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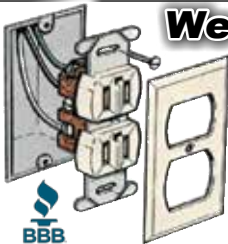
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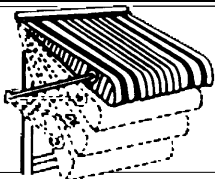
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The e-mail address for any office matters is: [briarcreekoft@gmail.com](mailto:briarcreekoft@gmail.com)

### Important Phone Numbers

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

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

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## **BOARD ALERT: BRIAR CREEK COMMUNITY – MISSING ITEMS**

**D**irectors from the Phase I and II Boards met to discuss concerns over some items or lawn ornaments which have been removed from owners’ properties. We also understand with hurricane season, some may be anxious about items on lawns or outside on properties of snow - birds or vacant properties which could be projectiles in high winds. The boards ask that if you contemplate moving something to another property, please contact a member of your board first. In our discussion we have decided to post at the entrance to the two phases of Briar Creek a sign indicating the community is under camera surveillance. As you may know both Phases have recently installed cameras in our common areas. We also realize many owners in Briar Creek have home surveillance systems installed. We do ask those who have these devices, please “If you See something Say something”. If you see something suspicious or you see something that does not look right, contact the Sheriff’s department 727-582-6200 and/or contact a Director on your Board. Between your surveillance equipment and the associations’ surveillance equipment our community is truly under surveillance. We hope signs being posted at the entrances are a warning to others outside of our community, who may enter with less than honorable intentions, we are all watching. If something is truly amiss, this may inform others we are a united community and we are observing.



## EMAIL NOTIFICATIONS FROM THE BOARD

Gene Arend, Director



**B**y now 274 of the 317 Owner's should be receiving email message notifications from the Board of Directors. The e-mail message is sent from the website host system [no-reply@vinteumneigbrs.com](mailto:no-reply@vinteumneigbrs.com). This is a non-reply address so do not reply to these emails as the computer is not designed to communicate or respond. Check your Spam as some email applications, such as AOL, privacy settings may see a mass mailing as SPAM. If you are not getting the emails check with [briarcreekoﬀ@gmail.com](mailto:briarcreekoﬀ@gmail.com) and we can investigate. If you are leasing a property in Briar Creek I, the State Law 718 which governs our by-laws and operations, prohibits the board from sending some information or notification unless you are a registered "owner". We have set up a means to send non-official notifications to lease residents. This is also a reason why Board matters / information cannot be posted on social media, such as the Facebook account created and nicknamed BCE. The board tries to keep you informed of events that may impact you. This seems to be the most effective way to communicate. If you have a question on something, check your email first, the answer may be there.

## TRAVEL

Gene Arend, Director



**W**e have contracted for a Cruise from Tampa Port on Royal Caribbean Radiance of the Seas. 6 days to Progreso and Coco Cay March 2, 2024. Inside \$599, Oceanview \$639, Balcony \$799 Includes Port Taxes and Fees except bus roundtrip to the port that will be arranged prior to departure. Cruise is Refundable until November 25, 2023 when final payment is due. Pricing is subject to change by Royal Caribbean and cabins are based on availability at time of booking. For more information, visit [www.upcsportshub.com](http://www.upcsportshub.com) and click on the travel page. A cruise information form is located there to start the booking process. The web page also contains port information and the deck plans for the Radiance. There are flyers and hard copy of the cruise information forms in each clubhouse. Any questions call Gene Arend. Once we receive the cruise information form we can begin the booking process for you.

We are working on a contract for a 7 day cruise from Cape Canaveral on Royal Caribbean Wonder of the Seas for January 2, 2024. That information was not available at the time when this article was submitted. The website is updated as things change immediately so visit the web page for more information.

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



## ROAD SAFETY

*Kim Ramalho, Vice President*

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**O**ur Residents enjoy walking the beautiful streets of Briar Creek (Phase I & II). They are out for exercise or walking their dogs. Accidents can happen at any time. Please remember to use caution when driving motorized vehicles in the park (obeying Speed Limits and Stop Signs). Also remember to walk bikes across the bridge. It is for pedestrian foot traffic Only.

## THE POOL

*Pat Rivera, Director*

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**T**he moment has finally arrived!

The pool is up and running with computer-controlled temperature at (or near) 84 degrees, year-round. This is the ideal temperature recommended to be comfortable and not so warm to allow bacterial growth, algae and other unwanted life forms.

