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## VOTE EARLY

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Florida voters can also vote before Election Day. The early voting period runs from Monday, October 19, 2020 to Saturday, October 31, 2020. Early Voting sites will be open:

Weekdays - 8:00 a.m - 6:00 p.m.

Saturday - Sunday - 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 pm.

### You can vote at:

Titusville Elections Office

400 South St., Titusville

Kiwanis Island Park Gymnasium

950 Kiwanis Island Park Rd., Merritt Island

Dr. Joe Lee Smith Community Center

415 Stone St., Cocoa

Viera Regional Community Center

2300 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, Viera

David R. Schechter Community Center

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### Here are some of the coronavirus safety protocols you will see during Early Voting and on Election Day:

As soon as voters enter the polling site, there will be an automatic hand sanitizing dispenser.

Each polling location and Early Voting site will have a Sanitizing Specialist. Their primary responsibility is to sanitize voting booths between voters and the polling location.

Poll workers will also be mandated to wear either a face shield or a mask.

Hand sanitizer will be provided to all poll workers.

There will be one and done items such as:

Ballot secrecy sleeves

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Voters will be asked within the 150-foot no-

solicitation zone to practice social distancing.

### What to bring

You will be asked to show a valid photo ID with signature to vote in Florida. Acceptable forms include: Florida driver's license or ID card issued by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles; US passport; debit or credit card; military ID; student ID; retirement center ID; neighborhood association ID; public assistance ID; veteran health ID issued by the US Department of Veterans Affairs; license to carry a concealed weapon or firearm; or an employee ID card issued by the federal government, the state of Florida, or any county or municipality. If your photo ID does not include your signature, you will be asked to provide another ID that has your signature.

Voters without ID: If you are unable to provide ID, you will be able to vote a provisional ballot. Your ballot will count if the signature on your ballot matches the signature on your voter registration record.

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## Space Coast Jr/Sr Vipers Are Back!

Space Coast Jr/Sr High School is excited about the start up of Fall Athletics. We are all going through many changes, and we all know that the one constant in life is change. As we venture through this school year, please know we are all in this together and we are all trying to make all events as safe and enjoyable as possible.

Our Volleyball Program is lead by Head Coach Jeff Langgle and Junior Varsity Coach Emilie Maynard. Volleyball is coming off a District Runner Up season last year and looks to build on it moving forward. Their home matches are 09/15 vs Edgewood, 09/17 vs Titusville, 09/24 vs Cocoa Beach, 09/30 vs Astronaut, and 10/07 vs Holy Trinity for Senior Night.

Varsity Football is lead by first year Head Coach Matt Martin. He is coming in and building a new tradition to Viper Football. It is an exciting time to be a Viper, and you will see that in the games to come. Home games are 09/25 vs

Astronaut and Senior Night, 10/02 vs MCC, and finishing the season with Holy Trinity on 11/06.

Swimming and Dive is lead by Head Coach Luke Roberson. He is in his 6th year as the Viper Swim and Dive coach. This year we will have a shorter than usual season. Matches include 09/17 vs AHS at Rockledge High, 09/24 vs Cocoa Beach at Cocoa Beach Aquatic Center, 10/06 at Merritt Island, and 10/08 at Satellite.

Cross Country is lead by Head Coach Kathy Camick. She is in her 4th year as the Vipers Cross Country coach. A few athletes to watch out for are Logan Chapman and Ellie Youngman. They also have a shortened season, with meets on 09/15 at Cocoa, 09/19 at Chain of Lakes Park in Mims, 09/26 at Rockledge, and 10/10 at Viera.

Bowling is lead by Head Coach Nancy Miller. Our Girls team is coming off being State Runner ups, and our Boys team is also coming off a strong performance in State series play. Please check the schools athletic page for their complete schedule.

Boys Golf is lead by Brandon Fleury in his first year as coach. He plans on building a strong tradition and making these boys into young men on and off the course.

Girls Golf is lead by David Davey in his 2nd year as coach. He plans on reaching Districts and advancing into Regional and State play.

Visit these sites to access schedules for the 2020 Space Coast Jr/Sr High School sports teams:

<https://www.brevardschools.org/Space-CoastJRSR>

<https://www.brevardschools.org/site/Default.aspx?PageType=1&SiteID=78&ChannelID=3754&DirectoryType=6>

[https://www.maxpreps.com/high-schools/space-coast-vipers-\(cocoa,fl\)/home.htm](https://www.maxpreps.com/high-schools/space-coast-vipers-(cocoa,fl)/home.htm)

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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.

Port St. John Community Center has a new playground! Work has been completed. If you have bored kids at home and need a place for them to have fun and burn some energy, the Community Center is ready.

This 5.48-acre community park features a Community Center with a large activity room, kitchen and stage popular for rentals and youth programs. The center also includes two activity rooms which consist of two pool tables, a Ping Pong table and Foosball table. There's also a computer room that is open to the public for use.

Outdoors, the playground and basketball court are neighborhood favorites. Summer camp, Boys and Girls Scout clubs are run and offered as well at the facility. Meetings are suspended at this time for safety, but information is available.

When COVID restrictions ease up, if you are looking to get in shape or just want to get that heart rate up, fitness classes such as Zumba are available.

## Parks & Recreation Meeting



The North Brevard Commission on Parks and Recreation will hold its next monthly meeting on Thursday, October 8th, 2020, at 5:00 p.m.

The meeting will be held by telephone. The public is invited to attend by contacting the North Area Parks Office at 264-5105 and request to be added to the meeting. If you have an issue to bring before the Advisory Board, you can ask to speak on the phone conversation.

## Parrish Medical Center Board Votes No Taxes

For the 26th straight year, no taxes will be assessed to support operations of the North Brevard County Hospital District d/b/a Parrish Medical Center (PMC). PMC's Board of Directors voted unanimously during public hearings on September 14 to establish the millage rate and budget for fiscal year 2021.

## No Hospital Tax for 2021

PMC is an independent, public, not-for-profit hospital, and state law gives the North Brevard Hospital District (d/b/a Parrish Medical Center) the authority to set a tax rate to support hospital operations. However, unlike most public hospitals, the PMC Board of Directors has, for 26 years, chosen not to use tax dollars as a means of funding the hospital.

"PMC serves the community's health through compassionate and exceptional care and is recognized as one of the nation's best in clinical care, patient safety and patient experience," said PMC Board Chairman Herman A. Cole, Jr. "We are pleased to continue to take this position on behalf of the community we serve while also investing tens of millions of dollars back into North Brevard each year in charity care and services."

