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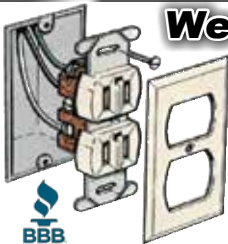
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Lift Assist 9-1-1 ask for non-emergency EMS when you or a loved one falls and cannot get up.

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ST. PETE WATER PIPE REPLACEMENT

Bob Barr, President

City of St. Petersburg personnel and personnel from the company contracted to do the work of replacing the blue pipe over the Lake Tarpon Outfall Canal with an underground pipe, gave a presentation on how this will be done, on Wednesday the 7th of February.

The work may start late Fall of this year and last for about 6 months. At this time they are waiting on permits from the Army Corps of Engineers.

They will be pulling 1700 feet of 54-inch welded plastic pipe from our side at the end of Sugar Bear to the other side of the canal in Gull Aire. The depth of the pipe under the canal will be about 70 feet down into bedrock. Boring will be done from the Gull Air side of the canal. Most of the equipment being used on our side will be brought in through Mease Hospital roads and onto the easement behind Sugar Bear, New Fawn, Deer Trail, Honey Bear, Bear Run, and Fox Trail. Some pipe may be brought onto the easement before the first island in the road along BC Blvd. The pipe will come in 50-foot sections and when assembled on rollers, will stretch from the NE end of Sugar Bear to almost the beginning of Sugar Bear. They will be putting up security fencing along the easement for safety and sound barriers at the pit location, at the NE end of Sugar Bear, due to the noise that will be generated during the final phase of the project. When the pipe has been assembled and the horizontal hole under the canal has been bored, and everything else is ready, they will begin pulling the pipe from our side to Gull Aire's side. This will be a continuous 24/7 operation that may take up to 2 days to finish. At the end of the project, they will restore the easement grounds to their original condition.

They will also be trimming/clearing select trees in the easement. **Any private items, sheds/**



planters, our owners have placed in the easement must be removed by the owners.

A copy of the informational flyers handed out at the meeting will be placed on the association bulletin board in the clubhouse. We will be posting further information through various means as it becomes available.

FIRE BLANKETS

Allan Berge

Do you have a fire extinguisher? A fire blanket is another option that requires no maintenance and is very simple to use. Watch for information on a session to be presented at the clubhouse about fire blankets and the types of fires they work best to put out.



EYEGlasses DONATIONS

Pat Arend

We have been collecting used eyeglasses at Briar Creek for many, many years. A box was made by someone and the box was in the back room on a bookshelf waiting for donations of eyeglasses. The eyeglasses are then taken to an optical center and then sent to the Lions Club. As we age and need new glasses, your old eyeglasses, reading glasses, and even sunglasses can be recycled to be used by those less fortunate. I have repainted and updated the box for the glasses and moved it to a prominent location just inside the front clubhouse doors. Below is an excerpt from the Lions Club describing this endeavor. If you have any questions, please contact Pat Arend, 727-698-7763.



Why Recycle Glasses? An estimated 120 million people* are visually impaired because of uncorrected refractive errors (far and near sightedness). Almost all cases can be corrected and normal vision can be restored with eyeglasses, contact lenses or refractive surgery. The lack of eyeglasses denies children and adults opportunities for education, employment and a better quality of life. The Journey of Recycled Glasses: 1. Lions and Leos collect used eyeglasses at various community locations. 2. The glasses are shipped to the nearest Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center where trained volunteers sort, clean and determine the prescription strengths of the glasses. 3. Volunteers at the recycling center carefully package the prepared glasses and store them until they are required for eyeglass dispensing missions. Glasses that are not suitable for reuse are recycled for scrap, with the earnings benefitting local Lions and Leos projects. 4. At the mission site, eye care professionals and trained Lion and Leo volunteers perform vision screenings and dispense the appropriate recycled glasses, free of charge, to children and adults in need.



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WALKING SAFETY

Ginnie Berge



Walking is a healthy activity, but it's important to know the rules of thumb of pedestrian safety. This is especially true if you are walking in an area where there aren't sidewalks or paths separated from the road. To stay safe walking:

- Walk facing oncoming traffic – walk on the left side of the road.
- Always stay aware of your surroundings. Pavement may be uneven. Remember motorists might not notice you.
- Possible distractions while walking might be using a mobile device, visiting with fellow walkers, or the pet you are walking.
- Be visible. Don't wear dark clothing, especially at night. When walking at night, wear light-colored clothing or a reflective vest, to be visible. Be just as cautious at dawn or twilight, as drivers still have limited visibility or may even have the setting or rising sun directly in their eyes.
- Know when to stop walking. Heat sickness, dehydration, heart attack, or stroke can strike walkers of any age. Learn the symptoms of these medical emergencies and carry a cell phone to call for help.

