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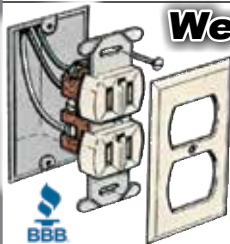


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A list of deadlines for submitting articles is posted on the P1 Clubhouse bulletin board.

The email address for any office matter is: briarcreekoft@gmail.com

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MEDICAL ALERT BUTTONS

Gene Arend

Over the years a concern by your board directors has been for those owners who live alone. What if they experience a medical emergency. We have seen the commercials which say "I have fallen and can't get up". This is a real reality for many of our live alone owners. There is no one there to make that 911 call and their phone is not near them. We, your directors, have not been able to find a workable community solution we can offer although we are always open to suggestions. One solution is a medical alert necklace or even a watch. These devices have GPS location and microphone which can find you wherever you may be located. In our clubhouse on the East side of the doors is a lock box which holds the key and FOB for entry into the clubhouse. First responders have the code to open this lock box to access the key or FOB. There are many companies who offer the device for a fee with monthly pricing ranging from \$20.00 to \$32.00 and have various ratings on the service. Medical Guardian (9.5) 855-595-1860, Mobile Help (9.1) 844-440-7765, Medical Alert (8.7) 866-314-6823, Life Alert (8.6) 855-486-1411 are just to name a few. Some Medicare Advantage Health Insurance programs may offer to pay the monthly fee or offer the service for a lower monthly fee. I know our personal health plan with Aetna offers various devices for as low as \$19.95 per month. Check with your insurance carrier.



WARNING SIGNS: HEAT STROKE AND EXHAUSTION

Pat Rivera

Each year, thousands suffer from heat exhaustion and heat stroke, conditions that can escalate rapidly if not recognized and treated properly. Knowing the difference between these two heat illnesses isn't just helpful—it can be lifesaving.

What Is Heat Exhaustion?

Heat exhaustion occurs when your body struggles to cool itself, typically after prolonged exposure to high heat combined with physical exertion and dehydration. Heat exhaustion often includes symptoms like heavy sweating, rapid pulse and muscle cramps. It's your body's way of warning you to cool down and hydrate.

Additional symptoms may include:

- Fatigue and weakness
- Flushed or pale skin
- Nausea or dizziness
- Headache and faintness
- Muscle cramps

During heat exhaustion, the core body temperature usually stays below 104°F.

What to do:

- Move to a cooler or shaded area
- Drink water or an electrolyte drink
- Rest and remove any excess clothing
- Apply a cool, moist face towel to your face or use a fan to cool down

What Is Heat Stroke?

Heat stroke is a serious, potentially life-threatening condition that happens when the body can no longer regulate its temperature. **Heat stroke is a medical emergency.** It's characterized by a body temperature above 103°F, along with confusion, nausea and even unconsciousness. Think of this as a 'heat attack.'

Warning signs include:

- Hot, dry or red skin (lack of sweating)
- Confusion or strange behavior
- Slurred speech or disorientation
- Seizures or loss of consciousness
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If someone starts acting oddly, running awkwardly or seems confused—that's an emergency.

If you suspect heat stroke, act **FAST**:

1. Call 911 immediately
2. Move the person to shade or air conditioning
3. Remove excess clothing
4. Begin cooling with fans, ice packs or wet cloths
5. Stay with the person until help arrives

Get them out of the direct sun and start the cooling process—fan them, pour cold water on them, put ice over the head.

How to Prevent Heat-Related Illness

Essential tips to help prevent overheating in the first place:

- **Acclimate slowly.** Start off slowly—just 20 to 25 minutes outside during the first two weeks. Then gradually increase your time outdoors by 20-30 minutes.
- **Time your activity wisely.** Exercise early in the morning or about 45 minutes before sunset when temperatures are cooler. Keep air quality in mind- minimize outdoor exercise when air quality is poor.
- **Dress smartly.** Wear light-colored, breathable fabrics, a hat and sunscreen.
- **Hydrate often.** Drink water every 5 to 10 minutes. If you're out for more than an hour, add sodium or electrolytes. like a sports drink. Remember: if you're thirsty, you may already be getting dehydrated, and heavy sweaters need to drink even more to replace lost fluids.
- **Listen to your body.** Humidity can sneak up on you. If something feels off, move indoors where it's air-conditioned.

