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Brevard County Government Announces COVID-19-related Event Cancellations

In an abundance of caution, and in accordance with direction from Gov. Ron DeSantis, Brevard County Government on Friday put the following measures in place effective immediately related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

All non-governmental meetings scheduled for Brevard County Government facilities are officially canceled until further notice. This includes already-scheduled meetings for homeowners associations, political action committees and other non-political organizations.

There are no coronavirus cases reported in Brevard County (March 17). However, earlier this week the Governor declared a state of emergency following confirmations of coronavirus-related deaths in Florida. On Thursday, DeSantis advised cities and counties to postpone or cancel any mass gatherings over the next 30 days in an effort to limit the spread of the virus throughout

the state.

Other cancellations in place include:

Parks and Recreation:

Effective Saturday, March 14:

- Spring Training – going on in the North, Central and South park areas

- All Recreation Partner programs
- All Recreation Instructor programs
- Spring Break Camp
- All athletic events
- All special events open to the public
- All rentals open to the public

Effective March 18:

- All community centers, nature centers and EEL sanctuaries are closed
- All special events
- All rentals

Anyone who has paid for a program or rental will be refunded fully without any penalty fees.

Libraries - All public and non-governmental meetings scheduled at the County's public libraries are canceled, and library programs and outreach will be canceled through April.

Parrish Medical Center COVID-19 Statement

Parrish Medical Center | Parrish Healthcare (PMC) is prepared to provide appropriate care, should it be needed, to any confirmed COVID-19 patients in our service area while at the same time providing all other essential hospital services.

PMC, like all US hospitals, maintains detailed emergency management plans and response protocols in order to stay in a constant state of readiness for all manner of public health emergencies. These protocols include close collaboration and coordination with local, state, and federal public health organizations, such as the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Florida Department of Health, and other official health agencies.

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Parrish Medical Center / Healthcare Community Event Cancellations

Parrish Medical Center | Parrish Healthcare continues to hold the safety of its patients and visitors at the highest priority. Effective immediately all classes, support groups and events scheduled in March and April are canceled. These activities include, but are not limited to:

- AWAKE Sleep Disorders Support Group
- Beginning Breastfeeding
- Caregiver Support Group
- Caregiver Academy
- Diabetes Support Group
- Diabetes Community Education Class
- Fearless Café
- HealthBridge | Blueprint for Men's Health
- HealthBridge | National Healthcare Decisions Day Café
- MAK Gathering (Moms and Kidz) Support Group
- Parkinson's Support Group of North Brevard
- Pulmonary Hypertension Support Group
- Stroke-Heart Survivors Group

· Parrish Partners Cancer Support Group
Parrish Healthcare (PMC) continues to follow guidance from the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and other official health agencies as we monitor the COVID-19 pandemic.

Coronavirus Scams

Scammers are cashing in on the Coronavirus hysteria. Scammers are using text messaging, phone calls and social media to reach people offering "cures" or "products" that prevent the virus. These scams can be easy to miss because Coronavirus discussion is spreading like wildfire across TVs, radio and internet. Here's how you can prevent a coronavirus scam from infiltrating your personal information.

These scams are lurking behind seemingly helpful Coronavirus prevention tips or awareness social media posts. Scammers will also spread deceitful information about fake virus cases in your neighborhood. You may receive emails depicting unproven treatments or ways to donate to victims, but these contain malicious email attachments. The emails ask you to "enable editing" and "enable content," which can install

a Trojan downloader. This download steals your personal information, spies on your computer activity and infiltrates all of your data.

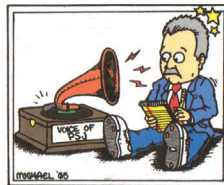
How can you avoid these scams? The main way to avoid these scams is by NEVER downloading or opening an attachment from an email address you don't recognize. This could download a virus onto your computer. Also:

- Make sure your anti-malware & anti-virus software is current.
- Watch out for emails posing as the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) and World Health Organization (WHO). Their logos can be copied and used in fake emails.
- Go directly to the CDC or WHO's websites for the most up to date information.
- Don't believe vaccination or medical breakthrough email offers.
- Do your research before donating to charities. Don't give cash, gift cards or wire money.
- Look out for online promotions highlighting "investment opportunities" for Coronavirus cures, prevention and detection products.

If you come across any suspicious emails, the Federal Trade Commission urges you to report them at www.ftccomplaintassistant.gov/.



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PSJ Community Center Schedule - April, 2020

The center is open Mondays–Thursdays from 10 AM to 8 PM, Fridays from 9 AM to 6 PM, Saturday 10 AM–2 PM Schedule is subject to change. For latest information or to register, call 633-1904.

Events have been canceled at Brevard County Community Centers. Although there is a date set to re-open, that date will be revisited as the Coronavirus situation and information continue to come in. Please check the Brevard County Parks and Recreation website or visit BCPRNorth on Facebook for the most current information on the re-opening of the Community Centers and when classes, courses and other events will start again.

Website: <https://www.brevardfl.gov/ParksRecreation>

Look for the following events and programs to start up again when PSJCC reopens.

Zumba Classes - Zumba incorporates rhythms of Latin and international music to high energy aerobic/fitness dance movements. Zumba tones the body by integrating basic principles of movement and resistance training. Dancers and long-time exercisers thoroughly enjoy the change in pace exercising in a healthy, fun environment. Ages 12 years and up. Classes will be held Mondays and Wednesdays from 6-7 p.m. \$5 per class. For more information, contact PSJCC at (321)633-1904.

Potsticker Make & Take - Cooking workshop for adults, \$30 per class, on March 26, 6:00-7:30 p.m. For more information please visit www.floridakelskitchen.com or email: FLkelskitchen@outlook.com.

Cook's Helper - Cooking workshop for child/adult pair, on March 25, 4:00-5:30 p.m. This is a discounted community outreach hands-on workshop for a child/adult pair. Cost for the pair is \$16. Child must be at least 4 years of age. For more information, please visit www.floridakelskitchen.com or email FLkelskitchen@outlook.com.

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Dream Weavers Knitting Club - This group of middle to senior aged folks meet at the Port St. John Community Center to knit, crochet and cross-stitch. We socialize, have fun, teach and involve the seniors that already come to the center. The club is looking to re-spark interest for those that may have once enjoyed this type of skill and may be looking to join the group to donate any completed projects to area non-profit agencies. Wednesdays 1-4 p.m., free to attend. For more information contact the Port St. John Community Center at (321)633-1904.

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Brightline Update:

I know there have been articles written on how safe Brightline and LNG seems to be. According to a January 29th, 2020 NPR article by Greg Allen titled, "Florida's Brightline Railroad Is Nation's Deadliest After High Rate Of Track Deaths," shows, "Since Brightline launched two years ago, on average more than one person a month has been killed on the tracks, in a car, on a bike or on foot. An analysis by The Associated Press found that this was the worst death rate per mile of any of the nation's railroads."

