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GAZETTE CHANGES

(No more "Mr. Nice Guy")

Well, Wendy Neuhoff (Mr. Nice Guy) is happily ensconced in Pennsylvania and I have become the new Gazette editor--by default...no one else volunteered. For the sake of efficiency and my sanity some changes will have to be made.

The major changes have to be in the distribution system. When this paper was started, fifty copies were printed each time. Right now we are up to 700--and still growing! A few people have been delivering a lot of newspapers...and some very new areas haven't even gotten an issue yet. I need residents to volunteer to deliver on the street where they live. Then I'll need a "head" for each section (Estates, Suarez, Hallmark, East A and B, etc.). I would drop off papers to these heads and they would drop their share off at the volunteer for each street. A street without a volunteer is a street without papers....no more Mr. Nice Guy. I cannot distribute on top of writing, typing, taking ads, etc.--Nor can I ask present distributors to take on more houses.

Therefore, we need to reorganize--and we need volunteers to do it. All you have to do is once a month put a copy of the Gazette at your neighbor's front door...it takes very little time and effort and it helps spread local information and friendship.

I welcome any and all articles, ads, information, club dates, etc. for the paper. I won't be calling you for them but the deadline will be published in the paper and all you have to do is drop it by my home before that time (if I'm not home just stick it inside the screen door)...or call. The paper will come out at the first of the month (starting in September) and will be a convenient vehicle for topical articles, sales, etc.

I will be up north for about three weeks and unavailable for calls but after August 12th would welcome an onslaught of volunteers, information, ads, etc. The next deadline is 25 August at 6pm--and, hopefully, the September issue will be on each front door by the first...if not sooner.

THANK YOU.

Hanni
Cahill



BHA on LABOR DAY



BHA and the Brandon Balloon Rally

Dave Jacques has agreed to be the Chairman of the Balloon Rally committee. Two slots and Coke trailers have been reserved so now what we need are volunteers to work in the booths and sell Cokes. Last year people signed up for 2 hour timeslots. This event is Labor Day weekend and had a LARGE crowd last year. It was a super money-maker for the organization (and the ol' treasury could really use some funds this year) PLUS it was FUN. Call Dave at 681-6785 to sign up for a time slot!!!!

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NARNI'S NOTES

Taken at the BHA General Membership
Meeting held 21 June

We did not have enough members present to provide a quorum so we could not "bring the meeting to order". However, Don Luke did give us a status report on special issues and we all exchanged information that I'll share with you.

Mr. Anderson, our legal counsel, is awaiting the rewritten documents from Criterion lawyers so he can see what suggested changes have been accepted. When asked why we have taken on the costly legal fees, Don replied "because the general membership asked us to try and negotiate a suitable contract--one that will be good for all home owners in the development". Don also let us know that the Board has been in touch with "Spud" Clemments for additional STD (Special Taxing District) information.

The trees mentioned in past issues will be available this fall instead of this summer--more news when a date is set up.

Jane Luke returned the \$35 BHA had allocated for a fingerprinting kit since parents can now have their children fingerprinted locally at stores and volunteer booths.

Plaques were presented to Mike Carricato, Sandi Neubig and Wendy Neuhoff (outgoing BHA treasurer, secretary and Gazette editor) 'in appreciation for their time, energy and guidance'.

Two Board positions will be open through the Nov. General Elections and if you are interested in being on the Board, contact Maryon Marsh (685-1843)


There are to be NO rollerskates, bikes, or skateboards on the tennis courts. There is a notice posted to this effect at the courts. Kids can go on the other courts--but tennis courts are very expensive to resurface and wheels ruin them.

The elections in November will be for 6 positions...the only prerequisites are BHA membership and an interest in the community. We could use some NEW faces and NEW ideas!!!! Again, contact Maryon Marsh.

Two chairmen are needed for the Labor Day weekend Coke stands at the Balloon Rally and for the annual BHA Garage Sale. See separate 'blurbs' on these in this issue.

The next General Membership meeting is Tuesday, 19 July, at 8pm.



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A Chairman is needed to organize the BHA GARAGE SALE which usually has been held in October. The Chairman collects the donations from Bloomingdale residents in his/her garage, sets up publicity. Volunteers help with sorting + pricing prior to the sale and with selling on THE day. This has been a good money maker for BHA and provides a super reason to clean out closets etc. CANT YOU HELP??

Florida Checklist for July

- **Azaleas and camellias**—Since these ornamentals are developing flowerbuds for next year's blooms, be sure to keep them well watered. Otherwise, the buds may drop or develop improperly.
- **Citrus**—Lemons, limes, and calamondin oranges sometimes develop a rot at the blossom end of the fruit during the summer. The problem first appears as a water-soaked discolored area, but it may spread over the entire lower half of the fruit. Later, the area softens and decay sets in. This condition is related to moisture level and fertility of the soil. So avoid too much fertilizer and water.
- **Houseplants**—Here's how to help houseplants survive while you're on vacation. Water them well, and let drain. Then cover the plants with clear-plastic bags, and place away from direct sun. Do not seal the bags; just let them fall loosely around the base of the pots. Since the bags help decrease the amount of water that evaporates from the soil and foliage, your plants should stay moist for at least two weeks.
- **Roses**—Prune roses late this month or in August to encourage a good crop of fall flowers. Don't delay past the middle of August, as pruning too late will delay flowering. To prune, remove 4 to 6 inches of each main stem. Then feed with rose fertilizer according to label directions, or apply ¼ cup of 10-10-10 per plant.
- **Vegetables**—Nights with high temperatures may cause blooms to drop from bush beans, peppers, and tomatoes. When the heat breaks, the plants will again hold their blossoms. In the meantime, reduce some of the effects of the heat by watering regularly and applying a 3-inch layer of mulch.
- **Mower injury**—Tree trunks nicked with the lawnmower need immediate treatment. Remove the damaged bark with a chisel, scraping down to healthy wood. Then to protect the wound from insects and diseases, paint the exposed wood and edges of the bark with several coats of orange shellac.
- **Mulch**—Since mulch rapidly decomposes in the warm, humid Florida weather, it needs frequent replenishing. For effective weed control, the layer should be about 3 inches thick. Good mulching materials include pine straw, shredded pine bark, and compost.

