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AT THE MEETING

Gene Arend

he annual meeting of the owners was called to order at 10 AM Monday December 4, 2023. The results of the Proxy Votes are 212 proxy ballots were returned of the possible 317. 132 voted Yes to approve



the amendment to prohibit guns/weapons on common elements/clubhouse. 75 voted No and 5 abstained. On the Partial funding of the reserve fund 199 voted Yes 8 voted No and 5 abstained. On the need to have a partial financial review 173 Voted Yes 31 voted No and 8 abstained.

There was a lengthy discussion from the owners voicing their opinion on both sides of the amendment. This amendment, when proposed to the Board of Directors, was discussed at two board meetings by both the directors and those attending the meeting. The board also sought the guidance from our legal representation. The end result of that opinion to the board from the attorney was regardless of which decision the board made there could be legal issues. The board decided this was too major of a decision to be made by just 7 so the amendment was drafted and presented to all of the owners. The information on if guns were allowed in the common area, namely the clubhouse, or being prohibited was included with the annual meeting notification packet. The owners were then assigned to make the final decision. Just as in any democratic offering there will be those who agree and those who disagree and the reasoning is endless.

There was also a lengthy discussion on speeding by residents, vendors and visitors on the

streets of Briar Creek. This is an issue which has been presented on more than one occasion. Several years ago, the proposal to install speed bumps on the roads was presented to a vote for an annual meeting. Much in the same way the recent amendment was presented. The majority of owners voted against the installation of speed bumps. In this director's opinion signs, speed limits and other means will not change the behaviors of some. As always it is the few that draw the attention. In my observations the majority of the residents respect the speed limits. There is always the few who do not respect the speeds. It is a danger to our community. I submit no matter what means you impose, the few will find a way to speed. After leaving a stop sign or driving over a speed bump that foot will press down on the accelerator. I have observed some of the more noted vendors who drive in the community and they will noticeably slow down for the STOP sign but then they "Put the pedal to the metal" and off they go again.

Another issue presented was getting information to the community. The monthly media, what you are reading now, is one solution. A board meeting is another, however there is a minority unable to attend. The board has on more than one occasion held board meetings at evening hours and the observed attendance was not noticeably different than the meetings held on Wednesday morning. It was asked at more than one of those meetings on the preference and overwhelmingly those attending preferred the Wednesday morning meeting time. The minutes of all meetings include discussion by the directors and residents at the meeting. The minutes and other board business information is posted on the bulletin boards in the clubhouse and posted on the mybriarcreek website for all owners to review. The information is there for all to review. Only you can decide to make that information available to you.

GOT A PROBLEM WHO YOU GONNA CALL?

Gene Arend

If you have any issues or problems within the Association property in Briar Creek I please call the person directly responsible for that area of the community. This will enable you to have the issue resolved quickly and properly. Calling anyone else means that director may not have the information or details they need to resolve your issue. Calling the wrong director will only delay or prevent your issue from being solved in a timely manner. They may not have access or information necessary to address your issue. Below are the directors to call for all areas of responsibility.

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RESERVE/DEFERRED MAINTENANCE

Al Hartin, Treasurer

In last month's Monthly Media, I broke down the Monthly Maintenance Fee. Perhaps you were wondering why will my Maintenance Fee include \$25.92 for RESERVE/DEFERRED MAINTENANCE?



RESERVE/DEFERRED MAINTENANCE is a fund set aside for periodic replacement of major building/facility components such as replacement of the roof, roads, heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) systems, major pool repairs/upgrades, major water/sewer repairs, etc. This fund does not include minor repairs and maintenance as these costs are considered routine operating expenses.

Setting aside funds in RESERVE/DEFERRED MAINTENANCE eliminates the need for a Special Assessment in the event of a major expense such as the recent upgrade of our Pool Heating/Cooling and filtration systems done in FY2022 & FY2023 at a cost of \$117K.

This year we have spent \$108,051.00 out of our RESERVE/DEFERRED MAINTENANCE fund with no need for a Special Assessment. Listed below are the projects that were completed.

