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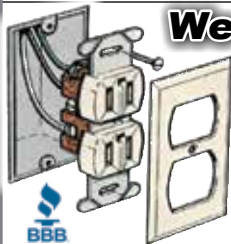


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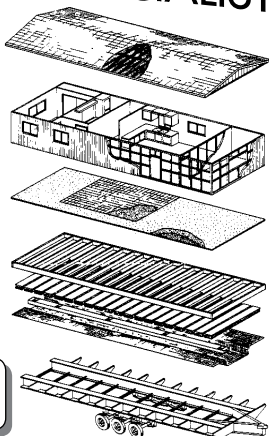
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Bob Barr, President

Briar Creek's creek has been cleaned up. Phase 1 and 2 joined forces to get vegetation and other debris that was blocking the flow of the creek removed. Thanks to Salvador Ramirez and his crew for getting the job done. Salvador's crew was wading, floating, and swimming at times to pull branches, trees, and other debris out of the creek. The plan, for the future, is to allocate money in future budgets to have a crew come in each year to trim back any overgrowth and pull out any branches and other debris that may have fallen into the creek.

Our next project for this summer will be to have our storm drains cleaned as some of them appear to be 70 to 80 percent blocked.

Our new management company, Ameri-Tech Community Management, Inc., has updated our website, www.mybriarcreek.com. If you have not already registered to use the updated website, please feel free to do so at this time. You can check on your monthly maintenance payments, make a payment, check on meeting minutes, contracts, financial information, and much more. If you need help setting up your account, contact a member of the board of directors and if they cannot help, they can direct you to another member to get you up and online.



KEEPING YOU IN THE KNOW

Gene Arend, Director

Many of our owners are away on vacation or in their summer homes outside the community. At the recent Phase I board meeting in July, the board acknowledged in a cooperative effort with the Phase II board, the creek which runs through the community and exits into the Lake Tarpon outflow canal was cleared. The overgrowth and trees growing in the creek have been removed. This will allow a better flow on the creek during the storm season.

The Phase I community has 17 underground drains in various streets which lead to the main storm drains which flow into Briar Creek. The board approved a contract to clean out the sediment and debris accumulated in the drains over many years. This will also be complete for the storm season. This should allow a better flow of storm water into the creek.

The quality of lawncare service was again discussed. While the price we pay for this service in return for the level of care we receive is debatable, one owner asked for a show of hands of those present at the meeting who were willing to pay for an increase in the monthly maintenance fee for a possible increase in the level of service. Only one person raised their hand. Again, while debatable, the old saying of “You only get what you pay for” may be part of the equation. In this case we pay approximately \$24 per month per lot. The board will continue to attempt to push for more quality and service, cost for service will not be included in the discussions. Remember if you have an issue with the service, please call on the day of service while the crew and supervisor are on site. Discussing the issue with the worker may not help as their focus is on the task at hand.

If you have a list of items, you want the board to address and cannot attend a meeting, please send them to any director. We will attempt to change those things we can change, however there are things we have no control over and cannot change.

BOARD COMMUNICATION

Al Hartin, Director

The Board of Directors sends out email communication on items of importance that you need to know. They send out an email informing residents when there is a water leak and the water will need to be turned off, an upcoming Board of Directors Meeting and notification when the minutes of the meeting are available for you to read. There are also other items such as the lawn mowing schedule that the Board sends out to keep you informed. I know many residents have signed up and are getting these emails but if you are not, send your email information to our contact at Ameri-Tech Property Management – Laura Franzese at lfrazese@ameritechmail.com and she will add your information.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING

Connie Holmes, Secretary

There seems to be some misunderstanding as to *WHEN* the monthly meeting takes place. The By-laws of Briar Creek 1 state:

5.7 Regular Meetings. Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at the principal office of the Association at such times as shall be determined, from time to time, by a majority of the Directors. Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be open to all Unit Owners who may participate in accordance with the written policy established from time to time by the Board of Directors. Notice of such meetings shall be posted at a designated location on the Condominium Property at least forty-eight (48) continuous hours in advance for the attention of the Members of the Association, except in the event of an emergency in which case the notice shall be posted as soon as practicable after the need for emergency meeting is known to the Association. All notices shall include an agenda for all known substantive matters to be discussed, or have an agenda attached to it...

