

Bloomingtondale Community to Stay At Bloomingdale High School

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After much discussion Tuesday night, the School Board approved the new staff proposal for Riverview High School and Rogers Middle School boundaries by a vote of 5 to 2. Board members Glenn Barrington, Candy Olson, Carolyn Bricklemeyer, Joe E. Newsome and Carol W. Kurdell voted for the motion; Board members Doris Ross Reddick and Sharon Danaher voted against the motion.

The new boundaries keep all of the Lithia Springs satellite area (west of Bell Shoals from Waterford to Hidden Lake Drive and west to John Moore and also part of the Kingswood Elementary area from John Moore west to Kings and south of Bloomingdale Avenue at Bloomingdale High School). Many residents are still very disappointed that the middle school boundary divides Bloomingdale, sending students living west of Bell Shoals to Rogers Middle School in Riverview.

The high school proposal includes the construction of 20 new classrooms at Bloomingdale High School and the return of Bloomingdale H.S. to single sessions next year.

This should be the last BHA status report on this issue.

The BHA will be moving forward with formal action to create an ongoing "Education Committee" to work with the District and our neighborhood schools. If you have an interest in working with this group, please let me know.

The BHA also asks you to thank those who helped us in this cause. Take a minute to drop them a short thank you note to let them know how you appreciated their help. Remember, we may need their help again.

·School Board members: Glen Barrington, Candy Olson, Carolyn Bricklemeyer, Joe E. Newsome and Carol W. Kurdell for voting for the item. A special note, Joe Newsome, Carolyn Bricklemeyer and Carol Kurdell took the time to meet with members from the community and need special recognition.

·Superintendent Earl Lennard, whose support was essential.

·Bill Person, who took the time to listen and learn.

·Randy Poindexter - Bill Person tells us that the last proposal was

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All meetings take place at the Bloomingdale Community Office. These are monthly public meetings and all Bloomingdale residents are invited.

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Second Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

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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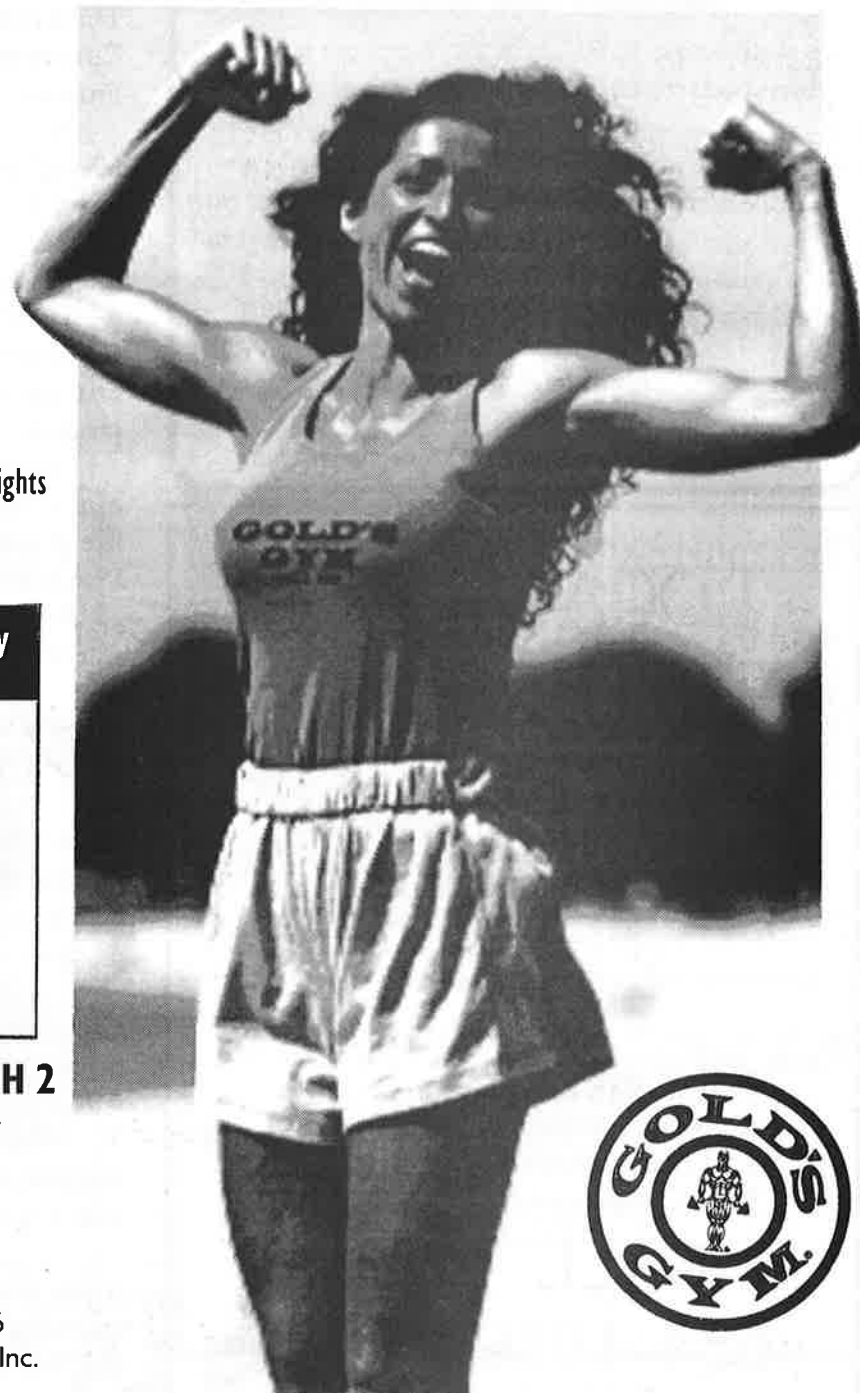
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From the Recycling Corner

