



Betmar Communications

December 2024
BETMAR BULLETIN



*Happy Holidays to our Betmar Family!
Celebrate with loved ones and enjoy!*

Computer/Tech Club

Betmar residents and guests, please mark your calendar for Tuesday, January 7, 2025. We will be hosting a Technology Fair from 1 – 4 pm in Clubhouse #2. We have invited several retail technology vendors (i.e. Best Buy, Staples, Spectrum, Verizon, etc.) to participate and showcase their equipment, software, services, etc. that they provide to individual users. This is an information, education, and marketing event and no sales will be permitted. We are providing this event as a service to our Betmar residents and their guests and there is no charge. If you are thinking about or have need to purchase technology, or have questions about your current equipment or software etc. you will be able to talk to these vendors about your needs. More information will be provided as we get closer to the event.

Messages from COMMUNICATIONS

Reminder on posting your events in the monthly calendar or Bulletin. Last date to send info is the **15th of the previous month**. Please send us your information AFTER you have RESERVED a Clubhouse or area in the park with confirmation from Michelle McKinnon 810-908-4096. Your next move is to EMAIL to COMMUNICATIONS the specifics on your EVENT as **Follows**: Name of event, Place, Date, Start Time and End Time of the EVENT, do not included set up and break down times.

Putting it in the Coffee News or Bulletin does not get it in the CALENDAR!

Email to: communications@betmar.org

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. We look forward to providing our residents a useful and current calendar of events/activities.

Denise Rader ~ Communications Councilor

Bonnie Coutz, Communications Councilor, announced her retirement from Communications at the November Owners Board of Director's board meeting. She dedicated years and hours first as a volunteer, then Vice Chairman and then Chairman for the past several years. Communications was her love and it showed in her dedication to a job well done. She will be missed by many but looks forward to working with the travel group and traveling herself.

Good Luck Bonnie.

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Clubhouse 3..... 788-9285

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Presidents Letter

My favorite and busiest time of year. I am sure I am not alone in this sentiment. I love the lights, decorated homes, music of the season and the overall joyous spirit of giving. Tom and I spearhead decorating the dog park and we thank all of those who help every year. If you have not had a chance in previous years to visit the dog park after dark and see the dancing lights and listen to the music.....please do!

Others make it their mission to do something else for the park. Whether it be collecting for TOYS for TOTS, Thomas Promise, baking cookies for events, singing in the chorus, decorating homes or clubhouses and so much more.

Find what makes you happy during this Holiday Season and go for it.

For those traveling to see family and friends, safe travels.

REMEMBER THE REASON FOR THE SEASON!!!

COMMUNICATIONS

A Reminder that we need your monthly **CALENDAR** happenings sent to COMMUNICATIONS@BETMAR.ORG before the **15th** of the previous month to guarantee your activities will be posted for all to see in the coming months!

In order to have your club meetings or events on the calendar, you need to contact Michelle McKinnon at 810-908-4096 to reserve your room or fill out the PURPLE sheets in CH2 front door brochure case and give to Michelle. Once you have been approved by Michelle for your room, you can send an **EMAIL** to Communications.

**YOU HAVE TO CONTACT COMMUNICATIONS
TO LET US KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENING!**

We WILL NEED THE FOLLOWING INFO BELOW. If it is a weekly or monthly function (i.e. meetings, etc.) one notification will do, but you will need to give us your STARTING AND ENDING TIMES OF THE EVENT (**NOT THE TIME YOU NEED TO SET UP OR BREAK DOWN THE ROOM**) WITH STARTING AND ENDING DATES, and PLACE OF EVENT.

****Putting it in the Coffee News or the Bulletin does not get it on the calendar.**

Inform us by:**Emailing YOUR info to: communications@betmar.org**

Please help!

We want to provide a CURRENT, useful calendar, but we can't do it without you!

Thank your help and understanding of the process.

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THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

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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Select a seat at any available table.