Recognizing the symptoms of heat exhaustion and heat stroke—and knowing how to respond—can save lives. Remember to:

- Stay hydrated
- Take breaks
- Avoid the midday sun
- Watch for warning signs



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Al Hartin, Director

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DIAL DIRECTORY – THE YELLOW BOOK

Donna Hartin and Pat Arend

UPDATES FOR SEPTEMBER 2025

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Helen Coar/Mary Houpt

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SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Frank Gaffney

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John & Linda	Pickering	September	3	1968
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Ed & Effie	Reed	September	7	1984
Frank Gaffney & Anthony	Carregal	September	8	1984
Bob & Jane	Hardacre	September	22	
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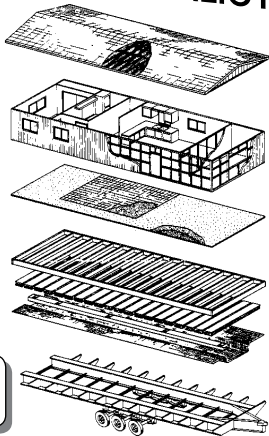
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Mary Houpt

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July 21	Bob Miller
July 28	Lee Lahr
July 31	Shirley Miller



BINGO

Joanne Gastler

Bingo will be held on Tuesdays from September 23rd to December 16th, with a break for the Christmas holiday. Bingo cards will be sold from 5 p.m. to 5:50 p.m. sharp, with no sales after 5:50 p.m.



The games will start at 6 p.m. This year, an additional game has been added before the Jackpot game. This new game consists of a sheet of 3 cards sold for \$2, with 50% of the proceeds going to the winner and the other 50% contributing to higher prize pots for other games.

Hot Dogs with a side will be available for \$3 starting at 5 p.m. 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!

Jackpot game should be \$150 or higher, so come on out and join in the fun at Briar Creek Clubhouse 1.

BRIAR CREEK BIRD WALK

Bill Kaempfer

First Friday Bird Walks will return on Friday, September 5th.

We meet at 8:00 a.m. at the Phase 1 Clubhouse and walk out to the canal, over to the Phase 2 Clubhouse and past both of the ponds 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.



Bill Kaempfer, 303-717-5063

**A Complete Listing of Resident Services
can be found on the page before your calendar**

BRIAR CREEK BRIDGE

Bill Kaempfer



Bridge is gearing up again on Tuesday afternoons. Dianne Larsen and I have started offering introductory bridge lessons. This is a three or four lesson series during which you will learn the basics of play, bidding and scoring and have some practice game time, too. We are winding up our first term, but we can repeat the course if there is interest.

In the meantime, we will be playing bridge Tuesdays in the Phase 1 Clubhouse from 12:30 to 3:30. It doesn't take much experience to join in and play. Let us know in advance if you are coming so we can try to have full tables.

Bill Kaempfer, 303-717-5063

Dianne Larsen, 719-352-6520

LINE DANCING

Helen Coar



Put on your dancing shoes. Line dancing will begin on Wednesday, September 3rd. 6:00p.m. for beginners and 6:30 for others. Come for the exercise and good music.

BRIAR CREEK 1 BOWLING LEAGUE

Bob Barr



We are looking for bowlers, men and women, who would like to have some fun and make some new friends while bowling on Fridays for 24 weeks starting Oct. 10th and ending April 10th with no bowling on Nov. 29, Dec. 19, and Dec. 26. Our league is about 50% Briar Creekers with the rest being friends and others who just like to bowl. Although we will be starting on the 10th of Oct., we do have some bowlers who do not make it back until later in Oct. or early Nov., which is ok. Just let us know when you will be arriving.

