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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.

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

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

Sheriff's Office **non-emergency** - **727-582-6200** (use for issues at the BC pool)

Area Agency on Aging of Pasco-Pinellas 1-800-963-5337

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

PARKING POLICY

Tim Glasheen

Briar Creek 1 Parking Policy – Effective June 1 2026

There are 3 common parking areas: BC Mart, Laundry, and Shuffle Board (East) Side of the Clubhouse.

ALL OVERNIGHT PARKING (10 pm to 7 am) REQUIRES A PARKING PERMIT (at office or on website). DAYTIME PARKING REQUIRES A BC STICKER, A VISTORS CAR REQUIRES A PARKING PERMIT.

Parking Permits will be approved/issued by the Director in charge of Parking (see office wall for the director). Drop completed permits in the mail slot in the office for approval.

COMMON AREA PARKING LOCATIONS

NOTE: PARKING PERMITS ARE LIMITED TO A MAXIMUM OF 18 DAYS AT THE BC MART AND LAUNDRY BUILDING PER CALENDAR YEAR AND A MAXIMUM OF 28 DAYS AT THE EAST CLUBHOUSE LOT. There MUST be an approved Parking Permit on the inside windshield.

1. The BC Mart and Laundry lots have multiple spaces available marked as "GUEST". **Limited to a Maximum of three (3) days, six (6) times per calendar year (non-consecutive).**

Note: The Laundry has three (3) spots identified with lettering on the ground for those doing laundry only, no overnight parking allowed.

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2. The East Clubhouse (Shuffle Board) lot is for clubhouse guests, owner's guests and owner temporary parking (**48 hours to fourteen (14) days**). ***Limited to a Maximum of two (2) times per calendar year (Non-Consecutive)***. For temporary parkers, PLEASE park away from the shuffle board courts.

Note: We NEED to know who the car belongs to in the event of an unexpected situation, so they may be notified, rather than towed.

PLEASE NOTE: PARKING IN THE COMMON AREAS IS A COURTESY AND REQUIRES A PARKING PERMIT APPROVED BY THE DIRECTOR IN CHARGE OF PARKING!

Our guidelines state that you should be able to park your vehicles in your driveway. If they do not fit you are not allowed to park it in the street or on the Common Areas and it is your responsibility to find a place to store it.

As a homeowner, if you opt to rent your home, you **CANNOT** leave your vehicle in one of these lots during the rental period.

No sleeping in parked vehicles overnight.

If a vehicle is parked in a common area with no Permit (it can be towed):

1. A yellow card will be left on the vehicle asking the owner to contact the Director in charge of Parking within 24 hours.
2. If this is not done a second note will be left, and a letter will be sent from Ameri-Tech.
3. If a third time is required a note will be left informing the owner that a Fine may be issued. \$100.00 per day or a maximum of \$1,000.00 may be charged.

BOARD COMMUNICATION

Al Hartin, 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.



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LAUNDRY BUILDING KEY

Al Hartin, Director/Treasurer

Access to the Laundry Building is by key only. At one time before we switched to Key FOBS the key for the Clubhouse also opened the Laundry Building. Once we converted to Key FOBS for the Clubhouse many people discarded their old keys to the Clubhouse. If you didn't keep your old key and you find you need a new key, I have the master key and can have one made for you at a charge of \$5.00 each.

FOBS

Al Hartin, Treasurer

It has been four years since the Association switched from keys to FOBs for the Clubhouse Doors and Pool Gates. This was done for increased security. In the past when a new owner purchased a home in Briar Creek, they were given a key and this could be readily copied and owners made keys for their children, or others so as a result there were probably thousand of keys for the Clubhouse and Pool floating around. Now that we have the FOBS owners are issued a FOB and there is a log of each time, they enter the Clubhouse or Pool. In addition, when owners sell or pass away the FOB can easily be turned off. Just a reminder having a FOB is for your security, you should never let anyone in the Pool or Clubhouse – if they are an owner they have a FOB.



A few reminders:

- If you are selling your home the FOB or FOBs issued to you should be either given to me or the buyer. Failure to do so will result in the new owner having to pay \$25.00 for a FOB. A prospective buyer fills out an application and that information is listed on it and also when Connie Holmes does the interview, she reminds the buyer that they need to get the FOB or FOBs from the seller. If you sell your home and give the FOB or FOBs to me, I will inform the new owner of this when they contact me for a FOB.
- If you happen to lose your FOB it will cost \$25.00 for a new one.

