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 Director Gene Arend (727-725-5844)
 Director Pat Rivera (305-546-2714)
 Director Anthony Carregal ((203-606-7427)

PHASE I

Inspections

Anthony Carregal (203-606-7427)

Architectural Requests:

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Clubhouse:

Gene Arend (727-725-5844)

Infrastructure

Al Hartin 727-223-8805

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 Ray Jablonski (203-980-5644)

Pool & Spa

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 Joan Davis (727-207-9351)
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 Jake Boettger (727-420-8770)
 Jim Tashjian (518-378-8882)

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Financials, Fobs, Sales & Rentals

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Phase I

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 Social Club Email briarcreeksocialclub@gmail.com)
 Clubhouse Phone (727-796-3033)

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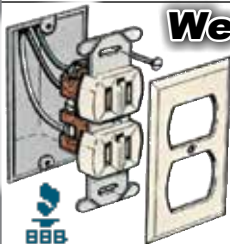


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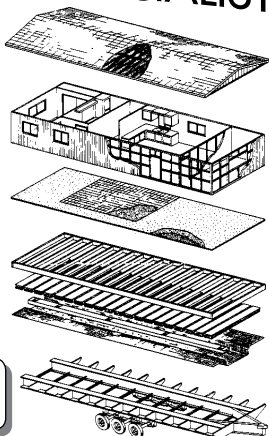
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The Bugle is also available on our website at mybriarcreek.com. Please submit articles and/or information for publication by email to gkberge7@gmail.com or call/text at 701-429-3279. A list of deadlines to submit articles is posted on the P1 Clubhouse bulletin board. The email address for any office matter is: briarcreekoft@gmail.com

Important Phone Numbers

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Bob Barr

Over the past several months, since ProActive Management took over from Progressive Management, we have tried to get ProActive Management to understand how we (the Board of Directors) work and to get them to work with and for us to meet our needs. We have been unsuccessful in that endeavor. Three officers from Briar Creek 1 and three officers from Briar Creek 2 have researched management companies. To that extent we have contacted another management company to come and meet with us to explain how they operate and how they would work with us to meet our needs. In that respect they will work with us to resolve our problems that we have had when trying to work with ProActive.

Both Phase 1 and Phase 2 Boards of Directors have agreed that this change needs to happen. Phase 1 Board of Directors had a special meeting of the Board on March 10th to name Ameri-Tech Management Co. as our new management company. We will, and by this time, have sent ProActive a 30-day notice of termination that will take effect on April 1st. Ameri-Tech will then become our management company on May 1st. Unfortunately, this will mean setting up new accounts for maintenance fees. Maintenance fees will then have to be paid/sent to Ameri-Tech. New forms for automatic withdrawals will be issued along with new coupon books. Ameri-Tech will have a representative(s) to come to Briar Creek, introduce their company, answer questions and help owner's setup auto-payments through the ACH system.

As more information becomes available, we will publish it by sending out emails from MyBriarCreek.com.



CLUBHOUSE CALENDAR PHASE I

Gene Arend

The clubhouse calendar is maintained and printed for the current month and one additional upcoming month. This calendar is continually updated and posted on the bulletin board in the clubhouse. Additional copies are being provided to the admin for a Face Book known as the BCE and a copy is sent to the editor of the Monthly Media. **However**, the most accurate copy is the one located in the clubhouse. Maintaining multiple calendars and updates in various locations can lead to mistakes and depends on others publishing the most current calendar. The calendar will show weekly reoccurring activities arranged by owners who use the clubhouse various activities. These activity dates and times are dependent on those owners' providing me with updates. The calendar will show exclusive events scheduled by the Association, Social Club and Owners. When an exclusive event is requested, if it conflicts with weekly reoccurring events, I will attempt to coordinate and accommodate all requests. On occasion those weekly reoccurring activities may be canceled to meet the request for exclusive use. This follows an approved use of priorities established by the board of directors. The order of priority is Association, Social Club, Owner Exclusive use, Owner activity use, Other. If an owner wants to schedule exclusive use of the clubhouse, there is a clubhouse use agreement located in the forms bin by the door to the director's office in the southeast corner of the clubhouse. Complete this form and return to the mail slot in the directors' office or send the request to briarcreekkoff@gmail.com.

