Weekly News for Residents on the Go

Board to address referendum vote

Three Amendments to the Restrictive Covenants to be considered

The Board of Directors will consider placing three amendments on the upcoming ballot being sent to the membership. The Board will discuss the proposed amendments to the Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions at this Monday’s monthly meeting. If approved at the meeting, the draft language (see page 2) will be sent to the membership for a referendum vote along with the Board of Directors election ballot.

NRC conducts “Flyer Drive”

The Neighborhood Residents Council of Brandermill is a group of individuals and families who live in the Brandermill community. The Council’s goals for 2015 include: increase awareness about the NRC among the residents; increase resident participation in BCA governance; and increase the number of neighborhood representatives.

NRC volunteers will be hand-delivering to each resident’s property a brochure during their “flyer drive.” The brochure will have information about the importance of the NRC, the role and responsibilities of neighborhood reps, and generally how one can become more involved in the community. You can view a copy of the flyer online.

Candidates for BCA Board

There are two members who have put forward their candidacy for election to the Board of Directors. Charlie Davis, the current President of the Board, is seeking re-election as a Director. He has served a three year term on the Board which will expire in April. Dr. Robert Friedel is also seeking a seat on the Board. Dr. Friedel previously served on the Board from 2009-2011. Director Jack Bettin will end his term of service in April and is not seeking re-election. Thank you, Director Bettin, for your service to the community. Election ballots will be mailed out March 20th.

Meet the Candidates Night March 19

The community is invited to get to know more about the candidates for the Board of Directors at the NRC Meet the Candidates Night on March 19, 7 p.m. at the Harbour Pointe Clubhouse. Ballots will be mailed to members on March 20 and must be returned to the BCA office no later than 5 p.m. on April 20.

Results of the election will be announced at the Annual Meeting of the Members at the Brandermill Church on April 20 at 7 p.m.

BCA Brush Collection Service starts this Monday, March 2

After a smooth practice run through Pebble Creek, maintenance staff and chippers are ready to roll out Monday morning to begin collection in Zone 1 on March 2.

A flyer was distributed to resident’s paper chutes giving details on the program and showing the chart that enables residents to identify their collection zone. Residents do not need to call the BCA to schedule a pickup. Any changes to the collection schedule due to weather will be posted on the website and in a blast email to residents.
**AMENDMENT 1**

A new Article III, Section 1(c) of the Declaration is hereby created, which shall read, in its entirety, as follows:

(c) Each Owner of a Family Dwelling Unit that is rented or leased shall, at the time of and during the term of the rental or lease, register their Family Dwelling Unit as such with the Association. Every such Owner shall complete and sign a written registration form provided by the Association, identifying the Family Dwelling Unit being rented or leased by its full address. Completion and submission to the Association of the written registration form provided by the Association, as separately required by this subsection (c), shall not be deemed a submission of a lease, written agreement, or other form described in the Article I, Section (n) or in Article III, Section 1(b) of this Declaration.

Voting to **APPROVE** this amendment means that you support the Association requiring that rented/leased properties be required to be registered with the BCA and up-to-date contact information on the property owner be provided.

**AMENDMENT 2**

2. Article V, Section 13 of the Declaration is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following new Article V, Section 13, which shall read, in its entirety, as follows:

Section 13. Capital Fee. The Board of Directors shall be authorized to raise funds dedicated specifically to capital improvements through the levying of a capital fee. The fee will only be charged to non-Brandermill homeowners who purchase a Lot that is subject to this Declaration. A Brandermill homeowner who purchases and moves to another Lot that is subject to this Declaration will not be required to pay the fee referenced in this Section 13. The fee will be set annually by the Association’s Board of Directors, in its sole discretion, in an amount not to exceed that current annual assessment for that year. The fee will be paid by the purchaser at closing. For the purposes of this provision, a “Brandermill Homeowner” is the Owner of a Lot that is subject to this Declaration.

Voting to **APPROVE** this amendment means that you support the Board of Directors having the authority to annually set the Capital Fee at an amount up to but not exceeding the equivalent of the annual assessment. The Capital Fee is only charged to those who are buying a home for the first time in Brandermill.

**AMENDMENT 3**

3. The first sentence only of Article VIII, Section 2 of the Declaration is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

All proposed amendments shall be submitted to a vote of the Members at a duly called meeting of the Association and any such proposed amendment(s) shall be deemed approved if sixty-seven percent (67%) of the votes cast at such meeting by Members present, in person or by proxy, at the meeting vote in favor of such proposed amendment(s).

Voting to **APPROVE** this amendment means that you support reducing the amount of votes required by the membership to amend the restrictive covenants from 75% to 67% of those votes cast at a meeting by those Members present, in person or by proxy. The amount of members voting required to reach quorum does not change.

