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	Georgia Douglas (286-6565)	Ruth Miller (470-9084)
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	. Elizabeth Raucci (203 434-2464)	Janie Dennis (724-2796)
		Pete Loranger (421-2321)
	JoAnn Barr (669-3820)	,
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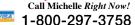












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#### **Briar Creek Phase I News**

Elizabeth (Liz) Raucci (203-434-2464)

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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 Progressive Management - (727) 773-9542

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WWW.PCSO.net - Pinellas Sheriff's Office Website - Great Information!

#### **BOARD BUSINESS**

#### **BOARD NOTES**

Connie Potter-Holmes, Secretary

#### **KEEPING OUR RENTALS UP TO DATE**

s everyone is aware, the Rental/Lease Policy was updated at the March 2017 Board of Directors meeting and took effect on April 1, 2017. Thank you to those who have followed these guidelines to date and those who are currently doing so. Please note, if you currently have a "snowbird" rental and have not notified me of your intentions to continue to rent again for the 17-18 season, I need to hear from you immediately or you could lose your ability to rent. We currently have a WAITing list and if I do not hear from you by August 1, 2017 with your information, I will be forced to withdraw your option to rent. The policy was put in place to benefit all homeowners, not just a select few. As we are a Homeowner community and not a rental community, it is imperative that this policy is enforced. So pleases do YOUR part and send your information immediately. My email is <a href="mailto:connie@mybriarcreek.com">connie@mybriarcreek.com</a>

ALSO, please do not expect to submit a lease application to Amy at Progressive Management one day and expect to have everything competed for your rentor/leasor within 24-48 hours as this is NOT possible. Amy must have the background check completed and then she will send



me her completed file for my follow-up. If the person is long distance, I will attempt to do a pre-interview over the telephone with the person and then conduct a face to face interview with them within 3 days of their arrival in Briar Creek, for their convenience. If I am not at the park, I will have someone designated to do this for me.

Briar Creek 1 is a single family 55+ community and at NO time shall a person under 18 years of age be permitted to occupy a unit for more than 60 days as a guest of the unit owner or rental occupant.

#### PETS vs. NO PETS

s we are all aware, Briar Creek consists of a Pet Section and a NO Pet Section. In recent months/years, this has developed into a major issue community wide. Not only in Briar Creek, but the state of Florida, also nationwide due to regulations from HUD and the FL governing body. When we ALL purchased in Briar Creek we were made aware of this and signed papers we would live by the Rules and By-laws. If we did not read them, that is our own fault! Let's address some of the issues. The law now allows for an Emotional Support Animal in anyone's home, but ONLY after completing a medical request from the Doctor treating the patient seeking permission. The law states:

An emotional support animal is not a pet. An emotional support animal is a companion animal that provides therapeutic benefit to an individual with a mental or psychiatric disability. The person seeking the ESA must have a verifiable disability (the reason cannot just be a need for companionship). All the guidelines can be found online if anyone cares to research the issue. One must also note that the size of pets allowed in a housing complex as Briar Creek must also be adhered to, even though many choose to ignore the documents they signed to live in Briar Creek forcing the Board of Directors to deal with the fallout. There are only two questions that HUD says a housing provider should consider with a request for an assistance animal as a reasonable accommodation: (1) Does the person seeking to use and live with the animal have a disability - i.e. a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major activities? (2) Does the person making the request have a disability-related need for assistance animal? In other words, does the animal work, provide assistance, perform tasks or services for the benefit of a person with a disability, or provide emotional support that alleviates one or more of the identified symptoms or effects of a person's existing disability?

A NO answer to either question means that the housing provider is not obligated to make a reasonable accommodation according to HUD. If the answer is "yes" to both, the HUD states the FHA requires an exception to a "no pets" rule.

If YOU, as a Briar Creek resident have NOT registered your ESA with Progressive Management, you will be required to do so in the fall when we do our required community





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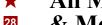




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survey. All future requests will be sent to PG for the determination. This keeps the BOD from having to ask questions and make decisions we are not trained to make.

This is NOT a personal vendetta against anyone! It is the LAW. I, Connie, personally made the decision to rehome my dog when we purchased here in BC. Was it easy, NO WAY! But I chose to do what was right for my dog, myself, and the community I chose to live in. If you are legally entitled to have an Emotional Support Animal, do so, but first follow the law (of HUD, Florida, and Briar Creek). It will save us all a lot of heartache. If you choose to ignore the Briar Creek regulations and by-laws concerning pets and their size, do not get upset when your (former) friends and neighbors begin to treat you differently because of the decision you made to ignore the rules. By the way, I went online and found out for \$49.95 I am entitled to an ESA if I answer the questions correctly. Go figure. DO THE RIGHT THING!

The above info was taken from the FHEO Notice: FHEO-2014-01 AT PAGE 2

#### **LAWNS and TREES**

Barbara Pesic, Director

#### **Lawn Mowing Service**

lexander's Property Maintenance will be our permanent vendor for the lawn mowing service. Our mowing day will be Friday.

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Mow dates for July are 7th, 14th, 21st and the 28th.

#### **Grievances / Mowing Service**

If you have any issue with the mowing service, please report it to Barbara Pesic (727-307-5316), and it would be best if you could report the issue while the crew is still on site but after your lot has received full service. If necessary, the issue will be inspected before being reported to the account manager for resolution.

Due to the danger of approaching workers operating equipment (to you and to them) and because service issues must be reported to management for any correction in service to occur, it is requested that you report your issue rather than instruct the crew. Thanks for your cooperation with this request.

