

The Brandywine Bugle

December 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 Christmas from Wednesday the 24th thru Friday the 26th and closing at 2 pm on Wednesday the 31st.

To contact the Association office, please call:

(239) 481-2326

Brandyw@ciramail.com to contact CAM & ACAM

BUDGET APPROVAL MEETING

Tuesday, December 2, 2025 7 pm

ANNUAL MEETING to immediately follow

B&G COMMITTEE MEETING

December 15th 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

TBD

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

BOD MEETING

TBD

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



ACTIVITIES MEETING

Monday, December 1st , 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. Your input for new events is highly encouraged.

Join us on Saturday, January 3rd , at 9 am to help undecorate Brandywine Hall and put decorations away until next year.

TRIVIA ROUND UP

Upcoming Games - December 1st and January 5th

Congratulations to “**Bossy Bocce**” taking first place in the November game with a score of 61 out of a possible 67 points and

winners for the second month in a row! In at second was “**Smarty Pants**” at 58. As a result of a second-place tie breaker question, third place was awarded to Last Chance. More Trivia info on Brandywine Community Channel 99.

BINGO

Wednesday, December 3rd & 17th at 7 pm

On November 5th there were 75 bingo players. We paid out \$1115. Letter X was won by Becky Figler for \$250. The Coverall Jackpot game was won by Sondra Greer for \$250.

I want to thank **Bill McBurney** for coming forward to take over Bingo at Brandywine. He and Kay Wyatt will be a part of the new team. It’s a big responsibility; many volunteers are needed. I wish to thank all that help to make this such a fun night twice a month. Gerry Paul. Paul and Chanda Henson, Eenie Caton, Donna Cambria, Karen Christianson, Sandie Dykstra, Ann Gergar and especially Kay Wyatt. They have been a great help to me during these past years of running bingo. I’d also like to thank Connie Myers who graciously orders the bingo cards and daubers whenever they are needed. Thanks everyone, I’ll be around to help if you need me. Janice Petraglia

BINGO’s results on 11/19/25: paid out \$1060. X-game winner -\$200- Charlie Creelman. Jackpot had 2 winners of \$125 each- Norine Merrimen & Mory Patle. The other 10 games paid \$50 each game.

Kay Wyatt

SINGLES CLUB

Thursday, December 4th , 5:30 pm in the library

November found us rock painting and our creativity was put to the test. Some Original creations were born. We will be spending the rest of the month decorating a Xmas tree to be auctioned off at the Wine and Cheese Christmas party. So be sure to come bid on one of the loveliest trees.

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

WINE & WINGS

Sunday, December 7th at 5 pm

WINE & WINGS CHRISTMAS PARTY

IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK LIKE
CHRISTMAS!!

WINE & APPETIZERS in
BRANDYWINE HALL.

Wine & chicken wings are provided by the
Brandywine Activities Committee!!!
Come join your neighbors for Holiday cheer
& good food. Please bring appetizer or
dessert to serve 8 people.

REINDEER RACES ARE BACK!!!!

Bring your \$1.00 bills and bet on your
favorite reindeer!!!

**SILENT AUCTION OF BEAUTIFUL
DECORATED CHRISTMAS TREES!!!!**

Call Kay Wyatt for questions 239-322-4208

BOOK CLUB

December 9th , 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'Keeffe.

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.

CRAFTERS

**Wednesday, December 10th , 10 am
Scrapbooking**

**Wednesday, December 17th , 10 am
Card making**

**Wednesday, December 24th , 10 am
Jewelry Making/Fixing**

Crafting activities 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.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

**Saturday, December 13th , 2 to 4 pm
in BWH**

Longtime resident, Jay Merrill, has gone on
to be with the Lord. Wherever a loving soul
has gone there remains a trove of beautiful
memories. Brandywine friends are welcome
to join the family.

WOMEN'S SOCIAL COFFEE HOUR

Saturday December 13th , Christmas

Party 10 am in the library

Please bring a small, unwrapped gift for a
school age child, gender neutral, in a gift bag.
This is in place of a gift exchange among us
this year. Join us for our '12 Days of
Christmas Game'. Bring your own beverage
and goodies will be provided. All
Brandywine women are welcome. Hope to
see you there.

