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## Light Up for Our Graduates!

This came first....

War Eagle families and community...let's "Light Up North Brevard" in honor of our awesome Class of 2020 to show all of our love, support and CONGRATULATIONS!!! We are asking everyone to deck out their houses and businesses with Christmas/Holiday lights. Starting May 1st, through the entire month of May, turn on your lights every night to show your PRIDE and support for our Seniors!!!!

We don't want to stop with the Astronaut community. We are challenging Titusville High School and Space Coast Jr/Sr High School communities to join this movement as #onecommunity for the Class of 2020!!!! #SeniorStrong

And our response..... **CHALLENGE ACCEPTED!**

Port St. John - We have been challenged! Get out those lights and let's show our support for our seniors and our community! Let's rally with our neighbors, AHS and THS as a community and "Light up North Brevard!" #onecommunity #SeniorStrong #viperpride #classof2020

## PMC's Alternate Care Site Ready to Serve

Parrish Medical Center's Alternate Care Site (ACS) has been established. It is 40 x 60 feet in size, air conditioned and equipped with computers and supplies. PMC's ACS can be quickly converted into a medical treatment site to allow for expanded bed capacity and patient care as needed.

"Currently, PMC's ACS is being used as a centralized clearance station before anyone is granted access into the hospital. This is necessary to protect the health and wellbeing of our health care professionals (care partners), and the patients in our care," said Natalie Sellers, Vice President, Communications, Community & Corporate Services.

When reporting for duty, employees and physicians are being cleared using the CDC recommended non-diagnostic screening questions and their temperatures are taken before being granted access into the hospital. The ACS is not a COVID-19 testing site.

Non-urgent patients who are seeking care in the ER are also screened within the ACS before entering the ER lobby using the same CDC recommended screening questions and having a temperature check. Patients with flu-like symptoms or with a fever are given a mask to wear before entering.

Urgent or emergent patients do not go through the ACS. They are immediately taken into the ER for care and screening is conducted per CDC guidelines.

"These, and our new visitor restrictions, are necessary safety precautions to keep our hospital environment a safe and healing environment for everyone," said Sellers.

The public can also complete the free COVIDAware risk assessment by visiting [parrishhealthcare.com/COVID19HRA](http://parrishhealthcare.com/COVID19HRA), or by texting Coronavirus to 321-204-1966.



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# Hydroxychloroquine Sulfate and Azithromycin, COVID-19 Drug Combo Treatment Being Used by Parrish Medical Center Critical Care Physicians

Parrish Medical Center (PMC) has been treating coronavirus (COVID-19) patients with hydroxychloroquine since the start of the pandemic for patients whose medical history allows the treatment's use. Two patients on ventilators and one patient being closely monitored are currently receiving the treatment.

"We've been employing a combination of anti-viral drugs hydroxychloroquine and azithromycin since the first patient admitted with COVID-19," said Frank Dienst, MD, Parrish Medical Center Intensivist and Critical Care Medical Director. "We prescribe it for all patients who don't have contraindications, such as a condition or underlying health issues that would make the treatment inadvisable."

"Most critical care specialists recognize the combination of the two drugs as probably being useful, but it's not a certainty. It's generally prescribed only for significant disease, such as pneumonia," added Dr. Dienst.

Before the treatment is administered, Dr. Dienst and Dr. Ochoa speak with patients and

families to explain the process, and that while the drug combination isn't FDA approved to combat COVID-19, it is approved for other conditions. Patients must attest that they understand and agree with the treatment.

Use of approved drugs in this fashion is called "off-label," and is not uncommon in the medical field, Dr. Dienst said.

"It's not a good option for all patients," Dr. Dienst said. "Honest discussions with patients and families are an important part of clinical decision-making, and in the right cases this treatment holds out the possibility of saving lives."

Al Ochoa, MD, Parrish Medical Center Internal Medicine, Pulmonary and Critical Care specialist, states that severe shortness of breath, high fever, persistent and difficult to control dry cough, and extremely low blood-oxygen levels are the symptoms most prevalent among COVID-19 patients being cared for within the Intensive Care Unit (ICU).

Doctors Dienst and Ochoa are leading PMC's dedicated-COVID-19 units. Hospital-dedicated

COVID-19 units are the entire ICU and the north wing of the medical center's third floor; both sites are negative pressure spaces dedicated to COVID-19 patient care.

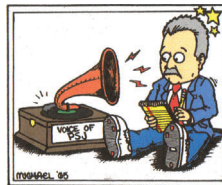
The National Institute of Health says that hydroxychloroquine "is used to treat malaria and rheumatoid conditions such as arthritis. In various studies, the drug has demonstrated antiviral activity, an ability to modify the activity of the immune system, and has an established safety profile at appropriate doses, leading to the hypothesis that it may also be useful in the treatment of COVID-19."

Various hospitals around the country have been using the drug combination for COVID-19 patients, Dr. Ochoa said.

"COVID-19 is new to the world, and the efforts to combat it are underway on a number of fronts," Dr. Ochoa said. "More is being learned all the time. At present, the combination of hydroxychloroquine and azithromycin has shown, in some cases, effectiveness for patients, and that's why it's in use at PMC."



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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>

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We are also taking precautions at The Shipping Depot to ensure that all our surfaces are disinfected many times during the day, hand sanitizer at all shipping stations and barriers between us and the customers. We have posted on our website and inside the store all the notifications we have received from the carriers regarding shipping during this time.

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### 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.

For the latest information about Coronavirus in Florida, visit the Florida Department of Health's dedicated webpage at:  
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## Good Day! by Maureen Rupe What Do We Do About Medical Waste?

What do we do with the millions and millions of contaminated masks and aprons? In an April 3, 2020 Palm Beach Post story by Carline Stapleton titled, "Coronavirus Florida: How to dispose the millions of used masks, protective gear," says it's the same as usual. According to the article, "Medical waste (trash) coming from healthcare facilities treating COVID-2019 patients is no different than waste coming from facilities without COVID-19 patients," according to CDC's guidance for healthcare professionals on its website. "Florida has about 42,000 facilities — including hospitals, clinics, nursing homes, laboratories, funeral homes, dentists, veterinarians, physicians, body piercing salons, tattoo shops, transporters and storage and treatment facilities — that generate medical waste."

