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 Director ..... Everett Wardell (585-690-3044)  
 Director ..... Barbara Pesic (307-5316)  
 Director .....

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 Joan Davis (726-4829)  
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 Bill Russo (406-980-0838)  
 John McCormick (859-8576)  
 Clark Woodard (413-896-7278)  
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### Inspections/Architecture

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#### Hydrants-Sprinklers-Mangroves

#### Alterations & Renovations-Home

#### Inspections-Fobs

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#### Clubhouse – Pool – Home Sales/

#### Rentals

Tom Feeley (796-5879)

#### Financials – Fobs

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#### Rentals

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#### Grounds - Pond Benches

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**Elizabeth (Liz) Raucci (203-434-2464)**  
(email: [media@mybriarcreek.com](mailto:media@mybriarcreek.com))

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### **Important Phone Numbers**

Briar Creek Emergency Information (727) 726-7651

Life-threatening emergency - **911**

Sheriff's Office non-emergency - (727) 582-6200 (use for issues at the BC pool)

Sheriff's Office – to check your house while you're out of town - (727) 582-6177

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## **BOARD BUSINESS**

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### **POOL**

*Everett Wardell, Director*

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**T**hanks to everyone who has helped me this winter with the upkeep of the pool. Once again Harry McKinzie has done a great job keeping the furniture cleaned, and Jeffery Savage has been keeping the area around the pool leaf-free! It really takes everyone working together to keep the pool looking great. The new rock covers for the electrical boxes look really nice. I am now up North and will be back the first week in December. Rich Raucci (914-471-6545) will assume my pool responsibilities while I am gone. Be nice to Rich...he is much bigger than I am! See you in December! Everett (pool boy)

### **WE MUST SCOOP THE POOP!**

*Jeff Clark, Vice President*

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**M**ost Briar Creek dog-owners do clean up after their pets, but for the others... Well, they seem to think it's okay to let their dogs go wherever they like, and do nothing about it. They do this on their own lots, on common Briar Creek grounds or- believe

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it or not- on other homeowner's lots.

Maybe they're acting under the misconception that dog feces is good fertilizer, so it's beneficial for the lawns to just leave it there. A little research will show you that dog feces is high in coliform bacteria, a definite health threat. In Gainesville alone, it's estimated that 10,000 lbs. of dog waste PER DAY is generated, and a lot of it (and its coliform bacteria) washing into local streams and creeks. This, in turn, adds largely to the blue-green algae blooms that are threatening many of Florida's coasts and the manatee population. And no form of composting can get hot enough to kill this bacteria, so we can't safely turn it into fertilizer through that method.

But most importantly, cleaning up your dog's waste is simply the respectful and courteous thing to do. If your neighbors started dumping the contents of their trash cans in your yard or driveway, how would you feel? Outraged, right? I'm sure we can all agree that would be a disgusting and unsanitary thing to do. Well, leaving your dog's waste behind is just as (if not more) disgusting.

So please, ALWAYS clean up after your dog, no matter where you are in the park- it's the neighborly and environmentally responsible thing to do.

## **LAWNS and TREES**

*Barbara Pesic, Director*

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### **Lawn Mowing Service**

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### **Grievances / Mowing Service**

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*Dave Doran and Ray Jablonski*

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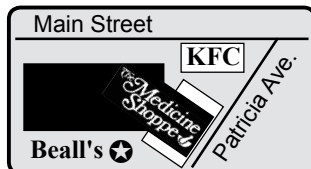
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## DIAL DIRECTORY

Helen Coar

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Each month I will be posting any additions, corrections and deletions to the 2017-2018 Edition of the Dial Directory. It is up to you to make the change in your Directory. Contact Helen Coar if you have information for the new Dial Directory (726-3923). All area codes are 727, unless otherwise stated.

**NEW ADDRESS** Jeffrey Clark & Dave Doran 140 Thistle Briar Drive

**WELCOME** Jeannine Vale 36 Stag Run Court 863-206-9581

Michael McDonald 85 Jacaranda Drive 727-301-8640

**REMOVE** Patricia Superfine Rivera as Summer Entertainment Ticket Sales

**CHANGE** Blaine & Gloria Hanna 216-3468

Alex Newcomer 512-1305

LaVonne Newcomer 512-1240

Charlie & Suzanne Logue 210-7354

Vivian Mancuso 515-0620

Susan Norris 309-1755

Dot Bourdon 797-7555

**ADDITION** Al & Donna Hartin 781-324-7566

## NEW: FOOD POLICY

Social Committee Board of Directors

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**WASTE NOT, WANT NOT:** In an effort to dispense leftover meals and desserts in a fair and equitable manner from entertainment committee functions, the social committee Board of Directors has established a new policy effective April 1, 2017. Guests will now be able to take food from their plates and their own table. Any excess food will be dispensed by the kitchen staff in a "to go" box for a small donation.

The new policy will allow for equal distribution of food to anyone interested in having a meal at home. In addition, dispensing leftovers from the kitchen will put a stop to the issue of food being left in the clubhouse refrigerator unattended and spoiling after a long period of time. Also, while some may like to make a donation of food to a charitable organization or deserving person in the community, it is a liability for Briar Creek to do so.

The Board hopes that all phase 1 residents understand the need for such a policy and agree to abide by this new ruling.

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## GRILL

Gene Arend

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As some of you may or may not know we have a propane gas grill on the patio of the pool area. If you clean your grill at home after you use it please, by all means, use our grill for your next outing! There is a gauge on the connection hose and a standby tank. When the tank gets low, use the standby tank and let us know so we can have the tank refilled.

**If you don't clean your grill at home after using it, then please use you grill at home!!**

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## VENDOR REVIEWS

Webmaster

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Just a reminder: Often people are looking for a recommendation for home services. One of the best and trusted ways is to use someone who has a history of reliable, inexpensive and satisfactory service, and used by others in Briar Creek. In some case these services are provided by your neighbors. If you had good service then let the webmaster know so he can publish that information on the "Owner Sales & Service" tab of the website. If you were not pleased then send the webmaster a brief explanation so others can be aware.

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## CONGRATULATIONS LESLEY!

Georgia Douglas

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**"Finding My Passion"** was Lesley Blake's winning topic which won her 1st place in the Toastmaster International Division B Speech Contest. Her speech was based on the true experience of her and husband Ken's move into their home in BC. Lesley spoke from the heart on this personal, entertaining, and humorous subject.

Although Leslie didn't win the next level of competition on April 8th, she said "I was honored to represent my Toastmaster's District in an experience I'll never forget. I'll be back in the fall to do it again". CONGRATS Lesley, BC is proud of you!



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# Birthdays & Anniversaries

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May	2	James Hofbauer	May	21	Michael McDonald
May	3	Rich Raucci	May	22	Pat Grimes
May	4	Sandy McNeil	May	22	Terry Henry
May	5	Barbara Poss	May	24	Steven Smith
May	5	Howard Cary	May	24	William Bachor
May	5	Geraldine Wardell	May	25	Glenn Trojnar
May	7	Phillip Houpt	May	26	Madelyn Geigenmiller
May	8	Susan Heaton	May	26	Priscilla Johnson
May	9	Jean Carlson	May	26	Siobhan Knight
May	14	Beverly Alho	May	27	Judy Nickerson
May	14	Dottie Duszynski	May	27	Frank Roberts
May	15	Tom Doyle	May	28	Bob Barr
May	15	Sylvia Carter	May	28	Ben Ragonese
May	16	Maureen Boys	May	28	Jane Horton
May	17	Dang Klongkangarn	May	30	Cy Anderson
May	17	In Son Klongkangarn			
May	17	Linda Pickering			
May	18	Diana Natale			
May	20	Howard Olsen			

## ANNIVERSARIES

May	2	Jim & Mary Alice Piro
May	17	Joe & Ann Daley (1958)
May	25	Steven & Mary Bourque
May	29	John & Stephanie Andrechak



Note: If your birthday and/or anniversary information needs correction or inclusion, please leave a message at 727-216-3871 or email [bettychatigny@hotmail.com](mailto:bettychatigny@hotmail.com).





