



Briar Patch

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6525 Thicket Trail, New Port Richey, FL 34653

In and Around Briar Patch

Hello to all the members of our Briar Patch Community!



We have received some very favorable comments about the monthly newsletter.

In an effort to keep it informational and interesting, we need your suggestions as to what YOU would like to see. Please email your thoughts to me at: cla@frontier.com

REMINDER: The date for the next HOA Meeting has been changed to **Monday, April 25th**. It will be held at the Clubhouse at 6:00 pm. See you there!

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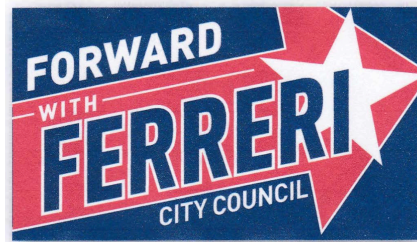
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The 2022 Municipal Election for City Council position will be held on:

Tuesday, April 12th

7am to 7pm at the Recreation and Aquatic Center, 6630 Van Buren Street, NPR.





We received lots of interest for **BINGO** at the Clubhouse! We have all the supplies. We just need someone to spearhead the game once a week after the pool is finished with the renovating (latter part of April). Sounds like lots of fun!
Please let me know if you can do this.
It will be so very much appreciated!
Email me at donnamarie13us@yahoo.com

PARTY at the POOL

April 9 ~ 1:30 - 4:30
"Oldies" Music with a DJ
Bring a snack and a beverage.
Hope to see you there!

GAME NIGHT

April 12 ~ 6pm at the Clubhouse

PO-KE-NO

The game of Po-Ke-No is one that is a combination of two other well-known games. These two games are Poker and Keno. By combining these two games together the result is a game that resembles quite closely to bingo. Easy to play even if it's your first time!
Please email me if you are interested.
Donna Jensen
Director of Clubhouse



Not much to report this month other than we continue to ask all of our homeowners to instruct your visitors and contractors to keep their vehicle off the grass. Irrigation repair is one of the largest budget items we have. Continued repairs on our sprinkler heads due to driving/parking on them is very costly. In the near future we will be putting "Please Keep Off The Grass" stickers on violators' windows. Lastly, it is not too late to sign up for Power Washing of your driveways and walks; at this time we have over 30 homeowners signed up. If you're interested in the Power Washing, please email me at: briarpatchinfo@yahoo.com.

Fred Ausflug
Director of Grounds & Landscape

MESSAGES FROM OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

I've been privileged to visit a lot of homes here in the Briar Patch. When I first started welcoming people into our community, I had no idea all the differences in our layouts of our units. Sure, I knew some had upstairs and others didn't. But, there are more differences than that. Some only have one bathroom, others have two and a half. Some have cathedral ceilings, others have drop ceilings. Some have expanded square footage. Lots of variety within the layouts.

Sometimes when I walk into the new owners homes, there are boxes everywhere. Normal for moving in. Other new neighbors have done full renovations prior to moving in. Makes me feel as if I am walking into a perfect magazine depiction of a model home. (Trust me, mine is still not there.) However, I have made strides in the right direction. Personally, I like seeing the design ideas. There are some very creative people who live here.

When Karen and I hatched the idea about having an art fair, I knew I could think of 5 artists in our neighborhood. That list grew as the artists came to about 15. All amazingly talented people, and that is who decided to join in with the fair! Everyone makes their property into their own perfect home.

What makes your house into your home? Is it the clock that was in your family for years and goes from property to property? Is it your own designer flair? Or none of that? For me, I think my home is my home because my cat is there. Everything else is just personal expression. We all have unique talents, skills, and abilities. Let yours shine in Briar Patch.

Jillian LaVelle
Mission Ambassador (Greeter)

I will be leaving to go back home shortly, so we need someone to assume the responsibility of taking care of the flowers at the pool.

If interested, please email me at:

garylavinc@gmail.com

Gary Lavallie
Director of Pool

The City of New Port Richey hosts the Concerts in the Park Series at Sims Park in downtown New Port Richey. (Banks and Main Sts.) Bring your chairs and enjoy the beautiful Florida evenings under the moonlight. Food and beverages will be available from the various vendors.

The next concert ~ **ABBA Tribute** ~ is Saturday, April 16, from 7:00pm to 8:30pm. The original ABBA group was from Sweden. Maybe you remember a few of their catchy songs – "Waterloo," "Mamma Mia," and "Dancing Queen" – which were popular 1972 to 1982. The concert is **FREE!**

Also **FREE** is transport on the DART (courtesy trolley)! You can hop on at the parking garage at US19 and Main; parking there is also **FREE!** The trolley will drop you off right at Sims Park and take you back to the parking garage. The trolley schedule on Saturday is from noon to midnight. The parking garage is open daily from 7:30 am to midnight.





New Port Richey, is a residential community, with a population of 17,490, has a strong local government and an attractive historical downtown.

Since its incorporation, the city is most recognized for its cultural heritage and unique riverfront landscape.

New Port Richey's geography blends nature, beaches, and great shopping with restaurants, culture and business - all with a small-town feel.

How it all began ...

In December 1883, Aaron McLaughlin Richey (1837-1912), with his wife and daughter, came from Missouri and settled near the mouth of the Cotee River (an abbreviation of the Indian name Pithlachascotee). His homestead's location became familiarly known as Richey Point.

