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Architectural Requests, Garage Building Area
 Water & Sewer Lines, Roads (co-share)
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Financials, Clubhouse Oversight, Fobs
 Summer – Lawns & Sprinklers
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 New Residents & Records
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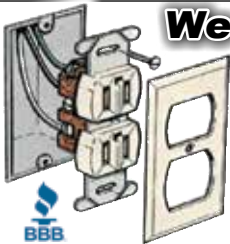
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The Bugle is also available on our website at *mybriarcreek.com*. Please submit items for publication by **email** or **call/text** to me.

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

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Bob Barr, President



Heading North - here are a couple of reminders:

1. Make sure your summer address is registered with Ameri-Tech.
2. Sign up with Ameri-Tech, if you have not already done so. Keep yourself updated on board meetings and minutes.
3. If you can, sign in and follow us on the Zoom link when we are having a board meeting.

Leaving your Home:

1. **Turn off your water at the outside shut-off valve!!!**
2. Empty your refrigerator – turn it off – leave the door(s) propped open.
3. Put a cup of bleach in each toilet then cover with plastic wrap.
4. Keep the air conditioning on to prevent mold. Set the thermostat to mid-80's or if you have a humidistat set it to 60% or what was recommended by the installer.
5. Have a great Spring/Summer/Fall, keep in touch, and above all do not forget to come back.





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 will be effective May 1, 2026

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.



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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.

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!



HAPPY
Mother's Day

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

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

Laurie & George Wilson	May 5
Kathy & Rich Lutterschmidt	May 15
Les & Deb Wille	May 22
Steven & Mary Bourque	May 25
John & Stephanie Andrechak	May 29

HAPPY
anniversary



MAY BIRTHDAYS

Teri Baier	May 1
Geri Wardell	May 5
Phil Houpt	May 7
Lynn Fegadel	May 7
Tina Bonanno	May 10
Donna Haines-Williams	May 11
Richard McCombs	May 11
Raylee Fleisch	May 14
Jennifer Zellars	May 16
Kathy Berg	May 16
Linda Pickering	May 17
Diana Natale	May 18
Michael McDonald	May 21



Pat Grimes	May 22
Terry Henry	May 22
David North	May 23
Stephen Smith	May 24
Siobhan Knight	May 26
Guy Roberts	May 27
Laurie Wilson	May 27
Bob Barr	May 28
Jane Horton	May 28
Steve Fontaine	May 28
Theodore Gallmeyer	May 29
Cindy Troutman	May 30
Cy Anderson	May 30



BEREAVEMENT

Debbie Landon

If anyone hears that a current or former Phase I resident has passed, please let me know so we can honor them. Text or call: 727-726-2576, Email: seamermaid@gmail.com



Dot Bourdon, of 80 Redwood Dr, passed away on March 11th, 2026.

Born in Massachusetts, she and her late husband, Donald, moved to Florida, eventually moving to Briar Creek in 2001. Dot agreed to move to Florida after he agreed to take her out to lunch every day. She continued this tradition by eating lunch daily with her friends. She was president of Dunedin Chapter 46 of AARP - Senior Citizens Services. Dot enjoyed playing her electric organ and she LOVED Bingo, which she won often. She and her husband were also graceful ballroom dancers. Dot was the entertainment chairperson off and on for several years and had something going on ALL the time, including a lot of live entertainment.

It was important to Dot that everyone was comfortable and had a good time.

BINGO

Joanne Gastler

Bingo will be held in Clubhouse 1 on Tuesdays, May 5th, 12th, and 19th. 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.

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



BRIAR CREEK BIRD WALK

Bill Kaempfer

April 3rd was our last bird walk of the winter. Six of us enjoyed almost 30 species on our stroll out to the Lake Tarpon Canal and back, including over 25 Brown Pelicans. We also had glimpses of a dolphin in the canal and the two kinds of rabbits found locally, Marsh Rabbit and Eastern Cottontail.

We will start bird walks again in the fall.

Bill Kaempfer
303-717-5063



Mother's day

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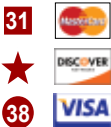
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BRIAR CREEK BRIDGE

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 or even an email booklet that is an introduction to the game. This can help those new to bridge to get started.

Join us and play on Tuesday afternoons.

Bill Kaempfer, 303-717-5063

Dianne Larsen, 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!



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.

