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## Brevard County Participates in Statewide Pre-registration System for COVID-19 Vaccine Appointments

A statewide pre-registration system to schedule COVID-19 vaccine appointments for individuals 65 and older and frontline health care workers is now available for Brevard County residents.

Individuals can pre-register for vaccine appointments and be notified when appointments are available in their area by visiting myvaccine.fl.gov or by calling 866-201-5420 or TTY (TeleTYpewriter) 833-476-1525.

“Brevard County residents have been asking for this type of appointment system,” said Brevard County spokesman Don Walker. “It’s our hope that, as we continue to get vaccine allotments from the state, the preregistration system will ultimately lead to more shots in arms and in a more organized, expedient fashion.”

This website will allow individuals who are eligible to receive COVID-19 vaccine to be proactively contacted when vaccine appointments are available in the county. On the site, residents can select Brevard County and submit

their contact information. Once appointments are available, individuals will be contacted by phone call, text or email and will be assisted in scheduling an appointment.

Vaccine supply remains limited and appointments may not be available for several weeks.

**Additionally, as part of the statewide pre-registration system, each county has a designated number that individuals can call to pre-register if they do not have internet access. Brevard County’s designated number is 866-201-5420.**

The statewide pre-registration system also provides each county with a designated help line number. This help line will connect individuals directly with an operator to answer questions regarding the pre-registration system.

**Brevard County’s help line number is 833-540-2041.**

For additional information about the pre-registration system and other plans/services, please visit FloridaHealthCOVID19.gov.



## Bike Week Returns to Daytona Beach for 2021

Hopefully a sign that we’re headed back to “normal,” Bike Week will be back in Daytona Beach beginning March 5th and running through March 14th. Still, masks will be required in many places, recommended everywhere.

Yes, the vendors are coming back, too, including motorcycle manufacturers returning to the speedway for test rides.

You can get more information, a calendar, Travel Guide, vendor information and more at <https://officialbikeweek.com/>. If you’re a HOG fan, also check out Rossmeier Harley-Davidson’s website, [www.brucrossmeier.com](http://www.brucrossmeier.com).

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## Jess Parrish Medical Foundation and Parrish Medical Center Auxiliary Now Accepting Scholarship Applications for Students Pursuing Career in Healthcare

Jess Parrish Medical Foundation (JPMF) and Parrish Medical Center (PMC) Auxiliary are now accepting scholarship applications from high school seniors who plan to pursue a career in a medical or healthcare field. The organizations have combined their scholarship programs and will announce scholarship recipients in May 2021.



Scholarships will be awarded to graduating high school seniors who reside in the Parrish Medical Center service area. Undergraduate students pursuing a degree in the human health/medical field are also eligible to apply. Students must have a 3.0 grade point average or greater, based on a 4.0 scale. Students who have been awarded a JPMF scholarship in previous years may reapply provided they are continuing in a medical/healthcare field and have maintained at least a 3.0 grade point average. Graduate students are not eligible.

High school students who attend Astronaut High School, Space Coast Jr./Sr. High School and Titusville High School may obtain an application from the Guidance Office at their school. Others may obtain an application by calling the Jess Parrish Medical Foundation at 321-269-4066 or by visiting [www.parrishmedfoundation.com/scholarships](http://www.parrishmedfoundation.com/scholarships). The deadline for submitting applications is Friday, March 5, 2021.

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The center is open Mondays–Thursdays from 10 AM to 7 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.

## Mondays

Outside Basketball, 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.  
 Game Room/Computers, 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.  
 Billiards, 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.  
 Community Cares Aftercare, 2:30 p.m. – 6 p.m.  
 Zumba (Adult Class with Jackie),  
 5:30 p.m. – 6 :30 p.m.

## Tuesdays

Outside Basketball, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.  
 Community Cares Aftercare, 2:30-6 p.m.  
 Game Room/Computers, 6-7 p.m.  
 Billiards, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

## Wednesdays

Outside Basketball, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.  
 Game Room/Computers, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.  
 Billiards, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.  
 Community Cares Aftercare, 2:30-6 p.m.

## Thursdays

Outside Basketball, 10 a.m.- 7 p.m.  
 Game Room/Computers, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.  
 Billiards, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.  
 Community Cares Aftercare, 2:30-6 p.m.

## Fridays

Outside Basketball, 9 a.m.- 6 p.m.  
 Game Room/Computers, 9 a.m.- 6 p.m.  
 Billiards, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.  
 Community Cares Aftercare, 1:30-6 p.m.

## Saturdays

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## **Good Day!** by Maureen Rupe **Indian River Lagoon ½ Cent Sales Tax**

On Tuesday 2/9/2021, I was told Brevard County Commissioners Lober and Tobia tried to have the Brevard County Commission use the ½ cent sales tax for sewer system maintenance. It didn't pass, as the other three Commissioners did not agree.

The proposal threw me as I thought the ½ cent sales tax was for financing the taxes' share of the cost for the Save Our Indian River Lagoon Project Plan that the Indian River Lagoon Oversight Committee approved. Things like planned maintenance, which I believe the county and cities are supposed to have planned dollars to cover their regular costs, are not supposed to be covered by our ½ cent sales tax. Brevard County taxpayers should only be using the Save The Lagoon funds for above and beyond projects, not replace what the government should have been already planning for, not letting development get away from paying impact fees and forcing the rest of us to pay for the County's desire to add houses to the sewer plant's strained capacity.

I've been at looking at our Protect the Lagoon

Tax we levied on ourselves. It states:

"Upon County Commission approval, a project or projects that deliver comparable nutrient removal benefits may be added to listed Save Our Lagoon projects or substituted for the funding allocated to one or more other Save Our Lagoon projects in the same sub-lagoon. Unless otherwise agreed to by the County Commission, if a substituted project costs more than the project listed in the Save Our Lagoon plan, the requesting partner must provide the balance of the costs."

I always thought each project was a shared cost with cities and county paying ½, but apparently I was wrong. It's only if the cost is above the cost of the substituted project and if Brevard County makes other arrangements.

