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#### **Important Phone Numbers**

Life-threatening emergency - 911

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#### **BOARD BUSINESS AND UPDATES**

#### Clubhouse & Pool FOB's

Gene Arend

he installation of the keyless security system has been completed and fully activated. The FOB will be needed to enter the clubhouse and pool gates. The keys for the clubhouse will now only be useful if you use the laundry building on Sugar Bear.

If you have not yet received a FOB. There are request authorization forms in the information bins located by the Directors office. Complete and return to the mail slot in the director's office. You can also send a request to <a href="mailto:briarcreekoff@gmail.com">briarcreekoff@gmail.com</a>. The FOB will be delivered to your Rock Box if you are in your home at the time. If you are away please contact me when you return.

Please be aware the total replacement of the pool heaters and pumping equipment is schedule to begin in June. During the construction period the pool gates will only allow access to Directors and the construction crew. The pool area will become a construction site and access will be restricted during the construction phase. This project will take several weeks however it is necessary to re-place the 40+ year old equipment. The new state of the art electronics and environmentally friendly heater units will benefit us in the future. There will be three heaters/chillers to replace the two Geo-thermal units currently being used for the pool. The Spa will have its own dedicated heating unit.



#### **Annual Inspections**

Lynn Lijewski, Director

Those of you who are interested in next year's inspection team, please contact me after coffee on Wednesdays or by phone 727-504-0345.

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.

## LAWN Care Service Director, Gene Arend

Tow that summer has arrived and the rains will soon come the mowing of lawns will occurs every week in May, June, July, August, and September. You may also notice some of the crew have new faces. There have been a few changes in the crew. This is not uncommon in the lawn care industry; turnover is a way of life. This however means I will be talking to the supervisor more often as we get this new crew trained. Unfortunately, this comes with some growing pains and this may mean they will miss trimming an area or skip cleaning off a driveway. There may only be one or two in-cidents but please call me when it occurs. I relay all of the information to the crew supervisor. 727-725-5844. Mow dates for **June are** every Tuesday.

#### **POOL Director**

hase 1 pool is about to undergo a major update. During the process, the pool will be closed. The great news is that Phase 2 has extended their warm welcome to those of us who enjoy daily dips in the water. Keep in mind, their



children's hours are specific to their rules. Under 18 hours are 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. and between 5 and 8 p.m. Children under 15 must be accompanied by a resident adult.

The pool in Phase 2 has a smaller capacity. If you notice that your presence is exceeding the ap-proved capacity, please be respectful to their kindness and leave so they can enjoy the pool.

#### **Cautious Reminder**

Pat Rivera

either pool in Briar Creek is deep enough to safely dive – or jump into. The posted warning is a reminder that safety comes first. I personally know of a childhood friend who was severely injured, and wheelchair bound, from diving into shallow water. In an attempt to give credence to a cautionary tale, I searched the world wide web and found this from the Mayfield Clinic and the National Spinal Cord Injury Association. The link below will go into more detail and numbers of people living with debilitating spinal cord injuries; many

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resulting from diving into water that was too shallow.



<u>Public Service Announcement: When diving, make sure the</u> water is deep! (mayfieldclinic.com)

"The physics of what happens is unforgiving, as a diver can enter the water at 15 feet per sec-ond. Consider that most of these accidents occur in water that is less than 3 feet deep,

and you see why the result is often severe damage to the spinal cord and -- all too often -- complete pa-ralysis." As many as one of every 10 injuries to the cervical spinal cord is caused by a diving accident.

According to the American Association of Neurological Surgeons, an estimated 11,000 spinal cord injuries occur in the United States each year. Males suffer 81.2 percent of these injuries. Diving is the fourth leading cause of spinal cord injury among males and the fifth leading cause among females.

I, for one, found Paradise when I moved to Briar Creek. As adults (ok, seniors), we want to enjoy these second-childhood years for as long as we can. We certainly want to be safe at the pool. Most likely, those who tempt fate are kids. Please make certain that any youngsters visiting and using the pool are properly supervised by a responsible adult. It may be tempting to encour-age your six- or seven-year-old grandchild to "dive" or "jump" into the water. DON'T. Doing so is dangerous and a violation of our documents. It also counts as a "strike one." An official letter will be sent to the resident whose FOB opened the gate.

If a resident is a 'repeat rule breaker.' There is a good chance that your FOB will be temporally deactivated. Three board members will assess the severity of the violation(s). Con-tact the offender; possibly deactivate the FOB. Re-activating the FOB will be determined by three board members when correction of the violation has been made.

