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The grass at Windsor Woods had not been mowed as of May 10. By presstime, it was hoped that the County would be helping out.

Criterion--Going, going...gone.

BY SUSAN L. DELUCA

Criterion...A name spoken frequently in Bloomingdale, is no longer around according to former employee Susan Meitz. "Criterion is basically being abandoned, they have not filed for bankruptcy."

Criterion Corp., although not a landowner or developer in Bloomingdale since 1984, still remained a potent force in this community as a management company before its recent abandonment. Serving for groups such as Bloomingdale Partners, Pine Grove Associates, Bloomingdale Woods Limited Partnership and the Bloomingdale Ridge and Erin Arbor Homeowners Association, Criterion made sure that the dues were collected and the grass mowed within specific sections of this subdivision.

But when the grass hadn't been mowed since May 10, the residents began to worry. When led by Bloomingdale Resident Carl Stickeler, the Fox Run and The Greens community came together to solve their problem with the help of the Bloomingdale Special Taxing District (STD). Beginning with a "mowing party," the residents cleaned up. "We have had 22 people show up to pull weeds and trim hedges. You don't know how good it makes me feel to see people chipping in and helping," Stickeler said.

Erin Arbor, Windsor Woods, Fox Run, and The Greens were all under the management of Criterion when the company was abandoned. Criterion assessed the residents in the area for dues which were then used for common area maintenance. The difference in cost between what was collected and what was necessary was made up by the builder/developer. The mechanism by which these areas could be assessed is written into the deed restrictions for each section.

Erin Arbor, based on negotiations with the STD, had



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previously been pulled into the STD budget to become part of the common area maintenance and no longer required the funds of the developer/builder to maintain its section. According to the property manager for the STD, Bobby Cole, "the STD will agree to maintain an area when there is enough assessment money available to meet the cost of maintenance." Erin Arbor had met that requirement.

On the other hand neither Fox Run/The Greens nor the Windsor Woods area meet this requirement. "Currently, Windsor Woods assessments are at about \$6,500 while the cost to maintain the area is approximately \$12,600," said Cole.

For an in-depth look at the differences between the BHA, STD and Master Associations, see page 4.

Carl Stickeler said about the same held true for the Fox Run/The Greens development: "Right now the STD is receiving \$6,960 for the 87 lots here, but the annual budget to maintain Bloomingdale Ridge [Fox Run/The Greens] is about \$27,000." Stickeler went on to say that the residents of the area have met and are making progress in helping themselves solve their problem.

"The STD was very gracious. They have agreed to help us out for one month while we sort this all out."

Stickeler said that on

June 18, 24 families (out of 37 total) were represented at a meeting in which three committees were formed: Finance (Ron Peterson, Bill Kohler, and Tom Abrado); Collections (Sharon Earl, Sharon Harper, and Steve Hall); and Beautification (made up of the rest of the residents).

But they are not out of the woods yet. With over 28% delinquencies at \$95 each, the Bloomingdale Ridge area needs every penny of this to maintain itself because the funds are gone that had been previously collected. Local residents state they haven't paid their Bloomingdale Ridge Homeowners assessment because they feel they are being double taxed, or they have received too many unclear statements, or just due to uncertainty. Meanwhile the residents will be coming up with a plan of action to be presented to the STD at the next public meeting scheduled for July 8.

On the other hand, Windsor Woods does not currently have an assessment mechanism to assess and maintain itself. Due to this, Peter Aluotto, President of the STD, has been in contact with Hillsborough County and the county was to cut the grass in front of Windsor Woods during the week of July 1.

Although faced with knee-high grass and an uncertain maintenance solution, the residents seem optimistic regarding the future. "It's a short-term problem; we should have a resolution soon," said Stickeler.

It is time for the 2nd Annual BHA GOLF CLASSIC!

BY BILL POVILUS, Chairman, BHA Golf Classic

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WHAT:
2nd Annual BHA Golf Classic

WHEN:
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TIME:
8:30 a.m.

WHERE:
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2nd Annual BHA Golf Classic

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 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
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 Closed at noon July 8-12

IMPORTANT COMMUNITY MEETINGS

All meetings take place at Bloomingdale Community Office (map on left). These are public meetings and all Bloomingdale Residents invited.

SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT MEETING
 Monthly Meeting: Second Monday the month at 8 p.m.

BHA BOARD OF DIRECTORS
 Monthly Meeting: Second Tuesday the month at 7:30 p.m.

BHA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
 The next meeting will be in September.

BLOOMINGDALE OAKS SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT MEETING
 Monthly Meeting: First Thursday of the month at 7 p.m.

Meetings for Mobile Watch & Neighborhood Watch are on a per neighborhood basis. Watch this listing for dates & time.

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 _____ STD Board of Trustees
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PEOPLE

Can you keep a secret?

By LIZ FOX

The eighth-grade class of history teacher Debbie Buono CAN.

It was a special day at Burns Junior High School. Buono had left her classroom to observe a new instructor.

Her students took advantage of that time.

Unbeknownst to her, student Caroline Hellman had seen a request in an area newspaper calling for "history teacher of the year" nominations for the Alafia chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution.

The class wrote a letter stating they had a better un-

derstanding of American history because of their teacher.

"She's cool and she makes history a lot of fun," read the letter in part.

During that special class, instigator Caroline not only had her classmates sign the letter, but got the required signature of another teacher—the department director who was watching the class in Buono's absence.

The class submitted the application and letter, and Buono won.

The teacher learned of the news when she was invited to the Alafia chapter's

meeting to receive her award this year. She said the class thought it was great that they "snuck one by me."

Debra, who prefers Debbie, will start her fifth year at Burns in the fall, after teaching in Long Island. She is married to Tom Buono and the mother of Sean, almost 2, with whom she plans to spend a lot of time during her summer hiatus.

For hobbies, she plays in the Suncoast Soccer League and runs two miles daily to keep fit for the sport.

Buono is concerned that students don't try hard

enough and may be rewarded only for As and Bs.

"Students (along with everybody else) need to try to be successful," she advises parents. "Success is best measured (personally) by the amount of effort put into a job, class, etc. A sense of humor makes the job easier,

Debbie, Ron, and Sean Buono



encouraging a spirit of patriotism and loyal support for the Constitution and the United States of America."

Chapman said the Alafia chapter does not honor a teacher every year, never just to fill a slot. The more research members did on the four nominees for the award, she added, the more convinced they became that Debbie Buono was a very special person.

Chris Steele--Awesome RAK

By MICHAEL WATKINS

As I was sitting here one day reading the Bloomingdale Gazette I began to ponder the thought of how I received the publication instead of just taking its deliverance for granted.

I decided to delve deeper into that puzzling question by finding who was responsible for the distribution of our newspaper. It led me to an interesting scoop.

I traced the delivery back to a small "corporation" called Rent-A-Kid.

Interestingly enough, Rent-A-Kid is not just responsible for the delivery of the Gazette, but also the various fliers and coupons that we find on our doorknobs.

I was fortunate enough to have the opportunity to meet one of the Gazette's



CHRIS STEELE

top-notch Rent-A-Kid participants through Gazette distribution manager Anita Thompson. I traveled to a beautiful home in Bloomingdale West, where I had the pleasure of meeting Chris Steele and his family.

Chris first became a part of Rent-A-Kid after seeing an ad in the Gazette that called for help with the paper's delivery.

He started as a substitute, but became a permanent member after another delivery boy quit.

And now two years later he's still delivering the Gazette and other fliers at least three times a month to our homes.

But Chris credits his family for helping him with the paper's distribution. His parents, Jennifer and Bob, and sisters, Lindsay and Casey, all play an important role in helping him deliver this publication.

"It brings us closer as a family because we all get in the car and help him," says his mom.

Chris relates the need for spending money and a chance to do something for becoming involved with the Rent-A-Kid system.

With 100 houses on his route, Chris says he gets the

exercise that he needs.

He works whenever he can, and says that the opportunity is there whenever he wants to deliver.

His parents also feel Rent-A-Kid is good for Chris.

"It teaches him responsibility at a young age and that is good for him", says his father.

When Chris is not busy wearing the tread off his sneakers delivering the Gazette, he enjoys athletics, citing basketball and baseball as his favorites.

He's also an avid walker, enjoying two-mile hikes with the company of his mother.

Some day he hopes to play baseball or be a doctor but, for now, Chris is a 12-year-old honors student at Progress Village Sixth Grade Center.

He recently was a Hillsborough County Storytelling Contest Finalist and plans to remain a major factor in the Rent-A-Kid system and, if the opportunity presents itself, to mow lawns this summer.

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What is the Bloomingdale Homeowners Association, the Special Taxing District, and Master Associations?

BY SUSAN L. DELUCA

Abbreviations used in this article...

BHA: Bloomingdale Homeowners Association, Inc.

STD: Bloomingdale Special Taxing District

MHOA: Master homeowners association

Each of the above exist as independent entities within Bloomingdale although some have overlapping definitions and responsibilities.

WHO CAME FIRST

The BHA came first in 1979. It was started by the first group of residents who were concerned about the increase in crime. From this initial concern came the BHA to oversee the community, the Mobile Watch as a crime deterrent and *The Bloomingdale Gazette* as a source of communication. Currently, the Mobile Watch is a committee of the BHA and the *Gazette* is another corporation whose stock is held by the BHA. (The *Gazette* is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the BHA.) The BHA is also responsible for the Bloomingdale Community Office although other organizations in Bloomingdale use it for meetings, also.

The BHA is a non-profit 501(c)4 corporation that is run by a 15-member board of directors elected in November. The dues are currently being assessed at \$10 every six months and are strictly on a voluntary basis.

The BHA is considered the main "voice" of Bloomingdale and tends to keep track of everything and all other organizations within the community. It acts as liaison with local governments while accepting its charter

tax monies through the county, so technically it is an extension of county government. Through Ad Valorem taxes, \$80 per year is collected by the county tax assessor's office per house and then deposited into bank

are built into the deed restrictions in some of the sections in Bloomingdale.

To explain this further: The legal description for all of Bloomingdale is "Bloomingdale Subdivision, Section ___." As an example,

DIFFERENCES COMPARED	Bloomingdale Homeowners Association	Bloomingdale Special Taxing Dist*	Master Homeowners Associations
Receives voluntary dues	yes	no	no
Receives tax monies	no	yes	no
Cost per year	\$20	\$80	\$90-\$150
Residents can choose to not pay	yes	no	no
Is paid by all residents	yes	yes	no
Performs maintenance duties	no	yes	yes
Has more than one function	yes	no	yes
Board totally resident/volunteers	yes	yes	no
Board has builder representatives	no	no	yes
Enforces deed restrictions	no	no	yes
Assists County Code enforcement	yes	no	no
Residents have a say where \$ is spent	yes	yes	sometimes
Approximate yearly budget	\$20,000	\$322,000	Varies

*Does not include Bloomingdale Oaks

of existing to protect the common welfare of the community.

In December, 1985, the BHA created the STD at the request of the Bloomingdale Residents.

NEXT CAME THE STD

The STD is the maintenance arm of Bloomingdale. This entity is overseen by Hillsborough County government and is strictly governed by their rules. Even though this is a volunteer organization run by Bloomingdale Residents, it collects

accounts set up by the STD. The STD's seven-member board of trustees use this money to do most of the maintenance in Bloomingdale. They don't do the areas whose majority ownership is a builder or developer (such as the undeveloped areas of Bloomingdale South). Wall painting, landscaping, mowing, entrance reconstruction and signs are just part of their responsibilities.

The BHA created the STD because of the MHOA's in Bloomingdale. MHOA's

Section U/V is Fox Run and The Greens. Section D is in Bloomingdale Estates. Section BB is River Crossing area, etc. And each section has its own set of deed restrictions. Some of these deed restrictions talk about a "Master Homeowners Association" or have a specific MHOA set up within their wording. Out of 52 sets of deed restrictions, about 1/3 have MHOA language in them. Examples of specific setups are Bloomingdale Ridge Homeowners Association (Fox Run and The

Greens); Erin Arbor Homeowners Association; and River Crossing Homeowners Association.

The purpose of MHOA's is to self-assess homes to pay for maintenance of their areas only and other uses as defined by their individual boards (such as deed restriction enforcement). They receive no funding from taxes or Hillsborough County. The developer sets these up before the first home is bought, assesses each homeowner when they move in and then continues to assess them yearly. Residents who are subject to this pay both the STD \$80 tax plus the fee assessed by their builder. This is not all bad. The STD fees pay for all of Bloomingdale which affect every property owner's investment. Those residents who also pay MHOA dues usually receive extra benefits, such as the recreation area in Pine Grove Condominiums, or the ability to enforce deed restrictions by the MHOA. While the board of directors of the STD and BHA are made up of volunteer residents, the initial boards of the MHOA are made up of the builder's representatives until such a time as the residents outnumber the builder's lots and then the control shifts.

At one time there was no way at all to pay for all of the maintenance of the Bloomingdale Subdivision except for the less than 500 homes

that had MHOA language their deed restrictions. This meant that the few who had to pay for the maintenance of the majority at incredibly high rates; or rely on volunteer donations from the rest to make up the difference. Since this was impractical, the STD's were formed.