I hope we are not going to start using the Save the Lagoon funds for regular maintenance. I can understand this thought as the sewer spill I reported last month was caused primarily as Titusville has neglected maintenance of the city's sewer pipes for many years. But the cities and county have to be accountable for what they do or don't do. We can't abuse our residents. Abusing the will of the voters always makes it harder to

pass a self-imposed tax in the future. We need this tax as the Indian River Lagoon is a central figure for all the cities and entire county. Please don't try to abuse us. Some of us are always watching.

Reference:

<http://www.brevardfl.gov/SaveOurLagoon>

## **Mobile Home Development Adjacent to Port St. John Behind Winn Dixie**

The planned Mobile Home Development discussion by the Port St. John Dependent Special District Board has been delayed again due to a lack of a quorum at the February meeting. As we stated last month, there were too many people in the room in January, and some weren't wearing masks. The county called the meeting off due to the inability to socially distance. At the February meeting, it was announced at the start of the meeting that all members had to be present and some members were attending by computer/phone.

The meeting is now planned for March 3, 2021, 6 pm at the County Commissioners Room in Building C at the Government Complex in Viera. This development will affect both the residents on the south east side of Port St. John (along Vineland St.) and the residents in the

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Hardeeville Development south of Port St. John on U.S. 1. The entrance to this 200-mobile-home development is on Cedar Lake Drive in Hardeeville. A graphic of the planned development is shown below.



The reference link shows the agenda and meeting details:

<https://brevardfl.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>

### Toll Roads to Nowhere Update

According to the WUSF public broadcasting channel, part of University of South Florida, bills have been filed to stop the “Roads to Nowhere,” the three toll roads being planned down the middle of the state. According to the article, “Environmentalists say it would harm wildlife and the area’s rural nature. State planners say it would extend broadband corridors and provide quicker evacuation routes during hurricanes.”

There have been a number of articles that say the roads are fiscally irresponsible and needless. For the bad news, although everyone is asking why are we building the roads, as it will cost the

state hundreds of millions of dollars, and there are so many in the state asking why do this now when the state has so many businesses closed and so many people unemployed, the Governor has left the \$70 million in his budget request. As a matter of fact, the Governor has requested 4 billion more than Florida’s last year’s budget, which doesn’t seem proper under the current economic environment. According to the article, “Some estimates have the total cost at upwards of \$10 billion.”

Reference: [wusfnews.wusf.usf.edu/transportation/2021-02-04/bills-filed-to-kill-three-proposed-toll-roads](http://wusfnews.wusf.usf.edu/transportation/2021-02-04/bills-filed-to-kill-three-proposed-toll-roads)

### Florida Wetlands

The Florida Wildlife Federation, Earth Justice, Center for Biological Diversity, Defenders of *cont., next page*



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## Good Day!, cont.

Wildlife, Miami Riverkeeper, St. Johns Riverkeeper, Sierra Club, and the Conservancy of Southwest Florida have filed a federal lawsuit challenging the Environment Protection Agency's decision to transfer power over wetlands dredge and fill permitting from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to Florida's Department of Environmental Protection.

This transfer allows Florida to formally take over the Clean Water Act's protection of marshes, cypress forests, ponds and other wetlands. Earth Justice is representing the groups who are claiming that giving the power over these permits to Florida is giving away everything to developers and miners, who invest large amounts to legislators for influence and control over Florida politicians.

## Single Use Plastic Bags

Sierra Club of Florida is on a campaign to try to get Publix to stop using single use plastic bags. I'm probably as bad as anyone else forgetting to bring in my reusable bags, but we have to stop polluting our oceans. There are huge islands of floating plastics, and it seems to be getting worse.

Why are plastics so bad?

- Plastic is a man-made material produced from oil and fracked natural gas.
- Americans use and dispose of over 100 billion single-use plastic bags annually.
- Publix Supermarket is the largest grocery chain in Florida, distributing 1.7 billion single-use plastic bags annually.
- On average, single-use plastic bags are used for 12 minutes and only around 5% are recycled.
- Plastic doesn't biodegrade, instead single-use plastic bags photodegrade (break up into smaller pieces called microplastics from exposure to

sunlight and wave action).

- Marine debris has impacted over 600 species of wildlife. This occurs through ingestion or entanglement, and plastic debris accounted for 92% of those encounters.
- It is estimated that 8 million metric tons of plastic enter the ocean each year.
- Ocean Conservancy's 2018 International Coastal Cleanup data show that single-use plastic grocery bags were the #7 most commonly picked up piece of trash.

As it states on the Sierra Club of Florida's website:

Our planet is drowning in plastic! As of 2015, 8,300 million metric tons of plastic had been produced and only 9% was recycled (12% incinerated and 79% in landfills or our environment). Americans use and dispose of over 100 billion single use plastics bags annually. On average, single-use plastic bags are used for 12 minutes and only about 5% are recycled. The following link goes to a site to sign up to ask Publix to stop using single use plastic bags. Please help us.

[https://act.sierraclub.org/actions/Florida?actionId=AR0233744&id=70131000001hRELA2&\\_ga=2.2892848.1461611972.1613421589-1845266983.1592406349](https://act.sierraclub.org/actions/Florida?actionId=AR0233744&id=70131000001hRELA2&_ga=2.2892848.1461611972.1613421589-1845266983.1592406349)

Reference:

<https://www.sierraclub.org/florida/single-use-plastics>

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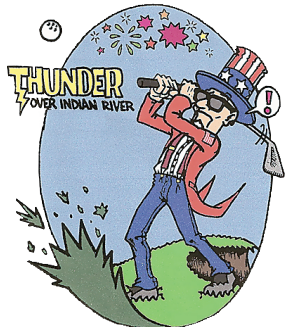


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## Third Annual Thunder Over the Indian River Golf Classic



Our Third Annual Charity Golf Classic will be held on Saturday, April 24th at Indian River Preserve Golf Club. The cost is \$65 per person or \$240 per team and includes greens fee, cart, lunch, range balls and on-course contests. Registration will begin at 7:00 am with the Tournament officially starting at 8:00 am. Afterwards, please join us for lunch, awards and raffle at about 12:30 pm. All proceeds benefit Independence Day events and fireworks.

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

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

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

For an application or additional info, email [PSJCommunity-Foundation@gmail.com](mailto:PSJCommunity-Foundation@gmail.com) or visit <https://portstjohncommunity-foundation.com/>. The deadline to pre-register is April 9th.