5.8 Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Directors may be called by the President, and must be called by the President or Secretary at the written request of one-third (1/3) of the Directors. Special meetings of the Board of Directors shall be noticed and conducted in the same manner as provided herein for regular meetings.

Anyone who has purchased or leased in BCI for more than ten (10) years has had the same Interview - New Residents Information. This information is covered and discussed with the potential owner/lease which states:

Board Meetings

Briar Creek 1 is governed by a 7 member board, elected 3 one year, 4 the next year and etc.. Board of Directors business meeting is typically held the 1st Wednesday of each month from October-May. EXCEPTION is the December meeting which is held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting which is the first Monday in December at 10 am, which is the Annual Meeting of members which includes the election of Board members for the upcoming year. Generally, there are no board meetings during the summer unless there is an emergency. These meetings are held at the Clubhouse at approximately 10:00 a.m. Although a tentative schedule is posted for the year, each meeting's agenda is posted in the Clubhouse and on the website a minimum of 48 hours prior to confirm the meeting and Agenda.

For many years the established day and time has been the 1st Wednesday of each month at 10 a.m. following the Coffee Social. As a good number of residents attend the coffee social, this has been followed. BUT, there have been a few times when the President and Board at that time, moved the monthly BOARD meeting to Monday Night because a few owners stated they were still working and could not attend Wednesday at 10 a.m. and would like to be able to attend This only happened a few months because after the first couple of night meetings, there was no one at the night meeting that could not have attended the morning meeting.

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The majority of the residents as well as the Directors at that time chose to return to the first Wednesday following Coffee at 10 a.m. Sometimes in the past there has also been a request by the majority of the BOARD to move the meeting up a week or a week early due to travel plans of BOARD members. The President is given this authority in our governing documents and has exercised his authority to do this.

Normally, as stated above, there has been no meeting during the summer needed but things have changed. Some things can wait, some cannot. Things have been a little hectic since 'Milton' damaged the Pedestrian Bridge behind the pool area. (Our creek needed a cleanout, storm sewers are filled with debris, pallets placed in the common elements at the end of Sugar Bear Drive by residents have become a safety hazard and need to be removed asap, our landscaping needs an update and regular maintenance, and of course, let's not forget the St. Petersburg Water Project. SHEW! It has been difficult to gather the information needed and once a bid is received, most contractors will only honor the bid for 30 days because of the fluctuation of material costs.

Our President announced at the May 28 meeting that there would be a meeting in July on the first Wednesday for follow up on bids for projects being considered. Bob also announced there would be another meeting upon receiving bids for the Pedestrian Bridge rebuild now that the engineer had submitted their drawings. And lest we forget, our BOARD members have a life outside their director's responsibility while volunteering to serve YOU! If you think their job is 'a piece of cake,' and you could do the job, sign up to run for the BOARD.

Remember, the pay is OUT OF THIS WORLD!

BRIAR CREEK PROJECTS

Al Hartin, Treasurer

I wanted to update everyone on Projects that have happened this year and upcoming planned projects. I also want you to know that all of the cost of these projects came out of our Reserve – Deferred Maintenance Account. Your Monthly Maintenance Fee of \$223.00 includes approximately \$28.00 that funds this account. Contributing an amount from your Monthly Maintenance Fee puts funds aside to avoid a Special Assessment when a major expense for a repair or renovation is needed. This year we have done, or will do, the following.

- CAPITAL RESERVE STUDY – IN PROGRESS
- REPLACED MAIN ELECTRICAL LINE TO THE CLUBHOUSE
- INSTALLED RAMPS ON THREE OF THE CLUBHOUSE DOORS
- CLEANED OUT THE CULVERT ALONGSIDE THE CREEK AT BRIAR CREEK BLVD
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- **BRIDGE – HAD ENGINEERING STUDY AND PLANS DRAWN TO REPLACE THE BRIDGE**

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There have been items posted on social media claiming that if the Bridge is replaced that it would be necessary to raise the FY2026 Maintenance Fee to cover this cost. This is not true. All items replaced, including the Bridge, will come out of our Reserve- Deferred Maintenance Account. If you have questions about costs or projects, I encourage you to contact myself or another Board Member for accurate information.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS SELF NOMINATIONS

Anthony Carregal, Director

The time is coming to make a positive change for the community. Do you want to be part of that change? Please consider running for our Condo Board! Nominations will be due sometime in October (Date TBD). Be on the lookout for more information.

