



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Dear All,

Thanks to everyone for getting their proxy's in and to those who attended the annual BOD meeting. We have a busy year in front of us. There are 7 buildings to be re-roofed, 5 buildings to be painted and siding repairs needed throughout the community.

We, the BOD's met and elected our leaders and appointed directors, President/Buildings Director- Greg Davis, Vice President/Secretary- Marie Lawrence, Treasurer- Henri Perri, Landscaping Director- David Vangness and Clubhouse Director- Diolinda Gonzalez.

PLEASE NOTE: The Secretary position is currently open, PLEASE VOLUNTEER!

I asked at the meeting and herein for able volunteers to join the BOD. The current board members are now starting a 2 year elected period. At least three of us will not run again. **This is the first request to our general electorate for volunteers.** We currently have a standard operating procedures manual with job descriptions and a policy and procedure manual. Please give this matter consideration. **If we need to hire a management company it could increase the monthly HOA assessment by a minimum of \$50 to \$100.00.** I was a bit muted at the meeting, but mentioned the **need to read and follow the bylaws and deed restrictions.** The deed restrictions were updated as January 2025, and posted on our website. Please be aware that garage doors must be kept closed unless you are working in the garage. It may be kept open up 12 inches when you are not working in the garage. **If you have an emotional support animal or a service animal please send the appropriate paperwork from you local health care provider to the HOA secretary for filing. This is now an annual requirement.**

Please ensure your window screens are repaired and in good shape and that your trees are trimmed away from the roof and building. I mentioned at the meeting we are not working in an adversarial manner with the community. However as the HOA Board we must follow the bylaws and deed restrictions in terms of enforcing them. **I ask everyone to please follow the bylaws and deed restrictions and all applicable TRAFFIC LAWS.**

Thank you,

Greg Davis



Hello Briar Patch Community;

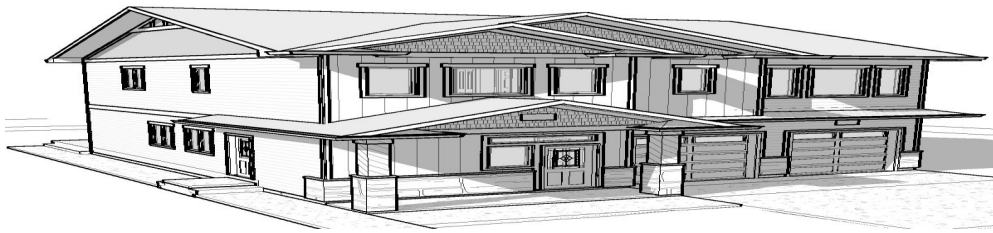
I want to thank everyone who came to the Annual Meeting and voted and to those who sent in their Proxies. I have several people in February and March that renewed their Home Owners' Insurance and have not submitted their renewal declarations page to the HOA. **Please** do so as soon as you can. **It is a requirement.** You can place a copy in my bin at the clubhouse, or email it to: briarpatchnpr@yahoo.com or send it USPS to 6525 Thicket Trail New Port Richey Fl 34653.

The annual printing of the Directories was done in March and was sent out by the printer without being proof read. The pages were out of sequence. They printed a new set of Directories. Let me know if you didn't receive yours.

In addition to needing homeowners to please remember to send in their insurance renewal declarations pages. I would like to remind everyone that the positions the present board members occupy will be up in two more years. We will need some homeowners to step up and take over volunteering their time to be on the board.

My position, secretary, will definitely be needing hands on learning. I will be available to teach someone who will be willing to take this on, long before the two years are up. Even once it is taken over, I will always be available to help with any questions you may have. I hope someone will consider taking this on. The only alternative will be a management company, and that will be very expensive for all of us.

Marie Lawrence
Secretary



BUILDINGS & ARCHITECTURE

Dear Homeowners, please be sure to notify any contractor working on your home's Cable—Spectrum & Frontier, HVAC—a/c system or electrical system that NO wires or cable are allowed on top of the roof or outside of the building.

Please follow the Speed limit when driving through the neighborhood. **15 MPH**

Those who have **screens in disrepair MUST** have them Repaired or Removed

We will continue the re-roofing program starting in April 2025. We do not have a hard date yet. However I ask that homeowners take pictures of the inside of their home, with dates before the work begins. We will be re-roofing buildings 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19 on Remus.

