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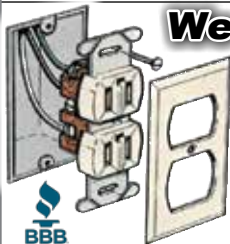
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## ROADS AND GROUNDS

Bob Barr

We have had a few water line breaks over the last couple of months. Two happened due to the age of our water line system and the aging connections to our homes. One happened when a contractor screwed a tiedown anchor into a 6" water line. A couple of repairs were for fixing home shutoffs. I would like to thank the following for their help. Mike Moore, Al Hartin, and Jason Moskow for their help.



We are just finishing up with the new fence around the pool area – thanks to Al Hartin for getting this done.





# VACANT PROPERTIES

Gene Arend

When you leave for an extended period of time on vacations or leaving for the summer months, consider contacting the sheriff’s department, 727-582-6200, and have them periodically inspect your property. They will visit and perform an inspection of your home to ensure there are no signs of forced entry. If you have authorized someone to park in your driveway, inform them of the model of the vehicle and license plate number. Prior to returning, be sure to call them and let them know at least 10 days in advance so they can take you off the watch list otherwise you may have some deputy sheriffs at your door. While you are away, if you have authorized someone to stay in your home for any length of time, please contact a board director and let them know. We do get calls or observe activity in your home and do not know if the activity in your home is authorized by you. One of the reasons our community is secure is neighbors are watching out for one another. That can sometimes be a bit too much but it does help keep a community watch active in our community and outsiders know we are watching.

When you leave for your second home away from Briar Creek, be sure the board of directors have you address. We have most of them in our database, however to ensure they are accurate just send your address to [briarcreekoff@gmail.com](mailto:briarcreekoff@gmail.com). We can then double check to ensure our records agree. In today’s world of cell phones your local phone may also be your phone number when you are away. If you use a landline when away send us that number too. We can tell you of many horror stories of owners who were away when issues occurred at or near their Briar Creek home. Turn your water off. If you’re not sure how or where the shut off is located contact us - we can help you.

# REMINDERS

Al Hartin




## 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

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- 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*

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**T**he pool is the perfect place to cool off, catch up with what’s going on and to exercise.

Weather permitting, the aqua aerobic group, aka ‘the mermaids’ meet at 10:00 a.m. most mornings of the week. If you have a pool noodle and/or water weights, bring them along. If you do not own a noodle, there are a few available near the shower wall for you to use. It is true, some mornings our jaws get as much or more exercise as our core and cardio, but we all have a few laughs. Often, we end up talking about lunch or food in general...maybe even some great recipes. Come on down and check out the pool in paradise. Phase 2 always welcome to splash around, too.



## **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 8:30AM 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!

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# August Birthdays

Kim Ramalho

First	Last	Month	Day
Carol	Jacobs	August	1
Pete	Fedelem	August	1
Allan	Berge	August	3
Bill	Prentiss	August	3
Dottie	Sullivan-Doyle	August	4
Richard	Luetterschmidt	August	5
Donna	Hartin	August	6
Audrey	Nower	August	8
Delores	Whitton	August	8
Naomi	Fiacable	August	8
Aaron	VanDeWeerd	August	9
Allan	Boys	August	9
Elsie	Anderson	August	9
Jean	Catchpole	August	9
Susan	Norris	August	9
Thomas	Peralo	August	10
Pat	Lenty	August	11
Rosemarie	Matteoni	August	13
Deb	Willie	August	14
Patty	Campbell	August	14
Bob	Hardacre	August	15
James	Ripley	August	16
Kim	Pratt	August	16
Mark	Netto	August	17
Barbara	Fuller	August	18
Lee	Palmer	August	18
John	Craig	August	19
Phil	Rogers	August	19
Linda	Bjorn	August	21
Pamela	Larson	August	24
William	Pomplin	August	25
Marvin	Nolley	August	26
Rocky	Gaetan	August	27
Lorretta	DuFour	August	29
Ginnie	Berge	August	31
Julie Ann	Lentz	August	31





## August Anniversaries

Kim Ramalho

# Happy Anniversary!

First Names	Last	Month	Day	Year
Tony & Paula	Alves	August	1	1964
Allen & Marion	Boys	August	7	1982
Tom & Jone	Davidson	August	8	1965
Everett & Geri	Wardell	August	8	1981
Rocky & Debbie	Gaetan	August	9	2003
Fred & Karen	Mbiad	August	12	1967
Alex & Lavonne	Newcomer	August	12	1951
Peter & Lynn	Sheppard	August	13	
Fred & Carol	Michaelis & Keller-Michaelis	August	20	
David & Violet	Shaughnessy	August	21	1978
Mike & Carol	Fetchko	August	25	1973
Carolyn & Ray	Jablonski	August	25	2001
Roy & Sue	Martin	August	25	1956
Pete & Jane	Fedelem	August	29	1969

## ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

Frank Gaffney and Anthony Carregal

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HEY KIDS!

