



Voting in Brandermill

Part 1 of 3: Property Categories, Total Votes, & How Many Votes Needed to Amend

When important votes come up to a community, residents often wonder how their vote impacts the overall picture of an election or a covenant referendum. Each member property in Brandermill, both residential and commercial, has the right to cast votes for board member elections and covenant referendums. However, the number of votes each property owner has is dependent on the amount paid in annual assessments. The number of votes is based on the formula that for every \$100 paid in assessment the property owner gets one vote. The residential annual assessment is currently \$484, which means each residential improved property gets 5 votes. In the case of commercial properties, the assessment amounts varies based upon their respective commercial membership category. There are three different categories for commercial properties and each category's assessment formula is different (example: based on acreage

or square footage). The formulas determine what they pay in assessments; thus their number of votes varies accordingly. There are a total of 3,942 properties in Brandermill and their vote allocation is based upon the aforementioned respective category assessment formulas.

Residential Brush Pick-up schedule

Zone 3 of the Brush Pick-up schedule will begin at 8 a.m. on Monday, March 20. When zone 3 is complete, crews will be in The Oaks neighborhoods limbing up low hanging tree limbs. If you see an area that needs our attention, please email maintenance@brandermill.com.

Assessment Categories & Number of Votes

- 3,773 improved residential lots x 5 votes = 18,865 votes
- 14 residential unimproved lots = 56 votes
- 74 commercial "improved" = 1,836 votes
- 60 commercial "self-maintained" = 733 votes
- 16 commercial "unimproved" = 305 votes

TOTAL eligible votes: 21,795
Total eligible residential property votes: 18,921
Total eligible commercial property votes: 2,874

In order to amend the covenants, a regular meeting of the Association or a Special Meeting of the Association is required to be held. Such meetings are NOT a meeting of the Board of Director's (the meeting is held BY the Board on the first Monday evening of each month). At a meeting of the membership, **quorum is 20% of the total number of eligible votes** of the membership - present, either in person or by proxy. With 21,795 total eligible votes, that means **quorum is 4,359 votes** - again either present in person or by proxy/ballot. **It does not mean 20% of those who physically show up at a meeting.** Of the minimum number of votes required to reach quorum (4,359) it currently takes a minimum of 75% of that amount to approve a change to the covenants. This means **a minimum of 3,269 votes to approve are required in order to amend** the covenants.

Don't forget...

Save the date, Saturday, March 25th, 1-3 p.m., right behind the BCA Sailing Center in Sunday Park for the [BMW Lions Club and BCA sponsored Premier Fish Fry](#). For \$12.00 (\$8.00 for children under 8) you will be served fresh fried fish, hush puppies, baked beans and coleslaw. They will also have iced tea, lemonade and Arnold Palmer iced tea included with the meal. Cash preferred.



A rough start to the week



VDOT overwhelmed with calls on Monday, due to icy roads and high winds, turned to BCA maintenance staff to clear two large trees blocking Genito Rd. Quick to respond, the road was clear of debris before tying up morning commuting.

When it rains, it pours

Monday morning at the BCA office was anything but normal. Staff was met with no internet or phone service leaving them scrambling to communicate with residents via blast emails from personal cell phones and ipads. The extremely cold and windy weather was causing trees and debris to fall at an alarming rate. Concerned for residents trying to communicate with the office, a quick-responding electrician was able to locate the issue and perform corrective measures. Meanwhile, maintenance crews responded to multiple calls before the office had even opened.

Fortunately, by 10:00 a.m. things had calmed down and the office once again was running smoothly.

Twisted Tomato

**Family
Pizza Night**

*2 lg cheese pizzas
2 liter sodas
6 piece crusties*

\$24.99
Expires March 31, 2017

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Did you get your ballot?

Ballots for the 2016 BCA Board of Directors Election were mailed to all members on March 13. If you did not receive your ballot, please call the office at 744-1035.



**Makos
News!**

Hello Parents!!!