Buildings 31—36 are due to painted this year, date TBD.

We are also planning a siding replacement and repair program.





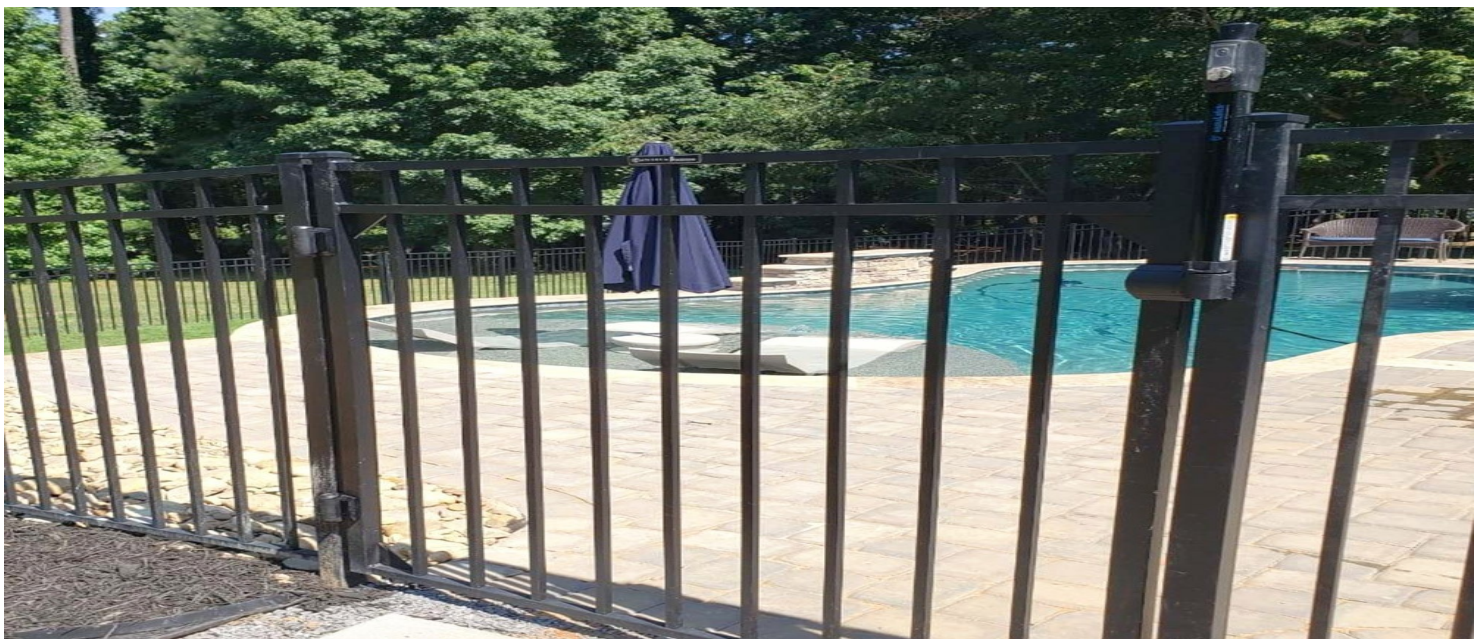
ROADS & GROUNDS

IMPORTANT:

The pool gate must be latched at all times, even if they are only in there for a few minutes. 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,

Game nights are loads of fun! Come join us! Mark your calendars!

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

- ⇒ **BINGO** - Tuesday, April 1st at 6:30 PM Clubhouse (traditional BINGO) Don't forget to bring your quarters.
- ⇒ **Trivia** - Tuesday, April 8th at 6:30 PM Clubhouse
- ⇒ **Wine tasting game** - Tuesday, April 29th 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.

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

- ⇒ **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, April 10th 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, April 17th 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





⇒ **Christian Study & Fellowship Group** - Residents are invited to gather to read and discuss Bible scriptures and Christian books on various topics. The goal of this group is to strengthen our faith, our relationships, and our community.

