

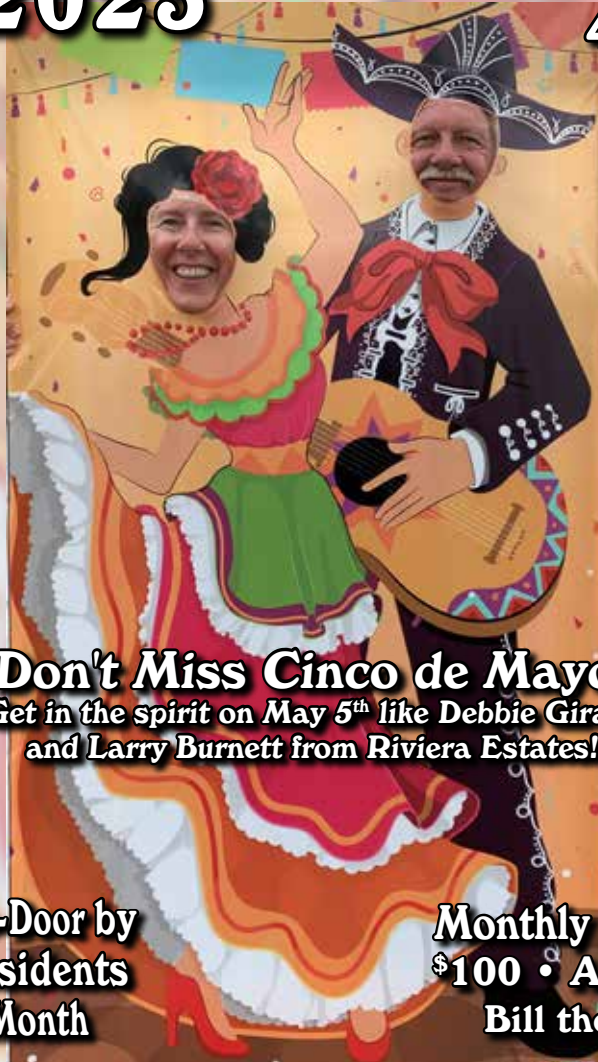


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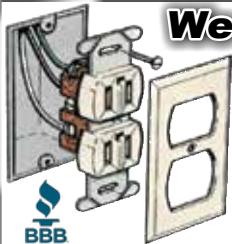
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The e-mail address for any office matters is: [briarcreekoft@gmail.com](mailto:briarcreekoft@gmail.com)

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

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## REMINDERS

Al Hartin, Director, Infrastructure



## FOBS

Last year the Board replaced the keys to the Clubhouse and Pool Area with FOBS that increase the safety of all residents of Briar Creek. Remember to bring your FOB with you when you are going to the Clubhouse or Pool. Do not assume that someone will be there and open the door or gate – this defeats the purpose of issuing FOBS for security.

## CLUBHOUSE/POOL AREA

After use of the Clubhouse or Pool Area remember to do the following:

- Relock any doors you dogged in the open position
- Turn off lights
- Turn off any fans you used – also fans on back deck by the pool
- Return any items you used from the kitchen and, if needed, empty the trash

## BRIDGE BEHIND POOL

Walk your bike or scooter or any other item across the Bridge. There are signs on both ends reminding you of this!

## The Pool

*Pat Rivera, Director*



**J**ump In! The pool welcomed its first swimmers of 2023, on March 17th during the St. Patrick's Day event.

At this writing, the new breaker box connection is still scheduled for the twentieth of Who Knows? The water in the pool and spa is treated three times weekly; the pool is brushed; etc. The ambient temperature is warming as expected this time of year. Aqua aerobics are available on most days at 10:30am.

The biggest change, once the breaker is finally hooked up, will be the temperature will be computer regulated at 84 degrees year-round. That is the recommended temperature to provide an ideal temperature, not too warm to invite algae growth and not too cold to shiver your timbers.

Phase 2 welcomed us to their pool for much longer than anticipated...we invite anyone to participate and continue exercising with the group of mermaids in Phase 1.

## Inspections & Architectural Requests

*Kim Ramalho, Vice President*



**I**nspections - Inspections have been done. I am still waiting for a few homeowners to get back to me with their Yellow sheets with date of completion or the expected date of completion. PLEASE return them ASAP. Thanks.

