



# BATTLECREEK COMMONS COMMUNICATOR



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"We could never have loved the earth so well if we had had no childhood in it – where the same flowers come up again every spring, the ones we used to gather with our tiny fingers."



~George Eliot 🌲

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## Fellow residents,

We are in need of volunteers for our committees. We need your ideas and directions and help to keep our community at a level we all want it to be. There are many opportunities to be a part of our community.

Money and how we spend it should be a concern to all. We need volunteers for our Finance Committee. They will be developing next year's budget in the next few months. It should be easier this year as we have the assistance of the management company and some training for HOA's. But the management company does not make final decisions on how we spend our money, we do this ourselves. Your thoughts and ideas and participation are needed to develop our budget. You don't need a finance background. Please volunteer to work on the finance committee.

We also need volunteers for the Architectural Committee which reviews requests for modifications to a unit or yard. That committee ensures that the modifications meet the specifications in our rules and are acceptable to affected neighbors. That committee then makes recommendations to the board to approve, modify or deny a proposal. Two residents who have been doing this for many years are in need of stepping back so we need several volunteers on this committee.



Are you concerned about the maintenance and repair around Battlecreek? Do you want better sidewalks, sewers that don't clog up, streets that are smooth?? These things do not happen by magic. It requires someone to identify the problem, seek bids to get jobs done and follow up to be sure the job was done properly. The Maintenance and Repair Committee is in need of several members.

The Board is responsible for ensuring that property values are maintained by doing repairs and upgrades as needed. We are looking at re-lining one of the main sewer lines. This will be costly but not doing so will affect property values and livability in our community. Please consider running for a position on the Board so we can have fresh thoughts, ideas, and energy in maintaining our property.

At this point in time, about 20 homeowners/residents are trying to do all of these jobs and they need your help! I recently had someone ask about paving. Over the last 3 years we have been discussing this issue at board meetings and have sent several emails to the community about it. This person seemed to be unaware that anything had been even talked about or done or even when the board meetings are. Please keep yourself informed and become a part of your community by attending the board meetings and reading the emails and newsletters that come around. We need you! If you want your input heard more strongly, PLEASE VOLUNTEER!

Sharon Grasseth, Board President 🌲



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*"I enrolled in a ZOOM exercise class that was too advanced for me, so when the teacher said, "Do a plank and bring your knee to the opposite elbow, I did a modified version where I turned my computer off and ate pizza."*

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**CALENDAR****May 2025 – July 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 – TBD</u>                    | <u>Planning &amp; Projects--- TBD</u> | <u>Neighborhood Watch – TBD</u>          |
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| May 27, 2025-5:30p - ZOOM                                      | Wed B4 BMTg May, 21, 2025-4:00p -Clbhse |                                       | May 8, 2025-6:00p - Clbhse               |
| June 24, 2025-5:30p - ZOOM                                     | June 18, 2025-4:00p - Clbhse            | TBD                                   | June 12, 2025-6:00p - Clbhse             |
| July 22, 2025-5:30p - ZOOM                                     | July 16, 2025-4:00p - Clbhse            |                                       | July 10, 2025-6:00p - Clbhse             |
| <u>Grounds – Megan Trow &amp; Virginia Ferguson, Co-Chairs</u> | <u>Maintenance/Repair/Paving – TBD</u>  | <u>Architectural – TBD</u>            | <u>Emergency Prep – Aline Autenrieth</u> |
| May 13, 2025-6:00p - Clubhouse                                 | Paving project begins!                  | Meets as needed-contact Chair         | July 1, 2025-7:00p -Clubhouse            |
| June 10, 2025-6:00p - Clubhouse                                | Meets as needed-contact Chair           | TBD                                   | We'll meet quarterly unless              |
| July 8, 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. 🌲

**Brown Bag Lunch Social**

The Social Committee has planned a Brown Bag Lunch Social at the clubhouse on **Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 am – 2:00 pm.** Dessert and beverage will be provided. Come get to know your neighbors.

Bonnie Shaughnessy-Smith 🌲

**Happy Mother's Day to ALL Special Mothers**

AMAZING  
LOVING  
STRONG  
CHEERFUL  
SELFLESS  
GRACEFUL 🌲

**Work Orders for Commons Grounds**

There are times when we may notice something on the Commons Grounds that needs to be addressed. Rather than calling the office or trying to catch Don or one of the guys, you need to submit a written Work Order just as you would for an issue at your home. These Work Orders need to be directed to Virginia Ferguson as Grounds Liaison so you should mark the Work Order as a Commons Grounds issue/Virginia Ferguson and send or take it to the office. Thank you. This will help get things done in a timely fashion.

Your Editor 🌲

**Please Be Considerate of Your Neighbors**

If you are planning on a loud and noisy project at your home, it is most considerate to let your neighbors know you are going to be making a considerable amount of loud noise in the days and possibly weeks ahead. Please take time to contact your neighbors and let them know you will be making noise during your project (which will only occur during the day time) and how long it may last. Please attempt to work with them to accommodate some of their considerations. Remodeling and other projects are just loud sometimes.

Your Editor 🌲



*"I'm not OCD, but you can count on me to turn your toilet paper in the correct position."*

**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.

**As we listen to the news each day** we hear of all kinds of emergencies and disasters from flooding in Harney County, to earthquakes in Myanmar, to wildfires in the Carolinas, to tornados in our country's mid-section, and more. Any of these emergencies could be ours in the blink of an eye. This is why it is so very important to be prepared ahead of time with plans and supplies. It may seem daunting as to where to begin getting things together. The American Red Cross has a great little booklet called Prepare! - A Resource Guide. In the center of the booklet, there is a 24 week chart that has Make a Plan and Build a Kit (and what to Gather) each week.