Just as a reminder, there will be four positions that will be up for election.

LAWN MOWING

Al Hartin, Director/Treasurer

TLC will be mowing every Tuesday through September, weather permitting.

A few reminders:

- If you have an issue with anything they are doing or not doing, do not address the worker. Call me at (727) 223-8805 so I can address the issue with the Supervisor.
- If you do not want your lawn mowed, I suggest you put red flags around the area you do not want mowed. If you put up a large red sign it indicates to them that you do not want all of your lawn mowed and they will not mow it. This should work but if not call me and I will address it. Remember that these people are human and it is hot manual work and also there is a high turnover of workers due to the nature of the work and I'm sure the pay is low.
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Al Hartin, Director



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RODENT PROBLEMS WITH BRIAR CREEK MANUFACTURED HOMES

David Hunkins

Brenda and I had to learn how to get rid of our RAT PROBLEM. It has worked for many years at this point so that is why I am providing this article. We believe the only real solution is to DETER the rats from wanting to live under your HOME. Trying to kill them is a never-ending problem. When they die, they smell up your home for weeks. More will come if you FEED THEM. . .even though it is killing them.

It is a very common problem for the crawl space under the manufactured homes as well as the engine compartment of some vehicles. The location of the home may also have something to do with it. In my opinion, there is a best way to deal with the problem, based on years of dealing with the issue here in the park. Here is the best way to stop it at this time with some straightforward methods.

SOLUTION

An inspection of your manufactured home will be necessary to see how well it is sealed to keep rat size openings not available to the rats. Newer homes seemed to have vinyl skirts that go to the ground which is one way. You should notice that there are vents in the vinyl as the area under the manufactured home needs ventilation. It is also a good idea to have a stone barrier IN the ground under the vinyl so rats cannot dig to get in. There are many ways to seal the entry space under the home, but it requires special reviewing to get it right and keep it in place. When we sealed our home, I wanted to be sure I had easy access all along the manufactured home in case I needed to get under wherever. My unit has the concrete standard block used throughout the park. I retrofitted screening in all of the openings between space blocks as ventilation is necessary to have the space under the home. This has worked for many years. Special care is necessary around difficult places like the A/C unit and electrical cabling, etc., but it is possible with a little care.

After the home is sealed up. . .opening small enough to keep rats out. . .we purchased an electronic Sounder/Strobe in the space and plugged it in an AC outlet. We purchased this unit from Amazon to install under our home. There is also a version to go under the hood of your car in the engine compartment. This electronic device provides animal sounds that rats do not want



to be near. Also, there are strobe lights that go off and on to cause them to stay away. The audio volume can be adjusted to not hear it in our home or the neighbors' homes.

Amazon has had these products over the years but you certainly will find something like these units elsewhere that really work to keep the rats away.

We have this product! It has worked for several years at this point. Place this under your home. Rodent Repellent Ultrasonic Plug-in Indoor Mouse Repellent Rat Mice Deterrent Ultrasonic Pest Repeller with 12 Strobe Lights and 4 Sounds Mode for RV, Garage, Attic. The brand name is Angveirt and can be purchased for \$49. One should do it and you will need to plug it in..

We intend to buy this product! Mount Under the Hood of our Car Ultrasonic Rodent Repellent Under Hood Battery powered pest repeller humane mouse repellent for car engines basement, garage, attic rat mice deterrent 2 pack. The brand is Angveirt, it is battery operated, and can be purchased for \$29. . .two for under \$50..

Ray Jablonski has purchased similar items that have been working for him.

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Under the car on the drive - Rodent Repellent Model AR28 powered by batteries

We hope this will help guide you in making a decision to fix your problem. If you have any questions, please contact us at 315-244-3976 or davidhunkins40@gmail.com.