Architectural Requests - Any Architectural Requests can be dropped off at the Clubhouse Director's Office or placed in my Rock Box @ 39 Deer Trail Court. Please remember to submit and get approval before you start your project. Thanks.

## Lawns and Trees

*Mike Moore, 813-629-8216*



**T**he lawns will be mowed EVERY Tuesday in May, weather permitting.



# May Birthdays

Kim Ramalho

First	Last	Month	Day
Colleen	Brice	May	1
Teri	Baier	May	1
Geri	Wardell	May	5
Howard	Cary	May	5
Phil	Houpt	May	7
Jean	Carlson	May	9
Ernestine (Tina)	Bonanno	May	10
Donna	Haines-Williams	May	11
Richard	McCombs	May	11
Beverly	Alho	May	14
Tom	Doyle	May	15
Jennifer	Zellars	May	16
Kathy	Berg	May	16
Linda	Pickering	May	17
Diana	Natale	May	18
Kathy	Dyer	May	19
Marion	Boys	May	19
Michael	McDonald	May	21
Rhonda	Bell	May	21
Pat	Grimes	May	22
Terry	Henry	May	22
David	North	May	23
Jeanie	Dachor	May	24
Richard	Campbell	May	24
Stephen	Smith	May	24
Priscilla	Johnson	May	26
Siobhan	Knight	May	26
Guy	Roberts	May	27
Richard	Manatrey	May	27
Bob	Barr	May	28
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Steve	Fontaine	May	28
Theodore	Gallmeyer	May	29
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## May Anniversaries

Kim Ramalho

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First Names	Last Names	Month	Day
Kathy & Rich	Lutterschmidt	May	15
Les & Deb	Wille	May	22
Steven & Mary	Bourque	May	25
John & Stephanie	Andrechak	May	29



## DIAL DIRECTORY - The Yellow Book

Al Hartin, Donna Hartin & Pat Arend

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**P**lease contact Al, Donna or Pat with any additions or changes for the Yellow Phone Book.  
**UPDATES FOR May 2023**  
See below for Additions/Changes to your Dial Directory.

### Please add the following new Owners:

### Please make the following Phone Number Changes:

Chris & Chris Garill  
43 Honey Bear Court  
Home: 860-326-4498  
Cell: 727-204-8457

Doug Dawson  
87 Chestnut Drive  
727-424-4084

Joe Dawson  
87 Chestnut Drive  
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## Name Badges

Al Hartin

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**W**ant to get to know your neighbors and other residents of Briar Creek. Come to Coffee Hour on Wednesdays from 8:30-10:00am 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!



## Briar Creek Bridge

*Bill Kaempfer*

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**B**riar Creek Bridge meets every Tuesday from 12:45-4:00pm in the Phase I Clubhouse. Everyone is welcome—Phase I, Phase II and non-BC bridge players—and you certainly don't have to be an expert to join in. Just give me, Bill Kaempfer, a text, call (303-717-5063), or email (Kaempfer@Colorado.edu) if you are interested in playing.

We've had two or three tables playing throughout the Winter making for some really competitive games. Here are recent winners:

February 14	Ken Fox - 4500
February 21	Barbara Pesic - 3330
February 28	Frank Picone - 4960
March 7	Ken Fox - 4830
March 14	Cam Day - 5380
March 21	Shirley Gallo - 3440
March 28	Cam Day - 4460
April 4	Bill Kaempfer - 4370



## MAHJONG

*Geri Wardell*

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**W**e play MahJong twice a week! Join us on Sunday and Thursday at 12:30pm in Phase 1 clubhouse. Geri Wardell 585-455-0280 to reserve a spot.



## POKENO

*Flo Bombadier*

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**J**oin us on Sunday afternoon at 1:00pm in Phase 1 clubhouse.

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



## **EUCHRE**

*Margo Keyes*



**E**very Thursday at 6:30pm in Phase 1 clubhouse.

## **Briar Creek Bird Walk**

*Bill Kaempfer*



**F**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, May 5th at 8:00am for a 60-to-90-minute exploration of Briar Creek or a nearby area. We meet at the Phase 1 Clubhouse, wear sturdy walking shoes, and bring binoculars if you have some.

