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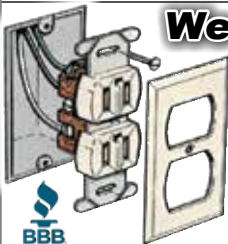
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Important Phone Numbers

Briar Creek emergency information - (727) 726-7651

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BOARD BUSINESS and UPDATES

Recap of 2021 Annual Meeting Briar Creek I

Thank you to all who attended our Annual Meeting on December 7, 2020. A great big thank you to all who submitted their Proxy in advance to ensure that our Annual Meeting could take place.

There were 196 proxy forms returned and here are the results. As to our funding of **Reserves**, full funding or less than full funding, 191 voted for less than full funding for 97.45%. For the **lower level of audit** versus the higher level of audit, 188 voted for the low level of audit for 95.92%. Please note that this does not mean we are not audited. Progressive Management must conduct the highest level of audit and we would just be paying for what has already been done.

As for the **proposal to amend the by-laws** to only allow individual(s) to purchase property in our community, 182 voted to limit purchases to individuals and not allow a corporation or LLC to purchase for 92.86%. For the **proposal to increase the late fee on monthly dues**, 183 voted for the increase to \$25.00 for 93.37%.

Officers were elected as follows:

Jeff Clark - President

Al Hartin - Treasurer

Kim Stoltz - Vice-President

Connie Holmes - Secretary

Once again, thank you for a job well done.

Connie Holmes - Secretary

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Things do change regularly and so does your Board of Directors (BOD). Every year, three or four of the existing Board members must decide whether to remain for another term or step down and other owners/residents then join the board to replace them. This year has seen many changes with two of our original members resigning during their term. Gene Arend was appointed to fill the unexpired term of one member and the other position was left vacant for the owners to fill at the annual election. Ray Jablonski chose to step down as a director after many years of great service. Roy O'Neill chose to step down as he is 'stranded in Canada' due to Covid-19 restrictions. Connie Holmes chose to remain for another term. As there were no more than four candidates needed, all four were elected by acclamation.

Your new BOD is made up of Al Hartin, Pat Rivera, Connie Holmes, Gene Arend, Jeff Clark, Lynn Lijewski and Kim Stoltz. Jeff had previously been elected for a second term but resigned during that term. Lynn Lijewski is new to the Board but is not a new face to Briar Creek as she has been involved in many things throughout her years of ownership here. Kim Stoltz moved to Briar Creek over a year ago and chose to step up and work for her community.

A list of Directors and their contact information will be placed on the Directors' Bulletin Board at the Clubhouse. This information is also listed in this month's Bugle (Monthly Media). It will also be included in the new edition of the Dial Directory the next time it is printed. Thank you for serving your community.

WELCOME to each and every member of the Board of Directors. Please note their respective areas of responsibility and contact information.

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Everyone with a water problem of any kind automatically called Ray. He has been the unsung hero to many homeowners in Briar Creek I. From personal experience and memory, I remember one fantastic event/dinner being held at our Clubhouse and there was a major water break on Birch Creek. Ray worked ALL day and into the late evening to resolve the issue so residents would have water. Ray's wife, Carolyn, prepared a 'to go' plate for Ray to eat whenever he finished the job. Ray finally arrived at the dinner when everyone else was finished eating but the water problem was fixed. Yes, we gave him a standing ovation!

It's not only the visible side of Ray for which we are thankful. Ray knows where all the underground utilities are located and has always been available to help owners with architectural requests to avoid a problem later for the owner and the community. Ray volunteers at least two hours on Wednesdays and Saturdays working at BC Mart. The pay for all of this is "out of this world". We could never pay for all Ray has done and continues to do and, he does it all because that's just 'who he is'. A man of integrity, a man who loves his fellow man and his community. A man to whom we owe a great deal of thanks since he has saved our community a lot of money which has kept our maintenance fees lower.

Ray is not quitting, he is just stepping down from the Board of Directors. He has done so much for Briar Creek and will continue to do so. With respect to the water system maintenance, he will work with a new committee to share his vast knowledge of the system and of Briar Creek I.

