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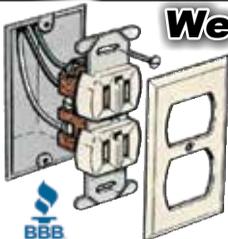
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A list of deadlines for submitting articles is posted on the P1 Clubhouse bulletin board.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Bob Barr

There will be a budget workshop at 10am on September 29th, at Ameri-Tech, for the Board of Directors. There will be a video link to the internet portal, sent out prior to the meeting, for anyone wishing to view the proceedings.

Our next Board of Directors meeting will be Oct. 1st at 10am in the clubhouse. There will also be a video internet link for this meeting.

The first set of mailings for the annual Board of Director's meeting will be sent out in early October. This mailing will include a form, to fill out, for anyone that would like to run for the open positions on the Board of Directors. The ballots to vote for the open positions on the Board of Directors will be sent out in early November along with any other items to be voted upon.

BOARD COMMUNICATION

Al Hartin

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

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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.

BRIAR CREEK BRIDGE

Al Hartin, Treasurer

I wanted to update everyone on the Bridge. Damage was noticed to the Bridge in late FY2024 as a result of the two hurricanes in the Fall of 2024. I searched for contractors that repaired or replaced Bridges and found three early in February. Three contractors assessed the Bridge in late February and early March 2025 and two stated that the Bridge was unsafe and needed to be replaced and the other bid to repair it. In addition, there was a substantial difference in price of the two that bid to replace it with one bidding \$80K and the other \$120K. This was on the agenda at the April Board Meeting to discuss next steps. At the meeting two residents with some construction experience thought the Bridge could be repaired. The Board of Directors decided to hire a Structural Engineer to get a Professional Assessment of the Bridge as to what was needed. The Structural Engineer assessed the Bridge and said it needed to be replaced. The next step in this process was procuring engineering drawings for replacement of the Bridge so that contractors bidding on the Bridge would be quoting the same specifications. The Engineering Drawings were completed in mid-July and Michael Diorio reached out to at least six companies to view the Bridge and submit proposals. As of this writing I am waiting on three proposals with a possibility that I will get a few more and I hope to have something by the October Board Meeting.

OCTOBER BEGINS ANOTHER SEASON

Connie Potter-Holmes

Falling leaves bring returning snowbirds south to their Briar Creek homes. It is mind boggling to realize another season/year is beginning in our Briar Creek 1 community. Time is swiftly passing whether we are ready or not, and most of us are not ready.

It has been a year of JOY and a year of SADNESS as we have experienced the passing of beloved long-term residents that are missed dearly. Our sympathy is extended to their family and friends.

Our October Board Meeting is scheduled for the first Wednesday of the month, which is October 1st, at 10 a.m. following the Coffee Social.

You will soon be receiving by mail the first notice of the Annual meeting which is always on the first Monday in December at 10:00am. In this mailing you will also receive a form

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The Social Club is also gearing up for their regularly scheduled games, activities and special events as snowbirds arrive to join with their neighbors enjoying all Briar Creek has to offer. Remember, you can be as involved or uninvolved as you choose, but we hope you choose to join in.

NEW DIRECTORS NEEDED ON THE CONDO BOARD

Frank Gaffney

This year, FOUR positions will be available on the Condo Board. Now is the time for you to affect some change in our community.

If you would like to be a part of this positive change, you need to send a nomination form to Ameri-Tech Management company. Just to be sure it gets there on time, we recommend it be submitted by October 15. You should also call them to make sure they have your form.

In addition, two of the Board members have now exceeded the new term limits for Florida Condos.

Here is the new rule:

In Florida, board members of a condominium association are limited to eight consecutive years of service, unless two-thirds of the unit owners vote to allow an extension or there are not enough eligible candidates to fill vacant positions. This limit, established by the Florida Condominium Act, applies to service on or after July 1, 2018, and the first directors to be affected will be those who have served eight years by July, 2026.

Connie Holmes and Al Hartin should have to vacate their positions come July, 2026. You may want to keep this in mind when casting your vote.

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!



DIAL DIRECTORY – THE YELLOW BOOK

Donna Hartin and Pat Arend



UPDATES FOR OCTOBER 2025

See below for Additions/Changes to your Dial Directory.