PO-KE-NO

Flo Bombardier

Po-Ke-No meets 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 - Monday and Wednesday, Phase I clubhouse, 12:00 noon

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

kRaZy KaRds

Joanne Gastler

KRaZy KaRds is on the first Sunday of the month at 6 pm, May 3rd. 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. This is the last event till 10/4.

MAY MONTHLY LUNCHEON

Joan Bienvenue

This month, join us for lunch at The Thirst Marlins at 1 pm on Tuesday, May 12th (1023 Florida Ave, Palm Harbor, FL). 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



BOWLING

Bob Barr



The following bowlers from phase 1 and 2 had games for the women that were 20 pins or more over their average and 25 pins or more over their average for the men.

Feb. 6th

Mary Kay Brown 187/49
Skip Taylor 168/37
Pete Fedelem 175/28

Jane Fedelem 159/39
Bob Barr 193/25
Lee West 253/55

Allan Burge 197/55,172/30
Kathy Kotchie 153/25

Feb. 13th

Mary Kay Brown 162/23

Tom Lacoy 170/31

Arnold Williams 178/25,184/31



Feb. 27

Kathy Kotchie 155/25

Mar. 6th

Frank Gaffney 151/26
Pete Fedelem 205/55

Tom Lacoy 177/37
Lee West 268/80, 226/38

Bob Barr 207/39
Ray Jablonski 187/40

Mar. 13th

Mary Kay Brown 181/44
Tom Lacoy 166/26,172/32

Jane Fedelem 161/40, 154/33
Skip Taylor 158/25, 158/25
Allan Burge 192/50
Lee West 235/45

Mar. 20th

Mary Kay Brown 160/22

Arnold Williams 179/25

Mar. 27th

Mary Kay Brown 171/33, 181/43
Pete Fedelem 202/50

Frank Gaffney 149/25
Lee West 233/42

Allan Burge 181/38

Apr. 3rd

Allan Burge 171/28
Kathy Kotchie 159/28
Ray Jablonski 178/30

Tom Lacoy 185/45
Arnold Williams 190/36

Skip Taylor 166/34
Lee West 247/55

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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!



MEMORIAL DAY PICNIC

Joanne Gastler

Memorial Day fun starts at noon at the Phase 1 clubhouse. Bring a dish or a dessert to share. Publix Fried Chicken will be provided by the social club. Cost is \$2 for social club members and \$5 for guests. Any questions, contact Cindy Troutman.



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Mother's Day

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Monthly

ALS Awareness Month. ALS, also known as Lou Gehrig’s disease, is caused by the death of neurons, leading to stiff muscles, twitching, and gradually worsening weakness. No cure is known, but this month is an opportunity to spotlight and support research to fight this deadly disease.

Better Hearing Month. Approximately 36 million Americans suffer from some form of hearing loss—and more than half are under 65. Visit an audiologist today to learn how to protect your hearing and ensure that your ears stay healthy throughout your life.

National Military Appreciation Month. As designated by Congress, National Military Appreciation Month celebrates the history of our armed forces and recognizes the brave people who have served in every branch of military service. It also allows Americans to educate each generation on the historical impact of our military through community participation.

National Bike Month. Sponsored by the League of American Bicyclists and celebrated in communities from coast to coast, National Bike Month is a chance to showcase the many benefits of bicycling and encourage more folks to giving biking a try.

Weekly

Children’s Mental Health Awareness Week, May 3-9. A yearly event aimed at raising awareness of the issues and causes integral to the children’s mental health field nationwide. Sponsored by the National Federation of Families for Children’s Mental Health, this year’s theme is “Healthy Families, Resilient

Food Allergy Awareness Week, May 10-16. Food allergies affect up to 15 million people in the United States, including one in 13 children. Whether you’re newly diagnosed or brushing up on the facts, learning all you can about the condition is the key to staying safe and living well with food allergies.

American Craft Beer Week, May 11-17. American craft brewers are small, independent, and traditional. The average American lives within 10 miles of a brewery, and the United States now has more beer styles and brands to choose from than any other market in the world. Enjoy a cold one (responsibly) all month long.

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The absent-minded composer

The famous composer Ludwig von Beethoven once went to a restaurant for some dinner, but being very absent-minded he forgot what he actually came there for. A waiter asked him several times what he would like to order, but Beethoven paid him no attention.

After an hour Beethoven called the waiter and asked him, “How much do I pay?”

