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## EDITORIAL...

As you have already noticed we've changed. Why?  
It's simple--pure economics. With this issue  
our distribution is up to 1600, an increase of  
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Our thanks goes to Dave Cutting (also a  
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We hope you like our new form. The entire staff  
has taken a lot of time and effort for your  
reading and information pleasure. As always, we  
appreciate your comments and suggestions. -SLD



## VANDALISM AND ROBBERIES

ALL OF BLOOMINGDALE IS ASKED  
TO HELP PUT AN END TO THESE  
DESTRUCTIVE ACTIVITIES

V A N D A L I S M!! Unfortunately the large cities and low income areas are not the only ones who suffer from this disease. Here at Bloomingdale we have recently had an increase in robberies, vandalism, and arson. (Editor's Note: See the related article in the MOBILE WATCH UPDATE column for more details.)

In an effort to curtail some of these destructive activities, Susan Meitz of Criterion Corporation has issued the following statement to all residents of Bloomingdale:

"Several of the Bloomingdale Residents have notified us of recent vandalism problems in both Park East and Park West and of teenagers using Park West as a motorcycle obstacle course. In Park West, the picnic tables have been destroyed, the fence rails torn down and the tennis fence gates removed and/or pulled off hinges. In Park East, the walls of the racquetball courts and the restrooms were decorated with graffiti.

"We have re-posted rules and regulations at both parks and have contacted the Sheriff's Department. The County Sheriff has reported that they will respond to any calls made to them regarding these matters and they have also promised us a special concentrated detail watch over the parks for the next several weeks.

"I am requesting that you as homeowners notify the Sheriff's Department as soon as you see any disturbing acts at the parks and hopefully, the offenders will be caught. I am also requesting that the parents who have children with motorcycles impress upon your children that motorcycles may not be used for any purpose in the parks.

"Thank you for your assistance in this matter."

We have been informed by Criterion that they have spoken with the Sheriff's Department that we, as residents, have the right to call the Sheriff and ask the Deputies to curtail any destructive activities. Don't forget the volunteer MOBILE WATCH is also out there keeping an eye out for trouble.

We have also been informed that illegal dumping is being done by Bloomingdale residents in the Park West area behind the houses on Cedar Grove. Boards, dirt, sand, and trash are being dumped there. Criterion says they will be going into that area soon, cutting the weeds, and performing general cleanup. Criterion is asking that residents refrain from dumping into the Park or anywhere in Bloomingdale.

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Sun 'Fun Fly-In Lakeland 1-644-2431		B.H.A. Meeting 7:30p.m. Bloomingdale Community Church	Comet Watching Brandon Library 7pm. 689-7074	19	Z.Z. Top at Lakeland 879-7635	20	21	22
23	T.V. Academy Awards	24	25	Financial Portfolio Lecture by Oliver Boody Library - Noon	26	27	28	MacDill A.F.B. Open House
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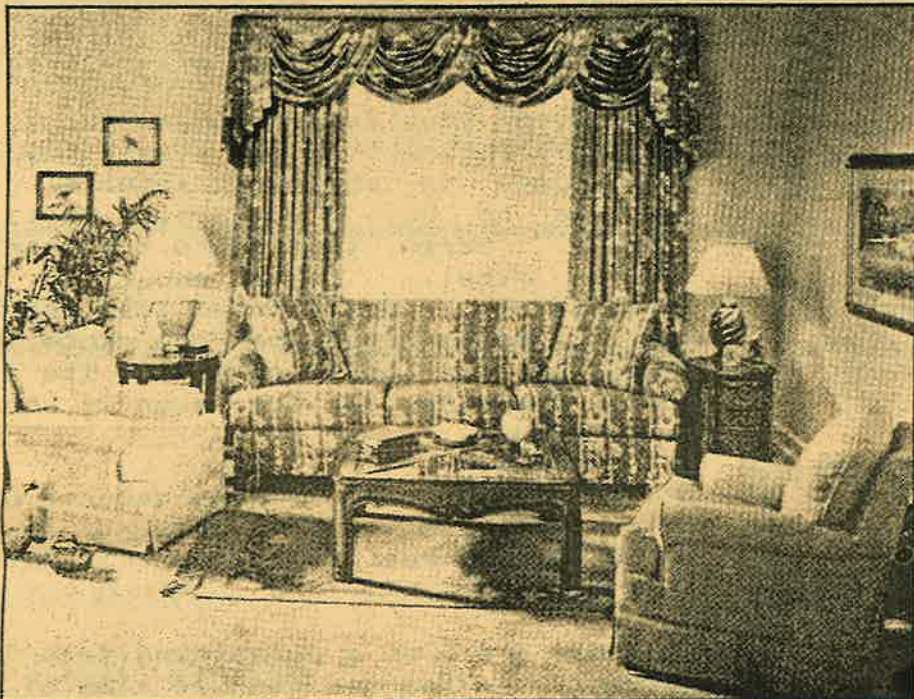
Beware of door-to-door tree salespeople. They are going out into the back woods of undeveloped areas, digging up trees and selling them. The trees die after they've been in the ground for a while because they were handled improperly. Several residents in the West have already been stung by this operation.



