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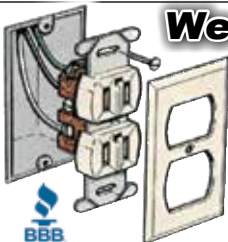
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The Bugle is also available on our website at mybriarcreek.com. Please submit items for publication by **email** or **call/text** to me or place in my rock box at 43 Sugar Bear Drive. A list of deadlines for submitting articles is posted on the P1 Clubhouse bulletin board.

Important Phone Numbers

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

Life-threatening emergency - **911**

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BOARD COMMUNICATION

Al Hartin, Director/Treasurer

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

It has been brought to our attention that there are many homeowners that do not have a computer, cell phone or email address. If you are one of these homeowners, the Board suggests that you contact one of your neighbors that does have a computer and receives these communications and ask them to inform you of any communication from the Board that may affect them.





PARKING IN COMMON AREAS AND ON THE STREET

Ray Jablonski, Director

The rules which have been in place for several years for parking a vehicle in any of the BC1 common areas are as follows.

The East Clubhouse parking lot (the lot by the shuffleboard courts) of the clubhouse is for longer term parking 48 hours to 14 days maximum with permission of the board. Parking in the common areas of the BC Mart, and laundromat are for shorter term needs - 3 days max. When parking in the common areas the requirement is to put a visitor parking form, located by the board office in the clubhouse, on the car dashboard with your name and phone number where the owner, whether **resident or visitor**, can be reached if an emergency or other need arises and your car needs to be moved, for more in depth information please refer to the Briar Creek 1 Parking Policy. The common parking areas are for temporary parking. (Example if a resident is having work done on their house and the driveway cannot be used or they have visitors.) If a form is not on the dashboard of the vehicle the owner will be notified they are in violation of our policy and may be fined.

The amended and restated restrictions of Briar Creek Mobile Home Community 1, Condominium state that no vehicles are permitted to stand overnight in the street except for the purpose of preparing such vehicle for a trip within the following forty-eight (48) hours. Violators will be subject to our fining policy, which states that fines of \$100.00 per day up to a maximum of \$1,000.00 can and will be implemented. Please be considerate of your neighbors and thank you for your cooperation.

NAME BADGES



Al Hartin, Director

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

LIBRARY

Helen Coar/Mary Houpt



The Library is here for your reading pleasure. Just a reminder: there are non-fiction, westerns, audio, large print and Christmas selections in the other room. We again are going to highlight a book or two each month purchased by the Social Club. They will be displayed on the window sill and can be signed out for 2 weeks. Please replace to the window sill. This month's selections are: "The Widow" by John Grisham. And something for the men: "An Inside Job" by Daniel Silva. Let us know if you have a favorite author to highlight. HAPPY READING!

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BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Debbie Landon

If anyone notices that your name isn't included or if you see a mistake, please contact me: 727-726 2576 or seamermaid@gmail.com

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES



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Allan & Ginnie Berge	April 19	1980
Steve & Patricia Fontaine	April 25	2018

APRIL BIRTHDAYS



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Jane Fedelem	April 2	Rita Finnegan	April 14
Ed Reed	April 3	Robert Rice	April 15
Tom Hawkins	April 4	Betty Taylor	April 17
Frank Gaffney	April 5	Dot Bourdon	April 21
Al Hartin	April 6	Bobi Siciak	April 22
Bobbi Haug	April 6	Carol Marsella	April 22
Shannon Irwin	April 7	Victoria Thompson	April 22
Alan Lee	April 8	Bob Lemieux	April 29
Stephanie Andrechak	April 11	Carol Fetchko	April 29
Laurie North	April 12	Carolyn Jablonski	April 2
Sharon Schifla	April 12	Christine Biron	April 30
Steve Brewer	April 13	Stan Zeichner	April 30





BEREAVEMENT

Debbie Landon



If anyone learns about the passing of a current or former resident of Phase 1, please contact me at: 727-726-2576 or seamermaid@gmail.com

Bill Bloom passed away on January 19, 2026, at the VA Bay Pines Healthcare Facility. Bill was born in Chillicothe, Illinois and joined the U.S. Army at 18 years old where he served in Vietnam. Upon discharge, Bill worked for Caterpillar Manufacturing Company for 30 years.

Upon retirement, he moved to Florida. In 2000, Bill coincidentally ran into a former Caterpillar coworker at a gas station and fell in love. Her name is Judy and they finally decided to tie the knot in 2016. Bill leaves behind 1 son in California, 1 stepson in Florida, and his loving wife, Judy, who lives at 35 Deer Trail Ct.

