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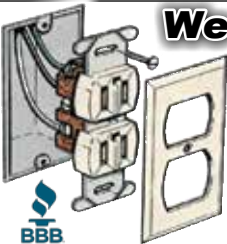
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The e-mail address for any office matters is: [briarcreekoft@gmail.com](mailto:briarcreekoft@gmail.com)

## **Important Phone Numbers**

**Urgent Care House Calls:** 888-908-0553 (or) 813-537-3043 Dispatch Health

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## **WEBSITE ACCESS / BOARD COMMUNICATIONS**

*Gene Arend*

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**T**he Association website [www.mybriarcreek.com](http://www.mybriarcreek.com) contains several web pages which are available for viewing by the public. There is one page accessible to owners only. This page will access privileged information for owner information only.

We have many email addresses on file and we can send alerts from the board of directors on information that may need your immediate attention. Other information such as the minutes of the board meeting, budget information or other owner information only, you must create or have a log in to view the privileged information. **Owners with email addresses on file will still receive communication of immediate importance from the Board of Directors.** You must log into the website to review other information. If you do not already have a login account then visit the website and click the "CONTACT US" link or scroll to the bottom of the home page and enter the information required. Once the administrator confirms you are an owner an email message will be sent to the email address entered and provide you with the means to create a password and access to the owner information. If you do not create this log in account then some owner information will not be available to you. Accessing the information is your choice. If you wish to have your email address included in Board Alerts, either contact [briarcreekoft@gmail.com](mailto:briarcreekoft@gmail.com) or visit the [mybriarcreek](http://mybriarcreek.com) website and complete the contact us information.



# Board of Directors Notes

Bob Barr

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## Hurricane Ian:

I would like to thank Ken Cichy, and Pat Rivera for bringing the pool chairs and lounges inside the clubhouse. Al Hartin and Mike Moore for returning chairs and lounges to the outside and Jane Fedelem for redistributing items around the pool.

Kim Ramalho, Mike Moore, Don Neville, and Bob B. were responsible for putting large branches, from the East and West parking lots, out for the chipper and smaller debris into about 8 trash cans that were picked up the following Monday.

Thanks to all of our residents, who pitched in and secured loose items for a neighbor, or helped cleanup afterwards.

Thanks to everyone who contributed food and or supplies to be sent South.

## **Friend/Relative Staying Long Term:**

We require all residents and anyone staying longer than 30 days to complete the Briar Creek Application for Residency & Tenant Check form. All owners and tenants should already have completed this form. However, if you have a friend, companion, or relative who has been or will be staying with you for 30 days or longer and they have not completed both the Application & Tenant Check form, please have them do so at this time. The completed forms should be turned in to Progressive Management immediately with the application fee. The form can be found on “Mybriarcreek.com” by clicking on Forms and Documents then clicking on “Read more” under Forms. Select the “New Occupant Add-On Tab” and follow the instructions. This form can also be found, in the document rack, outside the Directors office.

## A New Year is almost here

*Connie Potter Holmes, Director and Secretary*

It has been a quick year! As I look over the records and plan for the upcoming year, As we look forward to the Annual Meeting, held the first Monday in December, it is time to look at our directors for the upcoming year.

Three slots will be open and two of our current directors are up for reelection if they choose to continue: Connie Holmes and Lynn Lijewski. Al Hartin, Gene Arend, Pat Rivera and Bob Barr will be continuing their second year.

Our community has been blessed to have great teams of directors, past and present, who plan ahead and do their best to keep things running smooth. But this is not always possible as we have experienced with our pool upgrade. As I am writing this, we are still in the hurry up and wait mode; but please know, it is not because of our end.

It is not always an easy job and not everyone is happy at the same time, but it is a rewarding job. Our reward comes in the form of kind words spoken or written. We are not perfect, but

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### Annual Inspections

Lynn Lijewski, Director

**A**ll is well. Please consider participating in the upcoming inspections.

### LAWN Care Service

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**M**ow dates for **November** are.... Tuesdays.



### From September/October 2022 City Scape the Safety Harbor bimonthly publication

**H**ousehold Electronic Disposal Updates by: Renee Cooper, Public Works Director  
Starting on October 1, 2022, there will be changes to Pinellas County's Department of Solid Waste (DSW)'s Household Electronics and Chemical Collection (HEC3) program. **Household electronics will no longer be sent to a private recycler to be recycled but instead sent to the Pinellas County Solid Waste Disposal Complex (which includes the WTE Facility).** Why the change? The majority of household electronics consist of hard plastic casings, which are more likely to be sent from a private recycler to a landfill. The primary recyclable material in household electronics are metals, which can be recovered at the Waste-toEnergy (WTE) Facility and then recycled as well as reducing the amount of plastics to the landfill. **As of October 1, 2022, residential household electronics can be placed in the garbage on the scheduled garbage day. Large bulky electronics will count toward the 10 bulk item limit. DO NOT place any household electronics that have rechargeable (lithium) batteries in the garbage.** These batteries can cause fires in garbage trucks and at the disposal facility. Batteries will still need to be disposed of at the HEC3 Facility or during the HEC3 Mobile collection events. For more information: [pinellascounty.org/solidwaste/hec3/changes.htm](https://pinellascounty.org/solidwaste/hec3/changes.htm)





## MAILBOXES

Gene Arend

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At the most recent Board of Directors meeting one item presented on the agenda was ownership, care & maintenance of the mailboxes. It was agreed on by the majority of directors in order to maintain uniformity, consistency of maintenance and presentation, the board will retain ownership for repair and maintenance of the mailboxes.

