

Board and Committee Update: *We are excited to announce Mark Zirkle has joined our Finance Committee! His experience and background make him a wonderful asset to our HOA and community. Welcome to the team! We're sorry Director Holly Rabits resigned from the Board but are pleased because it was due to a challenging career move. We wish her well! If you are interested in serving your HOA, please contact any board member.*

We Noticed!: *Thanks to the folks who keep our neighborhood clean and safe by picking up litter! Also, many residents have spruced up the exterior of their homes and property. The fresh paint, new roofs, plantings, edged and mowed lawns, pressure washed driveways and fences, and refurbished mailboxes keep our community beautiful and current. (Be sure to consult the **Volusia County** and **Brandywine** requirements prior to making major improvements. When in doubt, contact the Brandywine **ARB** or a **Director** for advice.) Be on the lookout for the **new** Brandywine Beautification Award sign which is presented monthly.*

Political Season: *Please remember displaying political yard signs and door to door canvassing are not allowed in Brandywine.*

"That" House: *The 'problem property' is a saga that has been unfolding for years. It is trying our patience but not our resolve! There is a case for foreclosure actively being pursued by the Volusia County Attorney's office against this property. There is no easy or quick fix, unfortunately.*

Wildlife: *Please be considerate and refrain from feeding or enticing ducks, crows, squirrels, raccoons, etc. Animals that are fed may lose their ability to live independently and become a nuisance in a residential area.*

Getting the Word Out: *Your Board of Directors has only one way to communicate with all 280 members—postal mail. This is costly and inefficient for alerting residents about time sensitive concerns. The board encourages you to join the members who receive our monthly board meeting minutes and community updates by email. If you have not registered with us, send your name and email address to bhoadeland@yahoo.com. We don't publish or pass email addresses on to anyone else and we won't fill up your inbox with needless messages. In addition, remember Brandywine information is available on our website at brandywinedelandhoa.com. If you don't have a computer, please ask a neighbor to let you know about Brandywine news.*

Safety First: *Since we don't have sidewalks in Brandywine, walkers are encouraged to move onto the grass when cars approach. When walking or riding a bike in the dark, be sure to take sufficient lighting with you.*

You're Invited!: *All members are welcome to attend our monthly board of directors meetings on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Brandywine Village clubhouse. Come see what we are all about! The board will vote on the 2014-15 Brandywine **HOA annual budget** at the August 12 meeting.*

It is the responsibility of residents, owners, and guests to make sure Brandywine remains a desirable place to live. Much of the HOA Board's time is spent dealing with folks ignoring or not becoming familiar with the Covenants & Restrictions and rules that members agree to uphold when they choose our deed restricted neighborhood. Also, Volusia County codes are being disregarded. Every adult in your home should be aware of the governing regulations.

Please help Brandywine age gracefully!

Renée Weber



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Top Ten Infractions reported by your neighbors in Brandywine:

10. Expired tag on boat or trailer
9. No ARB approval for roofing and other outside projects
8. Vehicle parked in front yard
7. Maintenance needed on the exterior of home
6. Dog waste not cleaned up on right of way
5. Recreational (RV, boat) or commercial vehicle parked on property for an extended period
4. Unrestrained dog frightening or chasing pedestrians, bicyclists
3. Vehicle parked on street, including cul-de-sacs, over night
2. Not mowing lawn, not mowing up to the roadway, and overgrown bushes
1. Trash container stored in view from street

Something to think about from Association Times-

Deed-initiated homeowners associations have become an essential part of the overall concept of residential property ownership in today's marketplace. Purchase of a home or lot often brings with it mandatory membership in an association which then provides the structure for operation and management of the residential development. With membership come certain maintenance obligations, financial responsibilities, and a commitment to abide by use restrictions and other rules of the association. To a degree, it necessitates individual conformity for the good of the whole.

Your Brandywine HOA Board needs to be informed of any community concerns you have. However, we can only act on issues that are within our scope of responsibility. If a concern requires law enforcement or other agency intervention, we will refer you to the proper resource.



"The good news is, homeowners are actually reading our association newsletter. The bad news is, they are starting to ask questions."