The Brandywine Bugle

August 2024

Please submit notices for the Bugle to: <u>sholcomb@precedentmgt.com</u> <u>no later than the 20th of each month</u>

ASSOCIATION INFORMATION

AED MACHINE LOCATION

Brandywine Hall Breezeway

ASSOCIATION OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday 8am-4pm

Closed for Lunch from 12:30-1pm daily

To contact the Association office, please call: (239) 481-2326

B&G COMMITTEE MEETING Monday, August 12th, 1:30pm BWH

Subject to change, will be in person and virtual. Chris DeMeyer 239-218-1208 or Dave Tanner 239-398-4406.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING Monday, August 19th, 6:30pm BWH

Subject to change, will be in person and virtual. Karen Christianson 586-909-4804

COMMUNICATIONS MEETING

TBD

Brandywine.pbuchanan@gmail.com

BOD MEETING

Thursday, August 22nd, 6:30pm BWH

Subject to change, will be in person and virtual. All owners are encouraged to attend. Shannon Goessling 770-262-6938

DOCUMENTS & POLICIES MEETING Monday, August 5th, 6:30pm BWH

Subject to change, will be in person and virtual. All owners are encouraged to attend.

The management office will be closed Monday, September 2, 2024, in observance of Labor Day

SINGLES CLUB

Thursday, August 1st, 6 pm in Library

Our July ventures took us to the movie "Sound of Hope". It was worth the time to see this heartwarming true story. Before the movie, we had lunch at the McGregor Public House at Bell Tower. It is an Irish-themed menu that was not only unusual but good. We all came away too full and did not want popcorn at the movie.

Also, we went thrifting at the local consignment and resale shops where we all found some treasures. After thrifting, we found Gelato-Go in the McGregor Point Shopping Center. The owners are the friendliest and their Gelato is said to be "the best Italian gelato in the US". And it was delicious. The large scoops and variety cannot be matched. They also have a bakery and serve paninis, sandwiches, and quiche. It was so good we returned several times since for lunch and yes Gelato!

If you are single, living alone, or are a caregiver whose partner can't get out. We would love for you to join us. If you have questions, you may contact Sue Gabel 815-978-8148, or Nancy Becker at 405-760-5440.

ACTIVITIES MEETING

Monday August 5th, 11 am in BWH

Activities meets the first Monday of each month and there are several events scheduled for the coming months. Bring your ideas and help us make it an exciting year. We are always in need of volunteers. All residents are encouraged to join us.

BINGO

Wednesday, August 7th & August 21st

Did you know that behind every bingo game lies a rich and fascinating history?

Bingo's roots can be traced back to 16th-century Italy, where a similar game called "il Giuoco del Lotto d'Italia" was played. Over the centuries, variations of the game spread across Europe and eventually made their way to North America.

But it wasn't until the early 20th century that bingo as we know it today began to take shape. It gained popularity at carnivals and fairs, where it was known as "beano" due to players marking their cards with beans.

The game's modern name, "Bingo," is said to have originated in the 1920s when a toy merchandiser named Edwin S. Lowe overheard someone accidentally shout "bingo" instead of

"beano" during a game. Inspired by the catch name, Lowe went on to develop and popularize the game across the United States.

Today, bingo remains a beloved pastime enjoyed by people of all ages around the world. From traditional bingo halls to online gaming platforms, the game continues to bring joy excitement, and camaraderie to millions.

Join us in celebrating the rich history of bingo and all the memories it has created over the years.

Bingo on July 3 – Cancelled due to weather.

Bingo on July 17 – We had 38 bingo players, took in \$630, and paid out \$630 in prizes. Donna Cambria won the Letter X for \$125, and Jerry Benson won the Jackpot for \$185. The next bingo will be in three weeks. We hope you can join us! Janice Petraglia

CRAFTERS

Wednesday, August 14th for Card Making. Wednesday, August 21st for Jewelry Making.

All materials will be available as usual, and we ask for a \$2 donation to cover supplies. Call Chanda at 239-703-7644 if you have any questions.

LUNCH BUNCH Friday, August 9th at 11:30 am

The location for August's Lunch Bunch comes highly recommended by many Brandywine residents. If you haven't attended the Lunch Bunch now is a great time to start for great food and conversation! We will be going to **Cantina Loredo**, 5200 Big Pine Way (Bell Tower Mall), Mexican cuisine with a modern twist – try a Casa Rita an award-winning Margarita! Please arrive no later than 11:30 am. Everyone is invited!! The deadline for reserving seats is August 2nd. Text or call Janaan Schlagel (515) 401-2346, or Naomi Moyer (561) 789-7523.

