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Run, Fish, and Fun on the 4th

Run the 5k Fun Run at 7:30 a.m.

The Second Annual Bloomingdale 5K Fun Run will take place on July 4 beginning at 7:30 a.m. in Park East. (Runners are to check in at 6:30 a.m.)

ALL ENTRANTS WILL RECEIVE A T-SHIRT! Besides T-shirts there will also be: Ribbons to the top finishers in various age groups and a \$50 gift certificate to Beall's (courtesy of Beall's and the BHA) to the first male and female finishers.

There will also be a **Post-Race Party** with *free food and drink*. Donating to the prize barrel and party is TCBY's, Publix, and Little Caesar's Pizza, to name just a few.

The course is flat and winding (see **Page 3 for map**). For people living along the race route, please--park cars in driveways (more room for runners and for better safety) and get out in the morning to cheer the runners on.

To register, mail in or drop off the form by **June 29** along with \$5. (Late registration is available before the race at 6:30 a.m. in Park East for \$6.)

We need volunteers to help! Some volunteers can also help and run. Call Bill Armstrong, BHA Director and Fun Run Chairman, at 684-5809.

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Watch the Parade at 9:30 a.m.

Presidents Roundtable of Brandon is sponsoring the 29th Annual Fourth of July Parade and Fireworks slated to begin at 9:30 a.m. and last for two hours. This year's theme is: The Workers of America. The parade will begin at Pauls Drive on Oakfield, proceed east on Oakfield, north on Buckingham Place, east on Robertson Street, south on Parsons, and disband at Clayton Park.

After-parade festivities (beginning at 11:30 a.m.) at Center Place will include a Food Fair, the Shriner's Barbeque, music, Karate demonstrations, and a few surprises. The 13 parade awards will also be given out. Across the street from Center Place, the American Cancer Society will be holding a Flea Market/Auction.

Fireworks & Band at 8 p.m.

A band concert at 8 p.m. in Regency Square (on Hwy 60) will begin the evening festivities with a fireworks display at dusk at the northside of their property highlighting the entertainment. \$1,000 was donated by Regency Square toward the fireworks feature.

For additional information about the parade, parade entries, and all festivities, please call Madeleine Golletz, President of President's Roundtable and a Bloomingdale Resident, at 689-0379.

Fishing Tournament at 3 p.m.

The Florida Sportsman of Brandon together with the Bloomingdale Homeowner's Association is sponsoring a July 4 **JUNIOR FISHING TOURNAMENT** here in Bloomingdale at Ryan's Lake (see page 3 for map).

Beginning at 3 p.m. (rain or shine) Bloomingdale youngsters ages 14 and under are invited to try to win one of two **\$50 CASH PRIZES PLUS TROPHIES** during one-hour, age-grouped, fishing times. (Children 6 years and under are to have parental supervision.) Fishing poles, line, and bait will be supplied by Florida Sportsman (owner Barry Beard, Bloomingdale Resident).

THERE IS A LIMIT OF 100 FISHERBOYS OR FISHERGIRLS, so fill out the form and send it in by **June 29** along with \$1 per child. You can also drop off this form at Barry's house at 3709 Sand Pebble (Bloomingdale East) or at the Florida Sportsman at 1335 W. Brandon Blvd. (Sign up is available the day of the tournament--but it is limited to the first 100 youngsters.)

Want more information? Call Barry Beard at 689-FISH (3474) during the day or 689-4302 in the evenings.

Bring your own pole if you have it. But poles will be provided if you don't have one.

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See Pages 15 to 18 for your ballot to vote on what you want in our Parks East and West

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IMPORTANT MEETINGS

SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT MEETING

The next meeting of the Bloomingdale Special Taxing District will take place on Monday, July 13, at Bloomingdale Community Church (1310 Bloomingdale Avenue). President Fred Uphoff will call the meeting to order at 8 p.m. All residents are encouraged to attend.

BHA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The next meeting of the Board of Directors of The Bloomingdale Homeowners Association will take place on Tuesday, June 16, at Bloomingdale Community Church (1310 Bloomingdale Avenue). Vice President Jim Weiss will call the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Interested observers are invited to attend.

SUBSCRIPTION RATE: \$12 per year.

WATCH FOR THE BLOOMINGDALE GAZETTE TO BE DELIVERED ON YOUR DOOR ON THE FOLLOWING WEEKENDS:

July 11/12	August 8/9
September 12/13	October 10/11
November 7/8	December 12/13

The next Special Edition will be in November

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Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

Congratulations to the Association on the excellent job done by Susan DeLuca and Mike Kelly at the Arvida Rezoning. I hope that it will be successful. I have seen many concerned citizens reference the forthcoming growth management law, but to no avail. I've seen many talk of the spirit and intent of the law, but the public official's ears were deaf. The widening of Bloomingdale is being pushed back further and further.

The Association's action in bringing to light the traffic problems of Bloomingdale is the first step. But if you want to be successful, it cannot be your last.

Mr. Selvey is only one vote and his votes are true to his district. It is the votes of the other commissioners that constantly defeat the progress of the Bloomingdale widening. Here are several techniques that could prove valuable if you decide to make the Bloomingdale widening a priority. First, lobby the other commissioners and report their attitudes in your press. You might

want to suggest that if they cannot provide road services to East County then they should not be approving new growth. This is essentially the attitude of the new growth management legislation. The various commissioners' replies will indicate their intentions to uphold the law or evade it.

The second action the Association may want to take is to pressure the Commission into putting Bloomingdale in a higher priority. There are a variety of options available to you: a mass call-in to the Commissioners on a predetermined date, the traditional

"fill up" the Commission chambers, or bring media attention to the issue.

The Association must decide how important road improvements are. Sadly at this time Hillsborough County government appears to respond only to external pressure and not to a sense of right and wrong. I applaud your efforts to make government responsive.

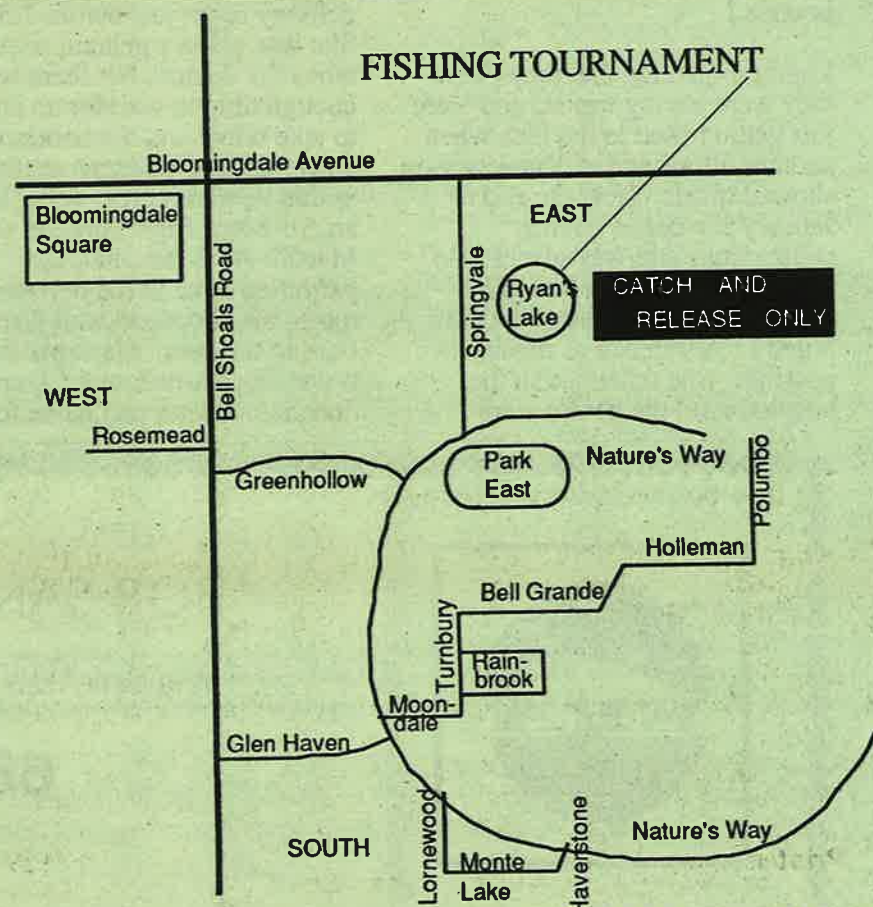
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Riverview

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5K Fun Run Course

- Start: Park East
- Nature's Way to Lornewood
- Lornewood to Monte Lake
- Monte Lake to Haverstone
- Haverstone to Nature's Way (half-way point--water)
- Nature's Way to Moondale
- Moondale to Turnbury
- Turnbury to Rainbrook
- Rainbrook back to Turnbury
- Turnbury to Bell Grande
- Bell Grande to Holleman
- Holleman to Pumbo
- Pumbo to Nature's Way
- Nature's Way to FINISH



FUN RUN AND FISHING TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION FORMS

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Signature _____ Date _____
(Parent or Guardian must sign if registrant is under age 18)

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Mail to: The BHA • P.O. Box 918 • Brandon, FL 33511
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By June 29, 1987 ** Registration \$1 per child

Name _____ Age _____
Address _____ Phone _____

DO YOU NEED TO BORROW A POLE? Yes No

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Parent's Signature _____ Date _____

"But dear, I thought you said there were only 3!"

by Jackie Tuckey
Gazette Staff Reporter

The sign reads "One home, three to go." It hangs in the front window of a quiet home on Peachfield Dr. in Bloomingdale East. It is the home of John and Lianne Watson and the sign refers to their four babies--yes, quadruplets. The babies were born March 22 at Tampa General Hospital, each weighing about two pounds. Their names are: Philip Ward, John David, Leigh Ellen, and Susan Ann. The babies need to weigh at least four and one half pounds to come home. (Philip came home May 17 weighing in at five pounds.)