One handles all Bloomingdale East, West, South, and Estates while second, Bloomingdale Oaks STD, maintains the Bloomingdale Oaks portion on (Although the Oaks is a part of the BHA, it has a separate STD.)

By assessing everyone equally at \$80, everyone shared the burden of maintenance cost and, for the most part, the MHOA's were dissolved or abandoned by the developer/builder. The ones that remain are currently active and encompass less than 10% of Bloomingdale.

TO SUM IT UP

The BHA oversees all Bloomingdale as a "quasi-government," the STD does the maintenance, and a few sections have MHOA's which do both of the above plus other functions that the residents decide. All Bloomingdale has the BHA and the STD. While only few residents have MHOA's too.

The new budget for the STD is in and tops over \$322,000 for the year

By PETER ALLUOTTO
President
Special Taxing District

There is much work to be done within the Bloomingdale Special Taxing District. There is maintenance of many miles of rights of way, lawn and landscape fertilization, weeding, pest control and irrigation.

There is repair and replacement of lighting fixtures, replacement of stolen district property and occasional vandalism.

And then there are improvements. Trees, landscaping, lighting, park improvements, ponds, entrances and signs are needed. To accomplish this some of the work, The Bloomingdale Board of Trustees has adopted a \$332,250 budget for FY 92. The following is a brief explanation of where the district's funds come from and where they go:

REVENUES
Approximately 2/3 of next year's budget will come from current assessments which are levied at the rate of \$80 per improved residential property or unit. This includes apartment

houses as well as single-family homes within the district.

Based upon a projected unit count of 2790 and allowing for timely payment discounts, FY 92 assessments are expected to generate about \$216,504. To this figure, \$5,000 of projected interest income is added and 5 percent of the combined amount (\$11,075) is subtracted as required by law.

This amount, together with \$121,821 of projected carryover and reserve funds, yields a total anticipated FY 92 income of \$332,250.00.

EXPENSES-OPERATING

The largest single operating expense, coming in at \$106,000 or about 1/3 of the budget, is maintenance and repair.

Unlike years past, sub-accounts of line-item 30.46 have been added which better identify these costs. Wall painting is budgeted at \$15,000 which reflects the board's present policy of painting 1/3 of the walls each year.

Mowing, weeding, feeding and pest control, which is performed by an outside contractor, is budgeted for \$85,000. This increase reflects the cost of assuming control over additional rights

of way such as Erin Arbor. Performance bonds have been included in the budget to protect the district against incomplete or improperly performed work.

Finally, \$5,000 has been allocated for general repairs such as the replacement of stolen plants, broken light fixtures, lenses, cables, sprinkler heads, timers, etc.

The next largest expense is contract services. Bloomingdale enjoys the services of a property administrator whose responsibilities include preparing bid specifications, supervising other contractors, performing routine maintenance, attending board meetings, preparing monthly reports, etc. Also included in this line item are trash removal and dumpster rental which are also handled on a contract basis. New for next year is an additional \$3,000 for a part-time secretary. The job of the secretary will be to record, transcribe and distribute the minutes of the meetings, prepare correspondence, and assist the trustees with copying, filing, telephone and other clerical tasks.

Legal and Accounting services have been included at their historical rates as have all the remaining line-

items with the exception of utilities, rentals and office supplies. Utilities, rentals and office supplies have been increased because the Board anticipates a need for more space in the coming years. Hence, funds for renting and furnishing an office have been included in the budget.

EXPENSES-CAPITAL

Approximately 1/4 of the budget or \$81,650 has been allocated to capital improvements. Some of these funds will be used to complete Phase II of the Pulte fence replacement in Section J with the community standard concrete block buffer wall. Phase I of this project is expected to begin this summer. Wall specifications have been developed and the funds appropriated. A request for an assignment of rights to alter the fence has been made of Pulte Home Corporation and the preliminary indication is that such assignment will be forthcoming shortly.

Additional funds will be used to upgrade and improve the community entrances. Listed in Schedule. The improvements will consist largely of tree planting, mulch and sod replacement, irrigation and electrical service.

Finally, \$10,000 has been budgeted for the improvement of Park East and Park West. Although these parks are owned and operated by Hillsborough County, the board of trustees has taken the position that something must be done to encourage the county to invest its limited capital resources in our parks. Consequently, the board has offered to match the Hillsborough County Parks Department on a dollar for dollar basis up to \$10,000 for new equipment and children's play apparatus. The terms of this offer stipulate that the County's match must be above and beyond its normal maintenance expense. The concept is to leverage County funds, not merely to substitute District funds. Hence, the budgeted funds will only be spent if matched by Hillsborough County. The opinions of the community will be solicited prior to any expenditure commitments. Watch these pages for further information.

EXPENSES NON-OPERATING

The budget transfer line-items amounting to \$9210 are fixed by law. These fees cover county expenses associated with the billing, collection, and transfer of

District assessments.

Similarly, the Elections Fee is reserved for the conduct of an election should an election be necessary.

The purpose of the reserve accounts is to provide for the repair, replacement or addition of major capital assets. Two such assets are the District's buffer walls and a comprehensive irrigation system. Each of these has been budgeted for \$12,500. These amounts will be adjusted in coming years based upon a more elaborate reserve study. Finally, a reserve for contingencies has been established to cover any unexpected problems which might occur during the year. Taken in combination with the 3 percent discount allowance and the mandatory 5 percent uncollectable allowance, the Bloomingdale Special District has more than ample protection against unexpected or unforeseen circumstances.

QUESTIONS?

The STD Board of Trustees meets on the second Monday of every month at the Bloomingdale Community Office

The STD's need YOU to be a trustee

Trustee positions on the Bloomingdale Special Taxing District Board for both the Bloomingdale STD and Bloomingdale Oaks STD are up for election on September 10. The boards consist of seven trustees with half the positions open for election each year. Four seats are available in the Bloomingdale Oaks STD and three for the Bloomingdale STD.

Nancy Barrs, administrative assistant for the supervisor of elections, explained that any resident of the district who is a registered voter may run for election. The term is two years, beginning October 1.

Qualifying papers are available now from her office. A phone call to her office at 272-5850 will put a packet in the mail to any interested resident. The packet includes a form verifying who you are and where you reside. There is also a petition form requiring at least 15 signatures for the Bloomingdale STD and 7 signatures for the Bloomingdale Oaks STD of residents who are registered voters.

Filing must be done by noon on July 26. Ms. Barrs suggested filing several days before the deadline. The petition signatures must be verified as registered voters; any disqualifications could still be made up before the deadline. She also stressed that anyone filing even one minute late would not be accepted. The forms may be hand delivered or mailed to the office.

If only the seats-available candidates file they will be declared elected at noon July 26. If there are more, the election will be held September 10, the same date as the first primary election.

STD trustee positions are volunteer.

Bloomingdale's eyesore gets overhaul

By PAM PULLEY

A concrete wall may soon replace a community fence erected nearly 10 years ago by the Pulte Home Corp. in Bloomingdale East, said Peter Aloutto, president of the Bloomingdale Special Taxing District.

The .5-mile wall would span the northern part of the district in Bloomingdale East, run south to Springvale Road and travel left on Nature's Way, Aloutto said.

The phase 1 stretch should cost \$78,000, he said. A second phase would extend the wall up to another 1/4 mile.

"(The Special Taxing District) started reserving funds several years ago," Aloutto said.

The developer is not ultimately responsible for replacing the wood fence, dilapidated in some areas, because the original deed restrictions did not rule that mandatory community walls be built of concrete, Aloutto said.

Construction may begin in late July or early August, the STD executive, speculated, when Pulte transfers the assignment of rights to the board.

"The deed restrictions say that only the developer can alter the fence," Aloutto said.

Some 120 homes are surrounded by the existing fence, Aloutto said.

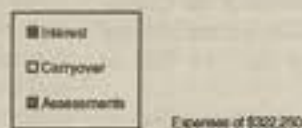
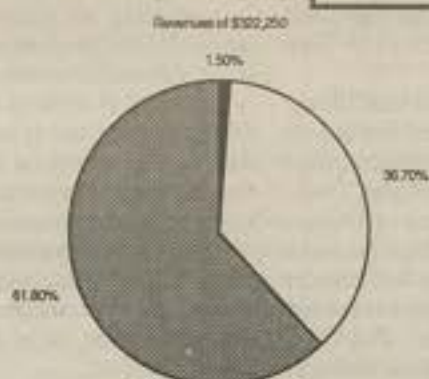
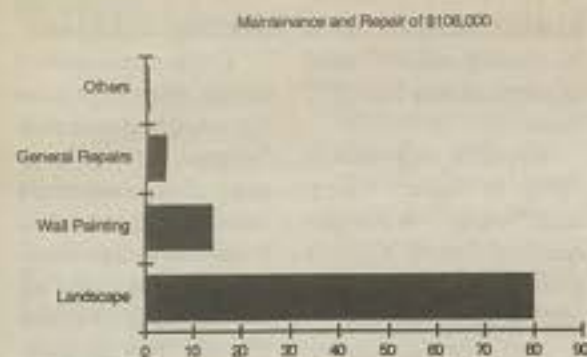
"Some parts don't look too bad. In other areas, boards are broken, parts are leaning...." he added.

The goal is for Bloomingdale community walls to be concrete, under 6-foot tall and painted Navajo white.

Bloomingdale Special Taxing District Budget Proposal for Fiscal Year 1991-1992

REVENUES	
Assessments: \$80 x 2790 homes x 97%	216,504
Interest Earnings	5,000
Gross Revenues	221,504
Less 5% required by law	11,075
TOTAL Anticipated Revenue	332,250
EXPENDITURES: OPERATING	
Legal	10,000
Accounting	6,000
Contract Services	28,920
Property Manager	22,500
Secretary	3,000
Trash Removal	2,520
Dumpster	900
Travel and Per Diem	500
Communications	300
Utilities	10,000
Rentals and Leases	7,500
Insurance	400
Surety Bonds	150
Property & Casualty	250
Repair and Maintenance	106,000
Wall Painting	15,000
Mowing, Weeding, Pest Control	85,000
Performance Bonds	1,000
General Repairs	5,000
Printing and Binding	350
Other Charges	875
Legal Advertisements	725
DCA Fee	150
Office Supplies	1,709
Operating Supplies	100
TOTAL Operating Expenses	172,654
CAPITAL OUTLAY	
Improvements Other Than Buildings	81,650
Landscaping	43,650
Buffer Wall Phase II	28,000
Park Matching Funds	10,000
TOTAL Capital Outlay	81,650
NON-OPERATING	
Budget Transfers	9,210
Property Appraiser Fee	4,330
Tax Collector Fee	4,330
Elections Fee	550
Reserves	68,736
Reserves: Irrigation	28,595
Reserves: Walls	28,596
Reserves: Contingency	11,545
TOTAL Non-Operating	77,946
TOTAL Appropriations	332,250
TOTAL Anticipated Revenue	332,250

STD Budget Charts



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EDITORIAL

All this and more for only 5¢ a day

By TONY INTERDONATO
Chairman, BHA Membership Committee

I have been living with my family in Bloomingdale since June of 1988. In the past three years I have been very happy with our choice to move here from Temple Terrace.

Our neighbors are terrific, our boys' schools are excellent and the overall quality of life is outstanding. It is a clean, safe, pleasant community to live in.

Recently, I was voted to the board of directors of the Homeowners Association and I now head up the membership committee.

I am a little concerned in the lack of support of the association by the residents of Bloomingdale.

Currently, there are approximately 900 members out of the 3,100 homes we have with our borders. That means that less than one-third of all the homeowners in Bloomingdale care enough to pay their dues or participate in BHA-sponsored activities.

I find this to be completely inexplicable and unacceptable. The dues were just recently increased to \$20 a year. This is the first increase in seven years.

Maybe the 9,000 or so homeowners who find this small amount of money too much for them to handle should be made aware of a few facts about their community and the BHA in general.

First of all, Blooming-

dale is a relatively upscale development compared to the other communities surrounding us. Most of the families living here are upper-middle class with a median age of 38, a combined household income of \$53,000 and an average home price of \$137,500.

Usually, the husband and wife both work and on average have two children, two cars and a mortgage. The dues which seem to be exorbitant to some average out to five cents a day. What do these dues pay for? The following is only a partial list:

BLOOMINGDALE MOBILE WATCH—This organization is staffed by volunteers who donate three hours a month to patrol our neighborhood to make the

streets safe for you and your children and to protect your property.

Ever wonder why Bloomingdale consistently has the lowest crime rate in Hillsborough County month after month, according to Sheriff's Office statistics? **MOBILE WATCH** has a lot to do with it and the group could always use more volunteers.

BLOOMINGDALE COMMUNITY OFFICE—This office provides the behind-the-scenes support to all of our organizations and activities.

It provides both a meeting place for various committees and community functions as well as a centralized location to obtain assistance with code enforcement, lost children and

pets, and grievances against builders and developers.

