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Important Phone Numbers

Briar Creek emergency information - (727) 726-7651

Life-threatening emergency -**911**

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BOARD BUSINESS and UPDATES

Director, Architectural Controls/Annual Inspections

Pat Rivera

Inspection Process

THANKS! MERCI! GRAZI! GRACIAS! To each Briar Creek owner, resident, renter, but most of all to the volunteer INSPECTORS!

As you are aware, the inspection process is an annual "event" to assure that we each keep our homesteads clean, neat and in good repair. When we are accustomed to seeing our personal surroundings every day, we may no longer notice the mold or mildew slowly growing, or the foliage that overhangs onto the neighbors' patio or that the shrubs are a little higher than acceptable, or the collective clutter of stuff on the driveway, etc. That is why the critical eyes and dedication of volunteers is so important. Briar Creek is a beautiful park because we all keep it that way.

This year, a lot of yellow slips were delivered during the inspection process. A lot of free coffee/donut cards were also awarded. As you can imagine, the process of following up on the yellow slip recipients is challenging. Thank you for those who have already taken care of the checked points and returned the yellow slip. Your timely response is greatly appreciated.

For every "rule" there will be an exception. If you have a challenge of any kind in completing any items in need of attention, please do not hesitate to contact me. Something can be worked out to accommodate you. It may be possible to initiate a small pool of residents who are willing

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and able to provide “elbow grease” to situations that other residents can no longer manage on their own. On that note, please communicate your needs as well as your willingness to bring a bucket and brush or a hedge trimmer, a paint brush or whatever...to help a neighbor.

Keep in mind if I don’t recognize a phone number outside the 727 area, I don’t answer the phone. As an alternative, please send me a text 305-546-2714, an email, or drop a note in my rock box. You can also hand it to me at Wednesday morning coffee or drop it in the mail slot in the office door.

“Everything works out in the end...if it hasn’t worked out yet, then it isn’t the end.” Tracy McMillian

ONE MORE THING...2020 Census forms have arrived in the mail. It is vital to complete the form and return it in the envelope provided. Easier yet, if you have computer/internet access the form may be completed on-line. Computer completion is preferred because the submitted information can be processed immediately.

Director, Lawn Maintenance/Trees/Landscaping
Roy O’Neill



Sorry for the inconvenience about the lawn maintenance dates for the month of April however TLC, the lawn maintenance company, was not giving me dates for lawn mowing until March 20th for the month of April. That was too late to put in this edition of the Monthly Media. All I can tell you at this time is that Phase 1 will have the lawns mowed 3 times through the month of April. Thank you & enjoy the warmer weather coming our way

WEDNESDAY SOCIAL CLUB WINNERS

W weekly winners of \$5 and 50/50

Feb 12	\$5	Dave Doran	50/50	Shirley Parise
Feb 19	\$5	David Holmes	50/50	Marty Martin
Feb 26	\$5	Cindy Benoit	50/50	Jeannine Vale
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Mar 11	\$5	Ralph Vitiello	50/50	Pauline Hoad





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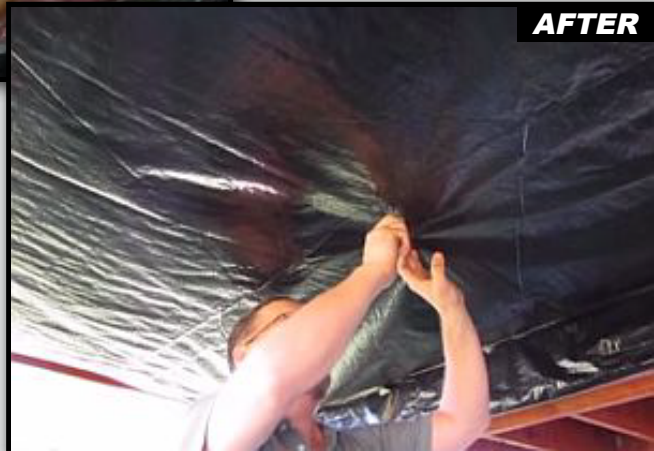
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Betty Chatigny

