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# December 2023 MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULE

Owners & Acres General Assembly Meeting Workshop	10:00 a.m.	12/5/2023	Annex
Owner & Acres General Assembly Meeting	7:00 p.m.	12/7/2023	CH 2
Owners Board Meeting & Acres Workshop	10:00 a.m.	12/19/2023	Annex
Owner Board Meeting	9:00 a.m.	12/21/2023	CH 2
Acres Board Meeting	10:00 a.m.	12/21/2023	CH 2

## PRESIDENTS LETTER

Where is Betmar going in the Future? That is up to you, the membership, not a Board of Directors’.

The pass board may want a Management Company to run the park, or feel we need Covenants to police the park. Many want one Corporation; all these are a good idea and argument for each.

So, let’s look at what we have; a community run by volunteer’s, office staff and grounds personnel. With all this our fee for the year is \$411.00. Why are people buying into Betmar, one our fee, second our amenities’ available. Check the parks around us, they are paying \$600.00 to \$850.00 a month. All I am saying is be grateful for what we have.

We are able to enforce and if we don’t get results we can fine and if that doesn’t work, we turn it to Pasco County. As a 617 Corporation we can still do everything the Covenants covered, with one exception, the members vote on the item not just the board.

All I would like to see is all of us working together. We all want the same thing...what betters Betmar.

Judy and I wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

George Ferrari

# FROM YOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Submitted by: Marsha Frain

***Copies of these are available at the front of Clubhouse 2 in the rack by the double doors.***

## **REVISED RULES AND REGULATIONS**

November 2023

The rules and regulations in the previous phone book were the ones attached to the covenants and applied to those who signed the covenants. The covenants were rescinded, making those rules and regulations obsolete. The following rules and regulations were adopted by the board and went into effect November 3, 2023. They will look familiar and apply to everyone. No new rules were added.

Guiding principles:

1. Betmar Acres Club, Inc. does not have the authority to enforce on private property. They are responsible for setting the rules for the common grounds. Therefore, three of the rules addressing private property had to be eliminated.
2. Deed restrictions do not expire! Everyone should follow their deed restrictions including pet areas. Emotional support waivers can be submitted to the trustees.
3. For several years, many of the rules and regulations listed were actually Pasco County Ordinances.
4. The new rules and regulations are divided into three sections.
  - a. Betmar Common ground rules/regulations
  - b. Safety guidelines for county roads
  - c. Pasco County Ordinances which are law.

~~~~~ Betmar

Owners, Inc.

Betmar Acres Club, Inc.

Rules and Regulations

Betmar is fifty-five (55) years of age and older community. To comply with the Florida and Federal Fair Housing Act, each household must have at least one resident or tenant 55 years of age or older living in the residence.

The Betmar Owners Inc. and Betmar Acres Club, Inc. Board of Directors approved the following Rules and Regulations on November 2, 2023. Violations may result in fees, fines and/or suspension of privileges for recreational use of Betmar Acres Club, Inc. property and facilities.

1. An adult must accompany children (18 years old and younger) using any Betmar Recreational facility or on Betmar Common Ground Property.

2. Pets are not allowed in any clubhouse, building, or on the golf course, . Exception is licensed service animals. When off an owner's property, pets must be on a leash and droppings picked up.
3. Owners, renters, and visitors shall not feed the wild animals on Betmar property.
4. Each person shall conduct him or herself in a lawful manner. Illegal conduct, profanity, vulgarity, offensive activity, and nuisances such as noise, smoke, fumes are prohibited on Betmar property.
5. Shirt and shoes must be worn at all times in Betmar buildings.
6. Cart path priority of use is as follows: 2-wheeled bicycles, 3-wheeled bicycles, pedestrians and finally golf carts. Bicycle riders must verbally warn walkers of their approach from behind and allow time for the walker to move off the path.
7. Golf cart use: A person operating a golf cart who is under 18 years of age must possess a valid learner's driver license or valid driver license. Golf cart drivers must abide by posted cart path priorities and move completely off the path to make way for other users. If the golf cart is not equipped with turn signals, hand signals shall be used. To drive after dark, golf cart must have working headlights.
8. The memorial walkway is for walkers and wheelchair bound people only! Golf carts, bicycles, roller blades or skateboards are not allowed.
9. Any injuries occurring on any Betmar owned property must be reported to the Betmar Office immediately.
10. Security must give permission for any temporary, overnight vehicle or recreational vehicle parking in parking lots.
11. Resident Lot Owners should adhere to their recorded deed restrictions.

Approved by Betmar Owners, Inc. and Betmar Acres Club, Inc. Board of Directors. 11-2-2023

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### ***Safety Guidelines***

1. Walkers should walk facing on-coming traffic. Wear light colored or reflective clothing from dusk to dawn and carry a flashlight.
2. Bicycle and electric bike riders travel in same direction as motor vehicles, obey all traffic regulations and be equipped with proper lights after dark. The rider should wear reflective or light-colored clothing as well.

### ***Pasco County Ordinances***

Library.municode.com is the online reference for Pasco County Ordinances. Following is a list of pertinent ordinances serving as law for the county and Betmar. Violations may incur fines and liens on property.

1. Chapter 14-27 Animal Control: Addresses animal cruelty, failure to prevent vicious or aggressive behavior, dangerous dogs, rabies vaccinations for dogs and cats, REPORTING ANIMAL BITES, licensing, animal constituting a nuisance, and finally tethering.
2. Chapter 74-2 Solicitation: Prohibits sale of merchandise, goods or services and defines peddling as travel by foot to do the same. Political and religious organizations are exempt.
3. Chapter 500 Zoning Standards: Addresses no commercialization of lots or mobile homes, setbacks, parking/storing of Recreational Vehicles, and most importantly accumulation of debris and property maintenance.
4. Chapter 42.1 Overgrown conditions, property maintenance and related safety threat.
5. To prevent a health hazard and attraction of undesirable rodents/animals, fruit trees must be maintained year-round by stripping the trees of fruit and picking fallen/rotted fruit up off the ground.
6. Vehicles belonging to residents and their guests must be parked on the owner's property.

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**DEADLINE FOR THE JANUARY BULLETIN:** Because of Christmas the deadline for the January Bulletin will be Wednesday, December 13th. Please make sure you have your articles in by the 13th. Thank you.

## Table and Chair Procedures

The responsibility for Table & Chair setups is assigned by Block from October to April. The assignments are shown below. The schedule for the setups is posted every week in Coffee News. Please refer to the centerfold of the phone book for a map showing the block locations.

To schedule a setup, contact Tom Brown at 603-978-9250 or [tomdianebrown@yahoo.com](mailto:tomdianebrown@yahoo.com).

**Table & Chair Assignments by Month**

<b>Month</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Half</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Half</b>
