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| Vice President/Director .. | Andy Philyaw (793-9819) | John McCormick (859-8576) |
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| Recording Secretary | Pat Arend (698-7763) | |
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| Director | Ray Jablonski (386-5283) | Bill Briggs (726-1915) |
| Director | Everett Wardell (585-690-3044) | Sonny Whitehouse (278-9444) |
| Director | Joe Daley (799-4467) | Bill Russo (406-980-0838) |

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Phase II

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Ray Jablonski (386-5283)

Clubhouse & Clbhse Bookings:

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Pool Recreation Area

WINTER: Everett Wardell (585-690-3044)

SUMMER: Andy Philyaw (793-9819)

Lawns & Trees

Barbara Pesic (307-5316)

Sales/Lease

Pat Arend (698-7763)

Inspections

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Buildings & Infrastructure

Bob Barr (644-8136)

PHASE II

Clubhouse/Pool

Bill Briggs (726-1915)

FOBS/Home Inspections

Joan Davis (726-4829)

Lawns/Lakes/RV Area

Sonny Whitehouse (278-9444)

Utilities/Roads/Alterations/Renovations

John McCormick (859-8576)

Home Sales and Rentals

Billie Ann Berry (797-3116)

Grounds

TBA

Garage/Exercise Room/Rec. Areas

Bill Russo (406-980-0838)

Social Club Officers

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|---|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------|
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| Parliamentarian | Gene Arend (725-5844) | | 669-0119 |
| Amendments | Gene Arend (725-5844) | | |
| Clubhouse Phone | 796-3033 | | |

Social Club Committees/Chairperson

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Important Phone Numbers

Briar Creek Emergency Information (727) 726-7651

Life-threatening emergency - **911**

Sheriff's Office non-emergency - (727) 582-6200 (use for issues at the BC pool)

Sheriff's Office – to check your house while you're out of town - (727) 582-6177

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BOARD BUSINESS

PROXIES FOR ANNUAL MEETING – DECEMBER 5, 2016 – Joann Barr

You will be receiving in the mail from Progressive Management your General/Limited Proxy. It is important that all owners submit their proxy for our Annual Meeting scheduled for 10:00AM, Monday, December 5, 2016. Your completed SIGNED Proxy ensures the Board of Directors will be allowed to conduct business during 2017. Unsigned proxies will not be counted.

Be sure you vote for each issue as explained in the Proxy. A quorum of owners (159 of 317) is required to pass the listed issues. If we do not have a quorum our monthly maintenance fees will go up considerably. Only one Proxy is valid per property. If you own two properties, submit a proxy for each one. Please show your Unit Number, then date and SIGN your Proxy before submitting. The signature must be any owner on the title. If you change or have changed the title or mailing address since purchasing you need to let Progressive Management know.

You must submit your Proxy prior to 10:00AM on December 5, 2016.

There are several ways to submit your Proxy:

1. Drop in the mail slot at Clubhouse Director's Office.
2. Give to Jo Ann Barr any time, or drop off at 106 Cedar Elm Drive, put in black mail box at back door.
3. Mail to Progressive Management

It is recommended that your Proxy be dropped at the Director's Office or given to Jo Ann Barr. Mailing slows the tally process. Early submission insures there are enough proxies received to conduct business during the 2017 year.

If you have any questions or need to know your Unit Number, please call Jo Ann Barr (727-669-3820). Thanks for your help.

PLEASE NOTE: Extra copies of the Proxy voting page will be available. Progressive Management mails your Proxy to the address they have on record for you.

LAWN MOWING - Barbara Pesic



For the months of December, January and February, mowing service will be once monthly. The December service will be early in the month on Friday, the 9th, so as not to interfere with outdoor holiday decorations.

Grievances / Mowing Service

Please call Barbara Pesic at 727-307-5316 to report any grievances with the mowing service. (If you are leaving a voice message, please include full name, address, and phone number.) Issues are inspected and then reported to the mowing service management for resolution and/or correction in service. Due to the danger of approaching workers operating equipment, it is requested that you report the problem rather than give instructions directly to the crew. Thanks for your cooperation with these procedures.

Beautification Matching Grant Fall 2016 – Approved

Our application to the City of Safety Harbor for a Beautification Matching Grant Fall 2016 for the new landscaping of the common area on Cedar Elm Drive has been approved. We will receive 50% matching funds for the cost of the installation by our landscaping service, Alexander's Property Maintenance.

OWNER'S CLASSIFIED - Briar Creek Webmaster

Do you have an item for sale or services available? The www.mybriarcreek.com website list products Briar Creek owners have for sale, as well as services they can provide. This page also displays comments, satisfactory and unsatisfactory, on vendors they have hired. This is your ideal source on owner sales and services. If you have something to sell or information on a vendor, contact webmaster@mybriarcreek.com.

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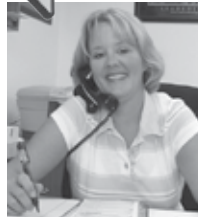
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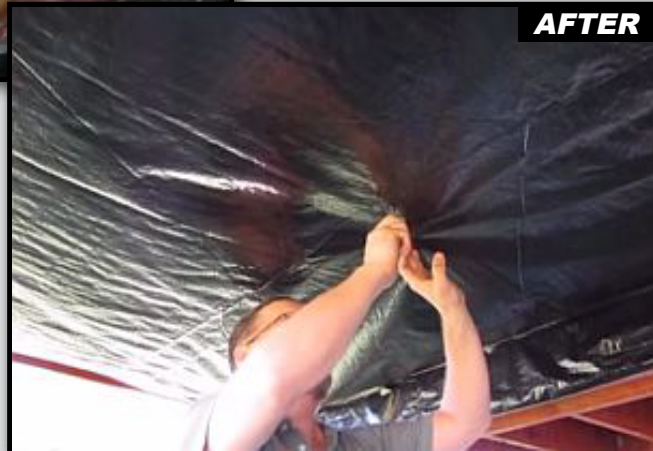
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BUYER BEWARE – Gene Arend

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SOCIAL COMMITTEE

IN MEMORIUM

Gil Landon 38 Stag Run Court October 26, 2016

WELCOME! NEW RESIDENTS/DIAL DIRECTORY – Helen Coar

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IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO MAKE YOUR PHOTO-TAKING APPOINTMENT! Betty Chatigny

Below is the schedule for January:

PHOTOGRAPHY APPOINTMENT TIMES
PHASE 1 CLUBHOUSE

Monday, January 9, 2017 1-8PM
 Tuesday, January 10 10-5PM
 Wednesday, January 11 10-5PM
 Thursday, January 12 10-5PM
 Friday, January 13 10-5PM
 Monday, January 30 1-8PM
 Tuesday, January 31 10-5PM