## WEDNESDAY MEETINGS

Dave Doran

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**W**e have tried each coffee hour to wish all those snowbirds leaving a safe journey and we will be here to welcome you all back in the fall!

3/22/17	50/50	Rich Raucci	4/5/17	50/50	Everett Wardell
	\$5.00	Betty Rosello		\$5.00	Jane Fedelem
3/29/17	50/50	Mary Kay Brown	4/12/15	50/50	Effie Reed
	\$5.00	Dottie Sullivan Doyle		\$5.00	Ray Weston

We loosened the purse strings! You may notice clubhouse enhancements such as maroon aprons for event workers. The Briar Creek logo is in beautiful contrast to the new aprons and adds uniformity to our functions and identifies the wonderful volunteers! We also have a set of blue and a set of white modesty panels for our banquet tables, more colors to be added in the future. Notice the landscaping rocks on the pool deck? They camouflage the electrical boxes and are a pleasant addition. “Can you hear me now?” Well, yes I can with the new audio system in the front and back of the clubhouse....and breakfast won’t be the same, as we have a new grill top! ‘Both Worlds’ appreciated being out of the sun and under one of the two new tents purchased for outdoor activities. 16 new card tables were also purchased and replaced the old ones, which were then sold in the BC Mart, win-win!! Thanks to your generosity by shopping at the Bazaar and in the BC Mart we were able to purchase these items, and there are more surprises in store.

## SOCIAL CLUB MEMBERSHIPS

Pauline Hoad (winter) & Jean Richter (summer)

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**M**ARCH 1, 2017 began a new Social Club year and we are selling memberships. For your **\$1.00/PER PERSON** Annual Dues you get a picnic, Appreciation Night and other events throughout the year as well as a chance to win \$5.00 every week at coffee hour! This year we are instituting a new policy....**MEMBERSHIP CARDS MUST BE PRESENTED IN ORDER TO ATTEND ANY FREE SOCIAL COMMITTEE ACTIVITY (such as the Picnic, Appreciation Night and others to be scheduled). If you do not have a valid membership card (or are a GUEST), you will be charged \$3.00/per person for the event.** Here is your incentive to purchase a membership at Wednesday Social Hour!

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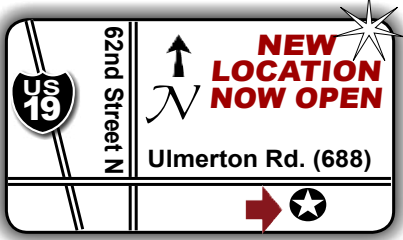
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## NEW FLAG/WALL OF HONOR



While Connie Holmes played an assortment of patriotic songs on the piano, a flag raising ceremony was held at the March 29th Social Club meeting. Joan Bienvenue presented her father's flag to Briar Creek. Army Sgt. Russell Howard Jenkins served this country honorably during World War II. He will be remembered daily as the stars and stripes wave celebrating the land of the free and the home of the brave. Thank you Joan, for your donation. The flag honoring Stanton Richardson has been retired.

It is also announced that there will be a "Wall of Honor" established in the Clubhouse to honor any and all living or deceased members of the Briar Creek community who valiantly served in any branch of either the United States or Canadian Armed Forces. We are proud of our veterans and would like to display that pride and respect. Please contact Chairperson, Shirley Payne (725-4009), for more information, contribute a photo or artifact to the wall or volunteer to be on her committee. This will be an ongoing project tastefully done.

## KRAZY KARDS

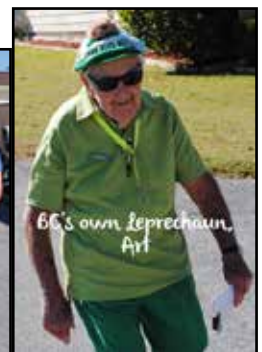
*Pauline Hoad*

**P**AULINE AND GARY WILL BE RETIRING FROM HOSTING KRAZY KARDS after the April session....if you would like to keep the tradition alive and schedule and host Krazy Kard Nights in the future, please call Pauline and Gary! This is a fun night, held monthly during the season! Pauline and Gary will help you get on your feet as chair people.

## ST PATRICK'S DAY

*Liz Raucci & Georgia Douglas*

**B**riar Creek's very own leprechaun, Art Finnegan outdid himself with this year's annual St. Patrick's Day parade. As is tradition, the parade was led by our very own Fire Station 53 truck followed by Grand Marshals Val



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and Dottie Duzinski, who were driven in a late 1960s Rambler American convertible, thanks to John Pickering. Color guard flag bearers Ken Blake, Everett Wardell and Joe G carried the Canadian, Irish and American flags, respectively. St Patrick (Joe Daly) was right in step with present and future Safety Harbor dignitaries, including current mayor Andy Steingold and newly elected mayor Joe Ayoub. BC line dancers, led by Helen Coar, became Irish Step Dancers for the day! Jim McBride drove guitar player Alan Lee, who provided live Irish music and vocals throughout the parade route. The kazoo band, formed by Elaine Harsh and lead by Marty Martin in his kilt (and won the prize as best dressed individual!) played "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling" at the judges' stand. Pauline Hoad (and Oreo) and Debbie Landon rode their decorated bicycles and shared the prize for "best decorated group" at the award ceremony. Decorated golf carts driven by phase 1 and phase 2 residents too numerous to mention individually, were a sight to be seen! Jean Richter was the winner of the "best vehicle" prize. Captain Dave Pacheo, Safety Harbor's fire chief was a sight to behold in his official vehicle that pulled up the rear of the parade.



Following the award ceremony, the festivities moved indoors to a sea of green and "God Bless America" led by Alan Lee and Liz Raucci and the invocation by Joe Daly. Delicious corned beef, cabbage, carrots and potatoes was lovingly prepared by Chefs Ray Jablonski, Bob Brown and Mike Benoit. A variety of cookies baked by Briar Creekers was sweetness after the savory meal. Entertainment was provided by the Ramsey-Aiken Duo and residents drank green beer poured by head bartender Frank Voutsinos (and helpers Gary Hoad and Ivan Curtis) and wine poured by sommelier's Pauline Hoad, Evelyn Costigan and Beth Storrer and everyone danced all night!



Ann and Joe Daley proved to be invaluable assets, having hosted many an Irish party in the past! Many thanks to everyone who helped make this day possible including our clubhouse decorators, shoppers, servers, bartenders, dish washers and cleanup crew!

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## CRAFT FAIR

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## ANNUAL PICNIC AND POOL PARTY

*Dave Doran*

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We had such a great picnic again this year with the help of mother nature, a great band “Both Worlds” and all made possible by the work and dedication of the entertainment committee, as well as all those that brought food and did so much to make this another great time at BC. Thank you for all your help.



