

OCTOBER 2022 BRIAR CREEK PHASE I NEWS

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The e-mail address for any office matters is: briarcreekoft@gmail.com

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

Board immediate communication — *Gene Arend*

We have looked at the *mybriarcreek.com* email server and can see we only have 101 owners who have logged in and saved their email address. That means if an emergency or some form of urgent news needs to reach you 216 don't get the message.

While a water leak requiring us to turn off the water for a period of time may be the more common alert, we do sometimes need to send, on occasion, other important notifications you may want to know about immediately. Sorry but telephone calls do not work. Many do not answer their phones anyway. If we attempted to call those needing to get immediate information. To just call 60 people the timing is bad. The simple math is, it will take 5 minutes to dial the number, a few minutes to deliver the message, if you answer your phone or your voicemail is not full, a few minutes to answer your questions. Therefore, the simple math is 5 minutes to notify 60 units will take 300 minutes (5 Hours). The emergency is over.

Phone trees do not work, trying to get a phone captain for each street has not proven successful, plus if you don't answer or you are not home then someone doesn't get the message.

E-mail provides instant messages going out. Granted not everyone has email or you may not check it every day but if your water is off, you can find out who, what, where and when it's coming back. Plus, with most water outages, we can plan in advance so you will know in advance and plan accordingly.

The Board of directors realizes there are other e-mail messengers in the community however they are not always available. Their list may include others not in Briar Creek Phase I. At least one director is available and will have the ability to get the message out, if there is information the community needs to know immediately.

If you don't have e-mail then get to know your neighbor, they may have e-mail and they can alert you to something you need to know about right away. You may have received a message recently from the board. This was a test to ensure the email addresses we do have are valid. If you did not receive a message from briarcreekoff@gmail.com then we do not have your address on file.

A New Year is almost here *Connie Potter Holmes, Director and Secretary*

It has been a quick year! As I look over the records and plan for the upcoming year, it is almost time for the October Board of Directors meeting scheduled for Wednesday, October 5th at 10:00 a.m. following the Coffee Social. As we look forward to the Annual Meeting, held the first Monday in December, it is time to look at our directors for the upcoming year. Three slots will be open and two of our current directors are up for reelection if they choose to continue: Connie Holmes and Lynn Lijewski. Al Hartin, Gene Arend, Pat Rivera and Bob Barr will be continuing their second year. This is your opportunity to consider whether you would like to be part of the leadership team for Briar Creek 1 for the upcoming year. In October you will receive a packet from Progressive Management alerting you to the upcoming dates leading up to the new year. Please take the time to read the information and stay alert to what is happening in YOUR community.

Our community has been blessed to have great teams of directors, past and present, who plan ahead and do their best to keep things running smooth. But this is not always possible as we have experienced with our pool upgrade. As I am writing this, we are still in the hurry up and wait mode; but please know, it is not because of our end.

It is not always an easy job and not everyone is happy at the same time, but it is a rewarding job. The pay is 'out of this world'; as it is definitely not here on this earth. This is a total volunteer job with no perks. Our reward comes in the form of kind words spoken or written. We are not perfect, but we do our best every day to keep Briar Creek 1 a wonderful place to live! We are not just neighbors, we are family!

Annual Inspections *Lynn Lijewski, Director*

Summer flew by fall is here with cooler temps hopefully arriving before too long. We hope to then see our neighbors out in their yards taking care of all the over growth and sprucing things up again and preparing our places for the yearly inspections. If you would like to be on the home inspection crew, please get in touch with me by November. Thanks for a great summer here in the Creek and look forward to our "Snowbirds" flight beginning soon.

Random Act of Kindness Shout out to who ever trimmed hedges around the pool deck. No one saw you, but noticed the great job you did. Thank you. You know who you are.



LAWN Care Service *Director, Gene Arend*

Now that summer rains are coming to an end, mowing of lawns will twice a month. in There may only be one or two incidents but please call me when it occurs. I relay all of the information to the crew supervisor. 727- 725-5844. Mow dates for **October are....** Tuesday.



Will be arriving in Briar Creek Community soon. All
Aboard! Schedule available soon.



POOL Director Pat Rivera

As I recite the *Serenity Prayer* to myself...I will repeat what has been said before.