Please check out your name(s) on the following birthday/anniversary lists. If there are any corrections, changes or additions needed, please email to bettychatigny@hotmail.com. If you would prefer a nickname rather than a proper name listed, that can be changed. Just send the information by return email and the correction will be made. Questions? Let me know. 727-216-3874

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| April 1 | Barbara Lewis | April 13 | Steven Brewer |
| April 2 | Jane Fedelem | April 13 | Robert Lemieux |
| April 2 | Robert Miller | April 14 | Rita Finnegan |
| April 2 | Susan Reitmeyer | April 15 | Robert Rice |
| April 2 | Jean Richter | April 17 | Robbie Andrews |
| April 3 | Ed Reed | April 17 | Bernadette Hackett |
| April 4 | Tom Hawkins | April 17 | Betty Taylor |
| April 5 | Bill Henry | April 18 | Don Hall |
| April 6 | Albert Hartin | April 20 | Susan McBride |
| April 7 | Shannon Irwin | April 21 | Dot Bourdon |
| April 7 | Mary Walker | April 22 | Carol Marsella |
| April 8 | John Hayes | April 22 | Barbara Siciak |
| April 8 | Alan Lee | April 24 | Sharon Philyaw |
| April 10 | Christopher Chagnon | April 27 | Neil Smith |
| April 10 | Barbara Glasheen | April 29 | Carol Fetchko |
| April 11 | Stephanie Andrechak | April 29 | Carolyn Jablonski |
| April 11 | Nancy Lahr | April 30 | Christine Biron |
| April 12 | Nick Maschak | April 30 | Cynthia Adair |
| April 12 | Laurie North | April 30 | Mike Fetchko |
| April 12 | Sharon Schiffla | April 30 | Elizabeth Ford |



APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

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| April 15 | Tom & Pat Grimes |
| April 16 | Don & Ruth Johnson |
| April 25 | Steve & Patricia Fontaine (2018) |





DIAL DIRECTORY

Helen Coar

The 2020 - 2021 Dial Directory is expected to be delivered sometime this month. Any corrections or new listings should be given to me for next year's edition. I will post this information each month to the Media. It is up to you to make the changes to your copy of the Directory to keep it up to date.

If you have any changes to your listing in the Dial Directory, give me a call at 727-726-3923.

DIAL DIRECTORY PHONE NUMBERS

Gene Arend



The Dial Directory phone numbers for Phase I are available for import to your smart phones. There are two files on the Directors' web page.

One is designed for "Import" into Google Contacts for those who have their contacts on Google. Click on the CSV file and then select "Save As" and save the file on your computer. Open Google Contacts, Import the file. Once imported, go to Contacts on your smart phone and press the three dots or Settings and select "Sync Now". Phone numbers will be downloaded to your smart phone.

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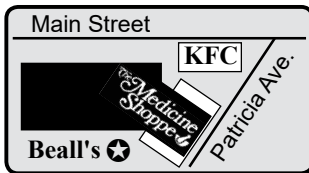
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IN MEMORIAM

Mary Haupt

Ken Anderson, long-time resident, passed away Monday, February 10, 2020, after a long illness.

Sympathy to Sy Anderson (brother), 76 Sugar Bear Drive and Leslie Blake (cousin), 48 Sugar Bear Drive.



Eleanor Brasted, long-time resident of Phase 1 at 42 Honey Bear Court since the early 80's (and one of Briar Creek's honored original owners), passed away on February 10th. Sympathy to her daughters Karen Brasted and Linda Brasted of Palm Harbor.

DeWayne Hehl, long-time resident, passed away peacefully in hospice on Wednesday, February 19, 2020. Sympathy to his wife, Jody, 42 Deer Trail Court.

James (Jim) Ryan, resident at 42 Magnolia Court, died February 26, 2020. He is survived by his wife, Lucille Ryan.

Jerry Kinane, resident, passed away in the hospital, Monday, March 02, 2020. Sympathy to Marie Richardson-Kinane and family, 52 Beaver Dam. His funeral will be held in Scranton, PA. No local service is planned.

