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#### **Briar Creek Officers & Committees**

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Treasurer	Al Hartin (727-223-8805)
Secretary	Connie Holmes (423-297-5627)
Director	
Director	Pat Rivera (305-546-2714)
Director	. Anthony Carregal ((203-606-7427)

#### PHASE II

**Directors Phase II** 

<u>Clubhouse, Pool Area, Shuffleboard, Bocce Court</u> Sam Oliverio (219-718-3117)

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 (207-514-4517)

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 (727-519-4413)

 Joan Davis
 (727-207-9351)

 Bill Escher
 (440-235-3280)

 Jake Boettger
 (727-420-8770)

 Jim Tashjian
 (518-378-8882)

<u>Lawns, Lakes, RV Area, Garage, Truck</u> Phil Chabot (207-514-4517)

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Office Organization, Keeper of Minutes Christine Hetherington (727-519-4413)

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#### PHASE I

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Architectural Requests: Ray Jablonski (203-980-5644)

<u>Clubhouse:</u> Gene Arend (727-725-5844)

Infrastructure Al Hartin 727-223-8805

Roads and Grounds
Bob Barr **Primary** (727-454 1821)
Secondary (727-644-8136)
Ray Jablonski (203-980-5644)

Pool & Spa Pat Rivera (305-546-2714)

<u>Trees & Lawn</u> Al Hartin (727-223-8805)

Sales/Leases Connie Potter-Holmes (423-297-5627)

#### **Social Club Officers**

Phase I	
President	Frank Gaffney (203-606-8953)
	Vacant
Vice President	Cindy Troutman (727-741-1940)
Recording Secretary	Mary Kay Brown (740-852-9475)
	y Lynn Sheppard (905-531-3341)
	Joanne Gastler (813-625-3610)
Assistant Treasurer	David Cutright (727-712-7887)
Past President	Anthony Carregal (203-606-7427)
Auditor	Tracy Kedovary (810-931-5712)
Parliamentarian	. Maggie Concannon (727-724-4375)
Social Club Email	briarcreeksocialclub@gmail.com)
Clubhouse Phone	(727-796-3033)

Phase II	
President	Marge Grohskopf (727-533-6603)
Vice President	Peggy Raynor (239-298-2230)
Pres. Elect	Bonnie Briggs (262-496-7594)
Corr. Secretary	Amber Oliverio (219-796-6762)
Record. Secretary	Carol Rodrigues (413-427-8580)
	Pete Loranger (727-421-2321)
Asst. Treasurer	
Auditor	Nancy Hall (613-849-1444)
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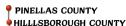




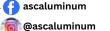
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#### **Identity Theft**

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- Bills for items you did not buy
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- Information on your credit report for accounts you did not open
- Denials of loan applications
- Mail stops coming to, or is missing from, your mailbox

#### How to report identity theft

To report identity theft, contact:

- The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) online at IdentityTheft.gov or call 1-877-438-4338
- The three major credit reporting agencies. Ask them to place fraud alerts and a credit freeze on your accounts.
- The fraud department at your credit card issuers, bank, and other places where you have accounts

#### How to protect yourself from identity theft

- Do not answer phone calls, texts, social media messages, or email from numbers or people you do not know.
- Do not share personal information like your bank account number, Social Security number, or date of birth.
- Collect your mail every day and place a hold on your mail when you will be on vacation or away from your home.
- Review credit card and bank account statements. Watch for and report unauthorized or suspicious transactions.
- Understand how ATM skimming works and how to protect yourself
- · Learn when it is safe to use a public Wi-Fi network
- Store personal information, including your Social Security card, in a safe place. Do not carry it in your wallet.

#### **Imposter Scam**

#### The top types of imposter scams:

An imposter scammer may call, text, or email to convince you they are **someone** in authority. They may even use caller ID to make it look like they are calling from an official government or business' number. To commit identity theft, they try to get you to send money or a gift card or share personal information.

- Government imposter scams Unless you contact them first, government agencies typically initiate communication with you by letter. Unexpected contact or demands through any other method may be a scam.
- IRS imposter scams scammers pretend you owe the IRS money for taxes and may threaten legal action
- Social Security imposter scams scammers claim there is a problem with your Social Security account or promise to increase your benefits
- Charity scams scammers pretend to be from a real or fake charity and try to get you to contribute
- Grandparent scams scammers pretend to be a grandchild or other relative who needs emergency financial help
- Tech support scams scammers tell you your computer's security is at risk and try to remotely access your device and steal personal information or ask for payment
- Scammers may also pretend to be from your bank or a company you do business with. You might be told you owe money or there is a problem with your account.