Sometimes, swimmers are heard remarking that our pool reminds them of a tropical resort in paradise. One of those features which creates that image is the trees. At times, rain and wind will deposit foliage in the pool. There are usually three nets resting around the perimeter of the pool. Almost every morning, you can see bugs floating (dead and alive) on the surface of the water. The nets are available for anyone to use to skim the bugs, leaves or any other floating items from the water. It is an easy task; instant gratification is the reward.

It is a thrill to welcome several Phase 2 ladies into the mermaid aqua aerobics group. Morning meet-up time may change during the summer months; we follow the sun on the water rule.

## Inspections & Architectural Requests

*Kim Ramalho, Vice President*

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**I**nspections - Nothing new to report.

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.



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# Lawns and Trees

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The lawns will be mowed EVERY Tuesday in July weather permitting.

# July Birthdays

Kim Ramalho



First	Last	Month	Day	First	Last	Month	Day
Bob	Brown	July	1	Marsha	Reynolds	July	16
Wilbur C	Wrede	July	2	Mary	Jordan	July	16
Kenneth	Beaudoin	July	5	Sandy	Brown	July	17
Drue	Lee	July	6	Dale	Tubaugh	July	19
Margo	Keyes	July	6	Larry	Doane	July	20
Gregory	Taylor	July	7	Shirley	Miller	July	21
Joe	Natale	July	7	Dennis	Ranieri	July	23
Terry	Kennett	July	9	Joseph	Gladish	July	23
Daniel	Smith	July	10	Jim	Berg	July	25
Doreen	Gingras	July	10	Ivan	Curtis	July	26
Les	Willie	July	10	Mark	Belanger	July	27
Linda	Edington	July	10	Maurice	Lemieux	July	28
Max	Thomas	July	11	Stephanie	Lambert	July	28
Paul	Piatt	July	11	Ray	Weston	July	29
Lucille	Ryan	July	12	Sue	Martin	July	29
Roy	O'Neill	July	13	Jacqueline			
Shay	Hall	July	13	(Jackie)	Currier	July	30
Beverly	Wilson	July	16	Tracy	Kedovary	July	30

## Happy Birthday to Our Mail Carrier

Angela, our mail carrier, celebrates her birthday on Friday, July 14. In addition to never failing to do her job, Angela is a kind, compassionate lady who always shares her great smile to anyone she sees in Briar Creek. Happy Birthday, Angela!

Debbie Landon  
30 New Fawn Court





# July Anniversaries

Kim Ramalho



First Names	Last Names	Month	Day	Year
Dick & Ida	Haines	July	5	1997
Tom & Kathy	Lofgren	July	9	1983
Roy & Pam	O'Neill	July	12	1980
Nancy & Lee	Lahr	July	20	2008
Stan & Barbara	Hepler	July	22	1961
P.D. & Laura	Leftwich	July	24	
Allen & Barbara	Fuller	July	30	1960

# BEREAVEMENT

Mary Houpt



**L**ong-time resident Marge Trevathan, passed away on Saturday, June 3, 2023. Sympathy to her son, Dennis Trevathan, 38 Bear Run Drive. No other information is available at this time.

# DIAL DIRECTORY - The Yellow Book

Al Hartin, Donna Hartin & Pat Arend



## UPDATES FOR JULY 2023

See below for Additions/Changes to your Dial Directory.

Please add the following omission:

Marge Orsolits

66 Live Oak Court  
727-281-2353

Please make the following Phone Number Changes:

Louis & Tracy Kedovary  
114 Beechwood Drive  
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Susan McBride  
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# Entertainment Committee

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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!

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PHASE ONE CLUBHOUSE.

THURSDAY, JUNE 15 AT 4:30PM

PHASE TWO MINGLE

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PHASE TWO CLUBHOUSE

FRIDAY, JUNE 16 AT 5:00PM

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PHASE ONE CLUBHOUSE

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## LINE DANCING

Helen Coar



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## BRIAR CREEK BRIDGE

Bill Kaempfer

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**B**riar Creek Bridge meets every Tuesday from 12:45-4:00 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.

## BRIAR CREEK BOOK CLUB

(Phase I & II)

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**E**njoy 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.

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

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

## Board of Directors:

### Bob Raynor – President



In 1934, George Gershwin composed the famous Broadway Show “Porgy and Bess”.

Dubose Heyward wrote the lyrics for the show’s most famous song “Summertime” with

the words we’ve all heard before “Summertime and the Living is easy”. Summer has arrived in Briar Creek and life here in the “hood” is fantastic. Was a little dry at first, rain has been coming and it’s a bit warm but, hey, so far the living has been easy. We hope this finds our resident snowbirds and travelers enjoying that kind of summer life as well. So rather than write about policies, procedures, issues and concerns, I thought I may just take a step back and say “Happy Birthday to our country and from your BCII Board to our residents, have a wonderful July 4th and joyful summer. So below is a little trivia about July 4th we hope you will enjoy.