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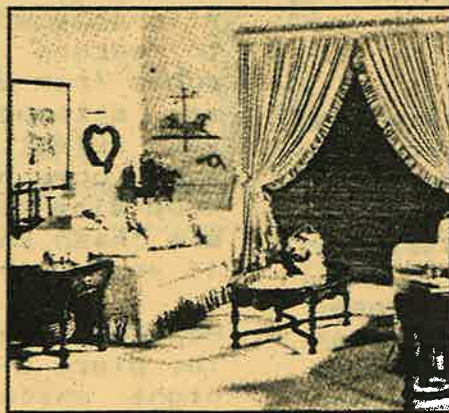
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## MOBILE WATCH UPDATE

BY DAVE CVETAN  
MOBILE WATCH CORE COMMITTEE



During the past month we have had a rash of breakins; some of which may have been prevented had the homeowner been better informed and had taken a few extra precautions. This month, instead of giving you a statistical recap, I'm going to share an unfortunate tale of numerous robberies and what you can do to secure your home against an "easy target."

Briefly, we've had numerous breakins in the West, some of which took place during the morning and daylight hours. In one case, a homeowner returned home early and found his home had been broken into. He realized someone was in his home and went next door to call the Sheriff's Department. While he was there the intruders were scared away. They did take jewelry, but the VCR and stereo equipment they had piled in back of the fence was not carried off. The intruders may have entered through an unlocked window.

In another "morning" incident, a neighbor witnessed a person climb over a privacy fence and into someone's backyard. The intruder realized he was made, jumped back over the fence, and sped away before the license plate number could be obtained.

Another daytime breakin was more successful, the intruders made off with some valuable jewelry. This time, someone was actually sleeping in the home during the robbery!

All of these robberies have occurred within the last 2-3 weeks and seem to be currently isolated to the Canoga Park/Caliente area of the West. But that does not mean the thief or thieves won't travel to other areas of Bloomingdale.

It also appears that our homes are being cased by individuals who are presenting themselves as salespeople. We have had at least two cases of salespeople asking to use the bathroom, then ripping off the resident prior to leaving. In one incident on Rosedale (West side), a "cleaning fluid" salesperson asked to use the bathroom and stole some property. Fortunately, the homeowner quickly realized what had happened and called the Sheriff. The thief was apprehended (still going door to door) and the stolen property was recovered. Other victims were not as fortunate.

Arson is another problem we are facing right now. Someone is purposely setting fires in the undeveloped areas of Bloomingdale East by the Lithia/Culbreath roads. As a deterrent to this, Criterion has stepped up their security and of course the Mobile Watch will keep an eye out.

It certainly appears that crime is increasing--especially during the daylight hours. Even privacy fences aren't slowing these delinquents down. There are some things you can do that doesn't cost much but is well worth the effort.

