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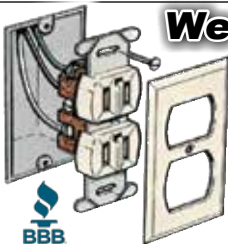
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## Important Phone Numbers

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

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**If You Suspect a Scam - 877-908-3360** M-F, 8-8 ET

## PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE

*Board of Directors*

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**A**s some of you may know we have signs posted by the bridge and near the creek. The bridge is a pedestrian only bridge and you cannot swim in the creek. **These are some of the conditions within our insurance policy on common elements.** While we have not received any reports of people in the creek, we have had reports on more than one occasion of the bridge being used by people not "walking" across the bridge. Our experience over the years has shown us that even though an "accident" might occur on common elements which by common sense was not the fault of the association it still occurred and our more than happy local attorneys are prepared to file suit and use that familiar statement we are at fault because "we knew or should have known" and did not prevent the accident. Our insurance carrier rather than proceed into court will settle for an amount we may not agree with, however the insurance company has a clause in the policy giving them that right. Subsequently, when the policy is up for renewal, that same insurance carrier does not forget they paid a claim and the premium is now likely to change. For this reason, the association has now been forced to place bollards at each end of the bridge to restrict the bridge to pedestrian traffic only. This demonstrates the association has taken reasonable efforts to enforce the insurance policy that



states the bridge is a “pedestrian only” bridge. We have moved over the years from “Common Sense” to “Legal Sense” and unfortunately legal seems to win out.

## **REMINDERS**

*Al Hartin*

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### **FOBS**

**L**ast 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!

## **IN THE SWIM**

*Pat Rivera, Director*

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**A**t last! The pool is refreshing. The spa is therapeutic. The fence is secure. Ahhh. The ‘mermaids’ convene (weather permitting) around 10:00 a.m. All Briar Creek residents are welcome to flap their (imaginary) tail flipper. If you have a noodle and pool weights, bring them. If not, there are a few available for you to borrow for class. Life is a dream in Paradise.

Guests are welcome, but kids under 18 need to have an adult present. No one under 12 is permitted in the spa (it’s too hot for their small bodies.)!

Adults only hours are 1 – 4 pm daily.

Remember your towel!





## 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!

## DIAL DIRECTORY – THE YELLOW BOOK

*Al Hartin, Donna Hartin and Pat Arend*

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### UPDATE FOR September 2023

See below for Additions/Changes to your Dial Directory.



### Please add the following new Owner:

Tom Dwyer  
39 Honey Bear Court  
727-455-5237

## INSPECTIONS & ARCHITECTURAL REPORTS

*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.



## LAWN AND TREES

*Mike Moore, 813-629-8216*

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



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# September Birthdays

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| First    | Last        | Month     | Day |
|----------|-------------|-----------|-----|
| Norman   | Gingras     | September | 2   |
| Patsy    | Pomplin     | September | 3   |
| Victoria | Weiderman   | September | 3   |
| James    | Hackett     | September | 4   |
| Craig    | Rudolph     | September | 6   |
| Mary Ann | Walker      | September | 6   |
| Nancy    | Browne      | September | 8   |
| Al       | Bombardier  | September | 9   |
| Anna     | Harrison    | September | 9   |
| Michael  | Moore       | September | 11  |
| Terry    | Bjorne      | September | 12  |
| Carlee   | North       | September | 13  |
| Kathy    | Lofgren     | September | 13  |
| Ray      | Jablonski   | September | 13  |
| Marion   | Whitehouse  | September | 14  |
| Phitchon | Parichart   | September | 16  |
| Luisa    | Piatt       | September | 18  |
| Mary Ann | Horvath     | September | 18  |
| Seamus   | Knight      | September | 18  |
| Suzy     | Guillaume   | September | 18  |
| Joan     | Wynn        | September | 19  |
| John     | Close       | September | 19  |
| Kathryn  | Sullivan    | September | 19  |
| Ida      | Haines      | September | 21  |
| Lori     | Boisselle   | September | 24  |
| Jim      | Petterson   | September | 25  |
| David    | Shaughnessy | September | 29  |
| Kenny    | Homme       | September | 29  |
| Carol    | Piro        | September | 30  |
| Paul     | Olsen       | September | 30  |



