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More Brevard Reopenings

Executive Order 20-123 has gone into effect, bringing all Florida counties into full Phase 1 Plan for Florida's Recovery. The order provides the following:

Restaurants and food establishments statewide may allow on-premises consumption of food and beverages so long as they adopt appropriate social distancing measures and limit their indoor occupancy to no more than 50 percent of seating capacity. Outdoor seating is permissible with a minimum of six feet between parties.

Retail sales establishments statewide may open if they operate at no more than 50 percent of their building occupancy and abide by the safety guidelines issued by the CDC and OSHA.

Museums and libraries statewide may open at 50 percent of their building occupancy.

Gyms and fitness centers statewide are permitted to reopen at 50 percent of their building occupancy with social distancing in place and sanitization after each use of equipment.

The Brevard County Board of County Commissioners, along with a policy group activated as

part of the COVID-19 pandemic response, have rescinded beachside parking restrictions. County-controlled beachside parks and beachside public parking access areas are open for most beaches. Removal of barricades put in place to block access to beachside parking areas has begun.

Municipalities are expected to announce openings of beachside parking access at a later date.

The Canaveral Port Authority opened Jetty Park at 50% for beach access parking only, no campground stays permitted. Additional information about Jetty Park.

Commissioners and policy group members took action in response to Gov. Ron DeSantis' Phase 1 Re-Open Florida plan. Among other actions taken, all county facilities will be open for public access. The county has installed new protective measures such as plexiglas sneeze guards in areas visited regularly by the public, and implemented enhanced facility cleaning and disinfectant protocols put in place during the COVID-19 response to include regular sanitizing of frequently touched surfaces, such as door

handles, stair railings and counter tops, in all county government facilities. Some offices will operate by appointment only.

Also, county libraries will begin opening in phases and in compliance with the Governor's 25 percent capacity recommendation and Centers for Disease Control recommendations for social distancing and sanitization.

Brevard County campgrounds Manatee Hammock, Titusville; Wickham Park, Melbourne; and Long Point, just north of Sebastian; are open at no more than 50% capacity. Every other campsite can be occupied.

Brevard Zoo reopened on May 23. Zoo visitor guidelines are in place. Visit <https://brevardzoo.org/support/opening-guidelines/> for information.

More news and the latest information on the state's actions and plans for dealing with the Coronavirus pandemic are available at <https://floridahealthcovid19.gov/news/>.

Brevard County news, updates and information on reopening can be found at <https://www.brevardfl.gov/>.

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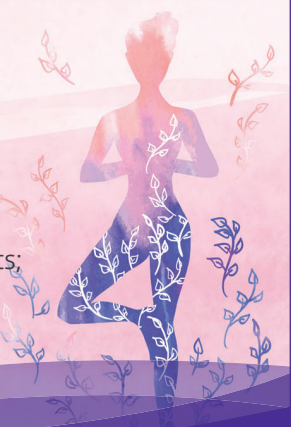
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Reopening Area Restaurants

Many of our neighborhood eateries have been doing a great job offering us take-out and delivery options through the pandemic, but now some will once again offer dining room service. Those who are opening their dining rooms are all doing it in accordance with state and CDC guidelines of 50% of allowable seating, so not all tables will be available. Call ahead. Here's the list of who is open for business:

Kelsey's Pizza - Reopening the dining room during regular hours, plus continuing take-out and delivery.

Dogs 'R Us - Reopening the dining room 11-9, plus continuing take-out and delivery.

Country Cookin' - Has reopened the dining room 7 am - 8 pm, plus continuing take-out.

Beef O'Brady's - Has reopened the dining room 11 - 9, plus continuing take-out.

Jabbers - Has reopened the dining room and patio 11-8, plus continuing take-out.

Old Florida Grill - Has reopened the dining room, patio and tiki regular hours, plus continuing take-out.

La Tinaja Cafe - Has reopened the dining

room 10 - 3, plus continuing take-out.

Scoop's Old Fashioned Ice Cream - Has reopened the dining room 11-9, plus continuing take-out.

Chippie's Frozen Yogurt - Has reopened the dining room regular hours, plus continuing take-out.

Domino's - Has reopened the dining room regular hours, plus continuing take-out and delivery.

Luna Blu Pizza - Continuing take-out and delivery.

Pizza Hut - Continuing take-out and delivery.

Papa John's Pizza - Continuing take-out and delivery.

Troy's Pizza - Has reopened the dining room 11-9, plus continuing take-out and delivery.

Port Java - Has reopened the dining room regular hours, 6 am - 2 pm, plus continuing take-out and delivery.

KFC - Has reopened the dining room, plus continuing take-out.

SUBWAY (Fay Plaza) - Has reopened the dining room, plus continuing take-out.

Burger King - Has reopened the dining room,

plus continuing take-out and special prices.

DaddyO's - Has reopened the dining room, plus continuing take-out.

China Wok, SUBWAY (US 1) and Dunkin' Donuts didn't respond when I called. Give them a call or drive by if they're a favorite of yours.

Some of these places still hadn't opened their dining room when I called in mid-May, but they planned on opening the dining room - under conditions set by the state - before the end of May. The seating limit is only 50% as I'm writing, so it might be worth your time to call before making a plan. If you have a large group, definitely call first.

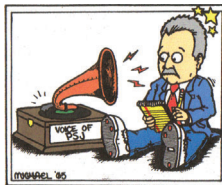
Restaurants may not accept groups with more than 6 if they don't have large tables, and as I'm writing, gatherings are limited to 10 anyway.

- Randy Rodriguez

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PSJ Community Center Schedule - June, 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.

Summer Camp is canceled for 2020.

