



## The Brandy Lake Bulletin

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### FROM THE BOARD

It's a brand new year! Hopefully we can all get back to enjoying the simple pleasures that we have missed during the last year. Let's make 2021 a great year!

Our last Brandy Lake Bulletin was sent out in October 2020. Since then there has been one Board meeting, which was on December 19, 2020. At that meeting all five of our Board members were present, three in person and two via conference call. There were fourteen homeowners present, six in person and eight via phone.

Ramona Widick, treasurer, reported that as of December 19, 2020, we had \$35,530.55 in our checking account and \$115,023.49 in the reserve account. All homeowners' dues were paid through November 30, 2020 and all submitted bills had been paid to date.

#### President's Welcome

Neal Kania welcomed all those present and via conference call, and thanked all for individual efforts made. He noted that the Association has made many improvements in 2020. There were no "water issues" in 2020. He is expecting a calmer activity year in 2021.

#### Property Manager's Report

Lee Schultz reported the following were completed in 2020:

- Painting of Buildings F, G, Rec Center and H garage
- Garbage corrals enclosed
- Removal of 35 to 40 trees and stumps
- Stones added to shrub beds and around buildings
- Building G overhang completed
- Exterior dryer vent openings cleaned
- Both Brandy signs refurbished
- A new bench on the granite path
- Added heat cables in gutters on F & G and over vestibules on B.

Projects to be considered for the future are:

- Add more stones to shrub beds
- Add more black dirt, fertilizer and grass seed in area of ground stumps
- Repair or replace some gutters
- Paint garbage corrals and Building G overhang
- Paint all garage doors
- New roof on H garage
- Replace Rec Center boiler
- Install new irrigation system.

*See the minutes for December 19th for additional details.*

#### Welcome and Social Committee - Carolyn Pfeiffer

There have been no new owners and no current vacancies or units for sale at Brandy since the last Board Meeting October 3rd, 2020.

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### Landscape Committee – Ginny Comber

Ginny thanked Carolyn Pfeiffer and Sharon Coleman for decorating the front gates and for the inside/outside decorations at the Rec Center. She said the projects for next year are:

- To spread rocks around the other buildings and free standing rock beds as the budget allows
- Plant ferns in the rock bed at Building D and an ornamental tree in the rock bed at Building E
- Use Preen fertilizer in weeded areas as deemed necessary and will be completed by Carolyn Pfeiffer and Sharon Coleman in the Spring because treatment must be done early to be effective.

See December 19th minutes for additional details.

### Old Business:

A motion was made by Ramona Widick to engage Aquatic Plant Management for \$7,750 and was seconded by George Oberlander. The motion passed.

Timing of availability of docks in the summer of 2021 will depend on eradication needs and conditions. Fees for watercraft will be unchanged from last year’s fees. (Boats - \$300 seasonal, \$10 daily;

Paddleboats and jet-ski berths - \$45 seasonal, \$10 daily; Canoe and kayak storage - \$30 seasonal.)

### New Business:

A motion was made by George Oberlander to accept the new Charter/Spectrum contract and seconded by Ramona Widick. The motion passed. The new contract beginning March 1st includes more TV channels, up to two TVs, and internet.

A motion to accept the proposed 2021 budget with a monthly per unit fee of \$280 and \$20 per extra garage was made by George Oberlander and seconded by Gene Cole. The motion passed. The increased monthly fee is necessary for the inflationary cost increases in addition to the milfoil eradication costs.

See the December 19th minutes for additional details.

Also discussed at this board meeting was our Reserve Account. It is planned to review reserve requirements in 2021 based on industry standards to compare our reserves to computed reserves based on future costs.

See the December 19th meeting minutes for details.

The next Board meeting is tentatively set for April 24th .

-Brandy Lake Property Association Board



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

To: All the Brandy Lake Board members who continue to work to keep Brandy Lake a beautiful and thriving community.