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# September Anniversaries

Kim Ramalho



| First Names        | Last               | Month     | Day | Year |
|--------------------|--------------------|-----------|-----|------|
| Chris & Stephanie  | Lambert            | September | 1   |      |
| John & Linda       | Pickering          | September | 3   | 1968 |
| Tim & Jeanne       | Glasheen           | September | 6   | 2003 |
| Al & Donna         | Hartin             | September | 7   |      |
| Bill & Robyn       | Prentiss           | September | 7   | 2002 |
| Ed & Effie         | Reed               | September | 7   | 1984 |
| Anthony & Frank    | Carregal & Gaffney | September | 8   |      |
| Ron & Shirley      | Payne              | September | 15  | 1983 |
| Bob & Jane         | Hardacre           | September | 22  |      |
| Bob & Annette      | Lemieux            | September | 22  | 1979 |
| Robert & Carol Ann | Rice               | September | 23  |      |
| Bob & Sandy        | Brown              | September | 26  | 1964 |
| Joe & Betty        | Hudd               | September | 27  |      |

## ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

Frank Gaffney and Anthony Carregal



**H** EY KIDS! Below is the schedule of events for the 2023-24 Season!

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PHASE ONE CLUBHOUSE.



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28 AT 6:00PM

**HALLOWEEN** with D.J. Les N. More

PHASE ONE CLUBHOUSE.



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5-SUNDAY, MAY 5 AT 6:00PM

**kRaZy KaRdS** (MONTHLY on the first Sunday)

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\$3pp (for prizes and dessert)

PHASE ONE CLUBHOUSE.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24 AT 4:30PM

**POTLUCK AND HOLIDAY DECORATING AND WHOOPEE!**

PHASE ONE CLUBHOUSE.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1 AT 6:00PM

**CHRISTMAS SING-ALONG** with John Shirley

PHASE ONE CLUBHOUSE.



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16 AT 7:00PM

**WINTER DANCE PARTY**

PHASE ONE CLUBHOUSE.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21 AT 4:30PM

**GREEK SUNDAY DINNER**

PHASE ONE CLUBHOUSE.



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24 AT 7:00PM

**APPRECIATION NIGHT**

PHASE ONE CLUBHOUSE.

SUNDAY, MARCH 17 AT 4:30PM  
**ST. PATRICK'S DAY with D.J. Les N. More**  
PHASE ONE CLUBHOUSE.



SATURDAY, APRIL 13 AT 1:00PM  
**THE ANNUAL PICNIC**  
PHASE ONE CLUBHOUSE.

SATURDAY, MAY 4 AT 4:00PM  
**KENTUCKY DERBY**  
PHASE ONE CLUBHOUSE.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS! We expect to see you ALL at these events!

*Need more info? Call FRANK GAFFNEY at 203-606-8953 or email: [briarcreeksocial@gmail.com](mailto:briarcreeksocial@gmail.com).*

## **PHASE ONE BINGO**

Jeff Clark



**P**hase One Bingo is resuming Tuesday, September 19th! Our new electronic system will be up and running before then, so we'd like to invite you to a "Bingo Open House" on Tuesday, September 12th at 5:30pm. We'll show you how the new system works, play some no-charge practice games (which means there will be no cash prizes, of course), and review other changes we have planned. Now, we know how most Briar Creek residents react when they hear the word "change," but don't worry: these are GOOD changes!

The biggest change for bingo players will be our new monitors. The existing 39-inch screens have been replaced with 55-inch units, which means they have just about double the display area of the old ones. The old "numbers board" behind the bingo podium has been replaced with an 85-inch screen, which is about FIVE TIMES larger than those old 39-inch monitors. Each monitor will be able to display the game we're playing, the ball in play, and all of the previously called numbers. So, you'll no longer have to watch both a monitor and a numbers board to know what's going on; everything you need to know will be on each of these three screens.



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Calling bingo is a lot of fun and will be even easier with this new system. If you think you'd like to give it a try, contact Jeff Clark and we'll include you in a test run before bingo even starts. No audience to make you nervous, so if you really screw up and start to cry, none of your neighbors will ever know. Hey- what have you got to lose?



