

The Brandywine Bugle

November 2025

Please submit notices for the Bugle to:

Donnaj500@yahoo.com

no later than the 20th of each month

ASSOCIATION INFORMATION

AED MACHINE LOCATION
Brandywine Hall Breezeway

ASSOCIATION OFFICE HOURS

8 am to 4 pm

The office will be closed for Thanksgiving from Wednesday the 26th at 2 pm through Friday the 28th

To contact the Association office, please call:

(239) 481-2326

Brandyw@ciramail.com to contact CAM & ACAM

B&G COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, November 4, 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, November 12, 1 pm

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

BOD MEETING

Thursday, November 20, 6:30 pm

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



Monday, November 3rd , 11 am in BWH

All residents are encouraged to attend the monthly meetings which are 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. We are in the process of finalizing the calendar for 2026. Your input is encouraged.

Join us on Saturday, November 29th at 9 am for Coffee and doughnuts provided by the Men's Club, as we decorate Brandywine Hall for the Holiday.

TRIVIA ROUND UP

Next Game Monday, November 3rd

Congratulations to "**Bossy Bocce**" taking first place in the October game with a score 67 out of a possible 74 points. In at second was "**Trivia Newton John**" at 66. Third place was Bocce Plus with 63. The Halloween theme made for many spooky brain teasers.

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.

BINGO

Wednesday, November 5th & 19th at 7 pm

October 1st had 54 bingo players. We paid out a total of \$902. Each regular game paid \$50. The Letter X paid \$160 and was won by Richard Broctt. The Jackpot game paid out \$210 and had two winners, Linda Karona and Norma Merrinan, each winner took home \$105.

On the 15th we had 70 bingo players and took in \$1175.00. Jerry Benson won the Letter X for \$225. The Cover All Jackpot game was won by Pam Williams for \$250. We had a little extra money, so we had 4 door prizes of \$20. A large round robin game paid \$100.

Each regular game paid \$50. The more people that come to play, the more prize money we have. Everything that we take in goes out in prize money so come one come all to bingo!

Important notice: I am looking for volunteers to replace Fran and I to continue the Brandywine bingo program. I need to have the volunteers in place by **Nov 5th**.

I have teams of people that call the numbers and take the money. I need a couple or two people to run the program which sets up the computer and organizes the cards that get played and prepares BWH the day of bingo.

I'll be happy to explain the procedures and meet with you . Please contact me at 239-728-1371. **I'm afraid bingo games will end if we don't get volunteers.** If you enjoy bingo, please come forward to help.

Janice Petraglia

CRAFTERS

CRAFT CHANGES, CRAFT CHANGES!

Wednesday, November 5th , 10 am
Scrapbooking

Wednesday, November 12th , 10 am
Card making

Wednesday, November 19th , 10 am
Jewelry Making/Fixing

Crafting activities will begin at 10 am in the puzzle/craft building which is directly west of the main swimming pool.

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 some supplies. Call Chanda at 239-703-7644.

SINGLES CLUB

Thursday, November 6th , 5:30 pm in the library

We started our month with a trip to Arcadia for the Rodeo. It was amazing to see the horses and the strength that the cowboys / girls have to have to ride and rope a 1000-pound animal. Our next adventure was mini golf and lunch at Bahama Breeze. To finish off the month we will be going to the Parrots outreach in Punta Gorda and lunch at Laishley Crab house.

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

FASHION SHOW & AUCTION **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2025**

BROADWAY COMES TO BRANDYWINE!!!

Doors open at 11:00 am, lunch served at 11:45 am, followed by Brandywine ladies modeling the fashions. Fashions provided by Chico's & Black Market/White House.

You will have an opportunity to buy tickets for the Chinese Auction & enter your bids for the Silent Auction before lunch. There will be many lovely items to bid on, so bring your MONEY!

Cost \$25.00

Choose your own table partners, bring a friend **and** canned goods to donate to the Harry Chapin Food Pantry.

Sign-up November 3rd. (Tickets for the Fashion Show may have been sold out on the first day of sign-up, October 27th.) Looking forward to seeing you all there-it is always great fun!!!
Kay Wyatt 239-322-4208

MEN'S CLUB RESUMES

The Brandywine Men's Club will meet for breakfast on Saturday, **November 8th** at 9 am at the Myerlee CC. A sign-up list will be posted in BWH and the library.

WOMEN'S SOCIAL COFFEE HOUR **Saturday November 8th , 10 am**

The Women's Coffee Hour and Social Group will meet on Saturday, November 8th in the library. We will be discussing 'Thankfulness'. All Brandywine women are welcome. Bring your own beverage and goodies will be provided.

Hope to see you there.
Mary Marszalek. 203-376-6607

BOOK CLUB

November 11th , 11 am in the library

Book Club meets in the library on the second Tuesday of the month; however, the **time is changed to 11 am.** Thank you, Nancy O'Keefe.

Library Book Donations: Call Phyllis at 239-810-4008 or email 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.

VETERANS DAY COVERED DISH

Tuesday, November 11th at 5 pm, BWH

All residents and friends are encouraged to join us at **5 pm** for a special **Salute to the Flag Ceremony** performed by the Junior ROTC from Cypress Lakes High School followed by our 2025 Veteran's Day Covered Dish as we honor our veterans. Please **bring** your favorite Appetizer, Salad, Entrée, or Dessert to **BWH at 4:30 pm.** Coffee, Tea and Water will be provided.

Also bring any **torn or worn-out U.S. Flags** you may have. We will collect them & take them to a facility that will properly dispose of them. See ads on Channel 99.

MEET THE CANDIDATES

Thursday, November 13th, 6:30 pm, BWH

Hosted by Activities Committee.