On April 7th, nine of us traveled around Briar Creek by golf cart. Several of us heard a Yellow-throated Vireo singing at the clubhouse (and Merlin agreed!), then we saw at least a half-dozen manatees in the canal.

## **Entertainment Committee**

*Frank Gaffney and Anthony Carregal*



**H**EY KIDS!

There's always stuff going on at the Clubhouse. We'd love it if you came down and were a part of it!

## **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!

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PHASE I CLUBHOUSE.

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*Helen Coar*



**J**oin the line! Come and enjoy the music and exercise. **Wednesday, 6:30-7:30pm.** 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)**



**E**njoy discussing books chosen by the members. Our book club meets in the Phase II Clubhouse at 3:00pm on the second Tuesday of the month, however, we do not meet May-October. The November book is Two Old Women by Velma Wallis.

Please contact me if you are interested in joining or have questions.  
*Jane McKenzie, 651-353-2602, jgmckenzie4647@gmail.com*



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# Briar Creek Bugle Phase II – MAY 2023

(Pete Loranger - Editor Phone 421-2321)

(E-Mail: ploranger006@gmail.com)

## Board of Directors:



### Bob Raynor – President

In the last couple of months, many of our residents have been flooded with cards, letters and calls from real estate investors interested in buying their Briar Creek home. Comments such as “Avoid listing it and letting it sit on the market just to lose value. You deserve a fast and fair cash offer on your terms, not ours” can be tempting. The purpose of this article is not to limit any owner considering selling opportunities going forward. Taking advantage of offers from potential buyers may be in our best personal interest. Currently, trending offers we are seeing are from real estate corporations and investors interested in flipping homes to make a profit or seeking rental properties.

To protect our investment from corporations purchasing homes and converting BCII into a corporate owned rental community, our legal documents specifically prevent owners from selling to a corporation and/or a corporation from buying a home. If you decide to sell your home, it is important that you inform the realtor or buyer of this requirement. This year, we have had sales contracts broken due to this requirement not being communicated up front.

So, if you are considering selling your home, save yourself time, money and disappointment by making sure you and your potential buyer are both aware of what can and cannot happen in a sale according to our Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws and Restrictions.

### Sam Oliverio – Director

By now, many of our neighbors have either headed North or are finalizing preparations to go to their other homes. As always, we wish you safe travels wherever you are headed, and look forward to your return in the Fall.

As many of you know, we have had some issues with the pool heaters. The part that we had on order since last August or September was discontinued by the manufacturer, but a replacement part was put into production. Our part came in and was installed, and worked for about 1 minute before the display stopped working and went black. Another display was ordered, and will hopefully be installed by the time you read this. We were able to circumvent the one unit and got the heater to work on the smaller unit, so we have had warm water in our pool for the last 3 weeks.

We are constantly monitoring the pool and hot tub (spa) to remain in compliance with the Health Department, and for the enjoyment of our residents. There are issues that arise from time to time, but understand that when this happens we know about them, and are actively working to rectify them.



## **Jim Tashjian – Director**

### Outside Alterations

It's hard to believe another season has come to an end. For the last seven months it has been my pleasure to process your outside alteration requests. While it has kept me rather busy it has also allowed me to meet residents I have never met and to put a face to the name and address I see on the request form. But now May is here and most of the snowbirds have headed north for the summer. I, myself, will be bringing up the rear of the flock on May 12 th when I travel to Lake George, NY for the summer. I will return in the second week of October.

In the meantime don't worry. Bonnie Briggs has again offered to take over outside alterations in my absence. (Thank you Bonnie!) Blank request forms can still be found in the clubhouse just outside of the office door. Once completed, they can be dropped in the mail-slot on the office door or in Bonnie's "rock box" at 50 Birch Creek Drive. Please do not begin work on your project until you receive a written letter of approval from the board of directors.

Have a great summer...be safe, keep those projects going, but don't forget to enjoy yourselves. As always, call before you dig (811) and obtain permits as needed from Safety Harbor and/or Pinellas County.