ReportFraud.ftc.gov

Report Imposter Scams Online to the Federal Trade Commission

#### **DECEMBER 2025 BRIAR CREEK PHASE I NEWS**

Ginnie Berge gkberge7@gmail.com 701-429-3279 Al & Donna Hartin, Distribution 223-8805

The Bugle is also available on our website at *mybriarcreek.com*. Please submit articles and/or information for publication by **email** to gkberge?@gmail.com or **call/text** at 701-429-3279.

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

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

#### **Important Phone Numbers**

Urgent Care House Calls: 888-908-0553 (or) 813-537-3043 Dispatch Health

Life-threatening emergency - 911

May be used for wellness check calls 727-582-6200

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Lift Assist 9-1-1 ask for non-emergency EMS when you or a loved one falls and cannot get up.

If You Suspect a Scam - 877-908-3360 M-F, 8-8 ET

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Bob Barr

The first notice about our annual meeting, December 1st, was sent out in October and the second notice should have arrived in early November with your ballot and other pertinent information. Remember to send your proxy, and Board of Director ballot, by mail to Ameri-Tech, drop it off at the directors office through the mail slot, or you also have the option to vote, for the Board of Directors, via email by sending a copy of your, **signed**, ballot to ballots@mybriarcreek.com. The Ballots sent by email go directly to Ameri-Tech and will be brought to the annual meeting on Dec. 1st.

To have an official meeting we need a minimum of 159 proxies by 10am on Dec. 1st. So please send in, deliver, or email your proxies as soon as possible. The proxy only goes in the envelope labeled, in the bottom left corner, BRIAR CREEK 1, PROXY RETURN 12-1-2025.

Your ballot for election of directors goes in the envelope marked Ballot (in red). This envelope must then be placed in the large envelope marked in the lower left corner PLACE BALLOT ENVELOPE IN THIS ENVELOPE, OUTER RETURN BALLOT ENVELOPE.



## You must print your name and sign this envelope for your votes for the Board of Directors election to be counted.

On another note, most of us are aware that we can contact Ameri-Tech to have our monthly maintenance fee automatically taken out of a checking or savings account. This way we always pay the correct amount and pay it on time. However, if you like to write checks and fund the US or Canadian Postal services, by mailing your check, please continue to do so.

#### MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS!

Year!
Bob Barr, Ray Jablonski, Al Hartin, Connie
Holmes, Gene Arend, Pat Rivera and Anthony Carregal

Tis the season...

For all things Merry & Bright! The Christmas holiday activities are in full swing, in and out of our community. As we begin another year of celebrating the many activities in our community, let us not forget that many of our friends and neighbors in Briar Creek are adapting to a joyful time for others, but their hearts are heavy due to the loss of loved ones who are no longer with them. A kind word goes a long way when someone is hurting or saddened to their new 'normal' without a loved one. Take a moment to encourage them: send a card, say a kind word, stop by and share a memory! In a community that is very active, some choose to be alone. That doesn't mean we should ignore them. Remember our Christmas Card Santas that deliver FREE OF CHARGE all over Briar Creek. Just take a moment and share your friendship and the season with those around you. You'll be glad you did!

#### **APPLICATION FEE INCREASES**

Connie Holmes

EE for Application to live in Briar Creek #1 has increased due to the cost of background checks and other fees charged to our community to process these forms. The Board of Directors voted at the November Board meeting to increase the fee to cover the cost of new ownership. No one currently in Briar Creek #1 is affected; only the new purchases. The Board agreed that those involved in property purchases should pay the expenses involved in a transaction and not the existing homeowners.

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#### **BOARD COMMUNICATION**

Al Hartin

he 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 Ifranzese@ameritechmail.com and she will add your information.

