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TREES FOR SALE



Beginning at 9 a.m. on Saturday, March 14, in Park West, the Bloomingdale Homeowners Association will have 100 trees for sale to the residents of Bloomingdale only (East, West, Estates, South, and Oaks).

The BHA has purchased 100 trees from The Green Boutique Nursery as a community improvement project for Bloomingdale Residents to plant in their yards. These are 5-7 feet tall and consist of a com-

bination of Laurel Oaks, Live Oaks, Bald Cypress, and White Dogwoods. The Green Boutique is guaranteeing that these trees are healthy and free from disease.

The cost is \$7 per tree for BHA members and \$8 per tree for non-members. You MUST bring your membership card with you to the sale. With each tree, everyone (member or not) will receive a FREE bag of soil and instructions written specifi-

cally for the type of tree you have purchased. Also available for sale will be small bags of fertilizer, enough for one tree.

As there are only 100 trees, the BHA is limiting the sale to one per family. The sale begins at 9 a.m. and will be over when all the trees are sold. Profits from this sale will go into the BHA Computer Fund for the Gazette's new computer.

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WE AREN'T THROUGH YET!

by Ron Thompson
BHA Director

DON'T RIP UP THOSE CHECKS!! If we didn't get to your home in the last two weeks to pick up your donation, we apologize. We had a lot of volunteers, but Bloomingdale is V-E-R-Y big and it takes a tremendous amount of legwork to cover the whole area.

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So far we have collected \$1,089.16. This is very good, but not enough for the computer setup that is needed. We anticipate the cost of an upgraded system will be approximately \$3,500. We have two fundraisers planned to help augment the funding. The tree sale (front page of this issue) is March 14 and the Bloomingdale Flea Market is May 2. Between the two fund-



the GAZETTE computer

raisers we are hoping to net about \$1,000. The Gazette is looking at a target date of June 1 to have the new equipment in place. We are hoping to pay cash; but if we are short, NCNB National Bank has agreed to lend the Gazette the difference. COMPUTER cont'd page 4

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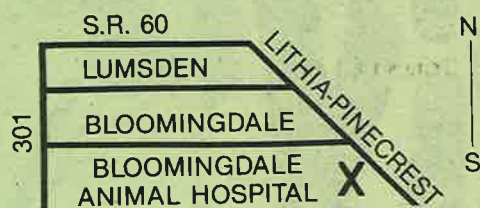
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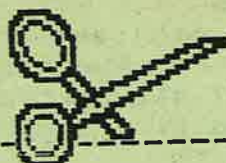
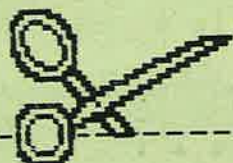
IMPORTANT SURVEY FOR BLOOMINGDALE

In preparation for the 1987 Legislative Session, Representative "Spud" Clements is asking you to complete the following survey and return it to his office. The questions posed by Clements address issues that he feels will be hotly debated during the upcoming Session.

Clements requests you return your completed questionnaire to his office at the address on the survey. He will know it's from Bloomingdale because it will be green.

IT'S IMPORTANT YOU RESPOND! This is not a political gimmick. Clements uses this information to vote in the Florida House of Representatives. Whether he personally agrees or disagrees is not the issue. He will base his voting according to the response received in this survey.

So take 2 minutes, fill it out, and mail it right away before you stuff it in a drawer and forget.



1. One of the biggest problems this state has is providing facilities for its prison population. How would you feel about a one cent sales tax for the next five years that was earmarked for the construction of more prisons and county jails?

AGREE DISAGREE

2. Revenue generated by the lottery should be designated for education.

AGREE DISAGREE

3. Do you favor increasing the speed limit? (Circle one)

Remain at 55 Raise to 65 Raise to 70

4. Annual motor vehicle safety inspections should be reinstated.

AGREE DISAGREE

5. Please rank, in terms of your level of concern, the following items. Put the number 1 next to the item that concerns you the most, the number 2 next to the item that

is the second most important to you and so on.

- ...Education
- ...Crime
- ...Taxes
- ...Child Care
- ...Economic Opportunity
- ...Protection of the Environment
- ...Management of Growth
- ...Recreational Facilities

6. The sales tax exemption should remain intact on medical services, groceries, and other services.

AGREE DISAGREE

7. Do you favor a county-wide Utilities Authority in place of the current county-managed system to take care of the county's water, sewer, and wastewater management?

AGREE DISAGREE

Now...Mail this survey to:

Representative S. L. "Spud" Clements, Jr.
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A big thank you is owed to the following volunteers for their help:

Elena Aluotto
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herself.

Thank you also to the 132 families who donated so generously to this very important donation drive. Those of you requesting receipts will be receiving them shortly.

We also received a very nice donation from Andy



Kathy Watkins laying out an ad, one piece at a time.

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Also, thank you to Mary Odum who lined up all the volunteers plus collected donations

Schmidt of Schmidt Brothers Builders. We are in the process of contacting all the builders here in Bloomington and, hopefully, they will all be contributing like Schmidt Brothers.

So--if you haven't already made a donation, won't you take a minute now to send it to us? Any amount would be fantastic!

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The Mobile Watch Core Committee met on Feb. 23rd. Among the items discussed was including Bloomingdale Oaks in our Watch area and a new long range plan. The latter was brought about due to the rapid growth of our area.

The Committee discussed the Bloomingdale Oaks area & the decision was made to see if enough residents would volunteer to man a car in their area. We will be including a letter with the Gazette explaining our operation to the residents of the Oaks.

The Core Committee has put together a long range plan for the Watch. This plan will be implemented in stages. The goal of the plan is to have 1 car in the West, 2 cars in the East, and 1 car in the Oaks. The people manning the cars would live in the areas they patrolled. Each section will have to maintain enough people to operate their car each night or the number of nights that particular area will be covered will be reduced. We feel that more people will volunteer if they were patrolling closer to their home.

Stage 1 of the plan will be implemented as of April 1st. At that time, only persons living in the West will patrol the West, the same in the East. If and when the Oaks has enough volunteers to man a car in their area, we will include their community in our operations.