HOWEVER this does not mean if you or your neighbor knocks down, runs into, damages the mailbox we will replace it free of charge. We may provide the labor to maintain the box however we will assess you or the offending person for the cost of material and if necessary, a new mail box. Also, we need some volunteers, 2 or 3 able bodied individuals, to help when the need arises, to help install these mailboxes. The board has the tools but we don't always have the capability. Some may not be on site and some may have current medical conditions at the time of the incident. Interested contact [briarcreekoff@gmail.com](mailto:briarcreekoff@gmail.com).

## KEYLESS ACCESS / FOB's

Gene Arend

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As many know the Clubhouse & Pool area require keyless entry by using a FOB. These FOB's will allow unlimited access to the clubhouse. Access to the pool area is available from 8:00 AM till 10:00 PM to comply with the established pool rules for use. If you have not received a FOB contact Gene Arend or email [briarcreekoff@gmail.com](mailto:briarcreekoff@gmail.com).

Please remember if you sell your home you must deliver the FOB to the new owners otherwise there will be a \$25 admin fee for each FOB. If you lease your property then the FOB is transferred to your tenant along with all common element privileges. Include in your lease the \$25 fee mentioned above so the tenant will return them to you.

## Shuffleboard

Gene Arend

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Our league shuffleboard season will start on November 28th. We are starting our practice October 19th. If you have never shuffled before it is a fun game and does not require any strenuous physical effort but at times can be a challenge mentally in much the same way the game of chess can be a challenge. If you are interested, please join us on Wednesday 10:30 AM on our shuffle courts. Some of our more experienced players will teach you the basics of the game. The rest, much like Chess, we can teach you the moves but the skill of the game does take time to learn. Our League play is open to all Briar Creek Residents, Phase I and

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Phase II. For more information stop by the shuffle courts. **Our teaching days** are Wednesday. You may see others practicing on other days of the week and you are welcome to join them and practice.

## Shuffling

Bob Barr



**H**elp! Help, our **new season starts November 28**. We need new shufflers women and men from phase 1 and/or 2. Shuffling is an easy, fun, and sometimes challenging sport. We do have cue sticks for use by anyone not having one. We will be willing to give you sage advice during free lessons. The advice, however, will not make you a good shuffler, lots of practice and some competition will help.

We currently shuffle, against 7 other teams, on Monday and Wednesdays leaving Briar Creek around 11am, for away games, with competition starting at noon time and returning by ~4pm. With enough players not everyone will be asked to play both Mondays and Wednesdays, if we can get a total of 32 players, or more, this would allow us to field two full teams. Practice will be starting in earnest the end of October and the first week of November.

## Toys For Tots



**W**ill be arriving in Briar Creek Community soon. All Aboard! Schedule available soon. Look for decorated collection box in Phase 1 Clubhouse.

## POOL Director

Pat Rivera



**A**s I recite the *Serenity Prayer* to myself...I will repeat what has been said before. As of this writing, November 15th is the scheduled date for the work to begin!

Water aerobics classes will be held. Days and time may vary as we work together on an amicable schedule to accommodate both phases.

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. These are different from Phase 1.

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

## 2022 Bazaar Phase 1

Jeff Clark

The Phase One Bazaar dates have been set! If you'd like to help out for 2022, it would be most appreciated; just contact me via the information below. The dates are:

**Friday, December 2nd**  
5-8pm  
**Saturday, December 3rd**  
8am-Noon



Jeff Clark  
585-613-6218  
jeffrey.paul.clark@gmail.com

## NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Kim Ramalho

<u>First Names</u>	<u>Last Names</u>	<u>Month Day</u>	<u>Year</u>
Cy & Elsie	Anderson	November	1
Joe & Mary	Casola	November	5
Dennis & Lee Ann	Paternoster	November	7
Thomas & Dale	Hawkins	November	8
David & Donna	Cutright	November	11
Norbert & Marge	Orsolitis	November	28



# NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS 2022

Kim Ramalho

First	Last	Month/Day	First	Last	Month/Day
P.D.	Leftwich	November 2	Barbara	Pesic	November 17
Doug	Dawson	November 3	Carol	Powell	November 17
Frank	Voutsinos	November 3	Gisele	Lemieux	November 17
Larry	Lunsford	November 4	Lois	Wagner	November 17
Linda	Miller	November 4	Gene	Arend	November 19
Debbie	Gaetan	November 5	Maggi	Concannon	November 19
Gilles	Lecompte	November 5	Rad	Pesic	November 19
Laura	Leftwich	November 5	Mary	Casola	November 20
Tom	Miller	November 5	Betty	Rossello	November 21
Anthony	Siciak	November 7	Frank	Picone	November 21
David	Belton	November 9	Gilbert	Robke	November 21
Debbie	Landon	November 9	Bobby	Styles	November 22
Mike	Benoit	November 9	Linda	Fitton	November 23
Richard	Citti	November 10	Stephanie	Schlager	November 23
Terry	Spence	November 11	Rita	Balesteri	November 24
David	Cutright	November 12	Karol	Kagelmann	November 25
Don	Johnson	November 12	Linda	Cyr	November 25
Eileen	Smith	November 12	Mary Ann	Green	November 26
Marty	Martin	November 12	Tina	Encalado	November 26
Effie	Reed	November 14	Shirley	Gallo	November 27
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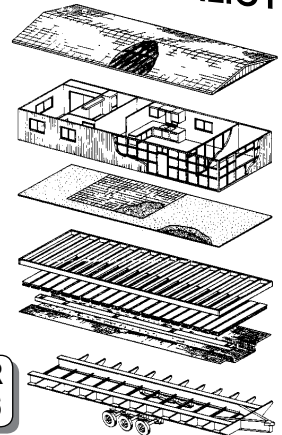
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## BEREAVEMENT

Mary Haupt

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Longtime resident, **Ronnie Goudie**, 96 Cedar Elm Drive, Wednesday, September 15, 2022. No local service was planned. Ronnie lived in the Briar Creek community for 42 years and celebrated her 101st birthday on September 7, 2022.