REMINDERS

Al Hartin



FOBS

Last year the Board replaced the keys to the Clubhouse and Pool Area with FOBS that increase the safety of all residents of Briar Creek. Remember to bring your FOB with you when you are going to the Clubhouse or Pool. Do not assume that someone will be there and open the door or gate – this defeats the purpose of issuing FOBS for security.

CLUBHOUSE/POOL AREA

After use of the Clubhouse or Pool Area remember to do the following:

- Relock any doors you dogged in the open position
- Turn off lights
- Turn off any fans you used – also fans on back deck by the pool
- Return any items you used from the kitchen and, if needed, empty the trash

BRIDGE BEHIND POOL

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NAME BADGES

Al Hartin

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. You could win the \$5.00 drawing but more importantly you will meet and get to know a lot of your fellow "Briar Creekers". Hope to see you at Coffee Hour!

DIAL DIRECTORY – The Yellow Book

Al Hartin, Donna Hartin & Pat Arend

Updates for March 2023. See below for Additions/Changes to your Dial Directory.



Please add the following new owners:
Frederick & Raylee Fleisch
95 Chestnut Dr
F: 727-269-4539
R: 727-432-6505

Please add the following new resident:
Richard Szczeracki
50 Sugar Bear Dr
727-452-1967

INSPECTIONS & ARCHITECTURAL REPORTS

Kim Ramalho, Vice President, (508) 423-1691

Inspections - Inspections have begun. I want to thank my volunteers for conducting the inspections. They are doing a terrific job. I also want to thank the residents for making their job easy this year by keeping your properties in tip-top shape.



Architectural Requests - ALL ARCHITECTURAL REQUESTS MUST BE APPROVED BEFORE any work can be done. I am happy to work with any residents who submit a request to ensure it complies with regulations. Any Architectural Requests can be dropped off at the Clubhouse Director's Office or placed in my Rock Box @ 39 Deer Trail Court.

LAWNS AND TREES

Mike Moore, 813-629-8216

The lawns will be mowed 3 times in March. If you have an issue with the lawn mowers, please contact me immediately while they are still in the Park. Otherwise, I can't help you.



MARCH ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS

Kim Ramalho

Anniversaries

Albie & Diane	Malek	March	4	1967
Kenneth & Jean	Carlson	March	10	
Harry & Sharon	McKinzie	March	17	
Robert & Shirley	Miller	March	24	1977



Birthdays

Carmen	Galarza	March	1	Mary	Bourque	March	14
Allen	Fuller	March	3	Joe	Casola	March	16
Cindy	Benoit	March	3	Robert	Crincoli	March	16
Isabelle	Simpson	March	3	William	Levering	March	16
Audrey	Pringle	March	4	Doreen	Scott	March	17
Bill	Kaempfer	March	4	Jane	Hardacre	March	18
Louise	Belanger	March	4	Kathryn	Palsyn	March	18
Jeff	Savage	March	5	Kenneth	Musumeci	March	18
Emmett	Powell	March	6	Rodney	Schiffla	March	18
Mary	Haupt	March	7	Ken	Typinski	March	19
Gerald	Bletsch	March	8	Connie	Potter-Holmes	March	20
Terri	Lauber	March	8	Annette	Lemieux	March	21
Nancy	Zitoli	March	9	Betty	Hudd	March	21
Tony	Alves	March	9	Frank	Picone	March	21
Robyn	Prentiss	March	10	Lynn	Lijewski	March	26
Dawn	Messina	March	12	Lynn	Sheppard	March	26
Patricia	Stewart	March	13	Gary	Hoad	March	27

BINGO

Your Phase One Bingo Team



Phase One Bingo every Tuesday, doors open at 5:00pm, games start at 6:00pm. As our prep time to set up is significantly shorter than previous years, we do ask that you not enter the clubhouse until 5:00pm.

Hot dogs will be served every Tuesday from 5:00 to 5:45, and Jeff will do his best to provide a meal each Tuesday, as well. You need not play bingo to purchase food, but we do ask that you non-players wait until 5:30 so that players can get a meal and get seated. Keep an eye on the Briar Creek Facebook groups for more info, or contact Jeff Clark via phone or text at 585-613-6218.

