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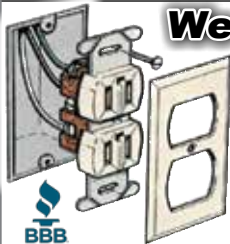


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Area Agency on Aging of Pasco-Pinellas 1-800-963-5337

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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
- 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!



POOL

Pat Rivera, Director

Splish. Splash. Nothing better than a pool in paradise - unless there is the threat of a hurricane.

No one I know can precisely predict the whims of Mother Nature. Many believe it is better to be over prepared and spared rather to not prepare – and be full of swears in the aftermath.

With that in mind, it was decided to remove all of the chairs and tables around the pool. THANKS to the three willing residents who volunteered to do the job. Martin Shapiro. Jeff Clark. Jim Furphy.

AND THEN...It was a few days before debris, etc. was cleaned out of the pool. There was no rush to return the chairs to their place in the sun. However, THANKS to Mark (everyone knows Mark) who took on the task, single handedly, of bringing the chairs out of the clubhouse.

Just another example of “it takes a village” and how grateful I am to live in this corner of paradise.



NAME BADGES

Al Hartin

Want 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!

INSPECTIONS & ARCHITECTURAL REPORTS

Kim Ramalho, Vice President



Inspections - 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



The lawns will be mowed 3 times, weather permitting.

In Memorium

Mary Houpt, Bereavement



Long-time resident, Michael Fetchko, passed away July 24, 2023, from complications of MS. Sympathy to his wife, Carol Fetchko, 80 Jacaranda Drive.

Richard "Dick" Campbell, 87 Jacaranda Drive, passed away August 07, 2023. A service will be held in Michigan in the Fall. Sympathy to his wife, Beverly, and family to above address.

Resident, Thomas Horvath, 85 Redwood Drive, passed away Sunday, August 13, 2023. Sympathy to his wife, Mary Ann.

October Anniversaries

Kim Ramalho

First Names	Last	Month	Day	Year
Rick & Terry	Citti	October	6	
James & Bernadette	Hackett	October	9	1999
Richard & Bev	Campbell	October	10	1959
Frank & Karen	Roberts	October	11	2012





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October Birthdays

Kim Ramalho

First	Last	Month	Day
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Ron	Browne	October	2
Eda	Tesoro	October	3
Ken.	Blake	October	3
Veronica	Chan	October	3
Martin	Shaprio	October	6
Allan	Bjorne	October	7
Karen	Ranieri	October	7
Jone	Davidson	October	8
Diane	Malek	October	9
Greta	Vincent	October	9
David	Broderick	October	10
Edward	Snelling	October	10
Bev	Campbell	October	11
Charles	Brooks	October	11
Amanda	Lee	October	12
Kathleen	Robke	October	12
Dawn Jeanne	Didier	October	13
Joel	McNair	October	14
John	Pickering	October	14
LuAnn	Rathke	October	14
Pat	Cloutier	October	14
Ruth	Kalbfleisch	October	14
Lesley	Blake	October	16
Nancy	Arguin	October	17
William	Birdsall	October	17
Bruce	Davies	October	18
Mario	Gurreri	October	20
Louis	Kocsis	October	21
Margaret	Beckerman	October	21
John	Ross	October	22
Carol Anne	Rice	October	23
Coleen	Halamka	October	25
Barbara	Trent	October	26
Thomas	Monahan	October	27
Marilyn	Hegerty	October	28
Loralyn	Woodward	October	29
Peter	Sheppard	October	29
Walter	Kingsbury	October	29
Gene	Steffen	October	31

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BINGO

Your Phase One Bingo Team



Tuesdays - P1 BINGO - doors open at 5:00pm

Hot dogs, a variety of chips and soda will be offered every Tuesday night. We will be adding our weekly special meals (like we had last year) 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.

BRIAR CREEK BIRD WALK

Bill Kaempfer



Find 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, October 6th at 8:00 a.m. for a 60 to 90 minute walk up and down our streets and out to the canal. We meet at the Phase 1 Clubhouse, wear sturdy walking shoes, and bring binoculars, if you have them. October should bring lots of migrating birds.

Bill Kaempfer
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BRIAR CREEK BOOK CLUB (Phase I & II)

Jane McKenzie



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
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BRIAR CREEK BRIDGE

Bill Kaempfer

Briar 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.