DIAL DIRECTORY – THE YELLOW BOOK

Al Hartin, Donna Hartin and Pat Arend

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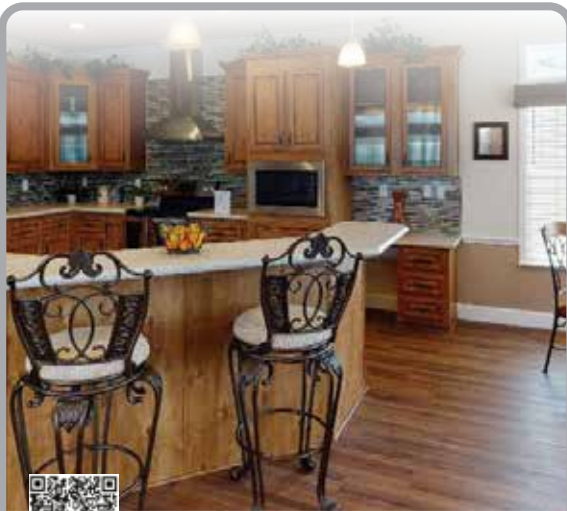
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BEREAVEMENT

Mary Houpt



Sympathy

Sharon Philyaw passed away Saturday, July 12. No service is planned at this time. Sympathy to her husband, Andy Philyaw and family, 110 Juniperus Dr.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Frank Gaffney

Carol	Jacobs	August 1	Bob	Hardacre	August 15
Pete	Fedelelem	August 1	James	Ripley	August 16
Allan	Berge	August 3	Kim	Pratt	August 16
Dottie	Sullivan	August 4	Barbara	Fuller	August 18
Richard	Luetterschmidt	August 5	Lee	Palmer	August 18
Donna	Hartin	August 6	John	Craig	August 19
Audrey	Nower	August 8	Phil	Rogers	August 19
Delores	Whitton	August 8	Linda	Bjorn	August 21
Naomi	Fiacable	August 8	Pamela	Larson	August 24
Aaron	VanDeWeerd	August 9	William	Pomplin	August 25
Allan	Boys	August 9	Marvin	Nolley	August 26
Elsie	Anderson	August 9	Rocky	Gaetan	August 27
Jean	Catchpole	August 9	Lorretta	DuFour	August 29
Susan	Norris	August 9	Ginnie	Berge	August 31
Thomas	Peralo	August 10	Julie Ann	Lentz	August 31
Pat	Lenty	August 11			
Rosie	Matteoni	August 13			
Deb	Willie	August 14			
Patty	Campbell	August 14			





AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Frank Gaffney

Tony & Paula	Alves	August 1	1964
Allen & Marion	Boys	August 7	1982
Tom & Jone	Davidson	August 8	1965
Everett & Geri	Wardell	August 8	1981
Rocky & Debbie	Gaetan	August 9	2003
Fred & Karen	Mbiad	August 12	1967
Peter & Lynn	Sheppard	August 13	
Fred & Carol	Michaelis	August 20	
David & Violet	Shaughnessy	August 21	1978
Carolyn & Ray	Jablonski	August 25	2001
Roy & Sue	Martin	August 25	1956
Pete & Jane	Fedelem	August 29	1969



PING PONG

Nancy Verzi

We need some fun-loving ping pong players from BC 1 and 2 to join our group on Wednesday evenings at 7pm. We lost a few due to snow birding. Both men and women are playing in Clubhouse 1. So, if you used to play as a kid and loved it – you still can!

Ping pong is great for improving hand/eye coordination and physical dexterity, plus it's great exercise. Come give it a try; we think you'll like it! If you have any questions, call Nancy Verzi, Chairperson at 727-403-0003.



BINGO

Joanne Gastler

During the summer, Bingo is being held once a month on the Second Tuesday of the month (August 12th). The 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. During the summer, dinner will not be served, but drinks and chips will be available for sale from 5-6 p.m., along with treats for purchase at the break. Jackpot will be \$150.

The fall season will start on September 23, 2025. We will have hot dogs, chips and soda for sale at 5pm.



