



Briar

Patch

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In and Around Briar Patch

Hello to all the members of our Briar Patch Community!

Happy Father's Day June 19, 2022



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mother's death, her father, Civil War veteran William Jackson Smart, raised six children as a single parent. Dodd was very grateful to her father for his dedication. She was inspired by Anna Jarvis' efforts for a Mother's Day and wanted to create an official equivalent for male parents.

She went to local churches, storekeepers and government officials to gain support for her idea and eventually succeeded. Washington State celebrated the country's first statewide Father's Day at the YMCA in Spokane, Washington on June 19, 1910. Originally, Dodd suggested June 5 as the date for the holiday, as it was the anniversary of her father's death. However, presumably there wasn't enough time to organize the festivities in time.

In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson spoke at a Father's Day celebration in Spokane, Washington and wanted to make the holiday

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Father's Day is not a federal holiday, but a relatively modern holiday to recognize the contribution of fathers or male caregivers to their children and also to society. A father and child relationship is one of the purest and loving relationships in the world.

Sonora Smart Dodd of Spokane Washington is credited with starting Father's Day in the USA. After Dodd's

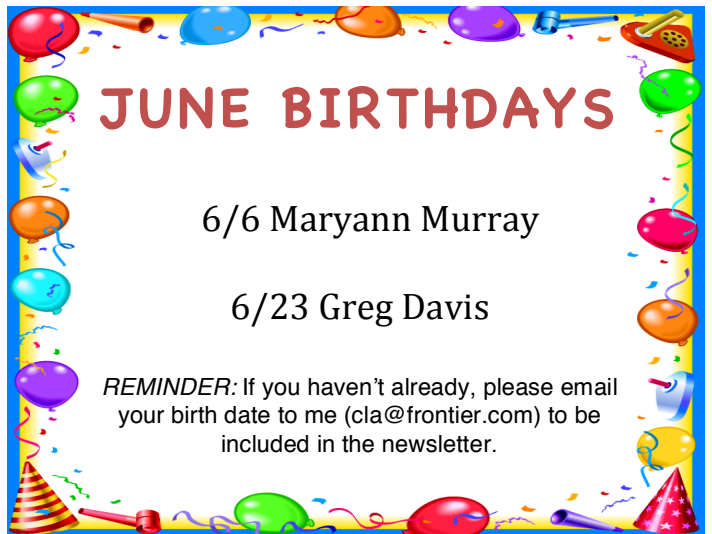
official. Congress resisted, however, fearing it would be just another commercialized holiday. So the movement grew slowly and only got more popular in 1924, when President Calvin Coolidge urged all US states to observe Father's Day.

In 1966, President Lyndon B. Johnson declared the third Sunday in June as Father's Day. However it wasn't until 1972 when President Richard Nixon signed into law a *permanent* recognition of Father's Day.

Father's Day is dedicated to every man who holds nothing back – who gives his heart, soul, and energy to those he cares about and still finds a way to love them more every single day.



Of all the gifts a father can give his children, the best one of all is a good example to follow. A father is the perfect blend of guardian, coach, teacher and friend. He doesn't think of himself as a hero, but then heroes never do. And some Fathers you just keep looking up to, no matter how tall you get.



BRAIN TEASE

Change the A in each of these words to a Z.
Then rearrange the letters to form
a common uncapitalized word.

1-diaper 2-prelate 3-regain 4-relates

(Answer on page 4)

“NATIONAL HOLIDAY” ~ Summer Solstice

The Summer Solstice (also called Midsummer's Day) occurs when the tilt of Earth's axis is most inclined towards the sun and is directly above the Tropic of Cancer. It is the longest day of the year, and the shortest night. In the Northern Hemisphere it takes place between June 20 and 22, depending on the year – this year it is on Tuesday, June 21.



In the beginning of the Stone Age, humans may initially have noticed the sun's movement. As summer progressed, the sun stopped moving northward in the sky, then began tracking southward again as summer turned to autumn. This may have been observed as a marker of when to plant and harvest crops. Traditionally, the summer solstice period fell between the planting and harvesting of crops, leaving people who worked the land time to relax.