Ben Porritt is a representative of Brightline. "Seventy-five percent of the incidents that we've seen are the results of suicide or drugs," Porritt said. "A U.S. Department of Transportation study shows that suicides account for about 30% of all rail fatalities. Accident reports on the Federal Railroad Administration's website attribute only a handful of Brightline fatalities to suicide." The numbers Brightline is coming up with are way off from what the Federal Railroad Association is stating.

On another note, the United States Supreme

Court has allowed a 60-day extension (May 18, 2020) for Indian River County, Florida, and Indian River County Emergency Services District to file a petition for a writ of certiorari to review a judgment given by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, where in Indian River County v. United States Department of Transportation, No. 19-5012 (D.C. Cir.). The court of appeals entered a judgment on December 20, 2019. In this case, Indian River County filed suit under the Administrative Procedure Act, alleging that the Department of Transportation had "exceeded its authority under 26 U.S.C. §142(m) when it allocated \$1.15 billion" in tax-exempt bonds to fund the AAF (Brightline) project. The U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit ruled it legal and they are now applying to the Supreme Court.

Reference: https://mcusercontent.com/60513c945f602bad03e732c94/files/60f8c074-3f0f-4e29-b296-c6773128dae/Indian_River_County_Extension_Application_PDF.pdf

<https://www.npr.org/2020/01/29/799962246/brightline-nations-deadliest-railroad-after-high->

number-of-track-deaths

LNG Update:

I read a Washington Post article by Will Englund titled, "Trump administration moving to allow railroads to haul liquefied natural gas. Opponents say it's a risk." President Trump has set a date of May 10 to put in a proposed Transportation Department rule allowing liquefied natural gas, or LNG, shipments and without imposing any additional safety regulations. What is strange, and might be why there is so much pushback on the proposal, is because they plan to have the rule go into effect 8 months before the Federal Railroad Administration finishes their study of the safety of the tank cars that will be used to transport LNG by rail. Right now the new rules would allow 100 railroad cars, each containing up to 30,000 gallons of LNG, to be on each train. That is 3,000,000 gallons of LNG. Since LNG is natural gas cooled to 265 degrees F that is equal to 600 gallons of natural gas, that would be putting 1,800,000,000 gallons of natural gas on every train. I would hope they will finish the rail car safety report before rolling that much explosive power past Port St John or any other



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According to the article, the proposal "...has drawn widespread criticism from local elected officials, attorneys general from 15 states and the District of Columbia, firefighters' organizations, unions that represent railroad employees, environmentalists and the National Transportation Safety Board." The NTSB, an independent federal agency, commented, "The risks of catastrophic LNG releases in accidents is too great not to have operational controls in place before large blocks of tank cars and unit trains proliferate."

The Washington Post article went on to say, "Supporters of the rule, including the Association of American Railroads, say trains have fewer accidents than trucks, which can currently carry LNG. They point out that ships have carried LNG for 60 years without catastrophes. Rail transit would allow large amounts of gas — as much as 3 million gallons in one train — to be delivered to terminals for export, as well as to areas such as the northeast that have limited pipeline capacity."

The League of Women Voters of the Space Coast Natural Resource Committee, that I am a member of, was going to have an information

panel on April 23 on LNG. Unfortunately, due to the Coronavirus, Brevard County has canceled all large meetings. We still plan to have this meeting in the not so distant future at the Port St. John Community Center to help everyone understand the issue.

Reference:

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/business/2020/03/03/lng-trains-trump/>

Good News on Bio-Solids Fight

According to a West Palm Beach TV article by Meghan McRoberts titled, "Sunbreak Farms backs down from fight to use biosolids in St. Lucie County," Sunbreak Farms finished their one year battle with the St. Lucie County to allow the farm to apply bio-solids to 6,500 acres of their property.

Sunbreak Farms applied for their permit in 2018 with the South Florida Water Management District. The SFWMD turned down the application as Sunbreak Farms refused to provide water quality monitoring as part of the project.

The use of bio-solids is potentially harmful, as there are unknown heavy metals, bacteria and nutrients that can cause algae blooms, harm sea

life and kill vegetation. I wish our county would be so prudent, instead of doing things like approving so much new development that is causing harm to the Indian River Lagoon.

Reference:

<https://www.wptv.com/news/region-st-lucie-county/sunbreak-farms-backs-down-from-fight-to-use-biosolids-in-st-lucie-county>

Marine Resource Council Letter of Concern

The Florida State government and local governments have been approving development like there is no future. They are also allowing increased density on properties next to the Indian River Lagoon, which we are trying to clean with each of us paying a self-imposed tax. The Commissioners do not seem to understand that all development works against what we are doing with this tax to bring back the Indian River Lagoon.

The Marine Resource Council, with leadership of Board Member Dave Botto, has come up with a Letter of Concern and is asking all levels of government to agree to Low Impact Development, which will allow local officials to maintain the Indian River Lagoon and all of

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Good Day!, cont.

Florida's water bodies instead of just keeping up with the damage the current development is causing to our water bodies.

If we in Port St. John had Low Impact Development, we would not be plagued with all the drainage issues that will become worse as new development occurs. Please notify the Brevard County Commissioners and state officials of your support for Low Impact Development and any personal experience you have seen in Port St. John or around the county.

Letter of Concern

The Indian River Lagoon (IRL) is one of the most valuable wildlife habitats in Florida. It is an Estuary of National Significance and has been internationally featured as the most species diverse marine habitat in North America. The lagoon is being badly damaged by human caused pollution, which produces algae blooms that devastate its marine life. It is federally listed as an impaired waterbody.

Local governments, acting in compliance with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) Indian River Lagoon Basin Management Action Plan (BMAP), are attempting to repair the results of past development mistakes and reduce the pollutant loads in the lagoon. However, the future of the IRL is in peril. Outdated land use and stormwater regulations at state and local levels are enabling development to continue as before, making the same mistakes that got us where we are today. In too many cases, new development and redevelopment will add to the already excessive inflow of pollution to our lagoon.

Most communities are addressing pollution sources such as yard fertilizer and wastewater.

Stormwater management remains a primary problem. Current stormwater management systems are, at best, only partially effective in reducing pollutants in run off and ground water. Stormwater must be controlled if we are to ensure the future of our Indian River Lagoon. Low Impact Development provides that control.

Low Impact Development (LID) is a globally proven concept of site design and execution that minimizes impervious surfaces and retains stormwater on site to recharge the aquifer and reduce discharge to the IRL. It treats rainwater as an asset rather than a liability. This prevents lagoon habitat destruction and reduces flooding. It is a significant change from the old ways of development, but LID reduces the need for costly stormwater transport and storage infrastructure so that development costs may go down.