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## UPCOMING

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### OLE' LATIN DANCE

*Dotty Sullivan, Sue Farrell, and Elaine Harsh*

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**SATURDAY, MAY 6th, 7pm - 10 pm.** Come join us for an evening of lively music and fun the Clubhouse. There will be professional teachers from ‘Dance Forever Florida’ who will not only demonstrate Latin dances but will assist our dancers on the dance floor. This event is a BYOB & BYOS with a donation of \$8.00. This event is open to both Phase I & II. Invite your friends for an evening of learning and fun.

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## MEMORIAL DAY AT PHASE 2

*Georgia Douglas*

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Memorial Day, **MONDAY, MAY 29th at 2pm**, will be hosted by Phase II with Phase I working side by side to provide an event to be remembered. Details will be posted in both clubhouses.

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## SUMMER MOVIE NIGHTS will return!

Georgia Douglas

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**T**uesday Nights at 7pm during the months of July and August we will once again be hosting movie night at the clubhouse. New movies, classics and TV shows will be presented along with a “Gent’s Night” and “Chick Flick Night”! Join us!

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNE 10th	‘Here Comes Summer Again’ with DJ Fred
JUNE 17th	Father’s Day Ice Cream Social - 2pm – <b>PHASE 2</b>
JUNE 22nd	BUNCO – <b>PHASE 2</b> - \$3.00 Donation
JULY 4th	Celebrate ! Fun, food and Living Horses @ PHASE 1
JULY 11th	Movie Night
JULY 18th	Movie Night
JULY 25th	Movie Night
JULY 27th	BUNCO – <b>PHASE 2</b> \$3.00 Donation
AUGUST 1st	Movie Night
AUGUST 8th	Crazy Bingo hosted by the Richter’s
AUGUST 15th	Movie Night
AUGUST 22nd	Movie Night
AUGUST 29th	Movie Night
AUGUST 24th	BUNCO – <b>PHASE 2</b> \$3.00 Donation
SEPTEMBER 4th	Labor Day – <b>12 noon - at PHASE 2</b>
SEPTEMBER 28th	BUNCO – <b>PHASE 2</b> - \$3.00 Donation
OCTOBER 28th	Octoberfest – <b>PHASE 2</b>
OCTOBER 26th	BUNCO – <b>PHASE 2</b> - \$3.00 Donation
OCTOBER 27th	Halloween – ‘At Large’ - hosted by Dave Hunkins
NOVEMBER 11th	Veteran’s Day Celebration
NOVEMBER 19th	Craft Fair
NOVEMBER 24th	Trim the Tree
NOVEMBER	BUNCO – <b>PHASE 2</b> - \$3.00 Donation
DECEMBER 2nd	Karaoke Dance – 7pm – <b>PHASE 2</b>
DECEMBER 3rd	Yankee Swap
DECEMBER 10th	7PM-10PM - Christmas Concert and Dance, ‘Ward Cook Black & White Affair’
DECEMBER 16th	Christmas Party – <b>PHASE 2</b>
DECEMBER 28th	BUNCO – <b>PHASE 2</b> - \$3.00 Donation
DECEMBER 31st	8:30PM -12:20AM - New Year’s Eve Dance – ‘Cover to Cover’

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JANUARY	Alan Lee’s Happy Hour Sing-A-Long and Music Jam
JANUARY 25th	Showtime – <b>PHASE 2</b> – Comedian Jimmy Travis
FEBRUARY 10th	7PM – 10PM - Valentine’s Dance – ‘Johnny Charro’
FEBRUARY 16th	Showtime – <b>PHASE 2</b> – Red Hot and Blue Collar
FEBRUARY	Appreciation Night – <b>FREE with Phase 1 Social Club Membership</b>
MARCH 23rd	Showtime – <b>PHASE 2</b> – tentative
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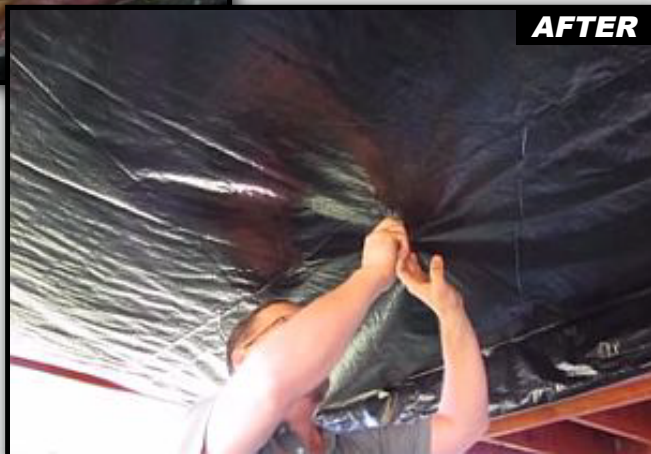
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*Mary Houpt and Karen Mbiad*

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*Annette Lemieux*

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*Jean Richter*

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### **BOWLING**

*Gene Arend*

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I will email back to all our members in late September to make sure the summer has treated all our members well and will I work on the team selections and line ups. So don't wait to reserve a spot, contact me at [garend@mybriarcreek.com](mailto:garend@mybriarcreek.com)

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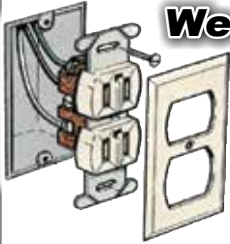
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	<i>Mother's Day</i>	
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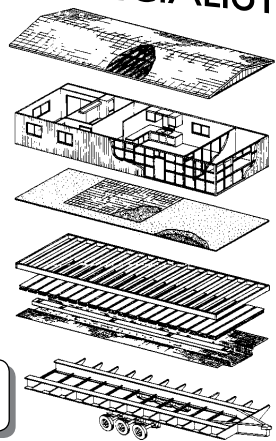
# Briar Creek II

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Aerobic/Cardio s - Phase II Chair Yoga - h Jongg Phase <p style="text-align: right;">2</p>	Early Bird Breakfast at "Daddy's" <p style="text-align: right;">3</p>	10:15A Zumba Gold Phase II <p style="text-align: right;">4</p>	10AM Bible Study <p style="text-align: right;">5</p> <p style="text-align: center; color: red;">Cinco De Mayo</p>	8am Coffee & Donuts 9am Social Club News BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK <p style="text-align: right;">6</p>
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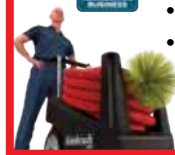
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## CHESS

*Dave Holmes*

If you would like to play a game, give Dave a call at 423-202-6712.



## CRAFTS

*Barbara Glasheen*

**CRAFTS WILL END ON MAY 3rd.** Crafts will resume on the first Wednesday of November and we plan to continue our monthly demonstrations for the coming year as long as interest is shown in them. Have a wonderful summer!

## EUCHRE

*Phil Houpt*



March 16th	SHIRLEY GALLO and PHIL HOUPT	45 Points (tie)
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March 30th	DAN SMITH	50 Points
April 6th	PHIL HOUPT	47 Points

We play **THURSDAYS at 6:30pm**. Bring 50 cents and a few nickles! Any questions call Phil at 727-754-2881. **LAST DAY OF EUCHRE WILL BE MAY 25th.**

## GOLF

*Jane McKenzie*

**We are taking a break.....watch for details.** Jane McKenzie 727-474-5705 (home) 651-353-2602 (cell) [jgmckenzie4647@gmail.com](mailto:jgmckenzie4647@gmail.com).

