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FROM THE BOARD

Happy Summertime to everyone! It is good to see so many familiar faces around the complex these summer days. We hope to avoid the extreme heat that so many other areas in the US are enduring this year. So far the weather in the northwoods has been very tolerable. Stay cool!

The Brandy Lake Property Owners Association met for the Annual Homeowners meeting on Saturday, July 16, 2022 at the Rec Center at 9:00 a.m. All five Board members were present in person. (Quorum met.) Twelve homeowners were present in person and eight homeowners were present via conference call. President Neal Kania welcomed everyone to the meeting. The minutes of the previous meeting, April 23rd, 2022 were approved as written. Ramona Widick, treasurer, reported that as of June 30, 2022 there is \$54,208.44 in our Checking Account and \$168,042.99 in the Reserve Account. All submitted bills have been paid to date and all homeowners' dues are current.

OLD BUSINESS

Reroofing of Buildings H and A Garages will be completed in the fall as reported by Lee Schultz, Property Manager.

Brandy Lake Association Meeting – Neal reported that the annual Brandy Lake Association meeting was held on Saturday, June 11th at 10:00 a.m. at the Brandy Park pavilion. The scheduled lake clean up/weed fest day was cancelled due to the cold spring. No resched-

ule date was announced. A consultant will be hired to assist with the state grant requirements and process.

Beaver Issue – Neal received a letter from a Mr. Chuck Schaefer regarding a beaver issue and its effect on Brandy Lake. Mr. Schaefer invested \$300 to have the beavers removed to prevent more beaver dams being built. A motion was made, seconded and passed to reimburse Mr. Schaefer for the \$300 fee for beaver removal.

NEW BUSINESS

It has been brought to the attention of Neal and the Board that the fireplace venting in at least one unit is not up to code and is causing blackening above the fireplace vent, in an upper unit. The current code now is an 18 inch clearance from the soffit. Neal will view the exterior of all buildings to note which buildings may have similar issues with the venting.

Website Maintenance – Debbie Harvey (D-30) has resigned as webmaster. Laura Van Horne indicated that she is available to assume responsibilities. Ramona will follow up with Laura and report back.

Election of Board Members – Neal Kania received 34 votes of 56 eligible votes and George Oberlander received 29 of 56 eligible votes. There was one write-in vote. Congratulations Neal and George and thank you very much for again stepping up to run for re-election to the Board.

Owners' Open Forum - Homeowners and guests were

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reminded not to park on the grass. There was a question regarding the painting of the garage doors. There was also a question about regular tree pruning and overgrown brush obstructing the lake view of homeowners. Neal suggested that these items be included in "New Business" for next year.

Lee informed everyone that this year's Packer/Bear party is set for September 18th. Details to follow.

Next Board Meeting – December 17th, 2022.

-Brandy Lake Property Association Board



- To: All the caring Brandy homeowners and residents who help to keep our complex safe and beautiful.
- To: The Brandy Lake Board members who continue to work to keep Brandy Lake Condos a safe and thriving community.
- To: Neal Kania and George Oberlander for agreeing to run again for the vacancies on the Board. Congratulations!
- To: Lee Schultz, Property Manager, for working every day to keep a watch on current situations around our complex.
- To: Barb Jamerson, Social Chair, for all her time and hard work to plan and organize our wonderful activities! Thanks Barb!
- To: Art Bayley for going to get the chicken from Save More and for helping to set up for the picnic.
- To: All committee chairs and members who help with planning and executing our social activities: Carolyn Pfeiffer, Barb Jamerson, Caroline McNair, Michele Hasz, Nan Beer, Ginny Comber, Mike and Karen Duellman, Debbie Harvey and Mike Wilhelm.
- To: Sharon Coleman, Carolyn Pfeiffer, and Karen Duellman for the Preen application, and plantings at the front gate and other decorations around our property.
- To: All the Landscape Committee members: Sharon Coleman, Sandy Hanford, Karen Duellman, Ginny Comber, and Carolyn Pfeiffer.
- To: Nan Beer and Ginny Comber for co-chairing the book club.
- To: Frank Comber for installing the gutter downspout extensions.
- To: Ben Reichert for re-lighting the lights on our flag at night.
- To: Dick Indermuehle for donating a toolbox full of tools.
- To: Hank Szymanski for donating a ladder.
- To: The Gordy Ericksons for removing the white birch tree
- To: The Frank Combers for re-routing the water between bldgs B and C.
- To: Everyone who submitted articles for this edition of the newsletter.