PRIVATE USE OF THE CLUBHOUSE

Al Hartin, Treasurer

At the February 2026 Board Meeting the Board of Directors enacted a policy requiring any homeowner wishing to use the Clubhouse for a private event to purchase an Event Liability Policy. It is necessary to protect the assets of the Association and thus the requirement to purchase an Event Liability Policy to attain that goal.

This policy became effective May 1, 2026.





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



Thanks to all who donated their books before heading north. The shelves are full. Lots of good reads. To make more room, older books were donated to the Countryside Library. Again, because of space limits we will not be taking anymore magazines. The magazines on the racks now will also be donated to the library.

The new monthly read for June is "The Correspondent" by Virginia Evans. It is a story about the writing of letters between two people. Very Interesting. It will be displayed on the windowsill and can be signed out and borrowed for 2 weeks. Enjoy. HAPPY READING!

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Debbie Landon

If you would like your birthday or anniversary to be acknowledged, please let me know. Text or call: 727-726-2576, Email: seamermaid@gmail.com

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Nick & Judi Colangelo

June 9

Richard & Kate McCombs

June 10



Happy Anniversary





JUNE BIRTHDAYS

John Andrechak	June 1
Gerry Harvey	June 2
JoAnn Barr	June 3
Joan Bienvenue	June 5
Glenn Jensen	June 6
Colleen LaBarge	June 7
Heather Rathke	June 7
Dale Hawkins	June 8
Debbie Gaetan	June 8
Dee Hepler	June 8
Ruth Johnson	June 9
Kathy Lutterschmidt	June 10
Uli Freiermuht	June 12
Pam O'Neil	June 15
Thomas Lofgren	June 16
Rianna Taylor	June 16
Albie Malek	June 19
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Kathy Haskins	June 24
Louis Kedovary	June 24
Sharyl LeMessurier	June 24
Brenda Maybee	June 25
Carol Heath	June 25
Paula Alves	June 26
Joanne Flint	June 27
Karen Jaeger	June 27



At Wednesday Coffee, we acknowledge dates from that Wednesday through the next Tuesday; so please join us if you can! We enjoy reasons to celebrate our neighbors.



BEREAVEMENT

Debbie Landon

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



Andy Philyaw, of 110 Juniperus, passed on April 23, 2026, with his loving daughter, Denise, and son, Steven, by his side. He was preceded in death by his wife, Sharon.

Andrew Key Philyaw was born and raised in Zion, Illinois. His family are descendants of Francis Scott Key, which is where his middle name comes from.

Andy served in the Navy and worked as an electrician in his civilian life.

He and Sharon met when they were 13/14 and married at 20/21; their marriage lasting 63 years.

After several years of visiting Sharon's mother in Safety Harbor, they decided to move to Briar Creek in 2001. He developed several deep friendships here that have left lovely memories in many hearts. Andy was part of the Sunday breakfast team, played bingo and poker. He was also known as The Cookie Man because he purchased trays of cookies at the bazaars and handed them out with a huge smile on his face.

Andy and Sharon were very active in the Travel Club. Gene and Pat Arend were two of their friends who they enjoyed traveling together, with Gene taking photos of the adventures. Andy would choose one and present them with a framed painted image; a pure gift of his time and talent. He was an outstanding artist who brought photos to life, always donating a painting to the annual bazaar.

Andy was a warm soul who noticed people's energy, their smile, their eyes; and he brightened people's day by telling them the joy he saw in their being.





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BINGO

Joanne Gastler

Summer Bingo will be held on the third Tuesday of June, July, and August (June 16, July 21, August 18).

Jackpot will continue to be \$150. Come out and enjoy social time and bingo fun with your neighbors.

Ice Cream treats will be sold for \$1 at the break. Fall Bingo will start weekly on September 22.



BRIAR CREEK BRIDGE

Bill Kaempfer

The BC Bridge Club meets in the card room of the Phase 1 Clubhouse at 1:00 on Tuesday afternoons year-round. It doesn't take much experience to join in and play. We rotate players at the table, so everyone gets a chance. Come and join us.



In addition, I can offer introductory lessons or even an email booklet that is an introduction to the game. This can help those new to bridge to get started.

We have now added an intermediate-level game on Wednesday afternoons at 1:00.

