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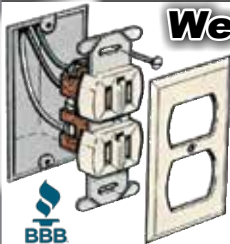
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## **WAIVER OF LATE FEES**

*Gene Arend*

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I understand a recent decision the board made at the board meeting received many comments and repercussion on wavier of a default or late fee imposed. I am not a member of those medias, but I have heard through others about many of the comments. I do recall when I accepted the position of director on the board, I signed a State of Florida document stating I have read and understood the documents of the association and I will enforce those documents as written. On January 13, 2021 Jeff Clark, then president of the Briar Creek Mobile home community #1, Inc. signed and recorded an amendment to those documents stating the monthly assessment shall be paid in advance on the first day of the month. If payment is not received within fifteen days after the due date, a late fee of \$25.00 will be charged. There is no wording in that amendment to our documents providing a director to waive or have any discretion on the imposition of the late fee.

One legal opinion from an association lawyer on this subject of waver of late fees states, "The obvious answer is no; absent there being some legal reason for the waiver (ie. portions of the debt beyond statute of limitations and not collectible or other legal reason), that would be selective enforcement of the covenants and provide defenses to anyone currently in foreclosure or collections with the association." One phrase used by attorneys in enforcement of covenants is "Consistence". Failure to be consistent can prevent enforcement.

Similarly, some may recall a time when a particular home was painted a bright blue. This

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also raised many comments. However, the documents stated a “house must be well painted”, therefore the owner was within their legal right to paint the house blue. After meeting with the many unhappy owners about the color an amendment on color was written, providing the directors with the discretion to approve a color selection.

Any portion of the association documents can be changed and amended. As I see it, if the owners wish to provide a provision to give the directors the opportunity or circumstances to waive or change the late fee there is a means and way to introduce and amend the documents. Until then I have no choice but to enforce the documents as written or be held individually responsible by the state of Florida and face a legal challenge. The board should not be the sole origin or regulator of change, the covenants belong to the owners.

## 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!

## 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. Hope to see you at Coffee Hour!



# DIAL DIRECTORY – The Yellow Book

Al Hartin, Donna Hartin & Pat Arend



Updates for May 2024. See below for Additions/Changes to your Dial Directory.

Please add the following new owners:

Allen W. Fletcher  
72 Sugar Bear Dr  
774-266-0263

Doug Cyr and Joe Cyr  
134 Thistle Briar  
D: 727-454-2590  
J: 305-896-9988

Carlton and Gail Waitt  
116 Juniperus Dr  
978-204-2463

## INSPECTIONS & ARCHITECTURAL REPORTS

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

Inspections - Inspections have been done. I am still waiting for a few homeowners to get back to me with their Yellow sheets with date of completion or the expected date of completion. PLEASE return them ASAP. Letters will be going out shortly to those who are NOT in compliance. Thanks.



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. Please remember to submit and get approval BEFORE you start your project. Thanks.

## LAWNS AND TREES

Mike Moore, 813-629-8216

The lawns will be mowed EVERY week in May. If you have an issue with the lawn mowers, please contact me immediately while they are still in the Park, otherwise, I can't help you.



## IN MEMORIUM

Mary Houpt, Bereavement

Former longtime resident, Dale "Marty" Martin, passed away March 13, 2024. A celebration of life was held at Curlew Hills Memory Gardens in Palm Harbor on Saturday, April 6, 2024.



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# MAY ANNIVERSARIES

Kim Ramalho

First Names	Last Names	Month	Day	Year
Kathy & Rich	Lutterschmidt	May	15	
Les & Deb	Wille	May	22	
Steven & Mary	Bourque	May	25	
John & Stephanie	Andrechak	May	29	

# MAY BIRTHDAYS

Kim Ramalho

First		Month	Day
Teri	Baier	May	1
Geri	Wardell	May	5
Phil	Houpt	May	7
Jean	Carlson	May	9
Ernestine (Tina)	Bonanno	May	10
Donna	Haines-Williams	May	11
Richard	McCombs	May	11
Beverly	Alho	May	14
Jennifer	Zellars	May	16
Kathy	Berg	May	16
Linda	Pickering	May	17
Diana	Natale	May	18
Marion	Boys	May	19
Michael	McDonald	May	21
Rhonda	Bell	May	21
Pat	Grimes	May	22
Terry	Henry	May	22
David	North	May	23
Stephen	Smith	May	24
Siobhan	Knight	May	26
Guy	Roberts	May	27
Richard	Manatrey	May	27
Bob	Barr	May	28
Jane	Horton	May	28
Steve	Fontaine	May	28
Theodore	Gallmeyer	May	29
Cindy	Troutman	May	30
Cy	Anderson	May	30