The Center has reopened, but meetings and classes have not restarted. Events have been canceled at Brevard County Community Centers. Those 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>



Enchanted Forest Sanctuary Open

The Enchanted Forest Sanctuary trails and education center have reopened to the public as of Tuesday, May 19th, from Tuesday through Sunday, 9am to 5pm.

In order to insure the well-being of both visitors, volunteers, and staff please be aware of the following social distancing guidelines:

- Visitors are recommended to wear masks in common areas.
- Visitors are recommended to stay 6 feet apart from those they are not already quarantining with, both indoors and outdoors.
- Visitors will be allowed inside the education center in groups of fewer than 10 people.
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Save our Indian River Lagoon Program Progress:

The Indian River Lagoon Coalition, with support from other environmental groups, brought forward the facts on what was killing the Lagoon and how we could pay for the recovery with a self-imposed tax. The County Commission was persuaded to put the referendum on the ballot in 2016 where it passed in every precinct in Brevard. We, as taxpayers, now have a responsibility to know how the county is handling our money. We have a Citizen's Oversight Committee (COC) that is composed of citizens, League of Cities, and environmental professors from colleges like FIT. The COC is responsible to study the projects and allotted funds for justification and what will give the most benefit. They are doing a good job, but I think as residents and tax payers, we should all be interested in what is being spent, what has been completed and what is to be completed over the next 10 years.

Completed Projects

- Breeze Swept Septic to Sewer Monitoring
- Florida Tech Much Prioritization
- UCF Oyster & Shoreline Outfall Prioritiza-

tion

- Applied Ecology Stormwater Outfall Prioritization
- Applied Ecology Septic Modeling and Analysis
- Tetra Tech Save Our IRL Plan Annual Updates
- Projects Under Construction (funded)
- Cocoa Beach Water Reclaimed Water Facility upgrade
- Palm Bay North Area Water Treatment Facility upgrade
- Melbourne Hoag Septic to Sewer
- Melbourne Pennwood Septic to Sewer
- Melbourne Riverside Drive Septic to Sewer
- MIRA (Cone Rd.) Septic to Sewer Phase II
- Sylvan Estates Septic to Sewer
- Satellite beach Sewer Lateral Pilot
- Septic upgrades
- Melbourne Cliff Creek baffle box
- Basin 51 Johns Road Pond Biosorption Activated Media (BAM)
- Basin 100 Burkholm Road BAM
- Basin 115 Carter Road BAM
- Basin 141 Irwin Ave woodchip bioreactor
- Basin 193 Wiley Road BAM

- Basin 832 Broadway Pond BAM
- Basin 1298 Bioreactor
- Basin 1304 Bioreactor
- Basin 2134 Fleming Grant BAM

Remove:

- Cocoa Beach Phase II Muck Dredging
- Grand Canal Muck Dredging

Restore:

- Coconut Point Oysters

Per Dictionary.com: Bioreactor is an apparatus in which a biological reaction or process is carried out, especially on an industrial scale.'

As I was reading "draft-2020-save-our-indian-river-lagoon-project-plan-update.docx" on the Brevard County website, I was surprised to read: "It is important note that there are no regulations on the concentration of nutrients in reclaimed water that is used for irrigation." UCF stated some is good, but what some of our cities are putting out is terrible and likely leaching back into the Indian River Lagoon. They stated, "Nitrogen leaching increases significantly when irrigation is greater than 2 centimeters per week (0.75 inches per week), even if the nitrogen concentrations are half of the maximum Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences recommendation



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of 9 milligrams per liter.” According to the report, the worse culprits are the ones being invested:

City of Palm Bay Water Reclamation Facility, permitted up to 4.0 million gallons a day, currently putting out 1.20 million gallons per day, and a nitrogen concentration of 29.4 mg/liter, way above the maximum IFAS recommendation.

City of Melbourne Grant Street WWTF, permitted up to 5.5 million gallons per day: currently using 2.08 million gallons per day, and had nitrogen concentration of 21.0 mg/liter.

City of Titusville Osprey WWTF, permitted up to 2.75 million gallons per day, currently using 1.67 million gallons per day, and has a nitrogen concentration of 12.7 mg/liter.

At least this year Brevard County is addressing this excess nitrogen in the cities reclaimed water. Fixing Palm Bay, Melbourne and Titusville’s reclaimed water will remove 72,033 pounds of nitrogen from the Indian River Lagoon per year, and 13,760 pounds of phosphorus.

Feral Cats and Scrub Jays & Other Threatened and Endangered Species

The following article and presentation may seem boring, but it relates to a lot of problems that residents of Port St. John have expressed

concern about. I will begin with mine. Port St. John has - or had - a polygon of Scrub Jays, which are a threatened and Endangered Species. We also have feral cats that are prominent. I am concerned about all life and was annoyed to the point of biting nails in half when the Sheriff and county went along with Cat Colonies and allowed them to roam free. Cats are not wild animals. They have been domesticated for thousands of years, plus they are a great comfort to many people. Cats and dogs are members of our households and our friends. We no longer see any birds in our back garden where there used to be. Now either feral or our neighbor’s cats are allowed to roam daily through my garden.

Last year a property on Fay Blvd. came up at the Port St. John Planning & Zoning Advisory Board. I said there are Scrub Jays on that lot. The developer said the feral cats ate them. This is on the record. I also asked if Fish & Wildlife had been contacted. I was told they were and were told there were no Scrub Jays on the property. I’m assuming due to the feral cats.