We start gathering around noon time with practice starting at 12:20 and competition at 12:30 lasting until 3:15 at the very latest. This depends on the number of bowlers on each team and on how many are slinging their ball down the lanes at 6 mph. Our starting averages this year will range from under 100 to the 180's with most falling between 115 and 170. The weekly fee is \$14 of which \$9.50 goes to the bowling alley and \$4.50 goes into a prize fund. Should you miss a week the absent fee for the prize fund is \$5.00. The \$14 does not include

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If you are not sure, go out and bowl 2 or 3 games to see if those ageing muscles can be reinvigorated. Remember at our ages throwing the ball fast can lead to sore muscles and other ailments so start slow and take it easy and have a good time. If you are interested, contact me at bc1bowling@gmail.com or 727-644-8136.

We bowl at Maple Lanes on the East side of US19 just North of 580.

PING PONG

Nancy Verzi



We need some fun-loving ping pong players from BC 1 and 2 to join our group on Wednesday evenings at 7pm. We lost a few due to snow birding. Both men and women are playing in Clubhouse 1. So, if you used to play as a kid and loved it – you still can!

Ping pong is great for improving hand/eye coordination and physical dexterity, plus it's great exercise. Come give it a try; we think you'll like it! If you have any questions, call Nancy Verzi, Chairperson at 727-403-0003.

WATER AEROBICS – MERMAIDS

Cindy Troutman



Every day, except Sunday, we have organized water aerobics; lead by Ruth Kalbfleisch. Even Sunday some of the 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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Cindy Troutman, 727-741-1940

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MAH JONG

Geri Wardell

Mah Jong meets Sunday afternoons at 12:30-3:00pm in the Phase 1 Clubhouse.

BRIAR CREEK 1 BAZAAR

Joanne Gastler

Get ready for phase 1 annual Bazaar to be held Friday night November 21st and Saturday morning November 22nd. Joanne will hold a planning meeting by Zoom and at the clubhouse for all committee heads on Monday, September 29th at 7pm. Please email Joanne if you plan to attend by Zoom so I can get you the Zoom meeting link, Joannegastler@gmail.com.



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Jane McKenzie

Enjoy discussing books chosen by the members. We 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 November book is Thunder Dog by Michael Hingson and the December book is The Five Wishes of Mr. Murray McBride by Joe Siple. Please contact me if you are interested in joining or have questions.

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Cindy Troutman, Vice President of BC Social Club

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Also, if you cannot accomplish your diligent duty to Briar Creek community or the BC board, you can be asked to excuse yourself from the board. (You may also be asked to excuse yourself from the board if you can't abide by the board rules.) Having a job is not an excuse; you knew about Wednesday morning meetings before you ran for the position. Now that the meetings are “zoomed”, being present on Zoom is legal.

And as for the bylaws, you better know them inside-out, upside-down, backwards, forwards, and every which way.

Once you have been elected, you will be asked to do certain jobs for the BC community. That is part of being a board member. So, you better be ready, willing, and able to help your fellow board members.

Things also change! If life throws something at you after you are a board member (and it sometimes does); and sometimes we have no control, just gracefully resign your position and everybody understands. Nobody will feel any less of you. But, please do not blame everyone else; it is not their fault.

So if you want to work to make Briar Creek beautiful and a great place to live and you meet all the criteria and can handle each of these items, by all means, run for the board. But if you cannot meet just one of these criteria, you are not board material. Briar Creek board members—THANK YOU!

