



The Brandy Lake Bulletin

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FROM THE BOARD

Greetings to all the Brandy Lake Condo Neighbors! We are looking forward to a lovely summer season here in the Northwoods. Hopefully, all of you are staying safe and well. We are like emerging butterflies after being in a cocoon for an extended time. Enjoy your “freedom flight” in these next months! We’ve got a lot of things planned for you to enjoy! See the Calendar of Activities for the Summer, 2021 that was emailed a few weeks ago.

The last Board Meeting was held on April 24th. The following are some of the highlights of that meeting. See the meeting minutes from Gene Cole, Board Secretary, for specific details.

Four of the Board members were present in person and one was present via conference call. Quorum was met. Fifteen homeowners were present, seven in-person and eight via conference call.

The minutes of the last Board meeting on December 15th were approved as corrected.

Ramona Widick, Treasurer, reported that as of April 24th, 2021, we had \$59,855.73 in our checking account and \$139,056.80 in the reserved account.

Neal Kania, Board President, welcomed all present and via conference call. He reported that there was no water damage in the winter and minimal ice in front of the garages. He also reported that our combined operating cash balance and reserve cash balance of approximately \$200,000 is greater than in the past and should continue to grow.

Old Business:

- A contract signed with Aquatic plant management to \$7,750 to remove invasive weeds from the BLPOA dock area.
- An association of Brandy Lake property owners has been discussed, but would be difficult to organize. Future efforts to contact the state will be considered.

-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 all of his time, work and concern as our Property Manager.
- To: Carolyn Pfeiffer for all of her energy and enthusiasm for our social events and activities that benefit our whole community.
- To: Nan Beer and Ginny Comber for coordinating the Book Club.
- To: Carolyn Pfeiffer, Sharon Coleman and Barb Jamerson for spreading Preen on weedy areas next to our buildings.
- To: Sharon Coleman for the beautiful spring and summer wreaths she decorated and donated to the Rec Center.
- To: Barb Jamerson, Michele Hasz, and Caroline McNair for volunteering to chair various Brandy activities!
- To: Kay Tait, Barb Jamerson, and Carolyn Pfeiffer for helping clear the areas around the five kayak/canoe racks on the grounds.
- To: Sharon Coleman for washing all of the windows at the Rec Center!
- To: Debbie Harvey and Gene Cole for updating our website.
- To: Carolyn Pfeiffer and all the committee chairs who worked on the Calendar of Activities for this summer!
- To: All who wrote articles for this newsletter. Thank you!

Brandy Lake Paddlers – *Caroline McNair*

Greetings Brandy Lake paddlers! The Canoe & Kayak Group will have informal paddling excursions on Brandy Lake from June through September. Please email Caroline McNair, caroline.mcnair@gmail.com, unit A-8, to be included on the mailing list, to make suggestions, and to be notified of announcements. Please join us for a paddle around the lake!



LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE REPORT - *Ginny Comber, Chairman*

Thank you to Barb Jamerson for joining the committee. Thank you to Carolyn Pfeiffer, Sharon Coleman, and Barb Jamerson for spreading Preen on the areas adjacent to our buildings to avoid having to weed these areas. Mike, our handyman, will be adding rocks to these areas in the next few weeks. If the budget allows, we will add additional rocks to the rock areas around the trees on our property.



Mahjongg – *Carolyn Pfeiffer*

The “Open” Mahjongg* group meets every Tuesday evening from 6-8 PM at the Rec Center. We would love to have more players. Susan Crumrine has agreed to offer lessons on another afternoon or evening - time and day to be determined. If you or a non-Brandy friend are interested, please contact Susan Crumrine by email to: susan_crumrine@yahoo.com Come one, come all – you are always welcome!



*Mahjongg is a Chinese game played by trying to make various sets or patterns with tiles. We play “American” rules. Mandarin language is not required. 😊

DRUM CIRCLE – *Debbie Harvey*

Drum Circle usually meets on the third Wednesday of every month from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Rec Center. Masks are optional but I have been fully vaccinated and I will be wearing my mask. Let’s practice “responsible social distancing” and limit physical contact. If you feel sick, we love you, but please stay home. BYO drum...we’ll have a few extras. Questions: Debbie Harvey – 715-699-3024 – dkharvey@aol.com



Condo Website Update –

Gene Cole and Debbie Harvey

Gene Cole & Debbie Harvey are evaluating content on the condo website, www.brandylakecondos.com.

Our mission is to update the existing content as well as to give it a more modern look-and-feel where owners and residents can share information and photos and update email addresses*, etc.

We need your input! Please review the website and let Debbie know what you like, don’t like, plus any suggestions for additional content. debbiekharvey@gmail.com or 715-699-3024.

(If you have trouble logging in, contact Carolyn Pfeiffer, cspfeiffer40@gmail.com or 715-490-3498).