Bill Kaempfer, 303-717-5063

Dianne Larsen, 719-352-6520

RUMMIKUB

Cindy Troutman, 727-741-1940

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



EUCHRE

Margo Keyes

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



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



PO-KE-NO

Flo Bombardier



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

EXERCISE FOR STRENGTH AND BALANCE

An Open Invitation to Attend Exercise Classes



Briar Creek is a wonderful place to live, with plenty of events to keep us engaged. But over the summer, things get quiet, and there isn't much to keep us occupied. This is the perfect time to try our wonderful exercise program. Try to stand on one foot for 10 seconds without holding on; most of us can't do it. Have you tripped or lost your balance in your home or out on the street? Even if you haven't fallen YET, it's coming! Claudia Garzon offers classes designed specifically for the residents in our community. Whether you are 60, 75, or 90, these classes are geared toward you and your neighbors. If you are a new resident or just getting bored over the summer, male or female (yes, there are usually 3 or 4 men in the class), come and join us.

Claudia Garzon has offered classes here in our community for over 10 years. You don't need to leave and fight the traffic. Classes are \$2.00 each, and free if you have a Silver Sneaker benefit through your insurance. She keeps our bodies moving with cardio, strength, and balance classes, which are important elements of healthy aging. She is great about giving individualized advice and helping us modify our workout if necessary.

Come join us and see how it improves your coordination and strength

Strength & Balance - Wednesday, Phase I clubhouse, 12:00 noon

Friday, Phase I clubhouse, 10:15 a.m.

Zumba for Seniors – Tuesday and Thursday, Phase II clubhouse, 10:00 a.m.

JUNE MONTHLY LUNCHEON

Joan Bienvenue



This month, join us for lunch at The Tarpon Turtle Restaurant at 1 pm on Tuesday, June 9th

(1513 Lake Tarpon Ave, Tarpon Springs, FL 34689).

The sign-up sheet is hanging up in the Phase I clubhouse on the community bulletin board. If you have any questions, please get in touch with Joan Bienvenue at 727-902-8166

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BRIAR CREEK PHASE I BAZAAR – NOVEMBER 6 AND 7

Joanne Gastler



- Looking for an **advertising person to help** us promote the Bazaar this fall. If interested, please call or email Joanne. Need to have this in place by August to meet printing times for the fall.
 - Dianne Larson will head the gift card and non-alcohol gift baskets table. As you go out to eat at your favorite restaurants, see if they will donate a gift card to be raffled at our Bazaar.
 - Start saving items for the odds and ends table and the clothes tables. We will start to take in donations mid-October. Please hold on to them! (Books, dishes, glasses, games, clothes, housewares, linens)
- (joannegastler@gmail.com 813-625-3610)

LADIES BRIAR CREEK BOOK CLUB (Phase I & II)

Jane McKenzie

Enjoy discussing books chosen by you, the members! Starting in the fall (November) we will meet on the **first** Tuesday of the month--please make note of the change. There are no meetings May through October. Most months we meet in the Phase II Clubhouse. The book for November is *The River We Remember* by William Kent Krueger. Please call or text me if you have any questions.



Jane McKenzie, 651-353-2602

PULL TABS

Toni and Don Beaton

Little 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. 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!



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Pat Rivera



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Hurricane Season Begins

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Have all important documents with you. Have a small inventory of non-perishable foods. Bottled water. Pet food if you have fur children. Cash. Full tank of gas. If you choose to stay in place, be aware that emergency response will not be able to respond until the hurricane passes. Roads may be blocked from fallen trees or debris. Below is brief description of the local info to consider. More interesting information about the Tocobaga Tribe can be found on numerous sites, including Wikipedia.

Tocobaga Blessing for Safety Harbor

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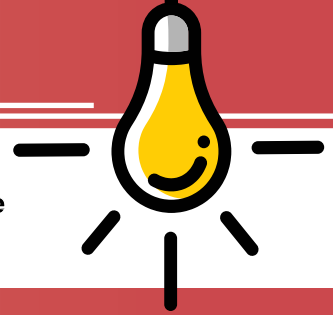
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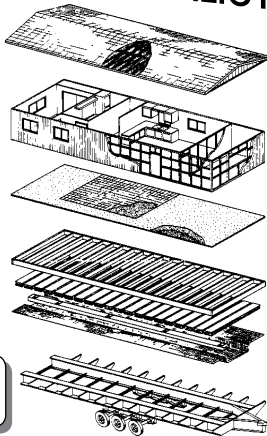
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Board of Directors

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Did you hear that? I didn't either! That's because so many of our friends and neighbors have left for the Summer! It almost seems like the whole Park is on vacation.