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LIBRARY

Helen Coar/Mary Houpt



The Library is there for your reading pleasure. Because of limited space, Mary and I have to go through the shelves every few months to make room for your new donations. The books are taken off the shelf and given to the Countryside Library for their book sales. Please, no research books. **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** -- It is easy to do. You sign up for a week. During that week come in to see if there are returned books to be put back on the shelf. There is an easy procedure of dating and check marking. There is a sheet with instructions. Please let either Mary or myself know if you would be interested.

BEREAVEMENT

Mary Houpt

August 17 Rosie Matteoni
August 24 Sharon McKinzie



A **HUGE THANK YOU!** Mary Houpt has been a faithful volunteer since 2014, communicating the passing of our friends and neighbors within our community. Along with communications, she was responsible for lowering and raising the flag and displaying the name on the message board. We appreciate your caring dedication over the years, Mary.

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Ron	Browne	October 2	Ruth	Kalbfleisch	October 14
Eda	Tesoro	October 3	Nancy	Arguin	October 17
Hal	Gastler	October 3	William	Birdsall	October 17
Veronica	Chan	October 3	Bruce	Davies	October 18
Martin	Shapiro	October 6	Mario	Gurreri	October 20
Allan	Bjorne	October 7	Louis	Kocsis	October 21
Jone	Davidson	October 8	Margaret	Beckerman	October 21
Diane	Malek	October 9	John	Ross	October 22
David	Broderick	October 10	Carol Anne	Rice	October 23
Edward	Snelling	October 10	Coleen	Halamka	October 25
Bev	Campbell	October 11	Barbara	Trent	October 26
Charles	Brooks	October 11	Thomas	Monahan	October 27
Amanda	Lee	October 12	Marilyn	Hegerty	October 28
Dawn Jeanne	Didier	October 13	Loralyn	Woodward	October 29
Joel	McNair	October 14	Peter	Sheppard	October 29
John	Pickering	October 14	Walter	Kingsbury	October 29
LuAnn	Rathke	October 14	Gene	Steffen	October 31

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Frank Gaffney

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BINGO

Joanne Gastler



Bingo will be held in Clubhouse 1 on Tuesdays in October on the 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th. Bingo cards will be sold from 5pm to 5:50pm sharp, with no sales after 5:50pm. The games will start at 6pm. This year, an additional game has been added before the Jackpot game. This new game consists of a sheet of 3 cards sold for \$2, with 50% of the proceeds going to the winner and the other 50% contributing to higher prize pots for other games.

Hot Dogs with a side will be available for \$3 starting at 5pm. 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 need callers for Bingo. Please reach out to Joanne to volunteer. We currently have a few callers, but if I can get a couple more, it would mean that you would only need to help out once every 5 to 6 weeks, from 5:30-8:15pm on a Tuesday.

Also, on Bingo nights, looking for kitchen help with the hotdogs from 4:00-6:15pm. Set up, cook, and clean up. Again, reach out to Joanne. Thank you!

BRIAR CREEK BIRD WALK

Bill Kaempfer



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

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

Bill Kaempfer, 303-717-5063

BRIAR CREEK BRIDGE

Bill Kaempfer



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

In the meantime, we will be playing bridge Tuesdays in the Phase 1 Clubhouse from 1:00 to 4:00pm. We have lots of newcomers playing these days, and it doesn't take much experience to join in and play. Let us know in advance if you are coming so we can try to have full tables.

Bill Kaempfer, 303-717-5063

Dianne Larsen, 719-352-6520



LINE DANCING

Helen Coar



Put on your dancing shoes, line dancing is back. At the clubhouse, 6pm for beginners and 6:30 for those of you who think you remember the steps. See you there.

WATER AEROBICS – MERMAIDS

Cindy Troutman



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

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Cindy Troutman, 727-741-1940

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MAH JONG

Geri Wardell

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OCTOBER MONTHLY LUNCHEON

Joan Bienvenue



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BRIAR CREEK 1 BOWLING LEAGUE

Bob Barr



We are looking for bowlers, men, and women, who would like to have some fun and make some new friends while bowling on Fridays for 24 weeks starting October 10 and ending April 10 with no bowling on November 28, December 19, and December 26. Our league is about 50% Briar Creekers with the rest being friends and others who just like to bowl. Although we will be starting on the 10th of October, we do have some bowlers who do not make it back until later in October or early November, which is ok. Just let us know when you will be arriving.