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Dave Doran/Ray Jablonski

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Donna Hartin/Dave Doran

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well as lots of useful and helpful information. If you have been here a while and forgot about contacting us, please give us a call so we can make arrangements to meet with you and bring a smile with us as well.

Donna Hartin 727-223-8805 or
Dave Doran 585-329-3827

ENTERTAINMENT

Mary Kay Brown

Snowbirds are flying north either now or soon. I hope they enjoyed their stay here. Things in entertainment are slowing down at this time. The only events planned so far are Mother’s Day Tea on **May 3**, details will be advertised and announced at a later date. Memorial Day celebration is in Phase II on Monday, **May 25**. I will be turning the events over to Kathy Warzyniak for the summer. I will return in October.

Thank you all for attending the events of this past season. Have a wonderful, safe, and healthy summer!

BRIAR CREEK LUNCHEON aka “On The Road with Joan”

Joan Bienvenue

Please look for information on the bulletin board in Phase 1 Clubhouse. Sign-up and join the fun! Everyone is welcomed to join these culinary adventures. My goal is to share places where we may not be readily inclined to discover on our own, but wonderful places to introduce to your guests and enjoy an afternoon with friends. If need be, carpooling can be arranged and is encouraged.

TRAVEL CLUB

Judy Young

PHASE 1 UPCOMING EXCURSIONS

Check for current and upcoming trip details on Bulletin Board.

PHASE 2 UPCOMING EXCURSIONS:

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BINGO

Jean Richter



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BRIDGE

Barbara Glasheen

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SCORES:

Feb 4

Frank Picone	5440
Alice Tompas	5250
Ken Fox	4140

Feb 11

Viviane French	4580
Shirley Gallo	3600
Roberta Shuler	3560
Ken Fox	3380

Feb 18

Frank Picone	3450
Shirley Gallo	3230
Theresa Fox	3180
Viviane French	3010

Feb 25

Evelyn Costigan	4290
Barbara Glasheen	3430
Paula Alves	3200
Viviane French	2880

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Gene Arend

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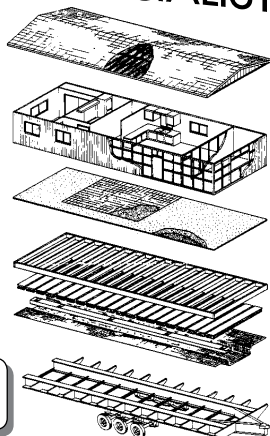
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LADIES POKER

Gerry Wardell



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Contact Gerry Wardell at 585-455-0280 if you want to play.

EUCHRE

Phil Houpt



The high scorer for February 14 was Gary Herman with 42 points.
The high scorer on February 20 was Everett Wardell with 56 points.
The high scorer on February 27 was Don Smith with 47 points.
The high scorer on March 5, was Don Smith with 45 points.
The high scorer on March 12 was Jane Horton with 52 points.

CRAFTS

Barbara Glasheen



Crafts are held every Wednesday from 1 – 3 p.m. All are welcome to bring a favorite project to work on and enjoy a few hours of relaxation and chatter.

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PO-KENO

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BRIAR CREEK BOOK CLUB Phase I & II

Jane McKenzie

Are you interested in joining a book club? Enjoy reading a variety of genres, and have fun discussing books with friends. We presently have openings. The next meeting will be **April 21** to discuss *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* by Kim Michele Richardson. We don't meet during the summer, but our October book will be *Educated* by Tara Westover.

Please contact me if you are interested or have questions. 651-353-2602 (Cell) or jgmckenzie4647@gmail.com

SILVER SNEAKERS CARDIO

Mary Houpt

Please note Cardio Fit classes will now be held at **10:30 a.m.**, Tuesday and Strength and Balance on **Thursday at 10:30 a.m.** at Phase 2 clubhouse. Silver Sneakers members are free, modest fee for non-members.

