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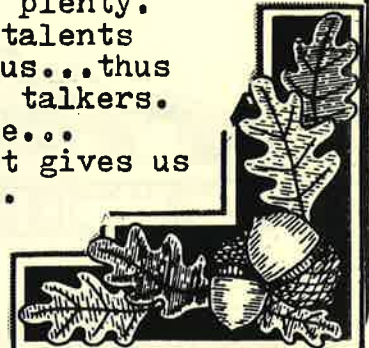
THE BLOOMINGDALE GAZETTE

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We are thankful for our many blessings of family, friends and freedom. Our lives are primarily ones of plenty. Let us remember that we should share our gifts, talents and time to enrich the lives of those around us...thus enriching our own. May we be doers, not just talkers. And may we keep in mind our glorious gift of life... especially in these troubled times...life that gives us time to demonstrate, daily, our Thanksgivings.



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MEMBERSHIP DRIVE UPDATE



Membership renewals and new applications are still coming in, but no records are being set. The B.H.A. board is now trying to set a date for a door to door membership drive. This is a perfect opportunity to ask or discuss any questions you may have about the Bloomingdale Homeowners Association, and what it or has done for the community.

Respectfully,

Brenda J. Manning Membership Chairperson

P.S.

Anyone that would like to discuss membership or has any suggestion for improvement of the B.H.A. Please feel free to call myself (681-2424) or any other board member you may choose.

BHA Membership Application 1983



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HALLOWEEN PARTY COMMITTEE REPORT

The 1983 Halloween Party Committee & the children of Bloomingdale would like to thank the following businesses & people for their kind help & donations:



PIZZA HUT - Brandon Blvd. - tote bags & mints
McDONALDS - Brandon Blvd. - orange drink & toys
BUTCHER-IN-A-BAG - N. Kings Ave. - bags
ROYDON MUSIC - N. Parsons - use of a public address system
COCA-COLA - Tampa - cups
BURGER KING - Brandon Blvd. - ice & orange drink
CALICO QUILT SHOP - Oakfield Dr. - Calico duck
PULTE HOME CORP. - \$10
CRITERION CORP. - mowing the grass
MR. TOM PAUGH - water & electricity
JEANIE'S HALLMARK SHOP - Lithia Pincrest - 2 centerpieces
COUNTRY HOMESTEAD - Atlantic Village - 2 nest eggs
BOOKS, ETC. - Atlantic Village - 2 sets of wrist bands
OUR HOUSE - Lithia Pincrest - Baby prizes
DUNKIN DONUTS - Temple Terrace - munchkins
HOOK & HOLTSINGER - Oakfield Dr. - board & self-adhesive labels
MR. MAGIC - St. Petersburg - magic show

and all of the ladies who gave of their time.

The following have donated their time to be a judge for the Costume Contest:

Cindy Craven of ALBERTSON'S, Dick Russo & Miss Russo of DICK RUSSO INSURANCE, Dr. Edward Gonzalez of PEDIATRIC DENTAL CENTER, Frank Broughton of CREATURE CASTLE, Fannie Mae McLean of BRANDON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, Dan Dail of MERCHANT BANK OF FLORIDA, Linc Dail of GREATER BRANDON COMMUNITY HOSPITAL, Richard Overcash of BLOOMINGDALE FIRE DEPT., Richard Cimino of THOMAS LEVY & ASSOCIATES, Vince Ferraro of ALVAREZ & FERRARO, P.A., Connie Hornby of PARTIES GALORE, Al Berry of WPLA Radio, Tony Parker of BARNETT BANK, L. David Smith of BRANDON NEWS, and Rep. & Mrs. S. L. "Spud" Clements, STATE REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 62. A special thanks to Vicki Vega of BRANDON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE for help with tabulating.

Your Local shops and businesses have helped us, now let's help them - BUY LOCALLY.