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December 2024 Schedule

December 7th dance the night with Good Stuff

December 14th dance the night with Will Yancy

December 21st dance the night with Karl Sapp

December 28th **NO DANCE SCHEDULED**

December 31st **NEW YEARS EVE** with WILL YANCY

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



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CLUB NEWS

BANDSTAND

Betmar Bandstand had a very successful opening night on Wednesday, November 13th at Clubhouse 2. We are looking forward to a great 24/25 season. Please visit our group page to learn more about our toy drive for Thomas Promise. This is your opportunity to bring a smile to a child during the Christmas season. On **December 4th**, please bring a new, un-wrapped toy for a child.

Our Betmar Pickleball/Tennis group will be wrapping the toys to be given to Thomas Promise on our behalf and we thank them for doing this. Let us all participate to make this Christmas a little extra special this year for some special children and their families. You might even win a door prize for being a donor.

As always, thank you for your continued support. On behalf of Betmar Bandstand we wish you a very happy and joyous Christmas season.

BEGINNERS ART

We are in full swing with Beginners Art. Teaching, learning, enjoying ourselves and relaxing. Come and give us a try. If you have never painted, that doesn't mean you can't, it just means you have never tried. We are able to get you started. \$1.00 donation per week. You may find out how relaxing and enjoyable it can be, no matter your talent level. We meet Wednesday afternoons at 1 pm at Clubhouse 3.

Hope to see new faces mixed in with our regulars!

NICKLES COVER UP

Nickles Cover Up is now in Apache White Room on Thursday evenings
from 6pm to 8pm.

Please come and join the fun. Bring your NICKLES!



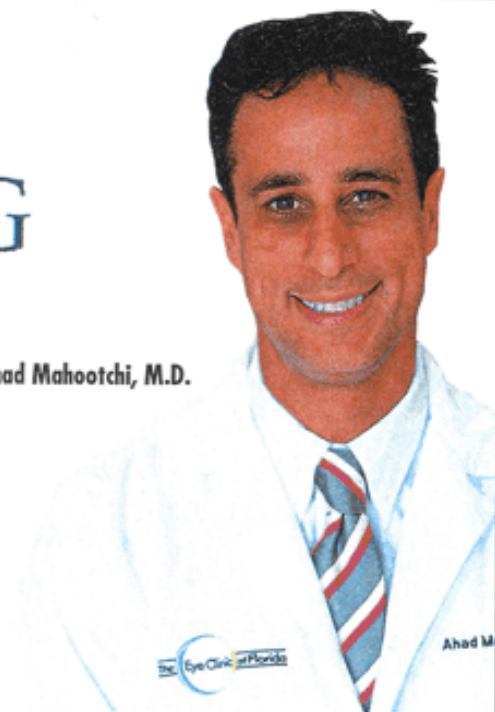
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Life is Good!! Let's Celebrate!!

December, January, February, and March's concerts start at 3pm – 6pm

Happy AFTERNOON Concert!!

Club memberships 'sponsor' the whole concert series for ALL to enjoy. Please SUPPORT us by becoming or renewing your memberships. FILL OUT FORMS ON Betmar.org.

Club meetings are open to all members and held the first THURSDAYS at 4pm on location.

Memberships: \$25/pp Suggested Donation: \$5/pp

ACTIVITIES

December 1st Tree Lighting and Christmas Choir Concert Clubhouse 2 from 7pm to 9pm

December 3rd Club Presidents and Treasurers meeting 11 AM Clubhouse 2

December 10th, OnSpot Dermatology Testing ~ Apache White Rm, 7:30am to 4pm

December 12th, Lunch and Learn on Sleeping and Aging, Annex 11am to 12pm

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You do not need to be a writer to join in the fun and fellowship of our group. You just need the desire to leave stories for your children and grandchildren: maybe write your own memoirs and special stories. Perhaps you would like to submit one for publication. We welcome you to join us on **Monday mornings 9am in the Apache BLUE Room of the Apache Clubhouse.**

We are a “GROUP” **not** a “CLUB” so there are **no** officers, (President, Secretary or Treasurer etc.). Anyone from our group may serve as a facilitator to lead the meetings and discussions.