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

We try to put together 4 person teams but 3 person teams do happen. In that case their 4th would have an average of 120 with a handicap of 72. Handicaps are 90% of the difference between a bowler's average and 200.

If you are not sure, go out and bowl 2 or 3 games to see if those ageing muscles can be reinvigorated. Remember at our ages throwing the ball fast can lead to sore muscles and other ailments so start slowly and take it easy and have a good time.

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

If you are interested contact me at bc1bowling@gmail.com or 727 644 8136.

BRIAR CREEK 1 BAZAAR

Joanne Gastler



This year's Annual Bazaar will be in Clubhouse 1 on Friday, November 21st, from 4:00-7:00pm and Saturday, November 22nd, from 9:00am-12:00pm. Please reach out to Joanne Gastler at 813-625-3610 for any questions.

We need lots of volunteers to make this a success. The first meeting for all volunteers will be held on Wednesday, October 8th, at 10am OR Friday, October 10th, at 6pm. You only need to attend one meeting, as I am trying to be flexible to accommodate all those who would like to help with this event.

The second meeting to finalize all the details will be on Wednesday, November 12th at 10am OR November 14th at 6pm. Again, you only need to attend one of the two meetings in both October and November, as the same information will be provided.



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Jane McKenzie



Enjoy discussing books chosen by the members. We meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month; however, there are no meetings May through October. Some months we will meet in the Phase II Clubhouse and some months at a local restaurant. The November book is *Thunder Dog* by Michael Hingson and the December book is *The Five Wishes of Mr. Murray McBride* by Joe Siple. Please contact me if you are interested in joining or have questions.

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

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October



Briar Creek Bugle Phase II – October - 2025

(Pete Loranger - Editor Phone 421-2321)

(E-Mail: ploranger006@gmail.com)

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Looking back, Summer went by really fast! Labor Day is over, our Snowbirds will start their migration South but someone forgot to tell Mother Nature that she could start cooling things down a bit. We’ve had a good Summer here in the Creek, with plenty of rain to keep our yards hydrated. On the other hand, the rain and excessive heat has delayed us being able to complete the work on the pickle ball and corn hole courts. It’s either been too hot for the paint to set, or it’s been too wet to do the work. As soon as weather permits, we will resume our outside work.

For those of you returning, you will see a different look to the Clubhouse and we hope you will like it. The work was completed by many of your neighbors on a volunteer basis which saved us all a great deal of money.

We’ve had a lot of new residents who’ve moved in to our community, so if you see someone you don’t recognize, be sure to introduce yourself and welcome them to the Creek.

If you’re returning, welcome back! If you’ve been here all Summer, we’ve made it thru the hottest days again and look forward to s some cooler weather.

Jim Tashjian – Director – Alterations

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

As our snowbirds begin to return just a quick reminder that if you have any questions concerning your lawn service, ponds, garage or RV lot area please contact me, Philip Chabot. My preferred method is either a text at 207.514.4517 or email at plcgmc79@gmail.com. If it is an urgent matter you may call me at the above phone number to which I will return your call at my earliest convenience. Thank you all for your understanding and Cooperation and enjoy your Halloween holiday!

Joan Davis – Director – Treasurer

Cooler weather is coming and I hope everyone enjoyed their summer.