This is unacceptable and could be illegal. Cruelty to animals is illegal. At times I have read stories on Facebook from folks who live

next door to people who mistreat their animals. In the state statutes shown below, are the laws pertaining to both our pets and wildlife? If you see infractions, please call Fish and Wildlife.

The following is from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection website exactly as written:

Florida Scrub-Jay is One of a Kind:

The Florida Scrub-Jay is a loyal and social Florida native.

It’s the state’s only endemic bird, which means the Florida Scrub-Jay is found nowhere else, and its need for a specific habitat is one reason why Scrub-Jay numbers are declining. The only bird species that requires a sandy, scrubby habitat to survive is the Florida Scrub-Jay.

As the state’s human population has grown, development has increased and the Scrub-Jays’ choice habitat has become more limited. A Scrub-Jay family’s permanent territory averages about 22 to 24 acres, which makes it challenging for young birds to find suitable space for a family.

The species is federally listed as Threatened, in large part due to of loss of habitat and decades of fire suppression that allowed scrub habitat to

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become overgrown. Prescribed burning helps maintain the bare ground and shrub height vital for Scrub-Jay survival. The current Florida Scrub-Jay population is estimated at about 7,700 to 9,300 birds. The sandy habitat necessary for Scrub-Jays is protected by a number of Florida state parks. Lake June-in-Winter Scrub State Park near Lake Placid is home to a number of rare animals and plants, including the Florida Scrub-Jay. The largest amount of protected Scrub-Jay habitat in Southeast Florida can be found at Jonathan Dickinson State Park. In Central Florida, you might spot a Florida Scrub-Jay while hiking the trails at Allen David Broussard Catfish Creek Preserve State Park.

Scrub-Jays also make their home in the scrubby flatwoods of Oscar Scherer State Park.

Help the Florida Scrub-Jay

- Provide habitat for Scrub-Jays by planting and protecting scrub patches on your property. Maintain a maximum height of 10 feet for vegetation if you live on or near a Scrub-Jay habitat.
- Protect Scrub-Jays from family pets, especially cats. Encourage passage and strict enforcement of community leash laws for dogs and cats.
- Restrict use of pesticides. They can limit or contaminate the insects consumed by jays.
- Support establishment of Scrub-Jay preserves. Managed habitat is essential for protecting the species.
- Do not hand-feed them; it is illegal and a danger to their well-being.

The following is a Report to U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service in December 2002, from the University of Florida Conservation Clinic, by Pamela Jo Hatley, J.D. Candidate, 2003 under Thomas Ankersen, Director. It talked of implications on protection of Feral Cats and how it

affects endangered species like six subspecies of beach mice, Key Largo woodrat, Key Largo cotton mouse, Lower Keys marsh rabbit and the Florida Scrub-Jay. The legal considerations are with the Federal Endangered Species Act, the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and various state statutes. There may be local ordinances but they vary a lot back and forth on local implications. Federal and state statues will take precedence. Since this is pulled from the slides from wording from Congressional Acts and Florida Statues, most of the wording is straight from slides.

Endangered Species Act, 16 USC §1538, Prohibited Acts. (a)(1) ...with respect to any endangered species of fish or wildlife listed pursuant to section 4 of this Act, it is unlawful for any person...to *(B) take any such species...

(G) violate any regulation pertaining to such species or to any threatened species...promulgated by the Secretary pursuant to authority provided by this Act.

16 USC §1532, Definitions

For the purposes of this Act-- **** (19) The term "take" means to harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture or collect, or to attempt to engage in any such conduct.

50 C.F.R. §17.3 Definitions

Harass in the definition of "take" in the Act means an intentional or negligent act or omission which creates the likelihood of injury to wildlife by annoying it to such an extent as to significantly disrupt normal behavioral patterns which include, but are not limited to, breeding, feeding, or sheltering...

50 CFR §17.3 Definitions

Harm in the definition of "take" in the Act means an act which actually kills or injures wildlife. Such act may include significant habitat modification or degradation where it actually

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kills or injures wildlife by significantly impairing essential behavioral patterns, including breeding, feeding or sheltering.

Florida Constitution, Article IV, §9 Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission –Management, protection, and conservation of wild animal life...

§372.072, F.S. Endangered and Threatened Species Act:

(3)(b) “Endangered species” means any species of fish and wildlife, naturally occurring in Florida, whose prospects of survival are in jeopardy due to modification or loss of habitat; ...disease; predation ...or other natural or man-made factors affecting its continued existence. (c) “Threatened species” means any species ... which may not be in immediate danger of extinction, but which exists in such small populations as to

become endangered if it is subjected to increased stress as a result of further modification of its environment.

§372.0725, F.S. Killing or wounding of any species designated as endangered, threatened or of special concern; criminal penalties - It is unlawful for a person to intentionally kill or wound any fish or wildlife of a species designated by the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission as endangered, threatened, or of special concern... Any person who violates this provision with regard to an endangered or threatened species is guilty of a felony of the third degree...

Rule 68A-27.0011, F.A.C. Killing Endangered Species

No person shall kill, attempt to kill or wound any endangered species as designated in Rule 68A-27.003.

Rule 68A-4.005, F.A.C. Introduction of Foreign Wildlife or Freshwater Fish or Carriers of Disease

(1) It shall be unlawful for any person to ...release or introduce in the state any wildlife ... that is not native to the state unless such person shall first secure a permit from the Commission.***

(3) No person shall release or introduce in the state any wildlife, ... or any other organism that might reasonably be expected to transmit any disease to wildlife ...

§828.12, F.S. Cruelty to animals
(1) A person who... deprives of necessary sustenance or shelter, ... any animal, or causes the same to be done... is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree...

