



Briar

Patch

Briar Patch Homeowners' Association, Inc. Website: briarpatchnpr.com

6525 Thicket Trail, New Port Richey, FL 34653

In and Around Briar Patch

Hello to all the members of our Briar Patch Community!

Annual Meeting Monday, February 14, 2022

The Briar Patch community was established over 30 years ago. Some of you have been here from the beginning and some of us are new home owners here.

Keep in mind as you're reading through, that the newsletter may contain information you are familiar with, some information you have forgotten, or some information that's new. We want to provide information that is pertinent and helpful to all our members.

Please let me know if there is anything you would like to see in the publication.

Send your suggestions to me at: cla@frontier.com

Next newsletter deadline is Friday, February 18th.
Connie Ausflug

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Thank You to all the volunteers who helped put up **and** take down the holiday decorations!
Your efforts are much appreciated!



How are your New Year's resolutions going? Have you already given up on them just a month into the new year? Well don't despair; there's no quick fix if you want change to last. Lasting change requires lasting attention. The process of making change or achieving tough goals is like treating a chronic disease rather than curing a rash. To build a new habit that actually sticks – *if it's eating healthier, establishing an exercise routine, managing money, learning a craft, whatever* - make sure you're having fun doing it! Those who choose the fun way to pursue their goal persist longer because they like it. You can do it; it's never too late to start.

Searching the web for an answer to one question about recycling in Pasco County, the web provided an encyclopedia of answers. So sharing that information with you.

As you know, Waste Connections picks up our curbside recyclable items early Thursday mornings. If you do choose to recycle, here's some helpful information. Do not bag recyclable items; put them in a separate container (tub, basket, etc.). Also break down cardboard boxes and tie or tape them together.



Items allowable for recycling are:

- ▲ Aluminum ▲ Metal food cans ▲ Cardboard ▲ Paper
- ▲ Plastic bottles and small containers

According to the regulations in Pasco County, listed below are the items that **can not** be put in the recycle collection. These can be taken to West Pasco Resource Recovery Facility, 14606 Hays Road, Springhill, Monday through Saturday 8:00am – 4:30pm. Proof of Pasco County residence is **required** for services. *Tires, appliances, metal, and hazardous materials are not accepted.*

Appliances
Batteries
Bottle Caps
Ceramics
Clothing and textiles
Cooking oil bottles
Diapers
Drinking glasses

Electronics
Furniture
Items that tangle up
Medicine bottles
Plastic containers #6
Plastic wrap
Potato chip bags
Propane cylinders

Shopping bags
Styrofoam
Wire hangers
Wood
Waxy containers (milk containers, etc.)

For more information about Pasco County's Recycle drop offs, please call 727-857-2780

Even the longest lasting battery's life does have to come to an end. Drop off those dead size D and smaller batteries in the green container located on the book shelf in the Clubhouse. They will be taken to West Pasco County Recycle Facility.



Medical items and containers can be disposed of in a container in the lobby of the Sheriff's District Office located at 7432 Little Road, NPR. Regular business hours are 8:30am – 4:00pm. For further information, call 727-856-4539.

Accepted items:

- Prescription Medications • OTC Medications • Vitamins
- Pet Medications • Ointments & Patches • Inhalers
- Lotions and Liquids • Aerosol Cans

**Not accepted items: Needles & Thermometers
Hydrogen Peroxide • Illegal Drugs**



MESSAGES FROM OUR BOARD DIRECTORS

We are ready to wrap up another year and start a new one commencing with the annual meeting on February 14. Each owner will receive an info packet in the mail soon. We invite all owners to attend the meeting. Slated is election of 4 positions. Briar Patch is fortunate to have many residents who have special skills and we encourage all to volunteer and keep us the lovely community it is and has been. Recently the volunteerism has been wonderful. We will go into detail and kudos at the annual meeting. Come and meet your Board and your neighbors.

Frank Ferreri, President

Briar Patch Email Blasts!

For events open to the entire Briar Patch community, let us help you spread the message via email blast.

- For Time-sensitive events -

Send your flyer to briarpatchnpr@yahoo.com
Subject: Email Blast Request

- For Future events (30 days or more)

Please submit your information to Connie Ausflug
to be included in the Community Newsletter.
(cla@frontier.com)

We look forward to hearing from you!

