

MARCH 2023 BRIAR CREEK PHASE I NEWS

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Important Phone Numbers

Urgent Care House Calls: 888-908-0553 (or) 813-537-3043 Dispatch Health

Life-threatening emergency - **911**

May be used for wellness check calls 727-582-6200

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

Area Agency on Aging of Pasco-Pinellas 1-800-963-5337

Lift Assist 9-1-1 ask for non-emergency EMS when you are a loved one falls and cannot get up

If You Suspect a Scam 877-908-3360 M-F 8-8 ET

REMINDER: Al Hartin, Director, Infrastructure

Roads & Grounds – 727-454-1821

For all issues involving the Roads & Grounds, this includes water and sewer lines, please call this number. This is a cell phone in the possession of the person who is on call for these such issues. This may or may not always be a member of the Board of Directors. This is a cell phone and will ensure your call is received by someone on call. While there is a primary person assigned this responsibility, that person may not always be on site to handle such issues, therefore we have the cell phone with someone who is on site and ready to handle these types of issues. Sending an e-mail or calling someone else will not ensure your issue is handled promptly.

Parking on the Grass –

Don't! No parking on the grass – anytime.

When you park on the street during the day, all cars park on the same side.

All cars must be moved to the driveway or guest parking overnight.

We are not being bullies or pains in the grass. These rules have been established because:

- 1) Water and utility lines are shallowly buried under ground. The weight of a vehicle could easily damage or destroy lines.
- 2) Our streets are narrow. Fire trucks and large delivery trucks need to be able to pass through unobstructed.



Inspections & Architectural Requests *Kim Ramalho, Vice President*

Inspections - Inspection Teams will be going out in March. Let's all do our part to keep Briar Creek looking beautiful. Thank you

Architectural Requests - Any Architectural Requests can be dropped off at the Clubhouse Director's Office or placed in my Rock Box @ 39 Deer Trail Court.

Lawns and Trees *Mike Moore 813-629-8216*

In March mowing will happen three times.

Connie Holmes, Secretary, Board of Directors in charge of Lease/Purchase/Occupancy at 423-297-5627 or email to conniepotterholmes@gmail.com

BAZAAR – Gene Arend

As we all know things age as time passes. So has the name we adopted so many years ago and we called it a “Bazaar” or as the late Mr. David Doran would intentionally and jokingly refer to it as the “Annual Brassiere”. The name with the under 40 crowd has lost its meaning or comprehension. I have heard recently a few people in the class of under 40 say “What’s A Bazaar”. Therefore, we are starting a contest to rename the Bazaar for next year. Please send you suggestions for the new name to briarcreekoff@gmail.com.

An esteemed panel of less witted judges will be created and the grand prize winner will receive 12 tickets for Free coffee and donuts at the weekly Wednesday Coffee Social. You must be a member in good standing (or sitting) to enter the contest. That means if you didn’t buy your Social Club Membership card you can’t win.

The POOL Pat Rivera

If it’s not one thing it’s another. It’s another thing. Spare the details. When everything is ready, you will know!

Big round of thanks to Gene Arend and Al Hartin for their frequent visits to the construction site. When there is any thing to report, Gene Arend posts for residents to read.

Huge debt of gratitude to Phase 2 for sharing their pool with us. Remember there is no life guard on duty at the pool.

If you have young visitors, the resident or owner must accompany kids to the pool. Pool times are the same. **Check times for Adults only.**



Be On the Look Out (BOLO) for Dog Walkers *Pat Rivera*

Briar Creek sometimes feels more like a quaint lake-side village or resort.

The foliage and topography which surround us is welcoming, homey, and unlike most other 55+ modular home communities.

The disadvantage to the beauty we appreciate is sometimes, a clear view around the corner is obstructed. Especially at dawn and dusk or the darkness of a moonless night. The walkers may carry a flash light, wear reflective clothing or put reflective tape on their dog's leash. Sometimes, it is still hard to see them around a bend in the road or beside big bushes.

Recently, on one of those nights, a dog-walking resident felt threatened by a driver's 'night blindness.'

Take a minute to remember the speed limit is 15mph or 20mph depending where you are. Pay close attention as you drive around a bend in the road or a corner. If there is not a stop sign, be certain to slow your roll; look both ways and straight ahead. Especially if you are driving through designated dog areas, be alert, courteous and cautious. The very last thing we want is to injure a resident or their dog out for a walk.