Foremost, buy deadbolt double locks for every door that is an entry to your home. If you have a window on or near the door, get the type of lock that requires a key for inside and out. This prevents the would-be intruder from breaking a small window, reaching in, and releasing the deadbolt lock. A deadbolt lock is an absolute necessity. (My neighbor locked herself out one afternoon and without ever having tried it before it took me only 10 seconds to open her door with a credit card.)

If any of your doors have hinges on the outside you must secure the door itself (hinge bolts can be popped in about two seconds). The easiest way is to buy 3" carriage bolts (wood-screw type). Screw them into the entryway's frame (hinge side). Leave about 1" of bolt head protruding. Drill holes into the door edge in such a manner that when you close the door, the head of the bolt goes into the drilled hole, thus securing the door even if the hinge bolts are removed.

Patio doors can also be secured by purchasing and installing small locking devices. These devices prevent the door from being lifted up and out.

Windows are also a prime candidate for uninvited guests. This is a nice time of year to open windows and air out your home. However, screens afford absolutely no protection. The best way to secure your windows is to buy small locking cubes from a locksmith. The small locking cubes are attached to your window frame at a height you select. The window will then be restricted from opening higher than the device permits (I keep mine set at about two inches). The devices are cheap and the locksmith will even paint them if you desire (to match your window frame).

However, none of these preventive measures take the place of good old-fashion common sense. One night while riding on mobile watch, I observed six garage doors open late at night. Not only is this an invitation to steal from the garage, but unless you have a deadbolt lock on your garage/house entry door, the intruder also has easy access to your home.

A word of caution, do not let door-to-door salespersons in your home to use the bathroom. Even though most are legit, are you willing to take the risk? If all our residents will take the few extra measures to secure their home, the word will get out--Bloomingdale is not an easy mark!

One last comment--the Mobile Watch still needs volunteers; if interested, call me at 684-2442.



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BY JACKIE JAQUISH  
BLOOMINGDALE  
GOLFERS CLUB

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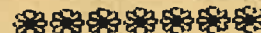
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Congratulations go to the GAZETTE's own Maureen Pheils. Maureen has been nominated for the Alice Thompkins Community Service Award presented by the President's Roundtable.

Maureen's service to the Bloomingdale community has been extensive. Not only is she co-editor of the GAZETTE but she also serves as Advertising Manager, does typing, and ad design and layout. In the past Maureen has been responsible for Distribution of the GAZETTE, membership roles and records for the BHA, Rummage Sale co-chairman, and serves on the Park Committee. She was in charge of the 1985 Balloon Rally and helped to make the Children's Christmas Party in Bloomingdale a reality. The Mobile Watch has her services as both a base

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operator and a mobile watch unit. As a petition worker for the STD she gathered signatures and also assisted in secretarial duties. She also donates blood every month to the Southwest Florida Blood Bank. And as if that wasn't enough, she has been Room Mother at her son's school and a Book Fair volunteer at her daughter's school.

Bloomingdale certainly is lucky to have an individual such as Maureen and we wish her the best of luck in the Alice Thompkins Awards. This is a nomination that is well deserved -SLD



# NEW CONSTRUCTION IN EAST

CONTRIBUTING RESIDENTS  
JERRY AND ANN UNDERWOOD

A new Kinder-Care nursery school will be breaking ground in 30-60 days at the corner of Bell Shoals Road and Glen Haven in the Bloomingdale East area. The school is scheduled to open in September of this year.

Under construction already is a Convenient Food Mart (with gas islands) which is scheduled to open April 1, 1986. South of the Food Mart will be a 14,000 sq. ft. shopping

strip which is now available for the leasing of approximately seven stores. Though there are currently no prospects, the corner is also zoned for a bank branch. Caldwell Bankers is the leasing agent for all of this property.

But along with the growth has come cause for concern, according to Jerry and Ann Underwood who live off of Glen Haven in the Hooker Barnes area.

Jerry Underwood contacted Mr. Sam Moore of Ferris Contractors, Inc., and asked--"the bank around the lake is being torn up. Will this be restored when they are done?" Also "The construction crew is throwing trash, bottles, and oil cans all around. Can this be stopped and can they clean up what they have done?" (Mr. Underwood and other residents are the ones responsible for keeping the lake area so clean and tidy. They have felt responsible for the lake area just because they care about Bloomingdale.)