## St. Francis Dog Park Ribbon Cutting

St. Francis Reflections Lifestage Care recently held a ribbon cutting hosted by the Titusville Chamber of Commerce to commemorate the official opening of the new Dog Park at the Edward M. Poe Center for Patients & Families. The dog park was thoughtfully planned and developed to offer the Poe Center's patients a safe and comfortable place to have their furry family members visit and play in a shaded, fenced outdoor area.

St. Francis' President and CEO Joe Killian dedicated the Dog Park in honor of the staff of St. Francis, of whom he said, "They amaze and inspire me daily with their kind and compassionate hearts, often going above and beyond their job duties to facilitate care for the pets of our patients."

Shown (l-r) are Amanda Walker, Pet Therapy Volunteer Steve Griffin and Sparky, Shawn Bassham, Joe Killian, Marsha Gaedcke, Cami Leech Florio, Diana Nelson and Rosie, and Angelique Bonadio.



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**Wednesday:** 6:00 PM Eucharist followed  
by Stations of the Cross during Lent.

### Easter Week Service Schedule

03/29 (Sun) – Palm Sunday: 8am/10:00am

03/31 (Wed) Holy Wednesday: 6pm

04/01 (Thurs) Maundy Thursday: 6pm

04/02 (Fri) Good Friday: 12pm-3pm

04/04 (Sun) Easter Sunday: 7am/10am

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## Brevard County Allocates \$18M for Rental Assistance for Residents Impacted by COVID-19

The Board of Brevard County Commissioners has allocated more than \$18 million in federal dollars for an Emergency Rental Assistance Program for income-eligible Brevard County residents impacted during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Emergency Rental Assistance Program provides financial assistance and housing stability services, including rent, rental arrears, utilities and home energy costs, utilities and home energy costs arrears, and other expenses related to housing incurred due, directly or indirectly, to the Novel Coronavirus disease. Assistance is restricted to households whose income is at or below 80% of area median income (\$55,350 for a family of four).

The application for the program will be available at all 17 Brevard County Libraries and the Law Library, on the Department's website, <http://www.brevardfl.gov/HumanServices>, and through an online system <https://brevardflhs.seamlessdocs.com/f/EmergencyRentalAssistance>.

### Eligibility requirements include:

- Applicant is a resident of Brevard County.
- Applicant is at or below 80% of Area Median Income.
- The applicant must sign all required documents (application, social security number waiver, release/request of information, etc.) or their application will be rejected/denied.
- Documentation of all income from the entire household as reported on the Household Income Section of the application (include 2 months of bank statements, paystubs, etc., or a 2020 tax

return (IRS Form 1040).

- All members of a household must be accounted for in the application.

For applications filled out by hand, please make sure that the writing is clear and legible.

The County has received \$18,176,052 for the program from the federal government. The Emergency Rental Assistance Program will be administered through the county's Housing and Human Services Department.

## First United Methodist Port St. John

All our services for now will be on Sunday, 10 a.m., in person worship. Wear a mask and we'll be social distancing, and livestream via [Facebook.com/fumcpsj](https://www.facebook.com/fumcpsj).

Also, Adult Sunday class at 11:00 -11:50 a.m.

Additional Services for the holiday season:

**Palm Sunday**, March 28, 10.00 a.m. in person and livestream: [Facebook.com/fumcpsj](https://www.facebook.com/fumcpsj) (following COVID protocols - wearing masks, social distancing).

**Holy Thursday**, April 1 at 6:00 p.m. in person and live stream (following COVID protocols).

**Good Friday**, April 2, at 6:00 p.m. in person and live stream (following COVID protocols).

**Easter Sunrise Service** at 7:00 a.m. at Nicol Park - in person only, social distancing, please bring a chair.

**Easter Service**, April 4 at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary in person and livestream (following COVID protocols) and we will have Holy Communion.



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The MainStage theatre interior was renovated in 2014. It includes a 150 seat orchestra section and a 124 seat Balcony Section. Orchestra seating normally includes either round cocktail tables or a counter table, but the round tables have been removed due to the pandemic.

The WILD PARTY – Rated R, is currently playing through March 14.

### Later this year:

Nonsense A-MEN! – G, March 19 – April 11

BIG FISH – Rated PG, April 23 – May 15

BKLYN, The Musical – Rated PG, May 28 – June 20

For tickets, more information, or times and dates for future shows, visit <https://titusville->

[playhouse.com/home/](http://playhouse.com/home/).

COVID adjustments - Temperatures are taken at the entry door. Clear dividers have been strategically placed between pairs of seats to keep patrons safe. Patrons are required to wear masks and keep them on during shows.

In the lobby is a full liquor bar and dessert concessions for patron's enjoyment, but that is also currently closed.

When the risk of contagion is controlled, the pandemic adjustments will be removed and the concessions will open again.

## Tails at the Barkery

Join us for the FIVE YEARS Anniversary Celebration of Tails at the Barkery, 308 Brevard Avenue, Cocoa Village, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 6th, and Sunday, March 7th. There will be refreshments and raffles!

Donate \$10 and have your special furry companion "paint" their very own one-of-a-kind canvas creation. Donate \$5 and "Spin the Wheel" SIX TIMES to win fabulous prizes.

All pets are welcome and must be on a leash or in appropriate carriers and have current vaccinations and county tags.

All proceeds to benefit Mid Florida Sheltie Rescue, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, whose mission is to help with the rehabilitation, fostering, and placement of homeless Shetland Sheepdogs. Many of the Shelties are recovering from being neglected, abused or abandoned by people they loved. MFSR's primary concern is placing each Sheltie into a loving, FUREVER home.

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## Rose's Room

~ Rose Padrick

I'm hoping this horrible thing has turned tail and ran by the time this is being read... and hopefully enjoyed. To all who have suffered from the terrible times of last year, please know our prayers are being sent out for you.

Spring is upon us finally and my recent encounters with woodland creatures have begun and ended with them growling, snarling or screeching. Followed by my double-quick departure.

I know I was invading their territory, but this last unhappy wild creature was definitely in my territory. Not that it made a difference, he was still heartily upset.