#### **SOCIAL CLUB NOMINATION CHAIR**

Mary Kay Brown

ocial Club nominations for the March 1, 2026, through February 28, 2027, term are due 48 hours before the January Social Club Members' Business Meeting. The January Social Club meeting date will be posted by December 1st in the clubhouse and in January's bugle. If you wish to be a candidate, you must give written notice of your intent by completing the "Notice of Intent to be a Candidate for the Social Club Board of Directors" form and submitting it to Mary Kay Brown 48 hours before our January Social Club business meeting. This form is located on the clubhouse board. Elections will be held at the February Social Club Members' Business meeting. (date to be arranged).

All positions on the Social Club Board are available for election this year.

The available positions are as follows: President, President-Elect, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer. Definitions of those roles are provided in the Constitution and By-Laws, which are posted on the Social Club Bulletin Board in the Clubhouse.

To be eligible to be a candidate to serve on the Social Club board of directors by the time deadline for submitting a notice of intent to run to have his or her name listed as a proper candidate on the ballot or serve on the board, the candidate must own and reside in Briar Creek and be a current member of The Social Club.

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

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#### **NAME BADGES**

Al Hartin, Director



Tant 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!

## **DIAL DIRECTORY – THE YELLOW BOOK**

Donna Hartin and Pat Arend

#### **UPDATES FOR DECEMBER 2025**

See below for Additions/Changes to your Dial Directory.

Linda Herzog and William N. Grube, Jr. 33 New Fawn Court

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W - 920-539-2169



#### **LIBRARY**

Helen Coar/Mary Houpt

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#### **LAWN MOWING**

Al Hartin

awn mowing for December will be Tuesday, December 9.





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Debbie Marie Landon



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### **DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

Debbie Marie Landon

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Betty Jones December 15 Nancy Verzi	December 30
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Karen Roberts December 15 Anthony Mars	sella December 31
Katherine Scanniello December 15 Dennis Arguin	n December 31





#### BEREAVEMENT

Debbie Marie Landon

ong-time resident, Kenny Homme, passed away October 29th. Kenny was a gentle, kind, caring man, and generous man who always had a smile on his face and who was a gem to his neighbors. He served in the United States Air Force and was blessed to be part of the Honor Flight in the past year.

Kenny has left behind his long-time love, Beverly Wilson of 124 Juniperus Dr.

If anyone becomes aware that a current or former resident has passed on, please contact me and/or ask a family member to contact me.

If the day of your passing comes and there is anything you would like me to mention about your life, please send me a text, an email, or place a note in my rock box.

Debbie Marie, 727-726 2576 (text or call), seamermaid@gmail.com, 30 New Fawn Court

#### **BINGO**

Joanne Gastler

Bingo will be held in Clubhouse 1 on Tuesdays in December, on the 2nd, 9th, 16th, and 23rd. 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. October's jackpots totaled: \$172, \$151, \$157, and \$169. No bingo on December 30, 2025. Bingo will start back up on January 6th.

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!

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 to arrange a time if that is not good for you.

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

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#### **BRIAR CREEK BIRD WALK**

Bill Kaempfer

he next First Friday Bird Walk is Friday December 5th.



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.

Seven of us headed out on a warm, sunny morning in November and we found 31 species (about average). We saw lots of heron and egret species in close-up poses plus a family of Eastern Bluebirds. The first Blue-winged Teal of the year was in the far corner of Dove Pond on our way back to the Phase 1 Clubhouse.

Bill Kaempfer, 303-717-5063

#### **BRIAR CREEK BRIDGE**

Bill Kaempfer

he 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 Dianne Larsen, 719-352-6520

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Cindy Troutman

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#### RUMMIKUB

Cindy Troutman, 727-741-1940

ome 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!

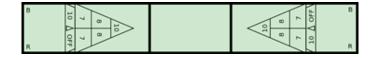
#### **EUCHRE**

Margo Keyes

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

## **SHUFFLING**

Bob Barr



ANTED: New (inexperienced/experienced) shufflers needed. We shuffle on Mondays and Wednesdays and need players who can do one or the other or both. We will be willing to give free advice on how to shuffle. This (advice) may be overwhelming at first but playing experience will teach you how to be a better shuffler. Lots of wins are not expected during the first couple of seasons. We do match up players by average the best we can before matches start. We usually leave for away matches around 10:30 to 10:45am and usually get by 3:00. Our first matches will be Nov. 24th and 26th at Sun Valley. The list of matches home and away are posted in our clubhouse. If you happen to have some free time, when we are playing at home, on a Monday or Wednesday afternoon come join us and watch a game or 2.