Here are recent winners:

Aug 8	Roberta Shuler	3570
Aug 15	Roberta Shuler	4050
Aug 22	Roberta Shuler	3670
Aug 29	Hurricane Idalia	
Sept 5	Bill Kaempfer	3810



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Frank Gaffney and Anthony Carregal

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PHASE ONE CLUBHOUSE.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 AT 8:00AM

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28 AT 6:00PM

HALLOWEEN with D.J. Les N. More

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PHASE ONE CLUBHOUSE.

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

kRaZy KaRdS (MONTHLY on the first Sunday)

If you have never played, we can teach you in 10 minutes. There are cash prizes and dessert at the break. YOU MUST SIGN UP IN ADVANCE TO PARTICIPATE. (Sorry, we cannot accommodate walk-ins.)

\$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

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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.

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

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

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“Bless the Beasts and the Children” -

Pat Rivera



If you have fur children and would like to have them blessed, please bring them, or a photo of them, to Unity Community Church of Dunedin on Saturday, October 7.

There will be individual blessings, a certificate, and appropriate treats for dogs and cats. If you have other pets, there may not be appropriate treats for them, but feel free to bring them for a blessing and a certificate.

The church is located on Alt 19/1315 Bayshore Blvd., southbound from Curlew. The blessings will be available between 10:00am and 2pm. Hope to see you there.

They call us “The Elderly”

We were born in the 40-50-60's.
We grew up in the 50-60-70's.
We studied in the 60-70-80's.



We were dating in the 70-80-90's.

We got married and discovered the world in the 70-80-90's.

We venture into the 80-90's.

We stabilize in the 2000's.

We got wiser in the 2010's.

And we are going firmly through and beyond 2020.

Turns out we've lived through EIGHT different decades...

TWO different centuries...

TWO different millennia...

We have gone from the telephone with an operator for long-distance calls to video calls to anywhere in the world.

We have gone from slides to YouTube, from vinyl records to online music, from handwritten letters to email and Whats App.

From live matches on the radio, to black and white TV, colour TV and then to 3D HD TV.

We went to the Video store and now we watch Netflix.

We got to know the first computers, punch cards, floppy disks and now we have gigabytes and megabytes on our smartphones.

We wore shorts throughout our childhood and then long trousers, Oxfords, flares, shell suits & blue jeans.

We dodged infantile paralysis, meningitis, polio, tuberculosis, swine flu and now COVID-19.

We rode skates, tricycles, bicycles, mopeds, petrol or diesel cars and now we drive hybrids



or electric.

Yes, we've been through a lot but what a great life we've had!

They could describe us as “exennials”; people who were born in that world of the fifties, who had an analog childhood and a digital adulthood.

We've kind of “Seen-It-All”!

Our generation has literally lived through and witnessed more than any other in every dimension of life.

It is our generation that has literally adapted to “CHANGE”.

A big round of applause to all the members of a very special generation, which will be UNIQUE.

-Author unknown

Keep on keeping on!

Briar Creek Bugle Phase II – OCTOBER 2023

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Board of Directors:

Bob Raynor – President



You may have heard me say this before “You don’t get to vote on the way things are, you already did”. I don’t know who came up with this, but, when we think about it, it is so true and it applies to our BCII community and the board elections that will happen in the next few months.

As we all know, the board consists of seven members. Each member is voted in by residents for a two year term with terms staggered between one group of three member’s positions that expire one year and four members whose position’s expire the following year. This December, there are three expiring positions.

Any BCII homeowner can run for the board. There is no limit to the number of terms a board director can serve. We have had directors past and present run for consecutive terms and serve on our board for many years. We appreciate that long term commitment to serve as the tacit knowledge that is learned through experience and decision making is an invaluable asset to our community. An additional benefit is the opportunity for new board directors to learn from those who know our community best from the inside out. At the same time, it is also important to have new board members who can bring new energy, express fresh ideas and who are committed to helping our board be better positioned to blend the needs of existing residents with the expectations of our future residents. As a community of residents ranging from the mid fifties to the 90’s, it is an exciting challenge and rewarding opportunity to work with and learn from four generational age groups.

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If you would like to become involved at the board level, now is the time to think about taking that leap of faith. The pay isn't great and the job isn't always fun, but ultimately, it is rewarding when you make a positive difference in the lives of your friends and neighbors by enhancing their quality of life. Below is the timeframe for the election process:

October 5th: 60 Day notice of the election process mailed to property owners along with the Board Candidate Application for submission to Progressive

October 25th: Deadline for submission of the Candidate Application to Progressive

November 3rd: Ballot for Board Candidate election and Budget Proxy mailed to property owners from Progressive

December 1: Announce Budget Proxy and election results of Board Members. Election of Officers by the Board.

