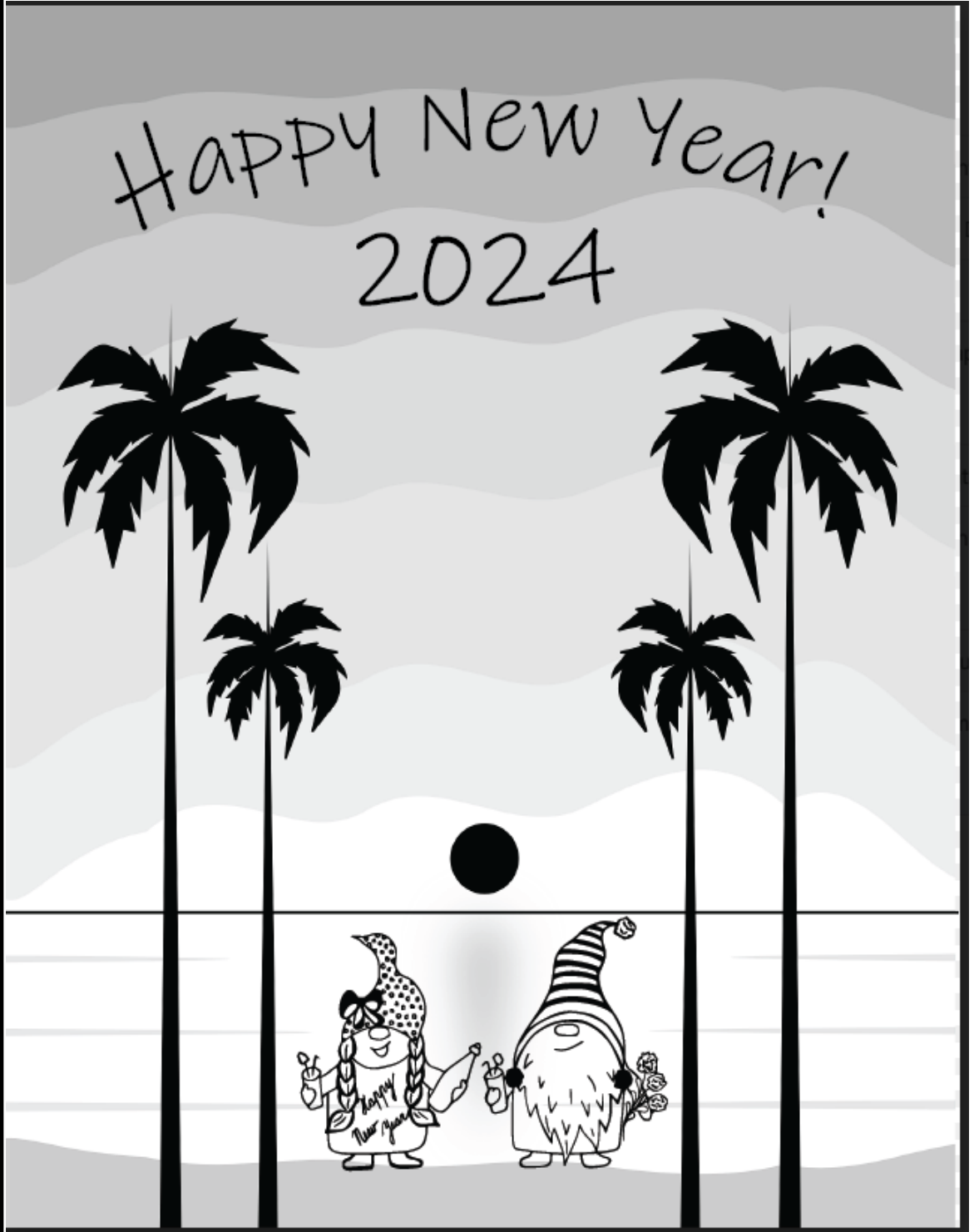




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Meeting Name	Time	Date	Location
Owners & Acres General Assembly Meeting Workshop	10:00 am	1/2/24	Annex
Owners & Acres General Assembly Meeting	7:00 pm	1/4/24	CH 2
Owners Board & Acres Workshop	10:00 am	1/16/24	Annex
Owner Board Meeting	9:00 am	1/18/24	CH 2
Acres Board Meeting	10:00 am	1/18/24	CH 2

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Presidents Letter

Hope all of had a great holiday. Here it is a new year 2024...I hope we all make an effort to be kind to our neighbors.

