

# Brandywine

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## JANUARY 2013 NEWSLETTER

### HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Your Board of Directors wishes you all a happy and prosperous 2013 and thank you to all of you who have participated in your HOA's efforts in 2012.

### THANK YOU AND WELCOME

The Board would like to say a special thank you to **Bill and Jennifer Stone**, who have both been very active in the HOA for the past 3 years. Bill has served as President for the last 2 years and Jennifer as his very talented assistant. We are sorry to lose them both, but we wish them well with their new home which is unfortunately not in Brandywine. Also thanks to **Larry Alonzo** who has accepted a 1 year appointment to finish out Bill's term on the Board.

The Board would also like to welcome **Renee Weber**. Renee was elected at the November General Meeting and is already stepping up to serve as Vice President this year and will be welcoming our new residents.

### ANNUAL GARAGE SALE

Newspaper Ads will be placed and signs will go up to announce our Annual Garage Sale which is scheduled for **Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 AM until 1:00 PM**. This is your chance to clean out the garage and the attic. One man's junk might be another man's treasure! Please remember that you are only allowed 2 garage sale dates per year and this is 1 of them!

### CONTACT LIST

You will find a new contact list on the back of page 3 of this newsletter. Please discard your old list and keep this new list for reference throughout 2013.

## WEBSITE

We would like to remind you of another valuable resource for any information you may need concerning Brandywine and that is our website at [www.brandywinelandhoa.com](http://www.brandywinelandhoa.com). It is a very easy way to obtain anything you may need to know or to acquire necessary forms for any projects you may be planning. You can also check it out each month to see which of your neighbors has received the Beautification Award!

## SOLICITING

As I am sure most of you are aware, Brandywine is a deed restricted community and does have a no soliciting rule. If you are experiencing anyone coming to your door soliciting for any cause, whether it be selling a service or for any other reason, we suggest that you remind them of our no soliciting rule and ask them to leave. If they do not comply to your request, then we suggest calling the Volusia County Sheriff's office on their non emergency number (736-5999). There have been some recent rulings by the courts that may protect some forms of solicitation under 1<sup>st</sup> amendment rights, however we suggest letting the sheriff's office sort that out.

## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

The Neighborhood Watch Committee has set up a meeting with a representative from the Sheriff's Office for all block captains or anyone who is interested in the program. It will be held **Thursday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in the Condo Association Clubhouse on Revere Place**. Hope to see you there!

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

The Board would like to welcome the following new members into our community. Please greet these folks and make them feel welcome!

Barb & John Watson	Elaine Clark	
Barb & Ray Schulz	Ruth Ann & Ron Edwards	
Melissa Kehle & Harrison Bray	Kathy & Steve DeLand	
Nancy & Clyde Ford	Lyn & Bill Matherly	
Lucy & Don Halavin	Kathy & Pete Harris	
Carol & David Newkirk	Holly Rabits	
Edna & Durval Ribeiro	Teresa & David Slachter	
Richard Taylor	Cynthia Starr	Jack Walker

## **BLUE TARP HOUSE UPDATE**

As most of you are very concerned with the appearance of one residence in our community commonly referred to as "the blue tarp house", we can inform you of the latest developments. On the very last day of the time allotted by the Volusia County CLCA Board, the owner has presented a plan to reconstruct the house and was issued county building permits to do so. Now all we can do is hope and pray that he follows through and actually completes the project on the timeline he presented to the county, which calls for completion and final inspection by mid March of 2013.

## **PRESIDENT'S THOUGHTS**

I won't bore you too long with any of my thoughts, as this newsletter is already much longer than I thought it would be, but there are a couple points I would like to address.

As I start my 6<sup>th</sup> year of serving on the Board of Directors, my thoughts are that while I think most things have changed for the better within our community, there is still the same old issues facing the HOA. The first of those is the lack of participation by a very large number of our residents. While I was encouraged by the large number of residents who showed up at several meetings before various county agencies concerning a run down property within our community, I was shocked back into reality at our November General Meeting. While we must thank all those who responded by proxy, there were less than 10% of the property owners represented at that meeting in person. Come on folks! After all this is your community!!

The second thought is one of more confidence that we are on the right track. If you look back at the history of our HOA, you will find that the Board of Directors has accomplished many of our goals while keeping your maintenance fees at a bare minimum. The Board has also been able to keep an upper hand on the problem of delinquent fees and that is quite an accomplishment in these tough financial times.

You can just hope the current board members can continue on, but they cannot continue on for ever without some new blood to take on the responsibility. **Please get involved!!**

Ken Jonas, Pres.