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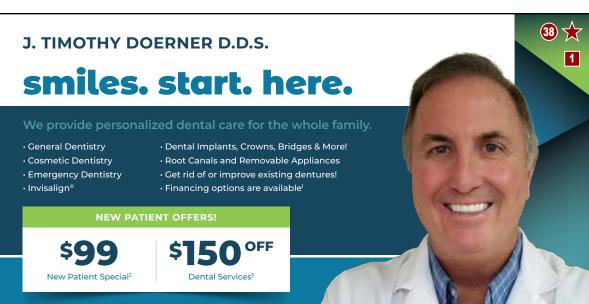
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The Bugle is also available on our website at <u>mybriarcreek.com</u>. Please submit articles and/or information for publication by **e-mail** to patsrivera@gmail.com. If you do not have access to e-mail, you may drop your handwritten article(s) off to Pat at **80 Cedar Elm Drive**.

The e-mail address for any office matters is: briarcreekoff@gmail.com

#### **Important Phone Numbers**

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

Life-threatening emergency - 911

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Sheriff's Office **non-emergency -727-582-6200** (use for issues at the BC pool)

Area Agency on Aging of Pasco-Pinellas 1-800-963-5337

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### **REMINDER:**

Al Hartin, Director, Infrastructure

Restrictions and Declarations of the Association, this is merely a recap or paraphrase of the actual documents and other pertinent information. You are encouraged to read all the Association documents. A copy of each document is located on the www.mybriarcreek. com website.

#### Age Restrictions

Briar Creek has been determined to be a community of "housing for older persons" as that term is defined in federal and state fair housing laws. This means that at least one person permanently occupying each unit will be required to be fifty-five (55) years of age or older.

No persons who have not yet attained the age of eighteen (18) years of age shall be permitted to reside here, except that children under such age may be permitted to visit and temporary reside thereon, provided that such temporary residence shall not exceed sixty (60) days in any one calendar year or sixty (60) days within any consecutive twelve (12) month period, whichever may provide the least permissible residence.

Other family members of owners may occupy a unit as guests in the absence of an owner, even if one Occupant is not fifty-five (55) years of age or older, for up to sixty (60) days in any one calendar year and such guests will not be considered to be "permanent occupants" under such circumstances. All residents or any relative or friend that will be staying longer than thirty (30) days and are not guests but rather moving in with the occupant are considered "permanent occupants" and a Tennant Check Form or Background Check is required to ensure the safety of everyone at Briar Creek.

#### · Rental or Lease

A condominium parcel shall not be rented or leased without the prior written approval of the Association. To comply with the Fair Housing Act documented proof of age must be furnished to the Association for its permanent record. At least one occupant must be at least fifty-five (55) years of age.

The number of units rented or leased at any one time shall be limited to ten percent (10) of the total of three hundred seventeen (317) units.

#### • Parking

There is No Parking on the streets overnight. No Parking on the grass at any time. Overnight and guest parking is available in the parking lot by the Shuffleboard Courts, the Garage and the Laundry building. Remember that parking in the lots by the Shuffleboard Courts, the Garage and the Laundry building are designed for short term parking(generally not longer than fourteen (14) days at a time) and are for visitors or guests not to used for your vehicle, that should be parked in your driveway

### • Exterior Changes

<u>Any changes</u> made to the exterior of your Unit must have Board of Director approval. This includes changing landscaping, driveway enhancements such as widening or painting. Use an Architectural Request Form from the bins outside the Directors Office or get one at the <u>www.mybriarcreek.com</u> website. **DO NOT PROCEED** with work until the Architectural Request is approved.

#### • Sprinklers

Watering of lawns and flowers is allowed by hand sprinkling **ONLY**. Use of any sprinkler on any automatic timer is prohibited. For the purposes of this section, a sprinkler on automatic timer is any sprinkler which will initiate and water without the necessity of the owner's physical presence on the lot.

#### • Pets

The Pet Section of Briar Creek are those units North of Briar Creek. A sign is posted marking the beginning/end of the Pet Section. Residents may have one (1) indoor only Cat in any unit of the park. One (1) Dog not to exceed twenty-five (25) pounds is permitted in the Pet Section. Please be aware all guests visiting must adhere to the pet restrictions of Briar Creek Mobile Home Community #1, Inc. A visiting dog is not permitted in the non-pet section. Similarly, a dog in excess of twenty-five (25) pounds is not permitted in

the pet section. This includes visitors to your home; they may not bring dogs in excess of twenty-five (25) pounds in the Pet Section. The owner will be required to maintain the pet at all times under a leash. All pets must be registered with the Board of Directors of the Association.