#### **SOCIAL COMMITTEE**

Dave Doran, President

#### **IN MEMORIAM**

Florence Johnson Former Giacchino "Jack" Mancuso Irene MacLernon Former Peach (Lola) Richardson Zoe Ryan-Mersmann

Mary Davey

Long-Time Resident April 3, 2017

April 28, 2017

Long-Time Resident May 16, 2017 Long-Time Resident May 31, 2017

Long-Time Resident June 1, 2017

Former Long-Time Resident June 3, 2017

Always fun to join us at coffee hour on Wednesday's, good time to catch up with news and meet new people. Coffee and donuts (for only \$1.25!) are served starting at 8:30 AM. Have any suggestions?...we have a box by the door, please use it, your opinion is important, your ideas are important. Social Club activities go on all summer, check the media or the bulletin boards for information for both Phase I and Phase II. We are looking into using our BC Logo for shirts and (maybe) hats in the future because we have had very positive feedback on the aprons we now use at our functions.

#### Freddy Flamingo Tip for the Month:

Remember, whenever you pull wires to reconnect them to something else, take time to mark them with a piece of tape before pulling them so you know where that wire needs to go.



#### **BC MART**

Dave Doran and Jay Jablonski

lways check in the Briar Creek Website: mybriarcreek.com and click on the BC Mart link. There are coupons you can print out; we have lots of stuff and always a good time... just to come up and browse and have good conversation and a laugh. Join us Wednesday and Saturday mornings from 10 to 11ish!

#### **DIAL DIRECTORY**

Helen Coar

ach month I will be posting any additions, corrections and deletions to the 2017-2018 Edition of the Dial Directory. It is up to you to make the change in your Directory. Contact Helen Coar if you have information for the new Dial Directory (726-3923).

**WELCOME!** Jina Duggan 123 Juniperus Drive 770-519-3711

<b>JULY 201</b>	<b>7 BIR</b>	<u>THDAYS</u>	July	13	Shay Hall
July	1	Robert Brown	July	13	Roy O'Neill
July	1	Patricia Dohnansky	July	13	Karen Lynn Watson
July	2	Rodney Hershon	July	14	Brenda Black
July	3	Marcia Kincella	July	16	Louise Henson
July	6	Margo Keyes	July	16	Mary Jordan
July	7	Harry McKinzie	July	16	Marsha Reynolds
July	7	Joe Natale	July	16	Beverly Wilson
July	8	Aldea Finnegan	July	17	Sandra Brown
July	9	Grace Brown	July	20	Larry Doane
July	9	Terry Kennett	July	20	Tom Horvath
July	19	Linda Edington	July	21	Shirley Miller
July	10	Doreen Gingras	July	22	Jody Hehl
July	10	Sandra Murray	July	23	Dennis Ranieri
July	10	Ray Pillon	July	23	Jacqueline Welch
July	10	Rhonda Winder	July	25	Steven Herron
July	11	Paul Piatt	July	26	Ivan Curtis
July	11	Max Thomas	July	26	Lois Harvey
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July	7	Nancy & Earl Ellis	1962	
July	18	Eugene & Patricia Steffen		
July	20	Nancy & Lee Lahr	2008	
July	22	Stan & Barbara Hepler	1961	
July	23	Roger & Cynthia Mello	1977	
July	29	Larry & Sharon Granneman	1995	

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

May 17th	50/50	VIVIAN RODRIQUEZ
	\$5.00	SHIRLEY PAYNE
May 24th	50/50	TERRY HENRY
	\$5.00	PETE FEDELEM
May 31st	50/50	ROY MARTIN
	\$5.00	PAT AREND
June 7th 50/50	RICH	RAUCCI
	\$5.00	SHIRLEY PARISI
June 14th	50/50	Joe Guazzerotti
	\$5.00	Georgia Douglas

# YOUR PHOTO DIRECTORY IS HERE! Betty Chatigny

emember when your picture was taken? Maybe it was back in November, December or January. The LifeTouch photo directories have finally arrived -- in beautiful living color

For your convenience, every Wednesday at our regular Coffee Hour, I will be there about 8:15AM until 9:15AM so you can pick up your copy. All I need is your signature and you can leaf through your personal copy. If you cannot make that meeting, just send an email (bettychatigny@hotmail. com) or give me a call at 727-216-3871 to let me know a good time to pick up your issue.



#### PHOTO DIRECTORY

Gene Arend, Webmaster

he photo's in the new directory has been places on the Briar Creek website. The full book with the corresponding nature and activity photo's has not posted due to the size of the file. The full book may impose limitations on an individual's computer as the web space required was 10 times the size of the photo portion only. To review the photo's you will need a UserID and password. This is to protect the privacy of our participants. Access is restricted to Briar Creek residents only so please do not share this access with anyone other than yourself. The website does monitor user access and if there is improper use, as the webmaster, I will take the page down from the website if there is abuse. You can obtain the UserID and password by e-mailing webmaster@mybriarcreek.com. The full book is also available in a pdf format however I will need a flash drive from you to load the file.

The photos are of high resolution and if you wish a copy, while on the specific page, point your mouse cursor to the photo and click once. The photo will become highlighted. Then depress the right button on your mouse and select "Copy Image". This will place that image on what is known as the "clipboard" of your computer and you can then paste into a photo editor or Word etc. If you are unfamiliar with this technology, you can email the webmaster and I will return via attachment the photo. If you did not participate in the Photo Directory Program a donation to the Phase I Social Club will grant you access to the file and a hard bound copy of the directory. See either Betty Chatigny or Marge Grohskopf. This donation is to recover expenses provided by the Social Club in the project.

#### **BRIAR CREEK (PHASE 1) EMAIL DIRECTORY LIST**

Betty Chatigny

he response to adding emails addresses to the Briar Creek Phase 1 has been positive. Remember, your email address will not be shared with other residents in our park, whether or not their name is on the list.

You will be notified when this system is up and running. Then, from that time on, alert messages, emergency notifications, and other general information can be emailed directly to you. Keep in mind, your email address will remain "hidden" -- even from the other recipients. We have used the list several times already for notifications – works great!

If you want to be added to our Email Directory, give me a call, 727-216-3871, or send an email to <u>bettychatigny@hotmail.com</u>!



