



Briar

Patch

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SUPERMOONS



There are **four Supermoons** in a row in 2023. The first was July 2nd. Following are two in August — the Full Sturgeon Moon on August 1st and the Blue Full Moon on August 30th. The 4th, the Harvest Moon on September 29th.

The Moon makes one complete orbit around Earth in about 29.53 days. Its orbit around the Earth is not a perfect circle – it's an elliptical/oval shape. Earth doesn't sit directly in the middle of this elliptical orbit. Because of this, the Moon's distance from Earth changes as it travels around our planet. There are points in the Moon's orbit where it's closest and farthest from Earth. These points are called *perigee* (the point in the Moon's orbit where it is **closest** to Earth) and *apogee* (the point in the moon's orbit where it's **farthest** from Earth). The term "Supermoon" was coined by astrologer Richard Nolle in 1979 and specified that the moon must be within 90% of perigee.

When the moon is high overhead or low in the sky, it's dwarfed by the vast hemisphere of the heavens and appears to our eyes as a small disk in the sky. A Moon near the horizon will always look enormous, thanks to a well-known phenomenon called the *Moon Illusion*, which makes our minds exaggerate the size of objects near the skyline. It's viewed in relation to earthly objects such as chimneys, buildings, or trees whose size and shape provide scale. Your brain compares the size of the Moon to these reference points; suddenly the Moon looks enormous!

So if you want to be guaranteed to see a huge-looking Moon on any night, it's easy ,, simply watch the moon when it's rising or setting!

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AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

8/3 ~Aphrodite Gianoutsos

8/5 ~Vivian Thompson

8/7 ~ Marie Lawrence

8/9 ~ Joanne Geraci

8/14 ~ Agim Barja

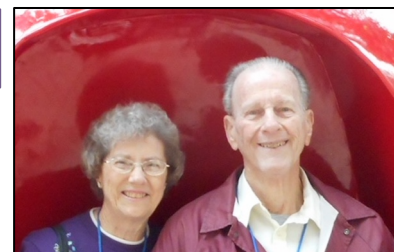
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MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

Donald and Linda Boeing

I was born and raised in Plainfield, Indiana; Don is originally from a Chicago suburb. He was living in Indianapolis when we met and were married in 1989.



Don and Linda

We visited Don's parents when they moved to Florida in 1978. After visiting them we liked the area so much we decided we would move to FL after we retired, which we did in 1989. I'm now a retired RN and Don is a proud US Army veteran. We purchased a home in Gardens of Beacon Square in New Port Richey and resided there for 11 years. I was vice-president of the Beacon Square Pool Association and Don was an active volunteer. We were also very active in The Sunshine State Thunderbird Club, putting on car shows, etc., benefitting All Children's Hospital.

Don retired as a service rep for a food products company dealing with chefs. He worked many hours a day developing a three-state territory. I retired from Community Hospital in Indianapolis, Indiana and then worked part-time at Community Hospital in Trinity, FL (now Trinity Medical Center).

In 2000 we purchased our home in Briar Patch. Don has served on the Board of Directors. We now enjoy traveling, eating out, and visiting our many beautiful parks. Don enjoys taking care of our flowers and I keep busy with my crafts. We love it here. Briar Patch is such a lovely, quiet community with many friendly neighbors.

August 8 ~ "NATIONAL DOLLAR DAY"



National Dollar Day commemorates the day when Congress established the U.S. monetary system on August 8, 1786. The U.S. Constitution expressly stated that only the United States Federal Government has the power to coin money for the country; and in 1792, the U.S. Mint was born. While the U.S. Mint coined "official U.S. money," individual states were allowed to print their own paper bills. In fact, prior to 1860, there were approximately 10,000 different varieties of paper money in use throughout the United States! The official "one-dollar bill" (Federal Reserve Note) was printed in 1862.

Do you know whose face was printed there? It wasn't *George Washington*. The first dollar bill featured *Salmon P. Chase*, President Lincoln's Secretary of Treasury. Then in 1869, George Washington's name and face first appeared on a dollar bill. Back then, the bill was larger – just a little over 7" x 3"; now it's "6.14" x 2.61."

When Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, and John Adams gathered to design the seal (they were the first of three committees to make suggestions). They didn't suggest a pyramid, but they did discuss an eye. They wanted the seal to have a symbol of divine providence, and the all-seeing eye shaped like the top of the pyramid is an ancient symbol of divinity.