(2) A person who intentionally commits an act

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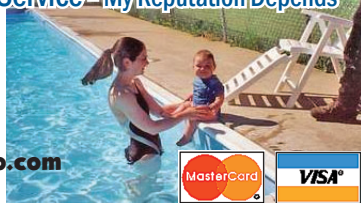
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§828.13, F.S. Confinement of animals without sufficient food, water, or exercise; abandonment of animals

(1) "As used in this section: "Abandon" means to forsake an animal entirely or to neglect or refuse to provide or perform the legal obligations for care and support of an animal by its owner."

(2) "Owner" includes any owner, custodian, or other person in charge of an animal.

(3) "Any person who is the owner or possessor, or has charge or custody, of any animal who abandons such animal to suffer injury or malnutrition or abandons any animal in a street, road, or public place without providing for the care, sustenance, protection, and shelter of such animal is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided..."

§403.412, F.S. Environmental Protection Act
(2)(a) The Department of Legal Affairs, any political subdivision or municipality of the state, or a citizen of the state may maintain an action for injunctive relief against:

1. Any governmental agency or authority charged by law with the duty of enforcing laws, rules, and regulations for the protection of the air, water, and other natural resources of the state to compel such governmental authority to enforce such laws, rules, and regulations;

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FPL Fuel Credit

FPL submitted a plan to the Florida Public Service Commission to fast-track fuel savings through a one-time, approximately 25% bill credit in May for residential customers, rather than the standard approach of spreading these savings over the remainder of the year. The Commission unanimously approved the plan.

This credit will be reflected on your bill issued in May as part of your "total new charges," with the exact amount of the credit populated within the bill message section of your bill. It's pretty simple for you to identify where to find these details.

FPL Budget Billing® Customers: Remember, your Budget Billing bill amount is based on the average of your bills over the last 12 months, which evens out your energy usage throughout the year. So, you will receive your one-time fuel credit through your Budget Billing calculation over the next 12 months.

Is your bill higher this month?

COVID-19 has us all spending more time at home, and temperatures are starting to rise, so it's no wonder we're seeing higher bills. But there are simple changes you can make to how you use your energy – which will in turn help lower your bills. Visit www.fpl.com to see several helpful tips.

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Space Coast Area Transit to Continue No Fares/Saturday Service Until Further Notice

Space Coast Area Transit will re-open its North and South Terminal Administration buildings to the public by appointment only effective Monday, May 18, but plans remain in place to continue no fares and Saturday schedule transit service daily until further notice.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Space Coast Area transit began in late March offering free fares for Fixed Route and Paratransit riders. It closed its administrative offices to the public in response to the Governor's "Safer-at-Home" executive order. In early April, "Saturday Schedules" and extended hours were put in place for daily fixed routes.

As part of its re-opening plan, Space Coast Area Transit's North and South Administrative offices will be open to the public by appointment only. Lost and Found items will be returned by appointment only, and customer inquiries and comments will be handled by phone, email or appointment. The service will continue no fares and back door boarding until further notice, and will continue regular and routine cleaning and disinfecting procedures that have been implemented on all buses.

Ed. Note - This was released on May 15, 2020, and may have changed prior to publication. Call before going.

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says is good-bye**

Drive-in Church Services

First Baptist Church of Port St. John will be hosting live worship services during the COVID 19 pandemic era of social distancing. There will be live music, preaching, worship and community... all from the safety of worshipper's cars.

The first service was held on April 5th at 10:30 am on the east side of the church's parking lot.

Worshippers will drive in, park, and participate in worship from the comfort and safety of their own vehicles. Social distancing guidelines will be enforced throughout.

The Church is located at 3900 Fay Blvd., Port St. John. For more information please go to the church's website at: firstbaptistpsj.org or call (321) 636-5455.



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St. Patrick's Services

St. Patrick's Anglican Church of Port St. John will be restarting 8:00 am and 10:00 am Sunday services with social distancing and limiting communion to just one kind. We will also be restarting Wednesday 6:00 PM services as well.

We take this virus outbreak very seriously and are disinfecting before and after services to protect our congregations. We will continue to do online services at 10:00 am on Sunday on facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/StPatspsj/>. If you or someone in your family is high risk, please make the safe choice. We welcome all of our extended family to attend the service that's best for you and your loved ones.

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Service Times

Because of COVID-19 Please see website for the most up to date information.

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Sunday School during 10:00 AM Service

Wednesday: 6:00 PM Eucharist *see below

Friday: 12:00 PM Eucharist

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Jess Parrish Medical Foundation and Parrish Medical Center Auxiliary Award Scholarships for Study in Healthcare and Medicine

Jess Parrish Medical Foundation (JPMF) and Parrish Medical Center (PMC) Auxiliary awarded more than \$14,000 in scholarships to 11 outstanding college students and graduating high school seniors that distinguished themselves through passionate dedication to their communities and a pursuit of studies in the fields of medicine or healthcare.

Since 1990, JPMF has awarded more than \$400,000 to deserving students.

Brevard Indo-American Medical and Dental Association (BIMDA), generous donor to the JPMF scholarship program and dedicated to supporting future generations of healthcare professionals, committed funds through 2021 allowing for additional scholarships to be awarded.

“BIMDA is honored to partner with Jess Parrish Medical Foundation in supporting the educational endeavors of our future healthcare professionals,” said Glad Kurian, honorary executive director. “It is gratifying to know that BIMDA’s contributions to the scholarship program are

assisting the award recipients in pursuing their educational and career goals.”

This year’s scholarship winners include, from Astronaut High School, Jordyn Barkhausen and Alisa Rendina; Merritt Island Christian awardee Brooke Kelleher; Richard Aviles from Merritt Island High School; and Titusville High School recipients Kenzington Allender and Siya Patel.

