

Meet Ted Grable

*An Interview with One of Bloomingdale's First Homeowners
As Well As One of Bloomingdale's Most Successful Community Activists*

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Theodore "Ted" Grable is a Tampa Native who graduated from Brandon High School and earned a Bachelor's Degree from "The Swamp" in Gainesville (the University of Florida to those of you who are new to Florida). He has worked for Hillsborough County for 13 years, with his current position being that of Director in the County's Purchasing Department. Ted is married, has three children, and lives in Bloomingdale West with his wife Mary and daughter Sarah. Mary is a guidance counselor at Burns Middle School, and Sarah is a freshman at Bloomingdale High School.



Ted has been an active member of the Board of Directors of the Bloomingdale Homeowners Association for seven years. He has served in every position on the BHA, and currently the BHA's comptroller. He has also served for four years on the BHA Scholarship Committee.

Ted's most recent challenge was as coordinator for Bloomingdale High School parents who were told their kids would be reassigned to Riverview High School for the 1998-99 school year. As a result of Ted's efforts (and those of MANY, MANY others), the Board of Education agreed with the BHA and did not redistrict any part of Bloomingdale. The main argument of the BHA was to maintain the unity of Bloomingdale.

The Bloomingdale Gazette caught up with Ted recently, and was able to ask him some questions about his long residency in Bloomingdale.

Gazette: Ted, thanks for allowing us to ask you some questions. I'll start off by asking you how long you have lived in Bloomingdale.

TG: We've been in Bloomingdale since the spring of 1985

Gazette: How many homes were here then, compared to now?

TG: At the time, I believe there were around 500 homes in the development. Today there are more than 4,000 homes. If Bloomingdale were a city, it would be the 100th largest city out of 391 in Florida

Gazette: Why did you choose to live in Bloomingdale 12 years ago?

TG: Mary and I were attracted to the strong sense of community that has

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

Bloomingdale Oaks Special Taxing District
Second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m.
at 3419 Cade Lane, Bloomingdale Oaks

Mobile Watch & Neighborhood Watch meetings are held when special concerns arise

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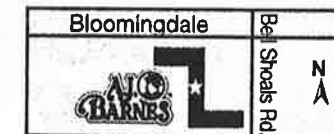
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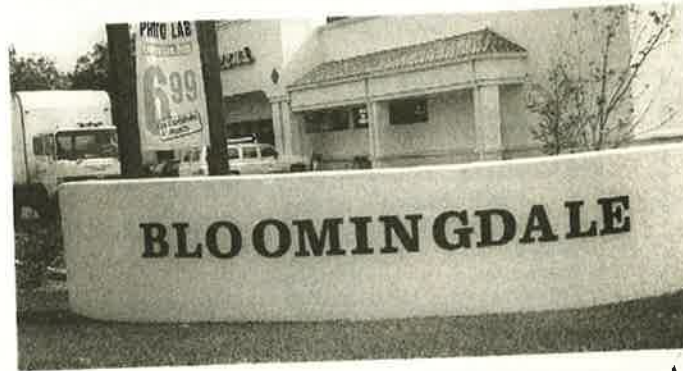


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Dear Editor,

Bloomingtondale is a community in which we all take pride. However, there is a small issue that has been bothering me for some time now. Each time I stop at the traffic light at the intersection of Bloomingtondale Avenue and Bell Shoals, I can't help but notice the lack of professionalism in the "BLOOMINGDALE" lettering announcing the entrance to our fine community on the wall fronting the Walgreen's store. The more you look at the sign, it appears to read, "BLO OMIN GDALE." The enclosed photographs of the sign illustrate what I mean.



The original large BLOOMINGDALE sign and wall were torn down to make room for the new Walgreen's store. The sign and wall were in much disrepair, most likely because of the impending razing for the Walgreen's construction. However, if I recall correctly, part of the deal was that a new wall and sign be constructed on the corner to announce the entryway to the Bloomingtondale community area. I don't recall who was responsible for the construction and continues maintenance of the wall and sign, but whoever was responsible for quality control of the sign missed the mark.

I would like to see the sign reflect the quality of the neighborhood in which we live. Let's notify the contractor who erected the sign to come back and do a more precise job of spacing the letters on our "BLOOMINGDALE" sign.