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## Good Day! by Maureen Rupe Update on the Roads to Nowhere

A September 11, 2020 letter in the Guardian, "Florida accused of push for 'roads to nowhere' under cover of pandemic," by Richard Luscombe told us that Florida is pressing ahead with three toll roads that are not needed or wanted that will cost Florida taxpayers \$26.4 billion. The opposition wants the meetings to be placed on hold until in-person meetings can be scheduled so the Board and attendees can be properly heard and understood. The on-line meetings have had many technology issues that prevent hundreds from hearing or trying to speak at the meetings. The meetings are long and it only allows comments at the end of the meeting while at the same time, you can't even tell whether any of the voting members are even listening or can know the level of opposition that is on the call. Cris Costello of the Florida chapter of the Sierra Club has partnered with almost 100 other concerned stakeholder groups and businesses in the No Roads to Ruin coalition. He stated, "In April we had 60 or 70 people sign up and maybe 20 would get through to speak because of technical difficulties. In this

last session there were maybe seven or eight. [Yet] the opposition is overwhelming."

The article states, "The three proposed components of m-cores, short for multi-use corridors of regional economic significance, have been controversial from the start with the Democratic State Representative Evan Jenne blasting them as "toll roads to nowhere." The same article goes on to state, "Supporters, notably the Florida Senate President article, Bill Galvano, who introduced the legislation, argue that new roads and extensions of existing highways are needed to speed hurricane evacuations, relieve congestion and improve trade and logistical links, including broadband, water and sewer connectivity to rural communities."

There seems to be a lot of opposition to these toll roads called "Multi-use Corridors of Regional Economic Significance," or m-cores. A September 5, 2020 Tampa Times commentary by Richard Grosso titled, "Kill these 3 toll roads to nowhere before they do real harm," says m-cores will add 330 miles to the current 496 miles of Florida toll roads. It went on to say, "A recent report from Florida Tax Watch warns the new toll

roads are unlikely to pay for themselves even when fully operational years from now and the massive up-front cost of planning, permitting and construction will siphon off significant funding from transportation projects already needed and planned throughout Florida. This would be unfair to Turnpike users in other parts of the state who may never use these new toll roads, but will likely foot a considerable part of the bill."

A September 1, 2020 Orlando Sentinel Commentary by Temperence Morgan started with the following: "The Nature Conservancy, which relies on sound science to protect nature, has concluded that new highways proposed for Florida threaten the history, culture and nature-based economy of the real or other Florida." It went on to explain why with, "The Nature Coast and Big Bend stretch of Florida's Gulf Coast, from Citrus County to Jefferson County, is home to many of Florida's natural treasures. The Suwannee, Withlacoochee, Steinhatchee and Aucilla rivers, Fanning and Manatee springs, the Goethe and Withlacoochee state forests and the St. Marks and Lower Suwannee national wildlife refuges will all be affected by the proposed toll roads.

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The Suncoast Connector would require a major crossing of the Suwannee River in an area that is replete with conservation land, including Fanning Springs State Park.”

These toll roads are said to cure problems that don't exist yet, for developers that want to line their pockets building in undeveloped areas of Florida that need to be protected both for the environment and to protect our aquifers. We should be protecting Florida from sprawl, not encouraging it.

Reference:

<https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2020/sep/11/florida-toll-roads-to-nowhere-coronavirus>  
<https://www.tampabay.com/opinion/2020/09/05/kill-these-3-toll-roads-to-nowhere-before-they-do-real-harm-column/>

<https://www.orlandosentinel.com/opinion/guest-commentary/os-op-new-florida-highways-are-environmental-threat-20200901-v3imex65ubhanbjnef6gwrxmam-story.html>

### Water Boards

According to a September 22, 2019 Tampa Bay Times article titled, “Ron DeSantis is slow on filling Florida's Water Boards. That's a problem,” by Craig Pittman, “The five Florida Water Boards

were created by the Legislature in 1972 after the state experienced its worst drought in history even as uncontrolled development drained water resources. The districts were given charge of issuing permits for water use and wetlands destruction as well as protecting developed areas against flooding. They have the power to levy taxes on property owners in their regions in order to pay for what they do.”

It hasn't got any better, as a September 1, 2020 editorial board titled, “Self-styled environmental savior Ron DeSantis is letting water boards wither,” there is concern Govern DeSantis is letting the water boards wither away.

The Southwest Florida Water Management District is a 13-member board but only has seven members. The Suwannee River Water Management District, which covers north central Florida, is also a 13-member board with only seven appointed members. The Northwest Florida Water Management District that covers much of the Florida Panhandle is in the worst shape as they have only three members out of what should be a nine-member board. The St. Johns River



*Maureen at the new BCSO station in PSJ on Halloween.*

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## Good Day!, cont.

Water Management District, which covers the Florida east coast from the Jacksonville area to Indian River County has five members out of what should be a nine-member board. The South Florida Water Management District, covering the state's southernmost counties, has a nine-member board, but from their website two members expired in March, 2020. By state law there is an 180-day time period members can remain on the board, but these two members, if not reappointed, would leave at the end of this month. The St. John's River Water Management District is down to 3 members. These are important boards, as each board has million dollar budgets and can levy taxes on people within their districts.

Governor DeSantis also talked like he was strong on the environment. Unfortunately, I'm not sure if It's COVID or another excuse, like all the other appointments are taking priority?

Reference:

<https://www.news-journalonline.com/story/opinion/editorials/2020/09/10/water-management-picks-raise-questions-governors-priorities/5758987002/>

<https://www.orlandosentinel.com/opinion/editorials/os-op-desantis-appointments-not-doing-his-job-20200901-qqu3ws4mafelzb74olx-tekltu-story.html>

## TICO Airport (Space Coast Executive Airport)

On July 29th, I was at home and heard the most spine-chilling noise from the skies; I've never heard 2 planes make such a noise before. Their flight pattern was over north Port St. John, which indicated their destination was the Space Coast Executive Airport. My husband identified them as two F-35 aircraft, which to my mind

are war planes. Nevertheless, a fear that I have always had was for Atlantis Elementary School, which is in the direct path of the north/south runway.

Years ago in 1990, the school was built in that location because someone had given the School Board the land. Air traffic was almost non-existent, which might be why it would be a very bad location once improvement was made to increase the amount or size of aircraft going over our community.