It’s that time of year: Briar Creek II Annual Condo Meeting,

December 1, 2025. (Monday)

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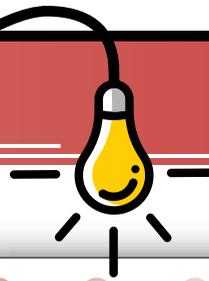
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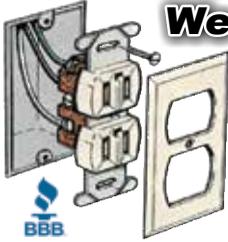
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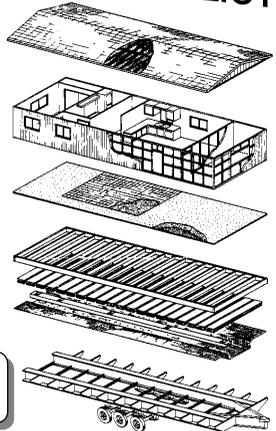


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Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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7 & Balance 10AM	8 Earlybird Breakfast 830AM EVE'S Zumba Class 915AM Ladies Luncheon 1PM	9 Strength & Balance Class 1030AM	10 Zumba Gold Class 1030AM	11 8:00AM Coffee Hour
14 & Balance 10AM	15 Food Pantry collection 8:00-10am Earlybird Breakfast 830AM EVE'S Zumba Class 915AM	16 Strength & Balance Class 1030AM MINGLE 430pm	17 Zumba Gold Class 1030AM	18 8:00AM Coffee Hour Social Club Board Meeting 845AM
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This gives me the time to count the proxies so that we will make our quorum. The quorum allows the meeting to start so that we can proceed with business for 2026. I will answer your phone calls with any questions you might have. See you on December 1st. and thank you in advance. Joan Davis, Treas. #727-726-4829 or #727-207-9351

Bill Escher – Director – Home Inspections

The heat and humidity of July and August seem to be ending. Soon our snowbird neighbors will be returning, welcome back. We take great pride in our community, our homes and we strive to maintain a neighborhood that projects that feeling.

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Thanks to everyone that keeps the neighborhood looking in top form

Social Club President

Marge Grohskopf



Happy October to you all. I hope this finds you safe and well. We started off September with a Labor Day BBQ. Many volunteers came forward to make this a successful event. There were 65 people who attended the event, which is a wonderful turnout for a summer function. Thanks to all the volunteers and those who attended.

We need your thoughts to a proposed event. This is for a Sunset Beach Dinner. We would hire the Jolley Trolley to pick us up at the clubhouse and drive us to the beach stopping at restaurants of your choice from Clearwater Beach to Sand Key. This saves driving stress, parking costs, an evening for those who no longer drive at night, and no worries driving after enjoying those dinner cocktails. The trolley cost would be \$12. per person with a maximum of 32 people. The cost of your dinner is not included. The date we are considering is Nov. 5. It is important that you give us your opinion. Text 727-249-3893 or a message in my rock box.(97 Briarwood Place) Please include your name. Interested??? Not interested ???Why??? Thanks, suggestions always welcome.

We will be having a "Showtime" this year on March 21st. Bob Lawson will be entertaining us with his "Mind Games". Bob has visited Briar Creek in the past and left us spellbound with his mind reading ability. A fascinating performance. Tickets are \$20 and will go on sale in November. It will be theater seating. You can sign up for the show at any time, however your seat will be selected when your ticket is purchased.

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Blessings,

Dr. Marty Finkelstein

Lives in Briar Creek with his wife Julie



The Briar Creek 2 Connection

Marsha & Carol

As a growing community of 261 homes, it is difficult to keep the members of our community informed about community events and important safety information.

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We will respond to your email to assure you that you are now entered into the system. Anyone residing in the home can add a separate email address. If for some reason you stop receiving emails, let us know and we'll help you become reinstated. Thank you for your participation, and welcome to the Briar Creek 2 community, we look forward to seeing you at events in the near future.

Sunshine Lady

Lois Heisdorf

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Robin Feeley

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Haven House—Shelter for battered women

Thank you for your generosity over the summer. We made several trips to deliver the great donations we received. Thank you! Thank you!

There is a box in the back of the clubhouse to drop off your items such as soaps, lotions, combs, brushes, hair care, feminine hygiene, toothbrush, new kids and adult underwear, flip flops, etc. Remember— they are not accepting clothes, opened or expired items. Please check dates on donated items.

Thank you all so much, Amber Oliverio

Food Pantry

Joan Davis/Arnold Williams

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



Ladies' Luncheon

Julie & Arlene

Hello BC2 ladies! We will be going to JG Goody Cafe on Tuesday, October 8 at 1:00 pm. JG Goody Cafe is located at 3705 Tampa Road, Oldsmar FL 34677. Nice selection of lunch food and excellent bakery! Please sign up in the clubhouse as usual. Always good to see our Briar Creek 2 friends and meet new friends.