Halloween Party Committee
Maryon Marsh, Chairperson
Lisa Gorostiza
Dee Jernigan
Vickey Kemper
Pam Labkon
Wynella Wilson
Hal Labkon - Judges



Special thanks to
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HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTEST

WINNERS LIST



0-2 years

- Most Original
 1. Elizabeth Wagner
 2. Alexandra Zukowski
 3. #A32

- Scariest
 1. #A4
 2. #A5
 3. #A22

- Funniest
 1. #A7
 2. #A16
 3. #A22

- Best Home-Made
 1. Kevin Davidson
 2. #A25
 3. Greg Black



3-4 years

- Most Original
 1. Neil Tatum
 2. #B27
 3. #B1

- Scariest
 1. April Witt
 2. #B14
 3. Elizabeth Nolan

- Funniest
 1. Craig Bolt
 2. Rebecca Tamez
 3. Erin Porter

- Best Home-Made
 1. Neil Tatum
 2. #B27
 3. #B1



5-6 years

- Most Original
 1. Lee Genco
 2. Sean Mellon
(Tie - C46 & C53)
 3. #C30

- Scariest
 1. #C23
 2. Bryan Wollard
 3. Casey Carroll

- Funniest
 1. Kathy Prinzbach
 2. #C3
 3. Cheryl Fernandes
Kimberly Tolia

5-6 year, cont

- Best Home-Made
 1. Lee Genco
 2. Natalie Jesski
 3. Monica Bland

7-8 years

- Most Original
 1. David Labkon
 2. Jennifer Carter
 3. Roosevelt Jackson

- Scariest
 1. Chris Brosky
 2. Michael O'Keefe
 3. Preston McLane

- Funniest
 1. #D22
 2. #D9
 3. Amy Kraus

- Best Home-Made
 1. Roosevelt Jackson
 2. Jennifer Yannucci
 3. Courtney Carroll
Mandy Williamson

9-10 years

- Most Original
 1. Allison Peterson
 2. Geof Woolard
 3. #E5

- Scariest
 1. Sean Henry
 2. Chris Jernigan
 3. Lisa Travis

- Funniest
 1. Geof Woolard
 2. Mathew Travis
 3. #E20

- Best Home-Made
 1. Geof Woolard
 2. #E5
 3. Kim Blanchard

11-12 years

- Most Original
 1. Donna Beaty
 2. Sean Martin
(Tie - F10 & F12)
 3. Peter McKay
Jason Peet

11-12 years, cont.

- Scariest
 1. Kim Chahoc
 2. #F10
 3. none

- Funniest
 1. Sean Martin
 2. Cinthia Allen
 3. Mark Rozier

- Most Original
 1. Donna Beaty
 2. Sean Martin
 3. Mark Alspach.



13-14 years

- Most Original
 1. Jenet Ambrosio
 2. Jessica DeGroot

- Scariest
 1. Jessica DeGroot
 2. Jenet Ambrosio

- Funniest
 1. Jenet Ambrosio
 2. Jessica DeGroot

- Best Home-Made
 1. Jessica DeGroot
 2. Jenet Ambrosio

Adults

- Most Original
 1. Jean & Heather Hope
 2. Pam Labkon
 3. Maryon Marsh

- Scariest
 1. Marilyn Driesen

- Funniest
 1. Maryon Marsh
 2. Jean Hope
 3. Judy Essick

- Best Home-Made
 1. Maryon Marsh
 2. Jean Hope & Heather Hope
 3. Marilyn Driesen



A number and no name means prize wasn't picked up.



Call 685-1243
Maryon if you have your number.

BHA Meeting 18 October 1983

Bobby Stricklin spoke to the group present about the Bloomingdale Golfers Club--its construction, fees, etc. You are welcome to walk about the course but no vehicles please! If you want more information about the Club, go by the office on Bell Shoals.

Chuck Loomis spoke on the revitalization of the Bloomingdale Mobile Watch. The Watch provides the extra eyes and ears to the residential neighborhood at least 3-4 nights a week to insure a safer, more secure community. The Watch has been reorganized and is building up a new staff of volunteers to ride in pairs in CB equipped cars (you provide the car and they provide the CB). Male and female volunteers are both welcome. In the past when a similar program was active the incidents of theft and vandalism were minimal. Contact Chuck at 681-4835 to volunteer or for information. Members of Mobile Watch are also trying to help organize the Neighborhood Watch which can only be set up by the Sheriff's Dept. and has strict requirements to be met before a neighborhood qualifies. This program is federally funded and is nationwide. Volunteers are needed to be block captains--which means you are the head of the telephone chain. Contact Joe Beatty 689-1099 for information.