<b>October</b>	<b>O &amp; P</b>	<b>S</b>
<b>November</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>M &amp; N</b>
<b>December</b>	<b>G &amp; H</b>	<b>E &amp; F</b>
<b>January</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>U</b>
<b>February</b>	<b>K &amp; L</b>	<b>I &amp; J</b>
<b>March</b>	<b>V</b>	<b>Q &amp; R</b>
<b>April</b>	<b>A &amp; B</b>	<b>C &amp; D</b>

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# CLUB NEWS

## BEGINNERS ART

Beginners art is going strong. It's wonderful to see our friends returning and seeing some new faces coming to join us.

If you have ever wanted to give painting a try, now is your chance. We meet Wednesday afternoons at 1 pm at Clubhouse 3. Cost is just \$1. You will need your own paints and brushes, but we can get you started. Teaching every week. Come see what we have to offer. Hope to see you!

## CARPORT CONCERT

2023-24 Concerts Dates and Carports\*

2nd THURSDAY Happy Hour (4-6pm)

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1/11/24 – 37300 LAKEWOOD

2/8/24 – 36704 LAKEWOOD

3/14/24 – 5612 APACHE

4/11/24 – 5121 BETMAR

\*Subject to change

Suggested donation: \$5/pp (\$10/cp)

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Song Requests: \$2 (NEW item)

This month please join us in welcoming Central Florida's legendary Ed Wright!! A master musician with a wide range of genre, talent, and well-timed jokes for our listening pleasure. Come early and bring CHAIRS!! You will want to be comfy for this one!

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Nov. 14, 21, 28 & Dec. 5.

For More Info call Pam  
207-778-5152

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Tuesday December 12, 2023	Betmar Park
6:30 p.m. To 8:30 p.m.	Donation \$8.00

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Nothing like Christmas tunes in December!

Terry Phifer

## COMPUTER

We invite new members to join us on Tuesday afternoon. We hope our topics interest you and also remember we are glad to help you each Tuesday at 2:00 with problems you might be having with your computer, tablet or phone.

Mary Ann Gifford

Program Director

Computer/Technology Club

December 2023

5th ~ 1:00 Business Meeting plus What to know when you book a trip

2:00 Problem Solving

12th ~ 1:00 No Class-Shuffle Lunch

2:00 Problem Solving

19th 1:00 Android Phone Settings

2:00 Problem Solving

26th No Classes-Christmas



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## CREATIVE WRITERS

In December the Creative Writer's Group will meet in the White Room of Apache Club House on Monday December 11th and the 18th. Those will be our last gatherings this year.

January 8th will be our first get together in 2024. Please extend our invitation to join to all Betmar Residents.

You don't need to be a writer to join the fellowship of our group. You just need a desire to leave stories for your children and grandchildren; maybe write your own memoirs and special stories. Come and enjoy reminiscing and sharing with us.

We welcome you to join us on Monday mornings at 9:00 am in the White Room of the Apache Club House.

Facilitator: Conne McCormick PH: 724-584-7420



**BETMAR BANDSTAND CALENDAR - 2023**

**Wednesday, 11/15**      **JAM BANDITS - CH 2**  
**Wednesday, 11/22**      **Thanksgiving Break**  
**Wednesday, 12/6**        **Maine Duo + one**  
**Wednesday, 12/13**      **JAM BANDITS**  
**Wednesday, 12/20**      **Johnny Ellis & Danny Lee ~ 🎄 🎄 Christmas Show 🎅**  
**Wednesday, 12/27**      **JAM BANDITS**

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**Wednesday, 1/3/24**      **Maine Duo + One**  
**Wednesday, 1/10**        **What Not Sale Prep.**  
**Wednesday, 1/17**        **JAM BANDITS**  
**Wednesday, 1/24**        **Rock & Roll Show**  
**Wednesday, 1/31**        **JAM BANDITS**

All times at Clubhouse 2 are 6:00 - 8:00 pm unless otherwise stated.

Please remember to visit Betmar's other music venues such as Monday night Jam at CH 3, Music Entertainment on Friday evenings at CH 3, the once-a-month Carport Concerts held on Thursdays and, of course the new Betmar Bandstand.

We will continue to have calendars for you and be sure to check the Betmar Bandstand Group Page on FB for updated information. Watch for announcements for a night to offer donations to Bountiful Blessings.





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# DANCE

If you are new to Betmar, welcome! You should have received a free dance ticket in your welcome packet from the Betmar Office. If not, don't hesitate to request one. We also hope you will consider volunteering some of your time.



The club needs people to help with decorating CH2, selling and collecting tickets for the Saturday night dances, etc.

**DANCE CLUB GENERAL MEETINGS** are held the second Tuesday of each month. This month's meeting is December 12, 3:00 p.m. in the Apache clubhouse Blue room. This is an open meeting and your suggestions and comments are appreciated and welcomed.

**NEW YEAR'S DANCE EVE**– Join us in welcoming in a new year on Sunday, December 31st , 8:00 p.m. – 12:30 a.m.

A \$20.00 donation will reserve your table for the New Year's Eve dance. Karl Sapp will keep us dancing and the Dance Club will provide party favors, refreshments, and a champagne toast at midnight. Make your reservation by contacting Maxine Bailey, 813-715-4323 or Mary Shedd, 813-715-2051. A limited number of tickets will be available at the door.

**DANCE CLASSES** – All classes are held in CH3 To participate in dance classes, residents need to pay a yearly \$15.00 membership fee. Nonresidents may participate if a member sponsors them and an additional



## SATURDAY NIGHT DANCES

**7:00 p.m. Clubhouse 2**

**December Musicians**

- 2 – Lady & The Outlaw