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#### PO-KE-NO

Flo Bombardier

o-Ke-No meets Sundays at 1:00pm in the Phase 1 Clubhouse.

#### **BOWLING**

Bob Barr

he 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.



**Oct. 10th** Lee West 220/28, 231/39

Oct. 17th Mary Kay Brown 153/20

Jane Fedelem 147/27

Bob Barr 225/44

Ray Jablonski 187/46

Oct. 24th Frank Gaffney 144/34

Tom Lacoy 179/39

Lee West 145/53

Ray Jablonski 187/46

Oct. 31st Mary Kay Brown 166/33

Jane Fedelem 139/24 Frank Gaffney 141/25

Tom Lacoy 191/53

Bob Barr 202/30

#### **POOL SIDE HAPPY HOUR**

Joanne Gastler

#### 3:00pm on Saturday, December 6 –

ome on over to the Phase I pool and 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. Music will be playing in the background.

#### **TOYS FOR TOTS**

Connie Holmes



Briar Creek #1 will once again accept toys for the annual toy drive for the children and teens in our area to be distributed by the U S Marine Corp volunteers of Pinellas County. Toys are to be new, books are especially encouraged as well. Bring your items to the celebration on December 6th at 7 pm as we enjoy a time of desserts and drinks and sing Christmas Carols.

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## kRaZy KaRdS

Joanne Gastler

RaZy KaRds is on the 1st Sunday of the month - December 7, 6:00pm. Cost is \$3 per person. Sign up at the phase 1 coffee hour on Wednesday from 8:30-10:00am, 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.

#### **YANKEE SWAP**



Joan Bienvenue

Join in the fun at the Phase 1 clubhouse on Sunday, December 7 at 1pm. Please bring a new wrapped exchange gift (\$10 value). Refreshments will be served. A \$1 donation is appreciated at the door.

#### **DECEMBER MONTHLY LUNCHEON**

Joan Bienvenue

his month, join us for lunch at 1 pm on December 9th at Rusty Pelican (2425 N Rock Point Dr., Tampa, FL 33607). The sign-up sheet is hanging up in the Phase 1 clubhouse. If you have any questions, please get in touch with Joan Bienvenue at 727-902-8166.

#### **SANTAS ON DISPLAY**

Joanne Gastler

Friday, December 19, 12:00-5:00pm Saturday, December 20, 1:00-6:00pm

Toin the Cutright Family as they open their home for you to view their Santa Display and Collection. There are more Santas than you can count... from around the world. They run the gamut from tiny - all the way up to 8 feet tall! There are Santa bells, trinket boxes, water globes, musical Santas, moving Santas, Santas made of every kind of material... Their home is located at 57 Sugar Bear Drive.

## WINTER DANCE DECEMBER 20, 7:00pm

Joanne Gastler

ome and have lots of fun dancing or just listening to great music while visiting with your neighbors. Live music by Blue Marlin Band from Gull Aire Villages.

This is a BYOB event. Cost is \$10 per person. Snacks and desserts will be served. During the band break, we will have a short Trivia contest and other fun stuff.

#### LADIES BRIAR CREEK BOOK CLUB (Phase I & II)

Jane McKenzie

njoy 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 December book is *The Five Wishes of Mr. Murray McBride* by Joe Siple and the January book is *When We Meet Again* by Kristin Harmel. Pease contact me if you are interested in joining or have questions.

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

#### **Pull Tabs**

Toni and Don Beaton

ittle things make a big difference! You can help support Ronald McDonald House by donating the tabs you pull to open soda, soup and other aluminum cans and help the environment at the same time. We recently took over sixteen pounds of pull tabs (that's the most ever!) to the Ronald McDonald House in St. Petersburg and received the following thank you note:

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You can place your pull tabs in the bag located at the back door of the clubhouse, drop them off at our house, 126 Juniperus Dr. or just hand them to us as you see us around the park. Pull for the house! Thank You!

#### ANNUAL BAZAAR

Joanne Gastler

his year's annual Bazar was a great success. Details will be out in the January Bugle. A GREAT BIG THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS. WE REALLY APPRECIATE YOU ALL!