College students awarded scholarships include Hannah Barrow, Eastern Florida State College; Maddalena Fairchild, Florida Institute of Technology; Allison Hilton, University of Central Florida; Gabriella Lloyd, University of North Carolina; and Jessica O’Bryan from the University of South Florida.

Thanks to BIMDA’s support, Kenzington Allender, Alisa Rendina, Allison Hilton, Gabriella Lloyd and Jessica O’Bryan were each awarded additional scholarship funds.

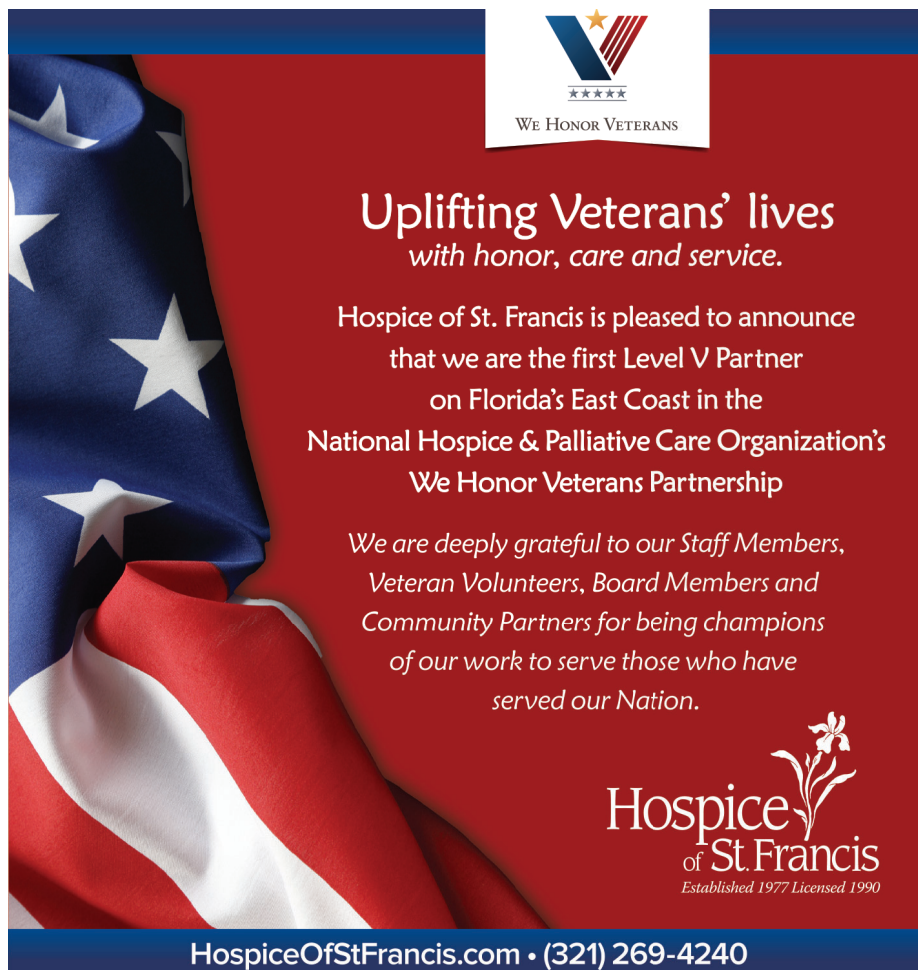
Scholarship committee chair Barbara Terhune led the committee through the process of evaluating applicants in the areas of academic

performance, awards and honors, extracurricular activities, leadership, community service and work experience, recommendation letters, application essay and PMC/JPMF affiliation.

“All of our recipients are exceptional and we look to them to lead the next generation in shaping the future of healthcare. We are delighted to be able to award our scholarships to such accomplished and deserving students,” said Jessie Kirk, JPMF Board Chair. “I would also like to extend heartfelt thanks to BIMDA, and to Barbara and Terry Terhune for their generous sponsorship of \$1,000 toward the scholarship fund which allowed for additional students to be awarded.”

Committee members include Santi Bulnes; Deborah Cox; Dot Hudson; Terry Lee; Bill McCarthy; Josh Norris; Howard Rinker, DDS; Philip Simpson, PhD; and Barbara Terhune.

JPMF is investing in the future by awarding medical scholarships to residents in North Brevard County who are pursuing careers that one day will provide healing to our community.



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Monthly Tax Update

Here are several COVID-19 impact changes.

Existing Installment Agreements are delayed between April 1, 2020, and July 15, 2020. You will have to stop payment during this period without penalty. However, you will probably have to pay a stop payment fee to the financial institution. The scheduled payments are not suspended automatically.

All Field Collection Activities are suspended and all field revenue officers are prevented from enforcement actions, such as liens and levies. In addition, there will not be any new collection activities until after July 15, 2020.

Required Minimum Distributions are not required for the 2020 tax year. This is for taxpayers who are over 70½ with pretax retirement accounts or any taxpayers who have an inherited retirement account. Additionally, the required minimum distribution starting age is now 72. Therefore, if you turn 70½ after December 31, 2019, you will forego the required minimum distribution requirement until the year you turn 72.

Individual and Married Filing Joint Tax Returns are not due until July 15, 2020. No extension was required and you will not incur any penalty or interest on any tax liability due if paid by July 15, 2020. You will be required to file an extension if you are unable to file your return by July 15, 2020, and the extension will permit you to file the return by October 15, 2020. Remember, an extension does not extend your payment requirement by July 15, 2020. Any tax not paid on or before July 15, 2020, will incur the late payment penalty and interest until paid.