Food will- of course- be offered again. Hot dogs, a variety of chips and soda will be offered every Tuesday night. While our weekly special meals (like we had last year) may not be offered September 19th, we will certainly be adding them to the menu as soon as possible. Keep an eye on the two Briar Creek Facebook groups for more info, or contact Jeff Clark via phone or text at 585-613-6218.

## LINE DANCING

*Helen Coar*



## LINE DANCING

Join 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*

Briar 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](mailto:Kaempfer@Colorado.edu)) if you are interested in playing.

Here are recent winners:

|         |               |      |
|---------|---------------|------|
| July 11 | Sue Suby      | 3770 |
| July 18 | Barbara Pesic | 2780 |
| July 25 | Frank Picone  | 4490 |
| Aug 1   | Cam Day       | 3160 |



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# BRIAR CREEK BOOK CLUB

Jane McKenzie  
(Phase I & II)



Enjoy 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

## Briar Creek Bugle Phase II – SEPTEMBER 2023

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

### Board of Directors:

#### Bob Raynor – President

Time continues to fly by and it's hard to believe that we are beginning the transition from Summer to Fall. Just as we prepare for our snowbirds to begin returning, so too must your Board begin planning for 2024. That process includes preparation of the 2024 budget which begins this month. For those new to BCII, because we are chartered as a not-for-profit condo corporation, our Operations budget is zero based. That means it is created by projecting expenses and building the budget from the ground up.

Reserves are based on projected replacement needs from our 30 year Reserve Study in compliance with Florida Condo Law. The process begins by getting input from vendors regarding regulatory rate projections for water, sewer, trash, electricity, governmental licensing and permitting, etc. Second, we receive input from vendors regarding short and long term negotiated contractual obligations such as lawn servicing, pool maintenance, AC maintenance, Clubhouse cleaning, management fees, insurances, etc. These first two area items reflect our zero based fixed expenses due to their negotiated rates. Dollar wise, that currently totals approximately \$172 of our \$190 Operations budget. Opportunities to save money or spend too much can come from limited sources such as reduced water usage and lower sewer expense. For example, for each \$1.00 spent unnecessarily watering our lawn or cleaning our driveway, \$2.24 is spent to pay for sewer expense even though not one drop of water went into the sewer. How many of us realize that the \$1.00 we may think is just one dollar spent on water is really costing us \$3.24?

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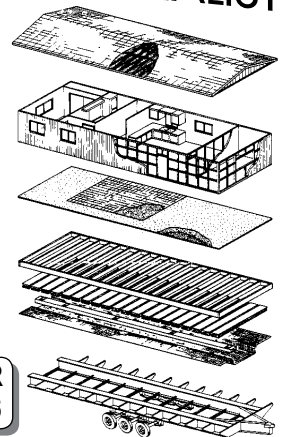
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The third Operations Budget component is more unanticipated needs based and accounts for approximately \$19.00 out of our \$191.00 Operations monthly fee or just 9.9% of our Operations total. Typical expenditures in this area include pool/spa, water fountain or refrigeration and other equipment failures, road, sewer or building maintenance problems that don't fall into our reserve budget. Other minor items include Clubhouse supplies and truck oil changes or repairs. The difference of \$34 between our Operations Budget and our \$225 monthly Maintenance Fee goes forward covering our required Reserves Budget.

The elephant in the room for 2024 is what all Florida home owners are facing - significantly higher home insurance premiums. Condo Associations in which all property owners own a share of the common areas including clubhouse, pool, roads, ponds, land, etc. are seeing premiums go up as well. Fortunately, we are not a condo tower in which some Associations are seeing premiums jump 400% or more. But we must anticipate an increase percentage similar to at least what our homeowners experience for their personal property. As always, we will solicit bids to ensure the quote we receive is the best we can negotiate.

Our goal is to complete this budget process in September for presentation in October. To some, what may appear as a simple task that includes a rubber stamp approval is totally opposite of the reality. Every Board, past present and future spends a great deal of time with Progressive Management getting expense numbers, analyzing opportunities to save and reduce costs where possible to come up with a final budget that meets our regulatory obligations and reporting requirements while being fiscally conservative and prudent.