LID is well documented with detailed engineering information. It is endorsed by the EPA and FDEP. Several Florida communities have adopted LID and have published detailed Best Management Practice (BMP) manuals. However, uncertainty with our outdated state regulations and permitting rules have hampered widespread enactment, even though many experts believe that LID is essential to Florida's future.

We strongly recommend that state and local leaders act quickly to approve ordinances that will establish Low Impact Development as the new standard of development in the drainage basin of the Indian River Lagoon. The current pace of growth in the watershed demands that we act now for our Lagoon's future.

I have been a member of the Marine Resource Council Board of Directors for 25 years. We have spent time and energy to clean the Lagoon. Please support us and go to our website and become a

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Reference:

Marine Resource Council Website: <https://savetheirl.org/>

Last but Not Least is the worrisome trying times we live in. When we have everything we can to make us all safe, we must still carry on with the problems already on our radar. These issues are for our children's future and the future of the world.

I can still hear my mother say, "Pull your Churchill socks up and carry on, regardless."

Cheerio,

~ Maureen Rupe

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Never Give Up On Your Dreams!

Space Coast alumnus Madison Prager, (formerly known as Madison Bordeaux), who graduated in 2017 just received a scholarship for soccer and was accepted into the nursing program at Bethel College.

Madison moved to Kansas with her husband, Alex Prager, who is also a Space Coast alumnus. Alex is serving our country in the United States Air Force.

She never gave up on her love of playing soccer. She was playing in a female adult recreation league and was discovered by the Bethel College soccer coach. The college offered her an outstanding scholarship. She will be playing now for the Bethel College Threshers.

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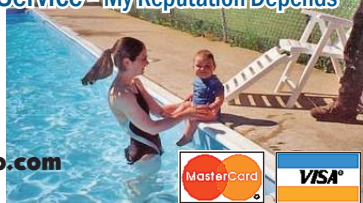
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It's very easy to get there; traveling north on US1, make a right turn at the Garden Street stop light onto SR 406/A - Max Brewer Memorial Parkway - over the beautiful Max Brewer bridge and past all the river access areas on each side.

The drive to the Visitor Information Center is about five miles through some of the most beautiful wetlands and hardwood areas the Big Guy placed on earth. I'm always amused at the imaginative names for all the tiny dirt roads... Gator Creek Rd. is one of my favorites. Peacocks Pocket Dr. is also good for a smile. I didn't see any peacocks, (with or without pockets), but I did catch a glimpse of what I believe was a little bobcat, turkeys, several different species of ducks and turkey vultures - all before I turned onto SR 402 to get to the Visitor Information Center. This is fairly unusual because it was midday when most animals are resting.

I encountered a family sharing lunch with butterflies at one of the several picnic tables nestled under shade trees between the two parking lots and the Visitor Information Center building. Dogs are allowed on leashes in this area and on the boardwalk, but not in the building.

The informational plaque tells us the building that houses the exhibits at the Visitor Information Center is named for two brave Brevardians who lost their lives as a result of injuries sustained fighting a wildfire on the refuge.

Please take your time wandering through all the exhibits. They show the flora and fauna as it is and the stuffed animals look like they could step out and scurry off. The pamphlets are very informational and make nice keepsakes to share.

Unfortunately the Visitor Information Center will be closed on Mondays and Tuesdays, and

the bus tour of the Black Point Drive is canceled until further notice.

The Boardwalk is a quarter mile loop taking you over lakes and through various types of native vegetation, both scrubland and forest. Cat Tail and Water Lilly's make it difficult to spot water dwellers, but I saw turtles, a snake, even a couple of large Bream (hint: the Canadian Goose ain't real!). Moving into the cover of Florida palmettos and pine there are owl houses, song birds, more butterflies and very big spider webs.

Wandering the boardwalk usually takes between 20 and 30 minutes, unless you get so carried away by trying to find the reptile - (pig frog, bull frog, gator?) that was loudly grunting, seemingly in the mud under the boards and manage to get yourself turned around, forgetting whether you were traveling east or west... I was very grateful to the kind lady who told me I was heading in the wrong direction and ignored her bemused expression.

Finding my way back, I was rewarded by the sight of a good sized (8 foot?) gator highly agitated and all puffed up on the top of the lake water, trying to make himself look even larger, flipping his tail in response to his neighbor's grunting. I'm pretty sure the aforementioned neighbor wasn't grunting 'Howdy' and I don't want to know what he was grunting back.

Back in the car, I took a right turn and headed east on SR 402 for a couple of miles, passing several walking trails that looked very interesting, but the sun was heading west and I didn't have time to stop. I'll go back as soon as I can. I wanted to get to the Manatee Observation Deck and Haulover Canal in time to get back to civilization before dark.

I made it and that will be another column.

As always, please take nothing but pictures and leave nothing but footprints. Even though summer has not hit yet, remember you are in Florida so sunscreen and insect spray is advised.

~ Rose Padrick

Coronavirus Research

You can see the Johns Hopkins University interactive web-based map to track cases of the coronavirus around the world: <https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html>. And there's a link on the page to their Corona Virus Resource Center.



Parrish Cancer Center Welcomes Radiation Oncologist Dr. Uzma Malik

Parrish Cancer Center welcomes Dr. Uzma Malik to the community. Dr. Malik is a board-certified radiation oncologist who specializes in the use of ionizing radiation and external beam radiation in the fight against cancer.

The National Cancer Institute reports that nearly 40% of Americans will be diagnosed with cancer at some point during their lifetimes. That statistic means that nearly 300,000 Brevard County residents will eventually need cancer treatment.

Radiation oncology is one of three primary approaches in the treatment of cancer; the other two being surgical and medical oncology. Dr. Malik's more than 20 years of experience serves to enrich the full spectrum of oncology services available at the Parrish Cancer Center.

"I look forward to providing my patients with world-class cancer treatments using the very latest in radiation oncology technology available anywhere within a compassionate healing environment," said Dr. Malik.

Dr. Malik received her medical education and specialty training at The Aga Khan University in Pakistan and the University of Western Ontario, Victoria Hospital, London, Canada. Most recently, Dr. Malik held the position of Director of the Department of Radiology at the Geisinger Henry Cancer Center in Wilkes-Barre, PA. Her expertise and accomplishment in the field was

recognized by the International Association of Oncologists naming her one of the Top Oncologists. For more information about Dr. Malik and the Parrish Cancer Center, visit parrishhealthcare.com or call 321-529-6202.

Parrish Cancer Center is part of Parrish Healthcare's nationally certified integrated system of care and is located at 845 Century Medical Drive, Titusville. New patients are welcome and most insurance plans are accepted.