Should you have questions about the process or functions of the Board, you are encouraged to talk to any Board member. And most importantly, help play a vital role in maintaining our history and contributing to our wonderful community's quality of life in the years ahead.

Director

Sam Oliverio

Summer has just about come to an end, and our neighbors who have been away have started coming back to the Creek. I want to once again thank all who have helped keep our Pool area in the pristine condition that we all enjoy. Special thanks to Tom Feeley, and Bob Raynor for making sure the pool kept running while Amber and I took a vacation.

As I'm sure you all know we lost an integral member of our Community in September. Sonny Whitehouse was not only a former Board member, but was a true example of volunteerism to the highest degree. Sonny was always ready to help in the Community, whether helping on Park cleanup days, Food Pantry collection or just about anything that was needed. Sonny will be missed by many people whose lives he touched. Rest In Peace Sonny, you deserve it.

Social Club President

Pam Edwards



Bazaar update from Maureen and Wayne:

The Bazaar shed is open Saturdays 9:30am to 11:30am, (weather permitting), to accept donations. Our volunteers are glad to assist you dropping off items and can sell items from the rear shed. Due to our current limited space, we are also selling some large furniture items online. (If you are looking for a particular item we have a wish list. Leave your name and number with one of our volunteers and they will contact you if it becomes available.)

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We will be starting our Christmas sales in November. If you have Christmas items you no longer want or need, they would be appreciated.

Our volunteers have a list of items we can't accept due to their historic sales track record and our current limited storage space.

*Items in the exercise room are being held for the actual Bazaar.

*All items must be clean and in good shape.

If you have questions, please contact Maureen at 219-863-1460.

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Halloween Activity

Skip Taylor



For Halloween, Tuesday, October 31, we're planning a Golf Cart canned food collection for donation to a food pantry. Those who have golf carts can join together with walkers to pick up bagged food residents put out in their driveways. Cart owners and walkers can sign up and be paired; there are 13 routes available.

Collection will be at 10am on Halloween. Collected food will be left at the Clubhouse where other volunteers will put food inside for later delivery to the pantry. Signup sheets for cart drivers and walkers will be in the Clubhouse.

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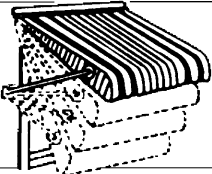
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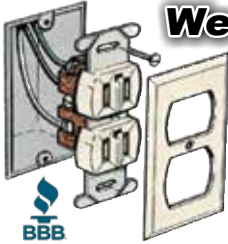
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Dr. Marty Finkelstein



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Learning to meditate is like setting our internal compass so it aligns with our desires and purpose in life. Meditation and prayer are like two parts of the whole. Prayer is speaking and evoking while meditating is the listening. Typically we are better at talking then listening. Simply ask a significant other.

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It doesn't matter who we are or where we are, the art of Meditation can add to the quality of our lives.

Dr. Marty Finkelstein lives in Briarcreek with his wife Julie Austin.

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Once some of our snow birds are back, a short term project has been suggested by Marge Grohskopf to make lapsize items for the Alzheimer and Dementia patients. There are facilities around our area that care for these patients.

We would like to find out who would be interested in this project for them. One of their many symptoms is fidgeting with items or clothing that have zippers, buttons, and different textures of material, etc.

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What's Happening in Briar Creek II?

We have a lot to celebrate through the end of the year so shake out your party clothes and get ready for some fun!

Sunday, October 22 (note date change) 5:30 – 9p.m \$20 p.p.

Octoberfest

Gene and Donna Stockmaster have agreed to provide a delicious German style dinner for our Octoberfest celebration. At Large Duo will be playing a variety of music for your eating and dancing pleasure. If you want to add some German beer, you will need to BYOB! This will be a special event you do not want to miss.

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Halloween

Bob Raynor



With the arrival of October 31st comes one of the world's oldest and most celebrated holidays. Originally derived from ancient festivals and religious rituals, today, many of the original celebration traditions continue to include costume parties, trick-or-treating, pranks, games and more. We thought it might be interesting to take a look at how Halloween is celebrated in different parts of the world.

Halloween originated during the Iron Age in Ireland and was called “Samhain” which in Celtic means “Summers End”. The day is celebrated today much as it has been in the past. Bonfires are lit and all over the country, children get dressed up in costumes and spend the evening “trick-or-treating”. After trick-or-treating, most people attend parties with neighbors and friends. At the parties, games are played, including “snap-apple,” a game in which an apple on a string is tied to a doorframe or tree and players attempt to bite the hanging apple. In addition to bobbing for apples, parents often arrange treasure hunts, with candy or pastries as the treasure.

