

Happy **VALENTINE'S** **DAY**

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Dear All I hope everyone is enjoying winter, by staying indoors and out of the cold. Thankfully we did not have to see the snow in person.

We, the HOA BOD, are preparing for the Annual HOA Board of Directors meeting. It will be held as usual at the Calvary Church Auditorium on the second Monday of March 2025. Please complete your proxy forms if needed. We will be voting on three board members.

I would like to *thank* the current board members for their continuing diligence in carrying out the business of the HOA. Also for consistently working together as a team! I would also like to thank the many community members who routinely assist in helping to get things done.

Thanks to Clubhouse Director Diolinda Gonzalez for getting the budgeted for, replacement of Clubhouse broken windows and malfunctioning A/C unit done!





Our Annual Meeting will be March 10th this year at Calvary Chapel 6825 on Trouble Creek Rd to commence at 1:00pm.

I will be sending out proxies around the 17th of February.

Please read carefully and send if you DO NOT plan to attend.

We need to reach a quorum in our voting process or we will have to schedule another meeting. It is very costly to do this, so please send in your proxy, or better yet come to the meeting. We will be having Debbie Manns, City Manager as our speaker. A lot is happening in our town and she will update us with everything new that is happening. Thank you for being part of the process.

Marie Lawrence
Secretary





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The Patch Corner

London, England ... The City of Dreams



Our virtual vacation has taken us to the “City of Dreams” ...London England. The nickname was given to London because it is a city where people worldwide go to pursue a dream. To pursue historical facts that archeology has discovered and to give of that dream to help the world. One place this pursuit is done is at the British Museum. We will go there, but now we are hungry, and we will eat at the Victoria House here in London because it is near the British Museum. They have full English breakfast, which typically includes bacon and eggs, sausages, baked beans, fried or grilled tomatoes, fried mushrooms and toast. They have very good coffee and a wide variety of delicious food. We have a busy day ahead of us, so enjoy!

The History of London: London is “The city of the ages” because of its long history and culture. London was founded In 43 CE when the Romans began to occupy Britain. They started a settlement called Londinium. This was the capital of Roman Britain during Roman rule. Around 60 CE the Romans abandoned the settlement, and it was destroyed. Today glimpses of Londinium can still be seen throughout London. As the Roman Empire declined, London became the name for the new city. William the Conqueror built the famous Tower of London in 1066 CE to protect the city. It is a massive stone fortress that still stands today.



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The Tower of London.

The British Museum in London is dedicated to the history of humanity. With its inception was the will of Sir Hans Sloane which bequeathed 71,000 articles to the British Nation for the presentation of the Museum to the world. Its doors were open in 1759. It contains the largest collection of archaeological artifacts in the world. These artifacts provide proof of

past civilizations, happenings, places and people. Let's go there now.



As we step into the Museum, we are impressed by its grand entrance way and we begin to spot some of the famous artifacts from past civilizations around the world. Our tour guide brings our attention to a clay cylinder inscribed with writings about the conquest of Babylon by King Cyrus of Persia. This cylinder was found in 1879 in modern Iraq and provides archeological proof of this impressive historical conquest.



Next, we are shown the Nabonidus Chronicles. This is as a fragmentary clay tablet depicting the fall of the city of Babylon under King Nebuchadnezzar. The fall of this strongly fortified city is depicted as happening with a suddenness that must have surprised the ancient world. The clay tablet was found in 1879 in ruins near modern Bagdad. We also see the Moabite stone and many other artifacts of ancient cities. There are so many things to see here that we have run out of time! Please check out the British Museum website when you arrive back home.

Facts about London: For 1,500 years, beginning in 200 CE, London had a wall around it, built by the Romans. You can still see a section of the wall near the Tower of London. The world's first traffic light was installed in London. London is considered a forest. There are as many trees as people.



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The UN’s definition says any area that has 20% trees is considered a forest. More than 300 languages are spoken in London.

Enjoy this song from a famous movie, sung by a famous singer you know from London: <https://youtu.be/IwH9YvhPN7c> If you are on a cell phone you can just click the link to view it. Photo credits to Creative Commons; Credits to the Encyclopedia Britannica Credits to Timeout.com I hope you enjoyed our virtual journey. See you next time as we visit another intriguing destination.

Rachel James



ROADS & GROUNDS



David Vangsness

Director of Roads and Grounds



Hello Briar Patch Community,

Thank you so much to Paul Adams and James (Jim) Burch for removing the holiday decorations!! Thank you so much to Kathleen Bauer for finding a “Chair Yoga” instructor, Linda Kirk.



Chair Yoga - The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. Please sign-up ASAP as slots are limited. We need a minimum of six to eight individuals.

The Chair Yoga classes will begin on Friday, February 14, 2025 at 2pm.

- Cost is \$5.00 for each class. We will have eight classes.
- Length of the classes are around 45 to 50 minutes.
- The instructor, Linda Kirk, will need to get paid regardless of attendance.
- Pre-payment of \$40.00 (\$5.00 x 8 classes) is required.
- Pre-Payment will be accepted on Thursday, February 6th, 2025 from 11am to 12pm at the clubhouse.
- **If paying by check, please make check payable to Linda Kirk.**
- Chair Yoga classes will be held on Fridays at 2 pm at the clubhouse on the following dates:

Friday, February 14, 2025

Friday, February 21, 2025

Friday, February 28, 2025

Friday, March 7, 2025

Friday, March 14, 2025

Friday, March 21, 2025

Friday, March 28, 2025

Friday, April 4, 2025

In March, we will be starting game nights again. If you have a game night suggestion, please send an email to briarpatchnpr@yahoo.com



Please come join us at the clubhouse for the following:

Paint & Sip – Come and explore your creativity and try your hand at painting on an acrylic canvas on **Thursday, February 20th 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 an email to: briarpatchnpr@yahoo.com

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 un-flush toilets create a health issue. We do not want to be shut
down by the health department.
Thank you!**



2. Bylaws

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