



BRIARPATCH NEWSLETTER JULY 2024



The Patch Corner



HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY !

This month our journey will take us on a virtual vacation to the city that never sleeps, where the air is always filled with sounds of traffic, conversation and music. New York claims some of the most famous streets in the world which include Broadway, Wall Street and Fifth Avenue lined with businesses of all kinds.

The city has five Boroughs. Each having its own government. They are Brooklyn, Manhattan, Bronx, Staten Island, and Queens. Some of our neighbors are from one of these Boroughs. We hope they are with us on this trip to New York City. Let's start our trip by touring the city while listening to the smooth voice of Frank Sinatra. Here is the link: <https://youtu.be/GndycZlfu7o?si=oDFImtkTo7tYoiVo> (Video Credits to Nisusline) I hope you enjoyed our tour of New York city.

Let's go back in time with a little history. The greatest mass human migration in the history of the world occurred in New York City around 1890 in Castle Garden which is on the southern tip of Manhattan. The area was unprepared for the mass influx prompting the government to construct the well-known Ellis Island. Many weary immigrants who came through that station in search of a better life stayed in New York City and started businesses, largely shaping the city. Perhaps some of your ancestors came through Ellis Island.

A Broadway show is a must see for our trip. There are many amazing shows to choose from. The Lion King, The Phantom of the Opera and many more. We can watch our Broadway show online. Just check into one of the popular online movie sites, choose your show and enjoy Broadway. - Don't forget the snacks. Here's a little video clip to whet your appetite for Broadway. <https://youtu.be/ArOsGpCmEwE>



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Fascinating Fun Facts about New York: The city holds title to first in the world to inventions that changed the lives of us all. The air conditioner which we can really appreciate in Florida's Temperatures, was invented in 1902 in Brooklyn. The credit card was invented in 1950 in New York City. According to the 2010 US Census, the Bronx is the most culturally diverse city in the US. New York City is now the center of the New York Metropolitan area which is the largest Metropolitan in the United States

I hope you enjoyed our trip. The next virtual vacation is to beautiful West Virginia, the only state that is completely in Appalachia with its country roads and the Shenandoah flowing there.

See you on the next trip!

Rachel James





PRESIDENTS MESSAGE



Dear Neighbors **HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY!**
HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICA!

The summer heat is upon us!

IF YOU ARE HERE FOR THE 4TH COME OUT TO THE CLUBHOUSE FOR A POTLUCK. *A signup sheet for food dish is on the bulletin board.*

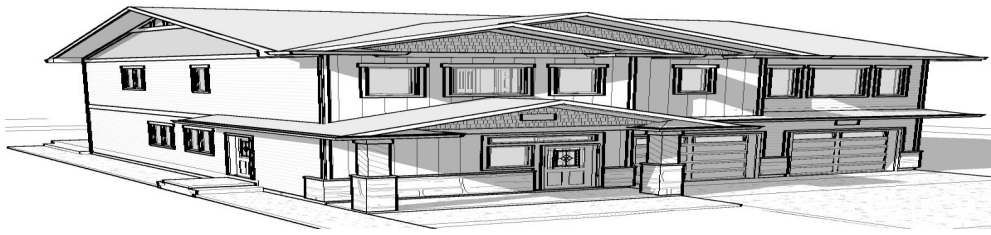
We had a great turnout and great time on Memorial Day. As a board we are preparing for an August Board meeting and dealing with the routine operations. July 1st brings new laws into full effect. There were changes to the Florida 720 Statutes. These statutes are the rules HOA'S & CONDO HOA'S must follow and use to create their bylaws. When the state officially updates the regulations our "Bylaw review" committee can begin the review and update process. We will also be advised by our attorney for any bylaw and deed restriction changes that are needed or proposed.

Thanks to everyone for maintaining your home's exterior, cleaning gutters and trimming branches. This protects your investment from water penetration or insect infestation. If you have not had your gutter cleaned, don't wait, get it done. F.Y.I. if your roof is damaged by branches rubbing the shingles or a falling branch, the warranty most likely won't cover the damage. Damage that is preventable is not covered under the GAF warranty.

As always many thanks to all who volunteer their time, sweat and elbow grease on behalf of the community. **THANK YOU !!!!!**

Greg Davis

President



Buildings & Architecture

SUMMER IS HERE!

We are trying to catch up with repair work. There is a lot to be done! We are also looking for a siding maintenance company.

Duna started the painting for this year , but the “rainy” season got ahead of him.

Many thanks to our Clubhouse Director Diolinda for upgrading the Clubhouse windows. You can now open a window without risk of injury or broken glass and the room stays cool.

