



The Brandy Lake Bulletin

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FROM THE BOARD

Hello to all the Brandy folks. These are trying times. I hope you are all well and coping as best you can. All of the dates and times and plans for future activities will depend on the course of events in the next few weeks. We will all get through this together. Think positive thoughts!

The last Newsletter was published in November 2019. Since then, the Board met twice, once on December 28, 2019 and again on January 4, 2020.

*See December 28th Board Minutes for details.

At the December meeting, all five Board members were present, two by phone. There were ten homeowners present, two by phone. Ramona Widick, treasurer, reported that as of December 28, 2019 the balance in the BLPOA Checking Account was \$54,105.15, and the balance in the Reserve Account was \$103,950.96. At that time all of the Homeowners had paid their monthly fees on time, and all submitted bills had been paid.

Neal Kania, president, reported at that time that the heat tapes were working well, with no ice back ups found on the roofs or around the dormers. The ceiling panels and the insulation had been done and every unit in the building was checked out.

Lee Schultz, property manager, reported:

- meeting with Lakeland Sanitary District making sure our drinking water is pure: cross connection survey, and building E water meter.

- that the gutters and downspouts were cleaned in the fall
- the Christmas decorations were put up early this year
- the heat tapes were installed in buildings F and G and added to building D
- the insulation was added to garage attics
- the roofs were checked for ice build-up in mid December
- working on a solution for ice build-up on the blacktop around the complex
- putting ice melt in the vestibules
- ordering pre-assembled access panel units to be installed in interior garages; one installed in building F-46.
- two trees were removed behind building F by Custom Caretaking.
- painting review by Up North Painting: In 2019, buildings D, E, and 6 four-stall garages; and in 2020, buildings F, G, the Rec Center and the H garage.
- Owner Problems: ground ice, vestibule of building G, and garage in building D
- Open items: repairs in building D, changing vestibule security lights, possible replacement of pier pallets, replacing Advance Disposal with Lakeland Disposal.

*Refer to the minutes of the December 28, 2019 for specific details.

Ginny Comber gave the Landscape committee report as Linda Redenbaugh is no longer on the Landscape committee because of family commitments. Ginny bought more soaker

hoses for the entrance way and for the Rec Center because the old ones were falling apart.

Carolyn Pfeiffer, social committee, reminded everyone that the Holiday Appetizer party would be that afternoon from 4:00 to 7:00. She also reported that there were no units sold since the last meeting in October.

Additional items brought up in Old Business:

- the possible enclosure of garbage areas
- the repair and repainting of the Brandy signs

- heat tapes
- security lighting

In New Business the following were discussed:

- replacement of insulation in one unit in Building D and three units in Building F
- installation of ceiling access panels into four units and possibly more

There were also some discussions about corrections to the budget for next year. However, our monthly condo fees will remain the same for 2020. (See December 28th minutes for details.)

The next Board Meeting was Saturday, January 4, 2020 for budget approval. All five Board members were present, three by phone. There were three homeowners present, all three by phone. The budget for 2020 was unanimously approved.

*See the minutes of the January 4th meeting for specifics.

The next quarterly Board meeting will be Saturday, April 18, 2020 in the Rec Center at 9:00 a.m.

A safe and healthy Spring to all.

Brandy Lake Board



To: Lee Schultz for all of his time, concern and hard work as our Property Manager.

To: Neal Kania for all of his time and work as our Board President.

To: All the Brandy Lake Board members, who represent us and work hard to keep Brandy Lake a beautiful and thriving community.

To: Ramona Widick, Hank Szymanski and Neal Kania for taking calls and filling ice melt buckets while Lee was on vacation.

To: Carolyn Pfeiffer, Social Committee Chair, for organizing our holiday party and other social activities.

To: Nan Beer and Ginny Comber for coordinating the book club.

To: Sharon Coleman for decorating the Rec Center for the holidays and graciously decorating the planters in front of the Rec Center.

To: Lee Schultz and Carolyn Pfeiffer for decorating the front gates for Christmas.

To: All of the Committee Chairs who organize and coordinate our committees and events: Carolyn Pfeiffer, Trish Grisbaum, Nan Beer, Ginny Comber, Mike and Karen Duellman, Lee Schultz and Debbie Harvey.

