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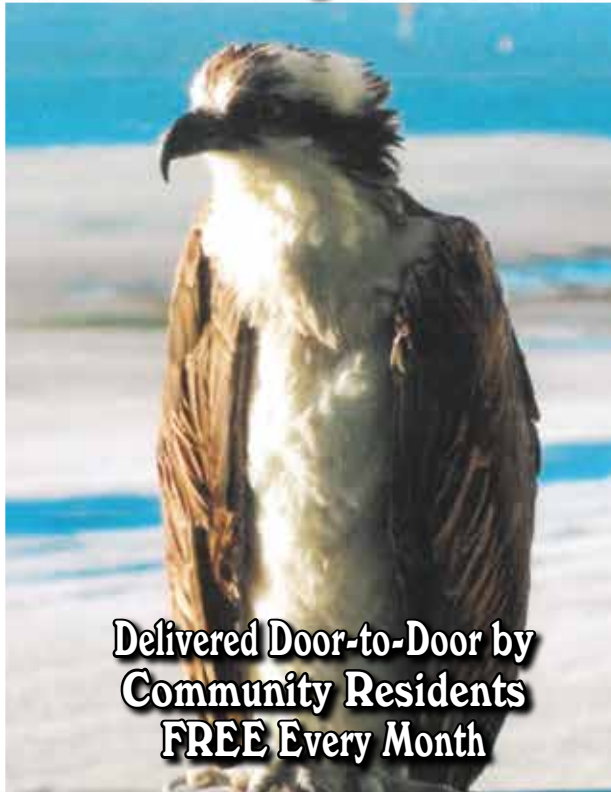
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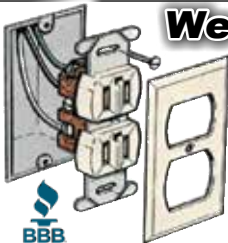
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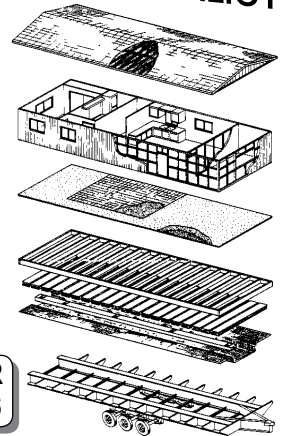
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BOARD BUSINESS AND UPDATES

Annual Inspections

Lynn Lijewski, Director

We are asking for volunteers to do Home Inspections. The goal is to finish all individual home inspections before all of the snowbirds leave. Those of you who are interested please contact me after coffee on Wednesdays or by phone 727-486-7074.

This is a great way to meet your neighbors. The new inspection form streamlines the process and it is a wonderful, short assignment to dip your toes in the volunteer pool.

LAWNS

Director, Gene Arend

727-725-5844. Mow dates for April bi-weekly.




UPDATE:

Clubhouse & Pool Key FOB

Gene Arend

The Clubhouse & Pool area will have Key FOB security to replace the key entry system. All registered owners will be issued a key FOB. All tenants or guest will receive the Key FOB from the property owner. A plan will be in place to obtain the key FOB. The key entry will remain in place for 30 days or more during the transition to the new entry system.

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The key FOB is required to enter the clubhouse or pool. A FOB is not required to exit the clubhouse or pool area. A post with an exit button will be by each pool gate and the emergency crash bars will provide exiting from the clubhouse. The plan for distribution is

1. Available from 8:30 to 9:30 AM at coffee social on Wednesday
2. Available at Bingo on Tuesday from 5:30 to 6:30 PM
3. Available on Friday from 4 to 6 PM in the clubhouse
4. Available by mail. They will be sent in a padded envelope. There will be a minimal charge for the envelope and postage
5. There will be a FOB Request/Authorization slip in the Bin by the director's office. Complete that form and place in the Mail slot of the office and the FOB will be placed in your Rock box
6. The FOB Request/Authorization slip can be requested by e-mail to briarcreekkoff@gmail.com. The FOB will then be mailed or delivered to your rock box.

