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### NEW NEIGHBOR FOR BSHS?

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## Campo YMCA safety project is no "turkey"

By Mack Austin

Many Bloomingtondale residents are anxiously awaiting the opening of the new Campo Family YMCA at the corner of Bloomingtondale Avenue and Culbreath Road. It seemed to take forever for the ground breaking, but now games have been played on the new Little League Senior baseball field, and a major portion of the parking area has been completed. The walls are starting to rise on the YMCA center itself. It won't be long now. Construction is scheduled to be completed in January 2001.

One of the major areas of concern that has been addressed in this area is that of providing the safest possible conditions

for kids and parents to cross Culbreath Road back and forth from the YMCA to the Little League Park. This issue was opened over a year ago as a safety project by members of the Bloomingtondale Area Community Council (BACC). The BACC realized that they were not professional engineers but simply concerned residents that wanted to assist in providing the safest possible environment in this area. They were given the professional support of Representative Johnnie Byrd and his staff to research possible sources of funding for this very expensive project - \$800,000 to a million dollars.

During this past session of the Florida Legislature, the request for funding this project and another related project to pro-

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## Happy Independence Day!



These students of Primary Prep in Bloomingtondale West are ready to celebrate the Fourth of July.

BHA seeks neighborhood association contacts, see page 10.



## Your Inside Connections

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### Meetings

All meetings take place at the Community Office at 3509 Bell Shoals Rd. These are monthly public meetings and all Bloomingdale residents are invited.

**BHA Board of Directors Meetings**  
Second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m.

**Special Taxing District Meetings**  
Second Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m.



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### Bloomingtondale Special Taxing District May 2000 meeting minutes (abridged)

- The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. All trustees were in attendance. Al Devney, President of DPML, introduced the Property Manager's Report (printed monthly in the Gazette).
- The Treasurer's report, presented by Mr. Vince Ferraro of Ferraro and Company, listed BSTD's total fund balance of \$352,147.
- The major entryway project update showed that the surveys for Garnet and Greenhollow are complete. The board voted to borrow \$500,000 from Zion Bank to start the entryways as soon as possible. This will be discussed further at the June meeting.
- The board reviewed the policy on the definition of sealed bids. It was discussed that no exceptions should be made when the sealed bids are ready to be opened and read at a meeting.
- The assessment roll for fiscal year 2001 will anticipate an additional 167 houses to be assessed.

For more information, please contact the BSTD by phone, fax or e-mail as listed on page 2 of every issue.

### BSHS Student honored

Congratulations to Bloomingdale Senior High School student Tracy Francis. Tracy was honored recently as a recipient of Hillsborough County Schools "Turnaround Achievement Award."

The award recognizes students who, through counseling or personal conviction, have committed to finishing their education.



### Wanted: your news and photos!

If you have news and/or photos that you would like to see published in the Gazette, please send it this way! We are seeking news and photos involving neighborhood happenings (neighborhood projects, block parties, special concerns or problems), school news (student and teacher awards, fundraisers, special events), sports news (sports team sign-ups, awards won, special ceremonies), club news, business news (new Bloomingdale area businesses or those owned by Bloomingdale residents, business move or remodeling, anniversaries), etc. If you have any questions, please call us at 681-2051. Feel free to fax your news to 651-1129 or e-mail to frazier1@tampabay.rr.com.

All material submitted is subject to editing for length and clarity and will be used on a space available basis at the discretion of the Gazette staff.

### Bloomingtondale Hair Salon

After 5 years as owner of Riverview Hair Salon, T.J. Haase has moved her business and changed the name to reflect its new location. Bloomingtondale Hair Salon opened in May of this year in the Village Plaza shopping center at the corner of Bell Shoals Road and Glenhaven Drive, between the Sheriff's Substation and Beef O'Brady's. "Our Riverview Salon was in the same location for 30 years," says Haase. "But when the shopping center's anchor store (Kash & Karry) moved out, business slowed down quite a bit. We knew we had to find a new location, and felt that this would be a great spot for us to set up shop."



Bloomingtondale Hair Salon owner T.J. Haase.

The salon offers styling for the entire family, nails and manicure services and facial waxing. A full line of professional styling and care products are offered, including Paul Mitchell, Nexus, Biolage, Redken and Matrix. Walk-in clients are welcome. Bloomingtondale residents are invited to take advantage of the salon's \$5 off coupons in this issue of the Gazette.

Salon hours are Monday - Thursday 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Fridays 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, please call T.J. at 661-3530.

### Revised Hillsborough County School Calendar

#### 2000 - 2001 School Year

The Hillsborough County School Board has released a revised calendar for the 2000 - 2001 school year. The new calendar incorporates several changes and the addition of 4 school days. The school starting date, August 9, has not been changed. For more information, please call the School Board at 272-4000.

August 2	Teacher training day
August 3, 4, 7, 8	Teacher pre-planning days
August 9	First day for students
September 4	Labor Day holiday
October 13	No school - Teacher training day
November 10	Veteran's Day holiday
Nov. 22, 23, 24	Thanksgiving holiday
Dec. 20 - Jan. 2	Winter vacation
January 3	No school - Teacher work day
January 15	Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday
February 9	State Fair holiday (west Hillsborough)
February 19	No school - Teacher planning day
March 5	Strawberry Festival holiday
March 19 - 23	Spring vacation
April 13, 16	No school
May 28	Memorial Day holiday
May 31	Last day for students
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## Bloomingtondale Senior High School News

By Mack Austin

### New neighbor for BSHS?

A local developer, Bob Schmid, wants to modify the zoning of the property immediately West of Bloomingtondale High School and build an office complex with 77 homes. He is proposing 29,500 square feet of business and medical offices on Bloomingtondale Avenue, 37 town homes to the North along the school's driveway and 40 single-family homes at the Northern boundary. Several residents have concerns about the development. One resident living near this area noted, "It presents one very major concern - more traffic located right next to the school!" It is inevitable that some type of businesses or homes will be built on this property. Having a voice in what it is can be the difference. Residents with concerns can call the County Planning and Growth Management Office at 272-5920 for additional information on the rezoning process or on how to contact the developer directly. A County zoning hearing master is scheduled to review this request on Monday, July 31st, with the County Commissioners ruling set for September 12th.