It was on the down side of 10 p.m. when I had cause to hit the brakes. I had been driving slowly, taking note of eyes peeking out from bushes or high grass, sometimes making out the silhouette of a raccoon or rabbit. It seems one of Mother Nature's scaly denizens of the swamp decided to enjoy an evening stroll down a country lane.

Accustomed to seeing alligators in or by water, I was somewhat perplexed at his casual saunter, then full stop in the middle of the road. His front legs were illuminated by my left headlight and his back legs by my right headlight. I estimated that put his size somewhere between ginormous and humongous. He stood staring at

me until I lightly tapped the horn....Not one of my better ideas.

The gator rose to full height, swung a massive tail, opened his mouth-showing about a million teeth-and hissed long and loud. With another swish of his tail, he lazily strode off the road and into the darkness, and I cautiously continued on my way.

I realize it's spring and his thoughts were probably on love - not causing human heart attacks - but it's still quite rude to frighten a lady's hairs gray. Especially right after she dyed them.

Should we meet again, I plan to introduce him to a pair of size seven pumps and a bag to match that I'm willing to bet used to be a rude cousin of his. Of course this will be done from the safety of my locked car, followed by my double-quick departure.

It is said you learn something new every day. In a recent weekend, I learned enough to have a month covered. Camping in a local park with friends, I first got a refresher course in the "Just because..." of Florida wildlife.

Just because an object looks like a log doesn't mean it is, especially if it splashes into the water as you approach.

Just because a gray ball of fur is lying in the grass with several half-wild cats does not mean it is not an opossum who takes offense to "Here Kitty-Kitty."

As darkness fell, my friends went into their air

conditioned R.V. to watch television. (Having to watch a 13-inch black and white is roughing it to some). I took my little pen light, my paperback and the aluminum lawn chair to the end of the little dock, passing a family of raccoons gathering goodies in the weeds at the edge of the water.

Well into the third chapter, I was suddenly aware I had company. Waving my little light I discovered Mama, Papa, and Baby less than 5 feet away — between me and dry land.

Having dealt with wild creatures most of my life, I knew just what to do. I jumped up, stomped my feet, clapped my hands and barked shoo!

I learned the creatures had their own ideas about dealing with wild-eyed humans. Baby turned and shuffled toward land, Mama began backing up slowly, baring her teeth and Papa stood up on his hind legs, spread his arms, and hissed while showing his teeth.

While I have never tried to climb an aluminum lawn chair with nylon webbing, I imagine it is very difficult under normal circumstances. I learned it is downright impossible when faced with a mini grizzly bear on a rickety dock, while holding a penlight and a paperback book.

I also learned when you try to impart this newfound wisdom to your offspring, they ask if you have taken your medication through tears of laughter.

I hate to think what would happen to them if I was eaten by a cougar. Is there such a thing as a guffaw-induced coma?



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Contact Joe Marino, Events Coordinator, American Legion Riders Post 359 at [info@alr359.org](mailto:info@alr359.org) or visit our website, [alr359.org](http://alr359.org), for more information.

## Monthly Tax Update

Are you aware of the Long-Term Capital Gain rates? Let's take a look.

You may qualify for the 0% rate on long-term gains and qualified dividends. If your taxable income, other than gains or dividends, does not exceed \$40,000 for singles and \$80,000 for joint filers, then dividends and the capital gains from the sale of assets, owned for more than a year, are taxed at 0% until they push you over the threshold amounts. If your income exceeds the limit, then your capital gains tax will be at 15% and your taxable income is below \$441,450 for singles and \$496,000 for joint filers. The maximum tax rate is 20% when exceeding these taxable incomes. There are also special long-term capital gain rates for Heads of Household, Estates and Trusts.

Next, let's take a look at the Required Minimum Distributions (RMD). In the past, the RMD started when you turned 70½ and you must take withdrawals by year-end or pay a fine equal to 50% of the required distribution. The sum of these required withdrawal amounts can be taken from any IRA you own individually, or any amount from any of them, as long as the total amount equates to your RMD. The rules apply to a 401(k) plan requiring a minimum distribution, except for people who own 50% or less of a company, work past age 70½, can delay taking distributions until they retire and the minimum required distribution must be taken ratably from each 401(k) account. One strategy is to move your 401(k) funds into a traditional IRA to maximize your options.

Now, this was the old rule and anyone subject to the RMD requirements on or prior to December 31, 2019 is required to follow these rules. However, if you turned 70½ after December 31, 2019, then the new RMD is now based on when you turn 72, and this means there isn't any RMD requirement until you turn 72. This change was from The Secure Act, making this the first change to the RMD age since becoming law in 1986.

Consider this, some taxpayers will be able to defer distributions from retirement accounts until age 72 and the question is, should they? Practically thinking, many retirees can't actually afford to hold off on using their retirement savings until they're 72. Even for those who can wait until they reach RMD age, it might not make sense to. A

review of your withdrawal strategy will depend on multiple factors like future changes to the tax laws, the individual's personal financial situation and taking distributions to minimize tax burden to beneficiaries. Retirement distributions need to be evaluated each year.

Filing status may be a factor also. Married couples filing jointly may find it better now, since the standard deduction is \$25,100, plus over 65 additional standard deduction of \$1,350, versus single where the standard deduction is \$12,550, plus the over 65 additional standard deduction of \$1,700, giving consideration that one may pass away. In other words, the higher brackets are easier to reach when filing single. So, it could be advantageous for taxpayers to consider accelerating the realization of income to ensure they're able to take full advantage of favorable tax brackets and filing status.

With some planning, you could calculate how much to take from tax-deferred accounts to stay under the next marginal tax bracket increase. Don't forget, you may also consider making charitable contributions by transferring the funds directly to the charitable organization where it will not be taxable to you.

This is a very brief overview. It is your respon-

sibility to discuss any tax and financial changes with your professional advisor for assistance 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 tax advisor. Provided by Tracey C. Higginbotham, E.A., (321) 632-5726, a member of the National Society of Accountants.

I've been using this as a water bottle for about a month now. I kinda love the judging eyes it gets me at the gym



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## New SCAT Bus Route for PSJ/Canaveral Groves

Space Coast Area Transit will be starting a bus route 11, on April 1, 2021. This route will encompass both Port St. John and some of Canaveral Groves. It is exciting for the residents to have a transportation option without getting to a bus stop on US1.