Another cause for deactivation of FOB is **falling behind three months** in homeowners' association fees.

Remember, in school, hearing those words; "This will be on your permanent record."? All joking aside, we just want everyone to be safe and secure in our corner of Paradise.

#### **ANNIVERSARIES**

Kim Ramalho

Ken & Louise Henson June 8 1963 Sal & Judy Miceli June 9 1973 Richard & Kate McCombs June 10 Jerry & Jean Richter June 15 1957 Dennis & Karen Ranieri June 19 1976 Ken & Les Blake June 26 1996





#### **JUNE BIRTHDAYS 2022**

Kim Ramalho

John Andrechak	June 1	Pauline Hoad	June 14	Coppy
Gerry Harvey	June 2	Pam O'Neill	June 15	wypy
JoAnn Barr	June 3	Rianna Taylor	June 16	*B
Joan Bienvenue	June 5	Thomas Lofgren	June 16	TA
Glenn Jensen	June 6	Charles Knutsen	June 17	* L
Colleen La Barge	June 7	Judy Miceli	June 17	D
Heather Rathke	June 7	Frank Wynn	June 18	1
Lela Highsmith	June 7	Albert Malek	June 19	*
Dale Hawkins	June 8	Brian Thompson	June 20	
Ira Burns Jr	June 8	Christopher Garill	June 20	
Ruth Johnson	June 9	Richard Haines	June 20	*D
Gerry Lee	June 12	Jerry Richter	June 22	
Sal Miceli	June 12	Joe Guazzerotti	June 22	A
Uli Freiermuht	June 12	Sue-Ann Lecompte	June 22	7
Constance Dubois	June 14	Edward Gleeson	June 23	I'*

#### **BEREAVEMENT**

Mary Houpt

photo: B.Chatigny

ong-time resident, <u>LaVonne Newcomer</u>, passed away Friday, May 6, 2022.

Messages of sympathy to LaVonne's daughter, Shari Kelley, 4361 235th Lane N.W.,
St. Francis, MN, 55070. No local service is planned.

Resident <u>Frank Wynn, 89</u> Cypress Drive, passed away in New Jersey on May 11, 2022. No local service is planned at this time.

Messages of sympathy may be made to his wife, Joan Wynn, 33 South Village Drive, Somers Point, NJ 08244.

Frank was also a close friend of resident Frank Voutsinos, 40 Willow Creek Court, in Briar Creek.

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#### WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT RAT POISON?

Pat Rivera and Patrish Naegle

To one wants to wake up to the sight of a rodent walking across the kitchen counter. Ideally, people will find a way to keep unwanted critters outside of our homes without killing them, especially with poison.

Safety Harbor is known for its beautiful birds, and people come from all over to see and photograph them. Recently, we had an owl family living in Philippe Park, three owlets and their parents, which nested in an oak tree where people could watch them grow and thrive. Birds of prey and raptors such as owls commonly feed upon mice, voles, rats, squirrels and (yes) rabbits and other small mammals and insects. A single great-horned owl alone can consume over 1,400 rodents in a year! They are a critical part of our balance of nature.

First one of the owlets was discovered dead. The deaths of both parents and another baby quickly followed. The remaining baby owlet, a female named Daisy, has disappeared. It was proved that all four owls were poisoned by a rodenticide, most likely by eating an infect-ed rat. Rat poison bait traps kill much more than just rats. It is spread by rodents and can be discovered and eaten by other animals, including pets. Imagine taking your dog on a walk and then discovering it had found and eaten rat poison. These products typically contain anticoagulants, which cause the animal to bleed to death internally. These poisons are also toxic to children and adults when handled improperly.

We all share a responsibility to keep our Safety Harbor wildlife safe and protected from harmful rodenticides.



You can make a big difference to protect our wildlife and pets by not using anticoagu-lant rat bait boxes. These poison baits actually lure rats to your property!

There are better ways to control the rodent population, including:

- ☐ Keeping garbage properly sealed
- ☐ Maintaining frequent trash pickup
- ☐ Sealing all points of entry to homes and buildings
- Removing all pet food from outdoor areas
- □ Avoiding spilled bird food and ground fruits
- □Requiring your pest control companies not use anticoagulant rat poisons, both first and second generations are unsafe. Safer

options include Bromethalin, such as Fastrac and Assault, or Cholecalciferol, such as Terad 3

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#### **BRIAR CREEK MONTHLY LUNCHEON**

Joan Bienvenue

ave the date June 7 at 1 p.m. for your Italian dining experience. Umberto's of Long Island is our luncheon destination. Located at 150 Patricia Ave.; Dunedin, FL 34698. Great food! Great Atmosphere! Be sure to sign up at the clubhouse in Phase 1 – All BC residents are invited.