THE BLOOMINGDALE GAZETTE—This newspaper is one of the most well-read, highly respected community newspapers in the county. It provides residents of Bloomingdale with today's headlines as they pertain to our community, it gives local businesses a chance to advertise to their target market at a fraction of the cost of the larger papers and it keeps us informed of family activities that are taking place in Bloomingdale such as our annual picnic, fun run, flea market, circus and golf tournament.

These are just three of the many benefits that your annual homeowner dues go toward. I'll be the first to admit that times are tough for everyone financially and that the economy is in bad shape.

When things are bad is usually the time most people look for value in their purchasing power.

Considering all of the good that the BHA does in adding to our quality of life

and protecting our property values, is \$20 a year really going to alter anyone's way of life?

Maybe the better question is: If you cannot afford to pay five cents a day to help support Bloomingdale, how can you afford to live in Bloomingdale?

As for the rest of you who can afford it but keep forgetting or just have been too busy to take care of it, now is the time to correct past mistakes.

Put down this paper and go find your checkbook. Make your check payable to the Bloomingdale Homeowners Association.

Then drop it in the mail or bring it by our office in Bloomingdale Square next to Publix. Or to make it even easier for you, just call our office and I will personally come to your house to pick it up.

This way I can meet our newest members in person. Now, how's that for service?

EDITORIAL/LETTERS

LETTERS...

Deed restriction enforcement issue

DEAR EDITOR:
RE: Newspaper Article (5-22-91 The Tribune Co.) "Citizen Should Help Enforce Code Violation, Group Says"

We read with interest the above referred-to Tribune newspaper article. We congratulate your association for participating with and cooperating with the county officials in the enforcement of housing violations in making your area a better place to live in.

But our association, Defenders of Life and Property, Inc., was wondering if your association was aware that terrible wrong is being committed by the code enforcement board of the city and county governments.

It would be important for you to note that, today, the least defended liberties guaranteed by our constitution are those of life and property and that these are the two most important freedoms that we have.

If the government is permitted to take your property without due process and without just compensation, the next freedom you will lose will be your life and/or other personal liberties.

We would like to bring to your attention that the Florida statute 162 and Chapter 51 of the Municipal Code Enforcement Board are being interpreted and administered

by our city, county and state officials, as allowing them to take your private property without due process of law and without just compensation which goes against all the rights to property guaranteed by the 5th and 14th amendments of the Constitution of the United States of America and the Bill of Rights.

We would also like to bring to your attention the fact that the same interpretation of the Constitution in the taking of private property can also be interpreted as in the taking of life.

Currently, there are over 50,000 property owners in the city of Tampa and the county of Hillsborough who have lost or will lose their private property and/or homestead property due to the foreclosures of the Code Enforcement Board "lien orders".

If you multiply these figures by every city and county in the state of Florida you will realize that this issue is of great public importance and must be resolved if we are to continue to live in a free society with freedoms and liberties as provided for by the Constitution.

Each and every citizen of the United States of America has the responsibility and obligation to protect, defend, preserve and give strength to the freedoms and liberties provided by our Constitution.

If we don't stop this abuse by our government, then we will lose everything that our

great country stands for.

We will not get a second chance if we do not accept our responsibilities in this issue of great public importance.

We are not alone in our pursuit to the right to life and property, and in order to have a strong voice in our society and maintain our rights and freedoms we must all work together.

Some of our board members and myself would welcome the opportunity to furnish you Case Laws, Presidential Executive Orders, and United States Supreme Court Rulings that support the facts that we have stated in this letter: that City, County, and State Government are Taking Private Property Without Due Pro-

cess Of Law and Without Just Compensation.

We are the only organization incorporated in this country devoted to defend and protect and uphold the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

Presently, we are concentrating all of our efforts in protecting all citizens whose life and property are being violated and taken.

Our goal is to stand up and be counted and to help educate our society on the freedoms and liberties provided by our Constitution.

We will all be in a better position to take positive creative action if we are properly informed on "all of the issues" involved.

Emilio L. Ippolito,
Chairman of the Board

Commissioner Iorio responds to the BHA lawsuit

DEAR EDITOR:

I read with great interest the article in "The Bloomingdale Gazette" detailing the lawsuit between the county and your Homeowners Association and the ultimate decision rendered by Judge Evans.

I understand the concern in your community to keep standards high and insure that rules and regulations are followed. Our homes are, in most instances our largest investment, and it is important to all of us that our investments be protected.

When the issue of the five foot violation of the setback restriction by Atlantic Homes came before our board in 1989, it was a most difficult decision to make, primarily because our staff was not without culpability in the matter.

However, I write this letter to let you know that I appreciate the watch-dog nature of your association and understand why it was important to challenge our decision in court. I hope that you continue to watch over the activities of the county and let us know when you believe we have erred.

At our suggestion our county Administrator is exploring the possibility of developing a citizen volunteer group to assist the County in discovering code violations and other situations that need our attention at an early stage of development. If you believe this idea has merit, and/or if you would be willing to participate in such a project, I would welcome your comments.

Pam Iorio
County Commissioner

Reader concerned about "Advice" in column

DEAR EDITOR:

I am writing you in regard to "advice" offered by Robert J. Morris, C.P.A. in his Gazette column which appeared in your May 1991 issue.

One of his suggestions to "Help to finance college costs" was to "Put your current certificates of deposit in your children's names and identification numbers."

This approach is dangerous and, in my opinion, should never be recommended by any financial advisor!

As explanation of my position, I offer the following:

(1) The only way to "Put your C.D.s in your children's names..." is to "GIFT" those C.D.s to them. That GIFT is irrevocable. Once those dollars are in the name of a minor, the only control the parent legally retains is in the capacity as a "custodian" for the minor. That control ends when the child attains age 18.

The custodian may not subsequently "gift" those dollars to himself—or to anyone else. Any use of those dollars is subject to fiduciary accountability. The child could decide to "Gift" back the monies upon attaining age 18...

Withdrawals from that account—prior to the child's attainment of age 18—become taxable income to the custodian unless the custo-

dian can prove that the dollars were used solely for the benefit of the child who owns the account.

Further, those monies can not be used for items that could be classified as "normal parental support". (Some states would include college education as a standard support item. That position would allow the IRS to tax a withdrawal—from the custodial account—even when used for the minor's college tuition!)

(2) This "GIFT" requires the completion of a gift tax return if the amount involved exceeds \$10,000 per donee, per donor. This could ultimately be subjected to a gift tax. (The minimum tax rate imposed on gifts is 37% today...)

(3) In the event of the death of the minor, the "gifting" parent could lose the asset—in part or in whole—due to lawsuits, a divorced spouse's legal interests, etc.

Putting another person's name on your asset, for any purpose, can lead to a permanent loss of that asset. Such an action should never be taken without a thorough understanding of the potential for loss and an equally thorough examination of less risky alternatives.

Sincerely,
Tom Peterson

President's Perceptions

by RUSS LEMBKE
President
Bloomington Homeowners Association, Inc.

This month's President's Perceptions will focus on answering the questions brought to my attention in regard to raising the yearly dues from \$10 to \$20.

QUESTION:

I don't know why I am renewing my membership as the Association has been no help in supporting my efforts concerning speed and traffic on Bloomington Drive.

ANSWER:

The Bloomington Homeowners Association has been the main voice in attempts to control the traffic and speeding throughout all of Bloomington and most especially on Bloomington Drive.

Beginning with past president Mike Kelly, the County has been contacted, coerced, and con-

sistently addressed regarding this issue. Because of our efforts, the speed limit on Bloomington was reduced to 25 mph. The Sheriff has been consistently alerted regarding residential speeding and constantly tickets offenders. We have had the county traffic department out to count and survey EVERY car that travels on Bloomington. This survey showed us that almost ALL of the traffic on Bloomington is generated by the residents who live there and that very little is from "cut-through" traffic. We also found that it is your same neighbors that are doing the speeding. Because of the BHA's efforts, Bloomington Drive has been placed on the top 10 problem-residential streets in Hillsborough County. Therefore, if a solution to residential speeding is ever found by anyone, we'll be one of the first to benefit. We have also been instru-

mental in helping the county develop various plans of attack for residential traffic problems, such as the ideas of medians, speed bumps, walls, and other means. As you can see, we have been very active with this issue, but because it isn't solved yet is not a fault of the BHA's--instead it is due to the lack of a solution having been found by anyone.

QUESTION:

Why is the BHA assisting students with college? I don't feel this should be the responsibility of the BHA.

ANSWER:

The Charter of the BHA states that the organization exists to better the community. And what better way than to encourage the education of our own youngsters? Many people feel that if you live in Bloomington you can afford to send your child to college--this is not

necessarily so. Because of the economic levels of the parents here, students are less likely to qualify for scholarship monies or financial aid. With the rising cost of college, the little the BHA can assist with, the better our community will be as a whole.

QUESTION:

We hope this increase in dues will be put to better use, since in the last two weeks we have had over 40 gallons of gas, as well as a brand new spare tire valued at well over \$100 stolen from our pickup truck sitting in our driveway. I can't remember the last time we have seen a sheriff's car or any type of security vehicle patrolling our neighborhood. We feel we have received no benefits from the dues paid since we moved here two years ago. We see homes in various stages of disrepair, lawns unkempt, and no crime

watch whatsoever. We are definitely looking for some improvement since you have seen fit to raise the dues.

ANSWER:

Did you report the theft to the Sheriff's Department? If you did, you would be a rare person in Bloomington. According to Sheriff's Detective Jim Loftus, the majority of Bloomington's crime goes unreported. Although the BHA has brought this to the attention of all residents through this newspaper many times, this practice continues. If the crimes go unreported, the Sheriff's Department assumes all is well and decreases patrols. If you call to report crimes, the patrols are increased.

On the other hand, the crime rate in Bloomington is still the second lowest in Hillsborough County and that is due to our security patrol: the Bloomington Mobile Watch. But unfortunately, because of a lack of volunteers, this patrol is going down to only six nights per week. Not only is the Mobile Watch a true deterrent to crime, but they have

become the model for the Sheriff's Department for other areas. Are you an active member of the Mobile Watch? At only three hours per month, you can become part of the on-going check-mate against crime in Bloomington.

As to the unkempt lawns, have you called the Bloomington Community Office to report this? One time per week a County Code Enforcement Officer picks up violation reports and cites the property owners for long grass, junk cars, trash, and other unsightly problems.

Regarding the homes in disrepair, we currently have about 10 homes in Bloomington without active owners due to the recession. The County knows who they are (because of our working with them) and has been in touch with the banks regarding their upkeep.

Do you have other questions about the BHA? I would be more than willing to answer them in a future column.

LETTERS

LETTERS...

What to do about illegal dumping in Bloomington?

DEAR EDITOR:

There is an empty lot on the north side of the corner of Lornewood and Monte Lake Drive in Bloomington East. The lot was recently mowed but there remains a lot of overgrowth and heaps of grass clippings.

The lot is being used as a dump site for grass clippings by residents in the vicinity. Some residents, which can be named if requested by the Bloomington Homeowners Association, are dumping the clippings in large heaps right at the edge of the empty lot and my property at XXXX Monte Lake.

The clippings are very unsightly and cause an obstruction of run-off rain water along the edge of my yard. Additionally there has been a rat in my front yard, probably as a result of the clippings and overgrowth on the lot next door.

I am concerned about the possible health risk to my family and to neighbors. I'm also concerned about the ugly appearance of this mess.

I am requesting that: a) area residents be informed by the association not to dump grass clippings and other debris on this or any other empty

lot, b) that the owner of the lot have the lot completely cleared of debris and overgrowth right up to the edges of the property, and c) that the owner post a sign on the property stating that no dumping is allowed.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter and I

Teen expresses concern about water waste

DEAR EDITOR:

I have an editorial I would like you to write about in "The Bloomington Gazette." We have water restrictions here in Hillsborough County. Bloomington Square Shopping Center seems to water whenever they want, and when they do, they water the parking lot, not the grass. As a community, a county, a state, a country, a world, we should all be concerned with what's happening to our environment.

I hate to go to the shopping center when they're watering, and see all that wonderful water being wasted. It all goes on to the parking lot.

Hardly none of it goes into the grass. It's fine if

look forward to prompt resolution of this problem. Maj. Mark Chapin

This problem has been reported to County Code Enforcement. Let the Bloomington Community Office know if the situation has not been rectified.

they want to water the grass, but I wish they would fix the sprinklers so the water stayed on the grass, and off the parking lot.

Sincerely,
Andrea Maxfield
(age 15)

Immediately upon receipt of your letter, the BHA contacted the Paragon Group to notify them that there was a problem with their sprinkler system (which we understand has been rectified). Although the staff of the Gazette has not spoken with them personally, we know Paragon shares our appreciation of your concern for the environment and the water situation and thanks you for bringing the situation to their attention.

The widening of Bloomington Avenue

By PAM PULLEY

Long-awaited improvements to help ease the traffic congestion on Kings and Bloomington avenues are expected to get underway in the autumn, according to Hillsborough County officials.