WEDNESDAY LINE DANCING

Helen Coar

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BRIARETTES Phase I and II

Betty Hudd

Ann from Pilgrimage Healing was our guest speaker with a mind, soul and spiritual search for inner peace. If anyone is interested in learning or receiving the experience, classes are available. Our next get together will be April 7th, 1 pm at Phase 2 Clubhouse. There will be a 50/50. Phase 1 & 2 are invited as well as their guests. Dump salad will be served to those who attend. Please bring something you would like to place on your salad to share. Author Ray Weaver will be our guest speaker who will bring books for those who wish to purchase. See you there.

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Marge & Pat



Takes place on the 4th Thursday of every month. Dessert is at 6:30 pm and Bunco begins at 7:00. Prize money is distributed from the \$3 to play. Please sign up or call and leave a message for Marge at 727-533-6603 or Pat Kleen at 727-712-9180. Once we have 16 people signed up prior to each play date, walk-in players are welcome. However, Bunco will be cancelled if we do not have 16 people signed up prior to play dates. During the summer months, please call ahead to sign-up. Bunco is a simple, fun game to learn and play. We gladly welcome new players. Try it! You'll like it! Everyone is welcome. Come one, come all.

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Jane McKenzie

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March 13th

- Dave Doran – 40
- Gene Arend – 47
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- Sal Centamore – 25
- Carol Centamore - 38

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February 28th

- Bob Barr – 236
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March 6th

- Bob Barr – 216
- Glenn Jensen – 200

March 13th

- Gen Arend – 207
- Bob Barr – 211
- Chuck Van Dette - 202



Briar Creek Bugle Phase II – April 2020

(Pete Loranger - Editor Phone 421-2321)
(E-Mail: Pete316@Knology.net)

Board of Directors:

Ron Prevost – President

I would like to thank all of our residents for your patience and understanding during the shut down of our clubhouse and exercise room. Your board felt this was a necessary precaution to prevent the spread of the Coronavirus. Hopefully this serious situation will be behind us and we can move forward with our planned activities.

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I would like to wish all our snowbirds a safe trip home and we look forward to seeing everyone in the fall.

Tom Feeley – Vice President

On March 13, 2020 the board of directors took preventive action to help protect our residents from the spread of the coronavirus. By a 6 to 1 telephone vote the board issued a ban on the use of the fitness room to include the all gatherings & functions at the clubhouse to include condo board meetings, entertainment events, bingo, cards, dominos, billiards and Saturday coffee. The ban is in effect until further notice. The swimming pool area will be open until other precautions are made known. This was a tough decision made by the board of directors, but was made in the best interest of our residents. As soon as the coronavirus subsides the ban on the clubhouse & fitness room will be lifted with notification made.

The swimming pool deck has been cleaned, sanded and sealed. We thank Phase I for the use of their swimming pool for the two days our pool was closed for the deck cleaning. After the bazaar in March the flooring in the clubhouse was stripped, wax & buffed. Both projects went well with the finish looking real good.

Please rake your leaves and place them in an open container for Wednesday's yard waste pick-up. Our landscaping company will not rake or pick up leaves on your property or in the street.

During this time of year, many residents will be leaving and heading to their homes up north. Now is the time to get your rain gutters & down spouts clean so the rain water will drain out an away from your structure.

Jean Schmidt - Condo Secretary/Alterations

Spring is here! Don't forget our April 21st Condo Board of Directors meeting 7pm at the clubhouse. The Bylaw Committee has been formed and is working on reviewing and making suggestions to possibly amend any outdated bylaws. Alteration requests are being handled fairly quickly. Remember, any outside alteration requires a submission of a request form. Work, by the owner or a contractor, should not begin until the owner receives an approval letter from the Board. Visit us online at www.mybriarcreek.com or view our Condo bulletin board located in the clubhouse, near the "poker table".