## BINGO

Kim Ramalho (508)423-1691



Phase One Bingo every Tuesday, doors open at 5:00pm, games start at 6:00pm. Hotdogs, soda, water, and chips will be available for sale. Of course we will have ice cream for sale during intermission. The final Bingo of the season will be on May 7th. Hope everyone has a great off season, and we will see you back in September. Also, we may be replacing/changing some games to mix things up. If anyone is interested in calling Bingo, or helping out with Bingo sales, please let me know.

## BRIAR CREEK BIRD WALK

Bill Kaempfer



Find out more about the natural setting of Briar Creek on our monthly bird walks. On our April 5th bird walk we tallied 37 species including a group of four beautiful Orchard Orioles in migration. They were high in the oaks right in the middle of Birch Creek Drive, but all nine of us had great looks at them. That brought the Briar Creek bird list up to 117 species over the years.

We also had a lot of fun watching a pair of recently fledged, Red-shouldered Hawks eating lizards in the oak trees of the parking lot east of the Phase 1 Clubhouse as they were being harassed by some angry Blue Jays. Check this URL on the internet for the complete list: [eBird Checklist - 5 Apr 2024 - Briar Creek - 37 species](#)

We will take a break from bird walks until early fall, so stay tuned.

## BRIAR CREEK BRIDGE

Bill Kaempfer

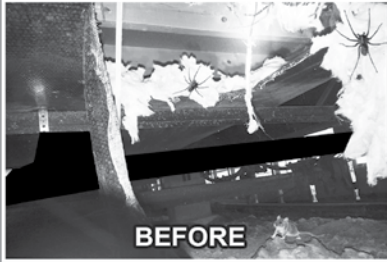
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March 19	Cam Law	2190
March 26	Shirley Gross	4110
April 2	Bill Kaempfer	4010
April 9	Ken Fox	4080



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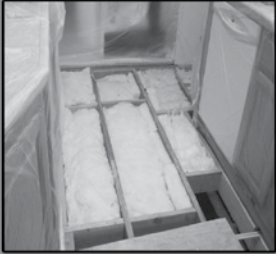
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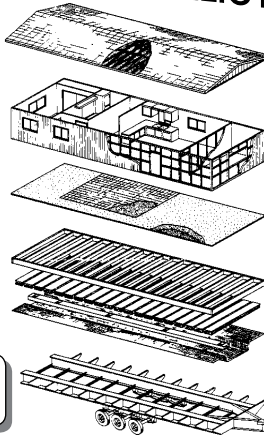
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## BRIAR CREEK BOOK CLUB (Phase I & II)

Jane McKenzie

Enjoy discussing books chosen by the members. Our book club Tuesday of the month; however, we do not meet in May through October. Some months we will meet in the Phase 2 Clubhouse and some months at a local restaurant. Our next meeting will be November 26, 1:00pm in the back room at the Phase 2 Clubhouse, and the book will be Someone Else's Shoes by Jojo Moyes. Please contact me if you are interested in joining or have questions.



Jane McKenzie

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## BOWLERS 25 OR MORE PINS OVER AVERAGE

Gene Arend

### March 15th

Bob Barr – 29

Cindy Benoit – 26

Glenn Jensen – 29

Pete Fedelem – 44

Tom Lacey – 45

### March 22nd

Bob Barr – 37

Gene Arend – 37

Linda Fitton – 38, 28

Mike Benoit – 30

Skip Taylor – 31

### March 29th

Jane Fedelem – 36

Joe Simpson – 30, 54

Kim Ramalho – 32

Le West – 48

Mary Kay Brown – 25

Ray Jablonski – 25, 56

April 5th

Gene Arend – 33  
Lee West – 66, 37  
Linda Fitton – 25  
Mike Benoit – 33

March 29th

Lee West – 224

April 5th

Lee West – 243, 214

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March 22nd

Bob Barr – 204



## THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT FIRE BLANKETS

Allan Berge



The following are highlights from my talk at coffee hour on March 20:

- 1) **What is a fire blanket?** Fire blankets are an essential safety tool that plays a crucial role in protecting individuals and property from the devastating effects of fires. These blankets are specially designed to smother small fires and prevent them from spreading, giving people valuable time to escape and firefighters the opportunity to control the situation. A fire blanket can also be used to wrap around a person to help escape from a fire or if your clothes catch fire!
- 2) **How does a fire blanket work?** A fire blanket works by cutting off the oxygen supply to the fire, extinguishing it. It does this by smothering the flames and preventing them from spreading.
- 3) **What are the advantages of using a fire blanket?** Using a fire blanket offers several advantages, including its simplicity, versatility, and effectiveness in dealing with small fires. It is easy to use, does not require any training, and can be used on various types of fires.
- 4) **Where should I store a fire blanket?** It is advisable to store a fire blanket in a location that is easily accessible, preferably near potential fire hazards such as kitchens, fireplaces, or workshops. Make sure it is clearly visible and that everyone in the household knows its location.
- 5) **Can a fire blanket be reused?** In most cases, a fire blanket can be reused. However, it is important to carefully clean and inspect the blanket after each use to ensure there are no damaged areas or residue from the fire. If any signs of damage are present, it should be replaced.
- 6) **How do I use a fire blanket?** To use a fire blanket, simply grab the two black tabs to pull it out of its container or packaging, hold it with your hands protected, and carefully place it over the fire, covering the flames completely. Once the fire is smothered, leave the blanket in place until it cools down. Also be certain that the heat source is shut off!

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(Pete Loranger - Editor Phone 421-2321)

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## Board of Directors:

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### Sam Oliverio – President

Listen, can you hear that? I didn't think so. That quiet you hear is all of our Northern friends who have left for the summer. We wish them a safe journey and a wonderful Summer Season in their other homes. Don't worry; we'll stay here in the sweltering heat anxiously awaiting your return to the Sunshine State. While you're gone, we'll continue to keep the Park going strong doing the things that we do the rest of the year. We have projects lined up to keep us busy, well kinda of busy, because you know we are Retired and there's always tomorrow. Best wishes to all, until we meet again.

### **Pets in the NO PET SECTION**

Lately there have been numerous complaints of dogs barking in the No Pet Section, and of residents walking their pets thru the No Pet Section to get to the Pet Section. Both of these occurrences are a Violation of our Docs and Restrictions. While we cannot prevent residents who have filed an application for a Service animal, on an Emotional Support animal that live in the No Pet Section to have that pet, the resident is still responsible for maintaining the peace and welfare of those in the No Pet Section is not disturbed by a barking dog. Just the same as a resident is not permitted to walk their dog in the No Pet Section, and is Not permitted to allow their dog to do its business there. If you live in the No Pet Section, and you have a dog, there are ways to prevent your dog from incessant barking. If you have to walk your dog, walk it in your own yard, or put it in your car and drive it to the pet section. Violations of these policies, which have been agreed to prior to every homeowner buying their home, will be turned over to Progressive Management and may be referred to the Attorney's for further action.

The same goes for incessant barking if you do live in the Pet Section. Our residents have an expectation of enjoying the peace and quiet of a neighborhood, without having to listen to a barking dog. Some residents have stated that they cannot even open their windows because of the noise emitted from their neighbor's dogs.


There is a noise ordinance in Safety Harbor, and also Pinellas County.

Please respect your neighbors and their property.

### Bob Raynor – Vice President

May is the month we begin hearing the reminders we know are coming but wish they wouldn't - June 1 is the start of hurricane season. We've heard this before and we know what we should do to prepare our homes for a hurricane to strike. We know this year our weather

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has proven to be more erratic and extreme with all kinds of records for bad weather being broken. Forecasters project this unusual weather pattern to continue with up to 20 to 25 named storms between June 1st to November 30th. Of those storms, forecasters expect between eight to twelve to become hurricanes (74 mph winds or greater), with four to seven intensifying into Category 3 or higher major hurricanes (at least 111 mph). Whether we choose to believe these numbers or not ultimately doesn't matter because Mother Nature doesn't care what we believe. If just one one hits, we can be in big trouble. Rather than remind people of all the things we know we should do to prepare our homes, let's just focus on two things that are often the hardest. The first is having an evacuation plan and that includes making the decision to have one to begin with. Don't wait until the last minute to decide where you are going if you are required to or it makes sense to evacuate. Do your homework looking for arrangements now at shelters, hotels or with family/friends. If you have a pet, find out what hotel, shelter, or who will allow you to come with an animal and take note. Simply know that last minute planning in situations like this is harder as the timeline gets shorter. Second, prepare a tote with your computer, valuables, key documents and personal treasures that you can quickly load in your car. If your home were destroyed, what items would you need to recover and move forward with your life. Make a check list.

