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**GOOD MORNING BETMAR
FRIENDS!!**

TUESDAY AT COFFEE:

MICHELLE'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year 2024!! Get ready to focus on a new Positive Year in Betmar!! Time to cut out negativity and focus on the positive. Betmar is a fantastic place to live, and we are so blessed and fortunate to have the activities and amenities to get involved! Make sure you attend coffee hour next Tuesday just to see how we are going to, literally, cut out negativity!!!

ACTIVITIES

Thank you for clicking the link in your email -it takes you to the Betmar website so you can view it!! The more clicks to the web, the better for Betmar!

DECORATIONS CH 2 TAKE DOWN THURSDAY 9AM

Blood Drive: Betmar Acres

January Gifts-\$20 egift card/Oneblood Long sleeve T-Shirt

Drive Date: January 2nd

Click on the Link to Schedule Donation Time↓

https://donor.oneblood.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/1350840

I so much appreciate your support as Oneblood supplies your local hospitals with lifesaving blood for their patients from your drive!

We could not save lives without YOU and YOUR DONORS !

10th Annual
SHRED EVENT
WEDNESDAY
JANUARY 17, 2024
9:00AM—11:00AM
Betmar Acres Office Parking Lot

From the Cutting Room Floor- BETMAR 2023 CHRISTMAS PARADE:

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Check it out at this link to our Betmar YOUTUBE Channel !!

2023 CHRISTMAS PARADE

Provided by your Betmar Video Club

HOOTNANNY:

New Year's Eve was celebrated in Clubhouse 3 with a Hootnanny. Carol Kelly and Danny Jackson were the hosts of a fun filled dance/party. Guests enjoyed dancing, games and fun as they celebrated together during the end of 2023 and the beginning of 2024.



CHRISTMAS CLUB





AED

AED-Defibrillator Emergencies Training

Wed Jan 17th 2-4pm Annex

Registration is required so there enough materials and instructors. The hospital is providing instructors.

Do you know where AEDs are located throughout the park?

Registration and information call. Bailey Johnson207-812-2093

BETMAR CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

BETMAR CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS -Vic and I or someone else due to our horrible colds will be at the garden shed on Friday, January 5th at 9 a.m. If they cannot make it at that time, feel free for them to contact us to make other arrangements.

My email: cadillacgirl2468@yahoo.com or dps11@yahoo.com phone :

978-500-5625 Vic's cell phone.

Any questions let me know. Happy New Year!!!

Carol

CHILI COOK OFF

The chili cook off is still in need of 7 more cooks and at least 10 volunteer workers. You need only make a minimum of 20 1 1/2 C servings. Please let me know before Friday the 5th if you can cook or work. The date is scheduled for January 24th in club house 2 annex from 1 to 3. Remember there is not only bragging rights for having Betmar's Best Chili but also a \$50 prize.

Betmar Memorial

The Betmar Memorial will be held January 21st. On the bulletin board is a list of our residents who passed away in 2023. Would you please check the list of names and if anyone is missing, please add their names as we don't want to forget anyone.

HEALTHORAMA

HEALTHORAMA: Monthly visits January, February, and March from OnSpot Dermatology, a full service Mobile dermatology clinic. **15 minute appointments** available. **Call 941 444-0011.** 10 scheduled appointments are needed for the unit to make the trip from Sarasota.

WHEN: Tuesday, January 16th
TIMES: 7:30AM – 3:00PM
WHERE: Clubhouse 2 parking lot

During their initial set up in December, six(6) cancers were discovered and treated. They accept most insurances and have competitive self-pay rates. This is not a free service.

Betmar Newcomer Fair

Lorna Bradstreet has resigned from the BVC (Betmar Volunteer Committee) for welcoming newcomers to Betmar.

Melinda has taken it up and is changing the name to Betmar Newcomer Fair. ❤️
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She is asking all Club Presidents to connect with their group and let me know that you are on board and will set up a table representing your club for our Newcomers with a raffle gift please. If you would contact her ASAP to let her know as our Fair will take place Thursday, January 25th, 2024, in Clubhouse 2 11:00am to 1:00pm. This will come very quickly upon us and we want to present a very successful and informative event.

Thank you all so very much for all you do in our lovely and vibrant community. I look forward to working with all of you. Blessings Melinda Graves 707-628-2791

AROUND BETMAR:



Betmar WHAT-NOT SALE
Central Location - 13,000sq.ft. Indoors - Rain or Shine
JAN 12 (8AM to 2PM) JAN 13 (8AM to 12:30PM)





Cooking Shows:

Cooking Shows for Snowbirds in February exclusively. (No others this Spring, there's so much going on in Betmar) I still have a few openings for attendees.

