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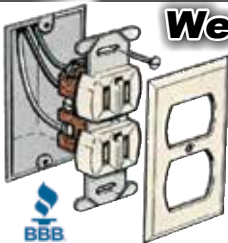


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Bob Barr

Many of our homes have/had this type of electric panel inside our homes. This type of panel is known to have significant safety risks, including the potential for electrical fires due to faulty circuit breakers. The breakers used in these panels are known to have a high failure rate. You should look for the following labels on or inside your panel door: **"Federal Pacific Electric"** or **"Stab-Lok"**. There is a possibility that insurance may not cover damage caused by the failure of one of these breakers, since they no longer meet electrical codes. Replacement cost, for a new replacement box, may be in the range of \$1000 to \$2400.

As a side note, one of our residents tried to remove a malfunctioning breaker and found it had welded itself to the electric bus bar making it impossible to remove. Several years ago, when I had a breaker fail, I found that Home Depot had removed all replacement breakers for sale for this type of panel.

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FYI BANKING

Bob Barr

One of our residents would like us to know that many banks will pay your bills such as: HBO, Duke Energy, Telephone, ABC Lawn Service, Briar Creek monthly maintenance fee, and many more free of charge. Should you be interested, check with your bank on how to set up automatic bill payments.

BOARD COMMUNICATION

Al Hartin

The Board of Directors sends out email communication on items of importance that you need to know. They send out an email informing residents when there is a water leak and the water will need to be turned off, an upcoming Board of Directors Meeting and notification when the minutes of the meeting are available for you to read. There are also other items such as the lawn mowing schedule that the Board sends out to keep you informed. I know many residents have signed up and are getting these emails but if you are not send your email information to our contact at Ameri-Tech Property Management – Laura Franzese at lfranzese@ameritechmail.com and she will add your information.

SOCIAL CLUB BUSINESS MEETING

Joanne Gastler

The Social Club Business Meeting is scheduled on **Monday, February 16**, at the Phase I Clubhouse. The main agenda for this meeting is to elect the 2026-2027 Social Club Board's Executive Committee Heads.

5pm: Potluck Dinner (bring a dish to share)

6pm: Business Meeting, followed by Dancing with music by DJ David Cutright.

If you cannot attend in person, please request a Zoom link to join the meeting live. Please email briarcreeksocialclub@gmail.com for the link.



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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR SOCIAL CLUB PRESIDENT

Frank Gaffney

Let's face it. This is a Social Club. And as I have stated many times at our meetings: the purpose of this club is...

"To create and promote social and recreational activities for the club members."

Plain and simple.

In the four and a half years that Anthony Carregal and I have been in charge of the Entertainment Committee, we have reinvigorated this club.

We have elevated events. We have tried some new things that were well received and we have tried some other things that were not as popular.

We have learned along the way that the one thing that gets people to come to the Clubhouse is FOOD. Feed them and this Community will come running.

The first thing we did when we started on the Committee was to open communications with the Phase Two entertainment committee. This helped to promote all the events from both groups and coordinate schedules, so we were not competing with each other's events. And so we could have both Communities at all events! The more the merrier.

We brought a new enthusiasm to events and activities. We planned different and new events... remember The Senior Prom? That was fun. Art in the Park... Our yearly cuisine themed dinners... And we continued with events that have always been favorites. Of course, putting our spin on those as well.

We extended the support to all of the activities happening in our Clubhouse. And even encouraged new ones.

This year, your Social Club was instrumental in re-instating an Emergency Preparedness Committee for this Community. Led by David Cutright, they are now ready to help Briar Creekers should there be a need. Gratefully, we did not need their services this season.

And, also new this year, we have purchased a printer for the Clubhouse. Over the years, the Social Club officers have used their personal printers for the copying of all of the tickets and flyers we have produced and now our personal printers won't have that additional wear and tear. If anyone wants to use the new printer, it's in the Poker Room.

For Anthony and I, this has been a mostly fun four and a half years. We have had some great, fun times and have interacted with some of the best people. You know who you are.

But as I stated at our meeting last May, too many people have tried to complicate things by focusing on things that have nothing to do with what a Social Club does. That has taken the fun out of it for us.

Since we became President and President-elect of the Social Club in 2024, we have been subjected to personal attacks and retaliations that we didn't deserve and now we are no longer willing to accept. It has become too toxic for us, so we feel the need to step away.

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We appreciate all of the love and support we have received from most everyone in this Community, but we are no longer willing to participate in all of the negativity that has come our way from the few. Life is too short.

To that end, Anthony has resigned his position as President-Elect. And I am not seeking re-election as your President.

Consequently, this has become a transition year for The Social Club. At the end of this month, I will be finishing out my term as President. We are totally supporting the remaining Social Club Board members in their effort to continue our legacy.

Led by Joanne Gastler, who is our new head of the Entertainment Committee, they are well prepared to take up the banner.

They have taken charge of events... following our lead, but also bringing their own ideas to the table. As it should be.

We brought to the Social Club our gifts and they will bring to the Social Club theirs. So, we feel we are leaving the Social Club in good hands.

Hopefully we brought some joy your way.

Frank Gaffney

NAME BADGES

Al Hartin, Director



Want to get to know your neighbors and other residents of Briar Creek. Come to Coffee Hour on Wednesdays from 8:30AM to 10:00AM and wear your Name Badge. Don't have one: See me each Wednesday at Coffee Hour and I will order you one. Cost is \$9.00 prepaid. Hope to see you at Coffee Hour!