From wills to deeds, passports, birth certificates, etc and other key documents to family heirlooms which might include photo albums or items of sentimental value, think about what you would need to take with you right now versus trying to remember them at the last minute. What if you missed something of great importance?

Making preparations now when there is time to think about the situation is far better than trying to do it when we are under stress with limited available time. And let's just hope and pray that the history of Safety Harbor and the legends of the Tocobaga Indians once again keep us safe during the coming hurricane season.

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

The RV Parking Area is an amenity that is only available to owner occupied residents of Phase II on a first come basis and as of this article, the lot is full. There is a "waiting list" for those times, such as this, when there are no open spaces. The RV Parking Area is meant for storage of an owner's RV, Camper, Travel Trailer, Boat & Trailer and Utility Trailer. Any unit that occupies a space in the RV Parking Area must be registered and the registration must be kept valid with a copy of the current registration delivered to myself or to the board office. Any owner in violation is subject to removal from the RV Parking Area. It is also the responsibility

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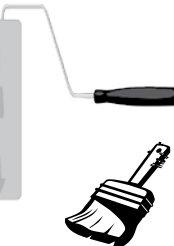
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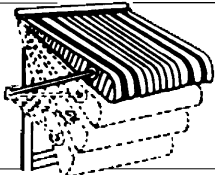
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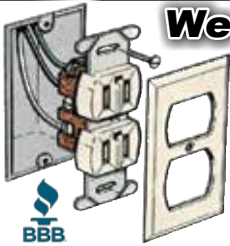
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### **Jim Tashjian – Director**

May is here and the last of the snowbirds are preparing to head north. I myself will be leaving on or around the 10th . Thankfully our secretary (Christine Hetherington), with a little help from the rest of the board, will handle alteration requests in my absence. She has a full time job in addition to her regular condo board duties, so I am grateful that she is willing to step in for me. In fact, every board member takes on a little extra to make up for those of us who aren't here. So over the summer, please be patient and allow 2 to 3 weeks turn around time for alteration requests. Blank request forms can still be found just outside of the office door in the library area of the clubhouse.

Once completed they can be dropped in the mail slot of the office door or placed in Christine's rock box at 149 Clubview Dr. Please do not put them in my rock box (193 Clubview) the board will not get them.

I can't wait to get back this fall to see all of the work you have done. In the meantime please make safety your first priority. Be careful on ladders, protect your eyes, ears, and fingers, stay hydrated and by all means know your means know your limits. Have a great summer and I will see you all in October.

### **Joan Davis – Treasurer**

Just to wish our Snowbirds a healthy summer. Also remember we collect for the Food Pantry year round. May collection will be Wednesday May 15. See you there. Joan

### **BOARD MEETINGS**

The 3rd Tuesday of every month from October till May at 7:00 pm is blocked for Board of Director's meeting.

## **LIVING IN PARADISE**

*Dr. Marty Finkelstein*

**B**riar Creek's talent show showcased many talented folks who live in our community. It was truly an entertaining fun evening. Julie and I sang my original song. Living in paradise. Many people have requested that I share the lyrics in our community paper, so here they are. Also I have a YouTube sight. Dr. Marty Finkelstein songs, where you can listen to over 100 original tunes. Thank you all for the most gracious and generous feedback.

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## Living in Paradise



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Sun is on the rise  
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Flying across the sky  
Mangroves hugging the shoreline  
Water flowing like sparkling wine  
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Head out to Honeymoon Beach  
Walk along the sand  
Watch those dolphins swimming  
Your hand is in my hand  
Ocean waves a peaceful chant They'll put you in a gentle trance  
It's just another day just another day Living in paradise  
Everyone that you meet has a smile on their face  
Every one that you greet has something kind to say  
They'll look you deeply in your eyes They'll share with you about their lives  
When you're living when you're living in paradise  
The sun begins to set down  
There's music in the air  
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It's just another day just another day Living in paradise  
Even in paradise it's time to say goodnight  
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Then your dreams connect to your soul till the morning light shines through the window  
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## Thebc2connection FKA the phonetree

Marsha Bowlby & Carol Rodrigues



Thebc2connections is Phase 2's email messages. This gets information out quickly to all Phase 2 residents. This is used by both Condo & Social Club board members, Entertainment, Food Pantry, Ladies Luncheon, etc.