Mr. Moore's reply was that the lake bank would be restored when they are done and that he would do something about the trash.

Another concern of the Hooker Barnes residents is the traffic in and out of the Kinder-Care in the mornings and afternoons at the peak rush-hour times. One of the side roads leading to/from the school exits onto Glen Haven which has given rise to the concern of residents trying to leave or come into the subdivision. Mr. Moore felt this would not be a problem as the Kinder-Care use would primarily be for the residents of Bloomingdale anyway and having this exit on Glen Haven would only make it easier for Bloomingdale to utilize the facilities.

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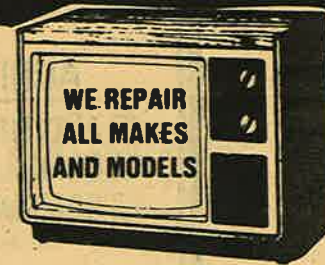


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## CHICKENPOX!!

BY PATRICIA JEANSONNE, M.D.  
COMMUNITY PEDIATRICS

A vaccine to eliminate this annoying childhood disease is under investigation in several countries. It is being especially studied for children with compromised immune states, as they are at greatest risk of severe complications from chickenpox (Varicella). It must be remembered that chickenpox is usually a mild disease. Its major complication in healthy children is Reye's Syndrome, a condition in which the brain and liver swell, causing elevated blood ammonia and coma (especially if given aspirin). A vaccine against chickenpox must be not only effective but also extremely safe and must not itself be associated with significant risk of Reye's Syndrome. Establishing such safety will take a while, so this vaccine remains experimental and is not on the market. In the meantime, chickenpox remains a usually mild but itchy and inconvenient illness.

The major symptoms are:

- fever - usually one day before onset of rash
- rash - begins as small pink bumps which develop central blisters as new crops of bumps appear. They spread from head to toe and itch.

Complications are:

Impetigo (common) - a bacterial skin infection on top of the chickenpox

lesions. This should be treated with antibiotics.

Much less common:

- Low platelet count
- Arthritis - joint inflammation
- Encephalitis - brain inflammation
- Nephritis - kidney inflammation
- Reye's Syndrome
- Pneumonia

Shingles - a reactivation of the virus after a long period of time. A localized painful rash which usually occurs in older individuals.

Contagion: Direct contact with the infected person. Contagious 1-2 days before onset of rash until no new lesions and all old ones are crusted.

Incubation period: 7 to 21 days.

Treatment: Symptomatic only. NO ASPIRIN should be given. Acetaminophen (Tylenol, Tempra, Panadol, etc.) for fever. Benadryl liquid or calamine lotion for itching may be given. Aveeno oatmeal baths (ask pharmacist) are soothing.

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BY CHERYL LEDFORD  
GAZETTE STAFF REPORTER

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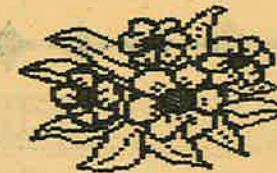
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Giving your plants a good start is very important. Prepare the planting hole by mixing in a good potting soil, top soil or peat, manure or compost and an all-purpose fertilizer. Also, you may mulch your plants to conserve water and discourage weeds. Now you are ready to plant.

Fertilize your annuals and perennials lightly once a month with 6-6-6 or a 20-20-20 water soluble fertilizer. If you use the granular type of fertilizer remember to place it around the plants (not on them) and water so that you do not burn the plants.

Keep in mind that there are many ways to use annuals and perennials. Use a variety of plants in groups of interlocking patterns and colors to create a garden border. A johnny jump-up surrounded by alyssum in a clay pot makes a pretty centerpiece for a patio table. Plant a clay dish with an assortment of flowers for a miniature garden. The possibilities are endless, so let your imagination take hold and have fun. The color you achieve from your plantings will be worth it.

