



I like people
who get excited
about the change of seasons,
the sound of the ocean,
watching a sunset,
the smell of rain,
and starry nights.



~Brooke Hampton 🍀

BCC Neighborhood Watch

**"If you live at Battlecreek Commons, you are the BCC Neighborhood Watch!!
Let's get together!"**

Our HOA wants everyone to feel secure. That's why we are a Neighborhood Watch community. It's about neighbors helping each other.

Why It Matters: Studies indicate an effective Neighborhood Watch program can have an effect on crime.



How You Can Help:

Be Aware: Notice what goes on in your area and note if things seem out of order!

Report It: Even if you're not sure, try to make a report to the office. You can use the acronym "**SALT**" to report basic details:

- **Size** (how many people/size of vehicle),
- **Activity** (what were they doing?),
- **Location** (address/street), and
- **Time.**
- **Photos Help:** If it's safe, snap a photo or video. *Never* put yourself in danger!
- **Talk to Neighbors:** Share any concerns with your neighbors.



Other things to keep in mind:

Photos Help: If it's safe, snap a photo or video, but don't put yourself in danger.

Talk to Neighbors and share concerns.

Attend the meetings of the Neighborhood Watch.

Let's work together to keep our community safe!



David Best 🍀



The company who made it was kind enough to put some potato chips in it as well.

"I bought a little bag of air today..."

CALENDAR

March 2025 – May 2025

HOA Activities

These meetings are all open to all members.

For the time being, follow the instructions provided in the emailed meeting notices about how meetings will meet or contact the Chair of the committee you wish to attend.

<u>Board of Directors</u>	<u>Finance –</u>	<u>Planning & Projects-Sue Harris, Co-Chair</u>	<u>Neighborhood Watch – TBD</u>
March 25, 2025-5:30p - ZOOM	Wed B4 Bmtg March 19, 2025-4:00p - Clbhse		March 13, 2025-6:00p - Clbhse
April 22, 2025-5:30p - ZOOM	April 16, 2025-4:00p - Clbhse	TBD	April 10, 2025-6:00p - Clbhse
May 27, 2025-5:30p - ZOOM	May 21, 2025-4:00p - Clbhse		May 8, 2025-6:00p - Clbhse

<u>Grounds – Megan Trow & Virginia Ferguson, Co-Chairs</u>	<u>Maintenance/Repair/Paving – C&R Staats</u>	<u>Architecture – Bill Burnside</u>	<u>Emergency Prep – Aline Autenrieth</u>
March 11, 2025-6:00p - Clubhouse	Paving project begins!	Meets as needed-contact Chair	April 1, 2025-7:00p -Clubhouse
April 8, 2025-6:00p - Clubhouse	Meets as needed-contact Chair	TBD	We'll meet quarterly unless
May 13, 2025-6:00p - Clubhouse	TBD		needed and called sooner

We hope you will join these meetings to share your concerns and views, and become more involved in our community. Please come join us! 🍷

Social Activities: Thirsty Thursday – Thirsty Thursdays are BACK!!! The clubhouse is reserved every Thursday 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm for this fun gathering. Bring your own drink and an appetizer to share. 🍷



This and That

Visitor Parking Signs:

Have you seen the attractive new signs at our visitor parking spaces? These clear notices should help keep any long term parking from occurring. 🍷



Coffee Grounds:

I don't know about you but I've had real trouble with squirrels digging and burying their food in my flower beds and pots. Well, I've learned squirrels don't like coffee grounds! So research if your plant likes coffee grounds (they may not -- then don't put coffee grounds on them) and then spread some of your **used** coffee grounds around the plant or in the area and the squirrels will just check and slink away!! Frustration averted!! 🍷



Check your Gas Furnace!

It's a good idea to double



check (or have it checked by a qualified furnace company) your gas furnace to make sure it is working properly. And then also check your carbon monoxide monitor to make sure it's batteries are still current. Sometimes the furnace can be malfunctioning and producing carbon monoxide. A homeowner at BCC recently discovered this and wound up replacing their furnace. Also be reminded to place your carbon monoxide monitor lower to the floor rather than on the ceiling in your smoke detector because carbon monoxide hangs low to the floor. Please stay safe and healthy!! 🍷

Garden Boxes!



If you would like to have a Garden Box this year, please get in touch with Megan Trow very soon at 503-881-8237 or megantrow181@gmail.com. Large or small, for herbs or vegetables or just pretty flowers, this can be a wonderful and tasty summer project! 🍷

Our Fun Snow Day!!

Some busy and energetic young people made good use of the snow we had on Valentine's Day!!! 🍷



And Spring Is On The Way!!



And then just a day or so later, the Snowdrops and Crocus let us know Spring really is on its way!!! 🍷



"Broke an egg making breakfast this morning. My insurance company said an adjuster will be out tomorrow."

Kitty Gracie

Have you lost a cat recently? Around the end of the year a small orange cat started coming around. She was cold, wet, skinny, hungry and scared. We set out some food and got a photo to send around. No one responded. If this is your lost cat, just know she is being taken care of.



We started coaxing her inside with food, as it was very cold out. She would come in to eat then dart back out. This went on for a while and then we fixed her a cozy bed. She liked it a lot and transitioned into it nicely! She would come and go for a while and finally made huge progress and was comfortable staying inside and letting us pet her.



