

THE BLOOMINGDALE TALES

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Welcome to December's "Bloomingdale Tales" HOA edition. Where did the month of November go? It seems like just yesterday that we were gathering information to put together the November issue.

This is our forum to keep you informed as to what is going on in the community and we encourage you to provide content. If you

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have items of interest, concerns, announcements or items you would like to sell, trade or just give away, let us know.

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Community Yard Sale a Success

The gates were opened and the cars congested our small community before the 7am start time. Throughout the morning the neighborhood was filled with bargain hunters looking to rid us of our unwanted wares.

Several homes participated on a day that the weather could not have been more perfect.



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First Fall Extravaganza Community Event Highlights

Clear signs our first community event was a success was Mrs. Rubbie Bellamy has already signed up for more events, dozens of homeowners ate, socialized and filled the cul-de-sac with obvious signs of having fun.

By 3pm tables were full of good eats, the grills were a glow cooking hamburgers and hotdogs and hanging from the trees were

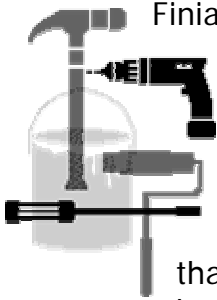
piñatas for the kids to beat for the reward of treats.

Rubbie wants to thank those who assisted with the event and of course, to all of those who attended.



Maintaining Our Community

Finalizing the bid process and installation particulars of our pond aeration are near completion. We all look forward to improving the health and appearance of our pond.



Finials on the gates have been replaced for the 2nd time. While the actual cost of each finial is not substantial, please remind your children that overall appearance of our community's entrance is the responsibility of us all. The columns to the gates have been repaired as approved by the board.

The sidewalk has been replaced at the end of Saddle Gold Ct. that was separating from the curbing. This was a potential safety hazard and the board agreed to the repairs.

2005 Annual Assessment

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.



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The \$84,096 budget contains \$14,400 in Reserves that might seem high in relation to the overall budget, but from our community's few years in existence, it doesn't take much to consume a great deal of money. For example, \$15,000 for the replacement fence on the west side of the community, gate and wall repairs, pond areation, etc..

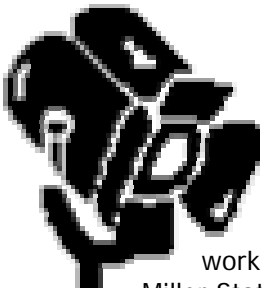
Three options are available to make your monthly payments. Checks, a bill payment service, or the Association Pay auto-payment feature.

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

Garbage Collection Date Change

Liberty waste & Recycling has notified the community that they are changing our collection dates, effective the week of December 6, 2004, as follows:

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>
Garbage	Garbage
Recycling	Yard Waste



Resident Spotlight

Robert and Angie Hammons

My husband, Robert and I live at 1311 Bloomingdale Trails Blvd. We are the 3rd house on the left – the corner lot. You have probably seen my husband outside a lot. Either working in the yard or shooting his bow in the garage! My name is Angie and I work for Tom Miller State Farm on Brandon Blvd.

We moved into our home in May of 2002. Just a short two months after our son and daughter-in-law came back from China with our sweet little granddaughter, Mya. She is a blessing to our home and she is the reason why we live here.

My husband worked for CSX Transportation for 35 years and was able to take an early retirement just in time to move from Jacksonville to Brandon to greet our new little grandbaby at the airport. We will never forget that day!

Robert and I are originally from Indiana and were high school sweethearts. We have now been married 39 years. We were very, very young when we got married! Our son, Rob works for the

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Tampa Tribune. Rob and his wife Marci live only about a mile away from us. They will travel to China one more time to get another little granddaughter. Her name will be Emma. Marci has written a cookbook to help raise the money for the adoption. You may have already seen it or maybe have bought one. I think she has done a great job!

This is a great subdivision and we have wonderful neighbors. Everyone looks out for each other. We have never regretted our choice of moving to Bloomingdale Trails Subdivision.

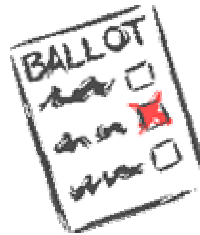
Merry Christmas to all!

Annual Meeting

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. Mark this date down!

Current Board of Directors:

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



Resident Bulletin Board

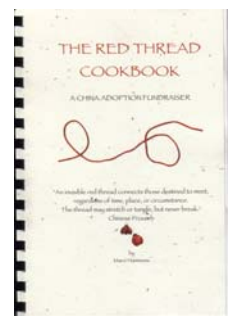
Just in time for Christmas

The Red Thread Cookbook – A China Adoption Fundraiser

Robert and Angie Hammons' son and daughter-in-law are adopting their second child from China. Their daughter-in-law has made a cookbook as a way to raise funds for their adoption. There are more than 300 family favorite recipes in this book and it makes a great gift.

Cookbooks can be ordered by calling 813-653-3267. You can also order via email. Email address is theredthreadcookbook@earthlink.net. If you refer mailing your order, the address is Marci Hammons, PO Box 6323, Brandon, FL 33508.

You can also place an order with Robert and Angie at 1311 Bloomingdale Trails Blvd. The cookbooks are \$10 each.



Hidden Value in our homes



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Housing prices are rising quickly so don't sell yourself short. If you'd like to know what your home is worth, contact our neighborhood realtor, Joanne Rush, at 294-6436 or e-mail her at jorush@tampabay.rr.com.