Ray does not know this is being written. He volunteers and works hard and long hours without expecting any thanks, all because of who he is a man of great measure! THANK YOU RAY.



JANUARY 2021 BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Betty Chatigny

Attached are the January birthdays and anniversaries. If anyone notices any needed corrections/changes, please let me and Pat Dion know ASAP. Sometimes people's names fall through the cracks. Questions? Please let me know.

Betty 727-216-3874

Late DECEMBER Birthday

December 30 Dee Corricelli



BIRTHDAYS

January	1	Tana Wagner
January	1	Dick Breslin
January	1	Michael Haines
January	3	Flo Bombardier
January	3	Patricia Fontaine
January	3	Mary Cary
January	3	Lee Lahr
January	3	Michael Neary
January	5	Andy Philyaw
January	5	Bobby Styles
January	12	Alice Hall

January	12	Michael Kusovich
January	15	Gregory McBride
January	16	Betty Miller
January	16	William Zisa
January	17	Nina Harper
January	18	Tom Grimes
January	19	Maggi Concannon
January	20	David Holmes
January	21	Karen Molyneux
January	22	Diane Corr
January	23	Patricia Rivera
January	30	Ronald Covey

ANNIVERSARIES

January	24	Phil & Naomi Fiacable
January	29	Gary & Pauline Hoad 1965



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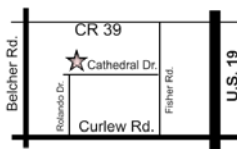
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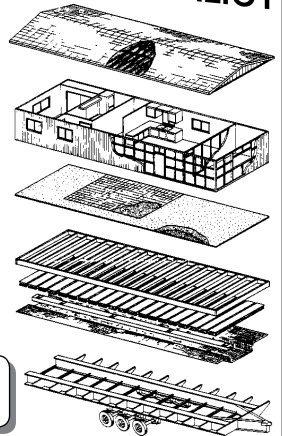
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Kim Stoltz

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for lawn maintenance. My cell number is (815) 514-1110 and I can be reached from 9am - 5pm, Monday through Friday. Please feel free to contact me with any concerns or questions you may have.

January mowing dates:

Tuesday, January 12

Tuesday, January 26



Hope everyone has a safe and wonderful New Year!

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Dave Doran and Ray Jablonski

We will continue to open on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10am to noon as we all begin a new year. There will be more specials and maybe monthly garage sale specials. Please make sure that your friends are aware of your store since it is open to everyone with bargains and new arrivals weekly. Who knows what surprises we may have for you!

WELCOMING COMMITTEE OF BRIAR CREEK 1

Dave Doran



If you bought your home in Briar Creek I in the last year and have not received a letter welcoming you, please contact either one of us and we will make sure you get one. It provides a time when we can meet with you. We have some great welcoming gifts, information and we can also answer any questions you might have. Due to Covid-19, our Welcome Meetings have been held at the clubhouse or even outside so we can approach it safely. The important part is, we do not want to miss connecting with new owners so please let us know if you are one of them.

Donna Hartin (727) 229-8805

Dave Doran (585) 329-3827

FREDDY FLAMINGO

We begin our new year with some new faces on the Board of Directors (BOD). It's important to remember that the Board represents you, the homeowners and residents of Briar Creek I. The Board members have rules and laws they must abide by and if they do not, we as a community can lose our condominium status.



When there is a meeting scheduled, there's always an agenda for the meeting. Each owner can sign up to get on the agenda to speak about a topic during the assigned time. You cannot however use that agenda time to talk about issues other than the one you signed up for. Board members will always make time to listen to your issue or suggestion but you need to sign up and get on the agenda in advance. By handling meetings correctly and efficiently, so much can be accomplished. This builds trust and a good relationship with the community. Please remember, if you have a question, always ask a Board member.

FANNY FLAMINGO

We will get through this Covid-19 pandemic if we all use common sense by wearing a mask, washing our hands often and keeping a safe distance. Briar Creek has worked very hard to restart some activities at the Clubhouse by providing protocols, safe seating, sanitizer, even a mask if you forget yours. This works and before long, more activities will be restarted, when possible, along with all the other amenities that Briar Creek has to offer. Quite frankly, I am getting tired of flying around and seeing no one, I'm sick of it!