Thanks to the pool committee!! The pool / clubhouse area is well maintained by a wonderful group of volunteers. ***Please thank them*** when you see them blowing leaves, measuring the Ph & chemical levels etc. We have 2 repair items to complete in the upcoming months, the heat pump and pool wall.



ROADS & GROUNDS



“ Help us to keep costs down. Please remind your guests, vendors, caregivers, etc. to not park or drive on the grass. Every broken sprinkler head costs us \$100!”

We had NPR place new speed limit signs on Big Loop and Thicket in an attempt to slow everyone down **especially** the drivers who work with the tree company in back of our community.





We have received calls from home owners about renting their units. You must have lived in your unit, or your parents who purchased the unit, must have lived in the unit for 3 years. Approval by HOA BOD for rental of unit is required before renting.

The HOA must be notified that you wish to rent your unit. You can only rent to 55+ persons and they have to read the Deed Restrictions. Download the ByLaws & Deed Restrictions form. Sign it, that they have read it and understood it.

The owner of the unit is responsible for any infractions that the renters incur. Renters also have to sign the 55+ Certificate and email both signed certificates to briarpatchnpr@yahoo.com. The lease has to be for one year, not 3 or 6 months. There is only 1 lease allowed per year. The owner has to email the signed rental agreement to briarpatchnpr@yahoo.com.

Marie Lawrence
Secretary



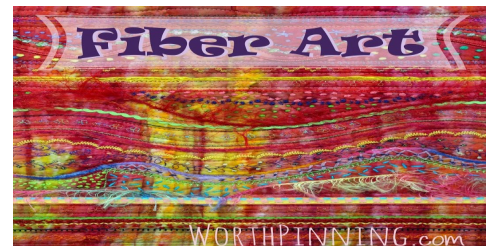
Hello Briar Patch Community,
I hope everyone is doing well.

A BIG Thank You to the pool assistants/committee for all the work they do in keeping the pool in compliance and beautiful!!

Tuesday's game night will be taking a break for two months from July to August. We will resume in September 10th. Thank you all for participating and helping!! Tuesday's game night has been a great success!!

Please come join us at the clubhouse for the following activities:

⇒ **Fiber Artists** – For those of us that either knit, quilt, crochet, embroider, cross stitch or weave... You are an artist! Beginners. Experts. Recent devotees. Decades of experience. All are welcome! Come join us on **Thursday, July 11th from 2 to 3 PM** at the clubhouse. Barbara will begin with a 10-minute educational demonstration, showing the variety and/or versatility. There will be a door prize! Please come join us!!
Questions: Call Barbara Larson (405)562-0442



⇒ **Paint & Sip** – Come and explore your creativity and try your hand at painting an acrylic canvas painting on **Thursday, July 18th from 6 to 8PM** at the Clubhouse. Enjoy a glass of wine! Bring your wine glass. Limited to 10 people. There is a \$5.00 charge for supplies. If you are going to attend, please send email to briarpatchnpr@yahoo.com





⇒ **July 4th Potluck** - - On **Thursday, July 4th**, starting at **12PM** at the clubhouse, patio area and pool. Please bring your favorite food, side dish, beverage and/or desert to share with your neighbors. We have a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in order to avoid food duplication. Come join us for a great time!!



⇒ **Labor Day/Farewell Summer** - On **Sunday, September 2nd**, starting at **12PM** at the clubhouse, patio area and pool. Please bring your favorite beverage, food, side dish and/or desert to share with your neighbors. The HOA will provide hamburgers, the famous hot dogs and water. We will have a sign-up sheet in order to avoid food duplication. More information to follow. Come join us for a great time!!



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!

Thank you all for your help and support!

Diolinda (Linda) Gonzalez, Clubhouse Director



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BYLAWS REVIEW

18. **Any changes in landscaping of any Lot are not allowed, without Board approval.**

A homeowner wishing to make changes to his or her landscaping, shall file a Landscape Modification form requesting Board of Directors' approval of such changes. Such homeowner shall file the Landscape Modification Form in the Blue Box at the Briar Patch Clubhouse. A member of the Grounds and Roads Committee shall examine each such Landscape Modification form and make a recommendation to the Association's Board of Directors. The Association's Board of Directors shall have the final authority to approve or disapprove all requests for landscape modification. The Association shall have no obligation to maintain any landscaping that was changed at the request of the homeowner. The Association's Board of directors shall have the authority to create written rules governing the types of locations of and maintenance of landscaping that may be placed on the Lot.

30. **Any tenant or guest of a lot owner shall be bound by these restrictions.**

(this means all bylaws & deed restrictions)