#### IN DEEPEST SYMPATHY

It is with deep regret that we report the loss of Brian Walter Hearne. Brian, age 8, was a resident of Bloomingdale East and died of Leukemia on Wednesday, February 26, 1986. Nothing is sadder than the loss of a child and the Bloomingdale Homeowners Association sends Brian's family their deepest sympathy.



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### BITS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

Roby DeLuca will be 7  
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NEW BABY...

Charles and Terry Hicks  
proudly announce the  
arrival of their  
daughter Ashley Marie  
who was born on February  
6 at 2:28 a.m. Ashley  
was 7 lbs. 3 oz. and was  
21 inches long.



CONGRATULATIONS TO...

Hugo Ramos who pins on a  
Major's cluster on April  
1.

Congratulations to Susie  
Phillips for winning 6th  
place in the Science  
Fair at Brandon High  
School.

This past month a Solo &  
Ensemble Music Contest  
was held at Armwood High  
School. The Brandon  
High School Band and  
Brandon Jazz Band were  
in this competition.

Bloomingtondale residents  
winning awards from  
Brandon High were Daryl  
Turney for his  
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Susie Phillips for her  
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### VOTER INFORMATION

BY SHERRY HARDIN  
GAZETTE STAFF REPORTER



Elections will be coming up this fall and if you are a new resident in the Bloomingdale area you may need to register to vote. You must be registered at least 30 days prior to an election. The first primary is on September 2, the second primary will be on September 30, and the general election is November 4. This does give you through July to take care of this, but if you have a spare minute, you may want to get it out of the way now so you don't forget it.

You do not have to go to the Court House to take care of this. There are over 100 places throughout the county. Two of the places you can go to are Sun Bank (403 West Brandon Boulevard; 689-1231; open M-Th 9-4, Fri 9-2 and 3:30-6) and Southeast Bank (510 Oakfield Drive; 273-8748; open M-Th 9-4 and Fri 9-6). If neither of these places are convenient for you, call 272-5850 to see if there is a location better for you.

In order to register you must be a citizen of the United States and over 18. You may pre-register at age 17 1/2. You must appear in person and while nothing is required, an ID would be helpful. There is no length of residency required for you to become a Florida voter.

If you were already a Hillsborough County registered voter prior to moving into Bloomingdale, all you have to do is complete the back of your voter ID card and mail it in. Your new voter ID card will be returned to you.

The information concerning your polling place location and the districts you are qualified to vote in will be found on your voter ID card. If you have an questions about the elections, call 229-VOTE.

### PULTE OWN A NEW PULTE HOME ?

The Bloomingdale Homeowners Association had many responses from last month's article regarding Pulte warranty repairs. Those

Individuals who have already contacted Ted Keiser, BHA President, will have their information submitted to Pulte.

Should anyone else be having warranty problems, Ted Keiser is asking that you please submit these in writing to his attention c/o of this newspaper at P.O. Box 918, Brandon 33511. Mr. Keiser will then get the information to the Pulte company.

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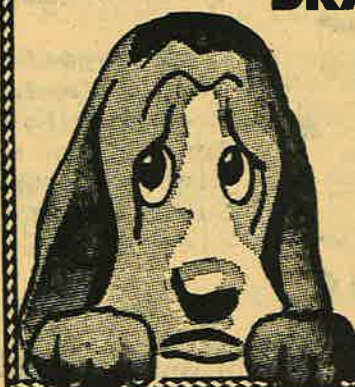
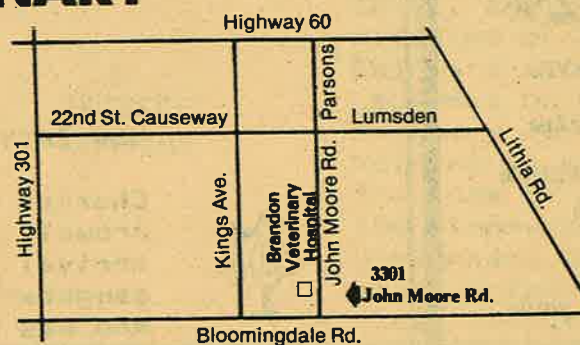
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## ILLEGAL DUMPING ?