National Merit Scholarship Finalist

Space Coast High School student Caleb Soto was chosen as a Finalist for the National Merit Scholarship. The selection of some 7,500 Merit Scholarship winners from the group of more than 15,000 Finalists is now in progress. This is an incredible achievement for a student to win. **Congratulations to Caleb Soto to be chosen as a Finalist for National Merit.**

Pictured above left to right are (dad) Mario Soto, sister Hannah Soto, (mom) Laura Soto, Caleb Soto holding his award and SCHS Principal Joe Flora.

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April 5th Palm Sunday, 8:00am/10:00am
April 9th Maundy Thursday, 6:00pm
April 10th Good Friday, 12:00pm-3:00pm
April 11th Holy Saturday, 12pm
Children's Stations of Cross &
Egg coloring / 6:00pm Service

April 12th Easter Service
7:00 am & 10:00 am

Port St. John Housewives Softball League



The Port St. John Housewives Softball League is gearing up for another fun season! Don't let the name fool you...women of all playing abilities are invited to join our league.

As of July 1st, you must be 19 years of age or older. Sign-ups will be on Saturdays and Sundays, May 16th and 17th, and May 30th and 31st from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM at Fay Park, east parking lot. Cost is \$50, which includes 18 - 24 softball games (depends on

how many teams sign up), team shirt and end of year party and awards.

The season starts in July and continues through mid-October. Games are on Tuesday and Thursday nights at Fay Park. This is a great way to make friends and get some exercise. You do not have to live in Port St. John to join our league.

We are also accepting applications for sponsors and experienced umpires. For more information, call: Shannon Freeland, President, at 321-543-5175; Kim Myrick, Vice-President, at 321-536-1372; Angie Burris, Treasurer, at 321-480-1052; or Joan Sottoriva, Secretary, at 321-537-9605. You can also find us on Facebook www.facebook.com/PSJHSL.

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Lenten Service Easter Egg Hunt and Holy Week Services

Lenten Service Easter Egg Hunt and Holy Week Services will be on the following dates at the listed locations:

Holy Week Service will be held on Wednesday, April 1st, 6:30 p.m. at Indian River City United Methodist Church in Titusville, Pastor Wayne Cook - "Blessed are the peacemakers and blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake and the name of Jesus."

Community Easter Egg Hunt will be held by First Baptist Church and First United Methodist Church - PSJ on Saturday, April 4, 2020 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at Nicol Park, corner of Fay Blvd. and US-1, PSJ across from the CVS.



Palm Sunday Service will be held on April 5th, 9 and 11 a.m. at First United Methodist Church - PSJ

Holy Thursday Service (Maundy Thursday) will be held on April 9th, 7 p.m. at First United Methodist Church - PSJ. "Foot Washing Service" will be conducted.

Good Friday Service will be held on April 10th, 7 p.m. at First United Methodist Church - PSJ.

First United Methodist Church - PSJ is located at 1165 Fay Blvd, Port St John. Call (321) 631-0183 for more information.

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Monthly Tax Update

I was reading the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) announcements sent out this year and came upon the following for you to consider if you may have failed to file a Federal personal tax return. Their announcement states they will visit more taxpayers to increase tax compliance and further enforce the law.

In addition, the IRS is increasing the use of data analytics, research and new compliance strategies when executing this strategy. The goal is to bring delinquent taxpayers into compliance with their filing and payment tax obligations and promote future voluntary tax compliance. This involves increasing the identification and case creation for non-filers, Automated Substitute for Return Program (ASFR) and Delinquent Return Refund Hold program (DRRH).

The ASFR program is where the IRS will take action for effected individual taxpayers who have not filed tax returns, but whose available income information shared with the IRS indicates a significant income tax liability. They will send notices to these taxpayers alerting them to the potential liability and prepare a substitute tax return to enable them to take further tax collection action.

The DRRH program holds the taxpayer's income tax refund when their account has at least one unfiled tax return within the five years surrounding that return.

Usually, many non-filers are actually owed refunds, and they are also encouraged to look into filing their tax returns. The deadline for claiming refunds on 2016 tax returns is April 15, 2020. After that, the refunds are forfeited, but the return filing is still required.

On that thought, a return for a year not filed can always be audited forever. The statute of limitations for a filed return is only three years. So, it makes sense to file the return and start the clock on the statute. I would suggest you contact a qualified tax preparer where they can assist you with obtaining the information needed and assist you in filing these returns.

I want to remind you also that foreign accounts still require you to report them. For single taxpayers, you must file Form 8938 if the total value of foreign assets is more than \$50,000 (\$100,000 for joint filers) on the last day of the tax year or more than \$75,000 (\$150,000 for joint filers) at any point during the tax year. You may also be required to file FINCEN Form 114.

Oh, one final thought - the Coronavirus stimulus payment of \$1,000. At the time of writing this, they didn't state if this was going to be an income item or an advanced tax refund. Some of us remember the stimulus payment where everyone received \$300 to stimulate the economy. Well, that was later subtracted from your refund when you filed your tax return. What does this mean? Nothing is free, it will have a tax consequence of some type, so be aware. Stay Coronavirus free!!! This information is important for you to take the appropriate action.

In closing, to my clients, THANK YOU!!! Because of you, my office had another successful tax season. Also, to the many of you who read my articles, THANK YOU. I hope it helps.

For additional details and specific assistance in applying the general information in this article, contact your tax advisor or call us at your earliest convenience. Provided by Tracey C. Higginbotham, E.A., (321) 632-5726, a member of the National Society of Accountants.

St. Patrick's Anglican Church Holy Week Service Schedule



April 5th Palm Sunday, 8:00am & 10:00am
April 9th Maundy Thursday, 6:00 pm
April 10th Good Friday, 12:00 pm-3:00 pm
April 11th Holy Saturday, 12pm, Children's
Stations of Cross & Egg Coloring
6:00 pm, Service

April 12th Easter Service - 7:00 am & 10:00 am

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Thunder Over Indian River Golf Classic Postponed

Our Second Annual Charity Golf Classic will be postponed from Saturday, April 25th at Indian River Preserve Golf Club. The new date will be June 13th. Visit the Port St. John Community Foundation website below for the entry form, sponsor information and any new updates.

The cost is \$65 per person or \$240 per team and includes greens fee, cart, lunch, range balls and on-course contests. Registration will begin at 7:00 am with the Tournament officially starting at 8:00 am. Afterwards, please join us for lunch, awards and raffle at about 12:30 pm. All proceeds benefit Independence Day events (TOIR) and fireworks.

In addition to prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place, there will be two "long drives," two "closest to the pin" challenges and a putting contest.