BIRTHDAYS

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|-------------|----------------------|-------------|------------------------|
| December 1 | Pat Arend | December 16 | Mary Miller |
| December 3 | Diane Arguin | December 17 | Jean-Paul Dion |
| December 3 | Blaine Hanna | December 18 | Theresa Gregory |
| December 4 | Jim Muir | December 19 | Phil Fiacable |
| December 5 | Lloyd Johnson | December 19 | Frank Scanniello |
| December 6 | Toni Beaton | December 20 | Don Beaton |
| December 7 | Judy Faught | December 20 | Bill Bloom |
| December 7 | Barbara LeClair | December 23 | Val Duszynski |
| December 9 | Gladys McClanahan | December 23 | Carol Keller-Michaelis |
| December 9 | Bob Miller | December 24 | Ralph Vitiello |
| December 10 | Art Finnegan | December 25 | Karen Mbiad |
| December 10 | Thomas Kalbfleisch | December 27 | Betty Chatigny |
| December 10 | Roy Martin | December 27 | Bridget Porter |
| December 14 | Kathleen Cory | December 27 | Christina Tambasco |
| December 14 | Mary KayMcBride | December 28 | Barbara Hepler |
| December 15 | Ruben Encalado | December 28 | Lorraine Wilson |
| December 15 | Jeanne Glasheen | December 29 | Fred Mbiad |
| December 15 | Tim Glasheen | December 30 | Nancy Verzi |
| December 15 | Karen Roberts | December 31 | Dennis Arguin |
| December 15 | Katherine Scanniello | December 31 | Ron LaRue |
| | | December 31 | Anthony Marsella |

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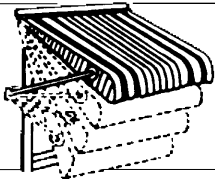
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DECEMBER

The month we celebrate several interesting religious/ethnic/fun holidays:

- **HANUKKAH** - December 24, 2016-January 1, 2017

Hanukkah commemorates the rededication of the temple in Jerusalem after it was ransacked by the ruling Syrian/Greek regime. The temple was left with only enough oil to light the candles for one night, but the oil miraculously lasted eight. That's why Hanukkah is celebrated for eight nights, beginning at sundown on December 25th. Traditions include lighting one candle of the menorah every night, eating fried foods such as latkes (to signify the importance of the oil), and playing the dreidel gambling game.

- **YULE** – December 21st

Another name for the Winter Solstice, this holiday was celebrated centuries before Jesus Christ was born and marked a turning point in the season, when the worst of the winter was over. Animals were slaughtered so they wouldn't have to be fed so it became a natural feast time. A live tree was brought into the home and decorated with ornaments and edible treats. Yule traditions include decorating the inside of the home with evergreens and candles, as well as traditional plants such as holly and mistletoe, and burning the Yule log for 12 days straight.

- **CHRISTMAS** – December 25th

For Christians, Christmas marks the birth of Jesus Christ and began as a "mass for Christ". Christmas traditions include giving gifts (just as the three wise men brought gifts to the infant Jesus), Santa Claus (derived from Saint Nicholas, a bishop who gave generously to the poor) and a festive meal. Originally this featured goose, but was replaced by turkey when Europeans colonized the Americas.

- **KWANZAA** - December 26, 2016-January 1, 2017

Kwanzaa (Swahili for "first fruits") is a non-religious African-American holiday celebrating family, community, and culture that was started in 1966. It is celebrated for seven days. Traditions of Kwanzaa include lighting a candle each of the seven days, family gatherings, and festive meals. Gift-giving is not a part of the Kwanzaa tradition.

- **BOXING DAY** - December 26th

The origin of this holiday's name is not clear. In feudal times in the United Kingdom, the lord of the manor would 'pay' people who worked on his land in the past year with boxes of practical goods, such as agricultural tools, food and cloth. These were often distributed on the day after Christmas Day. More recently, employers traditionally gave their servants a gift of money or food in a small box on the day after Christmas Day. Some people in Canada still give gifts to people who provide them with services. Other stories relate to servants being allowed to take a portion of the food left over from the Christmas celebrations in a box to their families and the distribution of alms from the church collection boxes to poor parishioners. These traditions evolved into the Christmas baskets that some employers distribute to their employees during the holiday season.

- **FESTIVUS** for the Rest of Us December 23rd

If you don't celebrate any of the above holidays, but don't want to feel left out, you could start commemorating Festivus, the December holiday invented by Frank Costanza on the TV Show "Seinfeld". Instead of a Christmas tree there is a pole, which is central to the "airing of grievances" between family members. There is also a "feats of strength" component, which could be fun. You can see clips from the "Festivus" episode on You Tube.



DECEMBER 2016 ANNIVERSARIES

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| December 5 | Martin Shapiro & Vivian Rodriguez (2015) |
| December 14 | Andy & Sharon Philyaw |
| December 27 | Robert & JoAnn Barr |
| December 30 | John & Joyce Kroening |



Note: If your birthday and/or anniversary information needs correction or inclusion, please leave a message at 727-216-3871 or email bettychatigny@hotmail.com.

WEDNESDAY MEETINGS

Dave Doran

Thank you all who give their time and ideas and attend social club activities. Mary Kay and her group continue to do an amazing job in providing us with such great activities and I am ever grateful for all they do. We will always need volunteers to help with the many things we do in the social club, so step up and meet new people and be a special part of all that makes us great as a community.

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| Winner for 10/19/16 | Weekly | TERRY HENRY |
| Winner for 10/26/16 | Weekly | JUDY YOUNG |
| Winner for 11/2/16 | Weekly | JEAN RICHTER |
| | 50/50 | SOPHIE BENOIT |
| Winner for 11/8/16 | Weekly | RONNIE GOUDIE |
| | 50/50 | DAVE DORAN |

HELP WANTED:

Can't stop watching HGTV or using your "Michael's" Coupons? Well, we have the job for you! The Phase 1 Clubhouse is dire need of a **Decorating Chairperson**. Responsibilities include ensuring the Clubhouse is decorated year-round with seasonally and/or function-appropriate decorations. Lead a committee and let your imagination go wild! The Social Committee has a huge inventory of decorations to choose from or get creative and come up with some new and exciting ideas! Residents will love to see what you have in store. Start ASAP! If interested, contact Dave Doran.



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Pauline Hoad (winter) and Jean Richter (summer)

Memberships are available at Wednesday Morning Social Committee Coffee Hour. The first member of each household is FREE for 2016-2017, thanks to the generosity of an anonymous donor. Membership for each additional member of the household is just \$1.00.

BC MART

Dave Doran and Ray Jablonski

Our store will be empty after everything gets taken to the bazaar at the beginning of the month. We will then proceed to house clean and make any repairs to get ready to open the store for another year. We encourage everyone to support the BC Mart, whether it is residents or your friends or enemies; everything sold helps support our Social Club activities. Need to donate to the store? Call us: numbers are in the phone directory or in the window at the store. And, do not forget to check into: mybriarcreek.com and click the BCMART link for possible specials and coupons! Thank you all for the great year we have had.

BAZAAR

Dave Doran

This year we will try opening the Bazaar earlier at 4 PM on Friday since we suffer from early darkness with the changeover to Eastern Standard Time and it gives us the opportunity to attract those shoppers heading home from work or meetings. The results of our success will be enjoyed by all and we will give a full report on the Bazaar in the January issue. Thanks to all who donate their time and effort in making our bazaar a fun event.

ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

Mary Kay McBride

Recent Social Committee events have had scant crowds, and I attribute that to many events being held on a Friday Night. Unfortunately, Friday was the only time many of the entertainers were available. I do apologize for that inconvenience, especially for the working people in our park.



FALL FESTIVAL BLAST

Mary Kay McBride



Briar Creek welcomed Fall with “Apple Dump Cake” and lots of dancing to the music of Brian & Dori, "Just the Two of Us". The Line Dancers put on quite a show and everyone had a wonderful time. I want to thank ALL that helped put this event together. As always, the cleanup is always quick, as everyone helps out.