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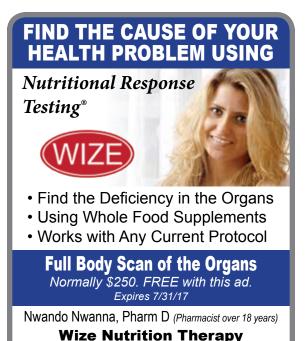
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#### **SUMMER SHUFFLEBOARD**

Martin Shapiro

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for a Bracket winner for the evening. Each Monday game will have a \$1 entry fee, used for cash prizes for that evening's winners. The games start at 7pm sharp – come at least 10 minutes early to ensure a spot in the game. Practice before the games is allowed. A free lesson for new players in how to play and basic strategy is also available. Contact Martin at (727) 467-0555 or Martin.Pokerx@gmail.com for more details, and to get on the notification list to be notified when the game is cancelled. (Photo Credit: Georgia Douglas)



#### **KRAZY KARDS**

Pauline Hoad

Pauline and Gary will help you get on your feet as chair people.

MINISTING KRAZY KARDS.....If you would like to keep the tradition alive and schedule and host Krazy Kard Nights in the future, please call Pauline and Gary! This is a fun night, held monthly during the season! Pauline and Gary will help you get on your feet as chair people.

#### SOCIAL CLUB MEMBERSHIPS

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#### **ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE**

#### **MEMORIAL DAY hosted by Phase 2**

fter recognizing all the veteran's in the room and those who gave the ultimate sacrifice, Marge Grohskopf made the call to supper which consisted of delicious pulled pork, barbeque sauce, baked beans, baked macaroni and cheese, salad, pie and ice cream!

In her best Monty Hall impression, Marge then proceeded to ask attendees for potato peelers, Q-tips, brillo pads, and map, among other things! Why? Because she was hosting Briar Creek's version of "Let's Make a Deal"! Executing a well-thought-out event, participants



received a colored lunch sack when they purchased their ticket and were asked to fill it with items from the kitchen, bathroom and something you might take on a trip. Once the game began, tables were marked with colored balloons and guests were asked to sit at the table with their corresponding colored bag to make teams. Anyone that matched the item Marge called out received one ticket. Throughout the game there were "stump the room" items. Table-members held up an item that they believed only they possessed. If others in the room



had the same item, the stumper received only one ticket, but if he/she was the only person in the room who had the item in their sack, then they received five tickets! Whoo-Hoo! Each table had a winner (the person with the most tickets collected at that table and the room had a table winner (the highest combined number of tickets for all the participants at the table). Prizes were scratch-off!

We are safe and free to observe these wonderful occasions because "all gave some and some gave all" and we owe our Veterans our respect and thanks. Thank you, too, to the Phase 1 and 2 Entertainment Committee Members who worked so hard to make

sure we recognized our Veterans and were fed and entertained at another successful party attended by close to 100 folks! And....we also made a food and monetary donation to the local Food Bank and a monetary donation to "The Wounded Warriors". (Photo credit: Jerry Richter)

#### "HERE COMES SUMMER, AGAIN" PARTY

Georgia Douglas

istening to Lady Gaga, Chubby Checker, the Bee Gees and Brooks and Dunn while watching folks Cha Cha, Twist, Fox Trot and Line Dance proved to be very entertaining! Fred Mbiad, once again, structured a playlist that had something for everyone. While

guests enjoyed the sweet and savory snacks they brought, the clubhouse echoed with music and laughter and everyone welcomed Summer in a big way. Mary Houpt and Karen Mbiad hosted our June event and Pat Rivera sold 50/50 tickets. Ray Jablonski took home the money prize and several others took home a variety of door prizes. Bigger isn't always better....sometimes it's the smaller gatherings that are the most fun! (Photo credit: Jerry Richter)









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#### **UPCOMING**

#### **SUMMER MOVIE NIGHTS will return!**

Georgia Douglas

Free Tuesday Night - Movie Night will resume on July 11th at 7pm SHARP for both Briar Creek I & II residents. We will have free popcorn and something cold to drink while you sit back and enjoy our feature film of the evening. To start off our season, we will have a night of pure belly laughs with: "The Carol Burnett Show - Lost Episodes". Mel Gibson's "Hacksaw Ridge", Kevin Costner's "Dances with Wolves", a few classics and a musical are just some of the movies to follow. By special request, "Chick Flick Night" will once again feature chocolates and champagne for \$2.00. Movie titles are listed in the calendar below.

#### **FOURTH OF JULY**

Phase 1 and Phase 2 Entertainment Committee

• 2-3:30 PM Happy Hour and Patriotic Hat contest – BYOB

• 3:30 PM Dinner of Chicken Tenders – bring a salad, a side or dessert to share

• After Dinner Live Horse Racing (live people – not horses!)

• During Break 50/50 and dessert

\$3.00 Donation - Bring your own table setting and lots of money to bet on the horses. Even if you don't want to bet, you can have fun watching your BC neighbors making horses' \_\_\_\_ of themselves! Festivities will be held in the Phase 1 clubhouse.

Be sure to bring something for the food bank.

#### MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR UPCOMING EVENTS

JULY 4th	2:00 pm Celebrate! Fun, Food and Living Horses @ PHASE 1
JULY 11th	Movie Night – 7pm - "Carol Burnett – Lost Episodes"
JULY 17th	PHASE 2 BINGO – Dinner 4pm-5pm, Cards at 5pm, Bingo at 6pm
JULY 18th	Movie Night – 7pm – "The Patriot"
JULY 25th	Movie Night – 7pm – "Hidden Figures"
JULY 27th	BUNCO – PHASE 2 \$3.00 Donation
AUGUST 1st	Movie Night – 7pm – "Hacksaw Ridge"
AUGUST 6th	Crazy Bingo hosted by the Richter's
AUGUST 8th	Movie Night – 7pm – "Dances With Wolves"
AUGUST 15th	Movie Night – 7pm – "A Dog's Purpose"
AUGUST 19th	Summer Block Party Supper – 7pm-10pm
AUGUST 22nd	Movie Night – 7pm – "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers"

