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# Happy Father's Day

The third Sunday in June is designated as Father's Day. It's a time for people to celebrate the men in our lives. That day is dedicated to honoring and celebrating not

only fathers, but also father-figures who shape our minds, thoughts, and are instrumental in giving wings to our wishes and desires.

We can all agree that life has the potential to be rather hectic and to be full of curveballs. It's easy to forget how fast time goes by, how quickly we get older without realizing that our sweet parents are getting older, too.

On Father's Day, when time is allowed to slow down, we are given a pause in our hectic lives to celebrate the men placed in our lives. They stood by our sides, loved us completely, and supported us through whatever we throw at them. While this day can be tough for some who have lost a father or father-figure, it's still a day to celebrate these men and to honor their memories.

To all the dads and men who stepped up to become dads, we are so thankful for you and all that you do for each of us. Here's to all the wise, funny, tough, gentle, playful men who have made a difference in our lives ~

**Thank You and Happy Father's Day!!**

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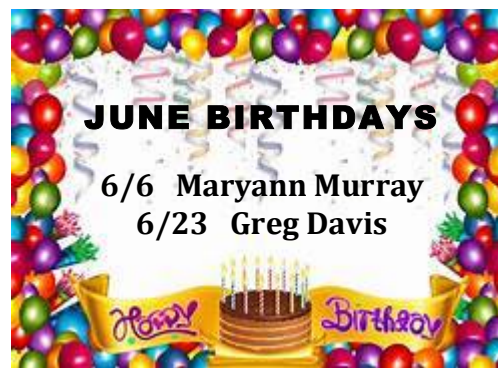
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*Being a father isn't always clear skies and smooth sailing. But every bit of the journey, the ups and downs and in-betweens, makes it an even more meaningful adventure. Throughout the journey, fathers give advice, give discipline, give instructions, and give hugs. But the very best a father can give is LOVE.*





## MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

### *Lucinda Green & Peter Leonis*

Panagis Diamandis (also known as Peter) was born and raised in the Greek community in Tarpon Springs, FL. His grandfather rode on horseback during the war against the National Resistance. Involved were armed and unarmed groups from across the political spectrum that resisted the Axis occupation of Greece from 1941–1944, during World War II. His grandfather moved the family to Tarpon Springs where he worked on the shrimp boats his family called Socrates. Peter didn't speak any English until he learned it when he started kindergarten. Shortly after graduating high school, Peter and his best friend hitchhiked through Europe for eight months staying at hostels along the way.

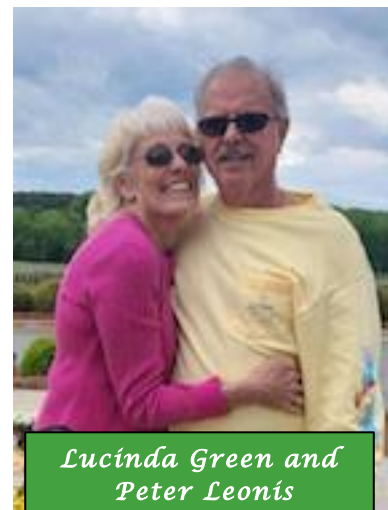
Three months after retiring from MinuiteMaid as Lead Processor, Peter began working part-time at Publix and has been there for the last 16 years. He enjoys mingling with and assisting the customers and always has a smile on his face.

Lucinda was born and raised in Bradford, PA. The winters there were harsh and she does not miss the snow and cold at all. She learned ballet at four years old and continued in dance performances through high school and college. She also participated in numerous sports – skiing (both water and snow), ice skating, sledding, tobogganing, and jet ski team racing.

Lucinda moved to Florida in 1974 when her parents were here. For 40 years taught high school Social Studies at Hudson, Ridgewood, and Marchman. During that time, she accompanied students on one-month trips to Europe visiting Greece, Italy, Switzerland, Germany, Belgium, Holland, Scotland, England, France, and Lichtenstein.

Shortly thereafter, for 10 years, she taught at Wandell Grinn Technical Center. Her students were ex-cons and pregnant girls who needed to complete their high school education. Currently Lucinda volunteers at CARES Elfers Enrichment Center in NPR.

It will be five years in September that Lucinda and Peter downsized and moved to Briar Patch. They are early risers and fill their days with lots of activity! As well as volunteering and part-time work, they enjoy bowling, board games, reading, gardening, watching sports, and traveling on Royal Caribbean and Carnival cruises.



*Lucinda Green and  
Peter Leonis*

## June 14<sup>th</sup> ~ "NATIONAL" FLAG DAY



On May 30, 1916, President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation deeming June 14<sup>th</sup> as National Flag Day. It is celebrated annually on the anniversary of the flag's adoption, which took place on June 14<sup>th</sup>, 1777.

