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Developer seeks to rezone Bloomingdale conservation area

By Laura Frazier, Editor

Residents of Bloomingdale East sections J and K, an area bordered roughly by Springvale Drive on the east, Bloomingdale Avenue to the north and Natures Way on the south, have been notified of a developer's request to rezone 11.32+ acres of land adjacent to their property. The developer seeks approval to permit a single-family housing development on the site, currently zoned as a conservation/recreation area, and will bring his request before the Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners at an October 24, 2000 BOCC hearing.

A group of concerned Bloomingdale East residents attended the September Bloomingdale Homeowners Association meeting. Murray Dale Drive resident John Yake said, "If the rezoning is approved, our conservation area and pond will be destroyed. Another deluge of housing will overtake what is now a pleasant, natural conservation area."

The land was zoned by the original developers of Bloomingdale for conservation and/or recreation use. Bloomingdale Homeowners Association Director Rodney Biddle says, "We (the BHA) believe the land was eventually supposed to be turned over to the residents, but was simply abandoned by the original developers." Following property tax default proceedings last year, the parcel of land was purchased by an out-of-state development company at a reported price of \$2,500. Residents living within 250 feet of the area say they were entitled by law to be formally notified of the pending sale, but were not.

On behalf of the concerned homeowners, John Yake says it's not too late to prevent approval of the rezoning request. "History shows that documented community opposition carries a lot of weight on final decisions of the BOCC. It is imperative that all residents opposed to the rezoning submit written opposition to

County Commissioner Ronda Storms prior to the October 24, 2000 hearing. Our prompt actions to oppose this rezoning request can preserve the life and property we invested in and live in."

All Bloomingdale residents are encouraged to attend the hearing on October 24 at 1:30 p.m. in the BOCC Board room on the 2nd floor of the County Center building, 601 East Kennedy Blvd. in Tampa. Written opposition to the proposal should be sent immediately to the office of Comm. Storms by fax at 813-272-6068, by e-mail as linked to the county web site at hillsboroughcounty.org.bocc.home, or by mail to County Center, 601 East Kennedy Blvd., Tampa, FL 33601. Please reference re-zoning application number PRS00-1248 in all communications.

For more information, please contact County Project Manager Brian Grady at 813-276-8343, or by e-mail at gradyb@hillsboroughcounty.org, Commissioner Ronda Storms at 813-272-5740 or by e-mail as linked to hillsboroughcounty.org.bocc.home, Bloomingdale East resident John Yake at jyval@aol.com, or the BHA at 813-681-2051 or bha@cyberrails.com. Additional information, site maps and photos are available on our community web site at bha-online.org.

Trick or Treat!



Ali Hanes and Luca Lauro are ready for a super Halloween! Costumes provided by Party Land in Bloomingdale Plaza.

Fun trick or treating tips just for teens, see page 16.

Your Inside Connections

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All meetings take place at the Community Office at 3509 Bell Shoals Rd. These are monthly public meetings and all Bloomingdale residents are invited.

BHA Board of Directors Meetings
Second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m.

Special Taxing District Meetings
Second Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m.



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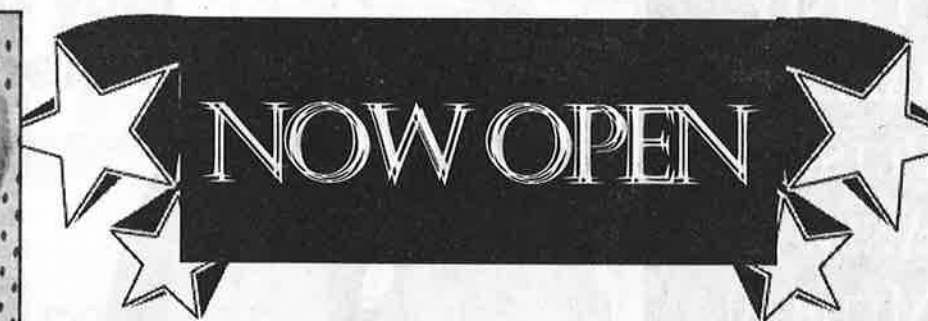
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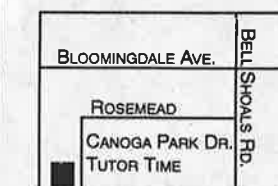
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Bloomingtondale Senior High School News

By Mack Austin

Reading Program

Many special thanks to everyone who has supported the Reading Program. Many great magazines have been donated but more are needed, especially magazines for male students. Magazines can be dropped off at the Sheriff's Community Station on Bell Shoals, where Deputy Maurer and Officer Capitano collect them and arrange to have them taken to the school for distribution. The students really enjoy reading them and we want to keep the progress going and the reading test scores high. One special note, please remove any mailing labels. Also, volunteers are needed to assist students with reading each week on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday during second period (8:30-9:30am) and during fifth period (12:50-1:50 pm). Every Tuesday, volunteers exchange candy for magazines in the school cafeteria. Helping someone improve their reading skills is a gift that last a lifetime. Please call 744-8018, ext. 563 to volunteer for the program.