Before 1997, most medical waste (about 90%) used to be incinerated. In 1997, the burning stopped when the CDC enacted stricter rules because there was concern that burning medical

waste was bad for human health. The article went on to say, "New technologies were developed. Most commonly used today is autoclaving — a high-temperature, high-pressure steaming process that neutralizes any infectious agents, like bacteria, virus, fungi or spores. Once through the autoclave process, the waste is then suitable for disposal in a landfill."

What about if we have contaminated medical waste at home to dispose? According to the article, or at least their local waste authority, "The Palm Beach County Solid Waste Authority recommends securely tying garbage bags that contain items that may be contaminated, including securing all personal hygiene products, used tissues, paper towel, sanitary wipes, face masks, gloves and similar items in plastic garbage bags. The bags should be tied securely so workers do not come in contact with any potentially virus-contaminated waste." I assume it's the same all over. If you have questions, in Florida the Department of Health and Department of Environmental Protection oversee medical waste disposal, along

with licensing of all companies that clean, pick-up and dispose of all medical waste.

Brevard County, on their website <http://brevard.floridahealth.gov/programs-and-services/environmental-health/biomedical-waste/index.html>, says, "Any facility that generates, stores, or treats any form of biomedical waste in Brevard County is required to obtain the appropriate Biomedical Waste Permit or an Exemption Certificate from the Florida Department of Health in Brevard County Environmental Health Services prior to operation. If a facility generates 25 pounds of biomedical waste or more in any 30-day period, it does not qualify for exemption."

Whether you have an exemption or do not have an exemption determines if you pay the annual fee and allows you to have less frequent inspections on how many times the facility is inspected during the year. Brevard County has a Solid Waste Used Household Sharps program for getting rid of chemical and medical waste. The closest facility for Port St. John is Brevard County Fire Rescue Station 26, 6655 Carole Ave.,

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Reference:

<https://www.palmbeachpost.com/news/20200403/coronavirus-florida-how-to-dispose-millions-of-used-masks-protective-gear>

<http://brevard.floridahealth.gov/programs-and-services/environmental-health/biomedical-waste/index.html>

### Watch What you Flush!

I read an April 4th Commentary in the Orlando Sentinel by David Whitley titled, "To help win the coronavirus war, think before you flush," that was close to home with all the shortages of toilet paper. The Commentary is a discussion with Mike Hudkins, Orange County Water Reclamation Division Manager, or better known as the Sewer System Manager. He believes the shortage is strictly from people hoarding. The trouble is, with people hoarding, there were a lot of people without toilet paper, which leads to the main problem.

The article stated, "They've been using substitutes like napkins, Kleenex, paper towels, disinfectant wipes, sanitary products, the Orlando Sentinel, whatever. But when it comes to wiping,

toilet paper is not just the gold standard. It's the only standard. Other products may claim to be "flushable," but only toilet paper is designed to decompose in sewer systems."

If these substitutes get stuck in your pipes or septic tanks, it's your problem, which can be costly. But if it goes into the sewage system, it can make even bigger problems. All these substitutes we are using that are not really able to decompose in our sewage, mix with loads of grease, hair, dental floss and other gunk we flush and form what sewer engineers call "rags." If they get big enough to block the system, it can cause "sanitary sewer overflows." That's when it comes out of our manholes or back up our pump stations (which no one likes the smell of or to see the mess it can make). This toilet paper shortage has raised the threat of huge blobs of this mixture, also known as fatbergs. The article said, "The largest ever was a 40-ton monster discovered under the streets of South London in 2017. According to the Thames Water website, "It was cleared following a heroic effort by our engineers, who even pulled out some of the monster blockage with their hands."

There are pre-filters that hopefully get the fatbergs out of the system, but once in a while it messes up the works. Mike Hudkins asks that if we use any of these substitutes to please think before we flush, or better yet, dispose of them in the trash so they don't clog up your system or theirs. It's best that all these substitutes go to the landfill the normal way in a garbage truck, not in the sewer system.

Reference:

<https://www.orlandosentinel.com/coronavirus/os-op-toilet-paper-sewage-clog-coronavirus-david-whitley-20200404-c7ojldaxsrhojdeyluxd-v72yki-story.html>

### Water Conservation

I was cleaning out a closet in my guest room and found a large board. I turned it around and I had written on it, "Future Media Headlines: Water, Water Everywhere, and Not a Drop to Drink." That was from a protest from 15 years ago on the State of the Water Pollution in Brevard and Florida. You didn't have to be a Prophet to predict the Future of Florida waters if no action is taken.

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### Good Day!, cont.

I know we are under a pandemic, but we also have an issue with water. According to an April 1st story at [weather.com](http://weather.com) by Jonathan Erdman, "Florida Wildfire Threat and Drought Increasing From a Record Hot, Dry March," even though March is in the middle of Florida's dry season that lasts from late October through early May, March was exceptionally dry with record heat this year. We have active wildfires throughout the state. The article also said, "Burning bans were implemented in Alachua, Bradford, Brevard, Citrus, Manatee, Osceola and Polk counties, in addition to Duval, Hillsborough, Orange, Pinellas and Sarasota counties, where outdoor burning is banned year-round by county ordinance.

Besides the pandemic and fires, we need to conserve water if at all possible. I have reprinted the following from the Southwest Florida Water Management District link: <https://www.swfwmd.state.fl.us/about/newsroom/news/10-tips-save-water-water-conservation-month-while-you-shelter-home-0>

#### 10 Tips to Save Water for Water Conservation Month While You Shelter at Home

While the Southwest Florida Water Management District (District) encourages water conservation year-round, there is extra emphasis each April for Water Conservation Month. April is historically one of the driest months of the year and typically marks the peak demand season for public water suppliers. While we shelter at home to stay safe, here are 10 simple tips to lower your monthly water bill and do your part to save hundreds of gallons of water.

##### INDOOR

- Only run your washing machine and dishwasher when they are full.

- Use the shortest clothes washing cycle for lightly soiled loads; normal and permanent-press wash cycles use more water.