GAME NIGHT



Game night is new this year. It will be held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the Rec Center. Ginny reported that four people attended in June and it was a success. All residents are welcome. Bring a game to share or just show up ready to have fun!

LEGION STEAK FRY

All men are invited to go to a Steak Fry the 1st Thursday evening of the month at the Minocqua Legion. Meet at 5:15 p.m. between Buildings B and C to car pool. Call Jim Coursolle (715-358-0509) or Mike Wilhelm (920-682-6046) ahead of time.



LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE REPORT

by Ginny Comber, Landscape Committee Chairman

Ginny reports that a preen application and new plantings have been completed. Ginny received a quote from Custom Caretaking to repair the granite path between Buildings B and C for \$4,800. A motion was made and passed by the Board to accept the bid as submitted. Please contact Ginny with your ideas or willingness to participate in outdoor projects. *See the Landscape Committee report attached to the Annual Board minutes for details.



PROPERTY MANAGER'S REPORT

by Lee Schultz

Lee Schultz reported on: the reroofing of garages H and A, not parking too close to the mailboxes, bids to repair the siding on Buildings F and G, items too large for the garbage bins, the wooden barricade in front of the damaged walkway and stairway, keyed disconnects for all exterior garages, pest control for flying squirrels in Building C, the need for gutter guards especially for Buildings B and C, repainting the decks on Buildings B and C next year, and fixing the lights at the gate.

For further details, the Property Manager's report can be found attached to the Board Meeting Minutes that were distributed after the board meeting.

Property Manager, Lee Schultz, can be contacted at (H) 715-356-4143 (C) 715-892-5479, or via email at lschultzupnorth@gmail.com



DRUM CIRCLE – Debbie Harvey

Drum Circle is usually held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Rec Center. However, please contact Debbie Harvey before the meeting to get an update on any changes or cancellations. For instance, last month it was held at Joe Sanfilippos' home in Arbor Vitae. Bring a drum if you have one. Dress accordingly if it is held outside.

Questions? Contact:

Debbie Harvey
715-699-3024
debbiekharvey@gmail.com

WELCOME COMMITTEE

– Carolyn Pfeiffer

Carolyn reports that there are no new residents to welcome at this time. All units are occupied.



SOCIAL COMMITTEE – Barb Jamerson

Barb provided an update on several social activities that have begun this summer. *For details see the Social Committee report attached to the Annual Board minutes as well as subsequent articles in this newsletter.

*The Social Committee Committee Report is attached to the April 23rd Board Minutes.



BRANDY LAKE RAMBLERS – *Mike and Karen Duellman*

Mike has put together great morning hikes, for fast and slow hikers alike, for every Tuesday from June 7th through September 13th, weather permitting. Meet at the flag pole at 9:00 a.m. The Ramblers have hiked on such trails as portions of the Bearskin Trail, south of Blue Lake Road and the Raven Trail, the green loop. Most hikes are about 2 miles long. Come join in on the fun!



BOOK CLUB

All ladies are invited to our annual book club dinner at Norwood Pines on Thursday, August 4th after the August Book Club meeting and discussion. You do not need to attend the book club to join us for dinner. We will meet at the Rec Center at 5:40 p.m. unless you are attending the book club meeting at 4:30 p.m. Please reply to Ginny by email if you plan to attend. This month's book is *The Most Beautiful Girl in Cuba* – by Chanel Cleeton.

The new reads for next year will be posted on bookmarks that will be available in the Rec. Center on the bulletin board.

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ANNUAL PICNIC

Our Annual Brandy Lake Property Owner's picnic was held the afternoon of the Annual Board Meeting. Fifteen residents and guests attended. We had fried chicken from Save More and ice cream with all kinds of toppings for dessert. Everyone brought a dish to share. There was plenty of good food and friendly conversation. Everyone enjoyed the event. Thank you to Barb Jamerson and the Social Committee for making it all happen!



BRANDY PADDLERS

– *Caroline McNair*

Stay tuned Brandy Paddlers for emails from Caroline regarding excursions on the lake. Depending on the weather, announcements will be sent a day ahead. Looking forward to seeing everyone on the water!



L-R: Caroline McNair, Tom Plachter, Kay Tait, Dora Jacobs and her dog, Walter. Walter is also shown at right.

BREAKFAST CLUB

– *Caroline McNair and Barb Jamerson*

Going out to breakfast for all residents is held during the second full week of each month June through October. We enjoyed a great breakfast at Our Place in June. Unfortunately, our July breakfast outing had to be cancelled. We look forward to going out together again on August 11th, location TBA.