We would like to see more volunteers for the Watch. We only ask for 3 hours, one night, once a month. We need YOU to help the community we all live in. To volunteer, contact any Core Committee member listed on page 2 of the Gazette.

NEWS OF NOTE

During the past month the Mobile Watch has been informed of 2 daytime burglaries in Bloomingdale East. Both occurred between 9am and noon when the homes were unoccupied. In each case a rear window was broken to gain entry. The burglar(s) exited by the side garage door. Both houses had fenced yards. Various items were taken including TV's, a vacuum cleaner, microwave, pictures, coffee pot, jewelry, and coins. A car was seen leaving the scene of the 2nd break-in, driven by a black-haired female. The car was described as a red Pinto or Honda Prelude.

We would like to receive reports of any incidents in Bloomingdale so as to keep the community informed. Call any Core Committee member.

STILL LOST!! Mobile Watch signs... Last month we reported the loss of some of our signs. One sign has been turned in by a resident. THANK YOU! If anyone has or has seen any of our signs, please call a Core member.

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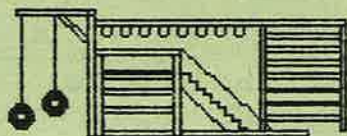


Primary Prep, a Florida based pre-school chain, is expected to open a new center in mid-August of this year. The location of this school, which is currently under site preparation, will be at the corner of Rosemead and Canoga Park Drive in Bloomingdale West.

Primary Prep is a franchise has eight centers throughout organization which currently Pinellas, Pasco, and Hillsborough counties. Co-franchisees of this new Brandon school are Gail Bjornson and Christine Terrell. Ms. Terrell will be the school's Administrator; while Ms.

Bjornson (a certified, experienced teacher in early childhood education) will be the Director.

Primary Prep delivers their schools in a package plan, already completely equipped and functionally correct for their new owners. President Barbara Wallis, who holds a Masters Degree in Curriculum Development, sets up the school for the new franchisees according to pre-established guidelines. She stated in an interview, that "the Rolf Learning Systems from Holland" is the methodology that is practiced at Primary Prep's schools. "It is an individualized program that is better than Montessori--it's more challenging.



We believe the children learn by doing, so there is a lot of 'hands on' with concepts," she said.

Hours for the school will be either 6:30 a.m. or 7 a.m. for opening (depending on the requirements of the community) with a 6 p.m. closing. Classes begin at 9 a.m. The 2-5 year old group attends Pre-School, while the 5/6 year olds will be attending Kindergarten (opening in Fall). The school will be licensed for 90 students.

The cost of tuition is \$50 per week with a part-time plan of \$33 for 3 days or \$22 for 2 days. A one-time per year registration fee of \$50 is charged per family.

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Bloomingtondale Activities

The following is a list of the formed committees and organized activities, their reason for structure, chairperson (if one has been appointed) or coordinator, and meeting dates. Individuals who have already signed up for committees should consider this their notification of meeting dates and times. Anyone wishing to add an activity to this list should contact this newspaper by the 20th of the month.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Chairperson:
George Ball 689-8913
Function: To establish the criteria for the awarding of a \$250 college scholarship.
MEETING: Monday, March 16
7:30 p.m.
Bloomingtondale Community Church (1310 Bigd1 Ave)

SPEEDING ON BLOOMINGFIELD

Task Force Chairman:
Mike Kelly 681-7338
Function: To coordinate efforts with county officials to curtail speeding on Bloomingtondale Dr. and in Bloomingtondale proper.
Call Mike Kelly to assist.

WIDENING OF BLOOMINGDALE

Chairperson:
Susan DeLuca
681-2051
This committee was slated to meet February 19, but since there is no interest, the committee will be disbanded.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Co-Chairpersons:
Sharon Norwood 681-6761
Jim Weiss 689-0254
Call one of the two persons above to volunteer as a Block Captain of your area.

Function: To re-establish and re-organize the current program.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Chairperson:
Janet Holzman 681-2548
Function: To organize the April 18 Easter Egg Hunt
MEETING: Call 681-2548 for information.

HEALTH & SAFETY

Chairperson:
Janet Holzman
681-2548
Function: To identify health and safety hazards in Bloomingtondale and set up self-help programs such as CPR and First Aid.
MEETING: Monday, March 16
7:30 p.m., Bloomingtondale Community Church

JULY 4 FUN RUN

Chairperson:
Bill Armstrong 684-5809
Function: To plan and execute the 5k Fun Run.

SEPTEMBER PICNIC

Co-Chairpersons:
Jim Weiss 689-0254
Susan DeLuca 681-2051
Function: To plan and execute the Newcomers and Oldtimers Picnic in September.

TEEN DANCE/ACTIVITY

Chairperson:
To be established
Teens and adults are encouraged to volunteer for this committee.
Call 681-2548 for more information.

Function: To plan and execute a function for teens in Bloomingtondale
MEETING: Tuesday, March 17
7:30 p.m., Bloomingtondale Community Church

TELEPHONE COMMITTEE

Chairperson:
Mary Odum 689-8613
Function: To telephone residents to help at functions.

MEN'S BASKETBALL, HANDBALL, & TENNIS

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ation will be sponsoring a community-wide Flea Market in Park East. You rent a booth/space from us and in return you keep all the income you receive from your booth sales. For \$5 per family (\$7 at the door) you will receive a 10 x 10 ft area. You bring your own tables, chairs, and the stuff you want to sell. Whether it's unwanted items or crafts you've made or business products, you can

sell it at your booth. In return, the BHA will provide advertising in the Brandon News, East Hillsborough Tribune, the main Tampa Tribune, The Shopper, and the Weekender. All of the profits will go into the BHA Computer Fund for the Gazette's new computer.

Set-up time is 7:30 a.m. in Park East and we will allow buyers in at 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. The Bloomingdale Mobile Watch will be controlling traffic and keeping

out "early birds" until 9 a.m.

If you make your reservation early, the cost is \$5. At the door, the booth is \$7.

