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BHA NEWS

The regular monthly meeting of the BHA was a disappointment. There were not enough members to form a quorum (25). After such overwhelming support at the STD debate it was rather disconcerting to see the lack of interest. Fred Uphoff brought up an issue of major community importance. The proposed waste resource recovery plant on Faulkenberg road will affect our community. Not only is the county government refusing to cooperate with Tampa and build only one waste resource recovery plant for both the city and county wasting our tax dollars in the process, the county commission wants to use Brandon as the site. The smokestacks for the facility will belch particles into the air, which with the prevailing winds in this area should provide South Brandon with a nice shower of ash. The plant is designed to burn garbage for energy, but along with smoke particles the residue must be hauled away to a landfill. We expect one of the primary routes to the landfill will be down Bell Shoals road. Do you want huge garbage trucks using Bell Shoals as a regular thoroughfare. Initially, both the county government and Tampa were cooperating but the county commission decided to build its own waste recovery plant so now Hillsborough County will have two and one will be in Brandon. The Brandon Citizens Alliance is fighting the Faulkenberg site and they need our help as a community.

President Knott brought up a serious problem with the little league's use of Bloomingdale Park West. Residents nearby the park were complaining about the cars being parked on the shoulder of Bloomingfield and Canoga Park. On one occasion there were so many teams present that any residential use of the park was out of the question. BHA's investigation has concluded that the League was using the park without permission of Criterion. "No parking" signs will be installed along the shoulders and the team coaches will be advised by Criterion that use of the field is restricted to only those teams which have a majority of members from Bloomingdale.

Gloria Dyke is heading a committee to plan and organize a BHA "Spring Fling" any assistance from the membership will be appreciated. Call Gloria at 681-1713.

The BHA board met at Tom Kemper's on March 6, 1984. Vicky provided some super refreshments. The major order of business was adjustments made necessary by the resignation of John Dalrymple as our Vice President and Chairman of the Board. The board appointed Brenda Manning as acting chairman until a new Vice-President is elected. Gloria Dyke assumed the duties as Corresponding Secretary and Membership chairman. The board directed that an election be held in May to fill the three vacancies on the board. Nominations will be taken from the floor during the March general membership meeting. The gazette will run biographical sketches of the candidates in next month's issue. If you want to influence your association, you must participate. The Vice President will be elected by the board at the June board meeting. The board is now revising the Constitution and By-Laws of the Association. Let a board member know how you feel the association should be organized and run. If you are not a member, join! If you are, participate!



Greater Brandon Citizens Alliance, Inc.

Dear Citizen:

The Greater Brandon Citizens Alliance has been active for several years as an organization formed to protect the quality of life in the Greater Brandon Area. A united effort and Citizens Alliance actions stopped the county landfill from being located at Sydney Mine and instituted the clean-up of hazardous wastes at that site.

Monitoring local, state and national legislative actions that directly affect our area is an on-going challenge — currently the Alliance is involved in a struggle to keep the County Resource Recovery Mass Burn Incinerator from being placed on Faulkenburg Road, the very doorway to our community.

After careful review, analysis and time-consuming research, the Alliance is committed to this issue and appealed to the County Commission on numerous occasions to join forces with the City of Tampa's McKay Bay Waste Project that is already underway. To date the appeals seem to have fallen on deaf ears.

The Alliance's research has proven that a joint venture with the City will save Hillsborough County Taxpayers millions of dollars in tax revenues, garbage fees, land acquisition, opposition lawsuits and light industrial development.

It appears that the best hope for stopping this economically unfeasible and unsightly construction will be decided in the courts with competent attorneys representing the Alliance's cause.

YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT IS NEEDED TO SUCCESSFULLY WAGE THIS BATTLE. The Alliance must raise an additional \$20,000 to defray the cost of legal counsel. Please read the attached fact sheet and the timely Tribune editorial, then make a decision to join this effort with your contribution.

A united effort can win this battle. HELP KEEP THE BRANDON AREA A BEAUTIFUL AND ENVIRONMENTALLY CLEAN PLACE TO LIVE, WORK AND PLAY.

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If you prefer, you can leave your contribution at the Chamber of Commerce office: 408 West Brandon Boulevard, or with Earl Emmons, Sun Bank: 403 West Brandon Boulevard.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bob Dykes".

Bob Dykes, President

Directors: Ron Bilar, Richard "Dick" Cimino, Vince Ferraro, Earl Grantham, Ouida Gray
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**BRANDON CITIZENS ALLIANCE
NEWSLETTER**

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BRANDON FLORIDA

We wish to thank you for your response to our recent request for support.

We have gone to the County Commission with a request that they join with the City of Tampa in its incinerator project at McKay Bay.

The Commissioners refuse to act in the best interests of the citizens of Hillsborough County.

We are advised by our attorneys that our best remedies are in the courts. We intend to follow our attorneys' advice.

We have brought the following information to the attention of the Commissioners and the public.