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**Board of Directors Meeting**

Mon., March 2, 7 p.m.

The Brandermill Church

**View Board Agenda**

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**Bufflehead rescued by residents**

by Worth “Buddy” Whitfield and Bronwyn Ziegler

It was a tough January afternoon for one particular bufflehead hen on Swift Creek Reservoir. Two bald eagles were diving for her and she was desperately trying to escape.

The hen was tangled in fishing line with a hook in her wing and the hook, line and sinker were attached to a tree branch. The fishing tackle appeared to be a heavy duty, salt water rig, not like something you would usually see on the lake. She was dragging all this during her exhausting diving attempts to avoid the eagles’ relentless pursuit.

Bronwyn Ziegler and her son Rob, armed with crab nets, went out in kayaks and managed to catch the bufflehead. This was good for the eagles because they could have been tangled in the hooks and line if they had caught the bufflehead.

Bronwyn transported the bufflehead to the Richmond Wildlife Center. The folks there sprang into action. Their evaluation identified a hairline fracture in her wing, a very nasty infection from the large hook, and that she was severely malnourished. Exhausted, she had probably been dragging all that junk around for several days.

Buffleheads live in monogamous pairs traveling in small groups and will wait on a missing mate for about 3 weeks before looking for another mate. Time was of the essence!

The hook and line were removed, she was treated with antibiotics, anti-inflammatories, pain medications, and fed a healthy diet. She made great progress and after a 10 day stay the staff of the Richmond Wildlife Center brought her back to the reservoir and released her.
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- ARB applications due for 3–10 mtg.  
- BOD Meeting, 7 p.m., TBC | - Meditative Yoga, 6 p.m.  
HPCH, S, R |          | - B’mill Recycle Day |          |        | - FEED23112, 10 a.m. – Noon, CHHS |
| 8      | 9      | 10      | 11        | 12       | 13     | 14       |
| - Daylight Savings Begins  
- Brush Collection in Zone 2  
- CSC Meeting 7 p.m., BCA | - ARB Mtg, 3:30 p.m. BCA  
- Meditative Yoga, 6 p.m.  
HPCH, S, R |          | - B’mill Recycle Day | - BOD Election Ballots Mailed to residents |          |          |
| 15     | 16     | 17      | 18        | 19       | 20     | 21       |
| - Brush Collection in Zone 3  
- ARB applications due for 3–24 mtg. | - Meditative Yoga, 6 p.m.  
HPCH, S, R |          | - CMC Mtg., 6 p.m., BCA |          |        | - Lions Club Bass Tournament 6:30 a.m. – 1 p.m., BSS  
- FEED23112, 10 a.m. - Noon, CHHS |
| 22     | 23     | 24      | 25        | 26       | 27     | 28       |
| - Brush Collection in Zone 4  
- Finance Mtg., 7 p.m., BCA | - ARB Mtg, 3:30 p.m. BCA  
- Meditative Yoga, 6 p.m.  
HPCH, S, R |          | - B’mill Recycle Day | - Hearing Panel, 6 p.m., BCA |          | - MAKOS Registration 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., BCA |
| 29     | 30     | 31      |           |          |        |          |
| - MAKOS Registration 5 p.m. - 7 p.m., BCA | - Meditative Yoga, 6 p.m.  
HPCH, S, R |          |          |          |        |          |

**Stroller Strides**, Mondays and Wednesdays, 10 a.m., Martial Arts World, MS

**PLACES**
- **BCA** — BCA Office  
- **BCC** — Brandermill Country Club  
- **HI** — Hampton Inn  
- **HP** — Harbour Pointe Clubhouse  
- **MS** — Market Square  
- **SP** — Sunday Park
- **TBD** — To Be Determined  
- **TBC** — The Brandermill Church, Sunday Park  
- **BR** — Boathouse Restaurant  
- **BSS** — Brandermill Sailing Ctr (SP)
- **CHES** — Clover Hill Elem.  
- **CHHS** — Clover Hill High  
- **SCES** — Swift Creek Elem.  
- **SCMS** — Swift Creek Middle  
- **CHPL** — Clover Hill Public Library

**COMMITTEES**
- **ARB** — Architectural Review Board  
- **BHPC** — Brandermill History Project Committee  
- **CMC** — Communications & Marketing  
- **CSC** — Community Services
- **FC** — Finance Committee  
- **HP** — Hearing Panel  
- **M&C** — Maintenance & Ecology  
- **NRC** — Neighborhood Residents Council  
- **PC** — Planning Committee
- **BCA** — Brandermill Community Association  
- **BoD** — Board of Directors  
- **TF** — Task Force

**OTHER**
- **$** — Charge for event  
- **R** — Reservation Required  
- **BRO** — Brandermill Residents Only

Printable Calendar