Arlene will be traveling on Oct. 8th and Julie has a conflict for that day, so Marsha Bowlby will be attending October's luncheon. Thanks Marsha for bringing our Nov. sign up sheet that day!

Any questions, text or call Arlene or Julie:

Arlene - (412) 370-9287

Julie - (734) 604-0866



BINGO

It's time for Monday Night Bingo. Cards are sold from 5 – 5:45pm with games starting promptly at 6pm. As always, we are looking for volunteers to help with selling, callbacks and calling...many hands make work light!

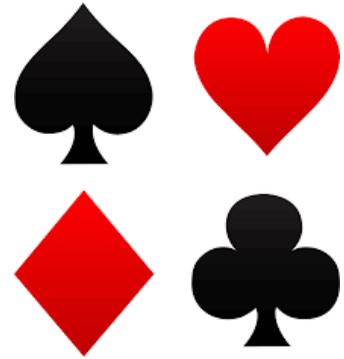
If you're new to Bingo, there are always neighbors that are happy to help you discover how fun Monday nights can be!



Pinochle Scores

Sharon Cann

7/23 Sharon Cann 424, Carol Centamore 243
 7/30 Sharon Cann 432, Dawn Benson 349
 8/06 Sharon Cann 406, Dawn Benson 179
 8/13 Dawn Benson 190, Patty Branch 333
 8/20 Dawn Benson 315, Sharon Cann 305
 8/27 Dianne Larson 236, Sharon Cann 226
 9/03 Dawn Benson 306, Sharon Cann 298



Sit & Stitch

Sandy Fassett

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

Bowling

Arnold Williams

The Bowling season has been started at the time of receiving this letter. Next month will be the list of Bowlers who have achieved bowling 25 pins over their averages. Looking forward to making new friends and keeping in touch with old friends. Hopefully we will have a Safe and Healthy Winter together. Thank You Arnold Williams

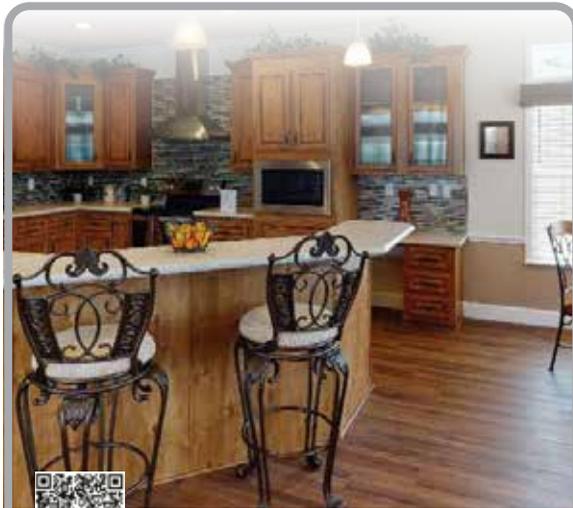


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Mon & Wed 9:15 Zumba

Tues & Thurs 10:30 Strength & Balance



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Bloodmobile

Amber Oliverio

Hi everyone,
November 7th is our Fall Blood Drive in Phase 2. Everyone is welcome to participate if you are eligible.



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Thank you for your support.

Questions? Call Amber at 219-796-6762

Briar Creek Book Club

(Phase I & II)



Enjoy discussing books chosen by the members. We meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month;

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Enjoy discussing books chosen by the members. We meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month; however, there are no meetings May through October. Some months we will meet in the Phase II Clubhouse and some months at a local restaurant. The November book is *Thunder Dog* by Michael Hingson and the December book is *The Five Wishes of Mr. Murray McBride* by Joe Siple. Please contact me if you are interested in joining or have questions.

