



BRIARPATCH NEWSLETTER March 2025

The Patch Corner

Philadelphia - The City of Brotherly Love



Our virtual vacation this month takes us to the first capital of the U.S. - Philadelphia. “The city of brotherly love.” It was given this nickname by William Penn because the name Philadelphia comes from the Greek words Phileo meaning Love and Adelfhos meaning brother. William Penn, an English Quaker was the founder of Philadelphia in 1682. He was issued a charter by the crown of England to found a Quaker colony. This colony became Pennsylvania. He wanted to create a city where all people would be welcome. Pennsylvania lies between the Delaware and the Schuylkill rivers. The temperature will be in the 50’s so we may need a jacket.

Philadelphia: <https://youtu.be/SwU7CozcoCc>

History of Philadelphia: Philadelphia became the capital of the U.S. in 1791, and also was the capital of Pennsylvania at that time. On May 14, 1800 the capital was moved to Washington, D.C. And in 1799 it was removed from being the capital of Pennsylvania because its location was not accessible enough because of the westward expansion of the state. Harrisburg is now the capital of Pennsylvania.



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Interstate 95 will take us on our interesting road trip all the way there. As we enter Philadelphia we see Majestic buildings, the tops touching the sky. It is a busy city with a rich culture. There are lots of nice restaurants with good food. Let’s find some scrumptious Philly Cheesesteak. I heard that Gooley Looie’s has the best Cheesesteak in Philly.

Let’s go eat!..... That was delicious. I hope you enjoyed it!



Now we will tour the Philadelphia Museum of Art. It features woodcraft, paintings, statues and art from across the world, including art from the Renaissance era. This museum was chartered in 1876 for the Centennial Exposition in Philadelphia. It is one of the most significant art museums in the country. We can enjoy the art of the ages. I hope everyone has their walking shoes on.



There are so many works of art to enjoy here.

Fun Facts about Philadelphia: The first Spanish language book in the United States was published in Philadelphia. / The first art society in the U.S. was established in Philadelphia. / The cheesesteak was invented in Philadelphia. / The city is home to the first hospital in the U.S. / The first Zoo in the U.S. was in Philadelphia. / Bubble gum was invented in Philadelphia. There are Singers and songs that originated in Philadelphia. Patti Labelle was one of them. Let’s see one of her hit songs.

Patti Labelle – Forever young - <https://youtu.be/WfHJMD5-ZA8>

(credit to the Encyclopedia of Greater Pennsylvania and NCSC.COM – Theodore Hamilton and YouTube)

I hope you enjoyed our virtual trip to Philadelphia. Our next tour will be to a city of music, which is in the home state of one of the most famous singers of all time. See you there!

Rachel James



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Dear All It seems Pauxatany Phil thinks winter is going to stay a while. Let us hope for warm weather!

The HOA Annual HOA Board of Directors meeting is being held as usual at the Calvary Church Auditorium on the second Monday of March 2025. Please plan to be there and if you cannot attend, complete your proxy forms as needed. We will be voting on three board members.

ATTENTION: ALL HOMEOWNERS *MUST* VISIT THE BRIARPATCH NPR WEBSITE AND READ THE UPDATED CCR'S, COVENENTS, CODES & RESTRICTIONS. THEY HAVE BEEN UPDATED AND ARE BEING FILED WITH THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES. THE CURRENT BYLAWS ALLOWS FOR UPDATES BY THE HOA BOD AND FOR ENFORCEMENT OF THE CCR'S.

PLEASE READ THEM TO BE FULLY AWARE OF THE RULES WE WILL ALL NEED TO FOLLOW.

All homeowners should be aware that we are responsible for the maintenance of all windows and doors, to include front, garage doors, back door, lanai surround and screens throughout. Please be sure to repair your window and door screens as soon as possible. This has been mentioned every month for the last 3—4 months. We do not wish to put forth a ragtag appearance in the Briarpatch. It is not acceptable to have torn and ripped screens flapping about. They must be repaired or removed. The HOA BOD is working toward repairs and refurbishment of our buildings, home owners must do their part.

Thank you and see you at the meeting!

Greg Davis

President BPHOA



Hello Briar Patch Community;

By now you should have received the proxy for our Annual Meeting to be held March 10th, 1 pm at Calvary Chapel 6825 Trouble Creek Rd.

Please fill it out and send to 6525 Thicket Trail or place it in my bin, 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