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SEWER UPDATE

True to his word, Commissioner Selvey has been following up on the placement of another Interim Wastewater Treatment Plant in Bloomingdale South. The following are two letters which he generated, and a memo, in their entirety.

Mr. Dale Twachtmann
Secretary of Environmental Reg.
Twin Towers Office Building
2600 Blainstone Road
Tallahassee, FL 32301

Dear Dale:

I have enclosed a copy of a memo from Mike McWeeny concerning an interim wastewater treatment plant, as required by an agreement with Criterion Corporation in the Bloomingdale area.

As you are aware, we have had a series of problems with our sewage plant in Bloomingdale, and since we have been unsuccessful in rectifying these problems, we have elected to phase out the Bloomingdale Plant in favor of a sub-regional plant in Valrico. Mike and I have related this intent to the citizens of Bloomingdale, and it was received enthusiastically.

We now find, due to a prior agreement, we will be required to construct a 75,000 gallon IWWTP in order to save some \$6,000,000 in future connection fees. As Mr. McWeeny states in the memo, it is highly unlikely this 75,000 gallon plant will ever be used, based on Criterion's Development schedule. However, should some insignificant volume be generated prior to the Valrico Plant coming on line, there would be sufficient capacity in the existing Bloomingdale plant to handle that amount for a short period of time.

My major reason for requesting your assistance is to eliminate what I consider a waste of taxpayer's money. To build a plant with tax dollars that has little to no future is extremely wasteful both in time and money.

With Hillsborough County passing our utilities rate studies and the subsequent placement of some \$360,000,000 in bonds, I think you can see we are committed. If you would coordinate your staff with Mike McWeeny, I am sure we can resolve this problem without the necessity of constructing another interim plant in Bloomingdale.

Thank you for your consideration.

DATE: FEBRUARY 2, 1987
TO: COMMISSIONER JAMES D. SELVEY
Board of County Commissioners
FROM: MICHAEL W. McWEENY, P.E., Director
Department of Water & Wastewater Utilities
SUBJECT: BLOOMINGDALE (CRITERION) IWWTP

Confirming our conversation of last week, I would like to clarify the necessity for construction of the Criterion IWWTP.

By agreement, Hillsborough County has committed to provide capacity (500,000 gpd) for the Criterion project in Bloomingdale. Subsequent amendments to the agreement provided that an interim facility of 75,000 gpd could be provided by the County in settlement of the previous agreement. This capacity must be on line approximately April, 1987.

The necessity for this capacity is brought about by the DER requirement for treatment plant capacity as a pre-requisite for collection system permitting. Therefore, Criterion must have the 75,000 gpd capacity in order to be able to sell their property with a sewer capability commitment.

Based on the construction schedule of the Criterion Development were it to be immediately sold and constructed and the construction schedule of the Valrico Subregional WWTP and the existing flow in the Bloomingdale (County) IWWTP, it is unlikely that any flow of significant volume would be generated by the Criterion Development prior to the Valrico System becoming operational. Any reasonably anticipated flow from the Criterion project could be handled by the Bloomingdale Plant in the interim until the Valrico Plant is on-line.

However, unless DER will change its position and formally state that position in writing, allowing Criterion to be able to develop and sell its project, the County must construct the interim wastewater treatment plant for Criterion in order to meet the conditions in the amended agreement.

Please advise if you need any additional data or information.

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SEWER from page 9

February 19, 1987

Ms. Susan DeLuca
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Dear Susan:

To clarify my action at our 1:30 p.m. meeting on Monday, February 16, 1987, I moved the purchase of a 75,000 gallon interim wastewater treatment plant tentatively slated for the Bloomingdale area. Prior to moving this action, I asked Mr. McWeeney the following questions:

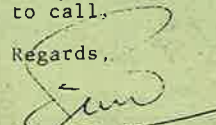
1. Is this plant specifically designed for use at the Bloomingdale site or can it be used anywhere? His answer was, it could be used anywhere.
2. Do you still feel it is doubtful this plant will ever be used by the developer? His answer was, he did not think it would be used by the developer.
3. Do you foresee other developers connecting to this plant, if the Bloomingdale WWTP did not have capacity? His answer was, no, this is strictly for the Agreement with Criterion.
4. Will this issue need to come before this Board again prior to construction of the interim wastewater treatment plant? His answer was, yes, the Board will have to vote on the site preparation.

These answers lead me to believe we will not install the plant but rather are in position with the permits and equipment to satisfy the Agreement. However, it should also be pointed out, should we not take this action, the developer has the necessary permits to construct the plant himself. This way, the county is still in control.

I do not feel particularly good about having to reach a solution to an old problem in this manner. However, I feel it to be the lesser of two evils.

If you need any additional information, do not hesitate to call.

Regards,


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TASK FORCE GOES INTO GEAR

"The Bloomingdale Homeowners Association is concerned about quality-of-life issues, and this concern is illustrated in the duties of our Task Force," said BHA Director Mike Kelly. Recently, Mike was appointed Task Force Chairman to oversee and make recommendations to the BHA Board regarding the speeding on Bloomingfield Drive in the West. In pursuing this, he has generated letters to many county officials describing the problem and seeking input. Recently, Mike was contacted by Lt. Fred Wheeler, Shift Commander in Brandon, of the Sheriff's Department.

Lt. Wheeler advised Mike that they are going to take action on his request to curb speeding on Bloomingfield Drive. Lt. Wheeler

has begun directed patrolling activity with the use of radar. He is also conducting a survey on the problem.

Mike Kelly will also begin a neighborhood survey soon by contacting every resident that lives on Bloomingfield Drive. He, and various volunteers, will be asking what each resident's assessment of the condition is plus their recommendations. This information will be given to County officials and used by the BHA to formulate proposals to solve the problem of speeding.

Anyone wishing to help Mike do this door-to-door survey should contact him at 681-7338. As of this printing no exact date has been set yet for this canvassing to begin.