#### Pool and Spa

Pool rules and hours are posted on the board located on the side of the pump house building at the Pool. Spa rules are posted on the building post next to the timer. Note that children under the age of fourteen(14) are not allowed per Florida Law in the Spa. At present time **The Pool is open from 8AM to 10PM with the hours of 1PM to 4PM being designated as "ADULTS ONLY"**. Please be advised that it is unsafe to use the Pool during any hours than those posted at the Pool.

## A New Year for Briar Creek 1

Connie Holmes

It has been another quick year! Time is quickly speeding by and we can move with it or not. If we choose to stay as we are, we miss so many opportunities denied to many that never had the opportunity to enjoy. As I look over the records and plan for the upcoming year, we now



have our annual meeting behind us and move forward. Many thanks for the fantastic turnout.

Your 2023 Board of Directors is as follows:

- Bob Barr President oversight of Roads & Grounds
- Kim Ramalho Vice President Inspections & Architectural Requests
- Al Hartin Treasurer Infrastructure
- Connie Holmes Secretary Sales & Leases
- Gene Arend Director Clubhouse
- Pat Rivera Director Pool & Spa
- Mike Moore Director Lawn & Trees

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.

It is not always an easy job and not everyone is happy at the same time, but it is a rewarding job. The pay is 'out of this world'; as it is not here on this earth! This is a total volunteer job with no perks. Our reward comes in the form of kind words spoken or written. We are not perfect, but we do our best every day to keep Briar Creek 1 a wonderful place to live! We are not just you're your neighbors, we are family!

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# **BC Rentals Update – Occupancy Requirements**

Connie Holmes

here has been NO change in the number of rentals allowed. We have two types of rentals: annual and seasonal. Please continue to be good neighbors to those who are renting, whether annual or seasonal. These people are our neighbors and some have become homeowners because they loved our BC Community so much. Several others are snowbirds and have come back year after year to enjoy Briar Creek. All renters are interviewed by our Board representatives just like our new owners are. We respect YOU and hope to provide a safe environment for us all to enjoy. If you are interested in renting your home, BEFORE you do anything, please speak with me so I can see if a rental opening is available.

Remember, our BC policy does NOT allow for anyone to stay in your house for any length of time if you are not present EXCEPT for the following: parents or children. BUT, there must be someone in the home 55+ and the board must be made aware of their occupancy. Also, they cannot stay for 30 days or more UNLESS and application has been submitted with proper fee and they are vetted. Please do not embarrass your family, friends or even strangers by breaking the approved policy. (NOTE, don't think no one will find out...we will! Just because your neighbors do not say anything to you or oppose the idea to you, they WILL talk to the BOARD!)

If someone is currently in your home as the registered owner/renter and an application has never been submitted & approved, you are in violation of the rules/documents you signed to honor and uphold. Maybe you were not aware that your new or longtime partner must fill out the application, but it is necessary to accurately report to the state of Florida the number of residents in our community and to follow protocol. Please do so immediately so our management company will not have to contact you about this.

Briar Creek is a 55+ homeowner community and we want to be able to keep that designation. Do your part and be a good resident and neighbor! If you have any questions or concerns about the above, please feel free to call me, Connie Holmes, Secretary, Board of Directors in charge of Lease/Purchase/Occupancy at 423-297-5627 or email to conniepotterholmes@gmail.com

### BAZAAR

Gene Arend

s we all know things age as time passes. So has the name we adopted so many years ago and we called it a "Bazaar" or as the late Mr. David Doran would intentionally and jokingly refer to it as the "Annual Brassiere". The name with the under 40 crowd has lost its meaning or comprehension. I have heard recently a few people in the class of under 40 say "What's A Bazaar". Therefore, we are starting a contest to rename the Bazaar for next year. Please send you suggestions for the new name to briarcreekoff@gmail.com.

An esteemed panel of less witted judges will be created and the grand prize winner will receive 12 tickets for Free coffee and donuts at the weekly Wednesday Coffee Social. You must be a member in good standing (or sitting) to enter the contest. That means if you didn't buy your Social Club Membership card you can't win.