By Gretchen Fulmer

Hi Folks! On behalf of the Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners and the Solid Waste Management Department, I would like to say "Thanks for your outstanding participation in the County's new expanded curbside Recycling Program."

As the County's recycling Coordinator, I am pleased to announce that over 8,300 tons of recyclables have been collected through your combined efforts Countywide during the first three months since it began, October 1, 1997. That amounts to over 16 million pounds or 35 pounds per home per month! That is more than twice the amount of material that we were able to collect in the old program.

However, there are a few problems that need your help to make this program the best it can be. I would like to address one of these problems in this column - PLASTIC.

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 1. Resin Types 1 and 2 Only.
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 1. No Caps Please.
Caps should be thrown in the garbage. They are made from a different plastic type. The bottle manufacturers who buy the bottles consider them contaminants.
 1. Step On It Please.
Stepping on the bottles leaves more room in your recycling bin and the recycling truck.

If you have any questions, suggestions or comment, I encourage you to call me at 276-2924. Hillsborough County needs your commitment and input.

Taxpayers and the Internet

Among its myriad of uses, the Internet now has help for taxpayers preparing their own returns. There are sites for gathering information and asking questions, for preparing returns, and for electronic filing.

Getting Ready!

There are a number of sites where taxpayers can post a question and get replies from various tax professionals. Check the Tax Channel at www.naea.org or one of the tax forums on USENET. As a rule responses will be posted within 24 hours to any but the most complex questions.

The IRS has a site for reviewing and downloading all federal tax forms, instructions, and publications - www.irs.ustreas.gov. Need forms and instruction for a state tax return? For a list of linked state sites, try www.naea.org/links.htm.

A number of sites offer on-line software for preparing your tax return. Check out in particular www.intuit.com/turbotax and www.nettax.com. More software developers are adding sites weekly, so if neither of these suits you, go to your favorite search engine.

Filing It!

When the return is completed, it can be filed electronically over the Internet. Sites for this service include the Intuit suite above, and also www.1040.com, among others. Electronic filing gives you the advantage of prompt filing, and evidence of receipt of the return by the IRS.

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Regular Monthly Meeting January 12, 1998
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Submitted by: Sue Mallon, Recording Secretary

Trustees in Attendance: Fred Uphoff, A. Szabo, Sue Mallon, Rick Pitrowski, Jow Liguori
Public: Tim Golden, 514 Wynnwood Dr.; William Webb, Fl. Landscape Authority; Leonard Washuleski, A & W Landscaping
Absent: Tom Mackiewicz, Thom Snelling

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.

Opening of Bid 98-03 (Wall Painting)

Trustee Pitrowski stated that the outside envelope was opened by our office by mistake and asked for a motion to accept this bid.

Trustee Mallon made a motion to accept this bid. Trustee Szabo seconded the motion. Motion was passed unanimously.

Trustee Pitrowski opened bids:

Gemini	A: 4.30B: 2.50 (per linear foot)
USA	A: 4.40B: 2.40
Coastal Con.	A: 6.61B: 3.98
Phoenix Restoration	A: 3.49B: 1.98
Bartlett	A: 3.95B: 2.50

Trustee Liguori made a motion to accept the bid from Phoenix Restoration with contingence of reference checking out. Trustee Mallon seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of December Minutes

Trustee Uphoff stated that he would like to see all topics to appear in the minutes.

MOTION: Trustee Uphoff moved to accept the December minutes as read. Trustee Liguori seconded the motion. Motion was passed unanimously.