There have been delays that have been out our control....However the electrical work to the breaker box is nearing completion...and then

Phase 1 pool is about to undergo a major update... During the process, the pool will be closed.

The great news is that Phase 2 has extended their warm welcome to those of us who enjoy daily dips in the water. Keep in mind, their children's hours are specific to their rules. Under 18 hours are 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. and between 5 and 8 p.m. Children under 15 must be accompanied by a resident adult. These are different from Phase 1.

The pool in Phase 2 has a smaller capacity. If you notice that your presence is exceeding the approved capacity, please be respectful to their kindness and leave so they can enjoy the pool.

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TO BE ...

2022 Bazaar Phase 1 – Jeff Clark

The Phase One Bazaar dates have been set! If you'd like to help out for 2022, it would be most appreciated; just contact me via the information below. And, if you were in charge of a department last year, I'll be in touch soon to discuss necessary details. The dates are:

Friday, December 2nd

Saturday, December 3rd

(hours to be announced in the next Media)Jeff Clark 585-613-6218

jeffrey.paul.clark@gmail.com



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS 2022 Kim Ramalho

Steve Bourque October 1

Ron Browne October 2

Eda Tesoro October 3

Ken. Blake October 3
Veronica Chan October 3
Martin Shaprio October 6
Allan Bjorne October 7
Karen Ranieri October 7
Jone Davidson October 8
Diane Malek October 9
Greta Vincent October 9
David Broderick October 10
Edward Snelling October 10
Bev Campbell October 11
Charles Brooks October 11
Amanda Lee October 12
Kathleen Robke October 12
Dawn Jeanne Didier October 13
Joel McNair October 14
John Pickering October 14
LuAnn Rathke October 14
Pat Cloutier October 14
Ruth Kalbfleisch October 14
Lesley Blake October 16
Nancy Arguin October 17
William Birdsall October 17
Bruce Davies October 18
Mario Gurreri October 20
Louis Kocsis October 21
Margaret Beckerman October 21
John Ross October 22

Carol Anne Rice October 23

Ron Payne October 24

Coleen Halamka October 25

Barbara Trent October 26

Thomas Monohan October 27

Marilyn Hegerty October 28

Loralyn Woodward October 29

Peter Shepphard October 29

Walter Kingsbury October 29

Gene Steffen October 31

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES *Kim Ramalho*

Rick & Terry Citti October 6

James & Bernadette Hackett October 9, 1999

Richard & Bev Campbell October 10, 1959

Frank & Karen Roberts October 11, 2012

Tom & Mary Ann Horvath October 15



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BEREAVEMENT *Mary Houpt*

Longtime resident, Sal Centamore, 36 Willow Creek Ct, passed away last night, Wednesday, August 17, in hospice.

Sympathy to his wife, Carol and children, Bob and Christine at above address.

A memorial service was held at Espiritu Santo Catholic Church, 2405 Philippe Parkway, Safety Harbor, on Wednesday, August 24.

Former resident, Barbara Mercer, passed away Monday, August 15, 2022. Messages of sympathy may be sent to: Family Services were held.

Samuel Peavler Jr, (brother), 148 Pinewood Terrace in Phase 2
Tony Mercer (son), c/o 148 Pinewood Terrace.



**Get ready
to VOTE
on Nov. 8!**

You can register, and/or
request a mail ballot, and more:
Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections
votepinellas.com
Phone: (727) 464-VOTE (8683)
Fax: (727) 464-6239
Email: Election@VotePinellas.gov
Register by October 11
Request Mail-in Ballot by Oct 29

BRIAR CREEK MONTHLY LUNCHEON *Joan Bienvenue*

We will resume luncheons in the Fall. Any questions, please don't hesitate to call me @ 727-902-8166.

Clubhouse supplies – *Gene Arend*

If you see clubhouse supplies for the kitchen and clubhouse stock getting low, please contact Gene Arend. I try to keep a supply of bottled water in our refrigeration. If you see the bottles getting low, please text or have someone you know with a cell phone text the word “**Water**” to **727-725-5844**. You can also text me if you see other supplies getting low. If I don't know I can keep the supplies on hand.



BINGO

Your Phase One Bingo Team

Bingo is back! Remember: this year, we're serving **HOT DOGS** before the game. Not just any hot dogs, but **QUALITY** frankfurters, like Nathan's and Hebrew National. Top split rolls (for all you Yankees!), and a wide choice of condiments. \$1.50 each, or two for \$2.00, as well as a variety of soft drinks. **AND-** there will still be ice cream available at intermission!