There will be a \$25 administration fee to replace any FOB that has been lost

Why convert to Key FOB's

Gene Arend & Al Hartin

Total contract cost for conversion parts, labor, software and key FOB's = \$18,513

Cost per resident 497 total residents = \$37.25

Cost per Unit 317 = \$58.40

Medico Key system

Key Cylinders 8 Clubhouse doors and 3 Pool gates = \$2189

Labor install key cylinders = \$550

Medico Keys cut and registration 497 = \$10,909.15

Medico Keys Spares on Hand 50 = \$1,097.50

Taxes = \$1,032.16

Total initial cost = \$15,777.81

Cut Keys have been issued over 40 + years and there is no means to track the keys. They can be duplicated at any hardware store and distributed to anyone. Insurance Liability Cost has already increased to \$25,000 due to a building collapse in Miami. Our pool is identified as having no locks and is unsecured. Our Clubhouse from a legal point is unsecure as we have no control over who has a key to the facility. This offers many legal opportunities to the array of lawyers in the area. The Liability insurance could increase if the pool and or clubhouse is deemed unsecure. That increase will be perpetual.

Medico Keys do provide a second layer of security in so far as the key is registered and most average persons cannot duplicate the key. The keys eventually will migrate and there is no control over who has the key, similar to the many keys now that leave usually when a property is sold. Lost or implied lost keys cannot be disabled. Annually with replacing keys to new owners, as current owners typically do not turn in the key will require 50 x \$19.95 new keys at a cost over \$1,000 per year. In a few years the cost will reach the FOB key cost with less control over who holds the key.

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HAPPY TOGETHER Wednesday June 1 7:00 p.m. at Ruth Eckerd Hall in Clearwater \$99 per person featuring The Turtles. Chuck Negron (formerly of Three Dog Night), Gary Puckett. The Association, The Vogues, The Cowsills. The Happy Together Marketplace

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POOL Director

Pat Rivera

The weekly cleaning days have returned to Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
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APRIL BIRTHDAYS 2022

Betty Chatigny

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|------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Jane Fedelem April 2 | Pamela Smith April 11 | Lauren North April 24 |
| Robert Miller April 2 | Laurie North April 12 | Sharon Philyaw April 24 |
| David Reitmeyer April 2 | Sharon Schiffla April 12 | Joyce Pfeffernan April 25 |
| Jean Richter April 2 | Steve Brewer April 13 | Jason Moskow April 26 |
| Ed Reed April 3 | Rita Finnegan April 14 | Kenneth Carlson April 29 |
| Tom Hawkins April 4 | Bernadette Hackett April 14 | Carol Fetchko April 29 |
| Frank Gaffney April 5 | Robert Rice April 15 | Carolyn Jablonski April 29 |
| Al Hartin April 6 | Betty Taylor April 17 | Bob Lemieux April 29 |
| Bobbi Haug April 6 | Don Hall April 18 | Cynthia Adair April 30 |
| Shannon Irwin April 7 | Susan Mc Bride April 20 | Christine Biron April 30 |
| Mary Walker April 7 | Dot Bourdon April 21 | Mike Fetchko April 30 |
| Alan Lee April 8 | Norman Jerndt April 21 | |
| Daniel Wisniesky April 8 | Carol Marsella April 22 | |
| Stephanie Andrechak April 11 | Bobi Siciak April 22 | |
| Nancy Lahr April 11 | Victoria Thompson April 22 | |



ANNIVERSARIES

- John & Bonnie Pfister April 14
 Don & Ruth Johnson April 16
 Steve & Patricia Fontaine April 25 2018



BEREAVEMENT

Mary Houpt

Long-time resident Nicholas (Nick) Maschak passed away Tuesday, March 2, 2022. Condolences to his wife, Mariecia, 154 Beechwood Drive. No local service is planned at this time.



photo: B.Chatigny

UPDATES Around the Creek (Phase I & II)

BRIAR CREEK MONTHLY LUNCHEON

Joan Bienvenue

Details for the April luncheon were not available at print time. Look on the bulletin board for upcoming details.