The Kings Avenue project that will stretch 2.1 miles south from Lumsden Road to Bloomington at a projected cost of \$4.84 million includes widening the existing two-lane road to a four-lane urban, divided highway and relocating an existing wastewater line, said Steve Valdez, community relations coordinator of the county's capital projects department.

The project is scheduled for an October startup with completion expected by mid-spring of 1993.

The wastewater line will be routed from Bloomington to Kings Avenue in a redesign of wastewater flows in the area, Valdez said.

Construction on the winding, 1.3-mile stretch from Lumsden on Kings north to State Road 60 should be finished by mid-fall, Valdez said. The on-going work includes widening two lanes to a four-lane, divided road, adding turn lanes, signalization and some drainage ponds at a cost of \$2.5 million.

The ponds are necessary to contain water runoff from an expanded road system, Valdez said. "When widen-

ing roads, less water can seep into the soil," he added.

The biggie of them all is the county's five-year plan to widen Bloomington Avenue--growing increasingly congested as development mushrooms around it--from U.S. Highway 301 on the west to Lithia Pinecrest Road on the east.

The first, \$2 million phase is scheduled to begin in October and stretch .87 of one mile from Kings Avenue on the west to John Moore Road on the east.

The project is expected to ease the groggy progress of automobiles aligned in bumper-to-bumper formation during rush hours.

Road improvements approved by the county include widening the existing two lanes to a five-lane urban road, relocation of water and wastewater lines, installing turn lanes, signalization, drainage ponds and slope runoff to ease rainwater to the soil beside the road, Valdez said.

The water line would be buried under the five-laning if it were not relocated off the shoulder of the road, Valdez said.

"You have to improve the utilities while there and bring them closer to the shoulder so you don't have to repair them by digging up the road," he added.

avert a buildup of traffic snarls.

"We will maintain the existing two lanes and will be working on the sides," he said. "We will finish one and direct traffic over to the other side."

Widening of the 4.85-mile stretch from U.S. 301 to Lithia Pinecrest on Bloomington will be undertaken in five segments over the next five years, Valdez said, adding no overall pricetag is available because each phase will be put out for bid.

The traffic on Kings has declined over the years, while the parade of cars on Bloomington has lengthened in the wake of residential and commercial growth north and south.

The traffic on Kings from Lumsden to S.R. 60 declined from 19,000 vehicles traveling in both directions in a 24-hour cycle in 1986 to 14,633 in 1990, said Frank Kalpakis of the Hillsborough County Planning Commission.

An average of 11,709 vehicles traveled Kings from Bloomington to Lumsden in a 24-hour stretch in March of 1990, he added.

By 1996, no more 12,015 cars and trucks will navigate Bloomington to Lumsden on Kings in 24 hours, while no increases are predicted for the Lumsden to S.R. 60

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Crime expected to double during summer

By PAM PULLEY

The crime rate for Bloomingdale fell in May, but a detective with the Brandon branch of the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office said he expects it to double during summer months when youths idled by the school break are back on the streets.

"I expect at the risk of sounding like a doomseer that statistics will double for the summer," said Det. Jim Loftus. "And that's why people need to report criminal activity."

A comparison of May with April and March, for instance, showed the following figures:

BURGLARY VEHICLES: May, 4; April, 4; March, 7

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES: May, 3; April, 4; March, 7

GRAND THEFTS: May, 4; April, 0; March, 1

Two of the three residential burglaries resulted in the arrest of five teenage males—including two 18-year-old adults—with four being charged with burglary, grand theft and dealing in stolen property.

Two of the other three suspects were charged as adults because of past criminal activity and remain in jail, Loftus said.

The final suspect was charged and released to the custody of his parents pending a date in juvenile court.

All live within a mile of Bloomingdale, he said.

Two of the suspects allegedly burglarized a Bloomingdale home of a television set, video cassette recorder and gun, then "immediately" sold the items to a pawn shop, Loftus said.

The victims were able to supply the sheriff's office

with a serial number on the television set.

"We ran the TV serial number through pawn shop files and got the first suspect's name," Loftus said. "We got him and his accomplice."

A detailed description of jewelry taken in the second burglary led to the arrest of one adult male, 18, and two teenagers, 17 and 16, Loftus said.

May, Loftus said. Another store was robbed of cigarettes after restocking.

The modus operandi is the same in both cases, Loftus said.

Robbers will stake out stores to monitor the cash flow—or cigarette stocking—before committing the crime.

"It's not hard to find out businesses that have money," he said.

In an unrelated case, a Bloomingdale homeowner was allegedly

hit by a shot from a pellet gun fired by a teenage boy has refused to prosecute, Loftus said.

The detective urged victims to press charges when the suspect is a juvenile. Too often, he said, the failure to prosecute invites repeated criminal activity.

"The criminal justice system, especially for juveniles, is not so harsh that victims need concern themselves that the suspects will be indelibly marred."

Five automobiles in the Brandon area—including three in Bloomingdale—were stripped of tires in recent weeks and left standing on cinder blocks.

The tires probably were easily sold because the vehicles were of different makes, Loftus said.

There were no suspects at press time.

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"In both cases, the victims gave detailed accounts of the property taken," Loftus said. "If you don't know the make and serial number of a VCR, you won't get it back."

Wrought-iron furniture stolen in the third residential burglary was not marked with an identifying code and has not been recovered. There were no suspects at press time.

The four chairs alone were valued at \$350, Loftus said.

"The owners needed to engrave their name, initials or Social Security numbers on the wrought iron and on the bottom of the planter," Loftus said. "If the detective working the case found it, he could then identify it."

The four vehicular burglaries remain unsolved, he said.

An alert is out for seven adults who allegedly robbed a retail outlet in Bloomingdale Square of \$1,500 in

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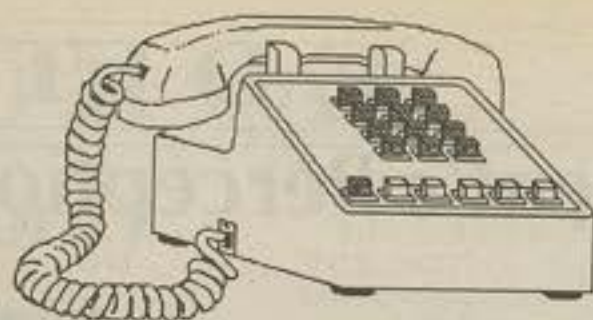
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By PAM PULLEY

Consumers irked by residential telephone sales solicitation calls in the Tampa Bay area have responded most strongly to an embryonic state law that lists phone numbers for telemarketing firms to avoid.

"It is more of a retirement area," said Martin May, special programs supervisor for the Division of Consumer Services, State Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. "They receive calls during the day and they are home during the day."

Penalties for telephoning any of the 26,176 numbers on the statewide listing compiled in Tallahassee range from fines up to \$10,000 per violation to legal prosecution, May said. The agency's legal counsel is now considering action against 11 firms that have allegedly violated the statute.

The law went into effect Oct. 1 and is administered by the Division of Consumer Services.

In the last quarter, 485 business paid \$30 for at least one of the state's four area code listings. The report is updated quarterly, May said, and all four editions are available at a reduced cost of \$100.

Martin said he does not know the number of businesses throughout the state that could benefit from buying the listing.

The purchase is not mandatory, but May said non-subscribers involved in sales solicitations by phone are required to screen numbers

in advance before any overture is made.

"It becomes a common sense type of thing," he said. "And some businesses get photocopies from whoever." The service is available in hard copy or on 5-1/4-inch IBM compatible diskettes.

Registering phone numbers may not be the panacea that consumers may seek.

Jan Morris, media relations manager for GTE in Tampa, said sales solicitation is still permitted if the calls are:

- in response to a special request of people. "For instance, someone may attend a trade show and put his name in a jar," Morris said.
- in connection with a debt or contract which has not been completed at the time of the call.
- are made to a person with whom the solicitor has a prior business relationship.
- on behalf of newspapers.
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charitable contributions. By state law, telemarketers are prohibited from making calls to unlisted or unpublished numbers or numbers on the DCS listing, Morris said.

A \$10 fee is levied for each number listed the first year, with an annual renewal rate of \$5.

Owners of mobile phones or paging devices may also attach that private number to the listing.

The address for listing numbers is the Division of Consumer Services, Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Mayo Building, Second Floor, Tallahassee 32399-0800.

Checks should be made out to the Division of Consumer Services, accompanied by the name and phone number to be listed. The toll-free number 1-800-327-3382 has been set up to receive questions.

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Mobile Watch still has a shortage of volunteers

BY LaWAYNE WYATT



Bloomingtondale Resident victim of hate crime

By PAM PULLEY

Since the June issue of the Gazette featured summer activities, this report will cover the period from April 20 through June 17.

April ended with a total of 41 events being logged within the Bloomingtondale area. Thirteen occurred from April 20 through April 30 and included cars parked in unusual places, activity in the parks after dark, speeding/reckless driving, car occupants throwing eggs, activity at The Spot and several burglaries.

During May 37 incidents were logged. Included were cars parked in partially developed areas, suspicious persons/activities, speeding/reckless driving, an egging, activity in the parks after dark (one involving teen consumption of alcoholic beverages), smashed mailbox, attempted mailbox smashing, several thefts, several cases of vandalism, a pedestrian hit by a soft drink cup thrown from a car, driving on lawns and several parties involving teens drinking alcoholic beverages.

June saw an increase in the activity level. Through June 17, 39 events were logged. In actuality, those incidents were reported on 14 nights.

Included were several reports of suspicious activities, people and cars in the parks after nightfall, teens chasing kids, speeding/reckless driving, cars in wooded areas and the Bloomingtondale Golf Course parking lot at night, a theft, vandalism, attempted car theft, activity at The Spot, a possible construction theft and a lady's 10-speed bicycle found at the Rainbow Mart on Bell Shoals Road.

During the past several months there have been several incidents which may be related.

A group (or groups) of three to five young males have been involved in several events on Casaba Loop, Orangepointe Drive, Orangefield Drive, Greenhollow Lane and Bell Shoals Road.

On one occasion three youths hammering a garage door with a baseball bat were chased off by neighbors.

In another incident, three youths, age 9 to 16, were involved in a petty theft at the CITGO station on Bell Shoals. They fled through the woods into the Casaba

Loop and Orangepointe Drive area.

On a third occasion, a resident reported that four to five youths with a baseball bat chased her 9-year-old child.

Parents are encouraged to monitor the activities of their children and all residents should watch for groups of young teens roaming the Bloomingtondale area.

WELCOME ABOARD
Thanks to Mike Barnes, West, Joe Murphy, West and Art Allers, East, who volunteered for the Mobile Watch in June.

HELP, PLEASE
In the past several months I have indicated the Mobile Watch needs additional volunteers. The situation has deteriorated; we only had 122 active members in June.

As a result, we were only able to schedule patrols on six nights during the week. Three of those nights only one or two patrols instead of the preferred three were on duty.

The plight should become worse in July when the Watch loses seven members. We expect one new volunteer, but the resulting membership may only support five nights of patrol a week.

With a community of approximately 6,600 adults, a membership of under 2 percent is less than desirable.

We currently have five members who are on duty more than one night in order to increase the number of patrols.

We only ask for a commitment of three hours on one night each month.

Surely we have additional residents who can make that commitment in the interest of maintaining a safe community.

Don't wait until we have a rash of vandalism and criminal activity. Additional volunteers will help preserve our community.

WELCOME HOME
By the way, for those members who left us to participate in Desert Storm: Good job and welcome home. If you wish to volunteer for Mobile Watch again, we could use your help.

An Indian citizen and Bloomingtondale Resident whose life was allegedly threatened June 11 by an anonymous telephone caller said he fears for his wife and three young children—not for himself.

Chandapilla Ampalathumkd, 38, said the caller announced, "My son, go back to your country or be killed," then hung up the receiver.

"I don't know why. I don't do harm to anybody. Why do they do that to me?" asks Ampalathumkd.

He is offered no answer. Ampalathumkd, wife Rose, sons Gijo, 8, Jimmy, 2-1/2 and daughter Giji, 4-1/2, moved to Brandon in March after deciding New York City was "not a good place to bring up kids."

The couple immigrated to the United States from southern India and settled in New York in 1983.

Rose is a naturalized citizen. Her husband said retaining his Indian citizenship allows his family to live in both countries.

But he wants to remain in Bloomingtondale despite the threat against his life.

"There has never been any other problem, not in New York," he said. "My wife is scared; she is a bit worried. I am not scared, but I am scared for my family."

Ampalathumkd, an unemployed medical records technician who is seeking employment, said he does not know how he became a target or if the threat was racially motivated.

Det. Jim Loftus of the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office in Brandon, said the call, considered a hate crime in Florida statutes, is under investigation.

The Ampalathumkd family considered moving to Montana, West Virginia or Minnesota before settling in Brandon where friends had relocated. "Brandon is the best place," Ampalathumkd said.