Hope to see you there! Any questions, please don't hesitate to call me @ 727-902-8166.

#### **Clubhouse supplies**

Gene Arend

f you see clubhouse supplies for the kitchen and clubhouse stock getting low, please contact Gene Arend. I try to keep a supply of bottled water in our refrigeration. If you see the bottles getting low, please text or have someone you know with a cell phone text the word "Water" to 727-725-5844. You can also text me if you see other supplies getting low. If I don't know I can keep the supplies on hand.

#### ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

Frank Gaffney & Anthony Carregal

Please join us at The Phase II Clubhouse for their Memorial Day Pizza Party on Saturday, May 28 at 3pm. \$3 gets you two slices of pizza and a salad. There will be games and music.

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.



On Sunday, June 12, we will be serving BREAKFAST from 8am-10am in the Phase I Club-house. Tickets are \$4.

If you would like to be included on our emailing list, please drop a note to bri-arcreeksocial@gmail.com.

ALL TICKETS are on sale at Phase I & II coffee hour, or call FRANK GAFFNEY at 203-606-8953.



#### **UPCOMING ENTERTAINMENT EVENTS**

Frank Gaffney

#### Monday Night at the Movies 6 p.m.

very Monday, we will be watching a movie in the Phase I Clubhouse. You can vote each week on which movie we watch next. 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. PHASE I CLUBHOUSE. Bring a comfortable chair.

#### TUESDAY, MAY 31 AT 6PM

#### The return of GAME NIGHT!

Every week, we will split into teams and play a different classic game: FAMILY FUED, WHO WANTS TO BE A MILLIONAIRE, TRIVIAL PURSUIT and more! PHASE I CLUB-HOUSE.

The rest of our **SUMMER FUN** will be announced at Coffee Hour on Wednesdays <a href="mailto:briarcreeksocial@gmail.com">briarcreeksocial@gmail.com</a>

#### **DIAL DIRECTORY**

Pat Arend; Al & Donna Hartin

pecial thanks to Helen Coar for her dedicated commitment to the Dial Directory. After six years, Helen has decided to 'retire' from the production and updates to the 'Yellow Book."



Thanks, Helen

#### In her own words...

I have decided, after 6 years, to turn over the responsibility of the directory to someone else. It was my pleasure to be able to do my part as a resident of Briar Creek. There will now be a committee to take over the responsibility. Al Hartin, editor, assisted by Donna Hartin and Pat Arend, will be taking over the editing of the directory. Any future changes or corrections can be given to any member of the committee. *Helen Coar* 

#### **BUNCO IS BACK!!!**

The fourth Thursday of the month is Bunco night. Gather at 6:30 in Phase2 Clubhouse for dessert. Play begins at 7:00 p.m. Bring \$3.00 each which will be paid out in prizes at the end of the evening. Please call Marge at 533-6603; leave a message if you plan to attend.



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Gene Arend

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#### **BIRD WALK - PHASES I & II**

Bill Kaempfer

Te will take June and July off from Briar Creek Bird walks on the first Friday of the month. Look for an announcement concerning starting up again in August. In May three of us had great looks at a Least Tern, Great Crested Flycatcher, and Eastern Bluebird, plus about 8 manatees in the Tarpon Lake Canal.

Bill Kaempfer 303-717-5063 or kaempfer@colorado.edu

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Toni & Don Beaton



ittle 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.

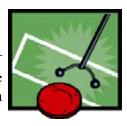
We recently took a five-pound bag of pull tabs to the Ronald McDonald House in St. Pe-tersburg and received the following thank you note: "Dear Briar Creek Community, The Ronald McDonald House truly appreciates your donation of pop tabs. We try to meet the needs of our families and the money we receive from the tabs helps us do just that. Thank you for your thought-fulness. Sincerely, RMHC Team."

Place pull tabs in the envelope located at the back door of the clubhouse or drop them off at our house, 126 Juniperus Dr. Pull for the house! Thank You.

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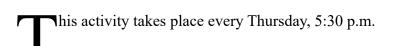
Gene Arend

The Briar Creek League is open to all residents of Briar Creek (Phase I and Phase II). If you are interested contact Bob Barr or Martin Shapiro, our two team captains, or myself.