LIBRARY

Helen Coar/Mary Houpt



The library is here for your reading pleasure. I will try to highlight an author once a month. This month try a book by Ann Cleeves, a British crime fiction author. Be aware that ALL Dannielle Steele books are on the middle shelves. We are open to any suggestions from residents. Give Mary or I a call.



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Donna Hartin and Pat Arend

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BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Debbie Landon

Please contact me if you don't see your birthday or anniversary listed, or if there are any other changes that need to be made. Debbie Landon, Text/Voice: 727-726-2576, Email: seamermaid@gmail.com, Facebook Messenger: Debbie Landon.

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Emmett & Carol Powell	February 04	
Rod & Sharon Schifla	February 05	1966
Tracy & Louis Kedovary	February 07	
Mike & Cindy Benoit	February 14	2018
Matt & Lori Boisselle	February 15	
Phil & Mary Houpt	February 15	
Al & Flo Bombardier	February 21	1955
Gene & Pat Arend	February 27	1965



Happy Anniversary!



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Carol Jean DeNino	February 01	Sue Farrell	February 17
Sherri Marshal	February 03	Thomas Davidson	February 17
Evelyn Costigan	February 04	Fred Fleisch	February 19
Judith Lucas	February 05	Evangeline Haines	February 19
Violet Shaughnessy	February 05	Kathy Wawrzyniak	February 19
David Flint	February 07	Mark Plugh	February 19
Helen Coar	February 07	Susan Reitmeyer	February 21
Kathy Monahan	February 07	Donna Cutright	February 22
Donna Jean Williams	February 08	Terry LaCasse	February 25
Jeff Clark	February 08	Joe Hudd	February 26
Lee Paternoster	February 09	John Pfister	February 26
Sandra McLaughlin	February 09	Bonnie Pfister	February 27
Stan Hepler	February 09	Philip Kirchoffer	February 27
Fred Michaelis	February 10	Marge Orsolits	February 28
Elaine Harsh	February 12	Sherry Miller	February 28
Pat Bourdon	February 13		
Ray Simpson	February 14		
Robbin Adair	February 14		
Vivian Rodriguez	February 16		



BEREAVEMENT

Debbie Landon

On January 4, 2026, Connie DuBois, formerly of 70 Live Oak Court, passed away at her son’s home where she moved to in 2025. Connie lovingly worked in the healthcare field at group homes in Massachusetts. Upon retirement, she moved to Briar Creek and worked at Publix for many years. Joan Bienvenue, who was her neighbor, describes Connie as a genuine friend who was a sweet, independent woman and a great cook who helped Joan with clubhouse activities. Connie is survived by one son, Tim, one granddaughter and two grandsons.

If anyone knows or hears about a current or former Phase 1 resident passing, please let me know. Text/voice: 727-726-2576, Email: seamermaid@gmail.com

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BINGO

Joanne Gastler



Bingo will be held in Clubhouse 1 on Tuesdays in February, on the 3rd, 10th, 17th, and 24th. Bingo cards will be sold from 5:00 p.m. to 5:45 p.m., with no sales after 5:45 p.m. sharp. The games will start at 6 p.m. The Jackpot will be \$150. (Note no Bingo on 3/10 for Elections and 3/17 for St Patrick's dinner and dance)

Hot Dogs with a side will be available for \$3 starting at 5 pm – 5:45 pm. Chips, soda, and water can be purchased for \$1 each. During halftime, Ice Cream treats, Soda, and Chips will be sold for a \$1 donation. Even if you don't play bingo, come and enjoy a delicious dinner!

We are looking for bingo callers for Tuesday night. Looking to rotate, so only need to call once a month or once every 6 weeks. Call Joanne Gastler to arrange training.

Volunteers really make a difference, and we really appreciate all those who volunteer on Tuesday nights! Especially Cindy, Toni, Don, Stephanie, Donna, Joan, Joanne, Pat R., Pat G., Sherry, Dianne, Arnold, Laura Ann, Carol, Joan, Dawn, Tina, Joan, Tim, Jeannie, and all our callers, Al, Jeff, Dave, and Hal.

BRIAR CREEK BIRD WALK

Bill Kaempfer

The next First Friday Bird Walk is Friday, February 6th.

We meet at 8:00 a.m. at the Phase 1 Clubhouse on the first Friday of the month. We usually walk out to the canal, over to the Phase 2 Clubhouse, past both of the ponds and then back to Phase 1. Wear comfortable walking shoes and bring binoculars, if you have them. If you would like to come along in a golf cart, that would be great, but please let me know in advance.

Our walk on Jan 2nd was quite nice. A low tide brought wading birds like Yellow-crowned Night Heron and Great Blue Heron into the mouth of Briar Creek where it flows into the Lake Tarpon Canal. While we were there, a Roseate Spoonbill came over and circled around us.

Bill Kaempfer, 303-717-5063



WATER AEROBICS – MERMAIDS

Cindy Troutman

Every day, except Sunday, we have organized water aerobics; lead by Ruth Kalbfleisch. Even Sunday some ladies/mermaids show up. It is from 10:30am to 11:30am at the BC Phase I pool. EVERYONE is welcome! Men and women! Briar Creek I and II! With this great Florida sunshine and warmer weather, there is no better place to be than in the pool. Put on your swimsuit and your sunscreen and come join us for some water fun and exercise!



