

# **BRANDYWINE BUGLE - ASSOCIATION NEWS**

## **MAINTENANCE FEES –EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2017**

BRANDYWINE MODELS	<b>\$612.57</b>
HAZELTINE MODELS	<b>\$386.81</b>
ALL OTHER MODELS	<b>\$525.00</b>

## **2017 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING: Friday, January 6 at 1:00pm**

**Happy New Year from your BOD President!** Just a few comments as we begin the new year in Brandywine...

I have received several phone calls concerning the work being done on our property by the power company. Hopefully, this will clear up any questions you might have. On Monday, December 19, two large trucks loaded with 12' long pallets rolled up to our gate unannounced to me or to our management company. I was immediately notified and met that same morning with the two foremen. The next day, I met with the project manager. He told me that he was working on a time schedule to replace 100 electrical poles, and that he was under a state and federal mandate to remove anything he felt would hamper his work in clearing enough space for his equipment and the space needed to protect the power lines. This included our beautiful bougainvilleas, trees, and tree limbs. We made some calls to verify his authority and learned that the project manager had the final word, and we were powerless to change his decision.

With the election of the new Board, we have hit the ground running. Two days after the election, I asked that our management company request quotes from other insurance companies to compare prices. It has been six years since we shopped around, and we now have other companies competing for our insurance policy. Good news will be forthcoming!

We have begun working on our pickleball courts. We have painted over the old shuffleboard court, four new posts and two nets have arrived and are ready to be installed, with four other poles and two nets to follow. This will eventually give us four pickleball courts, instead of the two courts we have had. We have received three written quotes for the fencing to separate the pickleball courts from the tennis courts. Thanks to those who have helped.

Now that we have two new pools, a hot tub, planters, and beautiful pool furniture, I am hopeful that many more of our residents will enjoy our pool area. Come out and visit with your neighbors! It is more important than ever that we work together to keep our pool area clean and safe. There should be no food or glass inside of the gated area around the pool and pool deck. You should use the tables and chairs on the breezeway for your food and glass items, and use the trash bins for your litter. If you open an umbrella at the pool, it should be lowered before you leave. If you use sunscreen, please place a towel on the chair first. This will help prolong the life of our new furniture. Finally, if you move the furniture, you should return it to its place. It should not be the responsibility of our maintenance staff to rearrange furniture or pick up pool litter each morning.

Two suggestion boxes are being installed, one by the door at Brandywine Hall and the other in the breezeway. Comments are welcomed, but they will need to be signed by the unit owner, complete with the owner's address and phone number, for the Board to respond. It is the responsibility of each unit owner to see that their guests follow all our rules and help take care of our amenities. Your help is needed to keep our costs and repairs down. All our efforts as an entire community will curb increases in our monthly dues.

Best wishes for a safe, healthy, and prosperous 2017!

John Grooms

#### **From the Nest – Audrey Murphy**

With the beginning of the new year and a new BOD, let's acquaint ourselves with matters to make the transition smooth. The office is always busy and to ease the path of daily business we ask that articles for the Bugle reach here by way of email if possible. The deadline remains the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month. We thank you for that.

The Bugle is always an available means to advertise items for sale or request items someone may want to sell or give away as they renovate their unit. The website has daily updates.

Since we no longer have a Bugle Too, our website will continue to add information. The entry gatehouse will also post special activity notices or changes necessary between publications.

In time we will have shared community notices via TV channel and that's being processed for 2017.

Our pool area is completely new and we hope to keep it that way, but lately we have experienced vandalism. No pointing of fingers, but we ask that residents and guest understand we've dug deep in our pockets to ensure that this new, beautiful construction project is beneficial for all to enjoy.

Bubble bath was put in the spa, gumming up the piping and mechanical parts to the extent of hours of cleanup and possible damage. Too, cigarette butts were tossed over the patio floor with disregard for sign reading that this is a NO Smoking Area.

Here is an example of dangerous abuse of rules: glass was broken and strewn deliberately by the smaller pool patio and there were young children in the water, who could not exit the pool till it was completely cleaned up. It took over an hour! We ask that the rules be respected, for this is a protection for everyone using the facility.