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#### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5, 7PM

#### **TOYS FOR TOTS**

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#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6 AT 4PM

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1PM

YANKEE SWAP

Contact Joan B. at 727-902-8166 PHASE ONE CLUBHOUSE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19 – 12pm-5pm SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20 - 1pm-6pm SANTAS ON DISPLAY CUTRIGHT HOME, 57 SUGAR BEAR DRIVE, PHASE ONE

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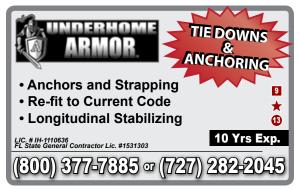


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#### **Briar Creek Bugle Phase II – December - 2025**

(Pete Loranger - Editor Phone 421-2321) (E-Mail: ploranger006@gmail.com)

#### **Board of Directors:**

#### Sam Oliverio President

Telcome to December or as Andy Williams would say, "it's the most wonderful time of the year". By the time you receive this there is just enough time to remind you that our Annual Condo Board Meeting is December 1, 2025 at 7:00 pm at the Phase II Clubhouse. I truly hope that you've all gotten in Proxies so that we can have a quorum to vote on the Reserve Funding issue, as we do every year. Remember that by voting for Partial funding we can keep our monthly Condo Fees from going up beyond our control.

Also, as you know from reading the second notice from the Management Company, there will be no need for an Election for the 3 Director slots open, as only 3 requests came in.

I would once again thank all of you that have volunteered in whatever way you have this year, and also thank all of the Board members for continuing to do the things they do for our Community. This is indeed the best place to call home.

From our house to yours, we send wishes for the best holiday season for you, and your families.

# <u>Jim Tashjian – Director – Alterations</u> ▼ ou do NOT need approval from me, the board, or anyone else to decorate for the

So decorate as much or as little as you like! We can't wait to see it. Please be careful on those ladders and step stools. Nobody wants to spend the holidays in the hospital. If you are planning any actual alterations, blank request forms can always be found just outside the office door. (In the library area of the clubhouse) Once filled out they can be dropped in the office door mail slot or in my rock box at 193 Clubview Dr. Please remember, you need to get your form back with signatures and an approval letter before work can begin on your project. I wish you all a happy, healthy, and beautifully decorated holiday season.

Merry Christmas!

#### <u>Phil Chabot – Philip Chabot – Vice President and Director Phase II</u> <u>Garage, Lawns, Ponds and RV Lot</u>

s we end this calendar year of 2025 and get ready to welcome in 2026, I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year. Please be safe during the holiday season, don't drink and drive and most of all enjoy your family, friends and neighbor's here in "The Creek".

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#### <u>Bill Escher – Director – Home Inspections</u>

Let's make sure our properties are bright and festive. Areas always needing attention are gutters having vegetation. Mold/mildew on your houses. Additionally weeds in your planters not only the front planters but also planters alongside your side yards and back patio's.

Please keep up the appearance of your homes.

#### **Social Club President**

Marge Grohskopf

appy Holidays to Everyone. It's a busy time of the year. Time spent with friends and family are the best gifts of all. Your family may not be near, but you have your Briar Creek Family close by.

Our Holiday Dinner Dance is on Sat. Dec. 13th. The last day for tickets is Nov. 29th. Tickets have been on sale for 5 weeks. Also check to make your arrangements for New Year's Eve.

Social Club Membership Dues are on sale now for 2026. The cost of a membership is \$5.00 payable at Sat. Coffee Hour.

December 31st ends my term as President of the Social Club. This has been a busy year and I could not have done it without your cooperation and assistance. You should all be very proud to be a part of Briar Creek 2. We always say "It Takes a Village" and we have one heck of a Village. It has been rewarding as President working with a group of people who really care about each other and always willing to help. Thank You to my Briar Creek Family.

#### **SATURDAY MORNING COFFEE**

Peggy Raynor Vice President, Social Club

Thank you to all our full time residents who have volunteered throughout the last few months to work Saturday morning coffee. We appreciate the number of times many of you volunteered to help out at coffee. Hopefully our fulltimers will get a little break now as more of our snowbirds return to take their turn. It's definitely a joint effort on the part of all of us to keep coffee going.



The short amount of time you can give will help ensure we can enjoy our coffee and donuts each Saturday morning. Please use the signup sheet on the bulletin board in the hallway by the kitchen to volunteer.