Dotty Sullivan unexpectedly passed away on Sunday, March 8th. In addition to leaving behind several strong friendships in Briar Creek, she left behind her son, Jim, and her two daughters, Tara and Lorraine.

Dotty was a brave, strong woman who was little but was fierce. She and her husband, Bill, moved to Briar Creek from New York in 2001 where they were immediately welcomed by all. The community became her extended family who shared the good times and helped her get through bad times. She was deeply bound by faith which she easily shared with others. Dotty spent her free time with friends playing bingo & cards, line dancing, going on casino trips, cruises, lunches and to church. She also thoroughly loved her volunteer job at Kimberly House. Dotty has been referred to as a tiny giant who always saw the bright side and her sweet caring smile lit up the world.

BINGO

Joanne Gastler



Bingo will be held in Clubhouse 1 on Tuesdays April 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th.

Bingo cards will be sold from 5:00 p.m. to 5:45 p.m., with no sales after 5:45 p.m. sharp. The games will start at 6 p.m. The Jackpot will be \$150.

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

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

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

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BRIAR CREEK BIRD WALK

Bill Kaempfer



The next First Friday Bird Walk is Friday, April 3rd.

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

Our walk on March 6th was not very birdy, but it was nice to have a warm morning once again. We saw 27 species including hearing the "whoop" of the first Great Crested Flycatcher of the spring. This is a bird which breeds right in Briar Creek so we will hear its whoops and chirps until late summer.

Bill Kaempfer, 303-717-5063

BRIAR CREEK BRIDGE

Bill Kaempfer



The BC Bridge Club meets at 1:00 on Tuesday afternoons. It doesn't take much experience to join in and play. Come and join in but let me know in advance if you are coming so we can try to have full tables.

In addition, I can offer introductory lessons. 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.

But you don't need the lessons to join us and play on Tuesday afternoons.

Bill Kaempfer, 303-717-5063

Dianne Larsen (Out of town this month), 719-352-6520

WATER AEROBICS – MERMAIDS

Cindy Troutman



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



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Pat Rivera



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BRIAR CREEK I ANNUAL PICNIC

Joanne Gastler



The BCI Annual Picnic will start at Noon on Saturday, April 4 at the Phase I clubhouse. The social club will provide fried chicken. Those who are attending are asked to bring a side dish or dessert. Lunch will be served from Noon until 1:00pm. Music will follow poolside starting at 1:00pm. The picnic is free to all Phase I Social Club members, \$5 for guests.





kRaZy KaRdS

Joanne Gastler

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

POOLSIDE HAPPY HOUR

Joanne Gastler



Come on over to the Phase I pool on Saturday, April 11, at 3:00pm 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.

APRIL MONTHLY LUNCHEON

Joan Bienvenue

This month, join us for lunch at 1 pm on Tuesday, April 14th, at The Draught House (4011 Tampa Rd, Unit 8, Oldsmar, FL 34677). The sign-up sheet is hanging up in the Phase I clubhouse. If you have any questions, please get in touch with Joan Bienvenue at 727-902-8166

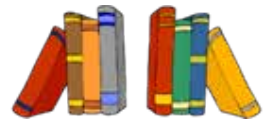


SOCIAL CLUB EVENT ON SATURDAY, APRIL 25

Watch the weekly Going Around emails for more details. The event will be held in the Phase I Clubhouse.

LADIES BRIAR CREEK BOOK CLUB (Phase I & II)

Jane McKenzie



Enjoy discussing books chosen by you, the members! We have been meeting on the fourth Tuesday of the month; however, we will be switching to the first Tues. of the month starting in the fall. Also, there are no meetings May through October. Some months we meet in the Phase II Clubhouse and occasionally we meet at a local restaurant. The March book is *Forty Autumns* by Nina Willner and we will be meeting at a restaurant. The April book is *The God of the Woods* by Liz Moore and that meeting will be in the Phase II Clubhouse on April 21. Please call or text me if you have questions. Jane McKenzie, 651-353-2602

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Try this uncommon career advice

Read enough self-help books, and you'll run across a lot of the same repetitive career advice: Work hard, be helpful, go the extra mile. If you're already doing this, and want to add oomph into your career, consider this advice from the Fast Track Promotion website:

- **Develop your emotional maturity.** Focus on staying calm no matter what happens at work. Treat everyone with respect. Learn to choose your words carefully—and more important, recognize when it's best not to speak at all.
- **Negotiate in good faith.** Find out what the other person wants, and work toward a mutually satisfying agreement instead of one with winners and losers. In other words, seek solutions, not victories. Negotiate as if you're both on the same side.
- **Shift your point of view.** Support your organization's goals, not your own. When you make a decision, ask yourself whether it's one your manager or CEO would make. If not, reconsider your priorities.
- **Provide real value.** Instead of just doing your job, find out how your work supports your organization's objectives, and then give a little extra to help your it thrive. Talk to your manager about what you've done and what you can do to add to the organization's success.
- **Listen to feedback.** Praise is fun to receive, but often we learn most from criticism. Make a point of listening to and considering other people's points of view, and incorporating their feedback into your performance. You'll show that you're a team player committed to improvement.



