

# *The Brandywine Bugle*

## September 2025

Please submit notices for the Bugle to:

**Donnaj500@yahoo.com**

no later than the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month

### ASSOCIATION INFORMATION

#### AED MACHINE LOCATION

Brandywine Hall Breezeway

#### ASSOCIATION OFFICE HOURS

**To Be Determined and will be announced by NewManagement**

To contact the Association office, please call:

(239) 481-2326

#### B&G COMMITTEE MEETING

**Tuesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm**

Subject to change, will be in person. Chris DeMeyer 574-274-4637  
or Dave Tanner 239-398-4406.

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

**TBD**

Subject to change, will be in person. Connie Myers 239-219-6480

#### COMMUNICATIONS MEETING

**TBD**

Karen Wright 239-482-8646

#### DOCUMENTS & POLICIES MEETING

**Wednesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm**

Subject to change, will be in person. All owners are encouraged to attend. Bruce Putman 704-582-3579

#### BOD MEETING

**Thursday September 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm**

Subject to change, will be in person. All owners are encouraged to attend. Shannon Goessling 770-262-69



### NEW MANAGEMENT COMPANY

The Brandywine Condominium Association has contracted with a new management company, RealManage. Please refer to the attached letter from the Brandywine President concerning upcoming training sessions on RealManage's website.

### LABOR DAY COVERED DISH

**Monday, September 1<sup>st</sup> 5:30 pm**

Bring a dish to share

Coffee will be provided

No Sign-up required

Contact Donna 386-804-0481 to help with setting up the tables

### BINGO

**Wednesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>**

An eblast will be sent as soon as Bingo

resumes in September. Please contact Janice Petraglia for information.

### CRAFTERS

### **CRAFT CHANGES, CRAFT CHANGES!**

**Wednesday, September 3, 10 am**

**Scrapbooking**

**Wednesday, September 10, 10 am**

**Card making**

**Wednesday, September 17, 10 am**

**Jewelry Making/Fixing**

**Starting in September**, craft activities will begin at 10 am most Wednesdays in the craft room in the puzzle/craft building which is directly west of the main swimming pool. If you are a scrapbooker, please join fellow scrapbookers for a morning of sharing, working and socializing. Paper, punches, die cutting machine and dies will be available to use. If you would like to see what scrapbooking all is about, stop in. All materials will be available, and we ask for a \$2 donation to cover supplies. Call Chanda at 239-730-7644.

### SINGLES CLUB

**Thursday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 pm in the library**

We kicked off the month of August with a fun day at **Top Golf**, followed by a lovely lunch—everyone had a great time!

This month's luncheon will take place at **Rumrunners in Cape Coral**. We invite you to join us for new adventures and lasting friendships.

Whether you live alone or have a partner who is unable to attend social outings, you are warmly welcome to join us. The Singles Club meets on the **first Thursday of every month at 5:30 PM in the library**.

☎ For more information, please contact:

**Sue Gabel – 815-978-8148**

**Nancy Becker – 405-760-5440**

### **ACTIVITIES MEETING**

**Monday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 11 am in BWH**

**Note the date...**2<sup>nd</sup> Monday because of the Labor Day Holiday. All residents are encouraged to attend the monthly meetings which are usually held in BWH on the first Monday of each month at 11 am. We are always in need of volunteers to make our events special. Bring your questions about the **March 2026 cruise**.

### **FIRESAFETY TOWN HALL**

September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025, 1 pm in BWH

The **Fire Marshal** will present fire safety information for a condo community like Brandywine. A range of topics will be discussed with an opportunity for resident questions.

### **Trivia Round Up**

**Next Game September 8<sup>th</sup>**

Welcome back to Part II of the 2025 Trivia Season. Due to the Labor Day Holiday the second half of the Trivia season begins on Monday September 8<sup>th</sup>. Brandywine Hall doors open at 6:30 pm, play begins promptly at 7:00, no late arrivals. \$5.00 per person, cash prize for winners.