Clubhouse Electrical Update	\$ 8,200.00
Final payment of the Pool Upgrade Project	\$20,663.78
Clubhouse Security System	\$ 8,258.88
Street Signs Replacement	\$ 3,569.77
Replacement of interior Pool Lights	\$16.600.00
Repair and Resealing of Pool Deck	\$15,459.40
Replacement of fence around Pool	\$ 9,165.50
Bridge Deck Replacement	\$ 5,200.00
Concrete Slab for smoking area	\$ 3.000.00
Concrete walkway to Pool Shed	\$ 1,800.00
Three Major Sewer Line Repairs	\$16,134.00

ASSOCIATION EMAIL

Gene Arend



Briar Creek I uses a group email service from the mybriarcreek website for all association matters. The email will be addressed from Progressive Management, who is the webmaster for the website. These are virtually generated and sent from a "Do Not Reply" source and any response is not read by a person. These communications will deal with all association

business. The messages are currently being sent by your Directors to over 290 email addresses in the Briar Creek I community. Matters related to such items as Board Agenda, Minutes of Meeting, Water shut offs, Sewer issues and a diversity of other business-related messages are sent periodically. These email messages could end up in your Spam or Junk folder depending on the security levels you have for your individual email account. If you are not receiving these messages, contact briarcreekoff@gmail.com with your email address and we can check the files and determine if your email address is receiving the messages. If not, we can update the files and add your email address. These messages will only be communications for owners in Briar Creek Mobile Home Community #1. Most of these messages may impact you. They will save you time and trouble when things occur that you need to know.

SOCIAL CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Gene Arend

ocial membership cards for fiscal year March 1,2024 - February 28, 2025, will be available starting January 3rd, 2024. Cost of membership will be \$1.00 (One Dollar). Membership will entitle members to all Entertainment events at membership pricing, free access to annual social club sponsored events. Membership cards will be available from Kim Ramalho or Gene Arend at the weekly social club coffee socials on Wednesday until March 31st 2024. After that date membership will be \$5.00 (Five Dollars) and available free to new residents of Briar Creek. If you are unable to attend the coffee social contact Kim or Gene.

TRAVEL CLUB NEWS

Gene Arend

The Briar Creek Travel Club is coordinated by Arlene Preston, Christine Herington and Pat Bieniewicz your Phase II contacts and Carol Keller-Michaelis, Donna Hartin, Gene Arend and Toni Beaton your contacts in Phase I. Any one of them can assist you with travel trips planned or discuss adventures you might have in mind.

The club has planned a cruise on March 2nd 2024 on the Radiance of the Seas, a 6 days Caribbean cruise. A dinner theater outing at the Early Bird dinner theater, play and buffet dinner, on January 26th "One Slight Hitch" a Louis Black Broadway hit. With another one on the radar for early April 2024 "The Underpants" by Carl Sternheim adapted by Steve Martin. A dinner Cruise on the Starlite Majesty from the Clearwater Marina on February 21st along the intercoastal waterway. All of these trips have a poster and sign-up sheet in your clubhouse and on the Travel Page of the website upcsportshub.com. Travel club events are open to all residents of Briar Creek, their family and friends.

REMINDERS

Al Hartin

FOBS

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!

NAME BADGES

Al Hartin



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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Mike Moore, 813-629-8216

he lawns will be mowed twice in January.



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Kim Ramalho, Vice President, (508) 423-1691

Inspections - Please start thinking about the upcoming inspections. Now is the time to begin sprucing up your properties (e.g. house exterior washing, weed removal, gutters cleaned out, house trim painted, etc.) I am looking for volunteers to help with inspections, please let me know if you are interested in helping out. THANKS.

Architectural Requests - ALL ARCHITECTURAL REQUESTS MUST BE APPROVED BEFORE any work can be done. I am happy to work with any residents who submit a request to ensure it complies with regulations. Any Architectural Requests can be dropped off at the Clubhouse Director's Office or placed in my Rock Box @ 39 Deer Trail Court.

IN MEMORIUM

Mary Houpt, Bereavement



Passed esident, Dennis Paternoster, 148 Beechwood Drive, passed away up North on Tuesday, November 21, 2023. No local service is planned.

Messages of sympathy to his wife, Lee Paternoster, at 148 Beechwood Drive.

BINGO

Your Phase One Bingo Team

Phase One Bingo every Tuesday, doors open at 5:00pm, games start at 6:00pm. As our prep time to set up is significantly shorter than previous years, we do ask that you not enter the clubhouse until 5:00pm.

