

# THE BLOOMINGDALE GAZETTE

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### MOTHER'S DAY

Dana G. Collins

Mother's Day is just around the corner. How many times have you sat down after a long hard day and said or thought to yourself, "How did my Mother ever get through the days?"

You thought that growing up was so hard, you couldn't do this or you couldn't do that. Mother was always telling you, "Someday, you'll go through the same things with your own children and you'll look back on this.

Mothers are always doing what's best for you. (Even if at the time she was just being mean).

When you were a child, thinking back all those many years ago. You may have said, "Oh, I'll never say that or do that to my children." But now you find yourself repeating the same words and actions your own Mother did.

How many times (other than just on Mother's Day) do you say, "Mom, I love you and I understand why you did and said what you did while I was growing up?"

Some people don't have a chance to tell their Mothers how they feel, because they waited until it was too late to tell them. If you still can, don't put it off.

"I Love You, Mom!"

Editor's Note: Dana wrote this before Mother's Day. I thought it appropriate for our May issue. Thanks, Dana!

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### EDITORIAL

### STUMBLING BLOCKS AND APATHY

Back in Kentucky, they used to tell a story about three devout Baptist women who became concerned that the local church was not doing the Lord's work. So they got down on their knees and asked God to remove the stumbling block from the way of the church. Well, within a week one of the women had moved away and the other two were buried beside the church. The time has come for the BHA membership and leadership to look for stumbling Sometimes, what we consider as apathy, may be simply unwillingness on the part of outsiders to join in our petty There are 1100 homes in Bloomingdale and less than 200 are members of the BHA. To the member: are we really an organization that people want to join? To the nonmember: if you don't like the organization then join and change it from within, that's the American way. To the leaders: Do we really have the community interest at heart or are we more concerned with our fragile egos? Benjamin Franklin said after signing the Declaration of Independence, "We must hang together or we most assuredly will hang, separately." It's your home, protect its value, get involved.

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P.O. BOX 918 BRANDON, FL. 33511	THANK-YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

The Board of Directors met at Art Hollows. Fortified with delicious coffee and goodies prepared by Sandy, we tackled the problems of BHA. A new constitution and by-laws is underway and should be presented to the membership in the near future. We are issuing an invitation to Sen. Beard to speak at a future general membership meeting. Should be interesting. Next month the Gazette will conduct a survey to find out what the residents of Bloomingdale really care about. Under the forceful management of our new VP, Brenda Manning, we adjourned in record time. Next month's board meeting will be at the Butler's where I get to make the goodies. Think I'll put the board on a diet.

Dear Friends in Bloomingdale

The Chamber of Commerce Resource Recovery Task Force and the Brandon Citizens Alliance invites you to join the opposition to the Faulkenberg Road mass burn facility. On May 14 at 5:30 pm at the County Court House, the County Commission will make its final judgement on the zoning issue, and consequently, the climate of Brandon's future.

As always, it is community involvement that play a key role in the success of the campaign to let the county commissioners know how we stand. There is no better way to show united community opposition to the facility than by your attendance.

It is said that "the only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for god men and women to do nothing." Brandon has enjoyed the "Best of the Good life" because of its "good people" who are always ready to serve and do something.

We look forward to seeing you at this critical meeting.

Board of Directors
Blomingdale Homeowners Association

### BHA NEWS

The April BHA general membership meeting at the Pulte sales office had a quorum for the first time in two months. The next meeting will be at the Pulte Sales office on May 15. After this month the sales office will no longer be available. The BHA would like to thank the Pulte sales people for their cooperation in providing a meeting place.

### STD UPDATE

Brenda Manning and Fred Uphoff reported to the membership on the refusal of the County Legislative Delegation to approve the STD. The delegation approved three of the four STD bills presented to it, but because Sen. Malcom Beard personally opposed our bill the delegation refused to sponsor it in Tallahassee. Sen. Beard was upset that he was not invited to the hearing that Rep. Clements held on the bill. Once again the democratic process bows to "good ol boy" Florida politics. Last year we were unable to get the bill to the legislature because Mr. Clements was upset because we did not inform him of the bill prior to presenting it to the delegation.