Maryon Marsh stated that all was ready for the Halloween party and that the Children's Christmas Party Committee is forming--call her at 685-1843 with ideas and a willingness to help.

Narni Cahill said that Gazette printing costs are rising dramatically and ads cover about 1/2 of the cost and BHA's depleted bank acct. picks up the rest of the tab. The number of papers we have printed each month has doubled since last year yet membership in BHA has stayed about the same. If we don't have a larger BHA membership base to provide funding then the new Board is going to have to either give the paper only to BHA members...or find additional funding in more/higher priced ads...or cease printing altogether...or some other solution...Think*Readers!!!!

New Business: The following motions were made and carried: \$50 to Mobile watch for rental of Civic Center in effort to establish the Neighborhood Watch Program. \$45 for flyer announcing the above' meeting and reminding of the BHA Halloween Party. \$250 towards the Children's Xmas Party. \$50 to Mobile Watch for supplies.

Frank DeVito said that if you are having bad problems with mosquitos, call 870-0550-weekly if necessary-until they come out and spray.

Bob Knott, President announced the following: There is no change in the documents of Master Community Homeowners Assoc. as they are still at FHA and Criterion opted not to comment on the Assoc. until FHA is done with the papers. Bobby Stricklin is willing to chair a meeting after the documents come out for questions, etc. The Assoc. will be put into effect at the soonest possible date. A homeowner suggested to Criterion that the 2 Board jobs not be offered to Bob Knott and Don Luke but instead ask for resumes from homeowners interested in being on the Board. Don has already handed in his resignation to the BHA Board and Bob made available to anyone interested copies of a letter from Don with his answers to questions of some Board members.

When asked if an STD was still possible Bob said "yes" and Branda Manning (681-2424) offered to head up a committee to organize the effort.

Bob Knott offered to resign as President if members present felt that the Criterion offer had rendered him ineffective due to credibility, etc. He also said that he has decided not to accept Criterion's offer and will push energetically for an STD.

the post-meeting goodies: love those 'coconuts' magic bars' Thank you Wynella for providing npc

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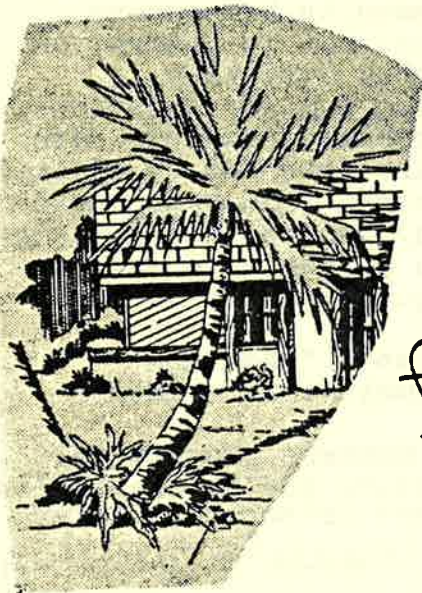
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~ MEET THE CANDIDATES ~



Dear Readers:

I asked each candidate to write a short 'bio' that gave the following information: address, occupation, family description, prior experience in group projects; I told them to feel free to mention anything they felt was descriptive of themselves. Then I asked them to comment of their interest in being a Board member-- goals, etc.

*Read, think about your own goals for the community - join BHA - & VOTE!
Marnie*

Les Butler
3816 Cloverhill

Les and his wife, Krystyna, have 2 children, Krista 10 and Marc 8. He is in the Army and assigned to MacDill.