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Cindy Troutman



Every day, except Sunday, we have organized water aerobics; lead by Ruth Kalbfleisch. Even Sunday some of the ladies/mermaids show up. It is from 10:30am to 11:30am at the BC Phase I pool. EVERYONE is welcome! Men and women! Briar Creek I and II! With this great Florida sunshine and warmer weather, there is no better place to be than in the pool. Put on your swimsuit and your sunscreen and come join us for some water fun and exercise!

BRIAR CREEK BIRD WALK

Bill Kaempfer

Here is a heads-up! First Friday Bird Walks will return next month on Friday, September 5th. Check here in the September Monthly Media for details.

Bill Kaempfer, 303-717-5063



LINE DANCING

Helen Coar

There will be no dancing through August. Dancing will begin again in September. Time and place remain the same.



RUMMIKUB

Cindy Troutman, 727-741-1940

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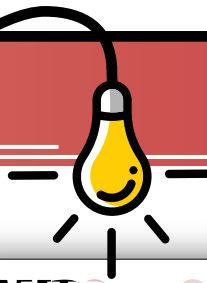
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Geri Wardell

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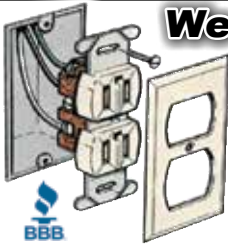
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24	25 Sit & Stitch 1PM Cardio & Strength Class 915AM	Strength Class 10
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Briar Creek II

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			Zumba Gold Class 1030AM1	8:00AM Coffee Hour2
h & Balance 030AM5	Earlybird Breakfast 830AM EVE'S Zumba Gold Class 915AM6	Strength & Balance Class 1030AM7	Zumba Gold Class 1030AM8	8:00AM Coffee Hour9
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Bill Kaempfer



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Bill Kaempfer, 303-717-5063

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Jane McKenzie

Enjoy discussing books chosen by the members. We meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month; however, there are no meetings May through October. Some months we will meet in the Phase II Clubhouse and some months at a local restaurant. The November book is Thunder Dog by Michael Hingson and the December book is The Five Wishes of Mr. Murray McBride

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



BRIAR CREEK LUNCHEON

Joan Bienvenue

The next Briar Creek Luncheon is Tuesday, August 12, 1:00pm at Rhumba, 1800 Gulf to Bay Blvd. If you plan to attend, please sign up on the bulletin board, or contact Joan Bienvenue, 727-902-8166.



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TUESDAY, AUGUST 12

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PHASE ONE CLUBHOUSE

THE ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE is taking most of August and September off.
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Briar Creek Bugle Phase II – August - 2025

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As Summer is flying by we realize that this time of year is one of concern for those of us who are full time residents. As two months of Hurricane Season has passed, we realize that we have four more months to stay prepared. We still have Hurricane preparedness information available in the Clubhouse, to help you stay ready.

Now on to a more pleasant topic! I want to thank everyone who has supported the lunch box project for the children of our Military. The generosity of our residents is never ending. We collected more than 25 lunch boxes and also some backpacks. Thank you so much! Enjoy the rest of your Summer.

Phil Chabot – Philip Chabot – Vice President and Director Phase II Garage, Lawns, Ponds and RV Lot

As mentioned last month in my article within the Bugle, we have residents currently on a waiting list for a space in the RV Parking Area. We do have a couple of residents who no longer require their space in the RV Parking Area, and we will be making arrangements to facilitate those who are waiting. With that said, I would like to make it clear that if your unit is sold and removed from the RV Parking area without the intent of immediate replacement your assigned spot will be reassigned to a resident who is waiting for a parking space. We cannot and will not “hold” an assigned space for something that may or may not occur. The resident leaving the RV

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Parking Area will need to apply for a new parking space if or when the need arises. I would also like to make it perfectly clear that all spaces in the RV Parking Area are assigned. At no time shall a resident relocate to a different parking space without the express written consent of the Director of the RV Parking Area or if not available, any other BCII board member who may be filling in for the Director. This may result in the loss of all RV Parking Area privileges which may require removal, if not voluntary, to include towing at owner's expense. If you have any questions concerning the above information, please feel free to contact me.

Enjoy your August and Stay Cool!