The waiter replied, “Sir, you haven’t ordered anything yet. What I can do for you?”

Frustrated, Beethoven snapped back, “Oh, just bring whatever you want and leave me alone!”

Einstein: A genius with a human touch

Albert Einstein was a scientific genius, and stories about him are legendary. Three stories illustrate that he was as human as the rest of us:

- When Einstein went to Princeton University in 1953, someone asked what he would need for his office. His reply: “A desk, some pads and a pencil, and a large wastebasket to hold all of my mistakes.”
- A student visited Einstein in his Princeton office one day with a copy of this year’s final exam in his hand. “Professor, all the questions on this year’s test are the same as last year!” “Yes,” Einstein replied, “but this year all the answers are different.”
- After finishing a paper, Einstein and his assistant could find only one paper clip in his office to hold the pages together. Unfortunately, it was bent out of shape and impossible to use. They searched the desk for something to use as a tool to straighten the clip, and found a full box of paper clips in one drawer. Instead of taking one of those clips, Einstein used one as a tool to straighten out the bent clip.

The assistant asked why he didn’t just use one of the fresh clips. Einstein answered, “Once I am set on a goal it becomes difficult to deflect me.”

Quote

To hell with facts! We need stories!
—Ken Kesey



A lesson in taking chances

A story from the book *Art and Fear*, by David Bayles and Ted Orland (Image Continuum Press), illustrates the power of taking chances and risking failure when you're trying to achieve something of quality:

On the first day of class, a ceramics teacher announced that he was putting his students into two groups. Half the students would be graded on quantity of works produced, the other half on the quality of just one work. On the final day of class, the instructor looked at the pots from both groups and realized that the best pots—those with the most creative designs and those that seemed most beautiful—all came from the group graded on quantity.

As the authors put it: “It seems that while the ‘quantity’ group was busily churning out piles of work—and learning from their mistakes—the ‘quality’ group had sat theorizing about perfection, and in the end had little more to show for their efforts than grandiose theories and a pile of dead clay.”

Take a fresh approach to solving problems

You don't always want the same old solutions to everyday problems. Sometimes you want to try something different. From the *Fast Company* website comes these ideas for finding a fresh approach:

- **Rephrase the question.** The way you frame the problem may limit your options. Teach yourself to expand the scope. Instead of, “How can we throw a great birthday party for Ted?” Ask, “What can we do to make this a memorable birthday?”
- **Look for bad ideas.** Seeking perfect solutions can put too much pressure on your creativity. Give yourself a break and try coming up with some bad ideas. You'll get them out of the way quickly, and sometimes a bad idea can lead to something new and exciting.
- **Challenge your assumptions.** Take a hard look at your basic beliefs about the situation. Is the customer really always right? Is the lowest price necessarily the best deal? Turning your assumptions on their heads can suggest a different direction to go in.

Quotes

There are painters who transform the sun to a yellow spot, but there are others who with the help of their art and their intelligence, transform a yellow spot into sun.
—Pablo Picasso



Report: Fiber may prevent breast cancer

Parents and young women concerned about breast cancer may want to take note of a study from the journal *Pediatrics*: Scientists have discovered that adolescents and young women can significantly reduce their chances of getting breast cancer later in life by eating a high-fiber diet early on.

Researchers tracked more than 90,000 women over a period of years. Women 27-44 answered questions relating to their diet as adults and in high school. The data they collected about fiber consumption, after screening out other factors like race and family history of breast cancer, showed that women who had eaten high amounts of fiber had a 12-19 percent lower chance of getting breast cancer. In addition, women who reported a high fiber intake during their high school years were found to have a 16 percent lower risk of suffering breast cancer overall, as well as a 24 percent lower risk of being diagnosed before menopause.

Fiber from fruits and vegetables appear to offer the most health benefits.

Keep your workplace a healthy zone

From Ebola to the Zika virus, new diseases seem to be rising every day to threaten our health. If you're a manager, you should do everything you can to keep your workforce safe from illness. Take these steps to minimize the risks:

- **Adjust absentee policies.** Many organizations still penalize workers for taking sick leave. Let your employees stay home when they're sick rather than risk infecting others.
- **Promote hygiene.** Post restroom signs urging workers to wash their hands frequently. Instruct cleaning services to wipe down telephone receivers as well as desk surfaces.
- **Plan ahead.** Consider how you'd respond if your department experienced a 30 percent absentee rate. How can you ensure that essential functions are covered? You can't stop bad things from happening, but you can take steps to keep them from crippling your organization.