"As a candidate for the BHA board, I believe BHA is the only organization which the residents can protect the future of Bloomingdale. How can we expect a homeowner's association controlled by executives responsible to the developer to do any better than the corporation itself. People who could care less about us make the decisions. Consider the legislator whose feathers were ruffled and refused to support his constituents only because we did not follow protocol. Or consider the school board who rejected reasoned argument that they were only moving the overcrowding problem to another building as they transferred the children of Bloomingdale West. Where is "Bloomingdale Elementary" with houses springing up like wheat in Kansas? We need a louder voice in the county. Through the BHA, we must determine the community's long range goals and then work to achieve these goals. I believe these goals encompass much more than the maintenance of common grounds."

Hal Labkon
1005 Highgrove Ct. (Bloom. East)

I am an insurance agent operating my own agency. My wife is Pam & we have one son, David, age 8.

I have been a member of the BHA since 2/80 & have been a member of the Board from 3/80 - 10/82. I have held the positions of corr. sec. & V.P. I have also been active in social & civic organizations in the past. I am currently a representative to the Brandon Chamber of Commerce & a member of the Brandon Merchant's Association.

I am interested in returning to the Board to redirect its goals in building membership, rebuilding the Assoc., & improving the community-at-large (ie: Special Taxing District). I feel my past experience during the formative years of the Assoc. will be beneficial to these goals.

ART HOLLOWES
Suarez Section-West

Art Hollowes, a Communication Engineer with the USAF at MacDill, moved here with his wife, Sandy, and three children: Tracy 15, Vicki 12 and Bryan 3.

Art has worked on and headed many committees while a member of the Jaycees in Georgia (including Santa Claus visits and the Haunted House). He also has been quite active in church functions and Sunday School classes.

"I would add a new and fresh outlook since I have lived here less than a year. One goal is a clear definition on where BHA fits into the picture if the MHA is formed. So, I plan to push for the STD."

MEET THE CANDIDATES

FRANK A. DEVITO
624 Ephrata-West

Frank retired from his A.F. career at Shaw AFB in SC and moved here with his wife, Dottie, and family. They have 2 daughters, Lori & Darlene, and a son, Frank--ranging from 18-22 in age. In addition to golf and bowling, Frank listed his main interests as stock market investments and managing a stock club.

Frank was a member of a Sumter, SC. property owners Assoc. and was district advisory council president of the Sumter school system--and was president and later advisor for the Shaw AFB Little League program.

" I feel that I may have some experience and knowledge of these types of organizations...I am interested in our new community and want it to be a fine place to live without controversy. I am so very pleased in the interest of people for their neighbors."

JOHN DALRYMPLE
4008 Eastridge Dr.-East

John and his wife, Vicky, have lived here two years with their children, Erin 5 and Johnny 2. John is the Executive Vice President of Telesystems of Lakeland. Prior to this he was Vice President of Datel Communications in Tampa. He has also been active in the Presbyterian Synod involved with youth camps.

"The future holds a tremendous opportunity for the BHA to be of service to our community. To be effective we face some real challenges; one of the greatest being our relationship with Criterion Corp. As an experienced businessman I bring the tools to the Board needed to properly represent our interests with Criterion, as well as strong management experience and a good sense of fiscal responsibility."

VICKEY KEMPER
621 Ephrata-West

In addition to running the house for Tom and her two daughters, Vickey is also a substitute teacher with Hillsborough County. She was a Brownie leader for 2 years and was the Children's Social Director for their Homeowners Assoc. in Canterville, Ohio--she was also their Section Representative.

Since she was such an active member in the Ohio Assoc. Vickey feels she could "offer ideas to better unite the BHA...(ideas) that benefited and made Rose Estates a place you wanted to live...An Assoc. can only be as beneficial to you as a homeowner if you put forth some effort to show you care and I think with as many homeowners as we have in Bloomingdale, it can be done."

TOM KEMPER
621 Ephrate-West

Tom Kemper is in contract sales and is Vice President of Tampa Bay Glass. He moved here in June from Ohio with his wife, Vickey, and his two daughters, Lyndsey 7 and Amber 5. Tom enjoys golf (with a capitol G) and family camping.

While living in Ohio Tom was an active member of the Rose Estates Assoc. and also managed and ran activities for a local aquatic club.

Tom hopes to "bring more utilization into the association through previous homeowner association."