Don't be afraid to ask for help

Many people avoid asking for advice from fear of being seen as ignorant or incompetent. But soliciting guidance from others can show that you're open to new ideas and focused on success. Here's how to ask for help and look good doing it:

- **Be sure you really need help it.** Don't interrupt a colleague for something you can figure out on your own with a little more time and effort. Save requests for problems that are truly difficult to solve.
- **Ask the right person.** Identify the person who can really help you. You'll irritate your co-workers by asking for help on something that's outside their area of expertise.
- **Be direct.** Don't beat around the bush when you need assistance. If you don't know the person, introduce yourself and explain why you think he or she is best person to help you out. Most people are happy to lend a hand, and they'll feel flattered that you think highly of their skills.



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Monthly

Financial Literacy Month. With taxes due, this may be a good time to learn more about good financial practices. Are you ready to accept responsibility for changing your financial situation? Do you believe that you can and will change the way you make financial decisions? If so, it's time to start.

Month of the Military Child. More than 2 million children in grades K-12 have parents who are serving in our military. Make a difference in the life of a military child by seeking out opportunities to acknowledge their sacrifice, volunteering for organizations that support them, and recognizing their contribution to the nation.

National Autism Awareness Month. A nationwide effort to promote autism awareness, inclusion, and self-determination for all and to ensure that each person on the autism spectrum is provided the opportunity to achieve the highest possible quality of life.

National Garden Month. Gardening grows fun for the whole family. Whether you're digging in the dirt, enjoying the magic of a small seed transforming into a beautiful flower, or observing the bugs, birds, and butterflies, gardening is a delightful way to celebrate the coming of spring.



Weekly

National Robotics Week, Apr. 4-12. The purpose of National Robotics Week is to celebrate the United States as a leader in robotics technology development, educate the public about how robotics technology impacts society, and advocate for increased funding for robotics technology research and development.

Animal Control Officer Appreciation Week, Apr. 12-18. This week recognizes the hard-working men and women who risk their lives and devote huge amounts of personal time and resources while serving the public and helping animals when no one else can.

National Environmental Education Week, Apr. 19-23. The nation's largest celebration of environmental education, EE Week reaches hundreds of thousands of students and educators across the United States with non-biased, high-quality, environmental education materials grounded in accurate, timely scientific information and tied to local, state, and national learning standards.

National Pet ID Week, Apr. 17-23. Collars and tags are a reliable way to identify your pets should they become lost. Make sure your dog, cat, or other animal friend always wears a current identification tag. Pet supply catalogs, stores, veterinary offices, and animal shelters often have forms to order ID tags.





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Lead your team on the path to innovation

When you're leading a team focused on innovation, you want to spark creative thinking in every member. Try these strategies used by successful leaders in every industry:

- **Build a community.** Look inside and outside your organization for enthusiastic, imaginative thinkers. Use your network to recruit people to your team, brainstorm ideas, test prototypes, and critique results.
- **Experiment.** Don't put all your eggs into one basket. When you come up with an interesting idea, test it on a small scale first. Encourage lots of experiments to find one or two that produce excellent results.
- **Tell stories.** Charts and data aren't very inspiring. To get creative juices flowing, share stories about people and problems. Find out what your customers want and what solutions would make them smile. Recount flashes of genius from the past. You'll get people thinking about the possibilities instead of the obstacles.



Get out of the paralyzing 'I'm not creative' rut

Some people seem to be naturally creative. If you're not one of them, don't fall into the trap of thinking you'll never have an original idea or find an ingenious solution. Try these tips for overcoming a negative mindset:

- **Question your attitude.** The first step in getting unstuck is believing you can do it. Start by asking yourself, "Why do I feel uncreative?" You may discover that your belief is based on mistaken assumptions about your capabilities.
- **Ask "What if?"** Let go of the need to craft a perfect solution right away. Examine the problem from different angles and look for new possibilities without regard to what's easy or practical. Asking, "What if I did this?" can unlock a stream of fresh ideas.
- **Hold onto your momentum.** Don't stop generating ideas too quickly. Once you're on a roll, keep going until you have plenty of options to choose from. First ideas don't always work, and you may be able to combine aspects of different solutions to come up with something new that will dazzle everyone.