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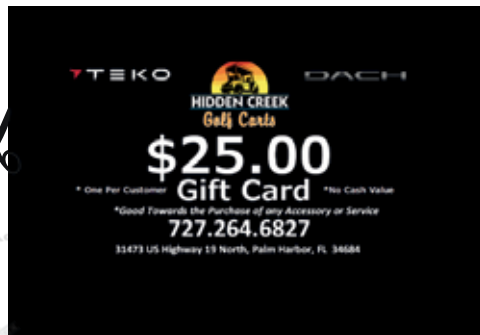


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BRIAR CREEK BRIDGE

Bill Kaempfer



The BC Bridge Club meets at 1:00 on Tuesday afternoons. Our first class of new bridge experts just finished up the introductory bridge lessons that Dianne Larsen and I offer to new players as well as those wanting to up their games. This is a three or four lesson series during which you will learn the basics of play, bidding, and scoring. It doesn't take much experience to join in and play.

But you don't need the lessons to join us and play on Tuesday afternoons. Let us know in advance if you are coming so we can try to have full tables.

Bill Kaempfer, 303-717-5063

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LINE DANCING

Helen Coar



Put on your dancing shoes. Line dancing is Wednesday at 6 p.m. for beginners and 6:30 for regulars. Come for exercise and good music.

RUMMIKUB

Cindy Troutman, 727-741-1940

Come join us for RUMMIKUB every Wednesday night at 7:00pm at the BC P1 clubhouse. We have lots of laughs and lots of fun. You've never played before? We'll teach you!

kRaZy KaRdS

Joanne Gastler

KRaZy KaRds is on the first Sunday of the month at 6 pm, February 1, March 1, April 5 and May 3. Cost is \$3 per person. Sign up at the Phase I coffee hour on Wednesday from 8:30-10:00 am, or call Joanne Gastler (813-610-2536) to get added to the list. No walkups, as we need to know how many for setup before the event.

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EUCHRE
Margo Keyes

Euchre meets Thursdays from 6:30-8:30pm in the Phase 1 Clubhouse.

PO-KE-NO
Flo Bombardier

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EXERCISE FOR STRENGTH AND BALANCE
Pat Rivera

Claudia is offering an exercise class on Mondays from 11:45am-12:30pm for strength and Wednesdays from 11:45am-12:30pm for balance. Preregistration is not required.



BOWLING
Bob Barr

The following bowlers from Phase 1 and 2 had games for the women that were 20 pins or more over their average and 25 pins or more over their average for the men.

Nov. 7 - Mary Kay Brown 173/36
Arnold Williams 185/39
Pete Fedelem 201/62
Lee West 223/25



Nov. 14 - Jane Fedelem 140/21, 145/26
Allan Berge 169/28, 169/28
Arnold Williams 178/31

Dec. 5 - Pete Fedelem 180/41
Frank Gaffney 193/74
Tom Lacoy 167/26
Arnold Williams 178/29, 178/29

Dec. 12 - Jane Fedelem 140/21, 145/26

Dec. 19 - Frank Gaffney 148/26
Pete Fedelem 185/39
Arnold Williams 193/41

We still have a couple of openings for our Friday noon time league for anyone that would like to join us for some fun bowling.



POOLSIDE HAPPY HOUR

Joanne Gastler



Come on over to the Phase I pool for Happy Hour at 3pm on Saturday, February 7th. Join your fellow neighbors for Happy Hour. Bring a snack to share. If the weather is not nice, we will move into the clubhouse. BYOB.

FEBRUARY MONTHLY LUNCHEON

Joan Bienvenue



This month, join us for lunch at 1 pm on February 12th at Positano's Ristorante Italiano (3309 Tampa Rd, Palm Harbor, FL 34684). The sign-up sheet is hanging up in the Phase I clubhouse. If you have any questions, please get in touch with Joan Bienvenue at 727-902-8166

VALENTINE'S DANCE

Joanne Gastler

Valentine's Dance – Saturday, February 14, 7pm

LIVE MUSIC with Ricky Jackson!

Cost: \$10 per person

Food: Light hors d'oeuvres and dessert will be served

Drinks: BYOB

Join us for an exciting and fun evening of meeting new neighbors and catching up with friends. It's sure to be a great night filled with music, laughter, and good company!

Open to Phase 1 and Phase 2 residents

Location: Phase 1 Clubhouse

Sign up at Coffee Hour on Wednesday or call Joanne Gastler to arrange ticket pickup.

We can't wait to see you there!



LADIES BRIAR CREEK BOOK CLUB (Phase I & II)

Jane McKenzie



Enjoy discussing books chosen by the members! We usually meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month; however, there are no meetings May through October. Some months we will meet in the Phase II Clubhouse and some months at a local restaurant. The Feb. book is *The Second Life of Mirrele West* by Amanda Skenandore and the March book will be *Forty Autumns* by Nina Wilner. Please contact me if you are interested in joining or have questions.

Jane McKenzie, 651-353-2602, jgmckenzie4647@gmail.com



APPRECIATION NIGHT

Joanne Gastler



Appreciation Night on Saturday, February 21, 6pm at Phase I Clubhouse - Free for all Phase One social club members, \$10 for guests. Felice Italian Store will cater the event — definitely one you won't want to miss! We have exciting entertainment planned, along with a special opportunity to recognize members of our community who truly go above and beyond. There will be lots of surprises, plenty of fun, and great food to enjoy!