Don't forget the BHA meeting 15 Nov. 7:30pm at the Putte Sales Office in East. Come and VOTE

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Gardening

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with Eric Wilds

-Landscaping-



I'd like to start this month's column by talking to you about landscape companies and the different services they have to offer. Some may offer only plant installation, others only landscape designs, still others offer a complete line of service. A complete line of services would include design, sprinkler systems, landscape construction (gazebos, berms, etc.), plant installation and follow-up service. Some firms have landscape architects, some have experienced plant people with drafting capabilities. Many retail nurseries offer landscape services and here you have the advantage of a wide selection of plants from which to chose.

A lot of people have the idea that landscape services are only for the wealthy. Even people on a budget can afford professional assistance at some level. Many landscapers, myself included, will do work in stages to spread out the cost or leave some phases of the job to the homeowner. If you have landscape needs and want professional assistance, the best approach is to:

1. set your goals (look at landscapes & decide what you like)
2. decide what you can afford
3. talk to some companies (many give free estimates)

Remember, your landscape dollar is an important investment, both in the immediate pleasure you derive and in the future value of your home if you should wish to relocate. Keeping this in mind, make certain that the company or individual you work with is capable and responsible, and make certain they have a firm idea of what you want.

Next, I'd like to breach a favorite subject of mine: native Florida plants in the residential landscape. This area of plants has long been ignored by the public and the professionals concerned. There are many beautiful native plants which are adaptable to the suburban landscape and which are recently becoming more available in the wholesale nurseries. Generally speaking, outside of oaks and other trees, retail nurseries have little to offer in this area. In the next few columns I will introduce you to a few of these plants and try to pass on the names of people and organizations who can assist you further.

Thank you, Eric!
marni



Eric Wilds

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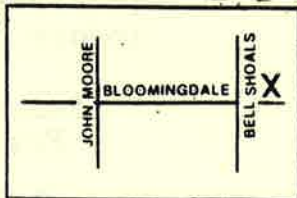


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- narni's notes -

I continue to thank the many people who have volunteered to deliver the Gazette. When I originally proposed setting up distribution in this manner, I was told I would never get enough people...Thank you for your positive response to a neighborhood endeavor. A special THANK YOU to Sandy Hollows who has taken on the job of Gazette Distribution Chrm. She will be contacting area distrib. chrm. when the Gazette is ready for delivery and new volunteers can call her when a call goes up for your street. The only area with no volunteers is the Redondo-Herlong Ct. section--But the rest of you are SUPER. We do need more help in the new Pulte section (Sandy Creek, Wynnwood, Engine). Sandy's number is 681-5199.

The Gazette is still looking for a new Editor. This could be 1 person or a team of two friends who'll work together (as Wendy and I did on several issues). To spread out the workload, it would also be lovely to have 1. and Art Director to do covers and sketches, etc. for seasonal accents 2. an Advertising Manager who would get and keep track of the ads each month and 3. a typing & layout team who would take the articles collected & written by the Editor and fit them around the ads, notices, etc. NONE of these jobs would take much time for the person or team. If the workload were spread out it would not only vastly increase the creative input for the paper but also make the Editor's job more appealing & manageable.

Tuesday, 8 Nov. at 9:30am I'm opening my house up for any interested Gazette workers: ads, layout, typing, writing, art--whatever your interest, I'd love to hear from you. If you have small children, feel free to bring them as Megan will be here 'helping'.

I'd like to do a special Xmas issue and need some people to write, interview kids, give opinions and ideas. If you can't attend but are interested, call me 685-9215

Come on volunteers--Let's create a newspaper STAFF to start the new editor off right!!!

narni

Volunteers needed to help

Can you spare 3-4 hours every 4-5 weeks to make your home a safer place to live? If yes, the Mobile Watch needs your help.

What's a Mobile Watch?

The Bloomingdale Mobile Watch is an organization which promotes community safety and security because your friends and neighbors volunteer their time to extend the "eyes and ears" of the emergency services (Fire Dept., Ambulance/Rescue Squad & Sheriff's Dept.). Members of this volunteer group are residents of Bloomingdale--East, West, Suarez, Estates, etc. They're property owners and adult family members who want to keep Bloomingdale a good, safe place to live.