Social Club President

Marge Grohskopf

The Summer months are coming to a close, but our heat will still be with us. Stay cool by using the pool and Clubhouse. Gather in the Clubhouse for games and socializing. Some people are using the Clubhouse for walking exercise.

Mark your calendars for Aug. 3rd. "Sundaes 4 Sunday" \$4 Ice cream Sundaes will be served from 2-3pm. PJ is selling tickets at Sat Coffee or call her to put your name on the list. (727-439-9542) The Clubhouse will be available for socializing and games from 1-4. Come on down and stay cool!

There will be a Labor Day BBQ. Mark your calendar for Sept. 1st. Donna and Gene Stockmaster will be hosting this event. We will have more information when they return from their travels.

We will consider it the "Mystery BBQ". I will pass on information as soon as possible.

I am writing this article July 13th. We have had no hurricane action.

However the odds get greater as we approach September. Please be sure to have completed your hurricane preparations. Something as simple as water, batteries and can foods, can save you stress. It's no fun searching empty grocery shelves after a storm warning is announced. It doesn't take much for us to lose power. **STAY SAFE STAY PREPARED**

OUR NECK OUR POSTURE

Dr. Marty Finkelstein

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not even noticing the minimal daily changes of degeneration. Anytime you observe someone standing or walking where their head is way out in front of their body or tilting downward you are witnessing years of gradual loss of the cervical curve. Though aging is not a disease injuries over time, work related stress, all our daily habits being in front of computers, looking at our smart phones places our head in a forward position. Symptoms that can be present are headaches, fatigue, decrease of the range of motion, balance issues, as well as pinching nerves that exit out from the spine that affect the shoulders, arms, and hands.

So What Do We Do

1. Become conscious of our daily routines and our posture. Even as I am writing this article my head is forward placing stress to my cervical spine. So every 5 minutes change position, move your head and neck to reduce any fixation and tightening of the muscles.
2. Chiropractic Evaluation and care. Chiropractors will determine what stage cervical degeneration might be in, and what can be done to improve function and reverse the condition. Physical Therapy. Specific exercises and someone trained working with the muscles and ligaments can help reduce and improve these conditions.
3. Google Cervical exercise videos to regain posture for seniors. I have watched dozens of these. Find a few that you are comfortable with.

A few weeks ago I was playing a friend Singles on Tennis. After the match he shared that his neck and right shoulder felt really tight. And he remembered I was a chiropractor so he asked my opinion. I asked him if he was aware of his Posture and showed him how his neck was being pushed forward and his shoulders were being pulled inward. He said that was exactly what he was feeling. I showed him some exercises and sent him a few YouTube videos. When I saw him the following week he shared his problem was almost 100 percent improved and that he was doing the exercises daily.

Moral of the story. Be pro active, don't accept the notion of i am just getting older or nothing can be done. Hopefully we continue to get older, but let's all improve our ability to do the things we love for a long time. God bless

Dr. Marty Finkelstein

Lives in Briar Creek with his wife Julie Austin

The Briar Creek 2 Connection

Marsha & Carol

As a growing community of 261 homes, it is difficult to keep the members of our community informed about community events and important safety information. Email is the best method to keep lines of communication open. Marsha Bowlby and Carol Rodrigues make sure that information is sent out timely and accurately. All email addresses are confidential and are not given out to anyone.

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- Bills for items you did not buy
- Debt collection calls for accounts you did not open
- Information on your credit report for accounts you did not open
- Denials of loan applications
- Mail stops coming to, or is missing from, your mailbox

How to report identity theft

- To report identity theft, contact:
- The **Federal Trade Commission (FTC)** online at IdentityTheft.gov or call 1-877-438-4338
 - The three **major credit reporting agencies**. Ask them to place fraud alerts and a credit freeze on your accounts.
 - The **fraud department at your credit card issuers**, bank, and other places where you have accounts

How to protect yourself from identity theft

- **Do not answer phone calls**, texts, social media messages, or email from numbers or **people you do not know**.
- Do not share personal information like your bank account number, Social Security number, or date of birth.
- **Collect your mail every day** and place a hold on your mail when you will be on vacation or away from your home.
- Review credit card and bank account statements. Watch for and report unauthorized or suspicious transactions.
- **Understand how ATM skimming works** and how to protect yourself
- Learn when it is safe to use a public Wi-Fi network
- Store personal information, including your Social Security card, in a safe place. **Do not carry it in your wallet.**

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The top types of imposter scams:

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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. Information from the Condo Board and Social Club regarding upcoming meetings, clarification of rules and yes, we also send out information on travel and entertainment opportunities.