Lianne explained that they knew they were having triplets and were just getting used to the idea when another ultrasound at Thanksgiving showed quads. Near the end of January she began having contractions and was admitted to the hospital. Lianne was given medication to stop them and was urged to stay in bed as much as possible. She remained in the hospital until the babies were

born in March. "It's a good thing John is such a good listener," she said. "I was pretty crabby those 10 weeks."

She said she felt ill most of the time whether she was sitting or lying in bed while the contractions continued intermittently each day. Finally the day came when they did not stop. The doctors had hoped they could keep the births from happening until the babies were at 30 weeks, which is considered term for quadruplets--Lianne was at 28 weeks. Lianne was rushed into a delivery room just before 7:30 p.m. She was given a general anesthetic when the doctors felt there wasn't enough time to wait for an epidural to take effect and the babies were delivered by Cesaerean section within three minutes. John, who is an Air Force flight surgeon at Macdill AFB Hospital, was permitted to be in the delivery room, but choose to wait just outside the door. He explained that it was so crowded with Lianne's doctors, a doctor and nurse for each

baby, plus incubators, that he felt there just wasn't room. But he never felt left out, either.

Lianne said she felt terrific after the births. The next day she was out of bed washing her hair and shaving her legs.

The Watson's visit their babies every day. Since Philip came home, it is harder for Lianne to get to the hospital each day, but John always goes on his way home from work. "I'm glad they will come home one at a time. I need the time to bond

with each of them one-on-one. We didn't get the time in the hospital," Lianne said. "And our neighbors have all been wonderful--we couldn't have managed without their help," both agreed. The Watson's are getting some outside help, too. Of course, relatives will be coming to Tampa to take turns helping care for four babies. Also, Gerber Baby Foods is donating some food, and Miles Laboratories is donating formula for a time. Brandon Chrysler is giving a discount on a new mini-

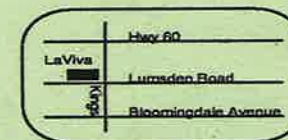
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**Report
from
the
Commissioner's Desk**

During recent meetings with Commissioner Selvey, the BHA requested traffic studies, exit and entrance polls, and various upgradings of law enforcement in an effort to better understand the speeding problem on Bloomingfield Drive. Bob Buschman, Director of Public Works (and Bloomingdale Resident), summed up the problem and offered solutions in this letter:

Dear Mr. Brosnaham:

This responds to your request to Commissioner Selvey concerning traffic problems on Bloomingfield Drive. The necessary traffic studies have been completed and the results are as follows:

CUT THROUGHS

On February 27, 1987, Traffic Operations personnel conducted an auto tag study during the peak hours 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The purpose of this study was to determine what percent of the motorists on Bloomingfield Drive during the peak hours are using

Bloomingfield to avoid Bloomingdale Avenue. The results of this study indicated 819 vehicles using Bloomingfield Drive. However, only 62 vehicles (8%) could be classified as "cut-through" vehicles. The majority of the vehicles on Bloomingfield Drive are residents of the Bloomingdale West subdivision. A total of 19 out of 62 vehicles that do cut through are registered to residents of Bloomingdale East. Therefore, only 43 vehicles (or 5% of the 819 vehicles recorded) are "cut-through" vehicles from other areas.

POSTED SPEED LIMIT

Your association has asked for a reduction of the existing 30 mph speed limit on Bloomingfield Drive. The posting of a 30 mph speed limit complies with Florida Traffic Laws. Thirty miles per hour represents the safe speed under ideal conditions as well as the legal limit. Where less than ideal conditions exist (i.e., darkness, inclement weather, curves in the road, pedestrians near the roadway, etc.) it is the driver's responsibility to alter his speed to suit the existing conditions. The driver's speed is

influenced more by the appearance of the roadway and the prevailing traffic conditions than it is by the posted speed limit. Some driver's will obey the lower posted speed while others will feel it's unreasonable and simply ignore it. This disrupts the uniform flow and increases accident potential.

During March of this year, Traffic Operations requested the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office to increase enforcement of the posted 30 mph speed limit on Bloomingfield Drive as well as motorists passing school buses while children are boarding.

SPEED HUMPS

Recently, the County Attorney's Office prepared an opinion that is it unlawful for a political body, such as Hillsborough County, to install a traffic control device, such as a speed hump, which does not comply with the Florida Department of Transportation's Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices. In addition, speed humps can be hazardous to bicycles, motorcycles and can delay response times of emergency vehicles. For these reasons, speed humps are not installed on public roads maintained by Hillsborough County.

CONCLUSION

Our recent 24-hour traffic count indicates approximately 4,000 vehicles use Bloomingfield Drive which serves as a local minor collector to the residents of the 900 homes in Bloomingdale West. Our auto tag study results indicate there is an insignificant amount of cut-through traffic.

Therefore, it would seem that many of the motorists exceeding the posted speed limit must be residents of Bloomingdale West. The only deterrent to this type of motorist is persistent law enforcement. We suggest Bloomingdale (with its strong homeowners association) advise its residents that the residents are causing many of the problems and not just motorists cutting through as many residents believe. As indicated earlier, we have asked the Sheriff's Office to provide additional enforcement of the speed limits in your area.

Sincerely,
Robert L. Buschman, P.E.
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van (they are trading in one of their small cars).

At home, they already have four car seats. The babies will share two cribs for the time being and a quadruplet stroller has been special ordered through a store in Carrollwood.

The sad part of the story is that Bloomingdale will not see the Watson quads grow up. John is being transferred in mid-June to San Antonio, Texas, to do his surgical residency. Lianne and her mother will drive the babies out there some time in July. The smallest baby, John, may be transferred to the hospital in Texas via medical flight, accompanied by his doctor. John is still having some respiratory problems.

Neither John nor Lianne seem worried or nervous about the prospect of caring for four babies simultaneously. They are calm, quiet people who recently celebrated their second wedding anniversary. And while four children ought to shatter some of

New Minister is new Resident, too!

The Rev. Reid B. Isenhart will be the new Minister of the Bloomingdale Presbyterian New Church Development beginning in July. Currently holding services in the Tiny Citizens Child-Care Center at 11418 Bloomingdale Avenue, Mr. Isenhart will be the first full-time minister to serve the

congregation since its inception in August of 1986. The Rev. James G. Manor has been serving as the interim organizing minister.

Mr. Isenhart has been the Associate Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Dunedin since 1982. He is a graduate of Eckerd College, St.

Petersburg, and Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, New Jersey. Having a special interest in clown ministry, drama, and music, he has worked extensively with youths and children.

Mr. Isenhart, his wife, Diane (a registered nurse), and their 7-year-old daughter, Shannon, will be soon be joining the ranks of Bloomingdale Residents as they will be moving to Bloomingdale soon. Welcome!

the quiet of the Watson household, Lianne is sure that the same faith they felt would let all their babies survive, is the faith that will see them through whatever needs to be done in the future.



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The Mobile Watch would like to give a big "Thank You" to Jim Godfrey, who is being transferred to a new military base. Jim has given many hours of his time as a base station, mobile observer, and a core committee member. We'll miss him. Good luck, Jim.

Last July, the Mobile Watch wrote a letter to the community describing the lack of volunteers. As a result of that letter, we received an excellent response to our pleas. Now we find ourselves in the same condition and feel it is time to speak out again. Our letter of last year is reprinted below. The date and numbers may have changed, but the facts haven't.

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE RESIDENTS OF BLOOMINGDALE

The time has come to take off the gloves and tell it like it is. The Mobile Watch has been trying to help our community for the past 6 years. In that time the development has grown from about 100 homes to more than 1600. Where it took one car 20 minutes to cover the occupied area it now takes 2 cars one hour each to cover the occupied sections.

When we first organized we had 55 volunteers out of about 200 adult residents. Over the years the number of volunteers has increased somewhat. Currently our roster numbers 93 active members, out of 3200 residents, which does not allow us to be out every night. To be blunt, That percentage stinks.

We have consistently asked for volunteers to give 3 hours of their time once a month. The response we have received is slim to none. Some people have said they don't have time. Some of our volunteers work 12 hours a day and still find time to give us between 3 - 12 hours per month as mobile observers and/or base stations. Most of the residents in our community work a regular 8 hour day, and yet they don't participate. WHY???