Why do we need one?

We all feel a little more secure knowing help is available when needed. Because the Mobile Watch has established good working relationships with the local emergency services, these services respond quickly and get directly to the area where help is needed. They know when the Watch calls them, it's for a good reason.

How does it work?

Volunteers are scheduled by the core committee to provide watch coverage on a night which is mutually acceptable. Currently, the Mobile Watch is active several nights each week, with seven nights/week coverage our goal. We have two cars out, each equipped with a spotlight and CB radio, and clearly marked with magnetic door signs. We like to have two volunteers in each car who drive through the neighborhood for 3-4 hours. The teams are in contact with a base station volunteer who phones the appropriate emergency service if needed. The Mobile Watch rules are simple: use your eyes, ears, common sense and the radio.

How do I volunteer?

Obviously, the effectiveness of the Mobile Watch is directly related to the number of people who'll give some time to insure the quality of their neighborhood remains top notch. Clip and use the form included and join us--there are no dues, fees or homeowners assoc. membership requirements (although most volunteers belong to BHA, the Mobile Watch is independent of any homeowners assoc.). Return the form to one of the core committee members or bring it to the next BHA meeting. If you'd like more information, give one of us a call. Thanks.

* Form is on page 12



SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT AGAIN

There will be a meeting for all those who would like to help in the reorganizing of the SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT, on November 29th, at 7:30pm. The meeting will be held at 4019 Eastridge Dr. If interested in helping but can not attend this meeting, or for those not sure of what a SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT is or does, call 681-2424 after 5pm to get the low down.

Hope to be seeing you,
Brenda J. Manning
STD Chairperson

MOBILE WATCH: CORE COMMITTEE

Joe Beaty	689-1099
Les Butler	681-5367
Chuck Hoening	681-5379
Art Hollows	681-5199
Hal Labkon	681-6853
Dick Lannoye	681-4204
Chuck Loomis	681-4835
Cliff Wenrick	685-0885

BLOOMINGDALE MOBILE WATCH

Volunteer Information Sheet.

Please fill out completely and return to Chuck Loomis (681-4835) or Hal Labkon (681-6853).

1. NAME: _____
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 Bloomingdale 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 -
a. 1 night/week d. 1 night/4 weeks
b. 1 night/2 weeks e. available when needed
c. 1 night/3 weeks f. other: _____

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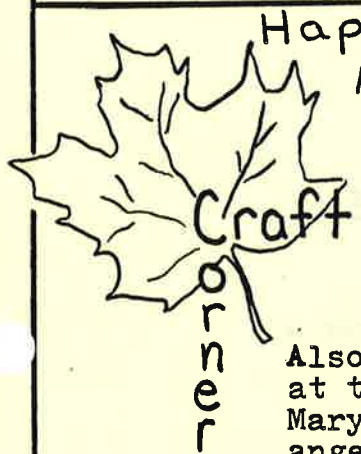
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The quality of life in any community does not often come just from the paid workers--its the volunteers who provide extra hands, skills, and hours. Its volunteers who teach scouts, coach Little League, organize blood mobiles, man Crisis lines and participate in safety programs. Its volunteers in your neighborhood who put in many hours maintaining a community organization (BHA) that tries to meet our needs, publishes a paper for community voice & information and just the other day put on a Halloween party for all Bloomingdale children, not just BHA.

How can we criticize but never make suggestions? or expect BHA to lend us support when we don't help provide a financial base with dues? or expect a safe community but never volunteer for Mobile Watch and don't attend a meeting on becoming a Neighborhood Watch community. At last week's meeting--out of 850 homes in Bloomingdale--less than 25 were represented. How can we sit back and always expect others to do it? How can we just say "I'm sooo busy"...(tell that to an active volunteer and see if it gets you sympathy or a NY 'raspberry"!)

We all want quality of life--and we need more volunteers to maintain it because the same 100 workers are burning out...Its your turn. *narni*



Happy Autumn from...