We are still working, trying to keep Phase II up and running, and a place to be proud of. Even though it's been pretty warm, the pickleball court has been utilized by our residents. It's easier now, more than ever, since the installation of the permanent net has been completed. Thanks to Brian Bailey and Bill Escher for helping with the install. Unfortunately, we are still having residents turning in Alteration requests, but not adhering to the description approved. Any resident not adhering to the approved alteration request will be turned over to the Attorney for disposition. As we've said before, things are getting out of control, and we need to follow our docs and restrictions to prevent becoming a trailer park. We need all of your help! This is not a decision that has come by lightly, but one that has come from necessity. Our goal is that we never have to take it this far, but that's not up to the Board.

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Any complaints must be preceded by a complaint form to be investigated by the Board. The complaint forms are located in the Office hallway. Please fill a form out and place it thru the mail slot in the Office door. No complaint form, no investigation.

Bill Escher – Director – Home Inspections

Hello, Jim T will be heading north soon for the summer.

I will be filling in for him regarding alterations. Forms are available outside the clubhouse office and can be dropped off at the office or in my rock box.

Social Club President

Bonnie Briggs

Things will be starting to quiet down as the summer months come. If you would like to plan an event, get your committee together and let me know. We'll need to confirm the date with Pete so he can put it on the calendar.

A few dates to remember in June are:

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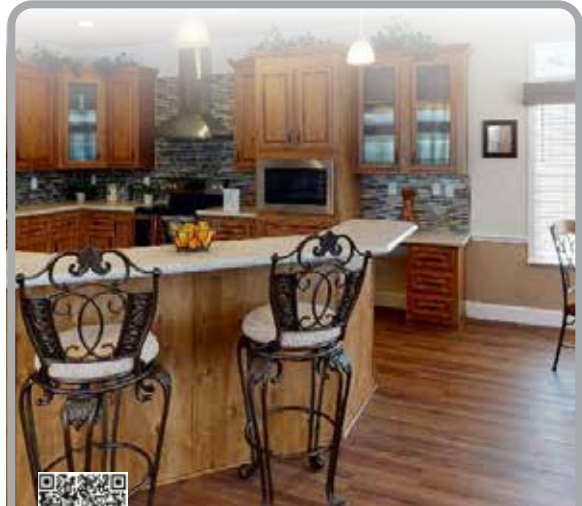
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June 21 is the summer solstice which is the official start of summer in the Northern Hemisphere. It's the day with the most hours of daylight.

June 21 is Father's Day this year. Remember to honor all the Fathers in your family.

June is also the start of Hurricane season. Now is the time to start planning....not when a hurricane is on its way!

Saying Yes To Life

Marty Finkelstein

When we greet life with a yes, we can enter into new possibilities that can lead us to deeper abundance, new experiences that can change our lives, and empower our wellbeing. A simple yes when someone shares something that might assist us with whatever challenge we are facing can change our life. As simple as a yes might seem, we often respond to life with excuses, reasonable explanations, all of which sabotage what we may truly desire.

Often I meet people who share with me about their health problems, yet are resistant to hear about alternatives that may help them improve. Instead of seeing the opportunity as a yes, we immediately respond with rational reasons to stay on the same path hoping for a different outcome. I understand this phenomenon for I have been there. Either too lazy to change something or simply resisting change. We are creatures of collected habits, and change does not often come easy. I use to educate my patients on the importance of daily healthy strategies. And in my own discoveries of evolving I realized the importance of small steps. So whether it was a routine of exercise every day, or eating healthy each day, simple actions that could be achieved. Eventually after discovering what did not work for developing healthy lifestyles, I gave my patients 3- 5 minute exercise routines for stretching and strengthening to be done each day. If someone already had a routine where they went to an exercise class 3 times a week, that was great. But the secret was to develop an everyday mindset. Everyday we use our bodies and many hours are spent sitting or sleeping.