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AUGUST 29th Movie Night – 7pm – Chick Flick Night: Chocolates and Champagne \$2.00 Donation AUGUST 24th BUNCO – PĤASE 2 \$3.00 Donation SEPT. Labor Day – 12 noon - at PHASE 2 4th 5th Bingo – PHASE 1 RESUMES SEPT Country Hoedown, 7pm-10pm SEPT. 23rd BUNCO – PHASE 2 - \$3.00 Donation SEPT 28th OCTOBER 26th BUNCO – PHASE 2 - \$3.00 Donation OCTOBER 27th Halloween – 'At Large' - hosted by Dave Hunkins OCTOBER 28th Octoberfest – PHASE 2 OCTOBER 31st Trick or Treat for Food Bank – PHASE 1 & 2, Pot Luck Dinner Veteran's Day Celebration NOV. 11th NOV. 19th Craft Fair – Contact Maria DeRee NOV. 24th Trim the Tree NOV. **TBD** BUNCO – **PHASE 2** - \$3.00 Donation DEC. 1 & 2 PHASE 1 BAZAAR DEC. 2nd Karaoke Dance – 7pm – PHASE 2 DEC 3rd Yankee Swap – Contact Joan Bienvenue DEC. 10th 6PM-9PM - Andrei Cheine, Pianist, Hosted by Connie Holmes & Pat Dion 16th Christmas Party – PHASE 2 DEC DEC 28th BUNCO – PHASE 2 - \$3.00 Donation 8:30PM -12:20AM - New Year's Eve Dance - 'Cover to Cover' DEC 31st 2018 JANUARY TBD Alan Lee's Happy Hour Sing-A-Long and Music Jam JANUARY 25th Showtime – PHASE 2 – Comedian Jimmy Travis FEB Appreciation Night – FREE with Phase 1 Membership 4th 7PM – 10PM - Valentine's Dance – 'Johnny Charro' FEB. 10th FEB 16th Showtime – **PHASE 2** – Red Hot and Blue Collar MARCH 2nd & 3rd PHASE 2 BAZAAR MARCH 17th St Patrick's Day Parade and Party Pool Party & Picnic with "Both Worlds" APRIL TBD

#### REGULARLY SCHEDULED SOCIAL EVENTS

#### ART CLASS FOR FUN AND LEARNING

Annette Lemieux

Art class will resume in the FALL. Call Annette for further information, 727-743-2426.

#### **BINGO**

Jean Richter

Bingo ended on June 27th and will resume on Tuesday, September 5, 2017 Andy Philyaw's seed money, which then had \$1.00 added weekly by the Bingo Team became a \$27.00 Progressive Jackpot and was won by **Gerry Krockenberger of Phase 2**! She won a game



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on N36!! A new twenty dollars was donated by Andy and won the very same night with a B4 by **Dot Bourdon and Carol Marsella** who each took home \$10.00! Congratulations! Fun addition to an already fun night.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers who help make bingo a success! Terry Henry, Joe Guazzerotti, Stephanie Andrechak, Bev Wilson, Jerry Richter, Dot Bourdon, & Pat Rivera...thank you for helping for set up and sell papers and a special thank you to Rosie Mattione for handling the money while we play! To the Callers: Betty Chatigny, Pauline Hoad, Andy Philyaw, Georgia Douglas and Pat Rivera... We can't have Bingo without your help!

Jerry and I will be hosting a special "Crazy Bingo" on Sunday, August 6th from 2pm to 4pm. There will be Gift Prizes rather than money prizes and will involve a 'Yankee Swap'! Dessert and coffee will be served. Join us!

#### **BOOK CLUBS**

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All three Book Clubs are at capacity, but that doesn't mean you can't start another one!

#### **BOWLING**

Gene Arend

Contact <u>garend@mybriarcreek.com</u> to sign up for the Fall-Winter League which bowls at Countryside Lanes on Friday at 12:30pm.

#### **BRIARETTES**

Betty Hudd, President

**RESUMES IN OCTOBER!** 

#### **BRIDGE**

Barbara Glasheen

We will resume playing in **MID-OCTOBER**. Barbara will contact the bridge players when she returns. Enjoy the summer!

#### CARDIO AND CHAIR YOGA CLASSES

Elaine Harsh

<u>PHASE 2 CLUBHOUSE</u>. Cardio classes are held every **TUESDAY at 9:00AM** and normally last about 45 minutes. Chair Yoga is held immediately after the Cardio class at **10:00AM on TUESDAY and at 10:15AM on THURSDAYS**. If you belong to the SilverSneakers® organization, there is no charge for either class.



#### **CHESS**

Dave Holmes

If you would like to play a game, give Dave a call at 423-202-6712.



#### **CRAFTS**

Barbara Glasheen

Crafts will resume on **NOVEMBER 1st**. We plan to continue our monthly demonstrations with follow up workshops this year. We will also continue our group gatherings working on our individual projects. Looking forward to seeing you in the fall!

#### **EUCHRE**

Phil Houpt

May 11th SUE FARRELL & JJEANNE KMIEC 39 Points May 18th GERRY ROGERS 41 Points May 25th MARTY MARTIN 38 Points See you in the Fall!



#### **GOLF**

Jane McKenzie

Watch for details, as we will resume in the FALL. Jane McKenzie 727-474-5705 (home) 651-353-2602 (cell) jgmckenzie4647@gmail.com.

#### LINE DANCING

Helen Coar

Line Dancing is a great way to spend an hour on WEDNESDAY evenings. Learn a new dance, hear great tunes, laugh with neighbors and get your groove on at 7pm. For further information, call Helen Coar at 727 726-3923. From beginner to expert, males and females..... you won't want to miss this fun night!

#### MAH JONGG

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. Plays all Summer.

#### RUMMY KUB® (RummyO), (RummyO)

Nancy Ellis

Join us **WEDNESDAY** evenings at 7:00 in the club house for Rummy Kub. For information call Nancy Ellis at 796-8528. Interest is growing...we are now up to four tables in season!! We play all summer!

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#### **SHUFFLING**

Bob Barr

See You Next Season!