- Thaw frozen food in the refrigerator or microwave, not under running water.

- Scrape, don't rinse, your dishes before loading in the dishwasher.

- Install high-efficiency showerheads, faucets and toilets.

##### OUTDOOR

- Check your home's irrigation system for leaks.

- Turn off your irrigation system and only water as needed.

- Don't leave sprinklers unattended. Use a timer to remind yourself to turn sprinklers off.

- Use a hose with a shut-off nozzle when washing the car.

- Consider installing a rain barrel with a drip irrigation system for watering your landscaping. Rainwater is free and better for your plants because it doesn't contain hard minerals.

Leaks are the biggest water waster, both inside and outside of your home. You can use your water meter to check for leaks. Turn off all faucets and water-using appliances and make sure no one uses water during the testing period. Wait for the hot water heater and ice cube makers to refill and for regeneration of water softeners. Go to your water meter and record the current reading. Wait 30 minutes. (Remember, no water should be used during this period.) Read the meter again. If the reading has changed, you have a leak.

For more information about water conservation, please visit the District's website at [WaterMatters.org/Conservation](http://WaterMatters.org/Conservation).

Reference:

<https://weather.com/forecast/regional/>

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I am thinking of you all and praying for your good health. Please stay safe.

Cheerio,  
Maureen Rupe  
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## 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.

## 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](http://www.facebook.com/PSJHSL).



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~ Rose Padrick

As we all are very much aware, these are the darkest days our world has ever gone through. Hopefully we will be seeing some kind of light at the end of the tunnel by the time I'm lucky enough for you to be reading my humble words. The object of my scribbles is to elicit a smile and I hope I've attained it.

As a proud member of the Society for the Prevention of Illness, I've been spending massive amounts of the twenty-four hour increments of time alone, save my furry couch companion. As I know most of you are.

My children will attest that my being left to my own devices is not always a good thing. I'm blessed to have a daughter and her husband share my home, but I'm kinda' thinking 'blessed' might not be included in her definition. There's an old saying that the child eventually becomes the parent. Boy Howdy, am I enjoying this concept.

They moved in to help when I had my foot surgery and were so invaluable I almost felt bad about my taking advantage of the opportunity to seek revenge about her teenage-hood... "almost" being the operative word here. I'm figuring this daughter must have owed her siblings a boat load of favors because I doubt they could have paid her enough to cover the permanent scars on her and her husband's sanity when they elected - or drew the short straw - as to who was going to help Mom twenty-four-seven.

I think catching me standing (wobbling) in the middle of the living room complete with ten pounds of bandages and a surgical boot, but sans walker, should be in the past and not constantly mentioned...as should the fact that said walker was found in the garage...which just happens to

be where I bathe the dog.

Volunteering to make my son-in-law a nice dinner, but telling him he would have to kinda' ignore the bitter taste and stay close to the bathroom, is also frowned upon, especially right after he ratted me out to her about my wandering the back yard instead of navigating level surfaces only as instructed by my doctor.

Flashing forward past recovery and into these days of searching for a smile wherever possible has given me pause to begin to notice things that have slipped my attention previously. Attempting to convince said daughter and the siblings she inevitably calls to tattle on me that I am perfectly capable of digging out grass, pulling weeds and carrying bags of mulch becomes a tad difficult when someone notices the shovel still stuck in the ground or what's left of the mound of mulch created by the bag ripping as I tried to drag it across the yard. I noticed this also causes my dear daughter's left temple to twitch. I also noticed her twitch will create phone calls from her siblings within thirty minutes.

I've also noticed a few things the non-human members of my family must have been doing, but I never saw in my previous life.

My dog forgets he's peeing! He sniffs and checks out every upright particle during our walks and lifts his leg on almost all. The dog weighs twenty pounds. Where does all that liquid come from?! Every once in a while he will lift his leg and halfway through he will notice a new smell or someone walking past and will stand there with his leg lifted for many minutes while sniffing or staring.

Woodpeckers dive-bombing the squirrels at the bird feeder, butterflies flitting around the bird bath, neighborhood cats slipping from yard to yard, dogs barking in tandem through chain link, tiny vegetable sprouts peeking up through black earth, whippoorwills calling to each other at dusk... the list goes on and on...all things probably most of us noticed just in passing if at all. I plan on doing my best to remember to watch for and appreciate these and so many other previously unnoticed everyday things when our world begins to spin again and I invite all of you to do the same.

My prayers of thanks go to the Big Guy for all our heroes and hoping all of you stay safe, healthy and sane... well, as much as you like to be sane, anyway.

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## Out on The Town - Norwood's

For those of us who have lived in Port St. John for many years, you probably remember Corky Bell's seafood Restaurant. If you wanted a great fried fish dinner, Corky Bells was the place to go. On Friday, Saturday and Sundays, you'd better get there early, otherwise you'll be in line outside waiting on a table.

Corky Bell's was in an old wooden building and unfortunately caught fire. They eventually built a new building that is now Woody's BBQ, but the food was never the same as it was in the original wooden structure and they eventually went out of business in Port St. John.

About that same time, Laggoonz opened up near the Frontenac Flea Market and they had a fried fish dinner that was very similar to Corky Bell's. It was so good! I was there at least twice a month to get my fried fish fix. Laggoonz did great business for many years, but eventually closed, also.

Laggoonz also had a place next to the railroad tracks on Fay Blvd., but it didn't work out like most who have tried to make it at this location. So, where am I going to get my fish fix now?

Then Ice House opened up in the same location by the tracks. They seemed to do well for take-out and had a great fried fish basket that was reasonably priced. But like most restaurants at this location, they just didn't make it.

My daughter came into town a while back. Since she currently lives in the mid-west, she had a craving for some good Florida seafood, preferably fresh fried fish. I said, "Well, as you know Corky Bell's is gone, as well as Laggoonz

and now Ice House."

It's just sad. Here we are living in Florida near the coast and can't even get a decent fish dinner in or near Port St. John. But I can tell you where you can get a fantastic fried fish dinner. It's a little bit of a drive, but it's worth it. Norwood's in New Smyrna Beach, located on highway 44, going east from US1. My wife and I eat there about once a month and we have never had a bad meal there.