#### DID YOU KNOW?

Thomas Jefferson was the main author of the Declaration of Independence?

That every Independence Day, the Liberty Bell rings 13 times?

That the official name of the Statute of Liberty is “Liberty Enlightening the World”?

That Americans consume an average of 150 million hot dogs on July 4th?

That the first official July 4th celebration was in 1777 in Boston and with fire works?

That sadly, most American flags are made in China?

That nearly 70 million cases of beer are sold on July 4th weekend each year?

That Ben Franklin wanted the Turkey to be our National Bird?

That 56 founding fathers signed the Declaration of Independence?

That July 4th first became a National Holiday in 1938?

That July 4th is also Independence Day in the Philippines?

That Thomas Jefferson and John Adams both died on July 4th, 50 years after 1776?

Have a wonderful July 4th Celebration and continue to be safe throughout the summer.

### Sam Oliverio – Director

As we proceed in to the throws of Summer, the Sun is reminding us that Sunscreen can be our best friend. As much as we need to protect our bodies from the rays of the Sun, please remember to shower off the sunscreen before entering the pool and hot tub. The





oils in the solutions can have a negative effect on the ph balance of our amenities. Thanks to all who help keep our pool area and deck in pristine condition by placing trash in the provided receptacle, and by returning the chairs to their locations before use. This enables us all to have an enjoyable pool/spa day.

### **Bonnie Briggs, Condo Board Secretary**

#### Summer Alterations

**D**uring Jim Tashjian’s summer absence, I will be taking over for alterations once again. Please make sure you include all the information on your request and submit it BEFORE you start the alterations. The request form should be placed in my rock box as I don’t always go to the condo office in the clubhouse.

Please be aware that approvals may take a little longer since we don’t have as many condo board members available during the summer..

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. My number is in the phone directory.

Thank you for keeping our community beautiful.

### **Briar Creek Community – Missing items**

**D**irectors from the Phase I and II Boards met to discuss concerns over some items or lawn ornaments which have been removed from owners’ properties. We also understand with hurricane season, some may be anxious about items on lawns or outside on properties of snow birds or vacant properties which could be projectiles in high winds. The boards ask that if you contemplate moving something to another property, please contact a member of your board first. In our discussion we have decided to post at the entrance to the two phases of Briar Creek a sign indicating the community is under camera surveillance. As you may know both Phases have recently installed cameras in our common areas. We also realize many owners in Briar Creek have home surveillance systems installed. We do ask those who have these devices, please “If you See something Say something”. If you see something suspicious or you see something that does not look right, contact the Sheriff department 727-582-6200 and/or contact a Director on your Board. Between your surveillance equipment and the associations surveillance equipment our community is truly under surveillance. We hope signs being posted at the entrances are a warning to others outside of our community, who may enter with less than honorable intentions, we are all watching. If something is truly amiss this may inform others, we are a united community and we are observing.





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## Social Club President Elect

Carol Smitley



I want to congratulate the Entertainment Committee (Kathy Morrison, Margi Sweets, Bettye Gilreath and Rose Fjelstad) for the awesome program for the Memorial Day breakfast. We need to remember the fallen soldiers who have fought for our country. I certainly hope that this will be an annual event.

## 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)

Or put it in my rock box at 144 Briar Creek Blvd. or give it to me at a Saturday morning coffee.

Carol Smitley

Social Club President Elect

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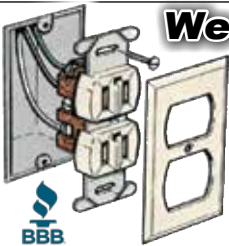
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## Food Pantry

*Joan Davis/Arnold/Sonny*

**J**ust a reminder to everyone. We collect for the Food Pantry each month. 3rd Wednesday of the month from 9 to 11. In front of our clubhouse with our truck. Hope to see you there. Joan, Sonny & Arnold



## Sit & Stitch

*Sandy Fassett*

**A**re 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.



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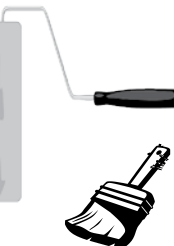


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# The Healing Power Of Forgiveness