### PTSA welcomes new committee member

The Bloomingtondale High PTSA Board continues to seek parents willing to fill critical positions as they work to support quality education at BSHS. A special thanks is due to Jim Mayer who has volunteered to serve as the Chairman of the newslet-

ter Committee. This is a very important position that insures effective communication with parents and students. Positions still open include Hospitality and Publicity. Call 744-8018, Ext. 563 to get involved. Special training and meetings are being held to prepare for the new school year.

### Primary Prep celebrates "lucky 13"

Family owned and operated Primary Prep Preschool, located at 3721 Canoga Park Drive in Valrico's Bloomingtondale West, is celebrating their 13-year anniversary with an extensive interior remodeling project and the addition of a new kindergarten class this fall. Renovations include the addition of 800

square feet of classroom space. A new kindergarten teacher with a Masters Degree in education joins the Primary Prep staff this fall. The center offers year round preschool and after school programs, promising low student to teacher ratios and a full schedule of extracurricular activities. Registration is in progress for the 2000 - 2001 school year. For more information please call Director Gail Smallwood at 654-1942.



Primary Prep owner Christine Terrell (center) with her children Rob Terrell (owner/operator) and Gail Smallwood, Director.

## Letters

Please send letters by mail, fax or e-mail to the Gazette contacts listed on page 2 of every issue. Letters will be published anonymously and are subject to editing for length and clarity.

### Revvng his engine

Q: My neighbor is constantly repairing his outboard motor on the boat in his backyard. The noise is deafening, and usually continues for an hour or two in the evenings or on weekends. We can't even hear our TV set. Is there anything we can do about it?

A: To report any noise that can be categorized as a disturbance of the peace, Hillsborough County's Environmental Protection Commission (EPC) suggests you first contact the Sheriff's Department at 247-8000. If you require further assistance, please call the EPC's Air Management Division at 272-5530. The EPC protects the environment from air, water and noise pollution through surveillance and enforcement of environmental laws and rules. Each division conducts investigations of ongoing complaints. For more information, visit the Hillsborough County web site ([www.hillsboroughcounty.org](http://www.hillsboroughcounty.org)) and enter "Environmental Protection Commission" in the search field.

### Whose pond is this?

Q: While the upkeep of the common landscaping in Bloomingtondale is to be commended, I must take slight exception to the condition of the conservation pond on Treeline Drive, intersecting Cold Creek Drive, in the Windsor Woods

subdivision. There is considerable overgrowth around the pond, with the weeds overflowing into the road from several privately owned empty lots. Also, because of the construction in the area, there is a lot of trash and debris that has been accumulating. The whole area is an eyesore. I have called various governmental agencies to find out who is responsible for the upkeep of the surrounding areas of the pond. Everyone I spoke with concurs that residents may not take it upon themselves to maintain the area. As far as which agency is responsible for the upkeep, everyone I spoke with has given me conflicting information.

A: It seems that you are dealing with two separate issues; overgrown yards and the accumulation of trash on privately owned vacant property, and the overall maintenance of the pond and surrounding areas. First, Hillsborough County's Community Improvement/Code Enforcement Department handles complaints concerning nuisances such as trash on lots and high weeds and grass on vacant lots. To register a complaint, call Code Enforcement at 744-5568, ext. 110.

As for the condition of the pond, it is our understanding that most (but not all) of the storm water retention pond areas in Bloomingtondale are the collective property of the homeowners on the pond, with the exception of the drainage easements, which may (or may not!) fall under the responsibility of the Hillsborough County Public Works Department. Got that?! The county's Storm water Management Section offers an "Adopt-A-Pond" program to help residents keep their pond clean, clear and planted through restoration and improved

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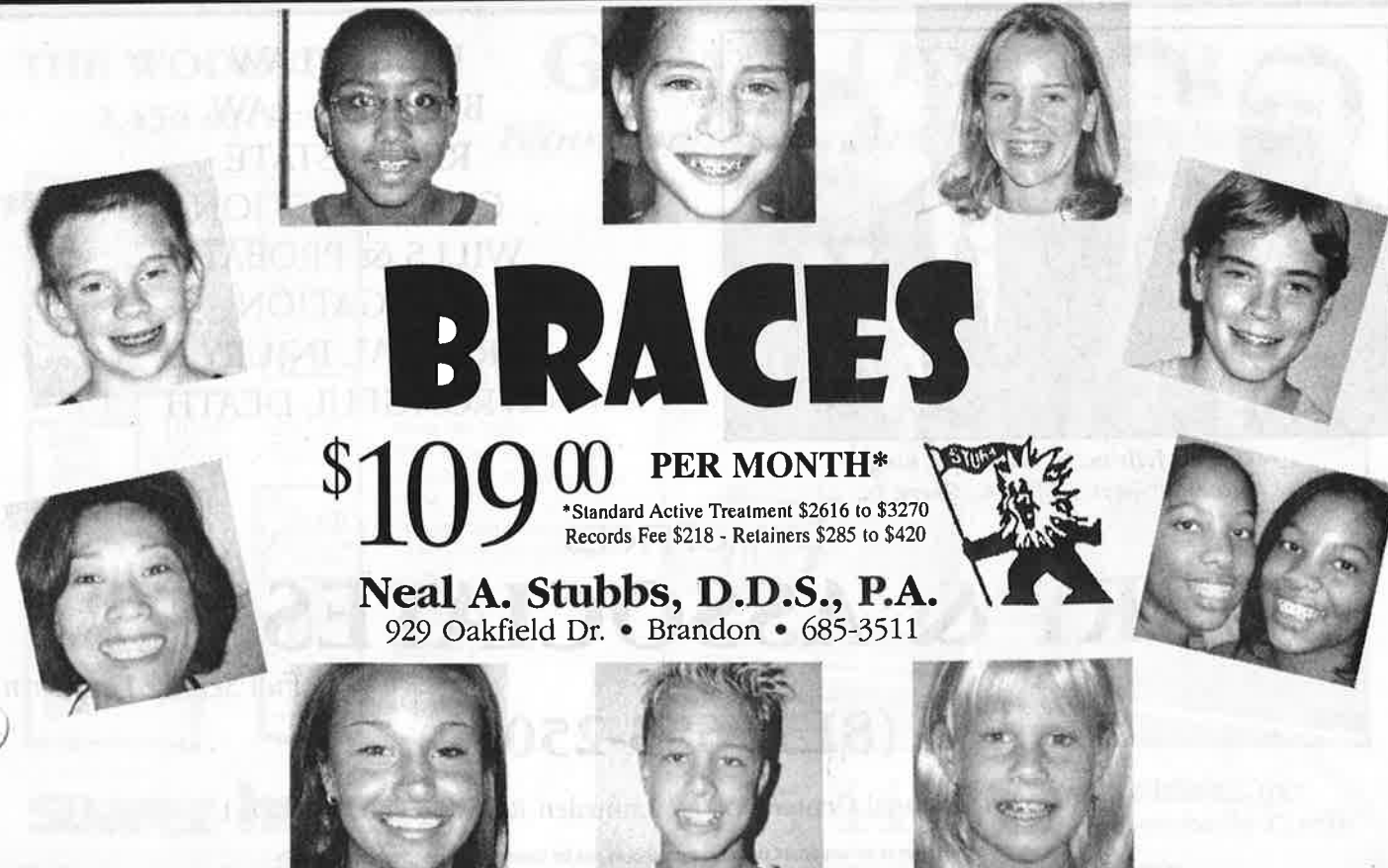
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**Letters**