We welcome you to come and enjoy reminiscing and sharing with us.

December 2nd, 9th and 16th. January 6th and 13th.

DANCE CLUB

From everyone in the Dance Club, Happy Holidays!

NEW YEAR’S EVE DANCE – Join us in welcoming in a new year on Tuesday, 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.

Will Yancy will keep us dancing and the Dance Club will provide party favors, assorted sub sandwiches and a champagne toast at midnight.

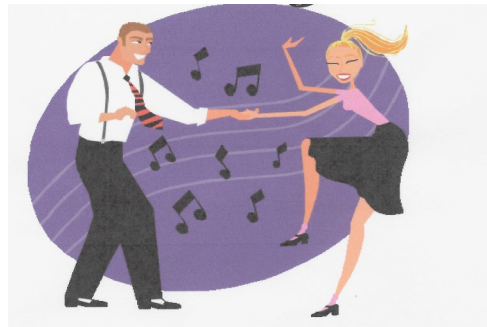
Make your reservation by contacting Pam Ward, 989-859-6905.

BALLROOM DANCE LESSONS: This schedule is tentative. Watch Coffee

News for updates.

Classes are held in CH3, 1-2:30 p.m. as follows:

- January 3 and 10 – Fox Trot
- 17 & 24 – Swing
- January 31, February 7 – Waltz
- Feb 14 and -28 – Fun Dances



Classes are \$2.00 per person for Betmar residents and \$3.00 per person for non-residents, payable at class. You do not need to commit to all 8 classes and you do not need to bring a partner. If you have questions or want to sign up for a class, contact Jim Kollodge at 813-779-7131 or Maxine Bailey at 813-715-4323.

DANCE CLUB GENERAL MEETINGS are held the second Tuesday of each month. This month’s meeting is December 10, 3:00 p.m. in the Apache clubhouse Blue room. Meetings are open to your suggestions and comments are welcome.

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Line Dance Classes

November - April

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.

Clogging Classes

November – April

Tuesdays, 9:00 -10:15

Thursday, 9:00 -10:15

Contact Karolyn Dowell, 317-512-2610 for more information.

SUMMER LINE DANCE SCHEDULE – Last summer’s line dance class for sun birds was very successful so we are going to schedule it again. The class will be held Mondays from 10:30-12:00 in the Clubhouse 2 Annex.

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. President Steve Ward 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

GARDEN CLUB

On November 4, 2024, the Garden Club met for our monthly meeting. A motion was made to eliminate three of the gardens and was put to a vote. Gardens 5, 6, & 9 will be removed. It is regretful, but the purpose of removing the gardens is to make it easier on the few gardeners that are left in the summer months.

We would like to thank Mac McKinnon and all of his crew as well as Duke Energy for getting the water back on in the gardens. It has been quite a task to hand water all these gardens.

For the Christmas holiday, we will be adding poinsettias to some of the gardens to provide seasonal color.

Our next monthly business meeting is Monday, December 9th, 2024, at 9:00am in the Blue Room of the Apache Clubhouse. Members meet weekly, on Wednesdays, weather permitting to work in the gardens.

We meet at 8:30am at the Apache Junction located in the park off Lakewood Dr.

New members are always welcome, please consider joining us.

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We are still in need of Starters and Rangers. If you are interested, please contact Mike Poulin at 443-243-1393.

Activities

December 7th Saturday- Breakfast 8:00 – 9:15 by Mike & Gail serving Pancakes & Sausage

December 9th Monday -Wear your team Colors for Red 8! Check in at 1:30 Best Dressed Team Wins!! Bring a donation for Bountiful Blessings. Each team bringing in a minimum of 4 donations will receive 1 stroke off their total score. See posting in Golf Club House for suggested donations.

December 13th Friday -Scotch Doubles Begin. 12:30 Check in and then every three weeks through March.

December 16th Monday – Night Golf Check in 4:30 Dress up for Christmas! Get strokes off your score.