Dr. Marty Finkelstein



In all spiritual teachings there is the consistent message of forgiveness. It is a difficult journey for anyone to learn how to forgive when sometimes our pain digs so deep. All of us have been hurt to some degree, yet with the many atrocities that have occurred to some it is often difficult to imagine. Yet it is only in forgiveness that we ourselves become free from anger, hate, shame, judgements, and revenge. I have found it worthy to study the lives of people whose life radiates the spirit of forgiveness. If we read about Nelsin Mandela, Gandhi, Desmond Tutu, Buddha, Martin Luther King, and Jesus, we discover the deep rooted spiritual understanding and importance if forgiveness. In our own lifetime we observed Nelson Mandela imprisoned for 26 years and when finally released united his Country. Even appointing many of his enemies to prominent positions. When asked why he did not seek revenge from the people who unjustly convicted him, his answer was pure and simple. That stored up anger and revenge would have only destroyed me.

As we begin to develop the heart of forgiveness, we bring that gift for others to see what is possible in their lives. With forgiveness comes deeper compassion, love, and wisdom in this journey of life. Forgiveness frees us from the dis-ease of toxic emotions that can aggravate our vitality and health.

During my own time of separation and divorce, I was filled with anger, sadness, and at times rage. In one particular moment when I felt the horror of my life spinning out of control, and becoming a person I did not want to be, I asked for guidance in a prayer-meditation. How would I live with myself, I thought if nothing changed. Within a few minutes though I heard a voice say, In your deepest rage and anger you will discover deeper love, compassion, and forgiveness. When I came out from the meditation I felt waves of peacefulness as anger and rage were gone. I saw and realized a new vision for my family where healing could be possible for us all. Though it was not instantaneous healing did occur in which that story is in my book, *Divorce: An Uncommon Love Story*.

The words, forgive them, they know not what they do, has always resonated within my spirit profoundly. Like a muscle we have to exercise it each moment.

Reflections:

1. Who in your life do you still feel resentment or anger toward?
2. What do you still judge yourself about?
3. Do you believe you have healthy relationships with each person in your family?
4. Imagine if you felt free from judgment, blame, and no longer felt the need to prove anything to anyone or feel defensive about anything.
5. Imagine the freedom and abundant energy when no longer holding onto toxic emotions.

Dr. Marty Finkelstein lives in Briar Creek with his wife Julie Austin. Many of his books can be ordered from Amazon.

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Just when you think Briar Creek is boring in the summer along comes a pool party that will make you feel like a kid again. At Large will be playing on the patio (weather permitting) for your swimming and dancing pleasure. The musical duo, called At Large, is back by popular demand and will play a variety of songs including 50's and 60's music.

You will be able to enjoy some fun water games and a variety of snacks and sweet treats so don't miss this fun event. Dinner is Not provided but you can bring a sandwich or enjoy supper at home before arriving.

Tickets: \$ 8:00 pp BYOB

Survey Says --- Sunday, September 10 at 3pm

Remember the TV game, Family Feud? Well we have hired a professional entertainer to produce the game here at Briar Creek II. You will want to be present at this fun event. Stay tuned for more details.

October Fest Saturday, October 21

Come enjoy a typical German menu topped off with German music by Nu Sound Band. Polka anyone? Stay tuned for more details.

## **Pinochle Scores**

Sharon Cann

5/10 Orpha Berken 468, Dawn Benson 460

5/17 Sharon Cann 467, Orpha Berken 461

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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*

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**T**he Briar Creek Genealogy Group will still be meeting over the summer. Come enjoy our presentations, our company, & the cool air!  
See you there - on 2nd Thursday of each month at Clubhouse 2 at 7pm!

## Ladies' Luncheon

*Darlene Beyer*

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**W**ell ladies, hear we are again in July already and alot of our snowbirds have returned north by now. Well we are still here and enjoying this beautiful Florida weather and activities. Due to the selections on the restaurant list, we will going to Tarpon Turtle on Tarpon Lake. We have a choice as to whether we sit outside or in the A/C. It takes place on July 19th, 3rd Wednesday of the month at 1:00pm. I hope all you new ladies in the park will sign up as well as our regulars. You are more than welcome to bring a friend if you would like.

Directions are: Drive right onto McMullen Booth Rd and continue on to East Lake road until you come to Tarpon Ave on the Left and Keystone Road on the Right Take a left on to Tarpon Ave and drive a few miles and watch for a small sign on the Left for "TARPON TURTLE RESTAURANT". If you drove to highway 19N then you went too far.

As usual our sign up sheet will be located on the bulletin board in Phase II Clubhouse. If for some reason you are unable to get to the clubhouse or you can't attend once you have signed up, then feel free to call me at 727-403-9957 or e-mail me at [darlene4n@aol.com](mailto:darlene4n@aol.com). I will be removing the sign-up sheet from the clubhouse on Friday, July 14th. so I am able to give the restaurant the number attending.