Business sponsors needed

All students like good food and a good party, yes, even a reading party! Any local businesses in our community willing to sponsor a Pizza Party or Ice Cream Party are asked to call

Reading Program Director Linda Weronik at 744-8018, Ext.563. Linda will identify those classes she sees as being the "most active participants in the reading program."

PTSA newsletter

The PTSA has published their first Newsletter, thanks to the efforts of Jim and Lee Meyer. It contains lots of information for parents and students. If you didn't get a copy, call 744-8018 ext. 263.

What traffic problem?

After the unbelievable traffic backups last month, things have gotten a little smoother in and around the school. Of course, until the Bloomingdale widening is complete it will continue to test everyone's patience. We're all in this together, so let's be patient and courteous. It's not going to last forever, it just seems that way!



It's been said that progress takes time. For now, allow extra travel time and be careful as the widening of Bloomingdale Avenue progresses. Photo by Mack Austin

Welcome to Bloomingdale

Triplets!!!

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Kendle Adrian Daniels
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Born August 25, 2000 to Victoria and Richard Harrison

Elizabeth Katherine Jordan
Born August 28, 2000 to Lynn and
Michael Jordan

Allison Marlene Sprigg
Born August 28, 2000 to
Terri and Steve Sprigg

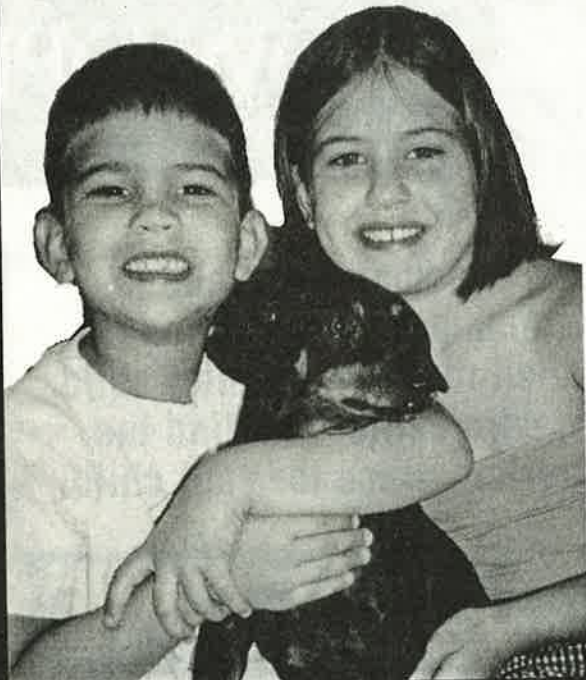
Christian Thomas Saylor
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Please send birth announcements to the Gazette phone, fax, e-mail or address on page 2.

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Zack Carter, 5, and his sister McKenzie, 7, hug their dog Cooper after he was saved during emergency surgery to remove a swallowed fish hook.

McKenzie and Zack Carter, children of Trish and Jeff Carter, were recently fishing in the Alafia River at the River Crossings dock in Bloomingdale when their 3-year-old Dauschound Cooper went after a hot dog being used for bait. As Cooper lunged for the hot dog, he swallowed the fish hook.

The Carters rushed Cooper to Animal Medical Center, where Dr. Jim Antunano performed emergency surgery and removed the fishhook from Cooper's esophagus. "Animal Medical Center cared enough to take charge late on a Saturday and did what was needed to save Cooper's life," says Trish Carter. "Cooper is almost like our third child and it would have been horrible to lose him."

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New traffic and Parking Procedures at Alafia Elementary

By Mack Austin

The growing number of students attending Alafia Elementary reflects the Bloomingdale area's continued rapid growth. Equipped to handle just 868 students, the school's current enrollment has reached 1,278. Just watch the traffic pile up every morning and afternoon.

Several projects have been initiated to help solve some of the traffic and parking problems associated with the school's growing enrollment. A 3-way stop sign has been requested for the intersection of Culbreath Road and Natures Way. According to Deputy Pete Maurer, "The primary purpose would be to provide critical assistance to the crossing guard at this major intersection. Children cross here coming from all directions. It is the main crossing point."