#### **TABLE TENNIS**

Dave Hunkins

Call Dave Hunkins for information 669-0503. **WEDNESDAYS** at 7:00 pm. Let's consider a "telephone tree" or an email notification system so we know how many players are expected....

#### TRAVEL CLUB

Judy Young

Suggestions for future trips are always welcome and your thoughts should be communicated to Judy Young (727-725-2090). Details are posted on the bulletin Board in the clubhouse, or view the information online <a href="https://www.mybriarcreek.com">www.mybriarcreek.com</a> under "Travel".

#### PHASE 1 UPCOMING EXCURSIONS:

- **JANUARY 14, 2018** Oasis of the Seas out of Port Canaveral to 7 Night Cruise to St. Maarten, San Juan and Labadee
- MARCH 5-10, 2018 NEW DATES!! Biloxi/New Orleans 6 Days, \$449/pp dbl. Includes transportation, 5 nights lodging, 5 breakfasts, 3 dinners, guided tour of Bay St. Louis, 2 casinos, admission to Mardi Gras World, Mississippi Riverboat Cruise, National Museum of Naval Aviation and much more!

....Listen for announcements at Wednesday Social Hour or check the bulletin board for further information!

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Contact: Karen Johnson 727-686-0161 or Roz Lucas 727-385-3010

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#### WATER AEROBICS

Mary Kay Brown

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#### **ZUMBA CLASSES**

Elaine Harsh

**Zumba classes are returning on THURSDAYS this month!** Check the bulletin board in the clubhouse for date and time! Classes held in the Phase 2 clubhouse.

#### **DID YOU KNOW.....?**

• That Kathleen Cory is the owner of a special plant that only blooms one night every year? True! She caught the one 2017 appearance:

# Night Blooming Cereus

#### **CAUGHT BEING A GOOD NEIGHBOR**

A good neighbor is a priceless treasure Chinese Proverb

- STEVE AND MARY BOURQUE are block watchers! Three neighbors thank you for checking on their homes as they traveled in May!
- Petite **DOTTIE SULLIVAN-DOYLE** seen bringing garbage pails as big as she is up a neighbor's driveway! Thank you!
- MARGE GROHSKOPF and KAREN JOHNSON could own a 'Two Girl's and a Truck' franchise!.....they did a wonderful job packing up a long time neighbor who is relocating to Ohio (we will miss you, DON MEEK). Keep on truckin'!



- GEORGIA DOUGLAS continues to collect gently used men's and women's clothes for the Women's Crisis Center in Largo...and yes, there are men at risk, too as Georgia reminds us
- ELAINE HARSH collects pet food, blankets and towels for the Sun Coast Animal Shelter the fur babies love her there!

#### CHATIGNY'S WELCOME GRANDCHILDREN!

**Editor** 

¬rank and Betty Chatigny of Fox Trail Court recently met their grandchildren! The Frank, ✓ Jr and L'il Betty pits were lovingly planted two years ago by Liz Raucci from avocados the Chatignys' raised from birth, harvested, and offered to BC residents. The mature tree on their property was nurtured by them from a pit itself and, over the past several years, has produced quite a lot of absolutely delicious avocados! If any other residents have Chatigny offspring, please let Frank and Betty know! Congratulations Grandma and Grandpa!





#### REFLECTIONS OF BRIAR CREEK

Linda Eddington

hil and I had the good fortunate to travel to Ireland, Scotland and spend two weeks with cousins in England during the month of May. The landscape we saw was beautiful, the historical sites were thought provoking and the time with relatives was thoroughly enjoyable. We learned a lot about the troubles in Ireland, the history of the country and drank a lot of what they are famous for, Guinness. In Scotland we saw more historical places and went to the Loch Ness. No monster was sited although the beauty of the water and the mountains is breathtaking. We watched World War II movies in England, saw remaining Royal Air Force bases from WW2 and damaged buildings in London. It was touching to be in the country just before the 73rd anniversary of D-Day.

The month gave me a new appreciation for being home, my friendly neighbors, the priceless value of travel, caring relatives, what we can learn from history and herstory, and the sacrifice service men and women gave for our country's freedom as we celebrate the 4th of July.

"Those who won our independence believed liberty to be the secret of happiness and courage to be the secret of liberty." Louis D Brandeis



#### **HURRICAINE SEASON**

# 2 in a CONTINUING SERIES of ARTICLES:

(CHECK YOUR "ROCK BOX" FOR THE ACCOMPANYING HURRICAINE NEWSPAPER OBTAINED FROM THE COUNTY FOR PHASE 1 RESIDENTS BY PAT RIVERA. KEEP IT AS A HANDY REFERENCE)

#### IT ONLY TAKES ONE!

Patricia Rivera (Phase 1)

One what? Lottery ticket? BINGO number? 50/50 ticket? Raffle ticket? Yes but also...

One Hurricane! For an unprecedented 11 years (2005 - 2016) Florida has been spared from any hurricanes making landfall. Messing with Mother Nature can be a game of craps, though. All recognized forecast predictions are coming in lower than normal for 2017. That's a good thing, but then through in the unpredictability of reputed El Nino and everything is up for grabs again.

What we need to do is be prepared! Better to be over prepared and not need to batten down or evacuate than be caught off guard and un-prepared.

Here are a few things to keep in mind and have ready to "Grab and Go":

- Have a Plan.
- Keep your car's gas tank full during June 1 November 30 Hurricane Season
- Emergency checklist items:

Pillow, blankets, sleeping bag (comfortable sleeping supplies to use in shelter)

Freeze dried food or tuna, peanut butter, etc.

Drinking water

Flashlight with extra batteries

Battery operated radio with extra batteries

Charged up cell phone with charger (solar charger if you have one)

Medications

Hand sanitizer/baby wipes

Important documents

Cash

Games, books, puzzles, something to pass time

• It is also a good idea to "buddy up" with neighbors so that someone knows where you are or will be.