Condolences to Ronnie's daughter, Ronnie and her husband, Stan Zeichner, at above address.

A memorial was held for long-time, former resident, **Alice Tompas** at Espirito Santo Catholic Church, 2405 Philippi Park, Safety Harbor on Thursday, October 13th at 10:30 A.M.

A luncheon was hosted by Alison Morgado, Alice's daughter, was held in the Phase 1 clubhouse.



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Joan Bienvenue

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PHASE I CLUBHOUSE.



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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6 AT 6PM

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**SAVE THE DATES**

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10 AT 7:00PM

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## DIAL DIRECTORY

*Al Hartin; assisted by Pat Arend & Donna Hartin*



### UPDATES FOR October 2022

See below for Additions/Changes to your Dial Directory.

**Please add the following new Owners:**

*Please remember to submit new or changed information to Al for the Dial Directory.*

## BUNCO IS BACK!!!

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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.

## LINE DANCING

*Helen Coar*



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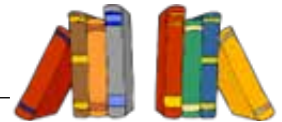


Phase 2 participated contributed more items to this joint drive to assist our neighbors to the south who took a direct hit from Hurricane Ion. People helping people. We are all members of the...Human Race. Thanks, to everyone!



## Briar Creek Book Club

(Phase I & II)



Enjoy 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, and the book for the Dec. 13 meeting will be *The Four Winds* by Kristin Hannah. 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 [jgmckenzie4647@gmail.com](mailto:jgmckenzie4647@gmail.com) 651-353-2602

### Another published author among us

Yes! It's me, Pat Rivera. Briar Creek resident, Phase 1 and editor of this monthly publication.

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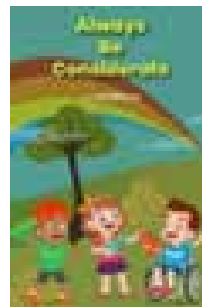
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Bill Kaempfer 303-717-5063 or kaempfer@colorado.edu

## SHUFFLEBOARD

*Gene Arend*

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## MEN'S POKER TABLE

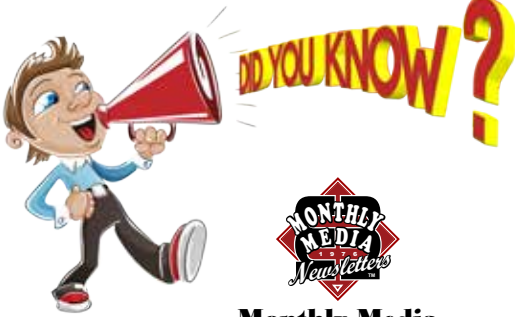
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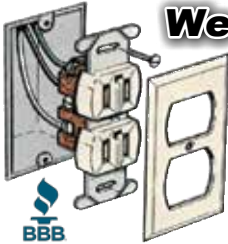
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Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>g 9AM 6PM n &amp; Balance 030AM</p> <p>1</p>	<p>Earlybird Breakfast 2 830AM EVE'S Cardio &amp; Strength Class 9AM Pinochle 6PM</p>	<p>Strength &amp; Balance 3 Class 1030AM Dominoes 1PM</p>	<p>Cardio &amp; Strength 4 Class 9AM BLOODMOBILE 9AM-2PM Chair Yoga Class 10AM</p>	<p>8AM Coffee Hour 5 9AM Social Club News Blood Pressure Checks</p>
<p>g 9AM 6PM n &amp; Balance 030AM Club 3PM</p> <p>8</p>	<p>Earlybird Breakfast 9 830AM EVE'S Cardio &amp; Strength Class 9AM Pinochle 6PM <u>ALL INFO FOR DECEMBER MEDIA DUE TO PETE BY 4PM</u></p>	<p>Strength &amp; Balance 10 Class 1030AM Dominoes 1PM Genealogy Group meeting 7pm</p>	<p>Cardio &amp; Strength 11 Class 9AM Chair Yoga Class 10AM</p> <p>Veteran's Day</p>	<p>8AM Coffee Hour 12 9AM Social Club News Luau Dance 6-10PM</p>
<p>g 9AM 6PM n &amp; Balance 030AM</p> <p>15</p>	<p>Earlybird Breakfast 16 830AM EVE'S Cardio &amp; Strength Class 9AM Food Pantry collection 9-11am Ladies Luncheon 1PM Pinochle 6PM</p>	<p>Strength &amp; Balance 17 Class 1030AM Dominoes 1PM MINGLE 430pm BUNCO 630pm</p>	<p>Cardio &amp; Strength 18 Class 9AM Chair Yoga Class 10AM</p>	<p>8AM Coffee Hour 19 9AM Social Club News Social Club Board Meeting 845AM</p>
<p>g 9AM 6PM n &amp; Balance 030AM</p> <p>22</p>	<p>Earlybird Breakfast 23 830AM EVE'S Cardio &amp; Strength Class 9AM Pinochle 6PM</p>	<p>Strength &amp; Balance 24 Class 1030AM Dominoes 1PM</p> <p>Thanksgiving</p>	<p>Cardio &amp; Strength 25 Class 9AM Chair Yoga Class 10AM</p>	<p>8AM Coffee Hour 26 9AM Social Club News</p>
<p>g 9AM 6PM n &amp; Balance 030AM</p> <p>29</p>	<p>Earlybird Breakfast 30 830AM EVE'S Cardio &amp; Strength Class 9AM Pinochle 6PM</p>			

