



hot topic

A watershed moment for Brandermill pools

by Charlie Davis

In an attempt to help Brandermill stop swimming in the annual pool of uncertainty about our pools' future, the Board of Directors has unanimously approved a Pool Compromise proposal that will appear on this spring's election ballot, which will be mailed next month. [The proposal can be accessed here.](#)

Under the proposal, all three pools will operate as they did last year. A major component of the proposal, which is subject to your vote and needs 75% approval to become implemented, requires all new home sales starting May 1 to become Universal Pool Access members

paying an annual fee of \$250.

Currently, it costs about \$250,000 annually to operate the pools, which is paid for by user fees from those pool members. All BCA members pay for any shortfall in revenue and the capital costs for improvements. The proposal also contains modest increases in the cost of passes for those residents who opt not to be regular pool members. The pools have lost money each of the past three years, so changes were necessary.

Even with the adjustments, Brandermill will remain [the low cost HOA in our area](#). Current Brandermill

residents, 82% of whom do not belong to the pools, do not have to join. The ballot will contain an advisory survey about whether Brandermill should consider implementing Universal Pool Access -- at a minimal cost of \$75 per year for each residential member -- should the Pool Compromise fail.

The Pool Compromise was adopted unanimously by the Board, which has been evaluating options to keep the three pools operating while moving to a new funding mechanism to pay for operations, including general maintenance. Pool operations are expensive. Your Board feels this compromise is an equitable way to address the funding issue and respond to the [different viewpoints](#) of Brandermill residents. While the Board supports the Pool Compromise, we want you the members to decide this important question.

Residential Brush Pick-up schedule

Zone 3 of the [Brush Pick-up schedule](#) will begin at 8 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 20.

Street cleaning for all of the neighborhoods is complete. When zone 3 is complete, crews will work on open space.

Board candidate packets available

Deadline to submit nomination forms is March 1

There are two seats on the BCA Board of Directors that are up for election this spring. The current terms of Directors Frances Hillman and Greg Pearson will be coming to an end in April. Any member interested in running for the Board is encourage to contact General Manager Cynthia Wright at manager@brandermill.com or call 744-1035x1002.

SPECIAL COMMUNITY MEETING

Two meetings are scheduled in March for the BCA Board to explain the Pool Compromise, which will be on this spring's ballot. Following that explanation, those members who wish to comment will have three minutes to express their opinions and/or concerns. Because of the legal time limits in our covenants, the referendum question on the ballot has already been written and vetted by the BCA attorney and cannot be changed.

The wording of the non-binding survey question by the Board will be proposed and approved at the March regular Board Meeting at 7 p.m. at the Brandermill Church.

If you are unable to attend either of the Special Community Meetings, you can e-mail manager@brandermill.com to express your opinion. E-mails will be forwarded to the Board for their consideration.

THURSDAY
March 2, 2017

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
The Brandermill Church



OR

SATURDAY
March 4, 2017

10:00 AM - Noon
Harbour Pointe Clubhouse

Nature calls

This year, Brandermill birders were treated to milder temperatures for the 2017 Great Backyard Bird Count led by Darleen Stigal. Over 20 people gathered early Saturday morning to contribute to Cornell University's yearly count of birds around the world.

Joined by Scout Troop 876, who earned a bird study merit badge, the group began at the Sailing Center continued on the walking path around the Sunday Park peninsula and ended at The Brandermill Church.



Darleen Stigal, a Swift Creek Middle School science teacher, brings her enthusiasm and knowledge to our bird counts every year.

Our group observed over 35 species of birds compared to 15 the year before. Some of the birds seen that got the group particularly excited were the golden crown kinglet, belted kingfisher, two adult and one juvenile bald eagles. There was a rarer sighting of red-bellied and red-headed woodpeckers. At one point four species of woodpeckers were spotted on one tree. The highlight is always to see if one red-shouldered hawk will be perched in the same tree every year, he not only showed up but was accompanied by a friend. This is the 5th year the BCA has sponsored the bird count.



Scouts from troop 876 filled out their log books to earn their Bird Study Merit Badge.



2/16/17: Renovations on Sunday Park Dock were completed this week and is now open for pedestrian and boat use.

reminders to residents

The Property Management staff would like to remind residents that it is past due for Christmas/December holiday decorations to be removed. This includes:

- lights
- wreaths
- swags/greenery
- holiday figurines
- lighted yard displays
- flags
- and anything else that is not within the 30-day window for Valentine's Day.

Thank you for keeping Brandermill neighborhoods beautiful.

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FEBRUARY 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brush Collection in Zone 3 • ARB applications due for 2/28 Mtg. 	20 • H.P. Recycle Day	21 • B'mill Recycle Day	22	23	24	25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2017 Empowering Neighborhoods Forum, 8:30 a.m. TFCC
26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brush Collection in Zone 4 	27	28					
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ARB Mtg., 3:30 p.m. BCA 						

MARCH 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
			1	2	3	4	
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deadline to return BOD Nomination Forms to BCA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pool Town Hall Mtg. 7 p.m., TBC 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pool Town Hall Mtg. 10 a.m., HPCH 	
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brush Collection in Zone 1 • ARB applications due for 3/14 Mtg. • BOD Mtg., 7 p.m., TBC 	6 • H.P. Recycle Day	7 • B'mill Recycle Day	8	9	10	11
12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brush Collection in Zone 2 	13	14	15	16	17	18
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ARB Mtg., 3:30 p.m. BCA • CAM Mtg., 7 p.m., BCA 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet the Candidates Night, 7 p.m., TBC 		
19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brush Collection in Zone 3 • ARB applications due for 3/28 Mtg. • CSC Mtg., 7 p.m., BCA 	20 • H.P. Recycle Day	21 • B'mill Recycle Day	22	23	24	25
							<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lion's Club Fishing Tourney, SP

COMMITTEES: **ARB** - Architectural Review Board • **BHPC** - Brandermill History Project Committee • **C&M** - Communications & Marketing • **CSC** - Community Services **FC** - Finance Committee **HP** - Hearing Panel • **CAM** - Community Appearance & Maintenance • **NRC** - Neighborhood Residents Council • **PC** - Planning Committee
BCA - Brandermill Community Association • **BoD** - Board of Directors • **TF** - Task Force

PLACES: **BCA** - BCA Office • **BCC** - Brandermill Country Club • **HI** - Hampton Inn • **HPCH** - Harbour Pointe Clubhouse • **MS** - Market Square
SP - Sunday Park • **NB** - North Beach Pool • **SL** - St. Ledger's Pool • **HP** - Harbour Pointe Pool • **BSC** - Brandermill Sailing Ctr (SP) **TBD** - To Be Determined
TBC - The Brandermill Church, Sunday Park • **BR** - Boathouse Restaurant • **BSC** - Brandermill Sailing Ctr (SP) • **WSC** - Waterford Shopping Center
TL - The Landing at Commodore Point

OTHER: **CHES** - Clover Hill Elem. • **CHHS** - Clover Hill High • **SCES** - Swift Creek Elem. • **SCMS** - Swift Creek Middle • **CHPL** - Clover Hill Public Library
CCTC - Chesterfield Career and Technical Center • **TFCC** - Thomas R. Fulgham Conference Center (Old Clover Hill High School)

\$ = Charge for event • **R** = Reservation Required • **BRO** - Brandermill Residents Only