Any questions, please don't hesitate to call me @ 727-902-8166.

Hope to see you!

Social Club membership cards for the next two fiscal years. The donation is \$1. The membership card will entitle members to certain social club sponsored events. It is also a formality required by the by-laws of the Social Club (a not-for-profit Florida Corporation) for times when a vote by membership is required. If you cannot attend a Wednesday Coffee social to purchase the membership card you can reach me via my rock box at my residence. I will issue the card and see it is placed in your rock box. Rock Box is the nick name given to the small section in your mail box below the section where USPS mail is deposited.

ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

Frank Gaffney & Anthony Carregal

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We are continuing our new program: **MONDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES**. Every Monday, at 6pm, we will be watching a movie in the Phase I Clubhouse. You can vote each week on which movie we watch. There will be trivia about our featured movie before the film and a short discussion afterwards. And there will be popcorn! No charge. Donations accepted.

Sunday, April 10 at 1pm, we have our annual Poolside Picnic. There will be food and soft drinks and a live entertainment. Games! Prizes! 50/50! **DETAILS TO FOLLOW.**

If you would like to be included on our emailing list, please drop a note to briarcreeksocial@gmail.com. **ALL TICKETS are on sale at Phase I & II coffee hours, or call FRANK GAFFNEY at 203-606-8953.**

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DIAL DIRECTORY

Helen Coar

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T-703-955-0463
D-703-581-8160

Hoad, William & Michaela
45 Deer Trail Ct.
W-903-379-1417
M-905-902-3152



Amaral, Dario & Ligia
60 Shady Oak Ct.
561-404-3411

Furphy, James
140 Thistle Briar Dr.
856-304-4231

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Nick Maschak
Evelyn Costigan
Karen Brasted
Tana Wagner



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Helen Coar

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TRAVEL – BCI & II TRAVEL CLUB

Gene Arend

Travel team have come up with some new travel plans. We have taken into consideration the coming months, with outside activities being too hot and uncomfortable. We also recognize our Canadian friends will begin leaving in April and our Northern friends in May. As a result, we have tried to plan accordingly. **April 26th** we are again planning our **Lunch Cruise**, Shopping and sightseeing trip in Sarasota. By the time you read this however the booking for the trip will be closed due to constraints on **confirming the bus transportation.**

April 13th, we have planned a Day at the Beach, Fred Howard Park. Pack a lunch and join us at Noon till whenever to enjoy the Sun, Friendship, Seas and Sand. Parking is \$5. After the day at the beach, you may consider having dinner with a few friends on the way home. Some great evening spots are Thirsty Marlin, Bogata, Bar Fly or Frenches. All located off Alternate U.S. 19.

May 15th we are scheduling another visit to **Early Bird Dinner Theatre.**

Also looking into a summer visit to the St Petersburg Pier. We are obtaining cost per person for Bus transportation. Saves looking for a parking place and the cost of parking. The bus will drop us off at the Pier and we can walk the causeway or take the free shuttle service to the pier. There will be time for shopping the unique shops and time for an Appetizer and a Drink on the roof or there is casual dining and full dinner options as well.

Other Summer, cool activities are being researched for June, July and August. As well as some day or overnight trips in the Fall. Watch your e-mail and the clubhouse bulletin board for more details.