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

To: Carolyn Pfeiffer and Sharon Coleman for the holiday decorations at the gate and outside the Rec Center.

To: Nan Beer and Ginny Comber for coordinating the Book Club.

### MAHJONGG

The Merry Masked Mahjongg Players have continued to play a game every Tuesday night at the Rec Center from 6-8 PM for the past 10 months. Players are Nan Beer, Carolyn Pfeiffer, Ramona Widick, and Barb Jamerson (not pictured.)



## LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE REPORT - Ginny Comber, Chairman

Ginny would like to thank Carolyn Pfeiffer and Sharon Coleman for the holiday decorations at the gate and outside the Rec Center.



If owners have any comments or would like to join our committee, please email me at [gkcom@sbc-global.net](mailto:gkcom@sbc-global.net) or talk to any member before the next Board meeting, tentatively on April 24th. Current Landscape Committee members are Ginny Comber (chairman), Carolyn Pfeiffer, Sharon Coleman and Sandy Hanford.



### Valentine's Day

The Rec Center was decorated for Valentine's Day but there were no activities planned.

### DRUM CIRCLE

Drum Circle usually meets on the third Wednesday of every month, from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM in the Rec Center. Due to Covid safety concerns, the monthly drumming circle has been cancelled for the time being. We will resume when the weather is better to drum outside. Contact Debbie Harvey, 715-699-3024 for the latest info. We shall return!

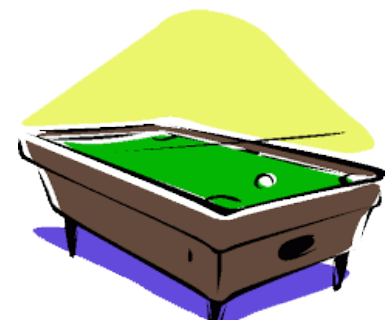


Our heartfelt condolences go out to the family and friends of Desmond Smith who died on January 20, 2021 at the age of 74. He had been renting Unit D-28, and had previously lived in Unit E-33.

We also want to send our heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Marion Burmeister who passed away on February 10, 2021 at Minocqua Health and Rehab. She would have been 92 on February 13th. She and her husband, George, lived in Building F for many years. She was an accomplished artist and an amazing person who enjoyed life and socializing with people, especially the Brandy Lake folks. Rest in peace, dear friend.

### Pool League:

The men still meet to play pool every Thursday afternoon at 3:00 PM in the Rec Center.



## WELCOME/SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT – Carolyn Pfeiffer

**Welcome Committee:** There have not been any new residents in the past few months. No units are for sale or rent at the current time.

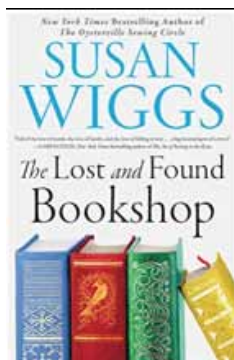
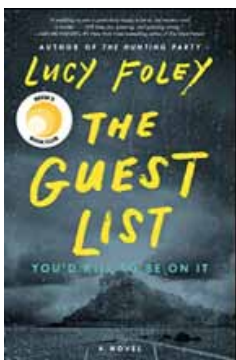
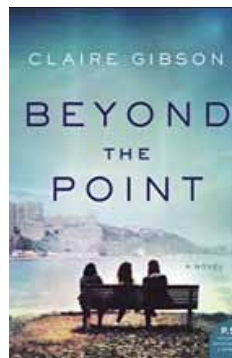
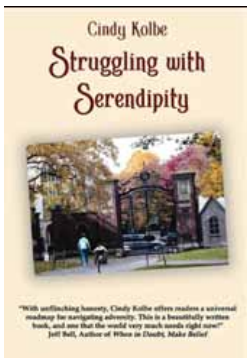
### **Social Committee:**