## Bowling Season

Gene Arend



Our bowling season is getting underway. There are many who indicated they will return for more fun this season so we have reserved their spot. There is always room for more though so if you interested in having fun and available Friday at Noon let Gene Arend know. Team assignments have been delivered to Maple Lanes Countryside on US Hwy. 19. However we usually have spots open for substitutes / pacers once we formalize the teams, it's early bird gets the worm.

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Bill Kaempfer

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September 5	Frank Picone	3460
September 12	Roberta Shuler	2620
September 19	Frank Picone	2580
September 26	Frank Picone	3160
October 3	Frank Picone	4440
October 10	Frank Picone	3290



Well, as you can tell. This is getting to be really irritating. Come join in the movement to BEAT FRANK! (Just kidding. I usually take a dive just to allow Frank to win.)

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## BRIAR CREEK BOOK CLUB

Phases I & II Jane McKenzie



Enjoy 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** (Cell)

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# Briar Creek Bugle Phase II – NOVEMBER 2022

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## **Board of Directors:**

### **Bob Raynor – President**

**N**eighbor to Neighbor Thanks - Bob Raynor

In these times of international turmoil and political divisiveness, I am humbled how an act of God causing massive devastation can bring people together to help deal with their individual tragedy. The simple acts of kindness and giving demonstrate all that is good with humanity. We have seen how that has played out recently with hurricane Ian. While hurricane Ian was forecasted to strike the Tampa area, we avoided a bullet as the hurricane struck Southwest Florida. We have all seen the impact and like so many others from throughout the country, BC residents generously responded by volunteering and sending money and needed supplies to Southwest Florida. We have all heard “it could have been us” but even though it wasn’t, our neighbors and friends have worked and will continue to make a difference to those who have lost so much.

The winds of Ian also impacted some in BC as well. One particular instance in BCII involved a tree that was left leaning due to a strong wind. The tree could potentially have fallen on a neighbor’s home and while it didn’t, the roots shifted and damaged a waterline that left residents around Dove Lake without water. The thought of no drinking water, unable to flush toilets or shower is not pleasant. While the BCII Board worked to contract tree and plumbing services to restore the water, the incident occurred during a weekend. Contractors capable of fixing the problems were contacted. However, we were lucky as two of the four contractors contacted were available to work over the weekend but none were either capable or available the following week due to previously scheduled job commitments. As a result of quickly responding and contractor availability, water was restored in 24 hours. We will be working with insurance carriers to hopefully recoup costs. But restoration of the water is only part of the true story. While the Board made the Clubhouse available for water, bathroom and shower use, it was our community neighbors who really made the difference. Individuals across the street laid out hoses to draw water, others filled and distributed gallon jugs with water for drinking and offered bathroom use, one offered her home to anyone who wanted a hot shower. It was neighbor helping neighbor in a spirit of community that is so vital to our individual need to connect with others. It was inspiring to see.

Volunteering to help is what makes BC such a great place to live. Whether it is when a tragedy occurs like Ian, cleaning gutters for someone who can’t, or sharing a pot luck at a Mingle, it is the single and often random acts of kindness and caring that help contribute to the quality of life we live. Thanks to all those, and there are too many to mention individually, who volunteered to help during this challenging time. You are the heroes to so many.

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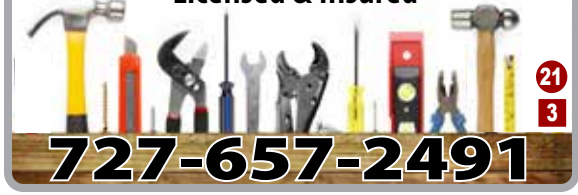
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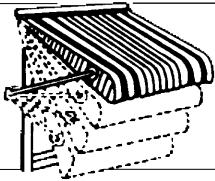
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## **Sam Oliverio – Vice President, Pool Director**

**W**elcome back to all our neighbors who have been away for the Summer. We hope you found your house in good shape after Ian paid us a visit.

We've had an issue with one of the computer boards that cools the pool, and we are working to resolve the issue. The hot tub is working as it should, and although the pool is a bit chilly, it is open for use. Once in, the body acclimates to the temperature of the water.

I'm hoping the issue is resolved by the time this Bugle is delivered, and if this is the case never mind! lol.

On another note, we all have seen the rules at the pool. Please remember, that for your safety and the safety of others do not enter the pool if you have open sores, are bleeding, or if you are feeling ill. These are also rules by the Board of Health for the State of Florida.