I use to laugh when I had folks say to me, well I heard you have to exercise at least an hour every day for it to be beneficial. My simple answer was, how is that working for you, in other words are you doing that. The answer was always No. Beginning something new is truly a mind game. It is easy if you are setting high goals to sabotage the process. You will hear the voice in your head say, I didn't have time today, something unexpected occurred, my car broke down, the answers of the saboteur are endless. But if the exercise only takes 5 minutes it becomes harder to deceive ourselves. Even then you will hear the voice say, I was so busy today, I will double up tomorrow. Say yes to baby steps and after a month or two you will find you want to exercise more for you are feeling value. More energy, more flexibility, feeling mentally more alert and clear headed. The same principals apply for nutrition. Diets fail because we eventually fall back to old habits and could not sustain the extremes of the new eating profile. Begin introducing more healthy foods, and slowly eliminating the unhealthy

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foods and drinks. Saying yes to change can be very exciting. And truly the more we open up to change, the better we feel about ourselves.

As we journey into the next 25 years, ask yourself, what are the activities I want to be able to do and enjoy. More people are living to 100 years old these days. Some very lucky with great branches off their genetic tree, others by also being lucky to have a mindset that says Yes to change and a clear vision of the creative and fun activities to enjoy.

Bob Dylan wrote a song years ago called Forever Young. He will be 85 May 24th and still touring the world doing what he loves.

May your heart always be joyful may your song always be sung and may you stay forever young.

Marty Finkelstein lives in Briar Creek with his wife Julie Austin

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Robin Feeley

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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.

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Food Pantry

Joan Davis/Arnold Williams

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



Ladies' Luncheon

Julie & Arlene

LADIES LUNCHEON WILL BE HELD ON June 10 2026 AT 1:00. We are heading for Village Inn in Oldsmar. Looking forward to seeing you there. Their pies are yummy!!!



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.

Bunco

Marge Grohskopf

Bunco will continue through the summer months. It will be the fourth Thursday of the month. There is one change, as we will be starting at 6:30 instead of 7:00. Mark your calendars. There is a sign- up sheet in Phase 2 Clubhouse by the Library door. Walk-ins are welcome. Any questions call or text Marge at 727-249-3893. Hope to see some new faces. If you never played Bunco it is a simple dice game anyone can learn and play.



MINGLE

Pete & Rose

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

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Sheriff's Neighborhood Watch Program

Bill Russo



The Neighborhood Watch Program continues to be very active in the Phase I and II communities of Briar Creek. It allows us to identify problem areas and to keep the Sheriff's Department informed of these situations.


Observation is one of the key tools. The eyes and ears of the residents are the backbone of this program to keep our neighborhood safe. If you see something, say something! Call the Pinellas County Sheriff's Department at 727-582-6200 for non-emergency situations.

Our continued successful relationship with the Florida Sheriff's Association over the past 23 years and the education that they have provided to residents, help keep Briar Creek a safer place to live! If you have any questions about this program, contact Bill Russo at 406-980-0838.

Opera Afternoons

Russ Lipari

Thanks for your wonderful support over the past **three years**, and 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 

Opera Dates for 2026-2027:

1. November 17, 2026, *IL Trovatore* by Giuseppe Verdi
2. December 15, 2026 - *Werther* by Jules Massenet
3. January 19, 2027 - *Iolanta* by Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky
4. February 16, 2027 - *Le Comte Ory* by Gioachino Rossini
5. March 16, 2027 - *Rigoletto* by Giuseppe Verdi
6. April 20, 2027 - *The Phantom of the Opera* by Andrew Lloyd Webber



Pinochle Scores

- 4/15 Dawn Benson 520, Orpha Berken 504
4/29 Kathy Morrison 382, Dawn Benson 381
5/06 Kathy Morrison 566, Gary B 589



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Briar Creek Book Club

(Phase I & II)



Enjoy discussing books chosen by you, the members! Starting in the fall (Nov.) we will meet on the first Tuesday of the month-please make note of the change. There are no meetings May through October. Most months we meet in the Phase II Clubhouse. The book for Nov. is **The River We Remember** by *William Kent Krueger*. Please call or text me if you have any questions.