Please sign up at Coffee Hour so we can provide the caterer with an accurate headcount and ensure there's enough food for everyone. You can also email joannegastler@gmail.com to sign up if you are unable to make coffee hour. We look forward to seeing everyone!

APPRECIATION

BC I Social Club Executive Committee

February 28, 2026, marks the end of the year for the events and entertainment committees. Some of the members will be returning and some will be new members, so we have a lot to look forward to in the next year.

As we reflect on this past year, we want to express our deepest appreciation for the incredible dedication, creativity and effort each of you has contributed. Because of your hard work, our community has enjoyed a year full of meaningful events, memorable experiences and a strong sense of camaraderie. We are family! **WE ARE BRIAR CREEK!**

We would like to especially recognize and thank: Frank Gaffney and Anthony Carregal. You have spent 5 daunting years giving your all to make the entertainment so much fun and enjoyable. Making our social club/entertainment what it is today. Thank you for all you have done as the behind-the-scenes wizard. We thank you especially for being there. You are moving on to other things, but your creativity, enthusiasm and constant willingness to step in whenever needed will be greatly missed. Thank you for the countless hours, bright ideas and genuine passion you've invested.

We also need to recognize Joanne Gastler, Cindy Troutman and David Cutright. They have really stepped up this past year and kept our club moving forward. Their creativity, energy and superpowers of organization have kept our events running smoother than ever expected, especially considering how many times we thought "there's no way this is happening", yet somehow thanks to them it did happen and it was fabulous. Each of them has played an essential role in shaping a truly outstanding year. The commitment has not gone unnoticed, and we are sincerely grateful for the energy and heart they bring to the organization.

There are so many more people to be recognized. We could not possibly name everyone as it would fill all the pages of "The Bugle". Thank you to the people who organize our weekly

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There is someone else that really needs to be recognized. That is “YOU”! The people who have come to our events and made those events such a huge success. So many have made this year unforgettable. This year’s events were successful because of YOU. You’ve turned ordinary days into remarkable moments, and you’ve done it all with love, humor, patience, and only a reasonable amount of alcohol. You made this year fun, meaningful and memorable. We can’t thank you enough for everything you’ve done.

As we wrap up this wonderfully chaotic, occasionally unpredictable, but always entertaining, year we want to take this moment to express our deepest thank you to all of you.

We can’t wait to see what magic unfolds throughout the year!

With enormous appreciation and slightly chaotic affection,

The Briar Creek I Social Club Executive Committee

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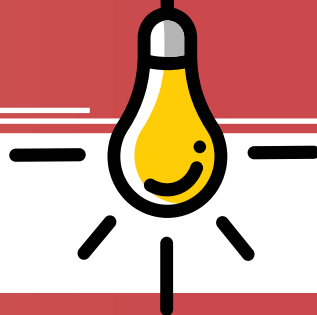
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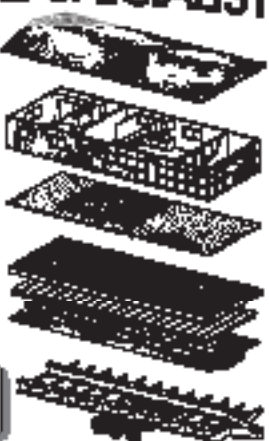
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8 Po-Ke-No, 1:00pm P1	9 Water Aerobics, 10:30am P1 Exercise-Strength 11:45am P1	Water Aerobics, 10:30am P1 Bridge, 1:00-4:00pm P1 Bingo, 5 doors open 6:00pm P1
15 Po-Ke-No, 1:00pm P1	16 Water Aerobics, 10:30am P1 Exercise-Strength, 11:45am P1 Social Club Meeting, 5:00pm Potluck, 6:00pm Meeting/Dance P1 President's Day	Water Aerobics, 10:30am P1 Bridge, 1:00-4:00pm P1 Bingo, 5 doors open 6:00pm P1 Monday
22 Po-Ke-No, 1:00pm P1	23 Water Aerobics, 10:30am P1 Exercise-Strength 11:45am P1	Water Aerobics, 10:30am P1 Bridge, 1:00-4:00pm P1 Bingo, 5 doors open 6:00pm P1
Washington's Birthday		

