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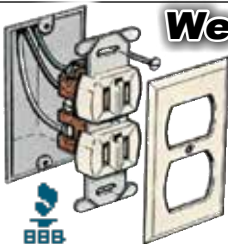


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The email address for any office matter is: briarcreekoft@gmail.com

Important Phone Numbers

Urgent Care House Calls: 888-908-0553 (or) 813-537-3043 Dispatch Health

Life-threatening emergency - **911**

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Lift Assist 9-1-1 ask for non-emergency EMS when you or a loved one falls and cannot get up.

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

Annual Meeting – Board of Directors

Bob Barr



Our annual meeting is Dec. 4th, at 10am, where we meet the newly elected board members and tally the votes for any items put before the membership to vote upon.

To hold the annual meeting, we will need a minimum of 159 proxies to be returned. Your proxy can be put into the mail slot in the Board office inside the clubhouse, mailed to Progressive Management, or given to any board member. You can also have a friend turn your proxy in or call a Board member to pick up your proxy.

One of the items to be voted upon is whether we have partially funded reserves or fully funded reserves. If we fall short of 159 proxies then the meeting cannot be held. Should this happen then the 2024 monthly maintenance fee will be based on fully funded reserves (\$30-\$40 higher than partially funded reserves) until such time as new notices, for another annual meeting, can be mailed out and the votes for partially or fully funding the reserves and any other items are tallied.

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CLOSING YOUR HOME

Al Hartin



Here are a few tips to consider when leaving your home for the summer months or for any extended period of time.

- **Turn off your water to the house** (shut off valve is usually found behind your house)!
- Turn off your hot water heater circuit breaker.
- **Do not turn off your Air Conditioner!!** Turn the temperature to 82 or 84 degrees.
- Empty, shut off and prop open your refrigerator doors.
- Close your blinds inside the house as this will keep the sun out and lower the inside temperature.
- If your house has outside shutters that fold down remember to do that.
- Cover all kitchen and bathroom drains – this will prevent bugs from coming into your house.
- Cover all toilets – this will prevent the toilet water from evaporating and keep sewer gasses out of your house.
- **Bring in all outside furniture and ornaments including your outside hose. This will prevent any of these items becoming projectiles during high winds. This is especially important when leaving for the summer as this is Hurricane Season!!!**

EVACUATE or NOT

Pat Rivera

When all the local stations interrupt regularly scheduled broadcasts, it is getting serious. Because Briar Creek is a mobile home park, mandatory evacuation is issued. Some Creekers go. Some stay. Whatever choice you make, there are certain preparations that need to be taken.

Bring in all outdoor furniture, trash cans, lawn ornaments, or anything that could become a flying object when sustained winds or gusts reach speeds faster than you can run. If you are a seasonal resident, please tuck everything away before you leave for the summer.

Full-time residents are advised to bring things in if we are issued a hurricane watch or tropical storm warning. This includes all of the pool furniture. The chairs stack easily and can be carried into the clubhouse. A team of physically able-bodied people can accomplish this relatively quickly. After the storm, there is no big hurry to bring the chairs out. Especially if there is debris to clean up around the pool or in our own yards.

For Hurricane Milton, my kids (we survived Hurricane Andrew) became concerned for my safety and teamed up to get me out of harm's way. The arrangements happened so quickly I didn't take time to arrange a team to clear the pool deck area. In my absence, someone did, and I appreciate your thoughtfulness. Removing the chairs from the water was not an easy task.

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BIG note of thanks to those who took on that job. **For future preparations, please remember to stack and store chairs inside clubhouse.**

Hopefully, we will not be in the cone of error or among spaghetti models anytime soon. If we are, you may want to take time to read about the Tocobaga tribe legend. www.newsnationnow.com You can also just Google Tocobaga blessing. I am a believer.

LIBRARY

Helen Coar/Mary Houpt

Mary and I, along with volunteers, have been keeping the BC library in order. We are trying to make room for the many recent donations. They are much appreciated. Just to let our Danielle Steel readers know, all of her hard cover titles have been moved to the shelves in the middle of the floor.