Last month, we had quite the turn-out for our July 4th Cookout!

Thank you!

### 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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## **JULY 4TH COOKOUT**



## LINE DANCING

*Helen Coar*



**LINE DANCING**

**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 BRIDGE

*Bill Kaempfer*

**B**riar Creek Bridge meets through the Summer, 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.

Here are recent winners:

June 6	Cam Day (3730)
June 13	Cam Day (3170)
June 20	Frank Picone (3770)
June 27	Frank Picone (3190)
July 4	Frank Picone (5180)

## BRIAR CREEK BOOK CLUB

*Jane McKenzie*  
*(Phase I & II)*



**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.

Jane McKenzie

651-353-2602

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# BACK to SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Mattie Williams website

Ok, it's safe to say that probably none of the Creekers are returning to classroom instruction soon. However, the children of Safety Harbor will be. Many of them may not have easy access to the myriad of supplies needed to do their schoolwork. The list below includes items that are most needed for kids heading off to school.

Mattie Williams Neighborhood Center, the same community center that receives the food box collection in Phase 1 Clubhouse, is accepting much needed school supplies listed below. If you are interested in contributing supplies, the Dollar (\$1.25) Store has everything on the list. If you would rather not shop but want to contribute financially so backpacks can be purchased, the web address (and physical location) may be found on the bottom line of this post.

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2. Everything is urgent – Scammers will create a false sense of urgency and use pressure tactics like rude or pushy language to get you to act immediately.
3. Very specific or unusual way to pay – Someone is asking you to pay or send money using gift cards, cryptocurrency, a payment app, or even an online wire – to pay for something, resolve an “issue”, get sweepstakes “winnings”, or secure a high return on your “investment”.
4. Threatening language – Scammers may tell you that you owe money and then threaten to call the police if you don't pay immediately. They may also coach you on what to tell the bank to withdraw or transfer money, or ask you to keep a secret.
5. The romantic “emergency” – A new online love interest bombards you with “sweet talk” but doesn't seem to want to meet in person. Suddenly a hardship or emergency strikes and they want you to send them money.

## What to do if you suspect a scam:

- Slow down. Pause, take a breath, and think it through.
- Someone you don't know is asking you for your money.
  - Remember it's right to confirm things no matter how urgent anyone says it is.  
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- Contact the company they claim to be, call your bank, or call the police if it doesn't seem right.
- Consult with a friend or family member you trust.

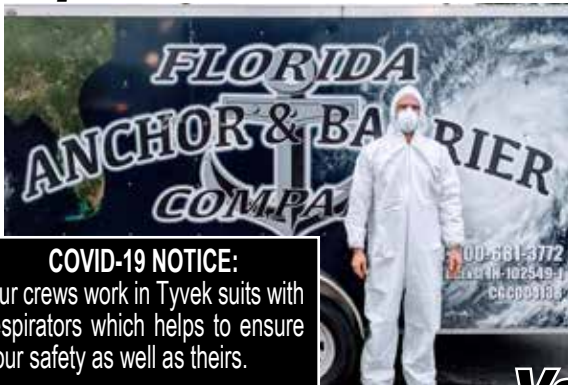


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## Board of Directors:

### Bob Raynor – President



It's July 2 as I write this and while watching the TV news last night, I was surprised when the announcer said the water temperatures in the Gulf of Mexico and Tampa Bay have broken record highs this year. A few days ago, the water temperature in the Gulf was 91 and yesterday's Tampa Bay water temperature was 93. All I need is a little soap and beach time and I could save money on my water bill.

With the arrival of August, the Atlantic hurricane season is now entering its third month which is normally when the frequency of storms begins to increase. NOAA has projected a normal hurricane season of 12-17 named storms with 5-9 named hurricanes. I'm not really sure who Mother Nature communicates with at NOAA but we've already had three named storms as we remain hopeful that November 30th gets here sooner versus later. When the water temperatures reach 80 degrees, the chances of hurricanes developing increases significantly.

The bottom line is that if we haven't yet prepared for hurricane season, it's time to take action. Those of us who have lived here for a while know the drill but for those new to Florida, there are plenty of Guides available to help us develop a hurricane plan.

I can't emphasize enough how important it is to develop an evacuation plan since we live in a mandatory evacuation zone. It can get scary sitting in our home with 100+ mile per hour winds outside and we simply shouldn't have to worry about risking our personal safety when we ultimately know better. Unfortunately, sheltering in the Clubhouse is not an option as structure doesn't meet code and insurance would not cover personal injury if a tragedy occurred. None of us want to experience the "big one" that Sanford from the TV series talked about.