Another problem is the confusion created every morning and afternoon when students are dropped off and picked up. A joint effort between Principal Sylvia McMillan, Deputy Maurer, Hillsborough County Traffic Operations Engineer Gary Tait and School Safety Specialist Ann Anderson resulted

in a new traffic flow plan that should improve the traffic flow during the peak hours. The plan, which will go into effect on October 2, will allow a left turn only into the loop used for student drop-offs, and a right turn only when exiting the loop. It will take some adjustment, but looks to be a great improvement.

Thanks to the collaborative efforts of the Hillsborough County Parks and Recreation Department and school officials, parents may now utilize the ball field parking lot located to the north of the school off Culbreath Road to park and walk their children to and from school. The ball field may not be used for evening events, due to scheduled ball games. During evening events, parents may park in the Parks and Rec Maintenance lot, located west of the school off Natures Way. The maintenance lot must not be used during daytime hours during the operation of the facility and its vehicles.

For more information, please call the school at 744-8190.



Alafia Elementary School Driver loop and parking info

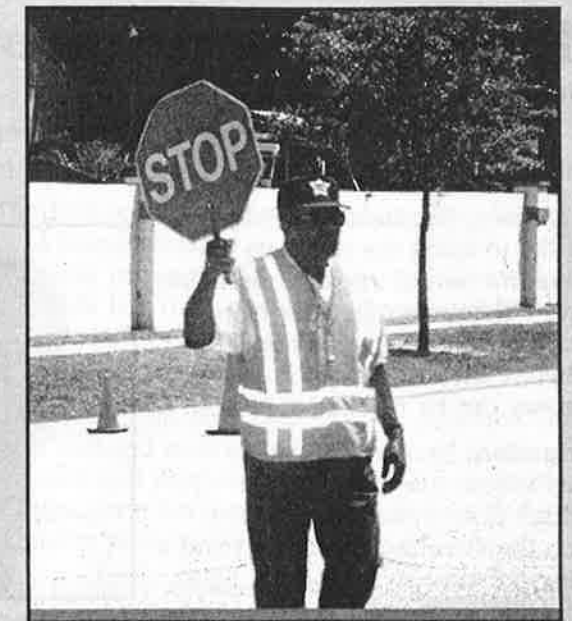
Student drop off/pick up loop traffic route

Effective October 1, 2000, drivers may enter the loop by making a left turn only into the parking lot from Natures Way. Drivers may exit the loop by making a right turn only onto Natures Way. Drivers are asked to please avoid making u-turns and taking short cuts through the neighborhoods around the school.