Here is a list of nearby public shelters if we need to evacuate our homes:

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- 4. Pet Friendly Shelters: Dunedin Highland Middle School; 70 Patricia Ave; Dunedin Oak Grove Middle School; 1370 S. Belcher Rd; Clearwater

There is also a large FEMA manual available for information in the 'Book Nook'. Think of it as a research resource – look at it as much as you need too BUT please leave it the 'Book Nook' for others to peruse, as well.

Pinellas County's website is an ideal source of information – if you have internet access at <a href="https://www.Pinellascounty.org">www.Pinellascounty.org</a> Look for the Emergency Management tab.

Remember: Prepare! Plan to Grab and Go! Buddy Up! Be safe! Let's not get caught out in the storm!



"VOLUNTEER", verb: To choose to act in recognition of a need, with an attitude of social responsibility and without concern for monetary profit, going beyond one's basic obligations. From: "By the People: A History of Americans as Volunteers"

CONTINUING SERIES OF ARTICLES FEATURING SOME OF THE PHASE 1 and 2 BRIAR CREEK RESIDENTS WHO GIVE OF THEIR TIME AND HEARTS BY VOLUNTEERING. WHILE WE RECOGNIZE THEM FOR THEIR SELFLESSNESS, WE WRITE ABOUT THEM TO POSSIBLY INSPIRE OTHERS TO DO THE SAME!

# VOLUNTEERING OPENS HEARTS, DOORS, EYES AND PERSPECTIVE – AND IS GOD FOR YOUR SOUL!

Pat Rivera

"Can I get a volunteer to..." We have all been in the room when that request is expressed.



Some hands fly up before the request is completed while others slink down in their chairs, firmly slipping their hands under their bottoms. Thinking back to my first volunteer assignment, I had no idea what I was doing other than spending one-on-one time with my single mom (of eight). We knocked on doors, handing out buttons for Ike and Stevenson (I think). I was about four or five. Mom created a volunteer junkie. Admittedly, some volunteer gigs are more fun than others; the dip tank at the village fish fry was probably the most daring. Yes, I got dunked. It was hot and I lived a block away so it was worth the dip.

Volunteering is a way to invest. The 4-H pledge still influences my choices; I pledge my Head to clearer thinking, my Heart to greater loyalty; my Hands to larger service; my Health to better living for my club, my community, my country and my world. Wow! I was ten years old the first time I took the pledge. It only now occurred to me how deeply ingrained it became.

Most of us in Briar Creek are retired. Some of us are more active than others. There are so many ways volunteering can be performed – some with more thought than effort. Dropping non-perishables in the box for the food pantry, dropping a few dollars of winnings in the cash box for the same cause; helping set-up or clean-up after a gathering, etc. Donating clothes or other no longer used/needed items, the possibilities are almost endless.

My personal choices at this stage in my life are Empath, Sun Coast Hospice and my church. The volunteer opportunities are for hospice are many and varied. Something for everyone. <a href="https://empathhealth.org/get-involved/volunteer/">https://empathhealth.org/get-involved/volunteer/</a> Check out their website for training schedules, locations, and needs at each one.

My choices include manning the welcome desk and the Care Center, sitting with patients in their final hours perhaps because they have no family or just because ... Through my involvement I have had opportunities to become certified in Reiki, and basic aromatherapy, both techniques can be employed for patients' comfort. I consider it a privilege to be present when needed. I also visit nursing homes with hospice beds and sit during the transitional stage of life – death is imminent. Sometimes, the family needs support, a hug, a few words of comfort, etc. Not everyone is comfortable at such times. There are many ways to participate, though.

The Empath Sun Coast system has three re-sale shops, all manned by volunteers. Patients may need a ride to doctor's appointments; family members/caregivers may need a couple of hours to run errands, etc. There are adult day care centers in need of volunteers...endless opportunities for a myriad of interests. Many of the volunteers are seasonal, so the summer months often result in being short-staffed for some volunteer posts.

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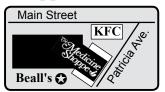
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#### **Briar Creek Bugle Phase II – JUNE 2017**

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

#### **Travel Club**

Karen Johnson & Roz Lucas

I everyone, we don't have much to report this month. If anyone still is thinking about Dollywood, please call. Not sure what is still available but we can try. Final payment is due in August. New Orleans is filling up fast so get your names on the list for that. We are planning a few small local trips and we will keep you informed of them soon. Thanks again for all your support. Roz and Karen

#### **Entertainment**

Marge Grohskopf

The 50/50 sent off a check for \$100 to the WOUNDED WARRIORS. We had two winners of \$40 each Marsha Bowlby and Jim Foster. The food drive was successful with a car load of groceries to the Safety Harbor Family Center. And of course a thousand laughs during "Let's Make A Deal" all in all a very successful and enjoyable day. Thanks for your participation.

Bunco will be on July 27th. Please sign up or call Marge. Bunco is cancelled if we do not have a minimum of 16 players. Dessert is served at 6:30 and we begin playing at 7:00. Bunco is a very simple game to learn if you have never played.





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#### **Bingo**

Marsha Bowlby



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There will be a hot dog dinner before Bingo starts, from 4:00 to 5:00.

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So come on down for an evening of Bingo... you might even get to shout "BINGO"

#### **Condo Board**

Mike Lucas

#### A reminder to all residents

Overnight Parking in the street is NOT allowed.

<u>Daytime Parking</u> – please Park on ONE SIDE of the street in your area. This will keep our streets open for Emergency Vehicles.

<u>Visitor Parking</u> is at the clubhouse on the side of the shuffleboard courts, (grassy area). Please put the VISITORS PASS in the front windshield. Residents who do not have the pass can contact a board member. Parking in an empty carport is NOT allowed without permission.

No inoperable vehicles, nor vehicles without a current state license plate, are permitted in your driveway, on your lot, or on the street at any time.

STOP at ALL STOP SIGNS, and, our SPEED LIMIT is <u>15MPH</u>. Your help is greatly appreciated.

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"conform to and abide by the By-Laws and Uniform Regulations" in of our Park. I suggest you get out your copies of those documents and review them. Some people have a false conception that our rules don't apply to them!!!