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Opera Info

Russ Lipari

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November Opera Afternoon

► ***Tosca* by Giacomo Puccini**

Tuesday, November 18, 2025 - BC2 Clubhouse

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



December Opera Afternoon

► ***Les Pêcheurs de Perles* by George Bizet**

Tuesday, December 16, 2025 - BC2 Clubhouse

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

January Opera Afternoon

► ***Cavalleria Rusticana* by Pietro Mascagni and *Pagliacci* by Ruggerio Leoncavallo**

Tuesday, January 20, 2026 - BC2 Clubhouse

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

February Opera Afternoon

► ***The Pirates of Penzance* by Gilbert and Sullivan**

Tuesday, February 17, 2026 - BC2 Clubhouse

2:00 - Opera performance 112 minutes, sung in English with English subtitles

March Opera Afternoon

► ***Ariadne auf Naxos* by Richard Strauss**

Tuesday, March 17, 2026 - BC2 Clubhouse

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

April Opera Afternoon

► ***La Traviata* by Giuseppe Verdi**

Tuesday, April 21, 2026 - BC2 Clubhouse

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

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NAME 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 sign up 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

10/01	Mike Lucas	10/24	Darlene Beyer
10/02	Judy Cochrane	10/24	Sandy Fassett
10/03	Majel Jordan	10/26	Peggy Raynor
10/08	Shelia Compton	10/26	Rick Dimock
10/10	Edward Snelling	10/28	Ed Snell
10/15	Pratt Hubbard	10/29	Lisa Guerino
10/17	Joseph Guerino	10/29	Jean Johnson
10/19	Dave Swets	10/31	Carol Vecchio



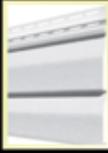
Anniversaries

10/01/1978	Rick & Grace McKim – 47 years
10/03/1992	Brian & Betsy Bailey – 33 years
10/06/1963	Ken & Jean Demers – 62 years
10/11/1997	Tom & Michelle Harris – 28years
10/18/1975	Ron Steinacher & Russ Lipari
10/22/1988	James & Susan Paschal – 37 years



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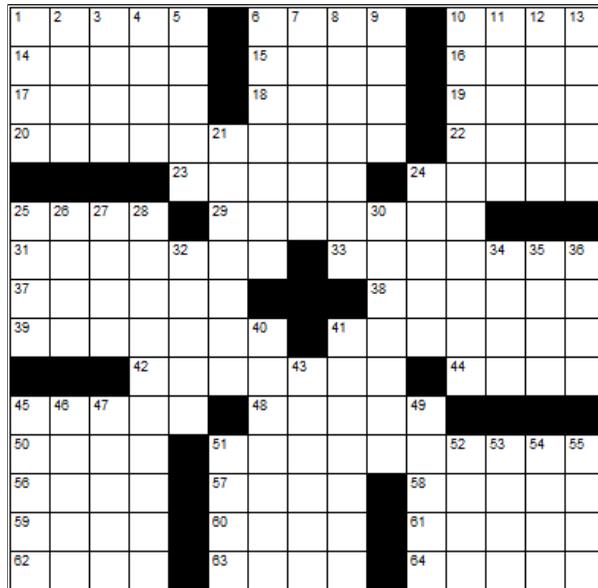
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- 1. Incorrect
- 6. Wheelchair access
- 10. Cumberbund
- 14. A 4 base hit in baseball
- 15. One of the Great Lakes
- 16. Arm bone
- 17. Drama set to classical music
- 18. All right
- 19. Lives, in brief
- 20. Relating to menopause
- 22. A heavy open wagon
- 23. Go inside
- 24. In need of cleaning
- 25. Tallow source
- 29. Universal
- 31. Spoke
- 33. To the touch
- 37. Streamer
- 38. Mild expletive
- 39. Less reputable
- 41. Interpret incorrectly
- 42. Confined to certain regions