John (Butch) Miller - Director

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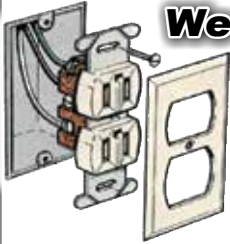
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<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>1-3pm Sit & Knit & Crochet</p> <p>BINGO - sell at 5pm</p> <p>play at 6pm</p>	<p>9AM BO</p> <p>10:30-11</p> <p>Class - C</p> <p>Phase II</p> <p>Euchre 6</p>

Briar Creek II

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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	Early Bird Breakfast at "Daddy's" 9:30A Shuffle Fun Pinochle 6pm <i>April Fool's Day</i>	10:30-11:15 Exercise Class – Strength & Balance – Phase II Dominoes 1pm	10AM – Bocce Ball 10AM Bible Study	8am Coffee & Donuts 9am Social Club News
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BOWLING 10:15 Exercise Cardiofit – Ladies' - 1pm 6pm	Early Bird Breakfast at "Daddy's" 9:30A Shuffle Fun Pinochle 6pm	10:30-11:15 Exercise Class – Strength & Balance – Phase II Dominoes 1pm <i>Maundy Thursday</i>	10AM – Bocce Ball 10AM Bible Study <i>Good Friday</i>	8am Coffee & Donuts 9am Social Club News <i>Holy Saturday</i>
14	15	16	17	18
BOWLING 10:15 Exercise Cardiofit – 6pm	Early Bird Breakfast at "Daddy's" 9:30A Shuffle Fun Ladies Luncheon 1pm Pinochle 6pm	10:30-11:15 Exercise Class – Strength & Balance – Phase II Dominoes 1pm MINGLE	10AM – Bocce Ball 10AM Bible Study	8am Coffee & Donuts 9am Social Club News Non Perishable Foods for Food Pantry Social Club Board Meeting 845AM
21	22	23	24	25
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28	29	30		
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unpleasant odors, and those are just your likely problems. Water leaks, strong winds, and even burglars may present some interesting problems with which to deal with upon your return. Don't come home to a troublesome situation; take these steps to ensure a happy homecoming.

- Clean out your refrigerator, unplug and leave door ajar.
- Run water in all faucets for 10 minutes to flush system, then put olive oil (about one capful) in trap to seal in moisture
- Turn off the water
- Unplug the hot water heater/Turn off the breaker
- Set the air conditioner between 78 and 84 degrees and the dehumidifier at 45
- Open all of the interior doors to circulate air throughout the home including cabinet doors under the sinks.
- Empty dishwasher and leave door unlatched.
- Cover toilets and tanks with plastic and secure with tape. You may want to pour a few drops of bleach in the toilet water.
- Put stoppers in all the drains.
- Close all of the curtains and blinds to keep the heat out
- Install surge protectors throughout your home
- Unplug all audio/visual components, including the phone and cable lines
- Clean out gutters and drainage
- Have all cracks sealed and all caulking at windows and doors inspected and repaired as necessary
- Bring in outdoor furniture, trash containers or items that could blow away
- Stop newspaper deliveries until your return
- Forward your mail to your off-season home
- Temporarily discontinue phone, internet, and cable services.
- Have someone check on your home periodically and open your Door to let in fresh air.
- Post Emergency Contact Numbers on your Fridge in case we need to contact you.

Enjoy your Summer and we will see you again in the Fall.

John (Butch) Miller – Director

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Travel Club

Karen Johnson & Roz Lucas

Hi everybody.

Well, not a good time for the travelers in our community. Everything has been cancelled and we are so disappointed. We had been looking forward to our west coast cruise for a year already. But we have picked out another one for October and we will let you know all the details very shortly.

Our trip to Atlanta has also cancelled but we will rebook that for the fall.

There really is no news to tell you at this point but we will get back to you all as soon as possible. Thank you all for your understanding.

Roz and Karen.. Roz's new phone # 727-276-3141

Mingle

Sandy and Billie

Most of the snowbirds will be leaving before long so let's have a large send-off party this month. Bring a dish to share, your favorite beverage and \$1.00 for 50/50 on April 16th.

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Entertainment

Carol Rodrigues

Due to the closure of the clubhouse, all entertainment for March and April has been cancelled. We plan to restart entertainment in May, however it may be necessary to cancel additional events due to health circumstances. Watch your newsletter and the BCII phone tree for more updated details.

Mother’s Day Strawberry Shortcake Party: Saturday, May 9, the doors will open at 1pm for games with the strawberry shortcake served between 2 and 2:30 pm. The bocce court, shuffleboard court, and assorted indoor games and cards will all be available. Tickets can be purchased at the clubhouse during coffee hour for \$3.00 each.