HALLOWEEN

Mary Kay McBride

Everyone enjoyed the music of Bert & Sassy, who came in costume, too! They were very entertaining and Bert can play many different instruments. While guests enjoyed “lite bites”, there was a costume parade. Costumed winners were:

- Most Original: The Headless Horseman - Andy Philyaw
- Funniest: Baby Daddy Woman - Georgia Douglas
- Scariest: Witch - Rhonda Winder

The Door Prize was won by Sharon Philyaw.
(Photo credit: Jerry Richter).



KRAZY PIG NIGHT

Connie Holmes and Pat Dion

(Photo credit Jerry Richter)

On November 6th, the Phase 1 Clubhouse was alive with fun, food and Krazy Kards. JP and Pat Dion, along with Dave and Connie Holmes planned and executed a great evening for the 75 attendees who came for dinner, followed by 60 people that played Krazy Kards. Dinner consisted of ham, baked beans, coleslaw and “amazing” dinner rolls. Those who were not staying for Krazy Kards picked up a “dessert to go” on their way out the door. The decorations followed the theme with pigs and krazy pigs! There was even a Krazy Pig Cake that was later names “Boots” by Pat Rivera, who had the winning entry in





the naming rites contest! Tom Grimes won the Door Prize. Guest Chefs for the evening were Mik and Peggy Trudeau, brother and sister-in-law of Pat Dion, who traveled from Canada to assist in the effort. The Dion's even brought the beans from Canada and made them from scratch! We are confident that everyone had plenty to eat, and so did the firehouse!

Participants also established a “Break the Pig” endeavor for loose change and dollar bills to be placed in three ceramic pigs located in the clubhouse. After one week, the pigs will be broken open and the proceeds donated to a local charity feeding the homeless a Thanksgiving Meal. Thanks to all who took part in the Krazy Pig/Krazy Kard event!

“BRIAR CREEK SUCCESSFUL TOGETHER” TRICK OR TREAT

Lynn Lejewski

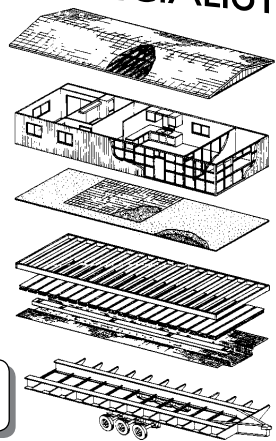
For the first time, Phase 1 partnered with Phase 2 and “Trick or Treated” for the Safety Harbor Food Pantry. While we support this local charity year-round, Halloween provided the perfect opportunity for committee members to visit each resident of Phase 1, and offer a treat in return for non-perishable food items for the food pantry. The committee was both overwhelmed and proud of the generosity of Phase 1 residents and a whole truck full of goods was collected. Following the trick or treating, Phase 1 and Phase 2 enjoyed a pot luck dinner and repackaged 7 tabletops full of food for the pantry. Co-Chairs Marge Grohskopf (Phase 2) and Lynn Lejewski (Phase 1) would like to thank all volunteers (whether you donated your cart, drove a cart or walked with a cart) and all those residents who opened their heart and their pantry to ensure that no Safety Harbor family goes hungry. We loved collaborating with Phase 2 and look forward to repeating the experience again next year!



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BINGO

Jean Richter



TUESDAYS: Sales at 5:15, Early Bird Games begin 6:00pm. The more folks that play....the bigger the Jackpot!

PHASE 2: Monday, December 5th – NO BINGO. BINGO will be held on Sunday, December 4th.

BOOK CLUBS

various

Are you interested in joining a book club? There will be an informational meeting at the Phase II Clubhouse on **December 13 at 3:30**. We will discuss a workable day and time, a method for choosing monthly books, and other details.

Please email me if you plan to attend on Dec. 13, so that I can have an idea of the number attending. Also, feel free to email or call with questions. Thanks!

At the end of the meeting, we will have a short discussion of the book, *The Light Between Oceans* by M. L. Stedman.

Jane McKenzie 651-353-2602 (Cell) jgmckenzie4647@gmail.com

BRIDGE

Barbara Glasheen



Bridge players meet every **TUESDAY at 1:00PM**. If interested, call Barbara at 727-712-9467 to let her know you plan to attend. Look for Bridge scores here in the next issue!

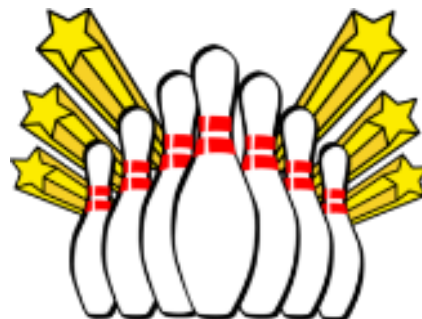
BOWLING

Gene Arend

The Briar Creek Candy Bar League is off and running! Check the website for team stats! We lost a few bowlers recently so we are in the need of at least two and maybe three bowlers to join us on Friday at Countryside Lanes **FRIDAYS from 12 Noon to 3 PM.** It's a lot of fun.... So We Need You! – Call Gene Arend 727-725-5844.

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| 10/14/16: | Gene Arend | 29 points |
| | Howard Olsen | 28 points |
| | Pete Fedelem | 31 points |
| 10/21/16: | Mary Kay Brown (McBride) | 37 points |
| | Gene Arend | 39 points |
| | Howard Olsen | 25 points |
| | Pat Bourdon | 30 points |
| | Ray Jablonski | 31 points |
| 10/28/16: | Mike Benoit | 32 points |
| 11/4/16: | Gene Arend | 36 points |
| | Liz Rucci | 33 points |
| | Pete Fedelem | 49 points |



BRIARETTES

Betty Hudd, President

Thank you Jess, for your insight as a Financial Advisor for our November get together. I would also like to thank all that helped out at our gathering in my absence.

On **December 6th** we will have a Christmas Dinner in the Phase 2 Clubhouse. The Briarettes will be supplying the turkey and gravy. For those attending, please bring a dish to accompany our meal. From past experience we have some really good cooks contributing to this Blessed event. If you would like to bring a gift for your secret pal, this would be the perfect time to continue the tradition. We will also be drawing for a new secret pal.

Looking forward to all that can attend, the sign-up sheets will be on the bulletin board in both the Phase 1 and Phase 2 Clubhouse....or call me for any questions. Open to Phase 1 & 2 and their guest. Bring a dollar for the 50/50 raffle and come have a stress-free time.

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Joan Bienvenue

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Contact Joan Bienvenue at 724-8561 if you have questions.

GOLF

Jane McKenzie

Come and join the Ladies Golf Group if you are a regular golfer or if you used to play and want to get back into the game. We will play every Thursday at the Countryway Gold Course either morning or early afternoon, Call or email me for further information: jgmckenzie4647@gmail.com or 651-353-2602.

Mixed Golf Scrambles at Briar Creek Feb. 17 and March 31. Attention all golfers – Phase 1 and Phase 2! Two scrambles have been scheduled again this winter--watch for the sign-up sheet in your clubhouse. Sign up individually, as a twosome, or make your own foursome. It will be casual and fun. We plan to golf 18 holes at Countryway Golf Course during the afternoon, and then eat dinner together at Daddy's restaurant. Put the dates on your calendar now—you don't want to miss out on these enjoyable events with friends!