Let us all stay safe and be guided by the scientists and medical people who work so hard to keep us safe and informed.

MEN'S POKER TABLE

Gene Arend

Takes place every Thursday from 5:30 to 7 pm. Please note that while Covid-19 continues to hang around, the maximum number of players is limited to eight (8).



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DIAL DIRECTORY

Helen Coar



Listed below are the monthly updates to the Dial Directory. If you are just returning to Briar Creek and have not received the 2020-2021 Directory give me a call at 726-3923. Remember to make these changes to your copy of the Directory.

NEW RESIDENTS

Jacqueline M. Currier
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William R. Zisa
90 Jacaranda Dr.
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Michael & Evangeline Haines
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E-951-201-6851

Jean Catchpole
61 Sugar Bear Dr.
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A FEW FUNNIES – TIME TO SMILE

- The dumbest thing I ever bought was a 2020 planner.
- 2019: Stay away from negative people. 2020: Stay away from positive people.
- This morning I saw a neighbor talking to her dog. It was obvious she thought her dog understood her. ||How silly! I came into my house and told my cat. We laughed a lot.
- Every few days try your jeans on just to make sure they fit. Pajamas will have you believe all is well in the kingdom.
- Does anyone know if we can take showers yet or should we just keep washing our hands?
- This virus has done what no woman has been able to do. Cancel sports, shut down all bars and keep men at home!
- I never thought the comment, “I wouldn’t touch him/her with a 6-foot pole” would become a national policy, but here we are!
- I need to practice social-distancing from the refrigerator.
- I hope the weather is good tomorrow for my trip to the Backyard. I’m getting tired of the



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 2. How dense the population is.

WHAT'S GOING ON IN BRIAR CREEK THESE DAYS

PLEASE NOTE:

1. All Social Club **activities** now taking place in the Clubhouse are subject to the rules and guidelines as posted on the cork board inside the Clubhouse. PLEASE be sure to read them. If you choose to participate in any of the activities which are listed in this month's Bugle Calendar, be aware that these are the MINIMUM guidelines for participation.
2. All Social Club activities now taking place in the Clubhouse are still restricted to Phase I residents only.
3. **Looking for new activity leaders** - We now have several people retiring after many years of leading activities at the Clubhouse for our residents. If you would like to co-ordinate an activity, whether it's a pre-existing or new activity, and have fun while doing so, please contact the retiring leader or an officer of the Social Club. These people and their phone numbers are listed on the front and/or back inside cover of the Bugle. We are currently seeking leaders for BINGO, CRAFTS, BRIDGE as well as for other activities so that when the time is right, these activities can be restarted/started and included in our weekly calendar. Don't be shy, step up to volunteer so that our many activities can resume as soon as protocols and the virus situation permits.



EUCHRE

Margo Keyes

Euchre is resuming at the Phase I Clubhouse every Thursday, starting December 3rd at 6:30pm. Bring a mask, fifty cents worth of nickels for euchres and a happy smile.

I am taking over as leader of the Euchre activity for Phil and Mary Houpt.

Margo (518) 528-3227

BINGO VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



For many, many years now, Jean Richter efficiently organized Bingo games for large crowds of residents from Phase I as well as some from Phase II. It's a very popular activity in our community. Those who attended had a lot of fun every week. Jean, along with a group of volunteers and husband Jerry who always helped out, were there to ensure everything ran smoothly. Jean has now retired from this position and is looking for a volunteer, or a group of volunteers, to take over leading this activity. She will train you to ensure a smooth transition so the activity can resume as soon as safe protocols/guidelines are established and the Covid situation permits.

TRAVEL CLUB

Gene Arend



Although current travel is facing some new challenges, a team from Briar Creek has been formed.

The team consists of Carol Keller-Michaelis, Donna Hartin, Jo Ann Barr, Gene Arend and Toni Beaton. We have met on a few occasions and held a meeting with some of our Briar Creek members. We have collected many ideas for future travel and have even planned a few events. Our Travel Club, sponsored by Briar Creek Social Club 1 Community 1, Inc., is open to all residents of Briar Creek and their family and friends. If you wish to have your name added to our e-mail notifications, please send your name/s to www.upcsportshub.com. You will then periodically receive information on travel plans.

