



The Brandy Lake Bulletin

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FROM THE BOARD

We hope everyone is having a pleasant and safe summer. The last Board Meeting was held on July 17th. The following are some of the highlights of that meeting.

*See the Minutes from Gene Cole, Board Secretary, for details.

Four of the Board members were present in person: Neal Kania, George Oberlander, Ramona Widick and Gene Cole. Sandy Hanford was present via conference call. Quorum was met. Approximately twenty homeowners were present, and one was present via phone. The minutes of the last Board meeting were approved. Ramona Widick, Treasurer, reported that as of April 24th, 2021, we had \$44,610.16 in our checking account and \$139,074.14 in the reserve account.

Neal Kania, President, welcomed all. He reported that it was a mild winter here in the Northwoods and that there was very little damage to our buildings and grounds. He attributed that mostly to the heat tapes that were added to the roofs and downspouts.

Other items on the agenda were: the Property Manager's report, the Welcome/ Social Committee report, the Landscape Committee report, the Milfoil issue and the new Spectrum agreement. These items will be discussed later in this newsletter. Also, the results of the election were tallied and announced. Ramona Widick was elected for another three-year term on the Board. Congratulations Ramona!

The next Board meeting will be Saturday, October 16th, 2021.

-Brandy Lake Property Association Board



Photo by Lee Schultz



- To: All of the unsung, caring Brandy homeowners and residents who help to keep our complex safe and beautiful.
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- 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: Sharon Coleman, Barb Jamerson, and Carolyn Pfeiffer who spread Preen on the weeds around the complex.
- To: Mike Wilhelm who donated a vacuum to the Rec Center. Thanks Mike!
- To: Sharon Coleman for designing and making the two wreaths at the Rec Center. (See photos above)
- To: The Flower Girls who planted the lovely flowers at the gate, Sharon Coleman, Barb Jamerson, Karen Duellman, and Carolyn Pfeiffer. Looks great!
- To: Carolyn Pfeiffer, Laura VanHorne and Gene Cole for compiling and printing our new directories.
- To: Caroline McNair for finding a replacement treadmill on line for the Rec Center.
- To: Barb Jamerson, Michele Hasz and Carolyn Pfeiffer for chairing our dining out events.
- To: Sharon Coleman for picking up the fallen branches on the property after the July 26th storm.
- To: All who helped with setting up and cleaning up for another successful Annual Picnic on July 17th.
- To: All who wrote their own articles for this newsletter. Thank you!

BRANDY LAKE PADDLERS – *Caroline McNair*

The Canoe & Kayak Group will have informal paddling excursions on Brandy Lake through September. Please email Caroline McNair, unit A-8, at caroline.mcnair@gmail.com, 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

Preen was applied to rock areas and has been fairly successful in preventing weeds. Preen will be applied again next year.

Rocks have been added around buildings B, C, D, and E. Rocks will be added around buildings F, G, and A and on the freestanding rock beds and trees surrounded by rocks.

The landscape committee identified areas on the property that needed shrubs, ferns or grasses. Due to out-of-stock items, these plantings will be done next year. The new crabapple tree behind B will be fenced in due to damage by deer.

We have a new piece of “art” in the rock bed between C and D. It is a piece of driftwood that was hidden among pine trees on our property.

Kudos to Sharon Coleman, Carolyn Pfeiffer, Barb Jamerson, and Karen Duellman for all the “hands on” work they do. New members are always welcome as well as your input. Feel free to email me.

Ginny Comber, Landscape Committee Chairman



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. 😊



Some Mahjongg players in July. Laura came back for a few weeks to visit and play.

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



WELCOME/SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT – Carolyn Pfeiffer

Welcome Committee

Unit D-28 has been sold to **Sandy and Jim Hanford**, current owners of unit D-31.

Unit B-12 was sold on July 28, 2021 to three new owners:

Cindy Grandin, and Jeff and Nancy Schaal

Cindy Grandin is looking forward to spending time in Minocqua. She retired in 2011 from her career at Owens Glass Company and loves to read and volunteer at the local Food Pantry. Cindy is a widow with a large supportive family of four sisters and one brother, many of whom live near her in Geneva, IL

Nancy Schaal (Cindy's sister) and Jeff Schaal have lived in Monroe, WI for the past 42 years. Nancy is a retired Special Education teacher and Jeff is a retired Science teacher. Both enjoy reading, hiking and bicycling. (We have just the groups for you to join!)

Cindy, Nancy and Jeff will be enjoying the beautiful Northwoods, driving up from their respective home as often as possible. Please welcome them to our Brandy family. Make a note of their information and add it to your Brandy Directory.