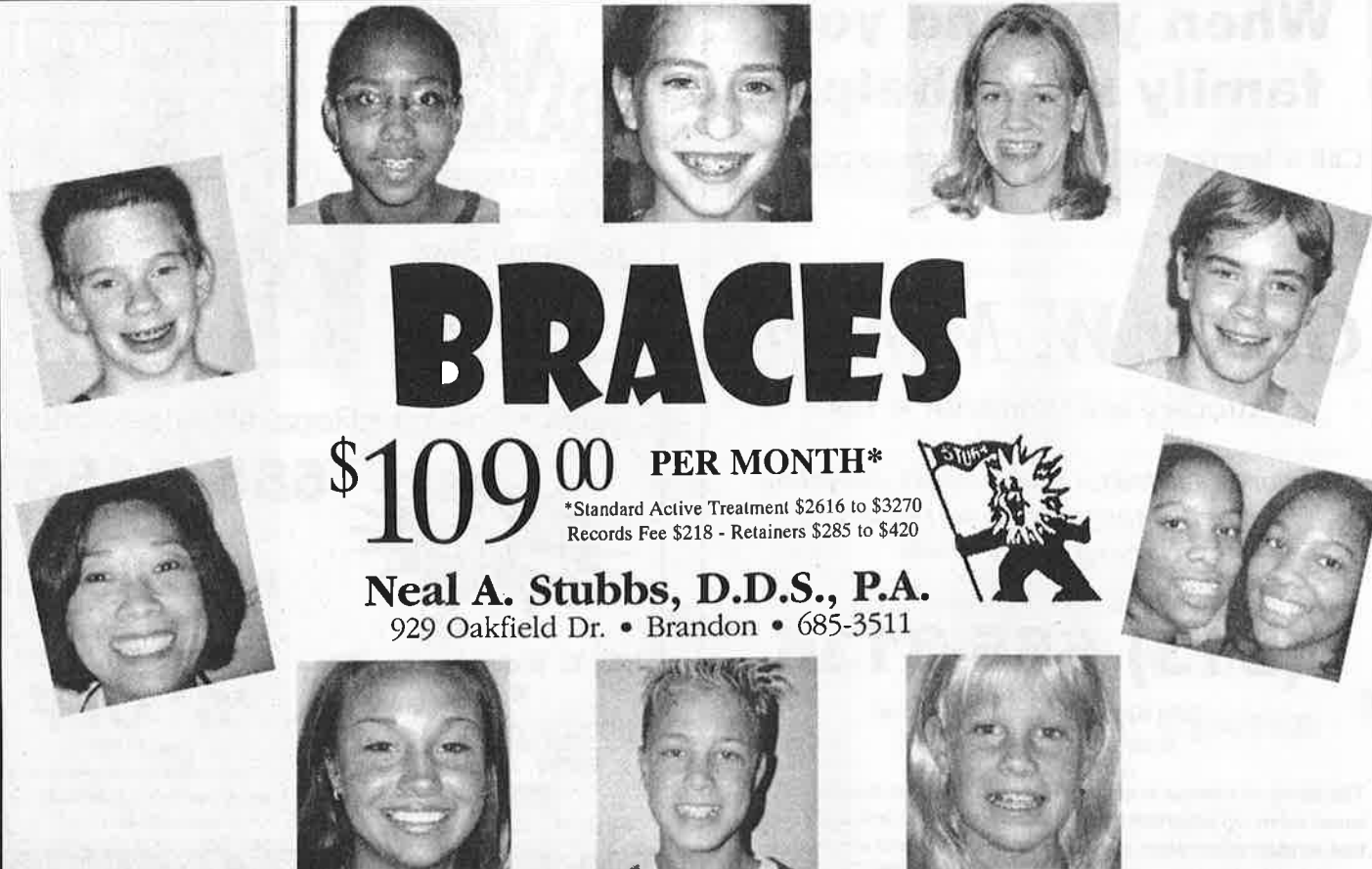
Additional parking available

During regular daytime school hours, parents may park in the Little League ball field parking lot just north of the school off Culbreath Road. Parking in the ball field lot is not permitted in the evening.

During evening school events, parents may park in the Parks and Rec Maintenance Unit Lot, just west of the school off Natures Way. Parking in the maintenance lot is not permitted during daytime hours. For more information, please call the school at 744-8190.



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Property Manager's Report

August 2000

Submitted by Devney Property Management, Inc.

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DPMI President Al Devney

Irrigation: Brandon Irrigation replaced a defective valve on the Cambridge Cove system, a defective timer on the Greenhollow system and a defective pressure switch on the Elton system; DPMI repaired a leaking main line in the Gotham system and a broken main line on the Elton system; DPMI moved a valve on the Erindale system and corrected an electrical problem in the Hickory Ridge system; Irrigation Consulting and Design completed the irrigation design of the right of way around Park West; DPMI replaced 31 spray heads

and 16 rotors, repaired 6 zone lines and 13 risers and added 4 heads; 16 lights were replaced.

Landscaping: Planscape replaced a 5' dead oak on Culbreath, installed the minor landscape package at Dunaire and Fawnview and re-landscaped the Polumbo entrance; Yardworks installed St. Augustine grass plugs on Natures Way, Greenhollow, Culbreath and Erindale; Neighborhood Pest Control spread Lesko fertilizer 24-5-11 for the St. Augustine grass, 12-2-14 for the shrubs and granular Dursban for chinch bugs; DPMI met with the Bristol Green Homeowners Association to discuss the landscaping and lighting at the Golf Manor and Kendal entrances.

Other: Russell Electric repaired the lighting at the Kiowa entrance; ZK Construction repaired the damaged wall on Canoga Park, the broken wall on Garnet and the vandalized wall on Springvale; DPMI contacted Hillsborough County Road and Street (Wanda Davis) to determine the criteria to repair or replace a piece of sidewalk and the procedures for requesting the

work; DPMI met with Signs by Mineo to determine the cost to have all the signs at Kiowa, Heritage Park, Golf Manor, Kendal, River Close, Allwood and Groveland repainted; There were three accidents this month, car

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TRIM notices and tax bills are in the mail

From the offices of Rob Turner, Hillsborough County Property Appraiser

The Hillsborough County Property Appraiser's Office is responsible for valuing over 375,000 real estate and tangible properties in Hillsborough County each year. Florida law mandates that all property be valued by January 1st of each year at 100% of the market value.

In August, the Appraiser's Office prepares TRIM (truth in millage) notices, which show property values, exemptions and proposed taxes for various taxing authorities. State law requires these notices to be sent to taxpayers prior to their tax bill in October.

The Property Appraisers Office administers the Homestead Exemption to about 220,000 homeowners each year, saving the average homeowner about \$550 per year.

If you have any questions about your property value, TRIM notice or the Homestead Exemption, please call 272-6100 or visit hcapfl.org for further information.

versus tree on Culbreath, car versus wall on Natures Way and car versus fire hydrant at Natures Way and Culbreath.