On January 23rd, we have planned a day at the beach from 11am to 4pm at the Fred Howard Park. Then optional dinner at Frenchie's at the end of the day. While a sign up is not required, we do encourage it since we will carpool to the beach. When you arrive at the beach, look for the "Fun in the Sun" banner shown on the Poster on our web page.

On February 28th, we have planned the Early Bird Dinner Theatre at 49th Street and Ulmerton Road. Dinner is at 4pm and the show to follow is "Over the River and Thru the Woods".

We are also looking to do a day trip to EPCOT Center one day during the week of April 11th, a morning at Sunken Gardens with lunch afterwards in late April or early May. We are also planning a cruise in the 1st quarter of 2022 details of which will follow later. There are other ideas and plans you can read about by visiting www.upcsportshub.com and click on "Travel Club". As you can see, we have planned outdoor events or events at a facility that is providing excellent social distancing and other measures for our first few events. For more information see our webpage and contact us so we can add you to our emailing list. If you don't have access to email, we'll figure something out. Email is just the quickest and simplest way for us to communicate and send information

“SHOWTIME” MONEY TO BE RETURNED

Wednesday, December 9 from 10 am to 11:30 am, Marge and Carol will be outside the clubhouse to return Showtime money paid for the March 2020 show. \$10 per ticket will be returned at this time as one of the 2020 shows was not held. If you have your ticket, please turn it in for a refund. If you can't find your ticket, don't worry, Pete has a full list of people that have paid for tickets.

If you need someone to pick up your money for you, please write a note and have the person collecting your money present it. We will keep a copy of all notes, as in the past we have had issues with giving money to others, and somehow the money doesn't get into the right hands.

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Carol Rodrigues, Entertainment Chairperson

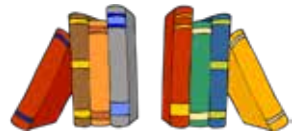
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BRIAR CREEK BOOK CLUB Phase I & Phase II

Jane McKenzie

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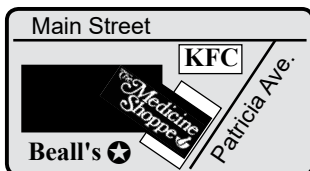
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(Pete Loranger - Editor Phone 421-2321)
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Board of Directors:

Ron Prevost – President

As we move forward into 2021 I am hoping for a much better year. 2020 surely presented its share of challenges.

I would like to thank my board of directors for all of your cooperation, hard work, and diligence in keeping our community healthy and safe during the Covid19 crisis. With following the CDC guidelines, discouraging large gatherings, practicing social distancing, and masking up our community has stayed safe.

The current board I have worked with this year has been one of the most cooperative and helpful ever.

Vice President Tom Feeley has gone over and above what is expected in maintaining our club house and pool area. He has overseen very large projects like the new roof on the club house and garage, new kitchen, new a/c units, road resurfacing and a tremendous number of hours cleaning and sanitizing our pool area to make it safe for our residents.

Treasurer Joan Davis has kept our finances in order and her careful supervision of our funds has allowed our monthly fee to remain the same for another year. She also meets with new residents and makes the transition into our community a pleasant one.

Secretary Jean Schmidt in addition to her regular secretarial duties has been overloaded with outside alteration requests. She and her helpers have spent many hours looking at projects and doing the paperwork so your projects could be completed. In addition she chaired and held meetings of our By-Law Review Committee.

Director Sonny Whitehouse has been vigilant overseeing our lawn cuttings and ponds making sure all areas are taken care of properly. Some of our rainy season created issues to be dealt with and he was on it every week.

Director Butch Miller has conducted home inspections and issued notices to those needing to comply with our documents. This chore will be upcoming again soon so check your property as you are taking down your Holiday decorations for weeds around your homes and in the gutters.

Director Clark Woodward has maintained our garage, exercise room, and recreation areas and all are in order and available for your use.

All of our committees in place have also been very helpful and things have been taken care of as they have occurred.