As we don't have an active, effective Neighborhood Watch Program (signs alone don't make a Neighborhood Watch) we have been the only viable deterrent to vandalism and crime available to you other than infrequent Sheriff patrols.

We can come to only two conclusions. You don't care about protecting your community; or don't think our community needs watching.

We challenge you to prove us wrong by volunteering to join us in record numbers. If not, we will have no choice but to stop altogether as of August 31, 1986. We cannot and will not ask our few volunteers to give more time to keep the Mobile Watch operating. To volunteer, simply call any of the core members (list appears on Page 2).

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Jerry Underwood
Steve Briggs
Ted Keiser
Joe Liguori
George Ball
Alternate: Mark Chapman

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Vice President Jim Weiss at Bloomingdale Community Church, 1310 Bloomingdale Avenue, Valrico, Florida 33594. The following is a brief synopsis of some of the items presented.

Neighborhood Watch: Jim Weiss had a meeting with the Sheriff's Department on April 19 as

part of his duties as Co-Chairman of the Neighborhood Watch Program. So far there are only 20 volunteers, which is not enough. This will be printed in the Gazette along with the need for more people.

Arvida Rezoning: Mike Kelly gave a capsulized talk on his and Susan DeLuca's presentation to the Zoning Hearing Master on March 26. The recommendation from the Zoning Hearing Master was received in today's mail which stated that he feels the transportation network will not be adversely affected by the additional vehicles from Arvida. The BHA Board strongly disagrees. The Board will meet on April 28 at 7:30 p.m. here at the church to discuss their presentation of Oral Arguments to the County Commissioners on May 12 at 9:30 a.m.

Homeowner's Network: Excellent response has been received from all the County Commissioners and the County Administrator's office regarding this idea. Many have sent lists of
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the associations in their area. Susan DeLuca is to send an informational letter to everyone on these lists informing them of our intentions and goals.

Theft: Glen Haven Associates' building at the corner of Glen Haven and Bell Shoals put all new landscaping in which was stolen the same night. They had to replace all of it and then hired a security guard to watch it.

Guidelines for Seminars: It was voted unanimously that Seminars and Guidelines for them would not be undertaken by the Board now due to the lack of time.

It may be brought up again in the fall.

Sewer Treatment Plant: Mark Chapman is in the process of following through on this item as to how it pertains to Bloomingdale and the new school. He will report back as soon as he has any more information.

Baseball Equipment: \$100 was allocated to the BHA Men's Softball League under the condition that they replace any damaged or lost items at the end of the season. Ray House will serve as equipment manager.

General Membership Meeting of May 14: Ed Radice will be

invited to the meeting to hear what we would like regarding the 5-year long-term budget of Parks East and West.

Parks Cut Through: Residents are complaining about people cutting through their yards to get to the Parks. People are riding bikes through the yards, looking in windows as they go by, and causing a lack of privacy. It was recommended that these individuals should contact the STD regarding the cost of a fence to create an easement so there would be direct access without having to go through private yards.

Valrico Manor: The Brandon Chamber of Commerce gave the BHA's name to resident of Valrico Manor Subdivision to contact regarding the start-up of a homeowner's association and/or STD. Susan DeLuca met with representatives and gave them guidelines and tips. She will be available to them as they need.

Board Nominations: Shelly Oakes resigned as of this meeting. Therefore, the need for two alternates. Wayne Anderson's name was placed before the Board. It was decided that the openings would be advertised in the Gazette to see who else was also interested.

Walk America: Henry Brosnaham gave a brief synopsis of this March of Dimes event.

Lift Station on Bloomingfield: Concern was expressed due to the excessive amount of time the lift station is going on. Also, the Board would like to know what the blue drums are that are being stored there. Mark Chapman will check on this.

Lights on Bell Shoals: The Board would like to see the STD pay for lighting on Bell Shoals as this would benefit the whole community. The BHA will let the STD know this.

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Gazette News

by Susan L. DeLuca
Gazette Editor

As you have undoubtedly noticed, the Special Edition on May 23 and this edition were totally done on the new computer equipment. It has certainly made a world of difference! Don't forget, that the equipment is also available for typesetting, such as manuscripts, procedure books, ads, etc. Both commercial and for home use. We guarantee our rates are lower than any other legitimate bid—especially to BHA members. We also will work with other typists and typing services that wish to be able to

provide typesetting/laserprinting services to their customers.

On a different note, we must bid a fond farewell to two friends—Sherry Hardin and Colleen Anderson. Sherry's husband, Milo is Air Force and was transferred to Austin, Texas, for an exciting career promotion. Colleen has just purchased a new business (Balloons and More) and it took off faster than was ever dreamed possible—finding it required 24 hours per day care.

We wish the best to both of you!!

Bloomingdale Pianists Win Awards

Several Bloomingdale Residents were among the 31 performers who played in the Spring Recital of the Olga A. Finch Piano Studio, Brandon, on May 17 at the Fletcher Music Center in Tampa. They were: Emily, Judy, and Sarah Honsberger; Ashley and Farrah Lauten; Carrie and Trish Martin; and Alice, Nicole, and Stefanie Wuckovich. In addition to solos, the pianists participated in ensembles using two pianos, electronic keyboard, and rhythm instruments.

A Technique Award was presented to Carrie Martin. While Emily Honsberger received an Outstanding Progress Award. The Outstanding Musician of the Year Award went to Stefanie Wuckovich for the third straight year for outstanding achievement in all areas of music, including: performance, written theory, aural theory, music history, technique, sight reading, transposing, harmonizing, and keyboard skills.

Stefanie also recently won honors in performance, written theory and aural theory during Student Day held in April at Florida College in Temple Terrace. Stefanie is now eligible to compete at the State Student Day being held in June at Eckerd College in St. Petersburg. ■

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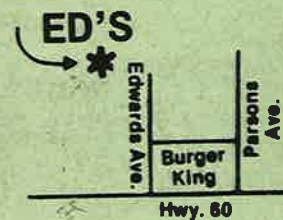
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Where Does All The Money Go? A Special Taxing District Monthly Report

by Jackie Tuckey
Gazette Staff Reporter

The May 11 meeting of the Special Taxing District Board was called to order at 8 p.m. at the Bloomingdale Community Church. In attendance were Fred Uphoff, Chris Deem, Russ Thompson, Tom Calcaterra, Chris Pheils, Joe DeLuca, and Errol Whitfield. The following items were on the agenda:

1. Wall painting contract--Apollo Equipment was the low bidder as well as having the best results on

the scrub tests. A board sub-committee met with the contractor to discuss terms of the bid specifications and contract. All interpretations were agreed upon. Apollo Equipment guarantees their work and paint for one year. They also have agreed to guarantee their bid price of 18.4 cents per square foot for six months. This allows the board time to plan how many more walls can be painted this year within their budget. The Board

voted unanimously to accept the contract, and it was signed by board and contractor. The work will begin immediately and is expected to be completed in six weeks, weather permitting.

2. Home America, owners of part of the entrance wall at Rosemead in the West, doesn't know what they might do with the wall. They also have no plans to make a decision about it for another four to five months. No taxes have been assessed to them because their units are not finished. Tom Calcaterra made a motion to paint the wall and begin a clean-up of overgrown shrubbery and vines to give a uniform appearance to all sections of walls and entrances. It was seconded and passed unanimously. A letter will be sent to Home America informing them of the Board's intentions.

3. Tom Calcaterra sent a letter to the county asking for an accounting of the tax fees assessed to the STD. The county deducts money from the total collection to cover costs of that collection. The Board would like to know exactly what percentage is

deducted so it can be calculated into the budget. No answer has been received.

4. Joe DeLuca has contacted an accounting firm about bookkeeping services and auditing the STD books. He received a statement of qualifications from that company. It was agreed to get a few more of these so the Board can choose a good company. Tom recommended contacting local companies in the Brandon area to simplify the process and hopefully get more personalized service.

5. Grass mowing--bills for February and March have been paid. Lynn Wagner, Property Manager, said the company will refertilize and spray for weeds. He did not feel that the grass was growing as it should if it had been fertilized adequately, but there is no way of knowing if or how much fertilizer was used. Lynn has requested that the company contact him when they are going to be doing weed and feed so he can verify that it was done to the Board's satisfaction. The Board agreed to pay past bills, but not pay any more unless Lynn is able to see it has been done.