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water quality projects. Ponds eligible for the program must be owned by the county or privately owned with one or more drainage easements dedicated to Hillsborough County. No wetland or protected conservation areas are allowed in the program. Access to the pond must be available for county crews and equipment, and the pond group must submit an Adopt a Pond application and demonstrate a commitment to helping to maintain their pond. For an Adopt a Pond application, call the Storm water Management Section at 272-5912. You will be asked to collect signatures from neighbors who may be interested in participating. Once the application is reviewed and your pond's eligibility is confirmed, a county biologist will meet with you and your neighbors to walk the pond and make recommendations.

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"United Painting Services, Inc. would like to thank all the residents in the Bloomingdale area. Your cooperation in our efforts to paint the wall along Natures Way, Culbreath and Springvale is greatly appreciated." Albert Vega, President, United Painting Services, Inc.



**I gave at the office, part II**

"Boy was I surprised reading the Gazette when I noticed comments I made regarding door-to-door solicitations were printed (April 2000 issue). Thank you so much for addressing this problem. Your answer was very helpful. I'm also happy to know that I am not the only one who does not appreciate door-to-door solicitation. Please keep up the great job you are doing!" A Bloomingdale East resident

**Deed restriction and county code violations**

For information about deed restriction and county code violations, please visit the deed restrictions section of our community website at [www.bha-online.org](http://www.bha-online.org) or the county codes section of Hillsborough County's web site at [www.hillsboroughcounty.org](http://www.hillsboroughcounty.org).

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**Keeping our roads looking great**

By Mack Austin

As we travel the many miles of County roads throughout our community, we may see a pothole appearing, limbs hanging over the road or grass growing high on the right-of-way. So, whom do we call? The Hillsborough County Public Works South Maintenance Unit located on Big Bend Road in Gibsonton covers Bloomingdale area road maintenance. Their area of responsibility covers from Lithia on the East, Apollo Beach on the West, Sun City on the South and Bloomingdale on the North.



Mike Sayers of the Public Works South Maintenance Unit maintains a part of the thousands of miles of roadway in our community.

And you thought you had a lot to mow! This area covers over 6000 miles of mowing, or approximately fifty-one percent of Hillsborough County. It also includes sidewalks in need of repair, which are expanding by the minute. Tree trimming is

their responsibility too, and don't forget the miles of drainage ditches that have to be maintained.

This enormous task that never ends, especially with spring showers, is accomplished with a special crew of skilled workers that spend endless hours on the road, literally. Their numbers have stayed the same while our community has grown like crazy.

We can all help them take better care of our area by using a few simple guidelines. When you find something that needs their professional attention, give them a call, but have as many details available as you can - exact location, street, and familiar landmarks to help them get the right spot. If it is something that requires major work, you should check with our Community Station (635-8040) first and see if it has already been turned in. This saves duplicating the work requests. Be courteous too. They are our neighbors and friends. They want to do a good job for us. Let's help them help us!



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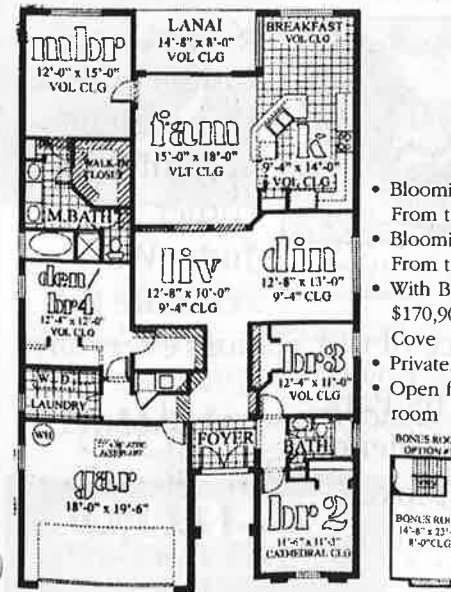
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### Neighborhood Association contacts sought

The Bloomingdale Homeowners Association would like to compile and publish a list of individual Neighborhood Associations within the community of Bloomingdale. The list would be posted on our community web site and periodically in the Gazette.

If you are a member of the Neighborhood Association in your section, or know someone who is, we would appreciate hearing from you by return of this survey via mail to BHA, Neighborhood Association list, 3509 Bell Shoals Rd., Valrico, FL 33594; by fax to 813-651-1129; or by e-mail to bha@cyberrails.com. If you have any questions, please phone the BHA at 681-2051 or visit our web site at bha-online.org.

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### You're invited

By Laura Frazier

Bloomingdale residents Pastor and Mrs. Max and Melody Docusen, Jr. relocated to the bay area from New Orleans four years ago and are residents of the Heritage Park section of Bloomingdale East. The Docusens would like to invite their Bloomingdale neighbors to visit their church, the First Assembly of God of Tampa.