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## BUNCO

*Marge Grohskopf*

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Bunco is scheduled on the 4th Thursday of the month. All are welcome. Our next evening will be July 27th 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.

## Mingle

*Billie Ann Berry and Rose Marie Fjelstad*

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REMINDER...

Mark your calendar, Phase I and Phase II, Mingle is almost upon us. July 20th to be exact. Time to get together for a great pot luck dinner, along with lots of laughs, and just good old fashion friendship. A nice way to spend an evening. Dinner starts at 5:00 pm and ends when we are done.

Looking forward to seeing you there.

Rose, Pete and Billie

## Bereavement

*Barbara Bergling*

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Please be advised I am now in charge of bereavement. When a resident passes inform me by email [hepgramma43@gmail.com](mailto:hepgramma43@gmail.com) or call 727-204-6457. I will put the information on the phone tree: no calls will be made. The flag is lowered according to the wishes of the family. If a memorial service is planned a member of the family will contact me and that information will be on the phone tree. Thank you for your cooperation.





## 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.

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 things in all sizes for use in the show.

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

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

Thanks again everyone

Barbara Bergling

## NAME BADGES

*Marsha Bowlby*



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Pete Loranger

## Birthdays

7/01 Gina Seggia  
7/03 John Miller  
7/06 Frank Capone  
7/06 Dave Lau  
7/07 Robert Ducharme  
7/07 Philip Chabot  
7/07 Mike Casey  
7/08 Mary Marvel  
7/13 Lew Waters  
7/14 Clark Woodard  
7/15 Lois Howd  
7/16 James Foster  
7/17 Steve Gaylor  
7/18 Vernon Browe  
7/22 Kelly Mennell  
7/23 Theresa Fox  
7/29 Rick Cargill



## Anniversaries

7/01/2011 Larry & MaryJo Ronn – 12 years  
7/04/1964 Sonny & Betty Whitehouse – 59 years  
7/07/1982 Tom & Penny Midas – 41 years  
7/08/1961 Paul & Judy Spencer – 62 years  
7/09/1994 Ray & Barbara Bergling – 29 years  
7/10/1965 Richard & Lois Howd – 58 years  
7/11/1970 Kenneth & Theresa Fox – 53 years  
7/12/1997 Bill & Eileen Rollins – 26 years  
7/13/2014 Henry Kalinoski & Donna Spinweber – 9 years  
7/14/1967 Ron & Ellie Prevost – 56 years  
7/19/2019 William Smith & Karen Christopher- 4 years  
7/21/1984 Dico & Mirna Halajian – 39 years  
7/28/1969 Wayne & Maureen Wlodarczyk – 54 years



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



**ACROSS**

- 1. Group of eight
- 6. Anger
- 10. College bigwig
- 14. Australian "bear"
- 15. Smooth or level
- 16. Small island
- 17. Formula 1 driver
- 18. Repair
- 19. Put away
- 20. Stewards
- 22. British tax
- 23. Durable fabric
- 24. Large marine eel
- 25. Rear end
- 29. Stud farm operator
- 31. Midday
- 33. Anticlimax
- 37. Prey
- 38. Alliance
- 39. Siren
- 41. Insanity



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**DOWN**

- 42. Bouquet
- 44. Exam
- 45. Direct
- 48. Funnel shapes
- 50. Puncture
- 51. Wandering
- 56. Jewish month
- 57. Location
- 58. Ice or steam
- 59. Day, month and year
- 60. At any point
- 61. Lacquer ingredient
- 62. Got a good look at
- 63. C C C
- 64. Evil spirit

- 1. Gumbo ingredient
- 2. Jacket
- 3. Diplomacy
- 4. Away from the wind
- 5. Fixes socks
- 6. Wed again
- 7. Seek revenge
- 8. Civilized
- 9. Stops
- 10. Lacking in harmony
- 11. Aromatic compound
- 12. Shad
- 13. Paperboy
- 21. Argues
- 24. Doled
- 25. Initial wager
- 26. Horse color
- 27. Classify
- 28. Designed
- 30. Postponed
- 32. Interior layout and furnishings
- 34. Curved molding
- 35. Wimp
- 36. Bird home

- 40. Get
- 41. Social skills
- 43. A small chin beard
- 45. Protective covering from sunlight
- 46. This day
- 47. Fill with joy
- 49. Stitched
- 51. Millisecond
- 52. Rattling breath
- 53. Any thing
- 54. Captain of the Nautilus
- 55. Smile



July  
Crossword

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