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Neighborhood 4th of July Potluck; photo by Aislinn Steiner

## Calendar

**Aug. 17** - School starts

**Aug. 21** - Solar Eclipse!!

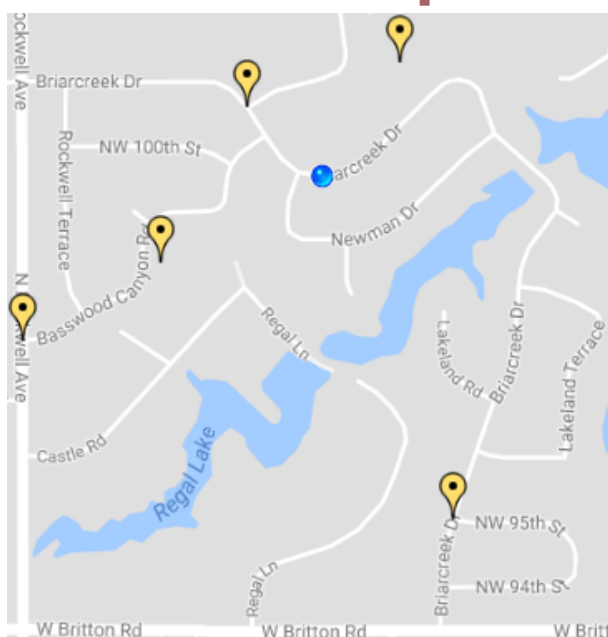
**Sept. 1**

- No school

**Sept. 4** - Labor Day



## Briarcreek Bus Stops



## BACK-TO-SCHOOL

August is upon us, and you know what that means - back-to-school time!! The neighborhood kids are busy carefully selecting their first-day-of-school outfits, filling their backpacks with supplies, and eagerly anticipating seeing all their friends again. It also means that drivers will need to keep an extra careful eye on our roads to keep our children safe. To the left, you will see a map indicating where the bus stops are in Briarcreek. Remember to slow down and keep a careful eye out for the increased presence of our children. They say "it takes a village," and we are that village! Our neighborhood is so blessed to have caring individuals and families, young and old. Let's keep our neighborhood a safe place to live and play!

Putnam City school times are as follows:

**Wiley Post Elementary - 8:30-3:30**

**Hefner Middle School - 7:40-2:35**

**Putnam City North High School - 8:00-3:10**

**\*\*PCN late start Wednesdays - 8:45-3:10**

**NOTE: Buses start picking up in Briarcreek around 6:40 a.m.**

You've got to go out on  
a limb sometimes  
because that's where  
the fruit is.

- Will Rogers

## GARDENING TIPS

from [planetnatural.com/august-gardening](http://planetnatural.com/august-gardening)

You might think August is simply a month for waiting to enjoy this season's hard work, but it isn't! Here are some tips for gardening in August.

It's time to go ahead and pull those pea plants and other vegetables that have already produced their harvest or are going to seed, now that they're just taking up space and using your soil's moisture and nutrients. In their stead, plant spinach, kale, chard, beets, turnips, or rutabagas, but be prepared to mulch them really well when it begins to frost. It's also a good time to harvest herbs and hang them to dry out of the sun, as well as checking over your flower beds, dead-heading as necessary, and pruning your shrubs, hedges, and trees.

\*Also, don't forget to water your lawn, abiding by our Odd/Even watering schedule as outlined by the City!\* Our beautiful green lawns add nearly as much curb-appeal to our neighborhood as landscaped flower beds!

## NOTABLE NEIGHBORS

by Tara Noah



Kevin works for RBA Architecture, while Aislinn is a stay-at-home mom. Cohen and Lily are students at Bethany Schools, Eames at Newchurch Learning Center. The family attends Faith Church.

## NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

On July 4th the neighborhood held a holiday potluck and kiddie parade on Newman Drive. A BIG thanks to everyone who participated and made it such a success! It was a wonderful time meeting and mingling with neighbors and enjoying delicious food (and I do mean DELICIOUS...truly the best pot luck we've ever participated in!) Thank you also to Cliff and Peggy Walton for volunteering your shady lawn! If you were not able to attend, we hope you'll join us at our next neighborhood event.

On July 31st new high-efficiency LED spotlights were installed to illuminate the Briarcreek entrance signs, replacing those that had met their demise. (The electricity powering 1 of the 6, was damaged, but we're confident it will be taken care of soon.)

**Reminder:** Big Blue Trashcans and Recycling Bins should not be visible from the street. Please store them behind the side fence or in the garage. Not only is this a City code and finable offense, but we also want to keep our neighborhood's curb-appeal welcoming and clean!!

Yard-of-the-Month winners will be announced on our website, [www.briarcreekonline.com](http://www.briarcreekonline.com), as well as our Facebook page! If you haven't joined our Facebook page, please do as it is our quickest method of contacting neighbors about urgent matters such as power outages, lost pets, etc.

Originally from Ada and Seminole, respectively, Kevin and Aislinn (pronounced ASH-lin) Steiner became Briarcreek homeowners in January 2012. While the two stay very busy raising their 3 beautiful children (Cohen - 6, Lily - 4, and Eames - 2), they somehow still find time to get away, both as a family and as a couple, update their home, and organize neighborhood events! Our most recent neighborhood get-together, the 4th of July potluck and kiddie parade, was Aislinn's brainchild, which she was able to pull off even after having been away with Kevin celebrating their 9th wedding anniversary until the evening before! Newman Drive is lucky to have this sweet family!