Pastor Max Docusen, Jr.

The church offers a unique balance of upbeat and contemporary music along with traditional hymns in a conservative yet casual atmosphere. Sunday worship and children's church are held at 10:45 am, Sunday school at 9:45 am, Sunday evening service at 6:00 pm, Wednesday evening service at 7:00 pm. A nursery is provided for all services.

On Sunday, July 16 at 5:00 pm, the film entitled "Jesus," heralded as "The story of the tragedy and the triumph of the most controversial life in human history" will be shown, with refreshments to follow in the fellowship hall. The community is welcomed to attend this special event.

The church is located at 2910 Orient Road in Tampa, just off US301 between Dr. King Drive and East Columbus. For more information, please call Pastor Docusen at (813) 626-6933.

### Welcome to Bloomingdale

Alysea Starr Jackson

Born May 27 to Andrea S. Jackson

**Previn Allen Martin, Jr.**

Born May 13 to Sandra and Previn Martin

**Josie Diane Tumlin**

Born May 18 to Julie and Mark Tumlin

**Courtney Ann Fallon**

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**Nathan Cooper Roscoe**

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Born May 28 to Louise and Zeke Bravo

**Rachel Lee Cosmas**

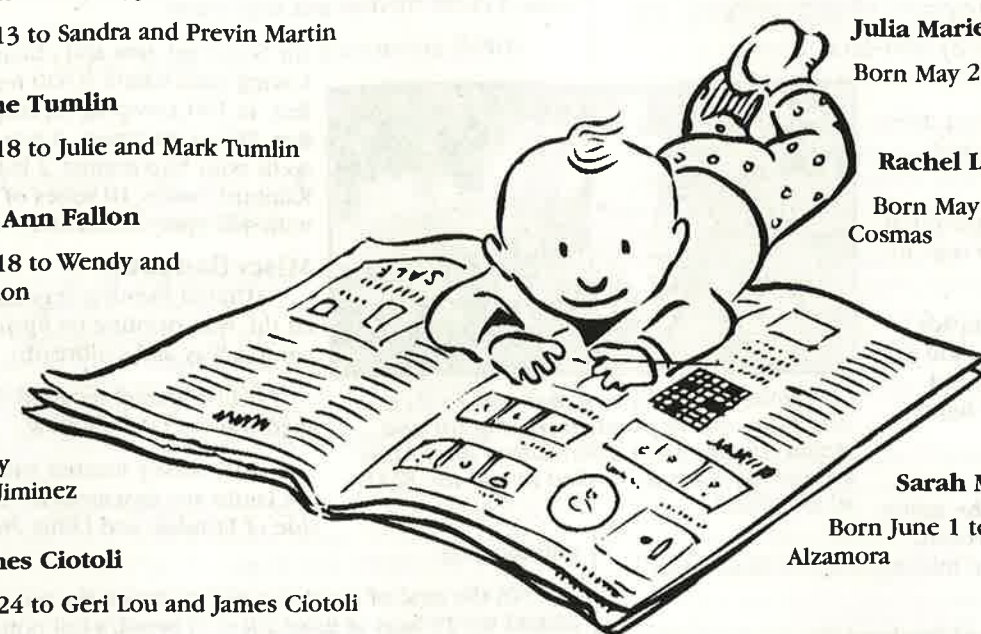
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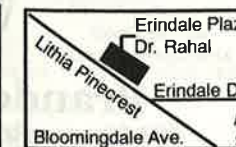
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## Property Manager's Report May 2000

Submitted by Devney Property Management, Inc.  
Al Devney, President: (813) 684-6617

### Irrigation

•Brandon Irrigation replaced defective timers for the Golf Manor and Heritage Parks systems.

•Stewart and Associates converted the Elton system from a pump start to a pressure system.

•DPMI replaced 16 spray heads and 10 rotors, repaired 4 risers and 3 zone lines, added 4 new heads and raised 56 heads. Additionally, 7 lights were replaced.

### Landscaping

•Planscape, Inc. installed the minor landscape package at Orange Pointe and Briarlake, and replaced one missing and two dead Live Oaks.

•Neighborhood Pest Control fertilized the area and sprayed the crepe myrtles as required by contract.

•DPMI measured Springvale to obtain the square footage for plugging (48,600), measured the new irrigation areas to determine the quantity of oak trees required (29 trees at 60



Al Devney shows a tree that was broken and holes where plants were dug up and stolen. Anyone with information about this type of vandalism is asked to call the BSTD at 684-6667.

foot intervals on Natures Way and 28 trees at Bloomingdale Village at 65 foot intervals).

•DPMI hand watered, 3 days a week, the two new live oaks, 4 crepe myrtles and sago palms.

•DPMI inventoried the Somerset area and obtained the following data: length 3,620 feet, square feet 44,150, creeping fig length 2,600 feet, 58 live oak trees, 2 entrances, 2 wells with 5hp pumps, 2 ESP 6 Rainbird timers, 10 zones of irrigation with 466 spray heads and 7 rotors.

### Miscellaneous

•United Painting Services completed the wall painting on Springvale, natures Way and Culbreath.

•Chris Wurzel repaired the damaged wall on Greenhollow.

•BHI Survey located and marked the landscape easement for the south side of Erindale and Lithia Pinecrest

entranceway.

•In the land of eat, drink and pitch out the window, DPMI picked up 29 bags of litter, a loaf of bread, a full bottle of Mad Dog 20/20, 1/2 of a tire, 2 Bucs magnetic signs, a cellular phone in pieces, a pair of sun glasses, 3 tee shirts, a hula hoop, a pizza cutter and 64 cents. The May beverages of choice were Pepsi for soft drinks, Ice House for beer and Jack Daniels for distilled spirits.

## Restaurant Review

By Elton Dumont  
Exclusive to The Bloomingdale Gazette

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This is a family business, run smoothly and efficiently by Sandra Christiansen, who is always happy to chat with customers. I would describe the Lunch Bag Express as a quaint little restaurant boutique, brightly lit and neat, too. If cleanliness is next to Godliness, then indeed you are tapping on the door of Sandwich Shoppe Heaven when you walk in.