## **Bocce Ball**

**I**want everyone one to know that the Bocce Ball Court is once again available for play thanks to the efforts of Mike Schmidt. Mike has spent many hours grooming the Court, so that others may enjoy a friendly game or two.

## **P.J. Wierzbowski – Director**

**R**V LOT – Everyone who has a camper, boat, trailer – Need to clean up and cut behind units. Thank you.

## **Bill Russo – Director**

**W**e are into Fall Home Inspections. A big THANK YOU to all the people who assisted on the home inspections all year long. Owners who did not comply to our home inspection requests will be turned over to our present Compliance Committee. With our new rules and regulations, fines could be the end result. Any questions, we are here if we can be of help.

## **Joan Davis – Director, Treasurer**

### **ANNUAL MEETING**

**J**ust to remind everyone to read the information regarding our Annual Meeting. This will be mailed to you from Progressive Management.

Please be sure to vote the proxy, this gives us our required quorum so that we can operate business for 2023.

There will also be 4 Board openings to be voted on.

Please follow instructions with the envelopes for proxies and ballots. They must be kept separate/ Your voted Proxy and Ballot (sealed) envelopes can be put in office mail slot in the clubhouse, mailed to Progressive or put in my basket near the back door at 131 Forest lane.



Call if you have questions. Joan Davis 727-726-4829 or 727-207-9351

### **A NOTE FOR HOMEOWNERS RETURNING FROM THE NORTH –**

The updated Declaration of Condominium and Restrictions are waiting for you.

I have the documents, which you must sign for. The documents will not be mailed out. Please contact me so that arrangements can be made for you to receive them. Also feel free to call with any questions you might have. Joan Davis 727-726-4829 or 727-207-9351.

### **Jim Tashjian – Director**

**W**ell, I am so happy to be back home in Briar Creek. I hope you all had a great summer. I'm so glad to see all of you and your homes are safe and sound. We can truly count our blessings. In Briar Creek life has already returned to normal. Unfortunately, for some of our neighbors to the south, life will never be the same again. Let's keep those neighbors in our thoughts and prayers and let's continue to help however we can. (Red Cross, Food Pantries, Salvation Army, etc.)

While I was gone for the summer, Bonnie Briggs took over outside alterations and by the looks of it you all kept her very busy! Thank you thank you...thank you Bonnie!

Please remember, all outside alterations require board approval before work begins. Forms can be found in the clubhouse just outside the office door. Once completed, they can be left in the office door mail slot or in my rock box at 193 Clubview Drive.

Now go do what Humpty Dumpty did ... Have a Great Fall!

## **REMINDERS:**

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**O**vernight Parking in the street is NOT allowed.

Daytime Parking – please **Park on ONE SIDE of the street** in your area. This will keep our streets open for Emergency Vehicles.

Visitor Parking is at the clubhouse on the side of the shuffleboard courts, (grassy area). Please put the VISITORS PASS in the front windshield. Residents who do not have the pass can contact a board member. Parking in an empty carport is NOT allowed without permission.

STOP at ALL STOP SIGNS, and our SPEED LIMIT is **15MPH**. Your help is greatly appreciated.

“FOR SALE” & “FOR RENT” Signs are restricted to “14” X 12” and may be posted inside a STREET SIDE window only of the mobile home unit. No other signs of any kind shall be displayed.”

## **TREES**

**If you have trees that overhang any street in the community you must keep them**



trimmed to 14 feet above the road. This allows for the passage of fire equipment, Rescue vehicles, and trash trucks to get in without hitting them. Please look at your trees and if they overhang the street allowing less than 14 foot clearance,

Make arrangements to get them trimmed to the proper height.

## Collection for Hurricane Ian Families

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**T**uesday night, Oct.4th, Phase 1 invited us to join them in a Hurricane Ian collection. The information went out on the Phone Tree late Tuesday night. Donations would be picked up on Thursday, Oct 6th at noon.

Our residents turned out in full force. We had a steady stream of donations arriving at the Clubhouse and \$1100 collected in cash. The shoppers emptied out several “Dollar Tree Stores”. THANK YOU for your generosity and support. Living in the Briar Creek Community is a BLESSING.

Sincerely, Marge Grohskopf

**Thank you** to the busy hands that helped shop, organize, pack in boxes, label, and load the trailer.

Arnold Williams	Marsha Bowlby	Kathy Corcoran	Shary LeMessurier
Darlene Beyer	Sandy Fassett	Pete Loranger	Sheena Lee
Bill Steiner	Amber Oliverio	Sam Oliverio	

## Keeping you and our pool safe

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**M**any people don’t realize that a community association pool and spa like ours in Briar Creek is considered a 'public pool' subject to regulation by Chapter 514 of Florida Statutes. Chapter 64E-9 of the Florida Health Department (DOH)sets forth guidelines addressing the prevention of disease, sanitary nuisances, and accidents by which the health or safety of an individual(s) may be threatened or impaired. When we enter our pool area, many of the Statute’s requirements are listed on our pool and spa signs. So while some of the requirements on our signs may seem silly or unneeded, not posting or addressing violations can lead to a DOH citation.

As a 55+ community with an aging population, safety of our residents is our primary. The safety aspect is not just limited to prohibiting diving, jumping, the potential for glass breaking and more. Equally important is the requirement to maintain proper chemical balances as well as provide and environment that minimizes the risk of infection by all of using proper sanitation procedures. For example, should fecal matter show up in our testing, we must follow Center for Disease Control procedures to protect our residents.