## **Phil Chabot – Director - Lawns, Ponds and RV Lot**

This month I would like to revisit the topic on our RV Lot. Recently, individuals both known and unknown have dumped brush, tree limbs, palm fronds and other waste and debris in the RV lot. That dumping took away two valuable and available storage spaces. The area has since been completely cleaned up and NO DUMPING signs have been posted. NO DUMPING of any kind is allowed in the RV lot area. The cutting of tree limbs and changes to lots must be approved by the board prior to taking action. The RV lot area is the property of the Association and is considered a common area. Should further dumping or unapproved changes occur, we will actively seek the violator(s) and the individual(s) will be assessed for the cost of clean-up and may be subject to removal from the RV Lot.

The RV Lot is an amenity that is available to owners of Phase II on a first come basis and currently we have one designated storage space. There is also a "waiting list" for those times when there are no open spaces. The RV Lot is meant for storage of an owner's RV, Camper, Boat & Trailer and Utility Trailer. Any unit that occupies a space in the RV Lot must be registered and the registration must be kept valid with a copy of the current registration delivered to myself or to the board office. Any owner in violation is subject to removal from the RV Lot. It is the responsibility of the owner to "maintain" his / her assigned space where the mowing company does not mow. It is also the responsibility of the owner to maintain insurance on their unit in case of fire, theft, vandalism or any other acts of God. If you have any questions concerning the RV lot feel free to contact myself, Philip Chabot, or any director. I do hope this information is useful and informative to all of you and have a great month!

## Sheriff's Neighborhood Watch Program



The Neighborhood Watch Program continues to be very active in the Phase I and II Communities of Briar Creek. It allows us to identify problem areas and to keep the Sheriff's Department informed of these situations. Observation is one of the key tools. The eyes and ears of the residents are the backbone of this program to keep our neighborhood safe. If you see something, say something! Call the Pinellas County Sheriffs' Department at 727-582-6200 for non-emergency situations.

Our continued successful relationship with the Florida Sheriffs' Association over the past twenty-three years and the education that they have provided to residents, help keep Briar Creek a safer place to live! If you have any questions about this program, contact Bill Russo at 406-980-0838.

Bill Russo

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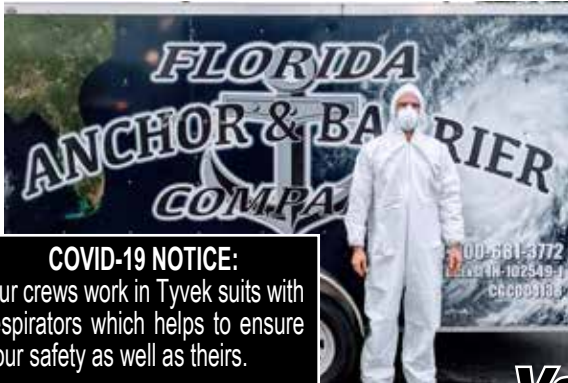


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**A**s our season comes to a close we want to wish Billie Berry a Happy 2nd Retirement from calling on Monday nights. Billie came out of retirement to volunteer when we took over the reins from Jake & Gloria and she been a tremendous help to us! Thank you Billie for all you’ve done over the years. We also send a special thank you to Diane Peacey, our Volunteer Coordinator, who helps keep us all on track even when she’s not here! We so appreciate all our volunteers and wish everyone a safe summer. Stay tuned for our announcement regarding September’s start date.



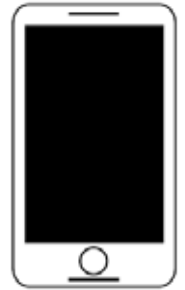


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Dr. Marty Finkelstein

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Well I know reading or talking about making changes in our diet is often met with resistance, yet it remains one of the necessities for preventing and reversing many disease factors. Unhealthy food that is loaded with sugar including sugary drinks, salt, unhealthy fats, refined grains, and processed foods with chemicals are a main contributor toward heart disease, diabetes, arthritis, and many types of cancer. These unhealthy foods harm gut bacteria and promote insulin resistance and chronic inflammation. Foods can fall into 2 categories. Cloggers and cleaners. Most food that is advertised are clogging foods, which clog the body weakening our immune system making us susceptible for body and mind breakdown and disease. Cleansing foods are the foods that enrich our body with nutrients that empower our immune and neurological systems to enhance vitality and strength and overall wellness. Sadly the clogging foods have become such a part of our culture that in the last 20 years heart disease, diabetes, arthritis, and depression have been thought of as natural in the aging process. And