The restaurant opens at 7 a.m. with homemade muffins, fresh baked pastries and a great cup of coffee. Lunchtime garden salads combine green leaf and iceberg lettuce. The chef

salad, made with ham, turkey, cheddar and mozzarella cheese, lettuce, tomato, onion, radish, croutons, bacon bits and cucumber and egg slices is only \$4.45.

A bulletin board lists the daily specials of soup and/or sandwiches, including roast beef, ham and cheese, turkey, club, BLT, Cuban, tuna, egg salad, chicken salad and another house special called the Veggie Delight, with American and Swiss cheese, onion, green pepper, olives, lettuce and tomato with your choice of dressing on a hoagie roll. I'm partial to the tuna and egg salad combination on rye with cheese, lettuce and tomato for only \$4.25. Sandwich prices range from \$2.45 for a PBJ to \$5.45 for a club. The "Kiddie Lunch Bag" for \$2.50 includes 1/2 sandwich, chips and milk. The desserts are a daily surprise.

I suggest you try the Christiansen's original creation, the Pizza-wich, featuring pepperoni, ham, bacon, 2 types of olives, 2 types of cheeses and green pepper and onion, covered with a light pizza sauce, pressed and served on a hoagie or Cuban bread. Wonderful at only \$5.95.

One last tip. If you are looking for a caterer, call Susan. The Lunch Bag Express family is exceptional at catering your lunch or gathering.

Until we eat again,  
**Elton Dumont**

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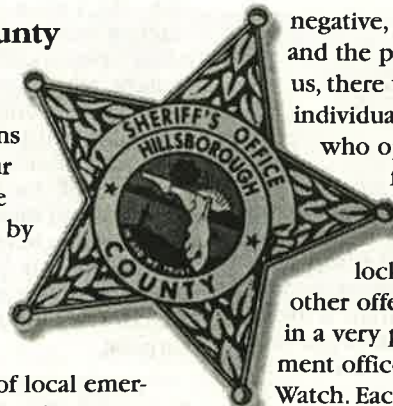
By Deputy Pete Maurer

### No Fireworks in Hillsborough County (unless ban is lifted)



Deputy Pete Maurer

With the drought conditions still present in our area, an Executive Order was issued by the Executive Policy Group of Hillsborough County in June declaring a state of local emergency banning the sale, use or discharge of fireworks. Violation of this order will result in a second-degree misdemeanor. We all saw what one small spark did in Ybor City! Even with the recent rain, the undergrowth and trees in our area are still extremely dry. It is simply not worth the risk. Anyone noticing violators of this order should call the Community Station during normal duty hours (8 - 5) and the Sheriff's Dispatch at 247-8200 dur-



ing the evening or weekends.

### Crime stats

At a recent Bloomingtondale Area Community Council (BACC) meeting, one member asked me about any available crime statistics for our area. This may be a subject some might call negative, but with a community the size of Bloomingtondale and the phenomenal growth taking place on all sides of us, there will be crime. There are always going to be those individuals who take what doesn't belong to them, those who openly break our laws and those with no respect for the property of others. The main offense in our area has been burglary. Many could have been prevented with care and attention to locking up residences and property. This and any other offenses that occur in our community are addressed in a very proactive, concerned way by both law enforcement officers and active residents such as the Mobile Watch. Each of us can do our part by keeping an eye out for our neighbors, securing our own property and reporting any suspicious activity immediately.

### Resident Deputy for Bloomingtondale West Park

Coordination continues in finalizing the details involved in placing a Hillsborough County Sheriff's Deputy as a resident Park Deputy for Bloomingtondale West. Finding the right Deputy, the right location for their residence, and other critical factors

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## Substation Notes

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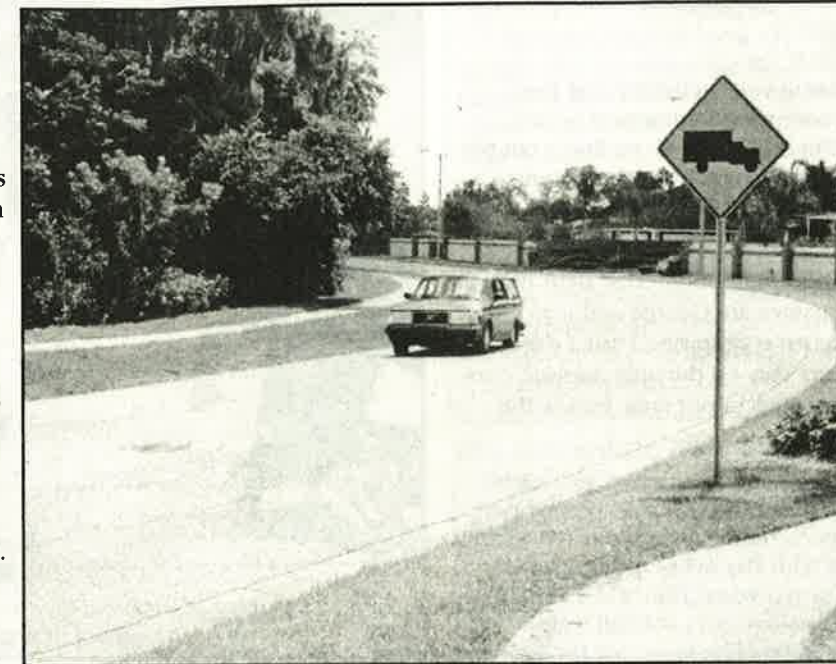
are being addressed. I will keep you posted.

### Kids on walls

School is out and kids are looking for ways to spend their time. With the miles of walls in Bloomingtondale, a favorite activity is walking the walls. This is very dangerous for the kids. One found out the hard way when he slipped into a resident's back yard and was met by an angry dog. Parents, tell your kids to stay off the walls.

### Home safe home

Hillsborough County Solid Waste Management will be collecting household chemicals on Saturday,



Personnel from the new Parks Maintenance Unit on Natures Way installed these signs to warn drivers to slow down and watch for trucks entering and exiting their facility. Photo by Mack Austin

July 15, 2000 at the South County Collection Site (626 Golf and Sea Boulevard - beside the Fire Station) from 9am to 3pm.