In the land of eat, drink and pitch out the window, DPMI picked up 21 bags of litter, 2 cats, a sofa cushion, a refrigerator door, 3 socks, a t-shirt and \$.21 cents. The beverages of choice were Pepsi for soft drinks, Coors Light for beer and Jack Daniels for distilled spirits.

Neighbors in the Erin Arbor section of Bloomingdale East will hold a multi-family garage sale on Sat., October 14 from 7 am-12 pm. Erin Arbor is located off Erindale Blvd. between Lithia Pinecrest Rd. and Culbreath Rd.

Free treat bags available

State Representative Johnnie Byrd, an active supporter of the Bloomingdale Area Community Council, is supplying complimentary reflective Trick or Treat bags for children to use on Halloween. The bags can be picked up at the Bloomingdale Community Station at 4342 Bell shoals Road (next to Beef O'Brady's) while supplies last, until October 31st. The bags are also available at Center Place.



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Bloomingtondale Community Substation Notes

By Deputy Pete Maurer

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Deputy Maurer can be reached at 635-8040.



New traffic rules for Alafia student drop off/pick up loop

In an effort to relieve some of the daily "log jam" at the intersection of Natures Way and Culbreath, new traffic signs will be installed at the school parking lot entrance prohibiting right turns into

the lot and prohibiting left turns out of the lot. We are still working on a 3-way stop at this intersection (see

related story in this issue), an additional manned school crossing in the area of Hickory Ridge, the possibility of turn lanes and additional parking. Drivers are asked to avoid cutting through subdivisions and making u-turns. As always, the safety of our children and pedestrian and bicycle traffic is the primary concern. Speed and parking restrictions will be enforced.

Speeders be warned

After so many years working in law enforcement, I still cannot understand why so many people chose to speed. We have a choice to simply obey the law, keep from getting an expensive ticket, and very possibly save someone from serious injury. This is even more critical when speeding occurs in areas where there are children, like on Canoga Park Drive near the Culbertson Recreation Center and Rosemeade Drive where there are daycare centers. We all hope drivers in this area will be more careful and responsible. If not, we'll write the tickets.

Truancy patrols

So many incidents of students skipping school have been reported that Hillsborough County Sheriff's

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Substation Notes

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deputies have been assigned special duty to patrol the Bloomingtondale area, take the truants to school and call their parents. Common hangouts like shopping centers and fast food businesses will be patrolled on a regular basis, along with two other popular areas; the church across from the high school, and Cade Lane, just past the red light by the school entrance.

Cease Fire 2000

Special thanks to everyone who helped make Cease Fire 2000 a success. Every year this project is completed means more unused, unsafe and unwanted weapons are turned in and properly disposed of. This project brings people together to benefit the community and make it stronger.

Kids At bus stops

Incidents have been reported of older students or truant students hanging around bus stops where they don't belong and getting into trouble. Parents should call the Community Station to report anyone hanging around bus stops.

Reverse 911

Several calls have been received about introductory calls from the new Reverse 911 System. The message sounds at first like a sales pitch. You are asked if you would like to be informed when any special warnings are issued for our area. There is no cost. The Reverse 911 system alerts residents to important situations. To participate in the program, listen to the message and an operator will come on the line to assist you.



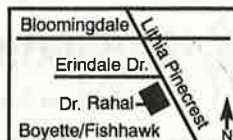
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Pat's Place continues family tradition

The folks at **Pat's Place** restaurant have been serving up homemade fare to Brandon and Sun City residents for nearly 20 years. The Brandon location of the family owned eatery has been based in the Winn Dixie plaza at the corner of Bloomingdale Avenue and John Moore Road since the early 90's.

Owner Pat Hardy recently handed down the Bloomingdale restaurant to her daughter Nancy Taber. Nancy is a fifth generation restaurant owner, eager to take the reigns. "We pride ourselves on good home cooked meals, served in a quiet family atmosphere," said Taber. "Our pies are the absolute best, and our customers tell us they appreciate the fact that we have the lowest prices anywhere in town."

Menu items include a spaghetti dinner for \$1.99, kid's meals for \$1.50 and a weekend breakfast buffet for \$5.25. The restaurant is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner on weekdays from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. and for breakfast and lunch on weekends from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, call Pat's Place at 685-7259.

It's almost Tutor Time!

Tutor Time childcare and education center is slated to open in early October. Owners Susan and Joe Miller joined the school's teachers and staff for an August pre-opening "sneak preview" to welcome prospective students and their parents. Support Specialist Angela Johnson said, "We will concentrate on learning, not just daycare. The Tutor Time curriculum encourages learning in a fun way." Teacher Jenny Stinson said, "Our daily activities will incorporate lots of creative thinking and art projects."