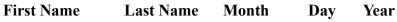


Hot dogs will be served every Tuesday from 5:00 to 5:45, and Jeff will do his best to provide a meal each Tuesday, as well. You need not play bingo to purchase food, but we do ask that you non-players wait until 5:30 so that players can get a meal and get seated. Keep an eye on the Briar Creek Facebook groups for more info, or contact Jeff Clark via phone or text at 585-613-6218

Prize monies are growing each week and if you haven't played bingo in a few years, please give us another try. You know we're having FUN when a game has to stop because we're all laughing so hard!

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Kim Ramalho



Phil & Naomi Fiacable January 24



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Kim Ramalho

First Name	Last Name	Month	Day
			Day
Michael	Haines	January	1
Christopher	Lambert	January	2 3 3 3
Flo	Bombardier	January	3
Lee	Lahr	January	3
Patty	Fontaine	January	3
Elaine	Griswold	January	4
Andy	Philyaw	January	5 5
Jean	Styles	January	
Susan	Stevens	January	8
Jody	Baronian	January	9
Alice	Hall	January	12
Mike	Kusovich	January	12
Beatrice	Whitener	January	14
Richard	Sullivan	January	15
Betty	Miller	January	16
William	Zisa	January	16
Brenda	Wisniesky	January	17
Nina	Harper	January	17
Kate	McCombs	January	19
Maggi	Concannon	January	19
David	Holmes	January	20
Joseph	Genova	January	21
Maureen	Mc Laughlin	January	21
Diane	Corr	January	22
Theresa	Citti	January	22
Dee	Kessinger	January	23
Pat	Rivera	January	23
Richard	Bonanno	January	24
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BRIAR CREEK BIRD WALK

Bill Kaempfer

ind out more about the natural setting of Briar Creek on our monthly bird walks. Over the years 114 species of birds have been observed in Briar Creek!



In November, four of us saw 32 species including a beautiful Prairie Warbler as we birded between the two BC Clubhouses. December saw us repeating the same path and we just about matched the November total with 31 species this time including Spotted Sandpiper and Killdeer. In addition, we were all lucky to see a river ofter swim by at close range in the canal.

January's bird walk will be on the first Friday of the month—January 5th. Join us at 8:00am 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.

BRIAR CREEK BRIDGE

Bill Kaempfer

Priar 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:

Roberta Shuler	2530
Cam Law	3810
Bill Kaempfer	4120
Liz Wessoleck	3040
Bill Kaempfer	3290
Bill Kaempfer	3260
Bill Kaempfer	3900
Cam Law	3500
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POKENO

Flo Bombadier

Toin us on Sunday afternoons at 1:00pm in Phase 1 clubhouse.



EUCHRE

Margo Keyes

very Thursday at 6:30pm in Phase 1 clubhouse. Bring 50¢ and nickels for Euchres. Questions, contact Margo at 518-528-3227.



LINE DANCING

Helen Coar



oin the line! Come and enjoy the music and exercise. Wednesday, 6:30-7:30pm. If you are a beginner, arrive at 6:00 for a quick lesson. Hope to see you then.

BRIAR CREEK BOOK CLUB (Phase I & II)

Jane McKenzie



njoy discussing books chosen by the members. Our book club meets in the Phase II Clubhouse at 3:00pm on the second Tuesday of the month, however, we do not meet May-October. The January book is *The Home for Unwanted Girls* by Joanna Goodman, and the February book is *The Paris Daughter* by Kristin Harmel. Please contact me if you are interested in joining or have questions.

Jane McKenzie 651-353-2602 jgmckenzie4647@gmail.com

PULL TABS

Toni & Don Beaton

Ittle things make a big difference! You can help support Ronald McDonald House by donating the tabs you pull to open soda, soup and other aluminum cans and help the environment at the same time. You can place your pull tabs in the envelope located at the back door of the clubhouse, drop them off at our house, 126 Juniperus Dr. or just hand them to us as you see us around the park. Pull for the house! Thank you!