Anyone interested in running for the Board call any member of the nominating committee.

Joan Rooker
Linda Rood
Mark Webb
Carolyn Cahagan

We still need:

Properties Chair and Co-Chair
Finance Chair and Co-Chair
Communications Chair and Co-Chair
Vice ·President.

The committee have persons for the other offices, but you can still submit your name for any office if you so wish.

Let's have a full slate of officers come February, so think hard and step-up. I feel it's time for all the negativity to be done with and we all start working together instead of having sides. We are one park and we all have a voice but maybe you don't get what you think is good for the park, let move on don't keep saying negative remarks. Please let's all move forward to make this park great again. Forget the past and move to the present.

I want to thank all the volunteers in the park. This is what makes Betmar a reasonable place to live. just want the park to know that volunteers make a lot of the events happen. This is what ·make Betmar Special.

So, a BIG Thank you to all the volunteers in the park.
George Ferrari, President



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Deadline for the February Bulletin will be FEBRUARY 16TH.

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

TABLE & CHAIR ASSIGNMENTS BY MONTHS

Month	First Half	Second Half
October	O & P	S
November	W	M & N
December	G & H	E & F
January	T	U
February	K & L	I & J
March	V	Q & R
April	A & B	C & D

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CLUB NEWS

BETMAR BANDSTAND

Happy New Year to everyone. Here's a reminder of our calendar as we usher in 2024.

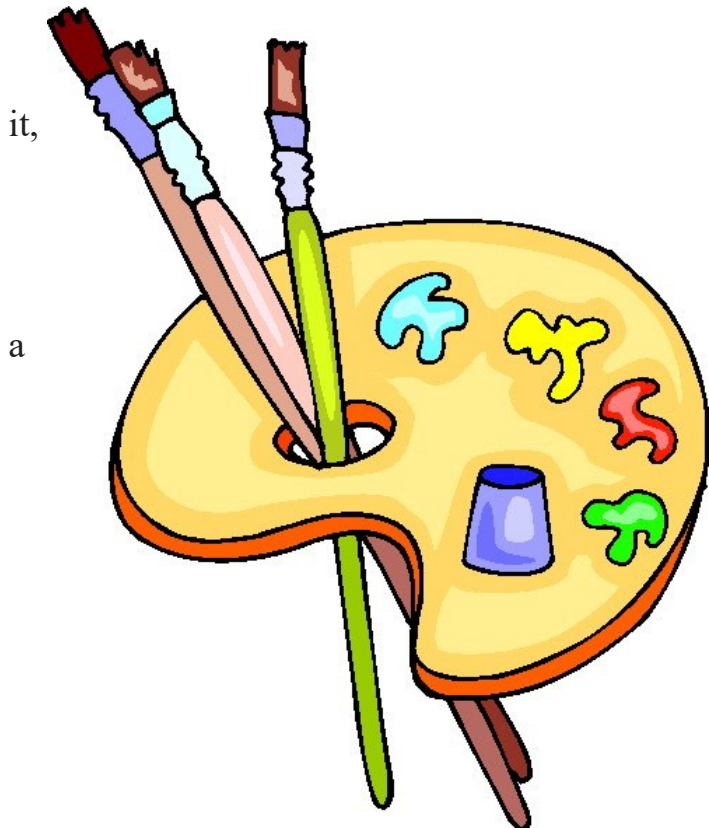
All shows are Wednesday evenings at 6:00 pm at Clubhouse 2.