Norwood's has been in this same location since 1946. My wife said her family has been frequenting Norwood's since as early as she can remember, probably since 1966. Back then it was a small building with a screen door on the front. Now they probably can seat a few hundred people and even have a tree house you can eat in.

Like I stated earlier, if you're looking for great seafood, whether it's fried fish, charbroiled, blackened or beer battered, Norwood's has an extensive fish collection. Most of the filets are Florida caught. They also have snow crab, shrimp, lobster, scallops, crab cakes and fish tacos. If seafood isn't your thing, Norwood's serves up steaks, pork, chicken and even hamburgers. I personally haven't tried anything else beside the fried fish filets because it's so good.

I'm craving a fish dinner right now, but we have isolated ourselves in our home until this crappy virus dies out. After that, we'll be on our way to Norwood's.

- Ken Carson

## 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.

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## On The Road With Rose

~ Rose Padrick

### Kelly Park Merritt Island West-2455 East-2550 N. Banana River Dr., Merritt Island

I've been more focused on our great parks recently because it is easy to enjoy them and the great outdoors without putting ourselves at risk. I pray by the time this goes to print we have turned the corner on this terrible "Invisible Enemy" and we are able to get out and about to enjoy our beautiful state once again.

Kelly Park is actually a two-fer. East Kelly Park and West Kelly Park are located on the northern end of North Banana River Drive, just a little south of SR-528. Turning off SR-528 onto North Banana River Drive, the first little road on the left is one entrance of the East park, it leads past the bathrooms and a large open field perfect for kite flying or any running games the kids (of any age) are not able to do in their own back yard. The parking lots face a small pavilion with a BBQ grill and picnic tables and a beautiful sandy river beach. My family has used the beach

to launch canoes, kayaks, water boards and just plain swimming. Horse shoe crabs, fiddlers, fish, minnows and much more water life are plentiful for viewing and many tracks in the sand tell us raccoons, 'possums, armadillos and all kinds of birds are present.

Paved pathways lead to one side of the cove and another pavilion with BBQ grill and tables where the boats are launched and to the bathrooms, play grounds and fishing docks.

The second entrance leads to the huge parking lot that services the two boat launches and a large pavilion with several BBQ grills and many picnic tables. There are docks on either side of the boat launches and just past the playground. There are also horse shoe pits and a volleyball court. Calema board sailing and wind sailing is headquartered in a concrete building onsite.

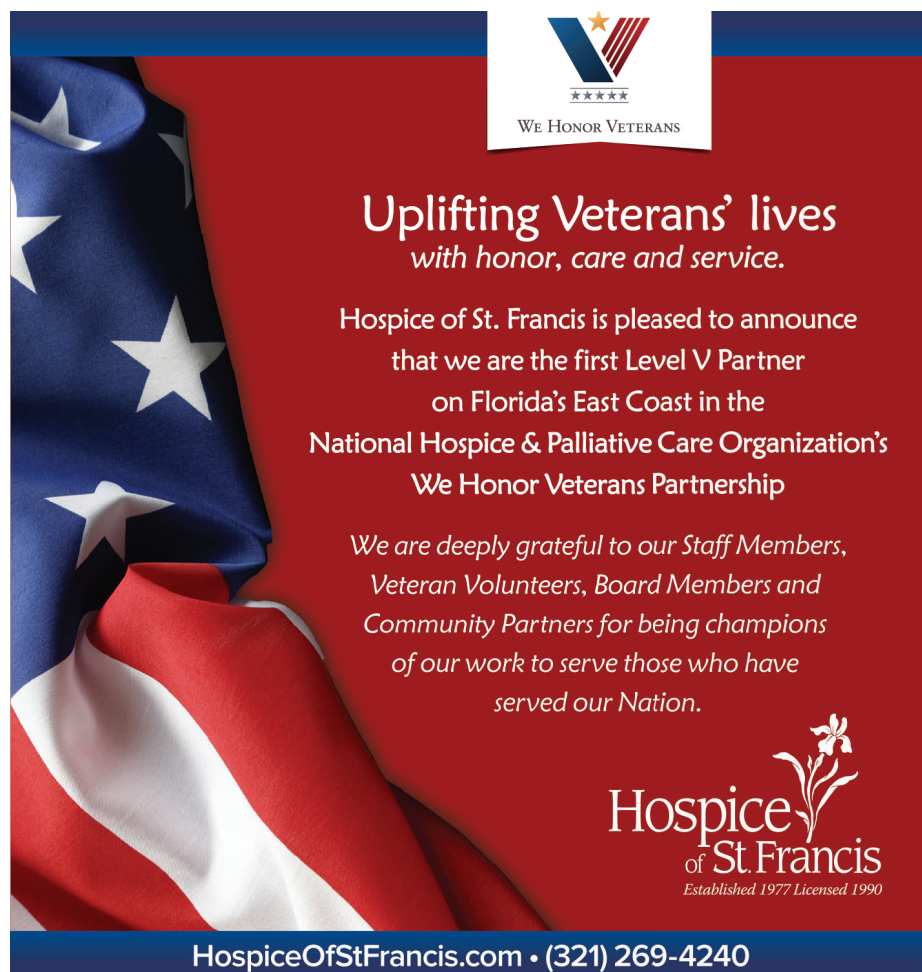
A block or so south, the entrance to the West park is clearly marked on the right. Encompassing 40 acres, West Kelly Park also has several large open fields perfect for kite flying, butterfly chasing and any form of racing (foot, butt, wheel barrow, etc.). There is more than ample parking, also several pavilions with BBQ grills and bath-


rooms divided between the north and south areas.

Theres a concession stand which I'm praying will come into use again real soon, a huge basketball court, very nice tennis court, soccer field and a large beautiful lake with the prettiest cattails I believe I've ever seen. Someone once told me if the cattails are healthy, the lake is, also. If that's so, that is one healthy lake. In the few moments I stood on the dock I saw a coot swimming, an egret (?) darting for minnows, several gator slides and a raccoon peeping at me from the bushes.