To: Linda Redenbaugh for all of her years of dedication and hard work on the Landscape Committee.

To: All of the unsung, caring Brandy homeowners and residents who help to keep our complex safe and beautiful.

DRUM CIRCLE

Drum Circle usually meets at the Rec Center every month on the 3rd Wednesday evening from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and will continue year-round. **However, at this time drumming is cancelled until further notice.** Contact Debbie Harvey, coordinator (D-30) DKHarvey@aol.com or 715-699-3024 with any questions.



THE BRANDY RAMBLERS - Karen and Mike Duellman

Once again we will be glad to guide walks on Tuesdays, weather permitting, starting May 18th through August 25th, depending on the COVID-19 situation. We will meet at the flagpole at 9 a.m. and carpool to a trail selected by Karen and walk 2-4 miles. A schedule of hikes will be posted on the bulletin boards at the mailboxes and Rec. Center in May.

PROPERTY MANAGER'S REPORT -

Lee Schultz

Community group activities at the Brandy Rec Center are suspended until further notice.

- Garbage corrals – Last pickup by Advance Disposal is March 25th. Please hold your garbage after that date until the Lakeland Disposal containers are on site.
- Painting this summer will conclude with painting of Buildings F & G, the Rec Center, and the exterior garage in H area.
- UP TO NOW, there appears to be no winter internal water damage to our units. The heat cables seem to have worked successfully on buildings F & G. There has been leakage in some of our vestibules again.
- Early above freezing temperatures has enabled us to drive and park on asphalt surfaces, and not on ice.
- The vestibule security lights have been replaced.



EVENTS AND DATES TO REMEMBER

1st of every month –
Condo Association fees due - \$245.

(Extra garage monthly fee due - \$15 per month)



1st Thursday of the month – Book Club/Dinner, starts at 4:30 p.m., Rec Center.

1st Thursday of the month – Steak Fry for all guys at the Minocqua Legion, 5:30 p.m.

Pool League - Thursday afternoons at 3:00 p.m., at the Rec Center.

Drum Circle – Cancelled until further notice

Fishing Season Opens – Saturday, May 2nd this year!

Friday Happy Hour – Will resume this Spring. Watch the kiosks for announcements.

NOTE: Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, some events may be cancelled. Please contact the event organizer for confirmation.

ADVISORY FROM THE VILAS COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

To Seasonal and Second Homeowners:

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the national spread of the COVID-19 virus, Vilas County Governments must issue the following inter-county Travel Advisory.



- Due to high community transmission in certain areas of the State, the counties are recommending that you stay in your home area if you have a seasonal or second home in Vilas County. Due to our very limited healthcare infrastructure, please do not visit us now.
- People who have seasonal homes in Vilas County please stay at your winter homes at this time. If you are already back in Vilas county, you **must** immediately self-isolate for 14 days.
- Vilas County has one of the highest populations of older adults in the State of Wisconsin. This population is at the highest risk of COVID-19; it is our priority to keep our older residents healthy and safe.
- The Vilas County Boards adopted a countywide COVID-19 Emergency Declaration. Please be aware that additional health and travel restrictions may be imposed in the future.
- This is an ever-changing and very serious health situation, and we need to be diligent in its response.

For the most up-to-date information regarding COVID-19 follow Vilas County Public Health's website: <https://health.vilascountywi.gov>

BRANDY GUYS

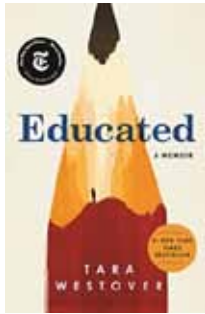
Hopefully the guys will be able to get together to play pool at the Rec Center every Thursday afternoon at 3:00. This would be a good chance to meet some of the other men in the complex and/or to brush up on your billiard skills. In addition, many of the men go to the monthly STEAK FRY at the Legion in Minocqua on the first Thursday night of the month. All of the Brandy Guys are invited to attend. Departure from Brandy is usually around 5:30 p.m. Call Lee Schultz (A-5) 715-356-4143 for information, or to car pool.