In Memorium *Mary Houpt, Bereavement*

Former resident, Joe Byers, passed away February 03, 2023 in Lexington, Kentucky. Joe and his wife, Sharon, formerly lived at 34 Willow Creek Court for a short period of time.

Condolences to Sharon Byers, 893 Sugarbush Trail, Lexington, Kentucky 40509

March Anniversaries*Kim Ramalho*

First Names	Last Names	Month	Day	Year
Albie & Diane	Malek	March	4	1967
Kenneth & Jean	Carlson	March	10	
Harry & Sharon	McKinzie	March	17	
Robert & Shirley	Miller	March	24	1977

**March Birthdays***Kim Ramalho*

Carmen	Galarza	March	1
Allen	Fuller	March	3
Audrey	Pringle	March	4
Bill	Kaempfer	March	4
Louise	Belanger	March	4
Marge	Trevathan	March	4
Jeff	Savage	March	5
Emmett	Powell	March	6
Mary	Houpt	March	7

Cindy	Benoit	March	3
Gerald	Bletsch	March	8
Terri	Lauber	March	8
Nancy	Zitoli	March	9
Tony	Alves	March	9
Robyn	Prentiss	March	10
Dawn	Messina	March	12
Patricia	Stewart	March	13
Mary	Bourque	March	14
Joe	Casola	March	16
Robert	Crincoli	March	16
William	Levering	March	16
Doreen	Scott	March	17
Jane	Hardacre	March	18
Kathryn	Palsyn	March	18
Kenneth	Musumeci	March	18
Rodney	Schiffla	March	18
Ken	Typinski	March	19
Connie Potter-	Holmes	March	20
Annette	Lemieux	March	21
Betty	Hudd	March	21
Frank	Picone	March	21
Tom	Horvath	March	21
Lynn	Lijewski	March	26
Lynn	Sheppard	March	26
Gary	Hoad	March	27



Briar Creek Luncheon *Joan Bienvenue*

Sign up on the sheet posted on clubhouse bulletin board. Everyone is welcome. Look for details when you sign up.



DIAL DIRECTORY - The Yellow Book *Al Hartin, Donna Hartin & Pat Arend*

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Please contact Al, Donna or Pat with any additions or changes for the Yellow Phone Book.

Briar Creek Bridge *Bill Kaempfer*

Briar Creek Bridge now meets every **Tuesday** from 1-4 in the Phase I Clubhouse. Everyone is welcome—Phase I, Phase II and non-BC bridge players. Just give me, Bill Kaempfer, a text, call (303-717-5063), or email (Kaempfer@Colorado.edu) if you are interested in playing. Here are our Recent winners:

January 10	Helen Coar	4640
January 17	Ken Fox	3990
January 24	Susan Suby	3960
January 31	Frank Picone	3910
February 7	Brien Stickney	4560



Sunday Breakfast at the Creek Pam and Roy O'Neal

Yum! Sunday breakfast returns on **MARCH at 8 a.m.** – 10 a.m. in Phase 1 clubhouse.
Everyone welcome.

The menu includes: Pancakes, sausage and toast, fresh fruit and of course, coffee, tea and juice.
Please bring your own plates and flatware. (Donation) \$5

Pam and Roy will deliver tickets if you are unable to make it to Wednesday morning coffee, call
(727-242-6006, royoneil2004@yahoo.com to request delivery of Sunday breakfast tickets.



BINGO

Your Phase One Bingo Team

The Menu has been expanded (one choice each week) to the food rotation on Tuesday Bingo Night!



MAHJONG Geri Wardell

We play MahJong twice a week! Join us on Sunday and Thursday at 12:30 in Phase Clubhouse.
Geri Wardell 585-455-0280 to reserve a spot.

POKENO Flo Bombadier

Join us on Sunday afternoon at 1:00 in Phase 1 clubhouse.

EUCHRE Margo Keyes

Every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in Phase 1 clubhouse.



Briar Creek Bird Walk *Bill Kaempfer*

Find out more about the natural setting of Briar Creek on our monthly bird walks on the first Friday of each month. Please join me on Friday, March 3rd January 6th at 8:00 a.m. for a 60 to 90 minute walk up and down our streets and out to the canal. We meet at the Phase 1 Clubhouse, wear sturdy walking shoes, and bring binoculars, if you have them.