Nancy Schaal cell: 608-558-7532, jschaal@tds.net

Cindy Grandin cell: 419-601-4365, cindygrandin20@gmail.com



*New owners (L-R):
Jeff & Nancy Schaal and Cindy Grandin*

Social Committee

All activities are running and have been well attended by the condo residents.

A new kayak/canoe group has begun with Caroline McNair in charge.

After the the couch in the Rec Center was damaged, two new chairs were added.

A used ProForm XP treadmill was purchased by the Condo Association for \$100. It is available for use in the exercise room of the Rec Center.

The annual potluck picnic was held on the afternoon of July 17, at 5pm, chaired by Kathy Vorwald with members of the Social Committee.



PROPERTY MANAGER'S REPORT

by Lee Schultz

The biggest owner concern this Spring was the availability of the Brandy docks. Due to the scheduled removal of milfoil in June, we initially installed only six piers. It became a concern when the milfoil removal was late June, but we did get the balance of the piers installed before owners brought more boats for the 4th of July holiday.

The garbage corrals and the G building lean-to built last fall have been painted.

Stone has been added around several buildings*

*See Landscape Report in the board meeting minutes for more details



12 Volt, deep cycle, heavy duty marine battery. Also included: a small anchor, plastic bumper and various other boating accessories.

Email Jeff Schaal: jschaal@tds.net

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.



2021 BRANDY DIRECTORY

For your information, the new 2021 Brandy directories are now available at the Rec Center in the black mailbox (sorted by Unit number). Please take one! If you



would like an electronic copy, please let me know and I'll email it to you. Thanks to Carolyn Pfeiffer and Laura Van Horne, who compiled, printed, and assembled the directories.

Gene Cole, Secretary

Note from Lee Schultz, Property Manager, to all Brandy residents and their guests:

I'm writing this because there has been no response to the email Brandy Secretary Gene Cole sent to everyone on June 5th.

Around the Memorial Day weekend there were some unpleasant and destructive incidences at the Rec Center. Individuals rendered the treadmill unusable, abused an electrical outlet in the exercise room, and left popcorn strewn all over the carpet.

Then, on the evening of Thursday, June 3rd, the same group, or a different group, destroyed the Rec Center couch. That evening after the party, several beer bottles were found deposited in the garbage containers, and the lights were left on all night. This is **unacceptable behavior!**

Rules for using the Rec Center state that children under the age of 18 **MUST** be accompanied by a responsible adult. Furthermore, the Rec Center **MUST** be cleaned up after use and left in good condition.

We had to replace the treadmill, buy new chairs to replace the couch, and hire an electrician to repair the electrical damage.

In over 15 years at Brandy, this is the first such damage incurred on our property. As a result of these acts, some owners have expressed the possibility of restricting or monitoring usage of the Rec Center. I am very disappointed that the party (or parties) involved in these acts have not come forward, taking responsibility.

Please report any knowledge of these acts to me or a Brandy Board member.

THE ANNUAL BPLOA PICNIC

Hosted this year by Kathy Vorwald

Our Annual Brandy Lake picnic was held on the afternoon of the Annual Board Meeting. Nineteen residents and guests attended. We had fried chicken from Save More and everyone brought a dish to share. There was plenty of good food with brownies for dessert, and lots of friendly conversation. Everyone seemed to enjoy the event. And even though our Social Chair was not there, we had plenty of help setting up and on clean up duty! Thanks to all.



Owners, former residents, and guests enjoy the Annual Pot Luck on the evening of the Annual Meeting. Good food, good neighbors, and good friends!!!

BRANDY BELLES BOOK CLUB – *Nan Beer and Ginny Comber*

The Brandy Belles' Book Club meets the first Thursday of each month, except in December, at 4:30 p.m. in the Rec Center. There is usually an optional dinner-out based on interest.

August 5th is our next meeting, during which we will be choosing our books for the next year. After this meeting we have made a reservation for our annual dinner at Norwood Pines. We will leave the Rec Center at about 5:40 p.m. So, if you can't make Book Club for any reason, you can still attend dinner, (just RSVP Ginny if you are going to dinner.)

All Brandy Ladies are invited whether you have read the book or not. No need to register, just show up. You can join in the lively book discussion or just enjoy catching up with your Brandy neighbors. Bookmarks with the next season's selections will be available in early August on the Rec Center bulletin board.



THE BRANDY LAKE ASSOCIATION MEETING – *Rich Clancy*

On Saturday, July 24, 2021, there was an informational meeting at our Rec Center about forming a Brandy Lake Association. The attendance was “Standing Room Only” with 34 people attending and 7 attending via phone.