Surrounding the whole thing is a beautiful paved walkway that meanders from the flat grassy areas to the shaded bushy areas running past the lake. Making my way past the huge old oak tree, I was passed by a family jogging and laughing almost in unison. Just watching Mom, Dad and kids obviously having fun together made my heart smile. I couldn't help but think they looked like they were adding a new dimension to the concept of togetherness.

I also couldn't help thinking if I tried for that concept by jogging, my family would experience their togetherness by racing their old Grammy to the ER.




  
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I don't know if dogs are allowed, but if you bring your fur baby, please don't let them or small children wander around the edge of the lake. As with any other body of water in the Sunshine State, there are alligators and they don't know the difference between Fido and whatever it is that they should be eating.

Once again, please take only pictures and leave only footprints. Be kind to Mother Nature and each other. I'm hoping when you read this you will be able to call friends and family to plan a whole day of picnicking and playing, but if that hasn't happened yet, you can still have a perfect day with your immediate family and still be socially distant with others.

## Monthly Tax Update

During this unprecedented time, there are still unscrupulous individuals who will try and scam you out of your stimulus or other money. You should be on the lookout for calls, texts and email phishing attempts about the coronavirus or COVID-19 Economic Impact Payments appearing to be from IRS. These scams can lead to tax-related fraud and identity theft. Be advised, IRS will not call, email or text you to verify or request your financial, banking or personal information; watch out for websites and social media attempts to request money or personal information. The official website is IRS.gov. Don't open surprise emails looking like they're coming from the IRS or click on attachments/links; you should not provide personal or financial information or engage with potential scammers online or over the phone; and forward suspicious emails to phishing@irs.gov, then delete. Scammers may ask an individual to sign over their Economic Impact Payment check to them; ask for verification of personal or banking information; suggest they can get your tax refund or Economic Impact Payment faster by working on their behalf; issue a bogus check, often in an odd amount, and then tell a person to call a number or verify information online in order to cash it. You are encouraged to share this information only with your family and friends. Many people who don't normally file a tax return may not realize they're eligible for an Economic Impact Payment and could easily be scammed into giving your personal information to the these scammers.

Another item of interest involves Required Minimum Distribution requirements. The distributions from your retirement accounts have been suspended for the 2020 tax year. Also, if you're under the age of 59½ and need to take a distribution from your retirement account to survive, this may be done without being subject to the 10% premature distribution penalty. You then report half of the distribution on the 2020 tax return and the other half is reported on your 2021 tax return. This splits the distribution over two tax years, if you elect to do this.

I'm sure everyone knows by now, but I wanted to restate the circumstances on the 2019 tax filing and payment requirements. Your income tax filing and payment deadline for all taxpayers who file and pay their Federal income taxes on April 15, 2020, are automatically extended until July 15, 2020. If you want to extend the filing until October 15, 2020, then a Form 4868 will be required before July 15, 2020. This relief applies to all individual and trust returns. This relief is automatic, you did not need to file any additional forms or call the IRS to qualify. This relief also includes estimated tax payments for tax year 2020 that are due on April 15, 2020. However, your June 15, 2020, estimated tax payment has not been extended as of now. Additionally, penalties and interest will not begin

to accrue on any remaining unpaid balances on your 2019 tax liability until July 16, 2020. This means you will automatically avoid interest and penalties on the taxes paid by July 15, 2020. For details and specific assistance in applying the general information in this article, call us at your earliest convenience or contact your tax advisor.

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

## Beware of COVID Scams

Scammers will stop at nothing to try and trick you into giving them your personal information. The most common types of scams will target you through fake emails, text messages, calls, letters, or even someone at your front door. Practice these safety precautions to keep your finances secure.

Don't respond to unsolicited requests for account or personal information such as access codes, PINs or FSA IDs.

Validate a person's organization by calling them back through an official phone number you look up yourself, not the one they provide.

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# Parrish Medical Center's COVID-19 Online Risk Assessment

## Enabling People to Get Care, Stay at Home

Parrish Medical Center's (PMC) free COVID-19 risk assessment has already been completed by thousands of Brevard County residents. The assessment allows residents to self-check their risk and offers a free consultation with a clinical care navigator to help get them the care they need and stay at home. The risk assessment was developed by HealthAware, a Denver, Colorado, company that uses technology to encourage behavior that improves quality of life for individuals and communities. From start-to-finish, the assessment takes about seven minutes to complete.

"PMC has been offering online risk assessments to the community for a variety of health conditions. It only made sense to develop an online assessment given the need for social distancing and self-isolation required to stem the spread of the COVID-19 virus," said Natalie Sellers, Vice President, Communications, Community & Corporate Services. "If someone wants to better understand their risk and get guidance on if, or

when, to seek medical care, we can help, but they need to take the assessment," said Sellers.

For one Port St. John woman, the risk assessment and free care navigation consultation enabled her to get needed medical equipment to her home, where she has progressed markedly from the time she took PMC's assessment.

"During this COVID-19 pandemic, a most important thing, second only to making sure people get proper medical care, is helping people to stay at home to prevent the spread or exposure to the virus," said Kristina Weaver, PMC director of care navigation.

PMC's COVID-19 Risk Assessment has been accessed by nearly 3,000 people, since its March 20 debut. The assessment showed more than 500 "at-risk," with some 200 requesting follow-up calls from PMC's care navigation team. Calls are made usually within an hour, but in all cases within 24 hours, to people whose assessment shows a COVID-19 risk.

The assessment tool has led to identifying

four people who needed hospitalization. It also is enabling people to find other ways to receive the help they need. The public can complete the free COVIDAware risk assessment by visiting [parrishhealthcare.com/COVID19HRA](http://parrishhealthcare.com/COVID19HRA), or by texting Coronavirus to 321-204-1966.

"One woman, in her mid-30s, and her husband had tried to see their primary care physician, and following the CDC guidelines they called ahead to her doctor's office and were advised to self-isolate at home and to use an oximeter (an oxygen-level measuring device that goes on a finger)," said Weaver. "She and her husband drove around town trying, unsuccessfully, to find one. She took the PMC COVID-19 risk assessment the next day," Weaver added. "When her assessment showed she was at-risk, our care navigator called her and she explained what her doctor's office had said about an oximeter. We found one for her, took it to her home, and placed it on her doorstep. We can't always do these kinds of things, but in this case, we could."