Quotes

Healthy citizens are the greatest asset any country can have.
—Winston Churchill

Try these year-round common cold remedies

You can catch a cold any time of the year, no matter what the weather is. Although you can't cure it, you can relieve its symptoms with some simple remedies. Try these:

- **Honey.** Honey mixed with tea or warm lemon water can relieve coughing and sore throat.
- **Zinc.** Zinc supplements taken within the first few days of having a cold can shorten your illness and could prevent a cold in the first place.
- **Hot liquids.** Hot tea or water can loosen up congestion in your chest and sinuses.
- **Salt water.** Evidence suggests that rinsing your mouth with salty water can clear up nasal congestion and unclog your sinuses.
- **Vitamin C.** Evidence that vitamin C can help you avoid or shorten colds is mixed, although research does hint that it may be effective for those with a vitamin C deficiency.



Exercise: More isn't necessarily better

Losing weight is just a matter of exercising, right? Actually, that may not be the case, according to a study of exercise and weight loss reported on the CNN website.

Researchers looked at 332 adults in the U.S., Jamaica, and Africa, measuring their activity level over a week. The volunteers displayed a variety of exercise levels from sedentary to active. Although those who exercised and were active more burned away more calories than the others, their activity tended to hit a plateau—after a certain level, more exercise didn't produce more weight loss.

Switching exercises helped a little, since using different muscles can make your body use more energy. But in the long run, a combination of exercise and a reduced-calorie diet may be your best bet for losing those unwanted pounds.



Did You Know?

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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 – Vice President and Director Phase II

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approved by the board prior to taking action. The RV Parking Area is the property of the Association and is considered common area. If you have any questions concerning the RV Parking Area feel free to contact myself, Philip Chabot, or any Phase II director. I do hope this information is useful and informative to all of you and have a great month of May!

Jim Tashjian – Director – Home Alterations

It’s hard to believe another season has come to an end. Over the past seven months, it has been my pleasure to process your outside alteration requests. While it has certainly kept me busy, it has also given me the opportunity to meet many residents for the first time and put faces to the names and addresses I see on the request forms.

With May now here, many of our seasonal residents have headed north for the summer. I will be joining them on May 10th as I travel to Lake George, New York, and will return in the second week of October.

In the meantime, there’s no need for concern—Bill Escher has kindly offered to take over the outside alteration process during my absence (thank you, Bill!). Blank request forms will continue to be available in the clubhouse just outside the office door. Completed forms may be submitted through the office mail slot or placed in Bill’s “rock box” at 138 Pinewood Terrace.

Please remember: Do not begin any work on your project until you have received written approval from the Board of Directors.

As you take on summer projects, please be mindful of the heat. This is Florida, after all—if you feel like you’re baking, you probably are. Stay hydrated, take plenty of breaks, and maybe save the heavy lifting for early morning or late afternoon. The projects can wait...heatstroke shouldn’t be part of the plan.

Have a wonderful summer—stay safe, keep your projects moving forward, but don’t forget to enjoy yourselves. As always, call before you dig (811) and be sure to obtain any required permits from the City of Safety Harbor and/or Pinellas County.

See you all in the fall!





Social Club President

Bonnie Briggs

The saying April Showers brings May flowers didn't come through this year. Hopefully we'll get more rain in May. Remember the watering restrictions.



Mother's Day is May 10. Take this time to remember your mothers who are still with us and those who have passed on. Remember if it wasn't for her you wouldn't be here.

Social club dues are \$5.00 per year for person. Please join our social club since the funds help defray other costs. As we are now in the process of obtaining liability insurance, being a member will help in the cost of this premium. Currently we have only 142 members of the social club. We would like to have 100% membership in the social club to lessen our liability of Briar Creek II non-member residents.

All members of the social club will reap the benefits.

Activities are winding down as we get closer to summer. If there is an activity you would like to have during the summer months, get a committee together to help plan and run it.