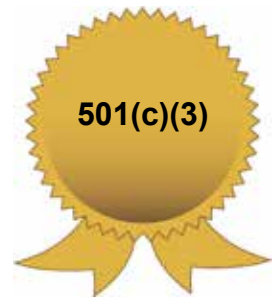
The purpose of the meeting was:

- (1) to have a presentation by Carolyn Scholl, Vilas County Conservationist,
- (2) provide a question and answer session,
- (3) decide whether to proceed or not in the formation of an association, and
- (4) if proceeding, to appoint a temporary board.

Carolyn Scholl’s presentation identified the various types of lake associations and definitions of each. They were:

- Unincorporated voluntary lake association
- Incorporated voluntary lake association
- Lake Districts

Ms. Scholl explained what is needed to be a qualified lake association (can then be grant-eligible) and status of having a 501(c)(3) or not.



The question was presented: “*Should a Lake Association be formed?*” There was an overwhelming (100%) show of hands and “Yes” by phone attendees to proceed with the formation of Brandy Lake Association to become a qualified association with 501(c)(3) status. This will allow donations/dues to become tax qualified.

There was an appointment of a temporary board:

President: Kara Yaeger	At-Large Board :
Vice-President: Jeff Randall	- Rich Clancy
Secretary: Beth Esch	- Dawn Porter
Treasurer: Louise Braya	- Neal Kania

The next steps will be for Board members to review bylaws, set membership dues, and submit final bylaws to be approved by the DNR.

BRANDY RAMBLERS – *Karen and Mike Duellman*

Hikes are scheduled for every Wednesday 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.

Schedule will be posted on the Bulletin Boards.

August 4th – Esconaba-Palette Trail, Boulder Junction

August 11th – Fallison Lake Trail, Boulder Junction

August 18th – McNaughton Trail, Lake Tomahawk

August 25th – Bearskin Trail, Minocqua Area

September 1st - Star Lake Nature Trail, Sayner – Special end of the season hike, starting at 10 a.m. with lunch at Sayner Pub - RSVP



MONTHLY BREAKFASTS – Carolyn Pfeiffer

All breakfasts are scheduled at 9 a.m. on the 2nd Thursday of the month.



RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED.

Contact Carolyn Pfeiffer by email: cspfeiffer40@gmail.com, or call or text: 715-490-349.

August 12 – Island Café

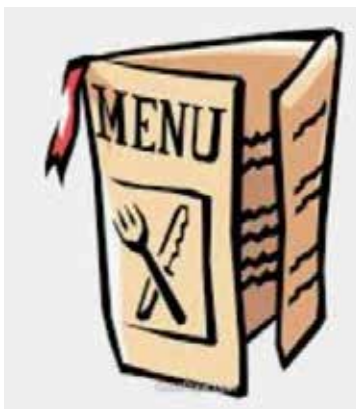
September 9 – Tulas Café

October 14 – Lake Placid Inn

TASTE OF THE NORTHWOODS –

Barb Jamerson

Barb Jamerson is the chair for organizing the monthly dinners at various restaurants in the Northwoods.



These dinners will be held on the 3rd Thursday of each month running through October. Everyone is welcome. Since most of the restaurants have limited seating, diners will be on a first come first basis.

Contact Barb Jamerson at 262-408-9239 or email at bjamerson54@gmail.com. Watch your email for the next scheduled dinner.

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.



Our sincere condolences to Jill Gustafson upon the passing of her father on June 18th, 2021.



Memorial Service for Marion Burmeister:

There will be a memorial service for Marion Burmeister, a former Brandy Lake Condo resident, at the Eaglebrook Church/Nimsgren Funeral Home on August 11th, 2021, at 11:00 a.m. Lunch to follow.



EVENTS AND DATES TO REMEMBER

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.

1st Thursday of the month – Steak Fry for all Guys at the Minocqua Legion, 5:00 p.m.

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

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

Drum Circle – Third Wednesday of the month – 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 – Watch kiosks for notices.

Dinner Group – Sign up with Barb Jamerson to receive notices via email.



Hubert Freund rescues a fawn stuck in the pier



The Flower Girls: Sharon Coleman, Barb Jamerson, Karen Duellman, and Carolyn Pfeiffer working on the entrance plantings. Karen (in red) is a new member of the landscape committee and really seems to be "digging it!"



Building A is coordinAted! Residents coordinated their plantings this year. We used the beautiful plantings first designed by Rosie Murtha and all owners in building A copied her idea to give some cohesiveness to the outdoor decor.

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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.

BLPOA Board of Directors

Gene Cole, Secretary, F-46
 Sandy Hanford, Member-at-Large, D-31
 Neal Kania, President, G-55
 George Oberlander, Vice President, B-10
 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!

Garbage Pickup: Thursdays; Recycling: Mondays

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