



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Well Punxsutawney Phil, the gopher, he called it right! *It is still winter!*

We got Olympic Gold! We have 2 new board members, they were voted in at our February annual meeting. Mr. Frank Ferrari and Mr. Victor Oliveras

We held our BOD organizational meeting on February 22nd. At that meeting our positions were delineated. There was no change for Greg and Marie as President and Vice President/Secretary. Diolinda Gonzalez is now the Treasurer, Victor Oliveras is Director of Buildings and Architecture with Frank Ferrari as director of Roads and Grounds. We have established our short and long term goals and will be working toward them.

Congratulations!

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Short Term Goals—2026

- ⇒ Keep abreast of changes in HOA laws and State Statutes
- ⇒ Uphold the Deed Restrictions, all Bylaws and Covenants.
- ⇒ Maintain and improve the appearance of common areas and structures.
- ⇒ Meet with service vendors and review contracts.
- ⇒ Repair as much siding as possible within the budget
- ⇒ Research secure higher yield investment funds

Greg Davis MBA, President

BriarPatch HOA Inc.

MY APOLOGIES FOR THE TARDINESS OF THIS NEWSLETTER

ADMINISTRATION



Hello Briar Patch Community;

I want to thank all the members who came to our Annual Meeting at Calvary Church and to all the members who sent in their proxies. The members who ran for a position on the board have been voted in. I thank them for volunteering to take a position on the board. I know they will serve our community well.

I will be going to the printer next week for our March 2026 Directory. Please keep your directory in a reachable place so you can refer to it when you need it. It is full of information that is necessary for you to know or you can visit our website and go to General Information at briarpatchnpr.com

There are still several members who have not sent in their Renewal Declaration pages for their home insurance. This is required as per our Deed Restrictions every year upon renewal. Maryann Murry is helping me with phone calls to the members that have not submitted their renewals. Thank you Maryann.



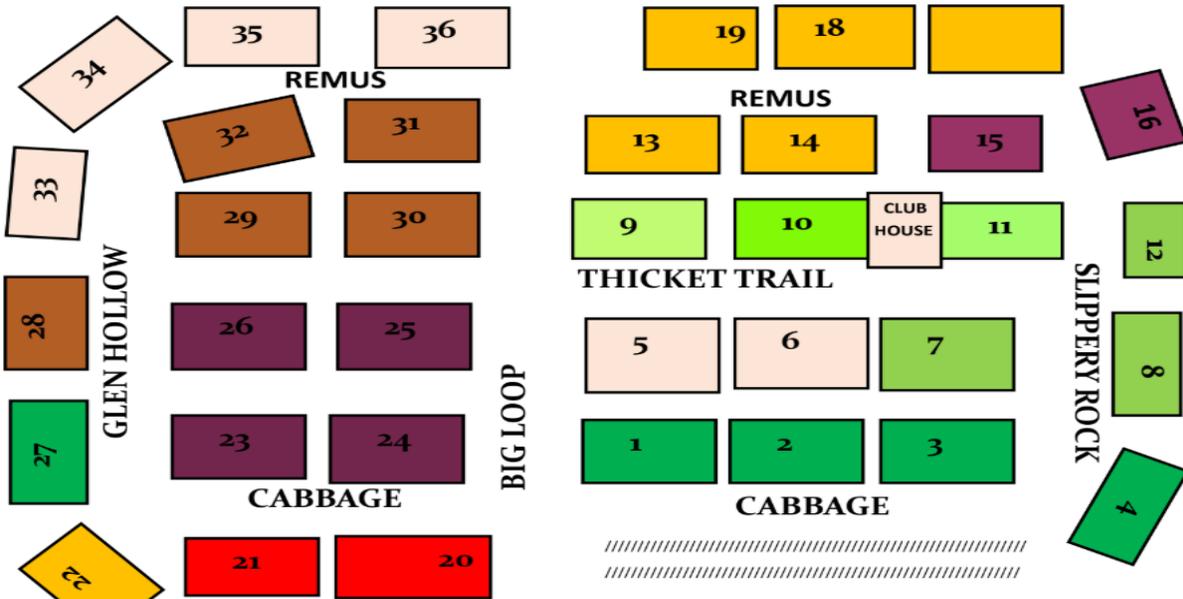
Each homeowner is required to purchase HO3 insurance covering their residence. Their insurance Declarations page stating their name and address and policy dates of coverage, must be submitted to Briar Patch HOA, and also upon each subsequent renewal of their insurance coverage, within 30 days of procurement.