- 9 – Bill D. Williams  
Country Theme Dance
- 16 – Charles Williams
- 23 – Good Stuff  
Christmas Theme Dance

TABLE RESERVATIONS FOR ALL DANCES, EXCEPT NEW YEAR'S, MAY BE OBTAINED BY A DONATION OF \$5.00\*\* ON TUESDAYS FROM 8-9 a.m. IN THE CLUBHOUSE 2 ANNEX AND AT THE DOOR THE NIGHT OF THE DANCE.

DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 p.m. (7p.m. on 12/31)

For additional information, contact Pam Ward 989-859-6905

\*\* New Year's Eve 8-12:30. Table reservations are available with a \$20.00 per person donation. Pick up at same location as other dances or contact Maxine Bailey, 813-715-4323 or Mary Shedd, 813-715-2051. Advanced reservations recommended.

Betmar – A 55 & Older Community

## New Year's Eve Celebration!

**Sunday, Dec 31**  
8:00 p.m. – 12:30 a.m.,  
Music by Karl Sapp

Champagne  
Toast at  
Midnight



Refreshments  
Party Favors

**\$20.00 per person Donation**

Table Reservations available for Betmar Residents only Tuesday mornings in Clubhouse 2 Annex, 8-9 a.m. from Nov 14 – November 28 Reservations available for both residents and non-residents December 2– 26. A limited number of tickets available at the door or by contacting Maxine Bailey at 813-715-4323 or Mary Shedd at 813-715-2051

\$2.00 fee is paid per session. Give line dancing and or clogging a try! Your first class is free! We're here to have fun, exercise and meet new people.

### ***Line Dance Classes***

Mondays, 10:30-11:15 Ultra-beginner, followed by Beginner 11:15-12:00.

Tuesdays, Improver 10:30-12 noon.

Thursday, 10:30-12:00 is a mix of beginner through improver line dances.

For additional information, contact Line Dance Director, Pat Armendinger at 813-780-1205.

### ***Clogging Classes***

Tuesday and Thursday morning from 9 – 10:15 a.m.

Beginners are welcome! Contact Karolyn Dowell, 317-512-2610 or Jimmy Stokes at 813-7821918 for more information.

### ***Ballroom Dance Classes***

Unless someone is found to play the keyboard for these classes, no classes will be held in January and February. The keyboard player does not have to be a Betmar resident. If you can play or know of someone who is, please contact Jim Kollodge at 813-779-7131 or Maxine Bailey at 813-7154323.

### ***DANCE CLUB WEBSITE: <https://betmar.org/club-dance/>***

The Dance Club website has the latest dance schedules. Select the comment button to ask a question or leave a comment. Steve Ward, the vice president, will review the questions/comments and pass them along to the appropriate people. For the latest Dance Club news, follow us on Facebook – Betmar Dance Club See you on the dance floor!  
Joyce Smith, Dance Club Secretary ~ 207-944-7335

## **GAME**

### **Betmar MahJongg Presents: Our First Annual Tournament**

- When: Saturday, February 3, 2024
- Where: Betmar Acres Park, Clubhouse #3 5512 Apache St., Zephyrhills, FL. 33542
- Time: Check-in and breakfast 8:00am-9:00am Play starts promptly at 9:15.
- Cost: \$55.00.

Includes 6 rounds of play, 3 morning, 3 afternoon.

Continental breakfast, lunch, beverages, game prizes, and chance at door prizes. We will also be selling 'share the wealth' tickets.

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37056 Sandra Ave.

Zephyrhills, FL. 33542

For questions contact Karen Emery. Email: [krnemery@gmail.com](mailto:krnemery@gmail.com)

Phone (989)329-6450.

Please register soon, as space is very limited. Betmar residents and their friends will have first chance to enter. All registrations due by Wednesday, January 24, 2024.

Cancellations before that date will qualify for a full refund, thereafter, no refunds will be given.

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3 rounds of play in the morning and 3 rounds in the afternoon. Cash prizes will be given separately for morning and afternoon sessions, as well as for special hands each round.

## **GARDEN CLUB**

The Garden Club is grateful for the assistance of Bob Coutz and Joe from the Betmar Maintenance Department for their ongoing repair and adjustment efforts concerning the automatic watering system in the gardens. The persistent drought has stressed our wells to the max and they require careful monitoring.

We are enjoying the extra help to tend our gardens from new members Jim Van Leir, Kim Pfeil, and Karen Reiff. Several others have joined, but are unable to participate at this time.

We are planning on adding poinsettias to our 21 gardens to provide seasonal color for the holidays. In addition, a new and beautiful sign was made and installed at Apache Junction by Chuck and Kim Pheil. We so appreciate their work to beautify the many gardens enjoyed by those walking along Lakewood Drive.

Our members step up to assist one another and help make Betmar such a wonderful place to live! Our next business meeting will be on Monday, Dec. 4th in the Apache Blue room at 9 am. We also continue to meet Wednesday morning at 830 am at Apache Junction to tend our gardens. Visitors are always welcome!

Pennie Jefferson, Secretary ~ 352 238 2547

## **GOLF**

From the President

Wow December is fast approaching and for some the midpoint of the season for Betmar. Golf is trying to put on some exciting events and fundraisers during the winter season.

### ***Golf Events for members:***

1. M-TH & Sat – Quarter Boys, pay a quarter for 9 holes of draw card scramble.
2. Friday Men's Card draw scramble – pay \$1.00, card draw scramble (Guests are allowed for guest fee price as well)
3. Thursday's Ladies Golf – Scramble pay \$1.00 card draw scramble
4. Nickel Boys will be starting soon. Pay .05 cents per hole and skins style event
5. Friday and Saturday skins is available as well to play.
6. Couples League Starting in December