While Betsy Ross has been given credit for stitching together the first American flag, there isn't any sound evidence supporting the story. At the same time, there isn't any to disprove it, either. Part of the conflict is there were several designs in consideration at the same time. There were many flag makers and more than one claim to be the first. During Ross's Revolutionary time, several standard flags were carried bearing red and white stripes and varying symbols where the blue field and stars now reside.

For 47 years, the 48-star flag was in effect. In 1959, the 49-star version became official on July 4. President Dwight D. Eisenhower ordered the 50-star flag on August 21, 1959. It was designed by 17-year-old Robert G. Heft of Ohio. His was one of the more than 1,500 designs that were submitted to President Eisenhower.

Businesses and services that typically close on *federal* holidays, such as government services and the United States Postal Service, will be open and running as usual on June 14<sup>th</sup>. Americans across the country observe the day with parades and events and also proudly display the U.S. flag in front of their homes and businesses to show respect for the U.S. flag and what it represents – **Independence and Unity.**

# MESSAGES FROM OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

## A Deeper Dive

At the last board meeting we did something that will begin a process of helping every homeowner in our community. We passed a motion to start the roofing project in either the 3rd or 4th quarter of this year.

That moment was not without a great deal of preparation. Many thanks to Greg Davis, Kevin Risner, and Don Thompson. Yes, we do have the funds in the roof reserves at this time for the initial project. So, I took a deep breath as the Board approved \$320,000 for the first 5 buildings. It was exciting. For those owners in the buildings selected they will have 1) lower insurance rates. Their roofs will be out of the classification of an "aged roof," 2) More choices in insurance companies, and 3) Relief from the roof repairs and leaks that are currently cropping up on our older roofs. We just completed 10 repairs and now have another 10 in process.

One new owner, who just moved in last month, told me her insurance was \$1000 more due to the status alone of "aged roof." We just helped her (and all those neighbors) tremendously. With that savings times 6 homes per building that will be approximately 30K they won't have to pull out of their pocket when they redo their insurance policies.

It's a start, one year earlier than previously scheduled. There will be more work to come in the next 5 years while we complete the projects. Last roofing project took 6 years to finish.

**Jillian LaVelle**  
*President*

## ***Hello Brian Patch Community!***



Two of our volunteers are leaving soon, returning early August. We're looking for short-term help while they are gone. The days help is needed are Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays to check pool chorine with a test strip, empty filter baskets, and clean any debris in the pool. Your help is greatly appreciated! **Please contact me via email:** [karen.l.ryan934@gmail.com](mailto:karen.l.ryan934@gmail.com)



For the safety of *everyone* in the pool, **speak up** when you see anyone diving or jumping in the pool. Please point out the posted regulations. This is for the safety of **all** who use the pool. Many thanks!

**Karen Ryan**  
*Director at Large*

Dry, Dry, Dry! We are in a severe drought at this time; however, our community is lush and green. Thanks to our two wells we use for irrigation, the lawns are being irrigated regularly. There are some areas being repaired with new wiring. If you see these wires on your lawn or driveway please do not disturb.

Following are some reminders of our Briar Patch Deed Restrictions and discussions about the pool:

**Parking:**

Due to limited guest parking within the community, the owner of each Lot shall keep a car in their garage when multiple vehicles are parked on the Lot. A resident of Briar Patch Unit One or Briar Patch Unit Two shall not park in a guest parking area, this includes the pool and clubhouse parking area. Guests of residents who intend to be guests for at least three consecutive days shall request a guest parking permit from me by email (briarpatchinfo@yahoo.com) before they park a vehicle in a guest parking area. No vehicle shall be parked in a guest parking area more than three consecutive days unless the Association has issued a guest parking permit authorizing such parking. The Association has the right to tow all vehicles parked in a guest parking area in violation of this Section or in violation of written parking rules created by the Association's Board of Directors.

Without exception at no time are guests or residents permitted to park in the Clubhouse or pool parking area unless they are using the clubhouse or pool. If you have multiple vehicles please park in your garage, driveway or on the street in front of your home "off the grass."

**Dogs:**

Unless required by law, absolutely no dogs or visiting dogs of any kind shall be kept on any portion of a Lot, the common area, or any other area in Briar Patch. No other animals shall be kept on a Lot in Briar Patch Unit One or Briar Patch Unit Two except for one household cat or two usual household birds may be kept provided they are kept within the interior portion of the residence. Each dog owner, if permitted by law, shall control his or her dog on a leash when the dog is in Briar Patch Unit One or Briar Patch Unit Two, except when the dog is confined to the interior portion of the residence in Briar Patch Unit One and Briar Patch Unit Two. Each dog owner shall pick up the feces of his or her dog immediately and dispose of such feces in a sanitary manner promptly.