In 2002, Titusville annexed the airport and land down to Kings Highway. I remember David Powell, the Airport Director at the time, told the Port St John Homeowner's Association they were building a new 10,000-foot runway, but it would be a southwesterly direction where the air traffic pattern would not be going over our community. It would cross Willow Creek (now being called Verona) on Grissom Blvd.

Many times at the County Commission Meetings over the years, when residents are complaining about airport noise or in PSJ's case, the proximity to Atlantis Elementary School, the complaints are always dismissed by the Commission. "You knew the airport was there before you bought your property." But PSJ had been told there would be no more traffic than was already there.

I have all the meeting records. Next month I will try to explain how we have the current runway situation over our community, and we will soon have car traffic from the more than 1,277 single family homes planned for the Verona development just north of us on Grissom Blvd.

## Liquid Natural Gas (LNG) Update

An article at [www.FloridaBulldog.org](http://www.FloridaBulldog.org) by Ann Henson Feltgen & Dan Christensen, titled,

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“Fortress forgave huge Trump loan, got federal permits to transport LNG by rail,” stated the following. This is the first three paragraphs verbatim. The rest of the story can be found at the link under reference:

“A multi-billion dollar private equity firm whose subsidiary was awarded two special permits by the Trump Administration to haul hazardous liquified natural gas (LNG), including by rail, along Florida’s east coast, apparently forgave more than \$100 million in debt owed by President Trump.”

“New York State Attorney General Letitia James filed a petition last month in the New York Supreme Court seeking to compel the Trump Organization to produce documents pertaining to a \$130 million loan to Trump from Fortress Credit, part of the \$45.5 billion Fortress Investment

Group. The AG seeks to determine if the President evaded paying capital gains taxes on a large portion of the 2005 loan that the Attorney General says it has learned was “forgiven.” Trump and his staff have not cooperated in obtaining the loan documentation, the petition said.”

“Another Fortress subsidiary, publicly traded New Fortress Energy (NASDAQ: NFE), was the beneficiary of two special permits to transport LNG by rail since Trump took office. The permits facilitate Fortress projects costing hundreds of millions of dollars.”

Reference: <https://www.floridabulldog.org/2020/09/fortress-forgave-huge-trump-loan-got-us-permits-transport-lng-rail/>

Cheerio,  
~ Maureen Rupe  
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As I'm tapping tapping on my computer this day I have an eye on a news report saying our virus numbers have taken a very small downturn. I didn't catch the exact numbers, but my heartfelt appreciation and prayer of thanks was sent upward immediately. I'm also sending a prayer for all who are reading this, their family and friends have been spared this illness and all the heartache that comes with it.

As probably most of you, I'm having problems still being mostly stuck at home, but have found there are things we can do and places to go just a short drive from home. I try to relay the places most family-friendly and easiest to socially distance while still having the utmost fun.

Most of us have probably driven past Rotary Park in Merritt Island, perhaps had a child's birthday party in the big pavilion, but if you haven't explored all it has to offer, you're really missing a lot.

My trusted sidekick and I enjoyed a leisurely drive down South Tropical Trail on a recent sunny afternoon stopping at the Z Man Mini Mart for a cold drink. It is said the store has been in operation as the Dog Gone Grocery since the late

1920's. I remember when it used to have a cooler and sell large cuts of meat and gas.

Continuing south, some of the houses take you back to the (then) Cape Canaveral moon shots and are intermingled with beautiful new large places. The mango and citrus groves are much smaller than they once were, but just as majestic.

Entering Rotary Park, you're presented with the largest pavilion, complete with large, clean bathrooms. I'm not sure of the capacity, but there are probably twenty picnic tables under the roof.

Just behind the pavilion there's a huge grassy area perfect for soccer, football, leap frog, freeze tag, just plain rolling in the grass, finding your inner child or anything else you haven't done in a long time. A jogging path surrounds the grassy area. I would say a quarter mile circle with several workout stations and benches for those of us who would rather cheer others on.

The drive around the jogging path opens up to the parking lot of the Nature Center. When you go, please take a moment to read the phrase on the white pole in front of the Nature Center, it reads 'May Peace Prevail on Earth' in English on one side and languages that I'm sorry I don't recognize on the three other sides. I don't know when it was placed there, but it sure is appropriate these days!

The Nature Center houses various informative exhibits and classes highlighting the flora, fauna and indigenous peoples of the area. There are things the little ones can see, touch and learn from. Face coverings are required.

The boardwalk nature trail is one of the best I've seen. Built a couple of feet above the ground, it's a quarter mile long. It twists and turns around large old oaks, palm trees and a myriad of native

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vegetation. The care and time taken to build the boardwalk without removing or damaging those huge trees truly shows, as does the research put forth in making the many informative plaques. We spotted a couple of black snakes, two raccoons, several dens of unknown origin, black berry brambles, dye berry bushes and much more. I'm sure more wildlife could be seen earlier in the morning or later in the evening.

The playground is one of the larger I've seen in the area with plenty of swings, slides and climbing things to keep a gang of little ones busy for an entire afternoon, with benches all the way around for us old folks to sit in the shade. Sunscreen and bug spray is probably a good idea even this late in the year.

It's not possible to enjoy a couple of hours in this park and not leave with a smile, and that's exactly what we all need right now. Please enjoy and please be kind.

~ Rose Padrick

## Local Author Announces New Murder Mystery Book

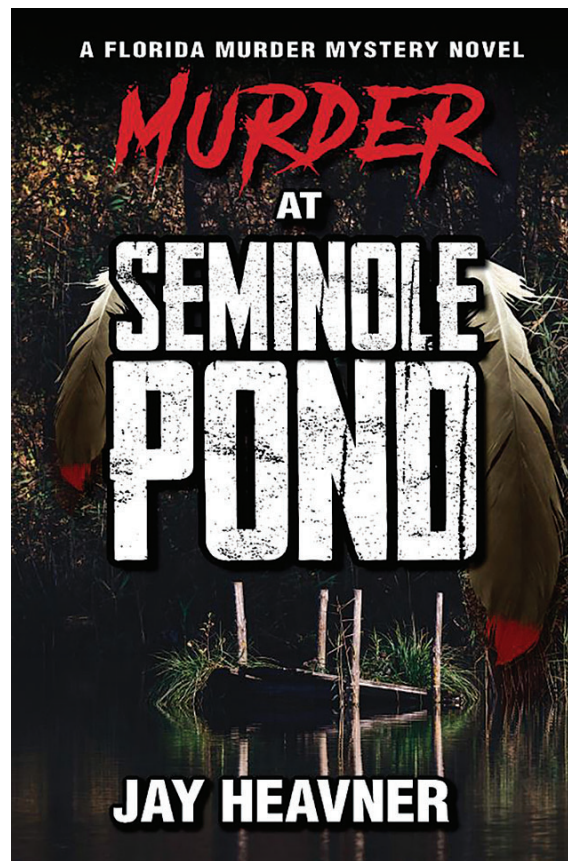


You may have met him at FestiFall or other events in and around Port St. John. Award-winning author, Jay Heavner, has written his eighth book, the fourth in the Florida Murder Mystery series.

