

Briar



Patch

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Labor Day is a federal holiday celebrated annually on the first Monday in September. The holiday is rooted in the late nineteenth

century, when labor activists pushed for a federal holiday to recognize the many social and economic achievements workers have made to America's strength, prosperity, and well being.

Beginning in the late nineteenth century, as the trade union and labor movements grew, trade unionists proposed that a day be set aside to celebrate labor. In the United States, Peter J. McGuire, a union leader who had founded the Brotherhood of Carpenters in 1881, is generally given credit for the idea of Labor Day.

In 1882 McGuire suggested to the Central Labor Union of New York that there be a celebration honoring American workers. On September 5th that year some 10,000 workers, under sponsorship of the Knights of Labor, held the first Labor Day Parade in New York City. There was no particular significance to the date; McGuire said that it was chosen because it fell roughly halfway between the Fourth of July holiday and Thanksgiving.

In 1884, the Knights of Labor adopted a resolution that the first Monday in September be considered Labor Day. The idea quickly spread and by the following year Labor Day celebrations were being held in a number of states.

In 1894, there was a series of unemployed workers' riots on May Day (May 1st) in Cleveland as an *unofficial* observance rooted in socialist movements. Shortly thereafter, on May 11th, the workers of the Pullman Palace Car Company in Chicago (manufacturer of railroad cars) rioted due to their 25% cut in wages and no corresponding reduction in rent - the majority of workers lived near Chicago. In solidarity, other workers of the American Railroad Union also went on strike. The widespread railroad strike and boycott severely disrupted railroad traffic in the Midwest. The federal government's response to the unrest marked the first time an injunction was used to break a strike. These two incidents prompted President Grover Cleveland to propose a bill that would make Labor Day a national public

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holiday. The bill was crafted in part to deflect attention from May Day, and was signed into law on June 28, 1894.

Canada's Labor Day is also celebrated on the first Monday of September. More than 80 countries celebrate *International Workers' Day* on May 1st, the ancient European holiday of May Day.





MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

Kiki Taylor and Enrique Ferrer



In August of 2021, Kiki and Enrique bought a one-story villa in Briar Patch and immediately proceeded to remodel their new home. It was very challenging since the face of Covid was still active. Before coming to New Port Richey, they lived in the Carolinas for eight years where two of their five children and two grandchildren also live. Having had vacations in these parts of Florida, and being beach lovers, they decided it was time to move to the West part of Florida.

Enrique was born in Madrid, Spain, and Kiki in Panama City, Panama. Eleven years ago Enrique, a widower for 14 years, met Kiki and after a year of courting they were married. Enrique has four children, all married, and seven grandchildren. Kiki has only one son. She always wanted a big family. Her wish came true when she married Enrique. For her, they are not her stepchildren but her children and grandchildren including their spouses. She feels very blessed because all of them have made Enrique and her feel very loved and included in their lives.

Enrique graduated with a Master's Degree from South Carolina University as an economist. He worked for Shell Oil in Venezuela and owned several businesses in that country. Due to the political environment in Venezuela, he was forced to close his businesses and moved to the USA. Kiki came to this country when she was 11 years old; she too had many jobs in her early years. In her 30's, Kiki decided to go back to school. She graduated as a Language Assessor and worked for the Broward School District in the ESOL program (English for Speakers of Other Languages) in Fort Lauderdale.

At an early age, Art was always Kiki's passion. She pursued her artist career for many years accomplishing and obtaining exhibitions internationally, including in Europe. One of her paintings is in the permanent collection of the French Alliance gallery in Paris, France. She was very active in the art world no matter where she lived. In Fort Lauderdale, she founded the first Art Guild for the city of Sunrise. Enrique also enjoyed art as a primitive art collector and taking photographs of nature. They are looking forward to meeting new neighbors in our Briar Patch Community. Both Enrique and Kiki have traveled internationally and lived in many places; but they want us to know that they feel very happy to be here in their "third act" in such a friendly and safe community.

September 10 "National" Holiday ~ SWAP IDEAS DAY

National Swap Ideas Day is observed annually on September 10th. The exact origin is unknown. However, it is believed the creator of this day is Robert Birch. This is not his only unusual idea; he has also invented several strange celebrations (Lumpy Rug day, for one).

The purpose of this "National Holiday" is to bring people together to have the opportunity to bounce different ideas off each other. Maybe it's only your suggestion of an idea, but when it's paired with others, a bigger and more tangible impression evolves.

Swap Ideas Day is also an avenue to solve existing problems or revisit previous successes. Sometimes we need a fresh perspective to spur us into new and exciting directions. All can benefit from sharing. We may find from our conversations that there are others who share our concepts, similar interests, skill sets, and ideas. Perhaps someone could offer to teach a craft or skill, recommend a better/easier way to complete a task, or offer a solution to a problem that has worked for them. As the popular saying goes, "Two heads are better than one." That's how things get done.

MESSAGES FROM OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

We're All Getting Older

I was sixteen going on thirty-years-old. I knew more than my parents. I had figured it all out. I had big, big dreams. Besides, "you can't trust anyone over thirty."
(A Jack Weinberg quote.)