Mary Marszalek. 203-376-6607

GOLF CART PARADE AND AWARDS

Sunday, December 14th , 6:15 pm

**HOLIDAY BICYCLE, GOLF CART
AND OTHER PARADE**

Golf carts, bicycles, motorcycles, segways,
scooters, rollerblades, interesting cars, and
fast walkers. Decorate and join the parade
by lining up on Hazeltine by the tennis courts
starting at 6:00 PM on December 14th. If you
are not in the parade, please support your
fellow residents by cheering them on at your
home in the driveway.

**Brandywine Christmas Lights Contest
2025**

On the nights of December 10 & 11, Santa's
elves will be in our neighborhood checking
on the wonderful job our residents have done
bringing holiday cheer to the homes,
windows and lamp posts.

The categories include:

1. Hazeltine Windows
2. Lamp Posts
3. General Outside Décor

All bakers out there...we would like 10
bakers to volunteer to bake 2 dozen cookies
each for this event. The baked goods will
need to be delivered to Brandywine Hall by
6:00 pm.

**Cookies, beverages and music will begin in
the clubhouse at about 7 pm for the
community and prizes for the winning
participants.**

Call Linda Terrell with any questions
239-849-9432

MEN'S CLUB

The Brandywine Men's Club will meet for
breakfast on **Saturday, December 27th at 9
am at the Myerlee CC.** A sign-up list will
be posted in BWH and the library. Or call

Dave Tanner 239-398-4406 or
John Caccavele (347) 232-5986.

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 are filling up. There is a box in Brandywine Hall as well as one in the office. Give generously. Donation Boxes will be picked up December 15th.

KARAOKE DATES FOR DECEMBER **Saturdays, December 6th & 20th, 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

You can't ask for better weather to play Bocce, 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. **Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!**

"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.

BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday's at 3:30 in Brandywine Hall

Our Bible study has multiple purposes, discovering God's message for us today and giving us opportunity to find fellowship and support from others through the power of prayer.

This month we celebrate the birth of the Savior. Won't you join us in thanksgiving to God for His Word on Tuesday's at 3:30 in Brandywine Hall. It will be an exciting adventure that will change your life.

David W Green (941) 915-8275

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

Marcia Rae Eding & Colleen Marinello
1226 S. Brandywine Circle

CLASSIFIEDS

FREE: Black power recliner USB connection power headrest and recliner. Call Betty 682 284 4300

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The stitching and the lady's coffee hour groups have "adopted" an elementary classroom in the Immokalee area. We plan to give each child a comfort pillow for the holidays. We need your help stuffing the pillows. If you have any **fiberfill** to donate and/or would like to help stuff the pillows, please contact Joanie Johnson at 239-765-9214 or Chanda at 239-703-7644, or just come to the craft/puzzle building on **Tuesday, December 2** at 1:30pm and join in the fun.

UNDECORATING DAY

Saturday, January 3rd, 9 am

Help us put the holiday decorations away
until next year.

LOOKING AHEAD

BOCCE CLUB SOCK HOP DANCE

**Sock Hop Dance 2026 Featuring Barbara
McQuillen**

“The Jersey Beat”

On Saturday January 10th from 6:00 ‘til 9:00
PM, Brandywine Bocce Club presents **“Sock
Hop 2026”**. Listen and dance to five decades
of popular music performed by the **“The
Jersey Beat”**, cost is \$15.00 per person,
BYOB and snack. Attendance in 50’s attire is
encouraged, but not mandatory. Prizes for
best costume. **Sign-ups from 1-3pm in
Brandywine Hall on Mondays December
29th and January 5th.**

More details on Brandywine Community
Channel 99.

FIDDLER ON THE ROOF

Broadway Palm Event

Wednesday, January 21, 2026, at 11:30am

We invite you to join us for a Buffet Lunch
and Matinee at the Broadway Palm Dinner
Theatre.

Sign up dates will be Monday, December
8th and 15th from

1pm - 3pm in Brandywine Hall.

Tickets are \$78 per person.

Please bring cash or check made out to **BAC**.

For additional information text or call

Naomi Moyer (561-789-7523) or

Janaan Schlagel (515-401-2346)

See ad on Channel 99.

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 began sailing this
November. This ship excels 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 (or the
letter ‘D’ on your remote) 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.



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