# Newsletters

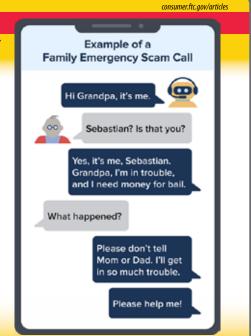
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#### **SHOWTIME**

Marge Grohskopf

Te 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 will go on sale in November. 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.

#### Zen Zone

Dr. Marty Finkelstein

Regardless of religion or beliefs, experiencing the Zen Zone is being in an enlightened mind. When we are in a Zen state of mind, the choices in our life are more clear and profound. We deeply understand that external pleasures such as a bigger home, more money, or success, may feel good, but they can never heal our inner self. When we experience Zen we feel at peace with others, we have self acceptance, and we feel more loving and accepting of others. Ultimately, healing physically, and emotionally is a process of developing a life that feels more meaningful, and being fulfilled in each area of your life. You feel you are living in the moment, yet clear of the visions you are evolving toward.

I remember years ago reading a story about two monks who were traveling on a road when they saw a mother holding a baby and trying to cross a rushing stream. Without hesitation one of the monks asked the woman if she needed assistance. She graciously said yes, and he carried

they both across the stream. About a mile down the road, the other monk with a puzzled face asked why he helped the woman, since in their particular monastery it was improper to touch a woman. The monk replied, my brother I put the young woman and her baby down about a mile ago. Why are you still carrying her?

This is living in the zen. You respond to life with a clear yes without complicating the simplicity of life. An enlightened person has learned the rules and then lives beyond the rules. Often people find this difficult to understand.

I am reminded of the story of Jesus, when he comes to the aid of Mary Magdalene. Everyone feels righteous, throwing stones at Mary for being sinful, yet when Jesus steps forward and asks them to look inward, at their own sins do they pause to reconsider their actions. Who amongst you has no sins come forth. Interestingly I believe if we evolve to a Zen place we all would be casting stones less and discovering love acceptance and kindness more. Imagine if we all could walk in Jesus shoes for one day. Ahhhh why not?

Happy Thanksgiving hopefully feeling grateful for this life and living in paradise.

Dr. Marty Finkelstein Lives in Briar Creek with his wife Julie Austin

#### 2025 NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION

nce again, BCII is excited to host another fun-filled **New Year's Eve Celebration** event! What a wonderful way to enjoy the last evening of 2025 with great music and plenty of dancing with our Briar Creek residents! All Briar Creek residents are welcome to attend, along with your friends and family.

The NYE Celebration will be held Wednesday, December 31, from at 6:30 pm until 10:30 pm... certainly a much better time to have fun with our eyes still wide-open! The Clubhouse doors will open at 6:00 pm for check-in.

As last year, the marvelous entertainment will again be provided by Les Weiss of "Les 'n more" who sings the best music that we listened and danced to so many years ago. Les is a very talented local D.J. A variety of appetizers and desserts will be provided during the celebration as well as coffee and water. Don't forget to BYOB!

- **Tickets: \$20 per person** Sold <u>only</u> on Saturdays at BCII Clubhouse beginning <u>November</u> 22nd.
- <u>BCII</u> residents: may buy tickets during our "Saturday Morning Coffee" from **8:00-9:30** am.
- BCI residents: may buy tickets at BCII Clubhouse from 9:30-10:15 am.
- Saturday, December 20th is the last date to buy tickets.

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\*Note: This event is Open Seating with 8 guests per table. Should you wish to be seated with friends, it's best to buy all tickets at the same time.

Should you have any questions, please contact the event Chairladies noted below:

Cindy Ames (727-641-3269) and Dorenda Zimmer (585-202-5557)

# BC HOLIDAY LIGHTS TOUR

Peggy Raynor

Holiday Lights Tour is planned for Wednesday, December 17th, 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM on the Jolley Trolley for Phase I and II.

Please join us on a BYOB trolley ride to see many of the popular Christmas decorations in our area. Light snacks and water will be served on the trolley.

The cost is \$15.00 per person. Tickets will be sold at our two clubhouses during coffee. Payment guarantees a seat on the trolley as we must pay in advance. No refunds will be issued. If your plans change, and you can't make the trip, please find someone to take your place.