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Gene Arend





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Kim Ramalho & Jeff Clark



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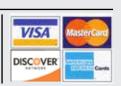
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#### **Bowling Season**

Gene Arend

ur bowling season is has come to an end. There are many who indicated they will return for more fun next season so we have reserved their spot for next year. There is always room for more



though so if you interested in having fun and available Friday at Noon let Gene Arend know. I will reserve a spot for next season. I start the team assignments on September 1st and finalize them the end of September for delivery to Maple Lanes Countryside on US Hwy. 19. We usually have spots open for substitutes / pacers once we formalize the teams, it's early bird gets the worm.

e-mail: gnparend@gmail.com or phone 727-725-5844

#### Ladies Golf at Briar Creek (Phase I & II)

■ njoy casual golf? We meet at Countryway Golf Course and have tee times ◀ on Thursday and Friday mornings. Please let me know if you are interested ✓ and would like additional information.



Jane McKenzie 651-353-2602 (cell) igmckenzie4647@gmail.com

#### **BRIDGE Phases I & II**

Bill Kaempfer







oin us for bridge every Monday from 1-4 in the Phase I Clubhouse. Give Bill Kaempfer a text, call (303-717-5063) or email (Kaempfer@Colorado.edu) if you are interested in playing. Open to Phase I and Phase II residents and guests.

May 9 Bill Kaempfer 4250; May 2 Frank Picone 4050 April 25 Ralph Virkler 2680; April 18 Ken Fox 4060

#### **EUCHRE**

Margo Keyes

ee you in the Fall. Have a safe and wonderful summer. You may contact me at 518-528-3227.



#### **MA JONG**

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#### **BRIAR CREEK BOOK CLUB**

Phases I & II Jane McKenzie

njoy discussing books from various genres that are chosen by the members. The next meeting will be Nov. 8 when we will discuss *The Paris Library* by Janet Skeslien Charles. We plan to meet in the Phase II Clubhouse at 3:00 p.m.

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- 7. Are you able to call your doctor anytime, day or night?
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#### It's June... Did you know? I use the internet for research. This from Wikipedia.

hat is Juneteenth? Juneteenth[c] (officially Juneteenth National Independence Day and also known as Jubilee Day,[3] Emancipation Day,[4][5] Freedom Day,[6] and Black Independence



**Day**[6]) is a <u>federal holiday</u> in the <u>United States</u> commemorating the emancipation of <u>enslaved African-Americans</u>. It is also often observed for celebrating <u>African-American culture</u>.[6] Originating in <u>Galveston, Texas</u>, it has been celebrated annually on June 19 in various parts of the United States since 1865. The day was recognized as a federal holiday on June 17, 2021, when <u>President Joe Biden</u> signed the Juneteenth National Independence Day Act into law.

President <u>Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation</u>, issued on January 1, 1863, had freed the enslaved people in Texas and all the other Southern secessionist states of the Confederacy.[10][11] Enforcement of the Proclamation generally relied upon the advance of Union troops. Texas, as the most remote state of the former Confedera-cy, had seen an expansion of slavery and had a low presence of Union troops as the <u>American Civil War ended</u>. Celebrations date to 1866, at first in Texas. They spread across <u>the South</u> and became more commercialized in the 1920s and 1930s, often cen-tering on a <u>food festival</u>.

During the <u>Civil Rights Movement</u> of the 1960s, these celebrations were eclipsed by the <u>nonviolent</u> determination to achieve civil rights. Growing again in popularity in the 1970s with a focus on African American freedom and <u>African-American arts</u>. Be-ginning with Texas by proclamation in 1938, and by legislation in 1979, 49 <u>U.S. states</u> and the <u>District of Columbia</u> have formally recognized the holiday in various ways.[e] With its adoption in certain parts of Mexico, the holiday became an internation-al holiday. Juneteenth is ...celebrated by the Mascogos, descendants of Black Seminoles who escaped from slavery in 1852 and settled in <u>Coahuila, Mexico</u>.[20][21]

Celebratory traditions often include public readings of the Emancipation Procla-mation, singing traditional songs such as "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" and "Lift Every Voice and Sing", and the reading of works by noted African-American writers, such as Ralph Ellison and Maya Angelou. Some Juneteenth celebrations also in-clude rodeos, street fairs, cookouts, family reunions, park parties, historical reenactments, and Miss Juneteenth contests. When Juneteenth became a federal holiday on June 17, 2021,[22][23] it was the first new federal holiday since Martin Luther King Jr. Day was adopted in 1983.