BOWLERS 25 OR MORE PINS OVER AVERAGE

Gene Arend

November 10th

Cindy Benoit – 39

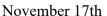
Frank Gaffney – 48, 36

Gene Arend – 69

Linda Fitton – 34

Ray Jablonski – 34

Tom Lacoy – 28



Allan Berge – 26

Arnold Williams – 33

Carol Beatty - 41

Frank Gaffney - 26

Jim Beatty - 25

Mary Kay Brown – 43

Pete Fedelem – 30



Allan Berge – 45

Arnold Williams – 40

Bob Barr – 35

Frank Gaffney – 38

Joe Simpson – 25

Kenny Homme − 36, 46

Kim Ramalho – 29

Ray Jablonski – 31, 49

Bowlers Men 200+ - Ladies 175+

November 10th

Lee West - 200

Gene Arend – 221

Cindy Benoit - 187

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Frank Gaffney and Anthony Carregal

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PHASE ONE CLUBHOUSE.



SUNDAY, JANUARY 7 at 6:00PM

kRaZy KaRdS

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.) You can sign up at coffee on Wednesday mornings or contact Frank (info below).

\$3pp (for prizes and dessert)

PHASE ONE CLUBHOUSE.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21 at 4:30PM

GREEK SUNDAY DINNER with pianist John Shirley

Come enjoy a traditional Greek dinner.

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PHASE ONE CLUBHOUSE.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24 at 7:00PM

APPRECIATION NIGHT DINNER

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PHASE ONE CLUBHOUSE.



SUNDAY, MARCH 17 at 4:00PM

ST. PATRICK'S DAY with D.J. Les N. More

4:00pm: Parade from The BC Mart to the Clubhouse

(Time may vary based on availability of Fire Department.)

4:30pm: Cocktails

5:30pm: Corned Beef Dinner

Dancing until 9:30pm

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PHASE ONE CLUBHOUSE.

SATURDAY, APRIL 13 at 1:00PM

THE ANNUAL PICNIC with Rockin' Rob

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LETTER FROM JEFF CLARK

December 4, 2023

I'm Jeff Clark, and I've served on the Briar Creek Phase One board twice. I resigned my position both times. I felt at the time it wasn't necessary (and also counter-productive) to publicly discuss my reasons for resigning. However, at this morning's annual meeting a current board member felt it necessary to raise the issue of my resignations and used it to chastise me in public. Not only was this uncalled for, it was also inaccurate. So please let me set the record straight.

My first resignation came about when I emailed the other board members about my idea to rectify exterior problems with Phase One homes that the owners were neglecting. I asked for input from each other board member, and NOT EVEN ONE OTHER MEMBER BOTHERED TO RESPOND. At the time, residents assumed I resigned due to my full-time employment and therefore couldn't devote enough time to the board. But the truth was this: why should I continue in a position where I obviously didn't have the support of my fellow board members?

I decided to run again for the 2021-2022 board; a number of residents came to me and asked if I would serve again. I discussed it with current board members sometime in November. One

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member was concerned that I would not serve my full term, as I had resigned once before. I assured that person that I did not see- AT THAT TIME- me resigning and would do my best to serve a full term. I was elected to the board in early December 2020, then my husband David received a stage four lung cancer diagnosis in January. As if that wasn't stressful enough, I proposed at the February 2021 board meeting that we establish a committee to look into solving the issue of speeding vehicles within our community. Five members of the board refused to vote, which killed the idea of even looking into the problem.

Again, lacking the support of the board on such a simple and non-binding request (along with having to deal with David's cancer), I again resigned. I did receive emails from 2 board members about my resignation; one was about my not living up to my promise to serve a full term. The fact that David's illness* was never mentioned in either email was rather cold in my opinion, but I've since been able to let that go. However, since it was brought up again at our annual meeting (with the nuance of "put-up-or-shut-up," implying I had forfeited the right to voice my opinions or ideas), I felt it was time to explain to Phase One residents the exact circumstances of my resignations.

Jeff Clark

*for those of you that are unaware, David passed away from his illness March 21st, 2021.

Briar Creek Bugle Phase II – January - 2024 (Pete Loranger - Editor Phone 421-2321)

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Sam Oliverio – President

that 2024 will be an exceptional year for you and your families.

I want to thank you for putting your trust in me, and the other Board members these last two years while we have served our Community. With that said, I am happy to continue to serve for another two years and will do my best to deserve the trust you have placed in me. We have a great Community, and the best neighbors in Phase 1, if not we wouldn't be living here. With your help, we can keep it that way.

appy New Year to one and all. I hope that this Holiday Season finds you all well, and

Again, best wishes for a very Happy New Year.