Finally, when winds reach the hurricane level of 74 miles per hour and higher, debris and unsecured personal items around can blow away damaging not just our own, but our neighbor's cars and homes. None of us really want to hear that our lose flower pot or ornamental decoration dented our friend's car or smashed their window. This is why we encourage snowbirds and travelers to move these items inside to a secured area. If you haven't done so, now is the time to make arrangements to help ensure the safety and security of your neighbors.

So please, if you haven't prepared a hurricane plan, do so now. It only takes one storm to make a difference in us feeling sorry if we didn't plan ahead or glad if we did.

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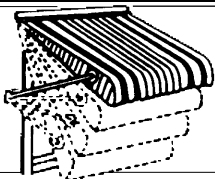
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## **Philip Chabot – Director Phase II -Garage, Lawns, Ponds and RV Lot**

**T**his month I would like to share some thoughts about our lawn mowing company. I've been working with their management team to resolve some minor issues that we have faced over the last 6 months and so that they continue working with the professionalism we have come to expect. I realize that for some it will never be enough but for most they find that TLC is doing a good job.

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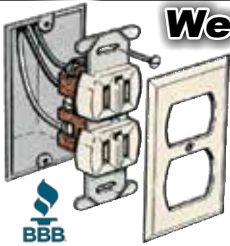
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Dr. Marty Finkelstein



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## 1. Sprain/Strain

A sprain is when there is an inflammation or tear of the ligaments that support a bone or in the case of the spine a vertebrae. A strain is the inflammation or tear of a tendon attaching to muscles. Tendonitis falls in this category. Tennis elbow can occur even if you do not play tennis.

## 2. Degenerative Disc Syndrome

This can occur with normal aging or accelerated with trauma and injury. The cushion between the vertebrae are called a disc. When the disc begins thinning and losing its elasticity and ability to cushion forces a process of degeneration occurs. This is also called degenerative osteoarthritis. There are stages of development typically from stage 1 which is mild to stage 4.

## 3. Ruptured or Herniated Disc

When the forces to the disc are greater than its resilience the disc can tear or rupture. Since nerves exit out from the spine these problems can inflame and pinch nerves that travel to specific muscles of the low back, hips, and down the legs.

## 4. Spinal Compression Fractures.

This occurs typically when there is moderate to advanced osteoporosis. Osteoporosis is a degenerative process of the vertebrae losing their mineral strength. There are stages 1 through 4 typically. The weaker the bones become a spontaneous fracture can occur as it gives way to the ongoing stress.

## 5. Sciatica.

From the low back exits the largest nerve in the body, the sciatic nerve. All of the issues above can lead to that nerve becoming inflamed or pinched. The Sciatica nerve passes through the buttocks and travels down the back of the leg all the way to the ankle.

All of these issues can cause pain, restricted range of motion, numbness, and often a person can have a few of these issues occurring simultaneously. It is important to not just mask symptoms, but to be evaluated by an orthopedic doctor, as well as a chiropractor. Sometimes an M.R.I. is essential in seeing the extent of the problem. Treatments with chiropractic, physical therapists are extremely beneficial, as well as understanding what everyday exercises to do at home. Also knowing what foods and supplements to make part of your lifestyle. When we are proactive, and willing to make healthy choices in our lives most problems can improve and be prevented. Think Forever young especially as we become older. Information is power.

Dr. Marty Finkelstein lives in Briar Creek with his wife Julie Austin. He has written several books regarding wellness and had a chiropractic office in Atlanta for 40 years.

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## Entertainment

Bettye Gilreath



**W**hat's happening In Briar Creek II?  
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 FYI: Briar Creek I is having a Hawaiian Luau  
 Saturday, August 19 th at 1:00 pm \$10 pp

### September:

Sunday, September 10 at 3pm - 6pm

Family Feud Game: \$9.00pp

Remember the TV game, Family Feud ? Well, we have hired a professional entertainer to produce a Family Feud style game here at Briar Creek II ! You will want to be present at this fun event. BYOB.

We will be divided into 4 person teams. Each person is asked to bring a modest gift that is wrapped to be used as prizes. Bring a white elephant or suggested gift amount is \$5. There will be music beginning at 3pm and snacks provided. Game starts at 3:30 –5:30 with music and snacks until 6pm.