For February we tried something different and traveled by golf cart. It was a great success, and we will be trying it again, maybe in April, but will be back on foot in March. We observed 37 species including Blue-headed Vireo, Common Ground Dove and the Phase II marsh's resident Clapper Rail. **Bill Kaempfer 303-717-5063**

NAME BADGES *Al Hartin*

Want to get to know your neighbors and other residents of Briar Creek. Come to Coffee Hour on Wednesdays from 8:30AM to 10:00AM and wear your Name Badge. Don't have one: See me each Wednesday at Coffee Hour and I will order you one. Cost is \$9.00 prepaid. You could win the \$5.00 drawing but more importantly you will meet and get to know a lot of your fellow "Briar Creekers". Hope to see you at Coffee Hour!

Bowlers 25 or more Pins over Average *Gene Arend*

January 13th

Glenn Jensen – 30 , 59

Steve Fontaine – 25

Kenny Homme -56

Patty Fontaine – 28

Carol Beatty – 42

January 20th

Gene Arend – 28

Lee West – 40

Glenn Jensen – 50

Skip Taylor – 52

Patty Fontaine – 27

Alice Williams – 45

Joe Simpson – 74, 64

Arnold Williams – 49

Carol Beatty – 36

January 27th

Linda Fitton – 25
Cindy Benoit – 26
Mike Benoit – 33, 42
Carol Beatty – 77

February 3rd

Bob Barr – 38
Allan Berge – 26
Tom Lacy – 29
Kenny Homme – 49
Mike Benoit – 27
Arnold Williams – 33

February 10th

Lee West – 49
Bob Barr – 28
Glenn Jensen – 32
Tom Lacy – 28
Ken Homme – 36
Mike Moore – 41
Alice Williams – 27
Joe Simpson – 28
Arnold Williams – 61
Jim Beatty - 31

Bowlers Men 200+ - Ladies 175+

January 13th

Glenn Jensen – 219
Kenny Homme – 214

January 20th

Glenn Jensen – 213
Lee West – 211
Joe Simpson – 203
Arnold Williams – 203

January 27th

Carol Beatty – 197

February 3rd

Bob Barr – 203
Kenny Homme – 209

February 10th

Lee West – 219
Mike Moore – 203
Arnold Williams - 217



ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE *Frank Gaffney & Anthony Carregal*

PHASE I CLUBHOUSE.

HEY KIDS!

There's always stuff going on at the Clubhouse. We'd love it if you came down and were a part of it!

COMMUNITY PUZZLE

We started another COMMUNITY PUZZLE! If you have some free time and want to work on it, come on down!

PHASE I CLUBHOUSE.

MONDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES

Every Monday, at 6pm, we will be watching a movie in the Phase I Clubhouse. You can vote each week on which movie we watch. There will be trivia about our featured movie before the film and a short discussion afterwards. And there will be popcorn!

A FREE EVENT. Donations accepted.

PHASE I CLUBHOUSE.

SATURDAY, MARCH 4 AT 6:00PM

APPRECIATION NIGHT

Join us as we thank all of the people who volunteer to make our gatherings happen!

There will be music and dancing. Light fare and snacks will be provided.

Bring a dessert to share.

BYOB.

FREE to Phase I Social Club Members; \$5 to all others

PHASE I CLUBHOUSE

SUNDAY, MARCH 5 AT 6:00PM

kRaZy KaRds!

If you have never played, we can teach you in 10 minutes. There are cash prizes and dessert at the break. \$3 for Briar Creek residents and their guests (NO REFUNDS). YOU MUST SIGN UP BEFORE SUNDAY, MARCH 5TH TO PARTICIPATE. (Sorry, we cannot accommodate walk-ins.)

\$3pp (for prizes and dessert)

PHASE I CLUBHOUSE.

FRIDAY, MARCH 17 AT 4:30PM

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER & DANCE with D.J. Les 'N' More

Parade 4:00pm from The BC Mart to the Clubhouse*

*Time may vary based on availability of Fire Department

Happy Hour at 4:30pm** BYOB

Corned Beef Dinner 6:00-7:00pm

Dancing until 10:00pm

Wine and Green Beer *provided with dinner*

\$18pp

PHASE I CLUBHOUSE.

SATURDAY, APRIL 15 AT 1:00PM

THE ANNUAL PICNIC with the singing duo TANGENT

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FRIDAY, MAY 5 AT 4:00PM

CINCO DE MAYO PARTY

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*Need more info? Call FRANK GAFFNEY at 203-606-8953 or email:
briarcreeksocial@gmail.com*



Briar Creek



Phase 1 Hosted a

Senior Prom on Saturday, February 11. When the votes were tallied, Terry Henry and Joe Guizzerotti were announced as the Queen and King for the night. The Prom was well attended by residents of both Phase 1 and Phase 2.