Please bring a friend or neighbor with you this year, because: ***ALL BINGO MONIES COLLECTED ARE RETURNED VIA WINNINGS. THE MORE GAMES WE SELL, THE MORE WINNINGS ARE OFFERED EACH WEEK!***



ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE *Frank Gaffney & Anthony Carregal*

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 1

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1 AT 6PM

OKTOBERFEST with D.J. Les N. More

A German dinner... THE MENU: Wurstl (brats), Kaesespatzle (cheese noodles), Reiberdatschi (potato pancakes) and Brezen (soft pretzels). 50/50, BYOB.

\$8 for Briar Creek residents and their guests.

PHASE 1

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2 AT 6PM

kRaZy KaRdS RETURNS!

The first Sunday of every month.

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, OCTOBER 2 TO PARTICIPATE. (Sorry, we cannot accommodate walk-ins.)

PHASE 1

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16 or 23 AT 4PM

Sing-Along with JOHN SHIRLEY Come join pianist JOHN SHIRLEY and sing along to classic songs from The Beatles to Showtunes to Elton John!

A FREE EVENT. Donations accepted.

PHASE 1

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30 AT 6PM

PHASE II HALLOWEEN DANCE

Happy Hour and Costume Contest with music by The Beach Billies.

BYOB and snacks. \$10 pp.

PHASE 2

SAVE THE DATES! THE 2022-2023 EVENT SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19 & SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20 AT 7PM

"THE GOLDEN GIRLS" LIVE ON STAGE!

Come see our Briar Creek residents reading an episode from "The Golden Girls."

PHASE 1

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25 AT 4:00PM

THANKSGIVING LEFTOVERS POT LUCK AND DECORATING THE CLUBHOUSE & WHOOPEE!

We will decorate the hall, share some food and then play WHOPPEE!

Bring an unwrapped (and fun) present to swap!

PHASE 1

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17 AT 7:00PM

HOLIDAY PARTY with the band RON & THE CLASSICS

PHASE 1

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31 AT 9:00PM

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

PHASE 1

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22 AT 4:30PM

ITALIAN SUNDAY DINNER with pianist John Shirley

PHASE 1

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11 AT 7:00PM

THE SENIOR PROM *send nominations for Queen & King to Frank*

PHASE 1

FRIDAY, MARCH 17 AT 4:30PM

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER & DANCE

PHASE 1

SATURDAY, APRIL 15 AT 1:00PM

THE ANNUAL PICNIC with the singing duo TANGENT

PHASE 1

FRIDAY, MAY 5 AT 4:00PM

CINCO DE MAYO PARTY

PHASE 1

ALL TICKETS are on sale at Phase I & II coffee hours, or call FRANK GAFFNEY at 203-606-8953 or email: briarcreeksocial@gmail.com.

If you would like to be included on our emailing list, please drop a note to briarcreeksocial@gmail.com.

Activities and entertainment events will be announced at Coffee Hour on Wednesdays.

briarcreeksocial@gmail.com



DIAL DIRECTORY *Al Hartin; assisted by Pat Arend & Donna Hartin*

UPDATES FOR October 2022

See below for Additions/Changes to your Dial Directory.

Please add the following new Owners:

Leisa Cota
154 Beechwood Drive
207-478-5089

Michael & Deborah Bieker
146 Beechwood Drive
M: 513-260-3433
D: 513-889-7870

Danny Cyr & Andrea Brocker
38 New Fawn Court
D: 905-979-2713
A: 905-979-2717

George Amaral & Theresa Pezzolla
60 Shady Oak Ct.
561-404-3411

Please make the following Phone Number Changes:

Thomas & Jone Davidson
727-400-4087

Please remember to submit new or changed information to Al for the Dial Directory.



ART & CRAFT SHOW

Art and Craft Show Saturday **09/17/22 10:00** am to 4:00 pm Phase I Clubhouse. Venders \$10.00 a table. Sign-up sheet clubhouse. Pat Fontaine.

BUNCO IS BACK!!!