The bus will run Monday – Saturday. I have attached a map along with the route so you can view the route as well as the stops. I've also attached the planned schedule of stops. All scheduled times are approximate and depend on traffic and other conditions.

Bus routes operate on a set schedule at designated stops, providing extensive coverage throughout the cities within Brevard County as well as unincorporated areas.

Please limit packages to those you can personally carry on the bus by yourself.

Be at the stop at least 5 minutes prior to the scheduled arrival time. Do not approach a moving bus. Have exact fare, ticket or pass ready prior to boarding the bus. Drivers cannot make change. Proper attire is needed to board. If you need assistance to board the bus, please ask. It is part of the driver's duty to help.

Eating, drinking, smoking, electronic cigarettes, or any materials that are flammable are not allowed on buses.

**RIDER ALERT!** Face masks are now required on all Space Coast Area Transit buses and vans, and at all transfer centers, by order of the Centers For Disease Control Executive Order 13998, and TSA Security Directive 1582/84-21-01. No one is allowed on the bus without a mask. Space Coast Area Transit provides masks for those who do not have them. If you have any questions, please call the RideLine at 321-633-1878 or read a memorandum from Transit Director Scott Nelson detailing the new mask requirement.

You can get more information about riding the SCAT busses, including fares, passes, maps, schedules and more at <https://321transit.com/>.



### ROUTE 11 • PORT ST JOHN • MONDAY-FRIDAY SCHEDULE

This route has DESIGNATED STOPS only. The bus will drop off and pick up ONLY at marked bus stops along the route. **TRANSFER STOPS** are indicated in bold italics.

MAP #	TIME POINTS	AM	AM	AM	AM	AM/PM	PM	PM	PM	PM	PM	PM	PM	PM	MAP #	TRANSFER TO ROUTE NUMBER
<b>1</b>	COCOA COMMONS (DEPART)	7:07	8:07	9:07	10:07	11:07	1:07	2:07	3:07	4:07	5:07	6:07	7:07	<b>1</b>	<b>#6</b>	
2	GRISSOM PWKY & CANAVERAL GROVES BLVD	7:14	8:14	9:14	10:14	11:14	1:14	2:14	3:14	4:14	5:14	6:14	7:14	2		
3	CANAVERAL GROVES BLVD & GODKE WAY	7:18	8:18	9:18	10:18	11:18	1:18	2:18	3:18	4:18	5:18	6:18	7:18	3		
4	N COCOA BLVD @ RIVERSIDE APTS	7:24	8:24	9:24	10:24	11:24	1:24	2:24	3:24	4:24	5:24	6:24	7:24	4		
5	N COCOA BLVD & FAY BLVD	7:29	8:29	9:29	10:29	11:29	1:29	2:29	3:29	4:29	5:29	6:29	7:29	5		
6	KINGS HWY & FECCO ST	7:33	8:33	9:33	10:33	11:33	1:33	2:33	3:33	4:33	5:33	6:33	7:33	6		
7	GRISSOM PWKY & CURTIS BLVD	7:41	8:41	9:41	10:41	11:41	1:41	2:41	3:41	4:41	5:41	6:41	7:41	7		
8	CORSICA BLVD & GOLFVIEW AVE	7:48	8:48	9:48	10:48	11:48	1:48	2:48	3:48	4:48	5:48	6:48	7:48	8		
9	PORT SAINT JOHN PWKY @ PARRISH MEDICAL	7:54	8:54	9:54	10:54	11:54	1:54	2:54	3:54	4:54	5:54	6:54	7:54	9		
10	GRISSOM PWKY & CANAVERAL GROVES BLVD	7:58	8:58	9:58	10:58	11:58	1:58	2:58	3:58	4:58	5:58	6:58	7:58	10		
<b>1</b>	COCOA COMMONS (ARRIVE)	8:04	9:04	10:04	11:04	12:04	2:04	3:04	4:04	5:04	6:04	7:04	8:04	<b>1</b>	<b>#6</b>	

### ROUTE 11 • PORT ST JOHN • SATURDAY SCHEDULE

MAP #	TIME POINTS	AM	AM	AM	AM/PM	PM	PM	PM	PM	PM	MAP #	TRANSFER TO ROUTE NUMBER
<b>1</b>	COCOA COMMONS (DEPART)	8:07	9:07	10:07	11:07	1:07	2:07	3:07	4:07	5:07	<b>1</b>	<b>#6</b>
2	GRISSOM PWKY & CANAVERAL GROVES BLVD	8:14	9:14	10:14	11:14	1:14	2:14	3:14	4:14	5:14	2	
3	CANAVERAL GROVES BLVD & GODKE WAY	8:18	9:18	10:18	11:18	1:18	2:18	3:18	4:18	5:18	3	
4	N COCOA BLVD @ RIVERSIDE APTS	8:24	9:24	10:24	11:24	1:24	2:24	3:24	4:24	5:24	4	
5	N COCOA BLVD & FAY BLVD	8:29	9:29	10:29	11:29	1:29	2:29	3:29	4:29	5:29	5	
6	KINGS HWY & FECCO ST	8:33	9:33	10:33	11:33	1:33	2:33	3:33	4:33	5:33	6	
7	GRISSOM PWKY & CURTIS BLVD	8:41	9:41	10:41	11:41	1:41	2:41	3:41	4:41	5:41	7	
8	CORSICA BLVD & GOLFVIEW AVE	8:48	9:48	10:48	11:48	1:48	2:48	3:48	4:48	5:48	8	
9	PORT SAINT JOHN PWKY @ PARRISH MEDICAL	8:54	9:54	10:54	11:54	1:54	2:54	3:54	4:54	5:54	9	
10	GRISSOM PWKY & CANAVERAL GROVES BLVD	8:58	9:58	10:58	11:58	1:58	2:58	3:58	4:58	5:58	10	
<b>1</b>	COCOA COMMONS (ARRIVE)	9:04	10:04	11:04	12:04	2:04	3:04	4:04	5:04	6:04	<b>1</b>	<b>#6</b>



## SCHS Seniors Planning for Graduation

SCHS Vipers softball seniors are looking forward to their next life adventure. Emma Ordner #14 has future plans that include joining the Air Force and serving our country.

