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A PUBLICATION OF THE BLOOMINGDALE HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION

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COMING

OCTOBER 13

Now that you have had a chance to read the STD attachment to the front of this newspaper we hope that what the STD Committee is trying to accomplish with a STD in this area is a little bit clearer.

As you probably noted in the calendar on Page 4 of the special STD issue STD Sunday is on October 13. This is the date the STD Committee begins its kickoff to not only educate the community about the Special Taxing District, but also to begin their fundraising and petition effort.

On October 13, STD Sunday, a member of the STD Committee will knock on your door and ask for donations. THESE DONATIONS ARE IMPORTANT!! We must pay title companies for verification of signatures, attorneys for their legal expertise, filing fees, advertisements for public hearings, and miscellaneous expenses. ALL OF THESE THINGS TAKE MONEY AND YOUR SUPPORT!! Between the hours of 1-5 p.m. on STD Sunday we would certainly appreciate your monetary donations. Those that wish to con-

tribute checks should make them out to:

BHA - STD Fund

To continue the Special Taxing District efforts, the STD Committee will have at your disposal beginning Tuesday evening at the BHA meeting petitions for you to sign that indicate your willingness to become a part of this special district. The meeting takes place at 7:30 p.m. at the Bloomingdale Community Church. Then, on Wednesday, October 16, these same committee members will begin going house to house to collect names on these petitions to get the necessary quota of 51%. They will, to the best of their ability, make an attempt to contact every homeowner in Bloomingdale.

Donations will also be gladly accepted on Tuesday, October 15, at the BHA meeting.

Thank you in advance for your generous contributions.

-SD



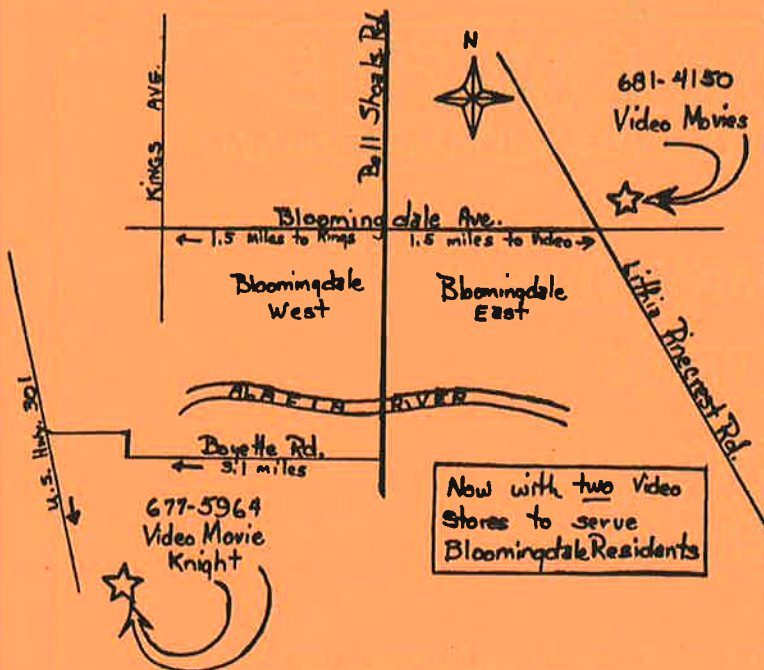
STREET LIGHTING WOES
FOR HOOKER-BARNES
by Ron Thompson

Residents of the Hooker-Barnes area met recently to discuss the establishment of a "Street Lighting District" for their area. The initial meeting on September 10 was called by a representative of Hooker-Barnes Homes to inform the homeowners that they would have to petition Hillsborough County before streetlights could be installed. It seems Hooker-Barnes had not followed the lead of other builders in the Bloomingdale area by initiating the necessary paperwork with the County to have the lighting installed. A meeting was also held the following week to discuss the petition, since the builder could not provide complete information at the initial meeting.

Residents of Bloomingdale should note the guidelines for establishing a Street Lighting District, require that a signer of the petition be on the active voter registration file within the proposed district. This restriction is especially distasteful to our neighbors in the military service, and others who have chosen not to move their voter registration to this area.

Because the builder waited until this late date to inform the homeowners of their plight, streetlights may not be seen in the Hooker-Barnes area for 2-3 years. The petition may not be placed on this year's schedule for public hearing in December.

Area residents may contact Ann Underwood at 684-5413, or Ron Thompson at 685-5028, for additional information. -RT



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BHA MEETING TO OFFER

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On October 15, 1985, the next meeting of the Bloomingdale Homeowners Association will be held at the Bloomingdale Community Church at 1310 Bloomingdale Avenue. The doors will open at 7:30 p.m. for refreshments and talk and the meeting will begin at 8 p.m.