CRAFTS

Barbara Glasheen

Crafts resumed on November 16th. We meet every **WEDNESDAY from 1:00pm to 3:00pm**. Bring your favorite project to work on or come to see the different projects people are working on. We have a very amiable group which is relaxed and helpful. Hope to see you on Wednesdays. If crafts have to be cancelled at any time, it will be announced at Coffee Hour. For more information call Barbara Glasheen at 727-712-9467.

Greeting Cards - Linda Pickering would be delighted to teach anyone who is interested in designing and crafting their own greeting cards and would do so at the Wednesday get-togethers. Call Linda Pickering at 727 444-0232



CRAFT FAIR

Maria DeRee

Anja says, “Nothing changes, if nothing changes”....so this years’ Craft Fair is moving to the **SPRING!!!** Don’t forget to put **March 25th, 2017** on your calendar. That’s a good thing....gives you more time to make your items to sell at the fair! Whether you are an exhibitor or a customer, there will be something for everyone. Call Maria for more information or to volunteer to help: 727-581-9127

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Cracks, Bams, Flowers and Dots, Oh My!! Mah Jongg is back on its regular schedule of **12:30pm SUNDAY afternoons, 12:30pm MONDAY afternoons and 6:30pm THURSDAY evenings**. Come join us for this ancient Chinese game of strategy. Bring \$3.00 in quarters, nickels and dimes.

CHESS

Dave Holmes

Chess Games are played on **ThURSDAY from 3-6pm**. Don’t be a PAWN, if you have questions; give Dave a call at 423-202-6712.

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Phil Houpt

Welcome to all, including newcomers. **THURSDAYS, 6pm-8pm.** Any questions call Phil at 727-754-2881.

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| October 13 | MARY HOUPT | 42 POINTS |
| October 20 | MABE HUTCHINS | 45 POINTS |
| October 26 | SUE FARRELL | 41 POINTS |
| November 3 | MARY KAY McBRIDE | 41 POINTS |



SHUFFLING

Bob Barr

Our season is underway! Any new residents or anyone else who would like to learn how to shuffle, please feel free to come out and give it a try. We give out lots of free advice but practice is what it takes to become a good player. We have lots of old free cue sticks in the shed for anyone who would like to give it a try. Matches are on **MONDAYS and WEDNESDAYS** and all residents are welcome to come and watch during home games. Competition starts about **12:30pm**. Come down and stay for half an hour or more and, who knows.... you might get hooked. Dates for all matches are posted in the Clubhouse. Contact Bob Barr, Gene Arend, or Ed Wahl if you have any questions.



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Dave Hunkins

Get your paddles ready, table tennis is back. If you think this is a slow and boring game, think again! Come join this fun but competitive group. Anyone can play any level of ability. Call Dave Hunkins for information 669-0503. **WEDNESDAYS** at 7:00 pm.

TRAVEL CLUB

Judy Young

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- DECEMBER 6th** *Briarettes – Christmas Dinner 1PM in the Phase 2 Clubhouse. Bring a side dish and \$1.00 for the 50/50. Phase 1 and 2 invited and bring a guest!*
- DECEMBER 10th** *7PM – 10PM “Christmas at Briar Creek” with music by “Johnny Charro”
December starts off with our Winter Dance. 50/50 Raffle. \$8.00 Donation.*
- DECEMBER 11th** *Yankee Swap
Join us at the clubhouse on **December 11th at 1:00PM**. Bring a wrapped gift valued at \$10.00 to exchange if you would like to participate in this Holiday tradition. Refreshments will be served. For further information, please call Joan Bienvenue at 724-8561.*
- DECEMBER 11th** ***PHASE 2 Golf Cart Parade!** – followed by dessert in the P2 Clubhouse.
See Phase 2 section of the Media for details. All are welcome.*
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- DECEMBER 31st** ***9PM – 12:30AM “Rockin New Year’s Eve” with music by “Karen Kallin”.
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- JANUARY 7th** *New Year Rock and Roll Party – **PHASE 2***
- JANUARY 20th** *7PM – 10PM “Happy Days Dance” with music by “Happy Days”*
- JANUARY 26th** *Bunco – **PHASE 2** \$3.00*
- JANUARY 28th** *7PM – 10PM “Story Teller” Roy Bookbinder*
- JANUARY 29th** *SHOWTIME PART ONE, 6:30PM “Old Guys Rule”- **PHASE 2***
- FEBRUARY 4th** *Soupathon – **PHASE 2***
- FEBRUARY 5th** *6PM – 11PM “Super Bowl Pizza and Soda Party”*
- FEBRUARY 11th** *7PM – 11PM “Valentine’s Dance” with music by “Cover to Cover”*
- FEBRUARY 12th** *Krazy Kards \$3.00*
- FEBRUARY 17th** *Mixed Golf Scrambles at **Countryway Golf Course***
- FEBRUARY 19th** *SHOWTIME PART TWO, 6:30PM “The Goldtones”- **PHASE 2***
- FEBRUARY 23rd** *Bunco- **PHASE 2**, \$3.00*
- FEBRUARY 25th** *7PM – 10PM “Appreciation Night and “BC’s Got Talent” Show”. Say “Thank you” to all those who volunteer and enjoy the abundant talent of Briar Creek’s own! FREE!
BAZAAR – PHASE 2*
- MARCH 3rd/4th** *Krazy Kards \$3.00*
- MARCH 5th** *“Christine Joyce” Entertainment – **PHASE 2***
- MARCH 9th** *St. Patrick’s Day Parade and Festivities*
- MARCH 17th** *Lunch buffet cruise aboard the Starlite Majesty Dining Yacht*
- MARCH 22nd** *Bunco – **PHASE 2**, \$3.00*
- MARCH 23rd** *Karaoke – **PHASE 2***
- MARCH 24th or 25th** *Phase 1 Craft Fair*
- MARCH 27th** *Mixed Golf Scrambles – **Countryway Golf Course***
- MARCH 31st** *Krazy Kards \$3.00*
- APRIL 2nd** *Bunco – **PHASE 2** - \$3.00*
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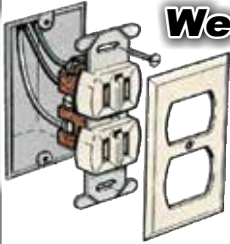
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PHASE 1 UPCOMING EXCURSIONS:

December 5, 2016 – Charlie Brown Christmas at Gaylord Palms: Twinkling Lights, 60 foot tall Christmas Tree, circus show, ice sculptures, Nativity. \$60.00/pp includes: transportation, admission and drivers gratuity.

January 14, 2017 – Seven Nights departing Tampa to the Western Caribbean aboard the Royal Caribbean “Rhapsody of the Seas”.

March 22, 2017 - Lunch buffet cruise aboard the Starlite Majesty Dining Yacht. Listen to “The Best of Broadway” and music of Benny Goodman, Glenn Miller and Tommy Dorsey. 9:30am-2:30pm. \$62.00/pp includes: transportation, buffet, cruise, taxes, service charge and gratuities.