Bob Raynor – Vice President

appy New Year to our BC friends and neighbors. 2023 was a great year for our overall BC community as Boards and Committees from both phases continued to seek out joint opportunities to work together in a variety of areas including entertainment, travel

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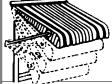
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and sharing pool facilities during construction and repairs. The Briar Creek Experience on Facebook has been a great resource for sharing information while "theBC2Connection" keeps us up to date with goings-on. Many thanks to so many who have helped this board to continue building on our past and continuing to move us forward with an eye to our evolving future. Briar Creek is a wonderful place to live. Let's continue to keep it that way!!

Finally, I only had one New Year's Resolution but changed my mind. A Facebook quote said it perfectly. My New Year's Resolution was going to be to "quit all my bad habits, but then it occurred to me - no one likes a quitter". Happy New Year everyone!!

Philip Chabot - Director Phase - Garage, Lawns, Ponds and RV Lot

Hope your Holidays were special. Just a reminder about the RV Lot. If you have a unit in the designated parking area, please make sure that it is registered and that I have a copy of a valid registration. Both boats and trailers must be registered, and I must have a valid copy of each unit. We also highly recommend that you have insurance on your unit as we are not responsible for anything that may occur while parked in the RV Lot. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Work continues on a restructuring plan for the RV Lot and we will keep you posted and updated as these plans progress. Welcome to 2024!

mailto:hepgramma43@gmail.com

Jim Tashjian - Director

an you believe it is 2024 already? I was just getting used to writing 2023 on approvals for alterations! Well Happy New Year to all of our residents. May 2024 bring you good health, peace, and much joy.

January usually begins the home inspection process and many of you work hard to make or keep your homes looking beautiful. So it tends to be a busy month for outside alterations as well. I love that people take pride in their homes and landscapes. Keep in mind that painting your house, your driveway, or even just the trim requires approval from the Condo Board. This month I am stocking extra alteration forms in the tray next to the office door in the library area of the clubhouse. Please fill them out, return them to either the office mail slot or to my rock box at 193 Clubview Drive. It is important that you do not begin your project until you have board approval in writing. As always, I ask that you be careful on step stools and ladders, protect your eyes, ears, and fingers, and call (811) before you dig. Keep up the good work and Happy New Year!

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Skip Taylor - Director

As you know, our Condominium Articles of Incorporation as well as our Bylaws and Restrictions require that we all maintain the exterior of our home and land in "good, clean, healthy and attractive condition at all time" In mid-January, we will begin the annual home inspection process to review each home for needed outside maintenance. After those inspections are completed, homeowners will receive an evaluation of the condition of their home and if there are problem areas, given time to take corrective action.

Recently, in anticipation of this annual inspection, every home was quickly evaluated from the road to determine what trends we are seeing that will need to be addressed. Many homeowners have worked hard to ensure their homes are meeting their maintenance requirements. For those that are not, below is a list of the primary areas we saw that you can start to work on now. Check the list and if you find it pertains to you, why not start to tidy up now before the formal inspections begin. Wouldn't it be great to get a nice home evaluation?

- 1. Homes, including carports, mailbox and planter bricks that are dirty and moldy need pressure washing schedule a cleaning soon. (Note: Be mindful of recently issued Water Use Restrictions.)
- 2. Gutter gardens are not good remove weeds and other growth
- 3. Mailboxes need worn and torn numbers replaced

Thank you in advance and help us to help you. Skip Taylor, Director 191 Clubview Drive Ph 518-396-9601 eMail: taylor@acmenet.net

Other Board Info

The have received complaints that vehicles are driving at excessive speeds from Phase 2 thru Phase 1. Please remember that the speed limit in Phase 2 is 15 mph, and 20 mph in Phase 1.

Social Club President

Carol Smitley

am looking forward to serving as your Social Club President for the year 2024. It is my hope and prayer 2024 will be a successful year for the bazaar. As you know Pete Loranger has served as chairmen of the

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Bazaar for many years and did a fantastic job. Now he has turned the torch over to Wayne and Maureen Wlodarczyk. I know they will do well also with the cooperation and help of ALL Social club members.

As someone once said, it takes a village.

The bc2Connection- PHASE II (Formerly known as The Phone Tree)

Marsha Bowlby & Carol Rodrigues Email address: thebc2connection@gmail.com



The BC2Connection is the Phase II email system.