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Weaver said that the risk assessment tool helps to ease pressure on emergency rooms and helps people to know the extent of their symptoms and whether they need urgent treatment. "Only very sick people should go to the Emergency Room," Weaver said. "Our care navigation calls are free of charge and help people to know when symptoms become serious enough to seek emergency medical attention and what they can do to take care of themselves at home."

"As we navigate the coronavirus pandemic together, we want to meet our community's needs and help people stay in their homes. If you believe you may have symptoms of COVID-19, please take the online risk assessment before visiting the emergency room," she said. "Our team can help you get the right care you need while decreasing your risk of exposure or from potentially exposing others. This tool doesn't replace professional medical care, but it can help ease peoples' minds. When you take the assessment, if you are at risk you will be connected to your own personal health navigator. Our team of nurses, respiratory therapists and even a behavioral health navigator is here to help."

PMC also makes available similar assessment tools for sleep disorders, determining a person's "heart age," understand heart disease risks, cancer issues, and others.

"Preventing the spread of this highly contagious virus is our priority and we are devoting all of our resources to that end," said George Mikitarian, PMC President and CEO. "Using the technology available to us and providing this service free of charge to further protect our community from COVID-19 is just one more way we are fulfilling our mission."

## COVID 19 Thoughts

- Half of us are going to come out of this quarantine as amazing cooks. The other half will come out with a drinking problem.

- I used to spin that toilet paper like I was on Wheel of Fortune. Now I turn it like I'm cracking a safe.

- I need to practice social-distancing from the refrigerator.

- Still haven't decided where to go for Cinco de Mayo - the Living Room or the Bedroom.

- Every few days try your jeans on just to make

sure they fit. Pajamas will have you believe all is well in the kingdom.

- Homeschooling is going well. Two students were suspended for fighting and 1 teacher was fired for drinking on the job.

- I don't think anyone expected that when we changed the clocks, we'd go from Standard Time to the Twilight Zone.

- This morning I saw a neighbor talking to her cat. It was obvious she thought her cat understood her. I came into my house and told my dog. We laughed a lot.

- So, after this quarantine, will the producers of My 600 Pound Life just find me, or do I find them?

- Quarantine Day 5: Went to this restaurant called THE KITCHEN. You have to gather all the ingredients and make your own meal. I have no clue how this place is still in business.

- Day 5 of Homeschooling: One of these little monsters called in a bomb threat.

- Day 6 of Homeschooling: My child just called her best friend and said, "I hope I don't have the same teacher next year."

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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](http://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](http://www.naranonfl.org).

**5-5 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.

**5-6 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.

**5-6 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/](http://www.meetup.com/Port-St-John-PSJ-Startups-Founders-Club/).

**5-8 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 pro-

gram includes a luncheon plus an inspirational speaker. For more information, call Pam at 321-752-6896 or e-mail [bwc0020@gmail.com](mailto:bwc0020@gmail.com).

**5-10 Multiple Sclerosis Self-Help Group** meets on the 2nd Sunday each month (except Mother's Day & Nov.), 2 PM, Cocoa Library.

**5-10 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](mailto:angelagardnerwrites@gmail.com) for info.

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### 5-12 Mother's Day!

**5-14 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.

**5-15 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.

### 5-16 Armed Forces Day

### 5-16 Eid al Fitr Starts

**5-18 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.

### 5-19 Lailatul Quadr

**5-20 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.

**5-26 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.

### 5-28 Shavuot Starts

### 5-29 Shavat Ends

### 5-31 Memorial Day

### 5-31 Pentecost

### Congratulations to:

**Cathy Rodriguez** is a party girl on the 11th.

**Stephanie Fogarty** turns **25** on the 1st.

**Emily Waters** turns **15** on May 1st.

**Kaitlyn Davis** turns **15** on the 4th.

**Eric Bray** turns **25** on the 4th.

**Sarah Travis** has a spanking day on the 5th.

**Finley Link** turns **6** on the 9th.

**Jacob Prentis** turns **27** on the 10th.

**Ryan Maxwell** turns **15** on the 10th.

**Brandy Lampton** turns **26** on the 11th.

**Jesse Jordan** turns **23** on the 11th.

**Christopher Pistilli** is **18** on the 12th.

**Anthony Nero** turns **30** on the 14th.

**Cathy Unrue** parties wild on the 15th.

**Tim Unrue** turns mo' better on the 15th.

**Harry Weidman** turns wiser on the 16th.

**Ruthe Middleton** turns cuter on the 18th.

**Alynza Sladyk** turns **14** on the 19th.

**Jake Wardlow** turns **36** on the 20th.

**Sandy Link** turns more lovely on the 20th.

**Ellie Grace Moore** turns wilder on the 27

**Delaney Hermes** turns **8** on the 28th.

**Allison Henzmann** turns **22** on the 28th.

**Madison Firth** turns **8** on the 29th.

**Brittany Benoff** turns **13TEEN** on the 31st.

**John Phipps** rocks all night on the 31st.

**Steve Prentis** turns crazier on the 31st!

**Diane Rivers** turns prettier on the 31st.

**Carol Horsman** parties wild this month.

**Christopher Spears** turns **27** this month.

**Irene Spears** turns more lovely in May.

**Joe & KC Casey** celebrate their **54th** wedding anniversary on the 1st.

**Paul & Kathi Hildebrandt** celebrate **33** on the 10th.

**Harry & Vickie Weidman** celebrate **38** on the 17th.

**Robert and Vonnie** celebrate **65** on the 21st.

**Joe & Leigh Waters** celebrate **20** on May 30th.

Email inputs to [happenings1@att.net](mailto:happenings1@att.net).