Prize monies are growing each week and if you haven't played bingo in a few years, please give us a try.

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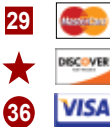
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BRIAR CREEK BIRD WALK

Bill Kaempfer



Find out more about the natural setting of Briar Creek on our monthly bird walks. Over the years 114 species of birds have been observed in Briar Creek! On February 2, seven of us saw 33 species. Among our observations were a young Bald Eagle that flew right overhead, a group of four Brown Pelicans flying by, and great views of several of our neighborhood Eastern Bluebirds. We heard a Clapper Rail call back at us near the Phase II pool and even heard a calling Eastern Screech Owl. Check this URL on the internet for the complete list: [eBird Checklist - 2 Feb 2024 - Briar Creek - 33 species](#)

March's bird walk will be on the first Friday of the month—March 1st. Join us at 8:00 a.m. for a 60-to-90-minute walk up and down our streets and out to the canal. We meet at the Phase 1 Clubhouse, wear sturdy walking shoes, and bring binoculars, if you have them. If you have a golf cart and want to ride, call me in advance.

BRIAR CREEK BRIDGE

Bill Kaempfer

Briar Creek Bridge meets every Tuesday from 12:45-4:00 in the Phase I Clubhouse. Everyone is welcome—Phase I, Phase II and non-BC bridge players—and you certainly don't have to be an expert to join in. Just give me, Bill Kaempfer, a text, call (303-717-5063), or email (Kaempfer@Colorado.edu), if you are interested in joining us and playing.

Here are recent winners:

January 9	Bill Kaempfer	3110
January 16	Ken Fox	4010
January 23	Cam Day	3720
January 30	Bill Kaempfer	2870



POKENO

Flo Bombadier

Join us on Sunday afternoons at 1:00pm in Phase 1 clubhouse.



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Margo Keyes



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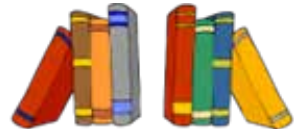
Helen Coar



Join the line! Come and enjoy the music and exercise. Wednesday, 6:30-7:30pm. If you are a beginner, arrive at 6:00 for a quick lesson. Hope to see you then.

BRIAR CREEK BOOK CLUB (Phase I & II)

Jane McKenzie



Enjoy discussing books chosen by the members. Our book club meets in the Phase II Clubhouse at 3:00 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month, however, we do not meet May-October. The March book is *West with Giraffes* by Lynda Rutledge and the April book will be *Demon Copperhead* by Barbara Kingsolver. Please contact me if you are interested in joining or have questions.

Jane McKenzie

651-353-2602

jgmckenzie4647@gmail.com

BRIAR CREEK LUNCHEON

Joan Bienvenue



Our next Briar Creek luncheon will be at Bahama Breeze on March 19 at 1:00pm. It's a favorite of the Creekers requested often. Hope to see all our regulars and some new friends as well. All are welcome – singles and couples. If you have any questions, please call Joan Bienvenue at 727- 902-8166. Please sign up on the sheet posted below the flyer.





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Gene Arend

January 12th

Allan Berge – 27
Carol Beatty – 39
Jim Beatty – 28
Kenny Homme – 42
Lee West – 35
Skip Taylor – 30

January 19th

Carol Beatty – 30
Bob Barr – 33
Gene Arend – 35
Joe Simpson – 70
Kim Ramalho – 44
Linda Fitton – 52
Mike Benoit – 33, 61
Skip Taylor – 46

January 26th

Allan Berge – 44
Arnold Williams – 39
Glenn Jensen – 48
Jim Beatty – 28
Kim Ramalho – 32
Linda Fitton – 30

February 2nd

Bob Barr – 25
Cindy Benoit – 28
Kenny Homme – 54
Lee West – 35
Linda Fitton – 25
Ray Jablonski – 51
Tom Lacoy – 36

February 9th

Ray Jablonski – 27
Bob Barr – 40
Mary Kay Brown – 36, 42

175 - 200 Bowlers

January 12th
Lee West – 213

January 19th
Linda Fitton – 179
Mike Beonit – 211
Joe Simpson – 205

January 26th
Glenn Jensen - 211

February 2nd
Kenny Homme – 206
Lee West – 210

February 9th
Lee West – 205
Bob Barr - 202

ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

Frank Gaffney and Anthony Carregal

Hey kids!