**Pool:**

Liquid covers have been used by both residential pool owners and commercial pool owners over recent years. The chemicals used within these products are FDA-approved. Studies also show that liquid solar covers are safe to use with any sanitizing system and will not damage your filter. The liquid cover is a single molecule thick and is invisible to the naked eye. It sits atop the surface of the pool just like a traditional solar blanket in order to form a barrier that reduces evaporation. Commercial liquid pool covers contain ingredients that are environmentally safe, biodegradable and safe for human and animal contact. In other words, the products are safe to swim in!

Depending on the amount of chlorine and body waste that is in the water, chloramine levels can be particularly high. They can adhere to your wet skin or swimsuit while you're in the pool. If chloramines attach to your skin, they can produce *irritant contact dermatitis*. Those with pre-existing skin conditions such as eczema, psoriasis, or dermatitis, may face greater ill effects from chlorinated pools. Skin is already hypersensitive, and a harsh chemical can take a current condition to a whole new level of misery. If someone has noticed an irritation after being in the pool, it is HIGHLY recommended showering after swimming in the pool.

The Environmental Health Department ensures the safety and sanitary requirements are met in public swimming pools, spa, wading pools, interactive water features, and special purpose pools. To achieve such a goal, routine inspections of public swimming pools are conducted to ensure compliance with regulations and standards. Inspections are conducted twice a year for most facilities, and once a year for some facilities.

An operating permit is required to operate any of the facilities mentioned above.

Community association pools are often considered "public pools" subject to regulation by Chapter 514, Florida Statutes. Homeowners' Associations do not enjoy the same types of exceptions and therefore must comply with requirements governing all public pools. Permitting and inspections are done by the Environmental Health Section of the Florida Department of Health in each Florida county.

**64E-9.004 Florida Administrative Code and Restrictions regarding Public Swimming Pool**

**Fred Ausflug**  
*VP/ Director of Grounds and Landscape*

The following information is presented by Greg Davis, *Director of Building & Architecture*

<b>BRIARPATCH VILLAS HOA INC. LISTING OF ROOF PERMITS &amp; GAF WARRANTY</b>				
<b>THIS INFORMATION IS FOR INSURANCE RENEWAL NEEDS.</b>				
<b>HOMEOWNERS ARE NOT AUTHORIZED TO FILE A REPAIR CLAIM</b>				
<b>BUILDING #</b>	<b>ADDRESS</b>	<b>NPR ROOF PERMIT #</b>	<b>PERMIT DATE</b>	<b>GAF WARRANTY #</b>
1	6501-6511 CABBAGE	2009-0000299	1/14/09	383568
2	6515-6525 CABBAGE	09-0000301	1/14/09	383533
3	6529-6539 CABBAGE	09-0000303	1/14/09	383563
4	4500-4510 SLIPPERY	09-0000302	1/14/09	384439
5	6500-6510 THICKET	09-0000399	1/14/09	386207
6	6514-6524 THICKET	09-0000376	2/10/09	386804
7	6528-6538 THICKET	09-0000378	2/11/09	388197
8	4514-4520 SLIPPERY	09-0000378	2/11/09	389606
9	6501-6511 THICKET	09-0000383	2/11/09	391388
10	6515-6521 THICKET	09-0000528	3/24/09	393863
11	6529-6539 THICKET	09-0000520	3/24/09	398857
12	4524-4530 SLIPPERY	09-0000526	5/26/09	405538
13	6500-6510 REMUS	09-0000527	5/27/09	408057
14	6514-6524 REMUS	09-0000529	5/29/09	401062
15	6528-6539 REMUS	10-0000792	5/25/09	485314
16	4534-4544 SLIPPERY	10-0000789	7/8/10	485322
17	6529-6539 REMUS	10-0000793	7/9/10	493541
18	6515-6525 REMUS	10-0000791	7/9/10	504992
19	6501-6511 REMUS	10-0000790	5/17/09	504999
20	6428-6439 CABBAGE	14-0000584	10/20/14	1005243
21	6414-6424 CABBAGE	14-00001370	7/27/14	1011799
22	4505-4511 GLENHOLL	13-0000284	2/19/12	773306
23	6419-6425 CABBAGE	05-00001344	6/1/13	383533
24	6429-6439 CABBAGE	13-0000287	3/14/14	923843
25	6426-6438 THICKET	13-0000286	6/2/14	932596
26	6418-6424 THICKET	12-0000255	12/5/11	630465
27	4515-4525 GLENHOLL	14-0000363	1/29/14	910201
28	4529-4525 GLENHOLL	09-0000520	3/5/13	769142
29	4529-4539 GLENHOLL	13-0000669	2/27/13	769137
30	6429-6439 THICKET	14-0000098	11/13/13	485314
31	6428-6438 REMUS	14-00001233	7/24/14	942169
32	6418-6424 REMUS	12-0000886	5/5/12	665358
33	4543-5449 GLEN HOLL	13-0000031	10/8/12	731081
34	4553-4559 GLENHOLL	13-0000032	10/8/12	731058
35	6419-6425 REMUS	14-00001370	7/14/14	958057
36	6429-6439 REMUS	14-0001476	10/8/14	986554
37	CLUBHOUSE	09-0000519	3/24/09	394941



## Fun events! Come join us!

Please mark your calendars!!