Summer Lawn Care

Hot weather takes its toll on lawns. Your best defenses against damage are proper watering and mowing.

Watering: Florida lawns need about an inch of water each week. During those times when rainfall doesn't supply this amount, you'll need to do it. Weekly watering is a good guide, but grass that shows signs of water stress needs more frequent watering. If the sides of the grass blades fold or curl in late afternoon and footprints remain after you walk across the lawn, water within 24 hours even if you did only 3 days before. As with weekly watering, supply an inch with each application.

Sandy soil absorbs water quickly, but if you apply too much water all at once, it will run off. The same conditions may occur on steep slopes. In these special situations, you may need to water at 15-minute intervals spaced 45 minutes apart.

Mowing: Raise the cutting height of your lawnmower ½ to 1 inch during summer. The longer blades will provide a little extra shade for the roots of the grass. Thick turf also acts as insulation, helping retain moisture. Maintain common St. Augustine at about 3 inches tall, hybrid selections at 2 to 2½ inches. Keep common Bermuda at 2 to 2½ inches and the hybrids at 1 to 1½ inches. *LBT.*

■ **Lawns**—This is the month in all portions of the state to fertilize Bermuda grass lawns. South Florida gardeners also need to feed St. Augustine. For both types of grasses, apply 6 pounds of 16-4-8 or similar fertilizer per 1,000 square feet of area. Apply when rain is predicted, or thoroughly water the lawn after feeding. Use a drop-type spreader to ensure even distribution.

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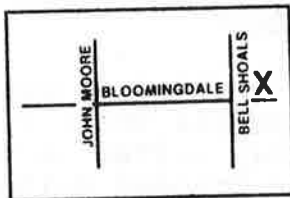
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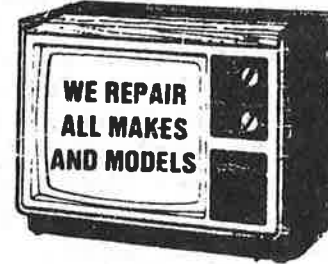
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We are meeting Monday, 11 July at Sue Mulzer's house to learn the art of fabric stenciling. Sue and Pam Johnson will show us how- There will be a small fee to cover the cost of materials. The meeting starts at 8pm--3810 Orangepoint in Bloomingdale East.

THERE WILL BE NO MEETING IN AUGUST!!! Look in next Gazette for September meeting details. Have a super summer.



ALOHA SPINACH SALAD

- 1½ to 2 lbs. fresh spinach
- 8 slices bacon, fried, diced
- 2 cans Mandarin oranges
- 6 green onions, sliced
- 3 C. bean sprouts

Wash spinach and discard any tough stems. Drain leaves and pat dry with clean towel. Wrap in a clean towel and refrigerate at least one hour. Fry bacon until crisp and drain on paper towels. Drain and chill oranges. Slice green onions, using good tops. Wash and drain bean sprouts. Layer spinach, sprouts, oranges, onions and bacon at time of serving. Pour on dressing and toss.

ALOHA SALAD DRESSING

- 1 C. salad oil
- ¼ C. vinegar
- 1/3 C. Catsup
- 2/3 C. sugar
- 1 Small onion, finely chopped
- Salt to taste

Mix the above in pint jar & refrigerate until needed. Shake.

Marty Davis,

Brandon Newcomers
Club Member



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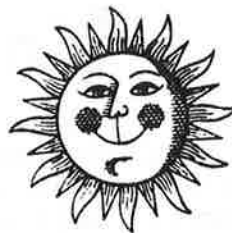
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to REMEMBER

11 July - Craft Club 8p.m.

19 July * BHA General Membership Meeting 8pm

20 July - Brandon Newcomers Club Coffee - 10AM

16 Aug * BHA General Membership Meeting 8pm

21 Aug. "Beat the Heat" run - 7:30AM

25 August. SCHOOL STARTS

25 August. Gazette Deadline ☺

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NOMINATIONS FOR THE BOARD

Nominations for the BHA Board of Directors are now open for 6 positions. Each term is for 2 years. The elections will be held at the November '83 General Membership meeting. Contact Maryon Marsh at 685-1843.

Nominations for 2 vacant Board positions are also open. The terms are from July to November. Voting will be at the July meeting to fill the 2 vacant positions. If interested call Maryon at 685-1843.

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Thank you.

Nanni Cahill
Gazette Editor

Our deadline for the Sept. issue is 25 Aug.