Billiard’s Tournament: Thursday, May 14, 6 to 8 pm will be the next tournament. Call Mike 727-223-8667 to sign up.

Memorial Day Lunch and Games: Monday, May 25 at the clubhouse.

Father’s Day Ice Cream Social: Saturday, June 20, all Fathers will be honored with an ice cream social.

Summer Breakfast: Sunday, August 9 there will be a breakfast served from 8 to 9:30 a.m. Tickets are \$4.00.

Labor Day Luncheon: Monday, September 7 we will offer a luncheon at the clubhouse with an afternoon of games of follow.

Advance notice for fall and winter dates are listed below:

- October 30, Friday – Oktoberfest dinner and dance
- December 3, Saturday – Paint and Sip night
- December 12, Saturday – Social Club Christmas Party with Johnny Charro
- January 14, 2021 Thursday – Sally Langwah, impersonator
- February 21, 2021 Sunday – Bob Lawson, mentalist
- March 18, 2021 – Thursday – Jimmy Mazz, singer

BINGO

Gloria

BINGO at Phase II is waiting for the Board to give us the go ahead to resume Bingo when the Coronavirus pandemic is over. We have been having some great payouts so when we can start up again, you may want to try your luck winning money. We play a total of 13 games and the jack pot is always well over \$100.00. Hope to see you all soon!! We are currently looking for people to “take over” running Bingo at Phase II as our last game will be April 27th. If you have any questions, I can be reached at 727-420-8768 or gboett2763@aol.com or if you would like to volunteer to help sell cards, do call backs, or even try being the caller, please call Diane Peacey at 413-454-4793 or dgp296 @charter.net

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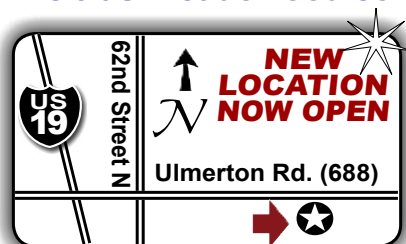
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BY DARLENE BEYER

Well I thought that my health problems had subsided and that they would remain that way, but "surprise" I have a new one that has occurred and decided to stay awhile. I still have hope that we will eventually be able to meet to try and tackle our unfinished project (UFO'S).

When this time comes, because I have your list of names and phone #'s, I will be able to either call, text, or e-mail you.

If any of you would like to gather on your own at the Phase II Clubhouse on Mondays from 9:30 to 12:00, Please feel free to do so. You might be surprised to find that working together and around each other, the pointers and other methods that others use to get the same results that you desire.

Soooo! Think about this, give it a try, and the usual saying is (TRY IT, YOU MIGHT LIKE IT). I HOPE THIS WILL WORK FOR ALL THAT HAVE SUCH A COMMON INTEREST.

Don't forget that I'm only on the other end of phone line @ 727-403-9957, so that you can feel free to call me anytime.

Ladies' Luncheon

Carol Smitley

The April 15th Luncheon is scheduled to be held at Johnny's Restaurant, 2907 S. R. 590, Clearwater. I am hoping our snowbirds haven't returned to their home up north. Phase I and Phase II ladies and guests are always welcomed. The sign-up sheet is in the hallway, Phase II. Reservations will be turned in the Monday before the luncheon. If for some reason you signed up but you can't make it please give ME a call. Remember, it is at 1:00.

Briarettes'

Betty Hudd

Ann from Pilgrimage Healing was our guest speaker with a mind, soul and spiritual search for inner peace. If anyone is interested in learning or receiving the experience classes are available. Our next get together will be April 7th, 1PM, Phase 2, 50/50, invited Phase 1& 2 and guest. Dump salad will be served to those who attend please bring something you would like to place on your salad to share. Author Ray Weaver will be our guest speaker who will bring books if you wish to purchase. See you there.