Quotes:



Creative confidence is about believing in your ability to create change in the world around you.
—Tom and David Kelley



Google answers your health questions

People turn to Google for all kinds of information. Health is always a concern, so naturally the search engine fields a lot of questions about diseases and symptoms of illness. Take a look at some of the top health-related inquiries people typed into the Google search bar in 2015 (as reported on the CNN website):



- **“Is bronchitis contagious?”** Answer: Maybe, if it’s the result of a bacterial infection.
- **“Is pneumonia contagious?”** Answer: It can be, because most cases of pneumonia are caused by bacteria.
- **“How much water should I drink per day?”** Answer: About half as many fluid ounces as your weight in pounds. For example, if you weigh 140 pounds, you should be drinking about 70 fluid ounces per day (nine cups), although factors like heat, exercise, pregnancy, and other considerations should be taken into account.
- **“How many calories should I consume?”** Answer: Check with a dietician to get advice tailored to your physical needs.
- **“What is Lupus?”** Answer: Lupus is a chronic autoimmune disease. Symptoms include headaches, fatigue, joint pain, fever, and rashes.

Watch for signs of mold allergy

Mold can grow anywhere, and if you’re allergic, it can lead to major health issues. Stay alert to these signs of a potential mold allergy:

- Runny or stuffy nose
- Excessive sneezing
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- Itchy throat, ears, or eyes
- Trouble breathing

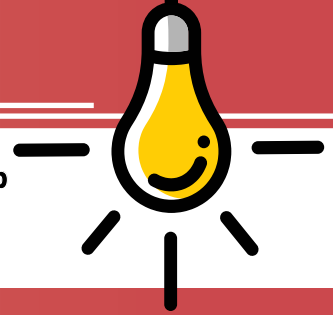


Quotes:

Healing is a biological process, not an art. It is as much a function of the living organism as respiration, digestion, circulation, excretion, cell proliferation, or nerve activity.
—Herbert M. Shelton



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As we come to the end of our Winter Season it reminds us that our seasonal residents will soon be leaving for their Northern homes. While we will be sorry to see them leave, we also wish them a safe journey and will be anxiously awaiting their return. Please remember that while you are gone, it is still your responsibility to have your property maintained. Home Inspections continue thru the entire year, so it may be necessary to have someone take care of your residence while you are gone for the Summer. As was stated at the last Board meeting, we have purchased our homes in Briar Creek because of the way it looks. The reason Briar Creek is one of the most desirable areas in Pinellas County is because we have rules in place in the way of Docs and Restrictions. When new residents are interviewed for home ownership in Briar Creek they are informed that they are expected to comply with the docs of the community and agree to them. We realize that some of the rules (docs) may not be popular, but they are in place for a reason. Admittedly there are some who have a hard time acclimating to having to follow rules in a Condo Association or HOA, after moving here from previous areas where there were no specific docs or rules to follow. Whatever the case, our community is the way it is because of these docs, and with your help it will continue to be. Please remember as you prepare your home to be vacant for the Summer to remove, or secure items outside your home so they don't become projectiles should severe weather move in.

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

This month just a security reminder about the R/V Parking Area.

The agreement that each and every R/V Parking Area occupant signed is very clear that the gate must be closed upon leaving the R/V Parking Area and if you have someone, resident or vendor, that needs access to the R/V Parking Area for your personal interest, that you are responsible to unlock and lock the main gate. Giving the access code to anyone that does not utilize the R/V Parking Area is in direct violation and can result in loss and privilege of using the R/V Parking Area. I truly appreciate your understanding and co-operation.

Jim Tashjian – Director – Home Alterations

One of the best parts of living in our community is its beautiful, cohesive appearance. This visual harmony doesn't happen by accident; it is the result of our shared commitment to high standards. As Director of Outside Alterations, my goal is to help you successfully navigate your home improvement projects while abiding by our documents and restrictions as well as those of Safety Harbor and Pinellas County.

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Before you begin any work on the exterior of your property - from a fresh coat of paint to a landscape overhaul or new paver patio - written board approval is required.

This helps ensure:

- **Property Value** - Consistent standards ensure our neighborhood remains attractive to future buyers, safeguarding your investment.
- **Avoiding Costly Mistakes** - Getting approval before starting prevents the stress and expense of having to undo work that doesn't meet community guidelines.
- **Fairness for All** - A formal process helps to ensure every neighbor is held to the same clear standards, preventing conflicts.

