

# *The Brandywine Bugle*

## JANUARY 2026

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**  
8 am to 4 pm

**The office will be closed for NEW YEARS DAY  
on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026**

To contact the Association office, please call:  
(239) 481-2326  
[Brandyw@ciramail.com](mailto:Brandyw@ciramail.com) to contact CAM & ACAM

**B&G COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**TBD**

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**  
**January 14<sup>th</sup> 1 pm**

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

**BOD MEETING**  
**January 22<sup>nd</sup> 6:30 pm**

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



### UNDECORATING DAY

**Saturday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 9 am**

Many helping hands are needed. Help us put the holiday decorations away until next year.

### ACTIVITIES MEETING

**Monday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, 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 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 9 am to help undecorate Brandywine Hall and put decorations away until next year.**

### KARAOKE DATES FOR JANUARY

**Saturdays, January 3<sup>rd</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>, 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.

### TRIVIA ROUND UP

Next session – January 5<sup>th</sup> –  
Happy New Year!

Congratulations to “**Bocce Plus**” taking first place in the December game with a score of 58 out of a possible 68 points. In at second, just one point off the pace at 57 was “**Trivia Newton John**”. Third place was a tie between “**Smarty Pants**” and “**The Stooges**”. It was A Merry Christmas to all and to all a fun night! Trivia is played on the first Monday of the month, details on Brandywine Community Bocce page, see Channel 99.

### BINGO

**Wednesday, January 7<sup>th</sup> & the 21<sup>st</sup> at 7 pm**

BINGO-12/3/25  
66 in attendance.  
\$50 per 10 games was paid out.  
X game winner of \$200.00 is -Tom Louwers  
Jackpot winner of \$200.00 is- Theresa Sheridan  
Bingo news from 12/17/25  
67 in attendance  
Donna Cambria-\$200.00 X-Game winner  
Frank Marszalek - \$220.00 Jackpot winner  
\$50.00 paid each regular game  
Kay Wyatt  
(239) 322-4208

### HOTWIRE REFRESHERS



Training will be offered in East BWH on January 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon on both days. Review of the TV system, remote and Channel 99 (the Brandywine Community page) will be covered with the community. Questions and feedback to be addressed; snacks will be offered.

## **CRAFTERS**

**Wednesday, January 7<sup>th</sup> , 10 am**

**Scrapbooking**

**Wednesday, January 14<sup>th</sup> , 10 am**

**Card making**

**Wednesday, January 21<sup>st</sup> , 10 am**

**Jewelry Making/Fixing**

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.

A big **thank you** to whoever brought the large stash of yarn and fabric to the craft room. The Tuesday afternoon stitchers really appreciated the donation. Many hats, scarves pillows and lap robes have been made and donated to several local charities. If anyone else has yarn that they would like to donate, our stitchers will put it to good use. If you are a stitcher( knit, crochet, counted cross stitch, embroidery or quilter) please join us at 1:30pm on Tuesdays in the craft/puzzle building and bring whatever project you are working on.

## **SINGLES CLUB**

**Thursday, January 8<sup>th</sup> , 5:30 pm in the library**

We have had a busy December starting with a Cookie decorating party donating the cookies to our local firehouse.

Next, we attended a luncheon and a cookie baking demonstration where we received a baker's dozen and a cookie cookbook.

We celebrated Christmas with a potluck dinner and white elephant Exchange.

Our next outing took us to Victoria Village in Naples for the fabulous light display. What a beautiful event.

And finishing up, we will be going to a movie and dinner.

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**

## **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 29<sup>th</sup> and January 5<sup>th</sup>.**

More details on Brandywine Community Channel 99.

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

**Saturday January 10<sup>th</sup> , 10 am in the library**

The first meeting of the Women's Coffee Hour for 2026 will be a breakfast meeting held at the Summerlin Cafe on Jan. 10, 9:30 am. Looking forward to seeing everyone there in the New Year! I've made reservations for 20.

Questions call or text me at 203-376-6607. Mary Marszalek

## **BOOK CLUB**

**Tuesday, January 13<sup>th</sup> , 11 am in the library**

Book Club meets in the library on the second Tuesday of the month. 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.

## **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.

## **MUSIC & DANCING**

**Friday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> Music and Dancing in the driveway of 1243 N. Brandywine Cir. from 6 pm to 9. All are invited! BYOB, a chair, and a snack if you would like. Contact Wilma Randall with any questions.**

716-474-2062

## **MEN'S CLUB**

The Brandywine Men's Club will meet for breakfast on **Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup> 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 Caccavale (347) 232-5986.

## 4TH ANNUAL BOCCE TOURNAMENT

Brandywine Bocce Club announces the Fourth Annual Bocce Tournament scheduled for **Saturday January 31<sup>st</sup>, 9:00 am** start. Open to all Brandywine residents and guests, teams will be mixed doubles with single elimination format. Signup sheet is posted in Brandywine Hall, **signup** by Monday January 26<sup>th</sup>, hard cut off. No fee to participate. Think of a catchy name for your team, come out and have some fun. Viewer participation is welcomed and appreciated, cold soft drinks available. Any questions please call: Jim Scott at 440 915 1083.

## BOCCE CLUB

### **Mondays and Thursdays 9:30 AM**

Welcome in the New Year with a new hobby, learn to play Bocce. 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 them to a ball rack. See Brandywine Community Channel 99 for details.

**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.**

## 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.

## TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY 3:30 PM

Verse of the Month

*"Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's and unto God the things which are God's" Luke 20:25*

This might seem a strange verse to start off

the new year, but it holds some very important truths. When the three wise men, as the tradition has it, came to seek the "King of the Jews" they brought gifts. Not to give to each other but to lay at the feet of Jesus. At Christmas we share gifts in celebration of His birth. However, what have we given to Him this year? I believe the greatest gift that we can give Him is a desire to know Him.

What better way to get to know Him than to study His letter of love to us. Each page contains a powerful message of love, concern, and instruction that will enrich your life. Would you be willing to set aside an additional hour a week to thank Him for His wonderful gift to us.

God bless you as you consider giving Him the proper place in your life.

Dave 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](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 to take photos. For information, call Roger at 815-281-9139

## WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS

Marcia Rae Eding and Colleen Marinello  
1226 S. Brandywine Circle

Orlyn and Lucy Boeshans  
1270 Medinah Drive

## CLASSIFIEDS

## LOOKING AHEAD

## COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

**SATURDAY FEBRUARY 7<sup>th</sup>, 8 to 12 pm**

Time to clean out the closets and the garage! Set up on your driveway or garage. **Sign-up February 2<sup>nd</sup>** in BWH between 1 and 3 pm. Registration is \$5. Balloons will be provided at sign-up.

Balloons should be attached to your light post on the day of the sale. Be sure to have change available for shoppers! Email will be sent out to the community via the Resident Portal listing the home addresses of all participants. Contact Janine McBurney: 708-321-0280

### **WINTER COVERED DISH**

**Sunday Night Supper February 8<sup>th</sup>  
5:30 pm**

Bring your favorite appetizer, salad, entrée, or dessert that serves 8 to 10 and your adult

beverage. Coffee, tea, and water will be provided. No sign-up required.

### **POOLSIDE PIZZA PARTY**

**Sunday March 1<sup>st</sup> 3 pm**

**Sign-up February 23<sup>rd</sup> from 1 to 3 pm in  
BWH  
Details 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 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 to register. **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 (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 386-804-0481.

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