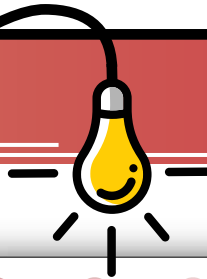
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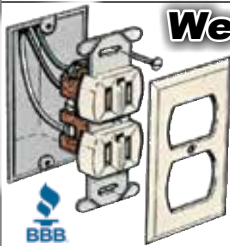
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<div>9</div> <div>Strength & Balance 1030AM</div>	<div>10</div> <div>Earlybird Breakfast 830AM EVE'S Zumba Gold Class 915AM Ladies Luncheon 1PM</div>	<div>11</div> <div>Strength & Balance Class 1030AM All Media info due to Pete Patriot Day</div>	<div>12</div> <div>Zumba Gold Class 1030AM</div>	<div>13</div> <div>8:00AM Coffee Hour</div>
<div>16</div> <div>Strength & Balance 1030AM</div>	<div>17</div> <div>Earlybird Breakfast 830AM EVE'S Zumba Gold Class 915AM Food Pantry collection 8:00-10am</div>	<div>18</div> <div>Strength & Balance Class 1030AM MINGLE 430pm</div>	<div>19</div> <div>Zumba Gold Class 1030AM</div>	<div>20</div> <div>8:00AM Coffee Hour</div>
<div>23</div> <div>Strength & Balance 1030AM</div>	<div>24</div> <div>Earlybird Breakfast 830AM EVE'S Zumba Gold Class 915AM</div>	<div>25</div> <div>Strength & Balance Class 1030AM BUNCO 7PM</div>	<div>26</div> <div>Zumba Gold Class 1030AM</div>	<div>27</div> <div>8:00AM Coffee Hour</div>
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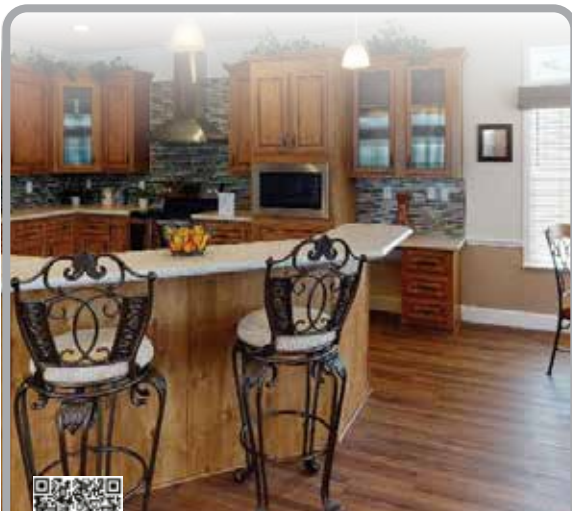
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Well folks it must be that time again - Fraud Season is once again upon us. We've had several reports of residents being scammed lately, for Facebook accounts being cloned to bank accounts being compromised. It's a very difficult situation to prevent these days. It seems like the Crooks are getting into technology like never before. Unfortunately we cannot let our guard down for a minute. Please be careful when you are surfing on the internet. If you open a post that someone sends you, even if you know them, someone else could have forwarded that post first and attached something to it that ends up allowing another person access to not only your information but others information in your contacts list. Security experts will suggest that you change your passwords regularly to have a better chance at keeping your information from being stolen. It's also recommended that you come up with a password that is at least 13 characters (letters, number, symbols) long, to make it more difficult to hack into your accounts. It's also a good idea to establish a safe word or phrase for your families. A safe word or phrase is one that only is known to your family (sons, daughters, grandchildren) in the event that someone calls you and says that they are your loved one and is in some kind of trouble and needs money. With A.I. (Artificial Intelligence) technology today, your loved one's voice can be cloned to make you think that the person calling you is actually your loved one. Before you ever send money, or gift cards or whatever when requested, do your due diligence and try to reach out to your loved one to see if the situation the caller is talking about is real. Call the Police if you find yourself in a situation like this, they will help. You've worked very hard during your lifetime to have someone take advantage of you. Notify your banking institution if you are asked to withdraw large sums of money. Chances are they've encountered these types of situations before and can direct you to the assistance you need.

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Jim Tashjian – Director – Alterations

Hello neighbors! I'm so excited September is here. I am still working in NY but I'm counting the days. Twenty-one days in September to be exact. Then a few traveling days and I'll be back home in Briar Creek. I can't wait to see all the projects that you all have done over the summer. A big thank you to Bill Escher (and the rest of the Board) who have done a terrific job handling alterations in my absence and will continue doing so until the end of the month.