How To Contact Mobile Watch

by LaWayne Wyatt

Have you wondered how to contact the Mobile Watch? Maybe you've seen something suspicious or you have had something you want them to know about, such as vandalism or a crime at your residence. It's really very easy.

Then just call one of the Core Committee members listed on page 2 of *The Bloomingtondale Gazette*. They will take your info and pass it to the current base station operator. If it is a crime in progress or just occurred, call the sheriff first.

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Changes ahead for Bloomingdale West students

Plant City may be in their future

By ART BLEAU

In most states, the old retail ploy of "bait and switch" is against the law but when it's done by the Hillsborough County School Board, it's called school restructuring.

That's exactly what the school board is preparing to do to residents of Bloomingdale West, South Oaks, Indian Hills and River Rapids.

At a meeting June 18, school staff recommended that students in the Lithia Springs Elementary School, part of the Bloomingdale middle school cluster which was supposed to virtually eliminate busing, attend the proposed South Plant City High School instead of the existing Bloomingdale High.

John Miliziano, administrative assistant to the school superintendent, told the board that in order to justify state funding for a second high school for Plant City, the staff is recommending that youngsters attending the new Lithia / springs school be bused to the proposed high school, expected to be built at an undetermined location.

He said Lithia Springs youngsters in the future would bring the new high school population up to an acceptable level for state guidelines.

He did not mention that as recently as February, school officials announced to parents of the Bloomingdale area that their children would attend Lithia Springs Elementary School, go on to Burns Middle School and then Bloomingdale High.

The staff also congratulated area residents in March for being one of the few groups to actually applaud its middle school cluster plan.

The Bloomingdale cluster, which originally included the Lithia Springs youngsters, was not dis-

cussed at the June 18 meeting but may come up at either the June 25 or July 2 meeting of the board at the School Administration Center on Kennedy Boulevard in Tampa.

The board will make its decision on the recommendations at its meeting July 23. Board and staff both noted that their vote will not lock in the clusters around the county because implementations may take six to seven years and constantly changing demographics may dictate more revisions.

No one from the Bloomingdale area showed up for the meeting to question board members or school staff about the change in the Bloomingdale cluster.

One county resident did question where the money was coming from to pay for the cluster plan and new schools it will require.

School Supt. Walter Sickles told residents that, probably as early as next year, the county may ask the taxpayers to approve a \$300 million to \$400 million bond issue.

Sickles said he expected county residents to approve the request, following the success of \$120 million bonding over the last 20 years.

School staff pointed out that the cost of restructuring the schools for the cluster plan could run as high as \$300 million while the district will require about another \$100 million for construction of the schools.

Board members noted that whatever process is decided for the school, the money will be needed anyway due to the constant influx of people to the county.

The Board will hold an open-forum discussion on all the cluster plans on July 16 when the public will have a chance to make comments.



The Bloomingdale Homeowners Association gave its yearly scholarship award at the June 11 Board of Director's meeting. Receiving this year's \$1,000 award is Michele Alden, daughter of Wesley Alden of Bessemer Circle in Bloomingdale West. A Bloomingdale resident for 10 years, Michele will be attending the University of Florida to become a sports physician.

Said Scholarship Chairperson, Peggy Armstrong, "It was a very difficult decision. But her letters of reference were glowing and she is a very well-rounded student."

Pictured above are (from left) BHA President Russ Lembke, Peggy Armstrong, Michele Alden, and Scholarship Committee member Ted Grable.

Scholarship award money was also given out by Mall Boxes, Etc. of Bloomingdale Square. Receiving this year's award is Bloomingdale East resident Tom Devney, son of Al and Mary Devney. Sue Harbridge, seen here presenting Tom with his award certificate, stated that her franchise is the only one giving out a scholarship. "Young students need all the help they can get and we are pleased to be able to help in any way we can," she stated.

Tom received a \$250 scholarship for Florida State where he is tentatively scheduled to study business. Not only was his 4.1 gpa taken into account during the selection process, but also his overall involvement in business and his well-rounded background.



Couple announces wedding plans

Jan and Kathaleen Sealy of Bloomingdale East would like to announce the engagement of their daughter Kara Leigh Sealy to Scott Edward Ball, son of Jerry and Thelma Ball of Brandon.

The couple plan to be married at Bell Shoals Church of Christ on November 23, 1991, at 11:30 a.m.

Kara is currently employed as clerical-office support after having graduated from Hillsborough Community College in 1991.

Scott is a full-time student at the University of Florida and is a Gator football player. He will be graduating in the winter of 1991 with a degree in recreational management.

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How are our children being cared for in our absence?

By SONIA RUIZ, M.D., Pediatrician

Children are the flowers of the future. If they are to blossom in the springtime of their lives, their soil must be richly nourished. This nourishment encompasses the physical environment and well as the psychological.

Parents in the 1990's who can not afford to stay home with their children, often chose day care facilities based on the measurable parameters, that is, the number of caretakers per child, the available equipment and often forget that there are psychological parameters by which to measure the nourishment provided by the day care facilities.

The daycare facility will only be as good as the emotional nourishment provided by the one person in charge of your child during the day. Negative messages that can affect the child's self-concept exist at the root of child abuse and can often be messages such as the following: I deny you, I overpower you, you are my disposable property or you have no right to body integrity. These messages come manifested in many forms depending on the age of the child.

Parents should know the signs of psychological maltreatment. These come in five categories.

1. Rejecting - refusing to acknowledge the child's self worth and the legitimacy of the child's needs. The message given to the child is you don't belong, I don't want you, you are no good and have no self worth. An infant who has not been held for a long time or the toddler who is scolded for showing off their motor skills are but a few examples of messages of rejection.
2. Isolation - cutting the child from normal social experiences, preventing the child from forming friendships and from participating in typical social relationships. Isolation practices communicate to the child that he/she is alone in this world and thus not worthy of human company.
3. Terrorizing - verbally assaulting the child and thus creating a climate of fear. Bullying and frightening the child and expanding a child's fears especially during the ages when their imagination is overactive, convinces the child that the world is a capricious and hostile place.
4. Ignoring - being psychologically unavailable to the child and thus depriving the child of the essential stimulation and responsiveness. Starving a child emotionally by exposing a child to danger and not providing the expected protection will lead to a distrusting child and adult.

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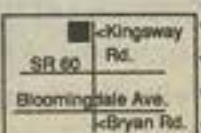
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Children that have been maltreated may show some indications of maltreatment such as sleep disturbances, abdominal pain, enuresis, poor school performance, school phobias, or withdrawn behavioral patterns. However, the difficulty lies in the fact that none of these indicators are specific to maltreated children and may also be normal developmental variants. For example, approximately one third of all 3 - 8 year old children experience nightmares and approximately one third of all 4 year olds are nocturnal bedwetters (enuresis). So then, how can we really know if our children are being maltreated?

The next step in identifying maltreated children would be to look at the adults who have assumed the caretaking responsibilities for the child. The known risk factors for maltreatment include poor social support; low socioeconomic status; alcohol and drug abuse; mental illness; poor understanding of normal child development; poor anger control; and the use of assault as discipline technique. Unfortunately given our present legislations to protect children, there are considerable number of unqualified and untrained caretakers that get into the field of caring for our children.

If our children are the hope of our future, we must all get involved in getting our legislators to design a stricter code for screening our children's caretakers.

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Laser dentistry soars into Bloomingdale at "light speed"

Bloomingdale now has some high-tech equipment. One of two dental lasers in Tampa, out of the 60 lasers being used throughout the country, is located at the office of Ray Aquilina, D.D., in Bloomingdale.

Dental lasers use a pen-size probe that directs a microscopic beam of light that can be used to perform gum surgery, sterilize cavities, remove diseased tissues, desensitize teeth and perform a variety of other dental procedures.

Oftentimes, those procedures can be accomplished without anesthesia, with minimal bleeding and with unbelievable precision which results in remarkable healing. Dr. Aquilina has always been interested in lasers. He laughingly admitted, "I tried to build one when I was in high school for a science project, but just couldn't get it to work."

When he first heard of the development and approval by the Food and Drug Administration of a dental laser, he attended an in-depth course on the use of lasers in dentistry.

He was so impressed that he became one of a handful in Florida to obtain one. Lasers are nothing new to medicine and have been employed for years in cardiovascular, eye and general

surgery. Its application in dentistry has been under investigation for over 20 years. It wasn't until 1983 that Terry Myers, a Michigan dentist, and his brother William, while experimenting with a pulsed ND:Yag laser, found a workable adaptation.

A laser emits concentrated energy in the form of a narrow beam of light. The inventors found that by pulsing the light, or turning it off and on very rapidly, the main problem of heat buildup was virtually eliminated. It was further discovered that the pulsations were so fast that nerves were unable to respond to the energy. The dental laser can remove tooth decay without harming the good tooth structure.

It does that by working on a simple color scheme. The decay is darker than healthy tissue so the laser pinpoints that and vaporizes it, resulting in sterilizing the area.

There is no vibration and only a slight popping noise. The laser can be directed on a healthy tooth and it won't cause any problems at all.

In fact it has been shown that a "lased" tooth structure becomes more resistant to decay.

Lasers can also perform gum treatments. For years dentists have surgically re-

moved the diseased gum tissue. Most patients experience this as a painful procedure costing a considerable amount of money.

That traditional treatment often leaves the roots of the teeth exposed and also results in sensitive teeth.

The primary goal of this gum treatment is to reduce the size of the pocket where the bacteria that cause the gum problem to grow.

By eliminating this pocket the patient is able to clean the area and keep the bacteria under control. With the laser the bacteria can be killed, the diseased tissue removed, and the root surfaces desensitized—all without anesthesia and little or no bleeding.

Dr. Aquilina said that he thinks one of the greatest benefits to dentistry from lasers is the ability to anesthetize teeth with the laser.

Dentists have found that by shining the laser at very low power on the outside of the tooth that the laser energy puts the nerve inside the tooth asleep.

It works better on baby teeth because the enamel is thinner and the nerves are larger. Frequently a cavity in a child's baby teeth can be filled by using just the laser without use of the needle. This eliminates the fear and numbness that accompanies

the use of anesthetic. Also, kids whose mouths have been numbed will bite their own lips or tongues because of the strange feeling that accompanies anesthetic.

Another application of laser therapy is in the treatment of mouth ulcers.

The laser can sterilize the ulcer and almost immediately reduce the pain. The healing is amazingly speeded up. This treatment can be accomplished without anesthetic and within just a short time.

There are many more things the laser can do, but there is also many things that it cannot. Although the laser is a space-age marvel, it is not the cure all for all of the problems people associate with dentistry.

But in instances where it is used, it is an effective technological miracle. Dr. Aquilina sums it up by saying, "It is the wave of the future. The technology is here, and it is amazing and wonderful."



August 1 is when this Taco Bell franchise is slated to open, according to Project Manager Tim McCants. Owned by Valenti Management, Inc., this establishment is number 39 in the Hillsborough County and Fort Lauderdale area. Valenti also owns numerous Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurants in the county also.

Pepsico, Inc., is the franchise owner of Taco Bell, Kentucky Fried Chicken and Pizza Hut. According to information provided by financial sources, Pepsico, Inc., is the world's second largest producer of soft drinks and controls more than 1,000 bottlers throughout the world. Major soft drink products include: Pepsicola, Diet Pepsi, and Mountain Dew. While their specialty snack foods include the Frito-Lay products such as Doritos and Ruffles.

Bloomingdale Real Estate Report

By CHUCK FRENZ

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Contracts Pending 34

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Astrid Davies from Pat and Mike's Nursery will be traveling to Europe to spend time with her mother for her birthday. We would like to wish her a wonderful trip and her mother a happy birthday.

Sonia Ruiz, M.D., has a Nurse Practitioner, Lynn Golly, who has joined her practice in Bloomingdale East. Nurse Practitioners are registered nurses with advanced education. They perform physical exams; take health histories; order, interpret, and evaluate diagnostic tests; recommend drugs, physical therapy, or counseling; record physical findings; and establish treatment plans.

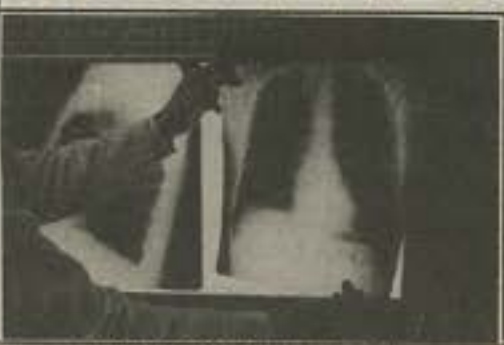
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Summer vacation, teeth and good dental health

By DIANE RAGGARD WRIGHT, D.M.D.

Summer vacation is here and nothing could be further from your mind than getting the kids to the dentist's office. Summer offers fun and play, not time to think about your teeth. Right? Maybe not.

Just like adults, children should have a dental checkup every six months. The preventive measure will assure that dental problems are diagnosed and treated early, when damage is less and restorations are smaller.

At this visit, the child's teeth will be cleaned and examined for any developing problems. To further prevent development of decay, fluoride and sealants will be applied.