It's FUN. It's EASY. If you can roll dice, you can learn in about **10 minutes!**

The **fourth Thursday** of the month is Bunco night. Gather at **6:30** in **Phase2 Clubhouse** for dessert. Play begins at 7:00 p.m. Bring \$3.00 each which will be paid out in prizes at the end of the evening. Please call Marge at 533-6603; leave a message if you plan to attend.



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.

TRAVEL – BCI & II TRAVEL CLUB *Gene Arend*

Travel Club – Your Travel Team

The travel team have several trips planned,

- **October 22nd** Bus trip to Mt Dora for the Annual Arts & Crafts Festival. Leaving at 8 AM and returning 6 PM. All inclusive \$49 per person
- **November 18th** 9:30 to 4 PM Bus transportation to the St Pete Pier and then a stop at Mazzaro Italian Market all \$35 Per Person (may want insulated shopping bag)

- **December 6th** to the 8th a bus trip to St Augustine for the Holley Jolley Lights Tour, 2 day unlimited Hop On Hop Off Trolley Tour pass, 2 Night stay in the Historic District, 2 Breakfasts & 1 Dinner. Pricing is \$499 per person
- **January 30th** 5 Nights on the Brilliance of the Seas from, Port of Tampa to Cayman Island & Cozumel. Inside \$359, Oceanview \$429, Balcony OBS view \$489, Balcony \$589. There is a single supplement charge.

For more details visit the website www.upcsportshub.com and click on the travel page which is updated on a regular basis. You can sign up for any of the trips online on the website or the sign-up sheets in the clubhouses. Please complete the Travel Information Sheet for any Cruise. The travel club will forward the information to the Travel Agency. Please contact the Travel Club on all reservation so we have a record. We will send the information to our Travel Agent. This provides the Travel Club with a record of your request for confirmation.

Our Bus trips do have a maximum seating capacity, The signups (in Clubhouse or online) are maintained in the order you sign up in the event we have to place someone on a waitlist.

More... Briar Creek Travel Club

Briar Creek travel club is a combined effort between the two phases of Briar Creek. The team of Carol Rodrigues, Peggy Raynor, Carol Keller Michaelis, Donna Hartin, Toni Beaton, JoAnn Barr and Gene Arend coordinate all of the planning and activities of the travel club. We also maintain an e-mail list of our club members, currently with 287 members. We recognize not all of our residents have e-mail. However, the club E-mail is the only way we can communicate with so many in time available.

If you are a member of the club, we try to get the information to you as quickly as possible. If you don't have access to E-mail, the clubhouse Travel Bulletin Board is your next best means or a friend who has e-mail and is a member of the Travel Club. The Monthly Media is a wonderful form of media but it sometimes can be 30 or more days too late for some things. Any resident of Briar Creek, their family or friends can be a member. It's only through the many that we can get better travel services with group discounts and savings.

1. There are many ways to be a part of the travel adventures we plan each season. There is the clubhouse bulletin board where you can find flyers posted with information on the trips and sign-up sheets so you can join one of the trips.

2. There is a website www.upcsportshub.com with a page dedicated to our travel club. This contains the trip information and includes more details on some of the trips. There is also an automated sign-up form on the travel page so you can sign up for a trip, or send information needed for some travel trips.

3. We will, on some trips, use the services of a travel agency to assist us with our trips. Our Travel Agent is there to assist you also however it's important to note the travel club needs to get the sign-up information first. Our agent often times may be away escorting other trips. They also assist and service many other organizations and may not be familiar with you individually. The

Briar Creek Travel club uses the records we maintain on all trips to validate and confirm guests on our trips. Contacting the travel agency in advance could result in information being lost as we have no way to compare the trip manifest if you are not first listed on our manifest for the trip. Timing could be an issue if the agent is away from the office escorting another group.

Please contact the Briar Creek travel club first. Our Travel Agent can then contact you if any additional information is needed for the trip. For many trips, the Travel Club will maintain the funds until we know we have the minimum capacity necessary to meet the trip requirement. This makes it possible for the Travel Club to refund the trip cost to you if it's necessary to cancel a trip. Once we reach that threshold to pay for the trip, some trips may not be refundable but we can transfer the trip to another name as a replacement.

e-mail please let us know if you want to unsubscribe. All questions please send them to briarcreektravel@gmail.com this email site is available to the entire travel club team.

