

THE BLOOMINGDALE TALES

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2005

Happy New Year to all the residents of Bloomingdale Trails.

2004 has come to a close with activities such as, Community Yard Sales, Fall Extravaganza, Holiday Fest and Christmas Eve Luminaries. These activities have set the ground work for meeting

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neighbors, having fun and building a community that others would like to call their home.

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1st Holiday Fest

What the holidays are all about are the children. A few dedicated volunteers took the time necessary to provide a venue for all children that attended to receive a gift from Santa. The glow in 15-20 children's eyes getting gifts from Santa made the event a total success. Crafts were sold and refreshments were served.

One enhancement for next year would be to have the Fest earlier in December to allow for increased attendance, since several families were already committed to holiday plans.



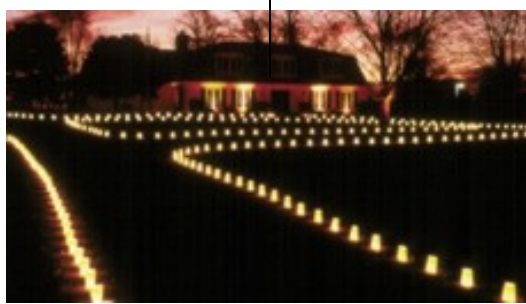
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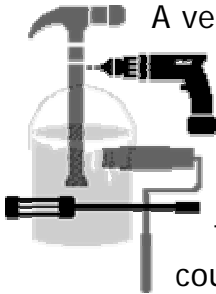
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Christmas Eve Luminaries

Our 1st year of illuminating our sidewalks on Christmas Eve with Luminaries was limited, but those that took the time to light the way to their homes caused one to pause and reflect back on the simpler times. Next year we will attempt to make available, at a reasonable cost, the luminary kits that include bags, candle and sand.



Maintaining Our Community



A vendor has been chosen to provide the aeration system for our pond. Once installed, we all look forward to a cleaner, healthier pond.

Trees in the common area, behind the guard rails at the end of Saddle Gold Court are being removed for safety concerns.

The trees suffered damage during our birrage of hurricanes and could fall on the sidewalk.

2005 Annual Assessment Reminder

The Board has set the 2005 assessment amount at \$73.00 per lot, per month. This new assessment amount is due commencing January 1, 2005 and on the 1st of each month thereafter.

Three options are available to make your monthly payments; checks, a bill payment service, or the Association Pay auto-payment feature.

Any questions, contact McNeil Management Services at (813) 571-7100 or e-mail management@mcneilmsi.com

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Resident Spotlight

Jim and Karen Askey

My wife, Karen and I live at 3513 Gray Whetstone St. If you come down to the back of the neighborhood often you have probably seen me outside messing with the boat or walking our Shetland sheepdog, Misty. My name is Jim and I work at Sound & Visions Communications in Tampa, where I have been employed for the last 10 years. I am a video producer, who shoots & edits videos for many corporate clients. Karen currently works at home for Market Street Mortgage and is trying to start her own mortgage processing business. We moved into our home in June of 2001.

We have a daughter, Kristen, who is 16 and is a junior at Riverview High School. Kristen wants to be a Veterinarian and to help her achieve that goal she has worked at Brandon Veterinary Hospital for the last two years. If anyone has any questions about your pets, I'm sure she would love to give you some pointers. We also have a son, Stephen. He just turned 14 on the 27th of December. He goes to Rodgers Middle School and will be attending Riverview High School with his sister next year. Like any other 14 year old, he loves his video games. In addition to Kristen and Stephen, we have two grown daughters and two grandchildren.

Our favorite hobby in the household is poker, Texas Hold'em to be more specific. We have a group of people we play with about once a month. There is another section in this newsletter that will explain more of our love for the game and how we want to start a neighborhood poker night. Another hobby I have is jogging. That is another thing you may have seen me doing around the neighborhood. We are huge fans of the Buccaneers, even if they didn't perform their greatest this year. Oh well, there's always next year.

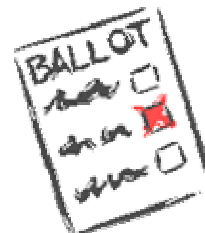
In our home we also have a few other pets besides our beautiful dog. We have two cats, Nikki and Kira, they are Tabby's and I'm sure if it was up to them they wouldn't move from the same spot on our bed for the rest of their lives. Our last pet is Angel, a very noisy but beautiful yellow cockatiel.

We love being a part of this community and couldn't pick a more perfect place to live.

Annual Meeting – January 13th, 7pm

The next Home Owners Association meeting is scheduled for January 13, 2005, at 7:00pm. This meeting is our annual membership meeting where you will have an opportunity to nominate and elect your next Board of Directors, as well as voting for desired declaration changes.

At the annual meeting, the owners will be voting for the document changes that were approved unofficially throughout the year. (1) Allow 4-foot picket fences, (2) bronze screen enclosures and (3) retractable screen doors. Our documents require 75% of the owners to approve the changes to the Declaration. The quorum required to hold a valid annual meeting and vote for directors is 30% of owners. There are a total of 96 lots in our community. **1 Lot = 1 Vote.**



Current Board of Directors:

Ricardo Nunez, President
Ralph Graves, VP/Treasurer
Randy Groomwald, Secretary

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Resident Bulletin Board

Texas Hold'em

Jim and Karen Askey are extremely interested in hosting a game called Texas Hold'em. It is the same game you see all over TV these days, i.e. (World Poker Tour or Celebrity Poker Tour).

Here are the rules:

1. \$20.00 per person to play
2. Maximum of 8 players a table
3. Every play starts with an equal chip stack
4. Elimination style play – only the top 3 players win cash
5. Cash payout for top 3 players
 - a. 3rd place wins 15% of pot
 - b. 2nd place wins 35% of pot
 - c. 1st place wins 50% of pot



When: 1st & 3rd Friday evenings of every month

Where: 3513 Gray Whetstone Street

Time: 7:00pm till?

To reserve a seat at the table, please call Jim or Karen at 661-4922 or email us at

jaskey@tampabay.rr.com

They will be providing ice and soda. If you want something stronger to drink, feel free to bring your own drinks and snacks.

They look forward to meeting you all and getting to know their neighbors.



Hidden Value in our homes

Good News for Bloomingdale Trails Homeowners!

For those who have wondered why our homes have not sold for their market value, we have good news for you. The next two homes due to close in January are fetching over \$103 per square foot (no pool)! That's a big jump considering the last home in our neighborhood sold in October for only \$92 per square foot. At this printing, we have a Mayfair pool home asking \$115 per square foot! If you are interested in a market analysis of your home, call our neighborhood realtor, Joanne Rush from Century 21 Fred McKay Realty at 294-6436 or you can e-mail her at jorush@tampabay.rr.com. Her new website, www.joannerush.com should be up and running in a few weeks. Joanne tells us her last listing here sold in just two days! Home equity at last!!!

Committee Members Needed

Please contact Debi Graves, at 655-7647 or email at RYRIGRANDMA@AOL.COM if you are interested in volunteering for any of the following committees:

Welcoming Committee

Fall Extravaganza – Block Party

Holiday Fest

Christmas Eve Luminaries

Twice Annual Garage Sale