Correspondence

Trustee Liguori made a reference to the two letters that have been sent to Allan Trivillion at the Bloomingtondale Little League regarding the island at Culbreath and Bloomingtondale. He stated that as of today there has been no response. Trustee Uphoff stated that he would discuss with Mr. Devney who he should get in contact with to resolve this issue.

Vince pointed out these accounts: Consultant Services check for \$3,084.20 to Thomas Schaub. He stated that he was sure if it should be coded for the entryway project. Trustee Pitrowski stated that is for the entryway project. Trustee Liguori stated to Vince to go ahead and re-code to Entryways. Wallpainting budgeted for \$6,000 and have spent \$10,835. Trustee Pitrowski stated that we had

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Bloomingtondale High School, cont.

- Randy's.
- Bill Maxwell, the new Area Director, who came into his new job in the last two weeks and was immediately supportive of the proposal.
- B.J. Stelter, BHS Principal who helped work out the plan to go to single sessions next year and had to hold off on her planning for next year until this was resolved.
- Special Mention to County Commissioner Chris Hart (Countywide) who helped us get our first personal phone call to Dr. Lennard back in December.
- Also, the State Representative Johnnie Byrd - District 62, who took the time to meet with us and to write Dr. Lennard and the School Board members on our behalf.

- And do not forget the Board of the BHA, Inc. who have unanimously supported (morally and financially) this effort from the beginning.
- Finally, a great community that showed real class and won.

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Minutes - January 13, 1998
Meeting of the Board of Directors

DIRECTORS

Randy Wolfe
 Pam Liguori
 LaWayne Wyatt
 Ted Grable
 Walter Glenn

GUESTS

Joe Liguori
 Tim Golden

Meeting called to order at 7:42 p.m.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

Tim Golden discussed deed of right of way along Conoga Park Drive. He informed the board on the difficulty Hillsborough County is having in their efforts to contact the company holding the deed. These effort are for the further expansion of sidewalks in this area.

Minutes for the December 9, 1997 meeting approved.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Michael Davis has resigned as treasurer and board member of the B.H.A. Pam Liguori will maintain accounts with Randy Wolfe as signatory. Ted Grable presented to the board the B.H.A. net- woth and cash flow reports.

MOBILE WATCH:

LaWayne Wyatt reported that things have been fairly quiet. The Sheriff's sub-station has been formally approved for the Bloomingdale area.

Discussed the need to follow up on delivery area of Bloomingdale Gazette. Ted Grable informed the board of the ongoing efforts of the B.H.A. and concerned parent regarding the school boundary issues. The board expressed it's continued support and concern with regard to this issue.

Meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

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Meet Johnnie Byrd. Since he visited the BHA at our last meeting, we wanted to tell Bloomingdale residents about him.

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Johnnie was one of only 40 State Representatives and State Senators to receive "Top Forty" legislator status from the Florida Chamber of Commerce for supporting pro-business issues. In addition, Johnnie received a perfect 100% rating from the Christian Coalition of Florida for his fight to defend the institution of marriage. Johnnie also received the Lifesaving Legislation Award from the American Heart association for sponsoring legislation to expand the use of automatic external defibrillators. A strong proponent of agriculture, Johnnie was selected as the 1997 Harvest Award Recipient for Outstanding Public Service given by the Hillsborough County Fair Board and the Agricultural Awareness Committee.

Johnnie serves on the Civil Justice and Claims Committee (Judiciary) as well as Finance & Tax, Health Care Services, Agriculture, Public Safety Coordinating Counsel, And Business Development & International Trade committees.

Johnnie is an attorney with the Plant City law firm of Trinkle, Redman, Swanson, Byrd & Coton, P.A. He earned a B.S. in Business Administration from Auburn University and received his Juris Doctor from the University of Alabama. Johnnie and his wife of 22 years,



Melane, have four children: Melane Anne, 18, a senior at Plant City High School, Sherer, 14, an 8th grader at Tomlin Middle School, Amanda, 10, a 5th grader at Walden Lake Elementary and Bryars, 6, a kindergartner at Walden Lake Elementary.

Active in community affairs, Johnnie is a past president of the Plant City Chamber of Commerce, past president of the Plant City Kiwanis Club, past president of the Friends of Bruton Memorial Library and serves on the Plant City American Heart Association Board and the Brandon American Cancer Society Board.

Johnnie is an active member of the St. Peter's Episcopal Church of Plant City where he has served as a member of the church board and teaches Sunday school.

In addition, Johnnie has served as a member of Walden Lake Elementary Improvement Team and has served as the century Club Chairman of the Plant City High School Athletic Booster Club.

Johnnie serves the Hillsborough County Extension Service Overall Advisory Committee. He is an honorary member of the Marshall school FFA for work accomplished in connection with the Greenhouse Project for "at risk" middle school students.