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As always, blank alteration requests can be found just outside of the office door in the library section of the clubhouse. Take care not to over-exert yourselves in the midday heat. Stay hydrated and take advantage of cooler mornings and evenings. See you soon!

Phil Chabot – Philip Chabot – Vice President and Director Phase II

Garage, Lawns, Ponds and RV Lot

I would like to remind all Phase II residents that are utilizing the RV Parking Area that you are responsible for maintaining the areas around your unit that are not maintained by our lawn service company. Please maintain the RV Parking Area with the same integrity that you maintain your home address. Secondly, you are also responsible for ensuring that your unit is

registered and a copy of said registration is forwarded to me, Philip Chabot. I do not have the time to chase expired registrations. Thanks in advance.

Finally, I would like to remind pet (dog) owners again, that our RV Parking Area is in the “non-pet” section therefore off limits to all pets.

Enjoy your September and stay cool and hydrated.

Social Club President

Marge Grohskopf

Welcome September, the beginning of Fall, for us the extension of Summer.

We look forward to our activity schedule slowly returning to normal. If you rested up during the Summer,

We hope to see you out and about.

There may be some tickets still available for the Labor Day BBQ. I'm not sure as to the cut off date for tickets. You can check with Pete or myself. The \$5 ticket is to cover the cost of the sausage sandwich. If you do not have a ticket, you are welcome to join us by bringing a salad or dessert and participate in the sharing table.

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- ☐ Sleeping bag or warm blanket for each person.
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- ☐ Mess kits, Paper cups, plates and disposable utensils, paper towels
- ☐ Paper and pencil Books, games, puzzles or other activities for children





BREATHING

Dr. Marty Finkelstein

For years during the cold season in Atlanta I would get colds that turned into bronchial and sinus infections. Usually this began around Thanksgiving and lasted into January. Regardless of what I tried to remedy the problem from herbs, to homeopathic remedies, various nutritional supplements, various types of body work, and antibiotics, nothing seem to make a difference. Amazingly though when I would visit my dad who lived in Delray Beach Florida, almost magically laying out in the sunshine and feeling the warm rays of the sun, I would begin to feel my body heal, and my breathing would immediately improve. It was as if the Florida heat expanded all aspects of my physical and emotional body whereas everything was restricted and contracted from the cold.

Yet, the cold weather was revealing some susceptibilities that were affecting my overall well-being. I decided to see a ENT, to find out if anything was physically affecting my sinuses. After seeing two specialists I was told I had nasal polyps that was definitely blocking my capacity to breathe deep, and during the cold months would become more restricted, thus leading to infections. When asked what could be done to help correct the problem, the answer was always the same, Surgery. Not what I wanted to hear. But at least I had a deeper understanding of my frequent infections during the winter months. Especially since I was eating healthy and exercising on a regular basis.

The good news me and Julie moved to Safety Harbor 5 years ago when the sun is warm and healing to my body. Too warm at times, for many. Though i was not getting the sinus infections I had in Atlanta I could still feel my breathing compromised at times affecting my sleep. So I decided to see another ENT. I shared my medical history and he confirmed the Nasal polyps developing in both nostrils. After he explained what would be involved with surgery, I continued the conversation by asking is their anything more conservative that can be done. He then mentioned there was an in office procedure that he could do where he numbs the area and with a rotary blade goes in and gently reduces the polyp growth. Of course there was a Catscan also to see exactly how deep the polyps were. Well this took about 10 minutes to do in his office and improved my breathing at least 80 percent. This was done 2 years ago and just saw him a few weeks ago and so far no returning of the polyps.

Moral of the story, ask questions, ask questions, ask questions. Why this procedure was never shared prior and why it was not shared as a first option before surgery, well we all can speculate on the answers. God bless, keep breathing!

Dr. Marty Finkelstein lives in Briarcreek with his wife Julie Austin



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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. 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. 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.

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

Now that our beautiful remodeled clubhouse is reopened we are accepting donations for the Women's Shelter. Donation box is set up in the back of the room by the bingo machine.