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Jody Larson



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5. Trees add value. A tree can increase property value by 6 to 11 percent. (Michigan University)

Humane Society & The Haven

Barbara Bergling

Thank you Sandy and Jay for collecting donations for the Humane Society. I volunteered to replace them. I also collect donations for the Haven, the Clearwater abuse shelter. I posted, on the clubhouse bulletin board, a wish list from the Humane Society and a list of items always needed at the Haven. Inside my screen door there's a basket for your donations. If you want further information, email or call me.

Barbara Bergling
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 727-204-6457

Neighbor to Neighbor

Ellen Phase 2 ellenreports@yahoo.com and Linda Phase 1 lme@iquest.net

Some of you know that we have been at both Phases Social Club meetings to tell you about the survey we want to use to gather a picture of all Briar Creek neighbors. We are looking forward to what you have to tell us. There are no political questions.

We will be going to our neighbors that do not come to the meetings to get their input as well. May's monthly media will have a brief synopsis of what your neighbor respondents had to say. We will take all suggestions as to what you request of Neighbor to Neighbor.

In the coming months we will also be giving you highlights about the Briar Creek experience from its inception. Both Phase Clubhouses have fascinating documentation about the beginning and ongoing development of Briar Creek. Karen Johnson has done a remarkable job as an historian for Phase 2.

Make it a good day in the neighborhood.



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Request Guidelines to make a Social Club purchase request:

1. Make a written request with your name and phone number or contact info to Mike Schmidt in person or in his mailbox.
2. The Committee will review and discuss the pros and cons of suggestions made, then accepts or rejects ideas.
3. If idea accepted by the committee, you, (and your group), are responsible for getting total COSTS, (item, taxes, delivery fee, installation, etc.) before you prepare and must be included in making your motion.
4. YOU, (or someone you find), must stand up and make the motion at the designated meeting for a membership vote on your request.
5. The Special Finance Committee, the Social Committee Board, and the Condo Board members are NOT responsible to implement your motion, (Such as pick up, installation, plantings, cement pouring, etc.). They MAY volunteer to help you.
6. All requests are subject to approval by our Condo Board.

Shuffleboard News

On March 10, 2020, Ellie Prevost won the Florida Shuffleboard Pro Ladies Tournament of Champions held at the Clearwater Shuffleboard Club.

This is the fifth time Ellie has won this prestigious event in Clearwater. She was inducted into the Florida Shuffleboard Association

Hall of Fame in 2012...an honor many strive to achieve. Congratulations to Ellie. It is nice to see you still winning in this highly competitive event.





Holy Week at Curlew

Come join us as we observe the Passion of Christ and celebrate His Resurrection on Easter morning!

Palm Sunday Worship, April 5, 10:30 am

Maundy Thursday Worship, April 9, 6:00 pm

Good Friday Worship, April 10, 2:00 pm

Easter Sunday

April 12

SonRise Service, 7:00 am

Easter Breakfast Potluck, 8:00-10:00 am

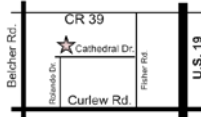
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Euchre

Orpha Berken

- 2/11 Dan Smith 55, Louis Kedovary 44
- 2/18 Geri Wardell 46, Marianne Yacobucci 41
- 2/27 Geri Wardell 51, Bee Warden 47
- 3/03 Tracy Kedovary 54, Dan Smith 47
- 3/10 Everett Wardell 45, Tracy Kedovary 42



Food Pantry

Joan Davis

On the third Saturday of each month, we collect what you have donated and deliver it to the Food Pantry that week.

We also collect and deliver for Mattie's Kids. Items for Mattie's kids must be individual portions. This is so that the children can pop a top and eat the item. Some examples could be the following: Pudding, Jello, Individual peanut butter, pouches of tuna, canned Vienna sausages, cheese-cracker packets, and individual fruit cups.

Please, **NO CANDY**, this is not good for the children. Also, PLEASE, NO out of date goods.

We collect and deliver year round to both places.

Thank you for your donations.





NAME BADGES

Sharon Cann

Name Badges are available and ordered through Sharon Cann. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the clubhouse. The cost is \$8.50.. If you are interested in a HOUSE PLATE for the front of your home, Sharon also orders these.