Thanks, Debbie. 715-699-3024 or debbiekharvey@gmail.com

*Reminder: Owners and residents, please contact the Board Secretary, Gene Cole, if there are any changes in your contact information.

Pool League:

The pool league meets to play pool every Thursday afternoon at 3:00 PM in the Rec Center. This is a good time to meet and exchange conversation with other people in the complex. Everyone is welcome.



WELCOME/SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT – Carolyn Pfeiffer

Welcome Committee: There have not been any new residents since the last newsletter.

Social Committee:

Trish Grisbaum is retiring from the Social Committee and I want to thank her for chairing the Breakfast Group and the new resident party in the past. She will be missed.

I am thrilled to announce the addition of three new members to the committee. Two are full-time residents Michele Hasz and Barb Jamerson, and one snowbird, Caroline McNair. They have enthusiastically stepped up to chair some activities. I thank them for their willingness to help.

At the Board's direction, all social activities will resume. Each resident may choose to attend or not. As of this date, masks are optional per state regulations.

We are returning to breakfasts, luncheons, dinners, picnic/potlucks, Happy Hour, hiking, drum circle, Mahjongg, book club, pool league, and Sheephead.

The Social Committee has come up with some great ideas. The following two activities are being planned. If you are interested, please contact Barb Jamerson or Caroline McNair.

- Barb Jamerson is organizing a bicycle group of like-minded "wheelies"
- Caroline McNair is planning to organize canoeists and kayakers for relaxing paddles around Brandy Lake.

There are many other ideas in the planning stage right now:

Summer:

- Attend a Snowshoe Baseball Game in Lake Tomahawk
- Play in a "mini-golf" tournament
- Go tubing on the Wisconsin River with Hawk's Nest Outfitters
- Plan a backyard Bocce Ball game/picnic
- Find a partner for a "Best Ball" golf tournament at Plum Lake Golf Course or Whitetail Par 3

Fall:

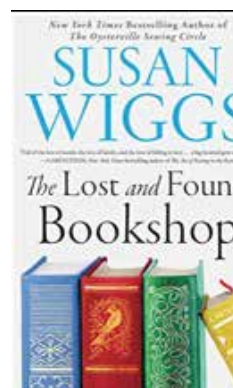
- Tour a Cranberry Marsh
- Hayride in Rhinelander
- Octoberfest at the Rec Center
- Packer parties
- Play disc golf in our neighboring Disc Golf Course.
- Attend a "tasting" at the new Northern Distillery

Brandy Belles Book Club – Nan Beer and Ginny Comber

The Brandy Belles Book Club meets 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. We've had great attendance and great discussions. Dinner out afterwards has been cancelled due to Covid-19. The books for the remainder of the year are:

- June 3 – *The Guest List*, by Lucy Foley
- July 1 - *The Lost and Found Bookstore*, by Susan Wiggs
- August 5 – *The Orphan Collector*, by Ellen Marie Wiseman

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



PROPERTY MANAGER'S REPORT

by Lee Schultz

Winter at Brandy

- Heat Cables worked well
- No major water damage

Projects to be completed in 2021

- Painting garbage corrals
- Black dirt, fertilizer, grass seed in ground stump areas
- Refurbishing rock beds

Spring projects

- Power washing patios
- New pallets on pier off building D
- Dock installations
- Summer lawn care and maintenance service agreement

Kudos to the landscaping committee!

*See Minutes for specific details.



Charter/Spectrum Contract – Secretary Gene Cole

*New Contract is effective April 1**

For issues, contact Spectrum at 833-697-7328.

Equipment problems: Exchange by going to Spectrum Rhineland store; or, call the “833” number above to have it sent (for a small charge) or have service person come to unit. There should not be a charge, as it is an equipment issue. Make sure you indicate that the equipment is not operating effectively, whether exchanging or calling. If you do not indicate that it’s a problem, you may be charged approximately \$50.00 for an on-site visit.

Modem: May be out of date. Your modem is provided by Spectrum. Call the above number to determine if you have a “current” modem that will handle the 400 mbps internet speed provided under our contract.

Router: It is recommended that you use a Spectrum provided router. This will ensure that your internet speed is compatible and/or able to handle the internet speeds provided through the Spectrum modem. If your router is not a Spectrum modem, or older than a few years, contact Spectrum at the above number and ask them whether your modem is current and able to carry the new contract transmission speed. If not, they will tell you and you can obtain a new router.

Reminder: The following are included in our new contract :

- TV programming (400 channels vs. old 200)
- Up to two TVs
- Internet (400 mbps)
- Modem
- Router
- DVR (one recording device)

*See Owner Information Memorandum sent to owners in February for additional details of the new Spectrum agreement.