NEW TRIPS BEING PLANNED BY JUDY YOUNG:

2 Night Gambling Trip
Calloway Gardens in Georgia
Two Tails Elephant Rescue
River Ranch Rodeo and Hayride
Mount Dura

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PHASE 2 UPCOMING EXCURSIONS

Contact: Karen Johnson and Roz Lucas

Art Tour – Raymond James

Trolley to Tarpon Springs

February, 2017 - Sailors Circus in Sarasota

March 8, 2017 - 9am-5pm - Strawberry Festival, Plant City, \$52.00

March 12-14th, 2017 – Savannah, 3 days, 2 nights - \$378/pp double, \$478/single including transportation, taxes, gratuities, 2 breakfasts, 2 dinners and escorted tour of the Historic District

April 2017 - Hudson Dinner Theater

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ZUMBA CLASSES

Elaine Harsh

NEW DAY AND TIME: Zumba classes are now held at **10:30AM on THURSDAY's** in the Phase 1 clubhouse. Zumba is normally a fairly strenuous exercise; however Claudia, our instructor, has assured attendees that this particular class is geared to the "more mature" participants. The same **SilverSneakers®** conditions apply to this class also. If you are not a **SilverSneakers®** member, the charge for each class is only \$3.00.

? DID YOU KNOW.....

That without the foresight and hard work of several current and former Briar Creek residents, we would not have a traffic light at the intersection of Briar Creek Boulevard and McMullin Booth and that a fleet of school buses would be parked up against the backyards of the Juniperus Drive residents. It's hard enough getting out of Briar Creek WITH the light; imagine what it must have been like without it!!



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Mary Kay McBride

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If you have a "noodle" bring it, but it is not required and there are some community noodles available at the pool. **NOTE NEW TIME:** Classes are held **DAILY at 10 AM** except Sunday. Call Mary Kay at 740-852-9475.

CAUGHT BEING A GOOD NEIGHBOR

"What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us" Ralph Waldo Emerson

• **JP DION**, our neighbor from across the street saw **MARTIN SHAPIRO** working on a project and came over and helped. JP gave Martin tips on how to use a circular saw and stayed with him until Martin finished cutting the pieces. We are blessed to have neighbors like him. Thanks JP!

• *"Four Men and a Truck":* **JOE G, JEFF CLARK, DAVE DORAN and RAY JABLONSKI** helped move long-time resident, Bob Thygerson to his new home at Horizon Bay, just around the corner! Good Luck, Bob...we will miss you.

• **CONNIE POTTER-HOLMES** provided chauffer services to bring a resident back to Briar Creek from Tennessee...just a few days after she got to BC from Tennessee herself!

• Morning walker, **JANE FEDELEM** was seen bringing in a recycling bin for an elderly neighbor....Way to Go!

• New Beaver Dam Court residents **RUBEN AND TINA ENCALADO** gave the handicap ramp from their mobile unit to another resident. They know very few people here, but knew the resident needed a ramp in order to be discharged from a nursing facility and safely return to his home. Only the nicest people move to Briar Creek...Thank you...and WELCOME!

Let **Liz Raucci** know if you have witnessed a Briar Creek resident doing something great for the park or a fellow resident(s) "just because"!



BRIAR CREEK INITIATIVES

Connie Holmes

Medicare 2017 Medicare open enrollment period (OEP)

2017 Medicare open enrollment Period is October 15, 2016 to December 7, 2016.

Medicare is for individuals:

- 65 and over
- of any age who have kidney failure or long term kidney disease
- who are permanently disabled and cannot work
- Medicare is applied for at your local Social Security office (SSO).



Some individuals qualify for both Medicaid and Medicare. Medicaid can sometimes be used to help pay for Medicare premiums. People who qualify for both programs are called ‘dual eligible’.

Who Is Eligible For Medicare.gov Coverage?

As a rule, all persons 65 years or older qualify for Medicare coverage. If they have been a resident of the US for at least 5 years. All people with disabilities in the US are also entitled to Medicare.

What is Covered Under Medicare?

Basically, Medicare has four parts. Part A covers hospital stays and expenses. Part B is general medical insurance coverage. Part D is coverage of prescription drugs. Part C, also called Medicare Advantage Plan – is just another way to receive parts A, B and D.

Medicare Part D offers prescription drug plans (PDP) through private insurance companies. There are 10 national plans offered, including AARP Part D Coverage, and some regional plans. The estimated cost for the premium will vary with the plan but the current estimate for the average PDP is approximately \$37 per month. The premium cost is expected to increase annually. (Info taken from www.medicare2017.us)

*****Please know it is your choice as to what plan you choose. If you are not satisfied with what you now have, please contact Medicare immediately to get help. Time is short...DO IT NOW!**



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REFLECTIONS OF BRIAR CREEK

Linda Eddington

The University of Chicago social neuroscientist John T. Cacioppo has done pioneering research on the startling effects of loneliness. A sense of isolation or social rejection can disrupt our thinking abilities, will power and also our immune systems. Loneliness can be as damaging as obesity or smoking. Cacioppo, in *Loneliness: Human Nature and the Need for Social Connection*, uses biological and social science facts to demonstrate that, as individuals and as a community, we have everything to gain managing our social connections.

This is why here in Briar Creek moments of friendliness can be lifesaving. Neighbors that smile, say hello, do a kind deed for someone else, help with the Bazaar or BC Mart are life's essential moments. Being friendly and of good will to others contributes to the building of lasting relationships I have come to witness living here for 2 years. Friendship creates positive relationships that nurtures cooperation, adds to an atmosphere where neighbors can relax and enjoy each other's company. Because of several neighbors' time and attention there are numerous organized social activities to enjoy on a weekly basis that minimize loneliness. When you enjoy someone's company, you are more likely to support and care about another person's wellbeing.

There is much to appreciate here in Briar Creek as we lend a hand when we can and are friendly towards each other. Being friendly improves our physical, mental and spiritual wellbeing. I am grateful that each Monthly Media now has a Caught Being a Good Neighbor.

BOOK NOOK

Pat Rivera

Freebies in the Book Nook are available. First come, first served. There are 2017 wall calendars as well as pocket planners – for those of us who have not yet converted to a smart phone scheduler. There are also Florida Advance Directive booklets, brochures and registration forms on organ donation. Help yourselves.

Be kind to yourself during December. It is a busy month. Keep in mind that it is okay to say no if you feel overwhelmed or overscheduled. Gift exchanges with folks who have everything can be simplified by donating to local food pantry or a favorite charity on behalf of or instead of gifts that may not really be needed. When shopping, be very aware of your surroundings and your wallet. Be careful not to leave packages visible in your parked car. At least we don't need to worry about slipping on the ice!



To FLU or Not to FLU – shot that is!

Many individuals opt not to receive annual Flu shot because they claim that it makes them sick. According to the Center for Disease Control <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/fastats/flu.htm>, the vaccination does not contain any live virus or form of the flu. Each year the shot will provide protection against seasonal viruses research indicates will be most likely to infect people. Usually, up to six viral infections are targeted each year; the annual vaccination provides protection against those. Of course there are many more viruses which can be transmitted through the air, from sneezing, coughing or runny noses. Cover your mouth if you are sneezing or coughing; wash hands frequently helps to protect yourself. Throw away tissues after single use; or cough into your elbow rather than your hand.