Your Travel Club Team: Gene Arend, JoAnn Barr, Toni Beaton, Donna Hartin, Carol Keller-Michalis, Peggy Raynor and Carol Rodrigues

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Gene Arend

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Bill Kaempfer



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Meet at the Phase 1 Clubhouse, wear sturdy walking shoes and bring binoculars, if you have them. Bill Kaempfer 303-717-5063 or kaempfer@colorado.edu

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Gene Arend



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December 17th

Mike Benoit – 31
Ray Jablonski – 25
Cindy Benoit – 36

January 7th

Mike Benoit – 26
Joe Simpson – 32
David Holmes – 35

January 14th

Gene Arend – 33
Ray Jablonski – 46
Joe Simpson – 46
Kenny Homme – 38
David Holmes – 48, 34, 29
Mike Moore – 30
Arnold Williams - 44

January 21st

Gene Arend -44
Ray Jablonski – 28
Bob Barr – 39
Glenn Jensen – 67
Kim Ramalho – 32, 44
Arnold Williams – 28

February 4th

Bob Barr – 26
Linda Fitton – 53
Mike Benoit – 27
Tom Lacey – 31
Kenny Homme – 65
Linda Cyr – 32, 28
Arnold Williams – 33

February 11th

Mary Kay Brown – 39
Elsie Anderson – 28
Linda Cyr – 28, 27

February 18th

Allan Berge – 64
Gene Arend -42
Joe Simpson – 26, 25
Elsie Anderson – 29
Connie Holmes – 35

February 25th

Mary Kay Brown – 39
Elsie Anderson – 28
Linda Cyr – 28, 27

March 4th

Mary Kay Brown – 36
Bob Barr – 57, 81, 37
Pete Fedelem – 32
Kenny Homme – 28
Arnold Williams - 47

200 – Men 175 – Ladies

January 21st

Gene Arend – 202
Bob Barr – 215
Glenn Jensen – 227

February 4th

Kenny Homme – 217
Bob Barr – 203
February 18th

Gene Arend- 200
Allan Berge – 213

March 4th

Bob Barr – 234, 258, 214 = 706
Arnold William - 205

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Bill Kaempfer



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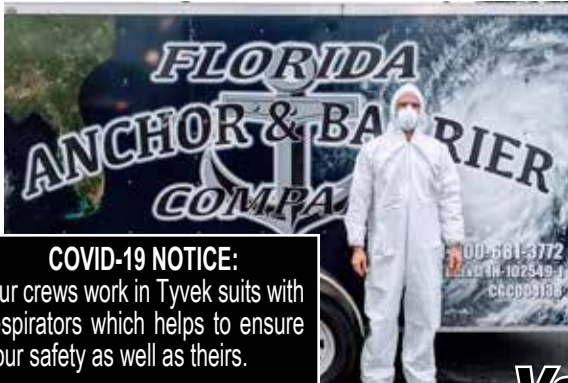
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Jane McKenzie



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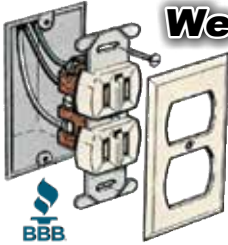


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Eat More Food from Local Sources - Visit a farmer's market — or even a local farm — and plan a family dinner using locally sourced ingredients.

Fix Leaks - A leak of one drip per second can waste 259 gallons of water every month, according to the Department of Energy. Do a water audit with your kids and teach them how to tighten up the faucet.

Keep Reusable Shopping Bags in Your Car - Being prepared with reusable bags is key to reducing a major source of waste — plastic. Have your family buy some plain canvas totes and decorate them with fabric paint to make saving the planet more fun.

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Briar Creek Bugle Phase II- APRIL 2022

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How the heck did it get to be April already? 25% of the year has come and gone and some of us haven't even started working on our New Year's Resolutions yet.

For all of us in Briar Creek, April is a transition month. As our snowbird friends and neighbors migrate north, we see less traffic on the roads and things begin to slow down. As the temperatures continue to warm up, rain and humidity tend to be less. It's kind of a shoulder month between cooler winters and hot summers. It's a great time to take advantage of, perhaps, our most beautiful time of the year.