Then we started noticing a belly bulge and so are keeping her indoors (over 3 days now! Since 2/22) waiting for the big reveal. She has become very affectionate and loves her attention.



If anyone is wanting a kitten, little miss Gracie is going to be a wonderful mom and will pass on loving genes to her littles. 🐾



Are You Ready for The Unexpected?? (from Emergency Preparedness Committee)

Unexpected does not have to mean unprepared. It is only a Crisis if you are not Prepared! Remain Calm and Be Prepared!!!
An Emergency is The Absence of Choice....

Disclaimer: Please remember information shared here are ideas and suggestions presented for your consideration and are not recommendations by the BCC Board of Directors.

Well, we dodged one a few weeks ago! We are very thankful the 3" snow event did not lead into the forecast freezing ice storm!! Hopefully you were prepared with your power-outage procedures such as (for just in case!):



Depending on weather conditions and other factors, an outage during a storm could last several hours or multiple days. You should have enough supplies to sustain your family and pets for at least three days. The power company recommends placing items in waterproof and rodent-proof containers and replenishing your kit at least once a year.

- Flashlights or headlamps
- Battery-powered or hand-crank radio
- Battery-powered clock or watch
- Extra batteries
- Cell phones and chargers, including a car
- Water, one gallon per person per day, especially if you rely on an electric pump for water



- Nonperishable food and a can opener, pots, pans and utensils
- Extra batteries for oxygen tanks or other medical equipment
- Board games, books and playing cards
- Barbecue, gas grill or camp stove to use outside, plus fuel and a lighter or matches

And don't forget warm blankets and/or sleeping bags

!! Items of the Month !! Here's something you probably haven't thought of! My Dad piloted a small airplane and he would carry what he called a "Human Element Range Extender." (H.E.R.E.) This came in handy from time to time as being able to pull over for a pit stop was not very possible. 😊 Obviously it is a large empty (bleach) container!! In fact, not a bad idea for car travel, too! Just something to consider!! 🐾



PLEASE send in your Emergency Prep Information Form to Mary Schroedger. (If you need another one contact Mary at felings@comcast.net!!!!)

Our next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, April 1 at 7:00 PM in the clubhouse.** Emergency Preparedness meets the **1st Tuesday of each quarter (April 1) at 7:00 pm** in the Clubhouse unless called sooner to which **ALL are welcome!** Please contact one of us if you wish to join the meeting, have questions, or something to contribute. Stay healthy, happy, and safe!! 🐾



"The main function of the little toe on your foot is to make sure all the furniture in the house is in place."

Finders Keepers!

The NEW Rock Hider continues to hide these beautiful rocks with crocheted coverings. So, go out there and find them!! They are placed around the beginning of the month!! We Love It, whoever you are and **thank you very much** for this very fun activity!! So search on, everybody!! 🧶



BCC CONCERTS

On **Sunday, March 23rd, 2:00 – 5:00 pm** Next of Kin will return for a fun afternoon. This Father-In-Law – Daughter-In-Law Silverton duo will play Country and Classics.

Upcoming concert schedule:
Stay tuned!!



Bring a snack to share and a beverage of your choice and enjoy an afternoon of music with your friends and neighbors. Some cushions are available to make the folding chairs more comfortable. The recommended donation to the artist is **\$15 per adult**. Call/text Sharon Grasseeth to reserve seats for you and your guests – 503-559-8414, sharrose47@yahoo.com 🧶

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If you have a recipe or several you would like to share, please send them to me – always searching for good contributions!! Thanks!

Recipe Corner!

Irish Grilled Cheese



Ingredients

- 4 tablespoons softened butter
- 2 tablespoons chopped parsley
- 2 tablespoons scallions
- 2 tablespoons chives
- 8 slices white bread
- Sliced Irish cheddar cheese (Kerrygold Dubliner Cheddar – at Safeway)
- Bread and butter pickle slices
- More butter for spreading or use mayonnaise (makes for great crispy grill)

Directions

- Mash 4 tablespoons softened butter with 2 tablespoons each chopped parsley, scallions and chives.
- Spread the mixture on 4 slices white bread; top each with sliced Irish cheddar cheese and bread-and-butter pickles.
- Cover with 4 more bread slices.
- Spread plain butter (or mayonnaise) on the outside of the sandwiches and fry in a skillet until golden on both sides.
- Spread the remaining herb butter on the warm sandwiches.
- Slice into quarters, then press the cut sides in more chopped herbs. 🧀

“Don't understand why iPhone chargers aren't called Apple Juice, but ok...”

Do you have something to share with the community? The Newsletter is a good place to get out the word. Write it up and send it to me (aautenrieth@juno.com). Please send the article rather than just the idea! Articles should be from 100 words to 600 words. We reserve the right to edit all submissions. Microsoft Word compatible is desired. PDF files are more difficult! **DEADLINE: 10th of the month, please!** 🧶



BCC Office Hours
Monday thru Friday (except holidays):
10:00 am - 3:30 pm
 NOTE: The office will be closed for holidays on
 May 26, July 4, Sep 1
 Nov 27, Dec 25

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