The 10,000 square foot state of the art center boasts a labyrinth of attractive, spacious rooms designated for various age groups from infants to kindergarten. One room that proved popular with sneak preview visitors features a wall-to-wall play village. The brightly colored two-story façade, with its carpeted steps and cut out windows and doors is designed to inspire imaginative social play. A dedicated indoor recreation room allows for safe exercise and play, including Tumblekids Gymnastics activities. The center also features ample playground and picnic space.

Tutor Time is located just north of Bloomingdale West Park at 651-0779. For more information, please call Tutor Time at 651-0779.

Give a child hope; give a child a home

By Ellen Smith, The Children's Home, Inc.

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By Elton Dumont
Exclusive to The Bloomingdale Gazette

Have you passed right by Panera Bread each time you went to the mall? You probably don't enter from the side where the bakery and café is located, so it's easy to miss. I thought a little public service announcement might be in order to let you know just what you are missing.

When you enter Panera Bread, you immediately come upon the bread and pastry counter, stocked with over 25 varieties of sourdough-based breads, bagels and European specialty breads. Just a few of their offerings include French, Pumpernickel, Swirl Rye, Focaccia, Asiago Cheese, Pesto and Olive Sourdough. The bread menu lists calories, fat and sodium for every variety. My favorite is the Focaccia, traditional Italian flat bread

made with olive oil and Asiago cheese.

Every day, there are at least four soups to choose from, served with a sourdough roll or in a bread bowl. The rotating selection of soups includes Chicken Chili, Cream of Chicken and Wild Rice, French Onion, Low Fat Vegetarian Gumbo and Potato Cream Cheese. Sandwiches include smoked turkey breast on sourdough, chicken salad on nine-grain bread or tuna on honey wheat. Specialty sandwiches include Tuscan Chicken on Focaccia, Asiago Roast Beef on a mini Asiago baguette, or a veggie sandwich served on nine-grain bread. In case you're not the adventurous type, they also serve a traditional peanut butter and jelly on French bread. Salads offered include Chicken Oriental, Fandango, Greek, Caesar or their Classic Café Salad.

After lunch, it's back to the bakery counter for dessert. Take a look at the croissants that include French Apple, Cheese, Chocolate or Raspberry Cheese. Danish varieties include Cherry, Goopy Butter, German Chocolate and Georgia Peach. The Specialty Pastries section features Cinnamon Rolls, Pecan Rolls, Muffins, Bear Claws, Strudel and Scones. Panera Bread is open 7 days a week, and you can even fax in your order ahead of time. So, what are you waiting for? Head to the mall and, instead of parking by the Food Court, drive around to Panera Bread's south side entrance and try this great Café.

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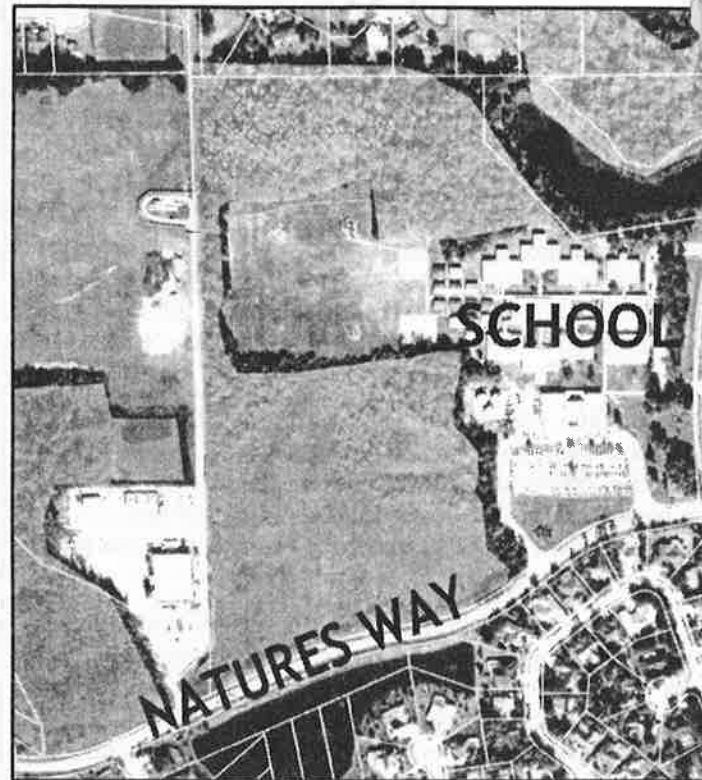
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Limited Openings for 2000-01 School Year

County examines options to expand Alafia Elementary

By Mack Austin

County Commissioner Ronda Storms' office is coordinating a study of options for the expansion of classroom and parking space at Alafia Elementary School. Audey Canney, aide to Commissioner Storms, has been instrumental in gathering information for the study, including producing detailed maps and identifying ownership of the property surrounding the school. Meetings of key decision makers are currently being scheduled for early October. Community meetings to inform parents and residents of the study findings will follow, with dates and times to be announced.