Again thank you all for assisting me as President. I could not have done it without all of you. I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Ron Prevost, President BCII

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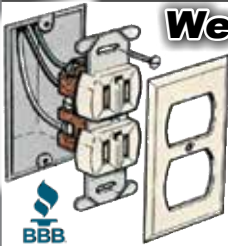
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Jean Schmidt - Condo Secretary/Alterations/Director

Let's start the New Year with our newly elected Board Members in a healthy environment remembering to obey health standards set forth by our state & local government agencies. Hopefully the pandemic will not cause 2021 to be as lonely and isolated as 2020. We all miss our friends and activities but we need to respect those with compromised immune systems in **Briar Creek Phase II**! Although you might be willing to risk your own health to resume social activities, we cannot put our neighbors in jeopardy with careless behavior. I look forward to a harmonious 2021 working with the new Board. The Document Review Committee will be back at work updating, reviewing, and possibly amending our restrictions. Meeting notices, agendas, approved minutes, and open alteration requests are posted on the Condo Bulletin Board. Approved minutes and our by-laws/restrictions are available on our website for your review from home.

Yearly Social Club President's report for 2020

What a year it has been. No one could have predicted the Covid 19 pandemic with all its problems and restrictions hitting our country hard, we in Briar Creek remained unaffected for a while. Luckily, we were able to hold our March 6 and 7 Bazaar. We had a good turn out and didn't need to wear masks. The next week there were restrictions posted and we were closed to outside visitors.

You were asked to bring your own coffee cups to Saturday coffee hour and then sit six feet apart, wearing masks. Fewer and fewer people came to the clubhouse on Saturday mornings so we stopped serving coffee and donuts. Then we stopped the meetings altogether. Those few who stopped in were asked to wear masks, sit six feet apart and wipe down tables with sanitizer when leaving.

In April we agreed with the decision of the Condo Board to limit all our social activities including the Social Club monthly meetings. Travel events were discontinued as were holiday events, bingo, bunco and cards.

Earlier in the year we approved the purchase of new pool chairs. The chairs are in storage until the pandemic is over. Pool noodles were removed, we need to bring our own. Within the pool area a table with sanitizing products was put up and notices were put on the gate to the pool. Golf started again this fall, with restrictions.

The phone directory committee of Art Tavenor and Sheena Lee updated the phone book. The Welcome Committee headed by Brenda Greene met and updated the information given to new residents. Larry Van Wormer audited the treasurer's books and found them in excellent shape. Thank you to Pete. Library helpers sanitized library items. The entertainment committee this fall refunded money collected for events. Stella Tavenor spread ten bags of mulch on the island. Carol Smitley has faithfully set up flags around the clubhouse when appropriate. Sonny and Betty Whitehouse and Pete Foley put up our Christmas decorations and lights. Al

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and Diane Merando will run bingo – sometime. Mary Ronan is our new Sunshine Lady. Travel is doubtful but please check the Media for information. We are looking for a new Historian volunteer. Our Bazaar has been postponed and a new date “to be determined”.

The phone tree and directory have been a big help in keeping everyone informed. Thank you to Marsha Bowlby and Pete Loranger. The Food Pantry collection has received generous donations and takes food to the Food Pantry once a month thanks to Joan Davis, Sonny Whitehouse and Arnold Williams.

Thanks also to the other Social Club Officers for their help during this interesting year. All in all, Briar Creek has stayed fairly Covid free and with cooperation from everyone we will stay healthy.

Sincerely,
Lois Heisdorf

Social Club

Mike Schmidt



As President I hope all is doing well and had a blessed holiday season. Saturday the 16th of January is our regular social club board meeting .Come meet our new social club officers. Meeting will be held at 8:45 am at the club house. Please have your mask and keep 6 ft. apart. I am hoping to have all my committees assigned by the first of the year. Our new president elect (PJ) will be taking any request on the spending of social club monies.

We will be watching CDC guide lines to see when we can once again have functions at the club house. I will stay in contact with our board of directors and relay any information on the opening of social club functions.

Stay Safe and welcome to 2021
President

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Happy New Year Neighbors!