## **Sam Oliverio – Director**

### **Overflow Parking**

**A**s you all should know, we have overflow parking on the grass on the East side of the Shuffleboard Courts. This parking is only allowed if a Parking Permit is placed on the dashboard of the vehicle, in plain sight. The Permit should have the owner's name, and phone number clearly visible.

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## **POOL**

**T**he pool and spa have been a welcome relief to the heat that's been a blazin lately. Thanks to all who have helped in keeping the leaves out of the pool, and for putting chairs back where they belong, it really is a big help.

We try to have the technician who services the pool and spa perform his duties before our residents are able to come in at 8 am, and up tile now it has mostly worked out well. In order to keep our schedule of servicing on Monday, Wednesday and Friday we've had to make a slight change. Mondays and Wednesdays will remain the same with the tech trying to be done by 8 am, but Friday will be a bit later. On Friday we have been given a window of servicing between 7 am and 10 am. We apologize for any inconvenience to our residents, but in order to keep our every other day schedule, we had to make the adjustment. The other option we were given was not going to work for us as it would have the Tech servicing the pool in the afternoon or evening. We have too many activities, and residents using the pool during these times to change to this.

Again, we apologize for any inconvenience and if the Tech is there while you are enjoying the amenities please be patient as it doesn't take him very long to complete his duties.

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

This month I would like to share some thoughts about wildlife associated with our lakes and ponds. As many of you already know or should know that wildlife here in Florida is part of our daily life but associated with that are dangers and some very important common-sense rules. Posted along our water ways you will see signs that specifically say "Do not feed the Alligators" or "Do not feed or Molest the Wildlife". This includes but is not limited to any animal that would not live in your home (non-domesticated).

There are many reasons why you should not feed all wildlife here in Briar Creek or anywhere in Florida for that matter but the most important is that once you start there is no turning back. You are doing them, yourself and all your neighbors here in Briar Creek a huge disfavor. These wildlife animals will return day after day after day and expect the same "treat". The reason these animals are called wildlife is because they live in the wild. These are non-domesticated animals which search for food on their own and take care of themselves in the wild. If you are a good neighbor and don't feed the wildlife....thank-you, thank-you, thank-you. If you have or currently feed wildlife, PLEASE STOP! As a director and in charge of these lovely lakes and ponds I hate the thought of having wildlife euthanized because someone decided to feed and try to domesticate wildlife causing imminent danger to humans and our domesticated animals here in Briar Creek. Let's work together to keep up the beauty of our park with its natural resources of wildlife and scenery alive and well. If you see a neighbor feeding or molesting any wildlife here in Briar Creek, please let one of your directors know so appropriate action can be taken. Thank you all for being part of Briar Creek!

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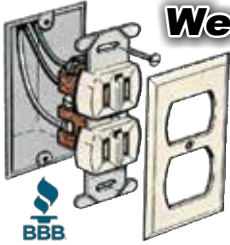
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|  | Sit & Stitch 1PM<br>Cardio & Strength<br>Class 9AM   | Strength<br>Class 10 |
|  | <b>Labor Day</b>   |                      |
| 10   | 11   | 12                   |
| "Survey Says" entertainment                        | Sit & Stitch 1PM<br>Cardio & Strength<br>Class 9AM<br>INFO FOR OCT.<br>MEDIA due to Pete by<br>5pm | Strength<br>Class 10 |
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| Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday  | Friday  | Saturday  |
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|  |  |   | <p style="text-align: right;">1</p> Cardio & Strength Class 9AM<br>Chair Yoga Class 10AM  | <p style="text-align: right;">2</p> 8AM Coffee Hour<br>845AM Social Club News                                     |
| <p style="text-align: right;">5</p> Strength & Balance Class 1030AM  | <p style="text-align: right;">6</p> Earlybird Breakfast 830AM EVE'S<br>Cardio & Strength Class 9AM<br>Pinochle – 630PM   | <p style="text-align: right;">7</p> Strength & Balance Class 1030AM                                 | <p style="text-align: right;">8</p> Cardio & Strength Class 9AM<br>Chair Yoga Class 10AM  | <p style="text-align: right;">9</p> 8AM Coffee Hour<br>845AM Social Club News                                     |
| <p style="text-align: right;">12</p> Strength & Balance Class 1030AM | <p style="text-align: right;">13</p> <b>Food Pantry collection 8:30-10am</b><br>Earlybird Breakfast 830AM EVE'S<br>Cardio & Strength Class 9AM<br>Pinochle – 630PM | <p style="text-align: right;">14</p> Strength & Balance Class 1030AM<br>Genealogy Group meeting 7pm | <p style="text-align: right;">15</p> Cardio & Strength Class 9AM<br>Chair Yoga Class 10AM | <p style="text-align: right;">16</p> 8AM Coffee Hour<br>845AM Social Club News<br>845AM Social Club Board Meeting |
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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.