### Important Phone Numbers

County Commissioner -	264-6750
Sheriff: Non-Emergency -	633-7162
Fire Station 26 (Port St. John)	633-2056
Emergency Operations Center	637-6670
Waste Management -	636-6894
Port St. John Library	633-1867
PSJ Community Center -	633-1904
Florida Power & Light -	723-7795
City of Cocoa Water Dept. -	433-8400
Parrish Medical Center	
Port St. John -	636-9393
Titusville -	268-6111



# Understanding Medicare Star Ratings & Special Enrollment Periods

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) uses a 5-star rating system to help consumers, their families and caregivers compare Medicare Advantage plans based on each plan's quality and performance. Each year, plans are given a rating between 1 and 5 stars.

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**In 2020, CarePlus earned a 5-star rating for the 3rd time**, which means

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★★★	3 stars - average
★★	2 stars - below average
★	1 star - poor

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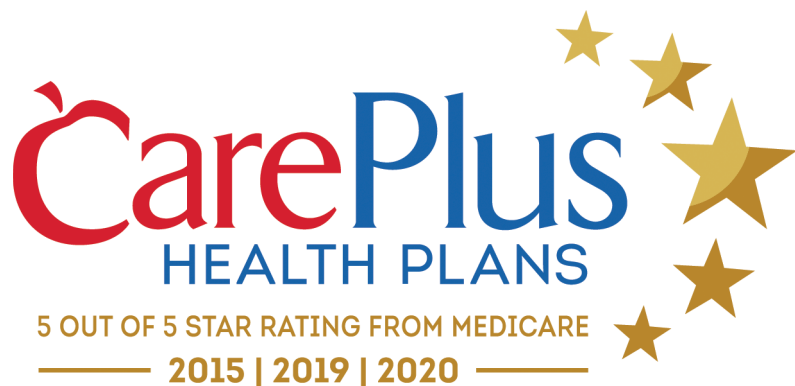
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## Port St. John Public Library

6500 Carole Ave., Port St. John

Lena Penna, Director

(321) 633-1867

### May Calendar of Events

Events have been cancelled 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 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/>

**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!



*April showers bring  
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# Congratulations to our 2020 SCHS Graduates!

Projected SCHS Graduates as of February 2020 - (subject to change based on students' completion and fulfillment of required credits)

Isaiah P. Adesina  
Kaley Alisse Adkins  
Alexis Wyntre Alderman  
Zackary William Ampuero  
Adam J. Anderson  
Stephanie Alyssa Athman  
Kaitlynn Marie Barger  
Katelynn Marie Barker  
Mackenzie Catherine Beam  
Christopher Layne Becker  
Summer Lea Beekman  
Hailey Beeman  
Jeffrey Lee Bell  
Lexus Aalyiah Bell  
Chloe Lynn Bergman  
Isabelle M. Bertagna  
Trent G. Billings  
Declan Ryan Blondin  
Brandon D. Blumenthal  
Tyrus Bonis  
Brianna Marie Bradley  
Christian X. Bramlett  
Bailee Susan Bray  
Elizabeth Sage Breitigan  
Nathan James Brewer  
Patrick C. Browning  
Dustin Lloyd Broxton  
Deandre Malik Burkey  
Jordan J. Campbell  
Cierra Ann Carlson  
Justin Frederic Castes  
Ashlyn Faith Caulfield  
Joshua D. Cavender  
Joseph Michael Ciardullo  
Nicole Leigh Cimino  
Kai Kayden Clark  
Brianna Nicole Clawson  
Ryan M. Coates  
Khailil M. Cole  
Zachary A. Cole  
Lawrence Stephen Collamore  
Lorgan Barbara Cordeau  
Matthew Costello  
David Crews Cowan  
Taylor Austin Cox  
Haley Kathleen Crosby  
Kayla Josephine Crosby  
Andres Cruz Carballosa  
Shannon M. Culleton  
Trace N.D. Cummings



Daniel James Joseph Dabney  
Ariana Dominique Daniel  
Cora-Lynn Madison Debski  
Paige Hannah DeCastro  
Kathleen Sinangote Dela Cruz  
Lorna Marie Delashmet-Stevens  
Layne Michael Dement  
Shahiyen Sierra Drain  
Rayanna-Nicole Cruz Duenas  
Gauge Marcel Duniphan  
Madison G. Eastburn  
Maxwell B. Eickhoff  
Marlee Rose Eisele  
Jacob Robert Englert  
Willow Renee Evans  
Mia Isabella Ferrell-Rodriguez  
Ashley Nicole Fitzpatrick  
Amaya Gabriella Fooks  
Victoria C. Foster  
Brandi Rae Foye  
Collin A. Franco  
Vanessa Garcia  
Tajahnee Aliyah Gilbert  
Sophia Marie Gooden  
Marielle Josette Gore  
Sybria Jaune Green  
Allen A. Griffe  
Erin Gabrielle Guynn  
Brianna Alene Hackett  
Teige Zakary Thomas Hadry  
Hunter Michael Hagan  
Conner D. Halavin  
Heather Nicole Hall  
Joshua Robert Hamilton  
Gavin L. Hardy  
Tanner Lane Harris  
Gavin Blayne Hayes  
Alexander Patrick Heaps  
Tyler Neil Hearn

Sandra Kirsten Hecky  
Sasbiel Jesus Hernandez-Rodriguez  
Christina Leanne Herndon  
Cyrus Vito Herrera  
Justin Hollingsworth  
Sarah E. Hoog  
Ian Michael Horton  
Damian Lee Hosmer  
Seth Stephen Howard-Bryson  
Kylee R. Huff  
Marcus J. Huff  
Ryleigh Savannah Humphrey  
Grace Amber Humphrys  
Madison Harley James  
Paige Allison Jaques  
Irwin Matthew Jaraplasan  
Hunter Thomas Jarnac  
Elijah Malik Jenkins  
Joshua M. Jenkins  
Olivia Victoria Jenne  
Brandon Michael John  
Syniah Deseree' Johnson  
Kai Joyner  
Quinn Sabrina Kelchner  
Savannah Lynn Kelly  
Kayla Alana Kennedy  
Adriana Marie Knight  
Katie Elizabeth Landress  
Andrea Gale Lankton  
Logan Legg  
Deanna Marie Leider  
Savion Jamari Lewis  
Deanna Rae Little  
William Joshua Little  
Keilani Mary Loo  
Ivette Loreley Lora Ortiz  
Wesley Nickolaus Mangaroo  
Danielle Nicole Marie  
Shey Connor Martin  
Kieron Adarius Mason  
Carter J. Maxey  
Courtney Nicole McAninch  
Steffie Deandra McBride  
Alana Renee McKinney-Harrell  
Samantha Margaret Meade  
Mary Olivia Messler  
Chase A. Milnes  
Noah Ray Mitchell  
Tanner Elias Mitzlaff  
Chance M. Moran