# \$\$\$ 2022 Briar Creek Bazaar \$\$\$\$

Jeff Clark

The 2022 Phase 1 Bazaar has come to a close, and it was more successful than anyone imagined- especially me! Final numbers are still in the works, but it looks as though the bazaar raised nearly \$4,000 for our Social Club! Add in the \$5,200 in BC Mart sales this year (thanks to Ray and his outstanding team), and we're well over \$9,000. Thanks and congratulations to all our bazaar volunteers this year:

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Pat Arend	Jo Ann Barr	Ken Blake
Flo Bombvardier	Anthony Carregal	Betty Chatigny
Helen Coar	Evelyn Costigan	Jane Fedelem
Pat Grimes	Al Hartin	Donna Hartin
Jane Horton	Connie Holmes	Dave Holmes
Ray Jablonski	Karol Kagelmann	Ruth Kalbfleisch
Annette Lemieux	Karen Mbaid	Lee Palmer
Pat Rivera	Cindy Troutman	Gerry Wardell
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My sincere apologies if I forgot anyone- it certainly isn't intentional! Thanks again, to everyone- your hard work is appreciated more than you'll ever know!

# The POOL Pat Rivera

t this writing, there is a strong possibility the pool could, maybe, (fingers crossed) be open by Christmas. The heaters have been installed and tested. The pumps tested and working. The electrical connection from the transformer to the pump house has been trenched. Duke Energy plays a big part in the final connection. Upon completion, the pump house will have its own meter and circuit panel. Gone are the days when the heaters will pop the circuit previously shared with the clubhouse. For those of you who have carefully stepped between PVC pipes and plumbing on the pump house ground – it is no longer and obstacle course.

Big round of thanks to Gene Arend and Al Hartin for their frequent visits to the construction site.

Huge debt of gratitude to Phase 2 for sharing their pool with us.

Remember there is no life guard on duty at the pool. If you have young visitors, the resident or owner must accompany kids to the pool. Pool times are the same. Adults only between 1p.m-4p.m.

# **January Birthdays** *Kim Ramalho*

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First	Last	Month	Day
Michael	Haines	January	1
Tana	Wagner	January	1
Christopher	Lambert	January	2
Flo	Bombardier	January	3
Lee	Lahr	January	3
Patty	Fontaine	January	3
Elaine	Griswold	January	4
Andy	Philyaw	January	5
Jean	Styles	January	5
Susan	Stevens	January	8
Jody	Baronian	January	9
Alice	Hall	January	12
Mike	Kusovich	January	12
Beatrice	Whitener	January	14
Richard	Sullivan	January	15
Betty	Miller	January	16
William	Zisa	January	16
Brenda	Wisniesky	January	17
Nina	Harper	January	17
Kate	McCombs	January	19
David	Holmes	January	20
Joseph	Genova	January	21
Maureen	Mc Laughlin	January	21
Diane	Corr	January	22
Theresa	Citti	January	22
Pat	Rivera	January	23
Richard	Bonanno	January	24
Billy	Dachor	January	25
James	Furphy	January	29
Ronald	Covey	January	30



# **January Anniversaries**

First Names Last Names Month Day Year

Phil & Naomi Fiacable January 24



### **DIAL DIRECTORY - The Yellow Book**

Al Hartin, Donna Hartin & Pat Arend

<u>UPDATES FOR December 2022</u> See below for Additions/Changes to your Dial Directory. UPDATES FOR December 2022

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#### Please add the following new Owners:

Rex & Ruby Napier 86 Cypress Drive Rex: 320-247-9364 Ruby: 218-330-9361

Please make the following Phone Number Changes: Stanley & Barbara Hepler

41 New Fawn Court

New Phone Number: 727-221-0699

Evelyn Costigan 45 Deer Trail Court

New Phone Number: 727-221-0402

Roy &Sue Martin 727-433-7926 (Roy)





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# **Briar Creek Bridge**

Bill Kaempfer

Bridge players meet every Monday from 1-4 in the Phase I Clubhouse. Everyone is welcome—Phase I, Phase II and non-BC bridge players. Just give me, Bill Kaempfer, a text, call (303-717-5063), or email (<u>Kaempfer@Colorado.edu</u>) if you are interested in playing. Now that we are getting into the winter months we hope to have two or three tables playing every week. Please join us so we can fill those tables. Here are our October and early November winners:

November 14	Bill Kaempfer	4640
November 21	Anne Stickney	3790
November 28	Frank Picone	3100

# **Sunday Breakfast at the Creek**

Pam and Roy O'Neal

Yum! Sunday breakfast returns on January 13 and 23 at 8 a.m.
 10 a.m. in Phase 1 clubhouse. Everyone welcome.
 Volunteers are welcome! Sign up for kitchen helpers;



clean-up; ticket/order takers and/or table servers. Look for sign-up sheet on bulletin board.