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

Celebrating Life

Dr. Marty Finkelstein

This week I celebrate another birthday. This is my 75th year circling around the sun. It has been a wonderful time celebrating with my family visiting. First my brother and his wife, then my daughter and her beautiful family. I truly feel very grateful. Yet it reminds me that life is precious and none of us know what tomorrow will bring. And the reminder of what I have shared with others for years, don't wait to connect with the people in your life that are important. Don't wait to apologize for something from the past, don't wait to share your love, don't wait to forgive yourself for any wrong doing, or judgements you've been holding onto. Truly live each day as if it could be your last or someone you care about, perhaps their last. We simply do not know, yet we act as if there is always another day. Reminds me of the verse, we always seem so busy and so stressed easy to forget how we are all so blessed, imagining that there will always be another day. But in the blink of an eye it can be the very last goodbye, wishing that we had just one more time to say, I love you.



When I turned sixty I wrote a song that has become my annual birthday song that I sing in celebration. Just the age changes not the sentiment.

Now that I am 75, 75 years old

So many years behind me and so many years left to go

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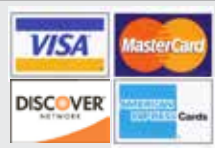


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Some of you may remember when my hair was so much darker back then, and I didn't need a hearing aid to hear you say hello

And if all the things that I've learned and all the things I know. It's you my friends and family that go wherever I go

It doesn't matter how near or far, I close my eyes and there you are, in the night like a shining star through the windows of my soul

So now that I am seventy five seventy five years old so many years behind me and so many beautiful healthy years to go.

Blessings,

Dr. Marty

Lives in Briar Creek with his wife Julie Austin

BC2Connection

Michelle and Tom Harris, Russ Lipari, and Jean Schmidt

The BC2Connection is one of the tools used to share information within our community - everything from emergency announcements through upcoming events.

If you are currently receiving e-mails from the BC2Connection, you need to do nothing.

If you'd like to sign up to receive BC2 community announcements, please send your email address to thebc2connection@gmail.com.

A friendly reminder to the BC2 community chairpersons, please allow up to a 24 hour lead time for your message to be processed and sent.

Emergency announcements are coordinated with our Condo Board of Directors

Dessert & Music

You are invited to join us on May 17 at 3:00pm at Phase 2 Clubhouse.

Sit back, relax and enjoy the piano music of Bijou Baroudi. She is a local resident and attends a Pinellas County public school. Bijou volunteers at several adult communities in the area. She is so happy to play for people and share her musical talent. This spirited 10yr old girl will steal your heart.

We will serve dessert and we'll have a question and answer time with Bijou. Join us Sunday, May 17th at 3pm. The older we get, the less interaction we have with children, our grandchildren are grown or far away. I think you will enjoy this

There are no tickets or cost for this event. Please sign up if possible for dessert preparations. There are sign-up sheets in both Clubhouses. Walk-in are welcome. Any questions text Marge Grohskopf 727-249-3893.





Additions/Corrections to the new Dial Directory (Yellow Book)

Pete

Page 19 – Sunshine Lady – Lois Heisdorf – change phone to 727-403-7796
Page 24 – Change Lois Heisdorf phone to 727-403-7796
ADD new name and phone ..Judy Hess 167 Pinewood Ter. 727-452-00
ADD new name and phone..James O’Neill 164 Clubview Dr. 252-531-3963



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 . May 20th is our next collection, in front of the clubhouse. Our time is 8-10 AM.

Ladies' Luncheon

Julie & Arlene

Ladies Luncheon will be held on May 13th 2026 at 1:00. We will be having lunch at Applebees on McMullen Booth Rd. May is a time to celebrate being a mom or daughter. What a better way to enjoy friends and celebrate our being a mom or daughter or both.

See you soon!



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

Thank you for a wonderful season of bingo

We will resume in the fall

We are always looking for volunteers to call bingo. I will teach anyone interested and you will call approx once per month at most

Thank you

Al and Diane Merando



Bunco

Marge Grohskopf

Join us for Bunco the fourth Thursday of the month at 6:30. 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.



