

Brandywine News – Winter 2024

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Hello to all our neighbors! I am a little late getting this newsletter out to you. It has been a very busy beginning for this new year.

This time I really have a few things to update you on. First you may have noticed a section of the walking bridge has been removed. This is a part of the project you read about in a previous newsletter. The county has to reconstruct the area around the drainpipe which had deteriorated due to age. They will be able to get back in there to work as soon as the water in the retention pond recedes. After completion of their work, we will be able to have our contractor replace the section of bridge that is missing.

Unfortunately, since the tropical storms of last year the water has not receded completely. This leads me to another project that your board and some others in the community will be working on this year.

We have storm drainage problems with our system designed in the '70s and '80s to handle storm water. As it was designed, we now take on the storm water from the Brandywine Apartments, at Hwy 15A and Brandywine Road, as well as the Winn Dixie shopping center. Investigation revealed that we also take on the storm water from both sides of US Hwy. 17. As a consequence, we are taking water from as far away as Domingo Reyes, Walgreens, the mobile home park on the south side of 15A, east of 17, and Trails West.

I have begun conversation with the HOA at Trails West who has worse problems than we do, to partner with them to address these matters with the appropriate agencies and authorities at the local and state level. I will keep you posted.

I have been reminded, and agree, that our community needs to be made aware of the situation with our 2023 Annual Meeting. While that evening turned out to be a rainy one, there were some people who showed up for the meeting, but not enough. We were not able to establish the quorum required to do any business at the meeting. That was including all the proxies we received.

This was quite disturbing. We have 280 potential voting members that are homeowners and members of our HOA. Our bylaws call for 50 members in attendance or by proxy to have a quorum.

Throughout the year your Board of Directors work hard to care for this community. We work hard to keep you informed about what is going on, what the issues are that we deal with and what plans we have for the future. Once a year we are required to have an annual meeting. This is your opportunity to meet as a community, meet your board members, and have some face-to-face input into the matters that should concern you. Your board not only wants to, but needs to hear from you.

As a consequence, the board members each agreed to extend their service on the board for another term since we were not able to have an election. I am asking you to become more involved with your Brandywine community this year and make our 2024 Annual Meeting a priority.

I wish to thank all those of you who have been helpful and cooperative in working on violations and ARB matters in the recent months. We all came here to live because of the quality of life we can have here. Thanks for being a part of the solution and not the problem.

Your Board meets monthly on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm, at the Brandywine Village Club House, 2909 Revere Place. Our meetings are open for all members to attend. If you have a specific concern you wish to bring to any meeting, please let Glen Westberry know at least one week in advance so it can be added to the agenda prior to the meeting.

Monthly Board Meetings

Don't forget we have resources on our web site to answer questions you have, or you may call Specialty Management. Don't forget you can follow your Brandywine neighbors on Facebook at Brandywine of DeLand.

Stan Wickett, President