Materials accepted include paints and solvents, automotive products, household cleaners, pool chemicals and lawn and garden supplies.

### Traffic signals not working?

Anytime you come upon a traffic signal in our area that is not working, please follow these rules. 1) Come to a complete Stop. 2) Treat the intersection as a four way Stop. 3) If more than one vehicle arrives at the same time, remember that the vehicle on the right has the right of way. Call Hillsborough County Public Works/Traffic at 744-5670 or the Sheriff's Office at 247-8201 to report the light inoperative.

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## For love of the game...and each other

By Mack Austin

Many married couples have special activities that they share a common interest in. Some spend numerous hours enjoying their time together. But it is very rare to find a couple deeply involved in and dedicated to an activity that requires special training, complicated schedules, long hours and uncomfortable working conditions.

One such couple shares this common interest right here in the Bloomingdale area. Their names are George and Jean Haushlater. Their common interest is umpiring Little League baseball games. The Haushlaters may be the only married couple that umpires Little League games in our area. Jean is the only female umpire in District 13.

George has been umpiring for almost thirteen years, getting his start right here at the Bloomingdale Little League park. He works at Lowes. Jean has been umpiring for over five years. She works as an administrator with Bay Area Cardiology Associates. They met five years ago when Jean was assistant District Administrator for the East Bay girl's softball league. George simply asked her, "Would you like to go out for dinner?" It's obvious they had a lot in common to talk about, but they didn't know they'd be making history.

The Haushlaters have a son, Ryan, who plays in the Little League Majors. Jean says he probably has the record for attending the most Little League games. Not counting Ryan's games, she said that the most games George umpired in one week was ten and six for her. That's a lot of dust, bright lights, screaming parents and hot days on the field. Remember, the umpires don't get to sit in the shade when the teams switch.



George and Jean Haushlater share a laugh before the game. Photo by Mack Austin



The toughest position on the baseball field? Try bending up and down for almost three hours with two stands full of parents screaming at you! Photo by Mack Austin

They do try to umpire as a team when they can. When asked what their biggest challenges are, other than the obvious environmental conditions, Jean said, "At first it was parents and coaches who didn't think it would work well with us umpiring as a team because they thought we'd always be agreeing on the calls! No way! She's had close calls and she calls what she sees." Just recently, they disagreed on a call at first. "He was wrong and I told him so," says Jean.

Jean did mention one of her greatest personal challenges. "Some parents can be rough or even rude, and I've had to convince a lot of coaches that I know the game of baseball and I can and will call a fair game." Jean feels that many females interested in umpiring have been pressured not to get involved. "I would encourage any young woman who has played the game, knows the rules and loves the game as much as I do to go for it. I'll be glad to work with them. Most leagues are always hurting for parents or others willing to endure the hardships and frustration of umpiring. You have to love kids and the game."

It's clear that George and Jean have a sincere love for the game of baseball. They're especially rare in their love for kids and their willingness to accept the responsibilities and sometimes difficult challenges that come with umpiring. We can only wish we had more couples and people like them. Baseball is a wonderful game, especially at the Little League level. It takes dedicated people like George and Jean to make it possible for our kids to enjoy it as a safe and fair game. Be sure and thank them next time they umpire a game for your kids.

## One trivia contest winners

We had a lot of fun with the Official Baby Boomer Trivia contest in our June issue, and we'd like to thank all of you who took the time to send in your answers. In case you'd like to check your answers, we'll post the quiz on our web site ([www.bha-online.org](http://www.bha-online.org)) after July 15.

This month, take a shot at the "Bicycle Safety Contest" in this issue for a chance to win a halogen bicycle headlight, courtesy of A.J. Barnes Bicycle Emporium in Bloomingdale Square. The following winners were awarded Wal-Mart gift certificates courtesy of the Bloomingdale Homeowners Association:

**Grand prize:** Brenda Brotherton

**2nd place tie:** John and Ona Barnes, Michael and Stephanie Toner

**Honorable mentions (only 2 incorrect answers):** Melinda Carr, Gwen and Mike Szafranski, C. Montagna, Riana Journic.

## Watering days

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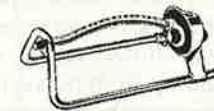
0 or 1 - your watering day is Monday

2 or 3 - your watering day is Tuesday

4 or 5 - your watering day is Wednesday

6 or 7 - your watering day is Thursday

8 or no address - your watering day is Friday



## Nifty, nifty, look who's fifty!

Bloomingdale Community Council Member and Mobile Watch volunteer Terry Ward turned the half-century mark recently. While retrieving his morning paper on the fateful day, Ward was greeted by a flock of 50 pink plastic flamingoes that had overtaken his front lawn. Rumor has it that a mysterious blonde of Canadian descent was involved. Ward was truly surprised and, in his usual calm demeanor, was heard to say to our photographer, "I'll get you for this!"



Mr. and Mrs. Terry Ward and friends.

## Bloomingdale Recreation Center renamed to honor teen

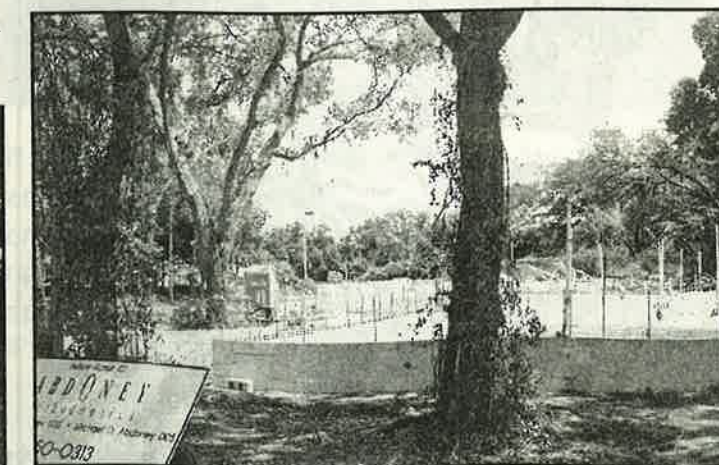
County Commissioners approved residents' request to rename the Bloomingdale Recreation Center in June. The Center will be renamed the Stephanie Ann Culbertson Community Center in memory of the Bloomingdale Senior High School teen who was killed in a car accident on Bloomingdale Avenue on June 21, 1999. New signs will be erected and a dedication ceremony will be held after the Gazette goes to press for July. Photos and articles about the memorial and dedication service will appear in the August edition of the Gazette. Residents who would like to contribute photos or comments about this project are invited to contact the Gazette at 681-2051, fax 651-1129 or e-mail [frazier1@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:frazier1@tampabay.rr.com).