When it comes to hurricane preparedness, you long-time snowbirds know the drill. For our newer snowbirds, pick up a Hurricane Preparedness Guide as well as learn special tricks from the long-timers to be sure your home is hurricane protected before you leave. For all our snowbirds, please do a couple of things that those who remain here are left to deal with when you are gone.

1. Throw out plantings you know will die due to heat or lack of water. They are not a pretty sight.
2. Conserve water. We are in a drought. Turn off your water and water heater. A leak could be costly for both you and the rest of us.

The list goes on and for our many newcomers, take advantage of the knowledge of those long time resident snowbirds. They have many suggestions for helping you protect your home. For all our snowbirds and travelers, we wish you a safe journey, a wonderful summer and look forward to your return.

Finally, this April is a month in which specific days and periods are celebrated by many religious faiths throughout the world. As each of us, in our own way, reflects on this amazing month, let us think of our loved ones, friends, neighbors and those less fortunate who are struggling in so many different ways throughout our Country and the World. Let us also think of the Ukranian people and pray for their safety, security and freedom. HAPPY SPRING AND PEACE!!

Joan Davis – Treasurer/Director

Our Bazaar was a huge success because of everyone pitching in to help in so many ways. Thanks to everyone who worked and those who spent their money. Our Food Pantry Collection will continue on the third Wednesday of every month in front of our clubhouse. Thank you for your continued donations.

Wishing everyone a healthy summer. Happy Easter, Joan Davis

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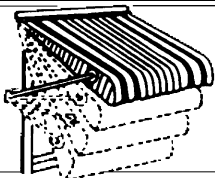


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Sam Oliverio – Vice President

First of all, I would like to say that we are receiving a lot of compliments on the look of the Spa. I'm glad so many are enjoying it, and again I have to say that it really was a group effort. Shuffleboard lessons have started, and I understand the turnout has been fantastic—thank you Ellie Prevost. We have so many wonderful things to do here in our Community, and my hope is that we all continue to use the amenities that we have, and are so proud of. Many of you have asked where I've been, because you haven't seen me around the Park, or at some of the events that we've had. I've been home after having Surgery, but am on the mend, and will be back soon. I want to thank all of you who have given me cards, or phoned, or stopped by to see how I've been doing, it really does mean a lot and it brightened my day. I also want to wish safe travels to our Snowbirds, and we look forward to seeing you back in the fall.

Entertainment

Amber Oliverio



April 29th we are planning a poolside music and burger/brats bash from 6-9. More details to come. Tickets will be available at coffee hour. Please contact Margi at 219-805-5303 if you are interested in helping with this event—set up, food, clean up, etc.

More events are in the works. Stay tuned.

We need ideas for 2022/2023. We encourage everyone to submit ideas to the comment box located in the clubhouse.

Thanks everyone,
The EC


Travel Club

Gene Arend



Travel Team have come up with some new travel plans. We have taken into consideration the coming months, with outside activities being too hot and uncomfortable. We also recognize our Canadian friends will begin leaving in April and our Northern friends in May. As a result, we have tried to plan accordingly. April 26th we are again planning our Lunch Cruise, Shopping and sightseeing trip in Sarasota. By the time you read this however the booking for the trip will be closed due to constraints on confirming the bus transportation. April 13th, we have planned a Day at the Beach, Fred Howard park. Pack a lunch and join us at Noon till whenever to enjoy the Sun, Friendship, Seas and Sand. Parking is \$5. After the day at the beach, you may consider

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having dinner with a few friends on the way home. Some great evening spots are Thirsty Marlin, Bogata, Bar Fly or Frenchies. All located off Alternate U.S. 19. May 15th we are scheduling another visit to Early Bird Dinner Theatre. Also looking into a summer visit to the St Petersburg Pier. We are obtaining cost per person for Bus transportation. Saves looking for a parking place and the cost of parking. The bus will drop us off at the Pier and we can walk the causeway or take the free shuttle service to the pier. There will be time for shopping the unique shops and time for an Appetizer and a Drink on the roof or there is casual dining and full dinner options as well.