The new books currently featured are: Fiction: "By Any Other Name" by Judi Picoult. There are many other books by her on the shelf. This is her latest. The Non-Fiction featured book is: "Trash Talk-An Eye-Opening Exploration of Our Planet's Dirtiest Problem" by Iris Gottlieb. Seems like something of interest to all of us. If you would like to borrow either one there is a sign-up sheet on the windowsill. Featured books can be borrowed for 2 weeks.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED -- We could use additional volunteers to help keep the library in order. It is an easy job. Sign up for a week to date stamp the new donations and check the returned books and put them on the shelf. If interested call: Mary at 727-754-2881 or Helen at 727-726-3923.

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Al Hartin



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Frank Gaffney

Jeannine Vale	December	1	Ruben Encalado	December	15
Pat Arend	December	1	Tim Glasheen	December	15
Diane Arguin	December	3	Matthew Boisselle	December	16
Anthony Carregal	December	4	Gloria Merrill	December	18
James Muir	December	4	Phil Fiacable	December	19
Dave Hunkins	December	5	Barbara Thomas	December	20
Toni Beaton	December	6	Bill Bloom	December	20
Barbara Lee	December	7	Don Beaton	December	20
Judy Bloom	December	7	Walter Slayden	December	21
Roy Martin	December	10	Carol Keller-Michaelis	December	23
Thomas Kalbfleisch	December	10	Karen Mbiad	December	25
George Calder Jr	December	12	Betty Chatigny	December	27
Ken Cichy	December	13	Christina Tambasco	December	27
Kathleen Cory	December	14	Thomas Williams	December	27
Mary Kay Brown	December	14	Barbara Hepler	December	28
Patricia Naegle	December	14	Lorraine Wilson	December	28
Betty Jones	December	15	Fred Mbiad	December	29
Jeanne Glasheen	December	15	Dee Corricelli	December	30
Karen (French) Roberts	December	15	Nancy Verzi	December	30
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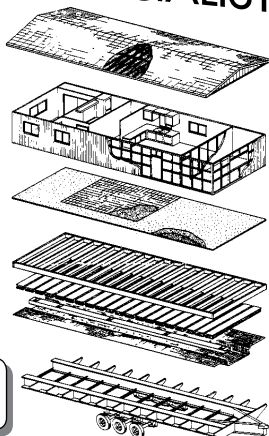
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Al Hartin, Donna Hartin and Pat Arend

UPDATES FOR DECEMBER 2024

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548-502-1949 NEW PHONE NUMBER

Larsen, Dianne
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LINE DANCING

Helen Coar

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



RUMMIKUB

Cindy Troutman, 727-741-1940

Come join us for RUMMIKUB every Wednesday night from 7pm til 9pm at the BC P1 clubhouse. We have lots of laughs and lots of fun. You've never played before? We'll teach you!



BINGO

Joanne Gastler

Bingo is on Tuesdays. Cards are sold from 5pm until 5:55pm. Bingo begins at 6pm.

Hot Dogs \$2, Chips \$1 and Soda \$1 will be available from 5pm until 5:55pm. At the break, ice cream will be available for \$1.

There will be no Bingo on December 24th and December 31st.



LADIES BRIAR CREEK BOOK CLUB (Phase I & II)

Jane McKenzie



Enjoy discussing books chosen by the members. Our book club meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month; however, we do not meet May through October. Some months we will meet in the Phase II Clubhouse and some months at a local restaurant. Our next meeting will be November 26, 1:00pm in the back room at the Phase II Clubhouse, and the book will be *Someone Else's Shoes* by Jojo Moyes. Our December meeting will be on the 17th, and the book will be *Horse* by Geraldine Brooks. (Location to be determined.) Please contact me if you are interested in joining or have questions.

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

BRIAR CREEK BIRD WALK

Bill Kaempfer

Find out more about the natural setting of Briar Creek on our monthly bird walks. Each month outside of the summer we take a walking tour of Briar Creek for about 90 minutes starting at the Phase 1 Clubhouse. Bring your binoculars and wear good walking shoes as we visit the good birding spots in the park. If you want to, you can join us in a golf cart (please let me know in advance).