If you would like to participate, please sign up so we can know the level of interest. The sign-up sheet will be on the bulletin board or you can email: briarpatchnpr@yahoo.com We will begin with reading "Aging Faithfully: The Holy Invitation of Growing Older" by Alice Fryling. This book provides thought-provoking insights on growing older with hope and purpose. **This group will be held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month from 2-3:30pm beginning on April 9th.** Books are available on Amazon for \$9.98 + S&H. Please order your book before the group begins on April 9th. If you don't use Amazon and prefer to purchase a book at the group session, please contact the group facilitator - Marguerite Isaac at 813-953-6344 by April 5th. Books will be available by request only.

****Reminder**** Please, if you make a mess in the bathroom either clean it up or tell someone about it so that it can be taken care of.

Dates and times are subject to change.

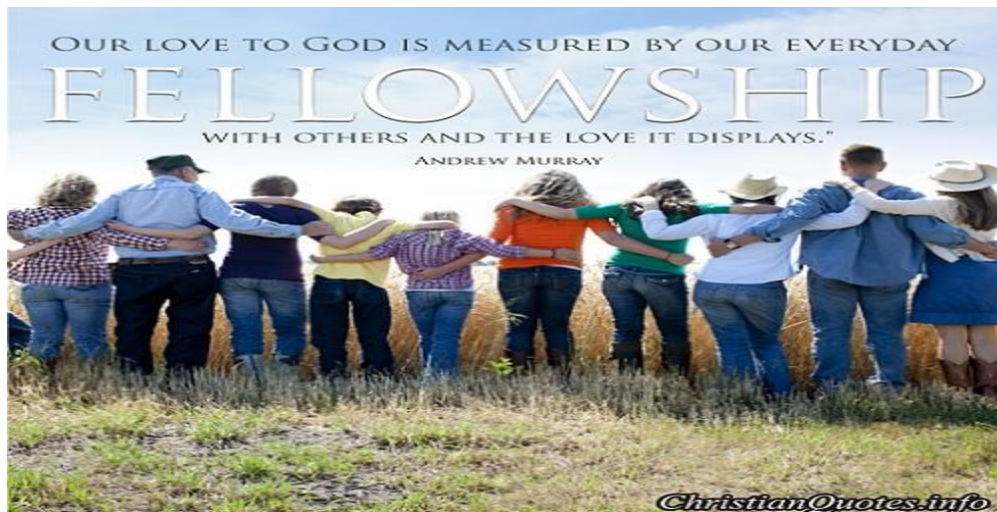
Please consider a position on the Briar Patch HOA Board.

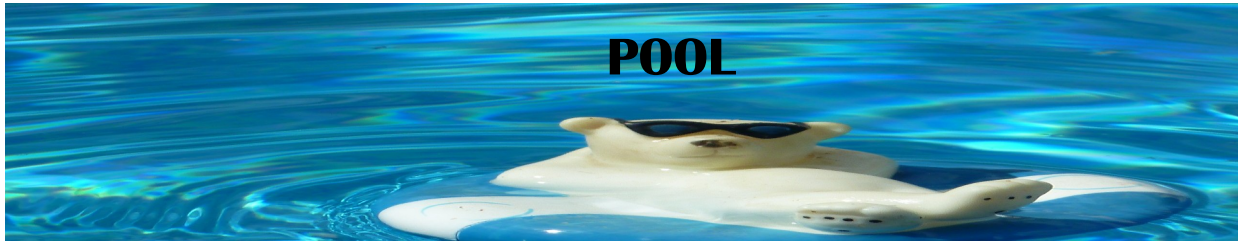
Participation and cooperation from our Briar Patch community is vital for a successful and enjoyable time together.

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





WHY MUST THE POOL GATES REMAIN SECURELY LOCKED?

The pool has the inherent danger of someone drowning. The gates must be kept locked to prevent children from entering the pool area.

Our liability insurance dictates that the gates be locked at all times. If we do not follow their mandate they will pull the insurance coverage. We cannot operate the pool without liability coverage. The insurer performs routine random inspections. On the last inspection the gate was left ajar. We were threatened with cancellation of insurance and pool shutdown. The gate hinges have been replaced ensuring the gate will self close.

PLEASE MAKE SURE TO CLOSE THE GATE BEHIND YOUR SELF AND MAKE SURE OTHER DO SO AS WELL!

