



HOA News

BRUSH FIRE IN THE PARK

There was a brush fire in the Private Park on Saturday, May 13th. The fire was located on the side of the park closest to Somerset and River Crossing. At least 4 firetrucks and an excavator were involved. During the process of putting out the fire, a firewall had to be created by an excavator to prevent any spread. There is no information as yet on what started the brush fire. The last time we had a brush fire in the park was 10 OR 15 years ago.

The Somerset pond by the park is totally dry.



Please exercise caution in your activities in the park to prevent/be alert to future fires.

There was major damage done to the park gate system during the emergency. This is being turned over to the insurance company. The Board asks patience from the community as they deal with the aftermath.

On Sunday, May 14th there were hotspots in the fire area that were erupting into small flames. The Fire Department was called. This is a common occurrence, but they put down more foam retardant to ensure safety.



We haven't had any really normal rainfall since February. As a result the park area is really dry and can easily catch fire from a lightning strike, lit cigarette, or any careless action. In addition, our pond water level is lower than it has been in 10 years.



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HOA BOARD MEETING

The 2nd Quarter HOA Board meeting was held on Monday, April 24, 2023. There is a lot of business detail done in a Board meeting. If a homeowner doesn't attend a Board meeting, that detail can be viewed by requesting a copy of the approved meeting minutes, or viewing the minutes in the homeowner client portal. Minutes are reviewed and approved at the next quarterly Board meeting. Board meetings are the official forum and platform in which the Board conducts association business and all homeowners are encouraged to attend.

Covenant Compliance Committee formed.

The Board approved 3 members for this committee. It is a statutory committee (as is the ACC committee) and is bound by the rules and regulations of the State of Florida. This committee will be responsible for reviewing/administering fines associated with violation notices that haven't been resolved by the date required on the violation notice. Details and procedures are currently being reviewed by the HOA attorney to ensure compliance with state and federal laws/regulations and our existing covenants. When the process has been finalized, the membership will be notified. A copy of the covenant enforcement policy can be found online through the client portal.

Preservation Committee being formed.

This committee will be responsible for covenant review. The review will be for changes to bring our covenants more current with the times and needs of the membership. Changes to the covenants require a 2/3rds majority of the membership eligible to vote (member in good standing as defined by governing documents and Florida Statutes) . Only 1 vote per household is allowed.

Anyone interested in being on this committee, please email:

board@bloomingdalecovehoa.com

NEW BLOOMINGDALE COVE WEBSITE

The new website (bloomingdalecovehoa.org) is still under construction and will be live sometime before the end of August. Bookmark this link. It will refer you to the existing HOA website until the new content is available.

The new website is being designed to be more "user friendly" and concentrates on the community as a whole. There will be much more than just HOA information. With feedback from 2 realtors in the community, we believe we have come up with a format that will be of great use to renters and potential buyers into the community, in addition to the homeowners.

Among the new features, there will be a section for local residents to show their business card and contact information for services they provide. There will be community information links to everything you need to know as a resident for utilities, street lights out, schools, etc.

BLOOMINGDALE COVE TIMES NEWS

Next Issue

We are taking a hiatus for the summer. The next issue will be in October 2023.

Change of Editors

After 5 years of being the editors of the Bloomingdale Cove Times, Claire and Tammy are moving on to other pursuits.

We are looking for an editor(s) to take over for the 2024 issues and beyond. If we do not find anyone, then the October issue will be the last one.

If you are interested in taking over the Bloomingdale Cove Times, please send an email to :

bcwebnews@gmail.com

Bloomingdale Cove Yard of the Month Program

By Ronnie McLaughlin & Jeff Brannon

The Yard of the Month Program is fully administered and funded by volunteer homeowners and a sponsorship from The Fresh Market in Valrico, Florida.

Monthly winners are selected on the curb appeal of their home and yard. Landscaping and upkeep, color, neatness and exterior maintenance are all considered.