- 1) The county's own consultants have advised that the most effective and efficient resource recovery project would be a joint siting with the city at Mc Kay Bay.
- 2) The cost to the taxpayer of operating dual facilities could be as much as \$350 million more than a single sited facility (this figure includes the cost of the land, loss of tax revenues, duplication of payrolls etc.)
- 3) The location of the plant on Faulkenburg Road, just North of State Road 60 will put an additional 1400 truck and tractor trailers on our roads (this is a County Estimate).
- 4) The effect of the loss of 356 high tech acres from the taxrolls of the county could result in a loss of \$6 million a year in property taxes, and as much as \$20 million a year from the surrounding properties due to the nature of the change in occupancies.
- 5) The resulting change in the character of the Western Border of Brandon from Light Industrial (High Tech) - Residential to Heavy Industrial will significantly effect property values and the quality of life in Brandon as well as all of Hillsborough County.
- 6) The resulting loss of jobs from this change will have a marked effect on the economy of Brandon.

LEGAL ACTIONS COST MONEY. WE NEED YOUR CONTINUED HELP. TALK TO YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS. URGE THEM TO HELP. PARTICIPATE IN AND SUPPORT OUR FUND RAISING EFFORTS.

WATCH LOG

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March is recruiting month. The Mobile Watch needs more volunteers to give three hours for one night every four weeks. IF YOU HAVE THOUGHT ABOUT HELPING OUT BEFORE, NOW IS THE TIME TO GET INVOLVED! We currently have 80 members, but there are nearly 1000 homes in the neighborhood. That isn't a very high percentage, is it? Help us change that. The following have no one on the watch: Bessemer Circle, Briarlake Dr., Butternut Ct., Buttonwood Ct., Canoga Park Dr., Cedar Grove dr., Encina Dr., Greenwood Lane, Greenrock Place, Greenstone Place, Paddlewheel Dr., Rosedale, Sabal Palm Ct., Sweetleaf Dr., Windtree Ct., Wynwood Dr., and the entire SOUTHOAK section of the development.

Unfortunately, several incidents have occurred in some of these areas. Be the first one on your street to join and minimize the odds of any problems coming up.

During the past month, watch members have noted many garage doors open at night. This is an open invitation to theft--and a few of our neighbors have had the "invitation" accepted, much to their dismay. We strongly urge you to keep your garage door closed after dark unless you are in the garage.

Lately, the developer and certain builders have been burning trash and trees. These fires often burn into the night and sometimes smoulder for several days without supervision or oversight. The watch teams have kept their eyes on these fires because a wind shift or flying sparks could mean real trouble for the residents. In one instance the watch called the fire department to put out a fire which had flared up in the Mobley area.

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WATCH LOG (continued)

The EPA issues burn permits to builders allowing them to burn trash. However, these permits specify that the fire cannot be started prior to 9 A.M. and must be extinguished one hour before sunset. The fire must also be attended at all times. If you see a fire burning at any other time, call the fire dept and the county EPA to report it.

We expect more traffic through our area now that the developer is moving east and the golf course is open. Not all those cars will have golfers or home hunters in them. We can use your eyes and ears. Join us by filling out the form in this issue of the gazette.

-The Bloomingdale Mobile Watch

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

As many of you may have noticed our first group of Neighborhood Watch signs are up at all of the main entrances to the development. Neighborhood Watch Programs are a deterrent to crime. Our goal is 100% participation in Bloomingdale. If you are interested in your neighborhood's safety and can spare a little time to be a BLOCK CAPTAIN call Cliff Wenrick, 685-0885. or Joe Beatty, 689-1099, for further information.

If you are the victim of a burglary, did you know, that without positive identification either with the serial number or some other unique number you engrave or mark on your property - you may not be able to prove that you are the rightful owner if the property is recovered. And did you know that recovered property that cannot be positively identified cannot be used as evidence against the thief. Block Captains have inventory forms and can arrange for an engraving tool to mark your property.

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EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

The Mobile Watch in cooperation with the Bloomingdale Homeowner's Association is offering the use of Mobile Watch Citizen's Band base stations as an Emergency Communications System. As a result of vandalism, most of Bloomingdale's phones were out of order recently. In the event of an emergency during a similiar outage, contact your nearest Mobile Watch Base Station for communications. Current Mobile Watch Bases are located at:

- 1005 Highgrove
- 4015 Orangefield
- 3806 Sweetleaf CT.
- 3802 Sweetleaf Dr.

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Volunteer Information Sheet

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2. ADDRESS: _____
3. PHONE: _____

Circle One

4. Do you object to having your phone number listed on printed schedules going to all mobile watch volunteers? yes no
5. Have you performed a mobile watch before in the Bloomington area? yes no
6. a. Are you in the military? yes no
b. Frequently travel (TDY or business trips)? yes no
7. Do you object to going on watch alone? yes no

Fill in blank

8. What CB equipment do you have? _____

(type) (# channels)

9. Who is your partner? _____
Can you get one? yes no

10. What four nights would you prefer to work?

1. _____ 3. _____
2. _____ 4. _____

no preference

11. Would you be willing to give some time on holidays, especially Halloween, New Years, and the Fourth of July? yes no exceptions _____

12. Are you available to perform mobile watch -
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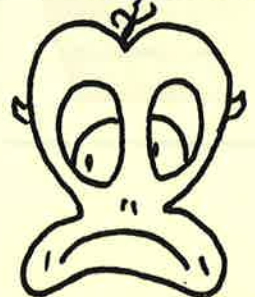
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