## Bloomingdale Executive Park



Growth continues on Bloomingdale Avenue. More businesses does mean more jobs and services. This "executive park" project is located just west of Bryan Road. Construction hasn't started yet. Photo by Mack Austin

## Saving the trees



Many beautiful trees had to be removed for the widening of Bloomingdale Avenue. The builders of this new orthodontics office next to KFC are to be commended for saving as many trees as they have. No one likes to see the oaks cut down, but it is a part of growth in our community. Photo by Mack Austin.



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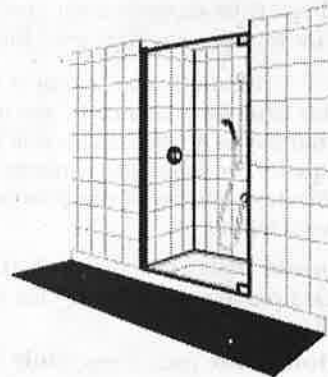
## Ace Advice

Sponsored by Ace Hardware of Bloomingdale

If you have a home cleaning, repair, maintenance or remodeling question, please mail, fax or e-mail it to the Gazette contacts on page 2 of every issue.

**Q:** What is the best way to remove mildew and build-ups from my ceramic tile shower?

**A:** The first step is a thorough cleaning. We recommend Jasco Ceramic Tile Grout and Mildew Cleaner. This product has a semi-paste consistency that will cling to vertical surfaces. It brightens old white or colored ceramic tile grout lines and removes mildew, oil, rust, grease, grime, hard water deposits and soap scum. Stubborn stains may require two applications. Once you have a clean shower, maintenance is the key. A grout sealer, when applied to clean, dry grout lines, will form an invisible water repellent barrier and minimize the effects of mildew and soap scum. On a daily basis, products such as Tilex Fresh Shower can be sprayed after each shower to prevent build up from occurring.



## Coping with Drought in the Landscape

By Gary W. Knox  
Hillsborough County Cooperative Extension

Drought is likely to occur in every part of Florida at one time or another. Increased urbanization, coupled with a limited water supply, is predisposing much of the state to a greater chance of water shortages. Because of Florida's sandy soils, plants may experience drought stress after only a few days without rain or irrigation. During a drought, or when conditions indicate a drought may be imminent, the water management districts have the authority to restrict water use. The restrictions are designed to be equitable, but high priority is given to water use for human consumption, agriculture, and industry. Accordingly, irrigation for commercial and home landscapes may be restricted. With these limitations on water, the landscaper or homeowner must decide how best to use the limited water available for landscape irrigation.

The following guidelines are given as suggestions for management practices during drought.

### Water Management Practices During Drought

#### General Practices

**Irrigation Priorities.** Irrigate highly visible and intensively managed areas first.

**Time of Day.** Water early in the morning.

**Irrigation Frequency.** Irrigate deeply at long intervals rather than frequent, shallow waterings.

*From the Hillsborough County Extension Service.*



## "What's for dinner?"

Bloomingdale area restaurants offer many on-the-run dinner alternatives, from drive through and delivery to take-out and convenient "on the way" dining out. We've compiled a partial list you may wish to post on your refrigerator, or perhaps more effectively, on your dashboard!

*Don't forget dessert! Pick up some quick treats on your way past Bloomingdale Square Tanya & Matt's Ice Cream...Smoothie King...Baskin Robbins Ice Cream...Dunkin Donuts*

Restaurant	Phone	Location	Dining
Beef O'Brady's	653-1888	BellShoals/Glenhaven	Dine in, take out, catering
Burger King	654-7472	Bloomingdale Square	Dine in, take out, drive-thru
Cherry's	662-1500	Bloomingdale Square	Dine in, take out, catering
Chick-fil-A	655-1237	11325 Causeway Blvd.	Dine in, take out, drive-thru
Dominoes	685-7884	1999 Brandon Blvd.	Take out, delivery
Hungry Howie's	684-4477	1511 Brandon Blvd.	Take out, delivery
J-Bird's Pizzeria	653-1460	118 Bloomingdale Ave.	Take out, delivery
KFC Chicken	684-6182	Royal Oaks Plaza	Dine in, take out, drive-thru
Latin Cafe 2000	643-9475	Bloomingdale Square	Dine in, take out
Ling Express	661-8433	Bloomingdale Square	Dine in, take out, delivery
Little Caesars	681-2511	Bloomingdale Square	Take out, delivery
McDonalds	685-9163	Bloomingdale Square	Dine in, take out, drive-thru
One Loy Chinese	654-4750	3318 John Moore Rd.	Dine in, take out, delivery
Papa John's	661-7272	3517 Bell Shoals Rd.	Take out, delivery
Pat's Place	685-7259	Bloomingdale Plaza	Dine in, take out, catering
Peck's Chicken	643-3867	Bloomingdale Plaza	Dine in, take out, catering
Pizza Hut	684-8383	3220 Lithia Pinecrest	Take out, delivery
Simply Thai	681-4470	Bloomingdale Square	Dine in, take out
Subway	685-6178	Bloomingdale Square	Dine in, take out, catering
Taco Bell	681-5292	Bloomingdale Square	Dine in, take out, drive-thru
Villa Rina's Too	684-7466	Bell Shoals/Glenhaven	Dine in, take out, delivery
Westshore Pizza VI	662-9800	Bloomingdale Plaza	Dine in, take out, delivery