If you have not signed up yet and want to be on thebc2connection, send an email to our email address with your name, address, and email address. If a member of your household is the one getting the emails and you never know what's going on? Sign up, we have several families that have more than one person in the home getting the emails.

If you signed up but aren't getting the emails, check your trash/spam box first to see if they have gone there. The emails are going out and almost everyone is getting these emails so there may be a problem in your account. If you are unable to find the emails, please email us at thebc2connection@gmail.com.and we will see if we can help.

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.

INSPIRATION

Dr. Marty

n the Pickle Board court the other day two friends got my attention. One was sharing about losing 29 pounds from specific changes in his eating patterns. He was moving faster, with less effort, and truly enjoying himself more. The other person was sharing how at one time in his life he was fifty pounds heavier, yet now was slowly gaining the weight back and finding it difficult to change. As he said, "I love sweets and junk food". I shared with him that the words we speak out loud or to ourselves quietly shape our reality. He said, I know but it's hard.

All of us in this journey of life share similar challenges and joys of life. For the most part we all desire similar things. To be healthy, to have loving relationships, to have financial security, to feel emotionally and spiritually connected to some inner power. Of course this will all look different for all of us. But at the end if the day it is what inspires us to improve in all these aspects of our life that paints our true picture. Unless we are inspired we tend to remain unmotivated and slip into laziness and lazy thinking. Inspiration that leads to actions that fulfill goals and visions help us feel better about ourselves.

Inspiration though is a muscle that needs to be exercised each day. Like a fire the flame will quickly diminish if we are not feeding the fire. Sometimes the challenges in life can feel overwhelming and we can begin to feel depressed. It is easy to not tend the fire or our life once we are out of balance with ourselves.



Inspiration comes from the word Inspire. To breathe in the breath of life. To inspire, to breathe deeply we reconnect to the spiritual creative force in our life. Exercises like Tai Chi and Chi Gong and Martial Arts, have all understood the ancient power of Pranna or Chi. The Force within us. Often in our lives we are inspired by the words or actions of others. When we feel stuck it is sometimes good to think about the last time we felt inspired and creativity and actions fulfilled upon our dreams.

Dance like noones watching
Sing like noone cares
Act like nothing matters
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Dr. Marty Finkelstein
Lives in Briar Creek with his wife Julie Austin

Opera Afternoon at BC

- Who: Hosted by Russ Lipari
- What: Opera and Beyond: An Exploration I'll introduce the performance and give appropriate background information, we'll watch a full length DVD of the work, and finish up with a question and answer session.
- When: Third Tuesday of each month from November through April. Usually at 2:00PM but the time might change depending on the length of the work to be presented.
- Where: BC II Clubhouse
- Why: Why am I doing this? I was raised on opera, got a degree in Music Education, amassed collection of over 2500 classical recordings and videos, and have attended countless opera performances in most of the worlds greatest opera houses so, short answer; It's my passion and I would love to share it with you!
- BYOE: Bring your own everything! Cushion, snack, beverage you are welcome to bring whatever you need to make this the perfect afternoon for you!

 Everyone is welcome, no previous experience required....Hope to see you soon!!!

 Russ

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Phase 2 Blood Drive
January 12th from 8:30-2:00

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Thank you everyone



Sit & Stitch

Darlene Beyer & Sandy Fassett



Big Thank You to all the women that have contributed their time making shawls to help keep the Cancer patients warm during their treatment sessions. We can always use more help from others here in our wonderful park if you knit or crochet. If you do not do either, we will gladly accept your donations of Caron knitting worsted 12 or 14 oz. yarn or a monetary donation to have us purchase this yarn.

We also plan to have a few classes in the future which will be announced in the future.

If you have ideas for a class or would like to teach one , please feel free to call either Darlene @ 727-403-9957 or. Sandy @ 727-424-6045.

Entertainment

Bettye Gilreath

hat's happening in Briar Creek II?

December 31 st, 2023

New Year's Eve Party 8:30 pm – 12:30 \$20 pp for tickets.

Dec. 23 is deadline for tickets. Join us for a fun evening to ring in 2024!



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Semi formal attire is a suggestion not a requirement! Enjoy music provided by Les N More, and yummy hor d'oeuvres . Bring your snacks and beverages.

January 20 th 2024

Soup and Bread Tasting Noon – 1:30 pm

Back by popular demand! Sign up to bring a soup or loaf of baked bread.