His protagonist in Murder at Seminole Pond, Roger Pyles, is growing frustrated at finding the wrong bodies, but unexpected corpses are the least of his mounting problems, professional and personal. Will he be able to survive and overcome his latest challenge?

All of the author's books from Canaveral Publications can be purchased at Amazon in ebook or paperback and select local book stores. His Braddock's Gold series, centered around the Cumberland, Maryland area, also has four books in it.

Mr. Heavner is recently retired and spends his time between homes in West Virginia and central Florida. He says that as long as he has breath and people keep asking for another book, he'll keep writing and not disappoint them. His website is [www.jayheavner.com](http://www.jayheavner.com). He can be reached by email at [jay@jayheavner.com](mailto:jay@jayheavner.com) or found on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/jay.heavner1>



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**Sunday:** 8:00 Am and 10:00 AM Eucharist

10:00 AM on Facebook Live

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### Pumpkin Patch

Oct 11-31

Monday through Friday 3 PM to 8 PM

Saturday 8 AM to 8 PM; Sunday 12 PM to 8 PM



#### Drive-in Bible Study

- Wednesdays at 6:30 PM (Tune to 90.1 FM)
- West parking lot at First United Methodist Church of PSJ
- Hear a personal testimony
- Participate in a Bible study designed to make Scripture relevant to today's world
- All from the comfort of your air-conditioned car.

### Kennedy Point Park Opens

Kennedy Point Park, located at 4915 South Washington Avenue in Titusville, was officially reopened Friday, September 4, following completion of repairs from damage caused by Hurricane Irma in 2017. The park experienced extensive

damage to its seawall, sidewalk, and dock as a result of Irma. A new seawall has been installed; a rock revetment and new sod was put in place to help protect the damaged shoreline; the damaged sidewalk was removed and replaced with a new sidewalk; the damaged dock was removed and replaced; and a five-foot dredge was done from the boat ramp to the channel.

### Only at the Kangaroo

Only at the Kangaroo could this happen! I headed into the gas station to get a water and as I walked up, I noticed these two police officers watching a woman who was smoking while pumping her gas. I saw her and thought, is this lady stupid, crazy or both, especially with the police standing right there.

But anyway, I minded my own business and went inside and got my water. As I was paying for my water I heard someone screaming! I'm talking violent death screams! I looked outside and I saw that this woman's arm was on fire! She was swinging her arm, running like she was on hyper speed and going nuts!

When I got outside, the police had the woman on the ground and they were putting the fire out!.Then they put handcuffs on her and threw her in the police car. I was thinking, arrested? Shouldn't she be in an ambulance, not a police car?

Being the nosy person that I am, I asked the police what they were arresting her for. The officer looked at me and said, "BRANDISHING A FIRE ARM!"

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## Monthly Tax Update

I was going to write about potential tax changes, if one person or the other person was elected. Well, everything they promise in their election efforts does not necessarily mean it will become law and most of the time, it doesn't.

So I decided to take on the issue of another thought. Many of us have, or had, a tax liability and were subject to underpayment or other penalties with your 2019 tax returns. The Tax Code states an abatement of penalty is permitted for reasonable cause. Therefore, you may take the position that the COVID-19 virus was reasonable cause. It resulted in your inability to make the timely tax liability payment due to unemployment, reduced income circumstances, or any other associated COVID-19 virus reason. It isn't a sure abatement reason, but I have read there is a good possibility abatement will occur if your circumstances are reasonable.

Don't forget, you have the First Time Penalty Abatement Waiver option also. However, this option will only be approved if you have filed your returns timely and your taxes were paid without previous penalty.

Your best advice is to file the returns timely to avoid late payment penalties and this will also permit you to work out an installment agreement, or in worse case, have the tax liability determined to be uncollectable until you achieve sufficient funds to live and make payments. Working with your tax advisor is a most important way to handle these circumstances.

Okay, I'm going to change this month's discussion from taxes to health insurance. First, I want to talk about health insurance for individuals under 65 years old. This year the Annual Enrollment period starts on November 1st and runs through December 15th. This year I have seen additional insurance companies now participating in the Marketplace providing additional coverage options. You should compare your current policy with the new policy options available to you for your 2021 coverage.

Always be sure your doctors are accepting the insurance policy you have selected before finalizing your decision. Help from a licensed health insurance agent may be valuable to you and it doesn't cost you any more or less.

Next, let's discuss the 65 years old and older

or individuals with more than 2 years of certain medical circumstances who have Medicare health insurance. If you're on a Medicare Supplement plan, primarily you don't want to change. However, you may be enticed to make a change due to ancillary benefits offered by other plans. Review what you have and your options with a qualified insurance agent to assist you to make the right decision. It doesn't cost you anything and will be well worth your while.

If you're on a Medicare Advantage Prescription Drug (Part C) or an individual Prescription Drug Plan (Part D) you will definitely want to discuss your options with a qualified insurance agent. Every Part C and Part D plan needs reviewed annually to determine if your present plan is still the right one for you, due to increasing or decreasing rates, copays, benefits and participating doctors and hospitals. It is mind boggling and again, a qualified insurance agent is invaluable to help you wade through all the different policies.

So, why did I discuss these issues? The government needs everyone in good health to pay their taxes. So, I wish you only the best of health.

Okay, a little humor. This is only brief overview. It is your responsibility to discuss anything in this article, prior to making any changes, with

your professional advisor to assist you in evaluating your situation.

For details and specific assistance in applying the general information in this article, call us at your earliest convenience or contact your professional advisor.

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

## Free Online Coronavirus Risk Assessment

Parrish Healthcare believes in keeping our community safe. Find out if you're currently at risk for Coronavirus by taking a free online risk assessment. This non-diagnostic quiz will assess your current risk factors for Coronavirus to determine your need for a virtual screening.

