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CONCERTS!!



Concerts are back!! Battlecreek Commons has been doing “House Concerts” in our clubhouse since 2018. A house concert provides a small friendly environment to attend a concert with your neighbors. It is a style of concert appreciated by the artist and the attendee. For the artist they have the full attention of the audience and can have conversations with people. For the attendee there is no chatter or blender drowning out the performance. You get to hear the music! If the artist is a songwriter you get to hear the meaning behind the lyrics. The audience may be small but every artist I have spoken to loves to do performances in venues like this. We ask that you pay the artist a minimum of \$15 and bring a snack to share with others including the artists. Concerts are once a month on Sundays and start at 2PM and are done by no later than 5 PM. Mark your calendars!



June 7th -- Steve Hale. Steve is described a singer/songwriter with a soul edge. Steve grew up in our area and even admits that in his youth he would sneak into to the former golf course (now the park) at the 3 tee to play. Steve’s voice has a wonderful quality to it and his songs can be both heartfelt and funny. You can find Steve playing at many venues in the area.

July 19th -- Gail Gage Jazz. Gail, sometimes joined by daughter, Carolyn, make great vocal harmonies. Gail plays the double-bass while Carolyn plays the keyboard and they make a powerful duo with chemistry that you only get from tight knit family. Come enjoy their idea of jazz that swings with a little Latin beat thrown in.

So, 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. Sharon Grasseth 🌲



“It’s so annoying when you want to break off a little square of chocolate and it snaps wrong, so you have eat the other eight squares.”

CALENDAR

June 2026 – August 2026

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 – Jean Dalton, Interim</u>	<u>Planning & Projects</u>	<u>Neighborhood Watch – TBD</u>
June 23, 2026-5:30p - ZOOM	June 17, 2026-4:00p - Clbhse		
July 28, 2026-5:30p - ZOOM	July 22, 2026-4:00p - Clbhse	TBD	
August 25, 2026-5:30p - ZOOM	August 19, 2026-4:00p - Clbhse		

<u>Grounds – Virginia Ferguson</u>	<u>Maintenance/Repair/Paving –</u>	<u>Architectural – John Morgan</u>	<u>Emergency Prep – Aline Autenrieth</u>
June 9, 2026-6:00p - Clubhouse	Paving project in progress!	Meets as needed-contact Chair	July 7, 2026-7:00p -Clbhse
July 14, 2026-6:00p - Clubhouse	Meets as needed-contact Chair	TBD	We'll meet quarterly unless
August 11, 2026-6:00p - 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. 🌲



About this Newsletter.....



A few months ago I asked if anyone in the BCC Community would be interested and willing to take on the task of publishing this monthly newsletter. One person expressed interest in making an online edition of the newsletter and that may happen in the future, although not now. I am very ready to take back my time and get on with other projects that have taken a back seat for the last 6+ years. So after some discussion with the board we agreed to go to a Quarterly publication for the time being. So.....you are receiving this June Newsletter and I will also make a July, 2026 Newsletter and then will publish the next issues in October and then January, 2027. So, if you would like to step up and take on this community project, please let me know!!

Your Editor, Aline Autenrieth, aautenrieth@juno.com or 301-588-5399. THANKS! 🌲

Sack Lunch Social!

Saturday, June 20th there will be a **Sack Lunch Social 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM at the Clubhouse**

So mark your calendars and plan to attend!!

Bonnie Shaughnessy-Smith,
Social Committee 🌲



Here's a fun and refreshing opportunity if you wish to get organized!!

SpaceLift

Our neighbor, Shelley McAlpine and her friend, Pat Parvin, have teamed up to bring creativity, care, and hands on expertise to help you renew and revitalize your living space. Whether you just want to rearrange your furniture, declutter and organize, help with packing for a move, arrange into your new space as you move into a new home, or help with choosing new paint colors for a facelift and actual painting, too, they are your answer! They can also help with removing unwanted items.

Here's a partial list of what they can help with:

Services we offer include:

- De-cluttering & organizing
- Repurposing your own belongs
- Rearranging furniture to maximize your space
- Helping select new colors for your rooms
- Painting: replacing light fixtures
- Removing unwanted items
- and other improvements and related services

If you are interested, get in touch with

Shelley McAlpine at mcalpineshelley3@gmail.com or call 510-712-9622 🌲



*“I’m not a hoarder.
I’m a “this might be useful later” Specialist.”*

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.