- **Game Night** - In the Clubhouse on the following Tuesday nights at 6:30 PM:
  - Karaoke** – Tuesday, June 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM Clubhouse ~ This is not your traditional karaoke. You can sing or we can all sing together. Come have a great night out.
  - Card Game** - Tuesday, June 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM Clubhouse
  - Chess, Checkers, etc.** - Tuesday, June 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM Clubhouse
  - Dominoes** - Tuesday, June 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM Clubhouse
  - Wine tasting game** - Tuesday, June 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM Clubhouse - Please bring your favorite wine in a brown paper bag. The person with the winning wine wins a prize.

Thank you, Victor for helping us with karaoke nights! We are having a blast!  
Thank you Cate for helping with all the game events. We had an awesome time!

- **Zumba Classes** – Lots of fun! Come join us! Clubhouse patio or pool on Thursday, June 1<sup>st</sup> at 1 PM, \$5.00 cash Instructor’s fee per person. FYI: If you were not able to attend the Zumba classes, we are panning to resume in either late October or November, 2023.
- **Retirement Planning** Canceled due to low participation. It will be rescheduled for some time in October, 2023.
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- **Talent Show** – Canceled due to low participation. It will be rescheduled.
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- Farewell Summer Pool Party** – On September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023, at 11 AM in the pool and patio area. Please bring your food and beverage.

***Dates and times are subject to change.***

Participation and cooperation from our Briar Patch community is vital for a successful and enjoyable time together.

***Reminder: if you see something say something as Briar Patch is our community to maintain and be proud of!***



  
**KEEP  
TOILETS  
CLEAN  
FLUSH  
AFTER USE**

**Clubhouse Bathrooms - Reminder**  
Please maintain the bathrooms clean. Please flush the toilet after use. The un-flushed toilets create a health issue. We do not want to be shut down by the health department.

Thank you!  
Diolinda (Linda) Gonzalez  
Clubhouse Director

# June 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1 1PM - Zumba Class	2	3
4	5	6 6:30 PM Karaoke Night - Clubhouse	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 6:30 PM Card Game Night - Clubhouse	14 Flag Day	15	16	17
18 Father's Day	19 Juneteenth	20 6:30 PM Dominoes Game Night - Clubhouse	21	22	23	24
25	26	27 6:30 PM Wine tasting Game Night - Clubhouse - <b>Bring your favorite wine in a brown paper bag</b>	28	29	30	1



The Atlantic hurricane season begins June 1<sup>st</sup> and runs through November 30<sup>th</sup>. Florida could see anywhere from one to four major hurricanes that are Category 3 or higher this season. The highest chance for direct and significant impacts will be from the Florida Panhandle around the entire state of Florida to the Carolina coast. AccuWeather forecasters said Florida will once again be at a higher risk than other parts of the country.

There's a 30% chance that the 2023 hurricane season will be "above normal," the NOAA team forecasters said. There is a 40% chance of a "near normal" season and a 30% chance of a "near normal" chance of a "below normal."

Now is a good time to get prepared. A **WATCH** means you are in the projected path of the storm/hurricane. Have a plan in place if the **WATCH** becomes a **WARNING**.

*Refer to the last page for further information regarding preparedness.*



Bet you've heard the advice – "Hide from wind, run from water!" Strong storms and hurricanes can cause a significant amount of damage! The biggest threat to life and property is **WATER**, not wind. Few places in Florida are really safe from floods.

As sea levels continue to rise and oceans grow warmer, big storms – named or not – will dump increasingly heavy loads of water across the state. Inland water bodies will overflow their banks and the high, sandy soil that allowed rainwater to rapidly sink into the ground (where it replenished the atate's supply of fresh water) is rapidly being covered with buildings and asphalt to accommodate the more than 1,000 new residents a day. All this on the flattest state in the nation spells trouble. Every Floridian needs an evacuation plan and the resolve to get out of the way of storms that could bring heavy rainfall.

**BE SMART ~ BE PREPARED ~ BE SAFE!!**



*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 shelters are at 11646 Town Center Rd and Longleaf Elementary School, 3253 Town Ave., both in New Port Richey. Other 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.