Ted Waronicki, Bloomingtondale

We have received this response:

Centres Construction of Wisconsin, Inc. will look into this issue and take whatever measures are necessary to correct the letter spacing on the Bloomingtondale community sign. No intentional lack of professionalism was intended by the installation of this sign, and we want to assure this community that it will be corrected in a timely fashion.

Paul A. Gorshe, Vice President

Bloomingtondale High School Principal's Honor Roll - Third Nine Weeks

Congratulations to the following Bloomingtondale High students for receiving straight A's!

Grade 9

- Albano, Joseph
- Boraiko, Sara
- Collens, Abigail
- Cook, Christine
- Cox, Erin
- Daniels, Jennifer
- Dickey, Julia
- Donaldson, Kari
- Forkel, Kelly
- Grafton, Mitchell
- Kim, Jihee
- Kochansky, Laura
- Lee, Michelle
- Loadwick, Shelly
- Tujan, Dustin

- McGowan, Hallie
- Moser, Courtney
- Nichols, Courtney
- Palmer, Ryan
- Patel, Sapna
- Perez, Christy
- Peter, Hannah
- Rodriguez, Kaia
- Schmeltzer, Christina
- Stevens, Kathrine
- Taveras, Sinithro
- White, Andrew
- Widell, Heather
- Winger, Heather

Grade 10

- Abbot, Daniel
- Aluotto, Marianne
- Barry, Erika
- Birch, Kelly
- Brown, Melissa

- Dionson, Timothy
- Dubay, Nichole
- Ellis, James
- Emery, Andrew
- Fatjo, Julie
- Garcia, Philip
- Goodman, Jason
- Hauer, Michael
- Heyliger, Reynaldo
- Hilbrands, Jonathan
- Kibler, Allison
- Konnerth, Rebecca
- Ladner, Colleen
- McCowen, Robert
- Morrow, Nathan
- Moser, Frances
- Moser, John
- Northrup, Brian
- Poole, Jessica
- Rhey, Mary
- Solana, Nicole

- Stahl, Ashlee
- Stewart, Loni
- Tatum, Lindsey
- Vukovich, Brian
- Walsh, Frank

Grade 11

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- Dethier, Justin
- Griffin, Joy
- Kidder, Christopher
- Lang, Shih-Shan
- Lemar, Jennifer
- Ludvig, Ann
- Michalak, Paul
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- Thomas, Sharee
- Umbarger, Krista
- Verbeek, Judith
- Weiss, Joel

Grade 12

- Bauer, Elizabeth
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- Duvall, James
- Eppler, Jennifer
- Fernandez, Fabian
- Flaws, Alicia
- Galinger, Meagan
- Hill, Austin
- Kochansky, Alyssa
- Lehman, Kristie
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TRUSTEES IN ATTENDANCE: T. Szabo, Sue Mallon, Rick Pitrowski, Joe Liguori, Thom Snelling, Fred Uphoff
PUBLIC: Tim Golden, Cheryl Chase, Leonard Washuleski
ABSENT: Tom Mackiewicz

CALL TO ORDER The regular monthly meeting of the Bloomingtondale Special Taxing District was convened by President, Rick Pitrowski at 7:00 p.m. There were enough trustees present to establish a quorum.

APPROVAL OF MARCH MINUTES

MOTION: Trustee Mallon moved to accept the March minutes as read. Trustee Snelling seconded the motion. Motion was passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE None

FINANCIAL REPORT Tanya, from Ferraro & Co., stated that the Emeralds account balance is \$314,786. The money market account at Barnett Bank has \$5,121. Total Assets are \$323,068.

Tanya stated that all accounts that need adjusting should be taken care of with the readopting of the budget.

Trustee Mallon made a motion to accept the Financial Report. Trustee Szabo seconded the motion. Motion was passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS Entryways - Trustee Uphoff stated that the advertisement for the pre-bid meeting was in the newspaper on April 3 and 6. He stated that it also has appeared in the Dodge report and Construction Management Magazine. He stated that the pre-bid meeting is April 24 at 2:00 p.m. at the Greenhollow entrance and that the bids will be opened at the May meeting. He also stated that there will be no charge for the specs. He stated that the property needs to be staked out for the awarded bidder. Trustee Uphoff stated that Mooney & Associates had already surveyed the property and he could go by their plans (Chris has sent plans from Mooney to Trustee Uphoff within 48 hours of this meeting).