The survey site can be accessed at <https://ha.healthawareservices.com/ra/survey/4608>, or you can visit [www.parrishmed.com](http://www.parrishmed.com) to access the latest news and updates on Coronavirus and use the link on the site to access the survey.

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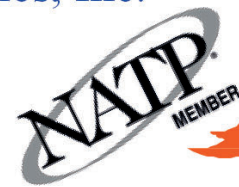
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- Port St. John Comm. Center | (321) 633-1904  
6650 Corb Rd, Port St John, FL 32927
- Sandrift Comm. Center (321) 264-5037  
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## Candy Drive to Support North Brevard Fall Festival

From Tuesday, September 1 – Wednesday, October 21, 2020 a Candy Drive will be held in north Brevard to support the North Brevard Fall Festival for 2020. The event will be drive-thru this year.

Donate "Unopened, Bagged and/or Packaged Candy" at your local Community Center(s) in north Brevard. Do-

notation times are 9:30 PM – 6:30 PM.

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## Assistance Available for Brevard Residents, Small Businesses and Nonprofits Impacted by COVID-19



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Along with assistance for small businesses and nonprofits, other programs have been implemented that can assist individuals with rental and mortgage payments, utility and security deposits and food stability. These programs are available through the County's Housing and Human Services Department. Those eligible must be a resident of Brevard County, at or below 140 percent of area median income, and able to demonstrate assistance is required as a result of direct impacts from coronavirus. Applicants must also provide supporting documents related to income, need and other assistance received. So far, 1,043 applications for individual assistance have been received with \$2.9 million obligated. The average amount of assistance awarded is \$3,335.

The County has also allocated funding for food stability programs and has provided 32,252 meals through a weekend feeding program; served 4,915 households through a Farmer's Market program; and provided 101,050 meals through Independent Living Systems LLC.

Applications for Housing and Human Services assistance programs can also be found here: [www.brevardfl.gov/BrevardCares](http://www.brevardfl.gov/BrevardCares)

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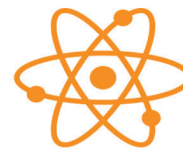
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Reserved tours will be available weekdays at 10 am, noon and 2 pm. The museum is located at 308 Pine Street, Titusville.

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**Overeaters Anonymous** meets in PSJ on **Saturdays** at 9:30 AM at the PSJ Library. Visit [spacecoast.org](http://spacecoast.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).

### 10-2 Sukot Begins

**10-6 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.

**10-7 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.

**10-7 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 [\[John-PSJ-Startups-Founders-Club/\]\(http://www.meetup.com/Port-St-John-PSJ-Startups-Founders-Club/\).](http://www.meetup.com/Port-St-</a></p></div><div data-bbox=)

**10-8 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.

**10-9 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](mailto:bwc0020@gmail.com).

**10-11 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.

**10-11 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](mailto:1royaldy@gmail.com) for more information. Print "Writers Group" in Subject.

**10-11 Multiple Sclerosis Self-Help Group** meets on the 2nd Sunday each month (except Mother's Day & Nov.), 2 PM, Cocoa Library.

### 10-12 Columbus Day

**10-16 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.

**10-19 Moonport Modelers RC Club** meets at 6:30 PM, 3rd Monday each month at the N. Brevard Library, 2121 S Hopkins Ave., Titusville. For more info, call Wayne Mendez, 505-2361.

**10-21 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.

**10-27 Moonlight Quilters Guild** meets at the North Brevard Library in Titusville, 2121 Hopkins Ave. on the 4th Tuesday of each month. Meet and greet & refreshments at 6:15, meeting at 6:30 usually followed by show and tell or a

guest speaker. Call 321-720-6232 or 321-720-1584 for more info.

### 10-29 Mawlid Un Nabi

### 10-31 Happy Halloween!

#### Congratulations to:

**Ryan Kremer** turns **12** this month.

**Danny Huegel** turns **26** on the 1st.

**Stephanie Puckett** turns wilder on the 2nd.

**Lisa Troxel** is the Queen on the 3rd.

**Connie Partin** dances til dawn on the 3rd.

**Adam Niehoff** turns **38** on the 3rd.

**Loni Phipps** is the party girl on the 5th.

**Gary Turner** turns crazier on the 5th.

**Ryan Brackin** turns **23** on the 6th!

**Jimmy Scott** turns **12** on the 10th!!

**Helen Lapardo** turns 50 "something" on the 10th!!

**Karrson Unrue** turns **23** on the 10th.

**Nicole Long** turns **17** on the 14th.

**Kimberly Nicole Kremer** turns **13TEEN** on the 14th!

**Kenny Gow** turns cooler on the 15th.

**Sophia Lapardo** "the upcoming blushing bride" turns **23** on the 16th!

**Christina Crouse** turns prettier on the 16th.

**Alex Nero** turns wiser on the 17th.

**Ryan Kremer** turns **33** on the 17th.

**Susan Kadlac** turns hotter on the 18th.

**Sharon Brown** turns more lovely on the 20th.

**Tyler Gaddy** turns **21** on October ??

**Duane Gaddy** on October 20

**Danny Bowen** turns **21** on the 21st.

**Kathy Patterson** rocks the night on the 24th.

**Michelle Kolczynski** turns wilder on the 25th.

**Lisa Merrell** turns **27** on the 26th.

**Lauren Hannon** turns **25** on the 27th.

**Keith Simpson** turns **26** this month.

**Bud Simpson** turns better on the 27th.

**Kathy Bradley** is more charming on the 27th.

**Andy Bradley** is the bomb on the 28th.

**Austin Harris** turns **24** on the 28th.

**Rachel Erickson** turns **22** on the 29th.

**Craig Kremer** turns **61** on the 29th.

**William Scheiner** is **38** on the 30th!

**Sherri Fogarty** is the Queen on the 31st.

**Chris & Sherri Fogarty** celebrate their **30th** (Skinny-dipping) anniversary on the 6th.

**Belinda and Don Crouse** celebrate with wildness on the 11th.

**Tim and Kelly Rowell** will celebrate their **31st** anniversary on the 20th.

**Bill & Carol Tyler** celebrate their **36th** anniversary on the 20th.

*We have lots of room for more good news.*

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

### Important Phone Numbers

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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
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Fairglen Elementary School -	631-1993
Space Coast Jr/Sr High School -	638-0750



## Port St. John Public Library

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### PSJ Library Is Open

The Port St. John Library is now open with limited hours. We are currently open 9AM-5PM Mondays-Fridays, and our curbside service will also continue.