I'm sure we can all agree that 2020 was a very difficult year—from the spread of COVID-19, hospitalizations and deaths from the virus to the closing and restrictions of restaurants and businesses. Missing neighbors that could not return to Sunny Florida to be with those who are here year round. Then, let's not forget that hard-fought election. I've heard this said many times: "I can't wait till 2020 is behind us. 2021 has to be better!" And, I think we can all agree with that sentiment.

In my personal life, I was unable to fly to Michigan to visit my son and grandson. It will have been a full year on New Year's Day since I hugged my little 8-year-old William. Many of you have probably suffered similar difficulties with seeing loved ones and friends.

Another issue for me in 2020 was spending the summer in Portland, Oregon. You probably read about the civil unrest and forest fires raging in and near the city. For 3 days in July, Portland had the worst air quality in the world---yes, you read that right—IN THE WORLD.

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When I think about the past year, I have to admit it wasn't ALL bad, just different. So—here's a good question for everyone: What did we LEARN from 2020? Here's my list: 1) I sewed a quilt, something I had never done before. 2) I sewed "gig bags" from some drapes printed with palm trees. I sent them to friends and family, far and near. 3) I read MANY books and the best ones were: "Where the Crawdads Sing" by Delia Owens, "Year of Wonders" by Geraldine Brooks (about the Black Plague!) and "The Book of Longings" by Sue Monk Kidd. 4) I wrote many poems and short stories. 5) I published a 2nd edition of the book I wrote about my parents, Charles and Dorothy Sollinger (they lived in Briar Creek from 1996-2016) called "Just Where They Wanted to Be: The Story of My Amazing Parents, 2nd Edition" by Ellen Sollinger Walker. 6) I took part in many ZOOM calls, groups, family meetings, and classes. (Thank goodness for ZOOM!!!)

As for me, here are a few things I learned: 1. weekly zoom calls with my siblings are a priceless, 2. house projects get done when you don't travel half the year, 3. friendly safe neighbors are a blessing, 4. live each day with grace and gratitude.

We are both interested to know what YOU learned from 2020. If you would like to share your thoughts or stories, please email one of us (email at top of this article) or write it out and put it in my "rock-box" 88 Laurelwood Dr. We'll include it in our next article (anonymously, if that is your request). Lemons to lemonade---that's 2020!!

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Carol Rodrigues

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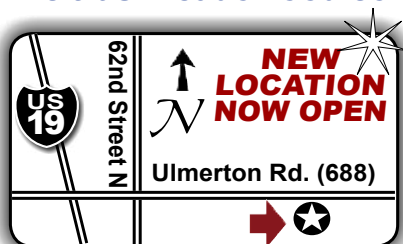
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Ladies' Luncheon

Carol Smitley

Due to Covid 19 it has become very difficult to reserve tables at our favorite restaurants. But I was able to reserve our January 20th luncheon at Johnny's Italian Restaurant, 29070 S. R. 590. Since the clubhouse is open, I will post it in the hallway for you to sign-up. Please remember that I turn in the reservations the Monday before the luncheon.

Briarettes'

Watch the newsletters and phone tree for any info.



Crafts, Knitting, Crocheting

Darlene Beyer

This past year and who knows how much longer, the Covid-19 Pandemic sure has been quite a life adjustment. I personally have been trying to occupy my time with doing for others, from my own home. I'm thankful that I know how to knit, crochet, sew and take care of all the flowers I have outside my northern home to keep me busy.

To bring you up to date, we have enough sets of hats and scarves for the Sheriffs Ranch children at this time, which I want to thank all of you for contributing. They are much appreciated.

Now we would like to switch gears and start making scarves and shawls for the Cancer patients, because you would never believe how cold it is in the Chemo areas. If you haven't sat there with anyone or had to have this treatment yourself, all I can say is that it is quite a Frigid experience. I know that other groups, as well as our group, have been making hats, but I know that scarves and shawls are muchly needed. So what do you say, "lets get our patterns and knitting and crocheting needles out and start making them to give these patients much needed warmth and comfort."