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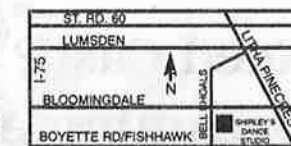
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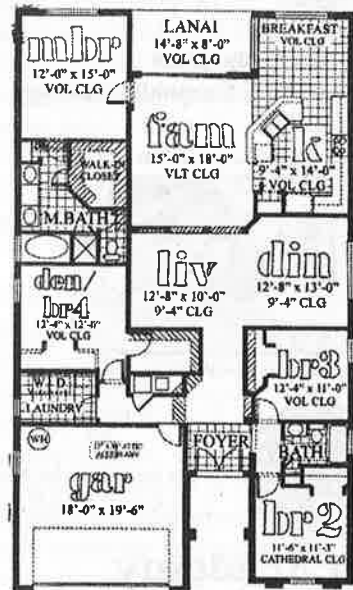
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Fun trick-or-treating tips just for teens

Young children, generally those under 12, should always go trick or treating with an adult. Parents are wise to supervise the youngest ghosts and goblins through a spooky nighttime adventure filled with strangers, candy and kids darting into the street! Older children and young teens going out in groups should have the basic safety rules drilled into their heads by now, but may need some reminding. After all, they can't even remember to pick up their socks! Here, just for fun, are a few suggestions to add to your trick-or-treating lecture for teens.

- Yes, you have to wear a costume. And yes, you have to say the magic words! People are not required to give out candy to anyone who shows up on their doorstep in a Gap t-shirt and shorts and says "Wassup?" when they open the door.
- Meet at one person's house, and decide on a route. Let the parents know what you decide, so they can track you down easily. Stay on the route because if you don't, someone's parents will be very worried and someone will be in big trouble.
- Stay with your group. If someone wants to go

home or make a pit stop, everyone should walk him home or back to the starting house. We promise we'll let you go back out again!



- Decide with your parents on a time you'll be back home. And wear a watch!
- If you come across a home giving out full size Milky-Ways or Hershey bars, it is perfectly acceptable to return several times to said house.
- Don't eat anything until you get home and your parents look it over. We know, we know, there's nothing in it. But your parents will feel better if they get to look it over and, besides, we like to pick out all the Milky-Ways and Hershey bars for ourselves.
- Do not touch the jack-o-lanterns. Smashing Pumpkins is a band, not an activity!
- The socially acceptable amount of candy to take from an unattended bowl marked "take one" is just one...handful!
- Under no circumstances divulge the fact to any other adult that your parents let you eat Reese's cups and licorice for breakfast on November 1.
- Most importantly, have fun... your trick or treating days are numbered!

Alafia Elementary Annual Bike Rodeo



Deputy Pete Maurer and PTA Safety Officer Robin Rogovin assist Sierra Maurer as she completes the obstacle course at the Alafia Elementary School Bike Rodeo. The annual event is held to promote bicycle safety and the rules of the road. Photo by Mack Austin



Hillsborough County's "Can Do" recycling mascot made a lot of new friends at the Bike Rodeo. Photo by Mack Austin.



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BSHS Crime Watch Program

By Kaela Steinestel, BSHS Crime Watch President

In the past few years, the words "crime" and "teenager" may have gone hand in hand, but not anymore. We, the students of Bloomingdale High School's Crime Watch, are planning some changes for the new millennium. "With an impressive number of teens already enrolled in the club, we are striving to help be part of the solution to our community's problems," says Vice President Erin Hanington. For instance, we are coming together to organize some interactive programs to make teenagers more aware of these problems. Local law enforcement and other organizations are collaborating with us to plan workshops and other community service events. As president of Bloomingdale's Crime Watch Club, I believe we should all be aware of all the numerous details that are involved in keeping us safe.

Many students are unaware of how important each unit of our local law enforcement is in providing us with a secure and safe environment. We have arranged for the Hillsborough county sheriff's Office K-9 unit and SWAT team to come to our school. These units will put on a demonstration to show us up close

and personal how they perform their jobs. We hope to have Sheriff's helicopter fly in and demonstrate the use of high technology in protecting our community. Thanks to our School Resource Office Deputy Bashner, also our club sponsor, Bloomingdale students will realize just how much work goes into protecting them and providing a safe environment for learning.



BSHS Crime Watch President Keala Steinestel and Vice President Erin Hanington.