A hole-in-one at designated holes wins a Buick Encore sponsored by Ron Norris Buick/GMC, a 15 SEER A/C system sponsored by Freedom Air and Plumbing, or a Hybrid Water Heater provided by Freedom Air and Plumbing.

Anyone who does not play golf can still participate by sponsoring a golf hole for \$125, or attend the awards luncheon for \$15.00.

For an application or additional info, email PSJCommunityFoundation@gmail.com or visit <https://portstjohncommunityfoundation.com/>. The deadline to register is May 10th.

After the Virus Looking Ahead...

Many events have been postponed instead of cancelled, and many are still on the schedule in late summer. Here's a quick recap.

Port St. John Community Foundation has postponed their golf tournament, but plans are still moving forward for:

Thunder Over the Indian River is back on July 4th. And what a BLAST last year was! We will be having fundraisers and local restaurants and businesses are all participating.

On May 16th, Armed Forces Day, we will have a Thunder FUN RUN 5K fundraiser at the Space Coast Sports Complex.

On June 13th of this year, the 2nd Annual Thunder Over the Indian River Golf Tournament fundraiser at the Indian River Golf Preserve in Mims will be held! This is a re-schedule for the (formerly) April event.

We also have planned the 2nd Annual Red, White & Bags Corn Hole Tournament fundraiser held at Beef O' Brady's in Port St John on May 30th.

Cocoa Village Summer Art & Craft Fair Update - Consistent with CDC guidelines, Historic Cocoa Village Main Street and the City of Cocoa are diligently monitoring conditions surrounding the coronavirus as it might affect our upcoming Summer Art & Craft Fair scheduled for May 9-10, 2020. We have also reserved the following weekend with the City of Cocoa, May 16-17. If we are forced to re-schedule.

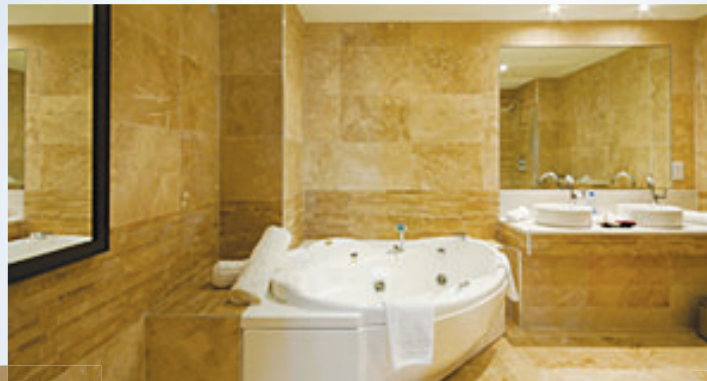
There are more events that will be re-scheduled by many groups once this crisis has passed. And it will pass. Be safe everyone.

- Randy Rodriguez, Editor

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Free Online Programs

A new series of free online programs called Keep Kids Smart with ART will aim to help parents and their children who are home from school, along with other new digital online visual arts programs at no cost for all ages, including seniors who are keeping social distance and who might feel isolated.

The team at the Boca Raton Museum of Art, and the teachers at its Art School campus, are creating these new free online initiatives for parents and students.

These ideas resulted from consulting with an American father who lives abroad with his family. He shared his experience, strength and hope about the challenges his family has faced while staying at home due to school closures because of the coronavirus.

The Museum team sees this as a way to give back to the community and to be of service during this challenging time. Also, further below are tips for parents on how to use art at home with their children to keep kids engaged.

Following is the updated statement from Irvin Lippman, the executive director of the Boca

Raton Museum of Art:

"Art, culture, and creativity have always made a difference in powerful ways, especially during challenging times. We are grateful for your support and plan to give back to the community."

"Being inspired and creative have not been canceled."

According to the National School Boards Association, kids who study art are four times more likely to be recognized for academic achievement. Studies show that art helps kids earn higher report card grades because skills developed through art lead to better learning in other areas.

Tips for parents and students on using art in your home:

- Provide a special "creative zone" at home.
- Make sure that your "creative zone" is mess-friendly and able to stand up well to spills and art-related fun.
- Focus on the fun process, not on the outcome.
- Create a special area to showcase your child's artwork.
- Watch and encourage your children as they work on their art.

- Ask them questions to engage them while they create.

Follow and connect at <https://www.bocamuseum.org/programs-events/schools-educators/lesson-plans>, or on social media (@bocamuseum, #BocaMuseumFromHome).

Parks & Recreation Meeting



Several meetings and activities are being canceled in April at parks and Community Centers.

Visit [www. https://www.brevardfl.gov/ParksRecreation](https://www.brevardfl.gov/ParksRecreation) for the latest information or call 321-264-5105.

The North Brevard Commission on Parks and Recreation will hold its next monthly meeting on Thursday, April 9th, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Brevard Room at 518 South Palm Avenue in Titusville. The public is invited to attend.

The Brevard Room is located in a building on the north side of the parking lot behind the Brevard County Government Center-North.



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Women's AA meets on Thursdays and Fridays, 10 AM. **Both AA Groups meet at St. Patrick's Church, 4797 Curtis Blvd.**

Overeaters Anonymous meets in PSJ on **Saturdays** at 9:30 AM at the PSJ Library. Visit pacecoast.org for other meeting locations.

Nar-Anon: Support group for those affected by someone else's addiction, meets on Mondays, 7:00 - 8:00 PM at St. Patrick's Anglican Church, 4797 Curtis Blvd. - www.naranonfl.org.

4-1 American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 359, General Membership Meeting on the 1st Wednesday of each month, 6 PM at the Post Home, 7260 S. US 1, just north of PSJ. Call President Valerie Helmer at 321-268-1632.

4-1 PSJ Startups & Founders Club, a group for new business owners and entrepreneurs, meets on the 1st Wednesday of each month at the Port Java in Fay Plaza. We'll begin our program at 8 AM. The Port St. John internet site can be viewed at www.meetup.com/Port-St-John-PSJ-Startups-Founders-Club/.

4-5 Palm Sunday

4-7 Compassionate Friends Support Group meets the first Tuesday of every month at 6 PM in Cocoa Beach at the Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, 525 Minuteman Cswy. west of A1A, Fellowship Hall. Call 610-7875 for info.

4-8 Lailatul Barat Starts

4-9 Passover Begins

4-9 Canaveral Groves Homeowners, Inc. meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month, 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Room of Discovery Christian Church, 3925 Grissom Pkwy. in the Groves.

4-10 Brevard Women's Connection meets at Space Coast Convention Center (Holiday Inn Express) on Hwy. 520 from 11 AM until 1 PM on the second Friday of each month. The program includes a luncheon plus an inspirational speaker. For more information, call Pam at 321-752-6896 or e-mail bwc0020@gmail.com.

4-12 Happy Easter!