## **Social Club President**

*Pam Edwards*

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**H**ello from Chi-town! It's time for a summers end thank you to so many who make Briar Creek special.

Thanks to Carol Smitley for covering for me at coffee and writing the articles for the Bugle.

Thanks to the Entertainment committee who have outdone themselves once again during the summer months! I wish I could have joined you for the Poker Run, July 4 th Cookout and the zany Water Frenzy event. Thanks to Margi, Kathy, Bettye and Rose for a job well done. And a special thanks to those of you who have supported them by volunteering, attending the events and adapting so kindly to unforeseen circumstances. (Water frenzy!)

Thanks to Maureen and Wayne Wlodarczyk who have worked behind the scenes and in the incredibly hot shed to set us up for a successful bazaar in March. I'm sure they would agree they couldn't have done it this summer without the help of the shed volunteers. Thanks guys.

Thanks to Peggy, Amber, Marge, Darlene, Billie Ann, Rose, Joan, Arnold, Sonny, Barbara, Marsha, Carol, Sandy, Sharon and Jean for their contributions this summer!!

Finally, as usual, thanks to Pete for his commitment to Briar Creek. Thanks for ALL you do! We just couldn't do it without you Pete! (And you even let someone take your picture at the Water Frenzy. Wowsa!)

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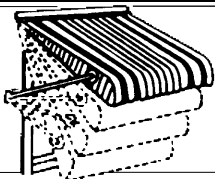
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It is important that everyone can receive these emails because this is our way of reaching out to our community for fun events, but also important "need to know" information. Let's work together on this project to be sure everyone is receiving important information.

## Dare To Dream

*Dr. Marty Finkelstein*

**O**ne of the healthiest qualities a child can develop is the capacity to dream. It is through our aspirations and dreams that we naturally evolve, fulfilling on actions in our lives that bring out the best of us. We are all familiar with Martin Luther King's I Have A Dream, speech. Dreams can motivate us to become successful, to be a great athlete, to manifest a wonderful family, to be a healthy minded human being.

Children allow their imagination to play with possibilities. When we are young it is as natural as walking. When we are young we excel at pretending. Yet sometimes unintentionally children's dreams are squashed by parents and authoritative figures in our lives. I can remember teachers telling my parents that their son was a dreamer, as if that was not a desired quality. Do any of you remember as a child being told you were too much of a dreamer. Interesting two things I heard again and again when I was young .It was that I was too sensitive, and a dreamer. Do any of you remember being told things like, that you were too this or that that seem to diminish your own self worth. When we are a child often we are like sponges just absorbing

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what is said to us without question. It took many years deep in my twenties when I realized my Sensitivity and dreams were my super power. Through dreams I could see into the future and my Sensitivity allowed me to enter into the far reaches of our spirit and soul. It was my Sensitivity that made me a great doctor. I know each of us are here to discover our own super powers. I believe all of us are unique and special in various ways. Too often as adults we lose the elasticity of dreaming, especially as we get older. Yet it is through the ongoing nature of dreaming that we can be forever young and remain open to the unknown the unseen the not yet experienced.

Dr. Marty Finkelstein lives in Briar creek with his wife Julie Austin

## Food Pantry

Joan Davis/Arnold/Sonny



### DATE CHANGE for Food Pantry, ONLY for September!

**O**ur collection will be September 13, 2023, Wednesday, Time: 8:30–10:00 AM.

In front of clubhouse, if rain we will be in garage.