On November 1st, four of us took advantage of wonderful weather on our walk. Our best birds were a Pied-billed Grebe back for the winter on the Tarpon Canal and a migrant Summer Tanager along Birch Creek Drive. Our total for the walk ended up at 35 species. You can view the checklist by searching eBird.org for checklist **S200984241**

Join us in December on Friday the 6th at 8:00 a.m. at the Phase 1 Clubhouse.

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PHASE ONE CLUBHOUSE.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30 AT 11:00AM

HOLIDAY DECORATING, POTLUCK LUNCH AND WHOOPEE!

Come help us decorate the clubhouse, have a potluck lunch and then play whoopee! It's a very easy dice game that's all part of our Christmas swap. Bring a wrapped 'white elephant' gift to give to someone. The funnier the better!

PHASE ONE CLUBHOUSE.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1 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.)

\$3 donation (for prizes and dessert)

PHASE ONE CLUBHOUSE.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6 AT 6:00PM

'TOYS FOR TOTS' CHRISTMAS SING-A-LONG

Bring a new, unwrapped toy (or two) and share in some fellowship and Christmas Cheer!

PHASE ONE CLUBHOUSE.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15 AT 1PM

CHRISTMAS SWAP

Joan Bienvenue hosts her annual Christmas Swap.
PHASE ONE CLUBHOUSE.



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20 from 12noon until 5pm

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21 from 1pm until 6pm

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PHASE ONE CLUBHOUSE.

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BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

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PHASE ONE CLUBHOUSE.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31 AT 9:00PM

NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION

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PHASE ONE CLUBHOUSE.



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Briar Creek Bugle Phase II – DECEMBER - 2024

(Pete Loranger - Editor Phone 421-2321)

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Board of Directors:

Sam Oliverio President

By now most of our snowbirds have returned to their Winter nests, and we welcome you with open arms.

You'll see that some projects have been completed since you left to go to your Summer homes. The bathrooms have a new look, and we have new lights in the Clubhouse, which brighten things up. We have other projects on the to do list which we plan on starting very soon. As always, Volunteers are greatly appreciated when we do these things.

Some other news you may or may not have heard about, but you should familiarize yourself with include a tree review program. We are aggressively monitoring trees that hang over the street. Homeowners whose trees hang lower to the ground than 14.5 feet will receive a notice in their Rock box giving them 10 days to trim their trees. If after 10 days the violation is not corrected, step 2 will come from the Management Company. If the violation has still not been corrected, the matter will be turned over to our Attorney. With the Hurricanes that we've had this Summer, it is in our best interests to lessen the damage to homes and vehicles by trees that should have been maintained.

You'll notice that our Shuffleboard area received damage from the last two storms. As a result, it's been decided that the awnings/coverings will not be replaced. We will continue to have a Shuffleboard Court, but we are also moving to construct a Pickleball Court. The Social Club has already purchased a portable Pickle Ball net, that has been met with enthusiasm by many. We are planning more projects in the New Year which will continue to move us in a forward direction.

Let's not forget how fortunate we are that we made it thru this Hurricane Season with much less damage than so many others, and the fact that we had no loss of life. Let's give thanks to our neighbors who went above and beyond for the cleanup efforts in Phase 2.

From our house to yours, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, and Healthy New Year.

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

As we end this calendar year of 2024, I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year. Please be safe during the holiday season, don't drink and drive and most of all enjoy your family, friends and neighbor's here in Briar Creek.



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So, are you thinking about putting lights on your house? Do you plan to decorate a tree or two in your yard? As director of outside alterations there is one thing I want you to know. You do NOT need approval from me, the board, or anyone else to decorate for the holidays. So decorate as much or as little as you like! We can't wait to see it. Please be careful on those ladders and step stools. Nobody wants to spend the holidays in the hospital or rehabilitation center.