The menu includes: Scrambled eggs and sausage; English Muffins; Fresh fruit and of course, coffee, tea and juice. Please bring your own plates and flatware. (Donation) \$5

Tickets available from Pam 727-242-6006, <u>royoneil2004@yahoo.com</u> For anyone who cannot make it to Wednesday morning coffee, call Pam to request delivery of Sunday breakfast tickets.

### BINGO

Your Phase One Bingo Team

s more and more snowbirds return to Briar Creek, we're seeing more and more bingo players. And more players mean bigger payouts each week! As well as our hot dog sales have



gone over, people have asked for a little variety now and then. It's a safe bet that the weather in January will be a bit on the cool side, so one Tuesday night we'll be cooking up a big pot of Turkey Chili, along with some French bread to go along with it. See you then!

The more you play, the more we pay! Tuesday evenings in Phase 1 clubhouse. Hot dogs available at 5, play begins at 6.

#### **MAHJONG**

Geri Wardell

Te play MahJong twice a week! Join us on Sunday and Thursday at 12:30 in Phase Clubhouse.

Geri Wardell 585-455-0280 to reserve a spot.



#### **POKENO**

Flo Bombadier

Toin us on Sunday afternoon at 1:00 in Phase 1 clubhouse.

### **EUCHRE**

Margo Keyes

very Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in Phase 1 clubhouse.



# **Briar Creek Bird Walk**

Bill Kaempfer

ind out more about the natural setting of Briar Creek on our monthly bird walks on the first Friday of each month. Please join me on Friday, January 6th at 8:00 a.m. for a 60 to 90 minute walk up and down our streets and out to the canal. We meet at the Phase 1 Clubhouse, wear sturdy walking shoes, and bring binoculars, if you have them.

On November 4th we had 10 participants and found 35 bird species including Limpkin, Eastern Bluebird, and great looks at an immature Redshouldered Hawk.

I'm thinking of having a special Bird Walk by Golf Cart in February to broaden the scope of participation. Bill Kaempher 303-717-5063

# **NAME BADGES**

Al Hartin

Tant to get to know your neighbors and other residents of Briar Creek. Come to Coffee Hour on Wednesdays from 8:30AM to 10:00AM and wear your Name Badge.

Don't have one: See me each Wednesday at Coffee Hour and I will order you one. Cost is \$9.00 prepaid. You could win the \$5.00 drawing but more importantly you will meet and get to know a lot of your fellow "Briar Creekers". Hope to see you at Coffee Hour!

# **Bowlers 25 or more Pins over Average**

Gene Arend

November 11th

Matt Boisselle – 42

Bob Barr – 38, 61

Skip Taylor – 25

Kenny Homme – 78

Joe Simpson – 28

Arnold Williams – 38, 32

November 18th

Linda Fitton – 44

Steve Fontaine – 64

Kim Ramalho – 43

Mike Moore- 26, 48, 35

Alice Williams – 56

Joe Simpson – 25

Arnold Williams – 31

December 2nd

Allan Berge – 26

Alice Williams – 32

Joe Simpson – 25

Patty Fontaine -25, 30

Linda Fitton – 33

Bowlers Men 200+ - Ladies 175+

November 11th

Bob Barr – 211, 234

Kenny Homme – 237

November 18th

Steve Fontaine – 202

Mike Moore - 204

# **ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE**

Frank Gaffney & Anthony Carregal

Happy New Year, Briar Creekers!

#### **COMMUNITY PUZZLE**

We started another COMMUNITY PUZZLE! If you have some free time and want to work on it, come on down!

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#### 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!

A FREE EVENT. Donations accepted.

Phase1 clubhouse.

#### Saturday, December 31 at 9:00pm

#### **NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY**

Music and dancing and fun... we provide snacks and desserts. 50/50 Raffle. BYOB.

Champagne toast at midnight.

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Phase1 clubhouse.

#### Sunday, January 22 at 4:30pm

**ITALIAN SUNDAY DINNER** with John Shirley at the piano \$10pp.

Phase1 clubhouse.

#### Saturday, February 11 at 7:00pm

THE SENIOR PROM with Johnny Charro & His Band

Phase1 clubhouse.

#### Friday, March 17 at 4:30pm

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER & DANCE with D.J. Les 'N' More

Phase1clubhouse.

#### Saturday, April 15 at 1:00pm

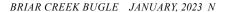
THE ANNUAL PICNIC with the singing duo TANGENT

Phase 1 clubhouse.