Peyton Farley #17 will be graduating with her AA from EFSC and attending Pfeiffer University in the fall, where she will major in Biomedical Sciences and

then pursue her Masters Degree in Physician's Assistant Science. She will also be continuing to play softball as a Falcon.

Kyla Williams #22 is planning on finishing her AA this summer at EFSC and continuing her education by going for her Bachelor's Degree in Social Work in the fall.

It seems that winning has become a habit!

## Brevard County Earmarks Burial Funds For COVID-Related Deaths

Brevard County Government has a limited amount of funds to assist families who have lost a loved one due to Coronavirus. The application for the program is available at the Community Action Agency, (Dr. Joe Lee Smith Community Center, 415 Stone Street, Cocoa), on Brevard County's Housing and Human Services website (<http://www.brevardfl.gov/HumanServices>), and through an online system (<https://brevardflhhs.seamlessdocs.com/f/CoronavirusBurialProgram>).

Eligibility requirements include:

Cause of death on the Death Certificate must be directly or indirectly related to Coronavirus (COVID-19).

Example of indirect – heart attack (main) exacerbated by coronavirus.

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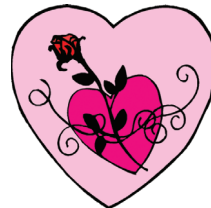
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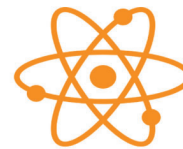
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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**Alcoholics Anonymous** meets on **Sundays** at 5 PM, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6:30 PM.

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

**Overeaters Anonymous** - Due to Covid-19 we are meeting on Zoom. For meeting times or contact info, please visit [oaspacecoast.org](http://oaspacecoast.org).

**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).

**3-2 Compassionate Friends Support Group** meets the first Tuesday of every month at 6 PM in Cocoa Beach at the Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, 525 Minuteman Cswy. west of A1A, Fellowship Hall. Call 610-7875 for info.

**3-3 American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 359,** General Membership Meeting on the 1st Wednesday of each month, 6 PM at the Post Home, 7260 S. US 1, just north of PSJ. Call President Valerie Helmer at 321-268-1632.

**3-3 PSJ Startups & Founders Club,** a group for new business owners and entrepreneurs,

meets on the 1st Wednesday of each month at the Port Java in Fay Plaza. We'll begin our program at 8 AM. The Port St. John internet site can be viewed at [www.meetup.com/Port-St-John-PSJ-Startups-Founders-Club/](http://www.meetup.com/Port-St-John-PSJ-Startups-Founders-Club/).

**3-5 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).

**3-8 International Women's Day**

**3-11 Lailat al Miraj**

**3-14 Daylight Savings Begins**

**3-14 Word Weavers Space Coast,** a critique group for Christian writers, meets the 2nd Sunday at 2:00 PM at the Central Brevard Library in Cocoa. Visitors are always welcome. Email [angelagardnerwrites@gmail.com](mailto:angelagardnerwrites@gmail.com) for info.

**3-14 Calling all Christian authors!** Dynamic writers group in Cocoa, Fla. offers training, critiques, and paid writing opportunities (2nd Sundays 2-4:30 PM at Cocoa library). Contact D.P. Clarke at [1royaldy@gmail.com](mailto:1royaldy@gmail.com) for more information. Print "Writers Group" in Subject.

**3-14 Multiple Sclerosis Self-Help Group** meets on the 2nd Sunday each month (except Mother's Day & Nov.), 2 PM, Cocoa Library.

**3-15 Moonport Modelers RC Club** meets at 6:30 PM, 3rd Monday each month at the N. Brevard Library, 2121 S Hopkins Ave., Titusville. For more info, call Wayne Mendez, 505-2361.

**3-17 St. Patrick's Day**

**3-17 American Legion Post 359** meets at the Post Home at 7260 S. US 1 in Bellwood, (2 miles north of PSJ), 6:00 PM. All Legionnaires and new members are welcome. The Post meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Please contact the Post at 321-268-1632 for assistance with your membership or information.

**3-19 Feast of St. Joseph**

**3-19 PSJ Business Connections Luncheon,** sponsored by the Titusville Chamber of Commerce, meets on the 3rd Friday of the month at 12:00, PSJ Library on Carole Ave. Call Dennis Watkins at 267-3036.

**3-23 Moonlight Quilters Guild** meets at the

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

**3-27 Earth Hour**

**3-27 Passover Starts**

**3-28 Palm Sunday**

**3-28 Lailatul Barat Starts**

**3-29 Vietnam War Veterans Day**

### *Congratulations to:*

**Andrea Bryson** turns 33 on the 1st. **Alexander Delida** turns 15 on the 2nd.

**Landon Townley** turns 15 on the 2nd.

**Sharon Bowen** is more lovely on the 3rd.

**Shawn Townsend** turns 23 on the 4th.

**Kari Grinstead** is prettier on the 5th

**Sam Brown** turns wilder on the 5th.

**Doug Vick** turns cooler on the 6th.

**Isaac Kois** turns 31 on the 6th.

**Mandy Pannullo** turns 28 on the 8th.

**Aiden Firth** turns 10 on the 8th.

**Paris Ragan** is the bomb on the 9th.

**Jason Rockhill** turns better on the 9th.

**Brett Messer** turns 25 on the 10th.

**Rhonda Rockhill** turns classier on the 15th.

**Ashley Moore** turns cuter on the 16th.

**Paige Burris** turns more lovely on the 17th.

**Tonya Dees** dances all night on the 18th.

**Lucas Erickson** turns 23 on the 18th.

**Amaya Rockhill** turns 15 on the 18th.

**Brent Bray** turns 32 on the 21st.

**Alexys Sladyk** turns 20 on the 24th.

**Carter Niehoff** turns 10 on the 27th.

**Jim Carnell** turns buffer on the 29th.

**Norm & Sue Blum** celebrate their 38th Anniversary on the 4th.

**Lisa & Cary Troxel** celebrate the day Cary robbed the cradle on the 28th. Rock on!

**Dave and Valerie Hannen** celebrate their 36th wedding anniversary on the 30th.

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

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

### Important Phone Numbers

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SCAT Bus Information -	633-1878
Port St. John Library -	633-1867
PSJ Community Center -	633-1904
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City of Cocoa Water Dept. -	433-8400
Parrish Medical Center	
Port St. John -	636-9393
Titusville -	268-6111
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Challenger 7 Elementary -	636-5801
Enterprise Elementary School	633-3434
Fairglen Elementary School -	631-1993
Space Coast Jr/Sr High School -	638-0750
Sexual Offender Registry -	
<a href="http://www3.fdle.state.fl.us/sexual_predators/">www3.fdle.state.fl.us/sexual_predators/</a>	