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*Helen Coar*

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*Bob Barr*

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*Dave Hunkins*

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## TRAVEL CLUB

*Judy Young*

Suggestions for future trips are always welcome and your thoughts should be communicated to Judy Young (727-725-2090). Details are posted on the bulletin Board in the clubhouse, or view the information online [www.mybriarcreek.com](http://www.mybriarcreek.com) under "Travel".

### **PHASE 1 UPCOMING EXCURSIONS:**

JANUARY 14, 2018 Oasis of the Seas out of Port Canaveral to 7 Night Cruise to St. Maarten, San Juan and Labadee

MARCH 4, 2018 Biloxi/New Orleans – 6 Nights

....Listen for announcements at Wednesday Social Hour or check the bulletin board for further information!

### **PHASE 2 UPCOMING EXCURSIONS:**

**Contact: Karen Johnson 727-686-0161 or Roz Lucas 727-385-3010**

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*Mary Kay Brown*

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## **ZUMBA CLASSES**

*Elaine Harsh*



Zumba classes are held at **10:15AM on THURSDAY's** in the **Phase 2 clubhouse**. If you belong to the **SilverSneakers®** organization, there is no charge for the class.

## **DID YOU KNOW.....?**

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- Did you know that the Monthly Media comes to your 'rock box' free of charge? But let's help keep costs to the advertisers down by filling out the sheet posted on the bulletin board and let this Editor know when you will be leaving to return home (beginning April) and then returning to Briar Creek in the Fall/Winter of 2017-2018. In this way the Editor can ensure that we are not overprinting when you are gone and that we have enough copies of the Monthly Media when you are 'in residence' and your Area Representative don't have to decide if you are home or not! Your help is greatly appreciated!
- If your mailbox numbers are missing or in need of replacement...there are new numbers located in the Clubhouse on the shelf by the sink located in the office area. Help yourself!
- **TEAM: Together Everyone Achieves More** – Phase 1 and Phase 2 Entertainment Committees are working together to ensure a variety of fun-filled events that can be enjoyed by all!
- Hurricane season is upon us....batten down your hatches....and anything else that can become a projectile (including items in your screened-in porch, especially if you are leaving BC for the season.



- By the time you read this hurricane season will be approaching. Hopefully this year the season will treat us as well as it has in the past few years. As always the safest hurricane is one that stays over water. Its Mother Nature's way of cooling the ocean's so it's best work is done out there. It however is always good to be prepared. The "mybriarcreek" website under the "Disaster Management" tab has an updated pamphlet gear to the Briar Creek location and other important weather information. This pamphlet is update and maintain by the webmaster so if you see any changes or useful information let me know. Print the pamphlet for this year. Follow the instructions on page 2 for your "Grab & Go Kit". Be sure you include a copy of your passport main page in your kit. [WEBMASTER@MyBriarCreek.com](mailto:WEBMASTER@MyBriarCreek.com)
- Phase 2 is almost totally up and running on the "mybriarcreek.com" website.

## FANNY FLAMINGO QUICK FIX FACTS!

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If you are vertically challenged and need to clean your ceiling fan, wrap a dryer sheet around a clean paint roller and secure the ends with rubber bands, Attach an extension handle to the roller and dust away!

## CAUGHT BEING A GOOD NEIGHBOR

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**M***any people are good at talking about what they are doing, but in fact, do little. Others do a lot but don't talk about it; they are the ones who make a community live.*  
*Author Jean Vanier in 'Community and Growth'*

- **RON LA RUE** always lends a helping hand at the pool. Thank you for assisting those unable to maneuver easily, your caring gesture is witnessed and noted!
- A big 'thank you' to **PAM and ROY O'NEILL (Phase 1) and SKIP TAYLOR (Phase 2)** for heading up the monthly breakfasts. The food has been delicious and those Sunday mornings have been attended by well over 100 Phase 1 and Phase 2 residents. Briar Creekers appreciate the hard work of both you and your helpers. The community hopes that you continue the tradition when you return next season!
- Girl Power!!! Recently a female homeowner had difficulties with her commode...out of the blue, **SUE NORRIS** came to her rescue and fixed the offending porcelain bowl!

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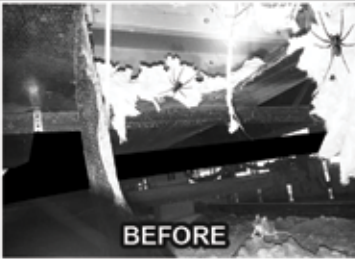
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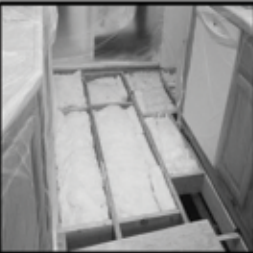
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- Guy Powere! Joe Guizzerotti, Roy O’Neil, Ivan Curtis, Gene Arend, Rad Pesic, Al Hartin and Bob Barr lifted a new 450 pound refrigerator off wood pallets and out of the crating and then lifted it up and through the service window in the kitchen; catching it on the other side and then standing it upright onto a set of wheels and rolling it back into the area where the old refrigerator resided! WHEW!... Thank You for your muscles and time, gents!

## REFLECTIONS OF BRIAR CREEK

*Linda Eddington*

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I did some research and found there are 84 specific celebrated days in the month of May. The familiar ones are Mother's Day, Memorial Day, Armed Forces Day, Cinco de Mayo, Victoria Day in Canada and Ramadan. To name just a few, other days to celebrate include; Water a flower day, Save your hearing day, Don't fry Friday, National Wine day, which is my personal favorite, Lucky penny day, Twilight Zone day and Lost sock memorial day. No wonder Fennel Hudson said "May, more than any other month of the year, wants us to feel most alive." Let's celebrate being alive everyday with our fun loving and helpful BC neighbors.

## BOOK NOOK

*Patricia Rivera*

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A big THANK YOU to the dedicated volunteers who keep a sense of order among the shelves! Somedays there are many books to process as “new,” resshelf returns, and purge the ‘elders.’ All contributions are welcome – both books and people to work the shelves.



During April the non-fiction section was completely purged; books were put up for “adoption”. Thankfully, many were taken by residents into their private collections. Books offer a gateway to knowledge, adventure, entertainment and intrigue...it’s a shame to toss them into the recycle bins if someone wants them. In today’s world of electronic connections, books are on the path of becoming obsolete; until then we will maintain the Briar Creek collection.

May is the month to celebrate! Maypole rituals and traditions on the first day of May have been performed since the 1800’s. Some welcome spring while others suggest the pole represents a phallic symbol with maidens and virgins dancing toward womanhood. Perhaps

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that is why we recognize and honor mothers in May (14th), too!