December 30th Monday- Golf Membership/Board Meeting 11:00 am at the Golf Club House.

****Please note that events will only be held if there are TWO courses open!**

Pro Shop News:

We opened the Pro Shop on November 11th, after a busy destructive hurricane season! We will be open five days a week and as our loyal volunteers come back to Betmar, we will be open for more hours each week for your shopping convenience. Looking for the perfect Christmas gift for that golfer in your family? Come in and check out the shop. We have new logo golf shirts and long-sleeved pullovers for men and women. The shop always has the perfect golf club and bag for the next game!

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December 10th

1:00 Shuffle Lunch 2:00 Problem Solving

December 17th

1:00 Android Phone 2:00 Problem solving



December 24th and December 31st

No Classes

HOBBY

December 3rd, 10th and 17th we will have great gifts for sale in the Annex before Coffee Hour. Come check us out!!! If you are a crafter , we would love to see what you do!

Come join us each Tuesday at 1pm in the Annex. Everyone is Welcome!

CHORUS

“Do you hear what I hear?” The sounds of Christmas cheer will be coming from CH2 on December 1st at 7pm. No tickets needed. Come sing with us!!

KITCHEN BAND

We will be ringing in the Christmas Season at the Gazebo on December 17th at 2pm.

Don't miss out! This is a Jolly Good Time!

We meet every Friday at 9am in Clubhouse 3 if you would like to join us!

MUSIC AND ENTERTAINMENT

Our big fall show titled “Potluck” will be in Clubhouse 2
December 6th, at 7:00 p.m. and December 7th at 2:00 p.m.

We have a great show lined up that you will surely enjoy.

You can get tickets at Tuesday's coffee, or from Carol Kelly (231-852-0525).

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We have music every Friday night in Clubhouse 3 at 7:00 pm.

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Stay tuned, Toni

FISH FRIES and DINNERS

The crew hopes to see everyone there at the First Fish Fry

Friday, December 13th.

Take Out from 4:30 – 5:30 Dining Room from 4:30 – 6:00

December's dinner will be on Thursday, December 19th

and feature a new entree, **Spaghetti**. Ticket prices are \$12 per dinner.

Hope to see you there at Clubhouse 2.

COOKIE SALE

Cookie Bakers, please drop off your delicious home bakes Christmas cookies

December 6th, between 8am to 10am.

Cookie Sale is December 6th from 12pm to 3 pm.

Clubhouse 2 Annex

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SHUFFLE

As we welcome back our shuffleboard friends, we would like to remind everyone that the new memberships were due October 1st, so please remember to pay your dues. Thanks to many volunteers we were able to clean up the courts and they are looking great and ready for play. Since the last bulletin we have had a few tournaments at Betmar with many winners. Pro winners include Earl Ball, Fred Leger, Don McNeil, Lorraine Merrifield, Bob Pfifer, Linda Dwelley, Bailey Johnson, Delane Reuss, Rick Johnson, Willie Wilson, and Walt Shine. The Amateur winners were Earl Reynolds, Gay Herman, Steve Huntley, Allan Hammond, Anita Desmaris, Dell Nichols, Jim Thyng, Linda Voss, Gary Merrifield, James Meade, Howard Smith, Ralph Herman, and Len Loughran. Congratulations to all!

We have 5 Tournaments coming up in the near future and your help is needed. December 9th to the 11th State Doubles M/L; December 19th and 20th Pro Only Modified 6 Games; December 20th and 21st All Amateur Modified 6 Games; January 2nd and 3rd Any Doubles No 2 Pros; and Jan 3-4 All Amateur Draw Doubles. Shuffle lunches will be served during these tournaments. As always, we will be needing pie and cake donations, volunteers to help at the lunches, and volunteers to sign up for waxing discs and to help clean the courts.

Turkey Shoot has begun! Come test your skills on three different courts and you will also in the running for a \$5 prize if you have the highest score in your division (novice, amateur, pro). Come any time after 8:00am and we will be there until 10:30am or so. It only takes a few minutes to do and it is lots of fun! You'll also be entered into our raffle. We will be raffling off a turkey later in December.