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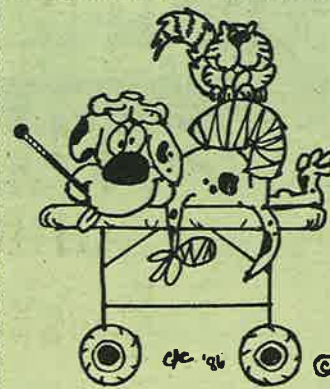
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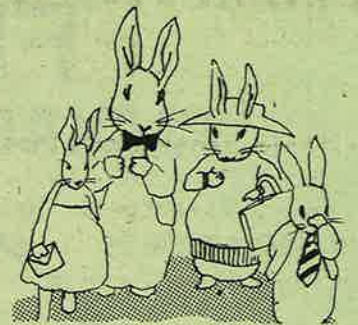
**HERE COMES
PETER COTTONTAIL!**



The Easter Bunny is coming to Bloomingdale! But he would like help from some Bloomingdale Residents. The BHA is planning an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 18 (the day before Easter) for the youngsters of Bloomingdale. Janet Holzman, Committee Chairperson, would like someone to play "Peter Cottontail"

(we'll supply the costume) and several pairs of hands to hide eggs and treats.

Give Janet a call at 681-2548 if you are willing to lend your assistance. It



will only take a few volunteers and a small amount of time to put some happy smiles on the faces of the children here in Bloomingdale.



What would YOU like to do? A dance? A rollerskating party? A trip to Busch Gardens? The BHA wants to know because they will help you fund the event you would like during the year. But ...you have to tell us what you want. To do this, you need to come to the Teen

Activity planning meeting on Tuesday, March 17, 7:30 p.m., at Bloomingdale Community Church.

The activity you choose will be sponsored and supervised by the Bloomingdale Homeowners Association. You as teens will make the determination as to what you want to do. Adult volunteers are also welcome to attend this meeting.

Have any questions? Call Janet Holzman at 681-2548.

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DIRECTOR'S REPORT

On February 10, 1987, the BHA Board of Directors met for their monthly meeting. In attendance were the following Directors: Henry Brosnahan, Mike Kelly, Joe Liguori, Janet Holzman, Jim Weiss, Ted Keiser, Ron Thompson, Jerry Underwood, and Susan DeLuca.

1. George Ball talked to Ed Radice of the Parks Department regarding the broken fence. Mr. Radice stated that they have ordered 8' sections of fence to replace the broken areas. Jim Weiss will be talking to Larry Mitchell of the Parks



Department regarding the future plans for both parks East and West.

2. Henry Brosnahan and Joe Liguori are going to investigate the ramifications of a "Reward for Information" system and make a written proposal.

3. Because Bloomingdale is so large, it was voted to extend the Gazette door-to-door donation drive one extra week.

4. Colleen Anderson was approved as the Secretary/Treasurer of The Bloomingdale Gazette, Inc.

5. Committee Reports:

SCHOLARSHIP: Meeting in 2-3 weeks.

WIDENING OF BLOOMINGDALE: Meeting on February 19.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH: Meeting on February 17.

HEALTH & SAFETY: Would like to have the Blood Mobile out, CPR courses, and First Aid courses.

JULY 4 FUN RUN: Bill Armstrong will be Chairman.

6. Bloomingfield Drive Task Force--Mike Kelly, Chairman. Mike stated that letters had been sent out to Sheriff Heinrich, Commissioner Selvey, Gary Tait (Traffic), and Bob Bushman (Public Works) that Mike was appointed Task Force Chairman and the intended goals. Mike is planning to check noise ordinances and perhaps request noise abatement studies, do a door-to-door survey on every house on Bloomingfield Drive, and communicate with County officials.

7. We still need storage space. Jim Weiss is going to investigate the cost of space somewhere close.

8. Henry Brosnahan and Susan DeLuca will pay a courtesy call on the new County Administrator when he comes on board in three

months. This will be to introduce him to the BHA and discuss concerns of the community.

9. Either the President or the Vice President will sign all out-going mail as practical.

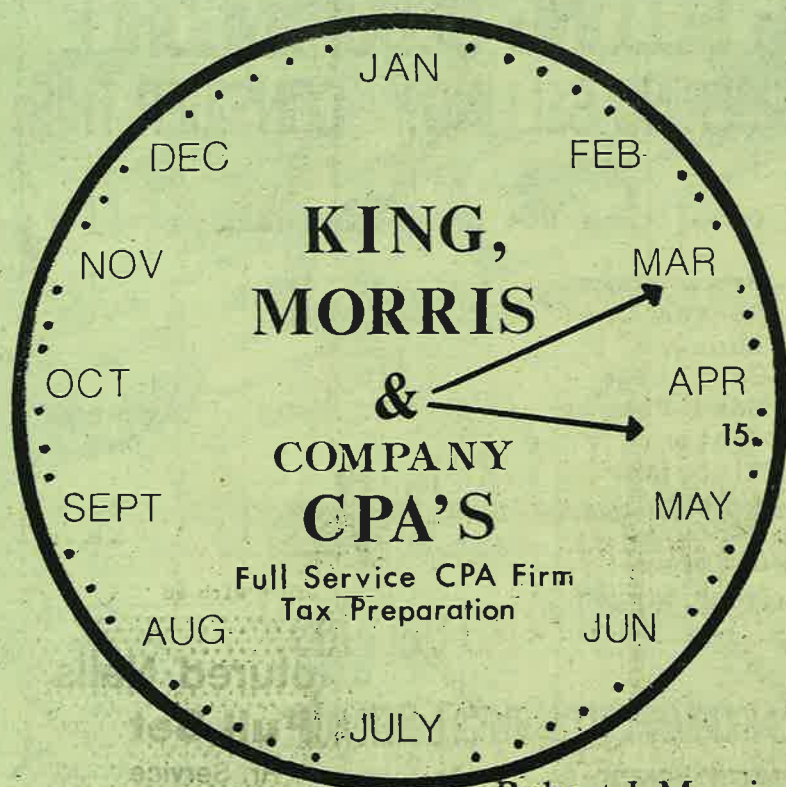
10. The tree sale on March 14 was proposed by Susan DeLuca, bids were discussed, and the sale was approved with the bid going to The Green Boutique Nursery. The cost to the BHA will be \$775 from the community improvement expense of the budget. From the sale the BHA will receive back \$300 (so the total output will be \$475) and anything over \$300 will be put into the BHA Computer Fund for the Gazette.