Lately there have been numerous reports of large trucks possibly engaged in illegal dumping here in Bloomingdale, most notably in the East. These large, so far unidentified trucks, are pulling up to the manholes in the street, sticking large hoses down the holes and dumping something. Speculation is that this is waste material of some sort. Dumping of any sort into these manholes is illegal.

So far no one has been able to identify the intruder. The trucks have had their names covered over and license tags obscured.

Anyone seeing any dumping into these manholes should call the Sheriff's Department immediately--don't wait. The Sheriff needs to catch them in the act. If at all possible, try to see if there is some kind of identification on the vehicle to be able to report. Hopefully, we can put a stop to this quickly.





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### NEW SCHOOLS

BY CHERYL LEDFORD  
GAZETTE STAFF REPORTER

The school situation in South Brandon will not change drastically this fall, as we had anticipated. Burns Junior High School (located at Brooker and Bryan roads) will be open in August, as scheduled. According to information acquired at Pupil Administrative Services, the population of Junior High age students in the South Brandon area increased 23.4% from October '84 to October '85. Burns Junior High has a present population zoning of 1,166 pupils, but it is anticipated that number will increase to 1,400 by this fall. All South Brandon Junior High students (8th and 9th grades) in Bloomingdale are in the attendance zones for Burns Junior High. (6th graders attend Progress Village and 7th graders attend Booker T. Washington in Ybor City.) Of that 1,400 projected attendance, approximately 130 pupils will be from the former Greco Junior High attendance center.

Bloomingdale Elementary School is scheduled to be completed by fall of '87 and it is anticipated that Bloomingdale Elementary students living east of Bell Shoals will be in the new school zone. The population studies affecting attendance will be completed closer to the opening date of the new elementary school.

Along the same thought, Buckhorn Elementary is saying goodbye to Principal Eileen Duvall who is becoming the Supervisor of the Gifted Program in Hillsborough County. Buckhorn welcomes Ms. Evelyn Clitz who is formerly the Principal of Gibsonton School.

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BY CHERYL LEDFORD  
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In order to refinance, the basic steps to follow are:

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If you wish to refinance you should contact your mortgage loan professional for more information.



**IMPORTANT MEETINGS**



**BHA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING:**

The next General Membership Meeting of the Bloomingdale Homeowners Association will be held on Tuesday, March 18, 1986. It will begin at 7:30 p.m. with coffee and talk. The call to order by President Ted Keiser will take place at 8 p.m. The meeting will be located at the Bloomingdale Community Church, 1310 Bloomingdale Avenue. All residents of Bloomingdale are encouraged to attend.

As a reminder to all residents, this meeting will be the deciding factor as to the future and ownership of the parks.

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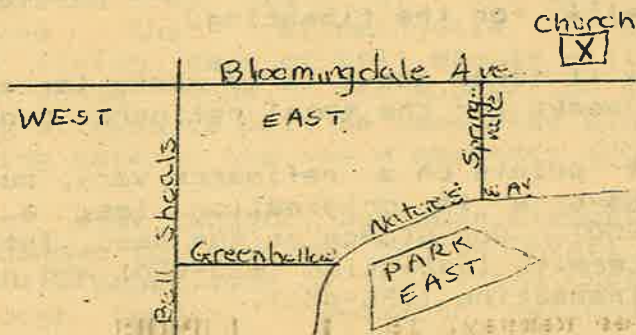
**BHA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING:**

The next meeting of the Board of Directors of the Bloomingdale Homeowners Association is scheduled for Monday, March 10, 1986. The meeting will begin promptly at 7:30 p.m. It will take place at the home of Mr. Errol Whitfield, 403 Bloomingfield Drive. Interested observers are invited to attend.

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**SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT PUBLIC MEETING:**

The next public meeting of the newly formed Special Taxing District will be held by the Board of Trustees on Tuesday, March 11, 1986, at the Bloomingdale Community Church, 1310 Bloomingdale Avenue. The meeting will be called to order by the board President, Fred G. Uphoff, Jr., at 8 p.m. All residents of Bloomingdale are encouraged to attend.



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