



## ***BRIARPATCH NEWSLETTER November 2024***

### ***The Patch Corner***

#### **The Hawaiian Islands**



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Here we are, on the beautiful Island of Hawaii.... Aloha! The island breeze is meeting us as we arrive. The colorful leis we are now given by the hospitable natives are placed around our necks. This is a symbol of love, honor and Aloha. Hawaii is made up of 8 major islands. The history of this beautiful island is intriguing; 1,500 years ago Polynesian people migrated to the islands using only the stars to guide them over the ocean. They lost contact with other Polynesians across the ocean, so they developed their own culture. In 1893 Queen Lili'uokalani was deposed and Hawaii became a republic but was annexed into the United States in 1898 as the Territory of Hawaii.

(Credit to [Hawiians.com](#) and [Hawaiiisbesttravel.com](#) )

Hawaii is the only state that grows coffee commercially so how about we start with a tour of the coffee factory in Kauai. The name Kauai means "Welcome" and don't we feel welcomed as we are strolling through the coffee orchard with a very friendly tour guide, sipping our guest cup of coffee? <https://youtu.be/K3XzXdu35VA> .

On to Honolulu! Traveling through the Kaimuki area of Honolulu do you hear a song? I hear The Hawaiian "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" redefined by the famous Israel Kamakawiwo'ole "IZ." His singing seems to be carried on the wind. Listen... <https://youtu.be/fahro69-fzE> How calming!

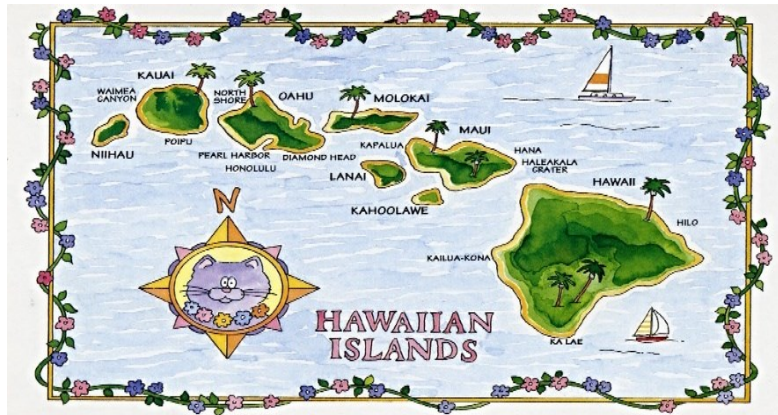


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We need to see more of Honolulu. You got your walking shoes on? Let's go ! <https://youtu.be/6LBuQo7ii8>

**Fun Facts About Hawaii:** The island of Niihau is forbidden to visitors because the Robinson family purchased the island from the king and banned the public because they wanted to preserve the language and culture. / There are no snakes in Hawaii except for the ones that were taken there. / In 1982 and 1983 all domestic chickens escaped into the wild because of a hurricane. . Now feral chickens are allowed to roam. These chickens are believed to descend from the fowl that Polynesians bought to the island. / A popular food in Hawaii is Loco Moco. Here is a recipe for it: [Best Loco Moco Recipe-How To Make Loco Moco—Delish.com](#)



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I hope you enjoyed our journey to Hawaii.

Bundle up, you will need your coat for our next destination.

***Rachel James***



## **PRESIDENTS MESSAGE**

### **HAPPY ALL HALLOWS EVE TO ALL!**

Briar Patch dodged Helene and Milton escaping with minimal damages.

We had 4 large trees fall or break in half, but they fell away from the buildings or in one case missed. One tree missed taking out part of a building by 10 feet. As everyone knows there were many branches large and small. The exterior fence was blown in or out and we lost some soffit pieces. The community was blessed, not to have serious flooding. Without power our neighbors with generators or back up power units provided the much needed morning coffee. We cooked all the hotdogs and burgers we had at the clubhouse. Everyone keep that in mind if something like this happens again. We can cook it up on the grill before we just toss it out. The **BEST THING**, neighbors took care of neighbors!

We are scheduled for repairs and tree cleanup. The cleanup people are super busy, as you can imagine. They will get to us as they continue their overwhelming job. We were able to get rid of the piles of branches. I volunteered with NPR clean up crews, many, many people lost everything. We are **blessed** in the Patch! I am only going to say this once! Please put your requests in writing through the BP WEBSITE. Please don't call me, I do not live by the phone as some people do. HO's have told me things on the phone, but guess what I forgot!

**So let it be written, So let it be done.**



## ***PRESIDENTS MESSAGE—Cont'd***

Speaking of written, we have bylaws that we ask every month for HO's to read. We have asked for and received HO Insurance Declarations from many but not all. The Florida 720 statutes are the foundation of which HOA & COA's (condo association) build their bylaws. The bylaws in many instances supersede the 720's and certain applicable state laws. We require you to insure your dwelling unit. We have heard from HO's they don't need insurance or they are self insured. If you are self insured you should have a bond for the value of your unit ( 200—325 thousand dollars) relative to current home prices. If you don't have insurance and you don't have that amount of funds to rebuild your unit, you are fooling yourself and off-putting your risk on to your neighbors. If you think you cannot afford insurance, you cannot afford to rebuild. The problem is we all live in a common building! If a tree went through your unit it affects the neighbor next to you. None of us want a broken or burned out shell next to them with a common roof /attic, which may not be rebuilt quickly. We are asking for the Declaration pages and at some point this will be referred to our attorney. Please read the bylaws review at the end of the newsletter.