BRIAR CREEK TRAVEL CLUB

Gene Arend

It may be time for the Travel Club to evolve. The demographic of the community of Briar Creek has over the years also evolved. In order to plan and accomplish Bus trips, which cost has escalated in recent years, there is a need to have approximately 35 or more people to meet the break-even cost for such trips. The members' budget and interest in such trips could be exhausted by many of our members. 2 or 3 day trips to St Augustine for the Christmas lights, Casino resorts, trips to a Disney park and a day at Disney Springs, Trips to Busch Gardens, Trips to Edison house and things to do in the area and many other trips may still be of interest to some of the travel club members in the future. These all require someone to take the lead and escort these trips. I have escorted these and many other trips so to do it all again I judge I may lack the passion to do it all again. For this reason, I am stepping down as the lead person for the travel club. There is a need for someone else to take the lead and coordinate the travel club. Hopefully someone is out there to take the lead. I will gladly assist them as they begin the role. Plus, after many years being involved and wearing many hats in the Briar Creek community it may be time for me to discover what retirement is all about.



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Ray Jablonski

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LIBRARY

Helen Coar/Mary Houpt

The library is looking good. Thanks to all who donate their books. Those books stay on the New Bookshelf for a month and are then put in order on the regular shelf. For April and May we will highlight authors already on the shelf. Many Janet Evanovich novels on the shelf for drama and for a fun mystery try Robert Parker and the Jesse Stone stories. Remember the romances are on the shelf on the floor along with the Danielle Steel novels.

A REMINDER: Take a look in the “other room”. You will find: Non-Fiction—Westerns and a large collection of Zane Grey novels—Audio books—Large Print—Holiday reads—Jigsaw puzzles and games. All are for anyone to borrow.

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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 and Pat Arend

UPDATES FOR APRIL 2025

See below for Additions/Changes to your Dial Directory.

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Elaine Stone
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Frank Gaffney

John & Bonnie	Pfister	April	14	
Allan & Ginnie	Berge	April	19	1980
Steve & Patricia	Fontaine	April	25	2018



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Frank Gaffney

David Reitmeyer	April	2	Robert Rice	April	15
Jane Fedelem	April	2	Betty Taylor	April	17
Robert Miller	April	2	Don Hall	April	18
Ed Reed	April	3	Susan Mc Bride	April	20
Tom Hawkins	April	4	Dot Bourdon	April	21
Frank Gaffney	April	5	Bobi Siciak	April	22
Al Hartin	April	6	Carol Marsella	April	22
Bobbi Haug	April	6	Victoria Thompson	April	22
Shannon Irwin	April	7	Sharon Philyaw	April	24
Alan Lee	April	8	Jason Moskow	April	26
Nancy Lahr	April	11	Bob Lemieux	April	29
Stephanie Andrechak	April	11	Carol Fetchko	April	29
Laurie North	April	12	Carolyn Jablonski	April	29
Sharon Schiffla	April	12	Kenneth Carlson	April	29
Steve Brewer	April	13	Christine Biron	April	30
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MAHJONGG

Geri Wardell

Mahjongg meets Sunday afternoons at 12:30-3:00pm in the Phase 1 Clubhouse.

BINGO

Joanne Gastler



Bingo is held on Tuesdays at the Phase 1 Clubhouse. The April Dates are the 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th. Cards are sold from 5 p.m. to 5:50 p.m. sharp. No cards will be sold after 5:50 p.m. Bingo starts promptly at 6 p.m.

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We appreciate all our volunteers who truly make a difference, especially Rosie, Cindy, Toni, Don, Stephanie, Joanne, Pat R., Pat G. Sherry, Chris B., Dawn and Tina, and all our callers, Al, Jeff, Frank, and Hal, whose contributions are truly inspiring.

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).



March 7th saw cool temperatures, but it was calm, bright, and sunny making for a pleasant bird walk. Five of us found a total of 36 species which is a great total for one of our walks. You can view the checklist by searching eBird.org for checklist S217028210.

Join us in April on Friday the 4th at 8:00 a.m. at the Phase 1 Clubhouse. That is peak time for Spring migration around here, so we might see something unusual!

Bill Kaempfer, 303-717-5063, Kaempfer@colorado.edu

BRIAR CREEK 1 FRIDAY BOWLING SCORES

Bob Barr

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Bob Barr 219/36
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Kathy Kotchie 153/23
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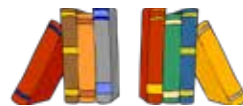
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LADIES BRIAR CREEK BOOK CLUB

(Phase I & II)
Jane McKenzie



Enjoy discussing books chosen by the members. We meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month; however, there are no meetings from May through October. Some months we will meet in the Phase II Clubhouse and some months at a local restaurant. The April book is *Go as a River* by Shelley Read. Please contact me if you are interested in joining or have questions.

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

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Toni & Don Beaton

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Frank Gaffney and Anthony Carregal



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PHASE ONE CLUBHOUSE.