In Memory of Lisa Johnson and Family

A big thank you to the Briar Creek Family who generously donated to the Johnson family over the loss of our paper lady, Lisa Johnson, her husband, Bruce, and their son. Her family was very touched by the outpouring of love, cards, donations and prayers for her family. We were able to present to her surviving daughters a total of \$1,251.

They have made an arrest and are putting together a pretty solid case against the young man that came through the light at 89 miles per hour. A long trial awaits them, which they still will need prayers for.

I am so proud to be able to say I am a part of such a loving and generous community! Thanks again!

Kathy Cobb

BEREAVEMENT

Judith Holden

Effective as of March 15th 2020 I will no longer be responsible for Bereavement. Anyone interested in taking on the responsibility, please contact me. Thank you to all those people who have helped me in the past.



Bunco

Marge Grohskopf

Bunco will continue the 4th Thursday of the month. It is important that you sign up at Sat. coffee or call Marge 727-533-6603 by the Tues before. If we do not have 16 people it will be canceled. Thanks! Bunco is simple to learn and a good thing to try in the summer when there are fewer activities.



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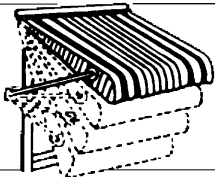
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Briar Creek Book Club

(Phase I & II)

Are you interested in joining a book club? Enjoy reading a variety of genres, and have fun discussing books with friends. We presently have openings. The next meeting will be April 21 to discuss *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* by Kim Michele Richardson. We don't meet during the summer, but our October book will be *Educated* by Tara Westover



Please contact me if you are interested or have questions.

Jane McKenzie

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We are living in interesting times, aren't we!

Sheena Lee

Well, it seems that just as in politics, the response to the new virus is very divided. On Wednesday we golfed with a group of people from Tarpon Springs, almost all of whom pooh-poohed the idea that the coronavirus was something to worry about “just another media hype story”. We quietly kept our mouths shut and said “oh really”.

I think the Briar Creek community in general has another opinion. Certainly panic buying of toilet paper is a bizarre reaction but making sure that we have sufficient food and basic supplies in our houses just makes good sense in a very uncertain world.

This morning, after going to the pharmacy to pick up a 90 day supply of the meds that are starting to run low, we went to Publix to buy a few necessities like milk, veggies and fruit, and we have never seen the store so full of people but empty of products. Several shelves were empty, and the meat cases had only very limited supplies left. Hopefully this picture will change.

I'm sure we are all sorry that it has become necessary to close the clubhouse to group gatherings. A tough decision for the Board to make, but one that makes sense given the apparent easy spread of this virus and the susceptibility of residents, especially those in the older age group. It would be tragic to enjoy a couple of hours of entertainment and a dance etc and risk having the virus spread among us.

But we are fortunate. There is no reason we can't enjoy each other's company, well maybe a meter away from us and with only an elbow bump instead of a warmer greeting. We can sit outside or in a lanai: we can “visit and chat” with each other from the safety of the seats in our golf carts, or just taking a break during a walk. We don't have to worry about it being too cold or snowy to go outside, and we can sit by the pond and watch our neighborhood alligator swimming around. Life will be ok...and good.

So, neighbors, feel free to come and ring our doorbell and have a visit, share a few laughs and bless the day you chose to come and live in Briar Creek.

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Kathy Cobb



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Pete Loranger



Birthday

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4/04 Karola Haines	4/15 Marty Finkelstein	4/26 Loretta McCormick
4/05 Sherry Henry	4/17 Ralph Virkler	4/27 Tom Reichelderfer
4/09 Barbara Rothe	4/22 Bettye Gilreath	4/27 Bill Russo
4/10 Suzanne Mattson	4/22 Diane Merando	4/27 Diane Peacey
4/11 Joann Bancroft	4/23 Eileen Rollins	4/30 Ben Gross
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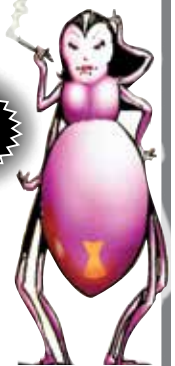
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