It is also important to stay within the scope of your approved request. We love seeing homeowners enhance their properties. However, several recent issues have arisen where projects have expanded beyond what was originally approved in the authorization letter. Please remember that the Board's approval applies only to the specific details (dimensions, materials, and colors) listed in your original request. Adding "extra" features or expanding the footprint of a patio during construction may void your approval. If you decide to change your plans mid-way through, please reach out first. It is much easier to approve an amendment on paper now than to ask you to remove a finished project that wasn't authorized.

Board Approval vs. Municipal Permits

It is equally important to remember that Board approval is not a building permit. While we review for community aesthetics, many projects, including, but not limited to: roofing, siding, concrete work, HVAC, patios, and tree removal all require permits from Safety Harbor and/or Pinellas County. It is the homeowner's (or contractor's) responsibility to check with local building departments. Failing to do so may lead to municipal fines or issues when you eventually try to sell your home.

Three Simple Steps for Outside Alterations

- **Submit your plan to the Board:** On your request form provide a written description and sketch of the area. List materials, dimensions, and provide color samples if applicable.
- **Get written Approval:** Wait for Board approval in writing.
- **Obtain Municipal Permits:** Once you receive your Board approval letter, check with local authorities (Safety Harbor) and acquire any necessary permits.

Along with the rest of the Board of Directors, I am here to be a resource for you. If you have any questions, just ask. Let's keep our community looking it's absolute best together.



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Bonnie Briggs



Spring is in the air! Our Bazaar has come and gone and it was a great success as usual. We thank all those who volunteered along with those who supported the bazaar by buying items. Another huge thank you goes out to Maureen and Wayne Wlodarczyk for chairing the bazaar and for all their hard work throughout the year to make it a success.

As our snow birds are leaving for the summer, we wish them safe travels and look forward to their return next winter.

BAZAAR

Many thanks to all who participated in the Bazaar, To Pam Edwards & everyone for certificates, ete Loranger for his assistance & help with the Bazaar.to Ron,& Russ with 50/50's, Peggy & the Bakery team, Marianne & the Jewelry team, Norma & the Glass team, Julie & the Kitchen team ,Pat & the Inside trash and treasures team, Arlene and Connie in lamps & pictures, Geri & Cindy in Linen, Jim Duffy in Furniture, Clark & the outside Trash & Treasures team, Ken,Mike, Dave & Bob for preparing lunch, Phase one for all their help & support, To everyone who donated to the Raffle & liquor baskets, To everyone who supported the sheds with donations & sales & to Richard, Betty, Rose, Cindy, Jake, Gloria& Kathy who worked our sheds this Summer, Kathy Morrison for creative talent & help with signs, To Gary & the parking crew, Jim,& Jerry,& Mike for security, To Fred Minnie for his help with sales for our Bazaar. Dick Little with our signs & Tires, Ron Brown & Jeanne ,Mike Arlene, Diane Tom & everyone who helped with clean up. As you can see it takes a Community coming together to have a successful Bazaar Our Total Sales are \$12,056.02 Thanks to all of you.

Maureen and Wayne Wlodarczyk

ARTHRITIS

Dr. Marty Finkelstein

Well once you turn the age of forty and above you begin hearing the term arthritis. Sadly too often it is never explained and what preventive measures can be taken to prevent, reduce, restore, and live out a healthy life doing the things you love well into our nineties. Treating and helping my own patients for 40 years it was a common occurrence when a patient came in and said my doctor told me I have arthritis and it was just normal for aging, and nothing could be done for it other than taking medication for pain and inflammation. My first question was did your doctor explain what type of arthritis you have, and what stage your arthritis was in. 99 percent of the time their



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eyes look like a deers caught in the headlights of an automobile. Sadly too often when it comes to the most important aspect of our life, our health, intelligent people do not ask questions or the right questions in the doctor's office. Yet here is why in this scenario it is so essential. Let's imagine you are 55 years old and told you have arthritis, and it's just part of aging, and not with a doctor who shares and explains what is necessary to change or alter in your lifestyle, guaranteed your arthritis is going to continue to get worse with ongoing loss of function and mobility.

So first what kind of arthritis do you have.

1. Degenerative Spinal Arthritis.

This most common arthritis mostly affecting the joints of the spine is usually associated with 4 specific stages. The cushions between the discs which act like a shock absorber, and allow separate motion between each vertebrae of the spine. Stage 1 because of wear and tear and basic activities of life that disc can begin to thin and narrow the space between vertebrae. In other words just gravity itself, has pressure overtime build up, regardless of any specific injuries. Stage 2 on an x-ray or MRI one can begin to observe further thinning and bulging of the disc. Stage 3 if this process continues a tear can occur, something that is usually referred to as an herniated disc which also can be distinguished by a mild, moderate, or severe tear. And Stage 4 is when someone has a major loss of function because of severe calcium buildup called spurs causing degrees of fusion along the spine. Pain in itself can manifest in any of these stages and actually more pain at times at Stage 1 and 2 because most folks are being more active where inflammation occurs pinching nerves. If you have known people who are immobile they are not usually in great pain because of the sedimentary life and a list of pain pills.

