



## September News

We are excited to announce that Gwen Maloy and Karen Ryan are our new co-secretaries of the HOA. Both bring knowledge and skills to our board. Welcome!

This will be the last “hard copy” delivered news letter. The newsletter will only be available through email and on our website beginning with the next issue. Keeps the workload and cost to a minimum.

In other news, beginning in 2021 there will be a service charge for the few who still pay maintenance fees with coupons. BB&T charges the HOA for printing and mailing the books. We strongly suggest auto pay. It is the safest and easiest way to pay. Contact the board at 727-808-2101 to arrange auto pay.

Patch pride reminders: Damaged garage doors need to be replaced and/or repaired prior to painting. Briar Patch uses highest quality paint and meticulous painters and WILL NOT paint damaged doors. On that note, our deed restrictions require garage doors to be down except for ingress and egress.

Now onto happy news! Homes in our lovely community are hot items and sell quickly. Welcome new Patch People.

Blevins Family  
Deloris Mayo  
Cate Hernandez  
Max Stepp  
Craig Russel  
Diane Whitelock

Our pool is still under COVID regulations and the clubhouse closed for events. We all are looking forward to reopening when safe. Thank you to our great residents for your understanding that the bathing load is at 50% and no guests allowed at this time. Donna Jensen has assumed clubhouse directorship and, like all of us, is looking forward to the day when we can resume our wonderful get togethers.

You may be aware that Gary Lavallie as our webmaster has given us an incredible website. Please refer to it. All the forms, information, and deed restrictions are posted there. Many of your questions are easily answered by logging on.

One of the often asked questions is regarding insurance. Each owner in Briar Patch is required to have full homeowners insurance NOT CONDO insurance as we are not condominium. Unfortunately some real estate agents and insurance agents have advised incorrectly. Including termite insurance in your policy is beneficial as well. Our community is treated for subterranean termites, however, drywood termites are the homeowner's responsibility.

We are delighted with our new signage. Signs set the mood and style of a community. The entrance with the 3-D bunny has gotten lots of praise. That, along with the parking and pool signs are all very clean and classy, just like our community and our neighbors!

Finally, there will be a chlorine shortage soon as the major manufacturer's building was destroyed by fire recently during a hurricane. We are going to switch our pool from chlorine to salt purification in the next few weeks. Also, there is a free standing umbrella for pool users, however, we ask you to take it out of the base and return to the patio after usage to prevent wind damage. Thanks!

And...WELCOME BACK snowbirds!