Cost is \$10 per person 11-1pm; two dates left to schedule about eight more people. Please text or call Melinda Graves 707-628-2791

SISTER & SISTER-IN-LAW LUNCHEON

SISTER & SISTER-IN-LAW LUNCHEON-this is coming up on January 20th in CH3. Lunch will be served at 12pm.

Bring your sister or sister-in-law, a gift to share, and a dish to pass and enjoy an afternoon of fun.

Tickets will be sold for \$3 and will be available in the Betmar Office until Thursday, January 18th.

-If you have any questions please contact Karan Rhoades at 813-782-7342 or Judi Gearsbeck at – 813-780-9811

SHUFFLE:

Busy shuffleboard week

Wed Jan 3rd 9am board meeting

10am general meeting

date this week due to what not sale next week

Tournaments

Thurs Fri Jan 4,5 No2pros

Fri Jan 5 Amateur

Shuffle lunches Thursday Friday

THANK you Betmar bakers for pie and cake donations.

Rick Johnson, President

BOUNTIFUL BLESSINGS:

Bountiful Blessings would like to thank each and every resident for your support during 2023. Without you, we would not have been able to accomplish everything that we have been able to do. Thank you, Sue & Cheri

MICHIGAN PICNIC:

Michigan picnic meeting after coffee on Jan 9th. See you there!

TOPS:

"Here's to a year of better habits, positive thinking, clean eating and most of all, loving yourself."

What better way to shed those excess holiday pounds than with your friends at Betmar? TOPS (Taking Off Pounds Sensibly) a closed meeting so it's just us.

We meet to weigh in at 8:15 am with our meeting at 8:45, at the Apache Clubhouse. There is absolutely no shaming at TOPS, just love and support.

MUSIC AND ENTERTAINMENT:

Friday night CH #3, 7:00 pm. Stan Finch is our great entertainer for the night. Don't want to miss it.

GAMES CLUB:

Bunco will be continued on for whomsoever wants to play! Connor Brown will be our fearless leader until Mary Sue returns. Thanks so much CONNOR!!! ❤️😍😊



Y'all bring one dollar to play and snacks to share if you'd like! Begins promptly at 6:30pm come early to get your seat.

TABLE AND CHAIR SET UP:

Block assignments for Table & Chair volunteers are published in each month's Betmar Bulletin. Blocks are mapped out on page 28 of the phone book. The block assignment for the first half of January is Block T (parts of Benton, Cheyenne, Pawnee & Apache).

Schedule for this period follows:

Wed 1/3 8 am Bandstand (major)

Thu 1/4 8 am General Assy & Shuffle Lunch (major)

Sat 1/6 11 am Dance after Golf Breakfast (major)

Sun 1/7 1 pm Pickleball show (major)

Mon 1/8 8 am Bingo & Chorus (major)

Wed 1/10 7:30 am What-Not Sale (major)

DANCE CLUB:

Saturday Night Dance – join us in Clubhouse 2, 7-10 pm for dancing to West Wind's music of the 60s, 70s, and 80s. \$5.00 per person.

Doors open at 6pm. Advanced tickets are available in the CH2 annex on Tuesday mornings from 8-9 a.m. or contact Pam Ward at 989-859-6905.

VIDEO:

Happy New Years!

We have uploaded the Betmar Christmas Golf Cart Parade video to YouTube (Betmar55). It will be activated on January 2, 2024.

We also have copies of the "Music and Entertainment Show" video for \$10. You can pick one up after the next Betmar coffee or call me at (813) 391-2700 to make arrangements to pick one up.

We will be video taping the Linda Lafayette Memorial and the park memorial services.

Please mark your calendar for the Video Club's Magician performance on February 29, 2024. Lots of give aways, too.

Ralph Shaffer sure could use some help editing our videos. He uses Pinnacle. If you are familiar with Pinnacle or would like to learn how to use Pinnacle please contact me.

Dave Domino Betmar Video Production Club (813) 391-2700

GOLF CLUB:

The Betmar Pro Shop has ladies "Walter Hogen" Skorts coming in this week. They will all be Navy Blue in color; price is \$21.95.

Also available will be new Betmar Logo Golf towels, and Golf Hats with the Betmar Golf Logo and some with the Zephyrhills logo. Stop by and check the shop out.

Happy New Year!!!!

Wishing everyone a blessed new year and with that we hope you have your golf membership renewal in place as Jan 1st kicks off a new membership year. I glad to report that the Golf Club is doing well. We will have the final draft of the proposed sign very soon. Activities has so much planned you will need to check the clubhouse board for all the details, but here are a few highlights: Friday Men's Scramble, Couples Friday afternoon and Sat. Breakfast Jan 6th and What Not Sale the following week. Activities is also looking for additional chili makers for their Chili Cook off later this month, so contact Terri Williams or Marilyn Williams if you have what it takes to win with your Chili.