Lastly, if you plan to be away for several days or more, please turn off your water main and your Hot Water tank, it would be an in-imaginable mess to return to your home and find the water had been inundating your home.

#### **Condo Board**

Tom Feeley - Vice President

here has been a massive increase of rodents that have been observed in Phase II over the past two weeks. Director Russo has been setting out traps as calls have been coming in concerning the rodents not only on a resident's property, but in and under their home. Upon our investigation into the matter, we found that some residents are feeding birds by either bird feeders and just throwing the bird feed on the ground. The feeding of birds is not a good idea as the feed draws animals with legs to include rats, squirrels, opossums, raccoons and armadillos. These animals carry various diseases, making this a health hazard.

#### -PLEASE DO NOT PUT OUT ANY TYPE OF FOOD OR FEED-

On June 9, 2017 the board of directors held a special meeting that was properly posted. At this time, all modifications on the agenda concerning the island in front of the clubhouse and the removal of the planters on the clubhouse were postponed. The board of directors did approve the proposal for repairs to all six planters, repairs of three exterior window sills and repairs to be conducted on the pool shower enclosure. The board also approved a beautification project to include the installation of various tropical drought resistant plants to be installed in the planters. The areas located in the front of the clubhouse will be renovated to include the removal of the grass, with new tropical plants, palm trees, weed preventer and stone to be installed. The two down spouts that run off the rain gutter will be piped into the ground to a collection container that enables the rain water to spill out without eroding the surrounding area. The board further approved the removal of the existing palm trees and shrubs in the island area. New tropical Andonidia palms and ground flowers will be installed.

The painting of the clubhouse will not happen until the roofs on the clubhouse and garage are completed in early 2018.

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#### **Volunteering in the Community**

Marge Grohskopf

enjoy volunteering within my Briar Creek community, but had a need to spend time serving my outer community. I stumbled across "Random Acts of Flowers" a volunteer program that recycles flowers (donated by grocery stores, florists, weddings, luncheons, funerals) creating beautiful bouquets and deliver them to healthcare facilities throughout the Tampa Bay area. There is nothing more rewarding than knowing you are bringing a smile to a face that is enduring a trying time.

As volunteers there are several different jobs. Prepping flowers, arranging, delivering, and collecting vases and cleaning vases. A job available for anyone. Our Dunedin location (one of 4 throughout the US) sends out 300-400 bouquets weekly. We have exceeded 25,000 deliveries. If you would like to know more about RAF you can call 727-754-7974 or <a href="https://www.RAFTampaBay.org">www.RAFTampaBay.org</a>. An organization never has too many volunteers.

I thought there was nothing greater than spending time arranging flowers until I had the opportunity to walk through a room of chemo patients and hand each person a bouquet of flowers and bring a moments joy into their day. RAF has given more to me than I have given to them.

We are always in need of vases. If you have any vases you would like to donate I have a Plastic Tub in my carport or leave them at my door. Marge Grohskopf, 97 Briarwood Place.

Please read the article from Pat Rivera about being a Hospice Volunteer in the front section of the Media

Residents in Phase 1 & 2 please contact Marge Grohskopf and tell us about your volunteering experience. Make us aware of what is out there if we would like to contribute some of our time.

#### **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.



#### **Ladies' Luncheon**

Carol Smitley

he July 19th Luncheon is scheduled to be held at Glory Days Grill, (formerly Lee Roy Selmons) 34200 U. S. Highway 19 N., Palm Harbor. I am always trying to find new places for us to go. It is between Nebraska and Alderman on the west side of 19. This is opened to all Briar Creek ladies and friends. Remember it is at 1:00. The sign-up sheet is in the hallway.

### **Special Finance/Spend Money Wisely**

Jean Schmidt

#### Request Guidelines to make a Social Club purchase request:

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- 5. The Special Finance Committee, the Social Committee Board, and the Condo Board members are NOT responsible to implement your motion, (Such as pick up, installation, plantings, cement pouring, etc.). They MAY volunteer to help you.
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-Monthly Media Staff

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#### **Birthdays and Anniversaries**

Pete Loranger

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7/02	Lorne Gifford	7/04/1964	Sonny & Betty Whitehouse – 53 years
7/03	John Miller	7/05/1948	Al & Irene Willette – 69 years
7/06	Frank Capone	7/08/1961	Paul & Judy Spencer – 56 years
7/06	Bob Lau	7/09/1994	Ray & Barbara Bergling – 23 years
7/07	Robert Ducharme	7/10/1943	Raimundo & Aidee Colina – 74 years
7/10	Kay Becker	7/10/1965	Richard & Lois Howd – 52 years
7/12	Frances Brown	7/11/1970	Kenneth & Theresa Fox − 47 years
7/13	Roger Kolvek	7/12/1997	Bill & Eileen Rollins – 20 years
7/13	Lew Waters	7/13/1957	John & Mary Ronan – 60 years
7/14	Clark Woodard	7/14/1967	Ron & Ellie Prevost – 50 years
7/15	Lois Howd	7/14/2012	Joe & Karola Haines – 5 years
7/16	James Foster	7/15/1972	Lorne & Marie Gifford – 45 years
7/20	Lois Shepard	7/25/1964	Sal & Carol Centamore – 53 years
7/22	Richard Namadan	64	No. 18 Mar. 1999
7/22	Annette Pierce	2	HADDY
7/22	Birdie Lea Smith	/II	
7/23	Theresa Fox	4	MUIVERSARY
7/29	Rick Cargill		AN AN

If your info is missing – Pete L has not received a RESIDENT INFO SHEET- also, let me know of any errors.

### **Area Reps**

Editor

It is time to thank the people who get your Monthly Media (BUGLE) to you each month. The Media does not just appear at your mailbox. These people are out there monthly in the cold, heat and rain to be sure you get your issue. They even try to watch the weather so you get a dry issue!!!!! These are the resident/volunteers/area reps:

Dottie Frederich and Kim Phillips

Ed and Lyn Hoage....covered by Carol Smitley while they are away

June and Larry VanWormer

Joan Davis

Earl Bowermaster

Arlene Lambert

ALL of Briar Creek II thank you for your dedication in delivering the news to all residents.