MONDAY, MARCH 31 AT 6:00PM

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This month: “Aida” by Giuseppe Verdi

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Briar Creek Bugle Phase II – APRIL 2025

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Well, another Bazaar has come and gone, and as always our Volunteers did an amazing job! We are so fortunate to live in a Community where the residents really care about the quality of life, and don’t hesitate to do their part in whatever way they can. I applaud each and every one of you who donated your time to make yet another successful Bazaar this year.

Speaking of Volunteers, did you get a chance to see what has been accomplished inside the Clubhouse! The painting of the interior is about 95% complete, and next will come the beadboard and chair rail, and we aren’t done yet. Stay tuned for more exciting upgrades to our Clubhouse and amenities.

Jim Tashjian – Director – Alterations

Maintaining the beauty and harmony of our community is a shared responsibility. To ensure that all exterior modifications align with BCII guidelines, homeowners are required to submit alteration requests and get board approval BEFORE making any changes, including tree planting and tree removal.

Why is this necessary? First, alterations requests help maintain consistency in our neighborhood’s appearance, preserving property values for everyone. Additionally, tree planting and removal can impact drainage, erosion, and underground utilities. Careful consideration is needed to prevent unintended consequences. One important safety consideration is tree placement, particularly on corner lots. Trees planted too close to intersections can obstruct visibility, making it difficult for drivers to see approaching vehicles or pedestrians.

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their changes comply with community standards, local regulations, and safety guidelines.

Speaking on behalf of the entire board, we appreciate your cooperation in keeping BCII a beautiful and safe place to live.

Blank request forms can be found just outside the office door in the library section of the clubhouse. Once completed they can be returned in the office door mail-slot or my rock box at 193 Clubview Drive. If you need help with the request form or have questions about the alteration request process, my phone number is in the directory.

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

This month just a quick note about security at the R/V Parking Area. There have been a few instances where the R/V Parking Area gate has been left open without the resident being present and a few instances that the combination for the lock has been given to someone other than the occupier of the R/V Parking Area.

The agreement that each and every R/V Parking Area occupant signed is very clear that the gate must be closed upon leaving the R/V Parking Area and if you have someone, resident or vendor, that needs access to the R/V Parking Area for your personal interest, that you are responsible to unlock and lock the main gate. Giving the access code to anyone that does not utilize the R/V Parking Area is in direct violation and can result in loss and privilege of using the R/V Parking Area. I truly appreciate your understanding and co-operation.

Social Club President

Marge Groskopf



The months have passed so quickly, Spring is here. Before long some of our winter residents will be returning north.

March was a very active time, The Bazaar, An evening for New Residents planned by Peggy Raynor and Committee, Showtime with Jimmy Mazz from the Entertainment Committee, and Casino Night organized by Ann Conway, Marti Magnuson, Russ Lipari and Ron Steinacher.

In between this activity we have taken on the project of giving the Clubhouse a facelift. Our teams of volunteers have been unbelievable. More than 30 volunteers have given their time and talent with this project. We have tried to keep activities available to our residents throughout the work schedule. I appreciate the cooperation received when changes and cancellations were necessary. I am so proud of our Community, THANKS to all of you.

When it comes to working together Briar Creek has it mastered. In the middle of the Clubhouse Project, we managed to have a very successful Bazaar. Many thanks to the Bazaar Committee, led by Maureen and Wayne Wlodarczyk. They work year round preparing a Bazaar. Thank you to all the volunteers who worked the Bazaar. We appreciate those who came out to support the Bazaar

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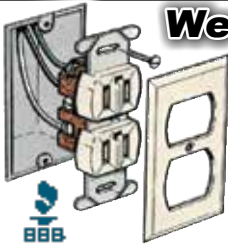
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DID YOU KNOW

Pam Edwards

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Meetings

Condo Meeting – Tuesday April 15th 7PM
Social Club Board Meeting – Saturday April 19th 845AM

Opera Afternoons

Russ Lipari



April Opera Afternoon - Season Finale

- *Aïda* by *Giuseppe Verdi*
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- 2:00 - Opera performance 160 minutes, sung in Italian with English subtitles

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Russ

Thanks so much for making these Opera Afternoons such a resounding success....This afternoon; I’ll be giving a sneak-peek at the operas planned for next season. We’ll plan to do another 6 opera series from November through March on the 3rd Tuesday of the month.