Enjoy sampling lots of delicious food. People making food will receive a gift. Dessert will be provided. Bring your own extension cord, beverages, and label with soup ingredients.

February 10, 2024

Mardi Gras Celebration 7 – 10pm Tickets: \$8 pp

Let the good times roll! Expect lots of green, gold and purple. Wear one of these colors just for fun or how about a mask and /or a Mardi Gra costume. Let your imagination be your guide . Steve Walker will provide an evening of entertainment for your enjoyment. Dessert will be provided.

March 15, 2024

Annual Phillipe Park Picnic 12 – 2 pm

Bring a dish to share and enjoy hot dog and hamburgers with your neighbors.

March 23, 2024

Talent Show 7 - 9 pm

Briar Creek is full of talented people and it is about time we showed you off!

You will be able to sign up for a skit or single act 3-5 minutes long. BYOB and BYOS. Dessert provided.

Pinochle Scores

Alice Williams



- 11/15 Alice Williams490, Dawn Benson 322
- Alice Williams 398, Bob Gundershaug 347
- 11/29 Dawn Benson 502, Jan Gundershaug 485

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BOWLING

Arnold Williams

APPY NEW YEAR to all the bowlers who have made this year such a success so far. We have had 2 weeks off for Christmas & New Year and heading to the halfway mark of the season. The



last remaining folks should be here from up north by receiving of this letter. May we all be kept in good health and spirits in the coming year. Below are the Bowlers who have achieved +25 pins over their averages. Thank You Arnold Williams

Week 5		11/7/23	
Dorenda Zimmer	127	Kim Ramalho	130
Tom Lacoy	164	Linda Hayes	165
Vern Browe	168 & 175	Glen Jensen	191
Arnold Williams	170		
Week 6	11/14/23		
Dorenda Zimmer	132	Ray Jablonski	169
Phil Willix	183	Mike Moore	180
Ken Homme	211	Bob Barr	208
Arnold Williams	168 & 170	Lee West	224 & 215
Week 7		11/21/23	
Kathy Morrison	152	John Ames	135
Skip Taylor	148	Tom Lacoy	171
Ray Jablonski	171 & 182	Alice Williams	164
Week 8		11/28/23	
Cindy Ames	172	Kathy Morrison	146
Greg Zimmer	174	Linda Hayes	169
Steve Fontaine	167	•	

Bingo

AL & Diane Merando

appy new year

No bingo on the 1st of January but looking forward to seeing you all in the new year at bingo



Ladies' Luncheon

Darlene Beyer



Tell, we are starting a New Year, so what could be better than to go to OZONA BLUE Restaurant for our Ladies luncheon on Wednesday, January 10, 2024, @ 1:00pm. with all your friends and neighbors.

All New residents will be "Greatly Welcomed "so that we can all get to know you and you can have a lunch with the "girls". Hey, we are still young at heart no matter what age we are.

There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the hallway at the Phase II Clubhouse, so all that wish to attend, please sign up. If unable to get to the clubhouse, just call Darlene @, 727-403-9957 and I will add you to the list,

GOLF

Carol Rodrigues



here are separate golf leagues at Briar Creek. A mens leagues plays at Countryway Golf Course on Monday mornings at 7:30 a.m. and at Lansbrook Golf Course on Thursday morning. Men from phase I and II are invited to join. Call Clark Woodard 413-896-7278 for additional information. The women's leagues plays at Countryway Golf Course on Thursday morning at 7:30 a.m. and women from phase I and II are all invited to join. Contact Arlene Preston at arlenepreston@gmail.com. for additional information.

A new group is forming at the phase II clubhouse Wednesday evenings at 6:30. We will start playing cribbage. If you are a pro or just learning the game, all are welcome from both phase I and phase II. Call Carol Beatty for more information 727-216-3715.

BUNCO

Marge Grohskopf



Te have made a slight change for Bunco timing. We will begin Playing Bunco at 7:00pm. Our dessert will be served at our normal break between games 2 and 3. You can now arrive at 6:50.

As of Jan. we will return to the following schedule January 25, February 22, March 28, April 25, and May 23.

Please sign up at Clubhouse 2 or call Marge.(727-533-6603) Last minute walk-in are always welcome. You can learn how to play Bunco in 10 minutes. 7:00 we begin playing \$3 for prize money. Come join us. Try something new!

