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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

**BETMAR BOARD 2023 - 2024**

Title	Name
President	George Ferrari
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Activities Vice Chair	Melinda Graves
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Communications Vice Chair	Pam Coleman
Finance Chairman	Kerry Fritz
Finance Vice Chair	Florence Gordon
Properties Chairman	Bill Robertson
Properties Vice Chair	Bob Coutz

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Clubhouse	Name	Contact Number
CH2	Tony Mastrogiacomo	813-355-3489
CH3	Denise Rader	603-325-0884
Apache CH	Steve Ward	652-202-9804

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Bonnie Coutz - Chairman  
 Pam Coleman - Vice Chairman  
 Janet Gagne ~ Sandy Bedingfield  
 Marilyn Williams

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Secretary	Julie Miller
Treasurer	David Gregg
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Golf Clubhouse	813-788-5897
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Shuffle Clubhouse	813-782-9764
Swimming Pool	813-783-2272
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What-Not Pick-Up 2	231-268-6681

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# Presidents Letter

PLEASE GET OUT AND VOTE!!

This will be my last article in the bulletin as your President. I would like to thank all the members that voted for me, because you didn't know much about me, you were putting your faith in me to do what is right, and I appreciated that.

I thanks the Board Member's that I work with for 2 years, for we had a lot to accomplish and together we got some of it done. I thank the Trustees for all their hard work they do behind the scene. Job well done.

It's always better to work together and I was appreciative that you worked with me through the turmoil we had. Thank you Board Members and Trustee's.

Last but not least is the committee's that worked behind the scenes, Policy and Procures, By-law, HOPA, and the Golf Committee. I than all of you for making my job easier.

I thank my wife (Judy) because of all the hours I was gone. I thank her for her patience and caring. She knew at times I couldn't sleep, spent time reading or just nerves.

Remember that Betmar is a great place to live. I always said it takes all of us working together. We can't keep saying that "this wasn't the way," we must move forward. Remember the mistakes so they don't happen again.

**Betmar has so much to offer, be grateful we can live here.**

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Thank you,  
George Ferrari



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## **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 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

### **MARCH 2024 MONTHLY MEETING**

Owners Agenda Meeting	10:00 a.m.	03/05/2024	Annex
Owners Annual General Assembly Meeting	7:00 p.m.	03/07/2024	CH 2
Acres Agenda Meeting	10:00a.m	03/12/2024	Annex
Acres Annual General Assembly Meeting	9:00 a.m.	03/14/2024	Annex
Owners & Acres Board Agenda Meeting	10:00 a.m.	03/19/2024	Annex
Owners & Acres Board Meeting	09:00 a.m.	03/21/2024	Annex

# 2024 ~ 2025 ELECTION BIO'S

## MARSHA FRAIN

### President

Background: Retired Lt Col. USAF Nurse Corp spending half that time in management and senior leadership. Post Air Force served as a Home Care Administrator for western Michigan and finally 10 years in the Emergency Room conducting quality improvement studies and providing patient care.

**Betmar History:** Lived here seasonally for 23 years (6 months)

1. Vice President Betmar Board of Directors (April 2023 to present).
2. Chairman of Policy and Procedure Committee since Jan 2023
3. Vice Councilor of Communications (October 2022-April 2023)
4. Primary Coordinator for the annual Healthorama Health Fair for 13 years.
5. 13 years ago, authored and implemented the Living Will program.
6. Led in the design, fund raising and approval for Betmar Scentral Park dog park.
7. Vice President of the Betmar Tennis/Pickleball club for three years.

### Goals and beliefs:

1. We must have checks and balances for the protection of both corporations and the membership, and this includes everyone.
2. To facilitate presidential checks and balances, I ascribe to an executive committee sharing decision making, appointments to committees, and strategic planning.
3. We should read/revise every document with this in mind. Does the board have what they need to conduct business and are the members rights protected?
4. We should support a corporate structure enabling organizational function and processes sustainable Board to Board, Committee to Committee, person to person whether it be two corporations or one.
5. I am dedicated to revising, updating, and writing user friendly policies and procedures clearly defining what and how and why processes exist and sharing all of it with the membership.
6. We should strive for well written, user friendly, understandable, free of ambiguity bylaws



7. We should preserve our HOPA status.

8. I shall commit to doing things correctly (as much as humanly possible) to keep the corporations free of legal turmoil. I believe in doing the right thing because it is the right thing to do.

9. I am a person of integrity. I do not have hidden agendas. I do not lie. I am what I am.

10. We should always be searching for a better way to do things. And, if the status quo is the best.....that is okay too. Always be in the pursuit of efficiency and fairness.

None of this happens in a vacuum. As they say, it takes a village and I hope I can lead and facilitate teamwork for Betmar.