Our biggest event of the year happens in March!

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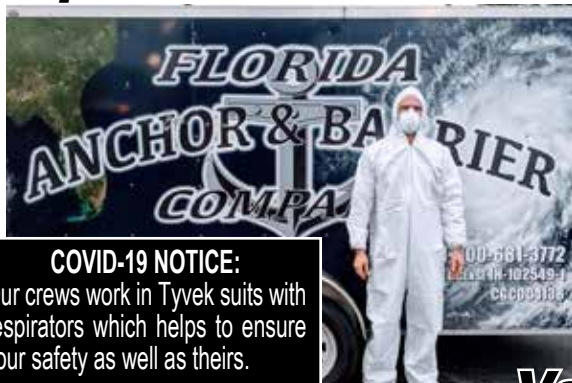
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Recently I was asked by someone, why I like living in Briar Creek. I replied, it's a great place to live! Then they said, "but you didn't say why you like living in Briar Creek", and I realized that they were correct, I didn't say what it was about Briar Creek that made it a great place to live. Sure, the people are fantastic that live here, and it is central to so many places near us like Tampa, St. Petersburg, Clearwater and Tarpon Springs, but what is it that makes it so special that I want to live here. It didn't take me long to reply that we have one of the most scenic Parks in the area. The roads are winding, and tree lined and there are few, if any other Parks that resemble ours. We all do our part to continue to keep our Park in the Pristine condition that makes us proud to live here. How do we do that? Of course we take pride in our home and property, but I believe it goes further than that. When we moved in to the Park we met with a Representative who went over the Documents and Restrictions that govern our Park, and we agreed to these docs and restrictions before we even closed on our houses. These Documents and Restrictions are what keeps our Community from falling into disrepair. Do we like all of the Documents and Restrictions that we are governed by? Probably not. Are they necessary? Absolutely! Rules are guidelines that when followed make everyone's lives easier.

We have committees of Volunteers that do Home Inspections, Water Utilities, Water Pressure Testing, and so much more all with your best interests in mind. These people are your neighbors, and most likely your friends who are doing what is asked of them with one thought in mind, to keep your investment safeguarded to the best of their abilities. All we ask of our residents is to do what they pledged to do when they moved into Briar Creek, to follow the docs and regs that they agreed to before they actually closed on their homes. This means that you keep your property in a clean and clutter free condition, that you submit an Alteration request prior to making any changes to the outside of your homes, that you walk your dog in the pet section that is clearly marked, that you refrain from having advertising signs on your cars or homes, and that you simply be a good neighbor.

If we have to ask you to correct a situation, it's not a personal thing. We are asking on behalf of the 261 residents of Phase II who live here, and who expect our Community to go on being the awesome place that it is.

Thanks for doing your part in helping us to do what is an unpleasant job at times.



Bob Raynor – Vice President

As we welcome in March, progress continues on our renovation plans for the Phase II clubhouse and exercise room as discussed at our February board meeting. A contract has been signed to replace our main front doors, exit doors to the pool and entry to the exercise room. A quote has been received to replace the carpeted flooring in the exercise room and work began on refreshing that area after the bazaar. We continue to receive bids for renovation of the clubhouse bathrooms as we move forward with our plans to begin the renovation process no later than June 1. We know much more needs to be done to update the interior of our clubhouse but we also know we can't eat an elephant in one bite. Deliberate structural, cosmetic and financial planning takes time and we want to ensure there is resident involvement in that process.

Finally, the updating of our fob security software program should be complete by now, but if not, will be completed shortly. The hardware has arrived and programming the new software is underway. This needed update will help ensure our system is reliable and effective for many years going forward. We appreciate your support as we continue to work on your behalf to update your amenities and operational systems.