6. New fence--A Bloomingdale homeowner asked the Board, according to the instructions in their deed restrictions, to allow them to erect a fence along their property line. Their presentation included photos of people trespassing on their property and the litter that came of it. Most of the people enter their property to fish in the pond behind their house. Their property line extends half way along the side of the pond and also out to the middle of it. Cars park on the grass and have torn up the sod. The homeowner's have tried asking people to stay out of their yard and even did some landscaping to let people know it was part of their property. They don't mind the fishing, but like all property owners along ponds in Bloomingdale, they are also liable for any accidents that happen in the pond. They would have preferred to build an extension of the concrete wall that now exists next to their property, but found this prohibitive. A wooden fence of some sort was the next solution. They are considering a fence line of about 50 or 60 feet and then cutting in toward the water. This would give people access to the water for fishing, but still give them some

STD Money, see page 26

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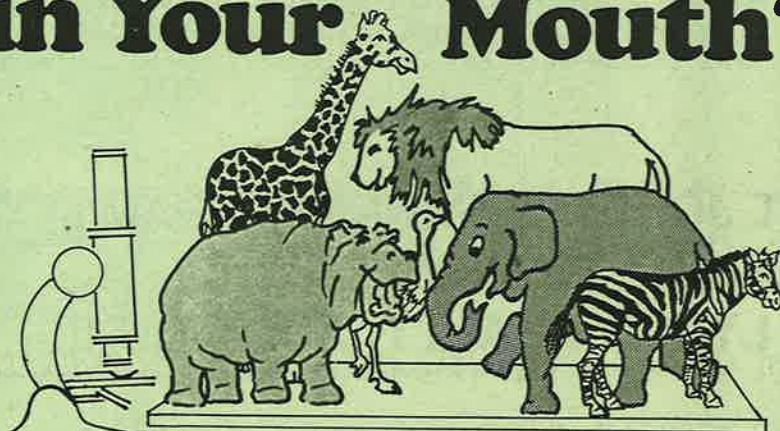
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Note: As with any good story there is always some element and the Gazette should be present. When the author of stories came to me and said "I figured, 'Why not?'" If I laugh at ourselves, who should laugh at? The author wants to be anonymous, which is a good idea. But he swears that everything he is writing about really has to do with his family (inspired by some obvious coincidence). If you are inspired by any of these writings, I am in the beginning; but these columns is ever hurt or antagonize anyone.

THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF OUR DREAMS

"What are we going to do-o-o?" cried Buffy, our teenage daughter.

"There, there, dear," I soothed. "We'll find a house."

"I don't care about that. This motel doesn't have MTV. What are we going to do-o-o...."

Trying to find a new house, we'd been stuck in the motel for a week. My wife, Betty, was mad. Buffy was bored. Bobby, our ten-year-old son, was bouncing a ball off the wall. And Bippy, our toddler, was playing intently with a herd of Asian cockroaches in the corner.

House hunting for our family had not done well since our arrival from Minnesota. Take last week for example:

"Let's look in Carrollwood," suggested Betty. "I've heard that all the 'in people' live there! I want an affluent neighborhood."

So, with a typical early start, we left the motel promptly at 4 p.m. ("Da-a-ad... my hair is still wet," cried Buffy, as I stuffed her into the car.)

Examining the map, Betty said, "It looks like an easy drive. Take this street--Dale Mabry!"

We moved three blocks in the first hour. "Traffic seems a bit heavy," I observed. After two more hours we reached a McDonald's and paused for dinner. In five more hours we covered another ten blocks.

"Traffic is thinning out," I whispered to Betty, taking care not to awaken the others. "I wonder if there are any model homes open now?"

"Turn around and go back to the motel," sighed Betty, as her dreams of living in Carrollwood were dashed.

Bobby mumbled from the rear, "This isn't much fun anyway. I liked St. Petersburg a lot better. We got to sit on that big bridge for two whole days and see all those people get mad."

So there we were, back at the motel.

"Hey Dad," Bobby said, still bouncing the ball. "That story about the barge with all the junk on it is on the news!"

"Oh," I casually replied, "you mean the garbage from New York that is looking...."

"No... This is a barge full of junk from a place called Bloomingdale."

A smiling reporter was pinching her nose while standing in front of a large vessel: "So the famous effluent barge continues to ply the retention ponds of East Hillsborough. With sewerage plants running at half capacity and Bloomingdale toilets running at full capacity, county planners (following the New York example) devised this unique solution. This barge is looking for a home." Cameras panned the neighborhood.

"Say!" Betty exclaimed. "That looks like a nice area! I don't see much traffic."

"But that smelly barge..." cautioned Buffy.

"Look at those pretty trees!" I yelled.

"Nice parks," added Bobby.

"What about the ba-a-a-rge?" repeated Buffy.

"Hey, Mom," noted Bobby, "didn't you say you wanted to live in an effluent neighborhood?"

"He's right!" I clapped my hands in glee. "You did say that! Oh, Betty, what do you think?"

Betty rolled her eyes toward the ceiling. "O.K." she sighed. "Bloomingdale it is!"

We had found the neighborhood of our dreams.

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STREET LIGHT COMMITTEE REPORT

By Jerry Underwood
Lighting District Chairman
and BHA Director

The following is an updated report on all of the street light areas within Bloomingdale as of May 27, 1987.

CURRENT SITUATION:

Bloomingdale West - all sections have street lights. The only streets that do not have lights are Rosemead and the northern end of Canoga Park.

Bloomingdale East - all developed sections have street lights. Sections O, W, L, and R (subsections 1 and 2) are partially developed and do not have street lights. The remaining sections are undeveloped.

Main roads without lights are Bell Shoals, Glen Haven, Natures Way, Springvale, Erindale, and Culbreath.

CURRENT STATUS:

Rosemead\ Canoga Park - the county has not accepted the roads from Criterion because the planned sidewalks were never installed. They cannot be incorporated into the lighting district until accepted by the county.

Sections O, W, L, R (subsections 1 and 2) - approved by county December 86, lights sometime after October 87.

Bell Shoals - will be submitted for approval this year (87), lights sometime after October 88.

Natures Way (west half)\ Glen Haven - approved, TECO crews will start work in June 87. 41 250 watt lights.

Special STD Lights for Dangerous

Intersections - approved by the STD for their 88 budget. Can be installed as private lights after September 87 and then incorporated into the lighting district a year later. These intersections are: Springvale and Bloomingdale; Glen Haven and Bell Shoals; Garnett and Bell Shoals; Erindale and Lithia Pinecrest; and all of Bell Shoals Road by the sidewalk leading up to the shopping center.

FUTURE ACTIONS:

Get approval for remaining sections

as they are developed. Get approval for remainder of Nature's Way, Erindale and Culbreath as sections are developed.

Followup with county on Rosemead and the north end of Canoga Park.

Followup with county on Bell Shoals after December 87.

Followup with TECO after October 87 on sections O, W, L, and R, and Springvale. ■



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On Pages 16, 17, and 18 we have presented a lot of information to help you make some very important decisions regarding the future of Parks East and West. Your decisions will effect our property values, the activities of our children, and what you want and don't want now and in the future for both Parks. After you have read and weighed all the material,

you will find a ballot on Page 18. **Every family in Bloomingdale is expected to fill this out and mail it in.** The information will be tabulated by the BHA Board and presented to the Hillsborough County Parks and Recreation Department within two weeks. This information will then be used to write the five-year plan for our Parks.

Background Information

On May 14, Ed Radice, Director of Parks and Recreation, met with 30 residents of Bloomingdale. The initial purpose was to give the community some insight as to what will be accomplished yet this year and what is available in the years ahead. The turnout of residents was so small, it was decided that it would be unfair for these few to make the decisions for the next five years for the entire community. Therefore, it was decided that Mr. Radice's information would be presented here and a ballot on page 18 would provide the ability for the community to communicate what it wants.

Current Status

The fence in the West is almost done, despite the damage done by vandals. There is a possibility that this fencing (foot railing) can be extended along the back of the lots that abut the Parks (both). It might help cut down on the cutting through. A "Tot Lot" is going to be built at both Parks East and West by October 1987. This is designed for very little children. The tennis courts are going to be re-surfaced at a cost of \$2,500, also before October 1987. Picnic Tables will be added and a sidewalk will be poured from the parking lot to the tennis courts in Park East. The funding of these items comes from the \$24,000 that Criterion paid the Parks Department.

AVAILABLE EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES

Each year the county allocates money for the Parks Department beginning with October. The Parks Department has no way of knowing how much will be given to them and it varies each year. When they do get money for capital improvements, they spend it according to what a community has prioritized. The more costly the requests, the longer the possibility of a wait--depending on the county.

The following are a list of items suggested by residents:

1. A recreation building in Park West. Particulars are on the next two pages.
2. Jogging paths. 4 types available: Crushed limerock (it spreads out); Clay (it washes out); Asphalt (hard on feet); and Wood Chips (goes all over).
3. Swings for babies to sit on.
4. Electricity in Park East.
5. Half-court basketball courts.
6. Increased parking facilities.
7. Tennis court lights with a timer to turn off at 10 p.m.
8. Crosswalks on the street near the parks for children to cross.
9. Some kind of top or covering over the raquetball courts.
10. No Parking signs on the grassy areas around the park.
11. Programmed activities for children and adults.