Business Entity Tax Returns were required to file an extension if their due date was March 15, 2020. The entity will incur a late filing penalty if an extension was not filed. You may avoid this late filing penalty by submitting a statement based on reasonable cause or requesting the First-Time Penalty Abatement Waiver, if applicable. The business entities include partnerships and S-corporations, not C-corporations.

FinCen FBAR Form 114 had a filing date due on April 15, 2020. However, an automatic extension until October 15, 2020 is in effect and your only requirement is to file by October 15, 2020.

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companies was due by May 1, 2020. The Division has moved the filing deadline to June 30, 2020, without incurring the late \$400 filing fee.

Stimulus Payments used to pay your spouse's past debt liabilities can be redirected by filing the Form 8379, Injured Spouse Allocation, with the Internal Revenue Service Center by signing and mailing in the form.

However, IRS is not processing any signed and mailed returns or correspondence. This includes Form 8379, late returns, responses to correspondence received from the Service Center, Power of Attorney's or any effort to resolve any tax circumstances until the employee return to work decision is made. This also includes telephone inquiries and it doesn't matter whether you're a taxpayer, Enrolled Agent, CPA or Attorney.

Hopefully, you have survived this situation and we all pray we return to some type of normalcy soon. Bless you all!!!

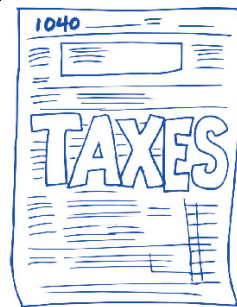
This is a very brief overview. Additional details and specific assistance in applying the general information in this article may be attained by contacting your tax advisor or our office.

Provided by Tracey C. Higginbotham, E.A., (321) 632-5726, a member of the National Society of Accountants.

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Parrish Healthcare Phased Re-opening Plan for Elective Surgeries and Diagnostic Services

Pursuant to the State of Florida Office of the Governor Executive Order 20-112, Phase 1: Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery, Parrish Healthcare has implemented its plan for resuming select services. Parrish Healthcare has created a careful and methodical plan to continue to assure the health and safety of everyone. "It is important to stress that many of the added safeguards that have been instituted during our COVID-19 response will become our new normal and will require changes to the policies, processes and procedures with which we have become accustomed," said George Mikitarian, Parrish Medical Center/Parrish Healthcare President/CEO.

Phase one includes the following:

Monday, May 4, outpatient laboratory and diagnostic services, excluding pulmonary function tests (PFTs), will resume at the medical center's main campus.

Parrish Healthcare Center at Port St. John is open for business.

Parrish Healthcare Centers at Port Canaveral and Titus Landing remain closed at this time.

Wednesday, May 6, elective outpatient surgeries that do not require an overnight hospital stay will resume.

COVID-19 testing will be added to the pre-admission testing checklist for elective surgeries.

Elective surgery pre-admission COVID-19 testing will be by appointment at either Parrish Medical Center or at our COVID-19 drive-thru test site at Parrish Health & Fitness Center on Cheney Highway in Titusville. Test results are expected within two business days.

Monday, May 11, sleep evaluations will resume, including mask clinic and oxygen testing.

Monday, May 18, diagnostic sleep studies in lab and titrations will resume.

Advanced scheduling for procedures is required, including labs.

Walk-ins are discouraged; however patients in need of services will not be turned away and will be accommodated in accordance with our safety protocols.

To contact lab or diagnostic scheduling, call 321-268-6150, select option 2.

To contact elective outpatient surgery schedul-

ing, call 321-268-6826.

Universal Masking. In accordance with the recent Joint Commission guidance document on universal masking and CDC recommendations, Parrish Healthcare has implemented universal masking:

§ Upon entry to all Parrish Healthcare facilities.

§ During transport.

§ When receiving care (both less than or greater than 6 feet).

o Masks will not be placed on any patient less than 2 years of age and on those who have trouble breathing, anyone who is unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance.

o Patients can remove their facemask when no one is in their room, but should put the mask on if leaving their room or when others are in their room.

o Medical grade face masks will be provided to all patients with respiratory conditions (i.e. coughing or sneezing).

o A cloth mask is sufficient for patients with-

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out respiratory conditions and for care partners who are not providing direct patient care.

o If a patient arrives without a cloth mask, then Parrish Healthcare would provide one (either cloth or a medical grade facemask).

No change to hospital visitor restrictions at this time.

No change to hospital screening, clearance or social distancing procedures.

As a reminder, Parrish Healthcare operates a COVID-19 testing site at Parrish Health & Fitness Center, located at 2210 Cheney Highway, Titusville, FL. You do not need to have any symptoms to be tested. We understand the importance of testing and the role it plays in stopping or slowing the spread of COVID-19. Pre-registration is required and no out-of-pocket cost for the test. For fast and easy pre-registration, text "covid test" to (321) 204-1966 or visit parrishhealthcare.com/COVID19Registration. Test results are expected within two business days. A Parrish Medical Group provider will review the results with each patient via a Telehealth visit and provide next steps. Additional information is available at parrishhealthcare.com/coronavirus.

Parrish Medical Group Announces the Expansion of Telehealth Services



Parrish Medical Group (PMG) announces the expansion of telehealth services to help patients get the care they need without having to leave their homes. Patients can use a smartphone, tablet, laptop or desktop computer to connect with a physician via a video visit. There is no out-of-pocket expense for telehealth visits.

"Maintaining good health is more important than ever. That's why we are encouraging people not to cancel or postpone medical visits," said Parrish Healthcare Vice President Ambulatory Services Drew Waterman. "Through our telehealth services, we assure a safe and healing environment for everyone to receive the primary care they need without in-person contact."