- January 3 - Maine Duo + 1
- January 10 - WHAT NOT SALE PREP -
NO SHOW
- January 17 - Jam Bandits
- January 24 - Rick & Roll Show
- January 31 - Jam Bandits



BEGINNERS ART

Wow! The holidays are over and it's time to settle in to all those activities we have to offer here in Betmar.



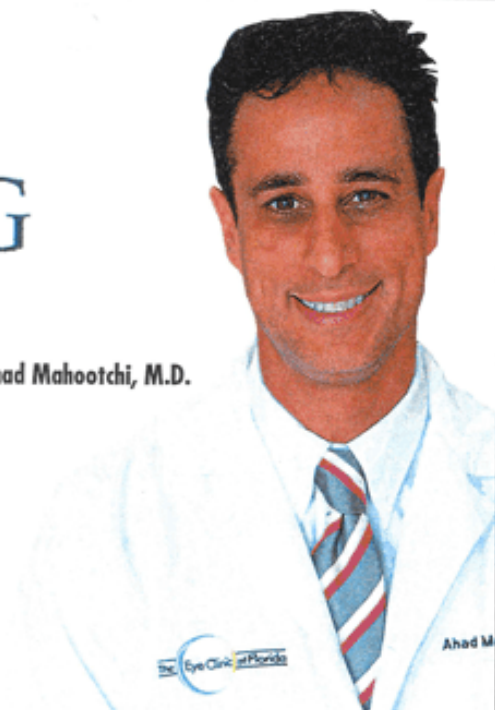
One of the fun ones is Beginners Art. We meet, talk, teach and paint. If you haven't tried please think of us and come to see what we are all about.

Every Wednesday at 1 p.m. in Clubhouse 3. Bring your supplies if you have them, if not we can get you started. Cost is only \$1 to have great time. Hope to see you there!

Colleen King

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In January the Creative Writer's Group will meet in the White Room of Apache Club House on Monday January 8th, 15th, 22nd, and the 29th.

Please bring your ten-dollar group donation to one of the four January meetings.

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

DANCE

From everyone in the Dance Club, Happy New Year! Thank you to everyone that has attended the dances and dance lessons. It's you and the dance club volunteer that keep the club activities going. More volunteers are always needed. If you enjoy the Dance Club activities, consider attending one of our general meetings and taking on a more active role. There is no membership fee!

DANCE CLUB GENERAL MEETINGS are held the second Tuesday of each month. This month's meeting is January 9 in the Apache clubhouse blue room. This is an open meeting and your suggestions and comments are welcome.

BALLROOM DANCE LESSONS: Unfortunately, Jim Kollodge and Maxine Bailey will not hold lessons this year. We have not been able to locate a keyboard player.

DANCE CLASSES – All classes are held in CH3.

To participate in dance classes, residents need to pay a yearly \$15.00 membership fee. Non-residents may participate if a member sponsors them and an additional \$3.00 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 for more information.

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The quiz is funny, entertaining and informative with prizes galore, (actually a bottle of wine for the winners.)

Here is an actual sample question from last week...

Which former US President admitted to experimenting with marijuana while studying at Oxford for his degree?

A. George H.W. Bush B. George W. Bush C. Bill Clinton D. Barak Obama

Answer: C-Bill Clinton

I heard that he did it most of the time. He did it in rain, he did it in snow, but he didn't in hail...

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, fol-

SATURDAY NIGHT DANCES
Clubhouse 2, 37137 Lakewood Drive, Zephyrhills

January Musicians

6 – West Wind
13 – Will Yancy
20 – Rockin Ron

Fifties Theme Dance

27 – Geri Blount

Canadian Theme Dance

TABLE RESERVATIONS FOR ALL DANCES ARE AVAILABLE 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. Dance is 7-10 p.m.