Before Johnny Charro began to play music and sing for the dancers, the afternoon was filled with glamour. Nails, hair, and make-up tables were abuzz with beautiful ladies becoming absolutely gorgeous for the event. Jeanine Vale 'models' the complete beauty package.

A professional photographer was snapping photos under a floral archway. Everyone appeared to be having a great time. It was the first senior prom held in Briar Creek...probably not the last.

LINE DANCING Helen Coar

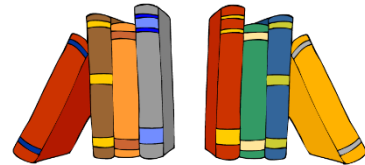


Join the line! Come and enjoy the music and exercise. **Wednesday, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.** If you are a beginner, arrive at 6:00 for a quick lesson. Hope to see you then.

Briar Creek Book Club

(Phase I & II)

Enjoy discussing books from various genres that are chosen by the members. The next meeting will be March 14, when we will discuss *The Life We Bury* by Allen Eskens, and the book for the April 11th meeting will be *The Last Year of the War* by Susan Meissner. We plan to meet in the Phase II Clubhouse at 3:00 p.m.



Please contact me if you are interested in joining or have questions.

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

You Know You Want To...

- Looking for some way to get involved (*not more than a couple hours a month*)
- Want to contribute without investing any monetary funds
- Know how to use a computer (*basic skills, Word, e-mail anything else is a plus*)
- Grateful to be a resident in Briar Creek (*want to share good news and updates*)

Yes. Yes. Yes. Yes. **You** are the perfect person to become the next editor of the Monthly Media aka The Bugle. Contact Pat Rivera (text 305-546-2714 or patsrivera@gmail.com) The lines are open!

FROM REAL Safety Harbor Recreation Jan – Apr 2023

Let's Talk about Mental Health Let's talk about it! We want to hear your voice on how we can work together to educate and remove the stigma of mental illness. We encourage parents, caregivers, middle and high school students to come out and let's start talking! **All Ages Wed 6-7:30pm A 1/25**

Free! Do Not Let Your Computer Scare You This workshop will introduce you to the basics of your computer. How to email, use the internet, understand files, download, upload, and more. Bring your own laptop or phone. **Adults Tue 10am-12pm B 1/31**

Free End the Silence of Mental Health Do you know the warning signs of mental illness? Learn how to recognize the early warning signs and the importance of acknowledging those warning signs from students and parents that are living with this disease. Presented by NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness). **Adults Thu 6-8pm C 2/8**

Free Escape the Silent Killer Listen to your body! High blood pressure (hypertension) is considered a "silent killer" because often people don't realize they have it! Join Herbalist and Natural Health Advocate Julie Brannon, DPSc to discover 5 easy steps to healthy blood pressure and a healthier you! **Adults Sat 2:30-3:30pm D 2/18**

Free Estate Planning Wills vs. Trusts - which one makes sense for you? Come prepared to experience a thought-provoking review of your options. It is never too late to learn about your inheritance! **Adults Sat 11am-12:30m E 3/11 Free**

Calendar below

CALENDAR UPDATES

Every M – Sat Water aerobics check details

Sunday 5 Krazy Kards 6pm P1

SUNDAY 19 Breakfast 8 – 10 a.m, P1

Every Sunday Mahjong 12:30 P1

Every Sunday Pokeno 1:00 P1

Every Monday Movie Night P1 6 p.m.

EveryTuesday Bridge 1 – 4 p.m.

P1 BINGO doors open at 5:00 play begins

Every Wed Coffee-Social 8:30a.m.-10:30

Line Dancing 6 p.m. – 7:30

RummiKub 7 p.m. – 9

Table Tennis 7 p.m. – 9

Every Thur Men's Poker 5:30 p.m. – 9

Every Thur Euchre 6:30 p.m. P1

Every Thurs MahJong 12:30 P1

4th Thurs 25 Bunco Phase 2; 6:30 p.m. desert; game starts @ 7

1st Friday Feb 3—Bird walk Meet at 8:00 a.m. at the Phase 1

Every Friday Sip 'n Snacks 4 – 6p.m. P1, BYOB & choice of snack

Editor's Note: ALL scheduled activities may be subject to change due to weather. Or whatever!

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