Rheumatoid Arthritis is an autoimmune disorder where the immune system is attacking the joints of the body. This arthritis is more complicated. It usually affects the midback, the neck, and the hands, and fingers. The sooner there is a proper diagnosis catching this early there is more opportunity to prevent it advancing to severe levels of loss of function.

3. Ankylosing Spondylitis is a chronic inflammatory disease causing vertebrae to fuse mostly in the lowback and sacro iliac joint.

All 3 of these types of arthritis can significantly affect one's lifestyle, yet the good news is besides taking medication for pain which does not prevent these problems from getting worse, we can begin to seek professional understanding of what Stage arthritis I have and what various therapies, exercises, changes in our relationship with food can assist our body preventing and even reversing the condition. Physical Therapists, and Chiropractors, are excellent in explaining what is going on and what you can begin to do as a lifestyle to have a life you are able to enjoy. Just this week someone I know who plays tennis and pickleball finally had an MRI taken of his knee after much prodding from me because of his complaining of pain. The good news was the Orthopedic doctor said everything was fine and gave him a cortisone shot. Well I asked him what did the MRI report say, he simply mentioned the doctor said nothing. Case in point unless



an MRI shows something of significance warranting surgery, your given a shot and sent home. I asked him to please send me the report, which he did. Well from the MRI doctor the report did reveal a minor lateral meniscus tear and early degeneration. So moral of the story if he begins the proper exercises now on a daily basis he can prevent these problems getting worse. If not it is guaranteed to get worse, and the Ortho will be eagerly waiting.

Dr. Marty Finkelstein

Lives in Briar Creek with his wife Julie Austin. He had a chiropractic office in Atlanta for 40 years

Note from Marsha & Carol



Marsha and Carol will be retiring from the BC2 Connection effective Sunday March 8th following the bazaar. After many years of helping our community stay abreast of happenings, we have decided it's time for new people and new ideas. We leave the Connection in the capable hands of our new committee of Michelle and Tom Harris, Russ Lipari and Jean Schmidt.

BC2Connection

Many, many thanks to Marsha Bowlby and Carol Rodrigues for their years of dedication making the BC2Connection the invaluable communication tool that we have today. Although we are sad to see them "retire", Michelle and Tom Harris, Jean Schmidt and Russ Lipari have volunteered to step in and form a committee to keep the BC2Connection up and running.

If you are currently receiving the BC2Connection emails, you need to do nothing. Contact the new committee at the same email Thebc2connection@gmail.com to:

#1 - Add your email address to our contact list.

#2 - To send us Briar Creek 2 announcements. Please allow 24 hour lead time for your message to be processed and sent. Emergency announcements are handled directly by the Condo Board of Directors.

Our new committee is still learning the system, so please be patient with us. Marsha & Carol are a hard act to follow!

Thanks in advance,

Michelle and Tom Harris, Jean Schmidt, and Russsha & Carol

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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

Once again our community did not disappoint last month. We received many items from both Phase 1 and 2—toothbrushes, toothpaste, combs, soap, lotions, a computer and 3 backpacks filled with the cutest kids socks!! We were so proud to drop these donations off at the shelter.

We will continue to leave a bin in the back of the room for future donations. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!



Food Pantry

Joan Davis/Arnold Williams

All your donations thru out the year are greatly appreciated. We collect food every 3rd Wednesday . April 15th is our next collection, in front of the clubhouse. Our time is 8-10 AM. Thank you

Ladies' Luncheon

Julie & Arlene



LOVELY LADIES, We are heading to one of your favorite places on April 8 at 1:00. BAHAMA BREEZE Close to the water and a little bit of island food.

Bahama Breeze is located at N Rocky Pt. Dr East, Tampa

Looking forward to seeing you there.

Julie 734-604-0866

Arlene 412-370-9287



Sit & Stitch

Sandy Fassett



We meet every Monday at 1 pm to work on craft projects that would benefit the community. At present we are making shawls for the chemotherapy patients. They need the warmth while receiving their treatments. We are open to other ideas anytime. If you have any questions call Sandy at 727-424-6045.

BINGO

Al & Diane Merando



April 27th will be our last bingo of this season
Thank you everyone for coming out to play, we had some good attendance and some nice jack pots

A special thank you to all of the volunteers we could not do it without you.