Fluoride is one of the most effective elements for preventing tooth decay. It combines with tooth enamel to strengthen the teeth against decay and may also reverse microscopic cavities by enhancing the process by which minerals, including calcium, are incorporated into the teeth.

Sealants are used to protect the chewing surfaces of the child's back teeth. Those surfaces often decay because they contain pits and fissures, tiny grooves and depressions, where plaque accumulates.

Sealants are clear or shaded plastic materials that can be painted onto the decay-prone surfaces of the teeth.

By forming a thin covering over the pits and fissures, the sealants keep plaque and food out of the crevices in the teeth, reducing the risk of decay.

A visit to the dentist also supports the importance of the rituals of toothbrushing and flossing that parents try to instill in their children. When the child hears from the professional the importance of proper brushing, it reinforces and strengthens what parents ordinarily tell the children.

There is nothing more beautiful than a child's smile. But that beautiful smile needs your help.

If you, the parent, take action, you can keep your child's teeth healthy now and for years to come.

Good oral health practices should begin in infancy and continue throughout adult life.

And don't forget to take care of your own teeth. This is important not only for you, but also for your child. As a parent, you are the most important role model your child can have for learning healthy practices.

Attitudes and habits established at an early age are critical in maintaining good oral health throughout your child's life.

The writer is a Brandon dentist and resident of Bloomingdale.



Kids are always in motion, but when you put them in dance clothes and add a stage, you then have the Kids in Motion Dance Company. This entertaining troupe is comprised mostly of Bloomingdale students and adults who perform for local clubs and civic organizations. Recently, one of its four-year members, Sara Duinones, was selected to be a dancer at Disney World. This dance company will soon be attending a national convention at Walt Disney World and involved in competitions.

Based at Shirley's Dance Studio in Bloomingdale East, this non-profit entertainment group will be holding auditions on July 13 at 1 p.m. to seek out interested dancers. Anyone interested in filing out an application to join the dance company, or would like more information on lessons or summer camp, should contact the studio director, Shirley Cuscaden, at 685-7289 or 689-3947.

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Not many teams survive baseball season without a single loss, yet the Bloomingdale Reds minor B league team accomplished that feat

this year.

The team, composed of 8, 9 and 10 year olds, compiled an impressive record with 22 wins, 0 losses and one tie, making them the official minor "B" Division Winners. Manager Joe Mojica and coach David Seal led their winning team into the playoffs, where they

eventually suffered their first loss at the hands of the Orioles. With each team having suffered a loss in a best of three series, they played a final June 14 game to determine the championship. The Reds won the game, becoming 1991 minor "B" winners of the playoffs, as well as division champs.

Common tax errors you can avoid

By ROBERT J. MORRIS, CPA

1990 was the first year in a long time that the tax return changes were not significant, but the errors were probably the same also. Some of the most common tax errors repeated year after year are as follows:

•The tax law states that

you must include state tax refunds in your adjusted gross income, but only if you deducted state tax paid in the prior year.

If you did not itemize in 1989 or did not include state and local income tax paid as a deduction in 1989, then you did not have to include the refund in 1990 as taxable income.

Also, if you paid the alternative minimum tax in 1989, you do not include the refund because it was disallowed under alternative

minimum tax rules.

•You can report U.S. savings bond interest accrued annually if issued in your child's name and it is reported on your child's tax return.

The first \$500 of interest income each year is tax free to the child and will be tax free when they are cashed. This may affect your child if he/she has no earned income.

•Assumptions are made by many taxpayers that they

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Establishing a Living Trust

ERRORS, from page 15

By TOM PETERSON

In a previous issue, this column dealt with the importance of a will, and the potential consequences if you die without one. This month, we take estate planning one step further as we discuss the "Living Trust".

The answer to the question posed in the title of this column is: "Probably everyone who owns property and cares about the distribution of same following their death—or incompetency."

As a foundation to this statement, we need to dispel one misconception: A will does not avoid the probate process; a will guarantees probate. (Probate is the legal process through which property is transferred in the event of death—and, often, in the event of incapacity.)

Why would we want to avoid Probate?

- First of all, it's expensive. Legal fees and expenses average 8 percent of the gross estate. Suppose that you "own" a home valued at \$200,000. Further, let's assume that you purchased that home with a \$190,000 mortgage. You only have \$10,000 of equity. Following your death, Probate fees of \$16,000 (8 percent of \$200,000) are levied to transfer that property. The cost to transfer that one piece of property actually exceeds the equity in the asset! (It must be noted that probate is usually postponed upon the first death of persons owning property as "joint owners with right of survivorship". Postponed, not avoided.)

- Probate is slow! Depending on the size of your estate, and the number of

"interested parties," property can be tied up for months or years! (That can mean the loss of a market opportunity; a situation which is especially critical when real estate and stocks are involved...)

- Probate is public. Everyone knows the details of your estate. (When Bing Crosby's first wife died, he was shocked to find that several newspapers had published a listing of all their property, their debts, and their estate tax liability. Following that debacle, Bing instructed his attorneys to create a Living Trust to hold title to his assets. Following Bing's death, no one was able to ascertain any information regarding Bing's estate!)

Consider this quote from Henry W. Abts III's book *THE LIVING TRUST*: "I have watched grown men cry over the sheer frustration of probate. I have watched stock values deteriorate while the legal process moved forward...I have watched valuable businesses...falter and die in the probate process. I have watched small estates be almost entirely consumed by legal fees."

A Living Trust is a legal document — into which you transfer title (not control) of your assets. Following your death, ownership is held in trust for your spouse and/or transferred to others based upon your desires as outlined in the Trust document. (This document can be changed (or even revoked) at any time prior to your death and by your surviving spouse anytime after your death.)

When property transfers via the Trust, there is no Probate process! (No cost, no delays, no publicity).

You still need a will; but the will now acts as a "pour-over" vehicle that will transfer the "leftovers" to the Trust following death.

Additional advantages of a Living Trust include:

- Tax advantages: Income tax savings, due to more preferable "stepped-up basis" rules upon the death of one of the owners; and Estate tax savings, via the use of an "A/B" version and the election of unified credit by-pass provisions.

- Protection against "the other probate" - due to mental or physical incapacity.

- Living Trusts, executed by "competent" trustees, can not be contested.

- Living Trusts may be drafted to include "living wills", durable powers of attorney, and a power of attorney for health care decisions.

There are really no disadvantages to the proper implementation of a Living Trust. The problem is that - according to the American Bar Association - less than 1 percent of the legal profession understand how a Living Trust works (and/or how to prepare and fund the Trust - through asset transfer.)

Recently, a number of "Living Trust Companies" have emerged as marketers of Trust packages. The problem here is that many are operating illegally across state lines: most fail to include an attorney in the counseling/drafting/funding process; and most take a "one size fits all" approach without room for flexibility. Too

many are more concerned with collecting their fees (ranging from \$195 to \$1,995) than they are with following through with the funding process. (An unfunded trust is usually a waste of money. It is not uncommon for even an attorney — one of the 99 percent who do not really understand the process — to create a trust document and only name the Trust as beneficiary of your will. This accomplishes nothing!)

The author of this column has made arrangements with a Florida company that will - with the assistance of attorneys who do understand Living Trusts - deliver a personalized trust package for a very reasonable fee.

For additional information - without obligation - contact Tom Peterson at 654-3367.

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cannot deduct IRA contributions. The mistake is that thousands of taxpayers are misinformed and may qualify for a deduction even if they have pension plans. Yes, there are limitations, but many tax savings are lost annually by taxpayers due to their misconceptions about the law.

- A major mistake is not taking all the deductions by a self-employed person that are allowable by law. New laws allow a 50 percent deduction for self-employment tax and 25 percent deduction for health insurance. Many other deductions are not taken as well.

- Another misconception is the deductibility of "points" paid in the tax year on mortgage financing. In most cases, they are allowed as a deduction in the year paid but many taxpayers have been misinformed about their deductibility.

- Even though there are high limits on deductibility of health care and casualty loss, many taxpayers are entitled to those deductions but assume they are not allowed the expense due to a misunderstanding in calculating the loss limitations.

- Other items often forgotten include moving expense allowance, gambling and/or lottery losses as well as child-care credit allowances. Taxes are overpaid each year due to the failure to report these allowable expenses which are overlooked by many.

- If you had more than one employer during the year and earned over the Social Security limit, you will be entitled to a credit for the amount paid over the maximum.

- Paying the Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT) in the year before, entitles you to a credit in the current year. The AMT tax is similar to a prepaid tax to which you may be refunded in the following year if you do not fall in the AMT limitations again.

- Also, do not overlook reviewing the dependency rules, especially where you may qualify as head of household, or your rights to file as a qualified widow or widower.

In summary, there are untold millions of dollars overpaid in taxes due to misunderstanding or oversight.

If you feel you have overpaid taxes, then see your tax advisor. It is not too late to file an amended return and receive the refund.

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Burns Junior High hosts awards banquet

BURNS—Burns Junior High School recently hosted an awards banquet honoring students for outstanding achievement during the 1990-1991 academic year.

Among the winners were:

Academic Excellence Department Awards—English, Anddrikk Franzier, Sean Taylor; Spelling Bee, Samantha Swann, Jennifer Empric.

Mathematics Academic Excellence, eighth grade, Benjamin Boehm, Sara Wilson, Nathan Meredith; ninth grade, David Watkins, Criss Vanderburg, Erik Johnson.

American Junior High Mathematics Exam, Sean Taylor, Nathan Meredith, Benjamin Boehm, Andrew Brogdon, Brett Kellner.

Science, Sean Taylor, Andrew Brogdon, Alicia Kerstyn.

Social Studies, eighth grade, Nathan Meredith, Andrew Brogdon, John Reich; ninth grade, David Watkins, Sarah Richardson,

Robert Ferguson.

Elective Awards—Agriculture, Chad Rudd; art, eighth grade, Kevin Meredith, Jill Revelle; ninth grade, Amber Collins, Robby Rodgers.

Foreign Language, Spanish, Kyle Brennan; French, Josette Ricker; home economics, Melissa Dyer; media, Jared Seymour, Shannon Johnson; student assistant, Erin Sheffield; technology education, graphic communications, Jason Hicks, Greg Moore; materials and processes, Lee Llamazales; vocational typing, Laurinda Powles; county-wide typing contest, Melissa Dorfman.

Club Awards—Future Farmers of America, Sean Peters; Future Homemakers of America, Michelle Castelin; Health Unlimited, Brandi Malatesta; Student Advisory Committee, Juli Danahy, Dawn Thornton; National Junior Honor Society, Amy Sutter.

Athletic Awards—Bas-

ketball, Richard Mackiewicz, Dsnfts terMors; track, Dexter Battle, Jenifer Anderson; football, Dexter Battle; volleyball, Erin Taylor; fitness, Erin Johnson, Serianne Worden, John Reich, Nathan Meredith, Ryan Cesulka, Melissa Melnick, Nicole Fournier, Alex Bell, Raymond Akes.

Special—Book-A-Rama, Latisha Benoit; Dreamers and Doers, Ryan Tally; American Legion Award, Erik Johnson.

Principal's Honor Roll—Eighth grade, John Evers, Sara Grossman, Tanya Miguel, Kerry Sheraw, Dargy Silvermail, Sarah Spector, Sean Taylor, Kristy Thomson.

Ninth grade, William Alvarez, Kyle Brennan, Jennifer D'Urso, Alicia Kerstyn, Richard Mackiewicz, David Watkins, Michael Wenning.

Principal's Awards—Eighth grade, Sean Taylor; ninth grade, Jennifer D'Urso.

Terrific Kid Awards

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Third Grade: Kenneth Smith, Casey Rupp, Christine Bolles, Ryan Ketchum, Andria Brown, Candace Farnsworth, Ben McClure, T.J. Bullard, Angela Traina, Rudy Jones, Jennifer Hopkins, Keith Pnafilio, Renee Bougere, Shawn Porter, Brian Northup, Ben Santucci.

Fourth Grade: Marykate Owens, Brent Miller, Hector Roman, Katie Evans, Will Johnson, Sophia Medaris, Bryon Allen, Paul Michalak, Kasey Chunn, Aida Kuri, Matthew Smith, Charles Savoy, Thomas Webster, Brand Hamilton, Andy Leytze.

Fifth Grade: Melissa Westermann, Ryan Kelly, Dristen Biada, Jimmy D'Ambrosio, Michelle Jones, Michelle McKnight, Robert Wilkes, Jason Bradshaw, Lindsey Pryor, Melanie Oliver, Gloria McSpadden, Matthew Fincke, John Gustafson, Chistine Webster.



Nothing like a nice summer day, a pond with fish, and a young boy with a can of worms and a pole. By 9:30 a.m. Tommy Tomer had already caught 10 fish in a pond by the Alafia school and he was expecting to catch a whole lot more. Ahhh...summer.

Cheerleading Tryouts

BSHS—Donna Stewart, sponsor for the Bloomingdale Senior High School cheerleaders, invites all interested candidates for tryouts on the squad to be at the BSHS gym, Aug. 1, at 7:30 p.m. Parents also are invited.