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2. If you are experiencing an intestinal issue that may include an infectious disease, don’t use the pool or spa.
3. Respiratory diseases such as colds, sinusitis, and septic sore throat can spread more readily in swimming areas as a result of close contact. Don’t spread an infection and don’t get infected by others.
4. Eye, ear, nose throat and skin infections, can spread more easily in water. Mucas from a cough may flow into ear and nasal passages.

The purpose of this reminder is not to scare us or discourage us from using the pool. The purpose is simply to help remind each of us of our vulnerability to disease and the responsibility each of us has to protect ourselves and our community.

## **BINGO**

*AL & Diane Merando*



**P**lease join us for Phase II Bingo on Mondays, This season there are new games, door prizes and other surprises- you don’t want to miss it! As a reminder, sales are from 5-5:45 pm with games starting promptly at 6. We look forward to seeing you!

That’s a good bingo!

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## **Exercise Class**

**M**onday, Wednesday and Friday – Cardio and Strength at 9 a.m.  
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## Blood Drive

*Amber Oliverio*

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**W**e are having our first fall/winter blood drive November 4th from 9:00-2:00. Marketing details for the giveaways will be posted in the clubhouse. You can sign up online in advance at OneBlood. Please spread the information to your neighbors and friends.

Thank you to everyone who has supported this effort to save many lives.

Call Amber at 219-796-6762 with any questions.

## Genealogy Group

*Jean Schmidt*

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**O**n 2nd Thursday evenings from 7pm at the clubhouse, please join us for topics & discussions on genealogy/family histories. You will not be required to sign in or attend regularly. All are welcome! Ideas for topics are encouraged from all in attendance.

Come visit us!

Thanks,

Jean

## Sit & Stitch

*Sandy Fassett*

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**I**t's time to start making items for the bazaar. We need new ideas plus making some of the favorites that sold good at the past bazaars (dish rags, potato bags, etc.). We also are looking for any new items that you are aware of. We are also still making shawls for the cancer patients. Come down to the clubhouse on Mondays from 1-3 pm.

## Food Pantry

*Joan Davis/Arnold/Sonny*

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**P**lease remember to support your Food Pantry during the summer months. Our snowbirds are not here to donate but the need is still here. Our truck will be in front of the clubhouse 9-11 AM . If raining, the truck will be in the garage. This drive takes place on every 3rd Wednesday. Hope to see you there. Joan, Sonny & Arnold





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## BOWLING



The Bowling Season is up and running now with more folks joining us this year. There are a few people still up north but their spots are reserved for when they return later. A reminder for the current Bowlers there will be NO BOWLING on December 20th & 27th in Observance of Christmas & New Years and if you could pass that along to Non-Briar Creekers it would be appreciated. Next month I'll post Bowlers who achieved scores 25+ pins over their averages. Announcements will be made on Saturday mornings [coffee & doughnuts]. Thank You Arnold Williams

## CARDS

*Alice Williams*



Euchre will begin on Tuesday Oct. 18th. 6 to 8 PM Cost is .50 and .05 for each euchre. Names and scores will be in the Media  
Pinochle started on Oct. 12th. Scores will be in the Media. Come out and play with us in Phase II clubhouse. 6 to 8 PM and the cost is \$1.00.

Scores for 10/12: Alice Williams 461, Orpha Berken 262

## Ladies' Luncheon

*Carol Smitley*

The Ladies Luncheon will be held November 16th at Tarpon Turtle, 1513 Lake Tarpon Ave., Tarpon Springs. One of our ladies has requested that we go there. It has been over six years since we were at this restaurant. Phase I and Phase II ladies and guests are always welcome. Reservations will be turned in the Monday before the luncheon. If for some reason you have to cancel, please give ME a call before Monday. Remember it is at 1:00.

## Mingle

*Billie Ann Berry and Rose Marie Fjelstad*

Don't forget Mingle, November 17. Bring a dish and come to enjoy time well spent with your neighbors and friends. Place: Clubhouse. Time: 4:30 to 6:30pm.

Be prepared to have some good laughs and good food. See you there.



## Entertainment

Amber Oliverio



We are having a Luau! November 12th from 6-10. Happy Hour 6:00. Dancing and music by the band duo At Large. Light dinner fare with dessert included. \$12 pp. BYOB and table appetizers to share. Dress in your favorite Hawaiian attire. There will be a Hawaiian hat contest for the best decorated hat. A 50/50 raffle too. So bring a few extra dollars for a chance to win some bucks. C'mon out for a fun time and don't forget to bring your coconuts and grass skirt! Tickets on sale now.

Contact Amber at 219-796-6762 for questions and/or table reservations.

## BUNCO

Marge Grohskopf



### Bunco Schedule Changes Due to Holidays

There will be Bunco in November and December. We change to the 3rd Thursday of the month, following the mingle. Mark your calendar November 17, and December 15, \$3 same time 6:30. All are welcome ,come join the fun. Walk-Ins are welcome, if possible sign up or call Marge 533-6603.

## 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)

If you have not signed up yet and want to be on the phone tree, send an e-mail to [BC2phonetree@gmail.com](mailto: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?

Have you changed your e-mail address lately and not sent it to me. You can send me an email at BC2phonetree and have me check what I have .or it could be in your spam/trash file to

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**Another suggestion would be to open a Gmail 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.

For instance... you were ABC123@yahoo.com change it to ABC123@gmail.com.