#### Friday, May 5 at 4:00pm CINCO DE MAYO PARTY

Phase 1 clubhouse.

Need more info? Call FRANK GAFFNEY at 203-606-8953 or email: briarcreeksocial@gmail.com



### **LINE DANCING**

Helen Coar



oin the line! Come and enjoy the music and exercise. Wednesday, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. If you are a beginner, arrive at 6:00 for a quick lesson. Hope to see you then

# Briar Creek Book Club (Phase I & II)

njoy discussing books from various genres that are chosen by the members. The next meeting will be Jan.10, when we will discuss Fifty Words for Rain by Asha Lemmie, and the book for the Feb. 14 meeting will be The Girls in the Stilt House by Kelly Mustian. 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

# **Briar Creek Bugle Phase II – JANUARY 2023**

(Pete Loranger - Editor Phone 421-2321) (E-Mail: ploranger006@gmail.com

# **Board of Directors:**

### **Bob Raynor – President**

ongratulations to our returning board members Joan Davis and Jim Tashjian as well to our new members Phil Chabot and Skip Taylor who were elected at our annual board meeting. Bob Raynor was re-elected President, Sam Oliverio, Vice President, Joan Davis, Treasurer and Bonnie Briggs, Secretary. For years, Joan has been our board's Treasurer and no one works harder to monitor our expenses and ensure they are conservatively maintained. Jim returns overseeing our Alterations Requests. He has done an amazing job and we appreciate his efforts. For 2023, Skip will be in charge of our home inspections and Phil lawns, lakes, the RV area and garage. Sam and Bob will continue in their existing roles. More to come on these assignments.

Many thanks to retiring board members PJ Wierzbowski and Bill Russo. PJ has done an outstanding job overseeing our lawn service. Thirty-five times per year, she has been out on

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Tuesdays monitoring the mowers to help ensure they were meeting the terms of our contract. She was also instrumental in organizing a team to expand our RV lot to accommodate additional RVs. Bill reorganized the home inspection program into a community pride effort as well as being our community liaison to the Sheriff's department. He missed our annual meeting due to be honored by the PInellas County Sheriff for his contributions to promoting community safety and the Sheriff's Youth Ranch.

Happy New Year to our BC friends and neighbors. 2022 was a great year for our overall BC community as both phases worked together in a variety of areas including entertainment, travel and sharing our pool facilities during construction and repairs. The Briar Creek Experience on

Facebook has been a great resource for sharing information while our BCII Phone Tree keeps us up to date with goings-on. Many thanks to so many who have helped this board build on our past and continue to move us forward.

In the coming weeks, we will be asking for community input on what you would like to see happen in the year ahead. Please pass along your ideas so the board can develop the best overall business plan for the year. It is your input that helps the board to better serve you.

Finally, I only have one New Year's Resolution but changed my mind. A Facebook quote said it perfectly. My New Year's Resolution was going to be to "quit all my bad habits, but then it occurred to me - no one likes a quitter". Happy New Year everyone!!

#### Sam Oliverio - Vice President

Telcome back Snowbirds! Hopefully you all had a good Summer, and are looking forward to an enjoyable Winter Season in beautiful Briar Creek. We've been fortunate that our pool and spa are in great shape, so we want you to enjoy them at your leisure. We are sharing our pool and spa with our neighbors in Phase 1 while their pool and spa are under construction, and it's been working out quite well.

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# **Briar Creek II**

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# **Food Pantry**

Joan Davis/Arnold/Sonny

ur truck will be in front of the clubhouse 9 -11 AM. on <u>January 18th</u>. If raining, the truck will be in the garage. Hope to see you there.



### Sit & Stitch

Sandy Fassett

To the 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.

#### **Golf Tournament**

n Friday, January 20 there will be a friendly golf tournament for both men and women at Countryway Golf Course. All are invited to participate, whether you have a four-some or individually, there is room for everyone. See the sign-up sheet in the hallway. All are invited from phase I and phase II. We have 4 tee-times starting at 10 a.m. A luncheon will be held following the tournament. If you have questions, please text Arlene Preston 613-969-4582 or Carol Rodrigues 413-427-8580.

# **Blood Drive**

Amber Oliverio

Te will have the Blood Drive January 27th from 8:30 to 1:30 at BC 2 clubhouse. Thank you to everyone who can heroically give.

Any questions please call Amber at 219-796-6762.



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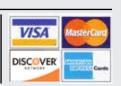
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### **REMINDER:**

#### THE ART OF WELCOMING NEW RESIDENTS TO BRIAR CREEK



A

special wine and dessert reception to welcome our new residents will be held on Friday, January 27, 2023 from 6:30 - 8:30 PM at the BCII clubhouse.