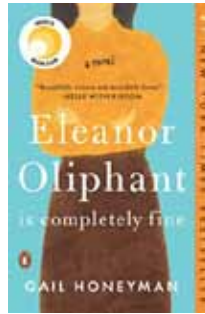
BRANDY BELLES BOOK CLUB

The Brandy Belles Book Club usually meets on the first Thursday evening of the month at 4:30 p.m. in the Rec Center for discussion, followed by dinner at a local restaurant. You need not to have read the book to join the group. Thank you to Nan Beer (B-14) and Ginny Comber (B-16) for coordinating the Book Club. The next scheduled Book Club meeting was to be April 2nd. However, due to the corona virus, this may not be possible. Check with Nan Beer or Ginny Comber for the next meeting. Below are the books for the next five months.

April 2nd -
Educated, by
Tara Westover

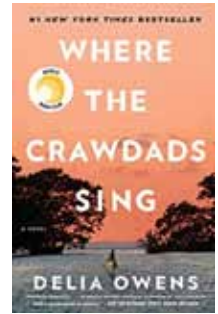


May 7th -
Eleanor Oliphant
is Completely
Fine, by Gail
Honeyman

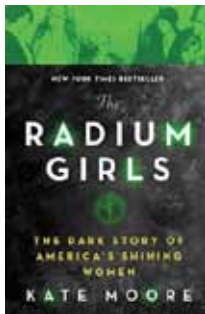


Laminated Bookmarks are available in the Rec Center in a manila envelope attached to the bulletin board. Please take one. If you need to have a laminated bookmark sent to you by snail mail, please let Carolyn Pfeiffer know, at cspfeiffer40@gmail.com

June 4th -
Where the Crawdads
Sing, by Delia Owens



July 2nd -
The Radium
Girls, by Kate
Moore

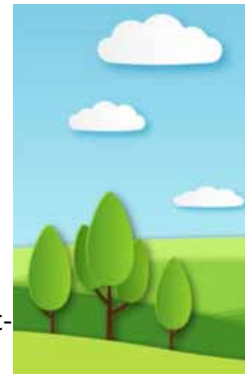


August 6th -
Next Year in
Havana,
by Chanel Cleeton



LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE – Ginny Comber

In the past few years, the Landscape Committee has enhanced the beauty of our Brandy property by removing, trimming, replacing and adding shrubs, bushes



and trees around the outside of our buildings. More recently, the committee has improved some of the landscape beds.

As Linda Redenbauagh is unable to continue as chairman, she has asked me to take over for her. I would appreciate all who have served on the committee or anyone who might like to join, to let me know of your interest before the April Board meeting.

Thanks, Ginny Comber

gkcom@sbcglobal.net

NEW TRASH DISPOSAL AND RECYCLING

As of April 1st, our new garbage and recycling vendor will be Lakeland Disposal Company. Our last pickup with Advance Disposal will be March 25th. If you put out any items on the 25th please pay attention to the containers. If the Advance Disposal containers are still full, you may put your items in them. If the containers have been emptied, please put your items in the Lakeland Disposal Company containers, if they are available. If they are not there, please do not throw anything into the Advance containers. Bring your items back when the new containers arrive later in the day or the next day. Your new pickup days will be as follows:



Friday – Trash pickup

Monday – Recycling pickup



Two fairly new Old Town Kayaks \$175 for one or \$300 for both. They each seat one person & include life jackets and paddles. Call 1-847-602-2419 if interested.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE – Carolyn Pfeiffer

The Holiday Appetizer party was held on the afternoon of Saturday, December 28th. The residents attending enjoyed the shared appetizers and desserts. It was fun to visit with everyone.

We're hoping that we will be able to resume our activities this summer if conditions improve. Trish Grisbaum has agreed to host the Brandy breakfasts again and the New Resident party. However, Sherry Kelly is resigning as Ladies Luncheon Chair person for the upcoming season. I am hoping that one of you might consider this job. You do not have to be a fulltime resident to do this. It involves selecting lunch locations for May through October (held on the 4th Thursday of each month), sending out invitations by email and accepting the RSVPs, contacting the restaurant with the final number of attendees, and hosting the luncheon. If anyone is interested, please contact me by email (cspfeiffer40@gmail.com) or text or call (715-490-3498). We hope to continue Friday Happy Hour, the Everyone Dinner, Book Club, Drum Circle, Pool League, and Packer Parties, Men's Golf, a walking group and Mahjongg. Watch the kiosks for the dates and times when activities will resume. We hope there is something for everyone. Volunteers to help on the committees and suggestions for events are always welcome. Call Carolyn Pfeiffer (A-5) 715-356-4143, or cspfeiffer40@gmail.com. We're looking forward to meeting all the new residents!