The deadline for purchasing tickets is Monday, November 17th. We are starting with one trolley for each phase in Briar Creek. If we fill these two trolleys by 11/17 and still have people interested in attending, we will add an extra trolley or two.

Pick up will be at the individual clubhouses. More information on the exact time of pick up to follow.

If you would like to participate, please wear your Ugly Christmas Sweater as we will have a contest for the ugliest sweater on board each trolley!

For additional information or to purchase tickets if you can't make it to coffee, please contact:

Phase I - Ruthie Kalbfleisch at 847-742-7590

Phase II - Arlene Skolnekovich at 412-370-9287 or Peggy Raynor at 239–298–2230

# **Sunshine Lady**

Lois Heisdorf

If you are sick, injured, in the hospital or rehab facility and would like to let your Brian 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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## The Briar Creek 2 Connection

Marsha & Carol

s 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.

# **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

aven House—shelter for battered women

Please remember there is a bin at the back of the clubhouse if you would like to drop off much needed items such as toiletries, flip flops, socks/underwear, etc.

Your generosity is so very appreciated!

Any questions please call Amber at (219) 796-6762

## Food Pantry

Joan Davis/Arnold Williams

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

# **Ladies' Luncheon**

Julie & Arlene

ERRY CHRISTMAS LADIES!!! Our Christmas luncheon will be held at Perkins on 2626 Golf to Bay Blvd.

Dec 10, 2025 at 1:00 pm.

Great choices for lunch, a bakery (yummy muffins and pies) and we have a private area to enjoy each other.

Come and have a great lunch, maybe some extra fun and enjoy new and old friends.

### **BINGO**

Al & Diane Merando

Telcome back to all our snowbirds! It's great to have everyone together again. We will not have bingo on Monday, December 1st due to the HOA yearly meeting and again on Monday, December 22nd due to the Christmas holiday. We wish everyone a joyous holiday season and hope Santa is good to you!

# **BUNCO**

Marge Grohskopf

unco Dates for November and December change due to the Holidays.

November Bunco will be on Thurs. Nov. 20 at 7pm

December Bunco will be on Thurs. Dec. 18 at 7pm

Other than these two months 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.



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### Sit & Stitch

Sandy Fassett

ome 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**

Billie & Pete

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

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 December. Don't forget to bring your own drinks, plus your dish and put aside money for the 50/50. See you there.

### **Pinochle Scores**

Sharon Cann

- 10/15 Alice Williams 544, Sharon Cann 510
- 10/22 Dawn Benson 535, Orpha Berken 527
- 10/29 Orpha Berken 319, Gary Bieniewicz 273, Alice Williams 354, Dawn Benson 306
- 11/05 Alice Williams 557, Dawn Benson 528



# **Bowling**

Arnold Williams

he Bowling season is starting to roll along and we now have our averages set. Have had a few folks come down from the North with more showing up weekly. There will be NO Bowling on 12/23 & 12/30 in observance of Christmas and New Year!!! We have some new faces to join in the Fun and Atmosphere. Hopefully we will have a Safe & Healthy Winter together. Below are the Bowlers who achieved Bowling +25 pins over their averages!!! Thank You Arnold Williams

10/14/25		WEEK 1	
Kathy Corcoran	+35	Sherry Lemessurier	+33
Tom Lacoy	+47	Vern Browe	+28
John Ames	+26	Glenn Jensen	+26
10/21/25		WEEK 2	
Phil Willix	+56 &+41	Ray Jablonski	+37
Lola Woodward	+46 & +38	Linda Fitton	+29
Steve Fontaine	+47 & +45	Glen Jensen	+31
10/28/25		WEEK 3	
Lola Woodward	+26	Marsha Reynolds	+33 & +42
Tom Lacoy	+28	Linda Fitton	+34
11/4/25		WEEK 4	
Cindy Ames	+26	Joan Davis	+27
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# **Opera Afternoons**

