

The Brandywine Bugle

FEBRUARY 2026

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

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

February 4th 1 pm

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

BOD MEETING

February 26th 6:30 pm

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, February 2nd , 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.

TRIVIA ROUND UP

Next session – February 2nd

“**The Stooges**” took first place in the January game with a high score of 67 out of a possible 75 points. Congratulations! For the first time ever, there was a three-way tie for second place at 60 points. After a tie breaker question, second place winner is “**Bocce Plus**”, in third place are “**Trivia Newton John**” and “**Last Chance**”. Trivia is played on the first Monday of the month, details on Brandywine Community Bocce page, see Channel 99. New teams are Welcome.

BINGO

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

BINGO-1/7/26

82 playing /10 games paid \$50 / each

Extra round robin game paid \$100

X-game winners of \$125.00 each were: Steve Geertz & K.K.Perguson

Jackpot winners of \$125.00 each were : Kay Wyatt & Sandy Dykstra

Bingo news from 1/18/26

82 participants. Pam Williams is winner of the X game-\$250.00

Robin Crawford is winner of the jackpot- \$250.00
Kay Wyatt
(239) 322-4208

CRAFTERS

Wednesday, February 4th , 10 am Scrapbooking

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.

Wednesday, February 11th , 10 am

Card making

Wednesday, February 18th , 10 am Jewelry

Making/Fixing

Wednesday, February 25th , 10 am

Napkin Folding

Bring fabric and paper napkins and learn how to fold them into Interesting/seasonal shapes. If you have a skill/experience in folding, please come and share.

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, February 5th , 5:30 pm 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. 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

COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 7th, 8 to 12 pm

Time to clean out the closets and the garage! Set up on your driveway or garage. **Sign-up February 2nd** 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

KARAOKE DATES FOR FEBRUARY

February 7th & 21st , Saturday 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.

WINTER COVERED DISH

Sunday Night Supper February 8th

5:30 pm is cancelled.

WOMEN'S SOCIAL COFFEE HOUR

Saturday February 14th , 10 am in the library

The Feb 14th Meeting of the Women's Social Coffee Hour will be held in the library at 10:00 am .

Please bring your beverage of choice, we will provide goodies to go with it.

In honor of Valentines Day our subject for discussion will be "Things We Love".

All Brandywine Women are invited , please join us.

Mary Marszalek 203 367 6607

BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, February 10th , 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 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.

MEN'S CLUB

The Brandywine Men's Club will meet for breakfast on **Saturday, February 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

You're warmly invited to join us for a Bible study focused on discovering the richness, truth, and life found in God's Word. This is a welcoming space for anyone who desires to grow in understanding, ask thoughtful questions, and explore what the Scriptures are saying to us today. Together, we will slow down, look closely at the text, and uncover the deeper meanings that reveal God's character, His promises, and His guidance for daily living. Whether you are new to the Bible or have studied it for years, you will find encouragement, insight, and fellowship as we learn side by side. Come with an open heart, a curious mind, and a desire to hear from the Lord. There is no pressure to perform—only an opportunity to listen, learn, and be

strengthened. We would connection, and renewal through God’s living Word.
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 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

LOOKING AHEAD

POOLSIDE PIZZA PARTY

Sunday March 1st 3 pm

Sign-up February 23rd from 1 to 3 pm in BWH

SAINT PATRICKS DAY PARTY

Saturday March 21st 5:30 pm in BWH

This year’s St. Patrick’s Day Party will be an Irish themed covered dish and ‘sing-along’. More information to following the March Bugle.

BRANDYWINE AND FRIENDS CRUISE
Celebrity Xcel 7-night Eastern Caribbean Cruise
March 8–15, 2026

The Celebrity Xcel cruise is approaching very soon and 28 are on the manifest to travel to the port on the bus. There is a \$20 surcharge for each since we did not recruit 36 on the cruise.

The next step in preparing for your cruise is to go online to set up an account. You will need your booking number (which is on your cruise confirmation), ship and sail date. Please go to and click on “Sign In” on the upper right side then click on “Create an Account.” Complete all required information. If you have a problem, please contact Celebrity at 800-963-0311.

Shore excursions are available and can be booked online at this time by going to www.celebrity.com. 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.

When you board, a charge account will be established in your name. Cash is not used on the ship during the cruise for any transactions (except the casino). Purchases onboard will be charged to your account. Customary gratuities of \$18.00 per person per day will automatically be added to your shipboard account (\$18.50 for Concierge and Aqua Class). The final billing can be paid with a credit card, traveler’s check or cash. No personal checks are accepted.

The dress code is relaxed which is “casual chic” and formal attire is not required. Dress slacks and collared shirts can be worn. 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.

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.

February 2026