Cultures around the world still celebrate the day with feasts, bonfires, picnics and songs. It has significance for pagans who have always believed that midsummer day holds a special power. Midsummer's eve was believed to be a time when the veil between this world and the next was at its thinnest, and when fairies were thought to be at their most powerful.

Across the United States, summer solstice is widely celebrated similarly to Memorial Day weekend in late May. Some folks start their summer vacations on or around June 20. Some celebrate by holding big gatherings with food, alcohol and music.

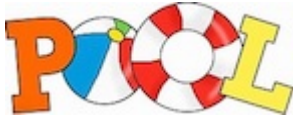
However you choose to spend your Summer Solstice, enjoy the additional sunlight as there won't be another day in this year as long!

MESSGES FROM OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Briar Patch bowling teams wrapped up their season ... Lots of fun! Headed by captain Evelyn Arnheiter.
Bowlers: Robert Wilks, Craig Russell, Frank Ferreri, Debbie Farlekas, Gaynor Burch, Kathleen Bauer, Donna Ahlf, Karen Adams, Marie Lawrence, Lucinda Green, Peter Leonis.
Join in the fun next season! For more information contact Evelyn at 727-207-9502.

Frank Ferreri, President



REMINDER: As you know, work has started on the pool. The company working on it has requested that for safety reasons no one should enter that area while those repairs are being done. Thank you for your understanding.

Gary Lavallie
Director of Pool



Again, a reminder to all drivers that parking on the grass can not only damage the grass but also the sprinkler heads. Thank you for your cooperation!

Fred Ausflug
Director of Grounds and Landscape

SALE

Attention Neighbors!

Briar Patch will be holding a community
Garage Sale from 9 - 4

Friday June 10th & Saturday June 11th

If you would like to participate, just put a sign in front of your house. Don't forget to get a permit from the City, \$2.00. The event is being advertised on the Nexdoor.com website and an email reminder will be sent out on June 8th.



Jif peanut butter is recalled for potential salmonella contamination. All of the affected Jif peanut butter products can be identified by their lot code numbers, which is found near the "best by" date. If the lot code's first four numbers are between **1274** and **2140**, and the sequence **425** appears after the first four, it should be discarded. Check out Smucker's website to request a refund.

ENJOY SPRING



Who has the prettiest Magnolia tree in our Briar Patch? This Girl!!!!

The beautiful foliage is a reminder of renewal. Spring is ushering in quite nicely. My tree has a plethora of buds. It reminds us of the abundance in Nature. It is fully loaded with too many buds to count. All those have the potential to come into their own. Many will share their unique beauty of the world to enjoy. To me, the fragrance is light. Others experience fragrance with more sensitivity. Some can smell the flowers from half way down the block. The folks who walk around our neighborhood often compliment me on my tree.

Take time to stroll around our Briar Patch neighborhood. Look for signs of Spring. Let yourself fully enjoy those pops of color and the wide variety of flowers and foliage. Use all your senses. Allow yourself to *enjoy* this Spring.

You may also want to make a goal to take the decision to come into your own. Decide now to bloom here in Briar Patch - become the best version of yourself. Enjoy your renewal and your personal Spring.

Jillian LaVelle
Director at Large

PO-KE-NO is discontinued because of low attendance. However, BINGO is a big hit and will continue on Tuesdays at 6:30pm. Fred Heindl will be leaving for the summer, so we need someone (or two) to call the numbers.

It's evident that the members of our Briar Patch are interested in building relationships and promoting community spirit. I have received a great deal of interest in a number of activities at our Clubhouse! However, this cannot be accomplished without someone to spearhead the activities. It's not necessary for someone to spearhead ALL activities, just the ones they are most familiar with. For example - Mahjong, board games, crafts, excursions, sharing their expertise, cards, book club, etc.

We need to work together to make it possible to provide activities for our members. So please contact me with your interests and suggestions on what you would like to see going on at the Clubhouse. I would surely appreciate your offers to help make this happen. My email is: donnamarie13us@yahoo.com

Donna Jensen
Director of Clubhouse



The threat of hurricanes is very real for Florida during the six-month long Atlantic hurricane season, which runs from June 1 until November 30. The peak of hurricane season occurs between mid-August and late October. **Pasco County is in a high risk hurricane zone.** Here are some reminders/suggestions for preparing for storms ...