Your Travel Club Team: Gene Arend, JoAnn Barr, Toni Beaton, Donna Hartin, Carol Keller-Michalis, Peggy Raynor and Carol Rodrigues

BC MART *Ray Jablonski Dave Holmes and Terry LaCasse*

Stop and shop at the BC Mart Wednesday after coffee and Saturday 10 – 12a.m. There is always something you didn't know you need until you see it at the Mart! It is an adventure in a safe space! Come and browse. Remember that one of the best things about 'shopping local' is that the bargain prices you pay go directly to the Social Club Activities fund.



BIRD WALK - PHASES I & II *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 October 7th 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. (303-717-5063) or email (Kaempfer@Colorado.edu) Bill Kaempfer 303-717-5063 or kaempfer@colorado.edu

SHUFFLEBOARD *Gene Arend*

The Briar Creek League is open to all residents of Briar Creek (Phase I and Phase II). If you are interested contact Bob Barr or Martin Shapiro, our two team captains, or myself.

MEN'S POKER TABLE *Gene Arend*



This activity takes place every Thursday, 5:30 p.m.

BINGO *Kim Ramalho & Jeff Clark*

Get ready for some BINGO!

Bingo returns to Phase One on **Tuesday, September 27th at 6pm!** Fresh new games (along with some old favorites) will soon be loaded into the bingo machine... or will they? If you have any suggestions for games this year (postage stamp, four corners, Christmas tree, etc...), please let me know. Or, if you'd rather tell me which games you DIDN'T like from last season- that works, too. **BUT I NEED TO KNOW SOON**, so please contact me ASAP via phone, text or email. **AND...** we're working on the return of some hot food offered for sale just before the game. No promises as to what, but the only way you'll know is to show up and see for yourself- right?

Jeff Clark 585-613-6218

jeffrey.paul.clark@gmail.com

Bowling Season – *Gene Arend*

Our bowling season is has come to an end. There are many who indicated they will return for more fun next season so we have reserved their spot for next year. There is always room for more though so if you interested in having fun and available Friday at Noon let Gene Arend know. I will reserve a spot for next season. I start the team assignments on September 1st and finalize them the end of September for delivery to Maple Lanes Countryside on US Hwy. 19. We usually have spots open for substitutes / pacers once we formalize the teams, it's early bird gets the worm.

e-mail: gnarend@gmail.com or phone 727-725-5844



Ladies Golf at Briar Creek (Phase I & II)

Enjoy casual golf? We meet at Countryway Golf Course and have tee times on Thursday and Friday mornings. Please let me know if you are interested and would like additional information.

Sheena Lee has gracefully assumed scheduling Ladies Golf.

BRIDGE Phases I & II *Bill Kaempfer*

Join us for bridge every Monday from 1-4 in the Phase I Clubhouse. Give Bill Kaempfer a text, call (303-717-5063) or email (Kaempfer@Colorado.edu) if you are interested in playing. Open to Phase I and Phase II residents and guests.

August 15	Roberta Shuler	3820
August 22	Roberta Shuler	3570
August 29	Barbara Pesic	3080



EUCHRE *Margo Keyes*
summer. You may contact me at **518-528-3227**.

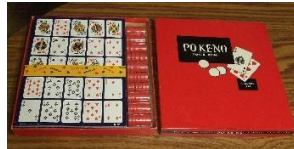
See you in the Fall. Have a safe and wonderful

MA JONG *Geri Wardell*

See you in the Fall!



PO-KE-NO *Flo Bombardier*



Look for it in the Fall.

BRIAR CREEK BOOK CLUB – Phases I & II *Jane McKenzie*



Enjoy discussing books from various genres that are chosen by the members. The next meeting will be Nov. 8 when we will discuss *The Paris Library* by Janet Skeslien Charles. 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** (Cell)

jgmckenzie4647@gmail.com

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C A L E N D A R U P D A T E S

Saturday 1 Oktoberfest 6 p.m. P1

Every Monday Bridge 1 – 4 p.m.

Movie Night P1 6 p.m.

Tuesday 27 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 Thursday Men’s Poker 5:30 p.m. – 9

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

Friday Sept 2nd—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

Sunday 30 Halloween Dance 6 p.m. P2

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

INSIDE BACK COVER

Area Representatives

Remove Joe Casola

ADD Kathy Haskins 727-560-9791

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