Bloomingdale Yard of the Month has been established to promote Goodwill and reward exceptional yard care and home maintenance in the community. Our goal is to keep our home values up while having

fun with our amazing neighbors. We encourage all residents to nominate their favorite homes by contacting us at the following email address:

bcyotm@gmail.com

February



Robert & Charlene Boyd
2509 Groveway

March

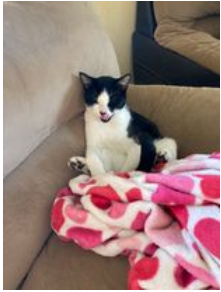


Antonio & Andrea Chisholm
2619 Allwood

April



Chris & Anne Marie Daly
2505 Allwood



Theo The Neighborhood Cat

by Jennifer Carroll

If Bloomingtondale Cove had a mascot, it would be Theo, a black and white cat with unknown origins.

In April of 2022 residents of Bloomingtondale Cove started posting on the community Facebook page, inquiring if anyone was missing a cat. With no claims made, the Carroll family took the unclaimed cat to Bloomingtondale Animal Hospital.

Malnourished, flea infested and with no chip, the Carrolls decided to take responsibility for the cat, whom the vet assumed was left behind by someone who relocated. Having already been neutered, he was microchipped, vaccinated, and given a flea repellent. T

he Carroll children named him Theo and the rest is history. With the hashtag #adventuresofTheo, he quickly gained a following as he made his daily rounds through the cove each day, sharing cuddles with whomever he came across.

Theo will never be an indoor cat, despite the Carrolls' best efforts, but he embodies the best of Bloomingtondale Cove - friendly and kind to all he meets. If you see Theo on his daily walks, be sure to say hi!



Breakfast Spots To Try in Valrico, Brandon and Riverview

by Jeff Houck

My wife Grace and I have been sampling some traditional places for breakfast after church on Sunday mornings.

Here are a few to try:

The Wooden Spoon
865 Lithia Pinecrest Rd, Brandon
[https://www.facebook.com/
Thewoodenspoondiner/menu](https://www.facebook.com/Thewoodenspoondiner/menu)
(813) 655-5556

We've been coming to this homey spot for years. The service is fast, the food is served quickly and hot and the variety is outstanding, no matter what your hungry for. Also, there's patio seating, which is nice in the mornings.

What To Try: Any of the omelets. The Patty Melt makes a great brunch item. Try one of the creative specials on their chalkboard, too. (I tried the Mediterranean Omelet on special with ricotta, pesto and mushrooms.)



Eggs Up Grill
3920 U.S. 301, Riverview
eggsupgrill.olo.com
(813) 800-3447

Sweet, stylish little spot with a retro feel. Servers are chatty, food comes out quickly. Get there early to avoid the crowds, but the wait isn't long. It's fun to sit at the counter and watch the kitchen.

What To Try: Brunch Burger, a steak double burger stacked with American cheese, caramelized diced onions, crispy bacon, and egg.



Romi's Tacos
435 E. Brandon Blvd. Suite B, Brandon (813) 481-1007

Great Mexican breakfasts here. Very colorful decor, elaborately carved tables and chairs. Great spot for takeout. Owners Romi and Jesus started in a food trailer. They've made a great restaurant.

What To Try: Huevos Con Chorizo — Scrambled eggs with Mexican sausage. Comes with rice, beans, tortillas and salad.



Cracker Barrel
1880 E. State Rd 60, Valrico
crackerbarrel.com
(813) 662-0607

Hard to beat the Crack. Get there early, of course, to beat the after-church hoards. Or not. A little wait time never hurts. That way you can shop in the store before being seated. We always get great service. You know what you're getting at CB: Large portions, hearty breakfasts, lots of coffee refills.

What To Try: Fried Chicken and French Toast. Just like it sounds. The Barrel gets extra marks for bringing actual maple syrup to the table, instead of imitation.





Small But Mighty Heroes

by Tina Downing
Founder/Executive
Director

<https://smallbutmightyheroes.org>
813.541.7487

"It takes a village and no child fights alone"

We are a childhood cancer nonprofit with a mission to spread awareness, advocate and provide tailored support to children battling cancer and their families. Our organization focuses on 3 main ideologies: To remain constant, relevant and impactful.