4-12 Multiple Sclerosis Self-Help Group meets on the 2nd Sunday each month (except Mother's Day & Nov.), 2 PM, Cocoa Library.

4-12 Word Weavers Space Coast, a critique group for Christian writers, meets the 2nd Sunday at 2:00 PM at the Central Brevard Library in Cocoa. Visitors are always welcome. Email angelagardnerwrites@gmail.com for info.

4-12 Calling all Christian authors! Dynamic writers group in Cocoa, Fla. offers training, critiques, and paid writing opportunities (2nd Sundays 2-4:30 PM at Cocoa library). Contact D.P. Clarke at 1royaldy@gmail.com for more information. Print "Writers Group" in Subject.

4-15 American Legion Post 359 meets at the Post Home at 7260 S. US 1 in Bellwood, (2 miles north of PSJ), 6:00 PM. All Legionnaires and new members are welcome. The Post meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Please contact the Post at 268-1632 for assistance with your membership or information.

4-17 PSJ Business Connections Luncheon, sponsored by the Titusville Chamber of Commerce, meets on the 3rd Friday of the month at 12:00, PSJ Library on Carole Ave. Call Dennis Watkins at 267-3036.

4-19 Moonport Modelers RC Club meets at 6:30 PM, 3rd Monday each month at the N. Brevard Library, 2121 S Hopkins Ave., Titusville.

For more info, call Wayne Mendez, 505-2361.

4-21 Holocaust Remem. Day

4-22 Earth Day

4-24 Arbor Day

4-27 Moonlight Quilters Guild meets at the

North Brevard Library in Titusville, 2121 Hopkins Ave. on the 4th Tuesday of each month. Meet and greet & refreshments at 6:15, meeting at 6:30 usually followed by show and tell or a guest speaker. Call 321-720-6232 or 321-720-1584 for more info.

Congratulations to:

Brianna Romans turns **25** on the 1st.
Jeremy Rausch turns **18** on the 1st.
Vickie Wiedman has a party day on the 2nd.
Jennifer Maxwell turns prettier on the 3rd.
April Staner turns wilder on the 3rd.
Bobby Hudspeth turns crazier on the 5th.
Lydia Hudspeth turns **21** on the 6th.
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Lori Johnson turns cuter on the 9th.
Jason Wolfe turns **18** on the 10th.
Amanda Hosler is **26** on the 12th.
Ryland Travis turns **8** on the 12th.
Dawne Parker turns more lovely on the 14th.
April Blake parties wild on the 16th.
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Christina D'Amico turns **25** on April 18th
April Higgs turns **30** on the 19th.
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Dusty Stricker turns **26** on the 24th.
Pamela Mann is The Queen on the 25th.
Kolby Davis turns **27** on the 26th.
Wanda Daugherty turns hotter on the 27th.
Sharon Hightower gets spanked on April 28.
KC, Happy Birthday on the 28th! Love, Joe.
Elizabeth Blum turns **18** on the 29th.
Jaden Travis turns **15** on the 29th.
Sonny & Gayle Wardlow celebrate their 39th on the 14th. It's Party Time!
Randy & Michele DeVane celebrate their 23rd on the 14th.
Paul and Sarah Bennett celebrate their 4th wedding anniversary on the 5th!!
Brenda and Bill Townley celebrate their 22nd wedding anniversary on the 5th.
Michael & Cheryl Rausch celebrate their 36th on the 17th.
James and Jennifer Maxwell celebrate their 20th anniversary on the 25th.
Gary & Holly Turner celebrate their 41st Anniversary on the 28th.
We have lots of room for more good news.
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City of Cocoa Water Dept. -	433-8400
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Rose's Room

~ Rose Padrick

While many of my Grammy talents and abilities have been called upon at various times over the years, I would have never thought the day would come that I would be adding Punishment Enforcer to my resume.

The latest of my offspring's offspring to fall victim to raging hormones and an (according to him) uncontrollable mouth had the misfortune (?) to have a volcanic eruption a day before his normal punisher had something else to do and he became my charge for a couple of days.

Nodding in agreement to the droning about how he shouldn't have access to phone, games, computer, - except for school work - friends, foodstuff, - unless absolutely necessary - and then absolutely no junk food or fresh air (she was really angry), I put my arm around his angry shoulders and ordered him to put his stuff away, grab his favorite pillow and stretch out on the couch. He quietly and obediently did just as told. He knows better than to give Grammy any problems.

I don't know what happened to my cable, but the only channel I was able to get for the next four hours was the one showing binge episodes of The Flash.

Since I had no way of knowing when he had his last meal, I thought it absolutely necessary to get some nutrition in him. The chocolate chip cookies contained eggs, flour, protein, sugar and chocolate for energy. I'm so glad I brought them out when I did. He said it took eight cookies and two glasses of milk to quell the stomach rumbling. To his credit, he followed my previous orders and never left the couch.

I wasn't aware I would be called upon in this manner and had not made it to the store, so the only food I had to make dinner with was hot dogs and French Fries. He dutifully took his hit and finished three of them, mentioning they hardly ever get hot dogs at home because they are classified as junk food. I told him how protein and carbs change properties when fed to grandkids and are no longer junk. He accepted that explanation with a smile. Maybe this punishment thing ain't so hard.

Homework was done lickity-split from his couch perch. He asked if I wanted to check it, but since he's past the third grade I'm pretty useless - so I explained I had faith he tried his hardest and I was sure it was fine.

I did break form and allow him off the couch to take a shower and get everything ready for school the next day, with orders that he was to hit the couch the moment he finished. The darn cable was still acting up again so he had no choice but to view The Flash for another four hours.

Remembering how quickly a boy teenagers' metabolism processes, I felt a tiny snack of a banana (fruit), ice cream (dairy), and crushed cookie (eggs and wheat) would probably keep him going throughout the night, but in keeping with the punishment thing I refused him whipped cream...he was only entitled to Cool Whip. He promised he would think of that if he should be so bold as to smart off again.

Bedtime went off without a murmur of protest, I know I would have heard it through my slumber and over the sounds of the Flash swooshing through the streets should he have chosen to whine or grumble. He didn't complain about sleeping on the couch, even though he wasn't able to see the clock clearly and mistook eleven o'clock for ten o'clock.

This child was so obedient that as soon as he awoke the next morning he took his place right back on the couch without even being told and allowed me to gather books, papers, book bag, etc. He dutifully waited for me to release him from the couch and remind him to brush his teeth and wash his face. How well behaved can you get?

While I was very happy with the punishee's answer to my question, "Did you learn your lesson?" "Yes Grammy, I certainly did," I do have to say I was totally taken aback by the reaction I received when I related to his usual keeper what I considered to be a perfectly acceptable job of enforcing the punishment rules and regulations.

Being told my Punishment Enforcing skills really suck is totally untrue.