It takes about a week after receiving the inoculation before you are protected. So, you may indeed still be able to get sick...but not from the shot or from any other viral infections during the season. In general, the CDC recommends anyone over the age of six months receive the flu shot. Certain groups of individuals are at higher risk for the flu and are strongly advised to get the shot. There is a very small group of people who should not get the shot; which really mean almost everyone should be vaccinated annually. Check with your doctor.

My doctor's office was out of the vaccine during my regular visit. Most pharmacies or minute clinics can give the flu shot; many insurance companies pay for the flu shot.

There are emergency warning signs for the adult population. If you have:

- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Pain or pressure in chest or abdomen
- Sudden dizziness
- Confusion
- Severe or persistent vomiting



Seek emergency medical care urgently! Every year, over 4,600 people die from the flu or complications of the flu. More than 200,000 people are hospitalized annually with the flu. That alone is enough to encourage me to get the shot.

If you do experience flu-like symptoms call your doctor or seek medical care at urgent care center, minute-clinic, or emergency room. Antiviral medications are available by prescription to treat those very sick with flu symptoms; these medications are most effective within the first 2 days of symptoms. Don't delay.

Wishing everyone the best of the holiday season; Peace, Joy, Hope and egg nog!

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Briar Creek Bugle Phase II – December 2016

(Pete Loranger-Editor Phone 421-2321)
(E-Mail: Pete316@Knology.net)

Photo Directory

Marge Grohskopf

ARE WE MISSING YOU! Don't forget to make your photo appointment. A free 8x10 photo and free Directory. How can you miss this opportunity? Call Marge Grohskopf or Marsha Bowlby. Photographers will be at the Phase 2 Clubhouse Nov. 28- Dec. 2 and at Phase 1 Clubhouse Jan. 9- Jan.13.

ANNUAL CONDO MEETING

Date: December 5, 2016

Place: Briar Creek II Clubhouse

Time: 7:00 P.M.

Attention Property Owners

Progressive Management will be mailing the information this month. Owners need to submit their General Limited Proxy for our Annual Meeting. Your completed signed proxy allows your Board of Directors to conduct business for 2017. Proxy must be signed by person listed on title of your property. Unsigned proxies will NOT be counted.

PROXY:

- 1 – Vote for all items listed
- 2 – Sign and date (signature of owner on title)

REMEMBER, your proxy will give us our quorum and without a quorum, your maintenance fee will go up considerably.

- 1 – Sign proxy (owner on title)
- 2 – Unit number (listed on outside of Progressive mailing)
- 3 – Date
- 4 – Put in proper envelope

Deadline for Proxy is 5P.M. 12/5/2016

Ways to submit your proxy:

- 1 – Drop in mail slot @ director's office in clubhouse.
- 2 – Give to Joan Davis anytime, or drop off @ 131 Forest Lane, side door has a basket.
- 3 – Mail to Progressive Management (separate envelopes)

We recommend you give your proxy to Joan Davis or drop in mail slot @ director's office. Mailing slows down the tally process. Early submission insures we meet our quorum.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, please call Joan Davis @ 726-4829. If I am not home, leave a message and I will call you back. I will also get extra proxy forms, should you make a mistake.

Thanks for your help in having a smooth Annual Meeting.

Welcome back to our Seasonal Residents

Please tour the outside of your home for weeds and mold on your home. Summer has gone and we now need to clean up outside. Also, check your trees hanging over the roadways. (15 foot Clearance)

Remember that Annual Home Inspections will be coming up shortly!

BINGO

Marsha Bowlby



REMEMBER.....

IMPORTANT MARK YOU'RE CALENDARS.

NOVEMBER 28TH – MONDAY NO BINGO...IT WILL BE ON SUNDAY NOV 27th
DECEMBER 5TH – MONDAY – NO BINGO – IT WILL BE ON SUNDAY DEC 4TH.

PETE'S KITCHEN WILL BE OPEN FROM 12:00 TO 1:15 on each of those Sundays, serving the usual sandwich, side and drink for \$3.00.

BINGO cards will be sold from 1:00 to 1:45 and play will begin at 2:00.

Starting Monday, November 28th thru Friday December 2nd, the clubhouse will be busy with the pictures for the Briar Creek Pictorial. (Have you made your appointment?)

Monday, December 5th is the annual Briar Creek II Board Meeting.

So we will have Bingo on the Sunday's so we don't have Bingo withdrawal...

Thanks to all the volunteers for Bingo and the Kitchen for giving their time so we could do this.

For our regular Monday Bingo remember:

Bingo Cards will be sold from 5:00 to 5:45 with games starting at 6:00.

Pete Foley and his volunteers are serving dinner from 4:00 to 5:15 each Monday that we have Bingo. He posts his menu in the clubhouse. Where else can you go and get a sandwich, side and a drink for \$3.00.

SO REMEMBER:

Can't wait to hear you yell BINGO!!! SEE YOU ON MONDAY NIGHTS.

Trick or Treat Event

Marge Grohskopf

A HUGE THANK YOU! The Trick or Treat joint venture of both Phases was spectacular. Not only did we enjoy working together but we managed to fill 7 clubhouse tables full of food. What a wonderful outcome. The Family Center was overwhelmed with the amount of food that would fill their shelves. The remaining candy also went to the center, children stop by after school for treats. I hope we will have more joint ventures in the future and possibly make this a yearly event. Thank you to all who helped with the collection and all of you who contributed so generously. WE ARE BRIAR CREEK.



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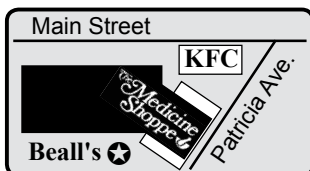
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From the Safety Harbor Family Center:

On October 31st, several residents from Briar Creek dropped off food donations to the Mattie Williams Neighborhood Family Center collected by both Briar Creek 1 and Briar Creek 2. On behalf of all the individuals and families we serve, thank you for reaching out and helping your fellow residents. Your thoughtfulness makes a big difference to so many who are struggling to get by. Please know how grateful and fortunate the Family Center is to have the residents of both Briar Creeks in our community.

Thank you so much for this wonderful donation that will help so many. You are the best of Safety Harbor!

Warmest regards
Janet Hooper



Safety Harbor Food Bank

The Mattie Williams Neighborhood Family Center (Safety Harbor Family Center) has a mission to nurture and strengthen children, youth, adults and their families and communities through education, support services and collaborative partnerships to improve lives and achieve self-sufficiency since 1994. Along with collections for a food bank, they also provide emergency support or counseling, literacy programs focused on school readiness and corrective reading, computer classes, educational services and parenting programs, are all available to anyone in need. As a community partner, Briar Creek has been supporting these efforts for many years in many different ways. This Holiday Season we will again be collecting money to purchase food as needed for those in our local communities. Donations will be collected during coffee hour on Saturday mornings until December 17 at the phase II clubhouse. Please contribute any amount you can, no contribution is too small or too large. Briar Creek helps to support this pantry year round. If you wish to donate but can't attend the coffee hour, contact Carol at 727-286-6595.

Sunday Breakfast

Skip Taylor

Skip Taylor and his breakfast crew will be serving up delicious breakfasts each month starting January 22. The cost will be \$3.00 and breakfast will be served from 8:30 to 10 a.m. Other upcoming breakfast dates are February 19, and March 19.