WOMEN'S SOCIAL COFFEE HOUR

There will be NO meeting in August but the group will reconvene in September. We invite all ladies of Brandywine to join us. There are no dues, we just socialize and enjoy a bit of pastry the second Saturday of the month. Watch Channel 99 and the September Bugle for more information.

POOLSIDE ICE CREAM SOCIAL Sunday, August 18, 2024 @ 3:00 pm

2 Scoop Ice Cream Sunday \$5 Sign up Friday, August 16, from 1 to 3 pm in Brandywine Hall See Channel 99 for Details

BOOK CLUB Tuesday, August 13th at 10 am

Come to the tennis house to share your reading experiences. Nancy O'Keeffe 466-0476

Library Book Donations: We would love to receive book donations for our library. Call Phyllis at 239-810-4008 or email her at cip11@aol.com to tell her what you have to offer so she can OK the donation. We do not take cookbooks, DIY books, religious, sports, or old books because we do not have the room. Do not leave books without approval.

NEW: MOVIE NIGHT Friday, August 30th at 7pm

Come to the East end of Brandywine Hall to watch a movie (to be determined) on the big screen TV. Popcorn will be provided but bring your own beverage. If interested, sign up on the Yellow Sheet in BWH and details will be posted on Channel 99

Donna Johnson 386-804-0481

WATER WALKING CLUB Tuesday's at 10:30 am

Everyone in the community is invited to join in on Tuesdays, 10:30-11:30 am, for some "walk and talk". The more, the merrier. Do as much or as little as the body allows. Looking forward to seeing you then. Dianne Truslow

TRIVIA ROUND UP

Welcome back from vacation! Due to the Labor Day Holiday, the second half of the Trivia season begins on Monday, **September 9**th. We look forward to seeing all of you. Of course, newcomers are welcome, bring your friends and form a team of six max, or we can help place you. Brandywine Hall doors open @ 6:30pm and play begins promptly at 7:00pm, no late arrivals See you after vacation!

BOCCE CLUB – IMPORTANT NOTICE

Due to the extreme heat and humidity this summer Brandywine Bocce Club has suspended morning play until further notice.

Twilight Bocce will continue at 6:30 pm every Thursday weather permitting. Join us and we'll show you how to play, all are welcome. See Brandywine Community Channel 99 for details.

Come out and have some fun! "If you can roll a ball, you can play bocce!"

LOOKING AHEAD

September 2^{ND -} **Labor Day** Covered Dish - **Potluck Supper, 5:30 pm in Brandywine Hall** Bring your favorite dish that serves 8 to 10. Coffee & water provided. Details on Channel 99.

SENIOR FIT – NOTICE

Senior Fit is on pause for July and August as so many participants are traveling. Donna is still around and invites anyone interested to join her regular 'Silver Sneakers' class at LA Fitness in the Gulf Coast Town Center off Alico Rd. on Tuesday and Thursday at 11 am. The class is **free** for those who have 'Silver Sneakers' on their Medicare advantage plan.

AARP SAFE DRIVING COURSE

Attending could lower car insurance 10% for 3 years.

Agency on Aging 2830 Winkler Ave., Fort Myers, FL 33916 August 6th - 6-hour class from 9:30 to 3:30 pm (bring lunch)

To Register: fred-aarp@comcast.net (239)599-2341

HELP WANTED

REPLACEMENT for website mgmt. mybrandywine.org ASAP. Basic computer skills needed and attendance at most events. For information, call Roger at 815-281-9139

BRANDYWINE COMMUNITY PAGE (BCP)

Be sure to look at channel 99 on your TV guide to access the Bugle & Calendar. Details of **ALL** daily & monthly activities are listed there & who to contact. **New on BCP** is Ice Cream Social, Movie Night, weekly Myerlee Tuesday Dinner and 'Lunch Bunch' info. The Gatehouse and Office will still have copies to pick up & the Bugle will still be eblasted. Any questions call Donna Johnson at 386-804-0481

SPECIAL NOTICE

The D&P Committee is in the process of updating the Brandywine pool rules to conform to recent statutory changes which will also necessitate a change in pool signage. One important change is **the pool operating**hours. The Brandywine pools are not certified for night swimming, so the legal operating hours are dawn to dusk, despite what our signs currently state.