Sincerely,

Marie Lawrence

Secretary

PAINT SCHEDULE

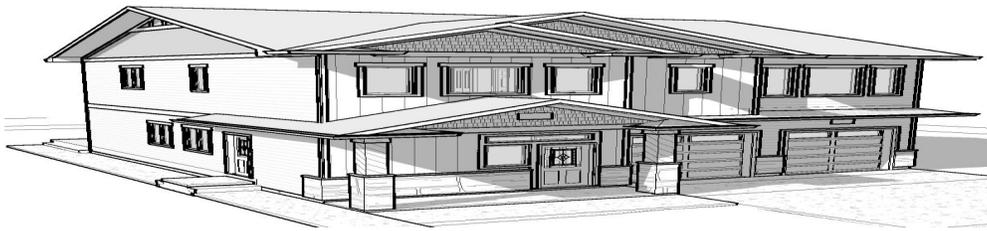




ROADS & GROUNDS



Slow down!



BUILDINGS & ARCHITECTURE

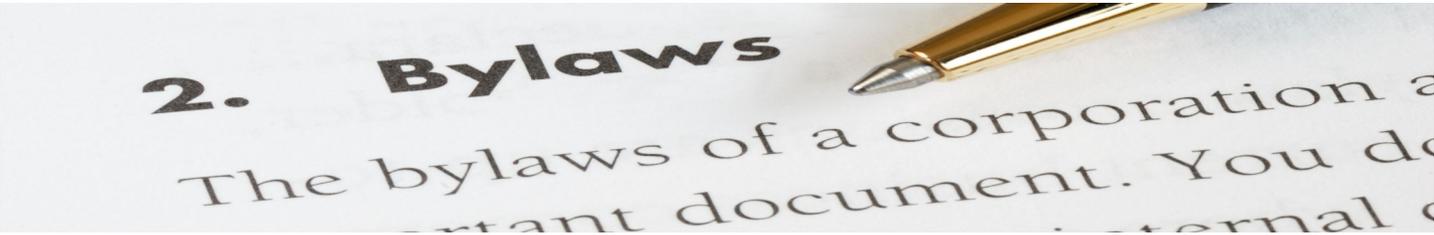
Buildings #5 #6 #'s 33 to 36 and the clubhouse are to be painted this year. We do not have a set timeframe, it will be in the coming 2026 budget. PLEASE— Do Not interrupt the painters! If you have questions please call the HOA. Thank You!

If you live on Cabbage, Thicket or Remus and have a building behind you, please be **mindful** if you have a back spotlight. **Don't leave it on all night!**

PLEASE - DO NOT HAVE ANY WORK DONE ON THE BUILDING WITHOUT HOA APPROVAL. YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY DAMAGE CAUSED BY WORKMANSHIP. Please look on the Briar Patch website to find, architectural and landscape modification forms. A form **MUST** be **SUBMITTED** and when completed can be left in our Clubhouse mailbox (wall units). As always you can send questions to directors via the website.

PLEASE DO NOT ! Come to a board member's home!

Thank you!



2. Bylaws

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Bylaw Review

4. BOARD OF DIRECTORS a. b. Number, Term and Qualifications of Directors.

The business and affairs of the Association shall be managed and governed by a Board of Directors composed of not less than three (3) or more than seven (7) persons. Directors must be Owners. Each Director shall serve on the Board of Directors for a term of two (2) years until his successor is duly elected and qualified, or until he resigns, is disqualified or is removed from office as provided in these Bylaws. The terms of the Directors shall be staggered.

10 OFFICIAL RECORDS a. The Association shall maintain those official records required to be maintained by the Association by Chapter 720 of the Florida Statutes in accordance with the requirements set forth therein.



Hello Briar Patch Community,

Thank you for all your votes and support!! Congratulations to Frank and Victor!!

On February 16, 2026, twenty-two (22) "Community Survey" were received at the HOA Board Meeting.

Twenty-one (21) answered the question "What do you enjoy about living in Briar Patch?" as follows:

- Community's curb appeal
- Friendly neighbors
- Pool/clubhouse
- Need handicap accessory to pool which needs repair
- Neighbors looking out for others



Twelve (12) neighbors answered the activities question. Six (6) neighbors added activities.

Four (4) neighbors are interested in starting a hobby committee or activity.

Six (6) neighbors answered the question "How to make Briar Patch an even better place to live?" as follows:

- Keep the great residents
- More friendly neighbors
- Please continue to keep the HOA fee affordable.
- Keep up the great work. Our Board is awesome.
- I think it is A+ already.
- Keep our HOA low.



SURVEY ACTIVITIES	NUMBER OF NEIGHBORS INTERESTED	
Arts/Crafts	4	
Biking	2	
BINGO	6	
Book Club	2	
Cooking Group	2	
Gardening	4	
Walking	5	
SURVEY ADDED ACTIVITIES		
Barber/Styling	1	Future Item
Bowling	1	Sign up sheet on the bulletin board
Card games (Bridge, Whist)	1	
Bunco	1	Scheduled for 3/19th
Trivia	2	Scheduled for 3/10th

Also, at our annual HOA Board meeting our neighbor's suggested the following great ideas:

- Phillip Geraci suggested a "Community Corner" column in the newsletter to provide neighbor's recommendations (i.e., insurance companies who provide good deals).
- Claire Phillips added that we could also put recommendation on the bulletin board at the clubhouse.