I'm happy to report that so many are enjoying our craft corner that two meetings have been scheduled for November! The 1st get-together will be on November 14th at 8pm. Lisa Gorostiza of 3703 Orangepoint (East) will be our hostess. Carole Mosher of Creative Circle will be on hand with all the materials necessary for us to make padded Christmas ornaments. Cost will be 25¢. Please be sure to call Lisa 681-8500, Narni 685-9215, or Jean 685-6584 and let us know you are planning to attend.

Also, mark your calendars for the 2nd meeting on November 28th at the home of Marilyn Driesen, 409 Bayfield Dr. (Estates). Maryon Marsh will show us how to make the beautiful ribbon angel ornaments which you may have seen at the last meeting. Please call Jean, Narni or Marilyn (685-0901) to make reservations for this meeting also. One last reminder--we are planning a cookie exchange at our December meeting so start thinking about which one of your favorite cookies you'd like to share (about 2½ doz. and a recipe). Happy Thanksgiving.

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Dear Bloomingdale Residents:

Well, it looks like BHA has added another "annual" to their list of projects. This year inaugurates the second annual quest for a Special Taxing District (STD). Last year's effort was not accepted by the county legislative delegation for presentation before the state legislature. The primary reason it was not accepted was that there was a general lack of support from the Bloomingdale residents. I believe the most important reason for lack of support was a general confusion over why we need an STD, when we need an STD and an unbiased forum on the pros and cons of the issue. In what way would the STD benefit a community that is still less than 25% complete, when the developer and all the builders have more to gain from continued maintenance of common grounds and exterior walls? What effect, if any, does the sewage hook-up moratorium have on the further development of Bloomingdale? Will there be fewer homes built or a building lag until the sewage handling conditions improve? How do these and other factors affect our need for an STD?

Communication was a problem during the first STD attempt. Too much emotion, confusion between fact and fiction, a problem of what they don't know won't hurt them. Over seven months have passed since the county legislative delegation denied one of the most crucial steps in achieving an STD. Since that time Criterion has introduced their own mandatory community association for all new homes, that is awaiting various stages of approval. One catch, all existing homes would not be allowed to join. BHA commissioned a lawyer to help improve the Criterion plan. One of his statements in the "Gazette" indicated that a master homeowners community association had advantages over an STD.

BHA spent over \$1,200 to provide that information, money that could have been used to better educate the community on the problems facing a large suburban housing unit and what its future needs will be. Money that could have been used to have a general meeting with the builders who want to maximize their earnings from our development and who could suffer losses if our communities' outward appearance has that down-trodden look.

Have all the alternatives been explored? Does the BHA represent the whole community, a portion of the community, or the developer? Has there been so much change over the last seven months that we need an STD? Would someone please explain to me, unemotionally, of course, what the actual pros and cons are for a master community association vs an STD vs builder/developer acceptance of responsibilities?

Last week's Tampa Tribune carried an article about rejuvenation of the STD issue. Will there be an attempt to provide answers to the above questions? Will there be an improvement in the methods and means of communicating the issues to the community? Or will the short time frame between now and January, when the legislative delegation meets, be used to once again evaluate this issue on an emotional rather than a logical, informed level? This time, let's work together for the present and future betterment of Bloomingdale.

Sincerely,

Oliver C. Boody
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Sincerely,

Tom, Kathie, Chris, David
Porter

October 21, 1983

Dear Editor,

As concerned parents and homeowners of Bloomingdale West, I would like to bring the following to your attention.

Due to the lack of sidewalks along Canoga Park and Rosemead our elementary age children have to walk in the street or on the dirty, weed strewn shoulder. Sidewalks and some sort of rudimentary landscaping is needed to alleviate this problem. Sometimes the "grass" is allowed to become several feet high before it is cut! Also, now that the convenience store and mini-mall is being built on Bell Shoals, are sidewalks or bike paths going to be provided between the stores and the East and West entrances for our safety? Does the burden of these projects fall on the original developer? Is it the responsibility of the homeowners to band together to fund these projects? If so let's renew our efforts to organize a STD for Bloomingdale. How about some trash cans for the West park? The litter is always ankle deep!!