11. The May 2 Bloomingdale Garage Sale and Flea Market was approved with funds going into the BHA Computer Fund.

12. \$120 was allocated towards the distribution of a second notice to residents who have not paid their annual dues.

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Debby, whose hobby is fire walking (!) will teach us how to be street wise against common forms of crime and assault.

Citizens Against Crime is a national public safety organization comprised of private citizens who are trained in crime and fire prevention and emergency survival techniques. The

Debby's talk promises to be fast-paced, entertaining, and informative with emphasis on practical procedures anyone can use to protect themselves and their family.

This is a meeting you definitely don't want to miss.

WHAT: General Membership Meeting of the BHA

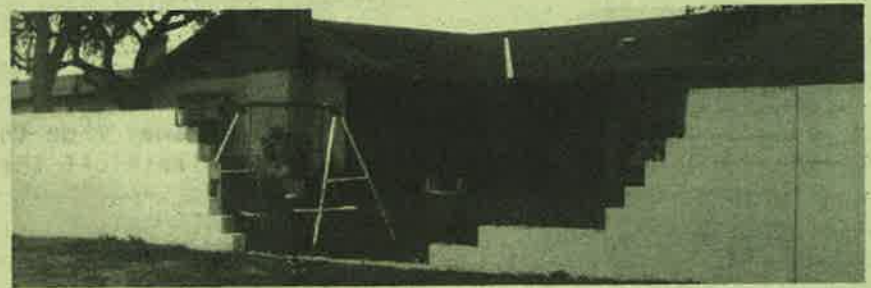
DATE: Thursday, March 12

TIME: 7:30 p.m. for coffee
8 p.m. Call to Order

PLACE: Bloomingdale
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WHO: All residents

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STD NEWS

By Chris Pheils
STD Trustee

It's time for another update from your Bloomingtondale Special Tax District. The contracts were redone for the grass mowing and have been signed. In fact, the company that was hired has already started working. Should any resident notice poor performance or have any concern, please contact any STD Board member or Mr. Wagner (Property Manager) at 681-7308. Mr. Wagner will be keeping tabs on the work progress and performance.

We apologize if anyone came to the February 9 meeting that we didn't have. Due to other commitments, the Board postponed the meeting to the 16th. This was unforeseen and should not happen again, but if it does, we will at least place a note on the door.

We have had three bids for wall painting, and these are being studied by the Board now. We anticipate letting the bid by the March 9 meeting. We will be asking the

contractor to start work within 30 days after signing. If you live along one of the walls mentioned last month (almost everything on the West) start making plans to move things away from the wall and get plants off the wall. Remember--overspraying can kill plants. The contractor must be cautious, but the work will be done, and done fully to our standards even if he has to trim your plants.

A recent accident which put a large hole in a wall reminded us to tell those of you with walls that they are physically on your property and either your homeowners insurance or the offending party is responsible for the repair. You do, however, need to coordinate with the STD before the repair is done so we can ensure the repair meets the overall standards and color match.

The mail has been a little light. We received one letter which we need to comment on. A concerned resident sent us a request to fix the fence around Park West and asked about lighting the parking lot. We are not responsible for the park

itself. Last year the developer deeded the park to the county. We did forward the letter to the county, as well as made some phone calls. The county had trouble finding the ten foot fence poles and ordered a completely new fence, but in the more common eight foot sections. As soon as it arrives they will get it in. They also stated lighting the parking lot is a possibility they are considering. There will be an additional light placed next to the south driveway by TECO, one they overlooked when the street was lit. We will continue to pass our concern for the appearance of the park to the county. But remember your BHA has a standing committee for the parks, and you can send them your concerns as well.

There has been ZERO letters concerning landscaping or budget suggestions or on the lighting ideas for the sidewalk to the plaza or dark entrances. If you thought your voice would not count then you are wrong, you could have been "heard" all alone. If we don't hear

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from anyone we will do what we feel is best, but please don't complain later if you disagree. We have one leftover thought for the budget from last year that will come up again, replacing the wood fence around Peachfield with a block wall--what do you think? The budget next year should approach \$145,000. The March and maybe April meetings will be mostly budget discussions, drop us a note and come to the meeting.

Please remember if you want to address the Board, for other than comments from the floor, please let us know so you can be placed on the agenda. Just call any Board member.

We are also looking into hiring someone to develop a landscaping master plan. We figure it is cheaper to spend some money now than redoing an error later. Personally I'm into more trees, like along Rosemead, between the houses and "three story" apartments. How about you? (Thank you to a resident who came up with this idea.)



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La Petite Academy, a national firm with over 75 centers in Florida and 600 countrywide, is looking to purchase a site in Bloomingdale East. According to La Petite's site selector, Dave Rogers, they have ordered topographical surveys from Heidt Surveyors for property on Greenhollow. If clearance can be obtained from the county, they will purchase 1 1/2 acres

(this is not the whole tract on that corner) from the private party who currently owns the land.

If everything goes according to plan, they are hoping for a September opening of a preschool that will be licensed for 140 children. La Petite cares for children from infants to 12 years old.

When asked if they had considered the fact that Primary Prep and Kinder Care both are coming within one mile of their school, Dave replied that they are aware of this. He stated that because Kinder Care does such in-depth market analysis', that the La Petite Academies will frequently go into an area that already

houses a Kinder Care.

Kinder Care, which purchased property at the corner of Glen Haven and Bell Shoals in the East, has been held up in construction due to lack of sewer hook ups, according to Debbie Mikes (part

owner of The Village Center and instrumental in selling Kinder Care their site.)

Once La Petite has closed on the property, we'll report more details in future issues of this newspaper.