So, there is always something available to socialize with the golf course no matter the skill level one possesses.

### ***Events/Raffles for All of Betmar***

December 2nd – Breakfast – Pancakes and Sausages

Quilt Fund raiser continues – 6 numbers for \$5.00 various people have sheets but Kelly Garret is the lead for questions.

Christmas Tree Raffle – where golf is partnered with other clubs in Betmar to provide Betmar prizes,

Examples: Breakfast tickets, Golf Shop certificates, Pool

Calendars, lanyards, cook books and mannnnyyy more. Drawing December 19th at Coffee Hour.

We are starting to get together a Chili Cook off event Time and place to be announced.

Uno Fun Run tickets will be going on sale in December for the next Uno Fun Run for January.

### ***Volunteers needed:***

Starters/Rangers, Pro shop workers, Tree Trimming workers, Ticket sellers Wall Repair / Painting and new Signage? Clubhouse window sills painting, Chili Cookers and workers.

### ***Men's Golf***

The men's golf scramble takes place on Friday. All men who are full members of the golf club are invited to participate. Card draw is at 7:45 with a shot gun start at 8:00. The cost is \$1.00.

### ***Ladies Golf***

The Thursday Ladies League start time is 9. Arrive no later than 8:45 for a card draw. Our monthly meeting will be held at on December 28 at 8:15. Tickets for the whatnot raffle will be available in December.

### ***Activities***

Saturday, December 2nd

8-930 Breakfast. Purchase tickets ahead of time.

Couples Golf is going to begin on Friday, December 8th at 1pm and be every two weeks thereafter.

Check Clubhouse for details.

Thursday, December 14th New Member Outing – time TBD. We would like a current member to sign up with a new member. Details will be in the clubhouse soon.

Thursday, December 21st – Santa Scramble – Details to follow. Check the activities board in the clubhouse soon.

Again, Couples Golf on December 22nd at 1pm.

Night Golf will be on Wednesday, December 27th.

### ***Clubhouse Director***

The Starters and Rangers have begun their work at the course as of November 14th. If this is an opportunity that you can volunteer a couple of hours a week for, please contact Julie Miller to get on a regular rotation or as a sub. As a reminder to all golfers, please put address labels on all your clubs, so if they are left behind we can return them. And if you pick up a club on the course turn it in, don't put it in your bag and forget about it

### ***Pro Shop***

The Betmar Golf Pro Shop is open with all your favorite golf items. We are open more hours for shopping, as volunteers return for the winter season. The Pro Shop cannot accept \$50.00 or \$100.00 at this time. Please kindly shop with smaller bills, and the staff appreciates it. Need a

Christmas gift for that golfer in your family? Come in and check the shop out. A gift certificate is always the right size. The Pro Shop hours are posted on the door.

Congratulations to Jean Heiney for her hole-in-one on November 5th on Blue

### ***Next Board Meetings***

The December Golf Board Meetings will be Monday, December 18, 2023. Time and place will be decided at the November meeting. All golf members and interested residents are welcome and encouraged to attend. Submitted by: Karen Emery ~ Golf Board ~ Communications

### **HOBBY**

Hobby meets every Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. in Clubhouse 2, Annex. Do you like to do crafts? Maybe you don't yet but would like to learn.

No cost at all, just have fun! Come join a group of amazing people.

Rhond Pomerleau

### **HOSPITALITY**

The hospitality club is involved in a lot of functions within the park.

We deliver a valentine to everyone in the park, sponsor two fundraising events after the holidays, as well as meet and greet all who attend Tuesday Coffee hour in Clubhouse #2.

We want to welcome everyone back at our November meeting.

We also send out get well and sympathy cards. Contact any member and they will pass the information on to our sunshine lady, Anne Duprey to make sure this is done.

Our slate of officers for 2023-2024 year are:

President – Lorna Bradstreet

Vice President – Kathy David

Treasure – Penny Hall

Secretary – Jane Martin

Interim Membership – Cindy Jones Cutter



Our volunteers will be serving refreshments at the annual Christmas concert on Sunday December 3rd.

Plans are underway for the annual card party on February 8th, 2024. At our December meeting we will starting preparation for our valentine delivery.

Ladies, we invite you to come and visit with us at our next meeting on Thursday December 7th at 1:00 in Clubhouse 3. Remember there is no fee, just a group of ladies having fun.

Jane Martin – Secretary

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2. Refreshment Workers

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Please call Jim if you have any questions ~ 813-355-3369

# KITCHEN BAND

Betmar Kitchen Band meets at 9:00 a.m., every Friday at Clubhouse 3.

We travel to local nursing homes to share our great kazoo music! You don't need to have musical talent to fit into this band. Come and have some fun!

Rhonda Pomerleau





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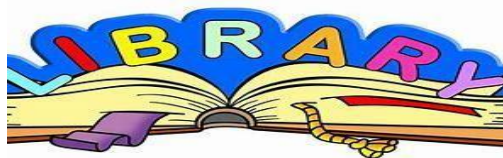
**Thu. 1/11 11 - 1 What-Not workers only (worker badge)**  
**1 - 3 Park residents (Betmar nametag or ID)**  
**Fri. 1/12 8 - 2 Open to public**  
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# LIBRARY

Great news! The library is now open all day from 10:00 A.M. until 3:00 P.M. We look forward to seeing you. We are always available to assist you.

Just a reminder, we will deliver and pick up books for those who are homebound.

We have added new books to our collection:

Debra Webb: All the Little Truths # 3 O'Sullivan

Clive Cussler: Condor's Fury , Hell Burner, and Fire Strike

Jenny O'Brien: The Puppet Maker # 1 Detective Alana

Janet Evanovich: Dirty Thirty # 30 Stephanie Plum

Sally Rigby: The Lost Girls of Penzance # 1 Cornwell Murder

We have lots of Books for Sale. Please come and see them. You can't beat our prices. We have been working hard getting old books out of the system to make room for newer books.

We would like to thank everyone for supporting the Betmar Library. It has been nice to see new Patrons sign up for a Library Card.

We always look forward to donations from our wonderful readers. Unfortunately, we will no longer be able to accept donations that are over 10 years old.

Please remember to return your books in a timely manner.

Toni Nelson





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# SHUFFLE

Happy Holidays from the Shuffle Club! Things are really ramping up at the shuffle courts. A state men's and ladies' doubles tournament will be held here in Betmar on December 11 and 12. Shuffle lunches will be served both days and everyone is welcome. We will be accepting cake and pie donations for the lunches—thank you so much to our loyal bakers and to all the luncheon volunteers. Members, please consider volunteering to wax disks during the tournament and/ or helping with the luncheons.

Mark your calendars for the Shuffleboard Club meeting on December 13. The Board meets at 9:00 a.m., followed by the general meeting at 10:00 a.m. It's important for members to attend so we can have a quorum to make decisions. General meetings are normally the second Wednesday of the month; however, our January meeting is the first Wednesday (January 3rd) due to the What-Not Sale the following week.

Congratulations to all of the following Betmar players who placed in October tournaments: Linda Dwelley, Sue Herman, Lorraine Merrifield, John Houghtaling, Jerry Collins, Janet Minor, Cindy Wood, Earl Reynolds, Earl Ball, Gary Merrifield, Allan Hammond, Andy Wainwright, Janet Send, Janet Peterson, and Howard Smith.

Beginner shuffleboard lessons have begun. Please sign up on the sign-up sheet at the courts. This is the best way to get started so you can develop your skills and strategies. Dues are only \$15 a year and there are spare shuffle sticks available for your use. Other events that go on weekly at the courts include Round Robins on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday at 1:00 p.m.; 6-park on Monday and Friday; Hoss Collar Friday at 6:30 p.m. where you can double your dollar; and Turkey Shoot every Tuesday from 8:30-10:30 a.m. We have extended the hours of Turkey Shoot to give more opportunity for people to come down and try it. It is open to all Betmar residents and renters to come compete in three fun skills challenges. \$5 prizes are awarded weekly in three categories of experience, plus there are three overall winners who will receive \$20 each at the end of the season. Come join in the fun!

Last but not least, many thanks to all of our wonderful volunteers who keep our club going! A lot goes on behind the scenes to make this one of the best shuffle facilities in Florida. If you haven't volunteered yet, please consider helping in one way or another—maintaining and cleaning the courts, working the lunches, baking, working on aluminum,

helping with tournaments, etc. We have quite a recycling program for aluminum and appreciate your donations of cans and scrap aluminum (windows, doors, siding, awnings).

Merry Christmas to all! Happy Shuffling!

Pat Norton

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# TENNIS & PICKLEBALL

The monthly meeting of the Tennis and Pickleball Club will be held at 3:30 in the Maple Leaf room of the Apache Club House on December 6, 2023.

The Florida State Senior Games for pickleball will be held at SVB in Zephyrhills on Dec 6-9. There will be several of our members competing in the Games this year. Everyone is welcome to come out and cheer for your Betmar Pickleball players.

We are pleased to announce the Annual Christmas Home Tour 2023 will be on December 12, 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Tickets will be available at Tuesday Coffee, Nov. 21, 28 and Dec. 5. Price is \$8.00. If you need any information please call Pam Nichols at 207-778-5152.

Please join us for an evening of holiday cheer. On January 7, 2024 at 7pm, the Tennis & Pickleball Club will be presenting a Comedy Show. Tickets may be purchased at Tuesday Coffee for \$10.00.

New membership is \$75.00 with an initiation fee of \$25.00. All oldies but goodies will pay \$75.00.

Applications are at the pickleball and tennis courts in the mail box.

Come join all the fun on the courts. Open play is Monday through Thursday 9-11 a.m. Ladder League is Friday at 9:00 a.m.

Be on the lookout for our annual free lessons for residents coming in 2024

☺ See you on the courts!

Submitted by Robin Meek, Secretary





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# PARK NEWS

## ACTIVITIES

The Christmas golf cart parade will be held December 17.

Please decorate your carts and be ready to line up at 5:45 PM in the clubhouse number two parking lot. The parade will start promptly at 6 PM. We will be following the traditional parade route.

For those in the parade, there will be goodies for you in the annex following the parade. I hope to see you either in the parade or out and about watching it, Merry Christmas.

Thank you,

Michelle McKinnon, Activities Director

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## BETMAR TRAVEL GROUP

**Please note: All trips need at least 30 persons to assure the trip will go. If cancelled your money will be refunded. Trips include transportation, entry fees and all tips.**

[Current Schedule of Trips](#)