#### **Briar Creek Bugle Phase II – JUNE 2022**

(Pete Loranger - Editor Phone 421-2321) (**E-Mail:** Pete316@Knology.net)

#### **Board of Directors:**

#### **Bob Raynor – President**

ecently the BCII Board began distributing our updated Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws that residents approved in December, 2021. Distribution of the updated Restrictions that align with those documents will be distributed soon as well. The purpose of this article is to remind residents that we have chosen to live in a community that is governed through our Incorporation Articles, Bylaws and Restrictions. For the most part, they are easy to follow, at other times, perhaps not so much. Regardless, the Documents are what they are and each of us should be familiar with how they work and affect how we live in BCII. It's important to remember we are chartered under Florida Statute Chapter 718 as a "Condominium Community". Many people think of a condominium as a traditional tower like building. Increasingly, more mobile home parks are adopting this chartered approach. What this means is that many of the rules we must follow were not developed by Briar Creek. They were developed by federal, state or local legislators and enacted into law. Being a Condominium Community means BC is not legally comprised of single family homes nor are we chartered as a Home Owner's Association (HOA)". That is a different animal with a different set of state statutes and regulations. Often Condo and HOA laws and restrictions do not overlap and can be quite different. It is also important for owners to remember that our Association, like other condo associations, must comply not just with our own legal documents, but that those documents must comply first with numerous legal requirements as well. As owners, we agree at the time of purchase to abide by and live within the boundaries of those documents. While some of the issues a Board must deal with may seem petty or unreasonable, they are enforced to ensure compliance with outside regulatory requirements. Enforcing rules and restrictions can be very beneficial to our community. The many advantages of rule enforcement include protecting and enhancing home values, preserving the aesthetics of the area, community pride of ownership in BCII, maintaining common area property and that of its owners, and enforcing the community's governing documents. Living in a condominium community is not for everyone, and may not be for those that have come from areas where there were no zoning or property restrictions and now question, "what are all these rules?". Conversely, if one wants to own in a community like Briar Creek, seeking out and becoming familiar with its Documents, Bylaw and Restrictions prior to buying is critically important. That is one reason why prospective buyers are interviewed by Board Members in advance of the purchase to make them aware of what is involved in living in BCII and what is expected once the closing occurs. So, please, once you receive your updated Documents, take time to become familiar ...continued on page 32



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with their contents, follow the rules and help us work together to continue making BCII a premier community in which to live.

#### Sam Oliverio – Vice President

s I write this for insertion into the June Monthly Media, I'm reminded how we are headed for warmer temperatures. With that said, you will probably have noticed by Now that we have purchased and installed new covers for the pool rails, and those of the Spa. I realize that they usually only last one season, but if you've ever touched those handles getting into the pool without the covers you know how important it is to have them.

The pool heaters have been turned off, as the water temperature had elevated to a temperature outside the acceptable range with them on. It may feel a bit chilly, but it will soon feel like a welcome relief from the Summer temperatures.

We are continuing with work on the pool gate. Our goal is to get it back into a working condition to where it closes automatically, as it did in the past. By the time this issue of the Bugle comes out, the gate should be working as it should. Still reviewing a better timer for the Spa, but until that issue is resolved, please remember that you have to turn the Timer past the 5 minute mark, and no further than the 15 minute mark. Please allow the Timer to turn off by itself. Manually turning it off could possibly strip the dial.

#### Bill Russo – Director

Tome Inspections will continue year long. The volunteer's house inspections are working to keep Pride in our community. Notices of work needed on properties will be given as Lneeded. Soon these notices will come under our new Rules and Regulations. Thanking you in advance for your help and cooperation.

Our Neighborhood Watch community program has received recognition from our Sheriff's Department, plus is aware of our problem areas. It is important to encourage citizen-police interaction and cooperation. This will help keep our Phase I and II safer. We appreciate the people who are involved in our community. Thank you all.

# Golf clubs, gently used golf balls and the BC2 Bazaar Contributed by Sheena Lee, a BC2 golfer's wife.

Tave you donated unused golf clubs or golf bags to the BC2 Bazaar? Or have you bought a few dozen used golf balls to replace balls that keep going astray? If you are one of Lithese people, then BC2 owes you a big thank you. Also we cannot forget the people who saved and dropped off their egg cartons, especially the clear plastic cartons. These cartons are essential for storing the clean balls. The money that has been raised from golf 'stuff' in the



last couple of bazaars has been a significant contributor to BC2's bazaar sales total.

The prices are hard to beat. \$5 to \$10 for a club, \$3 or \$4 for a dozen used golf balls, a golf bag with a complete set of used clubs maybe \$25 to \$40 depending on condition. Before they are sold, before or at the bazaar, these clubs and bags have been cleaned, and a bag with a set of clubs will usually have a dozen balls and a bag of tees packed into one of the pockets.