## **SCOTT WACHSMITH**

### **Candidate for Vice President**

I am currently a Board member of the Betmar Swim Club and a member of the Betmar Policy and Procedure Committee. I am a former Vice President of Betmar Owners, Inc. and Betmar Acres Club, Inc., a member of the Resident Owners Committee and the Committee that was formed to stop M H Liquidity Solutions, LLC.

I started traveling down from New Hampshire to Betmar in 2007 with my wife Deanna, to visit her aunt and uncle on Tara Ave. We purchased their home in 2014. In NH, I manage some rental properties and I enjoy spending as much time as possible doing water related activities (boating, fishing and swimming) with my two grandsons, Tyler and Phillip.

As a former Newfields (NH) Planning Board member, I have extensive experience working with town officials, researching state and federal law, while working with subdivision plats, site plans and town ordinances. I spent my career as an ASE Certified Master Mechanic, a Certified Marine Technician, and was manager at Great Bay Marine in Newington, NH.

As your Vice President, I will work for the membership, regardless of the issue, to promote transparency, open communication and ensure our membership has all the information they need (both pro and con) in order to make informed decisions regarding Betmar issues. I will push for more town meeting style, informational sessions, when needed and clearly understood processes for discussion, voting and open and honest conversation with the membership.



# **LARAIN ROBERTS**

## **Secretary**

Hello, my name is Laraine Roberts. I am currently secretary for the Betmar Board of Directors, and I am seeking re-election for secretary.

I have lived in Betmar for 10 years- 6 years permanently. I'm originally from Port Byron, NY, a small town in the Finger Lakes region of upstate NY. I lived in Mason, MI for 45 years before moving permanently to Betmar.

In Michigan I taught 8th grade US History and Language Arts for 25 years. During that time, I was Secretary and President of the Dansville Education Association, Student Council Advisor, Class Advisor and on the Curriculum Committee.

During my years here in Betmar, I have been secretary and president of the Tennis and Pickleball Club, co-chaired the Christmas Home Tour for three years, started a Caregivers' Support Group for those with loved ones with Alzheimer's and Dementia, volunteer at the Betmar library and various other volunteer activities.

Betmar is a wonderful place to live with loving welcoming residents. I look forward to working with the Betmar Board again as Secretary.

# **TOM FRAIN**

## **Candidate for Treasurer**

### **QUALIFICATIONS:**

A 15-year business owner and Chief Financial Officer of two different corporations. 10 years at Foremost Insurance Company as President of Foremost Real Estate Division.

I am highly proficient in all aspects of business accounting to include, accounts receivable, accounts payable, payroll, payroll taxes, financial statement preparation and corporate/ personal income tax preparation.

Additionally, computer knowledgeable with QuickBooks, Peachtree, Lotus, Microsoft Office and other computer programs.

**EDUCATION:**

Graduated Grand Valley State College, Allendale, Michigan with a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration with a major in accounting.

**BETMAR HISTORY:**

Parents moved into the park in 1985. Visited them for 14 years. Owned in the park since 1999. Lived here seasonally for the last 22 years. Served on the Betmar Board as Treasurer in 2019-2020 and 2022-2023. Organized the Betmar Owners books to start accounting for all the clubs. Implemented Quick books accounting system for both corporations.

**PHILOSOPHY:**

I believe that the Board of Directors are to serve the members and that the members should have a vote in everything going on in the park. I believe in transparency, so that all the accounting data will be available for everyone. I believe as Treasurer I have to educate the membership in sound financial decisions. The board should have monthly membership meetings for both Owners and Acres.

**STRENGTHS:**

My past history in all aspects of accounting is my greatest strength. I can do all the accounting required by both corporations and therefore suggest improvements and consistency in the work. Also, my knowledge helps me explain the financial data in easy-to-understand terms.

Betmar has been the best community in Florida for a long time and will continue to be.





# MICHELLE McKINNON

## Candidate for Activity Councilor

- ◆ Born and raised in Iowa -graduated from Lake City High School
- ◆ Graduated from Simpson College with a BA in Education
- ◆ Simpson College Homecoming Queen 1985
- ◆ Moved to Arizona and taught 7th and 8th grade Science and Social Studies at Litchfield Park, Arizona
- ◆ Then moved to Michigan and taught 5 years of Middle School Science at Cranbrook Kingswood in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan
- ◆ Received a Master's Degree from the University of Michigan-GO BLUE
- ◆ Taught Middle School Science at Davison Middle School for 25 years
- ◆ Coached Cross Country and Track for 30 years
- ◆ Ran the Chicago Marathon and a Triathlon
- ◆ Black Belt in Karate-Tang Soo Do
- ◆ Michigan Interscholastic Track Coaches Association President (MITCA)
- ◆ MITCA Middle School Coach of the Year
- ◆ Optimist Club of Davison President
- ◆ Michigan Science Teachers Association -Activities Coordinator
- ◆ Muirwood Apartments- Activities Director

Married to Mac McKinnon (Betmar Golf President)) with three kids and now 8 grandchildren.