**Wednesday, December 13** – Holiday Dinner at **Buca Di Beppo** and the **Gaylord Palms Ice!** We motor coach to the famous Italian Restaurant for a delicious dinner then see the Gaylord Palms Orlando **ICE Show**. We will view the ice Sculpture display and walk through the beautiful Gaylord Palms. Cost \$119 ~ Make checks out to: Betmar Travel.

**Wednesday, January 17, 2024** – Join us for this fun day at beautiful **Madeira Beach!** We will enjoy some shopping time at **John's Pass** before boarding the **Calypso Breeze** for lunch with complimentary beer, wine, and rum punch. This is a smooth inland water cruise with Captain's live sightseeing narration. Cost \$101.00 ~ Make checks out to: Betmar Travel.

**Thursday, February 8, 2024** – Back to the Ed Fletcher Dinner Theater in Clearwater to see “**One Slight Hitch**” a comedy you all will want to see. \$90 ~ Make checks out to: Betmar Travel.

**Monday, February 19, 2024** – Begins our 5-day, 4-night trip to **Savannah**, Georgia with tours of Savannah, Beaufort, SC, St Simons and Jekyll Islands. See Sandy or Bonnie for brochure. Cost \$750 ~ Make checks out to: Betmar Travel.

**Sunday, March 17, 2024** – Join your friends and celebrate **St. Patrick's Day** as we cruise out of the Ybor Channel into the Hillsborough Bay and Garrison Channel for a Luncheon sightseeing cruise. Corned beef and cabbage, Irish potatoes and soda bread. Enjoy St Pats as you never have before. Cost \$125 ~ Make checks out to: Betmar Travel.

**Saturday, April 6, 2024** – Suncoast Broadway Theatre presents “**Cats**”. More info in future announcements. \$95 ~ Make checks out to: Betmar Travel.

**Saturday, April 20, 2024** – The crazy show “**The Underpants**” will be at the Ed Fletcher Early Bird Dinner Theater. As usual, be prepared for lots of laughs and really good food. \$90 ~ Make checks out to: Betmar Travel.

FOR INFORMATION OR QUESTIONS CALL:

Bonnie Coutz (989) 860-5544 or Sandy Bedingfield for more information.

# BETMAR FISH FRY

**Friday, December 8, 2023**

**Clubhouse 2**

**Donation \$10.00**



**Dinner Starts at 4:30 p.m.**

**Take out 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.**

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# BETMAR TURKEY DINNER

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2023**

**CLUBHOUSE 2**

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## CHRISTMAS HOME TOUR

We are pleased to announce the Annual Christmas Homes Tour 2023.

The tours will be Tuesday December 12, 6:30 to 8:30p.m.. Tickets will be available at Tuesday Coffee, November 14th, 21st, 28th and December 5th, or call Pam at (207) 778-5152. Price is \$8.00 per ticket.

Please join us in an evening of holiday cheer.

# DOG PARK

If you attend the dog park and would like an occasional newsletter about their activities, please forward you email address to Marsha Frain at [RNnMICH@hotmail.com](mailto:RNnMICH@hotmail.com) and you will be added to the list. The list is also used for Doggy Amber Alerts. Has worked several times. Thank you

# HEALTH O-RAMA

Mark your calendars for February 22, 2024. 9:00 am to 12 noon for the annual health fair.

This year is going to be huge. We are able to provide additional screenings such as vision, diabetic screening, mammography, skin checks, One blood bus and so much more. Some of the same exhibitors plus new ones. Zephyrhills is exploding with health care options and we want you to know all of them available to you.

Door prizes, one per person, galore.

Walmart Health has been board approved to be our health fair sponsor next year and they bring so much to the planning table for us.

If you have not been to their clinic, please take time to check it out. A doctor, two physician assistants, lab, X-ray , dental and a free social services for those in need.

Bringing health care to you!!! Skin cancer prevention and treatment. 1 in 5 Americans will develop skin cancer by age 78. Rates in Florida are even higher.

We are excited to announce the Board approved this new service for our residents. A mobile Dermatology Clinic coming to us called OnSpot Dermatology. It is a full-service clinic offering exams, procedures and follow up.

Their website is: [onspotdermatology.com](http://onspotdermatology.com) .

Their first visit will be December 12th, 2023, 7:30-3pm and they will be parked where the bloodmobile usually parks. Onspot is in-network with major insurances and has competitive selfpay rates. Phone 941444-0011 or visit [onspotdermatology.com/betmaracres](http://onspotdermatology.com/betmaracres) to book an appointment. Walk-ins may be possible.

Respectfully submitted by Marsha Frain



# HOOTENANNY

HOOTENANNY at Clubhouse 3, New Years Eve, 8:00 ~ 12:00 p.m.

Bring your own snacks and beverage. Carol Kelly will provide the music for dancing. Tickets are \$5.00 each. Dress your own table.

Tickets are available from Shirley Fisher ~ 813-788-7525 or  
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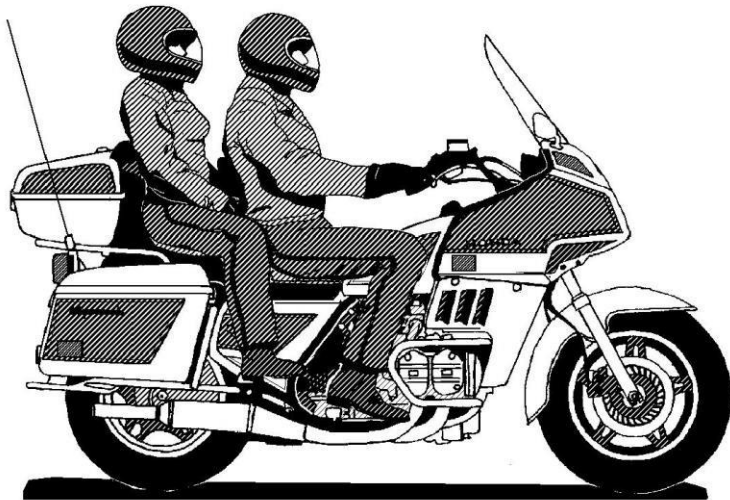
# MOTORCYCLE GROUP

The Betmar Motorcyclist Group has been in existence for several years now. Our 2023 rides will begin in early January. We have a planned ride at least once a week... usually on Thursday mornings.

We would like to invite ALL Betmar Motorcyclists to join us. We are just a very friendly group of motorcyclists who like to get together to ride, eat and harass each other. There is nothing formal about the group.

There is an Email Contact List for ride notification purposes. If you would have any interest in joining up and would like to be included on the Contact List, please email: Your Name(s), Betmar Address, Phone Number and Email Address to [donmclintock69@gmail.com](mailto:donmclintock69@gmail.com).