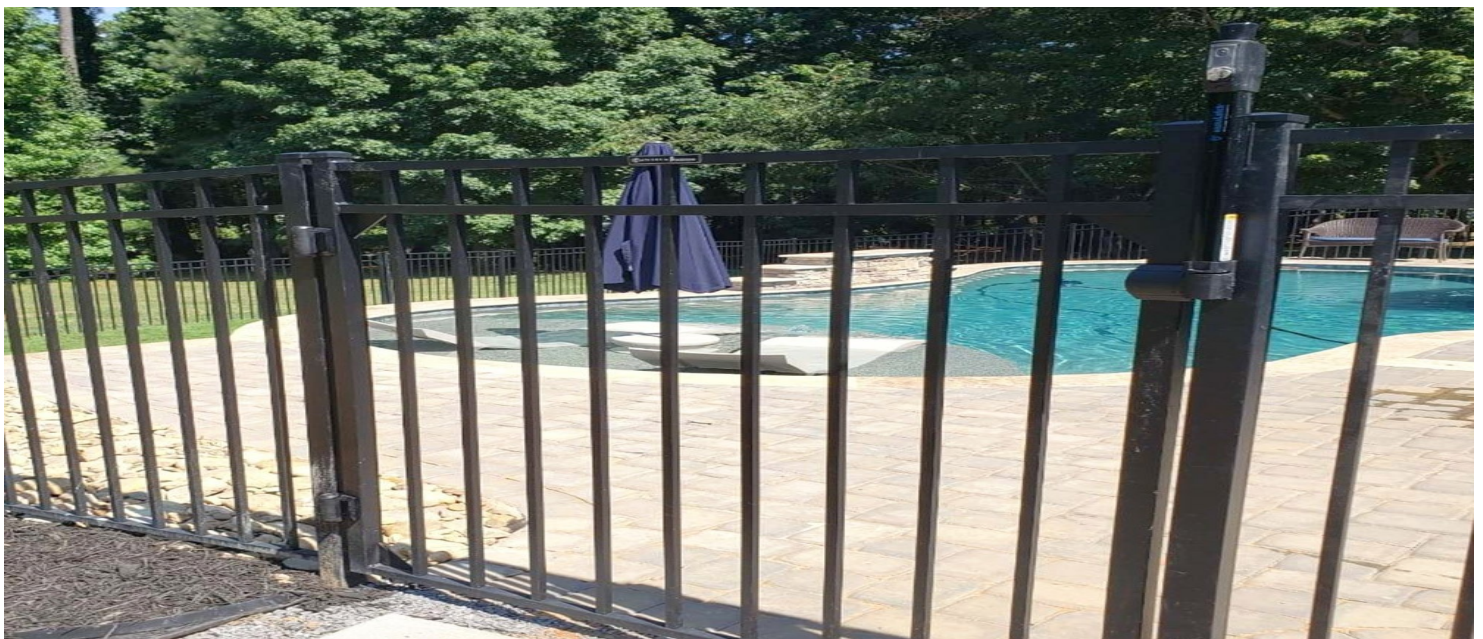
ROADS & GROUNDS

IMPORTANT:

The pool gate must be latched at all times, even if they are only in there for a few minutes. This should be somewhere obvious and in bold print. Our insurance company is threatening to cancel our policy if you don't keep it locked.

David Vangsness

Director of Roads and Grounds





Hello Briar Patch Community,

Chair yoga is a success! Everyone who sign-up is enjoying chair yoga.

We are starting game nights. Come join us! Mark your calendars!

Tuesday's Game Night 6:30PM at the Clubhouse as follows:

- ⇒ **Trivia** - Tuesday, March 11 th at 6:30 PM Clubhouse
- ⇒ **Wine tasting game** - Tuesday, March 18 th 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.
- ⇒ **Dominos (i.e. Triominoes., Mexican Train, Rummikub, Mahjong, etc.)** - Tuesday, March 25 th at 6:30 PM Clubhouse

Please come join us at the clubhouse for the following:

- ⇒ **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, **March 13th from 11 AM to 12 PM** at the clubhouse.

Barbara will begin with a 10-minute educational demonstration, showing 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, March 27 h from 6 to 8 PM** 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





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

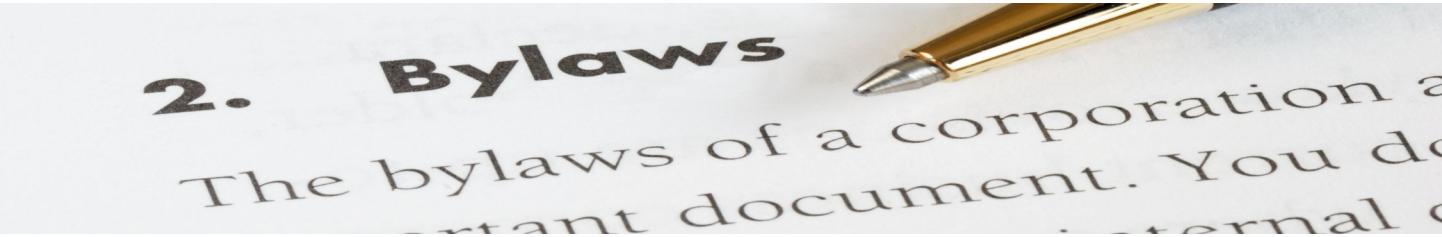





**KEEP
TOILETS
CLEAN
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AFTER USE**

Bathrooms

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

37. The Board of Directors of the Association shall have power to adopt and publish Rules and Regulations governing the common areas and facilities, and the personal conduct of the members, tenants, or guests thereon, and to establish fines and suspensions for violations of said Rules and Regulations (fines not to exceed \$100.00 per day for each violation) and such fine may exceed \$1,000.00 in the aggregate per continuing violation). All fines and suspensions must be approved by the Briar Patch Fines and Suspensions Committee, before said fines and suspensions go into effect.

4.(a) Unless required by law, absolutely **no dogs or visiting dogs** of any kind shall be kept on any portion of a Lot, the common area, or any other area in Briar Patch Unit One or Briar Patch Unit Two. No other animals shall be kept on a Lot in Briar Patch Unit One or Briar Patch Unit Two, except that one household cat or two usual household birds may be kept, provided they are kept within the interior portion of the residence. Each dog owner shall control his or her dog on a leash when the dog is in Briar Patch Unit One or Briar Patch Unit Two, except when the dog is confined to the residence in Briar Patch Unit One and Briar Patch Unit Two. Each dog owner shall pick up the feces of his or her dog immediately and dispose of such feces in a sanitary manner promptly. Dogs must be kept on owner's property. Dogs must be walked on leash in the street on their way to Trouble Creek and must NOT do their business on anyone else's property or common grounds. Owner's of dogs many NOT leave their animals tied up alone outside. (b) **All ESA and Service dog owners must submit a certificate from their local physician or a licensed clinical therapist, who is familiar with their health issue, to Briar Patch HOA annually starting in Jan. 2025.**