There are many things represented on the back of the one dollar bill. The number 13 appears often representing the original 13 states. On the Great Seal of the United States, the pyramid shows 13 steps and the unfinished top represents a young country growing and expanding. The Eye of Providence includes the Latin motto *Annuit Coeptis*, which means "It is favorable to our undertakings." The eagle represents both war and peace. It's talon on the left holds 13 arrows and the talon on the right an olive branch and 13 olive fruits. Above the Eagle's head there's a constellation with 13 stars and 13 stripes. On the face of the dollar bill, above the number one, a tiny bird peeks out. It's not clear what kind of bird, though.

The dollar bill in our pockets today hasn't been change for over 50 years. To keep ahead of counterfeiters, the \$5, \$10, \$20, and \$50 have had redesigns in recent years.

MESSAGES FROM OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Fun events! Come join us! Mark your calendars!!

Game nights - In the Clubhouse on the following Tuesday nights at 6:30 PM:

Trivia – Tuesday, August 1st at 6:30 PM Clubhouse

Dominos – Tuesday, August 8th at 6:30 PM Clubhouse

Thank you, Kathleen, for teaching us how to play Mahjong.

We had a great time! It is wonderful learning new games!

No Tuesday game nights are scheduled on August 15th, August 22nd and August 29th
Thank you all for participating and helping make Tuesday game night a success!

Farewell Summer Pot Luck Party

On Sunday, September 3rd, 2023, at 11 AM in the pool and patio area.
Please bring your beverage and a dish to share.

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!*

Diolinda Gonzalez
Director of Clubhouse

Even through the severe drought our team has kept our lawns looking fantastic and irrigation is working as well as can be expected. However, due to the wells being low, more iron has been showing up again; we have adjusted our system to combat the issue to keep rust stains to a minimum.

We are experiencing a parking problem which has prompted numerous complaints. If you have more than one car please park one in your garage and one on your driveway. **“DO NOT PARK”** in the guest, clubhouse, private parking areas or in front of another homeowners property. In other words park in front of your own home. If you have more than two vehicles please find alternate parking outside of Briar Patch.

DEED RESTRICTIONS-PARKING:

17. 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. Guests of residents who intend to be guests for at least three consecutive days shall obtain a guest parking permit from the Association before they park a vehicle in a guest parking area. No vehicle shall be parked in a guest parking area on 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

Fred Ausflug
VP/Director of Grounds & Landscape

Clubhouse Bathrooms - Reminder



Please maintain the bathrooms clean. Please flush the toilet after use. The un-flushed toilets create a

Thank you!
Diolinda (Linda) Gonzalez

Driving along U.S. Highway 19 in Pasco County you'll notice several projects in the works. The busy corridor is undergoing a much-needed facelift – including many major development and construction projects that will reshape the West Market Area for years to come!

“It’s exciting to see changes coming to this area, and we’re thrilled public and private investors are working together to bring improvements to western Pasco County,” says Commissioner Kathryn Starkey. “As our population grows, it’s important to make sure areas like this corridor keep up.”

Major projects coming to U.S. 19 include:

Holiday Square Property at Flora Avenue ~ *A derelict shopping center is transforming into a modern, 355-apartment unit.*

Holiday has seen significant changes recently with its newly renovated Holiday Square. Winn Dixie and Tropical Smoothie are just some businesses people can find there. This was a stark difference from 2020 when the developer paid just over \$8 million for the property with a high vacancy rate and a dilapidated building.

“Holiday is growing. I mean, anybody who knows Holiday knows it has a stigma of not being the greatest area, but it’s rapidly becoming, like everywhere in Florida, the place where people want to pursue and redo and become more valuable,” said Vance McAllister from Mishorim Gold Properties.

Plans to add outdoor seating near the new Tropical Smoothie and more lighting are also in the works. “It does seem like a lot of new things are opening up right now and hopefully we can bring some fun into the area and into Holiday,” said Anette Elliott, GM of PK’s Play Zone (located on the plaza).

AmSkills Redevelopment at Darlington Road

Soon to be an advanced manufacturing and robotic skills center that will provide our local workforce access to a higher-paying career path with certifications.

Gulf View Square at Embassy Boulevard

The empty Sears location will be transformed into apartment living and the remaining mall will be remarketed toward improved community retail options.

Universal Mall at Moog Road

Public/Private partnership negotiations are underway to demolish blighted commercial structures and redevelop the property as a vertically integrated, mixed-use project.