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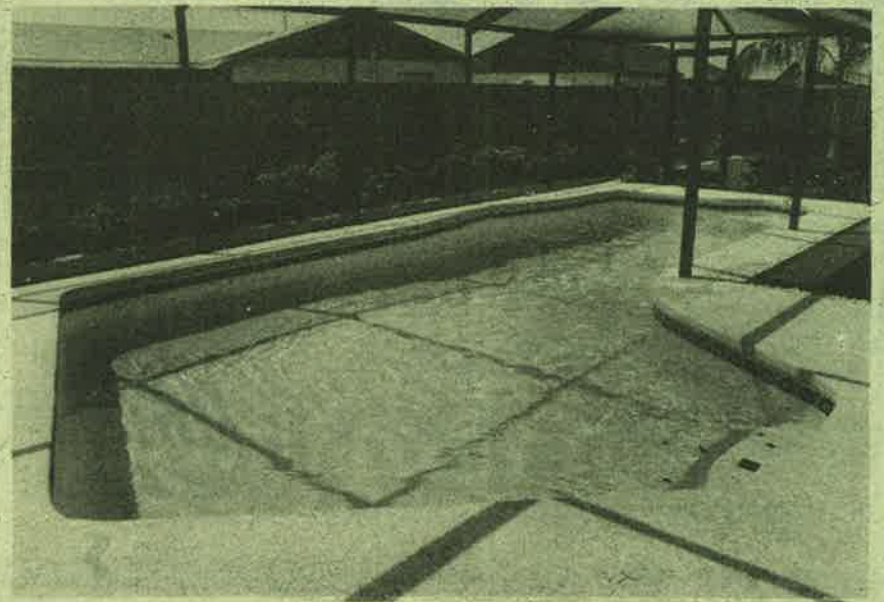
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What do Henry Brosnham, Paul Newman, and Bruce Jenner all have in common (besides their good looks)? They are all professional race car drivers! Our own BHA President, Henry Brosnham, is scheduled to drive in the 12 hour endurance race at Sebring on March 21.

Henry has been a professional race car driver for

approximately 1 1/2 years. In the races he has competed, he has never finished less than fifth place. But this is the first time he has competed in a race of this magnitude. "70% of the cars don't finish this race because it is so tough on the vehicles," he said.

Henry will be driving a Camaro that he purchased in October. This turquoise car named "Spirit of Brandon," has a 600 hp engine. A

customized, professional race car, it was built from the ground up and has fiberglass panels for its body. Various safety features are built into the car such as a sponge in the fuel cell (gas tank) which gets larger as the gas is used up. This way fumes can't develop and cause an explosion or fire.



Henry Brosnham

There is also a push-button system that Henry puts into gear when he straps into his 6 point restraining belt that only has to be touched in an emergency to extinguish a fire inside the car with chemicals. For Henry's own safety, he will be

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wearing fire protective "long johns," gloves, socks, shoes, and full-face helmet.

But...at an average speed of 114 miles per hour, it can be risky. And rain or shine the race will run.

Not only will Henry be competing against pros like Al Unser and A.J. Foyt, but big corporations like Ford and Chevrolet will be putting in their million dollar cars as well. Henry feels he has a good chance of finishing, and if he does, the chances are good he would be in the top 30 cars. With prizes at \$260,000, it's worth it.

After this race, Henry plans to compete in the West Palm Beach Grand Prix in June and then the St. Pete Grand Prix in November.

Good luck Henry! We'll be watching for you on T.V. on March 21 at 11 a.m.

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NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWS AND VIEWS

By Jim Weiss

Co-Chairman

February 17 was the first meeting of the re-organized Neighborhood Watch Program. Although not as many turned out as hoped, those that did were willing and enthusiastic.

To make the Neighborhood Watch Program work, it will take 70% participation of the residents of Bloomington. In other words--it needs you. A target date of May has been set to have the Program in place and functioning.

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What does this mean? It means learning HOW to be nosy. Learning that you must report everything you see to the Sheriff's Department. And it means becoming part of a telephone chain in times of acute emergency (a missing child, burglar in

the area, etc.)

Right now we need to set up Block Captains and Co-Captains. You need to live in the area you would be in charge of. You would be responsible for reporting to me or Sharon Norwood if someone's phone number changes or a resident moves out. That's it. Simple.

Below is a current list of Block Captains.

Curtland and Linda Belz
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Gene Gardner
Joe & Joanne Connolly
DeVon Overmyer, Jr.

John & Deede Corley
Tom Kyczycke
Mike Clark
Cathy Harp
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3RD TIME'S THE CHARM?



Bloomington Resident Steve Briggs is hoping the county won't say "no" for a third time. He and Don Bua, co-owners of the Allstate Building on Bloomington Avenue have apartments in the back they would like zoned for offices. They have requested this zoning change twice before and both times have been denied. The county is concerned that by allowing this zoning, they will be setting a precedent for the rest of Bloomington Avenue. The building is currently outfitted as apartments which have been rented on a month-to-month

basis. They are located between the Allstate Building and the new Bloomington Square. In an interview, Steve Briggs said that it is "very obvious that it should be (zoned) commercial."

In the latest attempt to have the zoning changed, the planning staff (headed by Laura Belflower) recommended that the zoning not be altered. Even with this recommendation, there must still be a decision from the Hearing Master and ultimately a vote by the County Commissioners on March 24.

If the county amends the zoning to commercial office, Briggs and Bua will be converting the apartments very slowly--perhaps as long as a 2-3 year period. "We are definitely not going to kick out the tenants that we have," said Briggs. "As the renters choose to move, we will convert to offices. We don't want to offend the

tenants there."

Currently, there is very little office space available in Bloomington. In 1990 a major office complex is planned for the southeast corner of Bell Shoals and Bloomington Ave. Until that time, offices such as this complex would probably be well received.

A POST OFFICE IN BLOOMINGTON

by Sherry Hardin

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PARLEZ VOUS FRANCAIS?

David Weiss, son of Jim and Dianne Weiss of Bloomington East, is one of 10 students from Brandon High that has been chosen to compete in a statewide French competition. It will take place in Orlando March 19-21. Students will compete in a variety of events and with varying degrees of difficulty.

David, who is a sophomore, will be competing in a French III (Junior level) poem recital.