Shortly after, he established a post office and called it Port Richey. He was its first postmaster, and also opened a small store at that location. Because of his travels by boat along the river and coast to deliver mail and packages - and ferry passengers when needed - he was soon known as Captain Richey.

The actual beginning of New Port Richey dates from 1911, when W. E. Guilford drew up a plan for a

future city further inland on the Cotee River. He surveyed locations for many of the proposed city's streets and avenues, and his plan has been followed with very little deviation since that date. After George R. Sims moved to the city in 1916 and opened the Sims Land Office, the development of New Port Richey was steady and rapid.

On December 22, 1919, Dr. Elroy M. Avery founded the Avery Library and Historical Society (now the New Port Richey Public Library and The West Pasco Historical Society). The Avery Library opened its doors to the public in April 1920, and provided impetus for the founding of the City of New Port Richey. On October 27, 1924, residents voted 201:4 in favor of incorporating New Port Richey, and chose Elroy M. Avery as their first mayor. He was sworn in on October 29, 1924.

In December of 1924, George Sims deeded his land around Orange Lake, then popularly known as Enchantment Park, to the city's residents in perpetuity. Because of the brand-new city's Ordinance One (a code that regulates when and where alcoholic beverages can be distributed within the city), the beautiful riverfront gathering spot in the center of town (now known as Sims Park) will forever belong to the people of New Port Richey.



Yvette Grant 4/1
John Potrelli 4-14

The English language can be very punny!

For instance ...

- ☞ **A boiled egg in the morning is hard to beat.**
- ☞ **Reading while sunbathing makes you well red.**
- ☞ **Bakers trade bread recipes on a knead-to-know basis.**
- ☞ **Those who jump off a bridge in Paris are in Seine.**
- ☞ **Can February March? No but April May.**

This little poem on a plaque, written by Jack Edwards, was found here at a moving sale. Does anyone know of Edwards? It would be interesting to hear about him. Please email me if you do. cla@frontier.com.

YE OL' BRIAR PATCH

**Ye Ol' Briar Patch has kept its name
And everything around has made a big change.
Beautiful Villas around everywhere
And you can bet your boots Peter Rabbit will be there.**

**A long time ago, Uncle Remus owned the place.
He hated Peter Rabbit and he gave him quite a chase.
Now Peter Rabbit was far too smart for him.
He would jump into the Briar Patch where
he had a little den.
Now Old Uncle Remus finally passed away
And Mr. Peter Rabbit forever he will stay.
He is standing at the entrance to the
Villas that we know
And he is very happy for his smile will tell you so.**

Jack Edwards



Global crude oil prices have been on the rise causing U.S. gas prices hitting a new national record. To help you maximize your miles per gallon, check out these tips ...

COMBINE SHORT TRIPS Warm engines run more efficiently than cold ones. Run multiple errands at one time rather than making shorter, separate trips from a cold start. Also share a ride with someone going in the same direction and split the cost of gas.

CUT DOWN ON A/C and KEEP WINDOWS CLOSED Running your car's air conditioner uses about 20% more fuel. AAA recommends cutting the A/C five minutes before you reach your destination and parking in the shade or a garage.

DON'T ACCELERATE OR BRAKE TOO HARD

Applying slow accelerating and braking can increase your fuel economy by 20%.

AVOID IDLING Leaving the engine running while the vehicle isn't moving uses more fuel than restarting the engine.

GAS STATIONS Keep in mind that gas stations near major highways often charge more for gas because of their overhead costs. Fill up at a local station before a road trip. Get gas and run errands when the roads are less crowded. Use apps and websites like Gas Guru, GasBuddy and MapQuest to check local prices and find the cheapest fuel near you.



A single lot of **Great Value Buttermilk Pancake & Waffle Mix** sold at Walmart is being recalled after fragments of a cable used in the processing line were found in some products, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration said in a notice. Affected products have the **UPC 078742370828, lot code KX2063**, and a best by date of **09/01/2023**. If you find you do have this particular product in your cupboard, either throw it away or return it to the store for a replacement or refund.

There are ten **National Holidays** in the United States. However, there are a myriad of days noted as "National" Holidays" on every day of the month all year long. The titles "National" associated with these days have not been a proclamation as such by the President of the United States. These additionally created National Holidays were for the purpose of promoting a group or cause, to build a brand or business, to give special recognition, or just for fun. Here's one of the many "National Holidays" in April ...



April 1 – National One Cent Day

This day honors the major point in the establishment of the American currency. In 1787 the U.S. issued the first coin, designed by Benjamin Franklin. On one side the coin read "Mind Your Business," and on the other side "We Are One." These coins were handcrafted and minted by workers without the use of machines. The coins were bigger than they are today and made entirely of copper. In 1792 the U.S.

Minting was established and a new design was introduced on April 1, 1793. These new coins wore a symbol of the Statue of Liberty with the image of a lady with flowing hair and the other side showed 13 chains representing the 13 colonies. It weighed about 0.4 ounces and was a little over 1 inch in diameter. As years went by, the coin's size was reduced to make it easier to handle. Several other changes were made since then from an eagle wreath and the head of an American Indian to President Lincoln's face. The metal was reduced from 100% copper to 97.5% zinc and only 2.5% copper.

Watch for next month's **"National Holiday"**