Philip Chabot – Director Phase - Garage, Lawns, Ponds and RV Lot

This month I would like to share some thoughts about our lawn mowing company. I've been working with their management team to resolve some minor issues that we have faced over the last 18 months and so that they continue working with the professionalism we have come to expect. I realize that for some it will never be enough but for most they find that TLC is doing a good job. You also want to remember that any alteration to your landscaping requires an alteration request which details your plans. This is mandatory so we can ensure that our lawn mowing company (TLC) doesn't get bogged down doing their job because of how someone landscaped their property. We want to keep the cost as low as possible for this service and by maintaining a property that is "mower friendly" it will help not only the lawn mowing company (TLC), but our bottom line and our pockets. Now for those of you who have removed your block skirting and installed vinyl skirting, which I have done myself, please make sure you have some type of barrier between the skirting and your lawn. TLC is "not responsible" for any damage to vinyl skirting. Again, make sure you have some type of barrier between your skirting and your lawn. This also applies to your downspouts. TLC is "not responsible" for damage to the ends of your rain gutters / downspouts. Make sure there is room between the downspouts and your lawn. You might want to add a diverter just to make sure.

Happy Easter Everyone!

BOARD MEETINGS

The 3rd Tuesday of every month from October till May at 7:00 pm is blocked for Board of Director's meeting.

Info

Bob Raynor

How the heck did it get to be March already? 25% of the year will have come and gone some of us haven't started working on our New Years Resolutions yet. Time Marches On - some pun intended. With all the unfortunate drama and problems facing our world today, let's enjoy some light trivia. So, a few for you to celebrate:

March 1: National Peanut Butter Lover's Day

March 2: Dr. Seuss's Birthday, National Read Across America Day

March 4: National Hug a G.I. Day,

March 6: National Dentist's Day, National Oreo Cookie Day

March 7: National Cereal Day

March 8: International Women's Day

March 9: National Meatball Day

March 10: National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day

March 11: Johnny Appleseed Day

March 12: Plant a Flower Day, Genealogy Day

March 13: National K-9 Veterans Day

March 14: National Pi Day, Learn About Butterflies Day, National Potato Chip Day

March 15: The Ides of March

March 16: Freedom of Information Day, National Artichoke Day, National Panda Day

March 17: St. Patrick's Day, Absolutely Incredible Kid Day* (third Thursday of every March)

March 18: National Supreme Sacrifice Day, National Biodiesel Day

March 19: National Poultry Day

March 20: Equinox Earth Day, First Day of Spring*, International Day of Happiness

March 21: National Teenager Day, International Day of Forests, World Down Syndrome Day, World Poetry Day

March 22: World Water Day

March 23: World Meteorological Day, National Puppy Day, American Diabetes Alert Day

March 24: World Tuberculosis Day, National Cocktail Day

March 25: Tolkien Reading Day, International Waffle Day

March 26: Make Up Your Own Holiday Day, National Spinach Day

March 28: Respect Your Cat Day

March 29: National Mom and Pop Business Owners Day

March 30: I am in Control Day, Take a Walk in the Park Day, National Doctors' Day

March 31: EASTER SUNDAY



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IT'S THE START OF FALL IN SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE. Spring may be springing here, but March 20 means it is time for those in the Southern Hemisphere to begin winter preparations?



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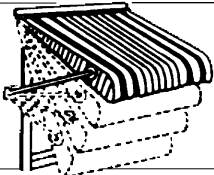
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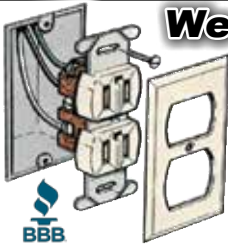
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5 Strength & Balance Class 9AM Practice 4pm Cribbage 6PM	6 Earlybird Breakfast 830AM EVE'S Cardio & Strength Class 9AM Pinochle – 600PM Cribbage – 630PM	7 Strength & Balance Class 1030AM Genealogy Group meeting 7pm	8 Cardio & Strength Class 9AM Chair Yoga Class 10AM	9 8AM Coffee Hour 845AM Social Club News
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19 Strength & Balance Class 9AM BOARD 7PM Afternoon (see article) Day of Spring	20 Earlybird Breakfast Food Pantry collection 8:00-10am 830AM EVE'S Cardio & Strength Class 9AM Pinochle – 600PM Cribbage – 630PM	21 Strength & Balance Class 1030AM MINGLE 430pm	22 Cardio & Strength Class 9AM Chair Yoga Class 10AM Talent Show	23 8AM Coffee Hour 845AM Social Club News
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The Challenges We Face

Dr. Marty Finkelstein

It is hard for me to imagine a life without challenges. There are personal challenges and global challenges that never seem to truly disappear. Yet each challenge in its own mysterious way presents an opportunity for us to discover a pathway for deeper understanding, wisdom, and positive powerful changes in our lives.