Our Summer Reading Program has begun and we encourage families with children to check out our Facebook page for more information and weekly virtual storytimes with Ms. Glitter.

~ Mary Lena Penna

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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 when classes, courses and other events will start again.

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

## Rose's Room

~ Rose Padrick

I know I'm usually the only one in the room who is sad to see summer end - not that it ever really does here in paradise - but this year my heart is heavier than usual. I may be naïve, but along with many others I had hoped the insane violence would have abated and this terrible illness would have subsided by the time holidays come around. I pray all my friends and readers are safe and healthy at this reading. I think we all have to thank The Big Guy that our world is still spinning and we can and will make it through this just as we have in the past.

I'm not sure what Halloween will look like this year, but knowing the human spirit to persevere and kids spirit to obtain candy any way they can, I'm sure things will work out. Just as things worked out for my mother when she was a child in Coney Island. She and her friends would meet under the corner street light, compare notes on who would be giving out the best candy, and charge to the apartment buildings, spreading out like a well-rehearsed military maneuver. She relayed stories of trading candies very carefully with friends to get what she wanted only to discover the next morning her brothers had found her stash and made off with all the good stuff.

My sister also grew up in New York City. In Astoria she also met with friends under the street light and compared notes on where the best haul would be, but instead of spreading out, they made a dash to the corner candy store where the owner had set out a galvanized wash basin full of apples and water for bobbing, nearly drowning trying for the apples while dodging a friend's hand pushing your head down further in the water. They had a

### Fun Fact

The Friends of the Library donates all funds from the used book sale in the back of the library, right back to the library. This is an important part of revenue for the library. Please take a look at all the books that are for sale the next time you are in the library.



**Please come and join us!**

well-practiced method of one group hitting the first floor apartments and another hitting the second floor at the same time, hopscotching all the way to the top floor then doing the reverse on the way down. The parents sitting on the stoops kept the peace. The last stop would be Hicky's, the bar my father worked as a bouncer in the evenings after his regular job. By the time they got there, the beer had been flowing for a good while and the kids could count on pennies and nickels from the patrons. My sister also traded candy with others, most of the time two for one to get the best chocolates. Our brother also found her stash and made off with most of the good stuff.

Being the oldest child of my parents second family, myself and my younger brothers grew up in Merritt Island way back before many roads were paved and almost no one had air conditioning. We met friends under the mango tree, compared notes as to which houses would be giving the best candy and headed in that direction. Without street lights, the roads were truly scary, made all the scarier by some kids telling ghost stories and others jumping out of bushes with loud screams and screeches. The kids who were too old to Trick or Treat put their younger siblings up to hit one street, change their masks and hit it a second time so they could share the bounty with the older kids. We met when we ran out of houses and traded candies. I also traded very carefully for only the best stuff. My brothers also found my stash and made off with almost all of it.

Things are different now. In the past ten or so years we have been moving away from Trick or Treating to having parties. The idea of a group of five to ten-year-old kids roaming the neighborhoods without adult supervision would send today's parents into palpitations, and sadly it would be rightly so.

I have to believe kids will always be kids, candy will always be overly available on October 31st, and brothers will always end up with most of the good stuff.

As a matter of fact, I haven't spoken with my brother in a while...I think I'll call him...I have something to discuss.

I'm inviting everyone reading this to reach out to whichever sibling owes them the most good stuff and trade memories.

# Guard Yourself Against These Latest Scams

Fraudsters are bombarding people with scams, scams, and more scams. These scams are more sophisticated than ever and can pop up on your phone, email, social media, or in your mailbox. We've collected the latest scenarios to help you identify, avoid, and report these scams.

## Avoiding The Latest Scams Infiltrating Computers, Phones and Bank Accounts

### 1.) Unemployment Scams

Scammers are stealing people's personal identification information and using it to file an unemployment claim in their name. Scammers then try and persuade victims to take a cut of the money and send them the rest. Another spin on the unemployment scam involves debit cards. People receive legitimate debit cards in the mail that they didn't request. The debit cards are used to load unemployment funds. Scammers call, impersonating your bank, and ask you to send the cards back.

#### BE AWARE OF:

- Fraudulent unemployment transactions on your debit or credit card accounts.
- Strangers reaching out to you about unemployment benefits.
- Fake government agency social media or website accounts.
- Fees associated with filing unemployment.

### 2.) Facebook/WhatsApp Free Relief Scam

Have you received messages from stores like Walmart and Target offering free relief through Facebook and WhatsApp? If so, you may have experienced a scam. Scammers impersonate these brands offering coupons, giveaways or grants. To receive this "free relief" you must click the message link or send your personal information. Please be aware, this could be a scam.

#### AVOID:

- Clicking message links from strangers.
- Sharing messages on your FB page.
- Also, make sure to delete the messages.

### 3.) Post Disaster Scams

We're in the middle of hurricane season and scammers, as we know, love to prey on disasters. These scams often come in the form of charity scams, FEMA application fees and debris cleanup.

TIP: Never pay by wire transfer, gift card, or in cash.

### 4.) Package Scam

Scammers are sending text messages and emails impersonating companies like UPS or FedEx stating you have a package waiting for pickup. They provide a shortened url for you to click to track the package. Once you click this URL it can install malware on your device or ask for your personal information.

#### WHAT TO DO:

- Watch for slightly misspelled web addresses or company names.
- Keep track of upcoming package deliveries.
- Don't click the link.
- Call an official customer service number for information.

### 5.) Fake Customer Service Scams

It's easy to open Google and search for a company's customer service email or phone number, but it may be a scammer. The FTC reports that scammers are creating fake customer support numbers and placing ads on Google to trick people into calling those numbers instead of the official ones.

#### TIPS:

- If you're calling about a package you received, check the packaging for an official number.
- Contact the company directly by visiting the contact page on their website.

### 6.) Social Security Scam

A new twist on this scam involves false claims of "suspending" or "cancelling" your social security number.

#### WHAT TO KNOW:

- The Social Security Office won't call you for money or personal information.
- They won't demand immediate payment or ask for your debit/credit card number.

### 7.) Photo Sharing Request Scam

This scam involves receiving an email notification that someone has shared a Google photo album with you. The link takes you to a page that asks you to enter your gmail account information. This is a way for scammers to snag your email login which will lead to obtaining more personal information.