They are actually totally non-existent...

Recycled Paint Giveaway

Free recycled paint will be available to residents of Brevard County on Wednesday, April 8, at two locations. The paint will be available in limited quantities at Solid Waste Household Waste Collection Centers located at the Central Disposal Facility, 2250 Adamson Road, in Cocoa; and the Sarno Road Landfill, 3379 Sarno Road, in Melbourne.

Residents will be able to receive up to 15 gallons per residential address. Paint will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis only.

Proof of residency will be required in order to obtain paint (i.e. valid driver's license with the current residential address or property tax notice). The recycled paint is available in five colors and one floor paint.

COLORS: Off white; Gray; Green; Light Beige; Dark Beige; and Texture floor gray.

For more information regarding the recycled paint, call (321) 633-1888, (321) 633-2042 or visit our website at www.brevardcounty.us/swr.



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Ed. Note - I have not received any cancellation notice on these two events. Call or visit their website before going.



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Contact Joe Marino, Events Coordinator, American Legion Riders Post 359 at info@alr359.org or visit our website, alr359.org, for more information.



ART SHOW

April 3-5, 2020

The Central Brevard Art Association is presenting a new Art Show and Sale at the Catherine Schweinsberg Rood Central Public Library.

To learn more, visit www.cbaaartists.com, or call us at 321-632-2922.

National Day of Prayer

Come join us for **Community Prayer on National Day of Prayer** on May 7, 2020 6 pm at Nicol Park (on US-1 across from the corner at Fay Blvd. where CVS pharmacy is).

We want to bring the PSJ Community together, foster church unity, pray for our community and nation. All people who wish to pray for our community and nation are welcome.

This is a team effort for all denominations and faiths. Participating churches: FUMC PSJ, First Baptist PSJ, Reaping the Harvest, Special Gathering, Frontenec Baptist and Launch Point Church. (Please bring your folding chair in the event we run out.)

Our Guest Speaker is Sheriff Wayne Ivy.

The Friends of the Library wish everyone a healthy and safe month. Please stay away from crowds and wash your hands with lots of soap and warm water, both front and backs and fingers and fingernails. Just like surgeons do before surgery!



Community Sunrise Easter Service & More!

Community Sunrise Easter Service will be held on April 12th, 6:45 a.m. at Nicol Park on US1 across from CVS. The event will be hosted by Reaping the Harvest and First United Methodist Church - PSJ churches.

Easter Breakfast will be held at 8 a.m. at First United Methodist Church - PSJ Fellowship Hall with Reaping the Harvest and FUMC PSJ providing the food.

Easter Service will be held at 10 a.m. at FUMC PSJ.

First United Methodist Church - PSJ is located at 1165 Fay Blvd, Port St John. Call (321) 631-0183 for more information.



You are invited to the 12th Bark Brew Fest presented by Tails at the Barkery and the Dirty Oar Beer Company on Saturday, April 18th, at the Dirty Oar Beer Company from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in Cocoa Village.

It's time to celebrate Spring! Play Bingo to win a fabulous Prize! Bring your canine companion, sip your favorite libation, enjoy delicious food from The Bearded Chef, and join us for an evening of fun, including raffle baskets and a 50/50 drawing.

All proceeds go to benefit South Brevard German Shepherd Rescue, an all-volunteer, non-profit animal rescue, organized to rehabilitate unwanted, abused and abandoned German Shepherds and placing them in loving and responsible forever homes.

All pets must be on a leash, or in appropriate carriers, and have current vaccinations and county tags for the safety of our animals and friends.

Call a day or two ahead to make sure this facility can be open and the event is not canceled by county directions for Coronavirus.

Contact South Brevard German Shepherd Rescue, www.sbgsr.com/ or;

Pam Shaia at Tails at the Barkery, (321) 305-4584 or;

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Study Proves Conspiracy Theorists Wrong - Coronavirus Came From Nature

The new coronavirus is not a “laboratory construct” but emerged as a result of natural evolution, according to a report which demolishes conspiracy theories about the origins of the disease.

The virus first emerged in Wuhan, China, at the end of December and has since spread rapidly across the globe, with more than 200,000 people in some 170 countries worldwide now infected. Roughly 8,200 people have died.

But fear and misinformation have escalated alongside the pandemic, with the World Health Organization warning that the globe is fighting an “infodemic” as well as an epidemic.

One common myth has been that the new virus, called SARS-CoV-2, was originally made in a laboratory. But in the new study, published in Nature Medicine journal, researchers analysed the genome sequence of the coronavirus and found strong evidence it evolved naturally, probably from a bat or a pangolin.

“Our analyses clearly show that SARS-CoV-2 is not a laboratory construct or a purposefully manipulated virus,” the report concludes.

The team analysed two elements of the “spike protein”, which the virus uses to latch onto and invade a human or animal cell. They found that certain features of the protein are so effective at binding to human cells that it had to be the result of natural selection, not the product of genetic engineering.

This result was reinforced by analysis on the “backbone”, or overall molecular structure, of the virus.

If someone wanted to engineer a new coronavirus pathogen they would have constructed it from a backbone of an existing virus known to trigger illness in humans, the researchers wrote. Yet the SARS-CoV-2 backbone “differed substantially” from the six other coronaviruses known to infect humans.

“By comparing the available genome sequence data for known coronavirus strains, we can firmly determine that SARS-CoV-2 originated through natural processes,” said Dr Kristian Andersen, an associate professor of immunology and microbiology at Scripps Research and lead author on the paper. “These two features of the

virus, the mutations in the receptor-binding domain portion of the spike protein and its distinct backbone, rules out laboratory manipulation as a potential origin for SARS-CoV-2.”

Commenting on the report, Dr Josie Golding, epidemics lead at Wellcome, told The Telegraph: “The report talks about a reverse genetic system - which is basically how you’re able to look at the virus, then alter it. But the way this virus has evolved, any of the known reverse genetic systems do not apply. This ends any speculation about deliberate genetic engineering. This is important research because misinformation could undermine the response.”

<https://www.nature.com/articles/s41591-020-0820-9>

- Sarah Newey

The Telegraph, March 18, 2020

For the latest information about Coronavirus in Florida, visit the Florida Department of Health’s dedicated webpage at:
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Fruit From The Groves

At the Canaveral Groves Homeowners meeting on March 12, 2020 at Discovery Church at 7pm, the following items were discussed.

A deputy from Brevard County Sheriff's Office discussed the crime in the area. Most of the burglaries that were reported were due to the fact that cars were unlocked. The homes that were broken into, the criminals went through the side doors. One car was stolen when entry was made through the side door. The car was later recovered.