In these times of threats implementing weapons of mass destruction and major conflicts throughout the world, let us remember and commemorate Memorial Day on May 29 (this year). In 1865, or 1868 none of us were around (that we know of) when the first observance of Memorial Day was held in Arlington National Cemetery. Controversy ensues regarding the ‘true’ origin, time and place of the first Memorial Day. Presently, we respectfully acknowledge military lives lost defending our free nation. In traditional observance, the flag of the United States is raised briskly to the top of the staff and then solemnly lowered to the half-staff position, where it remains only until noon. It is then raised to full-staff for the remainder of the day. The half-staff position remembers the more than one million men and women who gave their lives in service of their country. At noon, their memory is raised by the living, who resolve not to let their sacrifice be in vain, but to rise up in their stead and continue the fight for liberty and justice for all. [www.usmemorial.org](http://www.usmemorial.org)

This year please take a moment from whatever and wherever you find yourselves and reflect on the reason for the three day weekend. In 2000, Congress established a ‘National Moment of Remembrance’, which asks Americans to pause for one minute at 3pm in an act of national unity. The time was chosen because 3pm is “the time when most Americans are enjoying their freedoms on the national holiday.” In that moment, if you want to silently say – or boldly lead – a prayer, this simple one may be good. The “Prayer for Protection” was written during the rages of WWII for the troops by James Dillet Freeman:

*The light of God Surrounds us; the love of God enfolds us; the power of God protects us;  
the presence of God watches over us; wherever we are, God is!*

## **Briar Creek Bugle Phase II – May 2017**

*(Pete Loranger-Editor Phone 421-2321)*

*(E-Mail: [Pete316@Knology.net](mailto:Pete316@Knology.net))*

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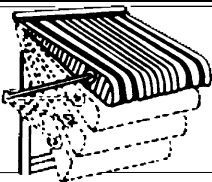
**O**K, Winter flew by in a couple days and we are at the end of Spring, Summer will be upon us before we know it. Time seems to fly when you’re having fun!!! Many of our northern friends have departed on their trip to their other home. We wish them well, safe travels and hope they return to their Florida home soon, safe and sound; we will miss them while they are not among us. So farewell and adios neighbors see you soon. I want to say thank you to Clark Woodard and his inspection volunteers, they did a super job and our Community is looking pretty good, though there are just a couple of folks who have yet to resolve some issues that were brought to their attention, but I am confident that they will step up and do what’s needed. I want to thank the guys on the water committee, Bill Beyer, Dick Little, Bill



Russo, Clark Woodard, Joe Donato, and Paul Spencer, hope I didn't miss anyone, for six or eight weeks they have been locating and turning water valves so in case there is a water leak some where the area can be isolated as opposed to shutting down the whole park in order to make repairs. Also, I'd just like to say that we have wonderful community in Briar Creek II, it's a great place to be !!!!! And that is primarily because we have such beautiful people living here who are willing to volunteer and help, without hesitation, and I applaud all of YOU for making Briar Creek II such a wonderful place to live.

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**(Allow 4-6 weeks for mailing of check). This month's cash winners are:**

Sue Sprattler..... \$100 .....	E & E Gliddon Air Conditioning, Inc.	Joyce Chaput..... \$5 .....	Bill The Carpet Guy
Betty Van Tassell..... \$10 .....	Hagarty Home Improvement, Inc	Maryann Matty..... \$5 .....	Jones & Sons Plumbing, Inc.
Tracy Adomeit..... \$10 .....	Buggin Our Pest Control, Inc.	Bonnie Demarr..... \$5 .....	Doll Brothers Carpet Cleaners
Al Slager..... \$10 .....	Florida Anchor & Barrier	Joseph Robinson..... \$5 .....	Modern Air Conditioning Co., Inc
Sharon Groom..... \$10 .....	Battleline Termite & Pest Control, Inc.	Donald VanDamia..... \$5 .....	Hellers Mobile Home Washing
Mildred Little..... \$10 .....	Boss Electric Corp.	Ross Steele..... \$5 .....	Natures Resource Pest Control, Inc.
Eric Boling..... \$10 .....	Air Masters of Pinellas, Inc.	Joyce Shumaker..... \$5 .....	Penneys Automotive Repaire
Joe Murphy..... \$10 .....	ASE - Auto Service Experts	Jean Woolf..... \$5 .....	Hellers Mobile Home Washing
Rick Williamson..... \$10 .....	Dunedin Plumbing, Inc.	Isabella Millar..... \$5 .....	Ron Wyngarden MH Washing, LLC
Max Skinner..... \$10 .....	Largo Plumbing Co.	Nancy Hinkelman..... \$5 .....	Florida Anchor & Barrier
Patty Schuyler..... \$10 .....	Doll Brothers Carpet Cleaners	Ivan Iwanoff..... \$5 .....	Jones & Sons Plumbing, Inc.
Helen Garceau..... \$10 .....	Discount Computer Repair	Carolyn Tiwney..... \$5 .....	Royal Interprises
Beverly Hamel..... \$10 .....	E & E Gliddon Air Conditioning, Inc.	Ed Morgan..... \$5 .....	Suncoast Auto and Tire, Inc.
Donna Beach..... \$10 .....	Haseney Electrical Services.	Joanne Madeline..... \$5 .....	Hellers Mobile Home Washing
Robert Waite..... \$5 .....	Jones & Sons Plumbing, Inc.	David Havens..... \$5 .....	Sunset Appliance Service
Ellen Benner..... \$5 .....	Battleline Termite & Pest Control, Inc.	John Kazakis..... \$5 .....	Natures Resource Pest Control, Inc.
Fred Rixley..... \$5 .....	Sunset Appliance Service	Danny Clark..... \$5 .....	Jones & Sons Plumbing, Inc.
Karin Russell..... \$5 .....	Royal Interprises	David Gerry..... \$5 .....	Battleline Termite & Pest Control, Inc.
Carol Woodward..... \$5 .....	Battleline Termite & Pest Control, Inc.	Cheryl Fennelly..... \$5 .....	E & E Gliddon Air Conditioning, Inc.
Sandra Schumacher..... \$5 .....	AMS North West	Carol McClure..... \$5 .....	Bob's Appliance Repair
Beverly Spike..... \$5 .....	Doll Brothers Upholstery Cleaners	James Barrett..... \$5 .....	Bill The Carpet Guy
Bob Poirler..... \$5 .....	Haseney Electrical Services.	Jack McCabe..... \$5 .....	E & E Gliddon Air Conditioning, Inc.
Jules McLean..... \$5 .....	Bob's Appliance Repair	Barbra Whitman..... \$5 .....	Ron Wyngarden MH Washing, LLC
David Huddleson..... \$5 .....	Hellers Mobile Home Washing	Bill Story..... \$5 .....	Doll Brothers Carpet Cleaners

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## A reminder to all residents

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- Overnight Parking in the street is NOT allowed.
- Daytime Parking – please Park on ONE SIDE of the street in your area. This will keep our streets open for Emergency Vehicles.
- Visitor Parking is at the clubhouse on the side of the shuffleboard courts, (grassy area). Please put the VISITORS PASS in the front windshield. Residents who do not have the pass can contact a board member. Parking in an empty carport is NOT allowed without permission.
- STOP at ALL STOP SIGNS, and, our SPEED LIMIT is 15MPH. Your help is greatly appreciated.

## Home Inspections:

*Clark Woodard*

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**A**s we finish up with the inspections, currently there are only a few dozen homes that still have not completed the work and returned their forms. Over the next few months the board will be speaking directly with these people through Progressive Management. We are going to continue to pursue the home owners that have failed to comply with the inspections. I appreciate the help from all homeowners and volunteer inspectors.

## MOTHERS' DAY TREAT for Phase 1&2

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**T**reat yourself to STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE on SAT. MAY 13 at Phase 2 Clubhouse. Shortcake will be served between 2-3:00pm. Tickets are \$2.00. The clubhouse will open at 1:00 for card games and meeting with friends. Nothing like a nice treat after sitting by the pool. See you on Saturday May 13.