Been a Betmar Owner seven years and a full-time Florida resident for the last four years

Loves to smile, be with and around people, very energetic, and filled with joy from Jesus

In Betmar you can see her walking, golfing, going to the pool, line dancing, and now mah-jong!



## MELINDA GRAVES

### Candidate for Activities Vice Councilor

Originally from Northglenn, Colorado

- Married to Leonard Graves for 46 years
- Raised our four children in Northern California 1987-2010
- We have seven grandchildren
- Church Secretary at Harvest Worship Center in Vacaville CA for three years
- Marketing Director for Paramount Assisted Living and Memory Care in Vacaville CA for two years
- In Home Caregiver for Comfort Keepers for the elderly three years
- Marketing Director, for Comfort Keepers In Home Care, for the elderly in Vacaville CA for two years
- In Home Caregiver for two different farmers in Shafter California for three years
- Very active on a local board in Vacaville, CA for 20 years in Aglow Intl for Christian women
- Leader of many small group studies
- Gave out samples with Costco three years
- Presently working part time at Hobby Lobby three years

My personal motto, “Do What You Love and Love What You Do!” with a side of chocolate! We live out our lives on purpose every day; His Purpose.

My husband Len and I have lived here in Betmar for one year and are incredibly grateful to God for the incredible gift to serve this delightful community and our sphere of influence in any way made available to us.



## **BONNIE COUTZ**

### **Candidate for Communications Councilor**

I'm a snowbird from Michigan and have lived in Betmar, part-time for 11 years with my husband Bob. We first came to Betmar when my in-laws were living here and fell in love with the community.

I have over 40 years of office experience starting out as Secretary and bookkeeper advancing to Administrative Assistant. I also was a Liaison for the Government Bureau of Prisons, Pre-trial, and Federal Prison System for 7 years. I worked directly with Probation Officers and defendants. I audited records for five of our offices with these contracts. A Federal Background Clearance was required by the Government.

I have volunteered in the Communications Office for 10 years, two as Communications Vice Councilor. I am currently Chairman of Communications, working with an awesome team of volunteers. I perform many duties in Communications including the monthly bulletin, creating flyers and tickets for Betmar Clubs. Contacting businesses, organizing and collection monies for our ads (creating revenue over \$13,000 the last two years) from the bulletin.

My goal is to continue in Communications, communicating with residents and serving the community.

## **DENISE RADER**

### **Vice Councilor of Communications**

Born and raised in Maine and moving to New Hampshire at age of 19 then moved to Sout Carolina in 2012. Spent 5 years there until moving to Florida. I'm a permanent resident of Betmar for the last 3 years.

- ◆ Worked in the Dental Field for over 30 years, managing offices, recruiting staff and training.
- ◆ Developed a Policy and Procedures Manual for each dental office.
- ◆ Became Director of Operations for Dental Smart Corporation.
- ◆ Managed the Coldwell Banker office in Venice, FL with 120 agents for the last 3 years before retiring.
- ◆ Marketing and training agents on different promotions and computer programs.
- ◆ Processing commission checks. Ordering the offices supplies. Established a calendar of listed and sold properties. Developed weekly and monthly reports for the office.



Working as a volunteer now in the communications office, I have been able to create posters, design and create tickets plus work on the bulletin.

My work experience has put me in a great position to become the Vice Councilor of Communications.

## **JOAN ROOKER**

### **Finance Chairperson**

My name is Joan Rooker, I reside at 36814 Beth Ave. Been here since 2016. I am from Port Byron-Lyons, New York. I have lived in Betmar for almost eight years.

I have Associates Degree in Accounting. I worked for a Nursing Home doing accounts payables, receivables, and insurance billing. I did taxes for year end.

My hobbies are crocheting, making ornaments and playing cards. I help Game Club with fund raisers.

I was Vice President for Darts two years, and Treasure for Darts two years. I volunteered for two years for coffee crew.

I think I would be a good candidate for Finance Chairperson.

## **Debbie Burton**

### **Finance Vice Counselor**

Working with others at Betmar to help keep our community running smoothly is important to me. I believe that when you approach serving with an attitude of caring about the needs of others, not only will it benefit those around you, but it will also come back to bless you in the future.

Since obtaining my Real Estate license in 1993 in Michigan and now being licensed in Florida since 2022, I have held many positions. Those include owning and operating a real estate company in Michigan, hiring agents, working as an office manager and other skills that I feel would benefit our community.

Outside of selling real estate at Vitis Realty, you will find me strumming on my acoustic and my bass guitar, chasing after that perfect sound, or enjoying the company of my wonderful husband and my friends and family.