There was a lot of discussion about the missing small animals in the area. This could be because of other wild animals (coyotes, hawks) feeding on them. If you find an animal or lose an animal, please call Brevard County Animal Control at 321-639-2105. In an emergency or after hours, call Brevard County Sheriff's office at 321-264-5100 and press #4 when prompted.

The other major subject was the speeding, reckless driving and other violations that are being committed on Pine Street. A lot of these are being

done by off-road vehicles and golf carts.

I want to thank Commissioner Pritchett and her staff for getting the new warning lights at Pine St. and Coconut St., and Adamson Rd. and Coconut St. up and running. Hopefully, this will help stop some of the vehicle accidents at these locations. Also, I thank her for her work on trying to lessen the impact of the development of the south end of Canaveral Groves that is in the City of Cocoa.

As of March 12, 2020 I am no longer the President of Canaveral Groves Homeowners. This was done for personal reasons. It has been a pleasure to serve the community. Paul Kroning, our Vice President, will be stepping up.

There is a position open for someone to write for the Happenings magazine and to be the Administrator for the Canaveral Groves Community Bulletin Board Facebook page. To be eligible for this position, you must be a member in good standing of the Canaveral Groves Homeowners Association and be willing to go to ALL meetings so posts and stories can be written.

Please be safe out there and watch out for one another.

Edward F. Silva

Canaveral Groves Homeowners Association

Brevard County Residents Invited to Take Part in Public Safety Summit

Various Brevard County Government Departments, the Brevard County Sheriff's Office and the Florida Department of Health will join forces during a Brevard County Public Safety Summit from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursday, April 2, at the Bill Posey Conference Center in Viera.

Brevard County Board of County Commissioners' Chair Bryan Lober officially announced the Summit Tuesday night during a regularly scheduled Board meeting. The Summit is free and open to the public. The Bill Posey Conference Center is located at the Florida Department of Health, 2555 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, in Viera.

Participating organizations include the Sheriff's Office, Florida Department of Health, Brevard County Public Safety Group, Brevard County Fire Rescue and Ocean Rescue, and Brevard County Mosquito Control.

Lober said the goal of the summit is to increase transparency and inform the public of primary functions within each agency. Common questions such as how, why, and when resources are deployed will be addressed and all agencies will field questions from the public.

For additional information, call Brevard County Public Safety Group, 321-637-5390, Option 7.



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The center is open Monday–Thursday from 10 - 8 p.m., Fridays from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Schedule is subject to change. Call 321-433-4448 for latest information.

Events have been canceled at Brevard County Community Centers. Although there is a date set to re-open, that date will be revisited as the Coronavirus situation and information continue to come in. Please check the Brevard County Parks and Recreation website or visit BCPRNorth on Facebook for the most current information on the re-opening of the Community Centers and when classes, courses and other events will start again.

Website: <https://www.brevardfl.gov/ParksRecreation>

Look for the following events and programs to return when WBCC re-opens.

Sharpes Community Brunch

Hosted by The North Cocoa Civic League every third Wednesday of the month, 10:15-11:30 a.m., this event is free. For more information, contact Jared Lewis at 321-412-0577 or the Walter Butler Community Center (321)433-4448.

Persons With Disabilities Dances are held at WBCC every 1st and 3rd Friday of the month from 7-9 p.m. all ages welcome.

Contact Andrea Chestnut, 321-264-5058 or 321-264-5105.

2020 Spring Youth Basketball League - Program designed for boys and girls ages 5 to 14. Games played each Saturday 10 a.m.-6 p.m., March 28 – May 17. Primary focus will be to build upon and improve skills sets of each participant. Practices are held Monday evening 5-8 p.m. cost is \$30 per player. Contact the Walter Butler Community Center at (321)433-4448.

Kids In Motion - After school program that focuses on anti-bullying and educational hands on projects such as the Choice Program, 4-H club and STEM programs and Kids Art to enhance learning. Monday -Friday, 2-6 p.m. \$30 a week. Discounts do apply for those who qualify. For more information contact Walter Butler Community Center at (321)433-4448.

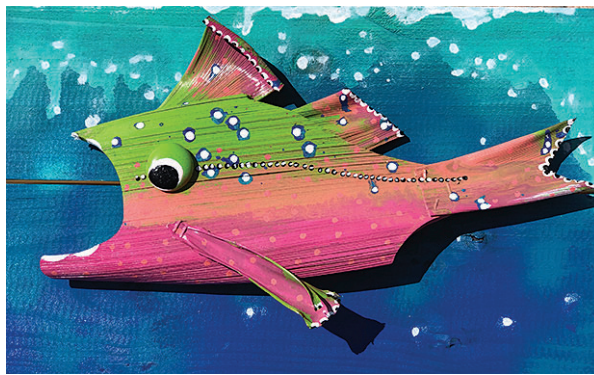
4-H Junior Master Gardner Program

The Junior Master Gardner Program engages participants in novel, hands-on group and individual learning experiences that promote a love of gardening, develop an appreciation for the environment, and cultivate the mind. Classes will be held on Tuesdays and Fridays 3-4 p.m. For more information, contact the Walter Butler Community Center (321)433-4448.

Volleyball Fundamentals - Teaching proper playing techniques and teamwork. This class focuses on teaching beginners how to properly bump, set, spike and more.

Classes will be held on Wednesdays & Thursdays 5-8 p.m.

For more information, contact the Walter Butler Community Center (321) 433-4448.



Debora Tweedie: April Artist of the Month at Studios of Cocoa Beach

Debora Tweedie of Indian Harbour Beach is the April Artist of the Month at the Studios of Cocoa Beach, 165 Minuteman Causeway

in downtown Cocoa Beach. An award winning nature photographer, Debora also creates unique marine sculptures from palm fibers. Both are on display at the Studios.

Debora has taken photos since childhood, inspired by her father, an interior designer with a darkroom "behind the coal furnace". The ocean has been central to her life, so she majored in Marine Biology plus graduate work in Marine Geology. The search for a job lead her to teaching and she taught for 36 years. She and her daughter Morgan, also a teacher, were recently inducted into the Viera High School Hall of Fame for their work with the National Ocean Science Academic Team, as well as coaching tennis and the swim team.

Debora's lifestyle and career have been centered on the marine environment, so naturally her photography features the ocean and its inhabitants. "I always carry a camera. You never know when you will see the perfect shot." Her Fantasea Fish are made from palm seed sheaths and reflect her knowledge of fish anatomy plus a vivid use of color.

One of Debora's fish sculptures "Cruising" is the prize in the Studios monthly giveaway. To enter this free drawing, visit the Studios any day in April, Monday and Tuesday 10:30 am to 3:30 pm, Wednesday to Saturday 10:30 am to 8 pm and Sunday 11 am to 4 pm. For more information about exhibits, artists and workshop schedules, visit www.studiosofcocoa beach.org.

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