Entertainment

Carol Rodrigues, Marge Grohskopf

As we enter into the holiday season at Briar Creek, we have many different ways to celebrate the holidays. Phase I and II are invited to participate in a **golf cart parade** on Sunday, December 11. Plan to meet at the phase II clubhouse at 3 pm with your golf cart decorated. Please be sure your battery is fully charged. Many participants may wish to wear holiday appropriate garments. We will parade through the streets of phase II and the full length of Briar Creek Blvd. Beginning around 3:20 so if you don't have a cart, sit outside and enjoy our version of a "winter sleigh ride". We will meet back at the clubhouse at 4:30 for dessert and beverages. There will be an opportunity for all to vote for your favorite cart with prizes given to the top 3. Whether you rode in a golf cart, watched from your yard or are just looking for some company, all are welcome for dessert.

Jeannie Williams and Pete Loranger are in charge of our monthly mingle. This month the **mingle** will take place Thursday December 15 at 4:30 and will enjoy a special holiday theme. Bring a dish to share and \$1.00 for the raffle. Everyone will be given holiday trivia questions for discussion during the dinner and following the dinner, those wishing to participate will enjoy a yankee swap with gifts that you have in your home that you no longer need or use. Gifts should not be purchased for this event. Try to find unusual , crazy, unique items from your closet or storage shed, possibly something you should have thrown away last year. Wrap the gift up and bring it along to the mingle dinner.

New Year's Rock and Roll dance will be held at the phase II clubhouse on Saturday, January 7th from 7 to 10 p.m. If you wish, bring a snack to share with your table. We will have DJ Jonathan Elgart spinning tunes from oldies to current day. Both phase I and phase II are invited to attend. Cheri LeBerri and Wayne Schedler will be the sponsors of this event. The cost is \$5.00 and dessert will be provided. Tickets will be on sale in mid December.

Showtime ticket money is due by December 1. If you haven't given Pete your money, please do so immediately. There are some tickets available for the January 29 and February 19 shows. See Pete Loranger if you are interested in purchasing tickets. More information for the March 9 will be coming after the new year.

Monthly Mingle

Jean Williams

[See entertainment article](#)



Briarettes'

Betty Hudd, President (813-817-1774)

Thank you Jess for your insight as a Financial Advisor for our Nov. get together. Also I want to thank all that helped out at our gathering in my absence.

This month Dec 6, we will have a sit down and partake of a Christmas Dinner with the Briarettes supplying the turkey and gravy. Those who attend please bring a dish to accompany our meal together. From past experience we have some really good cooks to add to this Blessed event. If you would like to bring a gift for your secret pal this would be the perfect time to continue the tradition, and we will draw for a new secrets pal.

Looking forward to all that can attend, sign up sheets will be on your bulletin boards or call me for any questions. See you on Dec 6th, Tuesday, at Phase 2 Clubhouse, open to Phase 1 & 2 and their guest. Bring a dollar for 50/50 and come have a stress free time. Thank you-Betty

Ladies' Luncheon

Hildie Meyer

This holiday season, our luncheon will be held at the Rusty Pelican, on the Tampa side of the Courtney Campbell Causeway. The date will be December 14th at 1PM.

This is a favorite locale for our holiday dinner, always filled with joy and camaraderie. Please be sure to sign up or phone me, in order to allow me to give the restaurant an accurate seating count. I hope to see the usual big Holiday turn out.



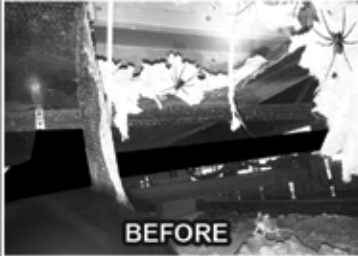
Travel Club

Karen Johnson & Roz Lucas

December 7th is our Christmas lights bus trip to Punta Gorda. Please be at the club house by 12:45 so we will be able to leave on time at 1:00.

We will be returning at approximately 10:00. On Thursday, December 8th, we will be having our pizza party for travel club members only. It is 5:30 byob and 6:00 pizza. At that time we will be telling you all about the new things we have planned for the new year. If you are not a travel club member you may join for only a dollar! We are looking forward to a fun filled 2017.

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Art Tavenor has returned to Briar Creek. Art is the person in charge of the Telephone Directory. All New residents need to sign a release for the publication of their telephone number. Please give Art the information for any new or corrected information. He has the release forms.

Thank you Pete Loranger for filling in while Art was away.

Putting Out the Trash and Dealing with Crows

Jody Larson

Briar Creek is surrounded by wild areas, which means we have a population of animals and birds that live here, too. For this reason, it's a good idea to put your trash bags in a garbage can with a secure lid, especially if you put trash out the night before pickup. Animals and birds have no trouble breaking into bags and scattering garbage, which you will be responsible for picking up. Please do your part and put trash in a can.

Also, flocks of crows come through Briar Creek during migration. They are noisy and make a mess, but they don't stay long. Please don't attempt to scare the crows away by firing a gun. The birds will leave temporarily, but your neighbors will not appreciate the scare. It's also against the law, if it's a real gun.

Social Club President

Brenda Greene

January 1st, 2017, my position as Social Club President will end. I want to thank President Elect, Jean Schmidt, Vice President, Ruth Miller, Recording Secretary, Janie Dennis, Corresponding Secretary, June VanWormer, Treasurer, Pete Loranger, Past President, Sandy Watson, members of the Board. Also, Larry VanWormer, Auditor and Arn Grohskopf, Parliamentarian for their duties well done. I also want to thank all the Committee Chairpersons and their Committees.

Thank you, to each volunteer. Some who do much work most of us never know about, it is very much appreciated. It's the community uniting to make Briar Creek a great place to live!

It has been my pleasure to have served as your 2016 Social Club President.

Merry Christmas. Best Wishes for the New Year. God Bless America.



Residents of Briar Creek Phase Two – We need you!!

Briar Creek is a wonderful community of homeowners who need to come together for a worthy cause!!

First and foremost, we need people who are willing to serve on our board, attend monthly meetings and vote on important neighborhood issues. This is a critical function, and we can't do it without new members stepping up to help. Wherever your interests may lie, we have a place for you to contribute. Please help us to move forward together and make this community a great place to live!

Also on a more personal note, there are many people within the community who can use a little hand now and again. Whether they are simply getting on a bit in years, or have had a medical issue or accident – it's very rewarding to help a neighbor in need. This is not a board function, but as a retirement community, this is a key issue. It would be great to have people willing to put together small committees to serve the community – things like house washing, yard cleanup, or meal assistance for those who either can't afford it or just cannot do it for themselves. Sometimes just stopping by for a "chat" can be a huge uplift for a homebound person.

Please give careful consideration to the points above, and become an active participant in your community! Let's work together to make Briar Creek "The place to be"!

Many thanks,

Bill Russo, Property owner

Mixed Golf Scrambles at Briar Creek (Phase I & II)

Feb. 17 and March 31

Attention all golfers! Two scrambles have been scheduled again this winter--watch for the sign-up sheet in your clubhouse. Sign up individually, as a twosome, or make your own foursome. It will be casual and fun.

We plan to golf 18 holes at Countryway Golf Course during the afternoon, and then eat dinner together at Daddy's restaurant. Put the dates on your calendar now—you don't want to miss out on these enjoyable events with friends!