Bring your own refreshments!

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

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GARDEN

Happy New Year! We hope everyone is enjoying the cooler weather. Members of the Garden Club placed 74 poinsettias in the gardens last month along Lakewood which walkers on the adjacent trail have enjoyed.

Now that the debilitating heat of summer is behind us, we can concentrate on weeding and pruning the beds.

As always, we encourage residents to join us on Wednesday mornings at Apache Junction at 830am for our group gardening and social interaction. No skills required, just an interest in gardening.

Our business meetings are held monthly on the first Monday at 9am at Apache Blue Room. The January meeting will be held Jan 8th due to New Years holiday.

Our future plans include investigating hardier and more drought resistant plantings for our region.

Pennie Jefferson, Secretary ~ 352-238-2547

HAPPY
New
YEAR
2024

GOLF

From the President Happy New Year!!!! - it's a new calendar year and it's golf membership renewal time. Whether you sign up as a Full member or as a Limited Social member we welcome you to Betmar Golf Club.

As you might be aware by now the Golf Club board voted to now have the members pay the sales tax on our membership dues. Although our dues are among the lowest you will find anywhere, we as a club were losing membership dues monies in sales tax. For a 700-member club we were only getting 650 paying member dues as the other 50 members were paying the sales tax for the club.

In order to provide a better golf course for our members' enjoyment we needed a remedy to this issue. So now there is a sales tax line on the application. Last year we identified that there were numerous people that just liked occasional golf or for possible health reasons just couldn't justify a full membership. So, the golf board implemented the Limited Social Membership (LSM) -the LSM allows a limited member to join and pay the equivalent of a guest fee and play daily golf after 11:00AM.

This allows the Full members to get in their typical morning round with a little less congestion and yet let the LSM play after 11:00 and in the afternoon or evening special events specifically. So, we hope to see everyone at a golfing special event. If you have questions on joining the Golf Club, please contact Laurie Black Membership director for details and which membership might fit you best.

As you may have seen quite a bit of work has been done to the course lately and we want to thank all the volunteers that have stepped up to donate their time in the improvements along with the Betmar Acres Properties team. The wall on Blue 9 has had the old signage removed, wall repaired, cleaned, and prepped for new signage. We hope to have the final signage approved and installed soon. Tree canopies have been raised and cleaned on a large portion of the courses for better air flow to fairways and greens.

What Not time is around the corner, and we will still have our typical Golf challenges, Closest to the pin, putting competition and chip in the pool, so come out and show off your skill set or just have some fun with your friends. As an addition we are working out the details in having a Callaway representative and his team so you can get a personalized fitting or just try out some of their equipment.

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Thank You

Mac McKinnon, Golf Board President ~ 813-469-8203 Cell

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 Weekly play will remain at 9:00 am. Sign up by 8:45. Please try to be there on time as the Handicappers start setting up the teams at 8:45. The White tournament will be on January 18. Sign-up sheets will be posted. Very helpful if you bring dollar bills and not big bills as the girls can't always make change.

There will be no Ladies Golf the week of the whatnot sale. Ladies will be selling tickets for the raffle at the sale and ahead of time at coffee hour. Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board for volunteers to help. The raffle is for \$100 Walmart certificate, \$50 Beall's certificate, and \$25 cash. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Also are available prior to golf on Thursday mornings. We will also be having the golden girl's tournament on February 1 and blue belles on February 29. Don't forget to put scores in the computer for some of the tournaments.

Submitted by: Karen Emery, Golf Board - Communications

Activities Couples League - Friday, Jan 5th 1:00pm

Casserole Breakfast - Saturday, Jan 6th 8:00 – 9:30am

What Not Sale January 11 – 13th

Wine and Nine Tourney – Tuesday, Jan 16th 2:00pm

Couples League - Friday, Jan 19th 1:00pm

Night Golf – Wednesday, January 24th, 4:30 p.m.