See you there, Joan, Sonny and Arnold

## Sit & Stitch

Sandy Fassett



**I**t's time to get out of the heat and come down to the clubhouse on Mondays from 1-3 pm and see the crafters in action. We are making shawls for the people in need and other miscellaneous projects that gals are developing. Are you in need of dish rags or trivets? Come down and see how easy they are to make. Or just come to mingle and get out of the heat with the other females in the park. See you Mondays at 1 pm.

## Entertainment


Bettye Gilreath

### September Entertainment

Sunday, September 10 3-6pm

**F**amily Feud is a long running game on TV that is entertaining and fun. Well, you can participate in our own version of the game. This will be a great way to spend a hot, muggy Sunday afternoon with your neighbors! We have hired a professional gamer who

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has lots of experience producing this game.

Tickets are \$9.00 per person. Bring your friends and sign up. There will be teams of 4 needed to play. Prizes will be given to the winning teams. Snacks and music will be available. BYOB.

Saturday, October 21 5:30 – 9pm

Octoberfest!!

Come enjoy a typical German meal topped off with music. Polka anyone?

Saturday, November 4 th

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## **BOWLING**

*Arnold Williams*

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**W**e 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*

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7/12 Dawn Benson 533, Laura Hass 473

7/19 Sharon Cann 554, Laura Haas 510

7/26 Laura Haas 560, Dawn Benson 533

8/02 Dawn Benson 580, Laura Haas 489



## **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!

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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*



**S**eptember being our next month for the ladies to gather and enjoy another luncheon with new and old friends, we will be meeting on 9/20/23 at the Outback Steakhouse on route 19N. We might even have a few snowbirds back by then that will enjoy coming too.

Don't forget to sign your name and phone number on the sign-up sheet located on the bulletin board in the hall in Phase II Clubhouse.

If any of you are riding alone you may want to let others know in case they may need a ride. Hope you all enjoy yourselves. See you there.

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## BUNCO

Marge Grohskopf

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**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

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### Reminder

**S**eptember's Mingle will be September 21. I am really looking forward to having you all show up. Try out a new dish you have been thinking about. Bring an old one you've brought before. No one has been disappointed so far. A good time will be had by all. See you 9-21. Don't forget 50/50.



## Bereavement

Barbara Bergling

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**P**lease 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.



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## Briar Creek Book Club

*(Phase I & II)*

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November book is *Two Old Women* by Velma Wallis.

Jane McKenzie

651-353-2602

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 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.

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Thanks again everyone

Barbara Bergling

## NAME BADGES

*Marsha Bowlby*

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# Birthdays and Anniversaries

Pete Loranger

## Birthdays

|      |                     |      |                    |
|------|---------------------|------|--------------------|
| 9/01 | Peter Shepard       | 9/12 | Mary Ronan         |
| 9/01 | Nancy Hall          | 9/17 | Norma Neva         |
| 9/05 | Jerry Maxwell       | 9/17 | Antionietta Donato |
| 9/06 | MaryJo Ronn         | 9/18 | Thomas Lacoey      |
| 9/06 | Norbert Hertel      | 9/19 | Nancy Eickenberg   |
| 9/07 | Brian Mattson       | 9/24 | Elizabeth Stephens |
| 9/09 | Gerry Krockenberger | 9/25 | Bea Cooney         |
| 9/10 | Carol Minehan       | 9/28 | John McCormick     |
| 9/10 | Jina Duggan         | 9/28 | Gil Mackert        |
| 9/10 | Ron Price           | 9/28 | Sharon Cann        |
| 9/11 | Betsy Bailey        | 9/29 | Rosie Cargill      |



## Anniversaries

|           |   |
|-----------|---|
| 9/03/1997 | Brien & Anne Stickney – 46 years            |
| 9/05/1992 | Al & Diane Merando – 31 years               |
| 9/07/1984 | Ron & Jill Price – 39 years                 |
| 9/08/1982 | Arnold & Marge Grohskopf – 41 years         |
| 9/24/1966 | Jerry & Arlene Skolnekovich – 57 years      |
| 9/26/2015 | Walt Balcer & Wayne Clark – 8 years         |
| 9/28/2005 | Marty Finkelstein & Julie Austin – 18 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

- Rental – New Resident at 156 Pinewood Ter. Alicia Michaels
- New Owners at 140 Briar Creek Blvd. – Carol Minahan (417-987-8216) & Gina Zurzold
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