Kali E. Mulligan  
Kaden Grey Murphy  
Timothy Michael Nagy  
Cayla Rei Nesbit  
Paige Rebecca New  
Dillon Patrick Newbeck  
Russell Patrick Newcomb  
Anna Hanh Nguyen  
Jared Nichols  
Dylan Jay Noriega  
Madison Sage O'Hare  
Joseph Bret Oaks, Jr.  
Charles Tyler-James Ormsbee  
Jennifer L. Orraca-Gobaira  
Charles Joseph Osborne  
Lee James Palka  
Lloyd Henry Pankow  
Cierra Ann Partridge  
Devin Patricia-Marie Perry  
Alexis Elizabeth Phetterplace  
Johnathan Hunter Piazza  
Troy Ervin Pollard  
Alexander Christian Poole  
Wesley Daniel Praetorius  
Hunter Austyn Pratt  
James Paul Puzino, Jr.

Isabella Rosalie Puzino  
Isaiah A. Quoma  
Shay Lynn Ray  
Hailee Marie Roberts  
Jade Ciarra Robey  
Ethan David Russell  
Alexander Isaih Santiago  
Dominique Marie Santiago  
Jamie Schwartzott  
Brennen Andrew Silk  
Jayden Kylie Skipper  
Alexys Lynn Sladyk  
Keani James Slattery-Snavely  
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Caleb Enrique Soto  
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Brianna Rose Tessier  
Farah Grace Thomas  
Jenae Matisse Thornberry  
Trace B. Thurn  
Michael Anthony Ticali  
Stephanie Elizabeth Tidwell  
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Donovan James Trull  
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## Fruit From The Groves



There was no Canaveral Groves Homeowners meeting on April 9th, 2020. It is unsure at this time if there will be a May meeting. If there is, it will be on May 14, 2020 at Discovery Church on Grissom Parkway at 7:00 pm. Please watch for the signs on Canaveral Groves Blvd. near Grissom Parkway and the sign at Pine St. and Coconut.

Notification will also be posted on Facebook on the Canaveral Groves Community Bulletin Board.

Brevard County Sheriff's Office has responded to a number of suspicious incidents including youths dressed in dark hoodies in the early morning hours in the area of Bahia and Vancouver. BCSO is also looking into a person's fence that was cut that would allow her animals to run free. This is a felony!

BCSO is also doing increased traffic patrols and tickets are being written. There has been an increase in domestic disturbance calls and it is probably due to everyone being confined. Please look into community

services for assistance before it gets out of control. Hopefully, this lockdown will be ending soon or will have ended by the time this edition of Happenings comes out. Remember to please call the Sheriff's Dept. if you see anything suspicious.

Brevard County Fire/Rescue and Four Communities Fire Dept. have responded to a number of calls about people improperly burning while a burn ban is in effect. Remember, you can be fined or serve jail time for having a fire while a burn ban is in effect. You can also be held responsible for any damages and fire fighting costs involved in the fire.

Ed Silva

Canaveral Groves Homeowners

## 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/](http://www.ftccomplaintassistant.gov/).



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## 21st Annual Student Art Show Goes Virtual

For the past two decades, the Cape Canaveral Student Art Show has been a spring time cultural staple for students throughout Brevard County. In the last few years, it has expanded exponentially and now features the artwork from as many as 16 area schools — to include a mix of public, private, magnet and charter institutions, as well as art created by students enrolled in home school programs. This year, despite the necessary restrictions to slow the spread of COVID-19, on May 1st the show will go on!

Virtually, that is!

The original show was slated to open on April 3rd and by early March, it became evident that a physical show would not be feasible. Just when cancellation seemed imminent, a solution appeared on the other side of the globe in Auckland, New Zealand, with a company called Exhibit that specializes in creating virtual 3-D art gallery experiences. Sympathetic to our dilemma, the company was eager to collaborate and help the City of Cape Canaveral avoid one less disappointing cancellation for area students — many of whom have lost the opportunity to engage in athletic programs, coming-of-age social activities and above all, their well-earned commencement ceremonies.

Starting May 1st, the public will be able to experience and share the artwork of the 21st annual Student Art Show in a virtual 3-D gallery, on-line via the City's website. The Exhibit Gallery will remain accessible until May 30, 2020 — and for the first time, our students will be able to share their art with friends and family around the world, that were previously unable to visit the show in person.

For more information, or to view the Virtual Student Art Show when it opens, please visit: [https://www.cityofcapecanaveral.org/community/public\\_art\\_program/student\\_art\\_show.php](https://www.cityofcapecanaveral.org/community/public_art_program/student_art_show.php).

2020 Poster Theme: The Space Between® Science + Sandcastles®

For decades, the world has known Cape Canaveral as a launch pad where one giant leap for mankind began. This year's poster design should illustrate the past, present and/or future connections between science, technology, engineering, ART and mathematics.

## Walter Butler Community Center - May, 2020 Bernice G. Jackson Park, 4201 North US Hwy. 1, Sharpes

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>**



**Meet your neighbors and stay informed of Events & Community Happenings!**

### **CANAVERAL GROVES HOMEOWNERS INC.**

If you'd like to join and support our Homeowners' group, just cut out and fill out this form and mail with a check for \$15 to cover the current year's membership dues. Mail to: CGHI, P.O. Box 675, Sharpes, FL 32959



Name \_\_\_\_\_  
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Phone \_\_\_\_\_ May we include your phone number on our membership roster to CGHI members? Yes  No

**Won't you come join us? We meet the 2nd Thursday of the month at Discovery Church, 3925 Grissom Pkwy. at 7:00 PM. [www.CanaveralGrovesHOA.com](http://www.CanaveralGrovesHOA.com)**



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