



## The Brandy Lake Bulletin

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### FROM THE BOARD

Happy Fall to all. We hope you are healthy and happy and are enjoying the beauty of the turn of the seasons.

The last Board Meeting was held on October 16, 2021. The following are some of the highlights of that meeting. \*See the Minutes from the Appointed Secretary, Barb Jamerson, for specific details.

Three of the Board members were present in person: Neal Kania, George Oberlander, and Ramona Widick. Sandy Hanford was present via conference call. Gene Cole was not present. Quorum was met. Ten homeowners were present in person, and five were present via conference call. The minutes of the previous Board meeting of July 17, 2021 were approved. Ramona Widick, treasurer, reported that as of October 16th, 2021 we have \$57,614.92 in our Checking Account, and \$139,091.68 in our Reserve Account. All dues are paid through September 30, 2021 and all submitted bills have been paid to date.

President Neal Kania welcomed everyone to the meeting. Then, the Property Manager, the Welcome/ Social Chair, and the Landscape Chair all presented their reports citing their various projects. Highlights of the written reports follow in this Newsletter.

In Old Business, the reroofing of Building H Garage will be completed by the Spring of 2022. The rain gutter on Building A has been replaced. Private Property Signs have been installed near the Brandy Lake Public Beach area to discourage beachgoers from entering Brandy Lake Condos property. A brief discussion on the current status of the milfoil in Brandy Lake and the Brandy Lake Association was discussed.

In New Business, the snow removal 2021 – 2022 contract in the amount of \$9,000 with Custom Care Landscape was accepted. The resignation letter from Secretary Gene Cole was accepted, effective immediately. All members gave a round of applause in support of Gene's hard work and commitment

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to BLPOA. Last, a discussion ensued on the proposed budget for 2022. The final budget will be presented at the Winter Meeting.

The next Board meeting will be Saturday, December 18, 2021.

*-Brandy Lake Property Association Board*



**All Brandy Ladies, come and join us at JJ's Acres, for a**

**HOLIDAY DECORATING PARTY**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2021, at 1:00 PM**

Cost is \$40 (payable by check, cash, or credit card to JJ's that day)

You may make and design one of the following:

- Fresh Wreath
- Fresh Centerpiece
- Outdoor Planter
- Hanging Basket

Class is limited to 10 people. Please R.S.V.P. with your item choice by November 15 to [cspfeiffer40@gmail.com](mailto:cspfeiffer40@gmail.com), or text your choice to 715-490-3498.



*Previous Holiday Decorating Party*

- To: All 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: Barb Jamerson who agreed to take on the Appointed Secretary position on the Board.
- 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. We hope you will continue to be involved in the various activities.
- To: Nan Beer and Ginny Comber for coordinating the Book Club.
- To: Sharon Coleman for bringing the books for Book Club to the meeting each month from the library, and returning the previously read books.
- To: Barb Jamerson, Michele Hasz and Carolyn Pfeiffer for chairing our dining out events.
- To: Sharon Coleman for her donation of two floral arrangements for the Packer/Bear party and for always making food treats for the workers around Brandy!
- To: Tom Plachter for clearing the leaves from the Rec Center deck.
- To: The Landscape committee members for hands on work—Carolyn Pfeiffer, Sharon Coleman, Karen Duellman, and Barb Jamerson.
- To: Ginny and Frank Comber for spraying the weeds on the granite path.
- To: Mike Duellman, for trimming dead branches on the pine tree near the mailboxes at Building E.
- To: Art Bayley who walked in all eight of the hikes with the Duellmans this summer.
- To: All who wrote their own articles for this newsletter. Thank you!

## LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE REPORT

The rocks around all our buildings has been completed. The rocks around the independent rock beds should be completed soon. Our committee met to discuss possible goals for next year, to include:

Plants and shrubs not available this year will be planted next year. Additional plants and shrubs will be added as needed next year. Preen will be applied around all planting and rock areas next year. (Weeds were substantially less than in previous years.) Plantings at the gates and rec center will be in the landscape budget.

Future suggested projects include growing grass in shady areas, replacing black edging where needed, and adding gravel to the path while attempting to address drainage issues where needed.

Along with growing grass, there have been comments about the grass mowers where soil is dug up due to quick turning of the mowers. This situation should be addressed with Custom Care.

I want to thank our committee members, Carolyn Pfeiffer, Sharon Coleman, Karen Duellman and Barb Jamerson for all their hands-on work. Also I want to thank Mike Duellman for trimming dead branches off the pines near the mailbox at Building E.