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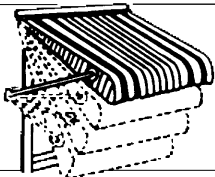
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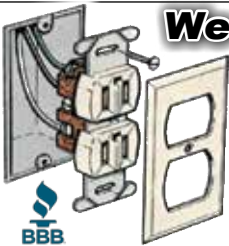
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The good news is eating healthy does not have to be hard or boring. The Mediterranean Diet which is rich in healthy fats (many fish, olive oil, avocados, organic eggs, almond butter and most nuts), whole grains, and a wide variety of vegetables, is linked to reduce and prevent heart disease, diabetes, certain cancers, and obesity. Also healthy eating has shown to reduce anxiety and depression, while boosting energy, vitality, and longevity.

Breakfast can be oatmeal with berries and yogurt. Or a veggie omelet with mushrooms, onions, and organic cheese.

Lunch and dinner can include baked or grilled fish or chicken, avocados, many assorted vegetables steamed as well as a healthy colorful salad. Even pasta with sautéed veggies and chicken.

Drinking more water with lemon and weaning away from the artificial sweetened or sugary drinks. Think food first before just taking drugs and accepting certain problems as normal. Once I had a patient who drank 12 cokes a day at work. He suffered with many health problems. We started cutting back slowly. After a month he was drinking one coke a day and many of his health conditions disappeared. Like the tortoise take one step at a time keeping your focus. Slow and steady wins the race.

Many blessings.

Dr. Marty Finkelstein lives in Briarcreek with his wife Julie. He has authored several books regarding holistic wellness and healing. Available on Amazon.

## In Memory of:

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*Jean Martin – 3/14/2023*  
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# Social Club President

Pam Edwards



It's been another great month in Briar Creek!

- Thanks to Marge Grohskopf, Arlene Preston and the Entertainment committee for an enjoyable, wacky evening locating people, pets and "stuff" from A to Z!! The Scavenger Hunt was followed by an extraordinary ice cream social. It's hard to imagine what the Scavenger Hunt team will come up with next year!!

- Ron and Olive's going away party was another smash hit! The party gave us the opportunity to entertain each other, laugh, sing Beatles tunes and thank Ron for leading karaoke nights throughout the years. Thanks Ron.

- What's New? A Karaoke Club will be kicking off in May. We will be meeting in the club house to practice songs via YouTube using our big screen TV followed by a Karaoke night in May. Stay tuned for dates and times.

- Bazaar Update: The shed will now be open for donations after coffee every Saturday from 9:30 to 11:30 am. A list of items that we will and won't accept is posted in the clubhouse. Thanks to all of you who choose to contribute to our community by donating items to the

Bazaar. (If you can't make it to the shed, please call Maureen at (219)863-1460 between 10am and 3pm and she will arrange a pick up.)

## Spending Money Wisely

Carol Smitley



The Social Club committee "Spending Money Wisely" requests input from the community as to what you would like to spend money on, for the betterment of our clubhouse. If you have a suggestion, you would need to know the cost and who is going to do the work, before submitting it, in writing, to the committee for consideration. If the committee thinks it's something we can do, it then goes to the condo board for their approval. After that, at a social club business meeting, you would make a motion to spend x dollars for x project, the members would then vote yea or nay.

To submit an idea, send email to Carol Smitley, [csmitley1@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:csmitley1@tampabay.rr.com)

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## Food Pantry

Joan Davis/Arnold/Sonny

Just a reminder to everyone. We collect for the Food Pantry each month. 3rd Wednesday of the month. In front of our clubhouse with our truck. Hope to see you there. Joan, Sonny & Arnold



## Sit & Stitch

Sandy Fassett

Are you finding that the heat of summer is creeping in our lives once again? Come down to the clubhouse on Mondays at 1:00 to see what the gals are making and to join in the fun. We are making shawls for the cancer patients, working on individual projects and just socializing about life in this wonderful community. Bring any new idea that you think we would like to tackle. Hope to see you soon.