# **Mac McKinnon**

## **Candidate for Properties Councilor**

My name is Mark N. McKinnon, I go by Mac from 8 years in the United States Navy. For veterans, you know you get called by your last name and sometimes it gets shortened i.e. Mac. achieved the rank of Petty Officer First Class Electronics Technician right near 6 years. While in the Navy, in boot camp I was the RPOC for maintenance of barracks. Then after boot camp I attended the self-paced Beginning Electricity & Electronics course where I achieved a top ranking for completing ahead of my scheduled due date. I was able to select orders in the top 5 of my class and selected Submarine Broadcast equipment maintenance. After further training I was then stationed in Scotland for 3 and 1/2 years. My next duty station was in Moorestown NJ as an instructor for a newly commissioned AEGIS class of Cruisers and Destroyers. My job was to teach Naval Officers and enlisted personnel how to operate and maintain the IFF (Identification Friend or Foe) system. was there for an additional 3 and 1/2 years. Upon completion of my service the manufacturer of the equipment made me an offer I couldn't refuse to continue doing what I enjoyed, teaching. Yes, t think I missed my real calling in life.

I am originally from the great state of Michigan and now am a full-time resident of the great state of Florida.

We bought in Betmar like many others from family, my Grandparents Noni and Leland Parks who resided on Vera St. starting in early 70's, with my grandfather's passing in the 90's my grandmother stayed a full time resident and sold to her daughter and Son-in-law Judy and Jim Whalen in 2005. Some still remember my Uncle Jim quite well as he was an avid golfer, they don't remember him for necessarily his great golfing, but rather for his fortitude of having an amputated leg from conditions received during Iraq Gulf War and his volunteering at What-Not (electronics guy). With my uncle's passing, my aunt couldn't bear to spend time in Florida without him and offered Michelle and the opportunity to purchase the Vera home. In 2018 we made it official and became part time Betmarians. We said there was only one thing that would move us from Vera, a location on the golf course, that option came available in 2020, a place on Lakewood overlooking hole #1 (White) green, where we currently reside and became full time Floridians.

While part timing in Betmar, Michelle retired from teaching and actually came to Florida without me. I informed the President of my current employer where I was an account manager providing electronic security integration of access control, cameras, and alarms that was 2-3 years from following her actions. But after the season of her and I exchanging a week in Michigan and a week or so of I in Florida. informed the president that things had changed -we wanted to be together as that is what being married is about and that in the fall I too will be retiring to winter in Betmar. He said, well, maybe we can work out something where you work remote from Florida and meet your clients' needs and where travel back to

Michigan is required you bill the company. The arm twisting was hard, but I said yes. So, we wintered in Betmar, and I made several flights back to Michigan when clients needed face to face, but primarily through modern technology had more video calls and met the company and clients' needs. Then Covid hit, everything changed, you couldn't meet with clients face to face and everything was electronic meetings, webinars etc. Shortly thereafter I fully retired and made Florida our full-time residence.

So now that you know my background, let's get to the meat and potatoes - Betmar Properties Councilor One of the prior positions held was a branch manager for a banking security company managing 18 service technicians and 5 installers with 2 supervisors reporting to me. My team took our branch from a mediocre branch to a top 5 branch in the country. It was hard work, but we did it by paying attention to detail, client satisfaction and with those two major priorities the revenue increased on its own.

As you can see by the above information, I take on tasks and succeed at them as I plan to do for the residents of Betmar. I have volunteered for What-Not, Bingo Caller (Summertime), Golf Activities, Golf President, and you typically can see me on the course cleaning up or working on a Golf fundraiser. Someone mentioned to me one day that - what a great place to have as God's waiting room. It will only add to that then let's make it the best waiting room we have ever been in to visit.

## **Jeff Warner**

### **Candidate for Properties Vice Councilor**

I am from Deckerville, MI - Michigan's thumb where I have farmed and worked heavy equipment all of my life. My wife and I currently spend 6 months in Michigan and 6 months in Betmar. We bought our home in Betmar in 2011.

- I understand maintaining equipment as well as working with others
- I have actively and physically worked more than 8 years on Betmar's three Golf Courses
- I have served as Golf Course properties
- I often worked alongside Bill Robertson and currently work with Mac McKinnon on the golf courses.

I believe I am an excellent candidate for Properties Vice Councilor.





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- Register to receive important e-mail notifications regarding every aspect of life in Betmar. **You should do this as soon as possible.**
- Access the on-line phone directory, the Betmar Calendar and several other documents mentioned below.
- Open the section "What-Is-It/How Do I" where questions new residents may have are answered. Examples are explanations of how Betmar is managed, whether we have Pickleball or a pool, what's the What-Not Barn and many more.
- Explore over twenty-four Betmar "clubs" and find links to each club's webpage.