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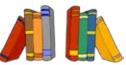
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Bereavement

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.

Briar Creek Book Club (Phase I & II)

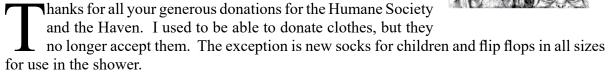


njoy discussing books chosen by the members. Our book club meets in the Phase II Clubhouse at 3:00 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month, however, we do not meet May-October. The January book is The Home for Unwanted Girls by Joanna Goodman, and the February book is The Paris Daughter by Kristin Harmel. Pease 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



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



et to know your neighbors...Let them get to know you! ... Wear your Name Badge at social events at the clubhouse and at the Saturday morning coffee hour (possible win \$\$ at Saturday Coffee for wearing your name badge) They are available with pins or magnets, and all the basic Crayola colors are available. Name Badges are available and ordered through Marsha Bowlby. There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board in the clubhouse. Name Badges are \$8.50 and must be paid for before being ordered.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Pete Loranger

Birthda	ıys		
1/01	Bob Bowlby	1/13	Sheri El-Sarraf
1/01	Joe Donato	1/15	William Escher
1/02	Bob Raynor	1/16	Billie Ogrodowski
1/02	Dorenda Zimmer	1/16	Alice Sullivan
1/04	Bob Lau	1/18	Betty Whitehouse
1/05	Ray Bergling	1/20	Joy Thompson
1/07	Paul Spencer	1/23	Angela Henderson
1/07	Christine Maxwell	1/24	Pat Bieniewicz
1/09	Judith Holden	1/28	Gary Bieniewicz
1/13	Sheena Lee	1/31	Cindy Thorne
1/13	Brenda Greene		-



Anniversaries

1/06/1972 Millie & Bennie Feliciano – 52 years

1/16/2005 Mike & Roz Lucas – 19 years

1/19/1963 Bob & Jan Gundershaug – 61 years



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EVENTS & PROGRAMS

The Royal Canadian Legion Post 144 Pinellas County, having survived COVID, is regrowing to continue supporting local Veterans, and providing social activities for new and existing Canadian Legion Members. Join us for our monthly Membership Meetings, Remembrance Ceremonies, VSO visits, raids, invasions, MLB game, dinner/theater, museums, etc. For information, email: info@rclpost144.org.

Bingo Lake Seminole Resort 10245 110th Ave. Largo. Monday, January 8th at 6:50 pm. Doors open at 5:30, Cards on sale until 6:30

EVENTS & PROGRAMS

Largest Garage Sale in southwest Florida! Northwood Presbyterian Church, 2875 State Road 580, Clearwater, FL 33761 will hold a gigantic sale on January 11th, 12th, 13th from 8:00am - 2:00pm. There will be something for everyone. Contact Susan Curry 727-709-8237 for information.

Point West MHP Annual Bizaar and Flea Market Jan. 27th, 8am-2pm. 12651 Seminole Blvd. Largo. Furniture, Clothes, Household, Jewelry, Electronics & Misc. Chinese Auction, 50/50, Food. Contact: Judy Master 708-602-3144

Sat. Jan. 27, 2024 -Community Sale-8:30am-1pm. Paradise Island Section of Lake Haven MHP. Main St. (SR580) & Lake Haven Rd. (W of Keene/CR1), Dunedin. Housewares, Linens, Small Apliances, Jewelry, Bakery, Raffle Baskets, Lunch.

Embassy Mobile Park, Inc. Saturday January 27th, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Park Wide Yard Sale, Off of East Bay just west of Tri City Plaza, come in by Wendy's onto Pine Forest Dr. 16416 US Highway 19 N, Clearwater -Largo area.



EVENTS & PROGRAMS

HUGE carport sale inside and outside the clubhouse. Browse in comfort. Clearwater Cascades, 9790 66th St. North, Pinellas Park. February 17th, 8-2pm. Furniture, décor, housewares, tools, Refreshments available.

Flea Market Sat. Feb. 24th, 8-12 pm. Colonial Village, 2000 East Bay Drive, Largo. Furniture, Kitchen appliances, housewares, bicycles, clothing, homebaking.

Gateway MHP Community Sale, Saturday, Feb. 3rd, 8am-2pm. 10100 Gandy Blvd. St. Petersburg

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