#### WHAT TO DO:

- Enable two-factor authentication so even if someone steals your password you will receive a notification if they try to log into your email.

- Don't click the link. If it's someone you think you know then ask them directly.

### 8.) College Financial Aid Phishing Scams

Scammers are targeting college students by sending emails appearing to be from their school's financial aid department. The email requests students to click the link for special COVID-19 tuition relief. This is just another way for scammers to try and steal student's personal information.

#### WHAT TO DO:

- Report these scams to the FTC.
- Don't input your username or password into any unofficial login portals.

### 9.) Instagram Business Profile Scam

Scammers are copying legitimate business pages on Instagram. The profile name usually includes an extra letter or symbol which sometimes isn't very noticeable, so it appears to be from the actual business. Scammers contact followers with a message congratulating them on winning a giveaway and request the recipient's payment information in order to receive the gift.

#### WHAT TO DO:

- Report the fake account to Instagram.
- Let followers know it's the incorrect account to follow.

*- Thank to Launch Federal Credit Union.*

## COVID 19 Self Test - This is the best available so far. ;-)

A new and easy test for the horror of COVID19 is doing the rounds and it's simple, quick and positive (or negative, if you see what I mean).

Take a glass and pour a decent dram of your favorite whiskey or wine into it; then see if you can smell it. If you can smell it, then you are halfway there.

Then drink it. If you can taste it, then it is reasonable to assume you are currently free of the virus because the loss of the sense of smell and taste is a common symptom.

I tested myself 7 times last night and was virus free every time, thank goodness.

I will have to test myself again today because I have developed a throbbing headache, which can also be one of the symptoms.

I'll report my results later.





## Marsha Q. Houck October Artist of the Month at Studios of Cocoa Beach

If you have missed getting out and about to art shows and festivals, the Studios of Cocoa Beach, 165 Minuteman Causeway in downtown Cocoa Beach invites you to visit their gallery where you can comfortably and safely view the work of 30 local artists. In October, their Artist of the Month is Marsha Q. Houck of Cocoa Beach. Her award winning paintings will be on display all month and one of her art works will be the prize in the monthly free art giveaway.

Following a busy career in nursing, Marsha finally had time to pursue a love of art. She made the most of opportunities to take lessons with established artists as well as studying via instructional tapes. She joined the Studios of Cocoa Beach as a volunteer hoping to learn more from access to the resident artists. They convinced her to join them and share her talent with the public. Her paintings in acrylics, oils, and mixed media are often inspired by photos taken on the beach or from family property in the Low Country of South Carolina.

Marsha says that she has found two things to be constant as she learns and grows as an artist. "The first is the joy I experience when creating a new work of art. The second is the friendships formed when meeting and working with other artists who share that joy."

A gift pack of note cards featuring Marsha's painting "Day is Done" will be the prize in the Studio's October Art Giveaway. You can enter this free drawing in person or click on the QR code displayed in the Studios window.

At this time, the Studios of Cocoa Beach is open for limited hours, Wednesday and Thursday 10:30 am to 3:30 pm and Friday and Saturday 10:30am to 8:00 pm and by appointment. This is subject to change, so call 321-613-3480 to confirm hours or make an appointment. You can view profiles of the Studios artists, see more views of Marsha's work, and learn about this non-profit gallery at [www.studiosofcocoabeach.org](http://www.studiosofcocoabeach.org).

***Just an observation:  
Money talks... but all mine ever  
says is good-bye***

## Waste Management Contract For Unincorporated Brevard County: News You Can Use

Following a competitive bid process, and opting to continue same-service twice-a-week solid waste collection, once-a-week recycling collection and once-a-week yard waste collection, the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners awarded Waste Management a new seven-year contract. The new contract will increase residential garbage and recycling collection from \$139.70 a year to \$194.28. The increase will be reflected as a separate charge on property tax bills beginning in November 2020. As part of its contract with the County, Waste Management faces fines for missed pickups on scheduled pickup days. Information on how to file a complaint or to report a missed scheduled pickup is included below.

### Unincorporated Curbside Residential Collection

Brevard County's unincorporated areas are provided curbside collection of garbage, recycling and yard by Waste Management. If you live within city or town limits please contact them for information on your collection services.

Residents of unincorporated Brevard County have three collections per week. Garbage is collected twice per week. Occasionally you may have excess garbage that will not fit in your cart. In such cases, the waste must be bagged (no garbage cans) and set beside the cart so as not to interfere with the arms of the autoloader.

Recycling and yard waste are collected one day each week. Place garbage and recycle carts; yard waste and yard waste cans within 5 feet of the curb the night before your collection day or before 6:00 a.m. Residential collection begins at 6:00 a.m. and runs through 8:00 p.m.

### Special Collection Solid Waste

Any type of solid waste not reasonably capable of being placed in an automated collection cart or any item not reasonably capable of being reduced in size not exceeding four (4) feet in length, twenty-four (24) inches in diameter and fifty pounds (50) in weight.

Examples include:

- household furnishings
- appliances
- electronics
- bicycles and other bulk items

- Each household shall be entitled to set out up to four (4) automobile tires with or without rims for collection per year.

Please call Waste Management Customer Service at the numbers listed below for "special collection solid waste" or if you have questions concerning your service or collection days.

North Brevard - (321) 636-6894

South Brevard - (321) 723-4455

### Holiday schedule for curbside collection of unincorporated areas

The collector shall not be required to furnish collection services on the following specified holidays:

Memorial Day

Fourth of July

Veteran's Day

Thanksgiving Day

Christmas Day

There will be no make-up days.

The Collector shall notify all customers whose normal collection day falls upon such holidays that no collection service will be provided on such day and the date of the next normal collection day at least ten (10) days and not more than thirty (30) days prior to said holiday. Said notice shall be in the form of an advertisement in a newspaper of general circulation published within the County and published on the Collector's website.

Brevard County residents can use any of our Disposal Facility locations during normal operational hours.

### To File a Complaint:

Solid Waste Collection must be completed by 8 p.m. on designated collection days. If your solid waste has not been collected by 8 p.m. and you want to file a complaint, visit: <http://sites.brevardcounty.us/sct/#/>. Your request will be sent to the Brevard County Solid Waste Department.

If you have questions, please contact the Solid Waste Department at 321-633-2042.