## **Monthly Betmar Bulletin**

The Betmar Bulletin contains information about the operation of the park, along with information submitted by individual clubs regarding upcoming events. It is distributed electronically to everyone who receives Betmar e-mails and also is available in hard-copy format for qualifying residents.

## **Coffee Hour and Coffee News**

Coffee Hour is hosted by the Betmar Activities Team. It is held every Tuesday morning at 9 a.m. in Clubhouse 2. Attendees are informed of scheduled events and provided general information regarding their friends and neighbors while they enjoy a cup of coffee and your favorite doughnut or toast. A copy of the information presented is sent out to every e-mail recipient every Tuesday night in the weekly "Coffee News."

## **Betmar Friday Notes**

Link sent out every Friday with additional information from throughout the week. Residents can check Friday Notes daily as events are added as they come in.

## **On-line Phone Directory**

The official hard copy phone book is updated annually. The On-Line Directory is updated continuously. The On-Line program can list any amount of phone numbers, e-mail addresses and a photo.

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# CLUB NEWS

## **BANDSTAND**

The Betmar Bandstand audience continues to grow as we continue to bring some very good entertainment to Clubhouse 2. We only have about a month left before the season comes to a close and so here is the calendar for the remaining shows which will end on April 17.

March 6	Deb Morin & The Maine Trio
March 13	Jam Bandits
March 20	Bandstand/Swim Club Dinner Show with the Jam Bandits
March 27	Rockin' Ron, Jackson Gay, Danny Lee, Ronnie Miller with a special appearance by Tim Bishop
April 10	Jam Bandits
April 17	Deb Morin & The Maine Trio

We're so happy the Bandstand has been so well received and we're grateful for all the kindness, support and positive comments from the audience. We want to continue to offer quality entertainment for our Betmar friends and family to enjoy.

So, try to plan on Wednesday nights at 6:00 pm in Clubhouse 2 to enjoy some great music, a chance to dance for a couple hours, an opportunity to win a Share-The-Wealth prize while munching on popcorn and other snacks and a variety of beverages. We look forward to seeing you there and to your continued enjoyment and support.

## **BEGINNERS ART**

Wow, it's hard to believe that this season here in Betmar is going to be ending before long. Our friends that travel North will be leaving us once again.

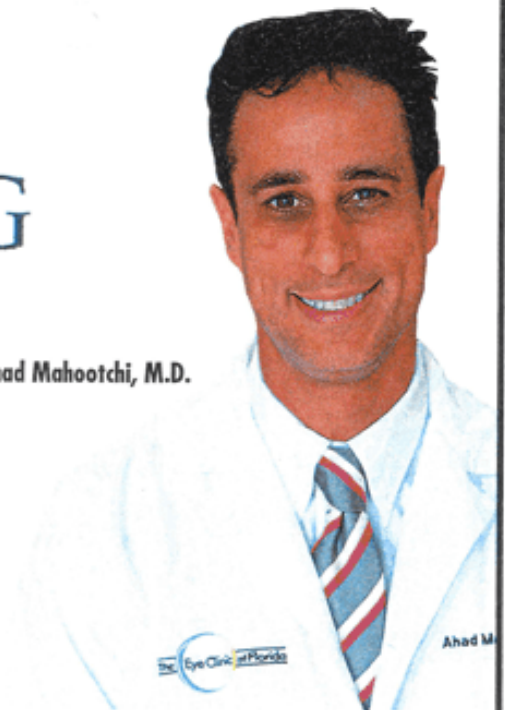
Meanwhile, we still have Beginner Art class. Come to see what we do before you head back, then plan to come in the fall. Wednesdays at 1 pm in Clubhouse 3. Just \$1. If you have never painted but wanted to try, come. We were all there at one time. Hope to see new faces.

Thank you to all the regulars and teachers that come throughout the year.



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## **COMPUTER CLUB**

As we are looking at our last full month of classes, we will begin the month with a bake sale in conjunction with the Golf Breakfast on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Betmar is invited to our open meeting on March 19<sup>th</sup> when we will learn about the many opportunities that the New River Library has to offer us, especially as senior adults.

It's not too late to join our classes even if you haven't come earlier this year. We hope to see you soon.

### March

- 2<sup>nd</sup> - 8:00-10:00 Bake Sale
- 5<sup>th</sup> - 1:00 Shuffle Lunch  
2:00 Business Meeting and problem solving
- 12<sup>th</sup> - 1:00 To be determined  
2:00 Problem Solving
- 19<sup>th</sup> - 1:00 New River Library-Susan Boyle-Senior Activities
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## DANCE

It's great to see many new faces at the dances and classes. When you join classes or attend the dances, you enable the Dance Club to support the park so that we all benefit while having a great time. Let's keep it up!!

