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The Patch Corner

Alaska: The Last Frontier



We are arriving here in cold and rugged Alaska. I hope you are dressed very warmly as we explore the largest of the American States. Alaska is called the last Frontier because it is untamed, adventurous and there are parts of the country that are still uninhabited. The name Alaska means “The Great Land” It was given this name by the Native Americans because of the vastness of the land mass.

Juneau is the capital situated on the Gastineau Channel and sheltered by the Pacific Ocean. We are entering the city via cruise ship because there are no roads going in or out of Juneau.



As our ship docks right in a downtown port we hear the captain announce, “ Welcome to Juneau, the temperature is 29 degrees and its 9am here in Juneau Alaska.” As we were prepared for - it is dark and will be dark in this Alaskan city for the next two months. Tonight, if the sky is clear we may see the northern lights or the Aurora Borealis.

Let’s head to the Rookery Café for breakfast. For their menu, we have a choice of eggs benedict, French toast, tater tots, spiced potato bowl and much more. Enjoy!





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Before our next destination here let's get some history of Alaska. Historians believe that the first Alaskans originally came from Asia across the Bering Land Bridge. Now that location is called the Bering Strait. Indians lived in the area at that time. The Tligit, Haida and Tshimshian Indians lived in the southeast. Their culture was known for building totem poles. Other Indian tribes lived in other areas of Alaska. Today Native people remain a strong presence in Alaska. It was their home. The second migration into Alaska was by the Eskimos. Russia later owned Alaska and colonized it. In 1867 The US purchased Alaska from Russia.

(Credits to sites *Alaska State History & The Great State of Alaska*)

Now let's visit a historic Salmon migration area with Traveling Robert: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fhpYXScfc84>

(You can get to the video by clicking control+click or copy and paste in the search box)

(video credits to Traveling Robert)

We can rest awhile and get some snacks and then we can visit the Alaska Juneau state Museum and see some of Alaska's history. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ycbthtB-2AU> That was very interesting! (credits to Alaska Juneau State Museum website)

Let's go eat again before heading to the Ship and back home. Look up your choice of restaurants.

Fun Facts About Alaska: Of the 200 people who live in Whittier Alaska 180 of them live in the same 14 story apartment building tower that was purchased from the military. / You can see salmon crossing the road / The movies Back to the Future, and Starsky & Hutch were filmed in Whittier Alaska / Star Trek VI was filmed in Anchorage / The northernmost point in Alaska has 67 days of darkness in winter. I hope you enjoyed the trip.

Goodbye to Alaska! Next month we will visit a city of legends and culture.

See you then!

Rachel James



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Dear Neighbors, I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving! I am going to condense my reports and cover general information, pool, buildings & architecture.

We are still cleaning up from the hurricanes and have more trees that need attention. We had a Board Of Directors meeting please review the minutes. The last item of discussion, asked as a question, was about mailbox replacements. On this subject I am going to want **Every home owner's viewpoint or input**. I am currently pricing boxes so we can **budget for 2025** to start replacement. I am going to create a map of current mailbox locations and the addresses they serve. I will then create a map of proposed locations of replacement boxes. I will attach pictures of the box types. This of course will need POST OFFICE direction and approval. The BOD will also need to approve any plans in open meeting.

We will continue to repair buildings and have a list of siding needing replacement. Duna started painting. Please take a look behind and around your home. If the tree branches are touching your roof or home **YOU** need to have it trimmed. Please inspect your lanai and other screens, replace them as needed. **Some are in terrible dis-repair.**

There have been a couple of late night (2:00am—6:00am) porch robberies. If you see something or someone out of order late at night don't hesitate to call NPR Police Dept.

Bylaw review: 11F. Procure and maintain adequate hazard insurance, liability insurance, and termite insurance on the respective privately owned unit.

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.

Greg Davis

President BPHOA





Hello Homeowners,

There are still 17 members that have not turned in their Declarations Page of their home insurance. Miscellaneous section 11:f of our Bylaws states that all homeowners are required to procure and maintain adequate hazard insurance and liability insurance. Our Deed Restrictions state that this insurance is to be HO₃, not HO₆. These are not condos. We will as usual, follow bylaws, referring homeowners **not** in compliance with this requirement to the HOA attorneys.

Marie Lawrence
Secretary





ROADS & GROUNDS

The landscapers have now shifted to their winter schedule of mowing every other week. Shrub trimming will be every other week as usual.

We have almost completed all the tree work related to storm damage. This should be completed by the end of the month.

Repairs to the front fence along Trouble Creek will take place on Nov. 26.



David Vangsness

Director of Roads and Grounds



Hello Briar Patch Community,

Thank you so much to all who came out and helped decorate our Briar Patch community for the holidays. You guys did an amazing job!! **Due to the holidays, we will not be having Tuesday's game night.** Please come join us at the clubhouse for the following:

⇒ **Holiday Party - Please sign-up for the holiday party by Saturday, December 7th, 2024.** The sign-up sheet is on the clubhouse bulletin board. **The holiday party will be held on Saturday, December 14th, 2024 at 12pm, clubhouse/pool area.** The HOA will provide sandwiches and water. Please bring your favorite appetizer, hors d'oeuvres, dessert and/or special beverage.

Wishing everyone a very happy and healthy holidays!! 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






**KEEP
TOILETS
CLEAN
FLUSH
AFTER USE**

Clubhouse Bathrooms - Reminder

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