Coffee and cookies provided.

Please be sure to come and meet the 2026 candidates for open BOD positions.

Questions for the candidates must be delivered or sent to the office by November 7th , Brandyw@ciramail.com .

Contact Linda Terrell to donate cookies
for the 'Meet the Candidates' event.
239-849-9432.

THE FAMOUS BOCCE BREAKFAST
Saturday, November 15th

Brandywine Bocce Club presents the
"Famous Pancake Breakfast". Please mark

your calendar, Saturday morning November
15th from 8:30 'til 10:00 am for scrambled
eggs, sausage patties, fruit cup, OJ, coffee or
tea. All residents, family and friends are
invited to attend. The cost is \$13.00 per
person. **Sign up** in BWH from 1:00 to 3:00
pm on Monday November 10th. See Channel
99 for details.

HOLIDAY DECORATING DAY
Saturday, November 29th

Volunteers are needed at 9 am in BWH on
the Saturday after Thanksgiving for our
traditional decorating day. Many hands are
needed, inside, to make our clubhouse shine
brightly for the upcoming holiday season.
Coffee and doughnuts will be available for
the volunteers, thanks to the Men's Club.

HOLIDAY MAGIC ON THE WATER
Christmas lights Cruise

'Trendy Tours' Bus Tour Event
Sunday 11/30/25

Pick up at Fiddlesticks Publix off Daniels
at 3 pm and returns about 12 am

Celebrate the season in style with a **festive**
evening cruise aboard the Iconic Jungle
Queen in Fort Lauderdale!

Includes: Round-trip transportation.
A Narrated Christmas Lights Cruise along
the beautifully decorated Intercostal
Waterway.

A delicious dinner followed by a lively
variety show filled with holiday cheer and
entertainment under the stars.

Let the twinkling lights and tropical vibes
kick off your holiday season while you
socialize with your neighbors.

Admission: \$173 pp, space is limited, so
reserve early!

To register: go to
www.TrendyToursFlorida.com
or call 239-449-9408

LAMP POST CAPS

Christmas is coming!! Red crocheted lamp
post caps are available. You may pick one
up at Stitchery in the Puzzle Room on
Tuesdays between 1:30 and 3:00 or by
calling Connie Myers at (781) 534-1969.
The cost is \$10 per cap, cash or check. Make
checks payable to Brandywine Activities
(B.A.C.).

MARINE CORPS RESERVE



The 2025 Toys for Tots Campaign is
underway. Collection Boxes have just
arrived. There will be a box in Brandywine
Hall as well as one in the office. Give
generously. Donation Boxes will be picked
up about December 15th.

KARAOKE DATES FOR NOVEMBER
Saturdays, November 8th & 22nd 6 pm

Why not join us at 6 pm in BWH. Sing a
song, bring your guitar, play a game, or enjoy
listening to live music. Bring your own
beverage. Hope to see you there.

BOCCE CLUB
Mondays and Thursdays 9:30 AM

The weather in the morning has been great so
meet us at the bocce courts and enjoy a lively
game. Newcomers are welcome, we'll show
you how to play. For your convenience, sets
of bocce balls are at courtside for 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!"

SENIOR FITNESS CLASS

Is open to all residents of Brandywine and
their guests on Wednesday morning in BWH.
Stand or sit in a chair: 45-minute class. Wear
comfortable clothing and supportive shoes.

Please note that the time is changed to
10:30 am.

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 still need a REPLACEMENT for website mgmt. as the former manager no longer resides in the Brandywine Community. 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 to take photos. For information, call Roger at 815-281-9139

WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS

Pauline Hall and John Xereas 1304 SBW #3
Tracy and Robert Fogg 1204 SBW
Steven and Jaqueline Gezo 1295 Broadwater

CLASSIFIEDS

For Sale:

All leather 4 piece off white modular sectional, like new condition.
\$600.00 - Original cost \$2300.00.
Call Barbara at 239-898-3678

LOOKING AHEAD

ANNUAL MEETING

Tuesday, December 2nd, 7:30 pm
Immediately following the 7 pm Budget Meeting

The Annual Meeting is held for the purpose of electing directors and conducting any other business as permitted by Florida Statutes and the governing documents of the Association. You will receive a "SECOND NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING" which will specify the agenda and advise you on important information concerning the Annual Meeting.

Will be available on Zoom

WINE & WINGS

Sunday, December 7th at 5 pm

Wine & Wings provided by Brandywine Activity Committee. Bring your favorite appetizer or dessert (enough for 8 people).

Listen to Christmas music & share holiday cheer with your Brandywine neighbors!!

Again, the REINDEER are coming, and they are 'racing' to get here!! Bring some cash

and you can **bet** on which reindeer runs the fastest!!

GOLF CART PARADE AND AWARDS

Sunday, December 14th, 6:15 pm

CALLING ALL Golf Carts, Bicycles, Motorcycles, Segways, Scooters, Roller Blades, Interesting Cars, Fast walkers!!

Decorate and join the parade by lining up on Hazeltine by the tennis courts starting at 6 pm on the 14th.

If not in the Parade, please support your fellow residents by cheering them on at your home driveway.

Refreshments & Awards for the 'Best' Window Treatment, Lamp Post, and 'Best Overall' will be given in Brandywine Hall following the Parade.

Call Linda Terrell 239-849-9432

BOCCE CLUB SOCK HOP DANCE

Saturday, January 10th, more info to follow.

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. We have 28 signed up at this time. Contact OmniTours at 847-480-2300. **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

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 of the Bugle to pick up & the Bugle will still be eblasted. Any questions call Donna Johnson.