Thank you for your generosity last month. We took 2 computers and 3 bags of toiletries to them. They were very very appreciative. The computers will be used for training purposes.

Have a great rest of your summer!

Amber Oliverio 219-796-6762

Food Pantry

Joan Davis/Arnold Williams

All your donations thru out the year are greatly appreciated. We collect food every 3rd Wednesday . Sept. 17th is our next collection, in front of the clubhouse. Our time is 8-10 AM. Thank you

Ladies' Luncheon

Julie & Arlene

Calling all BC2 ladies for our monthly luncheon. GET READY TO GO DOWN UNDER as we will be heading for Outback Steak House on Sept 10 at 1:00.

Outback is located at 31988 US Hwy 19N Palm Harbor Fl 34684.

Outback has several lunch options that include dessert. Sounds pretty yummy!!!!

Any questions or need a ride, just give us a call.

Please join us for a great time with old and new friends.

Arlene and Julie

412-370-9287 (Arlene)

734-604-0866 (Julie)

Sit & Stitch

Sandy Fassett

Since the weather is getting warmer and we look for places to stay cool, come down to the clubhouse on Mondays to see what the gals are working on as community projects and bring any new ideas. We meet every Monday from 1-3. If you have any questions call Sandy at 727-424-6045.

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BINGO

AL & Diane Merando

Welcome back! We hope everyone had a wonderful summer and is ready to get back to Bingo. **We'll start Monday, September 29th with exciting new games.** Cards are sold from 5 – 5:45pm with games starting promptly at 6pm. As always, we are looking for volunteers to help with selling, callbacks and calling...many hands make work light!

If you're new to Bingo, there are always neighbors that are happy to help you discover how fun Monday nights can be!

We look forward to seeing you on the 29th!

Bunco

Marge

Bunco is the 4th Thursday of the month at 7pm in Phase 2 Clubhouse. Hope to see all our usual players from Phase 1 & 2. We love new players. Bunco is a very easy dice game, new players are pros in 5 minutes. We chip in \$3 for prize money and also have dessert. It's a relaxing, fun night out meeting new people sharing some laughs. Try to remember your name badges. There are sign-up sheets in both clubhouses. Try it, you'll like it!!!!!!

THURSDAY Sept.25th , 7:00pm

MINGLE

Billie & Pete

Time sure flies when you are having fun. Just think Christmas will be here before you know it.

First, let's get through September and enjoy the Mingle. 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 18th of September. Don't forget to bring your own drinks, plus your dish and put aside money for the 50/50. See you there.

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Bowling

Arnold Williams

There is no update on the Bowling Season for Phase II at this time. I'm in the process of forming teams to be turned in. In the beginning of September. I Hope Everyone has had a Healthy and Safe Summer. Thank You Arnold Williams

Exercise Class

Classes are held daily in the phase 2 clubhouse with Claudia. All classes are open to residents of phase 1 and phase 2. She teaches "silver sneaker" classes for the mature adult. If you have silver sneakers the classes are free to you, if not, the cost is \$2.00 per class. You may purchase a punch card for \$20 for 10 classes. She works with us to keep us limber and improve our strength and balance so we can remain in our home.

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Wednesday Zumba 9:15 am

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Have you noticed the TV ads about the theft of property deeds?

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Enjoy discussing books chosen by the members. We 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 November book is Thunder Dog by Michael Hingson and the December book is The Five Wishes of Mr. Murray McBride by Joe Siple. Please contact me if you are interested in joining or have questions.

Jane McKenzie

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NAME BADGES

Sharon Cann

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Pete Loranger

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9/06	MaryJo Ronn
9/06	Norbert Hertel
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9/13	Jack DiPietro
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9/18	Thomas Lacoy
9/19	Nancy Eickenberg
9/28	John McCormick
9/28	Sharon Cann
9/29	Rosie Cargill



Anniversaries

9/03/1997	Brien & Anne Stickney – 48 years
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9/07/1984	Ron & Jill Price – 41years
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