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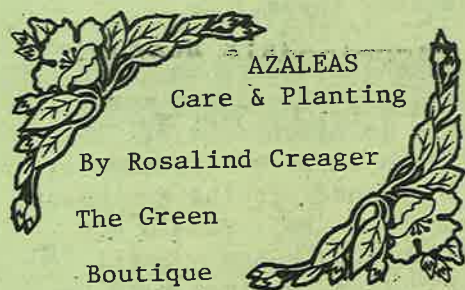


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You may plant container-grown azaleas anytime of the year. Select an area in sun or partial shade. Dense

shade will cause the plants to become leggy and flower sparsely. Plant large growing azaleas 3-5 ft. apart, depending on how tall you plan on letting them grow. Dwarf and semi-dwarf varieties should be spaced at about 2' to 2 1/2' apart. Distance is measured from the center of each plant. Dig the planting hole about twice the size of the root ball. Remove one-third of the soil and amend the remaining two-thirds with peat or potting soil and composted cow manure. Remove the azalea from the container and make 3 or 4 1/2" deep cuts in the root ball to break up rootbound conditions. Place the azalea in the hole no deeper than it was when in the container. Planting an azalea too deep can cause it to die. Water the plant as backfill is placed around the root ball. Mulch the bed with a 2-3 inch layer.

Prune azaleas after all

flowering is completed and no later than June. Pruning your azaleas will enable them to form dense growth and produce more flowers. Long shoots that grow out of proportion may be removed at anytime of the year.

Azaleas should be fertilized with an acid-forming fertilizer formulated for azaleas. Fertilize about four times a year in winter, spring, summer, and fall.

Azaleas have a shallow root system and must be watered regularly and thoroughly to prevent them from drying out. Maintain a 2-3" layer of mulch to conserve moisture and inhibit weed growth.

Proper selection, planting, and care can give you success with azaleas in your landscape and provide you with color almost year round.

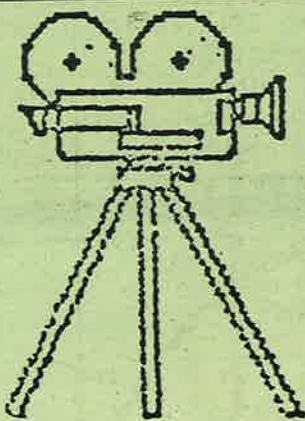
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MORE ON THE WIDENING ISSUE

We all know that Bloomingdale Avenue MUST be widened. We as an association have generated a lot of correspondence recently to the newspapers, to the County Commissioners, to the Department of Transportation, and to the Engineering Departments in an effort to keep the issue alive and the pressure on. One of the responses we received was from Commissioner Iorio stating her position to back Commissioner Selvey to get the widening done. Another letter we received was from Selvey himself stating the facts to date. That letter to President Henry Brosnham is printed here in its entirety.

"Dear Henry:

Congratulations on your recent election as

President of the Bloomingdale Homeowners Association. I am sure you will continue the fine tradition of community service the Association has thus far provided.

At the request of Susan DeLuca, I requested information concerning the widening of Bloomingdale Road (sic). Why would the county begin at the intersection of 301 and come east rather than beginning at Lithia Road and going west?

When I discussed this project with Mr. Bob Bushman, our Director of Public Works, he informed me it was because of the acquisition of right-of-way. It seems from John Moore West to 301 there is less conflict in the county acquiring right-of-way. From John Moore, east to Lithia, there are two and possibly three parcels of land that will have to be acquired by the process of eminent domain.

This is a court action, and in some instances requires several years to settle the issue. Therefore, it was suggested that we begin on the western end of the project.

I personally feel with the development being encountered, the two new schools, and a lack of commercial business to disrupt, now would be the opportune time to widen the eastern leg of the project. However, since it will be some time before this right-of-way will be available, I concur with the decision to provide some relief to the other portion.

I hope this explains the reason for the decision, and although it is not 100% of what we want, it will substantially improve

the traffic flow on Bloomingdale Avenue.

Very truly yours,

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PUBLIC MEETING:**

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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, March 10, at Bloomingdale Community Church (1310 Bloomingdale Avenue). Vice President and Chairman of the Board, Jim Weiss, will call the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Interested observers are invited to attend.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP:

The next General Membership Meeting of The Bloomingdale Homeowners Association will take place on Thursday, March 12 at the Bloomingdale Community Church (1310 Bloomingdale Ave.). The doors will open at 7:30 p.m. for coffee and talk with the call to order by President Henry Brosnahan at 8 p.m. The featured speaker for the evening will be Debbie McLarty from Citizens Against Crime.



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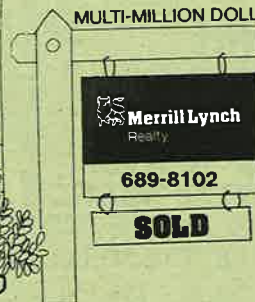
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WHAT IS MENINGITIS?

by Patricia Jeansonne, M.D.
Community Pediatrics

(Editor's Note: Lately there has been a lot of talk in the news about filters being put on sewer treatment plans to filter out the viruses that cause Viral Meningitis. Water is used to clean the waste solids and the water byproduct is call-

ed effluent. This effluent, if it doesn't pass through the proper filtering system, can contain these viruses. The effluent water is used to water golf courses and golfers can possibly be effected. Also, the viruses can go down into the ground and affect our drinking water. I've asked Dr. Jeansonne to write the following article to explain "What is Meningitis?"

* * * *

Meningitis is a serious infection that involves the central nervous system. The meninges are fibrous coverings over the brain and spinal cord. The ending-"itis" -means inflammation (i.e. appendicitis is an inflammation of the appendix) in the case of meningitis, almost always an infectious cause of inflammation.

Meningitis is a serious infection, but its course can range from moderate illness to death. Both viruses and bacteria can cause meningitis. In general, bacterial meningitis is a more severe illness, even though it can be treated with antibiotics.