First on the agenda will be Travel Management of Brandon with a travelogue of interesting information about cruise ships. Not only will Candy Hundus, Cruise Department Manager, present a film strip on the ship the Festivale, but courtesy of Travel Management there will also be drawings for door prizes. Registration slips for a \$100,000 GRAND PRIZE DRAWING offered by one of the major cruise lines will also be available.

Next on the agenda will be Susan Meitz, Executive Vice President of Criterion Corporation. She will update us on the Bloomingdale Master Community Association (MHA) plus answer questions from the audience. Ms. Meitz is the individual who has been extremely helpful to the STD Committee in providing information as needed for the implementation of the Special Taxing District.

Before and after the meeting, petitions will be available to start the STD implementation. These petitions can be signed by one individual of each residential lot. In other words, if a lot is owned by husband and wife jointly, then only one is to sign. If the lot is owned by others, all owners are to sign the petition. The petition signing procedure will be explained further at the meeting.

Also on the agenda will be the presentation of those individuals who have been nominated for the Board of Directors of the BHA. Open floor nominations of interested individuals will also be entertained. Elections for the new Board takes place at the November 19 meeting.

Those of you who wish to pay your yearly dues will be able to do so before and after the meeting. Dues this year are \$5 which will carry your membership through 11-1-86.

We look forward to seeing all of you there at 7:30 p.m. at the Bloomingdale Community Church on Tuesday, October 15. -SD

PARENTS OF
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TAKE NOTE

Trick or treating hours this year should run from about 6 to 8 p.m. Please tell your children to only knock on doors where the front porch light is ON.

The Mobile Watch will be out in force the evening in two shifts from 6-9 p.m. and from 9-12 p.m. providing there are enough volunteers.

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by Dr. Margaret Wissman

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STD UPDATE
by Glenda Hewitt

During the last week of September, Susan DeLuca and I met with Susan Meitz of Criterion Corporation regarding the Special Taxing District (STD) issue and the Bloomingdale Master Community Association (MHA). From these meetings and talks came about the following information:

1. We now have an exact map delineating the areas to be included in the MHA and those areas that Criterion would like to annex into the MHA. This map will be available at the October 15 BHA meeting.

2. Criterion has changed their position as of 9/27/85 to saying that the residents on the Board of Trustees for the MHA shall number five and there will be no paid Criterion employees, not any outside individuals either, on this Board. Previously the MHA papers stated that Criterion would occupy three seats and the residents two.

3. The Criterion and NIPIC corporations are fully behind the efforts of the residents of Bloomingdale in seeking a STD to maintain Bloomingdale.

4. Susan Meitz gave us a detailed budget for the coming year of what Criterion would plan to spend for maintenance and repairs. She also gave us promise of assistance where she is able.

5. Jeff West, an Ohio licensed attorney and resident of East, will assist Richard Wheeler who is an attorney based in Brandon to draw up the necessary legal documents for our STD. Mr. Wheeler has agreed to totally volunteer his time and services to our STD cause. You will be seeing more about him in our Gazette in November.

6. Criterion has agreed to hold off on the implementation of the MHA for one month to see how we are doing with the STD.

7. Susan Meitz, Executive Vice President of Criterion, has agreed to speak at the meeting on October 15 of the BHA.

8. Two committees have been established and have held their first meetings: The STD Committee and the Budget Committee.

9. The STD Committee, an enthusiastic group of 15 individuals, met on October 3 and came up with the following items:

- A. Fund Raising in the form of STD Sunday. (See Page 1 of this Gazette.)
- B. Jeff West as attorney liaison.
- C. Reviewing of Richard Wheeler, attorney, to represent Bloomingdale.
- D. Division of work by sections as set up by Helena Cornette for fund raising & petition signing.
- E. Pursuance of donations from the local builders by Ron Thompson.

10. The Budget Committee met on October 8, after the publication of this paper. Their report will be made at the 10/15 meeting.

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OCTOBER 23 to
NOVEMBER 21

Scorpio, the Scorpion, is a water sign that governs the generative organs and the secret parts. Like their symbol, Scorpios seem harmless enough until threatened; then they sting. Scorpio is also the sign of the Snake and the Eagle; they can attain the lowest of lows and the highest of

highs. Scorpio children are strong-willed, with high energy levels; they need honesty and emotional guidance. Adult Scorpios usually have strong bodies; their worst health threat is a lack of moderation. Their lucky day is Tuesday; their best colors are dark reds and black.

NOVEMBER: Above-ground crops: 12, 15, 16, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26. Root crops: 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 30. Transplant: 12-18. Seed beds: 2, 3, 4, 11, 12, 30. Flowers: 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 30. Kill plant pests: 5, 6, 7, 8, 17, 18, 19. Set eggs: 1-5, 20-30.

SHOPPING CENTER DELAY

As we promised, here is an update on the shopping center story.

This paper contacted Mr. Fred J. Hohnadel of Community Shopping Centers, Inc. in Maitland, Florida. He said there has been some delay due to government red tape and the amount of agencies he has had to go through to be able to get the center underway. He stated that the plans are into the Building Department for review. Currently the estimated time to begin construction is about 45 days. We are right now seeing some site work as they have begun to clear out the area. Once construction begins, completion time will be eight months.