WHEN THE TIME COMES

Dr. Marty Finkelstein



In April I will be 74 years young. This past year I experienced some firsts in my life. Not fun firsts. Because of extreme acid reflux pain that inhibited eating, drinking, and sleeping, I went to the Emergency room twice within 2 weeks. The first visit I was pleasantly surprised how friendly, professional, and efficient, everyone was. I had never been to the emergency room before, that is, for myself. That week I was on more medication than I had been on in my life. I realized that we never really know what we will do until faced with fear and pain beyond our threshold. Well 10 days later I was back in the same Emergency room with the same symptoms. Everyone was as professional, friendly and efficient as before, yet something was different. ME. They immediately wanted to do all the same protocols, whereas this time, I said No. I want to speak to the doctor first. Well it took a few minutes of back and forth until they said the doctor will be in soon. When the doctor came in, she was very professional as she listened to my concerns, one being that the medications had not helped at all. She then ordered a Cat Scan along with doing more indepth bloodwork. This was the beginning of many months of tests, evaluations, and procedures. And along the way I often had to slow down the Medical Machine of looking efficient and professional, to make certain I was being HEARD. Not just heard.

Well the reason I am sharing this, is so each of us knows how important it is to have an advocate with us, i had my wife Julie, as well as to know how essential it is to have a voice and speak loud. And to always know that you decide ultimately what you will or not do.

Thankfully each doctor I saw truly took the time to answer all my questions. I would write my questions onto my phone before each visit. I would not rely on my memory. I strongly recommend that you think of all the questions you would like answers to and have them available anytime you see a doctor. My philosophy has always been if a doctor doesn't take the time to answer them, find another doctor.

Considering I spent several hours in a gown waiting on various procedures my mind at times entered that place of What If. What if the time had come to sail onto the next unknown journey. Interestingly I felt a deep peacefulness knowing that all the relationships in my life were filled with love and completeness. There were no cobwebs in the closet, there wasn't any unresolved conflicts with my family and friends, there was just the feeling of love and feeling lucky that I have lived the life I live. Too often I have seen people when facing their final days decide to let go of the anger or breakdowns they have had with the most important people in their life. And wonder why have I been holding onto this my whole life. If you are reading this, Do it Now, don't wait. Love is never about who is wrong and who is right.

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Dr. Marty Finkelstein Lives in Briar Creek with his wife Julie Austin. He is the author of several books regarding healing and wellness

The Briar Creek 2 Connection

Marsha & Carol

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We ask for as close to 100% participation as possible. You may find that not everything sent pertains to you, or is even something you want to receive, however just delete those emails and keep the ones that are necessary and important to you. Safety information such as mandatory hurricane evacuations, water shut offs, and illegal solicitors in our community are all necessary things to know. Recently during an evacuation, we were able to send out information regarding water and sewer back-ups, power outages and information on road closures.

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In Memory

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Did you notice the display of used golf balls and clubs at the BC2 Bazaar?



Walking by the Outside Trash and Treasure table at the BC2 Bazaar since 2019 you may have noticed the tables with used golf balls (in egg cartons) and golf clubs and bags. If you have donated to the 'golf' table or bought any of the items, maybe you have wondered how much the sale of golf 'stuff' actually adds to the total Bazaar profit, here's the answer.

Since the 2019 bazaar the sale of used golf balls and other equipment has brought in over \$1,730, with the most recent sale bringing in just over \$450. That's a significant return for golf balls that some unlucky golfers hit in the wrong direction, into water or the rough.

Other golfers and 'ball hawkers' in BC2 found enough of these balls to make up the collection of balls you see at the bazaar, and this year 47 dozen egg cartons with these balls (carefully washed, inspected and sorted by brand) sold for the princely sum of \$4 per egg carton or 3 cartons for \$10. These sales added \$340 to the bazaar total.

This year the community also donated several golf clubs and bags, and other golf accessories and these sold for another \$116.

So here's a round of applause to the golfers in our community for their efforts and we probably owe a thank you to the unfortunate golfers who lost their balls in the first place!

By the way if you are looking for golf balls during the year you can give give Bill Steiner call (727-475-9146) or drop by 163 Clubview to see what he has available.

Humane Society

Robin Feeley



I am taking over the job for the humane society donations that Barbara Bergling has done for many years thank you Barbara. They are in need of for both cats and dogs, food unopened, clean blankets, sheets, towels, clean used toys, paper towels, bleach. There is a list of everything they need on the bulletin board in phase 2 clubhouse. Drop off 143 Briar Creek BLVD. A basket is outside my screen room which is locked so our cat don't get out. Please help them. Thank you Robin Feeley

Food Pantry

Joan Davis/Arnold Williams



Third Wednesday in front of clubhouse. 8 Am -10 Am. They were asking for canned meat, beef ravioli, chili, jelly, peanut butter and tuna. These are items they run out of. Thanks to you all who donate. There's no place like Briar Creek.