Painting Project - Trustee Mallon stated that the response has been all but 8 residents. She stated that she will send certified letters this week to the remaining residents. She stated that the painting has begun on Glenhaven. She stated that she inspected the work and he is doing a good job.

NEW BUSINESS Assessment Roll Update - Trustee Snelling stated that he would do a physical count again. Trustee Liguori stated that he would help Trustee Snelling do this. Trustee Snelling suggested that the board allocate funds to hire someone to put info into computer. He stated that maybe Trustee Mallon could work with Peter Alluto. Trustee Mallon suggested that she could handle this project in association with Peter Alluto this year, and be prepared to handle it in the future. Trustee Snelling indicated this is an approximate 4 to 6 hour job.

E-Mail - Trustee Liguori asked the board if they would find it feasible to have an e-mail address for the office. Board decided against it.

Budget Coding - Trustee Pitrowski stated that with his conversations with Mary Mahoney that the bounty changed its coding. He stated that we need to change our numbering to match their numbering. Trustee Liguori stated that he is aware of this and it will be done.

Budget Workshop - Trustee Pitrowski stated that the budget workshop meeting needs to be decided upon. He suggested the date of May 26, 1998 at 7:00 p.m. He stated that this will be the tentative date if Trustee Mackiewicz and Trustee Snelling can attend. (Chris has verified with both trustees that they would both be present).

Chris' Vacation - Trustee Pitrowski stated that Chris will be out of the office on vacation from April 30 to May 12. He stated that if you have anything for her, let her know.

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Meet Ted Grable, cont.

always been a hallmark of Bloomingtondale. We wanted a good place to raise a family.

Gazette: What are some of your earliest recollections of Bloomingtondale?

TG: In 1985 there were few amenities and much less traffic. If you needed to go shopping - you made a trip into Brandon. Today, we rarely have to leave Bloomingtondale. I think most people appreciate the growth, but still like the beauty of the area and the sense of country.

Gazette: What role do you think the Gazette and the Homeowners Association have played in Bloomingtondale, and what do you see in store for the future?

TG: It's very simple - without the BHA and the Gazette, I believe Bloomingtondale would be just any other subdivision instead of an influential and important part of this community.

Gazette: And the Taxing District?

TG: There is no doubt that the STD is responsible for keeping Bloomingtondale's common areas a cut above the rest. We not only have the largest, but the most successful tax district in the county. It is hard to imagine how the community would look without their hard work.

Gazette: Where do you think there is more work to do?

TG: The greatest challenge for the future lies in enforcing the Deed Restrictions and the County Codes. As the community matures, this area will demand more of our attention.

Gazette: The Bloomingtondale Homeowner's Association is in the middle of their annual dues drive. Are you satisfied with the participation?

TG: 100% participation would be great, but not realistic. When I speak to other neighborhood leaders - no one can beat our membership rates. I think that is indicative of the strength of our community

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In contract, a child with poor emotional health often seems unhappy, has trouble making friends, does poorly in school, even though the child is intelligent, and has aches and pains with no physical cause.

Some basic factors influencing a child's emotional health are:

1. The parents' emotional background; emotionally mature parents are more likely to be able to help their children grow well.
2. The parent's acceptance of the child; how much they can let a child grow outside of their own dreams affects the child's emotional growth.
3. Home atmosphere; home environment can have a good or bad effect on a child.
4. The child's environment; school experiences, friends or lack of them, relatives, nature of the community all help to shape a child.
5. Heredity; characteristics with which a child is born play an important role throughout life.

What happens in your home or the way family members treat each other, can have lasting effects on your child. When family members get along well and talk over problems together, children feel secure. It's OK for a child to be aware of some of the problems even the best of families have, but too many arguments, criticism or misunderstanding can be harmful. Worries are a fact of life. But if you are worried or depressed often, your children will know, and it may make them anxious. Families who have gone through divorce can create separate, healthier home environments for their children.