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The Field House Decision

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Balm Park

3,500 square foot • \$70,000 to build • Capacity of about 120 in one room
No other center like this in south county
Would have manned programs geared to us
Programs would be available to anyone
Can have many activities going on all at the same time
Higher cost means it *might* take longer before funds are approved

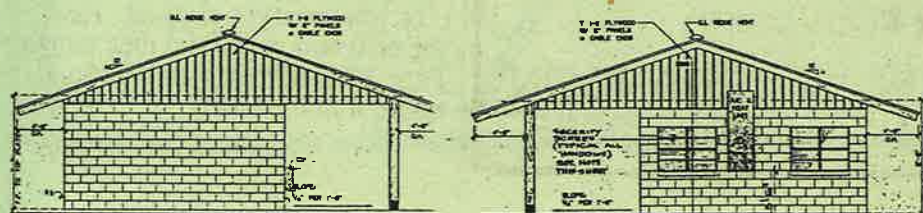
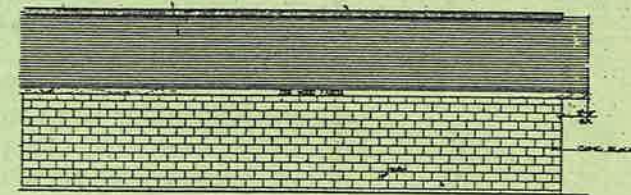
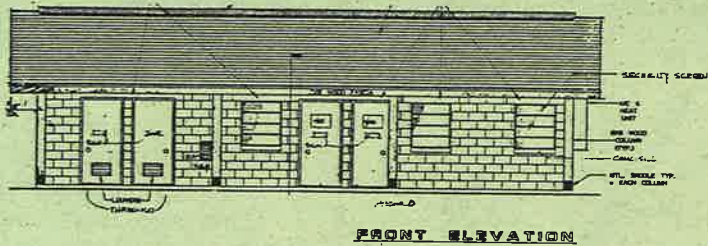
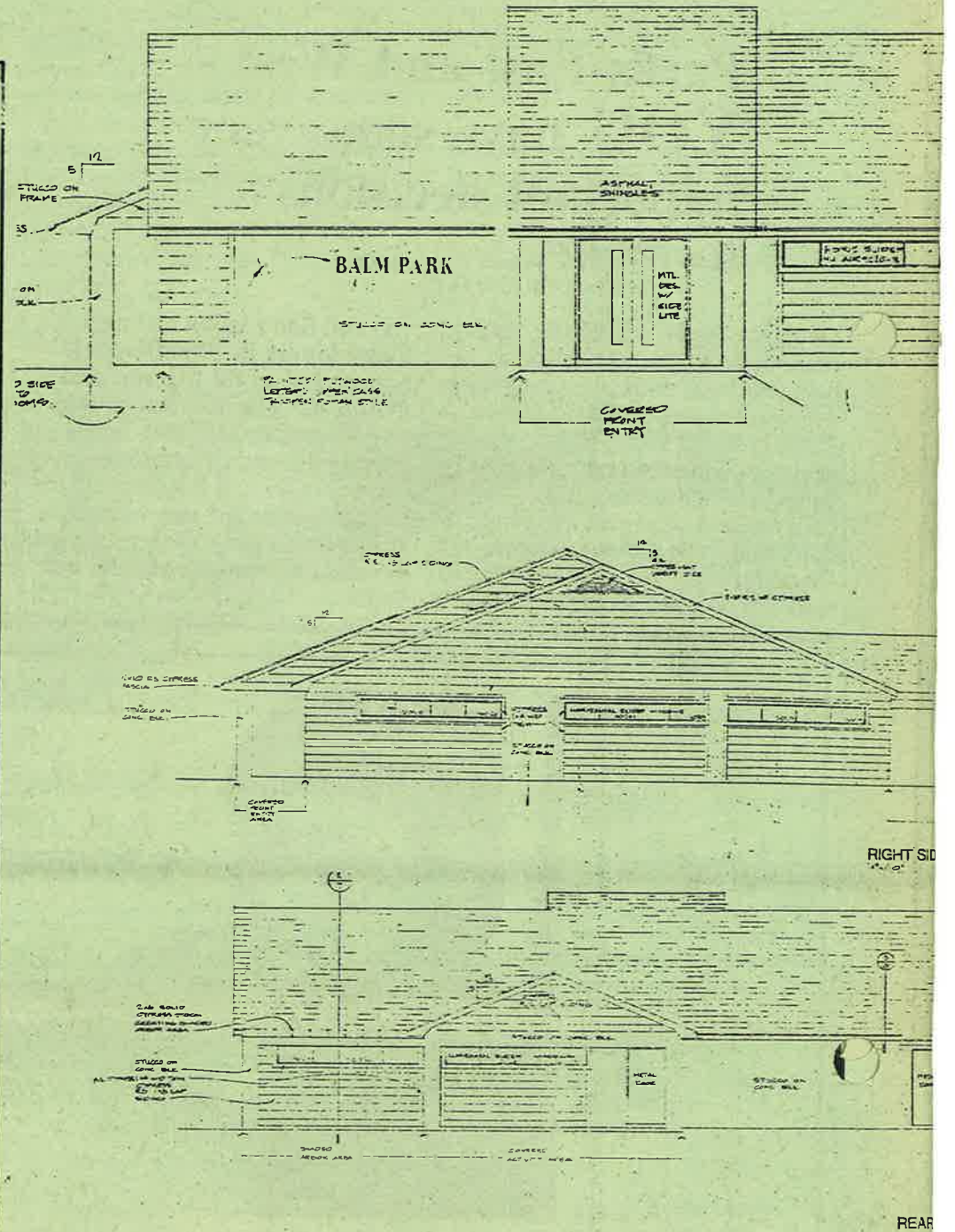
Bellamy Recreation Building

1,700 square foot • \$35,000 to build • Capacity of about 75 in one room
Would have manned programs geared to us
Can expand the building by adding "modules" with sidewalks to connect but cannot expand by structural changes
Less likely to bring in users not from here
Number of activities and type are limited at the same time
Lower cost means it *might* be approved quicker

Both of these structures would fit in with the surrounding neighborhood and according to our local deed restrictions. When they would be build is dependent upon the amount of monies allocated through the County Commission. The buildings would be manned at times dependent upon time of year. Planned programs usually extend to 6 p.m. in the evenings. Both buildings would be available for use to anyone. The BHA, STD, Mobile Watch, and all groups would be able to meet here. The needs of the community would be placed on a priority basis. The buildings would also be available for private use, such as for a bridal reception, or private party. They would be booked through the Parks Department.

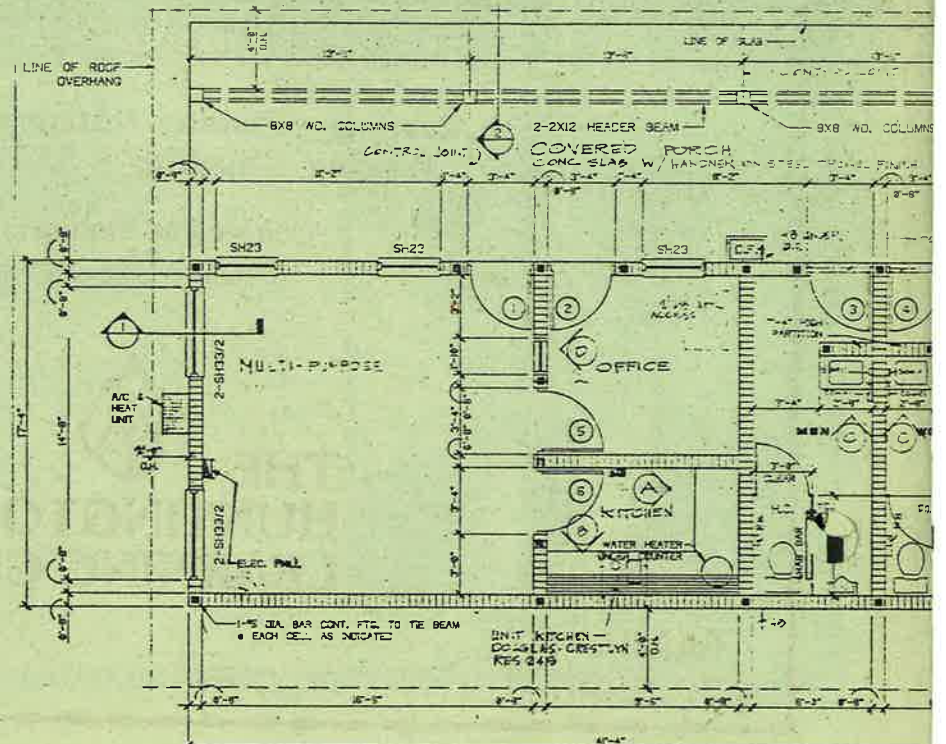
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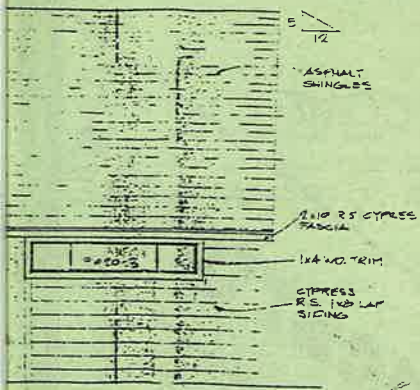
- 1) which type of building structure you prefer, and
- 2) your priority as to how you rate the need to have a building.