In Mexico, Latin America and Spain, All Souls’ Day, is commemorated with a three-day celebration that begins on the evening of October 31. The celebration is designed to honor the dead who, it is believed, return to their earthly homes on Halloween. Many families construct an altar to the dead in their homes to honor deceased relatives and decorate it with candy, flowers, photographs, samples of the deceased’s favorite foods and drinks, and fresh water. Often, a wash basin and towel are left out so that the spirit can wash before indulging in the feast. Candles and incense are burned to help the deceased find their way home.

A few African countries are well known for their witchcraft and voodoo practices such as Benin, Togo, Ghana, Nigeria and the Congo holding on to their own ancient traditions, thus somewhat having a connection with Halloween. There have also been many witch stories arising out of Madagascar where worshipping the dead is very common. Every year, the dead family member’s body is exhumed, the family members elevate the corpse above their heads dancing and singing in circles. The corpse’s clothes are then changed for new clothing and

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the body is again wrapped in new sheets like a mummy before being reburied again until the following year's funeral anniversary.

Just as many countries celebrate Halloween, others don't celebrate or have even banned Halloween, frequently for religious reasons. For example, some religions prefer to celebrate the idea of life versus focusing on death. So this year, while you are carving your pumpkin, consider taking time to explore other fun and unique Halloween traditions around the world.

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

In Memory of

Sonny Whitehouse – 81 Red Fox Run – 9/3/2023



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Sharon Cann

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8/16	Sharon Cann 256, Laura Haas 231
8/23	Sharon Cann 339, Laura Haas 229
9/06	Laura Haas 277, Sharon Cann 256



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Jean Schmidt

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Bingo

AL & Diane Merando



Bingo is in full swing and we’re looking forward to a great season! Welcome back to our snowbird players and thanks to all our returning and new volunteers- we couldn’t do this without you.

If you haven’t played with us there is always someone available to show you the ropes every Monday with sales starting at 5pm; games starting at 6pm. Come join us for a great night of community and fun!

Ladies’ Luncheon

Darlene Beyer



Wow, I can't believe October luncheon will be coming up next on 10/19/2023 @ THE BACON STREET DINER, next to Macy's in Countryside Mall. I have been told that their lunches are very reasonable and very good. They have from Hamburgers and Fries to Fish and Chip, and Strawberry Shortcake. YUM.

If you would like to attend, you can sign up on the Ladies Luncheon Sheet on the bulletin board in Phase II Clubhouse.

I, Darlene Beyer, can be contacted @ 727-403-9957 if you have any questions or you may need a ride .

I hope all the NEW residents and the snowbirds join us so we can enjoy meeting you.



BUNCO

Marge Grohskopf



Bunco 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 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



Reminder
September's Mingle will be October 19th 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.. Don't forget 50/50

Bereavement

Barbara Bergling



Please be advised I am now in charge of bereavement. When a resident passes inform me by email 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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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 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

NAME BADGES

Marsha Bowlby



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Birthdays and Anniversaries

Pete Loranger

Birthdays

10/01	Mike Lucas	10/23	Michael Siggia
10/02	Judy Cochrane	10/24	Darlene Beyer
10/02	Benda Horton	10/24	Sandy Fassett
10/03	Majel Jordan	10/25	Art Tavenor
10/05	Yaeko Parish	10/26	Peggy Raynor
10/16	Luke Straub	10/26	Rick Dimock
10/17	Joseph Guerino	10/28	Ed Snell
10/19	Dave Swets	10/29	Lisa Guerino
10/20	Marilyn Whitelaw	10/29	Jean Johnson
10/22	Tom Harris	10/31	Carol Vecchio



Anniversaries

10/01/1978	Rick & Grace McKim – 45 years
10/03/1992	Brian & Betsy Bailey – 31 years
10/06/1963	Ken & Jean Demers – 60 years
10/11/1997	Tom & Michelle Harris – 26 years
10/18/1975	Ron Steinacher & Russ Lipari
10/20/1973	Gary & Roxie Herman – 50 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

- Add Juli Delgiorno – 131 Pinewood Ter 813-510-7222 – Remove Montoya
- Add Alicia Michaels – 156 Pinewood Ter 813-505-8049 –
- Add Abe & Sheri El-Sarraf – 76 Red Fox Run 416-317-4904
- Add Laurie Walker – 73 Cottagewood Dr – remove Char Kent
- Add Sheila Compton – 93 Cottagewood Dr
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