## Exercise Classes:

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**C**lasses will continue through the summer months. On Tuesday at 9:00 am there will be cardio classes with chair yoga at 10:00. Zumba Gold will be held on Thursday mornings at 10:15 am. Our instructor is Claudia and she invites all residents in both phase I and II to join our group to improve our health and balance. There is no cost for Silver Sneakers members. If you attend both classes on Tuesday and aren't Silver Sneakers members, the cost is \$2.00 per class. The Thursday class is \$3.00.



## Entertainment

Carol Rodrigues/Marge Grohskopf

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### **Briar Creek Phase II Entertainment Schedule**

Mother's Day Strawberry Shortcake Social – May 13 at 2 pm

Memorial Day Picnic – May 29 at 2 pm

Father's Day ice cream social – June 17 at 2 pm

Labor Day Party – September 4 at 12 noon

Oktoberfest Celebration – October 28

Karaoke Dance – Dec. 2 at 7 pm

Social Club Christmas Party Dinner – Dec. 16 (phase II only)

Showtime – January 25, 2018 at 7pm

Showtime – February 16, 2018 at 7 pm

Bunco monthly – 4th Thursday each month 6:30 pm

Phase I is invited to attend any of these events except for the social club party on Dec. 16

Note: \*\* euchre, pinochle, dominoes, golf, sewing and quilting are all cancelled from the beginning of May through the end of Sept.

**Showtime 2018** brings comedian Jimmy Travis to our clubhouse on January 25. Jimmy is a multitalented performer who is both entertaining and funny. On February 16, Red Hot and Blue Collar features a duo who both sing and perform comedy routines. Tickets are \$25.00 per person for both shows and can be purchased during coffee at both clubhouses. Please see Pete Loranger for seating options. Payment in full is due by December 1.

## Briarettes'

Betty Hudd, President (813-817-1774)

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I wish to thank Cyrena Duncan, M.A. from the Alzheimer's association with her enthusiastic talk on the disease. She enlightened us on the signs of the disease vs. forgetfulness and the possibilities of Hospice getting involved with a bill regarding quality of life in reference to the disease.

Thanks to all who were able to come and added to that special day with our ice cream social. Til we are able to get together again in October remain safe and enjoy each and every day with gusto.



## Food Pantry Christmas Collection:

**D**uring the Christmas season, the residents of Briar Creek raised over \$1200 for our local Food Pantry in Safety Harbor. Peggy Smith, the Director remarked that during the holiday season she was overwhelmed with food donations, and that she had real needs come spring when collections were not plentiful and the shelves were bare. Peggy recently called with an urgent need; she was able to order the food at reasonable discount at Save A Lot in Dunedin. Rather than having the women of Briar Creek volunteer to do the heavy lifting, she had two men with trucks that volunteered to pick up the food, load it into the trucks, deliver the food to the Maddie Williams Center, unload and place it on the appropriate shelves. She sends her utmost thanks for the food donation and to let the people of Briar Creek know that with their help, many received the food necessary to feed their family. The food purchased is listed below: 552 boxes of cold and hot cereal, 360 cans of assorted vegetables, 96 cans of tuna, 24 boxes of crackers, and 224 boxes of assorted hamburger helper meals. Peggy sends her sincere thank you to everyone who donated to this worthy cause.



## MEMORIAL DAY

**M**emorial Day Celebration for Phase 1 & 2 will take place at Phase 2 Clubhouse on MON. MAY 29th.

We will have a Lunch at 1:00pm, serving Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Mac & Cheese, Baked Beans, Dessert, Lemonade, Ice Tea or BYOB. There will be a 50/50 to benefit "Wounded Warriors".

Entertainment will be a group participation of "Let's Make A Deal". Tickets are \$6.00 available at Wed. or Sat. Coffee hour or Phase 1 call Elaine Harsh 669-0174 Phase 2 call Sharon Bahm 238-3555.

"Let's Make a Deal". You will receive a bag when you purchase your ticket. Collect items you think we will ask for from your kitchen, bathroom, or something you would take on a trip. EXAMPLE If we ask for a cotton ball, and you had put one in your bag, you will get a point. We also have a "Stump the Group" worth 5 points if you have something no one else thought to put in their bag.

We will explain or answer questions when you purchase tickets. LOTS OF FUN , LOTS OF LAUGHS. If you wish to only observe that's fine, just do not accept a bag, when you get your ticket.

Sincerely,  
Carol Rodrigues  
Entertainment chairperson



## Bingo

Marsha Bowlby

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**W**e have had some nice payouts this year. The past 11 weeks there was only 2 times the jackpot wasn't \$150.00 or more. We're you lucky enough to be one of the winners?

Bingo will end May 22nd this season, and start up again in the fall. There will be one Bingo session this summer, I am working with the entertainment to see when that will be. I will have it in the media and posters to let you know.

I need someone to help me with Bingo, to run it when I'm not here. The travel group has some nice trips planned that include Monday's.

So if

- 1) you are someone looking to do something in the park
- 2) you don't travel
- 3) you're not afraid to handle money
- 4) you can input numbers on an excel worksheet
- 5) you want to learn how to operate the Bingo machine



GIVE ME A CALL..... 724-9406

I don't want to have to cancel games so that I can go on the trips... so think about it and give me a call.

**BINGO Cards will be sold from 5:00 to 5:45 with games starting at 6:00.**

If you don't want to do the whole game, play the Early Birds...they take about 20 minutes and its fun. Give a try. Who knows you might get to yell "BINGO".

What else could you ask for?

## Ladies' Luncheon

Carol Smitley

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**T**he May 17th Luncheon is scheduled to be held at Johnny's Restaurant, 2907 State Rd. 590. This is opened to all Briar Creek ladies and friends. I realize that we will be missing our snowbirds, so our year round residents, we need you. It always proofs to be a relaxing afternoon. Remember it is at 1:00. The sign-up sheet is in the hallway.



## Travel Club

Karen Johnson & Roz Lucas

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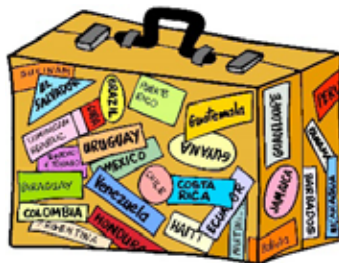
**W**e have a whole list of new tours for all of you to enjoy. Our first one is October 16-20 to Dollywood and Octoberfest in Helen, Ga. It is \$789.00pp and includes the hotels, the tickets for all the attractions, 4 breakfasts and 2 dinners, taxes and tips. It will be a fabulous trip with the fall foliage at its height, the adventures of the Dollywood theme park and of course, all the German food and festivities of Octoberfest. Don't miss it! Signup sheet is on the board and the trip is filling up fast.

Our next fabulous trip is to New Orleans for April 2-8 2018. The pricing and details are being finalized this week but we already put a signup sheet on the board. We are looking at the beautiful Crowne Plaza hotel right in the center of the French Quarter. With stop over's to New Orleans and home. The stop over home will be in Pensacola where we will tour the Blue Angels training facility. Don't Miss out on this one!!

January 8-10 2018 is our trip to Miami's South Beach and Key West. This is \$459.00pp and includes hotel, breakfasts, Miami and Key West tours and on/off trolley pass and much more!