I founded the organization in 2017. It was a compelling feeling to start this organization when my life was detoured and I was divinely redirected to a path I would have never included into my life and career plans. My career focus has always been to provide care and support of children, but as a pediatric surgeon. My entire college career consisted of pre-med and research. I fell in love with the research side, but I have an innate characteristic of compassion and empathy. These qualities led me into working nearly 12 years in the medical field, 7 years of pediatrics and 5 years of cardiovascular. Simultaneously, I was studying for my MCAT exam for medical school and also a published author, all the while being a single mother at the time.

Life blindsided me with the unexpected and the next year, I was now getting married and then expecting another child. I have 12 years between my 2 boys. This was all life altering and to top it off, I received this news as I was to begin med school. When life throws you lemons..... You make lemonade!

That is what I did. I took an extended maternity leave to enjoy having time with my little one and took this opportunity to have the direct focus on my oldest child. Life perspectives change with a path not in your plans. Missing work and the fulfillment of helping patients, I dove back into work.... 14 hours of a work day..... patients came first..... traveling from hospital to hospital..... This was the week that I resigned from hospital life. But, into a path of medical IT where I was able to share my experience of clinical setting to help enhance the programs that are used now in hospitals and physician offices all over the world.

It was here that I was introduced to a nonprofit that supported children of all ailments. I donated 6% of my paychecks to this organization and many volunteer hours all for the sake of these amazing children. In 2016, I was introduced to a 2 year old little boy named Blakey who was battling leukemia. His bright blue eyes, love for Thomas the Train, little dances to the theme song of Thomas and Friends. The smiles and clapping as he played with his Thomas trains. The memories play as a home movie. The horror and sorrow followed with the reality of the brutal treatments and the effects that are posed on these amazing children. The lack of research for better treatments was brought to reality. This amazing little boy who never stopped smiling or dancing, laid lifeless in between his mom and dad as they clung to him with an unbearable sorrow. The agony as their little boy took his last breath ripped me apart. It was as if I lost my little boy that day. Encased in a Thomas the Train casket, he will always come to mind when I think on Thomas the train. These memories are vivid and ignited my fire. These incredible children and their families deserve SO MUCH MORE! They need their village!

Little Blakey will always be this angelic little boy with a contagious smile and laugh. An incredible fighter who would astonish anyone who ever met him.

Blakey is my WHY of starting this organization. I self funded this organization for many years. I moved from Kansas City, Mo to Tampa, FL in 2018. Fresh start in life meant to start a new career path. So I established my organization as a 501(c)(3) in 2019. Having no family and only 1 friend at the time in FL, I worked tirelessly on my mission whilst homeschooling my little one. Focusing on the ideology of "we work for a cause that is greater than ourselves", I showed my children through actions that we do things because it should be done and not to expect anything I'm return. To this day, both of my boys help with Small But Mighty Heroes as Little Spider-Man and Dr. Strange.

SBMH started in 2017 with 2 children that we supported. By 2019 going public, we supported 25 children to now, we support over 350 children with an increasing number of roughly 8 new children a week.

Every effort we give is for these children, their siblings and parents. We offer tailored support so that they get the care and support that they NEED, not what we THINK they need.

We don't say "no" as they hear this word A LOT. Instead we say "how can we help?". If our budget doesn't allow, we keep their charts open and advocate for them and reaching out to other nonprofits who could aid in the support they need. We try to eliminate the runaround by making the calls and filling applications for them. We never close the charts on any of the children. We do our follow ups to keep the connection. We always circle back around to their initial applications until we can fulfill

the needs that they have. The needs change depending where they are in their journey, so we keep this concept in perspective.

My biggest push for SBMH is to remain transparent to our supporters. We want them to know where their funding goes, how they help, the stories of the children helps to keep them connected, and we encourage them all to be a part of the support that is given to the children.

We opened a cafe headquarters last year, which was designed to bring the community in to not only connect with us, learn of our organization, but to also help provide funding to the programs simply by ordering a coffee, energy tea, smoothie, boba etc. We have recently closed our location as the demand of appearances have grown and the request to set up a table and make drinks for events became overwhelming. We can't make the impacts that we need, host our fundraising events, make in-home or hospital visits etc. tethered in one location. Our organization is primarily run by volunteers so being in numerous places at once was not an option. So we have decided and announced that we are going mobile!