Can-Am Tourney—Tuesday, January 30th, 2:00 p.m.

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, 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.

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Congratulations to Kelly Lloyd for her hole-in-one on November 15th on Gold

#3 and Dale Ernst for his hole-in-one on December 8th on White #9. And also

Congratulations to Joe Nemeth and Allen Faraday for shooting a 25 on the

White course, both on December 2nd. That's some impressive golfing. Way to go!!

The January Golf Board Meetings will be Monday, January 29, 2024 at 9:00 am.

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!

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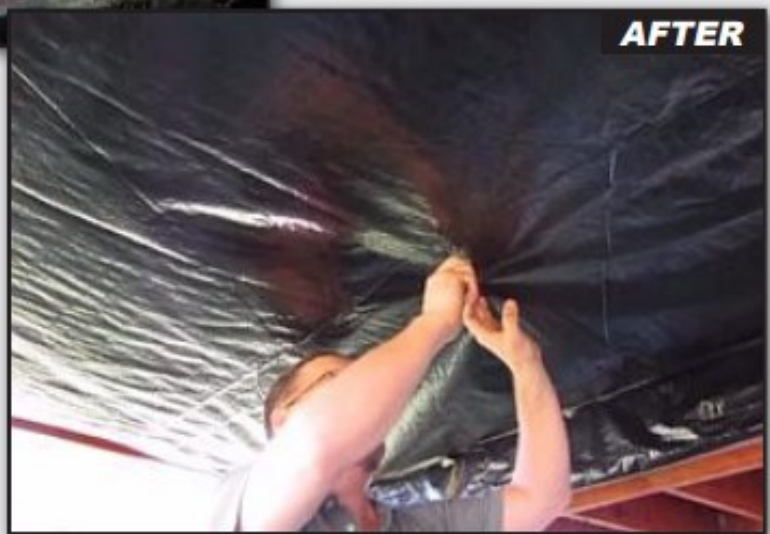
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We hope you had the opportunity to see all the spectacular Christmas Lights and attend the Chorus Christmas Concert. What a wonderful way to start the holiday season.

Thank you, hospitality members, for serving cookies to all that participated and attended.

Plans are underway for the annual card party on February 8th, 2024. We hope our Betmar families had a very Merry Christmas and that the New Year brings everyone peace and happiness.

Our next meeting of the hospitality club will be Thursday January 4th, 2024, at 1 pm in clubhouse 3. We always welcome new members.

Jane Martin - Secretary

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Our next meeting will be on January 11 2024. All Betmar residents are welcome, and we ask that our Library workers please attend.

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Music Entertainment is every Friday night in Club house #3. 7:00 p.m. is showtime.

We have a lot of new residents in our park and we would love to have you do a show or just volunteer to sing, read, or do any kind of entertainment. There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board, we would love to see and hear you.

Where else can you go and be entertained for a one-dollar Donation
Carol Kelly

SHUFFLE

Happy New Year to all! We finished the calendar year with a very successful state M/L tournament on Dec 11 and 12. Congratulations to Lorraine Merrifield for finishing first in the main event! Other Betmar shufflers who placed include: Dale Strickland (1st consolation), Delane Ruess (2nd consolation), and Len Loughran and Marshall Jordan (3rd consolation). Congratulations to everyone. Also, many thanks to the kitchen crew for all of their hard work over those two days when they served 320 lunches—delicious food and a great turnout!

Mark your calendars for the upcoming shuffleboard tournaments in our park:

Jan 4-5 (any doubles, no 2 pros)

Jan 5-6 (amateur draw)

Jan 29-31 (M/L doubles)

Feb 1-2 (pro only draw)

Shuffle lunches will be served and thank you to all of our bakers who donate pies and cakes for these lunches. Everyone is welcome to attend the lunches and stop in and watch a few matches.