### BHA News(continued)

### BUSINESS

The General membership voted to donate \$100. to the Brandon Citizens Alliance for legal and other expenses incurred in the fight against the mass-burn facility and \$100. to the Bloomingdale Mobile Watch for equipment purchase and maintenance. President Knott announced that as a result of the failure of the STD bill. Criterion has severed all relations with the BHA. Brenda Manning will investigate the possibility of getting the STD bill before the legislature through a petition signed by 20% of the registered voters in the community.



### GAZETTE

Several complaints were voiced about the Gazette. Your editor apologizes for ommissions in ads. They were unintentional and caused by disorganization. Hopefully, as I acquire more experience things will improve. Frank DeVito is our new advertising manager which should help. We would like to include more community news in the Gazette. How about it folks anyone interested in being a reporter. Your editor will do all the typing, just send in your items. All "Letters to the Editor" will be printed as long as the writer does not slander or libel anyone. Letters which in the editor's judgement do so will be returned for rewrite. We also need more distributors, contact Sandy Hollows at 681-5199. Deadline for the Gazette is the first Friday in the month.

### SPRING FLING

On May 5, the BHA kicked up their heels with a Magic 96 DJ at the Brandon ELKS club. Gloria Dyke organized the party and Wynella Wilson provided the food. Jim Johnson is the proud owner of a Microwave Oven and Art Hollows has a new TV. Frank DeVito was an outstanding Master of Ceremonies. Thanks to everyone who made the Spring Fling a rousing success.

BHA NEWS (Continued)

For the benefit of our new residents, the BHA drafted a bill to allow the voters of Bloomingdale decide by referendum to create a Special Taxing District for the maintenance of the common areas, parks, and walls of Bloomingdale. Criterion, the developer of Bloomingdale is not required to maintain the area except in it's own interest to encourage sales. If the STD is approved by the voters a Board of Trustees would be established to budget supervise the maintenance of the common areas. Initially the board members would be appointed by the county commission. Upon expiriation of the initial terms, the board would be elected by the community at a regular scheduled election supervised by the county. Public hearings by the board of trustees would be held to determine the tax to be collected on each home. Master Community Homeowners Association is Criterion's method of acquiring the funds for maintenance. The BHA bill would put control of the funds in the hands of the residents who have the most to lose.

### NEW BOARD MEMBERS

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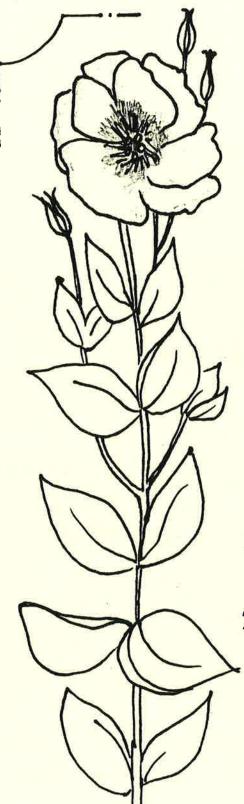
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EDITOR'S NOTE: Eric was too busy this month to send in a column, but I dug into the dusty files of the Gazette and came up with his recommendations extracted from the May 1983 issue of SOUTHERN LIVING.

\*ANNUALS— Replace weary spring annuals, such as pansies and petunias, with heat tolerant bedding plants. Choices include portulaca, Madagascar periwinkle, marigolds, zinnias, cosmos and scarlet sage. It's best to set out transplants, but these annuals can also be started from seeds. Or you can use 1/8 cup of 10-10-10 per foot of plant height. Broadcast the

fertilizer under the canopy of the plant and lightly scratch it into the soil.

\*CANNAS—Feed cannas now to promote healthy foiliage and good flowering. Apply 1/4 cup of 10-10-10 or 1/2 lb of 6-6-6 per 25 square feet of bed. Broadcast the fertilizer around the plants, and water it in. If fertilizer comes in contact with the foliage, immediately wash it off to prevent foliage burn. Prolong flowering by cutting off the old blossoms when they begin to brown; new flowerbuds will develop below the cut.

\*CITRUS-- Mature trees need to be fertilized this month. Use a special citrus formulation according to label directions, or apply about 1 1/2 1bs of 10-10-10 per year of tree age(up to 10 lbs). Feed young trees as follows: apply 1/4 to 1/2 lb of 10-10-10 to those 1 year old, about 1 pound to 2 year old trees, and 2 pounds to those 3 years old. Increase this amount 1/2 pound per year of age for trees between 4 and 10 years old. Apply by evenly broadcasting the fertilizer under the canopy of the tree.