All of us can remember our own challenges. At the time I am certain like me you felt the mountain in front of you was too difficult to climb. When I reflect in my own life, going through a divorce cut a hole in my heart and felt like a slow burning cancer. During that time life was turned upside down emotionally and financially. I was challenged to the core of my Being and wondered how I would live with myself if this divorce manifested into a toxic family affecting everyone I loved. Especially our children. The truth was I would not be able to live with myself if that challenge of life reduced me into a person I did not want to be. Thankfully I sought out help first praying and asking for guidance. And listening when the guidance came. Thankfully friends, family, were available, but most important was taking the action to do the healing work through seminars, workshops, therapy, and coaching. Ultimately the question we must face, is how do we change ourselves when faced with the challenges in our lives?

Each of us has are own stories that has been the roadmap of our lives. Each of us will continue to face detours and roadblocks along the way. But if we are writing our own story I hope it puts a smile on our face when we witness our own triumphs and discovered along the way how much we were willing to change to have a life worth lived. The good news is; if you are reading this there are more chapters to still discover deeper healing, compassion, wisdom, and love.

Dr. Marty lives in Briar Creek with his wife Julie Austin

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Sit & Stitch

Darlene Beyer & Sandy Fassett



We are in need of knitters and people who crochet or knit, to help us with our community project of suppling shawls and lap robes to the chemo centers. Having sat with my mother when she was receiving treatments, I realized what these patients would greatly appreciate. These treatment areas are kept quite cool so this is one of the reasons we started this project.

If you would like to join us on Mondays from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm, we would really appreciate your help with making these items. Some people like to knit or crochet at home which is OK. For anyone who wants to make these items, contact us and we will give you the size and any other info you need. We use mostly a very soft yarn, which is Caron knitting worsted which comes in solid colors in a 16 oz. Skein which makes one shawl. Another Caron yarn comes in a variegated 12 oz skein. We try to buy these skeins when they are on sale.

If you don't knit or crochet and would like to contribute to the project, we can always use monetary donations to buy this yarn.

We thank you in advance for any of your help or contributions.

Any questions you may have, please feel free to call either Darlene at 727-403-9957 or Sandy at 727-424-6045

Ladies' Luncheon

Darlene Beyer



March is already here and Spring is just around the corner. The restaurant this month has never been on the list we have voted on and yet I hear so many people say they really like the food there. Well, I decided I would surprise you with the Lucky Dill Restaurant this month on March 13th, at 1:00 pm. It is located on the west side of 19N.

For those of you who have been there before, you already know that the servings are large and delicious, so come with an empty stomach and enjoy the food. Oh! Don't forget to also enjoy all our Briar Creek neighbors in between bites, too. I would greatly encourage all of you ride together due to the amount of parking area.

If anyone needs more info or cannot get to the clubhouse to sign up to attend, please call me Darlene at. 727-403-9957

MINGLE

Billie & Pete

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March 23rd
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March 17th
St. Patrick's Day with DJ Les N. More.
Phase I Clubhouse 20.00 PP 430pm



Golf Tournament Results

Arlene Preston and Carol Rodrigues

Congratulations to Jim Woolsey, Doug Hall, Ed Snell and Gerry Floyd who came in first at our recent Golf Tournament played at CountryWay Golf Course. There were 28 golfers and over 40 for dinner that evening. A special thank you to Gene and Donna Stockmaster for providing a wonderful chicken marsala dinner for us at our clubhouse.





BOWLING

Arnold Williams



Happy St.Patrick's Day & EASTER to Everyone.The Bowling Season is past the halfway mark and heading into the final turn as old racetrackers would articulate. The top 6 teams are just 10 games apart. The 1st place team has only a 2 1/2 lead on the pack. Below are the Bowlers who achieved bowling 25 pins over their averages. Thank You Arnold Williams

Week 13

1/16/24

John Ames	124 & 123	Gene Arend	186
Glen Jensen	202	Louise Terranova	122 & 143 & 125
Arnold Williams	210		

Week 14

1/23/24

John Ames	124 & 124	Bev Wilson	144 & 146 & 159
Steve Fontaine	161	Gene Arend	190 & 181
Arnold Williams	193	Mike Moore	186

Week 15

1/30/24

Cindy Ames	167	Kim Ramalho	122
Lee West	214	Phil Willix	190 & 175 & 187
Alice Williams	154 & 157		

Week 16

2/6/24

Kathy Morrison	154	Glen Jensen	187
Lee West	211	Bev Wilson	158
Skip Taylor	157 & 153	Gene Arend	180
Joan Davis	152		