## Entertainment

Bettye Gilreath

What's Happening in Briar Creek 2?  
Saturday, April 29 "Safe Travels" featuring JC Unger 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM  
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Since the snowbirds are leaving the nest and heading north what better way to celebrate Spring and bid farewell than to have a party! Come enjoy a variety of toe tapping music and have a good time with your neighbors. Wait till you hear his guitar and watch him on the fiddle! Finger sandwiches, beverage, and dessert. Tickets on sale Saturday.



Saturday, May 13th at 2pm "Queen for a Day" \$6.00 per ticket

Welcome all women and mothers to our High Tea-ish event. Where else can you enjoy lovely harp music, finger sandwiches, scones, and sweet treats? It will be a lovely time fit for a queen.

Monday, May 29

Remembering those who have sacrificed for our country.

Friday, June 16th, 2023 He's the Best – You Bet Tickets: 6.00 pp

Hey Briar Creek Guys! Join us for a fun progressive poker game! Snacks and drinks along the way.

## Exercise Class

Monday, 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.

## Genealogy Group

*Jean Schmidt*



This month's Genealogy Group's Meeting topic will be "How do I research the history of my house?" or another building significant to your family history. Find out the original layout, when it was built or remodeled, worth at time your family obtained, & who else lived there. A short presentation and then a question and answer segment on any of your genealogy questions will follow. All are welcome! All genealogy topics suggested will be considered for future meetings. See you there - on 2nd Thursday of each month at Clubhouse 2 at 7pm!

## PINOCHLE

*Alice Williams*



3/15 – Dick Milewski 644, Billie Ogradowski 564, Orpha Berken 501, Bob Gundershaug 346, Sharon Cann 231, Alice Williams 161  
3/22 – Billie Ogradowski 405, Sharon Cann 298, Dick Milewski 318, Bob Gundershaug 244, Jan Gundershaug 301, Alice Williams 244  
3/29 – Dick Milewski 588, Bob Gundershaug 578, Dawn Benson 310, Sharon Cann 253, Alice Williams 367, Orpha Berken 288  
4/05 – Billie Ogradowski 562, Dawn Benson 555, Bob Gundershaug 438, Jan Gundershaug 437

We are sad to report we are losing one of our long time faithful Euchre and pinochle player, Ralph Virkler. He is selling his home and moving back to New York. He will be missed.

Cards are over for the summer. We will begin playing in the fall.

# BOWLING



This will be my last letter for Bowling until September when the new teams start forming. The photo finish print revealed a Dead Heat between the Browns & 49ers. I want to Thank Everyone for a very successful year. Below are the Bowlers who Bowled +25 pins over their averages. May we all have a Safe and Healthy Summer!!! Thank You Arnold Williams

## Week 20

Kathy Morrison	148
Glen Jensen	190
Bob Barr	201
Phil Willix	182

3/7/23

Tom Lacoy	212
Vern Browe	220
Gene Arend	202
Lee West	210

## Week 21

Alice Williams	173
Steve Fontaine	186
Mike Moore	190 & 190
Arnold Williams	199 & 200

3/14/23

Bev Wilson	158
Bob Barr	215
Gene Arend	178

## Week 22

Patty Fontaine	169
Glen Jensen	190

3/21/23

Tom Lacoy	170
Ray Jablonski	188

## Week 23

Joan Davis	170
Vern Browe	164 & 162
Glen Jensen	187 & 200
Phil Willix	179
Arnold Williams	186 & 200

3/28/23

Kim Ramalho	141
Steve Fontaine	168
Bev Wilson	147
Tom Lacoy	183

## Week 24

Sharon Cann	147
Vern Browe	148
Tom Lacoy	170
Arnold Williams	190

4/4/23

Lee West	207
Patty Fontaine	158 & 159
Mike Moore	190

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## EUCHRE

Orpha Berken



3/14 – Jim Horton 51, Gary McKenzie 48

3/28 – Bill Poe 48, Geri Wardell 45

4/04 – Orpha Berken 57, Bob Gundershaug 49

Cards are over for the summer. We will begin playing in the fall.