This new annual event, hosted by the Social Committee, will enable us to welcome and get to know our new residents from 2020 - 2023 who have moved into Briar Creek II. We will also be showcasing various artwork created by our Briar Creek residents.

There is NO COST for this event. In order to plan for the refreshments to purchase, please RSVP to Peggy Raynor at 239-298-2230 or Pam Edwards at 312-505-0410 or sign up on the sheet posted on the Social Club bulletin board at the clubhouse.

Thank you.

Peggy Raynor

# **BINGO**

AL & Diane Merando



A

warm welcome back to our snowbirds! It's so great to see everyone after a busy summer and the energy is contagious as everyone catches up before the games begin.

Our new games have been received well as have the new door prizes! Who doesn't love a free bingo pack? Please join us even if you haven't tried playing in awhile or have never played; there's always someone who is willing to walk you through all you need to do.

Bingo cards are sold from 5-5:45 pm with games starting promptly at 6. We look forward to seeing you on Mondays

# **Exercise Class**

onday, Wednesday and Friday – Cardio and Strength at 9 a.m.
Tuesday and Thursday – Strength and Balance at 10:30 a.m.
Friday – chair yoga at 10:00 a.m.

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

# **Resident Welfare and Safety Committee**

olunteers will be contacting residents who have not filled out an emergency card. We want to make sure we have reached all our winter residents. After this, only new residents will be given forms. If you have



lost your card and need another call Marge Grohskopf 727-533-6603. Emergency situations are stressful, stress can be eliminated with a plan.

Submit any helpful tips or programs that are available to aid Seniors. We are better working together as a community.

If you live alone and have a pet-- make arrangements now with someone who will care for your pet, should you need to leave your home due to an emergency. We worry more about our pets than ourselves.

Marge

### **Entertainment**

Bettye Gilreath



2023 promises to be a fun year at Briar Creek II with a variety of events on the calendar to choose from. January 14 5 pm Western Round Up
Yee Ha!! Put on your western attire and mosey on down to the Phase II Parking lot for a fun evening with your neighbors. Bring a lawn chair to park your tush! We will provide grilled hot dogs with chili and pulled pork with s'mores for dessert.

BYOB and BYOS. Free Fun! There will be western music for your listening and /or two-stepping pleasure. Prizes for the best western attire. Sign up in your clubhouse.

February 25 Rockin' and Singing with Mickey Lorden

March First Day of Spring Picnic - Time and place to be determined.

April 1 Golf Cart / Auto Scavenger Hunt

May 13 Mother's Day High Tea. 2 pm

June 16 He's the Best – You Bet! Briar Creek guys will have fun betting on sports .

# **Genealogy Group**

Jean Schmidt

ome join us at our meetings on the second Thursdays monthly! We are a small group with no commitments to attend. Beginners to experts in genealogy are here to help with your "family tree" or to just share research discoveries & pointers! We occasionally have 30 minute DVD/internet presentations related to genealogy. Come learn about your ancestors!!! Jean



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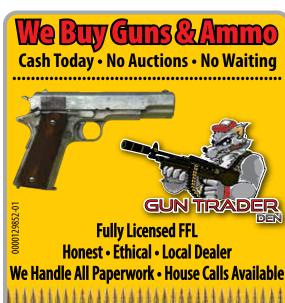
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# **BOWLING**

erry Christmas and Happy New Year to all the Bowlers who have made this year such a success. In observance of Christmas and New Year there will be NO Bowling December 20th & 27th. Below are the Bowlers who have bowled 25 pins over their averages.



May we all be kept in good health and spirits this coming year. Thank You Arnold Williams

Week 6 11 Mike Moore Kathy Morrison Bob Kralowetz Mary Kralowetz	220&203	Vern Browe Sallye Hatfield Margaret Kelly	149 154&134 156	Phil Willix Barb Jefferson Dawn Freelove	183 166 134
Week 7 11	1/22/22				
Tom Lacoy	181	Kim Ramalho	155&138	Greg Zimmer	157
Glen Jensen	200	Susan Lamacchia	180&186	Phil Willix 17	4&178&176
Glen McClure	180	Robin Bihorel	136&130	Walter Shumyhora	211
Alice Williams	186	Gary Cradick	162	Mary Kralowetz	186
Arnold Williams	181	Barb Jefferson	190	Bob Pardo	156
Week 8 11	1/29/22				
Tom Lacoy	165	Ray Jablonski	177	Kim Ramalho	129
Joan Davis	157	Gary Cradick	159	Margaret Kelly	168&160
Bob Kralowetz	223	Dawn Freelove	135	Sue Shumyhora	146
Pat Darnell	147	Floyd Henderson	180	Walter Shumyhora	182