Then there are the golf balls. Last year, one of BC2's residents washed, bleached, cleaned and inspected dozens of used balls found on golf courses and at the edge of ponds on the local courses. Then they were sorted by brand and condition and as of the day of the bazaar, there were 44 dozen boxes of used balls for sale, and every one of them was sold, and another 15 boxes had been sold before Bazaar Day.

How much money has been raised by golf related 'stuff'? At the last 3 bazaars, golf 'stuff' has raised over \$680. And our golfers have been successful in asking the local golf clubs where they play for prizes, free green fees and other items for the many draws.

So next time you see one of our golfers waiting to be picked up for his or her ride to the golf course, just think, they may be going out for fun, activity and friendship, but maybe also they are going to find some used balls to contribute to the BC2 bazaar and its sales total.

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#### Sit & Stitch

Sandy Fassett

ummer is almost here with hot weather and not wanting to be outside. Come down to the clubhouse on Mondays from 1-3 to see the progress the gals have achieved on making shawls for the chemo patients in the cancer center. Another good deed from Briar Creek serving the community. We also have some interesting conversation so stop by and see for yourself.

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#### **Billiards**

Mike Schmidt

Billiards was ended on the 14th of April with the 2022 champion Greg Zimmer. It was a good round of the first and second place winners Arnold Williams, Mike Schmidt, Pete Shepard, Mike Lucas and Greg Zimmer. Thanks to all our spectators who cheered us on through out the season. Next season I would like to have a ladies competition and to give lessons to teach the game. Have a safe summer see you in the fall.

Mike Schmidt





#### **Food Pantry**

Joan Davis

hank you for your continued support. Collection is the 3rd Wednesday of every month, 9 to 11.

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is raining. See you there

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#### **Ladies' Luncheon**

Carol Smitley

The Ladies Luncheon will be held June 15th at Red Lobster, 26320 U. S. 19 North. Clearwater, Fl. I know our snowbirds are up north, so those of us that are left behind please make an effort to attend. Phase I and Phase II ladies and guests are always welcome. The signup sheet is in the hallway, Phase II. Reservations will be turned in the Monday before the luncheon. If for some reason you have to cancel, please give ME call. Remember it is at 1:00.



#### **Phone Directory – The Yellow Book**

Sheena Lee

#### Update on the phone directory

Irst I must apologize for some typos and errors in the 2022-2023 Directory.

Normally I receive a final draft of the text to review and approve before publication but this year the publishers sent the text to publication without a final review or approval. I can't guarantee that I would have noticed all the errors, but there certainly would have been fewer of them.

So would you please make the following changes in your copy.

Page 18, Sam Oliverio's phone number shows the wrong area code. It should be 219-718-3117 and note that Sam's number appears twice on this page. His number in the alphabetical listing is correct.

The number for Normajean Allen, 108 Natures Trail on page 20 should be 418-9259.

Please delete the entry for Jerry and Arlene Stolnekovich, 142 Vinewood as this spelling is incorrect. There is a properly spelled entry as Jerry and Arlene Skolnekovich.

Please delete Margaret Parker, 84 Cottagewood, Carl and Gloria Tompkins, 46 Birch Creek Drive, and Shirley Crawford, 94 Cottagewood.

This has been a very busy month for house sales and other phone number changes.

The new owner of 83 Cottagewood is Lucinda Frangiamore, and Dallas and Harrison Phifer will also be living in the house. Kay Becker was the former owner of 83 Cottagewood.

Fred Minnie and Michelle Deprez are the new owners of 178 Clubview (formerly owned by Ava Ulrey). Their phone numbers are F: 810-984-1029 and M: 810-334-3716.

James O'Neill is the new owner of 164 Clubview (formerly owned by Shirley Buenaga). His phone number is 252-531-3963.

Joanne Bancroft, 125 Briar Creek Boulevard has a new phone number: 727-249-1145.

Deborah Broekema, 90 Natures Trail (Arlene Lambert's daughter) is adding her name and phone number to the Directory: 616-516-5573.

Linda Penney, 79 Hickory Branch, is also adding her name to the Directory: 905-376-7069.

Darlene Beyer has changed her address to 55 Birch Creek Drive. Her phone number is unchanged (403-9957).

Finally, with regret please note the recent passing of Mary Pivornik, 143 Forest Lane.

As always, please contact me for any changes or corrections. Sheena Lee, 163 Clubview Drive, sheenalee2133@gmail.com or 727-421-5665.