Make your home a fun place to be. Provide opportunities for growth. Be consistent in your demands and discipline. Set an example by what you do, not just by what you say. Give equal attention to each child and let each develop at an individual pace. Encourage your children to get along well with each other so that not only will you be able to stand being with them, but later, they will find it easier to cooperate with their peers outside the home.

Here are eight additional ways to encourage good emotional health in our children:

1. Understand your child's needs. Children need love, acceptance and security. Let them know that you are always there if needed and see that they get plenty of warm,

personal contact and genuine interest from you.

2. Encourage independence. Children should know that you trust their abilities. Let them feed and dress themselves as soon as they're able. Have them share in household chores. Don't be overprotective. Children must make mistakes in order to learn, so give them freedom to grow.

3. Give guidance. Give your child a foundation for making choices in a confusing world by discussing your values and beliefs. Teach by example - - what you do carries more weight than what you say.

4. Give discipline. Discipline gives a child a sense of order and security. Set fair limits and see that they are kept. Discipline should be consistent and firm, but never excessive. Reinforce good behavior by giving rewards in the form of approval and positive attention.

5. Share family problems. Be honest in situations such as death, illness, divorce, and money. Many times children will think they are the cause of a family problem because a parent has not been honest with them. We sometimes forget that children know a lot more about things than we think they do, but sometimes they have the facts wrong. Getting problems out in the open in a way your child can handle the situation could ease your child's mind.

6. Understand your child's friends. Children are influenced greatly by their playmates and always try to live up to what they think are their peer's standards. Children will respect you for having your own standards and not always doing what other parents do. Don't try to choose your child's friends. As most of us know by having parents who tried to do this, it will usually cause resentment. Sometimes we need to trust that our children will realize the good and bad about their own friends and be able to choose friends wisely. Our job as parents is to intervene before it's too late by using gentle persuasion. Inviting your child's friends over will allow you to have some control over their activities.

7. Help your child learn. Find out about your child's school experiences and listen to what he or she has to tell you. Children learn better if they are relaxed, so avoid pressure.

8. Share your experiences. Tell your child about what you do for a living. Spend free time in activities the whole family can share. Choose a day care center or sitter that can offer additional experiences. Teach your child a hobby you enjoyed as a child or one you enjoy now.

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Bloomingtondale Homeowners Association
Minutes - April 14, 1998
Meeting of the Board of Directors

Directors: Randy Wolfe, Ted Grable, Ann Underwood, Pat Radel, LaWayne Wyatt, Pam Liguori
Guests: Rick Pitrowski, Joe Liguori, Tim Golden

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:42 P.M.

Guest Segment of Meeting: Rick Pitrowski

December Holiday Decorations: STD has budgeted \$1,500.00 for Community December holiday decorations at the main entryways. STD would like to know whether BHA is interested in matching the \$1,500.00 that STD has committed.

RESOLVED: BHA will contribute \$1,000.00 if dues drive produces \$12,000.00 or more by October 1, 1998, with option to increase dollar amount to \$1,500.00 if dues drive produces additional moneys.

MOTION: Ted Grable; SECONDED BY: Pam Liguori and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Community Classes: Rick would like BHA to sponsor (provide space in community office and notice in Gazette) community classes (e.g. sign language, CPR, infant CPR, babysitting, etc.)

Rick will prepare a written proposal for review by the BHA Board by the next meeting. The concept is that the BHA Board will consider value of the course to the community to determine whether sponsorship is appropriate.

Secretary's Report: Presented by Mr. Grable (Controller). MOTION: Pam Liguori; SECONDED BY: LaWayne Wyatt and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Mobile Watch Report: Presented by Mr. Waytt. A white van has been seen in the community in the evenings with its driver acting in a suspicious manner. If any resident sees a white van and feels that its driver is acting suspicious, the resident should call 247-8200 (Sheriff's Dispatch, Non-emergency).

BHA received a "Thank-you note" from Pete Maurer and sandy Capitano for the BHA's contribution of a microwave oven for installation at the Bloomingdale Sheriff's Office Substation.

Dues Drive: The 1998 Dues Drive is underway. Notices are being sent out currently. Residents are encouraged to remit their dues promptly.