If you have questions at all about the group, please contact: Don McClintock via email or text or by calling 330-209-3353.





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Thanks go to the Betmar Office and Betmar Trustees for agreeing to this change, but it would not have been as successful without Kaylynn and Tina doing the hard work.

This year's hard-copy phonebook is now available at the Office. There are links on the Betmar website for requesting access to the On-Line Directory and for submitting changes to your listing.

It's worth reminding users that, when an update is requested or when new residents are entered, all changes are reflected on-line immediately, but will only be shown in the hard-copy phonebook when it is issued once a year in the fall.

Tom Brown

# WHAT-NOT SALE

The What-Not Sale will be held on Thursday, January 11th thru Saturday, January 13th . See the flyer in this Bulletin for details.

The famous “Betmar Ant March” and building set-ups will be on Wednesday and as always there will be a special sale period Thursday morning for What-Not volunteers and then in the afternoon for park residents/tenants.

We look forward to seeing every resident who can carry a cardboard box help us during the Ant March. It lasts less than an hour and is pretty amazing!

As for volunteers for the sale, we will use the same process as in the past few years. As our department heads identify the need for new help, we will list these needs in the Coffee News each week. If your Department Head has not contacted you yet, we encourage you to call him/her to confirm if you will continue to help this year or not.

**WE ASK ALL DEPARTMENT HEADS TO NOTIFY US AS SOON AS THEY RECOGNIZE THEY MAY NEED MORE HELP OR IF THEY ARE ALL SET.**

Also, there is a collection box in the Annex in which you can deposit newspapers (for wrapping breakables) and plastic bags of any size. We encourage you too not include flyers, etc. with the newspapers and if possible, to flatten the bags, Tom & Diane (Dee) Brown [tomdianebrown@yahoo.com](mailto:tomdianebrown@yahoo.com)

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# APPRECIATION

## Mary Margaret Trice

The family of Mary Margaret Trice would like to thank the whole community of Betmar for the love and support you have given us during the past few months during her illness and passing. She and Jim lived in Betmar for 27 years before declining health necessitated their move to American House 3 years ago. While here, Mary Margaret directed the chorus for 19 years and they thoroughly enjoyed being a part of this loving community. From Jim Trice and Wilma Klak

# BETMAR TRAVEL

We recently spent nine days on a trip to Branson, Missouri. We had 39 passengers traveling on a motor coach. The entertainment in Branson was phenomenal. Of course, the highlights of the tour were the six music shows.

All were fantastic with very talented performers. *Doug Gabriel and Family* were very entertaining but nothing like Keith Allen's *Neil Diamond Tribute*. He was very personable, spending time answering questions from the audience before the show.

The *Haygoods Christmas Show* had everything: a family of five talented performers, holograms, dancing drones, pyrotechnics and a phenomenal lightshow! *Dublin's Irish Tenors and Celtic Ladies* made our Irish eyes smile. The *Presley Christmas Show* had us humming Christmas carols for days.

Kudos to Jim Conzone and his cohorts for leading our singing the revised version of The Twelve Days of Christmas.

The *Sight and Sound Theater* was the performance of "Queen Esther."

We also enjoyed a stop to the Vietnam Wall replica in Mississippi, President Clinton's Library in Little Rock and to the Birmingham Botanical Gardens.

But even with such great shows, there is always a hitch. The Hilton had a boiler breakdown and some of the rooms were 58 degrees (They gave us extra blankets but even a warm chocolate cookie didn't help!) The accommodations at the Rosebud were serviceable but not luxurious. Low toilets and high beds were not the best for 55 and over passengers.

Our biggest challenge was choosing warm outfits to wear. Sunshine was welcome but Branson mornings in the 20 degrees required creative solutions to wardrobe building. Shopping in Walmart helped provide warmer clothes for most of us. Thanks for the un-anticipated stop – it was greatly appreciated.

Betmar is truly blessed to have Sandy and Bonnie as our travel guides. They were organized, well prepared with extra rain ponchos and games and videos to keep us entertained.

Our bus driver, Augustin, was attentive to our needs, stopping for rest stops every two hours and getting us home safely. Maybe you can meet Augie on the trip to Savannah in February.

To summarize: This Branson trip was great value and great fun! We would recommend traveling with Betmar Travel.

Ann & Jim Conzone

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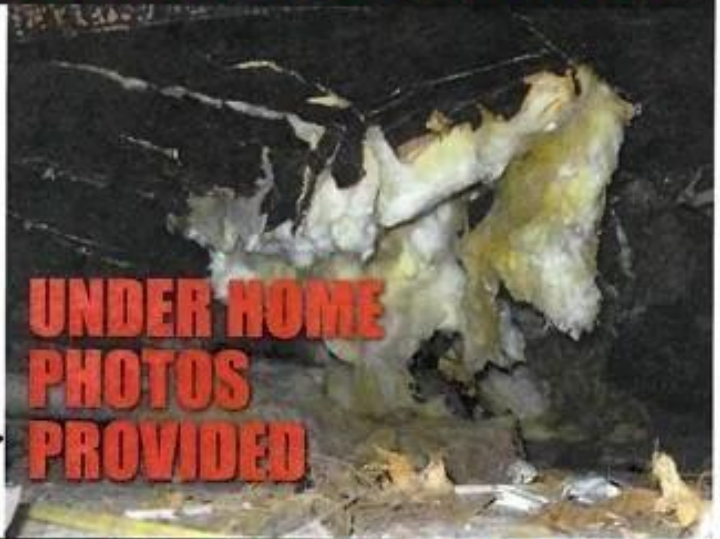
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# SPECIAL INTEREST

## *Passing of Dick Ibbitson*

It is with regret we want to mention the passing of Dick Ibbitson, a 30 plus year-around resident of 8th Ave. He died after a period of hospice care and died peacefully. He was the brother to Sally Ellis.

Dick Ellis

# NEW RESIDENTS/ADDRESS CHANGES

NEW OWNER	ADDRESS	HOME STATE
John, Howard & Michelle Smith	5336 Mary St.	VT
Thomas & Nora Grambau	36802 Niles	MI
Susan Cummings	5401 Betty	ME
Steven Essig	37250 Cora Ave	
Francine Nylund & Edgar Reed	5217 Jo St	ME
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