**Port St. John Public Library**  
**6500 Carole Ave., Port St. John**  
**Lena Penna, Director**  
**(321) 633-1867**  
**PSJ Library Is Open**

The Port St. John Library is now open with limited hours. The library's hours are currently 9 am-5 pm Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, 12-8 pm on Wednesdays and we are back to being open on Saturdays 10 am-2 pm.

We are still unable to have any in person programming like we normally would at the library but groups are starting to return!

The Florida Master Gardeners come to provide gardening assistance and plant identification help every Monday from 2-4pm.

~ Mary Lena Penna  
 Library Director  
 Port St. John Library  
 6500 Carole Ave.  
 (321)633-1867

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

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All of our electronic resources and e-books are available to enjoy at any time, including online video story times. Visit <https://www.brevardfl.gov/PublicLibraries/home> for more information.

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. 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 during open hours, Monday through Friday.

As COVID restrictions ease, new information on classes will be posted.

**Parks & Recreation Meeting**

The North Brevard Commission on Parks and Recreation will hold its next monthly meeting on Thursday, March 11th, 2021, at 5:00 p.m.

The meeting will be held in the Brevard Room

at 518 South Palm Avenue in Titusville. The public is invited to attend. The Brevard Room is located in a building on the north side of the parking lot behind the Brevard County Government Center-North. For questions, call 321-264-5105.



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## On the Road With Rose Space View and Veterans Memorial Parks

10 Broad St, Titusville

<https://floridahikes.com/space-view-park>

Being somewhat of an eternal optimist, I'm once again hoping the small light at the end of the tunnel given to us by the great news of vaccinations available has become a beacon to rival the sunrise and brings just as much promise of better days ahead. Also again, please send prayers for all who have been affected by this terrible illness.

While some of the restrictions have been eased a little, masks should still be haute couture and hand sanitizer still purchased by the gallon, but that has never meant we cannot get out and enjoy our little slice of paradise.

We are lucky enough to have Space View and Veterans Memorial parks almost in our

backyards, and for most of us they are somewhat hidden gems. Just off U.S. 1 in Titusville, all the exhibits and statues can be easily accessed and their placement encourages circling each to get the most of your visit.

The designers of both parks must have had family enjoyment and pride in mind before breaking ground because they are the most touchable and educational memorials I've ever had the pleasure of enjoying.

Space View Park has a wonderful view across the Indian River, has always been a gathering place to view launches, and is the absolute best place to actually walk through the history of manned missions begun at our own Kennedy Space Center.

There are four informative memorial plazas with engraved panels listing names of locals who worked on the programs. Each plaza features handprints and signatures in bronze from astronauts on each of the programs, and are topped with a symbol of that manned program. The Astronauts' handprints and signatures are located low enough to invite children and adults alike to test the fit and compare handwriting.

Both parks are very child friendly and invite wandering and exploring. We have the privilege of living in the most unique area in the whole world, and this park is a perfect place to share

our history with our kids in a fun way.

Right across the street, Veterans Memorial Park is on the Indian River waterfront with an even better vista. The pier is one of the best places to see manatees gathering in the colder months and I've been told a good place to land trout.

The main focus of the park is an 80 foot Circle of Memories dedicated to veterans of all wars. The monuments and informational panels list conflicts from the American Revolution to Desert Storm. There's a special memorial to the Tuskegee Airmen and a Peace Monument, all with explanations and surrounded by landscaping native to this area.

A slow stroll around the circle lends itself to some very good conversations with your kids pertaining to wars in general and our history in them. I'm certainly no expert, but I've been told this area participated in several past conflicts, including the Cuban embargo, not to mention how very many Brevard county family members fought and are still fighting for our country. Including a grandparent on your visit to this park would be a wonderful way to have children connect with them. Many experts have said listening to stories of the past is how children can learn their ancestry and where we fit in this world.

Visits to both of these parks and perhaps a stop for a picnic lunch, or just an ice cream cone, at one of the many new riverside pavilions on U.S. 1 in Titusville would make for a relaxed and memorable afternoon for the whole family.

Sand Point Park is practically across the street and there are also several parks with playgrounds further south on U.S. 1 for younger children to run, play and burn more energy should it be necessary.

Also of note is the Florida Coast-to-Coast Trail bisects this park, its green-painted route is located across from parking spaces on Indian River Avenue. This hiking trail begins in Titusville and will eventually end in Saint Petersburg, a great way to enjoy all Florida has to offer other than tourist traps and adventure parks.

As always please take only pictures, leave only footprints and be kind to everyone you meet during your day.

~ Rose Padrick

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## Space Coast Jr/Sr High Baseball Schedule 2021

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
	(Pre-Season)		
Feb 9th	THS	AHS	6:00
	(Pre-Season)		
Feb 11th	AHS	AHS	6:00
Feb 16th	Titusville	Titusville	4:30
Feb 18th	Heritage	Heritage	6:00
Feb 23rd	Cocoa	Space Coast	6:00
Feb 25th	Bayside	Bayside	6:00
Feb 26th	Holy Trinity	Space Coast	7:00
March 1st	MCC	MCC	6:00
March 2nd	Merritt Island	Merritt Island	6:00
March 4th	Rockledge	Space Coast	6:00
March 8th	Bishop Moore	Space Coast	7:00
March 9th	Melbourne	Melbourne	6:00
March 11th	Viera	Space Coast	6:00