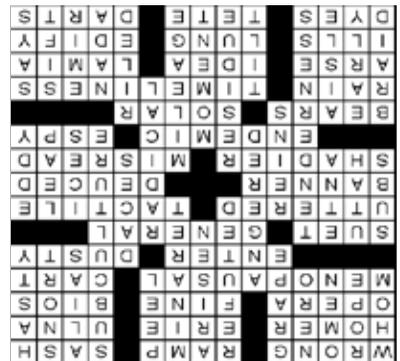


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- 44. Glimpse
- 45. Grizzlies for example
- 48. Pertaining to the sun
- 50. Precipitation
- 51. Being at the right time
- 56. Rear end
- 57. Thought
- 58. Female demon
- 59. Misfortunes
- 60. Breathing organ
- 61. Enlighten
- 62. Colors
- 63. French for "Head"
- 64. Pub game
- 1. Which person?
- 2. Lariat
- 3. Portent
- 4. Detective ___ Wolfe
- 5. Vineyard fruit
- 6. Proved false
- 7. Come to light
- 8. Mosque turret
- 9. Rind
- 10. Social group
- 11. Assumed name
- 12. Haughty response
- 13. Hurried
- 21. Irate
- 24. Freshwater fishes
- 25. Subscriptions
- 26. Mormon state
- 27. European volcano
- 28. Affection
- 30. Extreme
- 32. Harnesses
- 34. Frosts, as a cake
- 35. Jump
- 36. Countercurrent
- 40. What's left
- 41. Non-metric road distance
- 43. Instant
- 45. Plait
- 46. Not late
- 47. A long narrow passage
- 49. Angered
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- 52. Nil
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- 55. Articulates



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<p>2 Day Park Wide Sale. Friday and Saturday, October 3 and 4, 2025. 8am - 1pm. Vendors in the clubhouse on Friday ONLY. Semiannual Bake Sale and Refreshments available Friday ONLY in the Clubhouse. La Plaza MHP 6700 150th Ave. N. Clearwater</p>	<p>November 8th. 9am-2pm. Craft & Bake Fair - Island in the Sun. Multiple vendors with multiple wares. Held in the clubhouse. 100 Hampton Rd, Clearwater, FL 33759. Come check us out!</p>	<p>Carpport Sale - Oak Crest Acorn, 9925 Ulmerton in Largo, Nov 1st, 8am-2pm</p>
<p>Community flea market. Paradise Island, 1001 Starkey Rd. Largo. Saturday, October 4th, 9-2. Early bird entry 8am for \$1. Bake sale, hot dogs, golf cart taxi service. Follow signs to the clubhouse.</p>	<p>FALL BAZAAR Rancho Village 7100 Ulmerton Road, Hacienda Clubhouse. Sunday 11/9/25 from 11am-3pm. Crafts, baked goods, raffle baskets & more. Vendors: Rent a table for \$15. Contact: Donna Dahmm 309-263-2640</p>	<p>OTHER</p>
<p>BINGO at Pointe West MHP starting Tues. October 14th. Doors open at 4:30pm. Bingo starts at 6:30pm. 12651 Seminole Blvd, Largo.</p>	<p>Crafters Wanted Fair Nov 15th at Palm Hill Country Club 401 8th Ave, Largo. 8am - 1pm. Email Tom for more information at brendas76@verizon.net</p>	<p>Attention shufflers! Friendly League is looking for additional teams to join our league or a smaller league to merge with ours. Our teams are located within 10 miles of East Bay Drive in Largo and play our games on Thursday. Please contact John Halliday, Embassy Park, johnhalliday3@aol.com, 508-360-3875</p>
<p>Annual Craft Fair Saturday November 1st 9-3pm Paradise Island Clubhouse 1001 Starkey Rd. Largo. 80 plus Tables, Handmade items & Bake Sale</p>	<p>Community Bazar Nov 29th at Palm Hill Country Club 401 8th Ave, Largo. 8am - 1pm. Christmas Decorations, Household Items, Bake Sale, Hot Dogs.</p>	<p>Sell Rickey's Jerky! Join our team—locally or see the country. Full time or part time. Have fun while you cover your expenses or make some money! We're hiring now through the end of the year! Contact Ryan: Info@RickeysJerky.com or 503-475-5613 https://rickeysjerky.com/pages/opportunities has more info.</p>
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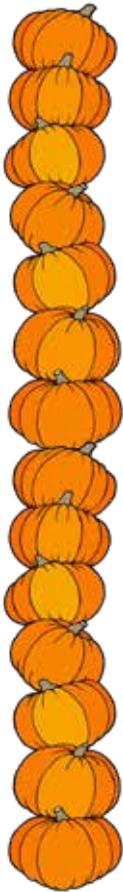


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