Please arrive between 5 and 530 to purchase your cards

Bunco

Marge Grohskopf



Join us for Bunco the fourth Thursday of the month at 7:00. It's a simple dice game. We always welcome new players and walk-ins. Give yourself a break from watching TV alone, by sharing an evening with neighbors. It's fun, it's easy, it's a few laughs. We chip in \$3 for prize money and break for dessert. There is a sign-up sheet in Phase 2 Clubhouse. Signing up is helpful for set-up and dessert amounts, not required. Just come on down! .Any questions call or text Marge at 727-249-3893. Hope to see you there.

MINGLE

Pete

We meet in the Clubhouse. Between 4:30 and 5:00pm. Bring a salad, appetizer, main dish or dessert. Whatever you want to bring. **Whether you make it (list ingredients in case of allergies) or bought it doesn't matter.** We will enjoy it and look forward to the next Mingle. Want to see all your smiling faces on the 16th of April. Don't forget to bring your own drinks, plus your dish and put aside money for the 50/50. See you there.





Pinochle Scores



02/04 Orpha Berken 483, Dawn Benson 432
 02/11 Dico 346, Dawn Benson 329, Billie Ogradowski 264, Mirna 282
 02/18 Dawn Benson 301, Billie Ogradowski 385, Gary B 515, Sharon Cann 482
 02/25 Gary B 372, Billie Ogradowski 293, Orpha Berken 347, Sharon Cann 278


Euchre Scores



02/10 Jim Beatty 54, Greg Zimmer 51, Fred Minnie 51
 02/24 Linda Hayes 54, Orpha Berken 53
 02/13 Barb Mudge 51, Marianne Y 47

Opera Afternoons

Russ Lipari

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



April Opera Afternoon

•**La Traviata by Giuseppe Verdi**

Tuesday, April 7, 2026 - BC2 Clubhouse

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

Opera Dates for fall 2026 and 2027:

1. November 17, 2026, 1pm-4pm
2. December 15, 2026, 1pm-4pm
3. January 19, 2027, 1pm-4pm
4. February 16, 2027, 1pm-4pm
5. March 16, 2027, 1pm-4pm
6. April 20, 2027, 1pm-4pm





Bowling

Arnold Williams

Happy Easter to Everyone!!! Next Month I will have our Final Standings for our league. There has been some new faces and friendships formed this year with Hopefully more to come in the future. Below are the Bowlers who achieved Bowling +25 pins over their averages. Thank You Arnold Williams

2/10/26

Vern Browe	+48 & +57
Patty Fontaine	+28
Glen Jensen	+37

2/17/26

eanne Glasheen	+26
Taylor	+62
Jim Beatty	+30
Ray Jablonski	+39

2/24/26

Kathy Morrison	+31
Joe Simpson	+41
Linda Fitton	+31
Jina Duggan	+36

3/3/26

Steve Fontaine	+32
Vern Browe	+26
Tom Lacey	+31
Tim Glasheen	+29
Kathy Morrison	+42

WEEK 16

Skip Taylor	+32
Linda Fitton	+45

WEEK 17

Tom Lacey	+59
Sharon Cann	+26
Linda Fitton	+45

WEEK 18

Skip Taylor	+65 & +41
Phil Willix	+29 & +37
Vern Browe	+45
Cindy Ames	+36

WEEK 19

Carol Beatty	+29
John Ames	+56
Kathy Corcoran	+25
Jina Duggan	+37





Briar Creek Book Club

(Phase I & II)



Enjoy discussing books chosen by you, the members! We usually meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month; however, we may be changing the week of the month starting in the fall. Also, 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 March book is *Forty Autumns* by Nina Willner and the April book is *The God of the Woods* by Liz Moore. Please contact me if you are interested in joining or have questions.

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



BADGES

Sharon Cann

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

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





Birthdays and Anniversaries

Pete Loranger



Birthdays

4/02	James Ross
4/04	Karola Haines
4/04	Mark Lapointe
4/05	Karen Wajda
4/08	Deb Broekema
4/10	Suzanne Mattson
4/11	Joann Bancroft
4/13	Carol Rodrigues
4/13	Les Smout
4/14	Laurie Walker
4/14	Betty DiPietro
4/15	Dawn Benson
4/15	Marty Finkelstein
4/16	Tom Miller
4/17	Kathy Morrison
4/22	Bettye Gilreath
4/22	Diane Merando
4/23	Eileen Rollins
4/23	Sam Peavler
4/26	Ron Prevost
4/27	Michael Thomas
4/27	Bill Russo
4/27	Michael Thomas
4/30	Jerry Skolnekovich



Anniversaries

4/01/1982	Rick Dimock & Judy Cochrane – 44 years
4/05/1969	John & Cindy Ames – 57 years
4/18/2015	Rick & Rosie Cargill – 11 years
4/19/2003	Greg & Dorenda Zimmer – 23 years