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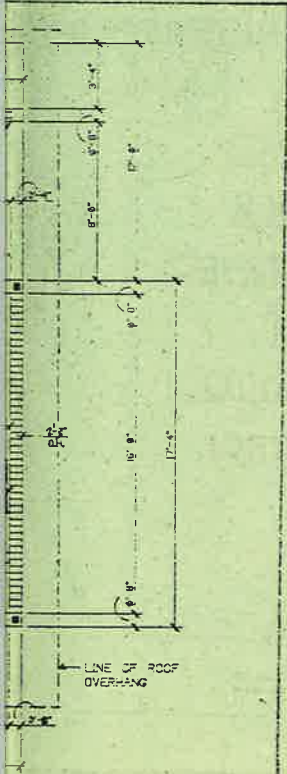




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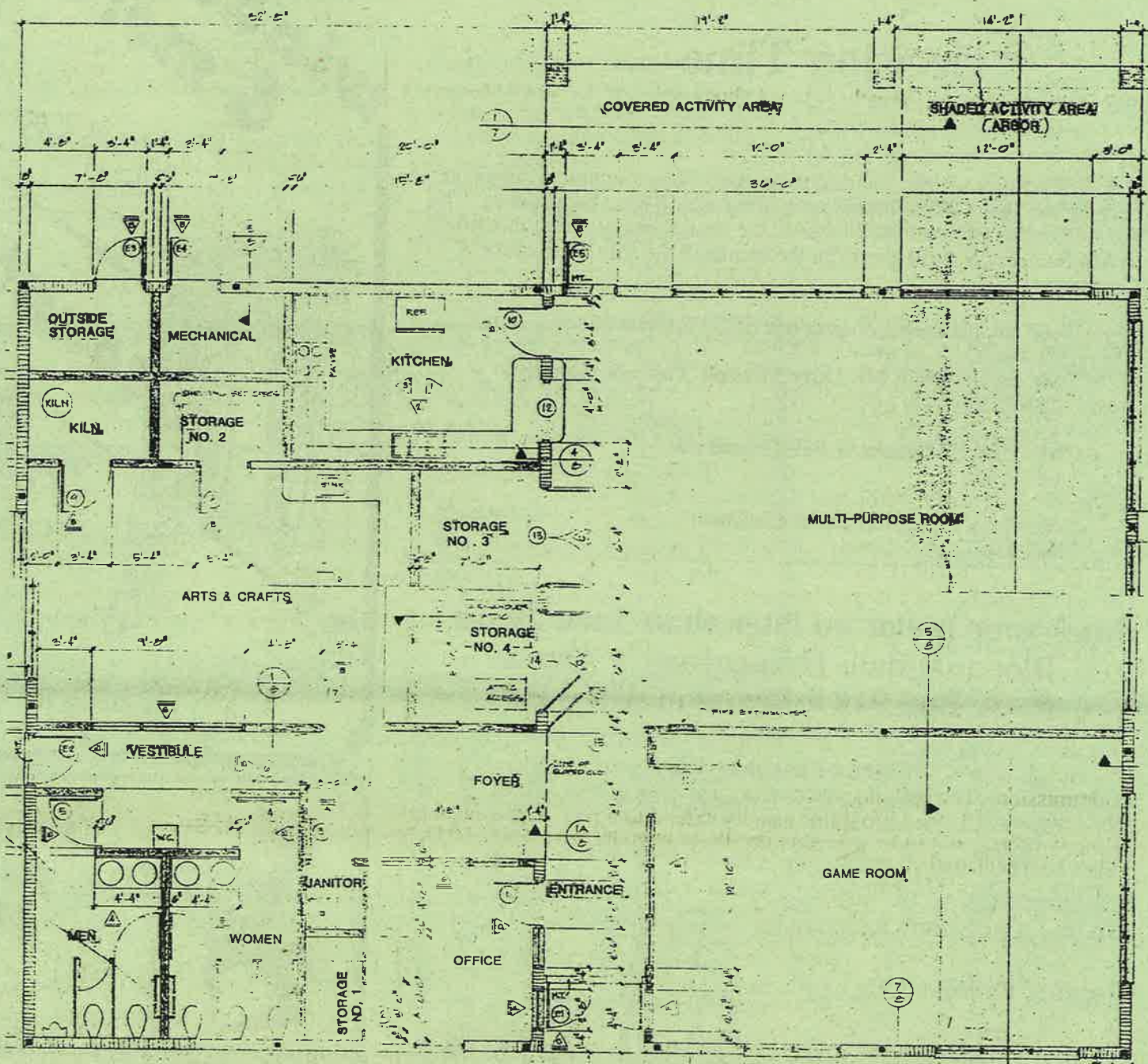


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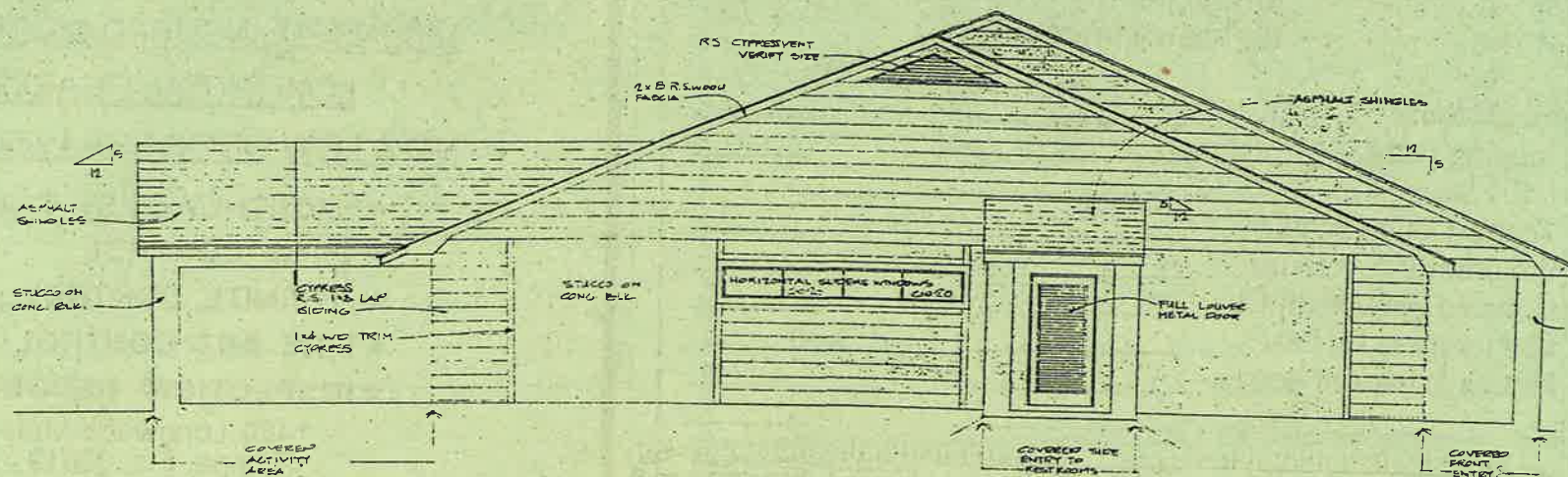


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Decision Time

Below is a ballot which you need to send in. Please submit it immediately because the Parks Department is preparing their 5-year budget *now*. The BHA Board of Directors will tabulate the results and submit it in writing to Mr. Radice. We will also print the results in the July issue of the *Gazette*.

If you have any questions, contact one of the following:

Mr. Ed Radice or Mr. Larry Mitchell (Parks Department)
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Mr. Henry Brosnaham, BHA President
681-7396

Mr. Russ Thompson, Parks Chairman
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Jade's will be specializing in package liquor takeouts such as wine and fine spirits. They will also have a specialty area of fine wines and cheeses. They are hoping to open sometime in

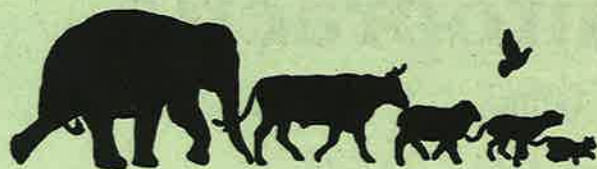
August, according to Debbie Mikes (co-owner of the Village Center). Currently, Jade's new owner, Jennifer A. Castrinos, is in the process of seeking an alcoholic beverage license from the county.

Monroe & Bogey's, owner David Combs, will be a full-line beauty salon. Mr. Combs is expecting to open his shop by July 15. ■

And speaking of getting all dolled up....

Stuarts and Stuarts Plus, national retail chains of moderately priced women's apparel, have announced plans to open their doors in 8,000 square feet of space at Bloomingdale Square, according to Edwin D. Mills, Director of retail leasing for the Paragon Group.