### DANCE CLUB GENERAL MEETINGS

Dance Club general meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 3:00 p.m. in the Apache Clubhouse Blue room. The next meeting is:

#### TUESDAY, MARCH 12

Election of officers is on this month's agenda. Everyone is welcome to attend.

### SATURDAY NIGHT DANCES –

Betmar continues to provide live entertainment every Saturday night, 7:00-10:00 p.m. in Clubhouse 2. We're starting to see new residents and also nonresidents. See the poster included in this bulletin for a list of March musicians. A complete list of the musicians for the season is posted under the Dance Club at [Betmar.org](http://Betmar.org).

The Music Committee is currently viewing musicians for next season and have

found that Zephyrhills has many talented people. Hopefully, we will be able to

contract with a diverse group of musicians giving you a bit of everything to dance

to.

**IMPORTANT!!** Starting with the March 9th dance, there will be no tickets, in

advance nor at the door, for table seating. Your \$5.00 donation will be accepted at the door the night of the dance and you can select your seat at any available table.

The Dance Club is trying this change because the current process is costly and time consuming for Communications and the Dance Club volunteers. Your feedback is encouraged.

**SATURDAY NIGHT DANCES**  
Clubhouse 2, 37137 Lakewood Drive

7:00 – 10:00 p.m.

**March Musicians**

2 – Reel Playerz  
9 – Geri Blount  
16 – Pure Classic Gold  
St. Patrick's Day Dance  
23 – West Wind  
30 – Rockin Ron

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## **DANCE CLASSES**

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Tuesdays – Beginner and Improver

Thursdays – Fun Dance includes dances from beginner through intermediate. You should have a knowledge of the basic steps to attend.

Your \$15.00 membership covers one or all classes per season. Nonresidents are \$2.00 per class.

## **DANCE CLUB ANNUAL PIZZA PARTY**

Join us on Wednesday, March 13th , 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for pizza, assorted salads and desserts. Debbie Mims will provide the music for dancing after we enjoy the meal. Dance classes will give short demonstrations.

Tickets are available in the Annex on Tuesday mornings 8-9 a.m. and at line dance classes. \$3.00 in advance and \$5.00 at the door. For an accurate pizza count, we encourage advance tickets. Please bring your place setting, utensils and a salad or dessert to share.

See you on the dance floor!

Joyce Smith, Dance Club Secretary ~ 207-944-7335

## **GARDEN CLUB**

Garden Club elections will take place at the March 4th business meeting. The following members have been nominated:

- President...Diana Hobart
- Vice President...Brenda Moody
- Secretary...Kim Pfeil,
- Treasurer...Kathy Downer





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We meet at 8:30am (weather permitting) at Apache Junction located in the park between Jo and Amanda Streets. For additional information contact Marilyn Loding at 810-837-0520. Membership is free.

The Garden Club joins all of Betmar in mourning the recent loss of Bill Robertson, Properties Chair. He was a wonderful friend to the Garden Club.

Respectfully Submitted:

Pennie Jefferson, Secretary 352-238-2547.

## **GOLF**

The March Golf Board meetings will be Monday, March 25th at 9:00 am in the Annex of Clubhouse#2. If you have questions for the board, please try to submit them to one of the board members one week before the meeting so answers or possible solutions might be in place at the meeting. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend the board meetings.

### **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**

March 7 is Ladies Fun Day. Cost is \$5.00. Pizza will be served for lunch. Ladies Golf banquet is March 28. Tickets will be available in March. We will keep starting time at 9 am for now. Sign up is by 8:45. This is weather permitting. Changes will be emailed as always. Remember our ladies golf day is Thursday morning. If you want to play golf please try to schedule around it.



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## **Activities**

Elvis Tribute by Gene Styles

Sunday, March 10th at 6pm in Clubhouse #2. Tickets are \$10 and will be for sale by Mike Williamson, Marilyn Williams and Terri Williams and will be sold at Coffee.

- Friday, March 1 - Couples League check in 12:30
- Saturday, March 2 - Breakfast 8:00-9:30
- Tuesday, March 5 - Red 8 check in 1:30
- Monday, March 18 - Golfapalooza check in 9:00
- Friday, March 15 - Couples League check in 12:30
- Tuesday, March 19 - Lucky 9 check in 1:30
- Friday, March 22 - Florida Scramble check in 1:30
- Monday, March 25 - Night Golf check in 4:30
- Friday, March 29th - Couples League check in 12:30

## **Clubhouse Director**

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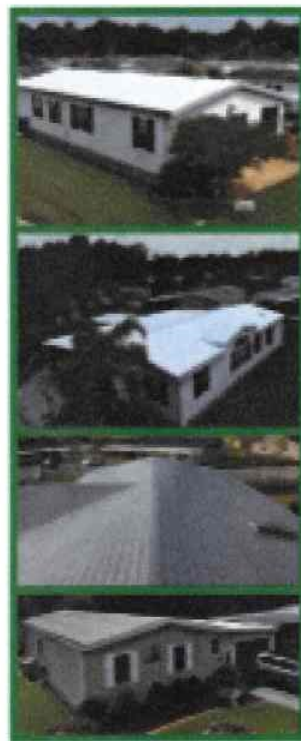


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**12:00 p.m. Potluck**

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## **HOSPITALITY CLUB**

Our Hospitality members delivered over 1,600 valentines to the residents of Betmar. It is one of many functions that the members do, and it is very rewarding to see the smiles. We hope everyone had a wonderful Valentine's day.