More Trivia info on Brandywine Community Channel 99

### **BOOK CLUB**

**September 9<sup>th</sup> 11 am in the library**

Book Club will continue to meet in the library on the second Tuesday of the month; however, the **time is changed to 11 am**. (A decision will be made later in September regarding the date and time of Book Club meetings occurring after September 9.)  
Thank you, Nancy O'Keeffe.

**Library Book Donations:** Call Phyllis at 239-810-4008 or email at [cip11@aol.com](mailto: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.

### **SEPTEMBER LUNCH BUNCH**

**Friday September 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 pm  
Pinchers**

Hope you'll join us for the September Lunch Bunch.

The September Lunch Bunch will be at Pinchers, located in the Marina at Edison Ford, overlooking the Caloosahatchee River. Please join us for "Florida Seafood, served

Florida Style". To save your space text or call Janaan Schlagel 515-401-2346 or Naomi Moyer 561-789-7523.  
See Lunch Bunch Schedule on Channel 99.

### **WOMEN'S SOCIAL COFFEE HOUR**

**Saturday Sept. 13, 9:30am**

The Women's Coffee Hour and Social Group will have its first breakfast meeting of the season at the **Summerlin Café at 9:30 am**. I made reservations for 20 so we have room for all who wish to attend. Hope to see you there. Mary Marszalek. 203 376 6607

### **KARAOKE DATES FOR SEPTEMBER**

**Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>**

Looking for something to do on Saturday night? Why not join us at 6 pm in BWH. Sing a song, bring your guitar, play a game, or listen to live music. Hope to see you there. BYOE!

### **INSURANCE TOWN HALL**

September 16<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm in BWH

Our insurance agent will provide information about Florida market conditions and prospects for Brandywine.

### **HURRICANE SEASON BBQ**

**Saturday September 20<sup>th</sup> Sponsored by:  
Brandywine Bocce Club**

It's that time of the year again! Please join us for hot dogs, hamburgers and fries, on Saturday September 20<sup>th</sup> from 4:00PM to 6:00PM in Brandywine Hall, optional seating on breezeway. All residents and guests are invited to attend. **Please sign up Early in Brandywine Hall on Mondays 9/8 & 9/15** between 1:00 and 3:00 pm. Hamburger & Fries for \$10.00, cheeseburgers are optional at no extra charge. Hot Dog & Fries for \$7.00, two dogs/one fries for \$10.00, Chili available for chilidogs, NY Pushcart Style Onions and condiments provided. BYOB...

### **BOCCE CLUB – IMPORTANT NOTICE**

**Mondays and Thursdays 9:30 am**

Beginning **September 8<sup>th</sup>** regular Bocce Club play returns to Mondays and Thursdays at 9:30 AM, all are welcome. For your convenience, a set of bocce balls are at courtside your use at any time, please return to a ball rack.

See Brandywine Community Channel 99 for details.

***“If you can roll a ball, you can play bocce!”***

### **WATER WALKING CLUB**

**Tuesday’s at 10:30 am** the community is invited for some ‘Walk and Talk’ in the pool. The more the merrier. Do as much or as little as your body allows. Looking forward to seeing you there. Diane Truslow

### **SUNSHINE COMMITTEE**

Please inform Tina Warren – 303-808-6074 or Mary Marszalek – 203-376-6607 if you or someone you know is going through an illness or injury: undergoing treatment; recovering from a procedure; or celebrating a special event so we can send a card.

### **HELP WANTED**

**We are still needing a REPLACEMENT** for website mgmt. as the former manager no longer resides in the Brandywine Community. [mybrandywine.org](http://mybrandywine.org) stores a lot of information like the monthly ‘Bugle & Calendar’ as well as photos from past events. Basic computer skills needed and attendance at most events. For information, call Roger at 815-281-9139

### **LOOKING AHEAD**

### **WELCOME BACK PIZZA PARTY** **October 19, 2025, 3 pm — \$5 for Costco** **Pizza and Salad**

Sign-up on Monday October 13<sup>th</sup> from 1 pm to 3 in BWH  
Details coming on Channel 99

### **CHILI COOK-OFF**

### **Third Annual Chili Cook Off - \$100** **Grand Prize**

Back by popular demand, be it mild, medium or hot, if you feel that your Chili has the gusto to take the Benjamin, then be one of the **first EIGHT respondents**, to secure your place in the **\$100 winner take all “Chili Cook Off”** tasting contest!