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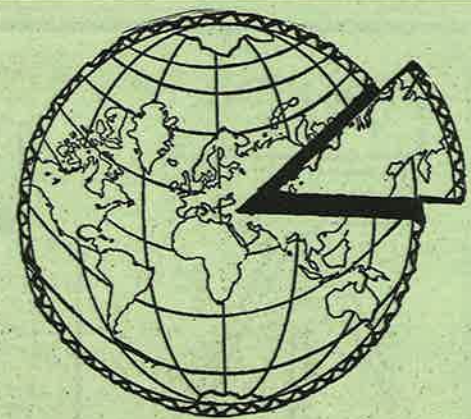
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Famous Chef to Write Column for the *Gazette*!

The Sheraton Tampa East has named Bloomingdale South Resident, William G. Hughes, Jr., as Executive Chef of the Hotel and Cypress Landing Restaurant, (I-4 & Hillsborough Ave.).

Chef Hughes not only has nearly 20 years experience in the food service industry, but he is currently in the process of completing his first cookbook for publication. This cookbook is a compilation of his 56 radio recipe shows entitled the "5-Minute Gourmet" (which aired on the CBS Radio Station WAYS 610 in Charlotte, North Carolina). Bill is currently in the process of negotiations to bring the "5 Minute Gourmet" radio show to the Tampa area.

As a special bonus to Bloomingdale Residents, Chef Hughes, will be writing a monthly column for *The Bloomingdale Gazette*.

To begin this month's column, here's Bill to explain it all to you himself...

"In this column, I would like to share with you some of the experience I have gained throughout my 20 years in the food service industry. I have been privileged to have been trained by some of the top European Chefs, and I would like to show you how to make every meal a "5 STAR" dining experience by using simple recipes, advanced planning, and utilizing some of the techniques that are used in commercial kitchens.

There are two tips that I feel are the most important to pass on to you. They are effortless, yet can make the meal. One of the things that always impresses me when I go out to eat, is when I get a salad, and the salad comes out on a cold plate. Place your plates and forks in the refrigerator about 1/2 hour before serving. Your salad will remain crisp longer, and the taste will be much better.

Secondly, this same principle applies to your hot dishes. Place your plates in the dishwasher on the warming cycle or in the oven for 5

minutes at 200 degrees.

These tips are very simple, but very important to the success or failure of any meal, whether it be a home-cooked meal or one that you are enjoying at a top restaurant.

In the columns to follow, I will

share with you some of the tricks of the trade that I have learned, as well as recipes (of course). I will be happy to answer any questions, provide you with recipes, or a menu for that special occasion. Just drop me a line in care of this paper, and remember, good food makes for good friends. ■

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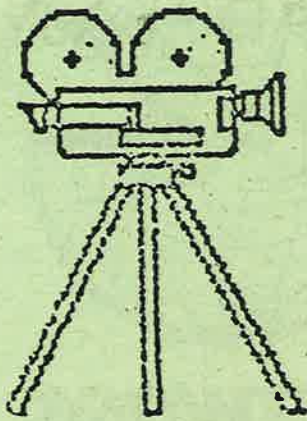
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by Jackie Tuckey
Gazette Staff Reporter

Twelve homeowners were on hand May 18 to witness the Special Taxing District budget approval. At the end of a 40-minute meeting, the board unanimously passed two resolutions. These are 1) to submit to the County Commissioners the approved 1987-88 tax assessment of \$80 per residential unit, and 2) the approved 1987-88 budget on that assessment.

President Fred Uphoff first read the proposed budget and explained some of the line items. The floor was then opened for discussion.

This was limited to a few questions about particular spending plans for next year, including a master plan for landscaping, wall replacement, and streetlights at entrances.

The board emphasized that no major spending with a non-maintenance function would be done without a great deal of feedback from the community.

The finalized, county-commission-approved budget will be presented in the July issue of the *Gazette*.

STD Election Information

Will YOU serve your community?

Each year half of the Board of Trustees of the Bloomingdale Special Taxing District come up for re-election--this year is no exception. Three of the Board of seven are looking to retain their positions: Errol Whitfield, Chris Deem, and Chris Pheils. If these gentlemen run unopposed, they will automatically be re-elected.

Any qualified resident of Bloomingdale is welcome to run for the Board of Trustees. According to Helen M. Swisshelm, Administrative Assistant for the Supervisor of Elections, qualifying papers for candidates are now available and easy to obtain. "Candidates can pick up a packet at this office. Or a packet will be mailed to anyone who requests one by telephone or mail."

Once you've received the papers, they are simple forms verifying who you are and where you reside.

"A petition is also enclosed that requires 15 signatures of Bloomingdale Residents who are registered voters. A candidate needs to get the signatures between noon of July 20 and noon of July 24," said Ms. Swisshelm. Then the paperwork must be on Helen's desk no later than noon of July 24. If the three current Trustees run unopposed, they will be declared re-elected at noon on July 24. Should there be more candidates seeking the office, then a "Stand Alone Election" would be held on September 8.

If you are interested in running for a volunteer position on the Special Taxing District Board of Trustees, call Helen Swisshelm at 272-5850. If you would like more information about the STD, page 2 of this newspaper carries the current list of STD Trustees--any one of them would be glad to assist you.

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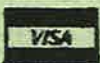
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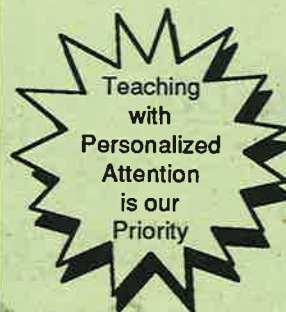
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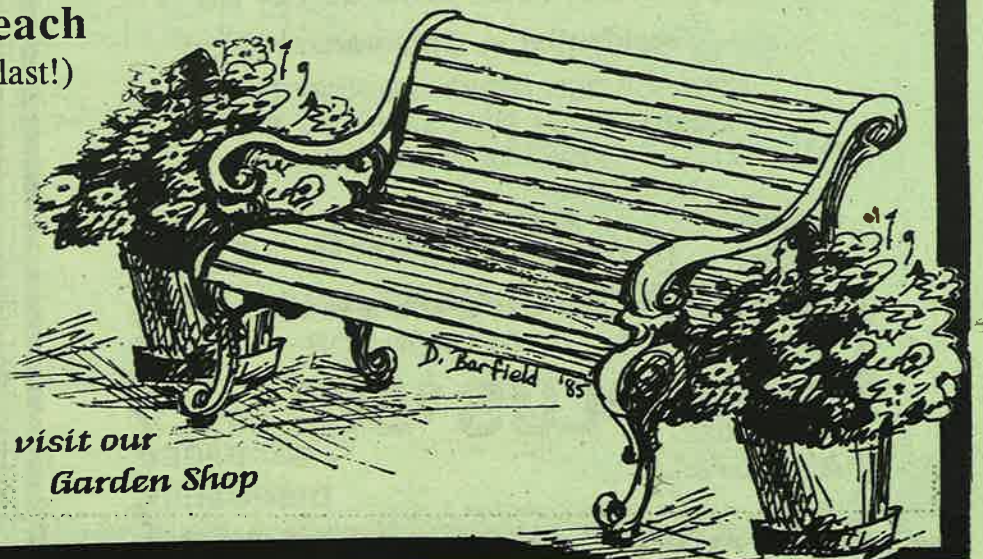
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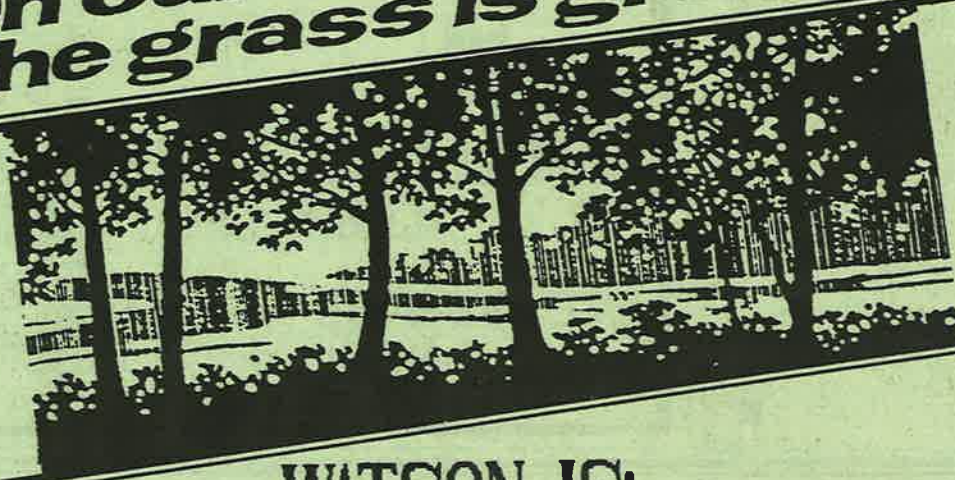
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David M. Fleischman: son of Michael and Margaret Fleischman, Bloomingdale East. He plans to attend the University of Florida.

Darren Scott Gill: son of David and Susan Gill, Bloomingdale East. He plans to attend the University of Tampa on the President's scholarship he won. He is majoring in business.

Gregory Clifford Langan: son of George and Gracieia Langan, Bloomingdale Oaks. He plans to attend the University of North Dakota.