If you are not on our email system you could be missing a lot.

To sign up, send your name, address, and phone number to "thebc2connection" and Carol or I will add you to the list.

If you are having a problem getting the emails, please let us know. We will try to help you.

## Humane Society

Robin Feeley



I will be taking over for Barbara Bergling for the donations for the Humane Society. The basket for donations is outside my screen room and I will check it every night. The list of what they need is posted on the bulletin board in the phase 2 clubhouse. Thank you.

## The HAVEN

Amber



After many years, Barbara has resigned from her volunteer position to gather and transport items to the women's shelter in our area. Thank you so much Barbara for your years of dedication.

I have volunteered to carry the torch going forward.

Then Haven is in need of many basic items. Please consider donating the following items...new socks and underwear for children and adults, diapers, wipes, flip flops, toiletries, toothbrushes,

Dental floss. Combs and brushes, shampoo, hand gel and wipes, body wash, deodorant etc

Items can be dropped off at my house 103 Briarwood Place. There is a container at my front door

Any questions call 219-796-6762

## Food Pantry

Joan Davis/Arnold Williams

Just to remind everyone our Food Collection will be May 15th. Wednesday. We will have Briar Creek truck in front of clubhouse. Our time is 8Am to 10 Am. Remember in case of rain we will be at the garage. Hope to see you. Thanks Joan and Arnold





## Sit & Stitch

Sandy Fassett



This is the beginning of the summer season but we are still busy making shawls for the cancer patients. Come down on Monday from 1-3 and offer any advice and/or help to this worthy cause. See you there. If you have any questions call Sandy at 7274246045

## Ladies' Luncheon

Darlene Beyer



I've had quite a few requests for Beef O' Bradys Restaurant and Bar at 3687 Tampa Rd. You will get to try it this month on May 8th @ 1:00pm.

The luncheon prices seem reasonable and they have a decent variety of food. Anyone that I have talked to that has been there seem to really like their food menu.

I hope you attend and can experience what it's like. Any questions can be directed to Darlene at 727-403-9957. Remember, you'll never know how good it is if you don't come.

## MINGLE

Billie & Pete



May 16, 2024, will be our next Mingle. Looking forward to seeing you. Food should start arriving between 4:30 and 5:00 pm.

Will sit down to eat by no later than 5:00pm. Don't forget your name tag, 50/50 and list of ingredients in case of allergies. See you then.

## Entertainment

Bettye Gilreath



What's happening In Briar Creek II?

Saturday, May 4th 5:30 - 8:00pm Kentucky Derby Party !

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Phase One, Sunday, May 5th at 5:pm Cinco De mayo Krazy Kards

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## Bereavement

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**M**y name is Arlene Skolnekovich and I will be taking over bereavement duties for Barbara Bergling, Barbara has held this position for many years and we are so grateful for her commitment. My phone number is 412-370-9287.



## Pinochle Scores

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*Alice Williams*

3/13 Gary Bieniewicz 687, Bob Gundershaug 580, Alice Williams 376, Billie Ogradowski 298  
3/20 Dawn Benson 286, Billie Ogradowski 237, Orpha Berken 439, Alice Williams 438  
3/27 Dick Milewski 513, Orpha Berken 468, Bob Gundershaug 584, Alice Williams 550  
4/03 Billie Ogradowski 560, Gary Bieniewicz 541, Dawn Benson 257, Alice Williams 245

## Euchre

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*Alice Williams & Billie Ogradowski*

3/12 Betty Little 50, Billie Ogradowski 44  
3/26 Jim Tucker 52, Bob Gundershaug 51  
4/02 Butch Murphy 49, Carol Beatty 47