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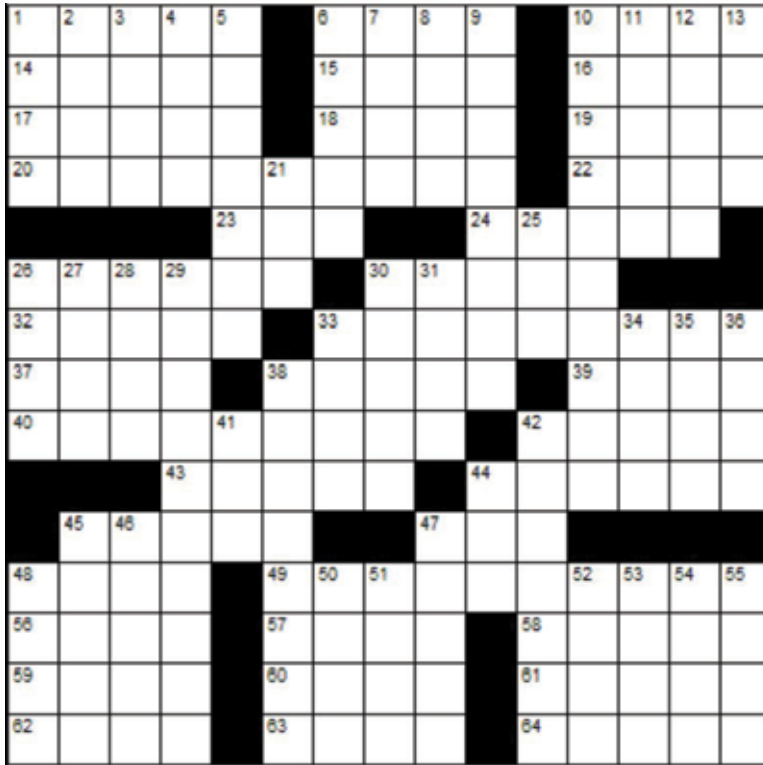
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10. 10 to the centimeter
11. More aloof
12. Harnesses
13. Rewrite
21. Climbing vine
25. Ever last one
26. Illustrated
27. Overhaul
28. Prefix meaning "Within"
29. Stuffiness
30. Positions in a social hierarchy
31. Terminates
33. In this location
34. Matted cotton for stuffing
35. Asian nurse
36. Depend upon
38. Any unspecified person
41. Roll of bills
42. Gruesome
44. Be mistaken
45. Eagle's home
46. Like most beaches
47. Coral reef
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51. Marine mammal
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53. Blockhead
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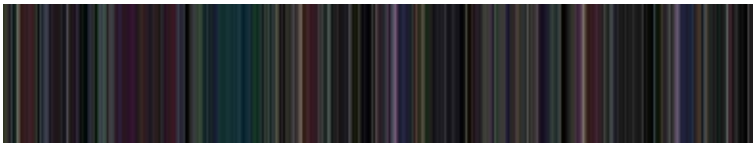
Maintaining your health is a lifetime project. Stay in good shape and maintain a proper weight by cultivating these healthy habits:

- **Keep a food diary.** Record what you eat, how much, what time you ate, and why you ate it. This can help you detect trends affecting your weight, health, and mood.
- **Keep an activity diary.** Keep track of your exercise routine, as well as how much and how often you walk or engage in other physical activities. Try to add a little more exercise every week.
- **Prepare to exercise.** Get out your workout clothes at night before going to bed. This will remind you to exercise and eliminate one excuse for skipping it.
- **Set concrete goals.** Decide what you want to achieve healthwise: Work out three times a week, limit sodas to one per weekend, or whatever seems realistic but worthwhile.
- **Shop smart.** Don't go to the grocery store when you're hungry or tired. Make a list of nutritious choices and stick to it, resisting the urge to grab high-calorie snacks as you wander through the aisles.

Slow down to eat less

Eating too fast can lead to eating too much. But when you're busy, the temptation to cram a meal down your throat may be overwhelming. Here's how to slow down and savor every bite:

- **Stop multitasking.** Don't try to eat while you're working, texting, or doing anything else. Turn off your devices and focus on your meal. You'll have a better sense of how much you're eating and how full you feel.
- **Sit down.** Eating over the sink or grazing while you search the refrigerator may result in consuming more unneeded calories. Set the table and put your portions on a plate to keep control of how much food you're really eating.
- **Chew slowly.** Count each bite as you chew your food, and aim for about 20 seconds of chewing for each mouthful. You'll force yourself to slow down, and your food will be digested more easily.





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