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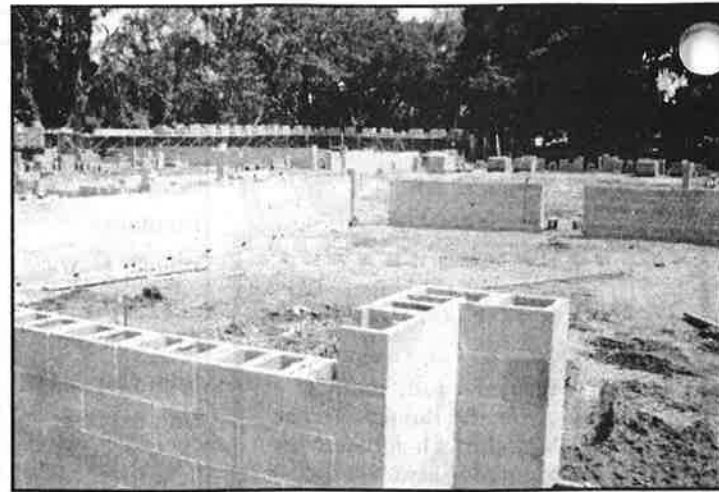
## YMCA project

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vide special lighting in the area went forward for consideration. A non-partisan group known as Florida Tax Watch decided that the request for funding for these projects "didn't go through the correct process for inclusion in the budget". Not only was the request for funding vetoed, but the project itself, along with many other health and human services projects, were labeled "turkey projects".



Projects are under way to improve pedestrian safety in this area. Photo by Mack Austin



The walls of the Campo YMCA center are rising. It won't be long now. Photo by Mack Austin

Despite this veto, the BACC is continuing to work with County officials and others to insure that the maximum possible safety measures are taken to protect the kids and families who will be using the YMCA and Little League park. Representative Byrd stated that he and his staff would continue to provide their support on the project also.

Perhaps the budget process should be more clearly identified. Perhaps those involved should be properly informed in time so they can "go through the correct process". After all, there is no price tag we can put on protecting our kids.

## Bicycle Safety Contest

Sponsored by A.J. Barnes Bicycle Emporium in Bloomingdale Square

When Bell Shoals Road was repaved by Hillsborough County in June, four-foot wide bike lanes were added to both sides of the street. As Bloomingdale cyclists take to the road, the observance of the laws in place to protect cyclists, motorists and pedestrians will keep the streets we share safe for everyone.

Can you pass this bicycle safety test? All entries that ace the test will be put into a random drawing. One lucky winner will receive a halogen bicycle headlight, courtesy of A.J. Barnes Bicycle Emporium.

Send your entry to: Bicycle Safety Contest, The Bloomingdale Gazette, 3509 Bell Shoals Road, Valrico, FL 33594, or fax to: (813) 651-1129 or e-mail to: frazier1@tampabay.rr.com. The winner will be announced in the August Gazette.

1. Bicycles are legally defined as:

- a) toys
- b) vehicles
- c) sport or recreational equipment

2. True or False. Cyclists are required to obey all traffic signs and signal lights.

- a) true b) false

3. Cyclists should travel in which direction:

- a) With the flow of traffic
- b) Against the flow of traffic

4. When may a motorist preparing to make a right hand turn move into a bike lane?

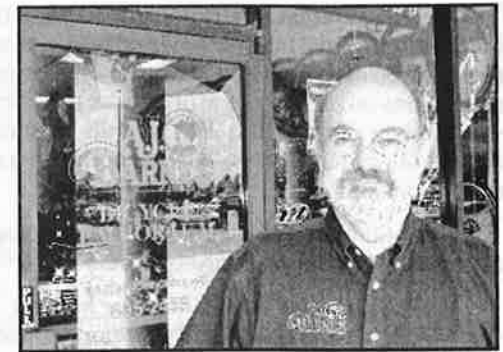
- a) when the bike lane is clear
- b) when the car has slowed to bicycle speed
- c) never

5. True or false: Two bicyclists may ride side by side, except when doing so would impede the flow of traffic.

- a) true b) false

6. When a bicyclist is occupying too much space for a motorist to share the lane, the proper passing procedure is to:

- a) honk and pass as closely and quickly as possible.
- b) stay behind the cyclist until the cyclist moves out of the lane.
- c) pass in the same way you would use when passing a car, moving into the next lane when the traffic is clear.



Michael Gottesman, owner of A.J. Barnes Bicycle Emporium in Bloomingdale Square, is an avid cyclist and serves on the board of the County's Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Council.

7. What bicycle safety equipment is required by Florida law when cycling at dusk or dark?

- a) headlight or flashing white light
- b) rear taillight
- c) rear reflector
- d) all of the above

8. When riding in the street, cyclists should always watch for

- a) parked car doors opening
- b) cars pulling out of driveways
- c) children and pets dashing into the street
- d) all of the above

9. Florida law requires that bicycle riders wear approved safety helmets until what age?

- a) 6 b) 16 c) 21

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## Bloomingdale Homeowners Association, Inc.

May 2000 meeting minutes (abridged)

•Secretary/Treasurer Pam Liguori called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm. The first order of business was resident comments. A resident inquired about whether or not deed restrictions cover the color of houses that are being painted. It was brought out that the BHA intends to initiate workshops around our older sections to review the covenants of the deed restrictions in force.

•Ken Clinton, a Bloomingdale resident for 4 years, was appointed to the BHA Board of Directors.

•LaWayne Wyatt, a BHA director for over 10 years, has relocated from Bloomingdale and therefore resigned from the board and as the Director of Mobile Watch.

•Bloomingdale Recreation Center Director Donna Clouse spoke on behalf of the Sheriff's Department regarding the possibility of having an on-site resident Deputy in Park West. The Board approved it unanimously.

•Discussion was held about the possibility of having the Park West Rec Center renamed the Stephanie Culbertson Recreation Center in honor of Ms. Culbertson, who died in a tragic accident on Bloomingdale Avenue last year.

•The Board voted to donate \$250 to the Campo Family YMCA currently being built on Culbreath and Bloomingdale Avenue.

•There was a suggestion to allow a dog park to be built on the Park and Rec's new facility on Natures Way next to Alafia Elementary.

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