EVENTS AND DATES TO REMEMBER

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

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

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

Drum Circle – Third Wednesday of the month – 6:30 to 8:00 PM, Rec Center.

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

Legion Steak Fry – 1st Thursday of the month. All men welcome. Meet at the Rec Center at 5:30 to car pool..

Book Club, 4:30 pm – 1st Thurs. of the month, Rec Center.

Women's Luncheons – 4th Thursday of the month.

Breakfast Club for all residents – 2nd week of each month.

Ramblers Hiking group – every Tuesday morning, meet at the flag pole at 9:00 am.

Game night – 2nd Wednesday of each month, 6:30 PM, Rec Center.

Monthly dinner for all residents – 3rd Thursday of the month.

Sheepshead game – 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at 5:00 pm., Rec Center.

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



OWNER CHANGE IN CONTACT INFORMATION

Please review your listing in the newly printed Brandy Lake Property Owners Directory. This year's directory has been placed in your mailbox folder in the Rec Center. If you would like any changes to your listing for next year, please email the information to Barb Jamerson at bjamerson54@gmail.com or Carolyn Pfeiffer at cspfeiffer40@gmail.com.



POOL LEAGUE

All residents are invited to play pool on Thursdays at 3:00 p.m. in the Rec. Center. Rumor has it there are some pool sharks around here!



MAHJONGG – Susan Crumrine

A favorite of many here at Brandy, mahjongg will be held every Tuesday evening from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Rec Center. RSVP Susan Crumrine: susan_crumrine@yahoo.com



SPECIAL EVENTS

All special events such as the Packer game, holiday parties, Thanksgiving buffet, and others will be organized by Carolyn Pfeiffer.

Carolyn hosted a wonderful trip to the Kovac Planetarium in Monico, Wisconsin, followed by a lunch at the Rhinelander Café on July 6th. See article in this newsletter for more information on the Planetarium.



We extend our sincere sympathy to Pat Wilhelm and family upon the passing of his wife, Linda, this past spring after a long illness. She was a talented seamstress and quilter.

THE BRANDY SPEED LIMIT SIGN MYSTERY

Why was the missing 10 MPH speed sign found thrown in the flag pole area?



Friday Happy Hour, for all residents, is held every Friday afternoon at 4:00 p.m. Bring your own beverage and a friendly smile.



SCIENCE NERD ALERT!

On Wednesday, July 6th, 2022, thirteen Brandy Condominium science nerds drove to the Kovac Planetarium in Monico, WI, south of Rhinelander - about a 55 minute drive from the condos.

We enjoyed a wonderful presentation by Frank Kovac, seeing the star formations and learning about the sizes of the planets, the milky way, and more. This is the world's largest mechanical globe planetarium, built by Frank over a span of 10 years. It is contained inside a large pole building on his property. The mechanics and the building process were amazing. We all sat inside the globe on a comfortable banquette and the globe rotated around us. The space can accommodate 25 visitors.

After the 1-hour presentation we headed back to the Rhinelander Café for a delicious lunch.

This is a very interesting "gem" of the Northwoods, a real "must see" when you have visitors. Mr. Kovac has another full-time position, so call for an appointment time at 715-490-6956. His presentations are usually at 11 AM or 1 PM, days dependent upon his other work schedule.



Senior price is \$10 per person, adults are \$12, children are \$8.

Visit www.kovacplanetarium.com for more information.

MONTHLY DINNERS

– Barb Jamerson

The monthly dinners for all residents are held the 3rd Thursday of the month. We went to Smokey's in June and Manny's in July. Both experiences were outstanding. We will be looking forward to dining together in August.

*Below and above right:
Some Brandy residents and friends enjoying dinner at Smokey's*



SHEEPSHEAD GAME

– Mike Wilhelm

Play Sheepshead every 2nd and 4th Thursday at 5:00 p.m. in the Rec Center.

*Please refer to the Calendar of Events for details of all the regular events planned so far, which was emailed to you on April 25th



PHOTOS OF THE NORTHWOODS

*Clockwise from left:
Brandy lawn maintenance crew doing their job, Tree trimming at work, New paint on the deck and steps, and A buck, doe, and two fawns at Brandy Lake*



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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

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 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 the containers!**

RECYCLING NEWS:

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



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 |
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| | Billing: 888-345-7139 |
| | Other: 833-697-7328 |
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