***Greg Davis***

***President BPHOA***



I still have about 70 homes that have not sent in their copy of the Declarations Page of their home insurance. Everyone in Briar Patch is required to send this in. Also, please send in your renewal. Some members have already reached their renewal date. Just the Declarations Page is needed, not the whole Policy. The page with your name, address and dates of coverage is what is required to be on file annually by law. You can bring it to the Clubhouse and place it in my bin at the back of the room by the file cabinets, or you can send a copy via email to: [Briarpatchnpr@yahoo.com](mailto:Briarpatchnpr@yahoo.com) or mail it to: Briar Patch HOA 6525 Thicket Trail New Port Richey, FL 34653. *This address is for mailing only, you cannot send anything via UPS, FedEx or certified with signature required. No one lives there.*

Thank you for complying with this request.

***Marie Lawrence***  
***Secretary***





## **BUILDINGS & ARCHITECTURE**

**Helene and Milton DID NOT take 1 shingle off our roofs. They did pile water up on the roofs, causing some leaks throughout the Patch. We had 5 buildings that lost some soffit panels under the eaves. Overall the Patch withstood both hurricanes pretty well!**

Our contractor was slammed with work but is on the job here in the Patch.

**Please take a look at your screens, some are in terrible disrepair. These must be repaired or replaced.**





## ***ROADS & GROUNDS***

### **DEBRIS PICKUP**

We have had a few inquiries about when the debris piles will be picked up. Fortunately, we were able to have the material collected. We still have trees that need to be removed. We just don't know when the tree service will get to them.



***David Vangness***

***Director of Roads and Grounds***





I went out nearing the end of hurricane Milton, about 2:45 am. I needed a tool to shut my water off as the pipe was hit during the storm and the water was running full blast since 9:00pm. The pool was an infinity pool. The water was covering the patio and the pool. I shone my flashlight into the pool and it was green. I did not know why at the moment. Many thanks to Mike Blevins and his brother in-law for cleaning out the tree branches and resetting the patio furniture !!!! There was quite a pile of branches.



Pool Medic finished the job vacuuming the bottom and removing almost as much tree leaves and branches. The pool itself is doing great after the plaster repair.







Hello Briar Patch Community,

Come join us! Mark your calendars!! Tuesday's Game Night 6:30PM at the Clubhouse as follows:

**There is no game night on Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, Election Day.**

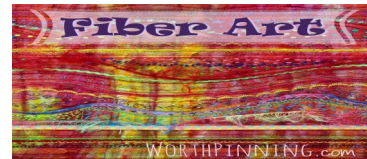
- ⇒ **Trivia** - Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM Clubhouse
- ⇒ **Wine tasting game** - Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM Clubhouse - Please bring your favorite wine in a paper bag. If you do not have a bag, we will provide one. The person with the winning wine wins a prize.
- ⇒ **Karaoke** - Tuesday, November 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM Clubhouse.

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, November 14<sup>th</sup> 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 on an acrylic canvas on **Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup> from 6 to 8PM** at the Clubhouse. Enjoy a glass of wine! Bring your wine glass. There will be white and red wine. Limited to 10 people. There is a \$5.00 charge per person. If you are going to attend, please send email to [briarpatchnpr@yahoo.com](mailto:briarpatchnpr@yahoo.com)





- ⇒ **Holiday Decorating** – Come make Briar Patch festive for the holidays on **Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 – 9AM**. Please sign-up! Sign-up sheet is on the clubhouse bulletin board.
- ⇒ **Holiday Party** – **Please sign-up for the holiday party by Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024**. Sign-up sheet on the clubhouse bulletin board. **The holiday party will be held on Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 12 PM, clubhouse/pool area**. The HOA will provide sandwiches and water. Please bring your favorite appetizer, hors d'oeuvres, dessert and/or special 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!

Thank you all for your help and support!

***Diolinda (Linda) Gonzalez, Clubhouse Director***





### Clubhouse Bathrooms - Reminder

**Please maintain the bathrooms clean. Please flush the toilet after use. The unflushed toilets create a health issue.** We do not want to be shut down by the health department. Thank you!



## 2. Bylaws

The bylaws of a corporation are an important document. You do not want to ignore them. Internal

### Bylaw Review

7. No owner shall permit or suffer anything to be done or kept on his Lot which shall increase the rate of insurance on the other Lots, or which shall obstruct or interfere with the rights of the occupants of the other Lots or annoy them by unreasonable noises or create nuisance.

22. Each wall which is built as a part of the original construction of the homes upon the property and placed on the dividing line between the lots shall constitute a party wall. General rules of law regarding party walls and liability for property damage due to negligence or willful acts or omissions shall apply thereto.

13. Enforcing obligations of the Owners and taking such actions as shall be deemed necessary and proper for the sound management of the association.