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# BOWLING

Arnold Williams

This will be my last letter for this Bowling season. The "Steelers" have won 1st place who consist of Kathy Kotchie & Bob Pardo & Ken Homme & Glen Jensen by 91/2 games!!! Special Recognition for 1st Year Bowlers to Cindy Ames Most Improved Bowler with 14 Pin increase in her average and "Wonder Woman Gutter Queen" Dorenda Zimmer with her 9 gutters in 1 game!!! Next Year we will start October 15th. I will be organizing teams in late August to reserve our lanes in September and there are a few openings available for next year. I will be in contact with the folks who have expressed interest in joining us next year for some fun & excitement. I Hope Everyone has a Safe and Healthy Summer!!! Thank You Arnold Williams

## Week 21

Joan Davis	152
Bob Barr	202
Ken Homme	187
Steve Fontaine	168
Mike Moore	192
Louise Terranova	133

## 3/12/24

Gene Arend	191
Arnold Williams	190
Cindy Ames	146
Cindy Benoit	149 & 150
Alice Williams	147

## Week 22

Dorenda Zimmer	122
Mike Moore	173
Ray Jablonski	170
Mike Benoit	185

## 3/19/24

Steve Fontaine	169
Bev Wilson	149
Joan Davis	159



## Week 23

Glen Jensen	186 & 186
Skip Taylor	158 & 153
Bev Wilson	158 & 176
Ray Jablonski	186
Kim Ramalho	138
Mike Benoit	215 & 183

## 3/26/24

Louise Terranova	131 & 124 & 167
Ken Homme	184
Kathy Kotchie	172
Bob Barr	201
Tom Lacey	167

## Week 24

Kathy Morrison	158
Vern Browe	158
Ray Jablonski	185 & 209
Kathy Kotchie	173 & 166

## 4/2/24

John Ames	130
Lee West	219
Louise Terranova	135



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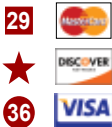
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Phase 2 Clubhouse and some months at a local restaurant. Our next meeting will be November 26, 1:00 in the back room at the Phase 2 Clubhouse, and the book will be *Someone Else's Shoes* by Jojo Moyes. Please contact me if you are interested in joining or have questions.

Jane McKenzie

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## NAME BADGES


Marsha Bowlby



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*Art Tavenor – 3/13/2024*

*Gil Mackert – 3/22/2024*

*Bill Gottwald – 3/24/2024*

*Bill Smith – 4/1/2024*

*Doris Pearson – 4/11/2024*



IN LOVING ♥  
*Memory*

# Birthdays and Anniversaries

Pete Loranger

## Birthdays

5/01 Ruth Miller  
5/01 Lois Heisdorf  
5/02 Martha Magnuson  
5/02 Michelle Harris  
5/10 Bill Rollins  
5/11 Jim Tashjian  
5/12 P.J. Wierzbowski  
5/12 Joan Mackert  
5/13 Ann Conway  
5/13 Kathy Corcoran  
5/14 Janice Shepard  
5/17 Joan Collier  
5/17 Greg Zimmer  
5/18 Dico Halajian  
5/19 Richard Seybolt  
5/19 Marie Schwind  
5/20 Elaine Magee  
5/21 Nancy Eckhardt  
5/21 John Sullivan  
5/26 Glenda Cullens  
5/27 Jake Boettger  
5/28 Chuck Schlaich  
5/30 Alice Lopez  
5/30 Bonnie Ostroski  
5/31 Maureen Wlodarczyk  
5/31 Beverly Butters



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- 5/17/1975 Bill & Bonnie Briggs – 49 years
- 5/19/1989 Abe & Sheri El-Sarraf – 35 years
- 5/21/2010 Richard Whipple & Bettye Gilreath – 14 years
- 5/28/2005 Mike & Jean Schmidt – 19 years

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



## May Sudoku

	3	5				7	4	
		7					1	
				6				9
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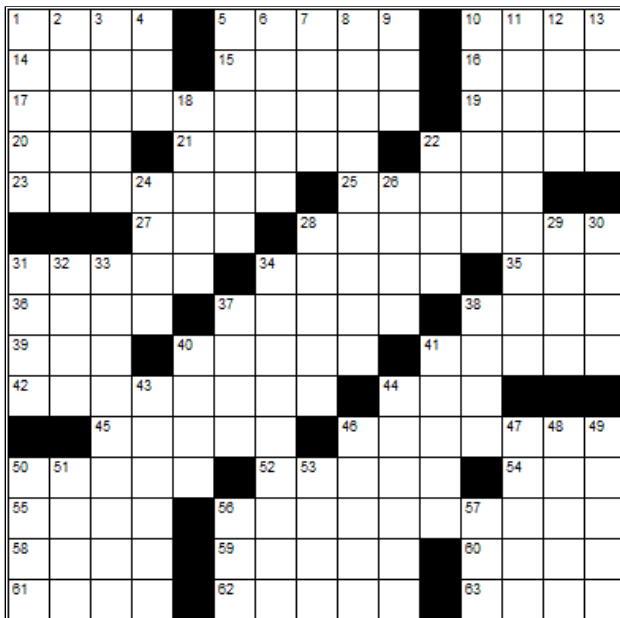