Please make very effort to keep the pool area and bathrooms clean.

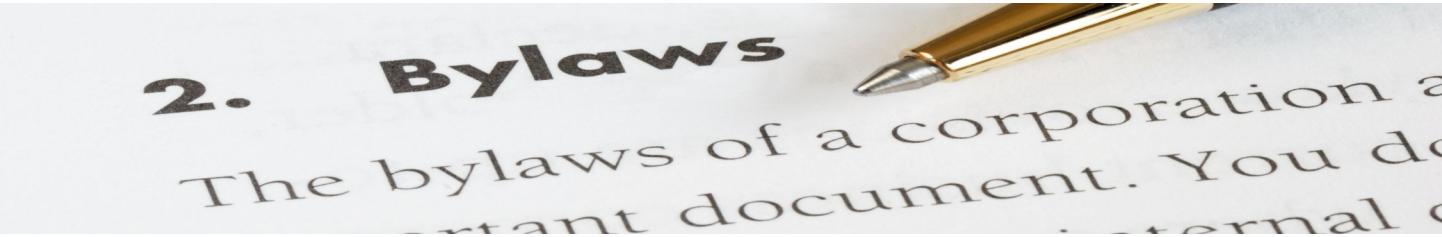
Thank You!!




**KEEP
TOILETS
CLEAN
FLUSH
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

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Bylaw Review

16. The and shall permit garage doors to be fully open when the owners are working on projects within the garage. owner of each Lot shall keep their garage doors closed when they are not being used for ingress or egress. Exceptions to the Restriction shall permit doors to be open up to twelve (12) inches to allow for proper ventilation

19 (b) All Lanai screens and doors and windows must be **well maintained** by the homeowner. **Badly worn screens must be replaced or removed.** When home is unoccupied for more than 1 year, property needs to be internally and externally inspected by owner or a designated licensed inspector to avoid bugs and mold, with notification provided to the board within 10 days of completion.



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The Patch Corner

Nashville Tennessee: Music City



Our virtual vacation this month is to Music City – Nashville, Tennessee. The nickname “Music City” started to be given to Nashville when a singing group called the Fisk Jubilee Singers was formed in 1871 and connected to Fisk University. They traveled to England to perform. For one of their performances, Queen Victoria was in the audience. She was so impressed that she said, “They must be from a city of music”

This put Nashville on the ‘music map’ and in 1932 with the Grand Ole Opry, Nashville’s nickname ‘Music City’ was sealed. So many popular songs have come out of Nashville! Let’s listen to a song by a Nashville artist before we begin our journey..... Through the Years by Kenny Rogers - <https://youtu.be/qJ4BHM9CgGU>

The History of Nashville: The history of Nashville began with Native Americans called The Mississippians in about 1500 AD. Trading posts were established on the Cumberland River in about 1689. In 1779 Fort Nashborough was established. This settlement thrived and was later renamed Nashville. It is the capital of Tennessee and is located on the Cumberland River. The city was founded in 1806 and became the capital of Tennessee in 1843.

Let’s tour the city with Scott of Global Flare Tours: <https://youtu.be/CS6SgIvGZXE>



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Are you hungry yet? Hot Chicken is famous in Nashville. Hattie B's is the place. Let's head there!



Delicious! But the chicken was spicy hot! Whew!!

Now for a tour of the **Country Music Hall of Fame** and a journey through country music history. It is \$29.95 per person to enter. We will hear country music folk roots and see country music come to life. <https://youtu.be/khAuqpXxcEY>

That was very interesting and educational! I hope you enjoyed our tour of the Country Music Hall of Fame.

Fun Facts about Nashville:

The first Cracker Barrel Restaurant opened in Nashville in 1969 / First city to have an FM radio license / Has the only real replica of the Greek Parthenon / The cotton candy machine was invented there by a dentist, imagine that! / It has one of four companies left in the country still producing vinyl records / It is the home of the Grand Ole Opry

Credits to The Tennessean website, Britanica ,and Global Flare Tours with Scott, and Everyday is Saturday

I hope you enjoyed our journey to Nashville. Next month we won't go far but we will have a surprising adventure. See you then!

Rachel James