Throughout the year there will be two major field trips. For those over 18, one trip will be to the County Jail. The other will be to the County Courthouse to watch a trial. Both of these adventures will teach us more

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about the legal process. Hopefully, these trips may be an eye opener for a student thinking about going the wrong way.

Besides learning new tactics to improve our school, we will be lending a helping hand in our community. Crime Watch has already made it a point to schedule a beach cleanup day and a day to "Paint Your Heart Out." Teenagers who are active in their communities are less likely to commit crimes.

It is obvious that Bloomingdale High School is trying to make a positive impact on the way some teens are living their lives. We may not be able to stop everything from going wrong, but we can certainly say we did our part in keeping Bloomingdale a safe, positive place to live. This year Crime Watch students have high expectations for themselves and their community.



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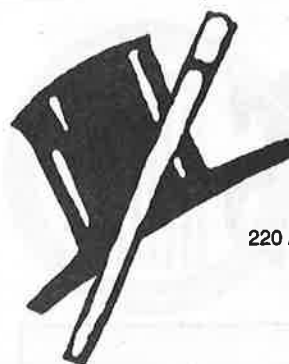
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Car Wash on the Greens tees up for grand opening

By Mack Austin

Family owned and operated Car Wash on the Greens, at the corner of Erindale Drive and Lithia-Pinecrest Road will open for business in late October. Owner Allen Kleinotas says, "The name comes from the community itself, surrounded by golf courses and subdivisions with names that conjure up a beautiful Florida day out on the greens." True to its name, the car wash will have a putting green area for those wanting to test their skills.

The Kleinotas family includes Allen's wife Carole, sons Jeff and Scott, and daughters Heidi and Heather. Carole and Scott were managers when Florida Car Wash was EL Brandon Car Wash. Jeff is well known as a long time Parks and Recreation employee at the Culbertson Recreation Center in Bloomingdale West. Each family member will be part of the team working together to run the business. "We will be a professionally run, customer oriented business that will also be very actively involved in the community. We believe in giving back.

We've been very blessed over my thirty three years in the car wash business," said Allen.

The car wash will offer full service car washing and detailing, Mobil oil and lubes. Many interesting items for sale will be offered in the waiting areas, including Howard Miller grandfather clocks, Hannon wood burning stoves, Yankee candles, Renaissance greeting cards, Blue Mountain Arts and fresh cut flowers.

Allen Kleinotas says, "We are looking forward to providing a professional service to the residents of the Bloomingdale community and the surrounding areas. We will be active not only as business owners but also as residents of this great community." Car Wash on the Greens will be open 6 days a week, Allen says leaving Sundays as "a time for the family to rest and worship together." Grand opening dates will be announced this month.



Jeff Kleinotas reviews construction plans as Car Wash on the Greens goes through final construction phases. Photo by Mack Austin.

FAMILY DINING

"What's for dinner?"

Bloomingdale area restaurants offer many on-the-run dinner alternatives, from drive through and delivery to take-out and convenient "on the way" dining out. We've compiled a partial list you may wish to post on your refrigerator, or perhaps more effectively, on your dashboard!

Don't forget dessert! Pick up some quick treats on your way past Bloomingdale Square Tanya & Matt's Ice Cream...Smoothie King...Baskin Robbins Ice Cream...Dunkin Donuts

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Chick-fil-A	655-1237	11325 Causeway Blvd.	Dine in, take out, drive-thru
Dominoes	685-7884	1999 Brandon Blvd.	Take out, delivery
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J-Bird's Pizzeria	653-1460	118 Bloomingdale Ave.	Take out, delivery
KFC Chicken	684-6182	Royal Oaks Plaza	Dine in, take out, drive-thru
Latin Cafe 2000	643-9475	Bloomingdale Square	Dine in, take out
Ling Express	661-8433	Bloomingdale Square	Dine in, take out, delivery
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McDonalds	685-9163	Bloomingdale Square	Dine in, take out, drive-thru
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Pizza Hut	684-8383	3220 Lithia Pinecrest	Take out, delivery
Simply Thai	681-4470	Bloomingdale Square	Dine in, take out
Subway	685-6178	Bloomingdale Square	Dine in, take out, catering
Taco Bell	681-5292	Bloomingdale Square	Dine in, take out, drive-thru
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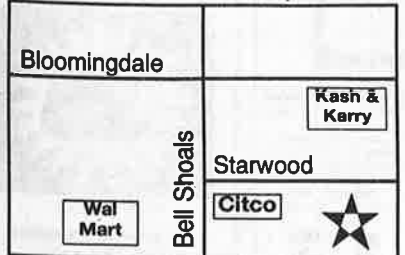
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