#### Start thinking!

all will be upon us quickly – Time to start thinking and planning on events that will return: Pinochle – Euchre – Shuffle – Bocce - Bingo – Monthly Mingle – Bowling – Briarettes', Bazaar, Ladies' Luncheon, Golf, etc. If anyone involved in these or others and want to submit info for the August Media, submit the info/article to Pete by July 13th.

### **Safety Harbor's 100th Anniversary as an Incorporated City Sheena Lee**

Tune 17th, 2017 is the 100th anniversary of the official incorporation of Safety Harbor as a city, and according to the opening article in REAL magazine (Recreation, Events, Arts and Leisure) available at the Safety Harbor Public Library, during those 100 years the population of the city has grown from 200 to nearly 17,000 people.

The following brief history is taken from the City of Safety Harbor's website (<a href="http://www.cityofsafetyharbor.com/614/Celebrating-100-Years">http://www.cityofsafetyharbor.com/614/Celebrating-100-Years</a>).

A historic settlement on the northwest edge of Old Tampa Bay, Safety Harbor is celebrating its Centennial (or 100th Birthday). Although inhabited long before the 20th century, Safety Harbor officially incorporated in 1917 and began its tumultuous history as one of Tampa Bay's quaint but growing cities.

Originally settled by the Tocobaga tribe, prehistoric Safety Harbor served as one of the largest settlements in their chiefdom. However, the introduction of Spanish explorers in 1528 gave way to folklore surrounding the local area and mineral springs—many of which is still commonly discussed today. One of the most enduring symbols of Safety Harbor remain our mineral springs. According to local folklore, they were named the Espiritu Santo Springs in 1539 by Hernando de Soto during his search for the famed Fountain of Youth. Ever since, the mineral springs have acted as one of the many attractions which lured residents and tourists alike to Safety Harbor.

Homesteaders, including some of our area's most well-known founding families, followed the Spanish. In fact, one of Pinellas County's most famous homesteaders, Odet Philippe, settled in the area around 1823 and established his homestead in what is present-day Philippe Park. Folklore quickly built up around Philippe, but he remains most well-known for his contributions to the local citrus industry—a booming industry throughout most of Florida's modern history. Through his introduction of grapefruit, he joined other pioneer families such as the Booths and McMullens in establishing Safety Harbor and Pinellas County—the land of pines.

Officially incorporating in 1917, Safety Harbor met with a series of troublesome events including a fire that destroyed much of Main Street and the surrounding areas, a hurricane which floated portions of the pier into downtown, and the financial troubles that followed the



Land Boom. Surviving both World War I and II, Safety Harbor grew into the town we know today—a quaint community of neighbors where history and heritage come alive.

In addition to listing all the activities for all ages and the special events taking place, the REAL magazine includes a few photos and interesting facts about the city. For example, in 1925 Safety Harbor opened its own movie theatre called the Alden Theatre in a building where the current public library is now.

Another place to learn more about the history of Safety Harbor and participate in the events marking the anniversary is the Safety Harbor Museum (329 Bayshore Boulevard).

#### Life in the Park

Christa DeLeon Reprinted per the author's permission from her publication in 2010

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Slowly now the storm abates Not much longer it can last Until the rains completely stop And the mighty storm has past

Wood storks waiting patiently
Until the weather subsides
Step by step they walk in tandem
Searching for 'after the storm' delights



### What do you really know about Odet Philippe?

I'm sure we all know that Philippe Park in downtown Safety Harbor is named after Odet Philippe and most visitors to the park will have read the Memorial Stone honoring him. But what about the real story of Odet Philippe (1787-1869)? How much is real and how much is myth?

The often quoted history says that Philippe was the first non-native settler in Pinellas County and that the 160 acres of his former estate which he called St Helena is now Philippe Park. He is also credited being a "doctor of noble birth" who introduced grapefruit to Florida and cigar making to Ybor City. Many sources also repeat the stories that he was a childhood friend and schoolmate of Napoleon, a nephew of King Louis XVI, and a surgeon in the French army.

The most credible history of Philippe is a book written by Allison DeFoor, a direct descendant of Philippe. Mr. DeFoor is a seventh generation Floridian who has served as a lawyer, county and circuit judge and as sheriff. In 1990 he was the Republican nominee for Lt Governor of Florida, holds degrees in geography, criminology, and law and the last references I found say he now serves as an Episcopal priest in prison ministry.

Defoor argues that it is true that Philippe Park is located in the grounds of Philippe's St Helena estate, where he planted grapefruits he had brought to Florida from Cuba, and that there are records that do credit him with introducing cigar making to Tampa.

According to DeFoor the other claims don't hold up. Philippe is unlikely to have been a childhood schoolmate of Napoleon given the 17 year difference in their ages; he was not a nephew of Louis XVI, and it is unlikely he was a professionally trained doctor (one of his peers in Charleston called Philippe a medical quack).

Philippe's first business dealings in the USA were in Charleston, where Defoor says records show that he made many illegal transactions in the slave trade. By 1830 Philippe had moved to Key West where, according to rumors, he worked with the pirate John Gomez in the slave smuggling business. Defoor says Philippe's involvement with Gomez was never quite proved true, along with his dealings in the slave trade - though this endeavor was highly likely." Defoor also confirmed that the first non-native resident of Pinellas County was black and that owning slaves "was certainly customary in Philippe's era even for a free black man".

One story about Philippe that all records agree is true is that during the major hurricane in 1848, Philippe and his family took shelter on the Indian Mound in the grounds of his estate. The Mound of course still exists though not recommended as a safe place to head for refuge during a hurricane.

(Sources: Wikipedia, South Tampa Magazine July 2014, seesafetyharbor.com, ABrief History of Florida by Firschen and Kepner, and Odet Philippe: Peninsula Pioneer by Allison DeFoor).



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