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2	4	6	3	7	5	9	8	1
5	9	1	2	4	8	3	7	6
4	1	2	5	6	7	8	3	9
9	8	7	4	3	2	6	1	5
6	3	5	1	8	9	7	4	2



**ACROSS**

- 1. Letters and postcards
- 5. Elbowroom
- 10. Toot
- 14. Coastal raptor
- 15. Lone Star state
- 16. Spindle
- 17. Affection
- 19. Bridge
- 20. East northeast
- 21. Dispatches
- 22. Colossal
- 23. Think likely
- 25. Occurrence
- 27. A rotating disk
- 28. Earaches
- 31. Noble realm
- 34. Cigarette remains
- 35. Avenue (abbrev.)
- 36. Black-and-white cookie
- 37. Distributes
- 38. Put away
- 39. Petroleum
- 40. Roof overhangs
- 41. Scenes
- 42. Avoid responsibilities
- 44. Bowling target
- 45. Not over
- 46. LA baseball team
- 50. Chimes
- 52. Eagle's home
- 54. Grassland
- 55. Largest continent
- 56. Soil and plant sciences
- 58. Against
- 59. Had in mind
- 60. Decorative case
- 61. Sow
- 62. Donkeys
- 63. Anagram of "Rent"



**DOWN**

- 1. Doled
- 2. Sporting venue
- 3. Not outer
- 4. Light Emitting Diode
- 5. Brook
- 6. One cent coin
- 7. Cut down
- 8. Magnetic tape containers
- 9. S
- 10. Establishing
- 11. Elaborate
- 12. Distinctive flair
- 13. Confined
- 18. English exam finale, often
- 22. Colloids
- 24. Bounce back
- 26. Tanks
- 28. Not inner
- 29. Affirm
- 30. Stitches
- 31. Ruination
- 32. Murres
- 33. Lumpy deposits of body fat
- 34. Drinks
- 37. A magician
- 38. Croon
- 40. Terminates
- 41. Not audio
- 43. Decorated
- 44. Sharp ends
- 46. Pilotless plane
- 47. Gentry
- 48. Happen again
- 49. Antelope of India
- 50. Bleats
- 51. Anagram of "Seen"
- 53. Ages
- 56. American Medical Association
- 57. Encountered



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### Social Club Committees/Chairperson I

Bazaar .....	Kim Ramalho	508-423-1691
BC Mart .....	Ray Jablonski	727-386-5283
.....	Terry La Casse	518-528-3227
Bereavement .....	Mary Houpt	727-754-2881
Bingo .....	Kim Ramalho	508-423-1691
Birthdays & Anniversary for Media	Kim Ramalho	508-423-1691
Blood Pressure .....	Sue Farrell	727-221-0699
Bowling .....	Gene Arend	727-725-5844
.....	Bob Barr	727-644-8136
Breakfast .....	Pam & Roy O'Neill	727-242-6006
Briar Creek Luncheon.....	Joan Bienvenue	727-902-8166
Bridge.....	Bill Kaempfer	303-717-5061
Coffee Hour Prep .....	Kim Ramalho	508-423-1691
.....	Mike Moore	813-629-8216
Crafts.....	Lori Boisselle	603-915-2138
Decorations .....	Anthony Carregal	203-606-7427
.....	Lori Boisselle	603-915-2138
Dial Directory .....	Al Hartin	727-223-8805
Entertainment Events & Tickets ...	Frank Gaffney	203-606-8953
.....	Anthony Carregal	203-606-7427
Euchre .....	Margo Keyes	518-528-3227
Food Pantry .....	Al and Donna Hartin	717-223-8805
Kitchen Supplies .....	Frank Gaffney	203-606-8953
.....	Anthony Carregal	203-606-7427
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.....	Anthony Carregal	203-606-7427
Library.....	Helen Coar	727-726-3923
.....	Mary Houpt	727-754-2881
Line Dancing.....	Helen Coar	727-726-3923
Mah Jongg.....	Geri Wardell	585-455-0280
Membership .....	Mary Kay Brown	740-852-9475
Monthly Media.....	Ginnie Berge	701-429-3279
Movie Night.....	Mike Benoit	727-692-7868
Name Badges .....	Al Hartin	727-223-8805
Po-Ke-No .....	Flo Bombardier	860-670-0398
Rummikub.....	Cindy Troutman	727-741-1940
Shuffleboard .....	Bob Barr	727-644-8136
Sunshine .....	Doty Sullivan	727-946-6084
Table Tennis .....	Dave Hunkins	315-244-3976
Water Aerobics.....	Ruth Kalbfleisch	847-742-7590
.....	Jeannine Vale	863-206-9581
Welcome Committee.....	Donna Hartin	727-258-2323
.....	JoAnn Barr	727-669-3820
Monthly Media Distribution .....	Al Hartin	727-223-8805
.....	Mike Moore	813-629-8216
.....	Debbie Landon	727-726-2576
.....	Kathleen Haskins	727-560-9791
.....	Barbara Lee	815-867-6893
.....	Kim Ramalho	508-423-1691