Just a reminder...If your home sustained damage from Hurricane Helene or Milton, board approval is not required for necessary repairs to your property. All other alterations still require you to submit a request and get board approval before work begins. Blank request forms can always be found just outside the office door. (In the library area of the clubhouse) Once filled out they can be dropped in the office door mail slot or in my rock box at 193 Clubview Dr.

I wish you all a happy, healthy, and well decorated holiday season.

Merry Christmas.

Social Club President

Marge Groskopf



“It's the most wonderful time of the year.” It's a busy time, a time to spend with friends and family. It's a time to recall wonderful memories. Try to participate in the events available within our community and Safety Harbor. As the years go by, we realize the Holidays aren't what they use to be. It's a great time to start new traditions with those around us and build new memories.

December is a busy time for preparation for the New Year. Our Social Club Officers will be voted on at the December business meeting. If you would like to run for an office please speak to Peggy Raynor. Don't hesitate to speak up, if you are an interested participant.

Membership dues will be collected for 2025. Gloria Boettger will be collecting money for your BLUE 2025 Membership Cards. Please purchase your card by April 30th. Other than new residents, six months should be more than enough time to pay your dues.

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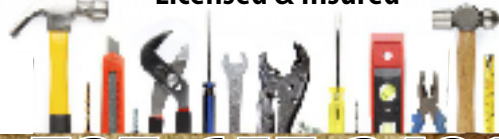
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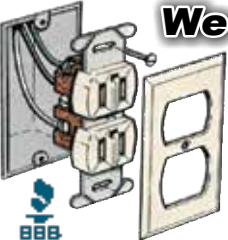
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8	9 Sit & Stitch 1PM Cardio & Strength Class 9AM BINGO sell 5pm play 6pm	Strengthening Class 10AM BOWLING 915AM KARAOKE 9PM
15	16 Sit & Stitch 1PM Cardio & Strength Class 9AM BINGO sell 5pm play 6pm	Strengthening Class 10AM BOWLING 9PM Opera at the Book C
22	23 Sit & Stitch 1PM Cardio & Strength Class 9AM	Strengthening Class 10AM Christmas Eve
29	30 Sit & Stitch 1PM Cardio & Strength Class 9AM BINGO sell 5pm play 6pm	Strengthening Class 10AM New Year's Eve

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10 h & Balance 030AM ING – I	11 Earlybird Breakfast 830AM EVE’S Cardio & Strength Class 9AM Ladies Luncheon 1PM PINOCHLE 6PM	12 Strength & Balance Class 1030AM	13 Cardio & Strength Class 9AM Chair Yoga Class 10AM	14 8:00AM Coffee Hour Holiday Dinner
17 h & Balance 030AM ING – 915AM Afternoon 2PM Club 1PM	18 Earlybird Breakfast 830AM EVE’S Cardio & Strength Class 9AM PINOCHLE 6PM Food Pantry collec- tion 8:00-10am	19 Strength & Balance Class 1030AM MINGLE 430pm BUNCO	20 Cardio & Strength Class 9AM Chair Yoga Class 10AM	21 8:00AM Coffee Hour Social Club Board meeting 845AM First Day of Winter
24 h & Balance 030AM Christmas Eve	25 Earlybird Breakfast 830AM EVE’S Cardio & Strength Class 9AM PINOCHLE 6PM Christmas	26 Strength & Balance Class 1030AM	27 Cardio & Strength Class 9AM Chair Yoga Class 10AM	28 8:00AM Coffee Hour
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As we welcome back our snowbirds it's time for you to sign up to help serve coffee. This will be a great time to see old and new neighbors and for us to welcome you back.

Please sign up to serve coffee and donuts on the sign-up sheet in the hallway so we can continue to enjoy this time with our neighbors.