Believe it or not, it's already that time again!! To get the kids ramped up for the upcoming season we would like the swim team kids to design this year's t-shirt. The guidelines are as follow:

- front logo
- incorporate "Brandermill Makos" into the design
- deadline to submit designs is May 1
- submit to:
makosswimteam@gmail.com

Our registration dates are Wednesday, March 29, 5-7:00 p.m.; Saturday, April 1, 10:00 a.m. - noon and Wednesday, April 5, 5-7:00 p.m. at the BCA office.

Please, please register at one of these times if at all possible. We had A LOT of late registrations last year, which makes it really difficult to manage last minute. The registration fee this year will be \$85. We will be sending out registration forms ahead of time, so hopefully that will make it a bit easier for you.

This year we have a new Brandermill Makos website: brandermillmakos.com. We hope this will give another way to keep everyone informed of team events and activities.

Thank you,

Andrienne Howlett
Makos Swim Team Parent Rep.

Edith Smith
Makos Swim Team Treasurer

The Pool Compromise

You've got questions, we've got answers

In an effort to clarify questions we have been hearing from residents regarding The Pool Compromise, a Q & A sheet has been compiled which will hopefully bring clarity. [The Pool Compromise Q & A.](#)

Hearing Panel/ARB call for membership

Are you looking for ways to get more involved with your community? Are you new to Brandermill and would like to have a better understanding of the Covenants or Architectural Design Standards? Maybe you're a long-time resident who wants to feel even more connected to maintaining and maximizing the beauty and home values within Brandermill. Whatever your reasons, why not consider joining one of our committees. As a volunteer member of either the Hearing Panel or the Architectural Review Board, your input as a Brandermill resident is truly invaluable and appreciated in so many ways.

Do you have a specific skill or professional expertise that would enhance your participation? Everyone from engineers, architects, and lawyers to designers, real estate pros, and community leaders are welcome. You certainly do

not need to possess these professional designations to volunteer...just an objective enthusiasm for the Brandermill community and a willingness and availability to attend monthly meetings. The ARB meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesday afternoon of every month and the Hearing Panel meets the fourth Thursday evening of each month.

Thank you for your consideration; if you are unable to volunteer for either of these two committees, we hope you will give some thought to joining another BCA committee that suits your time and talents. It's our pleasure to work with you in finding your best fit for involvement based on your individual strengths, skills, and expertise. You are invited to express your interest to Al Raimo via e-mail: alraimo@brandermill.com or call 744-1035, Ext. 1001. As always, thank you for your help in making Brandermill a great place to live!

FREE AARP Tax Preparation

Weekdays, Feb. 1 - Apr. 18, 12:30 to 5 p.m.

Saturdays, 9 a.m. to Noon

Harbour Pointe Clubhouse

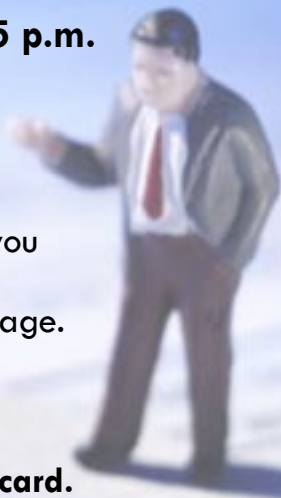
5710 Promontory Pointe Road

The experts with AARP are ready to help you file your taxes...for FREE!

For all Brandermill residents regardless of age.

Personal filings only—no businesses.

- Please bring your 2015 tax returns, 2016 tax information & social security card.
- Returns will be e-filed with the IRS.
- No appointments taken. First come, first served.



NRC's "Meet the Candidates Night" Recap



Three residents are funning for the two Board positions that will become available in April. Two participated in the NRC's "Meet the Candidates Night" on Thursday, March 16 at The Brandermill Church. There were approximately 20 members in attendance; each was given a card to write down questions before the evening began. NRC member Sean Rodgers read the questions and each candidate was given two minutes to respond.

Each candidate was also given two minutes to state his/her platform before the evening ended at 8:00 p.m.

[Members can listen to a recording of the evening by clicking on this link.](#)

R.A.L Pet of the Week



Meet Elario! Elario is a neutered 3 year old terrier-pointer mix at RAL. Elario is a fun, gentle guy and with a little consistency in his leash training he would be a great little man to have accompanying on walks and hikes.

For more information on Elario:

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