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Marge Grohskopf



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6:30 Phase2 Clubhouse, \$3 game begins at 7:00. I'm being optimistic Covid may change all of this pending Clubhouse availability.

#### **Mingle**

Billie Ann Berry and Rose Marie Fjelstad

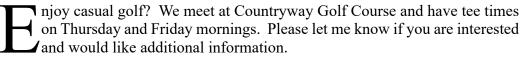
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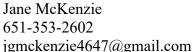
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It's time to meet and greet and enjoy a good dinner. June 16th at 4:30pm SEE YOU THERE!!!!

#### **Ladies Golf at Briar Creek**

(Phase I & II)







Alice Williams

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4/20 - Ralph Virkler 632, Alice Williams 631

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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.

Bonnie Briggs - 262-496-7594 or E-mail - Billandbonnie.briggs@gmail.com or

Darlene Beyer - 727-403-9957 or E-mail - darlene4n@aol.com

#### From your clubhouse librarians

#### **How We Do It in Summer**

Jody Larson

olks who are full-time in Briar Creek have learned a thing or two about Florida summers. Here's what we've got going. If this is your first summer, you might benefit from our experience.

- 1. We do it in the morning. Whatever it is—outside chores, golf, going for a walk, getting to the pool, etc. It won't be so hot yet, and it probably won't be raining yet.
- 2. The beach? Um, no. Only if it's in the morning. And only with a sunshade.
- 3. Boating? See above.
- 4. We put sunblock on a lot. Never mind the 10-to-3 rule! This is Florida and the Sun cooks you fast. We remember our feet need it, too. And we wear hats.
- 5. Cold Gatorade is our friend, along with Pedialyte. Water alone is not enough! And it should be cold—it's easy to get overheated.
- 6. Yes, we take an umbrella in the afternoon. It rains just about every day, and we don't mean a little sprinkle!
- 7. We've got our stock of water and canned food, and we have our propane stove if needed.
- 8. We keep the car's gas tank no less than half full.
- 9. We also have our long-term phone and computer charger charged up and ready to go, along with our battery-operated fans and a big supply of batteries, all in case the power goes out. (We learned 7, 8, and 9 for real after Hurricane Irma.)
- 10. We do pay attention to the tracking of big storms, but we don't let the news media stampede us. Those reports would make you think that all we do is put up plywood! Well, no. Still, Briar Creek 1 and 2 (and most mobile home parks) are in Zone A, which is the first zone for an evacuation order. We don't plan to stick around.

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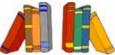
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#### **Briar Creek Book Club**

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njoy discussing books from various genres that are chosen by the members. The next meeting will be Nov. 8 when we will discuss *The Paris Library* by Janet Skeslien Charles. We plan to meet in the Phase II Clubhouse at 3:00 p.m.

Please contact me if you are interested in joining or have questions.

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

#### **Humane Society & the Haven**

Barbara Bergling

hanks 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 thongs 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

The 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 currently have 190 households and 241 individuals on the phone tree

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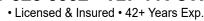


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Another suggestion would be to open a G mail account. I have had a few people do that and they are not having any trouble getting the emails now. Gmail is free and all you would have to do is keep your beginning and end it with Gmail. Then you don't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

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#### **NAME BADGES**

Marsha Bowlby

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#### **HEALING AND LOVE**

DR. Marty Finkelstein

ove is a powerful healer. Many studies have shown that when people experience more love in their life, their capacity for healing and health is greater. Love is a sacred quality in all of us. There is an essential desire to give love as well as receive love. And, the very nature of learning to love ourselves is the most essential quality to our real health insurance. It seems though loving ourselves is not so easy. It is a process of self development and self acceptance. The very relationship we have with ourselves is at the core of our vitality, success, creativity, and continued learning, growing, and evolving. The relationship we have with



ourselves follows the same guidelines we have with others. Respect, appreciation, gratitude, trust, healthy communication, trust, visions and goals are all part of the matrix of vibrant healthy relationships. People feel better about themselves when they keep their promises to themselves. On the other hand, when we deceive ourselves or fall out of integrity with ourselves we begin to lose faith and judge ourselves harshly. Self judgement, feeling unworthy, feeling unloved, feeling not good enough, become part of a crippling disease affecting us physically and emotionally. Our thoughts about ourselves directly and immediately affect our immune system and nervous system, the two systems of the body that influence everything from the cellular level to the conscious level.