If you would like to contact Johnnie Byrd, he can be reached at 752-6133.

Taxing District, cont.

anticipated that project to being completed in FY97. He stated that in March this would be corrected with a proposed budget amendment. Capital Outlay -Computer Equipment (\$2,989.93). Maintenance Shrubs budgeted for \$10,000. And have spent \$7,000. Trustee Pitrowski stated that we had a large number of dead shrubs that had to be replaced. He stated that we could use Capital Outlay-Landscaping for shrubs. Trustee Uphoff asked what was purchased at Party City for \$105.00. Trustee Pitrowski stated that it was for Christmas bows to display in the community. Trustee Uphoff made a motion to accept the Financial Report. Trustee Mallon seconded the motion. Motion was passed unanimously.

Old Business

Entryways- Trustee Uphoff stated that he is getting the specs together. He stated that the holidays delayed obtain some information from other sources. He stated that he should have it completed by the end of January and for the board's review at the February meeting. He stated that he would like to obtain copies from Thom Schaub.

Trustee Pitrowski stated that we could have copies made from the specs that were given to us. Trustee Uphoff stated that when it goes to bid that copies can be obtained for a fee so that we may get our money back for copying.

New Business

Community Meeting Brochure from County - Trustee Pitrowski stated that this brochure is made up by County Board and Staff. They went out to 4 or 5 different locations in Hillsborough County and met with the citizens in which they are able to express any concerns or problems in a wide variety of areas. He stated that he could not find any problems with BSTD. He also stated that it would be in the office for any trustees to review.

Motion

Trustee Uphoff moved to implement a new purchasing policy that he presented to the board. Motion denied for lack of a second. Discussion followed with Trustee Uphoff indicating that he did not agree with the purchase of the new computer for nearly \$3,000. Trustee Uphoff indicated his memory is that the board discussed spending up to \$500. Trustee Pitrowski suggested that Trustee Uphoff listen to the tape from that meeting because his recollection of the figure was estimated at up to \$1,500. All trustees were given copies of the current purchasing policy.

Property Manager's

Mr. Devney gave his report.

Public

No comments

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

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Hillsborough County's 9-1-1 Operations office, which enforces the Street Naming and Numbering Ordinance, has had many calls - both for and against - about the curb painters. They are not breaking any actual law by offering this service to you, however, their fliers are somewhat misleading. Leaving aside the problems of visibility of the flat road-level signs,

the county's numbering ordinance does not recognize, and emergency agencies do not endorse, this form of numbering.

The Hillsborough County Street Naming and Numbering Ordinance, No. 87-06, requires each residential and commercial building to have an address posted in accordance with the following:

- affixed to the building front or a separate structure such as a mailbox, fence, wall or post.
- mailboxes, fences, walls, poles, etc. should not be used exclusively to post your address if there is more than one

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Curb Painting, cont.

addressed structure on the property. The numbers should also be affixed to each building front, particularly in rural areas where the mailbox is not located in front of the structure.

- address numbers must be large enough to be clearly visible from the street while traveling in either direction, at the posted speed limit.
- kept clear of obstructions such as shrubbery, trees, walls, or any other blockage.
- posted in a color contrasting to their background.
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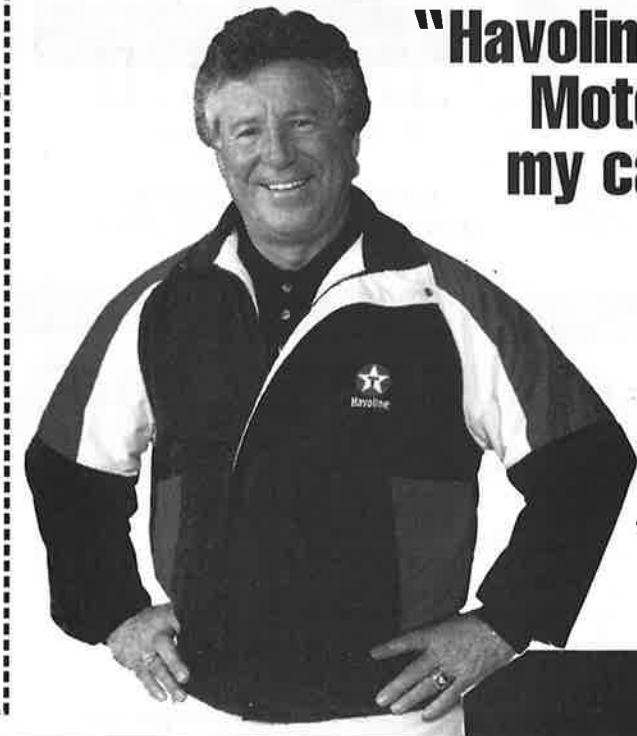
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