Meetings

Annual Condo Meeting – Monday Dec, 2nd 7PM
Social Club Board Meeting – Saturday Dec. 21st 845AM

Opera Afternoons

Russ Lipari



December Opera Afternoon

- *Hansel und Gretel* by Engelbert Humperdinck
- Tuesday, December 17, 2024 - BC2 Clubhouse
- 2:00 - Opera performance 107 minutes, sung in German with English subtitles

H*ansel and Gretel* is an [opera](#) by nineteenth-century composer [Engelbert Humperdinck](#), who described it as a Märchenoper (fairy-tale opera). The [libretto](#) was written by Humperdinck's sister, [Adelheid Wette](#), based on the [Grimm brothers'](#) fairy tale [Hansel and Gretel](#). It is much admired for its [folk music](#)-inspired themes, one of the most famous being the Abendsegen (Evening Prayer) from Act II. The idea for this opera was suggested to Humperdinck by his sister, who approached him about writing music for 4 songs that she had written for her children to perform. After several revisions, the musical sketches and the songs were turned into a full-scale opera. Humperdinck composed *Hansel and Gretel* in Frankfurt in 1891 and 1892. The opera was first performed in the [Hoftheater in Weimar](#) on 23 December [1893](#), conducted by [Richard Strauss](#). It has been associated with [Christmas](#) since its earliest performances and today it is still most often performed at Christmas time. Our performance features an all-star cast. Filmed in Vienna under the direction of August Everding in January and February 1981, although the soundtrack was recorded in September the previous year. This is similar to Jean-Pierre Ponnelle's technique; his belief that lip

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Russ

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But being in the miracle of the day
Cause I don't know if it's Monday or Friday or the Weekend or the Weekday
Though it doesn't really matter
Cause each day feels like a holiday
A little bit of Chi Gong some stretching have fun
And wash any worries away
There's a pickleball craze
I can play tennis any day
In my 70's still feel quite okay
Maybe go to the beach
Bring a book to read and meditate to the sound of the waves
There's always music in town
Festivals are all around
Or I'll sit by the Dock of the Bay
Put a guitar in my hand
Julie's my favorite band
To sing or write a song I play
The sun begins to set down
Colors dance upon the ground
Like the magic closing of the day
Cause I don't know if it's Monday or Friday or the Weekend or Weekday
Though it doesn't really matter for each day feels like a holiday
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Dr. Marty Finkelstein lives in Briar Creek with his wife Julie



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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. We have had a few residents open a Gmail account just to forward the emails to their present email system. We use the Gmail address, and it will then forward the message to your present email system. We have had success with this

Humane Society

Robin Feeley



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.



Haven House — Women's Shelter

Amber Oliverio



The Haven offers services to victims of domestic violence 24 hours a day. By making a phone call, clients can get safe shelter and counseling. The shelter relies heavily on donations from communities like ours.

The shelter is in need of the following:

Tooth brush, combs, feminine hygiene products, flip flops, toothpaste for adults and children, deodorant, soaps and shampoos.

They are not accepting clothes at this time.

Please drop off donations in the clubhouse Phase 2. Place items in the bin in the back of the room.

Thank you to everyone who were able to generously donate over the summer. The shelter was very appreciative of the items we were able to drop off.

If you have any questions please call Amber Oliverio at 219-796-6762

Food Pantry

Joan Davis/Arnold Williams



Food Pantry for December..2024.. December 18th Wednesday Time will be 8 AM - 10 AM. We will be in front of clubhouse (If Rain at Garage). Looking forward to seeing many of you. Thanks Joan and Arnold

Bunco

Marge

Bunco will be the third Thursday, Dec. 19th. This will give everyone a chance to recoop from the holidays and take a deep breath. See you at 7:00. \$3 All are welcome. Sign up if possible or call Marge 533-6603, so I can plan dessert



Bingo

Al Merando



Happy December! Come join us for Phase II Bingo on December 9th, 16th and 30th to celebrate the holidays and the New Year. Cards are sold from 5:00PM to 5:45PM with games starting at 6PM. We will have some holiday surprises and look forward to seeing you and celebrating a small part of the season with you.