The annual valentines card party was held on February 8th, 2024, with great attendance. Many thanks to all the helping hands that made this possible. We delivered many gifts during this event, and everyone had a good time.

Hospitality took part in the newcomer's event headed up by Melinda Graves. It was a great success. It was a pleasure talking to new people about our club. We gave tickets to the Card party and the upcoming Chris Pierce show.

Our next sponsored event is the Hospitality Entertainment show on March 14th featuring Chris Pierce in Clubhouse #2 from 6:00 to 8:30 pm. If anyone has questions about this event, please contact Anne Duprey.

At our March meeting, we will be exploring various types of entertainers that will make our March 2025 event successful.

Our next Meeting of the hospitality Club will be March 7th at 1:00 pm in clubhouse #3 and we always welcome new members.

Jane Martin - Secretary





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Cruise

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When: 2:00 pm

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Where: Pavilion

Music in the Pavilion by the Jam Band w/ Bill Bartok

Starts: 5:00pm

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## BETMAR SWISS STEAK DINNER

THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 2024

CLUBHOUSE 2

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## **KITCHEN BAND**

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This is a NO COST club and we would love to see you join us!!

Rhonda Pomerleau, Secretary

## **SHUFFLEBOARD**

Shuffleboard members, please take notice! We have a very important General Meeting on Wednesday, March 13, at 10 a.m. at the courts when we will be electing our new officers. PLEASE ATTEND AND VOTE! On that same day (March 13) we invite all shuffle volunteers to an Appreciation Pizza Party. Please sign up ahead of time at the courts, so we will know how many to expect. This is our way of thanking our many wonderful volunteers for all of the help at the courts, and for the amazing shuffle lunch workers and bakers. Hope to see you there.

Other important events this month include a State tournament March 4-5 which is open to any men's or ladies' teams. Shuffle lunches will be served both days, and we will be asking once again for delicious pies and cakes— thank you so much. Another important date is March 14-15 when we will be hosting the 6-Park All Trophy Tournament. In addition, we will have a Mingles/Singles Betmar Tournament on March 20 which is open to all Betmar shufflers. And don't forget Turkey Shoot Tuesday morning, Round Robins on Mon, Wed, Sat at 1:00, and Hoss Collar Fridays at 6:30. We have been getting awesome turnouts!

Kudos to all of the Betmar shufflers who placed in recent tournaments here. In the state tournament at the end of January, Fred Leger and Rick Johnson were 2nd consolation and Walt Shine was 3rd consolation. In the pro tournament Feb 1-2 Rick Johnson finished first in the main event, Don McNeil was 3rd, Nancy Ruess was 4th, and Linda Dwelley finished 3rd in consolation. Other winners in the Amateur Draw Tournament on Feb 1-2 were Tom Dumas (2nd in main), Len Loughran (3rd in main) and Marti Dumas and Earl Reynolds (4th consolation). It was an awesome turnout and Betmar shined!

We also had an in-house Mingles/Singles Tournament on February 7. In the Pro division Fred Leger placed first, followed by Tim Baker. Allan Hammond placed first in the Amateur division, followed by Marti Dumas. Congrats to all!

We will be seeking out volunteers at the end of March and into April to clean courts 7-12 and paint and recondition them. Many hands make light work.





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- Installed an electric “Notice Board” at the large pool
- Upgraded the security system with new cameras, more access points
- Replaced the canopies in the large pool
- Worked on getting that new storage shed in shape
- Renovated the small pool washrooms and utility area
- Resurfaced the floors in the washrooms of both pools
- Resealed both pool decks
- Repaired broken furniture
- Cleaned out both utility rooms
- Had a “Member Appreciation” weenie roast for members in November
- Brad got a rolling tool chest with tools inside
- Sold 2024 Calendars featuring our membership
- Hired a cleaning company for the four washrooms
- Made Betmar a culinary delight by selling lots of cookbooks

Some of the work was needed to replace out-of-date and broken equipment, some was planned to update the facility, and some, was done to ensure the facility would be a place our members wanted to spend their recreational time. However, upgrades, repairs and maintenance all come at a cost. No matter how hard we try to economize, it still costs a fortune to run the pools each year. More than half of membership fees are needed to meet fixed expenses such as utilities and pool care. Funds need to be set aside for future needs - relining of pools/spas, replacing worn-out furniture and emergency repairs - that take a toll on any bank account.