But you must play Turkey Shoot to be entered in the raffle!

The club also sponsors other weekly activities such as Hoss Collar Fridays at 6:30pm, Round Robin Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays at 1:00pm, and 6 Park on Mondays and Fridays. Please let Gay Herman know if you want to join 6 Park, she is looking for more to sign up. It's free!

On a very sad note we give our condolences to Earl Reynolds, whose wife passed recently. Prayers go out to Earl and his family.



Attention new members: Free shuffle lessons are available. Just reach out to Rick or Bailey Johnson and lessons can be arranged. We had a good showing at our November membership meeting. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, December 11. Hope to see you all there!

Sincerely, Pat Norton

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PICKELBALL/TENNIS

Tennis and Pickleball members and friends, please come join in the fun and wrap presents for Thomas Promise on December 18th, 9am to 3pm in Clubhouse 2.

Come and stay as long as you as like. Volunteers need to bring scissors only.

We will provide everything else. Last year we wrapped over 300 gifts!

Contact Darlene Paine at 207-779-4948 with any questions.

If you would like to join our club or renew your membership, our Membership Application form is located on the betmar.org website. Log on to betmar.org.

*Scroll down to find “Clubs and Organizations”.

*Scroll down to “Tennis and Pickleball Club”.

*Click on red words that say “Click here to learn more about the Tennis Club”.

*Click on “Membership Application” print it and fill it out.

Alternatively, you may pick up an application at the Betmar Office or at the Tennis/Pickleball courts in the black mail box located inside the court on the inner gate. Each individual needs to complete a form. Contact Ronnie Delano-Ellis at 207-807-9602 if you have any questions.

The Florida State Senior Games will be held the 1st week of December (December 2nd to the 6th) at the Wiregrass Ranch Sports Campus. Several of our members will be competing. Come watch some good matches and support your Betmar Pickleball members. More information can be found at floridaseniorgames.com.

The Annual Christmas Homes Tour is just around the corner. We need volunteers to bake cookies and help decorating. Laraine Roberts for information at 517-230-2231.

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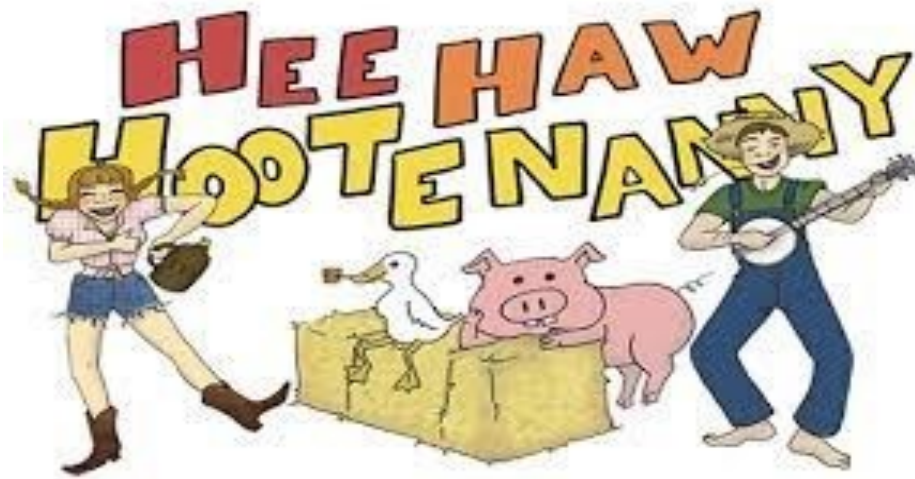
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Call Shirley Fisher at 813-788-7525 OR Lynda Cutter at 317-750-4618.



I just wanted to thank everyone for the cards, calls, flowers, food, and support I have received at this difficult time. Betmar is a special park, with special people. I feel very blessed to be here. *Marge Broadbent*

Please call the Betmar Office to report a death of a current or former Betmar resident. This information is important for the Office and also for the Memorial Service.