Often people feel their best when they are caring for something else, be it a person, pet, or even plant unconditionally. Just observe people with infants, or pets, and you will discover things about those people you never witnessed before. It seems love flows without hesitation with infants and animals. The quality that is present in both situations is the feeling of full and total acceptance. It is as if people feel that they can be totally free to be themselves without any concern or anxiety of being judged or criticized. When people feel this magic feeling, it almost miraculously opens their heart to give more love. It is as if there is an infinite creative source of love that never tires when this feeling is experienced. The essence of this allows us to discover how important this truly is for our overall health and aging with grace. When we feel accepted in our relationships with others we automatically open our hearts to give more. If we could hear our heart talk, it would indeed say, "Yes I am much happier now feeling loved and giving love, rather then feeling afraid, fearful, and angry." We can observe this in every relationship we are in, yet too often we are feeling judged by others, so instead of opening our hearts we become more defensive, constricted, and resigned, which sadly has us becoming hard on ourselves.

Imagine if someone was sharing with you each day the things they appreciated about you, and you simply felt that person's acceptance. My guess is that you would desire to share your appreciations with others as well. Even in the workplace, people perform better and feel healthier at the end of the day when they are working in an atmosphere of love and appreciation. We have all heard the expression "the more you give, the more you receive", but it is the giving or loving without expectations, and without strings attached. It is the type of giving where we discover we feel better about ourselves Giving and Loving for the sake of Giving and Loving. I can remember moments of transformation in my own life when I let go of trying to prove myself, or win someone's admiration by achieving many levels of success in my life, and simply appreciated who I was and who I was becoming. The sacred dance of learning to love myself, and allowing other people's judgment or criticism to be their journey their mirror to evolve from.

I remember meeting this woman who was a belly dancer. It was at a party and she and several other woman were performing in their beautiful costumes. All of the woman were amazingly beautiful as they danced and brought such vivacious energy to the room. As we were talking she shared with me that she was in an intimate relationship with a nice man. She



shared that at one point in their relationship he had said that he was in love with her, but had a problem with her weight. Without flinching her response to her boyfriend was, so what are you going to do for your problem? I love this story for it embodies the joy of self love and not having other people's issues somehow become yours. She did not get angry, defensive, reactive, become self loathing.....because she had evolved to self love and was someone who did take actions in her own life to improve in everyway. But not out of guilt or shame. As she told that story I reflected on my own life of feeling judged and judging others and how that affected my health and well being through the years. All of us at one time or another probably thought that if anyone had two mansions, a boat, millions saved it would bring joy to anyone's life but in itself they don't. Truly we never fill a spiritual hole with materialistic stuff. The longest journey in life is from the head to the heart evolving and learning to love ourselves, so that we can give love unconditionally, and feel grateful for this precious life and the people we share it with. And then enjoy the boat if you have one!

Dr. Marty Finkelstein lives in Briar Creek with his wife Julie Austin. He is the author of several books regarding wellness and healing, He had a holistic chiropractic office for 40 years in Atlanta, Georgia before moving to Safety Harbor.

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Pete Loranger

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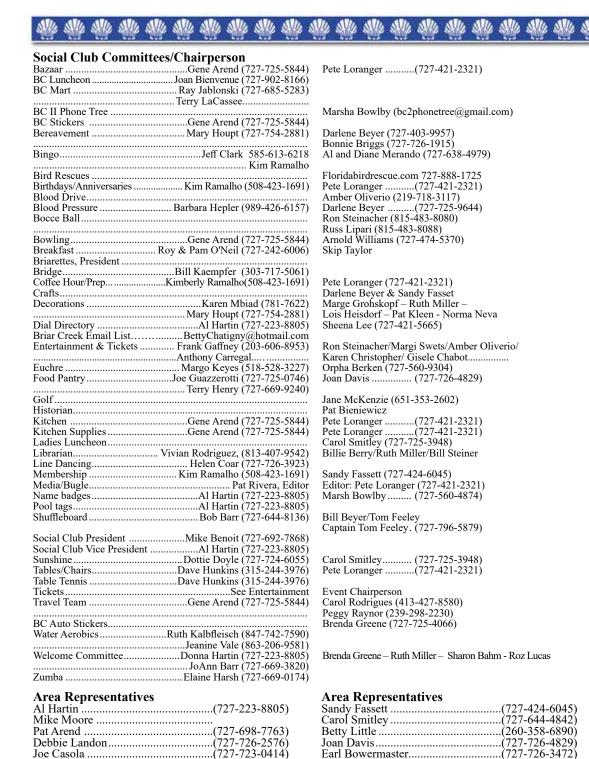
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