We also have a 14 day Panama Canal cruise on the Norwegian Pearl for November 4-18 2018. This starts at \$2112.00 and includes almost everything you need! It is all listed on our board in the Phase 2 clubhouse. This is a roundtrip cruise right out of Tampa so no airfare needed here!! I know it sounds far away, but these trips fill up so fast you need to get your deposits in soon to hold the prices.

We are working with a great travel company. We know there are trips out there that advertise for less but the big difference with these trips are location, location for all our hotels. For instance the New Orleans hotel is right in the heart of the French Quarter so when you have free time you are right there! No cabs needed. And one of the most important things is that all these trips, day trips, overnights, and cruises, are fully escorted. So there is always someone right there to handle any problems if they should happen. You can't go wrong traveling with us!! Call Karen or Roz for any information you need.



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## Monthly Mingle

Jean Williams- Pete

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**W**e are turning off our burners for the summer. It's been a great time this winter and we look forward to starting up again in a few months. Watch for the future date and be thinking of some great recipes to share with the group. Have a great summer.....Jean and Pete



## **Sewers & Quilters**

*DARLENE BEYER*

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I have completed the classes and demos that we planned for the time that I have been here through the month of May. When I return in the fall, I will most likely continue to present some new classes and demos. Hope you have an enjoyable summer and get all your projects completed, so you will be ready for the new ones. Then, we can all pick up where we left off.

When I return in October, I hope you will have some great suggestions to give me at that time.

## **Sit & Stitch For Knitters, Crocheters, And Crafters**

*Darlene Beyer*

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Phase I and Phase II, come join us at Phase II Clubhouse from 1:00 pm to 3:00pm for a pleasant 2 hours of Sit and Stitch on Mondays. Knitting, Crocheting, and some craft instructions are available during this time. We would love to have all of you come and join us and see what we are making.

We have been making hats for the cancer patients and Afghans for our residents who are sick and are either home bound or have entered the nursing home, so they will always remember that all of Briar Creek is thinking about them. Seeing the joy on their face is worth every stitch we put into the items we make.

In the past, we have had classes on Spider Weaving, Swedish Weaving on Monks Cloth, Fleece Ponchos, Aprons, and many other items. We also bring along our own projects to work on and enjoy the many conversations that we share.

For those of you that would just like to sit and chat and see what we are making, as well as make new friends, you are all welcome to join us. We would love to have you.

If you have any questions concerning the above, please call  
Sandy Fassett @ 424-6045 or Darlene Beyer @ 403-9957







## Hats, Hats, And More Hats

*Darlene Beyer*

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**D**uring this past summer we made a bumper crop of hats equaling 132. They were distributed to the CANCER CENTER on Mc Mullen Booth Road, to the SHERIFF'S RANCHS for their 30-some children ages 3 – 17 at the moment, and to the FOOD BANK in Safety Harbor for the homeless.

All the hats are made by a generous group of women from Phase II. Some of them come for social knitting and crocheting from 1:00 – 3:00pm on Monday afternoon and some like to make them in the comfort of their own home. We have asked for donations of yarn and found that many people have given their left overs from a project, some give full skeins, and we have also gotten donations of money to go out and buy what we need. We have patterns that can be knitted, crocheted, and also made on the Nifty-Knitter frame.

We would like to have Phase I and those who haven't joined us yet in Phase II, to come and be a part of this community service. Help is available if you need it.

For further details, please call Sandy Fassett @ 424-6045 or Darlene Beyer @ 403-9957.

## Lower The Water Bill Committee

*By Bill Beyer*

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**W**e request that you notify the water committee if you notice any type of water leak, including any standing water in anyone's yard. Please call a member of the committee listed below or a board member. Two contact numbers will be listed in the monthly media front inside cover.

We apologize for any inconvenience we may cause when we perform these procedures.

Note: It is very important that your outside water shut off functions properly. You may check it by turning off the water at your outside water shut off, and then check if any faucets in your home still have running water. If you still have running water then your outside shut off needs to be replaced.

Suggestion: When going away and leaving your house either for a week or for the whole summer, turn the outside water shut off to the off position. This will eliminate water damage, especially if something breaks while you are not at your premises.

Summer water committee

Mike Lucas - 309-210-4818

Mike Schmidt - 727-223-8667

Any condo board member





## Shuffleboard

Tom Feeley

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With sad news we lost one of our dedicated shuffleboard members, Dart Koedyker, a very gentle and kind man. Our deepest sympathy goes out to Dart's wife, Sandy and the entire Koedyker family. We will certainly miss Dart around the park and the shuffleboard courts. Generally, around this time the shuffleboard season has ended as many shufflers are headed back home to their northern homes. This year we held fun games only at the shuffleboard courts in hopes of some day having enough players to again join a league. Great to see the players come out on a Wednesday for a couple of hours. Hope all has a safe journey home and a great Summer. See Ya in the Fall

## Special Finance/Spend Money Wisely

Jean Schmidt

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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 Marge Grohskopf in person or in her 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.



## Bible Study

Kathy Cobb

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If you are interested in joining a Ladies Bible Study every Friday at 10:00 a.m. at my home (140 Pinewood Ter.), please call Kathy Cobb at 727-466-3712.

# Birthdays and Anniversaries

Pete Loranger

## Birthdays

5/01	Ruth Miller
5/01	Lois Heisdorf
5/06	Bill Gottwald
5/10	Bill Rollins
5/12	Joan Mackert
5/14	Judy Clark
5/17	Joan Collier
5/17	Greg Zimmer
5/18	Jim Schiltz
5/20	Elaine Magee
5/21	Nancy Eckhardt
5/24	Joe Haines
5/26	Glenda Cullens
5/27	Marge Breheny
5/27	Jake Boettger
5/27	Les Maynard
5/28	Jane Beye
5/28	Chuck Schlaich
5/30	Alice Lopez
5/30	Beverly Kolvek
5/31	Jim Heisdorf
5/31	Beverly Butters
5/31	Joyce Eickenberg



## Anniversaries

5/14/1970	David & Teresa Biagiotti – 47 years
5/15/1976	Tom & Robin Feeley – 41 years
5/16/1958	Ed & Lyn Hoage – 59 years
5/17/1975	Bill & Bonnie Briggs – 42 years
5/21/2010	Richard Whipple & Bettye Gilreath – 7 years
5/28/2005	Mike & Jean Schmidt – 12 years



If your info is missing – Pete L has not received a RESIDENT INFO SHEET- also, let me know of any errors.



## MEMORIAM

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*Carla Kimmel – 130 Vinewood Dr - 3/23/17 -*

*Joyce Ketcham – Past Resident – 3/29/17*

*George Netterfield – Past Resident – 3/30/17*

*Dart Koedyker – 63 Cottagewood Dr – 4/12/17*

## Helping In The Community

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### **Thank you Jo Ann Lueders,**

Jo Ann has been a Briar Creek Resident for 12 years but a Florida resident for 32 years. As Jo Ann said “I have had a wonderful life and felt I needed to give back to the community.”

Over the years she has been a volunteer with Ruth Eckert Hall 16 yrs, Mease Countryside Hospital 6 years, Safety Harbor Chamber of Commerce 4 years, Safety Harbor Code Enforcement Board 4 years, Palm Harbor Newcomers Club and the Suncoast New Neighbors. I asked Jo Ann in which of these she is still active. Her reply was, "all of them". She has enjoyed each job, and the Boards always need volunteers. People just need to apply. Jo Ann suggested you inquire at City Hall. Thank you for all your work and now we know why you are seldom home.