In mid-December the Florida Senior Games were held at Zephyrhills Shuffleboard Club. We were well-represented and two Betmar players brought home medals: Linda Dwelley and Bailey Johnson. Nice work, ladies!

6-Park has been going well. About 16 players have been shuffling at other parks on Mondays and in Betmar on Fridays. They are always looking for more people to get involved and it's a perfect opportunity to play on other courts and meet new people. Once a month they have a tournament and trophies are awarded. It's a friendly competition and lots of fun. For those that want to get involved in tournaments, this is a great starting point.

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Attendance has picked up at Turkey Shoot on Tuesday mornings and Hoss Collar on Friday nights. We'd love to see some more new faces at the courts. If you are a beginner, please call Bailey Johnson at 207-812-2093 to set up free lessons. You'll learn techniques and the basics of the game.

Due to the What Not Sale in January our next meeting will be early in the month on January 3rd. The Board meets at 9 a.m. and the General Meeting is at 10 a.m. at the shuffleboard courts. Members, we really need you to attend so that we have a quorum to vote. We also ask that members step up and volunteer for the many jobs that keep our club running. Please see President Rick Johnson to see how you can help and be added to the volunteers list. Thank you to all who have volunteered your time—your efforts are truly appreciated! It takes a village...

Pat Norton 2

TENNIS/PICKLEBALL

Betmar Tennis and Pickleball Club has lots of news to share!

December 6-10, the Florida State Senior Games were held in Zephyrhills at SVB.

The events are organized by age groups and skill levels. Our club had multiple medal winners:

- Jimmie Stokes was a triple Gold medalist-1st in women's singles, 1st in women's doubles, and 1st in mixed doubles.
- Sandy Bedingfield was also a Gold medalist in women's doubles (with Jimmie Stokes).
- Tom Frain took home the Silver medal in men's singles.
- Jim Pflaidner was also a Silver medalist in men's singles.
- Rita Jones was a Bronze medalist in women's doubles.
- Robin Meek and Karen Quinlan teamed up to bring home a Bronze in women's doubles.

The Thursday afternoon ladies league has started again! We meet to play each Thursday at 1pm.

The next meeting of the Tennis & Pickleball club will be held on Jan 3 at 3:30pm in Apache Clubhouse, Maple Leaf Room.

On January 7, 2024 the tennis and pickleball club will present Corky C. Cutler, comedian at 7pm in Clubhouse 2. Donation of \$10. For tickets, you may contact Denise Radar.

If you have an interest in learning to play pickleball, you are in luck! Our annual beginner's clinic is scheduled to be held January 29-February 2, 2024. This is a great time to learn the fundamentals of the game and meet some wonderful people.

Submitted by Robin Meek, Secretary

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Memorial Service



January 21, 2024
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**Cancellation policy: Refunds will be given up to two weeks before trip.
Reservations are transferrable.**

Wednesday, January 17, 2024 – Hop aboard the Calypso Breeze for a tropical adventure on a 2-Hour Cruise. You'll enjoy lunch on board from the buffet, which includes free beer, wine, rum punch, and soft drinks. **Make checks out to Betmar Travel.** Activity Level 2 ~ Total \$101.00 p.p. – Full payment due at time of reservation. **Waiting List**

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. **Make checks out to Betmar Travel.** Total \$100.00 p.p. – Full payment due at time of reservation.

Monday, February 19, 2024 – Motorcoach leaves Betmar at 8:00 a.m. for our 5-day, 4-night trip to Savannah, Georgia. This trip includes Jekyll Island, St. Simons Island, and Beaufort, South Carolina. **Make checks out to Betmar Travel.** Total \$750 p.p. (Deposit \$75.00) – Final payment due December 12, 2023. Insurance available. **Waiting List**

Sunday, March 17, 2024 – Starship St Patrick's Day Cruise
Motorcoach leaves at 10:30 a.m. returning at 3:30 p.m. Celebrate St Patrick's Day as we cruise out of Ybor Channel for a St Patty's Day Luncheon, includes iced tea and coffee, sightseeing cruise on a 131-foot yacht. Enjoy a 3-course meal. Level 1 – Full payment due at time of reservation. **Make checks out to Betmar Travel.** Total \$125.00 p.p. – Full payment due at time of reservation.