Any owner is welcome to join our committee or provide input to me or any other committee member.

*Ginny Comber, Landscape Committee Chairman*



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## 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](mailto: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. 😊

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## 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.

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:

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## Brandy Lake Paddlers

*Caroline McNair*

The Brandy Paddlers enjoyed several excursions on the lake this past summer. We look forward to continuing next year. The kayakers included Carolyn Pfeiffer, Theresa Pfeiffer, Dora Jacobs, Barb Jamerson, Kay Tait, Ginny & Frank Comber, and Caroline McNair, group leader. We also invited kayakers from around Brandy Lake and enjoyed becoming acquainted with our Brandy Lake neighbors.

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## SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

All the breakfast, luncheons, and dinners have been well attended, averaging between 12-18 people each time. The All-Resident Packer/Bear Party was October 17th. Some photos of the dinners, luncheons, and parties are on the following pages.

The next big event is a Holiday Appetizer Party on December 18, 2021. This will include an *UGLY SWEATER* contest.

As of December 31, 2021, after five years on the job, I will be retiring as Social Chairman. Ramona Widick and I will continue as the Welcome Committee.

I am thrilled to announce that Barb Jamerson has agreed to take over as Social Chairman as of January 1, 2022. She will be organizing her committee soon, so if anyone is interested, please contact Barb.

– *Carolyn Pfeiffer*

### TWO NEW SMILING FACES:

Unit D-28 has been sold. Welcome to **Debby Thyssen**, formerly of Presque Isle, who has moved into Unit D-28. Debby grew up in Wisconsin, but had lived in the Lake Arrowhead area of Southern California for forty years. She worked at the Audubon Society there and is an avid "birder." Is anyone interested in starting a birding group?

Debby moved back to Presque Isle to be closer to family after her husband died in 2019. She is a very active person, spends summers at her cabin in Winchester, she taught ESL, likes to volunteer, loves to kayak, enjoys hiking, and began running half marathons at age 65. She may be of small stature but she is a dynamo!



**Joel Hasz**, Michele's younger brother, is spending time with her here at the condos. Joel moved here from Duluth, Minnesota where he spent time as a minister and as a foster parent for a child with special needs. His ministries have been with Christian, non-denominational churches and he has, in the past, been active with Campus Crusades.

Joel is a single parent of four (ages 18-30), who enjoys fishing and hunting, drawing and painting, reading biographies, and studying World War II history. The WWII interest comes from Joel's and Michele's father having served in that war.

He is a man of many talents, has inherited the Hasz sense of humor, and, despite living in Minnesota, is an avid Packer fan.



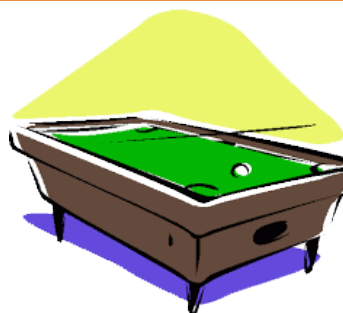
*New owner Debby Thyssen, D-28*



*Joel Hasz, E-37*

### Pool League

Those interested will continue to meet to play pool every Thursday afternoon at 3:00 PM in the Rec Center. This is a good time to meet your neighbors and exchange conversation with others in the complex. Everyone is welcome.



## PROPERTY MANAGER'S REPORT

by Lee Schultz

### Summer projects completed:

- Black dirt, fertilizer, grass seed in ground stump areas
- Finished construction and painting of garbage corrals
- Added new pallets on pier off building D
- Last fertilizer application completed October 1
- Refurbishing rock beds around buildings and trees
- Leaking gutter on building A replaced October 11



### Projects scheduled for completion:

- Re-roofing of exterior garage H
- Pier removal and repair
- Irrigation system; blowing lines, system repair
- Removal of two large trees in the bldg. C & D area
- Trimming of shrubs
- Clearing roofs and gutters

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Property Manager [lschultzupnorth@gmail.com](mailto:lschultzupnorth@gmail.com)



## Bartling's Cranberry Marsh Tour

Carolyn Pfeiffer – September 29 2021

Ten Brandy residents and two guests drove to Manitowish Waters for a Cranberry Marsh tour. Dick Indermuehle (a former marsh owner) gave us a personally guided tour of Bartling's Marsh. He explained the process of the cranberry harvest each fall. The dry marsh beds are flooded with water, then a harrowing machine enters the beds to strip the berries from the plants. The floating berries are corralled into the end of the beds where a tubular suction apparatus moves the berries into a waiting truck. During this suction process sprays of water wash out leaves or twigs as they move over bars to a waiting truck.



