



Brandywine Newsletter—July 2016



A BRIEF HISTORY OF BRANDYWINE—40 YEARS LATER

Forty years ago America was celebrating its Bicentennial year, and Brandywine was a concept in the minds of Wayne Sanborn and a group of 5-6 others who sat around a dining room table, sharing a few beers. They were talking about the feasibility of turning 187 acres of pasture land and quail hunting fields and forests into a new neighborhood in an area that was otherwise devoid of any other commercial or residential development. There was nothing beyond International Speedway Blvd. at the time save for farmland, pastures, and forests; but they were risk-takers and forward-thinkers, and they partnered with First Federal Real Estate Development Company, hired an architect to develop a plan, and submitted the documents to Volusia County.

The original documents list Briarwood as the name of the subdivision, but the name was changed to Brandywine, referencing the Battle of Brandywine, Pennsylvania, a reflection of the enthusiasm for the Bicentennial fervor across the country. (The British won that battle, but we let bygones be bygones, right?) Fittingly, the streets were named for significant battles and places in American Revolution history.

The four Yorktown Place homes were built first, with Valley Forge being the second phase, and the Kings Mountain villas area followed. Construction occurred in phases from late 1975 through the early 90s with the Brandywine Village condominiums being the final phase. Interestingly enough, the Brandywine Racquet Club was part of the original development, attracting home buyers right away.

Brandywine was the first large planned development in a long time, and there was a good deal of excitement in the air over the prospects of opening up a new residential venture. Dozens of builders and architects were involved in the original construction, and some continue to operate businesses in the area. A few of the original owners still reside in Brandywine, Mr. Sanborn being one of them. He shared this information, and as a former DeLand City Manager, he continues to be proud, as we all are, of Brandywine and its positive impact on the economy and beauty of this area.

Happy 40th Anniversary, Brandywine! Here's to a prosperous 40+ more!

DID ANYONE EVER SAY TO YOU, "PLEASE SHARE," or "IT'S YOUR TURN"?

Most of us grew up with a parent, a teacher, a friend, a relative, or some other significant adult always telling us to share and take turns. And that was good advice, wasn't it? But now that we're all adults, who gives us that kind of advice anymore? Maybe it's time we heard it again, and this time in regard to serving on the Board of Directors of YOUR Brandywine HOA.

At the annual members meeting in November, four director positions will be up for election. "Oh, I don't have time for that," you might be thinking. But what if NO ONE had time for that? Have you served on the board or been a member of a committee since you've lived in Brandywine? The answer is probably, "No," but maybe your answer could be, "No, but I'm willing to take my turn and share my time to keep my neighborhood attractive and financially stable." The Board and members meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm in the condominium clubhouse. Committees meet and function as needed. If you're interested in running for a position on the Board, we encourage you to attend a Board meeting, or if you'd like to serve on a committee, call a Board member to learn more about those duties.

Please thoughtfully consider giving a few hours of your time each month, and let president Lorin Myers know if you are willing to be nominated for one of the 4 two-year terms. Your help would be greatly appreciated. What will we do without you? The answer is 'receivership,' and it is quite expensive.

THANKS FOR KEEPING BRANDYWINE WELL-GROOMED!

Just imagine what our beautiful neighborhood would look like if we all put out a political endorsement sign. And have you wondered why you see only ONE "For Sale" sign per listed home, or why commercial vehicles, boats, trailers, and campers aren't parked in yards as they are in many other neighborhoods? And isn't it nice that we seldom see an overgrown lawn? Thank goodness for our HOA Covenants and Restrictions, right?

When driving into Brandywine, we see signs saying "This is a Deed Restricted Community." The restrictions we agree to uphold when we buy or lease homes here allow us to maintain our properties' well-groomed appearance, values and safe conditions. Your Rules Compliance Committee, ARB Committee, and Board of Directors work hard to assess possible violations and notify members when a covenant, restriction, and/or county code has been breached. Thankfully, in the overwhelming majority of instances, the violation is corrected after the first notification. The Covenants and Restrictions document may be found on the Brandywine website (www.brandywinelandhoa.com). However, we realize that the Covenants are not always easy to decipher, so please contact a board member if you have any questions.

Please note that property owners are responsible for passing this information along to tenants, as well as keeping the HOA informed when there is a change in tenants.

And thanks again for keeping Brandywine beautiful!

REMINDERS

It seems that there are always a few reminders that need to be repeated occasionally just to gently coax us to "keep up the good work" or nudge us out of our "backsliding." Here are some gentle reminders that keep popping up:

- **Walkers walk AGAINST oncoming traffic (left side of the road) and wear light-colored clothing.
- **Bicyclists ride WITH traffic (right side of the road) and wear brightly colored clothing.
- **Clean up after your pets when walking them on any Brandywine road. "Scoop the poop!"
- **Bring in garbage totes within 24 hours of pick-up and store them out-of-sight.
- **Commercial vehicles that display signage should not be parked at a residence more than a few hours.
- **Boats, trailers, and campers may be kept in the Brandywine storage area, not parked in yards or driveways.
- **Please don't feed the ducks. It isn't healthy for them, and they pose a health nuisance for the neighbors.

The complete Covenants and Restrictions are posted on the Brandywine website (www.brandywinelandhoa.com). If you have questions, contact any board member. If you would like a printed copy, let president Lorin Myers know and one will be sent to you.

NOTE: The Board will vote on the 2016-17 Brandywine HOA annual budget at the August 9, 2016 meeting. We are not anticipating a dues increase at this time.