Saturday, April 6, 2024 -Suncoast Broadway Theater in Hudson for the award-winning show ” CATS” More information in the future announcements. **Make checks out to Betmar Travel.** \$105 p.p. – Full payment due at time of reservation.

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. **Make checks out to Betmar Travel.** \$100.00 p.p. – Full payment due at time of reservation.

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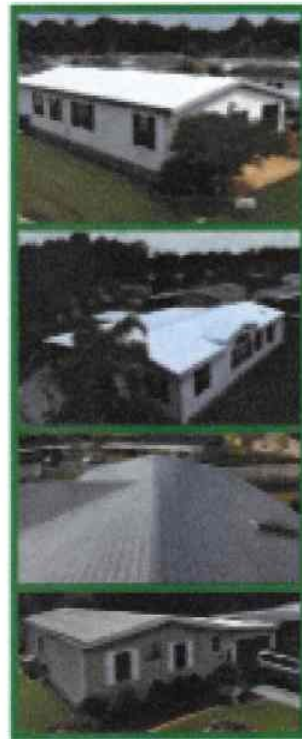


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PARK NEWS

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Remember, Bountiful Blessings only has shelf stable items and is limited to the items stocked. Follow us on Facebook page Betmar Bountiful Blessings for updates. E-mail: betmarbountifulblessings@gmail.com

Sue, Cheri and our volunteers are working extremely hard to organize all the Christmas Baskets. A huge thank you to all those residents who are making them possible.

Bountiful Blessings has a Wish List posted on Facebook pages Betmar Bountiful Blessings and Simply Betmar.

PICNICS

CANADIAN PICNIC

This year Canadians and their guests will gather for the annual Picnic in Clubhouse 2 on February 15. It all starts with a Social Hour at 4:00 pm followed by a potluck dinner at 5:00 pm. At 6:00 pm, the dancing begins with everyone's favorite Jesse Derringer. There will be door prizes and chances to Share the Wealth and 50/50 tickets.

If you would like to head up a table or two (maximum 8 people per table) please contact us for tickets and information. Donations for tickets are \$5.00 or fill a table for \$35. Please consider a donation for prizes and entertainment.

TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE, NO TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR.

Look forward to receiving a personal invitation for further information. Until then please call Dianne Buynink at 813-783-4045 or Janet Shaffer at 807-221-9259 for information.

Break out your Red and White attire for the party!

MICHIGAN PICNIC

First planning meeting for the Michigan Picnic after coffee Jan 9 2024. Come join us.
Jan Kiessel

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NEW ENGLAND PICNIC

Mark your calendar for Saturday March 9 2024 for the New England Picnic.

The first committee meeting will be held on Wednesday January 17TH at the Golf Clubhouse at 11:30.

If you would like to help with the picnic or be on the committee, please attend the meeting or call Linda Parkhurst 207-861-1042

LINDA LaFAYETTE MEMORIAL

Memorial service for Linda LaFayette will be held January 14th from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. in Clubhouse 2.

We are looking for volunteers to bring finger foods or cookies or brownies (no cakes or pies please). Please bring food by 12 noon to Clubhouse 2 on January 14th

MOTORCYCLE GROUP

Betmar Biker Brigade... Triple "B"

The *"Betmar Biker Brigade"* has been in existence for several years now. **Our 2024 rides** will begin on **Thursday, January 4th**.

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, please email: Your Name, Betmar Address, Phone Number and Email Address to donmclintock69@gmail.com.