NIP Report: There were two new volunteers last month. More volunteers are always welcome.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: LaWayne Wyatt at 9:05 p.m.; SECONDED BY: Pat Radel and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Taxing District Continued

Bank Fees - Trustee Liguori stated that we get hit with fees for everything we do with Barnett Bank. He suggested transferring our accounts to Suntrust because they will charge no fees. He stated that he talked this over with Vince Ferraro concerning the investment account and everything is fine.

Trustee Mallon made a motion to authorize Trustee Liguori to transfer our funds from Barnett Bank to Suntrust Bank. Trustee Uphoff seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Property Manager Salary - Trustee Liguori stated that the BSTD has taken over some additional property in this fiscal year and anticipates taking over more property October 1, 1998. He stated that DPPI is operating under a contract with the old boundaries. He proposed raising the amount by \$150.00 per month. This \$150 increase will cover the additional property that has already been added as well as any property added in the next year. DPPI representative Alan Devney was in agreement that he would cover any additional properties added in the next year.

Trustee Liguori made a motion to raise the DPPI monthly rate \$150.00 per month. Trustee Szabo seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

PROPERTY MANAGER'S REPORT - Mr. Devney gave report.

PUBLIC - Cathy Chase stated that she is concerned with the fence that is on her property. She stated that she is having big problems with vandalism. She is concerned with lighting as the end of the fence, too. She asked the board if there was anything that they could do to help with this. Trustee Uphoff stated that he was on the board when this fence was put up. He stated that the previous homeowner petitioned the board to put up this fence due to the fact that people continued to come on his property. He stated that the board did not want the fence. Trustee Pitrowski asked if she was aware that this is on her property. She stated yes. Trustee Pitrowski stated that as far as the fence goes, it is a private fence and is on private property.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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Poor eating habits (refuses foods, eats poorly, or too much), bed wetting (or lack of bowel control beyond the age of four or five), withdrawal (from people and activity, lack of normal aggression or emotion), no friends (feels indifferent about others, how they feel), slow development (inactivity as an infant, failure to talk by age three), problems sleeping, problems with health (sickness with no apparent cause)

temper tantrums or crying spells for petty reasons fear with no apparent cause, clinging behavior fighting (picking fights or is senselessly destructive) learning problems (schoolwork below abilities for no apparent reason)

Remember that many of these behaviors just described are normal at certain times in a child's life, but what we want to be concerned about, as parents, is excessive behavior in our children. Stress that a child feels at certain times is surely going to be shown through some of these behaviors. Help your child to good emotional health by giving him a warm, accepting home, firm, consistent discipline, enough independence and a good example to model.

For more information, contact Diana Converse, M.S., Family Life Educator, University of Florida Extension Service, 744-5519. All functions of the Hillsborough County Cooperative Extension Service are open to the public regardless of race, religion, sex or national origin.

County Increases Fines for Animal Control Violations

Pet owners who disregard the animal control ordinance will have to pay higher fines to get Fido out of the pound. The fines increase for repeat offenses, and went into effect May 17.

When owners do not obtain tags or do not have their pet wearing tags, the fine is now \$50. If a pet is not vaccinated, a dog is at-large or an animal is creating a nuisance, the fine is now \$100. A fine of \$150 is charged for an owner who improperly confines a female dog in heat. Vicious animals carry a \$200 fine, while cruelty to an animal or interference with the Animal Control Officer will cost an owner \$500. Second offenses double the fines or warrant mandatory court appearances. All third offenses require court appearances.

The new Hillsborough County fines are within the range of those issued in Brevard, Broward, Dade and Duval counties.

"The Commissioners' decision to increase the fine amounts will help enforce the ordinance by encouraging voluntary compliance," said Greg Berhow, an Animal Control Officer. "My hope is the public will realize the alternative is very expensive to them as well as to the community."

In 1997, Animal Services department impounded more than 28,000 animals. Only 1,600 of them were picked up by their owners, while 2,200 were adopted. "Unfortunately we had to humanely euthanize over 22,000 animals," Berhow said.

"If owners would voluntarily comply with the ordinance, it would ensure the health and safety of not only our pets, but also our residents," Berhow said.

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