All New Fences Must Have Permits

If you want to surround your house with a fence, you'll first have to get the permission of the Hillsborough County Building Department.

A recent amendment to the Zoning Ordinance initiated by the Board of County Commissioners requires that all fences in unincorporated Hillsborough County have a permit (this means all of Bloomingdale). Hedges are an exception.

The fence amendment went into effect May 1. Fee for the fence permit is \$25 and may be obtained by calling 272-5600 (Building Department).

Copies of the ordinance may be obtained from the Department of Development Coordination at 272-6435.

Jeffrey Elton Ling: son of Glenn and Barbara, Bloomingdale East. He plans to attend Johns Hopkins University.

Cindy Denise Richter: daughter of William and Phyllis Richter, Bloomingdale West. She plans to attend Florida State University.

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John M. Juniet was the best qualified individual for the first \$250 BHA scholarship award.

As a student at Jesuit High School, John's list of achievements is extensive:

- ...In the last semester, he carried a 3.36 grade average
- ...President of the Student Council
- ...Head Athletic Trainer
- ...Manager of the Year Award
- ...Sixth Man Award
- ...Man for Others Award
- ...Underclassman of the Year Award
- ...476 community service hours in his Junior year (most ever earned)
- ...Two Year Letterman for Varsity Football
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- ...Sports editor of the school newspaper
- ...Camp counselor for the Muscular Dystrophy Association
- ...Co-Editor-In-Chief of the Yearbook
- ...Group Leader for the Christian Life Community
- ...And the list continues

The young man has accomplished a tremendous amount for his school and his community while maintaining a high-quality grade average.

John has been accepted at Springfield College in Massachusetts where he will attend this fall. His goal is to pursue a career in sports medicine and perhaps become a professional trainer.

The Bloomingdale Homeowner's Association extends a large congratulations to John and the other scholarship candidates and wishes them all the best.



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STD Money, from page 11
privacy and relief from the litter. The Board decided that it could not begin taking on the building of concrete walls in situations like this. They voted to allow the homeowner to build and maintain a fence. A letter will be sent notifying them of the decision.

7. Gulfland Homes is going to rebuild the wall on Bell Shoals that they took down for access to their construction trailer. Lynn Wagner will meet with the superintendent of construction for Gulfland. They are also responsible for repair to the wall where a car struck the edge of the open area.

8. Jerry Dvorak presented his survey of homeowners having the wooden fence put up by Pulte Developers. He polled 27 of the 39 owners having the fence on their property line. All of them would welcome replacement of the fence. 21 of those surveyed said they would agree to sharing a portion of the replacement cost. Of the five who said no, three are moving out of the area soon. Mr. Dvorak would like the board to keep an open mind to this problem, and hopefully consider replacement some time next year. A woman in the audience agreed with him, stating that the other homeowners in the Pulte area also would like to see replacement, and that a decrepit fence reflects on all of Bloomingdale. She also feels that on-going maintenance is costly, and that the wooden structure is not much of a safety factor for those homes. Fred Uphoff said he felt that while it is a concern of the Board, he felt that it would probably be a long-range budget item that would not be addressed for two to three years. There is an abundance of deferred maintenance

needing immediate attention. Russ Thompson added that the Board would like to put aside \$15,000 as a capital outlay for wall replacement in the future. This may come under this budget item. Joe DeLuca would like to see more input from the Bloomingdale community before spending such a large sum in a small section. The Board intends to keep it in mind and address the issue some time in the future.

9. Property Manager's report--Lynn has completed work on the

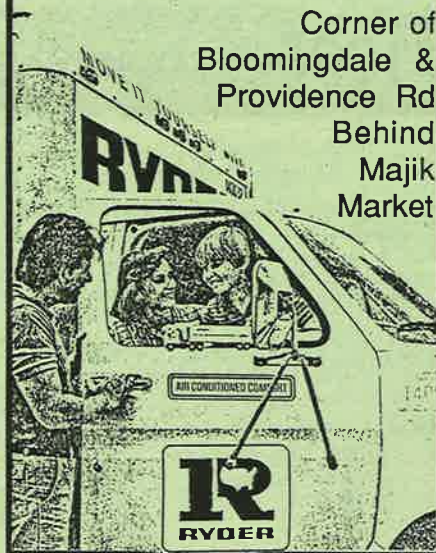
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Letters, from page 3
To The Editor,

On Monday, April 27, the East Tribune ran an article on the frustration citizens feel about transportation planning for the Brandon area. Citizens complain that they are not informed. The public officials insisted otherwise. The citizens are right. There are two ways in which citizens are to be informed. The first way is through the Brandon area representative to the Citizens Advisory Committee to the MPO. I am told that that individual is a Mr. John Colterman. If you haven't been receiving information from him, then begin your complaint there. The second way is through public advertisement. What have you read lately? It is my understanding that the MPO has something less than a good record on informing the general public. The MPO may not even bother to tell property owners that the MPO intends to condemn their property! Where is Due Process of Law? For the average citizen, there is as little as possible. In the Tribune article, Mr. Kubicki says that "the board welcomes anything that people


come up with." Be aware that they may "welcome" but they may ignore it. You must be insistent.

Here are some already known techniques that are used or could be used to provide the public with information. First--public advertisements, not at the end of the process, but at the beginning. If they say it's too expensive, don't buy it. A press release is the mechanism and the newspapers will pick it up if you the readers say you want it. Second, insist that your representative be required to communicate regularly with you. C.A.S.T. some months ago asked that the requirement of citizen representatives be to contact their constituents at the time of application to Boards and Committees. Commission Chairwoman Pam Iorio felt it was unnecessary. Only the vocal insistence of Jan Platt saved the request at all. It was sent to the Citizens Advisory Committee. When did you last hear from your representatives on that committee? A third method is to duplicate a little known technique that allows for an association to request notification of all zoning in an area by grid

number. This could be applied to transportation studies. These are a few of the many techniques available through government to inform the citizens. It angers me that you are expected to 'come up with' these things. The citizen activists tell them these things frequently. Yet the officials always insist that they were unaware of a problem. I urge you to keep up the pressure. Never give up your right to know.

Carole Henning, Riverview

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STD Money, from page 26

sprinkler system and all are working now. While it is dry he tries to water the entrances at least two or three times a week. The painting at the Green Hollow entrance is almost complete. He continues to pick up trash, trying to coincide with mowing days. A portion of the wall along Bell Shoals south of the Garnet entrance is sinking. This happened last fall; Criterion said they repaired it. There is no footer under the wall, which the Board feels is needed to keep this from continuing to

happen. They will try to find out who is liable for the problem now, Criterion or the homeowner.

10. Henry Brosnahan addressed the Board on behalf of the Bloomingdale Homeowners Association. The BHA has been told by the county attorney that the STD or the BHA may enforce deed restrictions. The STD Board said the county told them they had no legal standing to enforce them. Henry has found that the community of Carrollwood has their STD pay the costs of

enforcement done by their homeowners association. Mike Kelly suggested a meeting between the attorney who works with the BHA, members from both boards, and the county attorney to clarify the facts. Chris Deem, who is a practicing lawyer, said he would attend a meeting to get this matter straightened out. The STD Board will contact the county attorney to initiate this meeting. Henry stated his strong feelings on the matter of deed restriction compliance in Bloomingdale. He feels both boards "need to work together to get on the case of those who make a mess of the neighborhood for others." Henry asked Lynn Wagner to attend a BHA meeting to explain his job and duties. BHA Board members receive many phone calls from homeowners and at times are not sure whether to refer the caller to the property manager, the STD Board, or handle it through BHA. Lynn agreed to attend. Henry also asked about the problem of cars parking on the grass at both Parks. He hoped small wooden signs attached to the fence would work. Fred said there used to be signs like that, but they were stolen. It was decided to ask Ed Radice of the Parks Department

about signs. The BHA is concerned about walls being taken down to allow construction of swimming pools. Is this weakening the walls?

11. A homeowner asked permission to take down a wall on Garnet to put in a pool. She did not submit a letter on the particulars of the situation yet. Russ Thompson felt it was all right if it was replaced. Tom Calcaterra was worried about the patchy look of painting on these new sections of walls, and the overall condition of walls that are taken down and replaced. Fred said that the property owner also owns the wall, and that there are times when the equipment to dig the pool cannot be brought between houses for a specific reason. He suggested the Board require the wall be replaced as soon as the hole is dug because other contractors did not require that kind of space. Russ wants a request in writing with an answer in writing to specify replacing the wall and resodding the grass in front of the wall. It was noted that the newer walls have expansion joints every 40 feet that will resist weakening a whole wall when a portion is removed.

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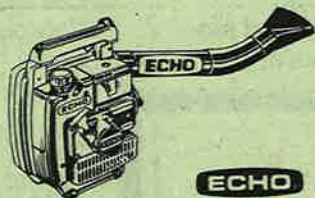
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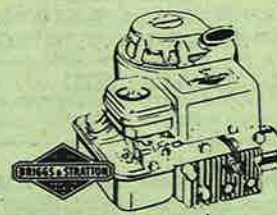
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