BUNCO

Marge Grohskopf

March 28th
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Cribbage Game

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Pinochle Scores

Alice Williams



- 1/10 Billie Ogradowski 262, Sharon Cann 221, Alice Williams 656, Orpha Berken 647
- 1/17 Orpha Berken 674, Bob Gundershaug 621
- 1/24 Dawn Benson 566, Sharon Cann, Bob Gundershaug 475, Alice Williams 463
- 1/31 Sharon Cann 537, Dawn Benson 532, Alice Williams 531, Orpha Berken 489
- 2/07 Orpha Berken 644, Bob Gundershaug 638, Sharon Cann 539, Dico Halajian 521

Euchre

Alice Williams & Billie Ogradowski

Euchre has started back on Tuesday nights at 6PM Cost is .50 and a nickel for a set. We have changed some of our rules and I think you will enjoy the changes we made. Come join us on Tuesday nights. Everyone is welcome to join us!

Scores:

- 1/30 Jim Horton 49, Marianne Yacobucct 47
- 2/06 Barbara Mudge 51, Jim Tucker 50, Bill Poe 50



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Enjoy discussing books chosen by the members. Our book club meets in the Phase II Clubhouse at 3:00 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month, however, we do not meet May-October. The March book is *West with Giraffes* by Lynda Rutledge and the April book will be *Demon Copperhead* by Barbara Kingsolver. Please contact me if you are interested in joining or have questions.

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BC Health Care Recommendations Spreadsheet

Russell Lipari

Often times folks move into our community many miles away from their regular health care Professionals that they have trusted and relied on for many years. Members of our community talk with each other about their need for new physicians, dentists, urgent care facilities, hospitals and we give each other our recommendations. A few members of our community decided to formalize our suggestions by putting the recommendations into a spreadsheet for use by all members of our community.

If you have experience with a particular doctor or health care provider that you feel is "top notch" in their field, we ask you to please contribute their information to our database. You can do this by filling out the on-line form where your information will be added to the database. If you do not have internet access, handwritten forms will also be provided in the information hallway at the Phase II clubhouse - we will add your information to the same database by hand. This document is only as good as the recommendations we receive from our community members, and we ask that any community members making recommendations be willing to speak with others about their experience.

In order to receive the *online data entry* form please email rlipari55@yahoo.com and indicate how many referrals you wish to make. Russ will email you the number of forms you have requested. All you need to do is reply to the email, type in your information in the appropriate places, and hit send. Forms for handwriting your recommendations will be available at the clubhouse and contain instructions where to turn in your completed form.

Please give this project your careful attention, we will proceed depending on community interest and participation.

Ron Steinacher, Carol Rodrigues, Russ Lipari

I'm sending this out with an example of what information to provide....and I'll put a similar note up on the board by the envelopes!! Russ

To enter information, hit reply, to this email.

Place your cursor after the colon and click for every item you wish to enter. (You have to click after the colon on each line without hitting enter or tab.).

Then send the email back to me and I will add it to the master spreadsheet.

Thanks for your participation in this project!, Russ

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Here's an example of what the finished product will look like:


Briar Creek Health Care Recommendation Entry

1. Specialization:
2. Name of Provider:
3. Gender:
4. Years in Practice:
5. Group/Affiliation:
6. Address:
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9. Notes/Additional Descriptors:
10. Referral Person(s):

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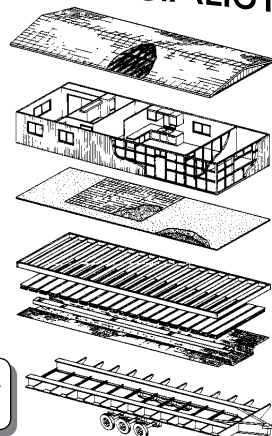
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Pete Loranger

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Birthdays

3/01 Sandra Beach
3/04 Bennie Feliciano
3/04 Anne Stickney
3/06 Maria Boyer
3/10 Billie Ann Berry
3/11 Bill Briggs
3/12 George Cooney
3/12 Gary McKenzie
3/14 Barbara Mudge
3/14 Barbara Bickerstaffe
3/16 Pete Loranger
3/19 Al Merando
3/19 Joanne Lueders
3/21 Amy Stephens
3/28 Cynthia Davis



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3/18/1975 Jerry & Shelia Sparks – 49 years
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