### **Thank You Jean Schmidt**

Jean emailed me the following: I belong to and volunteer at the Pinellas Genealogical Society, based in the Largo Library on 120 Central Park Drive in Largo. I have volunteered to transcribe county records (birth, marriage, death, land, etc.) into a searchable database. I have volunteered to visit local cemeteries to trim, lightly clean headstones, and photograph each one for another database for research. And I help beginners and others who have "hit stone walls" in their personal family tree research. I transcribe records for Ancestry.com also when it is in the English language and a record I can understand. The Pinellas County Library system offers a "free" version of Ancestry.com for Pinellas County residents (who hold a library card). [www.flpgs.org](http://www.flpgs.org) is the website for our group. "The Pinellas Genealogy Society, Inc. is a non-profit organization dedicated to the furtherance of genealogical research, education, and preservation of.....

Thank you Jean for your work and sharing. WOW who said volunteering is boring???????

Please drop me a line or call and tell me of your volunteer work. We may have touched on your organization but tell us a little about what your job is in that organization. Many people want to help and branch out with their talents. Tell us how we can help, no matter how simple the task.

I hope to hear from [you.margebw97@gmail.com](mailto:you.margebw97@gmail.com), drop a note in my mailbox or call me. I know you are out there Phase 1 and Phase 2 people. This is not bragging about yourself, but helping others to see how they can be useful and enjoy giving. The best giving doesn't necessarily have a dollar figure.



## A Thank You

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**T**o the person or persons that alerted the Fire Department to the problem at my home on Clubview Drive on March 27th, I want to let you know how grateful I am for your quick action.

Thank you so much.

I also want to say a real big THANK YOU to Pete Foley, a real Fine neighbor, who cleaned up all the debris in my driveway the very next morning. You know how grateful I am.

Gloria Shields

## Identification of houses where oxygen is stored

Sheena Lee

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**I**n light of the fire in the park at the end of March and the huge response from so many different Fire Departments, it was suggested that was because there was oxygen in the house. Does the Fire Department know which houses in the park do have oxygen equipment in them?

Common sense of the home owner and the supplier of the oxygen would include posting a sign on the door/window of oxygen in use. A concern for fire fighters entering any fire is the presence of chemicals as found under the sinks, ammo & explosives, propane tanks & gas within utility rooms and sheds, meth labs, etc. I do not know if there are any local codes on that issue.

I do not think the Board of Directors should get involved in keeping any type of list concerning oxygen in our residents' dwellings. The liability is too high because there could be tanks in the dwellings that we do not know of and/or were not told of. It would be a good idea to mention the posting of the oxygen signs at coffee. (Information provided by Tom Feeley)

## Insurance

*There was a small fire on one of the houses in BC2 yesterday...quickly contained with fire people from 4 or 5 different stations. Some folk suggested the response may have been because there was oxygen in the house that started burning. If someone lives next door to a house where there are oxygen tanks, and that house burned and the oxygen tanks blew and damaged a neighbor's place, who's insurance would be on the hook?*

If oxygen tanks in a nearby house blow up, damaging a nearby home, there could be 2 answers. If the owner was negligent, and negligence could be proved, (eg the owner lit a match or a cigarette lighter near the tanks causing them to blow) then it would be their responsibility for the damage to nearby homes. Otherwise the second answer is that the neighbor's policy would have to pay for the damage to their home. (This information from our insurance company applies to the policy on our house. I didn't ask about any rules that apply to all home insurance policies.)



# Bowling Scores

Pat Bourdon/Nancy Burch

## March 7

Jim Foster 165, 180  
Bob Barr 244  
Linda Hayes 179  
Carol Taylor 184  
Kenney Homme 158

## March 14

Kenney Homme 154, 155  
Ray Jablonski 173  
Tom Lacey 185  
Bob Barr 221  
Gene Arend 205  
Linda Hayes 161, 170  
Jim Johnston 164, 173  
Bev Wilson 151

## March 21

Patty Branch 162  
Diane Pickard 204  
Bev Wilson 151  
Pat Bourdon 148

## March 28

Carol Taylor 178  
Bob Barr 212  
Gene Arend 202  
Kenney Homme 163  
Ray Jablonski 163  
Jim Johnston 170  
Bill Beyer 171

## April 4

Lynda Foster 180  
Kenny Homme 181  
Bev Wilson 156  
Jim Foster 171  
Bob Barr 204

## Euchre & Pinochle

Ed Ogradowski

We will begin playing in the fall

## Ladies Golf at Briar Creek (Phase I & II)

Come join the lady golfers in Briar Creek. If you used to golf and would like to play again, or if you are a regular golfer and want to join a casual group, just call or email me.

We meet at the Countryway Golf Course, and have the flexibility of playing either early Thursday morning or mid-morning on Friday. Please let me know if you would like additional information.

Thanks,

Jane McKenzie

651-353-2602 (cell)

jgmckenzie4647@gmail.com





**Board & Social Club Committee Chairperson Responsibilities** (continued)

- Blood Pressure ..... Barbara Hepler (239-0691) Darlene Beyer ..... (725-9644)
- Bowling ..... Gene Arend (725-5844) Lynda Foster ..... (846-2233)
- Breakfast ..... Roy & Pam O'Neil (727-242-6006) Skip Taylor
- Breakfast Tickets..... Nancy Ellis (796-8528)
- Briar Creek Luncheon.. Joan Bienvenue (724-8561)
- Backup ..... Lesley Zuckerman (712-8378)
- Briarettes, President..... Betty Hudd (813)-817-1774
- Bridge..... Barbara Glasheen (712-9467)
- Chess..... Dave Holmes (423-202-6712)
- Coffee Hour Joe Guazzerotti (725-0746) & Terry Henry
- Coffee Prep ..... Bob Barr, (644-8136) Pete Loranger ..... (421-2321)
- Crafts..... Barbara Glasheen (727-712-9467) Darlene Beyer & Sandy Fasset
- Decorations ..... Elaine Harsh, Mary Houpt, & Volunteers
- Karen and Fred Mbiad
- Directory ..... Helen Coar (726-3923) Art Tavenor ..... (754-6345)
- Entertainment..... Georgia Douglas (286-6565) Marge Grohskopf (474-7842), Carol Rodrigues (286-6595)
- Euchre ..... Phil Houpt (754-2881) Ed Ogradowski (470-9118)
- Exercises ..... Elaine Harsh 669-0174
- Food Bank..... Joe Guazzerotti
- Golf.....
- Historian.....
- Kitchen ..... Committee
- Kitchen Supplies..... Helen Coar (796-3923)
- Ladies Luncheon
- Librarian..... Pat Superfine Rivera (305-546-2714)
- Line Dancing..... Helen Coar
- Membership ..... Pauline Hoad (723-9710) Jean Williams ..... (712-8389)
- Summer Membership..... Jean Richter (725-3701)
- Monthly Media..... Liz Rucci (203-434-2464) Editor: Pete Loranger (421-2321)
- Name Badges ..... Phil Houpt (754-2881) Sharon Cann ..... (366-7688)
- Pool Tags ..... Phil Houpt (754-2881) N/A
- RummyKub..... Nancy Ellis (796-8528)
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