What are the signs and symptoms of meningitis? They can be rather non-specific. Fever, irritability, "malaise" (not feeling well), lethargy. A severe headache, vomiting, stiff neck (unable to bend forward), and certain rashes

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would point to a higher suspicion of meningitis. The ill child or infant often prefers to be left alone, rather than be held and cuddled. The older the child, the more specific the symptoms usually are. Unfortunately, the younger child is more likely to be afflicted with meningitis.

Viral meningitis can be caused by several viruses, most of which belong to the family of "enteric" viruses, that is, those that often cause gastrointestinal symptoms, such as vomiting and/or diarrhea. Exactly how this type of meningitis is acquired is not always clear. Direct exposure to a person with viral meningitis does not usually cause the disease in the exposed person. Contamination of water supplies with enteric viruses may lead to gastrointestinal symptoms only, in some persons, or to mening-

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itis in others. Although viral meningitis is not treatable (viruses are not killed by antibiotics), it usually "runs its course" like other viral illnesses, with full recovery the general outcome. Neurologic deficits, such as deafness, can sometimes occur as an aftereffect of viral meningitis. Children with viral meningitis are usually admitted to the hospital for observation, awaiting bacterial culture of their spinal fluid.

Bacterial meningitis is caused by several different families of bacteria, including tuberculosis. Even though it is treatable, the mortality rate can be as high as 5-10%, and neurologic aftereffects (e.g., seizures, deafness, retardation or learning disorders) can occur in 15-40%

of affected children, depending on the bacteria involved. The younger the person, the more susceptible s/he is to meningitis bacteria. Two types, meningococcal meningitis and Hemophilus influenzae type b ("Hib"), are contagious to exposed persons, the latter especially to children. Close contacts of persons with these two types should receive prophylactic medication to reduce their chances of acquiring the disease. These bacteria are sometimes carried asymptotically in the nose and throat of well individuals.

How is meningitis diagnosed? A spinal tap (lumbar puncture) must be performed to obtain spinal fluid for microscopic and chemical study, and for culture. The high risk potential of meningitis compared to the low risk of spinal tap justifies performing a spinal tap whenever meningitis is suspected. People are often frightened by the mention of

"spinal tap," but the risk of harm from the tap itself is very low.

How can it be prevented? Our major weapon today is against the "Hib" organism. A vaccine is available to protect children from 2-6 years of age against Hib disease. After six years of age, the lower chance of acquiring the disease does not justify giving the vaccine. Children under two years of age are at the

highest risk of disease, but unfortunately do not respond to the vaccine. A newer vaccine may soon (August, 1987) be available to protect younger children. How to avoid other types of meningitis is less clear. Good hygiene is important to health in terms of preventing all infectious diseases, including meningitis. That, and healthy eating, exercising, and rest, help us all to resist disease as much as possible.

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BELL SHOALS --UPDATE--

In January, Director Jerry Underwood (on behalf of the BHA) sent a letter to the county regarding the traffic on Bell Shoals and asking for the installation of a crosswalk from West to East. The following is a reply from Robert L. Buschman, P.E., Director of Public Works (and a Bloomingtondale Resident, too).

"Dear Mr. Underwood:

This responds to your request concerning a crosswalk and speed reduction on Bell Shoals Road south of Bloomingtondale Avenue.

Traffic Operation staff reviewed the area and performed spot speed studies, as required by State Statutes, and pedestrian counts

at this location. Staff recommends the installation of the following traffic control devices:

1. Installation of a pedestrian crossing with advance signing on Bell Shoals Road north of Rosemead Lane.
2. Installation of a double yellow centerline from Bloomingtondale Avenue south to a point 250 ft. south of Rosemead Lane.
3. Upon approval of the Board of County Commissioners, installation of a 45 mph speed zone on Bell Shoals Road from Bloomingtondale Avenue to Boyette Road.

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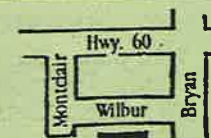
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BHA President Henry Brosnahan received this Certificate of Appreciation from The Bloomingdale Little League for the \$250 donation it received. Rosalind Creager, Ways and Means Chairman for the League, presented this commendation to the BHA on behalf of the League.

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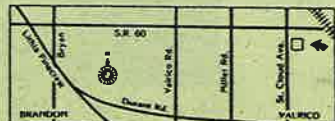
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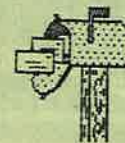
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The Bloomingdale Little League Board of Directors would also like to take this opportunity to thank the Bloomingdale Homeowners Association for their show of support through a generous donation of \$250.

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By Sherry Hardin
Gazette Staff Reporter.

As new businesses open here in Bloomingdale, the Gazette will be presenting stories and interviews to be able to get to know them better (as we have done in the past). These are not meant to be advertisements, but rather an introduction to the people that call Bloomingdale home, whether as business owners or as residents.

So, may I introduce...

SPARKLE POOL SUPPLY AND SERVICE

Now that our winter worries of shoveling snow and chopping firewood is drawing to a close, it is time to think about some of our summer chores. If you are fortunate enough to have a pool, you know that it doesn't stay sparkling blue without some help. You also know the hassle of getting in your car and driving up to

Brandon after the chemicals you need. This summer things can be different because Sparkle Pool Supplies and Service has opened at 4340 Bell Shoals (in the Village Center in East).

Sparkle Pool was originally located on Hwy 601 but like so many other businesses, they noticed how many of their clients lived down here. So they decided to move.

The business is owned and operated by Gene Smith and Ric Grimmel. Both are retired from the Air Force.

The name of the business readily describes what they offer. For the supplies, they have a retail store where you can buy the chemicals and other needs for your pool. This includes computerized water analysis, as well as large cleaning systems such as the Baracuda.

The service side of the name denotes both a pool maintenance service and repair

service. They offer full service of weekly cleaning, brushing, and water balancing! or a chemical service of testing the water and applying the needed chemicals. The repair service includes any type of repair

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service for both spas and pools.

If you have a pool or spa, keep Sparkle Pool in mind next time you have a need for supplies or service.

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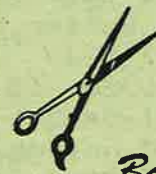
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