Jane McKenzie

651-353-2602

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

Anniversaries

- 6/01/1964 Jake & Gloria Boettger – 62 years
- 6/16/1973 Jerry & Norma Neva – 53 years
- 6/17/1967 Gary & Jane McKenzie – 59 years
- 6/18/1968 Brian & Suzanne Mattson – 58 years
- 6/21/1969 Joe & Antonietta Donato – 57years
- 6/22/1979 Philip & Gisele Chabot – 47 years
- 6/27/1998 Gene & Donna Stockmaster – 28 years
- 6/27/2009 Michael & Ann Bibler – 17 years
- 6/28/1986 Jonathon & Kelly Steele – 40 years
- 6/29/2001 Mike & Madeline Driscoll – 25 years
- 6/30/1990 Mike & Arlene Preston – 36 years





Birthdays

6/02 Linda Freiburghaus
6/02 Leeann Makowski
6/03 Stan Wigman
6/04 Walter Balcer
6/06 Mary Marquette
6/06 Nancy Peters
6/07 William Poe
6/08 Roger Cameron
6/10 Hazel Raynes
6/11 Marsha Bowlby
6/15 James O'Neill
6/16 Jane McKenzie
6/17 Julie Austin
6/18 Lynne Clark
6/18 Gene Stockmaster
6/18 Ann Bibler
6/19 Mirna Halajian
6/20 Cynthia Ames
6/20 Dorothy Seybolt
6/20 Robert McCarthy
6/22 Ronald Pietrzak
6/22 Patty Norris
6/22 Jeri Rigatteri
6/23 Bill Beyer
6/25 Arlene Preston
6/25 Ken Demers
6/28 James Paschal



If your info is not listed, I have not received a Resident Info form from you. Also, let me know of any corrections, or if you want info not printed.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



JUNE CROSSWORD



ACROSS

1. Bother
5. Start
10. Not us
14. Decorative case
15. Sporting venue
16. Part portrayed
17. Passing from place to place
19. Celtic language
20. Mesh
21. Metric unit of length
22. Beginning
23. Vibrating effect
25. Avoid
27. Hog's home
28. Cow milkers
31. Master of ceremonies
34. Not solids nor liquids
35. Anger
36. Nonclerical
37. Reveals
38. Make a sweater
39. 54 in Roman numerals
40. Satisfies
41. Chomps
42. Slandered
44. Encountered
45. Reluctant
46. In a constricted manner
50. Decree
52. Drama set to classical music
54. Hasten
55. Fluid escape
56. Warranties
58. Ruination
59. Utilizing
60. Desire
61. Formerly (archaic)
62. On edge
63. Stinging insects

DOWN

1. False move
2. Absolute
3. Hotel apartment
4. Transgression
5. Scarcely
6. Muse of poetry
7. Heredity unit
8. Becomes larger
9. No
10. Voguish
11. Wild bergamot
12. Otherwise
13. Encounter
18. Overact
22. Paddles
24. Milliseconds
26. Contends
28. Took a chance
29. One of the Great Lakes
30. Trawling equipment
31. L L L L
32. Cripple
33. Non-military people
34. Castle entrance
37. Thai currency
38. Friends and acquaintances
40. "Go away!"
41. Started
43. Missile
44. Illusion
46. Sea swallows
47. Thither
48. Feudal lord
49. Affirmatives
50. River to the North Sea
51. Darling
53. Hurt
56. Destroy the interior of
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-Monthly Media Staff

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Bazaar	Joanne Gastler 813-625-3610
BC Luncheon	Joan Bienvue 727-902-8166
BC Mart	Ray Jablonski 727-886-5283
.....	Terry La Casse 518-528-3227
Bereavement	Debbie Landon 727-726-2576
Bingo	Joanne Gastler 813-625-3610
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Bowling.....	Bob Barr 727-644-8136
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Kathleen Haskins - Area 4	727-560-9791
Debbie Landon - Area 5.....	727-726-2576
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Social Club Committees/Chairperson II

Bazaar	Maureen Wlodarczyk 219-863-1460
.....	Wayne 219-863-3302 (10am-3PM)
BC Luncheon	
BC Mart	
BC2 CONNECTION	Michelle Harris 860-965-4370
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.....	Russell Lipari 815-483-8088
.....	Jean Schmidt 727-953-7593
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Blood Drive	Amber Oliverio 219-796-6762
Blood Pressure	Carol Rodrigues 413-427-8580
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.....	Russ Lipari 815-483-8088
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Breakfast	
Bridge.....	
Coffee Hour/Prep	Pete Loranger 727-421-2321
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Dial Directory	Pete Loranger 727-421-2321
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Euchre	Alice Williams & Billie Ogrodowski
Food Pantry.....	Joan Davis 727-726-4829
Golf	
Historian	Pat Bieniewicz
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Tickets	Event Chairperson
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Water Aerobics	
Welcome Committee.....	Cindy Ames 727-641-3269
.....	Brenda Greene 727-422-2555
.....	Kathy Morrison 313-405-4799

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