Besides Eckerd's, Publix, Wal-Mart, Beall's, and McDonalds there will also be a Home Federal Savings and Loan Association next to the TECO substation. Crowder Hardware, a large, old-fashioned hardware store has leased an area of 9,000-10,000 sq. ft. about the size of Eckerd's.

On the other side of the center there are two large parcels of land. One is in negotiations with a very large Tampa-based full-service bank and the other is being looked into for the possibility of becoming an emergency clinic.

Anyone wishing to lease space should contact Mr. Hohnadel at 305-629-6868. -SD

BOWLING BITS
by Hal Labkon



As of September 21, the second week of competition, the standings were as follows:

Kartoon Kids (4-8 years old)

Bloomingdale Bunnies: Jennifer and Kimberly Ledford are tied for First Place.

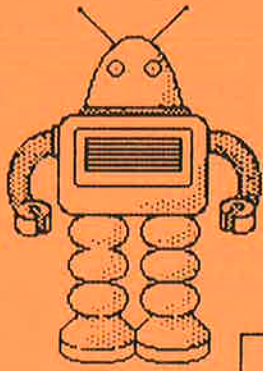
Bowl-M-Overs (9-11 years old)

Bloomingdale Bombers: Joshua Bailey, Damon Wagner, and David Labkon are in First Place. They are undefeated.

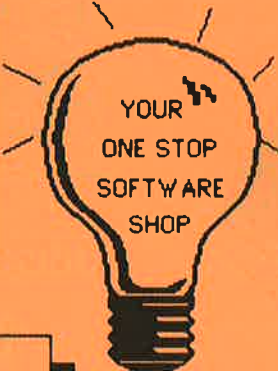
- High Handicap Game: Damon Wagner - 194
- High Scratch Series: David Labkon - 365
- High Handicap Series: Damon Wagner - 537
- 2nd High Handicap Series: Joshua Bailey-483

Note: Damon has only been bowling 3 weeks!

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Diplomat	25,000
Night Watchman	6,000
Sweetheart	35,000
Teacher	10,200
Secretary	8,200
Master Chef	12,500
Buyer	20,200
Efficiency Expert	18,000
Interior Decorator	30,000
Answering and Wake-Up Service	7,500
	\$250,000

The HCA (Husbands' and Children's Association) circulated a petition to suppress this information, but to no avail.

BLOOMINGDALE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION DUES SET AT \$5 FOR FISCAL YEAR 1986

October 2, 1985, the Board of Directors held their monthly meeting at President Art Hollows home. At that time, as is done at this time every year, the amount of dues for each homeowner to be a member of the BHA was established. To make dues accessible to all families in Bloomingdale, they were set at \$5 per year per household. This rate is effective as of September 24, 1985, and will carry through to November 1, 1986. Those who have paid their 1986 dues of \$5 will be able to pick up receipts at the next BHA meeting on October 15, 1985, at the Bloomingdale Community Church at 7:30 p.m. All dues paid to the Bloomingdale Homeowners Association are tax deductible. -SD

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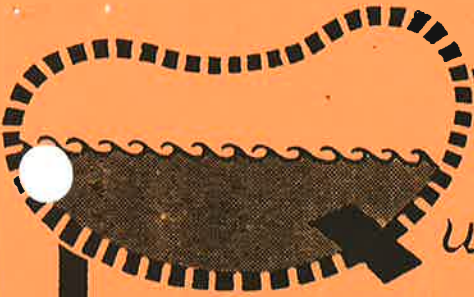
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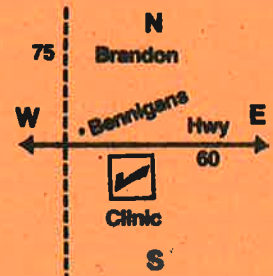
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(and Chalk One Up For The Gazette)

In September the Gazette published an article about the damage done to the side of the roadway by the Hartline buses. At that time this article was noticed by a Hartline employee who had recently moved to the Bloomingdale area. This individual was instrumental in surveying the damaged areas, contacting appropriate repair crews, and seeing that the work was completed.

On September 25, 1985, the Gazette noted that the repairs to the side of the roadway on Greenhollow in East had been totally filled in and resoded.

Thank you to a caring individual who wishes to remain anonymous and is also a resident of Bloomingdale. The Gazette staff also sent a thank you letter to the Hartline company in appreciation for what they had done. -SD



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by Sherry A. Hardin

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Your property taxes are payable between November 1 and April 1. Many of you make the payments in your monthly house payment so there is no need to worry about coming up with an additional amount. For the rest of you, it is the time to consider in your budget a large outlay prior to April 1.

Anyone having any questions about their tax bills should contact the Tax Collector at the Hillsborough County Courthouse at 272-6000. -SH

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