#### **PINOCHLE**

Alice Williams

11/09 Billie Ogrodowski 301, Bob Gundershaug 294, Ralph Virkler 484, Alice Williams 481 11/16 Jan Gundershaug 707, Ralph Virkler 693

11/23 Billie Ogrodowski 421, Orpha Berken 399, Alice Williams 464, Jan Gundershaug 210 11/30 Ralph Virkler 787, Alice Williams 756

Come out and play with us in Phase II clubhouse. 6 to 8 PM on Wednesdays and the cost is \$1.00.

# **EUCHRE**

Orpha Berken

11/08 Geri Wardell 42, Arnold Williams 40 11/22 Betty Little 50, Bill Poe 46 11/29 Barb Mudge 54, Dick Little 44

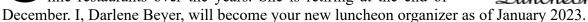


Euchre plays on Tuesdays at 6PM - Cost is .50 and .05 for each euchre.

# Ladies' Luncheon

Darlene Beyer

arol Smitley has been your host of the Ladies Luncheon for 6 years and has done a wonderful job of introducing us to many fine restaurants over the years. She is retiring at the end of



I would like to have all of you ladies who have attended and those that will in the future, to let me know your favorite restaurants so we can have the chance to enjoy them too. REMEMBER that these luncheons are for YOU to enjoy. You may text or call me at 727-403-9957 or write your restaurant requests on the NEW RESTAURANT SHEET on the bulletin board in the hall at the Phase II Clubhouse.

There will be a sign-up sheet for January's lunch at Johnny's Italian Restaurant that will be passed around at the December luncheon and then placed on the bulletin board in Phase II next to the Restaurant Sheet for other interested people.

Remember the date is Wednesday, January 18, 2023, at 1:00pm.

# **Phone Directory**

Sheena Lee

ikes, another year is over and it is time to prepare for the next edition (the 45th) of the yellow Dial Directories Community Directory for Briar Creek.

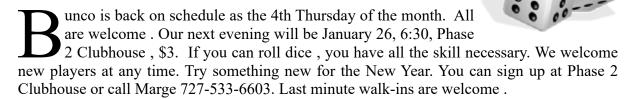


Please take a minute to check the listings for BC2 residents and make sure your name, address and phone number(s) are correct, and then please contact me if there are changes to be made. Thank you.

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

### **BUNCO**

Marge Grohskopf



### **Mingle**

Billie Ann Berry and Rose Marie Fjelstad

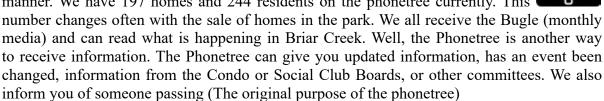
on't forget Mingle, January 19th. Bring a dish and come to enjoy time well spent with your neighbors and friends. Place: Clubhouse. Time: 4:30 to 6:30pm. Bring money for the 50/50.

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

### **BCII PHONE TREE**

Marsha Bowlby Co-Chair Carol Rodrigues Co-Chair

would like to Welcome my Co-Chair Carol and Thank her for volunteering to help. The phonetree has grown to be so much more than I ever thought it would be and I am not always available to get information out on a timely manner. We have 197 homes and 244 residents on the phonetree currently. This



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Another suggestion would be to open a G mail account. We 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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### **Bereavement**

Darlene Beyer & Bonnie Briggs

Te have decided to retire from the Bereavement Committee. We have made a few changes to the process. If anyone is aware of a BC2 resident passing, please notify the bereavement committee. They will confirm that you want the flag lowered and the announcement put out on the phone tree. We will no longer be coordinating a luncheon/dessert memorial. If this is the families wish, they will need to coordinate with Pete Loranger regarding the use of the clubhouse and make their own arrangements.

We will no longer be making phone calls regarding the resident passing. Please make sure you sign up for the Phone Tree with Marsha Bowlby if you are not already on the list.

If anyone would like to volunteer for the committee, please let Barbara Bergling (Social Club President) or Pam Edwards (Social Club President-Elect) know. In the meantime, you can still continue to contact

Bonnie Briggs at (262) 496-7594.

### **NAME BADGES**

Marsha Bowlby

et 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.