If you need a pattern or yarn, please come to sit and stitch on Mondays at Phase II Clubhouse @ 1:00pm - 3:00pm. If you need help with anything, don't be shy about asking for it. Some of you don't want to sit 6 ft. apart, but please still come to either get a pattern, yarn, help, or just to drop something off that you have made for this great cause. Some people like to work on items in the comfort of their own home, so it's up to you as to where you feel the most comfortable.

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Food Pantry

Joan Davis

The Holidays are over but the need for donations to the Food Pantry is never over. The need to help people goes on. Our January drive will be Thursday January 21st. Time 9-11AM. In front of our clubhouse. The truck will be parked in front. See you all there. Thank you Joan



Humane Society & The Haven

Barbara Bergling

Briar Creek residents are the most generous people I have ever met. Thank you all for your donations to the humane society and to the Haven. During this time few people are traveling, but you are still going to the dentist. If you don't use the toothbrush, floss or toothpaste, consider donating them to the Haven. The Humane Society can always use old bath towels, blankets and decorative pillows that you no longer want. As always, you can drop any contributions off inside my screen room. 93 Briarwood Pl.

Thanks again
Barbara Bergling

Bunco

Marge Grohskopf

THIS INFO IS FOR WHEN THE CLUBHOUSE OPENS



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"	Tom Lacoy	+34 & +37	178 & 181
"	Steve Fontaine	+47	179
"	Vern Browe	+26	149
"	Walter Shumyhora	+54	211
11/24	Alice Williams	+26	146
"	Jim Foster	+39	186
"	Vern Browe	+37	162
"	Ken Homme	+36	183
"	Sue Shumyhora	+32	116
"	Gene Arend	+45	202
"	Mike Moore	+26	183
12/1	Ken Homme	+25	172
"	Barbara Jefferson	+31	167
"	Joan Davis	+29	157
"	Kim Ramalho	+25	109

12/1 NOTE: FIRST DAY OF COLD MORNINGS!!!!

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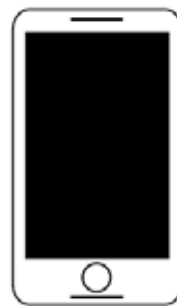
Marsha Bowlby

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Spanish Moss

Jody Larson BCII

You probably know that the tangled, greenish-gray plant that hangs from tree branches is called Spanish moss.

What you might not know is that it's an "air plant"—it absorbs water and minerals from the surroundings rather than with roots. It's not native to Spain, and it's not a moss! It's related to the Bromeliads, a group that includes pineapples.

Spanish moss seeds are carried into trees by the wind, and sometimes pieces may be carried by birds. It does well on tree branches because it's closer to sunlight. Once established, it grows like any plant. Spanish moss doesn't hurt the tree it grows on, although a heavy growth might block sunlight from getting to leaves. It's often seen in sickly trees because there's more room to grow, not because it's made the tree sick. You know you're in the South when you see Spanish moss.

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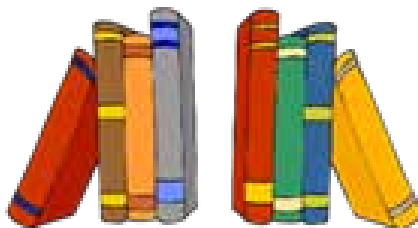


Contact Kathy with any questions

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.

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Please contact me if you are interested or have questions.

Jane McKenzie

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Birthdays and Anniversaries

Pete Loranger

Birthdays

1/01	Bob Bowlby
1/01	Joe Donato
1/01	Carl Tompkins
1/02	Bob Raynor
1/02	Dorenda Zimmer
1/04	Bob Lau
1/05	Ray Bergling
1/07	Paul Spencer
1/07	Olive Shearer
1/07	Christine Maxwell
1/09	Judith Holden
1/11	Shirley Crawford
1/13	Sheena Lee
1/13	Brenda Greene



1/16	Helen Guerino
1/16	Billie Ogradowski
1/18	Barbara Porter
1/18	Betty Whitehouse
1/20	Sandy Gibson
1/20	Joy Thompson
1/23	Ola May VanDette
1/24	Pat Bieniewicz
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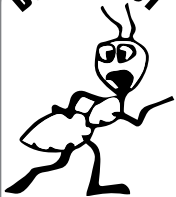
Anniversaries

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