Please send your email address to: thebc2connection@gmail.com

We will respond to your email to assure you that you are now entered into the system. Anyone residing in the home can add a separate email address. If for some reason you stop receiving emails, let us know and we'll help you become reinstated. Thank you for your participation, and welcome to the Briar Creek 2 community, we look forward to seeing you at events in the near future.

Sunshine Lady

Lois Heisdorf

If you are sick, injured, in the hospital or rehab facility and would like to let your Briar Creek Friends know, we will announce it at our Saturday morning coffee hour meetings. You or a family member can call Lois Heisdorf, our "Sunshine Lady" 727-403-7796 and let her know the details.

Humane Society

Robin Feeley

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 doesn't get out. Please help them. Thank you Robin Feeley

Haven House

Amber Oliverio

Now that our beautiful remodeled clubhouse is reopened we are accepting donations for the Women's Shelter. Donation box is set up in the back of the room by the bingo machine.

Thank you for your generosity last month. We took 2 computers and 3 bags of toiletries to them. They were very very appreciative. The computers will be used for training purposes.

Have a great rest of your summer!

Amber Oliverio 219-796-6762



Food Pantry

Joan Davis/Arnold Williams

All your donations thru out the year are greatly appreciated. We collect food every 3rd Wednesday . August 20th is our next collection, in front of the clubhouse. Our time is 8-10 AM. Thank you

Ladies' Luncheon

Julie & Arlene

It's time for another great luncheon with good friends old and new. Our August luncheon will be held on the 13th at Pineapple Jacks, located on 1568 Main Street Dunedin Fl 34698. It is on the right past Ace Hardware and before Keene.

There is a 4% discount on your bill if you pay cash.

The parking lot is a little tight so we would suggest sharing a ride, if possible.

We have a bonus, if you would like to check out a new boutique next door to the restaurant before or after lunch. Very pretty and reasonable.

Looking forward to another great time with our BC2 girls!

Arlene and Julie

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 August 28th , 7:00pm

Sit & Stitch

Sandy Fassett

Since the weather is getting warmer and we look for places to stay cool, come down to the clubhouse on Mondays to see what the gals are working on as community projects and bring any new ideas. We meet every Monday from 1-3. If you have any questions call Sandy at 727-424-6045.

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MINGLE

Billie & Pete

July really went by fast. Now we are looking at August. Don't forget Mingle will be here before you know it. Mark your calendar for August 21. Our day to get together for some good food, good laughs and 50/50. See you there.

Bowling

Arnold Williams

This is my first Bowling letter ahead of the upcoming Bowling Season. The Bowlers from last year will be contacted in the middle of August to start forming teams and we will try and find spots for the new Bowlers who have expressed interest in joining us this year. The Bowling Season will start on October 14th for Phase 2. Teams will be forming in the beginning of September to reserve our lanes for the Winter Season. I Hope Everyone has had a Safe and Healthy Summer. Thank You Arnold Williams

Exercise Class

Classes are held daily in the phase 2 clubhouse with Claudia. All classes are open to residents of phase 1 and phase 2. She teaches "silver sneaker" classes for the mature adult. If you have silver sneakers the classes are free to you, if not, the cost is \$2.00 per class. You may purchase a punch card for \$20 for 10 classes. She works with us to keep us limber and improve our strength and balance so we can remain in our home.

Monday Cardio & Strength 9:15 am

Tuesday Strength & Balance 10:30 am

Wednesday Zumba 9:15 am

Thursday Strength & Balance 10:30 am

Friday Zumba 10:30 am

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Briar Creek Book Club (Phase I & II)

Enjoy discussing books chosen by the members. We meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month; however, there are no meetings May through October. Some months we will meet in the Phase II Clubhouse and some months at a local restaurant. The November book is *Thunder Dog* by Michael Hingson and the December book is *The Five Wishes* of Mr. Murray McBride by Joe Siple. Please contact me if you are interested in joining or have questions.