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Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 Aerobics, 10:30am P1 5:00pm P1 Open, 7:00pm P1 Bingo P1	4 Coffee Social, 8:30-10am P1 Directions Meeting, 10am P1 Water Aerobics, 10:30am P1 Exercise-Balance, 11:45am P1 Line Dancing, 6:30pm (beginners 6pm) P1 Rummikub, 7-9pm P1 Ping Pong, 7-9pm P1	5 Water Aerobics, 10:30am P1 Men's Poker, 5:30pm P1 Euchre, 6:30-8:30pm P1	6 Bird Walk, 8:00am P1 Water Aerobics, 10:30am P1 Sip 'n Snacks, 4:00-6:00pm P1 BYOB and choice of snack	7 Water Aerobics, 10:30am P1 Poolside Happy Hour, 3:00pm P1
10 Aerobics, 10:30am P1 5:00pm P1 Open, 7:00pm P1 Bingo P1	11 Coffee Social, 8:30-10am P1 Water Aerobics, 10:30am P1 Exercise-Balance, 11:45am P1 Line Dancing, 6:30pm (beginners 6pm) P1 Rummikub, 7-9pm P1 Ping Pong, 7-9pm P1	12 Water Aerobics, 10:30am P1 Luncheon at Positano's, 1:00pm Men's Poker, 5:30pm P1 Euchre, 6:30-8:30pm P1 <i>Lincoln's Birthday</i>	13 Water Aerobics, 10:30am P1 Sip 'n Snacks, 4:00-6:00pm P1 BYOB and choice of snack	14 Water Aerobics, 10:30am P1 Valentine's Dance, 7:00pm P1 <i>Valentine's Day</i>
17 Aerobics, 10:30am P1 5:00pm P1 Open, 7:00pm P1 Bingo P1 <i>Roll Game</i>	18 Coffee Social, 8:30-10am P1 Water Aerobics, 10:30am P1 Exercise-Balance, 11:45am P1 Line Dancing, 6:30pm (beginners 6pm) P1 Rummikub, 7-9pm P1 Ping Pong, 7-9pm P1 <i>Ask Wednesday</i>	19 Water Aerobics, 10:30am P1 Men's Poker, 5:30pm P1 Euchre, 6:30-8:30pm P1	20 Water Aerobics, 10:30am P1 Sip 'n Snacks, 4:00-6:00pm P1 BYOB and choice of snack	21 Water Aerobics, 10:30am P1 Appreciation Night, 6:00pm P1
24 Aerobics, 10:30am P1 5:00pm P1 Open, 7:00pm P1 Bingo P1	25 Coffee Social, 8:30-10am P1 Water Aerobics, 10:30am P1 Exercise-Balance, 11:45am P1 Line Dancing, 6:30pm (beginners 6pm) P1 Rummikub, 7-9pm P1 Ping Pong, 7-9pm P1	26 Water Aerobics, 10:30am P1 Men's Poker, 5:30pm P1 Euchre, 6:30-8:30pm P1	27 Water Aerobics, 10:30am P1 Sip 'n Snacks, 4:00-6:00pm P1 BYOB and choice of snack	28 Water Aerobics, 10:30am P1



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On a personal note, and an advantage of living alone, I often select a piece to help me fall asleep. I have used selections to help me heal from various maladies. Does it work? I have to say, yes (for me). Will listening to music or sounds be helpful for you? Try it. It won't hurt. Possibly help. The only way to know is to experience it for yourself. Perhaps give a listen during a nap.

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Briar Creek Bugle Phase II – February 2026

(Pete Loranger - Editor Phone 421-2321)

(E-Mail: ploranger006@gmail.com)

Board of Directors:

Sam Oliverio President

Welcome to 2026! I hope you’ve all had a wonderful Holiday Season. We’ve begun 2026 on a positive note with the completion of our Recreation facilities. Yes, the Pickleball Court and the Corn Hole Court have been completed at a phenomenal savings because it was done with sweat labor from residents of Phase II and Phase I. My thanks to Bill Escher, Mike Driscoll and Amber Oliverio of Phase II, and to Norm Gingras and Roy O’Neill of Phase I for their help in prepping and painting the Courts. We now have a complete Recreation area for all to enjoy, with a Pickleball Court, a Corn Hole Court and two Shuffleboard Courts!

On January 3rd., Bob Raynor volunteered his time and talent to conduct an instruction of the rules, and scoring of pickleball which was followed by pickleball play by the 17 residents that showed up! We are excited by this addition to the recreational aspects offered in Phase II.

In attendance on January 3rd were residents of Phase II and Phase I, and we welcome our neighbors in Phase I to join in the fun.

The logistics of play will, I’m sure, get worked out and as long as we can share the space it will be an advantage for all. Thanks to Bob Raynor for lending his expertise in instruction.



Phil Chabot – Philip Chabot – Vice President and Director Phase II Garage, Lawns, Ponds and RV Lot

If you have a unit in the RV Parking Area, please make sure that it is registered and that I have a copy of a valid registration. This needs to be completed every time that you register your unit.

Remember, both boats and trailers must be registered, and I must have a valid copy for each unit. As always, we highly recommend that you have insurance on your unit as we are not responsible for anything that may occur while parked in the RV Parking Area. Your cooperation continues to be greatly appreciated.

This is a reminder for all those who have a space in the RV Parking Area. You are responsible for maintaining the area of your space where the lawn company does not maintain. Please keep it trimmed and free of trash and foreign objects. Again, your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions concerning the RV Parking Area or your responsibility for its use, you can refer to “RESTRICTION #7” or I would be more than happy to answer your question(s).

Bill Escher – Director – Home Inspections

Happy New Year, with that comes the annual required home inspections.

I'll be looking for 9 teams of two people to assist with this yearly task.

We all like to take pride in our community, and our homes and as such we strive to maintain an atmosphere that projects that feeling to all who enter our neighborhood. We have a unique, tranquil atmosphere of tree lined streets, beautiful ponds, a clubhouse pool and sports area. The addition of the new pickleball court has seen lots of activity already.

Areas of deficiencies that come up repeatedly are:

Mold/mildew on **houses** and on brickwork in planters.

Vegetation in gutters.

Tree branches hanging over the roads (city requires 14' clearance).

Excessive weeds in the planter boxes.

Carports having excessive clutter.

Cracked driveways with tripping hazards.

Electrical boxes not properly secure.

Missing numbers on your mailbox.

Contact me if you would like to be part of the inspection team.

Thanks in advance for your help in this.

Regards,

Bill

Social Club President

Bonnie Briggs



January is gone and we are into February already. Soon it will be Valentine's Day, so it's time to remember your special person whether it's a spouse, significant other, partner, family member or friend. Anyone that's special to you!