Gwen Maloy, Director of Administration



Here are the responses to my request as to what activities you would like to see at the Clubhouse:

Bingo • Pokeno
An Oldies Night with Music & Pizza
Board Games • Cards • Bunko
(Dates to be determined.)

I'm sure there are many more we can look into.
So keep suggestions coming! Contact me at:
donnamarie13us@yahoo.com

Thank you,
Donna Jensen, Director of Clubhouse

Around the Hood

The new owners meeting up had been held at the clubhouse on Jan 15th. We had a nice group of 16 attend. So many different stories as to where people had come from and what they had for interests. It was a light meeting, with a number of questions answered.

One person was attending whose mother is currently living here, came in to "check things out" as she is considering whether she is going to live here also. For many they shared a similar story; rehab the home and then move in. I love that. I've been here since 2016 and still have several projects on my plate to improve my home. It struck me that we are all building our own version of a perfect retirement home. One custom-made for us. A perfect fit.

The friendships that I cultivate now are people that I am going to enjoy more recreational time. I am on the track for retirement. (Still working.) The countdown is on. This is a time where these friendships can be truly enriching. Many in attendance expressed interest in activities. Bunco, cards, and having functions in our Briar Patch community. I could not agree more!

If you can dream it, you can create it. I encourage you to take a minute and fill out the upcoming survey. Let us know what you would like to have in Briar Patch. These can be the Best Years of our lives.

*Jillian LaVelle,
Mission Ambassador (Greeter)*

As many of our homeowners have noticed the irrigation system has been off for the last month. Every winter we turn them off because of the cool damp nights. If we irrigate fungus will start to appear on our lawns which will cause other issues. If possible please do not water your own lawns; that may contribute towards more fungus and kill the dormant grass. We are also aware of some issues with our aging sprinkler system and are addressing it before the systems get turned on in spring.

Please continue to refrain from parking on the grass around Briar Patch; the sprinkler heads are very close to the street. If someone parks on the grass and breaks a sprinkler head it will cost over \$100 each to repair!

In addition, remember to fill out work orders for any landscaping, updates, or repairs needed around your homes in accordance to the deed restrictions.

Fred Ausflug, Director of Grounds and Landscape

*** Spotlight ***



*An interesting shop to visit ~ **Lis's Pieces Artisan Boutique**, located at 6214 Grand Blvd., downtown New Port Richey. Lis's gift shop offers unique, handmade art home decorations. Over 95% of all their pieces are made by local artists! The beautiful items are displayed on two floors covering 6,000 sq ft. Lis's hours are 10am to 6pm Monday through Sunday. *Stop by and take a look.**

Connected to Lis's is **Bruce Brothers Beanery**. You can enter the coffee shop right through Lis's or from the street entrance – 5738 Missouri Avenue, downtown New Port Richey. Bruce Brothers offers Specialty Espresso Beverages and Sparkling Energy Drinks. They serve West Coast Artesian style coffee with a broad horizon of a classic Medium Dark Roast Coffee to a dessert style French Toast Frappe. If you love coffee, you'll love Bruce Brothers Beanery! They also feature Lotus Energy drinks with a culmination of options available.

A little something special for every taste. Hours: Monday through Sunday 7am to 7pm.

So many, many choices of deliciousness at **Cotee River Creamery and Desserts!** All of the creations are made right there in the "his and hers" kitchens by the owners. George makes the ice cream and Stacy the desserts. They also offer coffee, a small menu of breakfast and lunch items, and pints of ice cream ready to go! Dine inside or outside on their spacious patio at 6345 Grand Blvd., downtown New Port Richey.

Monday through Thursday from 6:30am to 9pm / Friday, Saturday, Sunday from 6:30am to 11pm.

Looking for Certified Organic Produce?

Check out these locally owned businesses ...



Wright's Natural Market

5800 Main St. downtown New Port Richey

Groceries • Supplement Store • Market Café
Outdoor Seating and Curb-Side Pickup

10% off on Sundays

Throughout the Store and the Café

TASTY TUESDAYS COMMUNITY MARKET

Each Tuesday from 10am to 1pm *Rain or Shine*
Outside the New Port Richey Public Library
5939 Main Street, New Port Richey

Locally grown Organic Produce, Plants, Breads,
Honey, Coffee, Skin Care,

Handmade Artisan Items and more.