Other Summer, cool activities are being researched for June, July and August. As well as some day or overnight trips in the Fall. Watch your e-mail and the clubhouse bulletin board for more details.

Exercise Class

The new schedule will be:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday – Cardio and Strength at 9 a.m.

Tuesday and Thursday – Strength and Balance at 10:15 a.m.

Friday – chair yoga at 10:00 a.m.

These classes are open to all residents of phase I and II. She teaches “silver sneaker” classes, designed for the mature adult and there is no charge for any person with insurance that has a “silver sneakers” benefit as part of their plan. If not, the cost is a nominal \$2.00 per class. A punch card is available for \$20 for 10 classes. Come join us, you find it much easier to get up and out of your chair after just a few classes.



Sit & Stitch

Sandy Fassett

We are continuing to make shawls for the chemo patients at the cancer center. Come down on Mondays from 1-3 pm to see the projects that have been completed, to work on your own project or just enter into the conversation. If you have any questions, contact Sandy at 727-424-6045 or Darlene at 703-403-9957.



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Joan Davis, Sonny Whitehouse and Arnold Williams.



Ladies' Luncheon

Carol Smitley

The April 20th Luncheon is scheduled to be held at Ozona Blue, 125 Orange St, Palm Harbor. The last time we met there was March 2019. Phase II as well as Phase I ladies and guests are always welcomed. The sign-up sheet is in the hallway, Phase II. Reservations will be turned in the Monday before the luncheon. If for some reason you signed up but you can't make it please give ME a call. Remember, it is at 1:00.

Phone Directory – The Yellow Book

Sheena Lee

U pdate to the BC Resident and Phone Directory for April 2022
As I write this I am waiting for the final proof of the next edition of the Directory and may be able to make small corrections and changes such as a change of phone number or a correction to the spelling of your name, so please get in touch with me if you see something that needs to be corrected in the current edition.

Meanwhile, please welcome the following new owners to BC2:

Jack Colgan, 142 Briar Creek Boulevard, the former home of Vivian French,
Katherine Morrison, 93 Laurelwood, the former home of Bonnie Gigliotti, and
Philip Willis and Norma Allen, 108 Natures Trail, the former home of Al Willette.

As always you can contact me anytime at 163 Clubview Drive, 727-421-5665 or sheenalee2133@gmail.com



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

Bingo

Al and Diane Merando



What a great time we've had at Bingo this past season! The number of guests continues to grow as does our jackpot! We want to thank all of our fabulous volunteers who have made this season possible, with a special shout out to Diane Peacey and Pete Foley. Diane not only coordinates the Bingo schedule but jumped in to learn the cash-out activities so we could take vacation and Pete stocks and mans the snack bar so everyone can get a treat during break time!

We also want to thank our weekly guests who make Monday nights so fun. We'll be hosting Bingo through April 25th and then see you all again starting Monday, September 12th. To our snowbirds, enjoy your summer and we can all look forward to new games and prizes when we return!

BUNCO

Marge Grohskopf

Please join us for future Bunco dates on the 4th Thursday of each month. Bunco is an easy dice game. Visit with friends, share some laughs, and win some money.

6:30 Phase2 Clubhouse, \$3 game begins at 7:00.



Mingle

Billie Ann Berry and Rose Marie Fjelstad

Bring a dish to share, your favorite beverage and don't forget \$1.00 or two for 50/50 drawing.

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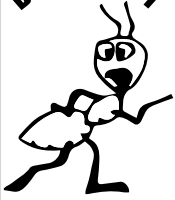


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Bereavement

Darlene Beyer & Bonnie Briggs

If you wish to report a death of a loved one and are a resident of Briar Creek, please notify either one of us and we will help guide you through the Bereavement Process that Phase II follows.