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### GARDENING Continued

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\*HOUSEPLANTS-- For best growth, houseplants need such minor elements as iron and manganese, and they're often absent in potting mixes. So either use a houseplant fertilizer that contains them or apply bottled minor elements (available at well-stocked nurseries) according to label directions.

\*DEALING WITH SLUGS-- If you find transplants with stems that have been chewed bare of foliage overnight, your garden may be full of slugs. Vegetables and flowers are two of their favorites, but they also feed on the lawn. Closely related to snails, slugs are soft bodied, slimy mollusks that feed at night. There's an easy way to control slugs without pesticides. Make the most of their attraction to beer, and trap them in containers of it. Use a container with a fitted lid, such as a coffee can or whipped margarine tub. Sink the container into the soil near the plants so that the top is flush with the ground; then fill with an inch or more of beer. Cut a 2 to 3-inch hole in the lid, and put the lid in place. While the hole lets the slugs crawl in, the lid keeps your pets from finding the beer before the slugs do. Check the containers every morning to dispose of the drowned slugs. Replace the beer about every three days or when it has been strongly diluted by rain or irrigation water.

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### NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH by Cliff Wenrick

Law enforcement officials throughout Hillsborough county agree on the success of the Neighborhood Watch Progran, in which neighbors watch out for their neighbors. The crime prevention program has helped reduce the crime rate—particularly home burglaries—throughout the county, despite the disadvantages of a growing metropolitan area.

To commit a crime, an individual must have the desire, the ability and the opportunity. A NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM leads to the removal of opportunity— crime PREVENTION. Tampa's Neighborhood Watch began in 1979. Since then, participation has expanded to include 166 neighborhood areas. and the crime index covering murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny, auto theft, and arson has dropped 44 per cent. In unincorporated Hillsborough County this index dropped more than 9 per cent in 1983.

Making the program work means reporting suspicious activity to the authorities. The following situations should be brought to the attention of law enforcement agencies:

- \* Anyone removing property from a neighbor's residence.
- \* Glass breaking.
- \* Anyone loitering around a neighbor's home while the neighbor is away.
- \* Strange automobiles or vans cruising the neighborhood with no apparent business.
  - \* Broken or open doors or windows.
  - \* Anyone walking down the street repeatedly peering into parked cars.
- \* Anyone removing parts of a car, such as radios, batteries, and license plates who doesnt appear to be the owner.
  - \* Screams or sounds of distress

When contacting the police concerning suspicious activity:

- \* Remain calm and be patient, allow the operator time to write down the necessary information.
  - \* Talk slowly and clearly.
  - \* State your name, address and telephone number.
- \* Describe the type of incident as concisely as possible and give the location.
- \* Give as much information as possible regarding the description of a suspect or vehicle.
  - \* Be accurate
- \* Stay on the line until the operator tells you all the necessary information is complete.



## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH(Continued )

Involvement overlaps into the private sector, as well. TECO has set up a neighborhood radio watch program that reports suspicious activity to the sheriff's office. The Tampa Tribune has set up a citizens band radio network between carriers in eastern Hillsborough County that recently helped to stop an attempted rape in Thonotassassa.

Further information on the Neighborhood Watch program will be forthcoming in the Gazette and in the Neighborhood Watch Flyers. If there is interest, films and discussions on various crime subjects are available from the Sherriff's office. Or if you would like to start the program on your block call Cliff Wenrick at 685-0885 or Chuck Loomis at 681-4836.

### TO ALL PET OWNERS

That's it! I've had enough. You know who you are.

Today I returned from work, again, only, to find my garbage strewn all over the lawn. This is the second incident this week and about the 50th in the last year. I found a dog in my garage last Sunday tearing into my trash bag. I know who the owner is. Unfortunately, or fortunately, whatever the case may be, you were not at home when I called.

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27	28 MEMORIAL DAY	29	30	31 ASCENSION DAY	JUNE 1	2
3	GAZETTE  DEADLINE  JEFFERSON  DAVIS'  BIRTHDAY	B-H-A 5 BOARD MT'G	6	7	8	9
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