Thank you to April from the Blood Bank for coming to speak with us during our coffee hour. It was very informative.

I'd also like to thank Pam Edwards for spearheading the Talent Show on January 31 st . It takes a lot of work and planning. Not to mention the acts who participated.

Please remember as the weather is getting warmer, there are many residents out walking in the evening! Please when walking at night, wear reflective or light colored clothing and walk against the traffic so oncoming vehicles can see you. Using a flashlight is also very helpful! In addition, if you are walking with small dogs, remember there are coyotes in the area that come out at night. Keep your small dogs close to you.

See you on Saturday mornings during coffee. Have a great month!

SHOWTIME

Marge Grohskopf

We will be having a "Showtime" this year on March 21st. Bob Lawson will be entertaining us with his "Mind Games". Bob has visited Briar Creek in the past and left us spellbound with his mind reading ability. A fascinating performance. Tickets are \$20 and re on sale now. It will be theater seating. You can sign up for the show at any time; however your seat will be selected when your ticket is purchased.

Sign up sheets are available at both Phase 1 & 2 Clubhouses. Ticket payments and seat selections are at Phase 2 on Saturday mornings 8-9am. If Sat. mornings are not possible for you, text Marge at 727-249-3893 your name and phone # other arrangements will be made

BAZAAR BAKERY

Peggy Raynor

It's that time again to start thinking about what bakery items you would like to make for the Bazaar on March 6th and 7th. The sign-up sheet to list what you plan to bring will be posted in the Phase II clubhouse by mid-February.

Thanks, as always, for your contribution.

The Bazaar Bakery Committee



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2026 BAZAAR

Thursday March 5th all volunteers will meet at the clubhouse to set up at 8:00 there will be coffee and donuts available. All items will be brought from the sheds to your areas in the clubhouse for unpacking and pricing, there will be pre sales and raffle tickets for volunteers to purchase. I will have Saturday lunch tickets for volunteers. Friday March 6th volunteers please enter the clubhouse by the side door off the parking lot, only team leaders need to come in Friday between 8:& 9 to check that your area is priced & ready, Bakery will also be setting up Friday morning. All volunteers please arrive between 3:30 & 3:45 for your badges, aprons and money, we open at 4:00pm for everyone, we close at 7:00pm Saturday March 7th volunteers please arrive between 8:30 & 8:45. We open at 9am. Lunch is from 10:30-12:00 raffles will start at 11:30 we close at 12:30 Everyone is needed to pack up items and clean up. Pick up for all items will be arranged except for jewelry, There will be a dumpster on Wednesday, It is for the Bazaar only not for personal use.

Thank you for all your support.

Maureen Wlodarczyk. Bazaar chair

BRIAR CREEK RESORT LIVING??

Bob Raynor

When I think of vacationing at a resort, outside of the room I'm staying in, I check out if the location is near the water and the list of available amenities for things to do.

Personally, I think our location is in paradise with our great weather, access to the beaches, quaint towns and more activities available everyday than I can ever take full advantage of. So, place a check in the location box.

When it comes to resort amenities, I look for a pool that is heated and cooled, a spa, and an area to chill and catch some rays. Add in a nice clubhouse with activities like games, a library, dances, dinners, not to mention, billiards, ping pong and available free wifi. Now, add in a sports complex with exercise equipment, bocce, shuffleboard, corn hole, and PICKLEBALL?? Oh, and did I mention a place to walk my dog, ride my bike, cruise around in a golf cart, store my RV, watch an incredible sunrise over a spectacular salt water bay and enjoy amazing sunsets?

Add in the fact that we own our home and the land it sits on, it seems like it's nothing short of full-time resort living to me. Even better is, we don't have to burn gas to get there and pay \$300 a night to check in with a \$25 per day resort and parking fees. Toss in some great neighbors who like to get together, enjoy happy hours with lots of joyful times memories, and who are there when you need them, what more could one ask for.

I kinda like this resort living community called Briar Creek.



The Briar Creek 2 Connection

Marsha & Carol

As a growing community of 261 homes, it is difficult to keep the members of our community informed about community events and important safety information.

Email is the best method to keep lines of communication open. Marsha Bowlby and Carol Rodrigues make sure that information is sent out timely and accurately. All email addresses are confidential and are not given out to anyone.

We ask for as close to 100% participation as possible. As of January 2026, we

We have 217 homes on the BC2, with 31 different email providers.

You may find that not everything sent pertains to you, or is even something you want to receive, however just delete those emails and keep the ones that are necessary and important to you. Safety information such as mandatory hurricane evacuations, water shut offs, and illegal solicitors in our community are all necessary things to know. Recently during an evacuation, we were able to send out information regarding water and sewer back-ups, power outages and information on road closures. Information from the Condo Board and Social Club regarding upcoming meetings, clarification of rules and yes, we also send out information on travel and entertainment opportunities.

Please send your email address to:

thebc2connection@gmail.com

We will respond to your email to assure you that you are now entered into the system. Anyone residing in the home can add a separate email address. If for some reason you stop receiving emails, let us know and we'll help you become reinstated. Thank you for your participation, and welcome to the Briar Creek 2 community, we look forward to seeing you at events in the near future.

Sunshine Lady

Lois Heisdorf

If you are sick, injured, in the hospital or rehab facility and would like to let your Briar Creek Friends know, we will announce it at our Saturday morning coffee hour meetings. You or a family member can call Lois Heisdorf, our "Sunshine Lady" 727-403-7796 and let her know the details.