Good Neighbor Sam Says:

- A good neighborhood is not something you can eat; a bad one, however is one that you may have to.
- One neighbor's music is another neighbor's noise.
- Two neighbor's music makes *mesic*.
- Selling your home for top dollar depends on your neighbor's view.
- Empty garbage cans left out front for days invite indoor garbage pickers.
- Whether or not a child turns out to be a good kid or a bad kid often depends upon what kind of neighborhood his friends live in.
- Cutting your grass at 6 a.m. wakes up the living.
- Garbage cans seen from the street are a sight for more eyes.
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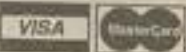


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BSHS Alumni's establish association

Graduates of Bloomingdale Senior High School announce the establishment of an alumni association.

The Bloomingdale Alumni Association will act as an independent communications service for all graduates so that the memories and friendships of high school may endure. Chairman Mitzi Hnizdil has programmed a database on her home computer to store addresses and other personal information about alumni and faculty.

"With this system we can keep updated records of where people are and what they are doing with their lives," Hnizdil said.

The future is the focus of the association, but there is no better time to start communication than now.

"They might not believe it now, but alumni are going to wonder what happened to all those friends and teachers after they have families and careers of their own," Hnizdil said. "But we can't wait until that time to start communicating."

The true benefit of the association will be years from now when reunion planning starts.

"Class officers will need an updated resource to find alumni and faculty, and we will be the only source who can provide such information," Hnizdil said.

In July the Bloomingdale Alumni Association will mail almost 2,000 newsletters to all graduates and fac-

ulty. Newsletters will serve as the primary means of communication.

Alumni and faculty are encouraged to take an active role in the alumni association by sending in changed addresses and other information.

The alumni association also needs help financially. The association is a non-profit organization and cannot operate without donations from its members.

"Donations will be our only source of income, and all money will go toward newsletter publications," Hnizdil said.

The Bloomingdale Alumni Association needs help with its first newsletter and is asking for donations from alumni and from the community. If you would like to help the association in their efforts, you can write a check in Hnizdil's name and send it to:

Bloomingdale Alumni Association
P.O. Box 1392
Valrico, FL 33594.

Your donations are greatly appreciated and will be acknowledged in the first newsletter.

"I feel very optimistic about this whole project," Hnizdil added. "I know that all graduates will look into the future and realize the potential our alumni association has."

If you have any questions or ideas call Mitzi Hnizdil at 684-5209.

BSHS students compete in national competition

Four students from Bloomingdale High School were among 92 teams competing in the 1991 Texaco Star National Academic Championship held at Rice University June 6 through June 15.

The team was independent of Bloomingdale High, but competition guidelines mandated that members of each team attend the same school, said Scott Kruger, the captain of the local delegation.

Although only rankings for the top 16 teams were announced, Kruger said that points and strength of competition put the local team no lower than 30th in the final standings.

The team lost to Catholic Central High School from Detroit, Mich. and White Plains High School from White Plains, N.Y., before defeating Hartford High School of Hartford, Mich., Kruger, 18 said.

"Although our first two matches were defeats, our victory over Hartford proves that Bloomingdale can



Scott Kruger



Chris LaDuca

compete on the national academic scene," he said.

The comprehensive questions covered the expected academic subjects, in addition to knowledge of audio and music technology.

Team members were Chris LaDuca, grade 10, son of Kathy and Nick LaDuca of Valrico; Kruger, the son of David Kruger of Tampa and Lynn Kruger of Brandon; Danny Grossman, 18, named the top mathematics student in the state and the son of Steven and Martha



Danny Grossman

Grossman of Valrico; and Robert Ward, 18, the son of Clifford and Victoria Ward of Valrico.

The team won the state Knowledge Masters Open in April to qualify for the invitation-only competition held in Texas.

Kruger applauds the generosity of Brandon-area businesses who banded together to grant the team \$2,400 in four days for expenses.

Benefactors were clubs and teachers at BSHS, Kiwanis Club of Brandon, Rotary Club of Brandon and Paragon Cable.

Team sponsor was BSHS mathematics teacher Ron Yoder.

No other team from Bloomingdale had ever competed in the national competition.

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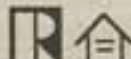
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Enforcing restrictions/violations

By TOM LEAVITT
HLCA President

Heather Lakes is a "deed restricted" community. Vanguard Management Group was hired by the Heather Lakes at Brandon Community Association (mandatory association) to oversee that facet of our community and make sure all restrictions are enforced. Many of the deed restrictions that the Vanguard Group enforces are county ordinances and not limited to Heather Lakes.

The Heather Lakes

Community Association (voluntary association) supports the efforts to enforce both county and development-related restrictions.

As of June 5, the number of violations as noted by the Vanguard Group are as follows: mowing, 44; parking, 21; boat in yard, 3; trailers in yard, 1; inoperable cars, 8; junk furniture in yard, 6; tree problems, 3; antennas, 15; dumping fish in drainage ditch, 1.

According to Bob Moyer, president of Vanguard Management Group, a home in

violation of a deed restriction will "receive one notice before any legal action would be taken".

For example, if a homeowner fails to mow his lawn after receiving a notice, Vanguard Management may elect to have the lawn mowed and the homeowner billed.

If the homeowner refuses to pay the bill, a lien could be placed against the home.

"Vanguard Management is not permitted to trespass on homeowners property to remove a problem that is in violation of a deed restriction," said Moyer.

While awaiting legal action against a homeowner, concerned residents could contact the Code Enforcement Board a county agency at 272-5715.

Code Enforcement is authorized to remove any article that is in violation of county and residential-related restrictions.

A call can be placed anonymously and all that is required is the address and location of the residence in question.



The Brooks family: An integral part of the HLCA

By KATHY DOTSON

If it wasn't for the perseverance of Jean Brook and a couple dozen other committed neighbors, you would not be able to read about the Heather Lakes Community Association (HLCA) today.

For the past three years, she has sat on the HLCA Board of Directors and is currently serving as co-chairman of the membership committee. Brook also served two years as the corresponding and financial secretary.

Brook became involved with the startup plans for the first U.S. Homeowners association when she worked for the developer.

After several attempts were abandoned, Brook and other neighbors embarked on

their own to form a voluntary homeowners' association.

Their goals were to bring neighbors together, develop a Mobile Watch and Neighborhood Watch network as well as form a Special Taxing District (STD).

Brook, and her husband Noland, moved to Brandon in 1985 from Bloomington, Indiana, where Noland served in the Navy. After looking over several areas to retire, the Brooks chose Brandon and Heather Lakes because they both liked the location and Jean had family in the area.

Brook, originally from Florida, grew up in north Tampa and graduated from Chamberlain High School. She currently works for Booker & Co., wholesale building materials company.

In their spare time, the Brooks are avid collectors. Jean loves collecting modern dolls and Noland has a strong interest in antique clocks. Other interests include woodworking (which is impressively visible throughout their home), art shows, gardening and thumbing through cookbooks for delicious baking recipes.

The Brooks have been married 11 years and have eight adult children between them. Their home is complete with their dog, Sugar.

Dirt still not gone

By KATHY DOTSON

Homeowners who sought the removal of dirt mounds in the vacant lots of the New Providence area of Heather Lakes have met resistance from the developer's homeowners' association.

At present time, the piles of dirt had not been removed behind Mohrlake Drive.

Several homeowners asked the developer, U.S. Home, at the May 28 Heather Lakes at Brandon Community Association's annual general membership meeting to police contractors and remove the piles of dirt that had become an eyesore.

Carol Hartunian, vice president of U.S. Home, said she would examine the area the following day and assured residents the problem would be resolved.

Vanguard Management Group, the company hired by the developer to supervise Heather Lakes, asked Hartunian to readdress the issue June 10, an official said.

Hartunian did not return telephone calls to the Gazette's Heather Lakes reporter.



Arts & Crafts festival a success!

By JANICE PARKER

The third Annual Arts and Crafts Fair, held May 18 at Heather Lakes Community Park, made a profit of \$576 for the Heather Lakes Community Association.

Forty arts and crafts vendors participated along with the Brandon Women's Junior League. JoAnn H. Shaw, principal of the new Mintz Elementary school, answered questions and met with new students and parents.

A big "thank you" to all members of the Social Committee for all their hard work and efforts goes to: Karen Every, Carol Leavitt, Joann Pirolozzi, Walter Parker, Janet Colie, Kathy Dotson and all of the board members and neighbors who helped make the event a success.

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Thank you to Subway, Cajun Joe's, the county parks department and the following sponsors who donated raffle prizes.

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An Editorial...

By JOE DOTSON

The HLCA held its third annual Arts & Crafts fair at the community park on May 18.

The day started very early, about 6:30 a.m., for about two dozen kind and generous volunteers. Those sleepy-eyed individuals helped organize the table and chair set-ups on the park's basketball courts and waterfying grassy area for the arts and crafts vendors.

By 9 a.m. it appeared everything was in its place and ready for the browsers and shoppers. The bake sale table was stocked with homemade baked goods and plenty of coffee was available.

The flow of people throughout the aisles appeared at times to be busy but considering the number of homes and people living in Heather Lakes, I would say overall the turnout was light.

At around 3:30 p.m. most of the vendors had closed up shop and called it a day. Some complained of not enough business and yet others were pleased.

The same faithful volunteers who started off the long day were still around to help break everything down.

By 4 p.m. the park had returned to being a park, and some eager basketball players were already starting up a game.

I sometimes wonder what we would have done without those dedicated volunteers who time and time again have proven themselves dependable and tireless.

I applaud all of you. The HLCA is always looking for more people who want to get involved with their community by helping out at special events or by joining the community association board.

Maybe you're the person we're looking for to make suggestions on future community events or on how to make our neighborhood a better place to live. Don't hesitate to join the HLCA. Look at it as a way to make new friends.

Paid security gone from Heather Lakes

By KATHY DOTSON

After only two weeks in service, the Wells Fargo Guard Service of Florida discontinued patrolling assigned areas of Heather Lakes.

Bob Moyer, president of Vanguard Management Group for U.S. Home, hired the security service after receiving a number of complaints from residents regarding the recent increase of vandalism and thefts.

According to Moyer, "We discontinued the service due to the negative feedback from residents."

Homeowners erroneously feared their association dues would be raised to finance the security service.

In an effort to keep crime away from Heather Lakes, Woodbridge residents invited Sheriff's Deputy John Lorenz with the Hillsborough County Crime Prevention Unit to address a Neighborhood Watch meeting.

Lorenz offered suggestions on how to make a

neighborhood safe such as:

- Report suspicious activities promptly
- Form a neighborhood telephone chain
- Support a Mobile Watch system
- Purchase trustworthy locks for doors, windows, sliders and cars
- Have a trusted neighbor watch out for your home while on vacation and participate in the Combat Auto Theft Program (CAT).

Since the meeting, residents of Woodbridge have formalized a telephone chain of command with a registered copy of all participants at the Sheriff's office.

Mobile Watch, which was organized by the HLCA, is active in all areas of Heather Lakes.

The HLCA and residents are saddened by the loss of Heather Lake friend and neighbor, Scott Mayo. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his parents and family.

Classes of interest for children and adults

Christ Community Church is offering a potpourri of summer classes in its Creative Craft Fellowship for both children and adults.

Instruction is free, although there may be charges for supplies.

FOR ADULTS:

Tuesday, July 16, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Daughters may create "handkerchief dolls" in the two-hour course taught by Liz Blythe, while their mothers make a cloth "depression doll" in the session taught by Ilene Stubbs. Supply lists available before class.

Thursday, Aug. 8, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. "Wrag Wreath Heart" combines several

fabrics, cut-out hearts and paint to create door hangings. Instructor is Denise LaBoe.

FOR CHILDREN:

Children's classes are broken into age groups according to the complexity of the crafts. Parents are asked to attend the classes with their children.

Friday, July 12, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Ages 2 to 7. "McBirds" gives little ones the opportunity to create playful feathered friends with paints and items found at home. Instructor is Cheri Erhardt.

Same time, same day: Ages 8 and up. "Stone Crafts" allows children to hot glue paintings of dolls

and animals onto stones. Teacher is Dee Carter. Supply list and rocks are provided.

Friday, Aug. 16, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Ages 2 to 5. Youngsters make prints with vegetables that have been cut into different patterns and dipped in paint in the three-partner "Please Don't Eat the Veggies" class taught by Roxanne Tobiason, Susan Flaws, Diana Speedy and Sharon Warren.

Same class, day, time: Ages 6 to 9. The children will decorate small muslin hopes with vegetable prints. Fee: \$1.50.

Same class, day, time:

Ages 10 to 15. The art of printing quilted muslin hoops with cut-up vegetables will be offered the teens and near-teens. Making back-to-school, veggie-printed t-shirts will be an option.

The classes are open to both church- and non-church members and are free of charge except for the fee attached to the veggies class for 6 to 9-year-olds.

The classes will be held in the fellowship of the church at 1310 John Moore Road in Brandon.

For further information and reservations, contact Gill Turner at 651-1024.