## Our Trees in Briar Creek

*By Jody Larson*

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People get nervous about trees after every hurricane. The answer to anxiety is NOT to cut down healthy trees. In many cases, a tree canopy can protect homes by breaking up strong winds.

The sad fact is, if a storm is strong enough to take down our mature trees, as happened farther south with Hurricane Ian, then homes will be damaged and destroyed as well. Removing trees will not prevent this!

The City of Safety Harbor protects trees, and this protection includes Briar Creek. Trees sometimes have to be removed for safety concerns or if a tree is unhealthy, but a permit is needed for native trees above a certain size. You can learn more on the city's website at this address: [cityofsafetyharbor.com/774/Tree-Protection](http://cityofsafetyharbor.com/774/Tree-Protection)

The web page above also includes a downloadable Tree Pruning Brochure about proper tree pruning, including how to trim palms. Most palms are trimmed incorrectly, even by "professional" companies.

## Bereavement

*Darlene Beyer & Bonnie Briggs*

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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](mailto:Billandbonnie.briggs@gmail.com)

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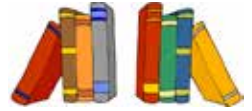
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<p><b>ARTICLES FOR SALE</b></p> <p>Various mobility devices - Electric wheelchair, electric scooter, other items. 727-953-8528.</p>	<p>Clearwater Cascade Craft Fair, Saturday, November 19, 2022 from 9:00 AM to Noon, in our Clubhouse at 9790 66th Street North, Pinellas Park, FL 33782. Vendor tables are 8 ft and cost \$15.00 each. Vendors are welcome to contact Jane Boucher at Mobile: 903-426-3636, Email: janeboucher29@gmail.com</p>	<p>Lake Seminole Resort – Christmas Sale/Flea Market – November 12th, 8AM-2PM</p>
<p><b>OTHER</b></p> <p>Frank's Notary Services: Remote Online Notary. General Notary. Certifies Signing Agency. Call or Text. franksnotaryservices.net 727-639-2710</p> <p>Golf club re-gripping. Call or text 301-466-7090.</p>	<p>Vendors needed Christmas Craft Show November 5th, 8 to 2. Park Royale 10611 66th, Pinellas Park. For more information contact Jane at jimjanel394@gmail.com</p>	<p>Patio Sale: December 3rd, 204 Crane Rd., Largo.</p>
<p><b>EVENTS &amp; PROGRAMS</b></p>	<p>Regency Heights Carport Sale: Friday and Saturday, November 4-5, 8am-2pm. 2550 State Rd 580, Clearwater.</p>	<p>Southwind Craft Fair, Bake Sale and Raffle: Saturday, December 3rd - 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. 795 County Road 1, Palm Harbor.</p>
<p>Bazaar and Flea Market. Palm Hill Country Club, 8th Ave. SW, Largo. Crafts, household misc. and Christmas. 8-1, Dec. 3rd.</p>	<p>Art/Craft Fair: Sat. Nov. 19, 9am to 1pm. Lake Hiughlander MHP, 1500 County Road 1, Dunedin. Great Holiday Gifts!</p>	<p>Ranch Mobile Park, Park Wide Yard Sale, Saturday, December 3rd, 8:00am - 2:00pm at 6800 150th Ave. N., Clearwater (Largo).</p>
<p>Community Yard Sale: Nov.12, 9-2. Early entry 8 AM \$1.00. Paradise Island MHP, 1001 Starkey Rd in the Clubhouse. 30+ families. Bake sale. 727-303-3417.</p>	<p>11th ANNUAL ARTS &amp; CRAFT SALE - Sat., Nov. 12, 2022 9AM-1PM Lake Haven MHP, Paradise Island Clubhouse 1415 Main St. (SR580 &amp; Lake Haven Road) Dunedin. Newly designed art and needlework projects created by talented hobby club members include paintings, shell art, sachets, greeting cards, crocheted, knitted and sewn items and knick-knacks perfect for home or gifting.</p>	<p><b>ATTENTION RESIDENTS!</b> Did you know this Emporium/Classified listing reaches over 21,500 homes in Pinellas County? It goes into 60 community newsletters (just like this one) from Dunedin to St. Petersburg. This is a great market to sell items, advertise your next event, try and get help for a function, and many other things. Remember to think about this the next time you're planning something.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">-Monthly Media Staff</p>
<p><b>10TH ANNUAL PURPLE HEART CELEBRITY GOLF TOURNAMENT</b> JOIN US ON SAT. NOV. 5TH AT COVE CAY COUNTRY CLUB FOR ONE INCREDIBLE DAY OF MILITARY HONOR GOLF &amp; MUSIC THAT YOU WILL NEVER FORGET! ONE MILLION DOLLAR HOLE IN ONE PRIZE! ALL EVENT DETAILS AND TEAM REGISTRATION: <a href="http://WWW.HEARTSTRINGSFORHEROES.ORG">WWW.HEARTSTRINGSFORHEROES.ORG</a> SUPPORTING WOUNDED COMBAT HEROES</p>   	<p>Community Yard Sale: Nov. 5th 8-3pm. Glen Ellen Mobile Home Park 2882 Gulf to Bay, Clearwater</p>	

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## Briar Creek Book Club

(Phase I & II)



Enjoy 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, and the book for the Dec. 13 meeting will be *The Four Winds* by Kristin Hannah. 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

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 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

## Resident Welfare and Safety

Marge Grohskopf

"I've fallen and I can't get up" When a fall happens and the person is not hurt, but only needs help getting up, there is a free service. LIFT ASSIST 727-587-2111 They will send help the same as 911. Many times the friend trying to help gets injured lifting someone. Let a professional help you.