A **WATCH** means you are in the projected path of the storm/hurricane. Have a plan in place if the **WATCH** becomes a **WARNING**. Listen for weather updates on local stations and on NOAA Weather Radio. The FEMA App is a good option to receive emergency alerts and information so that you know what to do before, during and after disasters. The app provides safety notifications, emergency preparedness tips, and disaster resources. You can download the app via text messaging on an Apple Device: Text **APPLE** to **43362** (4FEMA).

BE PREPARED ...

- Ask friends or family if you could stay with them if they are in a safe area.
- Determine in advance where you need to go, and how you will get there if an evacuation is ordered. Our Briar Patch location is in Zone C. Remember, community shelters are locations of last resort. The nearest shelter is at 11611 Denton Avenue, Hudson. Schools east of Little Road may also become available; but remember these shelters fill up fast. Check first to see if there is room for you and, if you have a pet, can you bring it with you.
- Maintain at least a two-week supply of medication during hurricane season.
- Get any last-minute supplies that may not be available during the storm or after the storm passes.
- Fill your car's gas tank and check oil, coolant, and tires. Gas pumps won't operate without electricity.
- Get cash. Banks and ATMs won't work without electricity and few stores will be able to accept credit cards, or personal checks.
- Clear your yard of potential airborne items - lawn furniture, potted plants, trash cans, etc.
- If there is a chance flooding could threaten your home, move important items such as electronics, antiques off the floor.
- It is likely during a severe storm that you will lose power. To preserve any food you have stored in your refrigerator and freezer, turn the dials to the coldest settings and avoid opening the doors. You can also freeze water in sandwich bags or water bottles. These will extend the duration of refrigeration and the ice will melt and provide you with additional water supply.
- Take important papers, including your driver's license, special medical information, insurance policies, your insurance agent's name and number, and property inventories.
- Take your pet supplies and vaccination records.
- Take irreplaceable items, such as photos or keepsakes.
- Let friends and relatives know where you are going.
- Turn off electricity, water and gas if officials tell you to do so.
- Lock your windows and doors.

When you know a storm is coming and you *haven't been advised to leave* ... (In addition to the above)

- **STAY INFORMED** Monitor your battery-operated radio, NOAA weather radio, FEMA app, or TV for the latest advisories and other emergency information. Have plenty of batteries.
- **FOOD and WATER** It is likely during a severe storm that you will lose power. Make sure you have at least a seven-day supply of non-perishable foods. Consider using disposable plates, bowls, or utensils.
- You will need water for drinking, but you may also need it to flush toilets, wash dishes, or clean up. Fill clean bathtubs and sinks with clean water prior to a storm so you'll have extra clean water.
- **SAFE ROOM** DO NOT stay in a room which has unshielded windows/glass doors. Find an interior, windowless, reinforced room -- a bathroom, hallway, closet, or bedroom on the lower floor -- which will help buffer you from the storm's winds and any flying debris. If you have a 2-story home, under the stairs might also be a safe place.
- **DO NOT TRAVEL** DO NOT travel until you are told it is safe to do so. Wait for official word that the danger has passed. If flooding threatens your home, turn off electricity at the main breaker. If you lose power, turn off major appliances (such as the air conditioner and water heater) to reduce damage from surge when power is restored.

BE SMART ~ BE PREPARED ~ BE SAFE

BLOOD DONATION SAVES LIVES

Blood Donation Awareness Blood Drive

Friday, June 17

11:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Seven Springs Golf & Country Club

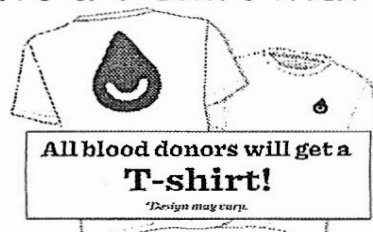
The Palm Room

3535 Trophy Blvd New Port Richey, FL 34655 (The Palm Room)

Appointments are encouraged. Please call (352)596-2002 or
visit

https://donors.lifesouth.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/763043

Donors will receive a T-Shirt with donation



All donors will receive a recognition item and a free cholesterol screening. Donors must be 16 or older, weigh at least 110 pounds, and show photo I.D. 16-year-olds require written parental permission.

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