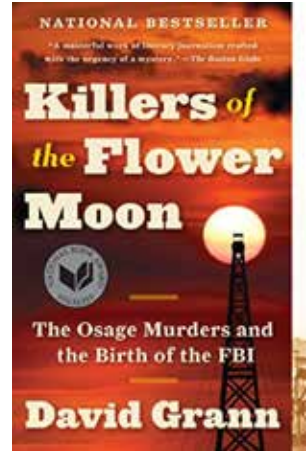
The truck transports the berries to a warehouse, they are dumped into a vat/pool, then the berries proceed up a roller conveyor where a strong blast of air cleans out more trash, then they go over bars that sorts the berries as to sizes. The berries are washed again and funneled into wooden crates, weighed, and tagged as to the bed from which they came and their variety, then loaded into trucks for shipping to Ocean Spray and other vendors. Dick's grandnephew, David Bartling, showed his lab where he analyzes the berries for color and hardness and that information is recorded to keep track of crop results.

I know that we all enjoyed the tour and benefited greatly from Dick's expert knowledge. Of course, we stopped to purchase some cranberry products, then had lunch at the Pea Patch in Manitowish waters.

## 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 may be an optional dinner at a local restaurant, based on interest. November 4th is our next meeting. 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. The book for November is - Killers of the Flower Moon, by David Grann. Bookmarks with the next season's selections are available on the Rec Center bulletin board, or by requesting one from Carolyn Pfeiffer, Nan Beer, or Ginny Comber.



## 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 plow can plow.



### **Brandy Lake Association – Kara Yaeger, President**

The last email communication was the one about actually forming the association and sending dues on 8/31.

Our board is meeting 11/18 and we will send out information after that meeting.

There really isn't much to report at this time.

### **BELATED HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

Since we missed this special birthday last year we want to be sure to say Happy Belated Birthday to **Dick Indermuehle** who turned 90 on December 14, 2020, and will be 91 on December 14, 2021! Hope your day is special, Dick!



### **Brandy Ramblers – Karen Duellman**

Once again, we enjoyed the weekly hikes this year. We hope to offer hikes next year, possibly on Tuesday, as in 2019. Kudos to Art Bayley who participated in all eight hikes!





*Another beautiful sunset over Brandy Lake*



*Brandy Breakfast Club at the Wild Boar in September, 2021*



*Barb and Art Jamerson and Bob and Joan Moen enjoy a game of Corn Hole in front of the Rec Center*



*An unexpected visitor to Brandy Lake Condominiums*



*Fall colors reflected on Brandy Lake*





*"Before": A Beautifully Set Table*

*The annual Packers-Bears party is great fun, and becoming quite the tradition at Brandy Lake!*



*"After": a Wonderfully full table*



*Mike and Karen Duellman fill out their "predictions" for the Packers-Bears game*



*Tom Plachter is one of many winners of Packer / Bear paraphernalia*



*Lee and Carolyn hosted a great Packer/Bear party again this year!*



## EVENTS AND DATES TO REMEMBER

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

1st of every month – Extra garage fee due - \$20.

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.

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

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.



## TASTE OF THE NORTHWOODS

*by Barb Jamerson*

Our summer monthly Brandy Dinners have come to an end. I want to thank all of you who participated in these dinners. We all had a great time!

Our dinners began in Boulder Junction at The Guides Inn, followed by Clearview Supper Club, Angler's Fine Food and Spirits, Norwood Pines Supper Club and, saving the best for last: Four Seasons Supper Club. As usual, their food was exceptionally prepared and served by a very attentive waitstaff.

I hope you will have a chance to join us again for the 2022 Taste of the Northwoods. Until then, I'm wishing you all a safe and healthy winter season.



*Dinner at Norwood Pines Supper Club  
(above and at right)*

An HGTV episode was filmed here in October 2019 with the HGTV crew and a drone. It features four locations in the Minocqua area, including our very own Brandy Lake Condos. Grab some popcorn and enjoy!

<https://watch.hgtv.com/tv-shows/lakefront-bargain-hunt/full-episodes/many-options-in-minocqua>



*Dinner at Four Seasons Supper Club*

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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: 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.

**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	

**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

**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.



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

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
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