Russ Lipari

I 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** 

#### **December Opera Afternoon**

Les Pêcheurs de Perles by George Bizet

Tuesday, December 16, 2025 - BC2 Clubhouse

2:00 - Opera performance 120 minutes, sung in French with English subtitles

#### January Opera Afternoon

·Cavalleria Rusticana by Pietro Mascagni and Pagliacci by Ruggerio Leoncavallo

Tuesday, January 20, 2026 - BC2 Clubhouse

2:00 - Opera performance 161 minutes, sung in Italian with English subtitles

#### February Opera Afternoon

The Pirates of Penzance by Gilbert and Sullivan

Tuesday, February 17, 2026 - BC2 Clubhouse

2:00 - 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

2:00 - Opera performance 134 minutes, sung in German with English subtitles

#### **April Opera Afternoon**

La Traviata by Giuseppe Verdi

Tuesday, April 21, 2026 - BC2 Clubhouse

2:00 - Opera performance 139 minutes, sung in Italian with English subtitles

### **Talent Show**

Pam Edwards

AVE THE DATE: Briar Creek 2 will be hosting another Talent Show on January 31 from 7pm to 9pm. Pam Edwards and the Talent Show committee will begin organizing the event in early December. Drop it into your calendar!

### **Exercise Class**

lasses are held Monday - Thursday in the Phase 2 clubhouse. All classes are open to residents of Phase 1 and Phase 2. She teaches "Silver Sneakers" classes. 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. Claudia works with us to keep us limber and improve our strength and balance for overall health. Also - friendly and fun!

Mon. and Wed. 9:15 - Zumba Tuesday and Thursday 10:30 - Strength and Balance Come and join us!

# **Briar Creek Book Club**

(Phase I & II)

njoy 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 December book is The Five Wishes of Mr. Murray McBride by Joe Siple and the January book is When We Meet Again by Kristin Harmel. Pease contact me if you are interested in joining or have questions. Jane McKenzie 651-353-2602

jgmckenzie4647@gmail.com

### NAME BADGES

Sharon Cann

et 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

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# **Birthdays and Anniversaries**

Pete Loranger

<b>Birthdays</b>		0 1
12/01	Margaret Fake	\_\ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \
12/02	Alice Williams	
12/04	John Ames	
12/04	Richard Howd	Let's
12/04	Brian Bailey	<b>↑ ↑ ↑</b>
12/05	Russ Lipari	1 alaha ata
12/05	Carol Beatty	( Jelenicole
12/06	Michael Schmidt	
12/07	Gloria Boettger	T 4
12/09	Arnold Grohskopf	
12/10	Jo Cicale	· <b>/</b> / \
12/11	Ken Kellerman	
12/15	Jackie Labounty	1 0
12/15	Donna Stockmaster	
12/21	Wayne Clark	
12/21	Leo McCarthy	TO BOOK OF THE PARTY OF THE PAR
12/26	Richard Whipple	
12/26	Henry Kalinoski	
12/28	Don Molen	
12/29	Tom Feeley	
12/29	Russ Jordan	
12/29	Jonathon Craig	
12/30	Bonnie Briggs	
12/31	Kelly Steele	

### **Anniversaries**

12/05/1988	Ronald & Wendy Pietrzak – 37 years
12/07/1967	Jim & Carol Beatty – 58 years
12/23/1965	Les & Judith Smout – 60 years



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Ranch Mobile Park, Park-Wide Yard Sale, Saturday, December 6, 2025, 8:00am -2:00pm at: 6800 - 150th Ave. N., Clearwater, (Largo).

CRAFT FAIR Saturday December 6th 8:00 am - 2:00 pm. East Bay Oaks Clubhouse 601 Starkey Road, Largo

Annual Carport & Craft sale, Lincolnshire Estates: 1071 Donegan Rd., Largo FL 33771. Saturday December 6th 8AM to 1PM. Over 50 homes: housewares, arts & crafts, clothes, furniture, tools, and lots more. Maps available at entrances.

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VENTRILOQUIST MARK MINOR SHOW, January 17th, 7PM. Paradise Island Clubhouse, 1001 Starkey Road, Largo. Tickets only \$10, Contact Ken 386-450-0360

Rummage and Bake Sale at Golden Crest MHP clubhouse, 800 Main Street, Dunedin, January 18, 8-12. Quilt Raffle, glassware, jewelry, home decor, and more.

Lincolnshire Estates Annual Bazaar will be held Saturday Feb 7th, 8AM-1PM. 1071 Donegan Rd, Largo. Furniture, tools, jewelry, housewares, bake sale, nick-nacks, linens. Small appliances, silent auction, breakfast, and lunch for purchase.

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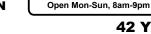
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