#### **Brandy Belles Book Club**

The Brandy Belles Book Club has been meeting on the first Thursday evening of the month at 4:30 PM in the Rec Center. All attendees wear masks and practice social distancing while discussing the book. Some residents attend by Zoom. Dinner out afterwards has been cancelled due to Covid-19. The books for the remainder of the year are:

- March 4 – Struggling with Serendipity – by Cindy Kolbe
- April 1 – The Paris Orphan, by Natasha Lester
- May 6 – Beyond the Point, by Claire Gibson
- June 3 – The Guest List, by Lucy Foley
- July 1 - The Lost and Found Bookshop, by Susan Wiggs
- August 5 – The Orphan Collector, by Ellen Marie Wiseman

(Bookmarks are available in the Rec Center or call Carolyn.)



### **OWNER CHANGE IN CONTACT INFORMATION**

Please email Gene Cole, ehcrj1@gmail.com with any changes in contact information or other information that would change owner listing details in the annual BLPOA phone directory.

Please provide this information as soon as it's known. Thanks in advance.

### **WINTER REMINDERS**

- Have your furnace checked.
- If you plan to be gone for an extended period of time during the winter, please turn off your water at your shut off, open the faucets, and leave your cupboard doors open.
- Turn your thermostat down to no lower than 60 degrees.
- Have someone check your unit periodically. Leave your storm door unlocked in case of an emergency.
- Do not leave your garage door open for an extended period of time, especially in extremely cold weather.
- Move your car off of the blacktop after a snowfall so that the snow can be plowed.



### **NEW SCHEDULE FOR BRANDY BULLETIN**

Your Brandy Bulletin editors are announcing a new publishing schedule for the newsletter.

We are hoping to be able to publish the newsletter quarterly.

The proposed dates are April 30th, July 31st, October 31st, and January 31st. We are hopeful that this will be a more regular and predictable schedule for all. Your feedback is welcome.



# COVID-19 UPDATE

The Pfizer vaccine is now available at the Marshfield Hospital. Howard Young Hospital has the Moderna vaccine. You must call or sign up online to receive the vaccine. Let's all get vaccinated, continue wearing a mask, keep a social distance, be safe, and protect others.

**Brandy Ramblers**  
*Karen and Mike Duellman*  
 Every Wednesday from after Memorial Day until Labor Day, the Brandy Ramblers meet at the flag pole at 9 a.m. We will drive to a trail and hike for 2-4 miles. COVID procedures may apply.



**SPECTRUM NEW CONTRACT UPDATE**

- Spectrum will be contacting owners who will need a replacement modem soon.
- Owners, watch for an email on March 1, 2021 which contains instructions for you dealing with the new contract. No one should or needs to contact Spectrum prior to March 1.

**WANTED: CABINETRY**



We just moved in to our unit in October. We would like to add matching cabinetry over a desk in our kitchen. If you would happen to be remodeling and selling some cabinets please contact either me or my husband. Barb Jamerson, Art Bayley, C-17  
 Thank you.  
 Barb Jamerson – 262-408-9239 (or) Art Bayley - 262-488-3500

**HAPPY HOUR CANCELLED? BUT WHY???**



**GARAGE FOR SALE** (in "G" area)  
 Asking \$11,000  
 Contact Jim Puchter, 262-352-2078

**EVENTS AND DATES TO REMEMBER**

1st of every month – Condo Association fees due - \$280  
 Extra garage monthly fee due - \$20 per garage.

1st Thursday of the month – Book Club starts at 4:30 PM, Rec Center., social distancing observed.

Mahjong - Tuesday evenings – 6:00 - 8:00 PM, Rec Center.

Drum Circle – cancelled until further notice.

Pool League – Thursday afternoons - 3:00 PM, Rec Center.



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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: Wednesdays; Recycling: Fridays**

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

- Recyclables **MUST** be bagged
- All garbage **MUST BE BAGGED!**
- Additional recycle center behind Trig's.

**Please do not leave garbage outside of the containers!**

**Local Vendors:**

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

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**RECYCLING NEWS:**

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



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