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Ladies' Luncheon

Julie & Arlene



Arlene Skolnekovich and Julie Austin are organizing the Ladies' Luncheon now. We thank Darlene for doing such a great job these past two years and we'll be consulting with her! On April 9, 1:00 pm., we will be meeting at Bacon Street Diner in the Countryside Mall. The sign up sheet will be in the BC2 clubhouse in a **new location** - not on the side bulletin board, but on an easel in the corner by the doorway to the bookstore.

Please sign up and let us know if you will NOT be coming a few days before April 9 and we can take your name off the list.

Julie's number is (734) 604-0866. Call or text. Arlene Skolnekovich is (412) 370-9287. We're looking forward to another fun and delicious ladies lunch!

BINGO

AL & Diane



Please join us for Monday night Bingo before this year's season is over! Our last night for bingo will be Monday, April 28th. Cards are sold from 5-5:45pm with games starting at 6pm. We look forward to seeing you there!

Bunco

Marge



Bunco is the 4th Thursday of the month at 7pm in Phase 2 Clubhouse. Hope to see all our usual players from Phase 1 & 2. We love new players. Bunco is a very easy dice game, new players are pros in 5 minutes. We chip in \$3 for prize money and also have dessert. It's a relaxing, fun night out meeting new people sharing some laughs. Try to remember your name badges. There are sign-up sheets in both clubhouses. Try it, you'll like it!!!!!!

THURSDAY April 24th 7:00pm \$3

Sit & Stitch

Sandy Fassett



Get out of the cold weather and come down to the clubhouse on Mondays from 1-3 to join in with the gals that are making shawls for chemo and radiation patients to keep them warm for this unpleasant time of their lives. We also welcome new ideas to work on for community projects. If you have any questions call Sandy Fassett at 727-424-6045



Bowling

Arnold Williams

Happy Easter to everyone!!! There are only 4 games that separate the top 4 teams and next month's letter I should have the winner to announce. There has been a lot of new faces this year and friendships formed this year. Hopefully with more to come in the future. Below are the Bowlers who have Bowled +25 pins over their averages. Thank You Arnold Williams

2/11/25

Tim Glasheen	+30
Lee West	+38
Arnold Williams	+39

2/18/25

Ken Homme	+35
Don Keil	+39
Arnold Williams	+26

2/25/25

Linda Hayes	+25
Kathy Morrison	+42
Arnold Williams	+41

3/4/25

Cindy Ames	+54
Kathy Kotchie	+29
Vern Browe	+35
Kathy Corcoran	+36

Week 15

John Ames	+53
Bob Barr	+34

Week 16

Skip Taylor	+31
Phil Willix	+42

Week 17

Jina Duggan	+29 & +27
Don Keil	+39
Lee West	+36 & +48 & +37

Week 18

Greg Zimmer	+55
Joe Simpson	+38
Lee West	+47
Tim Glasheen	+42



MINGLE

Billie & Pete

Don't forget Mingle on the 17th of this month. Looking forward to an evening of good eats. All that is required is for you to bring a salad, hot dish or dessert and your drink.

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Entertainment

Raylee Fleisch

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BYOB.

- Where: BC II Clubhouse
- When: April 4th, 2025
- Time: 1:00-3:00 p.m.
- \$5.00 per person



May 17th – Wine anyone?

Wine and Cheese Social. Bring your favorite Wine and a bottle to share, for a wine tasting with your friends and neighbors. Charcuterie Hors d'oeuvres will be provided.

- Where: BC II Clubhouse
- When: May 17th, 2025
- Time: 4:00-6:00 p.m.
- \$3.00 per person



June 13th - Luncheon/Sandwich Swap.

Did anyone say “games”? we will spend the afternoon sharing our favorite lunch foods while enjoying an afternoon of table games. BYOB

- Where: BC II Clubhouse
- When: June 13th , 2025
- Time: 12:30-2:00 p.m.
- \$3.00 per person



Pinochle

Alice Williams



2/26 Dico Halajian 514, Bob Gundershaug 460, Mirna Halajian 375, Dawn Benson 327

Euchre

Alice/Billie

2/25 Betty Little 48, Orpha Berken 47





Bob Raynor

I have been asked by multiple residents who are interested in a way to avoid probate when their kids inherit their BC property upon death. They have heard about the Lady Bird Deed and want to know how it can help them. A Lady Bird Deed in Florida is a legal document that is a type of “enhanced life estate” in which a property owner names beneficiaries while retaining control of the property until their death.

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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.

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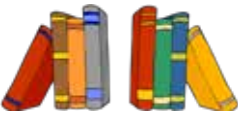


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Pete Loranger

Birthdays

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4/11 Joann Bancroft
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