Another form of daily fundraising that we do is the work we do out of our warehouses that house items donated from the community. We sell the community's unwanted items to help fund our programs. Items that are in good shape are donated to the children and families if they have a need, but anything outside of the scope of their direct needs are then sold for the funding that helps them with their direct needs.

The community will see more of us as we make more public appearances.

We were nominated and awarded the Best Nonprofit of the Year of 2022 by the Valrico FishHawk Chamber of Commerce.



Small But Mighty Heroes, Cont.

by Tina Downing
Founder/Executive Director

We were also presented as the Home Town Heroes by the Girl Scouts troop 3036.

We have had 3 news interviews just within this calendar year so far and we have partnered with John's Hopkins All Children's Bone Marrow Transplant team and Oncology team who help connect us with children and families in need of our help.



We are growing fast and we are not done yet! As we say here at SBMH, "it takes a village and no child fights alone"

We encourage donations to help us to continue our mission.

We also have a gofundme to help with our transition from our cafe HQ to going mobile. <https://gofund.me/92c805f8>

Please let me know if there is anything else you would like to know.

HOA Information & Links

Board

President: Dan Dilling
Vice President: Jeff Brannon
Treasurer: Barbara Asony
Secretary: Russell Isenberg
Director at Large: Tammy Schiro
Email:

Board@bloomingtondalecovehoa.com

Architectural Control Committee (ACC)

Chairperson: Barbara Asony
Jeff Brannon
Nancy Nahas
Roger Potter
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Park Committee

Chairperson: A_L_Y_K]`UfX
Kathy Carrier
Ray Letkiewicz
Karen Mattern
Rich Steinestel (Somerset)
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Decorations Committee

Chairperson: Morgan Borrás
Carlos Borrás
Jeff Brannon
Rhonda DePolo
Skylar DePolo
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Karen Mattern

Message Board Committee

Chairperson: >YbbU`-gYbVYf[
Volunteer needed
Volunteer needed

Email: BloomCoveInfo@gmail.com

Welcome Committee

Dimariliz Rivera
Elvis Rivera

Bloomingtondale Cove Public Website

<https://bloomingtondalecovehoa.com/>

Covenant Compliance Committee

Chairperson: Dee Rivera
Jan Hutchins
Rosa Ramirez

Preservation Committee Currently Being Formed

Volunteer Needed
Volunteer Needed
Volunteer Needed

Bloomingtondale Cove Times/ Website Committee

Editor: Claire Letkiewicz
bcwebnews@gmail.com

Editor: Tammy Schiro
bloomingtondalecovenewsletter@gmail.com

ACC Meetings: 6:30pm - 7:30 pm

Google Meet information: bloomingtondalecoveHOA@gmail.com
All forms can be found at: bloomingtondalecovehoa.com or Wise Management Homeowner Portal

January	February	March
Meeting: 9th Form(s) due by: 5th	Meeting: 6th Form(s) due by: 3rd	Meeting: 6th Form(s) due by: 3rd
April	May	June
Meeting: 3rd Form(s) due by: March 31st	Meeting: 1st Form(s) due by: April 28th	Meeting: 5th Form(s) due by: 2nd
July	August	September
Meeting: 10th Form(s) due by: 7th	Meeting: 7th Form(s) due by: 4th	Meeting: 11th Form(s) due by: 8th
October	November	December
Meeting: 2nd Form(s) due by: September 29th	Meeting: 6th Form(s) due by: 3rd	Meeting: 4th Form(s) due by: 1st

Bloomingtondale Cove Homeowners Association

QUARTERLY MEETING

INVITATION

Monday, April 24th, 7:00 p.m.
Monday, July 24th, 7:00 p.m.
Monday, October 23rd, 7:00 p.m.

Please contact Wise Property Management for Zoom ID and passcode.