Friends share legacies

By JULI MCGILL

Mothers were able to share "legacies" of symbolic events in their lives through Christ Community Church's "Spring Fellowship: Legacy of Love" held in May.

Mothers throughout the Brandon community brought such personal treasures as tea pots and framed pictures of family members to be table centerpieces for the annual luncheon honoring mothers and their daughters.

Participants were many. And so was nostalgia.

Monica Crawford and her mother, Eileen Cozza, sang "Hold Onto the Years" to each other, while Marti Walton, wife of the youth pastor, sang "The Legacy of Love."

M.J. Cypers served as master of ceremonies.

Twenty-five door prizes that were donated or handcrafted were coordinated by Juli McGill and Terri Self. Lisa Green made tea-pot name tags for the guests and Self donated homemade Victorian lace bags filled with "Little Ladies' Goodies" to young daughters accompanying their mothers to the event.

Coordinator was Susan Nemitz, who heads the church's women's fellowship. Nancy Rogers coordinated the various "legacies of love" assigned to each table.

Guest speaker Beverly Dotson credited her religious faith in helping her survive the deaths of her two daughters, Julie and Kimberly, eight years ago in an automobile accident.

Students earn honors

By JUDI MCGILL

Several students who excelled in crafts classes at Christ Community Church this past spring were honored at a recent recognition brunch and summer planning session.

Receiving a bouquet of porcelain rose petals and a little box with porcelain petals was Laureen Powers, named the "budding artist" for learning arts and crafts so quickly and then marketing the products of her new-found talent.

Honored as the "blooming artist" was

Yvonne Richens, who received a handcrafted wicker basket decorated with porcelain flowers, pearls and baby's breath.

Richens' growth as a craftsperson which spurred her to teach a successful "Victorian Hat" class this past spring were recognized.

Ruth Duerscheidt was given five porcelain blooming roses for perfect attendance at spring classes—one for each class attended.

The theme was that "without each rose in the vase, it is totally empty and it has taken each blooming

rose to help craft fellowship grow so rapidly."

Others receiving single porcelain roses were:

* Teachers: Lisa Green, Yvonne Jarrett, Linda Sprague, Tina Knight, Rosanne Tobiason and Nancy Rogers;

* Devotionalists: Linda Sprague, Teri Self;

* Refreshments: Donna Jenkins, Cheri Erhardt, Monica Crawford;

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For more information, call the YMCA at 685-5402.

Activities at the library

The Brandon Regional Library is offering a series of summer activities for children during their hiatus from school.

The schedule follows:

• Story time, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 11 a.m., July 9 through July 30. Stories, songs, filmstrips and other activities; no program is scheduled July 18.

• Film Safari, Tuesdays at 3:30 p.m., July 9 through July 30, ages 6 and older. Films with a jungle theme. (Limit of 50 per program.)

• Adventures with Safari Sam I and II, Wednesdays, 2 p.m., ages 5 to 7; 3 p.m., ages 8 and above, July 10 through July 31. Books, filmstrips and other activities; limit of 60 per program.

• Booknic, alternate Thursdays, 3 p.m., July 11 and July 25, grades 4 to 7. Bring a book and a drink for 60 minutes of booksharing and fun.

No registration is required.

The library is at 619 Vonderburg Drive. Telephone: 654-4066.

Did you know that there is a real gourmet restaurant here?

By MICHAEL COEVILLE

"Bloomingdale's time has come," says gourmet chef Dennis Montileone of the Country Club at Arvida River Hills.

The chef creates culinary delights satisfying the picky palates of sophisticated diners.

Originally from St. Louis, Mo., Montileone worked for the Hilton Hotel in the Disney Village near Orlando before settling in the Oakview Dining Room in the Country Club six months ago.

Considered a saucier chef, Montileone specializes in sauces. His ingredients, Montileone says, are fresh, with ground herbs and spices from the Riverhills Country

Club's own herb and vegetable garden.

Gourmet dining has been successful at the country club, Montileone says. The dining room usually is open to the public for lunch from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., with \$6.95 the average price for an entree.

However, frequent special events limited to club members suggest that reservations be made.

Jennifer Collura has been the chef's apprentice for four years. She specializes in garnishments.

"The culinary freedom we have here is like nowhere else. We have the backing of the club," she says.

Her boss describes Jen-

nifer as "creative and talented."

Montileone, a 1976 graduate of the Culinary Institute of America located in the Hyde Park community of New York City, says he enjoys the "cooking and creativity" of being a chef.

Collura and Montileone display versatility in meal preparation which ranges from gourmet and Hawaiian to Italian and seafood.

One recent "special" was Julienne chicken with fresh garlic, avocados, tomatoes and mushrooms in a white wine sauce served over fresh angel hair pasta.

The dining room is open from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. for members.

So you are thinking about building a pool?

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Q: I've lived in South Florida for two years and I have decided that I want a backyard swimming pool. What should I do before I hire someone to build it? Does Florida license pool builders?

A: Backyard swimming pools are extremely popular in warm-weather states like Florida and pool contracting can be a very lucrative business.

The Florida Department of Professional Regulation is the state agency in charge of regulating pool contractors.

According to statistics from April 1991, there are

805 licensed pool contractors in Florida.

Before you hire any person or company to build your pool, make sure they are licensed and in good standing with the Department of Professional Regulation.

To check on a license, please contact the department at 800/851-1204, be sure you have the correct spellings of any names you want checked.

If you think you may have been the victim of an incompetent or unlicensed pool contractor or any unlicensed professional, please contact the department toll-free at 800/342-7940.

You can also contact your

local county building office to check the status of a contractor within your county.

Backyard swimming pools that you can use almost year round are an exciting part of life in the Sunshine State; starting with a licensed pool contractor can help keep your Florida dream from turning into a nightmare.

If you have any questions or concerns that you would like to see addressed in Consumer Watch, please write to the Department of Professional Regulation, Attention: Public Information, Northwood Centre, 1940 North Monroe Street, Tallahassee, FL 32339.

Now that you have that pool, what do you do with it?

By BILL POVILUS

A neighbor recently asked me if I ever shocked my pool. She never had! I told her shock treatment or superchlorinating should be a routine part of pool maintenance. Why?

Home pools tend to have problems such as algae, turbidity and bacteria. Warm water and lots of pool use make them worse.

Your best defense is to maintain an adequate chemical balance in the water—a free chlorine level of 1.0 to 2.0 ppm (parts per million) and a pH between 7.2 and 7.6.

Maintaining the chemical levels is difficult. Winds blow dirt and pollen, rains add more pollutants, and we swim in the water almost daily in the summer.

It may surprise you that the dirt and debris are, for the most part, organic.

As such they tend to reduce the free chlorine level and make it more difficult for the disinfectant to do its job.

Organic materials com-

bine with the chlorine to form all kinds of undesirable chemical compounds.

Superchlorination is the adding of large doses of chlorine to the pool to oxidize organic materials. This requires temporarily raising the chlorine level to about 10 ppm to be effective.

Any form of chlorine can be used but some seem preferable to others.

Don't use stabilized chlorine for shocking—stabilized forms are costlier and add too much stabilizer to your pool. (Experts recommend pools be drained and refilled if stabilizer reaches 100 ppm. Your local pool supply store will check it for you free if you bring in a water sample).

Also stabilized chlorine costs about half that.

The best chemicals to use are liquid chlorine—sodium hypochlorite—sold in plastic jugs, or calcium hypochlorite usually sold in granular form.

You will notice that additional pool acid (pH de- creaser) may be required

after shocking your pool because both of the above products have a relatively high pH.

Both products should be added when the pool pump is running and may be poured directly into the water.

Of course, all swimmers should be out of the water when you superchlorinate and normally 12-24 hours will be necessary for the pool to return to normal for swimming.

Question? How often should you shock your pool. With lots of use or heavy rains, once every two or three weeks in the summer is probably a good idea.

Otherwise, once a month in winter. How much? Directions vary on the product you use. I have found, however, that for a 30-foot X 15-foot pool, one jug (2 1/2 gallons) keeps the water clear, sparkling and algae free.

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Hillsborough County Commissioners have reduced the annual solid waste fee charged to single-family homeowners in the unincorporated area of the county.

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It is used to pay for the operation of the various Solid Waste Department facilities, such as the Resource Recovery Facility, transfer stations, the Southeast County Landfill, Community Disposal Centers and Household Chemical Collection Centers in Hillsborough County.

At the recent meeting, commissioners also approved implementing a pilot yard and wood waste composting program, expanding the curbside collection recycling program by 60,000 residential units and assuming county responsibility for the operation of the tire shedding program.

The Solid Waste Department estimates that it will handle 619,000 tons of solid waste next year.

When you can put trash out

Everyone likes to get their trash out to the curb early. It certainly beats chasing the garbage truck down the street. "Early" will now have a specific meaning to County residents.

According to the County Solid Waste Department, Ordinance 13-35 reads that trash is not to be placed at curbside earlier than 12 hours prior to 6 a.m. of the pickup day.

Example—If pickup is Monday, trash should not be placed outside before 6 p.m. Sunday.

Complaints of noncompliance will be forwarded to the County Code Enforcement staff through the BHA Community Office. It is hoped that this will reduce the problems of broken trash bags and the mess involved.

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Pastor: R.B. Newberry
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710 East Bloomingtondale
Avenue
654-3699
Pastor: Reid B. Isenhart
Sunday Schedule:
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Church School: 9:15
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Resurrection
Community Church
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Brandon
685-6377
Pastor: Wayne Radd
Sunday Schedule:
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7 pm
Childrens Church &
Nursery: 10:30 a.m.

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Methodist Church
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don
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Preschool 689-1207
Pastor: Robert A. Hahn
Sunday Schedule:
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United Church of
Christ
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Rd, Valrico
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Scheuer, Jr.
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Church School 10:45

St. Stephen s
Catholic Church
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689-4900
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stretch, he said. Bloomingdale, meanwhile, hosted 19,228 vehicles in the same time period in April of 1991, while 26,941 are predicted for 1996, he said.

Frank Zambito, a transportation planner with the Planning Commission, said the figures are based on roadway inventories with projected increases of 4 percent each year.

The easing of traffic on Kings may not be puzzling. "It does look like it came down in the late '80s," Zambito said. "I would guess it has something to do with the

East-West Expressway. Instead of using S.R. 60, they are taking Lumsden to the Crosstown and going that way. Or they are taking Causeway Boulevard to avoid going on 60."

The fight to improve Bloomingdale Avenue as the main east-west artery for a rapidly growing population has been ongoing since the early 1980s.

Zambito said the culprit has not been procrastination, but a lack of funds at the county level.

"There are delays as with any roadway when there is a lack of money. The costs go

up," he said. "A lot is the result of inadequate funding. We have wanted to do it and now we are."

Col. Russ Lembke, president of the Bloomingdale Homeowners Association, applauds the projected improvements.

"It would mean a lot less traffic tie-ups. It will improve the quality of life, cut down on speeding and car accidents," he said. "I try to avoid Bloomingdale (Avenue) if at all possible."

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A Lesson In Delegation

When you are running out of time and your support staff is running out of work, it's time to delegate. If you don't, you will always be in a time bind.

Never put off a task until tomorrow if you can delegate it today. But don't use delegation to dump distasteful tasks into other people's laps, either. Use it as a means to develop your staff.

Here's how:

- 1) Set clear, realistic goals for the task to be delegated.
- 2) Communicate the assignment clearly. Explain the why of every aspect of the assignment. Knowing this will help the person to take the right action if unforeseen circumstances occur.
- 3) If possible, give an example or illustration of the results you're looking for - this will help to clarify the task goal in the delegate's mind.
- 4) Give the person poli-

cies and procedures for doing the assignment. Define the scope of responsibility as it relates to the work.

5) Give him/her the authority needed to carry out the assignment, and inform others that he/she has this authority. (This will lessen co-workers' resistance to helping the person carry out the assignment.)

6.) Have the delegated person explain back to you what the task is, his/her limits of responsibility and authority, key check points when progress is to be reported, and the time limit for completing each task.

7) Let your subordinate delegate the task to a lower level, if necessary.

When delegating: Resist perfectionism. Even though someone else may not be able to do the job as well as you can, delegate it anyway if it can be done passably. (Your staff must have the opportunity to make mistakes if they are to learn and grow.)

Do not let a task get delegated back onto your shoulders, either. If a prob-

lem occurs, insist that it not come back to you without several alternative solutions. Help the person think through the recommendation, but don't make the decision.

Likewise, if you haven't trained others to take over for you, you'll never get promoted because, "You're irreplaceable!" So let the delegatee do the task - don't interfere or supervise. Enjoy your newfound time doing more important tasks.

What To Delegate?

- Things from your daily routine.
- Duties that can be done on a temporary basis.
- Preparation of rough drafts of policies, procedures, letters, reports.
- Problem analysis and possible solutions.
- Fact-finding assignments.
- Tasks that will challenge your staff.
- Tasks to test your staff's ability in certain areas.
- Small work units from your own area of responsibilities/functions.

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