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Humane Society

Robin Feeley

They are in need of for both cats and dogs, food unopened, clean blankets, sheets, towels, clean used toys, paper towels, bleach. There is a list of everything they need on the bulletin board in phase 2 clubhouse. Drop off 143 Briar Creek Blvd. A basket is outside my screen room which is locked so our cat doesn't get out. Please help them. Thank you Robin Feeley

Haven House

Amber Oliverio

Thank you so much for all of the donations we received last month. Your continued support is appreciated and nothing short of amazing.

Just a gentle reminder: Please do not donate expired, opened or previously used supplies. Also, only NEW packaged socks and undergarments are accepted.

Call Amber with any questions at 219-796-6762

Donate Blood, Donate Life

Amber Oliverio

Phase 2 Clubhouse
March 20th Blood Drive

Please mark your calendars for our next blood drive event.

Thank you everyone for your continued support.

More details to be determined soon.

Please call Amber at (219) 796-6762 with any questions.

Food Pantry

Joan Davis/Arnold Williams

CHANGE OF DATE FOR FEB.

All your donations thru out the year are greatly appreciated. We collect food every 3rd Wednesday. February 11h is our next collection, in front of the clubhouse. Our time is 8-10 AM. Thank you





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Ladies' Luncheon

Julie & Arlene

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY EVERYONE. Our February luncheon will be held at Rodie's Pancake House located on 2475 McMullen Booth Rd Ste F Clearwater Fl. Our lunch time will be at 12:30 as they close at 2. It is a delightful place for us to try. They offer not only breakfast but lunch items also. Check out their menu online! Looking forward to seeing all of you!!!

Arlene Skolnekovich 412-370-9287 | Julie Austin 734-604-0866

BINGO

Al & Diane Merando



Happy February! Come join us for Phase II Bingo on Monday Nights. Cards are sold from 5:00PM to 5:45PM with games starting at 6PM. We look forward to seeing you and there is always someone available to help new players learn the games.

BUNCO

Marge Grohskopf

Bunco is the 4th Thursday of the month. Everyone is Welcome at Bunco. Phase 2 Clubhouse 7pm we begin to play. \$3 for prize money and we serve a dessert. Sign up at Phase 2 Clubhouse if possible, walk-ins are always welcome. Bunco is a simple dice game. Leave your stress and TV at home. Join us for an evening out.

Sit & Stitch

Sandy Fassett

Come to the clubhouse on Monday from 1-3 pm for sit and stitch. We have been making shawls for cancer patients while they are receiving chemotherapy in their cold settings. We are open to other suggestions for community projects. We are in need of yarn for our projects or money so we can purchase some skeins of yarn. If you have any questions call Sandy at 727-424-6045.

MINGLE

Pete

We meet in the Clubhouse. Between 4:30 and 5:00pm. Bring a salad, appetizer, main dish or dessert. Whatever you want to bring. **Whether you make it (list ingredients in case of allergies) or bought it doesn't matter.** We will enjoy it and look forward to the next Mingle. Want to see all your smiling faces on the 19th of February. Don't forget to bring your own drinks, plus your dish and put aside money for the 50/50. See you there.



Pinochle Scores

12/03	Alice Williams 739, Dawn Benson 653
12/10	Orpha Berken 657, Alice Williams 615
01/07	Billie Ogradowski 328, Dawn Benson 303, Gary Bieniewicz 258, Sharon Cann 246

Euchre Scores

12/02	Orpha Berken 51, Jim Beatty 47, Marianne Yacobucci 47
12/09	Todd Berken 52, Alice Williams 52
01/06	Gary Mckenzie 43, Billie Ogradowski 42

Bowling

Arnold Williams

Happy Valentine's Day to Everyone!!! We are at the halfway point in the year now. Below are the Bowlers who have Bowled +25 pins over their averages. Thank You Arnold Williams

12/2/25

John Ames	+31
Joe Simpson	+39
Ray Jablonski	+29
Jina Duggan	+26 & +31
Arnold Williams	+43 & +27

12/9/25

Kathy Corcoran	+25
Jina Duggan	+36
Louie Terranova	+36
Ray Jablonski	+44

12/16/25

Ray Jablonski	+31 & +45
Joe Simpson	+36 & +32
Cindy Ames	+27
Tim Glasheen	+25

1/6/26

Sharon Cann	+38
Skip Taylor	+27

WEEK 8

Marsha Reynolds	+45
Linda Fitton	+31
Tim Glasheen	+38
Bob Barr	+68 & +40

WEEK 9

Kathy Morrison	+39 & +37
Tim Glasheen	+36
Linda Fitton	+30
Phil Willix	+51

WEEK 10

Tom Lacoy	+30
Lola Woodward	+29
John Ames	+42

WEEK 11

Kathy Morrison	+26
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Opera Afternoons

Russ Lipari

 Thanks to your wonderful support over the past two years, I am pleased to offer another season of **Opera Afternoons at Briar Creek!** No experience necessary, so please come join us! Schedule subject to change, more details to follow closer to each performance. **Russ Lipari**