Brandywine Bocce Club presents the opportunity for all Chili lovers to taste the best that Brandywine has to offer! Entrants are free, for the rest of us, \$5 per person please. Judging will be by those in paid attendance. The contest will be held in Brandywine Hall on Wednesday evening

October 29th at 5:30 PM, BYOB. Sign up please: Monday October 20th and 27th, 1:00 to 3:00PM in BWH. For more info contact Jerry Paul 201 207 0454 or, email: [jerryp1146@comcast.net](mailto:jerryp1146@comcast.net)

### **BRANDYWINE HALLOWEEN PARTY**

**October 31<sup>st</sup> with Deena Da Singer**  
**Details coming on Channel 99**

### **BRANDYWINE LADIES – SAVE THE** **DATE**

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2025 –**  
**FASHION SHOW**

### **BROADWAY COMES TO** **BRANDYWINE!!!**

11:00 am arrival, lunch served at 12:30  
Holiday fashions provided by Chico’s & Black Market/White House.

Cost \$25.00

More info to follow in upcoming weeks!  
Looking forward to seeing you all there-it is always great fun!!!

### **BRANDYWINE AND FRIENDS CRUISE** **Celebrity Xcel 7-night Eastern Caribbean** **Cruise March 8–15, 2026**

The Celebrity Xcel is a brand-new mid-size passenger ship that will begin sailing in November 2025. This ship will excel in a class of her own as her focus will be entertainment, dining and onboard activities. Invite others! Come join us!

**There is still space available.** If thinking about **trip insurance**, I am told that there will be a significant insurance increase as of September 1<sup>st</sup>. ‘Trip Mate’, like the other insurance companies, will be age related. For those to 65 years of age, it is 11% of the trip cost. For ages 66 to 75, it is 13.7% and ages 76 and above it is 16.5%. Contact OmniTours at 847-480-2300 by August 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Pick up a flyer** on the BWH bulletin board and details are on Channel 99. Contact Donna Johnson 386-804-0481 or [Donnaj500@yahoo.com](mailto:Donnaj500@yahoo.com)

### **BRANDYWINE COMMUNITY PAGE** **(BCP)**

View **channel 99** on your TV guide to access the Bugle & Calendar. **Details of Special Events, daily & monthly activities are all listed there & who to contact.** The Gatehouse and Office will have copies to pick up & the Bugle will still be eblasted. Any questions call Donna Johnson 386-804-0481

*Brandywine Condominium Association, Inc.*

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Dear Fellow Owners,

The town hall meeting held by RealManage on Tuesday, August 19 was intended to present an introduction to the Ciranet system with an opportunity to meet the new office staff. Despite a trial run on Monday, trying to use Zoom and accessing Ciranet incurred some technical hiccups at Tuesday's meeting.

The Board is working with RealManage to schedule training sessions for owners to learn how to access their accounts on Ciranet and get one-on-one help. There will be in-person sessions as well as virtual sessions to avoid technical issues. RealManage staff cannot replace Precedent staff until after August 31 and Precedent staff cannot assist with changing assessment payments to RealManage.

In the meantime, please rest assured that we are all aware that changing management companies presents challenges. Late fees will not be applied to assessment payments due in September 2025 so long as the payment is made no later than September 30, 2025. We hope this reassures you of the Board's support during this change as well as provides you some flexibility during the transition.

Additionally, if you know an owner who does not have email access, please convey this message to them.

Sincerely,

**Shannon**

Shannon Goessling

President, Board of Directors

Brandywine Condominium Association, Inc.