For more information or to schedule a telehealth appointment, call PMG Family Practice at 321-504-0556. Parrish Medical Group is accepting new patients. Most insurance accepted.

American Police Hall of Fame & Museum Reopens

The American Police Hall of Fame & Museum, closed to the public since the Governor's "safer at home" order in April, reopened on Tuesday, May 12. The facility will practice social distancing and will limit visitors to 25% of maximum occupancy. Cleaning and disinfecting of exhibits and displays will be conducted, as well.

The Museum's new schedule will be Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., closed on Sunday and Monday.

The facility's shooting range, known as The Shooting Center, remains open and is maintaining its traditional hours. Training classes have also resumed. Those interested in CCW classes, tactical and personal defense training etc., can find the facility's training calendar at www.NACOPSTEP.org. For more information about training, call 321-264-0911 Ext. 133.

To find out more about the museum or the facility's compassionate services for law enforcement families, please call 321-264-0911 or email policeinfo@aphf.org.



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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 oaspacecoast.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.

6-2 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.

6-3 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.

6-3 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/.

6-5 World Environment Day

6-11 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.

6-12 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.

6-14 Flag Day!

6-14 National Bourbon Day!

6-14 Multiple Sclerosis Self-Help Group meets on the 2nd Sunday each month (except Mother's Day & Nov.), 2 PM, Cocoa Library.

6-14 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.

6-14 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.

6-19 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.

6-15 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.

6-20 Summer Begins

6-21 Father's Day

6-17 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.

6-23 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.

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Don Crouse turns cooler on the 28th.
Trisha Orend is the Queen on the 29th.
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Space Coast Jr/Sr High School -	638-0750
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June Calendar of Events

The Port St. John Library is still closed at this time. Brevard County Public Libraries are in the process of re-opening. The Titusville, Central, and Franklin T. DeGroot Libraries are opening this week. Other libraries will open in the coming weeks. Library employees are working on sanitizing returned items, the buildings, and library furniture.

All libraries still offer curbside pickup for library holds even if the library is open to the public. Place a reserve in the computer, or call your local library, and they will contact you as soon as the items are ready to be picked up.

Please Note: Do not exit your car if the library is depositing your items in your trunk. If the library is leaving the items on a table outside, wait for the staff member/s to put the books outside and return to the library. Then you may retrieve the items and take them home. They will already

be checked out to you. Remember all items are currently being checked out until June 1, 2020. That could be extended if the danger persists.

All of our electronic resources and e-books are available to enjoy at any time, including online video story times.

If you do not have a library card, call your local library. They have permission to issue library cards via phone with proper identification. You will need your driver's license when you call. You may use these cards to check out eBooks and eAudiobooks.

The physical card may be picked up after the libraries re-open. We want all of our patrons to stay safe and healthy and we are doing as much as we can to assist you in that endeavor. We hope to see you soon!

Please call your local library with questions between 9 AM and 5 PM, Monday through Friday. Please check the Brevard County website for the most current information on the re-opening of the libraries and when classes, courses and other events will start again.

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



Port St. John Housewives Softball League

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the Port St. John Housewives Softball League season has been cancelled for 2020. For more information, call: Shannon Freeland, President, at 321-543-5175, or Kim Myrick, Vice-President, at 321-536-1372 or visit www.facebook.com/PSJHSL.

The Friends of the Library wish everyone a healthy Spring.

We are sorry that our plans for this year's "Spring Fling" had to be cancelled. We are looking forward to a time when the library will open again and we can have another fun event for the children and their parents!



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~ Rose Padrick

Once again I begin this column with the wish that by the time it's being read this terrible virus and all the sorrow it brings with it has gone to wherever viruses go when someone has finally discovered a way to make them less terrorizing.

The celebrations may be different this Independence Day but I pray we all take a moment to realize how many times America and Americans have been tried and almost brought to our knees, but we are still here. Please join me in saying a prayer, saluting a flag and thanking anyone on the front lines of this very different war.

Like everyone else, the other sections of my world are carrying on as usual. I am a true be-

liever in the old adage, "If you want to hear God laugh, make plans."

Lovingly planted veggies are not responding, the car battery dying the one day I set aside for a multitude of errands, a toilet suddenly developing a lean are all unprepareable, but I have stumbled on a great discovery. Somehow I seem to have developed some kind of mystical power wherein my personal actions and reactions have far reaching effects.

I found if I put off pulling weeds out of the garden until the weekend, it will rain all weekend, making Monday evening weed pulling all the harder, as they have grown a foot and multiplied like bunnies.

If I plan a whole weekend of M.A.S.H. reruns

and cereal for dinner, at least two of my grandchildren will need emergency childcare.

Emergency - as in, one of their children fell out of a tree/fell off their bike/jumped off the top bunk.

Childcare - as in, please watch these children so we can sit in the E.R. for the rest of the day while their sibling gets his head/lip/knee stitched up.

If I am stopped at a red light and reach into my purse for something, several things will happen; (1) the something will not be there, (2) the light will instantly turn green, (3) the guy behind me, who has been sitting with his hand poised over the horn, will hit it with such force as to startle me - my first reaction being to slam on the brakes - so nobody is able to move, thereby causing many more horns to be heard from.

If I get crazy during a buy-one-get-one-free sale and fill the freezer with two hundred dollars worth of pizza, ice cream and low cal frozen dinners, a truck will hit a power line somewhere, plunging the whole area into the worst black-out in our history.

I think you get the idea. I was beginning to get heady with all this power, but then it dawned on me how I can use my newfound ability for the betterment of mankind.