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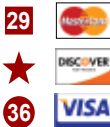
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Bowling

Arnold Williams



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Week 1

Tim Glasheen	+27
Skip Taylor	+50
Bob Barr	+38 +48

10/22/24

Cindy Ames	+43
Phil Willix	+32

Week2

Kathy Morrison	+29
Linda Fitton	+25
Joe Simpson	+41
Lee West	+32
Phil Willix	+30 & +39

10/29/24

Bob Barr	+34
Glenn Jensen	+32
Don Keil	+31
Tim Glasheen	+30

Week 3

Kathy Corcaren	+27
John Ames	+28
Lee West	+33 & +44

11/5/24

Glenn Jensen	+29
Bob Barr	+42

Sit & Stitch

Sandy Fassett

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MINGLE

Billie & Pete



Reminder:

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Then we get to start all over again in 2025. Merry Christmas to you all.

Entertainment

Bettye Gilreath

We are not sponsoring any events this month. Here are a couple of Phase One activities on the calendar you might enjoy. Contact Frank Gaffney for more information. (203-606-8953)

December 21st at 7 pm

WINTER DANCE with Sal & the Gal
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DECEMBER 31 at 9 pm

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Phase II

January 24 and March 9th

SHOWTIME

Get your tickets for SHOWTIME in 2025! Phase Two Clubhouse.

January 24th will be Todd Bogue ,Comic and Magician, and

March 9th will be Jimmy Mazz , A Vegas Show.

\$30 for a ticket includes both shows for one person. Doors open at 6pm & show is at 7pm.

Theater seating

February 15 Valentine Party

Several Briar Creek bands will share their musical talents for an evening of fun.

1st Hour - Senior Moments Band

2nd Hour - RT-66 Band for dancing

3rd Hour - Combined bands including Pam Edwards



BC Health Care Recommendations Spreadsheet

Russ Lipari

Last year we initiated our **BC Health Care Recommendations Spreadsheet** and have collected recommendations of medical and dental personnel and even a Vet!

It has indeed proven useful! This year we intend to continue our efforts, and hope to see it expanded.

To view the **BC Health Spreadsheet** - email me at rlipari55@yahoo.com and I will send you a link that you can click on to get right in. Otherwise you can type https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1UGWSGAtBM0232yQ1yHKwvu-cnM-p_W1WagbBvPrebeA/edit?usp=sharing into your browser.

To contribute - please email rlipari55@yahoo.com and indicate how many referrals you wish to make and I will email you the number of forms you have requested.

Please give this project your careful attention, we will proceed depending on community interest and participation.

Pinochle

Alice Williams



Wednesdays at 6pm
10/30 Orpha Berken 587, Gary Bieniewicz 536
11/06 Orpha Berken 642, Alice Williams 636

Exercise Class



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Friday – chair yoga at 10:00 a.m.

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Annual Craft Fair. Handmade items and bake sale. December 7th, 8am-2pm. East Bay Oaks Clubhouse. 601 Starkey Road, Largo	Lincolnshire Estates Annual Bazaar will be held Saturday Feb 1st, 8AM to 1PM- 1071 Donegan Rd, Largo. Furniture, tools, jewelry, housewares, bake sale, nick-nacks, linens. Appliances, silent auction, breakfast, and lunch for purchase.	WANTED TO BUY
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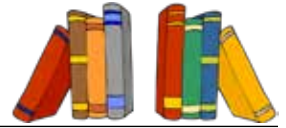
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Briar Creek Book Club (Phase I & II)

Jane McKenzie

651-353-2602 jgmckenzie4647@gmail.com



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Birthdays and Anniversaries

Pete Loranger

Birthdays

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12/02	Alice Williams
12/04	John Ames
12/04	Richard Howd
12/04	Brian Bailey
12/05	Russ Lipari
12/05	Carol Beatty
12/06	Michael Schmidt
12/07	Gloria Boettger
12/09	Arnold Grohskopf
12/10	Jo Cicale
12/11	Ken Kellerman
12/15	Jackie Labounty
12/15	Donna Stockmaster
12/21	Wayne Clark
12/21	Leo McCarthy
12/26	Richard Whipple
12/26	Henry Kalinoski
12/29	Tom Feeley
12/29	Russ Jordan
12/29	Jonathon Craig
12/30	Bonnie Briggs
12/31	Kelly Steele



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