Jane McKenzie

651-353-2602 (cell)

jgmckenzie4647@gmail.com



Ladies Golf at Briar Creek (Phase I & II)

Come join the lady golfers in Briar Creek. If you used to golf and would like to play again, or if you are a regular golfer and want to join a casual group, just call or email me.

We will meet at Countryway Golf Course, and will continue to have the flexibility of playing either early morning or early afternoon each Thursday. Please let me know if you would like additional information.

Thanks,

Jane McKenzie

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Shuffleboard

Tom Feeley

Anyone interested in playing shuffleboard for fun on a Wednesday morning (9:30 AM) come on down and play on our shuffleboard courts only, no traveling is involved to other parks. This is a fun get together only (at a zero cost) for a couple of hours with no commitment to play each and every week. All equipment is provided. No experience is necessary in the game of shuffleboard. You learn as you go and play against other participants with the same skill level. So come on down and join us. We would love to have you. We are looking into the purchase of new discs as the ones in current use are very old and chipped.

Briar Creek Book Club (Phase I & II)

Are you interested in joining a book club? There will be an informational meeting at the Phase II Clubhouse on Dec. 13 at 3:30. We will discuss a workable day and time, a method for choosing monthly books, and other details.

Please email me if you plan to attend on Dec. 13, so that I can have an idea of the number attending. Also, feel free to email or call with questions. Thanks!

At the end of the meeting, we will have a short discussion of the book, *The Light Between Oceans* by M. L. Stedman.

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Sewing & Quilting

Darlene Beyer

We have started to gather in Phase II clubhouse to sew and quilt and share ideas. This is open to both Phase I & II on Mondays from 9:30am to 3pm. You can choose to stay for a few hours or for the whole time.

Wouldn't you like to finish some of your UFO's (unfinished projects)?

If you are in need of help to finish a project, come on over and we will help you.

It is also a great way to see each others projects and learn from each other.

Classes in sewing and quilting will be offered for "FREE" and your suggestions will be greatly appreciated.

So come on down and see what we are working on and hopefully you will want to join us. It's always great to see and enjoy the finished items that you and others have made.

If you have any questions, please call Darlene Beyer @ 727-403-9957 or at home @ 727-444-0708.

Social Club Christmas Dinner

Joan Davis & Billie Berry & Pete L.

This year's Christmas Dinner will be held on December 03, 2016. The cost will be \$5.00 per person for non-members and guests.

Members must show their 2016 Social Club card to receive their free ticket.

The Social Club will provide the ham and rolls. Each table will provide the pot luck dishes to go with the ham, including the dessert and decorate your tables. Be sure to sign up for a table beginning November 5 through November 26, 2016. Try to get your groups together and sign up as a group, and let Pete know who is the table Hostess. As in the past we will try to provide an extra table for your convenience. Tables should be of 8 or 16 to make this happen. No one will be able to sign up after that date. Festivities will start at 5:00 pm with B.Y.O.B., followed by the introduction of your new neighbors. Dinner will start at 6:00 pm and entertainment will begin at 7:00 pm.

Thank you for your cooperation.



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Pete Loranger

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Bible Study

Kathy Cobb

If you are interested in joining a Ladies Bible Study every Friday at 10:00 a.m. at my home (140 Pinewood Ter.), please call Kathy Cobb at 727-466-3712.

BAZAAR 2017

Pete

Remember this event is creeping up on us. We are in need of Jewelry, “CHEER” for the baskets etc etc and will accept cash donations. Check that booze cabinet, clean out your jewelry boxes. THANK YOU ALL FOR THE SUPPORT SO FAR.... It has only just begun!!!!!! . Thank you.

My list of volunteers is expanding. It is first come, first served for the area you want to work in. Some areas are full already! Be sure to let me know what your desires are.

Dates are March 3 and 4th, 2017. More info to come soon.

ASSISTANCE FOR ELDERS


By Sandy Watson

Perhaps, you don't think you will ever have a need for the information below, but we are often surprised to find that we can't do many of the things we used to do. We tend to take these things for granted, so please read and take note of this information.

I was quite taken aback recently to realize that I am “Elderly”! I am also dismayed to find there are many things I used to do without a thought and am finding I am no longer able to do many of them! I recently attempted to get something out of the kitchen cabinet over the refrigerator. Without thinking, rather than go to the shed and getting my ladder with a hand grip on it, I grabbed a kitchen chair and attempted to climb onto it! What a surprise I got! I was several weeks recovering from that failed attempt and the bruises accompanying it! It could have been worse! I could have broken something and been down for the count! Falls are VERY DANGEROUS for folks of our age! If you don't have one, consider getting one of those gadgets when you can press the button for help.

I think there are many of us who are unaware of the services available to us at either reasonable rates or are covered by Medicare and/or other Insurance. Those not covered by either are sometimes provided no cost due to our financial ability to pay.

As we age, we find there are many tasks we can no longer accomplish or services we



cannot afford to get. There are agencies available to meet these needs and therefore allow us to remain in our homes.

Hospice is no longer just an end of life provider. They now offer many services for those of us in need, such as: Primary medical care, Adult day care, medications and supplies, Medically necessary transportation, In-home care and support and Social and emotional support. Most, if not all of these are paid for by Medicare or Insurance. To obtain further information about services available to you, call (727) 289-0062 or on the computer at EmpathHealth.org.

The Aging and Disability Resource Center can provide you with guidance as to where you can get the following: Caregiver Support, Case/Care Management, Financial Assistance, Food resources/Meals on Wheels, Homemaker/Personal Care, Housing Options, Legal Help, Long-term Care, Medicaid, Medicare/Health Insurance Counseling, Nursing Home and Assisted Living Placement, Prescription Assistance, Transportation and other services. They can also help you with Medicare Eligibility, Enrollment and Coverage Options, Long-Term Care Planning and Prescription Assistance Resources. Further information can be obtained by calling 1-800-963-5337 or on the computer at AgingCareFL.org.

Prescription Drugs are sometimes unaffordable and not covered by our insurance. These can, in many cases, be provided to you, at not cost, by the company who manufactures the drug. You simply need to obtain the 800 number for the company, call them and ask if they have a “Patient Assistance Program”. If they do, request a form to apply. If, after submitting the request, you are turned down because you have Insurance, or any other reason, call and request a “Hardship Form”. Complete & resend. If you qualify, they will provide the drug to you, at no cost.



There are many of us who have no family members to assist us, so these agencies are there to help us locate the assistance we need. No one should sit in our homes alone without the help to keep us as healthy as we can be, the medical attention we need, housekeeping services and nutritional food to sustain us.

Remember, with any calls you make, document the date, time and who you spoke with. Also make a copy of any forms you submit. This information will be of use if forms are lost or caller doesn't follow through, so you will have all of the information needed to resubmit.

Something else you may want to check is your Will or Trust Fund. If you have an attorney, check to be sure everything is current and correct. There have been recent cases where a person's assets have been tied up for years due to an improper Will or Trust. If you don't have an Attorney, get one, or check with the above agency for legal assistance.

And, last but not least, take a good look at your age and health to determine if you should consider going into a facility where you can get the assistance you need, whether it be Independent Living or Assisted Living. I'm sure you would rather choose the place than waiting too long and having someone else make the choice for you.

If you, or someone you know, need assistance of any kind, please avail yourself of the above mentioned services.



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- Blood Pressure Barbara Hepler (239-0691) Darlene Beyer (725-9644)
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