**Week 1 - Make a Plan:** Identify a storage area for your emergency supplies. Date perishable supplies.

**Build a Kit. Gather:** 1. Containers to store and easily transport you're your emergency supplies. 2. One (1) gallon of water per person and pet. 3. Seven (7) cans of nonperishable food. 4. One manual can opener. 5. A permanent marker. Additional pet food, baby food, diapers if appropriate for your family.

If you would like a copy of this American Red Cross booklet: Prepare! - A Resource Guide, please let me know. I have copies. Aline Autenrieth, 301-588-5399 or [aautenrieth@juno.com](mailto:aautenrieth@juno.com).

**The next FREE CERT Training Course:**

**Preregistration is required!** Contact Lola Hackett ([lolahackett@yahoo.com](mailto:lolahackett@yahoo.com)) for more information. - See below first!

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| Dates    | Classes: April 24, May 1,8,15,22,29, June 5, 2025<br>Final exercise (mock disaster drill): Saturday, June 7, 2025                                       |
| Times    | Classes: 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm<br>Final exercise (mock disaster drill): 8:30 am - 12:00 pm  |
| Location | Classes: Training Room @ Fire Station #6, located at 2740 25th Street SE<br>Mock Disaster Drill: also @ Fire Station #6, located at 2740 25th Street SE |



If you would like to enroll for this series of classes, **three (3) enrollment forms need to be filled out.** Please let me (Aline Autenrieth 301-588-5399 or [aautenrieth@juno.com](mailto:aautenrieth@juno.com)) know if you are interested and I can get the forms to you and provide further instructions. If you have any questions about the forms, the classes, or the CERT program, please feel welcome to contact me. If you are interested in joining the other 12 of your CERT trained neighbors, please let me know!! Aline Autenrieth at [aautenrieth@juno.com](mailto:aautenrieth@juno.com) or 301-588-5399. 🌱

**!! Items of the Month !!** Many emergency plans suggest being prepared for 72 hours or three days. Although three days is a good start, three days is not very long and we've had several emergencies that have lasted up to six to eight days. So when thinking about preparing for these longer term emergencies, like power outages or earthquakes, it's probably a good idea to consider having provisions for at least a week or two. There are many places where you can get 1-week survival meals (use your search engine) and they are usually priced just under \$100. 🌱



**PLEASE send in your Emergency Prep Information Form to Mary Schroeder.**  
(If you need another one contact Mary at [felines@comcast.net](mailto:felines@comcast.net)!!!!)

Our next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, July 1 at 7:00 PM in the clubhouse.** Emergency Preparedness meets the **1st Tuesday of each quarter (July 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!! 🌱



*"Bean Bag Chairs are Venus Fly Traps  
for anyone over 40."*



## 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

**PAIR BLOSSOM** will join us on **Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>**,

**2:00 – 5:00 pm.** Mary was a symphony violinist and Russell

plays guitar. Their songs have evolved into a musical hybrid that magically connects classical music with popular music, as well as re-imagining classical music with their own tasty spin. Come hear their unique instrumental style.

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 Grassest to reserve seats for you and your guests – 503-559-8414, [sharrose47@yahoo.com](mailto:sharrose47@yahoo.com)

Contributors to this month's Newsletter: Sharon Grassest, Bonnie Shaughnessy-Smith, Virginia Ferguson, Crocheting Rock Hider, and me!, -Aline Autenrieth.



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!

### Salmon Wellington with Puff Pastry

#### Ingredients

- 4 oz cream cheese room temperature
- 10 oz frozen spinach thawed, squeezed, & drained
- 1/2 cup mozzarella cheese, shredded
- Salt & Black pepper to taste
- 1 sheet puff pastry thawed
- 1 pound salmon fillet
- 1 large egg for egg wash

#### Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees F.
2. In a mixing bowl, combine soft cream cheese, thawed & drained spinach, & shredded mozzarella cheese. Mix well. Season with a pinch of salt & pepper to taste. Set aside.
3. On lightly floured surface, roll out thawed puff pastry sheet into rectangle.
4. Place cream cheese mixture in the center of puff pastry, leaving some space around the edges.
5. Lay salmon fillet on top of cream cheese mix, center within puff pastry.
6. Season salmon with salt & pepper to taste.
7. Carefully fold puff pastry (in thirds) over salmon & filling to encase it completely. Make sure to seal edges by pressing them together firmly. Use a little water to help seal, if needed.
8. Transfer prepared Salmon Wellington to a baking sheet lined with parchment paper, seam side down.
9. Using a sharp knife, make a few slits on top of pastry to allow steam to escape during baking. This will help prevent pastry from getting soggy.
10. In a small bowl, beat an egg to create an egg wash. Brush top of pastry with egg wash to give it a nice golden color when baked.
11. Place baking sheet in preheated oven, & bake for approximately 25-30 minutes or till puff pastry is golden brown & salmon is cooked to desired level of doneness. Internal temperature of salmon should reach 145 degrees F.
12. Remove Salmon Wellington from oven, & let rest for a few minutes

before slicing & serving. See Nice Video Here:

<https://www.facebook.com/watch?v=976211068054904>



*"Pleaseeeeee know I find out EVERYTHING.  
I'm a findoutologist."*

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](mailto: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: 10<sup>th</sup> 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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