Good drinking water. These days we hear more and more about possible problems with our drinking water. In late Fall and winter 2026, the US Army Corps of Engineers will begin a "deep drawdown" of the Detroit Lake in order to help endangered juvenile salmon and steelhead migrate downstream. This is required under the Endangered Species Act and the NOAA Fisheries 2024 Biological Opinion (BIOp). This forces young salmon to find safe passage out of the dam and migrate. This plan has caused major alarm among local communities, water purveyors, and recreation advocates across Marion County. One concern/risk is to our drinking. The release of built-up sediment has raised concerns about elevated turbidity (muddy water), which could overwhelm and clog water treatment facilities in downstream cities like Salem and Stayton. The City of Salem has already declared preemptive states of emergency and has been actively drilling new groundwater wells to ensure drinking water redundancy during the 2026 operations. Local communities and foundations have strongly opposed the project, citing threats to the local sport-fishing industry and tourism-dependent economies. (Source: a Google search for Detroit Lake 2026 drawdown)

We also hear some about access to good and safe drinking water due to the disruption of oil tankers' passage in the Strait of Hormuz. The very simple concern is...the electricity grid requires fuel to produce electricity and without it, water generating power plants cannot produce electricity to filter water, not to mention electricity.

All of this is to say, keeping a fresh and ready supply of water in your emergency supplies is very important. Remember, one (1) gallon a day for each human and animal in your household is the basic amount to have on hand and having a minimum of 14 day's supply is a great starting place. If we have a major emergency, 2 weeks may NOT be enough. By adding a gallon of bottled water to your grocery list each shopping trip is a good way to stock up and does not feel so overwhelming. 🌲

!! Items of the Month !! We suggest a "LifeStraw." A single outage or disaster will leave 90% of American families with no clean water. A LifeStraw or Purifying Water Filter is a great thing to have in the car, the back-pack, or at home and one per person. You can drink from any river, stream, pond, lake, puddle, or even rainwater. They work when the power grid fails (they are power-free), remove 99.9999% of contaminants, never expire, provides up to 400 gallons of clean water, scientifically developed & lab-tested, and ultra-light and portable. These can be a long cylinder, or even a pitcher with filter to keep in your refrigerator. They can be found anywhere from Walmart, Home Depot, REI, Dick's Sporting Goods, Redford, to Williams-Sonoma and, of course, also from the ever-present Invasive Species (Amazon!). And they range in price from about \$16 to under \$50 for the fancier ones. 🌲



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

Our next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, July 7 at 7:00 PM in the clubhouse.** Emergency Preparedness meets the **1st Tuesday of each quarter (July 7, October 6, 2026) 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!! 🌲



"I don't know why I don't buy more Piñatas. Like right now I would love to beat the crap out of something and then eat a bunch of candy."

Finders Keepers!

Our 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 so very much for this very fun activity!! So search on, everybody!!



“If you ever picked up a rock and thought, “now this is a good rock,” then we’re family.” 🌲

Concerts Return!

On Sunday May 17th, our neighbor, Bernie Simms again presented a wonderful event for us. He has a special way of encouraging young future musicians. This time, Lily, great-granddaughter of Lynda Hunt and David Best, stepped up to join Bernie for a very special rendition of Bruno Mars’ “Count on Me.” 🌲



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!

Quick Rhubarb Cake

Ingredients:

- 2 cups flour
- 1 cup sugar (or ¾ cup)
- 2 tsp baking powder
- ½ tsp salt
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup milk
- ½ cup melted butter
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 2 cups rhubarb, chopped



Instructions:

- Preheat oven to 180°C (350°F). Grease a 9” cake pan or pie plate.
- Mix flour, sugar, baking powder, and salt.
- Whisk eggs, milk, butter, and vanilla separately.
- Combine wet and dry ingredients until smooth.
- Fold in rhubarb.
- Pour into pan.
- Bake 35–40 minutes until golden. 🍪



Contributors to this month’s Newsletter: Sharon Grasseth, Bonnie Shaughnessy-Smith, Shelley McAlpine, Crocheting Rock Hider, and me!-Aline Autenrieth. 🌲



“People ask me why I drink so much coffee. I tell them it’s because I have a rare condition where my body doesn’t produce its own coffee.”

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Monday thru Friday (except holidays):
10:00 am - 3:30 pm
 NOTE: The office will be closed for holidays on
 July 4, Sep 7
 Nov 26, Dec 25

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