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Closing Up for the Summer

Jody Larson

You can find a lot of information on the internet about what to do with your mobile home when leaving Florida for the summer.

Some of it is good, and of course some of it is questionable at best. Here are my own tips for preparing your home before you go, based on my 20+ years of mobile home living.



- Leave the A/C on. The reason isn't so much for cooling as for dehumidifying. Set the temperature at 80 or 82. This prevents your home from growing mildew in the moist heat.
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- Call the phone company (if you have a landline) and the TV service. These may have a “vacation” program that gives you a lower cost while you’re gone.
- Empty the fridge of perishable foods. Don’t turn the refrigerator off—it’s better to leave it running—but raise the temperature setting. Do turn off the ice maker!!
- Put plugs in the sink drains, and cover the tops of toilet bowls with plastic wrap. You can also put plastic wrap over shower drains, with a towel or washcloth on top to keep it in place. The primary reason is to prevent evaporation from the drains. Some people say you should add bleach in the drains, but I think this is a really bad idea.
- Of course, you want the home to be clean when you leave to discourage insects. Also put out fresh roach traps and ant traps in likely places.
- Close blinds to keep the sun out.
- Turn off the water to the home at the main shut-off valve (outside).
- Switch off the water heater at the breaker box.
- Make sure to lock everything up, including your shed.

The Pinellas County Sheriff’s Office provides vacation house checks, and some owners feel more secure with this service. The deputies do not routinely enter your home, but check the perimeter and the doors and windows. Call (727) 582-6177 to schedule house checks.

Enjoy your time away!

Bowling

Arnold Williams

April 5th will be the last day of Bowling for Tuesday Briar Creek II Bowlers!!! Prize money will be awarded to each bowler on April 19th from 9am-10am in front of the Clubhouse in Phase II for both Phase 1 & Phase 2 Bowlers. Pre-commitments were made on March 8th for next year and just about all bowlers will be returning with possibly 1-2 teams from Serendipity joining us for next year. I would like to Thank everyone for their support and commitment for making this year a Huge Success and know some of the sacrifices that were made in accomplishing this. Looking forward to what next year has in store for us all. Below are the Bowlers who bowled 25 pins over their average. Arnold Williams.

Week 17 2/15/22

Tom Lacoy	+32	180	Glen McClure	+39&+26	186&173
Alice Williams	+47	175	Irene Paddenburg	+38&+46	164&172
Gina Orozco	+36	154	Bob Kralowetz	+31&+27	206&202
Ed Centers	+41	188	Barb Jefferson	+28	168
Arnold Williams	+41	200			

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Week 18 2/22/22

Mary Kralowetz	+56	182	Margaret Kelly	+26	163
Bob Kralowetz	+26	202	Glenn Jensen	+50	216
Vern Browe	+32	176	Skip Taylor	+31	166
Tom Lacey	+28	176	Walter Shumyhora	+46	207
Mike Benoit	+33	170	Jim Foster	+27	165
Floyd Henderson	+65&+88	212&235	Ed Centers	+33	181
Arnold Williams	+32&+32	192&192	Bob Barr	+26	205

Week 19 3/1/22

Mike Moore	+30	190	Darrell Faylo	+28	207
Linda Hayes	+33	173	Irene Paddenburg	+47	171
Arnold Williams	+27	188	Bob Kralowetz	+25	202
Alice Williams	+33	162	Gary Cradick	+30	150
Vern Browe	+25	169	Bob Barr	+37	216
Ed Centers	+28	176	Floyd Henderson	+50	202



Week 20 3/8/22

Rich Myers	+46	197	Glen McClure	+43	190
Darrell Faylo	+65	244	Ray Jablonski	+34	170
Kim Ramalho	+30	116	Steve Fontaine	+33	174
Ken Homme	+25	172	Gary Cradick	+29	156
Bob Barr	+67&+32	246&211			

Euchre Scores

Orpha Berken

2/22	Everett Wardell 48, Dan Smith 46
3/01	Marianne Yacobucci 42, Orpha Berken 40
3/08	Geri Wardell 50, Everett Wardell 46



Pinochle Scores

Alice Williams

2/16	Ralph Virkler 496, Orpha Berken 393, Dan Smith 465, Sharon Cann 400
2/23	Dan Smith 590, Ralph Virkler 401, Alice Williams 464, Orpha Berken 378
3/09	Dan Smith 590, Alice Williams 377

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Please contact me if you are interested or have questions.