I prepared for our last hurricane, buying water, batteries, candles and before I even got home from the store it turned due north. The next time I'm going to try to cover the whole Eastern Seaboard by sending supplies to my sister in New York.

I single handedly keep our neighborhood safe from floods by purchasing flood insurance, because if I am insured for something, it never happens. I will refrain from mentioning this any further because certain neighbors do not take revelations very well, and must be on the Olympic door slamming team.

When I read putting moth balls around the yard keeps snakes out, I bought a box and kindly shared with a neighbor... she wasn't home when I spread them but I knew she would appreciate my unselfishness. After she (crankily) informed me of her allergy, I attempted to pick the moth balls up but was stopped by a huge black snake coiled next to a pile of them.

Some say we write our own destiny by the



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choices we make, while others tout a higher power dictating the path our lives take. I think whether we do indeed steer our own caboose, if there is a bigger force at work, or if we just want to chalk it up to Murphy's Law, we certainly must utilize our sense of humor, learn to roll with the punches, help each other every chance we get, and never miss an opportunity to tell and show someone we love how very much they mean to us.

Should I travel within the US?



CDC does not generally issue advisories or restrictions for travel within the United States. However, cases of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) have been reported in all states, and some areas are experiencing community spread of the disease. Crowded travel settings, like airports, may increase chances of getting COVID-19, if there are other travelers with coronavirus infection. There are several things you should consider when deciding whether it is safe for you to travel.

Things to consider before travel:

Is COVID-19 spreading in the area where you're going? If you have questions about your destination, you should check your destination's local health department website for information.

Will you or your travel companion(s) be in close contact with others during your trip? Your risk of exposure to respiratory viruses like coronavirus may increase in crowded settings, particularly closed-in settings with little air circulation. This may include settings such as conferences, public events, religious gatherings, public spaces and public transportation.

Are you or your travel companion(s) more likely to get severe illness if you get COVID-19? People at higher risk for severe disease are older adults and people of any age with serious chronic medical conditions (such as heart disease, lung disease, or diabetes). CDC recommends that travelers at higher risk for COVID-19 complications avoid nonessential air travel.

Do you have a plan for taking time off from work or school, in case you are told to stay home for 14 days for self-monitoring or if you get sick with COVID-19? You may be asked to stay home

to self-monitor and avoid contact with others for up to 14 days after travel.

Do you live with someone who is older or has a serious, chronic medical condition? If you get sick with COVID-19 upon your return from travel, they may be at risk of infection.

Is COVID-19 spreading where I live when I return from travel? Consider the risk of passing COVID-19 to others during travel.

Depending on your unique circumstances, you may choose to delay or cancel your plans. If you do decide to travel, be sure to take steps to help prevent getting and spreading COVID-19 and other respiratory diseases during travel.

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Fruit From The Groves

At the present time, it is unknown if the Canaveral Groves Homeowners Association will have a June meeting due to the current conditions. Please look for updated information about meetings on the signs at Canaveral Groves Blvd and Pine St. Also, check the Facebook pages about the Groves.

We are now in hurricane season and it is the time to prepare before one heads our way. Be sure to have a complete plan, remember to help your neighbors, strengthen your home by putting up shutters, etc., update your insurance policy. NOW is the time to get flood insurance if you think you may need it. Also, assemble all disaster supplies, develop an evacuation plan and know your way around the Groves if streets are closed. Make sure to determine your risk, make sure you have at least 7 days of medications and food supplies for at least 5-7 days. Be sure family from out of state know where you are.

It is unknown as to where the mysterious sounds of booms that have been reported are coming from. They have nothing to do with the construc-

tion of the high speed train. It also seems that the areas they are coming from change.

The Sheriff's Office has reported scams going around in relation to Covid-19 and the stimulus checks, looking for your information. The IRS NEVER calls you for your information. If you receive mail, please verify the telephone number and call the local IRS office, NOT the phone number on the paperwork.

The Sheriff's Office has increased patrols and traffic enforcement in this area. There is also a Deputy looking into how to close off the north end of Pine St. leading out to the Black Hole. This is because of the number of complaints of speeding on Pine St. and other traffic violations, the trash that is left behind, and the Fire Departments calls to that area. The FD has been called out for injuries and fires that have been left unattended. It's a shame that this used to be a nice place to go out to walk horses, take hikes and even 4-wheel.

There have been a couple of accidents at Adamson Road and Coconut since the flashing yellow light was STOLEN. It is unknown if the flashing light would have helped prevent the accidents.

We are still in fire season and will be for a while. When a Burn Ban is posted that means NO fires of any type. Please look up the laws regarding burning. Household trash may never be burned.

Please be safe out there.

Ed Silva

Canaveral Groves Homeowners Member

Disney Springs Begins Reopening

Disney has begun to reopen Disney Springs with a number of shopping and dining locations beginning May 20. They have reported that safety and well-being are at the forefront of all their planning efforts as they welcome back guests, some cast Members and third-party operating participants.

As part of these efforts, guests may see other changes to our retail and dining offerings and other experiences. Though it may be different from the last time you visited, these new measures are designed to offer a magical Disney experience in a responsible way.

You can get the most current information at <https://disneyarks.disney.go.com/blog/2020/05/welcome-back-heres-what-you-need-to-know-about-the-phased-reopening-of-disney-springs-at-walt-disney-world-resort/?CMP=EMC-1175675907|273432653&c-id=1175675907&bid=1094783839>.

The site includes information on parking, face masks, social distancing, which stores are open, etc. And there's a link to the Disney Springs blog in case you have more questions.



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