Carolyn Pfeiffer, Unit A-5, Chairman



COPING WITH CORONA VIRUS IN BRANDY – Carolyn Pfeiffer

Wisconsin Governor Evers has asked residents to “stay in place.” So, I feel that we are the lucky ones here at the Brandy condos.

- **Movie theaters closed:** we have a beautiful large screen and movies to view at the Rec Center. Perhaps we residents could loan our personal DVDs to the Rec Center, with a sign-up sheet for the borrowers.
- **Fitness centers closed:** we have six pieces of exercise equipment in our Rec Center. There are antiseptic wipes available in the exercise room, so please wipe the equipment before and after use.
- **Library closed:** There are three loaded bookshelves in the Rec Center for residents' use.
- **Group meetings:** Wisconsin regulates meetings to 10 or fewer. So, the Mahjongg game, men's Pool League, and Book Club may continue because these are

small groups of Brandy residents. However, groups containing participants from outside of Brandy (Drum Circle, Sheepshead) are discontinued temporarily.

- **Restaurants closed:** Some restaurants are closed completely while others offer “take-out”. Pick up the food and meet a friend at your condo or at the Rec Center for a change of pace.
- **Socializing closed:** There are games and puzzles available in the Rec Center, please use them. We're still allowed to visit friends in their homes in small groups.

The perfect hostess gift is not a bottle of wine anymore – but a roll of toilet paper!!

- **Give Thanks:** Please thank the staff of Trigs, SaveMore, Walmart, Walgreens. Thank your pharmacist, the UPS/FedEx drivers, the US Postal workers, gas station staff, restauranters who offer carry-out. These folks are making it possible for us to function.
- **Remember to laugh!!** There are plenty of jokes, memes, and YouTube videos going around to keep us laughing. This, too, shall pass!!



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Please Drive Slowly in the Complex

Please observe the speed limit when on the property. Summer brings many visitors, so be watchful of children and pets and our resident deer!

Libraries in Vilas County
Manitowish Waters
Boulder Junction
Plum Lake of Sayner
Minocqua Library-Oneida Cty.

Garbage Pickup: Fridays; Recycling: Mondays (Note change of days beginning March 25th)

Dumpsters are located between Bldgs B & C, and at garage of Bldg G.

- Garbage and Recyclables **MUST** be bagged
- Additional recycle center behind Trig's.

Please do not leave garbage outside of the containers!

BLPOA Board of Directors

Ginny Comber, Member-at-Large, B-16
 Neal Kania, President, G-55
 George Oberlander, Vice President, B-10
 Laura Van Horne, Secretary, A-8
 Ramona Widick, Treasurer, E-40
 Property Manager, Lee Schultz, A-5

If you have any changes in your address, phone number or emergency contacts, it is your responsibility to notify the Board. Thank you!

Local Vendors:

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| Danco Heating | 715-356-7000 |
| Quality Heating | 715-358-2844 |
| Hansen HVAC | 715-339-3009 |
| Hansen-Trapp Plumbing | 715-356-2531 |
| Howard Bros. Plumbing & Htg. | 715-356-3670 |
| Expert Rooter | 715-358-3444 |
| Frontier Communications | 877-462-8188 |
| Charter Communications | Service: 844-417-2999 |
| | Billing: 888-345-7139 |
| | Other: 833-697-7328 |
| Wisconsin Public Service | 800-450-7260 |
| A-1 Elevators, Green Bay | 800-888-0160 |
| Arrow-Lift Elevators, Blaine, MN | 888-815-4387 |

RECYCLING NEWS:

- Please flatten all cardboard boxes.
- Bag everything in clear plastic bags.
- Recycling is picked up every Friday.