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## Fruit From The Groves



At the time of writing, there is a meeting being planned for the Canaveral Groves Homeowners Association on Oct 8, 2020. The meeting will be held at the Discovery Church at 7 pm.

This meeting may decide the future of the Canaveral Groves Homeowners Association. Please remember all COVID 19 protocols are in effect.

There have been several reports of trash and other items being dumped in front of other people's homes or in the woods. If you see it happening, please call the Brevard County Sheriff's Office. If it's in the woods also call FWC.

There have also been many reports of speeding and other traffic infractions out here in the Groves. The BCSO has been doing a good job but they can't be everywhere, so they need your help. Please call in if you see the violations so that the date and time is logged and will become part of the patrol area and you can remain anonymous.

Be especially careful on the South end of Pine Street in the construction area. There have been some close calls between the construction vehicles.

There was a report that a campaign sign was removed from someone's property. It is a person's right to post or place a political sign on their property. Damaging or stealing a sign is a criminal offense that can lead to a felony.

We are still very much in hurricane season so please watch the weather reports. Also, make sure your property is clear of debris that can be dangerous. Most of all, look out for your neighbors.

Please watch for the signs on Canaveral Groves Blvd. and at Pine and Coconut Streets, and also on the Canaveral Groves Community Bulletin board on Facebook.

Personally, I want to thank everyone for their concerns, prayers and good thoughts while I was in the hospital for most of August. The doctors

have advised it will be a long slow recovery to get back to hopefully 100%.

Ed Silva  
Member  
Canaveral Groves Homeowners  
Association

## Blessing of the Animals

Join us as we celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, which honors the special role animals play in peoples' lives. Conducted in remembrance of St. Francis of Assisi's love for all creatures, a procession of animals, from dogs and cats to hamsters and even horses, are welcome. Father Gary Jackson of St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Cocoa Village, will officiate this special ceremony called the Blessing of the Animals on Saturday, October 3, 2020, 10:00 a.m., at Myrt Tharpe Square (Gazebo), in Historic Cocoa Village.

Pet photos with Fr. Jackson will be taken immediately following the group blessings (\$5 donation). All donations will benefit the Florida Wildlife Hospital, Palm Shores, Florida, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to Florida's wildlife in need. Since 1973, Florida Wildlife Hospital has rescued, rehabilitated and released thousands of sick, injured, and orphaned animals in Brevard County. Special ambassadors from the Florida Wildlife Hospital will be in attendance for a unique meet-and-greet. These animals are permanent residents of the hospital that could not be released into the wild.

All pets are welcome on a leash or in appropriate carriers.

Donations are tax deductible and greatly appreciated.

This event is hosted by:

Pam Shaia, Owner,  
Tails at the Barkery,  
308 Brevard Avenue, Cocoa Village.

## Daily Stretches: Increase Flexibility & Decrease Injury

A lot of people have been working from home and skipping a lot of their normal activities going out and about. Too little activity can lead to stiff joints and muscles that just don't react as fast or smoothly as they normally do, and that can lead to injuries, or increase the possibility of being hurt from a simple accident. Here are some simple stretches to keep you supple, strong and ready for your day, every day.

By Kellie Way, PMG Director, Athletic Training

### NECK

- Angle chin to each armpit. Hold for up to 30 seconds.
- Look left, right, up and down. Hold each position for up to 30 seconds.

### UPPER BACK AND SHOULDERS

- Roll shoulders back while squeezing shoulder blades together and down 20-30 times.
- Interlock fingers in front of you with outstretched arms and round shoulders holding for 10-15 seconds.
- Stand in a doorway with arms up on each side and step forward slightly to stretch. Hold for up to 30 seconds.

### LOWER BACK AND LEGS

- Lay on your back, hug one knee into your chest one at a time holding for up to 30 seconds.
- Lay on your back, use a rope to loop around your foot and while keeping your leg straight, pull the rope towards your chest and hold for up to 30 seconds.
- Lay on your back, bring your knee across your chest to the opposite shoulder and hold for up to 30 seconds.
- While standing, keep one leg back and straight and the other is forward and bent. Lean into a wall to stretch the leg that is back and hold for up to 30 seconds.

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## Brightline Using New Technology To Build Train Tunnels In Central Florida

Brightline is using cutting-edge technology to build tunnels near Orlando International Airport for the high-speed trains. What would have taken a year to construct will now take just days.

Construction on the Brightline train track is just over a year in and on Thursday we got a first look at a revolutionary way tunnels are being built. It's all to make life easier for Central Florida drivers.

"It's very exciting that Brightline is in on the ground floor of introducing this technology to North America. It's a revolutionary process that's being applied here to save quite a lot of time to put this structure in place," said Scott Gammon, Senior Vice President of Construction for Brightline.

Brightline is building train tunnels along State Road 528 using a technique that's brand new to the United States. The first is located under Goldenrod Road, near the Orlando International Airport. It's called "box-jacking." The tunnel is built outside in open space, then slowly pushed into place using hydraulic jacks, rather than being built under the roadway and shutting it down for an extended period of time.

The company that designed the technology is Petrucco, from Italy. Granite Construction is doing much of the work on the site.

"Had we built this the conventional way, there would have been barrels and cones and shifted traffic configurations for a period of about a year," said Gammon.

This technique builds the tunnel in just 12 days -- that means a two-week road closure, instead of a year. The next tunnel will be built under 528 in Cocoa early next year.

"[State Road] 528 has higher traffic counts, than Goldenrod, as you might imagine, so on 528, instead of doing the whole thing in one closure, we'll be doing it half at a time," said Gammon.

One month of closures versus a year. Imagine the Beachline being closed for a whole year? No, thank you!

Brightline's connection from South to Central Florida is on track to completion late 2022.

- By Robert Guaderrama

## Walter Butler Community Center - October, 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.

### Limited Summer Camp

Summer Camp is available to ages 6-11 at community centers throughout the county for parents who are returning to work. **A note from an employer will be required to register.**

At this time no day registrations will be accepted, only weekly.

Camp will be offered from 7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. on Monday through Friday. Camps will include mandatory temperature checks for camp-

ers and staff members. Children will not be admitted if their temperature is 100.4 degrees or higher. Activities will be restricted to abide by CDC recommendations and there will be no field trips. Children will be in groups less than nine with one counselor to each group and socially distanced. Camp fees will be \$90 per week or \$45 for neighborhood strategy areas. Registrations will be accepted online, phone and in person.

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

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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



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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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