Jane McKenzie

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Humane Society & the Haven

Barbara Bergling

Thanks for all your generous donations for the Humane Society and the Haven. I used to be able to donate clothes, but they no longer accept them. The exception is new socks for children and things in all sizes for use in the show.



The humane society and the Haven also don't accept sheets. Remember that if your linens are in good condition, we sell them at our bazaar.

The humane society request is for everything you are donating but especially towels. Also, they receive a lot of dog food and treats but very little cat food or treats. Thanks to all of you for your donations. As I have said before, Briar Creekers are extremely generous.

Thanks again everyone

Barbara Bergling





BC2PhoneTree

Marsha Bowlby

We all receive the Bugle (monthly media) and can read what is happening in Briar Creek. Well, the Phonetree is another way to receive information. The Phonetree can give you updated information, has an event been changed, information from the Condo or Social Club Boards, or other committees. We also inform you of someone passing (The original purpose of the phonetree) I am the only one who has your email address and I do not share it. I have around 185 households on the phone tree currently.

If you have not signed up yet and want to be on the phone tree, again send an e-mail to BC2phonetree@gmail.com. Include your name, address, and phone number

Is your spouse the one getting the e-mails and you never know what's going on? I have several families where both spouses are on the e-mail chain so they both read the e-mails at their convenience. So, if this appeals to you, send me your e-mail address.

So, you signed up for the phonetree, but you are not getting any emails?

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Another suggestion would be to open a G mail account. I have had a few people do that and they are not having any trouble getting the emails now. Gmail is free and all you would have to do is keep your beginning and end it with Gmail. Then you don't have to remember a whole different sign on.

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Marsha Bowlby



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REMINDERS WHEN WOW WALKING

1. Breathe slowly and deeply
2. Surrender to the magic and beauty of nature
3. If the flowers and trees were speaking to you what might they say?
4. As you are wow walking , begin to see what you would like to change in your life for the better
5. What would the river or ocean be sharing with you if you were listening to their voice?
6. Take the time to see and think about all the important relationships in your life, and see those people surrounded by love and light
7. As you look up to the sky, what message might the stars and the heavens above that holds the infinite galaxies share with you?



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Birthdays and Anniversaries

Pete Loranger



Birthdays

4/03	Mary Pivornik	4/22	Bettye Gilreath
4/04	Karola Haines	4/22	Diane Merando
4/05	Sherry Henry	4/23	Eileen Rollins
4/09	Barbara Rothe	4/23	Arlene Lambert
4/10	Suzanne Mattson	4/23	Sam Peavler
4/11	Joann Bancroft	4/26	Ron Prevost
4/13	Carol Rodrigues	4/26	Loretta McCormick
4/15	Dawn Benson	4/27	Tom Reichelderfer
4/15	Marty Finkelstein	4/27	Bill Russo
4/17	Ralph Virkler	4/30	Ben Gross

Anniversaries

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4/02/1967	Steve & Barbara Rothe – 55 years
4/07/1973	Luke & Sharon Straub – 49 years
4/18/2002	Jim & Cynthia Davis – 20 years
4/18/2015	Rick & Rosie Cargill – 7 years
4/19/2003	Greg & Dorenda Zimmer – 19 years
4/22/1967	Pete & Janice Foley – 55 years
4/23/1966	John & Ruth Miller – 56 years



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