February Opera Afternoon

• ***The Pirates of Penzance* by Gilbert and Sullivan**

Tuesday, February 17, 2026 - BC2 Clubhouse

1:00 - Opera performance 112 minutes, sung in English with English subtitles

March Opera Afternoon

• ***Ariadne auf Naxos* by Richard Strauss**

Tuesday, March 17, 2026 - BC2 Clubhouse

1:00 - Opera performance 134 minutes, sung in German with English subtitles

April Opera Afternoon

• ***La Traviata* by Giuseppe Verdi**

Tuesday, April 7, 2026 - BC2 Clubhouse

1:00 - Opera performance 139 minutes, sung in Italian with English subtitles

Briar Creek Book Club

(Phase I & II)

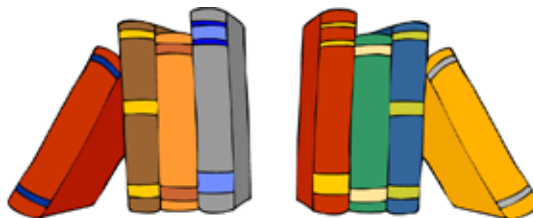
Enjoy discussing books chosen by the members! We usually meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month; however, there are no meetings May through October. Some months we will meet in the Phase II Clubhouse and some months at a local restaurant. The Feb. book is *The Second Life of Mirrele West* by Amanda Skenandore and the March book will be *Forty Autumns* by Nina

Wilner. Please contact me if you are interested in joining or have questions.

Jane McKenzie

651-353-2602

jgmckenzie4647@gmail.com





NAME BADGES

Sharon Cann

Get to know your neighbors...Let them get to know you! ... Wear your Name Badge at social events at the clubhouse and at the Saturday morning coffee hour (possible win \$\$ at Saturday Coffee for wearing your name badge) They are available with pins or magnets, and all the basic

Crayola colors are available. Name Badges are available and ordered through Sharon Cann. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the clubhouse. Name Badges are \$11.00 plus tax and must be paid for before being ordered. Badges may be picked up at Saturday coffee from 8 to 9.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Pete Loranger

Birthdays

2/01	Rick McKim	2/18	Millie Feliciano
2/04	Bob Lillquist	2/19	Madeline Driscoll
2/05	Christa DeLeon	2/21	Wayne Wlodarczyk
2/08	Randilea Chadwick	2/21	Jean Schmidt
2/08	Brenda Marshall	2/22	Jan Gundershaug
2/09	Mary Riddle	2/22	Jerry Sparks
2/12	Diane Walsh	2/24	Sebastian El-Sarraf
2/12	Tom Marciano	2/25	Robin Feeley
2/12	Philip Willix	2/25	Ellie Prevost
2/13	John Halliday	2/25	Roz Lucas
2/16	Lynda Foster	2/25	Ron Steinacher
2/18	Joan Davis	2/26	Helen Clark
2/18	Mike Driscoll	2/28	Bill Steiner



Anniversaries

2/10/2017	Vernon Browe & Jim Tashjian – 9 years
2/11/1967	Jeff & Judith Holden – 59 years
2/22/1975	Peter & Janice Shepard – 51 years

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EVENTS & PROGRAMS

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Embassy Mobile Park, Inc. Rummage Sale, Saturday, February 7th, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., in the clubhouse on 4th Street. 16416 US Highway 19 N., Clearwater - Largo area. Off East Bay just West of Tri-City Plaza; come in by Wendy's onto Pine Forest Drive.

Clearwater Cascade park-wide yard sale. Saturday, February 21, 8:00am - 2:00pm. 9790 66th Street N, Pinellas Park

Blue Jay Estates - Annual Community Rummage Sale. Friday and Saturday, February 27 and 28, 2026. 8am - 1pm. Bake Sale and Lunch available both days. In clubhouse and deck. 2755 Curlew Road, Palm Harbor, FL 34684

EVENTS & PROGRAMS

Rummage Sale 2/28, Westwind MHP 1&2. 3301 Alt 19 Dunedin, 8-1

Community Flea Market, 2000 East Bay Drive, Largo. Sat. Feb 28. 8 to 12. Bikes, Furniture, Small Appliances, Golf & Household Items, Apparel, Baked Goods

DORAL VILLAGE YARD SALE BAZAAR, Saturday, February 28th, 8am-1pm, 29250 US Hwy 19 N, Clearwater. Furniture, Clothing, Linens, Books, Electronics, Glassware, Jewelry, Kitchen Items, Baked Goods, Lunch, and Great Raffles and Prizes!



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-Monthly Media Staff



EVENTS & PROGRAMS

March Events

White Elephant/Bake Sale. Saturday March 7, 2026 8:00AM - 1:00PM. Lake Highlander Park: 1500 County Road #1, Dunedin, FL. Small appliances, furniture, lamps, linens, jewelry, household appliances, tools, outdoor furniture, miscellaneous items, baked goods, snack bar

Palm Hill Country Club Annual Bazaar, Saturday March 7th. 8am - 1pm. 1800 Seminole Blvd. Largo

Rummage Sale, Unitarian Universalists of Clearwater, 2470 Nursery Rd, Clearwater, Saturday March 7, 8am-2pm. Kitchen ware, home decor, books, clothing/accessories, linens and more

Crafters Wanted March 21st at Palm Hill Country Club. 401 8th Ave, Largo, 8am - 1pm. Contact Tom Sagitas at 727-315-4369. \$20 per table.

Paradise Island Annual Flea Market, March 28th 9am-2pm. 1001 Starkey Rd. Largo. 8am early entrance \$1.00. Large selection of home goods, tools, furniture, linens, clothes, bake sale and more. Follow signs for Clubhouse.

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