### October:

Saturday, October 21 at 5:30 to 9pm

October Fest

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# AUGUST



## 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.

## BOWLING

*Arnold Williams*



We have a starting Date of October 10th for the upcoming New Bowling Season 2023-24. If anyone new is interested in joining our league for some Fun & Exercise & Excitement I can be reached at 727-771-3347 just leave a text or message if I have stepped away from the phone. The Bowlers from last year I will be in contact with you folks. Teams will start forming around September 1st to be turned in to reserve our lanes for the Winter. I Hope Everyone has had a Healthy and Safe Summer!!! Thank You Arnold Williams

## Pinochle Scores

*Sharon Cann*



6/14	Laura Haas 347, Kathy Morrison 333
6/21	Orpha Berken 545, Sharon Cann 537
6/28	Orpha Berken 548, Dawn Benson 439
7/05	Laura Haas 603, Sharon Cann 519

## Genealogy Group

*Jean Schmidt*



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## Bingo

*AL & Diane Merando*

**W**e hope everyone is having a fabulous summer and that you’re staying cool! Speaking of cool....Bingo will start up on Monday, September 25th at 6pm. We’re looking forward to welcoming back all our players and as always, we are looking for additional volunteers to do callbacks and sales- many hands make work light!

See you in September.



## Ladies’ Luncheon

*Darlene Beyer*

**W**ell this past month at Ozona Blue Restaurant,, Mother Nature surely gave us quite a show. For those who attended, I’m sure you felt it was quite an experience that we soon won’t forget. Our next outing is to lunch at RUMBA ISLAND BAR & GRILL on August 16th @ 1:00pm, the 3rd Wednesday of the month.

For those of you that are new to the neighborhood or have not attended before, we are looking forward to seeing you there. All you have to do is sign your name, phone #, and email address on the Ladies Luncheon sheet located on the bulletin board in the hall @ Phase II Clubhouse. I am attempting to get an EARLY MENU and hopefully place it next to the sign-up sheet.

Usually we tend to ride in multiples of 2, 3, or 4. If you don't know the location and or need a ride, please call Darlene at 727-403-9957 and we will try to help you





find one.

The directions are to exit Briar Creek and, turn LEFT onto McMullen Booth Rd., then RIGHT onto Rte 580. Continue on Rte 580 to LEFT onto KEENE RD

Follow Keene Rd. to Rte 60. where it is located on the NE CORNER..

## BUNCO

*Marge Grohskopf*



**B**unco continues through the year, fourth Thurs. of the month at Phase 2 Clubhouse. Now is a good time to play Bunco. Activities quiet down during the Summer. It's a simple but fun game anyone can play. We do move around and change tables, however if getting up and down or walking is difficult we arrange for you to remain seated throughout the evening. Come join us and have a few laughs. Sign up at the Phase 2 Clubhouse or call Marge at 727-533-6603. Walk-ins are welcome, but we cancel if we don't have at least 12 people signed up.

We gather at 6:30 for dessert, begin playing at 7:00. \$3 for prize money. Our schedule is Aug. 24th, Sept 28th and Oct. 26th. Mark your calendar and come on down. Always good to see a new face.

## Mingle

*Billie Ann Berry and Rose Marie Fjelstad*



**C**ome join us at the Mingle. Visit with your neighbors.

Thursday, July 20th Phase II Clubhouse 4:30 – eat around 5:00

Bring a dish to share! BYOB \$\$ for the 50/50

Don't forget to wear your name badge.

Billie, Rose & Pete

## Bereavement

*Barbara Bergling*

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## Briar Creek Book Club

*(Phase I & II)*



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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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# **Birthdays and Anniversaries**

*Pete Loranger*



## **Birthdays**

8/01	Jeri Prisco	8/19	Jerry Neva
8/01	Shelia Sparks	8/19	Jill Price
8/01	Skip Taylor	8/20	Doris Pearson
8/02	Ed Gumienny	8/20	Bonnie Gigliotti
8/03	Fred Minnie	8/21	William Posnanski
8/04	Doug Hall	8/21	Ronald Booth
8/06	Barbara Bergling	8/22	Brien Stickney
8/06	Pam Edwards	8/23	Dottie Frederich
8/10	Bob Boschen	8/23	Loretta Waters
8/14	Donna Spinweber	8/25	Greg Buhrman
8/14	Bill Smith	8/26	Larry Ronn
8/15	Betty Little	8/27	Diane Kirk
8/17	Ann Perdue	8/28	Angela Siggia
8/18	Margi Swets	8/31	Sharon Straub

## **Anniversaries**

8/06/1983	Gil & Joan Mackert – 40 years
8/23/1970	Robert & Peggy Raynor – 53 years
8/25/1962	Lew & Loretta Waters – 61 years



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

# **Updates for the Dial Directory (Yellow Book)**

*Pete*

- New Owner at 131 Pinewood Ter.- Juli DelGiorno (former owner, Montoya)
- New Owner at 75 Hickory Branch Ln. – Rick Sandman (former owner Ralph Virkler)
- New Owner at 168 Pinewood Ter. – John & Wendy Deister (former owner Jean Martin)
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