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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 21st of May. 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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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

3/11	Orpha Berken 310, Jan Gundershaug 291, Gary B 346, Dawn Benson 262
3/18	Dico Halgian 425, Orpha Berken 367, Alice Williams 446, Dawn Benson 429 Bob Gundershaug 460, Gary B 451
3/25	Diane Larsen 375, Bob Gundershaug 348, Orpha Berken 299, Dawn Benson 297, Gary B 318, Dico Halgian 246
4/01	Dawn Benson 252, Gary B 249, Billie O 342, Dico 307, Diane Laresen 216, Bob G 128
4/08	Bob Gundershaug 311, Billie Ogradowski 301, Sharon Cann 289, Orpha Berken 221, Gary B 272, Diane Larsen 202

Euchre Scores

3/03	Gary McKenzie 62, Marianne Yacobucci 48
3/10	Everett Wardell 45, Jim Beatty 44, Orpha Berken 44
3/24	Gary McKenzie 52, Everett Wardell 50, Jim Beatty 50
3/31	Carol Beatty 59, Butch 51
4/07	Greg Zimmer 51, Marianne Yacobucci 50, Gary McKenzie 50



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Bowling

Arnold Williams

Happy Mother's Day to ALLThe Mothers!!! I want to Thank everyone who supported our Bowling League this year. It has come down to the last week to determine who The Champions are. It was Team #6 Chiefs who consisted of Irene Paddenburg & Mary & Bob Kralowetz & our very own Kathy Kotchie!!! The Most Improved Bowlers for the year were Marsha Reynolds +19 pins on her average and Tom LaCoy who Improved +10 on his average and Congratulations to both!!! We do have a few openings for next year if anyone is interested in a little exercise and fun. Below are the Bowlers who Achieved bowling +25 pins over their averages. This will be my last letter until August when teams will be forming for next year. I Hope Everyone has a Safe and Healthy Summer!!! Thank You Arnold Williams

3/10/26

Glenn Jensen +40
Kathy Morrison +36
Skip Taylor +26
Joe Simpson +49 & +52
Marsha Reynolds +30

3/17/26

Vern Browe +40 & +28
Joe Simpson +43 & +27
Glenn Jensen +25 & +50
Arnold Williams +25 & +25

3/25/26

Marsha Reynolds +33
Tim Glasheen +35
Vern Browe +38

3/31/26

Glenn Jensen +39
Patty Fontaine +43
Ray Jablonski +26
Arnold Williams +37

4/7/26

Carol Beatty +55 & +26
Joe Simpson +36
Jim Beatty +25
Arnold Williams +30

WEEK 20

Kathy Corcoran +37
Ray Jablonski +26
Tom LaCoy +37
Patty Fontaine +25
Steve Fontaine +26

WEEK 21

Jina Duggan +42
Bev Wilson +32
Patty Fontaine +31

WEEK 22

Joe Simpson +69
Carol Beatty +41
Glenn Jensen +61

WEEK 23

Skip Taylor +28
Jim Beatty +43
John Ames +42 & +39

WEEK 24

Glenn Jensen +32
Vern Browe +52
Skip Taylor +31
Kathy Kotchie +30



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



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Birthdays and Anniversaries

Pete Loranger

Birthdays

5/01	Ruth Miller	5/19	Richard Seybolt
5/01	Lois Heisdorf	5/19	Marie Schwind
5/02	Martha Magnuson	5/20	Elaine Magee
5/02	Michelle Harris	5/21	Nancy Eckhardt
5/05	Abe El-Sarraf	5/21	John Sullivan
5/10	Bill Rollins	5/26	Glenda Cullens
5/11	Jim Tashjian	5/27	Jake Boettger
5/12	P.J. Wierzbowski	5/27	Diane Lapointe
5/13	Ann Conway	5/28	Chuck Schlaich
5/13	Kathy Corcoran	5/30	Beverly Kolvek
5/14	Janice Shepard	5/30	Alice Lopez
5/17	Greg Zimmer	5/31	Maureen Wlodarczyk
5/18	Dico Halajian	5/31	Beverly Butters



Anniversaries

5/08/1970	Dave & Margi Swets – 56 years
5/10/1975	Bob & Eileen Lillquist – 51 years
5/12/1984	Tom & Darlene Leighton – 42 years
5/15/1976	Tom & Robin Feeley – 50 years
5/17/1975	Bill & Bonnie Briggs – 51 years
5/19/1989	Abe & Sheri El-Sarraf – 37 years
5/21/2010	Richard Whipple & Bettye Gilreath – 16 years
5/28/2005	Mike & Jean Schmidt – 21 years