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

MUSIC IN THE PAVILLION BY JOHN PERRY

I'm a musician with 50 years' experience entertaining people. I have reserved the pavilion on January 12th and 26th starting at 2:00 until 4:00pm. I will be singing and playing guitar to many classic rock and country music from the 50's thru the 80's.

I will also be opening the coffee hour on January 9th with a song or 2. If you have any questions please feel free to message me.
John Perry

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What-Not Sale

At this point, the sale is two weeks away and we are down to the final details.

Our volunteers will survive on snacks and baked goodies on Wednesday, the 10th and Thursday, the 11th. We welcome Betmar Baker's contributions at the kitchen window on Wednesday and Thursday from 8:00 a.m. – on. Friday donations will not be turned down either.

The “Ant March” is on Wednesday January 10th at 9:00 a.m.. If you have a two-wheel dolly or a cart, feel free to bring it with you, however we request you leave them at the door and hand carry the boxes in since a couple of injuries occurred in the past.

Thursday will feature the What-Not Volunteer Sale from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (wear your worker badges). This will be followed by the early shopper sale for all residents, their guests, and renters from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.. For this sale, wearing your Betmar nametag will gain you admission. If you do not have a Betmar name tag, go to the main entrance of Clubhouse 2 and show your I.D. for a temporary tag.

Again, a big “THANK YOU” to everyone who helps to make this such a success.

Important dates are as follows -- please mark your calendars.

Tuesday, January 9th: Tables from other clubhouses moved to Clubhouse 2.

Wed. January 10th: Empty out the Barn (aka the “Ant March”) at 9:00 a.m. 200+ volunteers needed; department workers begin table set-ups.

Thur. January 11th: Departments finish setting up. Special sale hours for our volunteers (11 to 1) and all Betmar residents (1 to 3).

Fri. January 12: Open to the public, various food items including hamburgers and hot dogs available.

Sat. January 13: Open to the public. Special clearance sales such as half-price specials and Fill-a-Bag featured. At 12:30 the sale ends with packing up any unsold items and carrying them to the Salvation Army trailer (lots of fresh hands needed for this).

What-Not Barn

We continue to accept merchandise for sale. The last day for collecting donations and for selling merchandise at the Barn will be Friday, January 5th. You can hold merchandise at home until the What-Not Sale as long as you can get it to us during the Ant March on the 10th, (9 to 10 a.m.). Arrangements for pickups on that day can be made by calling Linda Bentz ahead of time at 231-268-6681.

The date for reopening the Barn after the sale will be announced later.

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Anyone struggling to care for a loved one with Alzheimer’s or a form of dementia understands those words all too well. Statistics from the Alzheimer’s Association states that 1 in 3 seniors dies from Alzheimer’s or another form of dementia and Alzheimer’s kills more Americans than breast cancer and prostate cancer.

The Caregivers Support Group of Betmar offers support and information to anyone caring for a loved one. We understand the struggle, frustration, and hope of caring daily for someone with Alzheimer’s or dementia. Your day is never ending, your worry never goes away, and your need for information never stops.

Our next caregiver’s support group meeting will be Thursday, January 11 at 2p.m. at 5144 Ava Ct. If you are caring for a loved one, looking for information or just need the support of others, please join us.

For more information call Laraine Roberts at 517-230-2231.

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 service 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 .

Their first visit will be January 16th, 2023, 7:30-3pm and they will be parked where the bloodmobile usually parks. Onspot is in-network with major insurances and has competitive self-pay rates. Phone 941-444-0011 or visit: Onspotdermatology.com/betmaracres to book an appointment. Walk-ins may be possible.

Respectfully submitted by Marsha Frain

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NEW COMERS FAIR

Please mark your calendar for the “Newcomers Fair” to honor all new residents of 2023. Thursday, January 25th at 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. With a luncheon in the Annex and great entertainment, raffles from each club and getting to know your community. Please RSVP to Melinda Graves ~ 707-628-2781 ASAP so we have enough food for everyone. Blessings, Melinda Graves

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