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Bazaar .....	Maureen Wlodarczyk	219-863-1460
.....	Wayne	219-863-3302 (10am-3PM)
BC Luncheon .....		
BC Mart .....		
bc2connection .....	Laurie Walker (thebc2connection@gmail.com)	
.....	Carol Rodrigues	
Bereavement .....	Arlene Skolnekovich	412-370-9287
Bingo .....	Al and Diane Merando	727-638-4979
.....	Kim Ramalho	
Bird Rescues .....	Floridabirdrescue.com	727-888-1725
Bird Rescues .....	Pete Loranger	727-421-2321
Blood Drive .....	Amber Oliverio	219-796-6762
Blood Pressure .....	Carol Rodrigues	413-427-8580
Bocce Ball .....	Ron Steinacher	815-483-8080
.....	Russ Lipari	815-483-8088
Bowling .....	Arnold Williams	727-474-5370
Breakfast .....		
Bridge.....		
Coffee Hour/Prep .....	Pete Loranger	727-421-2321
.....	Darlene Beyer & Sandy Fasset	
Decorations Ruth Miller – Kathy Morrison - Donna Stockmaster		
Dial Directory .....	Pete Loranger	727-421-2321
Briar Creek Email List .....		
Entertainment & Tickets .....	Margi Swets/Bettye Gilreath	
Kathy Morrison/ Dorenda Zimmer/ Kathy Corcoran/Karen Christopher		
Euchre .....	Alice Williams & Billie Ogradowski	
Food Pantry.....	Joan Davis	727-726-4829
Golf .....		
Historian .....	Pat Bieniewicz	
Kitchen .....	Pete Loranger	727-421-2321
Kitchen Supplies .....	Pete Loranger	727-421-2321
Ladies Luncheon .....	Darlene Beyer	727-403-9957
Librarian .....	Billie Berry/Ruth Miller/Bill Steiner	
Line Dancing.....		
Membership .....	Gloria Boettger	727-420-8768
Media/Bugle .....	Editor: Pete Loranger	727-421-2321
Name badges .....	Marsh Bowby	727-560-4874
Pinocle .....	Alice Williams	727-474-5370
Shuffleboard .....	Bill Beyer/Tom Feeley	
.....	Captain Tom Feeley	727-796-5879
Sunshine .....	Carol Smitley	727-725-3948
Tables/Chairs .....	Pete Loranger	727-421-2321
Table Tennis .....		
Tickets .....	Event Chairperson	
Travel Team .....	Pat Bieniewicz/Arlene Preston/Christine Heatherington	
BC Auto Stickers .....	Brenda Greene	727-725-4066
Water Aerobics .....		
Welcome Committee .....	Brenda Greene/Ruth Miller/Roz Lucas	
Zumba .....		

### Briar Creek Community Contacts

Auto Stickers/Mailbox Numbers ..	Gene Arend	727-725-5844
Bird Watching .....	Bill Kaempfer	303-717-5061
Book Club .....	Jane McKenzie	651-353-2602
Travel Club .....	Gene Arend	727-725-5844

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Kathy Haskins .....	(727-560-9791)
Barbara Lee.....	(815-867-6893)
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