# Briar Creek Book Club (Phase I & II)



njoy discussing books from various genres that are chosen by the members. The next meeting will be Jan.10, when we will discuss Fifty Words for Rain by Asha Lemmie, and the book for the Feb. 14 meeting will be The Girls in the Stilt House by Kelly Mustian. 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

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### **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







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### **Things Come and Go**

By Jody Larson

ou've all seen the island in Dove Lake — with its Halloween and Christmas decorations in 2022. This island didn't exist when I moved to Briar Creek 15 years ago. One day as I was looking at the lake, someone came by and said, "Remember when we had the island?" Well, I didn't!

It turns out that the island grows as sand washes down through the pipe that empties into the lake. In the past, the island had been removed by dredging. Now it's back again.

The two cypress trees and benches at Dove Lake also came about over the last 15 years. I remember when the trees were planted, and they had to be watered almost daily to get them started.

Change is a constant anywhere. New manufactured homes are sometimes brought in to replace older ones, and people come and go as well. One change that has made me sad over the years is the slow removal of Briar Creek's older trees. It's important to the quality of the community to keep the tree canopy and to replace trees when they have to be removed.

We've all heard the saying "Here today and gone tomorrow." I hope that Briar Creek I and II will be here for a long time — and that the quality of life we've enjoyed so much continues.

### January Sudoku

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### **Birthdays and Anniversaries**

Pete Loranger

### **Birthdays**

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1/01	Bob Bowlby
1/01	Joe Donato
1/02	Bob Raynor
1/02	Dorenda Zimmer
1/04	Bob Lau
1/05	Ray Bergling
1/07	Paul Spencer
1/07	Olive Shearer
1/07	Christine Maxwell
1/09	Judith Holden
1/13	Sheena Lee
1/13	Brenda Greene
1/16	Billie Ogrodowski
1/16	Alice Sullivan
1/18	Betty Whitehouse
1/20	Joy Thompson
1/23	Angela Henderson
1/23	Ola May Van Dette
1/24	Pat Bieniewicz
1/26	Sonny Whitehouse
1/28	Gary Bieniewicz
1/28	Earl Bowermaster
1/30	Char Kent



### Anniversaries

1/31

1/06/1972 Millie & Bennie Feliciano – 51 years 1/13/1968 Richard & Joanna Milewski – 55 years 1/16/2005 Mike & Roz Lucas – 18 years 1/19/1963 Bob & Jan Gundershaug – 60 years

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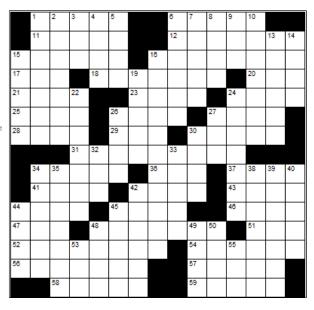
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- 6. Select by voting
- 11. Depart
- 12. Illness
- 15. Victor
- 16. Differs in opinion
- 17. American Medical Association
- 18. Noteworthy
- 20. Martini ingredient
- 21. Infinitesimal amount
- 23. Regulation
- 24. Heredity unit
- 25. Pretentious person
- 26. Musical phrase
- 27. Blow a car horn
- 28. Apprentice
- 29. Play a role
- 30. Parental sisters
- 31. Lovelorn
- 34. They connect points
- 36. Before, in poetry
- 37. Chooses
- 41. Prefix meaning "Within"
- 42. Russian emperor
- 43. Entice
- 44. Rodents
- 45. A gathering or event
- 46. Winglike
- 47. Big fuss
- 48. Museum wing
- 51. 54 in Roman numerals
- 52. Related to unskilled tasks
- 54. First-aid item
- 56. Exact
- 57. Pilotless plane
- 58. Discourage
- 59. Durable fabric



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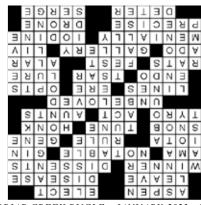
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- 3. Greek god of flocks
- 4. Smooth or level
- 5. Adopted son of Claudius
- 6. Safe to eat
- 7. Fine thread
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- 10. Trigonometric function
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- 16. Fearlessly
- 19. Ceasefire
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- 26. Chits
- 27. Color
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- 32. Modern
- 33. Give a speech
- 34. A person who rules
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- 35. Chanted

- 38. Tugging
- 39. Rookie
- 40. Wait on
- 42. Bank employee
- 44. Wheelchair access
- 45. Untrue
- 48. Person's manner of walking
- 49. Disposes
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- 53. Frozen water
- 55. Dung beetle



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