The Golf Club Nominating committee has been appointed. If you are interested in being apart of making things better and taking the Golf Club further, please reach out to Ken Emery, Mike Gumser or Roger Staley to let them know your interest. Thank You Mac McKinnon Golf Board President

CREATIVE WRITERS:

Write it on your heart that every day is the best day of the year.” Ralph Waldo Emerson

Welcome to 2024, Betmar Family! Creative Writers returns next Monday, January 8th at 9am in the Maple Room. Bring a story or blank paper with you. Don't feel you have to have written the Great American Novel to partake.

LIBRARY:

Happy New Year. May the New Year be full of good health, laughter and new books.

“A great library doesn’t have to be big or beautiful. It doesn’t have to have the best facilities or the most efficient staff or the most users. It is enmeshed in the life of a community in a way that makes it indispensable. A great library is one nobody notices because it is always there, and always has what people need” – Vicki Myron

On Thursday, January 4th, the Library will not open until 10:45 due to a meeting with the board of trustees.

Come in and see our friendly staff. We will help you find a book. We have many new puzzles and books. Please do not forget our shut-in services.

Our January Library Meeting will be, January 11th at 9:00 a.m. Volunteers please attend.

SWIM CLUB:

Elections for the Betmar Aquatic Club Board of Directors are approaching us. This is a great opportunity to serve. BAC has several openings. The following seats are available:

President

Vice President

Secretary

Security

Pool Deck Manager

If you would like more information, please get in touch with one of the nominating committee members listed below. The cut-off for nominations is February 8, 2024. Voting for board seats will be held at the March membership meeting and new board members will take place 04/01/2024 for one year.

1. Lisa Peters 36532 Kay Ave 615-824-8025

2. Laurie Black 36911 Grace Ave 989-619-6034

3. Connor Brown 36542 Strand Dr 828-674-1976

As always, BAC can't do this without YOU!!

TENNIS/PICKLEBALL CLUB:

The pickleball club is holding an event in CH2 on the 7th of JANUARY. WE only have a few more days to sell tickets. Contact Laraine Roberts 517-230-2231 or Sue York 207-974-8885.

THEATRE:

Start the New Year off right by attending our Theater meeting Jan 3rd from 1-3 pm in CH 2.

Looking for artists and those that can sew! First rehearsal for Desert theater!

WHAT NOT SALE:

WE ARE ALL SET FOR BAGS & NEWSPAPERS. Thank you!!!

Volunteers needed for the January 11-13th What-Not Sale. Number & lengths of shifts flexible.

Unless noted below, all other departments are fully staffed.

ANT MARCH – need all able-bodied persons (anyone who can carry a box) to help unload the What-Not Barn at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan 10th. No need to get your name on a list. Just show up and we will direct you.

HARDWARE & TOOLS: 1 more volunteer.

PARKING/SHUTTLE (a.m. shift): 2 more volunteers

TRUCK/TRAILER ASSIST (STILL ASKING)

- Someone with a pickup or a vehicle with a trailer to help with a minimal of furniture deliveries during the sale. (Most deliveries will be done using the Betmar truck – this is just for the overflow).
- **DESPERATELY NEEDED**: Someone with a pickup or a vehicle with a trailer on Saturday at 2 p.m.. Involves shuttling cardboard boxes and tables from the high-bay equipment building to the What-Not Barn. **One hour max**. No lifting required – we have that covered.

COULD BE SAME PERSON MENTIONED ABOVE.

If you can help in these areas, please notify Tom/Diane (Dee) Brown.

Email: tomdianebrown@yahoo.com

Diane's cell phone: (call or text) 603-534-3304

Tom's cell phone: (call or text) 603-978-9250

WHAT NOT BARN:

The What Not Barn wants to remind you that you only have Tuesday and Friday you have items picked up before the big sale. Friday the 5th is the last day we'll be open until February.

BIRTHDAYS:

Marge Broadbent 85 on January 2Nd

Wilma Klak January 9

To Submit a Birthday Announcement, Click [HERE](#)

ANNIVERSARY:

Rich & Cindy Hensley December 31 9 years!

To Submit an Anniversary Announcement, Click [HERE](#)

SICK BAY:

NONE

JOKE OF THE DAY:

Mac and I were Christmas shopping, and the shopping center was packed! As I shopped around, I was surprised to discover that Mac could not be seen. I was quite upset because we had a lot to do! I became concerned so I called him on my mobile phone to ask him where he was.

In a quiet voice he said, "Do you remember the Jewelers we went to about five years ago, where you fell in love with that diamond necklace we couldn't afford, and I told you that I would get it for you one day?"

I choked up and started to cry and said "yes, I do remember that shop. "

Mac replied: "well, I'm in the bar next door"



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