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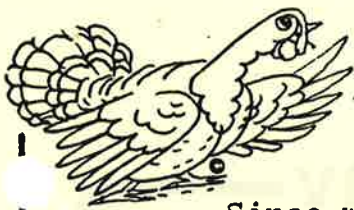
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Please, let's try to assume that our neighbors are people of character--assume that they are not aware that their cat, kids, dog, electric sander, car repair shop in the driveway, etc. are offending anyone! Let them know with a non-judgemental verbal or written notice: "You probably aren't aware that your dog has been in my flowerbeds and is driving me crazy" is preferable to "You are the most irresponsible #@*% people I've ever had the misfortune to call neighbors." Save the second version for later, if necessary but give your neighbors the benefit of a doubt the first time you let them know. Even if you have been annoyed 10 times, remember they don't know it until you say something.

Most neighbors will try to correct their nuisances; after all they have to live here, too. (If they don't fix it then you can spend some time dreaming up ingenious expressions of your displeasure.) But first, let your neighbor know in a calm, restrained manner that there is a problem. Otherwise, You become part of the category of nuisances yourself.

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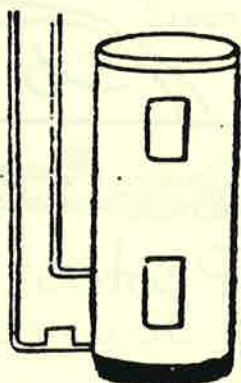
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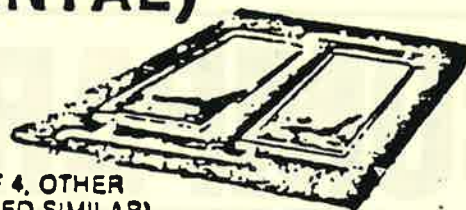
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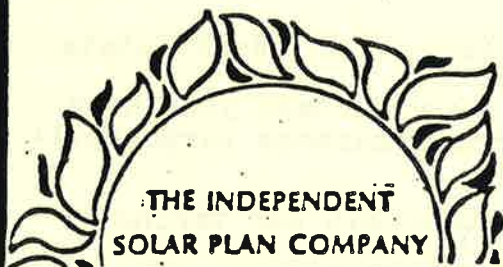


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6	7	8 GAZETTE Committee Meeting 9:30am 4009 EASTRIDGE	9	10	11 No SCHOOL PARADE IN Brandon Veterans Day	12 B.H.S. Homecoming Dance Girl Scout Car Wash Brandon: Parade of Homes
13 Bull Run at USF - 10K + 5K	14 Craft Club 8pm	15 VOTE BHA Meeting 7:30 pm Buckhorn PTA - 7:30pm	16 Newcomers Club Coffee - 10 AM	17 Brooker Elem. BOOK FAIR	18 B.H.S. presents "The Worst H.S. Play in the World"	19
20 British Amer. Marathon Tampa	21	22	23	24 Thanksgiving  NO SCHOOL	25 DEADLINE: GAZETTE	26
27	28 Craft Club 8pm	29 S.T.D. meeting 7:30pm 4019 Eastridge	30			

B.H.S. NOTES
 The week prior to Veteran's Day is Theme Dress-Up Week:
 Mon. 7th: Clash Day
 Tues. 8th: Tourist Day
 Wed. 9th: Mafia Day
 Thurs. 10th: Sr. Citizen Day
 Then on Friday, the 11th there is a PARADE that starts on Sadie St. Followed by Eagle Field Day at the H.S. and a Football Game. The Homecoming Dance is the 12th in the Commons Area of BHS.

Community Bulletin Board

REMEMBER
 the Girl Scout
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 Nov. 12th!!!

Don't forget the
 BHA meeting and
 election 15 Nov.
 7:30pm

NOTE:
 The Gazette was later than usual this month, because we wanted to put in the Halloween party costume results...and then I had the flu for 5 days which really threw off the schedule. Please join me on the 8th to set up a Gazette committee. If can't come but want to help, call. Articles, ads, etc. can be left at my front door...my screen door is the drop zone.
 Narni Cahill, Editor
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