Jane McKenzie
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jgmckenzie4647@gmail.com



NAME BADGES

Sharon Cann

Get to know your neighbors...Let them get to know you! ... Wear your Name Badge at social events at the clubhouse and at the Saturday morning coffee hour (possible win \$\$ at Saturday Coffee for wearing your name badge) They are available with pins or magnets, and all the basic Crayola colors are available. Name Badges are available and ordered through Sharon Cann. There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board in the clubhouse. Name Badges are \$11.00 plus tax and must be paid for before being ordered.

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Pete Loranger

Birthdays

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8/01	Shelia Sparks	8/23	Dottie Frederick
8/01	Skip Taylor	8/23	Loretta Waters
8/02	Ed Gumieny	8/26	Larry Ronn
8/03	Fred Minnie	8/27	Diane Kirk
8/06	Barbara Bergling	8/29	Eileen Lillquist
8/06	Pam Edwards	8/30	Jonathon Steele
8/10	Bob Boschen		
8/14	Donna Spinweber		
8/16	Susan Paschal		
8/17	Ann Perdue		
8/18	Margi Swets		
8/19	Jerry Neva		
8/19	Jill Price		
8/22	Ken Newnes		



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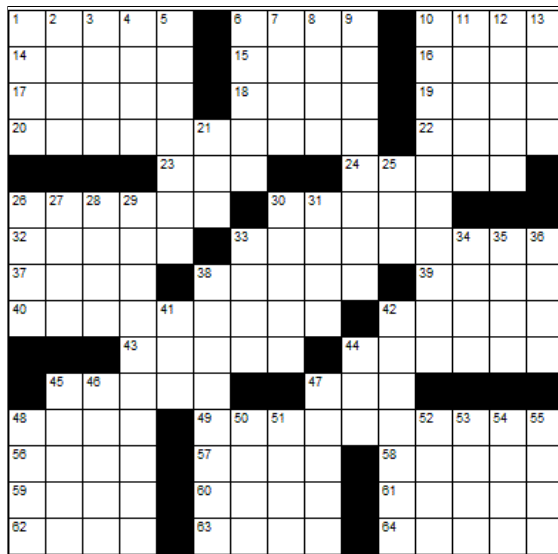
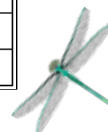
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1. Retrieve
6. Not fat
10. A speech defect
14. Drama set to classical music
15. Overhaul
16. Bounce back
17. Adjust again
18. Weightlifters pump this
19. Found on rotary phones
20. Noticeable
22. Prefix meaning "Within"
23. Possessed
24. Durable fabric
26. Browbeat
30. Show embarrassment
32. Give or take
33. Supervised examinations
37. French for "Black"
38. Difficult
39. Achy
40. Excisions
42. Stop
43. Battle
44. Thousands of kilograms
45. Truth (archaic)
47. Aspiration
48. Storage site
49. Interchanged
56. Module
57. Walk in water
58. Parental brother
59. Roof overhang
60. Nitpicky to a fault
61. Josh
62. Perished
63. Awful
64. Aromatic compound



DOWN

1. Car company
2. Type of sword
3. Exam
4. Algonquian Indian
5. Short-handled ax
6. Threesome
7. Parsley or sage
8. False god
9. Paragon
10. Leather shorts
11. Sugarcoating
12. Protective covering from sunlight
13. Game on horseback
21. Small amount
25. Estimated (abbrev.)
26. Orchestra
27. Double-reed woodwind
28. Earth
29. Steady
30. Main impact
31. Cuts lumber
33. Winnie the ____
34. Horse color
35. Celtic language
36. D D D
38. Cheapskate
41. Small songbird
42. Use a calculator
44. Poetic contraction
45. Red Sea peninsula
46. Martini garnish
47. Bless with oil
48. Took to court
50. Hindu princess
51. Jewish month
52. Anagram of "Nose"
53. "Go away!"
54. Otherwise
55. Bambi was one



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