Please send recommendations you would like to share with your Briar Patch neighbors to www.briarpatchnpr.com or post on the clubhouse bulletin board.

- Michael Blevins suggested we add a "Help Needed" column where the HOA Board can inform the neighbors where we need assistance and who to contact.



Clubhouse Game Night

- ♦ **Bowling** – Please sign up! Sign up sheet is on the clubhouse bulletin board. More information to follow.
- ♦ **Bunco** – Thursday, March 19th, 2026, 6:30PM hosted by Donna Forester. Donna has graciously volunteered to teach those of us who do not know how to play this game. Please bring \$5 as it will go towards prizes.
- ♦ **Mexican Train/Dominoes** – Tuesday, March 3rd hosted by Evelyn Arnheiter and March 24th hosted by Patty Wahrendorf, 6:30PM.
- ♦ **Trivia** – Tuesday, March 10th hosted by Ellen Walsh, 6:30PM
- ♦ **Wine Tasting** – Tuesday, March 17th hosted by Kathleen Baur, 6:30PM

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

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. We invite you to come join us! This group will gather on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month from 2-3:30PM. **The next classes will be on Wednesday, March 11th, and March 25th.** If you have any questions please contact the group facilitator, Marguerite Isaac at 813-953-6344 or you can email briarpatchnpr@yahoo.com.

Paint & Sip – will resume on April 16th.





Community Corner - Please send recommendations you would like to share with your Briar Patch neighbors to www.briarpatchnpr.com or post/share on the clubhouse bulletin board.

Marie Lawrence -  **Nextdoor** - it is an email that connects the surrounding neighborhood. People are always letting you know who they recommend and who they do not recommend.

David Vangsness - handyman 727-342-9990

Phillip Geraci - Brightway Insurance - He received a great deal on home insurance.

Gregory Williams - driveway pressure washing at a reasonable price. Phone number (407) 492-6287.

Meadow Dog Park, Larch Lane and Meadowbrook Lane, New Port Richey is a newly renovated neighborhood park which features a gated off-leash dog park. It also has walking trail, playground, basketball court, and a pickleball court.

Help Needed

Please help us keep Briar Patch litter free. If you see any garbage or tree branches around your home or in common areas, please pick it up and throw it out. Thank you!



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! New Port Richey's police department non-emergency phone number is (727)841-4550. You may find additional/helpful phone numbers in your Briar Patch Home-owners directory.

Thank you all for your help and support!

Regards,



Diolinda (Linda) Gonzalez, Clubhouse Director




**KEEP
TOILETS
CLEAN
FLUSH
AFTER USE**

Bathrooms

Reminders:

Bathroom lights are automatic sensor lights no need to touch switch.

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



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The Patch Corner

Greece – Hellas / The Hellenic Republic



Our virtual tour this month is to Greece which is considered the birthplace of western civilization. It is also called the Hellenic Republic. This was to retain its ancient culture and to reflect its identity as Greek and not as the Latin derived name “Greece.” Greeks are said to prefer the name Hellas. (You may recognize this name from the popular Greek restaurant / bakery in Tarpon Springs.)

As we Fly into Greece and arrive at the Athens International Airport, we have access to different Islands, but we will stay in Athens for our tour and enjoy the ancient buildings written about in history. Let’s take a tour with Rick Steves of this city that survives time: Come on let’s go:

<https://youtu.be/lrvD3NS-tA8>

History of Greece: The Greek civilization began in the year 1600 BCE. An ancient book talks about the power of ancient Greece under the rule of Alexander the Great. It says: “A mighty king will stand up and rule with extensive dominion and do as he pleases.” Just as he pleased, Alexander conquered many nations, expanding the Greek empire. He brought unity to Greece under the League of Corinth. Thus, the Greek language and culture were spread throughout the middle east and Asia.



BRIAR PATCH NEWSLETTER Continuation:

The Patch Corner

Modern Greeks are descendants of the Myceneans according to greekreporter.com. Many Greek cities were built on hills near rivers (as the above picture shows) This was for protection against raids and to prevent flooding. The popular gyro that Rick Steves presented on the Greece tour of Athens looked good. Let's try it.



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Delicious!

Fun Facts About Greece: In 15 years of conquest, Alexander the Great of Greece never lost a battle / Alexander the Great of Greece also founded Alexandria Egypt / The yoyo was invented in Greece / Athens Greece has more theatre stages than any other city in the world

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See you on our next virtual journey!

Rachel James