TOUR OF CONDOS – Carolyn Peiffer

Two years ago, the residents in Building A organized a private tour of our condos. We all loved seeing how everyone chose to decorate: some modern, some traditional, some glamorous, some Northwood. It was a lot of fun for all of us.

A few other residents have expressed an interest in arranging another tour of interested owners. First, we would need to know how many owners would like to open their condo for viewing. This would be open for Brandy residents **only** – This would **not** be open to the public.

There would be guest hosts in each condo to guide people through, checking that the visitors are residents. This could be planned as a summer or fall event; the duration of the tour would depend upon the number of condos open.

If you are interested in touring or opening your condo, please contact me, Carolyn Pfeiffer, via email: cspfeiffer40@gmail.com or via phone: 715-490-3498



SUMMER REMINDERS

- Gas and charcoal grills are permitted on first floor concrete patios, but only gas grills on the second floor decks. Use CAUTION near the outside of the building.
- All vehicles must park in front of owner's garage doors or in available spots before parking parallel to the blacktop pavement along the grass. No parking in front of vestibules or on the grass. Large vehicles may park in areas outside the entry gates on the "H" garage site.
- All dogs should be leashed or tied and attended to at all times. Please pick up after them. Renters are not permitted to have pets on the premises.
- PLEASE BAG ALL ITEMS TO BE PUT IN DUMPSTERS: only papers may be placed in paper bags; bottles and cans separate; cardboard boxes must be broken down. Double bag all fish remains.
- Clean the condensate tube in your furnace/ air conditioner unit to prevent blockage and mold and/or damage to yours or another's property. Remove and soak the tube in bleach, then flush with water and place back in unit. Or, have it checked and cleaned by a heating/cooling company.



*Sharon Coleman Decorated the Rec. Center for Spring.
Thanks, Sharon!*



The Brandy ladies attended a Holiday decorating class at JJ's Nursery in November 2020. Each participant made a planter or a wreath or a centerpiece. Pictured here are (from left to right) Carolyn Pfeiffer, Ramona Widick, Dee Ruesch, Dana Hammond, Sharon Coleman. The class will be offered again in 2021

Monthly Breakfasts – Carolyn Pfeiffer

All breakfasts are scheduled at 9 AM on the 2nd Thursday of the month. **Reservations are required.** Contact Carolyn Pfeiffer by email: cspfeiffer40@gmail.com , or call/text: 715-490-3498.

June 10 – Wild Boar

July 8 -- The Granary

August 12 – Island Café

September 9 – Tula’s Café

October 14 – Lake Placid Inn



Taste of the Northwoods – Barb Jamerson

Barb Jamerson is organizing a monthly dinner at various restaurants in the Northwoods. These dinners will be held on the 3rd Thursday of each month beginning in June and running through October. Everyone is welcome.



Since most of the restaurants have limited seating, dinners will be on a first come first basis. Our first dinner will be held on June 17th at 5:00 p.m. We will be dining at The Guides Inn in Boulder Junction. Chef Jimmy Dean is preparing a limited multi-course dinner, including dessert (beverages not included). The price will be \$35 per person. Chef Jimmy has reserved the front dining room for our group. Maximum seating is 20 people to allow for proper distancing, so please sign up early.

Contact Barb Jamerson at 262-408-9239 or email at bjamerson54@gmail.com. See you then!

OWNER CHANGE IN CONTACT INFORMATION

Please email Gene Cole, ehcjr1@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.

Brandy Ramblers – Karen and Mike Duellman

Hikes are scheduled for every Wednesday from June 2nd until and including September 1st, weather permitting. Meet at the flagpole at 9 a.m. We will drive to a trail and hike for 2-4 miles. COVID procedures may apply.

Tentative schedule for June:

- June 2 - Awassa Trail, St Germaine
- June 9 - Bearskin Trail, Minocqua
- June 16 - Raven Trail, Minocqua area
- June 23 - North Lakeland Discovery Center Trail, Manitowish Waters
- June 30 - Madeline Lake, Minocqua area

Schedule will be posted on the Bulletin Boards.

EVENTS AND DATES TO REMEMBER

May 1st – Fishing Season opened in Wisconsin

1st of every month – Condo Association fees due - \$280.

(Extra garage monthly fee due - \$20 per month.)

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

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

Brandy Ramblers – Wednesday mornings – 9:00 AM – Meet at the flagpole.

Drum Circle – Wednesday evenings – 6:30 to 8:00 PM, Rec Center.

Breakfast Club – 2nd Thursday of the month – 9:00 AM

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

Friday Happy Hour – 4:00 PM – Rec Center.

Canoe and Kayak Group – TBA – Watch kiosks for notices.

Dinner Group – June 17th, 5:00 PM – Guides Inn – Sign up with Barb Jamerson.



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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.

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

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!

RECYCLING NEWS:

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



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