

The Brandywine Bugle

MARCH 2026

Please submit notices for the Bugle to:

Donnaj500@yahoo.com

no later than the 20th of each month

ASSOCIATION INFORMATION

ASSOCIATION OFFICE HOURS

8 am to 4 pm

To contact the Association office, LCAM & ACAM email preferred:

Brandyw@ciramail.com

(239) 481-2326

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

March 11th 1 pm

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



Brandywine Entry and Parking Pass Procedure

Please be reminded that it is the responsibility of all owners and renters to notify the gatehouse when guests, vendors, and deliveries are expected. This needs to be done in advance by calling the gatehouse at (239) 481-2938. Deliveries include but are not limited to food deliveries, Wal-Mart, Target, and CVS. Amazon and UPS do not require a call to the gatehouse. Please refer to the Entry and Parking Pass procedure on the RealManage Resident portal.

ACTIVITIES MEETING

Monday, March 2nd , 11 am in BWH

All residents are encouraged to attend the monthly meeting which is held in BWH on the first Monday of each month at 11 am.

BINGO

Wednesday, March 4th & the 18th at 7 pm

Bingo 2/4/26 saw 84 participants
Winner of \$250.00 for the X game is
Chanda Hensen
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Bingo 2/18 Winners of X game: Martha Cunningham-\$125.00, Mary Rogers- \$125.00
Jackpot's winner was Tom Louwers-\$250.00

Thank you.
Kay Wyatt

TRIVIA ROUND UP

Next Game – Monday March 2nd

On Monday February 2nd, the ground hog saw eight tables of avid Trivia fans, with room for more! Congratulations to “**Last Chance**” taking first place in with a score of 67 out of a possible 76 points. In at second was “**The Stooges**” at 60. Third place was awarded to “**Smarty Pants**” with 59. If you know someone who would like to join our new Trivia sub list, please contact Betsy: wildflowergreen22@gmail.com - More Trivia info on Brandywine Community Channel 99.

MARCH CRAFTERS

**Wednesday, March 4th , 10 am
Scrapbooking (NO fee)**

Please join fellow scrapbookers for a morning of sharing, working and socializing. Paper, punches, die cutting machine and dies will be available to use. To see what scrapbooking all is about, stop in.

**Wednesday, March 11th , 10 am
Card making (\$2 fee)**

**Wednesday, March 18th , 10 am
Jewelry Making/Fixing (\$2 fee)**

**Wednesday, March 25th , 10 am
Easter/Cross wall hanging (\$2 fee)**
Bring an old 8x10 wooden frame, and a staple gun if you have one, and odds and ends of artificial flowers.
Contact Chanda at 239-703-7644 for more info.

SINGLES CLUB

Thursday, March 5th , 5:30 pm in the library

We started the month of February off with a member hosting Comedy night with lots of laughs and good food.
Valentine's Day was made so special with a member's Church hosting a wonderful luncheon for all the singles.
Finishing up with a trolley ride to Ft. Myers beach and Lunch at the Whale.
So, if you are single, you are welcome to join us.

The Singles Club meets on the first Thursday of the month at 5:30 in the library. Whether you live alone or have a partner who is unable to attend social outings, you are warmly welcome to join us. For more information, contact Sue Gabel 815-978-8148 or Nancy Becker 405-760-5440

Rescheduled Bocce Tournament

With the passing of several storm fronts and record cold weather, our **“Fourth Annual Brandywine Bocce Tournament”** will take place at 9:00AM on **Saturday March 7th**. There is still time for teams to join if you move quickly. A signup sheet is posted in Brandywine Hall, no fee to participate. Viewer participation is welcomed and appreciated, cold soft drinks are available and bring along a lawn chair. Any questions please call: Jim Scott 440 915 1083.

BRANDYWINE AND FRIENDS CRUISE

Celebrity Xcel 7-night Eastern Caribbean Cruise March 8–15, 2026

Get Ready! Get Set! Go! The bus leaves from BWH at 9 am on Sunday the 8th. Don't forget to reset your clocks on Saturday Night for the 'spring ahead time change'.

Shore excursions are now available on the app and can be booked online at this time at a discount. You will need the app while on board as well. If you need help, you can contact Celebrity help desk for excursion information 877-200-2897.

Shows will be available on the day that you board.

The dress code is relaxed which is “casual chic” and formal attire is not required. **Shorts are not acceptable** in the dining room for dinner.

For more information about what to pack and what not to pack, please go to www.celebritycruises.com/faqs/prepare.

KARAOKE DATES FOR FEBRUARY

March 7th & 21st, Saturdays 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.

BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, March 10th, 11 am in the library

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

SAINT PATRICKS DAY POTLUCK

Sunday, March 22nd 5:00 pm in BWH

This year's St. Patrick's Day Party will be an Irish themed covered dish and 'sing-along' of Irish songs. **Please sign up** on Monday, March 16th from

1 to 3 pm or call Mary so we can assess how many will attend and have a varied selection of foods. There will be no charge for this event.

If you have questions, please call Mary Marszalek...203 376 6607.

WOMEN'S SOCIAL COFFEE HOUR

Saturday March 28th, 10 am in the library

Note date change to be in line with the Men's Club Mtg. We will try this time frame for the next few months and see how it works out.

All Brandywine Women are invited; bring your own beverage and goodies will be provided. Please join us. Mary Marszalek 203 367 6607

MEN'S CLUB

The Brandywine Men's Club will meet for breakfast on **Saturday, March 28th at 9 am at the Myerlee CC**. Cost is \$20. This is a tremendous opportunity to get together and meet new friends. If you know of a friend who is new, please bring him along. As Always, the sign-up list will be posted in BWH and the library. Or call Dave Tanner 239-398-4406 or John Caccavele (347) 232-5986.

BOCCE CLUB

Mondays and Thursdays 9:30 AM

Have some fun 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.

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

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

March is a beautiful time to refocus our hearts and draw nearer to God. You're warmly invited to join us as we study His Word together and deepen our personal relationship with Him. This will be a time

to slow down, listen, ask questions, and discover what He is speaking into our lives right now.

Our desire is not just to gain knowledge, but to grow in love, trust, and intimacy with the Lord— learning to walk with Him daily, hear His voice through Scripture, and experience His presence in a real way.

Whether you've studied the Bible for years or are just beginning, there is a place for you. Come hungry, come curious, and come expectant. Let's seek Him together this March and watch how He draws us closer to Himself.

David Green

941 915-8275

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

FOR SALE:

Oval glass top coffee table, round wall clock, picture, pole lamp 70" high, lamp shade, child/pet size kayak 73" long max. capacity 130 lbs. Photos available on bulletin board in puzzle room. If interested, please call/text Linda 515-468-7843

WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS

Thomas & Gloria Harpring at 1351 Medinah Drive.

LOOKING AHEAD

Bocce Club Pancake Breakfast

Brandywine Bocce Club presents the "**Famous Pancake Breakfast**". Please mark your calendar, Saturday morning **April 11th** 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 March 30th or April 6th. See Channel 99 for details.

POOLSIDE ICE CREAM SOCIAL

April 19, 2026

KENTUCKY DERBY PARTY

Saturday, May 2nd 2026

NEW TOUR OPPORTUNITY

'Radiance of the Seas'

Royal Caribbean

7-night Western Caribbean Cruise

January 30 – February 6, 2027

Out of Tampa to Cozumel, Puerto Costa Maya, & Belize
Smaller ship and only \$1169 for Balcony (pp)
Roundtrip Motorcoach and gratuities
Taxes included

More information is coming from Omnitours!!

WHO IS INTERESTED???

Contact Donna Johnson for flyer.



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