In my thirties, I was living those dreams. I had my own company, flew around the world teaching others, and felt self-confident. But, by then, I became aware of bigger questions. Still I was the teacher who was the expert.

In my forties and fifties, I realized that Mom and Dad had as many, if not more, answers than I did. I called and asked for their advice often.

Now in my sixties, I live by taking my best shot in the moment. I wish my parents were still around so I could talk to them. Just last month, the company I work for changed out the double screens for the computer to one big screen. When I first sat down in front of it, a voice inside my head said, "Don't sit too close to the screen, it will ruin your eyes." It was my Mom's voice. Guess she is still giving me advice after all ... I'm glad about that.

Who knows what the 70's and 80's will bring? Stay tuned. If you understand the reference "stay tuned," then you're old like me.

Jillian LaVelle
Director at Large

The Patch is looking very good considering the hot summer days and lack of steady rain for this time of year. We will be working on rust removal throughout the community again in September. We ask that you do not water your lawns; the irrigation system is set for at least once a week which is turned off and on as needed. If the lawns get too much water fungus will set in and your grass will die.

Recently there has been a few parking issues. Remember there is only one area for public parking; that is on Cabbage Lane. All of the other parking areas are private and the parking at the pool is strictly for pool guests only. Again we greatly appreciate everyone not parking on the grass, this includes your guests and contractors. Your cooperation has saved our HOA money on irrigation repairs. Again we ask that if you need any exterior, landscaping or roof repairs done please go to briarpatchnpr.com and send in a request so we all can follow our deed restrictions. Happy Labor Day!

Fred Ausflug
Director Grounds & Landscape

September Birthdays

9/22 John Verdon

9/25 Claire Phillips



Enjoy Life Natural Brands LLC announced a voluntary recall of a limited quantity of a select list of baked snacks products: *Soft Baked Cookies - Chewy Bars - Fruit & Oat Breakfast*. If you have any of these items, do not eat them, discard them; but keep any available packaging. Contact the company at 1-855-543-5335, 24 hours a day to check on the serial numbers and dates of the items recalled. Consumer Relations specialists are available Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. EST. The company will advise you how to receive a refund. These cookies are sold on Amazon, Ebay, at Sprouts and Walmart.

Out and About in New Port



The Kangaroo ~ 5748 Main Street

Every Monday ~ Karaoke 8pm to 11:59pm

Every Tuesday ~ 7pm-8pm

Line Dancing Lessons (\$5)

Every Thursday ~ 2 for 1 All Day ~ All Night
All Liquor and Beer

Music by Josh Fielding 6pm – 10pm

Hours: Sunday noon – 10pm

Monday closed

Tuesday & Wednesday 4pm – 10pm

Thursday 4pm – 1am

Friday & Saturday noon – 2am

Bourbon on Main ~ 6037 Main Street

Every Monday ~ 8pm to 10pm

BINGO (Free to play)

Every Thursday ~ 9pm-midnight

Buy One Get One (1 Domestic Draft or 1 Single Well)

Hours: Sunday noon – 10pm

Monday Closed

Tuesday & Wednesday 4pm – 10pm

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Thursday 4pm -1am

Friday & Saturday Noon – 2am

New Port Richey Public Library

5939 Main Street

Not just a “books to borrow” place! Check out the many gatherings on their monthly calendar: Meditation, Gardening from Seeds and Spices Club, Strategic Planning for Library Services, Understanding Medicare Benefits and so much more!

For more info go to nprlibrary.org

Hours: Mon, Thu, Fri 10:00am-5:00pm

Tue-Wed 10:00am-7:00pm

Sat 10:00am-2:00pm

Sunday: Closed

The Social ~ 5650 Main Street

Every Tuesday ~ 7pm – 9pm Trivia

Every Thursday ~ 8pm Karaoke

Every Friday & Saturday ~ Bands at 9pm

Every Friday, Saturday & Sunday ~
noon – 3pm Brunch menu

Hours: Sunday Noon – 10pm

Monday Closed

Tuesday & Wednesday 4pm – 10pm

Thursday 4pm -1am

Friday & Saturday Noon – 2am

Downtown Nutrition ~ 5407 Main Street

Every Tuesday ~ 7am – 2pm

*32oz Mega Tea for the price
of 24oz Mega Tea*

Wide variety of Teas, Shakes, Coffee, and Refreshers

Hours: Monday – Friday 6:30am - 2pm

Saturday 7am – 4pm

Sunday 9am – 4pm

Music Gallery

Enjoy a new experience: a “listening room” for music lovers – musicians and guests.

*Located on the second floor of the historic
Boulevard Building – 5734 Missouri Ave.*

A wide variety of music performances are currently scheduled; tickets can be purchased in advance online for \$12 . The Music Gallery is also available to rent for private events and band rehearsals and will continue to support the mission of Mullins Music through student performances, classes, recording sessions, and a monthly jazz jam session.

For more info: mullinsmusic.org/musicgallery