of us.

Narni Cahill

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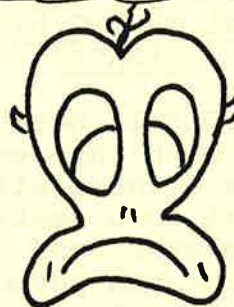
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SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT
UPDATE

The STD Bill has been filed with the legislature. There will be special town meetings and neighborhood coffees held for the purpose of informing all as to what a Special Taxing District means to our community.

There will be a preliminary explanation at our January BHA general meeting.

Please attend. If there are any questions, or if you are interested in helping to achieve, please call me after 5 p.m. at 681-2424.

Thank You,
BRENDA MANNING
STD Chairperson

MOBILE WATCH - An Aware
Community is a Safe One

It's been a busy December, and not just for Santa. Among things happening:

- 1- 12/4 Suspected attempt to break in a home on Cloverhill by juvenile; stopped by owner returning home. Sheriff involved.
- 2- 12/10 Burglary of home on Redondo Dr. Residents not home.
- 3- 12/10 Vandalism of occupied home on Herlong Ct. Windows broken.
- 4- 12/15 Break-in of house (under construction) on Herlong Ct.
- 5- 12/17 Vandalism of same house as in #4 above. Broken doors and windows.
- 6- 12/24 Burglary of home on Orangecrest. Residents not home.
- 7- 12/24 Burglary of home on Caliente. Car stolen. Residents not home.

Additional vandalism to new home-sites and harassment of residents also occurred during the month.

While not an unusually high amount of incidents have occurred, our neighborhoods are certainly vulnerable. These incidents point up the continuing need for an active neighborhood watch program with total participation by all home-owners and an increased mobile watch operation. In order to do this we need more volunteers for the Mobile Watch. Contact 681-4835 or 681-6853 to volunteer. This only means 3-4 hours per month of your time. We also need 2-3 more base stations to assist us. If you have home C.B. equipment, we need you. The Neighborhood Watch needs block captains. Please call Cliff Wenrick at 685-0885 for details.

If you see anything suspicious, FIRST contact the Sheriff at 224-9911 and then call any of the Mobile Watch base stations; Art Hollows 681-5199; Hal Labkon 681-6853; Dick Lannoye 681-4204; Chuck Loomis 681-4835; or Cliff Venrick 685-0885. All 70 of us are volunteers giving of our time to help our community. You benefit. Please join us.

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8	9 Craft Corner 8:00 pm	10	11 Presidents' Round- Table 7:30 pm	12	13	14 STD PUBLIC HEARING
15	16	17 BHA Meeting-7:30 BUCKHORN P.T.A. 7:30	18 Newcomer's Club-10am @ Center Place	19	20	21
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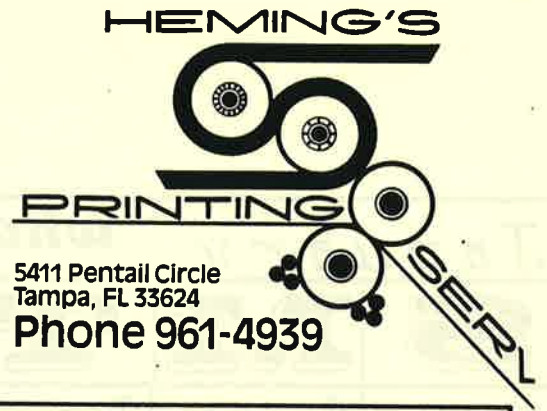
NOTICE - - - A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD - - -

The proposed Bloomingdale Special Taxing District Bill will be on the agenda of the County Delegation to the State Legislature PUBLIC HEARING on Saturday, January 14, 1984 at the Commissioners' Hearing Room in the Court-House beginning at 9:30 a.m. This is YOUR chance to help your community.

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