Do you have the telephone numbers of a few residents written in your wallet or on your cell phone? When you are out and about you can't use the phone directory or automatic dialing on a landline.

Stay safe, stay well



# Update of the Phone Directory

Sheena Lee

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This is a message for returning snowbirds about phone directories.

We are looking forward to seeing snowbirds and other summer travelers return to BC2. Approximately 30 or so snowbirds had already left for the summer when the phone books for 2022-2023 were delivered from the printer and I have a list of all the houses where the house was already closed up when we delivered the phone books.

So, as you do return from your summer outside the park, please check with me and if your name is on the list and I will be happy to deliver your copy to you.

If you have misplaced your book or perhaps took it up north and left it there, I will make a note of this and if there are any phone books left over after everyone has returned and received their copy, I will certainly make these extra copies available.

Sheena Lee, 727-421-5665, sheenalee2133@gmail.com or 163 Clubview Drive

## NAME BADGES

Marsha Bowlby

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Get to know your neighbors...Let them get to know you!... Wear your Name Badge at social events at the clubhouse and at the Saturday morning coffee hour (possible win \$\$ at Saturday Coffee for wearing your name badge) They are available with pins or magnets, and all colors of CRAYOLA. Name Badges are available and ordered through Marsha Bowlby. There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board in the clubhouse. Items must be paid for before being ordered.

## IF NOT NOW WHEN

Dr. Marty Finkelstein

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One of my closest friends beginning in the first days of chiropractic school use to occasionally say to me in my late forties, If Not Now When. He was an eccentric fellow who loved adventure and traveled the world. He was a chiropractor as well but not having children had a very different lifestyle. He witnessed me working hard building a successful chiropractic practice, but then saw my life turned upside down when I went through the pain and struggle of divorce. Sadly somewhere in his world adventures he seem to get sick and slowly became weaker and weaker eventually passing in China beside his wife. Living the big life he lived I can only imagine he died with a smile knowing he had lived his life on

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his terms without regret. I know he is laughing and smiling watching me living in paradise during these years. But it is his mantra that always rang a bell inside my spirit, If Not Now When. We may all reflect or meditate on this differently regarding various aspects of our lives. I know during this horrific hurricane I began thinking about, what would be our backup plan? If we lost everything. Thankfully we were very lucky, not so for so many others. I know like me you have to feel grateful. Living in Paradise can be very scary at times. Yet the storm is a good metaphor for many things in our lives. Somethings we have no control over, yet even the many things we can change immediately we tend to put off until a major crisis occurs. People are simple yet complicated. For those of you who have been reading my articles my intent is to attempt to stir the molecules in our brain, and the wind in our spirit, to open to the possibilities of change. Do we wait for the storm of a disease to become worse, or the loss of function to accelerate before we change our relationship with food or exercise? Do we wait for someone in our lives to become sick, or die before we share our love and forgiveness? I know when I share with people that an exercise\stretching strategy of 5 minutes a day could change our lives, it is difficult to comprehend. Simply because we were never taught that when we were being taught that brushing our teeth a few minutes a day was essential for keeping our teeth. Baby steps eventually obtain Mature life altering results. Simply that which is not yet a habit for us becomes so complex and so easy to procrastinate or rationalize about. And while we are still thinking about it, another storm is around the corner. Somethings we can start to change today, somethings we cannot have control over, but as my good friend would say, IF NOT NOW WHEN?

Dr. Marty Finkelstein

He lives in Briarcreek with his wife Julie Austin. He is the author of several books which can be found on Amazon

## Social Club Christmas Dinner

*Pete, Joan and Billie Ann*

The Social Club Holiday Dinner is still scheduled for 12/10/22.

Schedule: BYOB/Snacks 5pm..Introduce new residents 530pm  
Dinner 6pm.Entertainment 7pm. Cost is free to Paid 2022 Social Club members. Non members and guests pay 8.00.

Members must show their 2022 Social Club card to receive their free ticket.

The Social Club will provide the ham and rolls as well as the entertainment. Each table will provide the side dishes to go with the ham, including the dessert and will decorate your own tables. Be sure to sign up for a table beginning November 12th through December 3rd, 2022. Try to get your groups together and sign up as a group, and let Pete know who the table Hostess is to coordinate the food.etc.. As in the past we will try to provide an extra table



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## **Birthdays and Anniversaries**

*Pete Loranger*

### **Birthdays**

11/01	Sandra Stowe
11/02	Stella Tavenor
11/02	Chester Romatowski
11/02	Lynne Cameron
11/09	Gisele Chabot
11/14	Michael Bibler
11/15	Bob Gundershaug
11/18	Michael Preston
11/19	Arnold Williams
11/20	Orpha Berken
11/22	Norma Allen
11/23	Jeff Holden
11/23	Priscilla Weeks
11/24	Rose Marie Fjelstad
11/24	Roxie Herman
11/29	Gene Breheny
11/30	Marge Grohskopf



### **Anniversaries**

11/08/1975	Jerry & Christine Maxwell – 47 years
11/18/1995	Richard & Dorothy Seybolt – 27 years
11/20/1954	Robert & Lorraine Ducharme – 68 years
11/28/1965	Bob & Marsha Bowlby – 57 years



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



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