Bloomingtondale Cove Residents Quick Reference Guide

CONTACT INFORMATION

Wise Property Management: wisepropertymanagement.com
Cody Glass, LCAM: (813) 968-5665 ext. 324 cglass@wisepm.com
HOA Board Member contact: board@bloomingtondalecovehoa.com
Design Standards can be found at: bloomingtondalecovehoa.com

ACC APPLICATIONS

Always submit an ACC Application for these projects:

Exterior paint	Driveway replacement	Pavers
Roofs	Driveway extensions	Fences
Gutters	Window replacement	Landscaping
Additions	Right of way planting	Solar
Sheds	Sod replacement	And more!
Pergolas	Tree removal	

ACC application found at: bloomingtondalecovehoa.com

CLEANING

1. Keep the following free of dirt, stains, oil, mold, and mildew:

Driveways	Landscape borders	Curbs
Sidewalks	Walkways	Fences
Houses/Walls	Roofs	Pool cages

2. Wood fences

Clear sealed or stained with neutral color (found in Design Standards)

3. Damaged driveways are to be repaired or replaced

4. Painting or staining of driveways, sidewalks, or walkways is not permitted

HOUSE PAINTING and ROOFS

1. Refer to Design Standards before beginning either project
2. ACC Application is required for these projects
3. Paint
 - Color should complement roof color
 - Flat paint fades quickly in sunshine; Satin finish is recommended
 - Satin finish is easy to clean and less likely to fade
4. Roofs
 - Roof color should complement paint color
 - Must be maintained and kept free of stains, leaves, and debris

POTS - URNS - YARD DECOR

1. Maximum number of items allowed is 15. This includes:

Flags	Wall décor/Ornaments	Pots
Fountains	Outdoor furniture	Statues

2. All items must be in good repair

No stains, rust, corrosion, cracks, chips, fading, etc.

3. Pots are to have healthy plants/flowers in them

4. Plastic nursery pots are not permitted; Decorative pots only

5. Vegetable plants are to be kept in rear yard

LAWNS

1. Lawns are required to be:

Watered	Healthy	Green
Maintained	Weed free	
2. Please trim grass from the driveway, sidewalk, walkway, and curbing
3. Recommended sod: St. Augustine or Zoysia
4. Sprinkler systems make twice weekly watering easy
5. Keep your lawn healthy all year long
 - Twice weekly watering (as allowed by county regulations)
 - Monthly fertilizing, weed, and pest control
6. Leaves left on lawns more than a few days cause damage

PRIVATE WILDLIFE PARK

**Keys are available after filling out application

Application found at: www.bloomingtondalecovehoa.com

To request key, email application to: board@bloomingtondalecovehoa.com

1. Park is closed from dusk to dawn
2. All gates must remain closed at all times
3. Park is open to Bloomingtondale Cove/Somerset residents and guests only
4. Children under 16 years must be accompanied by an adult
5. No swimming, wading, fishing or boating in ponds due to alligators
6. Unauthorized motor vehicles prohibited beyond the maintenance gate
7. See complete list of rules on the message board inside of main gates

RIGHT OF WAY PLANTING

(Right of way is the section between curb and sidewalk)

1. Grass is preferred
2. Grass sometimes will not grow because of too much shade, tree roots, or soil nutrients
3. Acceptable to plant something that stays green all year (ex: Dwarf Jasmine)
4. Must submit an ACC application

PARKING

1. See #36 of Bloomingtondale Cove Design Standards and Hillsborough County parking laws
2. Do not park across from another vehicle or opposite a driveway on the street; County law requires 10-ft clearance minimum for emergency vehicles
3. Vehicles are to be parked in the garage or on the driveway; helpful to not block sidewalk so pedestrians/disabled can safely pass
4. No motorized vehicle of any kind shall be parked on the grass

OTHER

1. Trees, landscape plants, flowers, shrubs, and potted plants must be well maintained and kept healthy
2. Garbage & recycle bins: put out night before and put away day of pickup; bins are to be kept out of sight in garage or behind a fence
3. Painting or staining of driveways, sidewalks, and walkways is not permitted
4. Please do not deposit leaves, grass clippings, or debris of any kind into the drains at the curbs
5. Please clean up after your pets; dogs must be on a leash at all times
6. Driveways, sidewalks, curbs, and streets are to be free of weeds, debris, leaves, and grass clippings
7. Homeowner Annual Assessment of \$240 is due every year on January 1st