## Ladies' Luncheon

Darlene Beyer



I hope you all enjoyed the Cheesecake Factory luncheon in April and you also got to see and enjoy many of our Snowbirds before they left to go north. On 5/17/23 our next choice is at the OLIVE GARDEN, on 19N where we also went last year. Apparently it was well liked because it was checked off as one of our favorites.

As usual our sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board on the Phase II Clubhouse. Please give me your phone number and e-mail address if you have not done so before. If you don't want to leave either of these on the sheet, then please call me at 727-403-9957 or e-mail me at [darlene4n@aol.com](mailto:darlene4n@aol.com).

Lets make this another special time spent with our friends of Briar Creek.

## BUNCO

Marge Grohskopf



Bunco is scheduled on the 4th Thursday of the month. All are welcome . Our next evening will be May 25th 6:30, Phase 2 Clubhouse , \$3. If you can roll dice , you have all the skill necessary. We welcome new players at any time. Try something new for the New Year. You can sign up at Phase 2 Clubhouse or call Marge 727-533-6603. Last minute walk-ins are welcome .

**A Complete Listing of Resident Services  
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## Phone Directory

Sheena Lee



**P**hone Directory Piece for the May 2023 Media

The good news is that by the time you receive the May Media, you should already have the new 2023-2024 phone book. Dial Directories advised me this week that they hope to have the print run completed by mid-April, and I'm sure that Pete as the new person responsible for the Phone Book will have it delivered promptly.

The final changes that I have logged will unfortunately not be included the new phone book as they were received after the final texts had been submitted.

The new residents of 135 Pinewood (the former home of John Bennett) are Tom and Penny Midas. Their phone numbers are T: 651-492-0723 and P: 651-470-9171.

The phone number for Frederick and Raylee Fleisch who have moved in with Roxie Herman at 91 Cottagewood is 727-432-6505.

The phone number for James and Brenda Horton at 170, 0 Clubview is 989-666-6364.

Please delete the names of Jean Martin (168 Pinewood), Nancy Burch (137 Clubview), Gerry Mudge (89 Cottagewood) and Marge Breheny (59 Cottagewood) who have sadly passed.

I did ask Dial Directories to include Maureen Wlodarczyk's name (219-863-3302)

as the person responsible for the next Bazaar but I don't know whether it was possible to make the change in time.

Meanwhile, there are two more changes. Please replace my name at the top of Page 20 (in the current Directory) as the person to contact for changes and updates, and on Page 19 as the person responsible for the Phone Directory with Pete Loranger's name. A combination of eye problems and the need for hand surgery has resulted in the need for a changeover and Pete has happily stepped into this new role for him.

Please forward information on any changes and corrections to Pete at 132 Pinewood Terrace, 727-421-2321, or [ploranger006@gmail.com](mailto:ploranger006@gmail.com).

## Mingle

*Billie Ann Berry and Rose Marie Fjelstad*

**M**ay 18, 2023, is our Mingle pot luck. Come one, come all from Phase I and Phase II. Enjoy good food, some laughs and possibly win some money playing 50/50. We will start eating as close to 5:00 as possible. You just bring the food and your drinks and we will supply the plates and utensils. Look forward to seeing you on the 18th.

Rose, Billie and Pete

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## Bereavement

*Barbara Bergling*

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## Briar Creek Book Club (Phase I & II)



Enjoy discussing books chosen by the members. Our book club meets in the Phase II Clubhouse at 3:00 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month, however, we do not meet May-October. The November book is *Two Old Women* by Velma Wallis. In joining or have questions.

Jane McKenzie

651-353-2602

[jgmckenzie4647@gmail.com](mailto:jgmckenzie4647@gmail.com)

## Humane Society & the Haven

*Barbara Bergling*

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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



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Marsha Bowlby

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Pete Loranger

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5/09/1981	James & Brenda Horton – 42 years
5/15/1976	Tom & Robin Feeley – 47 years
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5/11	Jim Tashjian
5/12	P.J. Wierzbowski
5/12	Joan Mackert
5/13	Ann Conway
5/14	Janice Shepard
5/17	Joan Collier
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