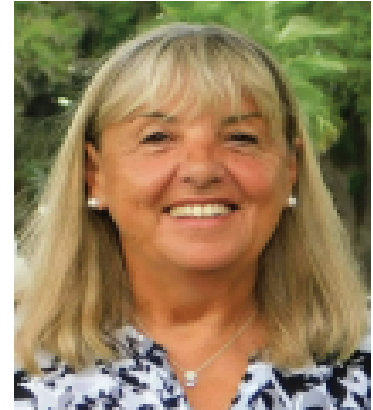
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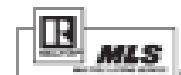
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I thank the membership for allowing me to serve.

Brenda Lapierre

## TENNIS & PICKLEBALL

.The March meeting for the Tennis and Pickleball Club will be held on March 6, at Apache Clubhouse, Maple Leaf room at 3:30. We will be electing our new officers and all members are encouraged to attend.

Our annual free Pickleball Clinic was a great success! There were 29 participants in the clinic and we had 20 new members join our club after the 5 days of instruction. Thank you to all our volunteer coaches and the participants. A huge thank you to Darlene Paine for teaching and organizing this event.

The Polk County Senior Games (Pickleball) will be held March 4-6 in Poinciana, FL. Good Luck to all of our members that will be competing and representing Betmar! More information about this event can be found at:  
[www.polkseniorgames.org](http://www.polkseniorgames.org).

Mark your calendar for our Poker Run on March 13. The poker run starts at 12 pm at the pavilion at Clubhouse 2. Tickets are available for a \$12.00 donation and includes cash prize for the top 4 poker hands and a picnic lunch. There will also be a ticket auction for items and a Share the Fun drawing. For more information or tickets please contact Laraine Roberts at 517-230-2231.

The Facebook group: Betmar Tennis & Pickleball is now up and going. All members may join and post information to our group. This is an additional way to communicate to all of our members.



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## **PARK NEWS**

### **Collage Making**

March 28. 3-5 pm. Apache-Maple room.

Let's lift one another up while creating a unique collage about you, love, God, family, or whatever. All supplies will be available. However, if you have copies of photographs, magazines they could be used. Very limited space. Once it's full we're full.

If you have your own water based acrylic paints and/or brushes, bring them.

Contact Lynn MacDonald at 207-314-5838

### **Memorial Luncheon**

There will be a memorial luncheon at Saturday March 16 to honor the life of Sheree Houghlin. It will be in Clubhouse 3 from 1-3pm.

Sheree was a resident of Betmar for 13 years. She was the daughter of Fay MacFarland on Kimela Ave. She was proud her home on Sandra Street and had made many improvements to get it just the way she wanted it.

Sheree had a wide variety of interests. Her greatest love was playing cards, especially bid euchre. She made a triple shoot once, which she was forever thrilled about. There are euchre games around the park that are missing her sweet smile.

Please plan to attend to help Fay, her family, and many friends honor the life of one so dear.

### **Michigan Picnic**

Thank you for joining us for our Michigan Picnic this year. I've enjoyed working with our committee the last few years. They've done a great job.

Now looking forward to having our two new chair persons. Marilyn Williams and Teri Williams. Thank you ladies.

Jan Kiessel

### **SIGN MAKING CLASS**

Thursday, March 14 3 - 5pm

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## New England Picnic

The New England picnic will be held on Saturday, March 9 in Clubhouse 2. Doors will open at 11:00 a.m. for registration and a social hour with light appetizers. Potluck will begin at 12 o'clock. There will be raffles door prizes and lots of fun.

Bring a dish or dessert to pass at your table. You can plan your own table or space will be available to join in with others. We want everyone to feel welcome so invite newcomers to sit at your table. Don't forget to wear your name tag and bring our own table setting.

To donate items for baskets or empty baskets for the raffle contact Margaret Dukette (603) 387-4233. Her address is 37315 Eileen. If you wish to be creative and make your own basket feel free to do so and get it to Margaret. Donations of handmade items or a bottle of liquor for the raffle are popular items.

Tickets are \$3.00 and will be available at coffee on March 5 or you may also call

Judy Gidney (207)485-6516, Sharon Todd (813)838-0414 or Linda Parkhurst (207)861-1042.

Please encourage your friends who have never come to a New England picnic to attend. We are looking forward to a great turn out and having lots of fun and meeting new people. We hope to see all New Englanders on Saturday, March 9.



## NEW RESIDENTS/ADDRESS CHANGES

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Hart, James	36901 Tara	OH
Pfleidner, James & Kendra	37127 Karen Ave	IN
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Hodgen, Peter & Debra	36720 Niles	IN