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ACROSS

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6. Engage in
10. Combines
14. Eagle's home
15. Minerals
16. Voucher
17. Coniferous forest
18. Regrets
19. Bay
20. Stuporous
22. Detail
23. Not new
24. Low point
26. Worldwide
30. Stash
32. Scrutinize
33. Pomp
37. Pretentious person
38. Desert watering holes
39. You (archaic)
40. Idioms
42. Offering little or no hope
43. Twiddled one's thumbs
44. Purchasers
45. Chocolate source
47. Not thin
48. Roman robe
49. Hyperactive
56. Wicked
57. Knockout
58. Custom
59. Peddle
60. Distinctive flair
61. Genus of heath
62. 3
63. Break
64. Adjust again

DOWN

1. An international trade treaty
2. Towards the back
3. Diva's solo
4. Portent or omen
5. Navy jacket
6. Planet
7. African sheep
8. Nerd
9. Flavoring extracts
10. Without intention
11. Hindu loincloth
12. Scuba user
13. Flower stalk
21. Addition
25. Revelation response
26. Sharp intake of breath
27. Moon goddess
28. Scent
29. According to the Bible
30. Enclosed
31. Anagram of "Sage"
33. Rate
34. You (archaic)
35. Big laugh
36. Guffaws
38. Witness
41. American Dental Association
42. Meat retailer
44. Sheep sound
45. Shroud
46. Nimble
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Teens and social media: What's really going on?

If you think your kid is checking his or her smartphone every 30 seconds, you may not be far off. A study of more than 200 eighth-graders reported on the CNN website found that the heaviest social media users check the Internet more than 100 times daily, even when they're in school. What are they looking for?

- Checking their online posts for comments and “likes”: 61 percent.
- Seeing whether friends are doing things without them: 36 percent.
- Making sure friends aren't saying mean things about them: 21 percent.



Fifteen percent of teens in the study reported receiving inappropriate photos. And 94 percent of parents were unaware of the amount of fighting that occurs on social media.

The workplace is becoming more flexible

Flexible working arrangements have caught on big time in the United States. A study by Flexjobs, an online service specializing in telecommuting and flexible jobs, reported the following trends:

- **Employers are fairly casual about productivity.** Although 89 percent of employers support workplace flexibility, 64 percent have no formal policies regarding telecommuting and flexibility programs, and only 3 percent actively monitor such factors as performance, engagement, and productivity.
- **Health factors are a major driver of flexibility.** Flexjobs found that 32 percent of respondents to their survey believe flexible working arrangements would benefit their health; 29 percent are interested in flexibility in order to have more time for exercise.



Caregiving has its rewards

As Americans live longer, families are feeling a heavier burden in the caregiving area. The Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates that some 40.5 million Americans are acting as unpaid caregivers for older family members. Most just help one person, but 22 percent are responsible for two people and 7 percent provide help to three or more. Most caregivers are between the ages of 45 and 64 (23 percent), but 17 percent of people older than 65 act as caregivers as well.

The demands may be high, but many Americans find the work worthwhile. Yes, 32 percent describe caregiving as stressful, but 88 percent say helping out an elderly loved one is a rewarding experience.

Antilock brakes: Use them properly

Antilock braking systems in cars are designed to improve safety, but they won't do the job unless drivers know how to use them correctly. Here's the right way to use the ABS when you need to stop quickly:

- **Apply steady, firm pressure.** Never pump or “feather” your brakes. The ABS regulates the braking pressure so the brakes don't lock up. If you pump or slightly release pressure on the pedal, it confuses the computer system and shuts it off.
- **Don't let up.** The grating noise you may hear is the sound of the ABS working.
- **Don't yank the wheel.** You can steer your car safely, but if you yank the wheel, you could lose control.
- **Be prepared for skids.** Remember that the ABS doesn't prevent skids. Nor does it allow for shorter stopping distances than conventional brakes.



Don't get zapped at work (or home)

Electrical hazards at home and in the workplace injure thousands every year from burns and shocks. Faulty or overloaded wires cause the majority of accidents, so protect your family and your co-workers by following these guidelines:

- **Get inspected.** If your electrical panel hasn't been inspected for more than 10 years, get a qualified electrician to look it over.
- **Unplug heat appliances after use.** At home, that includes toasters, hair dryers, and irons, among others. In the office, unplug space heaters or anything else that can cause a fire.
- **Use the correct wattage.** Putting a 75-watt bulb in a 60-watt light socket is asking for trouble.
- **Use surge protectors.** They'll keep computers and other appliances safe from overloaded circuits.
- **Keep appliances away from water.** If an appliance that's plugged in falls into water or gets wet, unplug it before you reach for it.
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