### Spring Break Tourney TBD

March 22nd	Holy Trinity	Holy Trinity	4:30
March 23rd	Eau Gallie	Eau Gallie	6:00
March 25th	Cocoa Beach	Space Coast	6:00
March 29th	MCC	MCC	6:00
March 30th	Astronaut	Space Coast	6:00
April 1st	Palm Bay	Palm Bay	6:00
April 6th	Satellite	Space Coast	6:00
April 8th	Titusville	Space Coast	6:00
April 9th	Astronaut	Astronaut	6:00
April 12th	Satellite	Satellite	6:00
April 14th	Melbourne	Space Coast	6:00
April 16th	Cocoa	Cocoa	6:00
April 19th	Rockledge	Rockledge	6:00
April 20th	Heritage	Space Coast	6:00

## Space Coast Jr/Sr High JV Baseball Schedule 2021

Feb 17th	Space Coast	Rockledge	6:00
Feb 19th	Space Coast	Titusville	4:30
Feb 23rd	Space Coast	Holy Trinity	3:00
Feb 25th	Astronaut	Space Coast	6:00
Feb 26th	Holy Trinity	Space Coast	5:00
March 3rd	Space Coast	Holy Trinity	3:00
March 8th	Space Coast	Heritage	6:00
March 9th	Bayside	Space Coast	6:00
March 22nd	Space Coast	Satellite	6:00
March 23rd	Space Coast	Astronaut	6:00
March 25th	Space Coast	Bayside	6:00
March 29th	Rockledge	Space Coast	
April 1st	Space Coast	Melbourne	

JV Head Coach Danny Bono, bonod3@gmail.com

## Space Coast Viper Softball Schedule 2021

Date	Day	Time	Team	Opponent	Location
13-Feb	Saturday	11:00	Varsity Pre-	Satellite	Titusville
		1:00	Varsity Pre-	Mainland	Titusville
15-Feb	Monday	5:15/7:15	JV/Varsity	Bayside	Bayside
16-Feb	Tuesday	6:00	JV	Rockledge	SCHS
17-Feb	Wednesday	5:15/7:15	JV/Varsity	Cocoa	Cocoa
19-Feb	Friday	6:00	Varsity	Osceloa	SCHS
22-Feb	Monday	5:15/7:15	JV/Varsity	Heritage	SCHS
24-Feb	Wednesday	6:00	Varsity	Titusville	SCHS *Senior Night
26-Feb	Friday	5:15/7:15	JV/Varsity	Deland	SCHS
1-Mar	Monday	6:00	Varsity	Satellite	Satellite
3-Mar	Wednesday	5:15/7:15	JV/Varsity	Palm Bay	Palm Bay
5-Mar	Friday	5:15/7:15	JV/Varsity	Eau Gallie	Eau Gallie
6-Mar	Saturday	TBD	JV	TBD	Sebastian River
8-Mar	Monday	5:15/7:15	JV/Varsity	Astronaut	SCHS
10-Mar	Wednesday	5:15/7:15	JV/Varsity	Cocoa Beach	Cocoa Beach
11-Mar	Thursday	6:00	JV	Merritt Island	Merritt Island
		6:00	Varsity	Lake Highland Prep	SCHS
22-Mar	Monday	5:15/7:15	JV/Varsity	Eau Gallie	SCHS
24-Mar	Wednesday	5:15/7:15	JV/Varsity	Melbourne	Melbourne
26-Mar	Friday	6:00	Varsity	East River	SCHS
29-Mar	Monday	6:00	Varsity	Viera	USSSA S. C. Complex
31-Mar	Wednesday	5:15/7:15	JV/Varsity	Rockledge	SCHS
6-Apr	Tuesday	6:00	Varsity	Trinity Christian	SCHS
7-Apr	Wednesday	4:00/6:00	JV/Varsity	East River	East River
9-Apr	Friday	5:00/7:00	JV/Varsity	Spruce Creek	Spruce Creek
12-Apr	Monday	6:00	JV	Cocoa Beach	Cocoa Beach
		6:00	Varsity	Merritt Island	SCHS
14-Apr	Wednesday	5:00/7:00	JV/Varsity	Oviedo	Oviedo
16-Apr	Friday	5:00/7:00	JV/Varsity	Haggerty	Haggerty
20-Apr	Tuesday	6:00	Varsity	Bayside	SCHS
22-Apr	Thursday	4:30	Varsity	Lake Highland	Lake Highland Prep
27-Apr	Tuesday	6:00	Varsity	TBD	District Quarter Finals
28-Apr	Wednesday	5:30	Varsity	TBD	District Semi Finals
		7:30	Varsity	TBD	District Semi Finals
30-Apr	Friday	7:00	Varsity	TBD	District Finals

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

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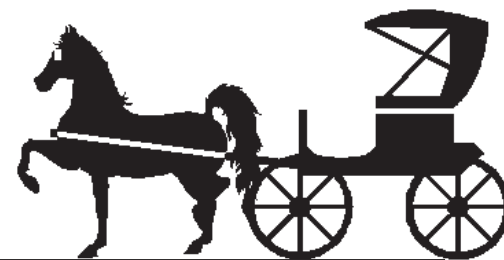
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## Fruit From The Groves



Brevard County Fire has been busy out here in the Groves this past month. There have been a number of medical calls, vehicle accidents, brush fires and structure fires. Except for the medical calls, a lot of them could have been prevented if more people would be more careful.

Please leave early to get where you are going. We never know what the traffic conditions are going to be. There have been a number of bad accidents at Grissom Parkway and Canaveral Groves Blvd. People not using their turn signals and running the red lights are some of the major causes. There also have been a number of accidents on US1, I-95, SR 528 and SR 524 that affect us traveling in and out the area

Brevard County Sheriff's Office is doing a lot of patrolling out here in the Groves. A number of traffic citations and warnings have been issued. There have also been a few disturbance calls.

There have been a number of pets seen running loose in the area. Please call Brevard County Sheriff's Animal Enforcement Unit to report them. This will help get them back to their owners.

Please watch out for the children going to and from school, and be careful of the school busses.

Remember that BIKE WEEK is coming up in March and motorcycles will be everywhere, and from many other states.

There will be NO HOA meeting in March. Please watch for notices In the Happenings, Canaveral Groves Community Bulletin Board, on Facebook and the Canaveral Groves signs.

- Ed Silva

**My body knows how old I am, but my mind refuses to believe it!**

## Virtual Cooking School Will Help You Prepare a Healthy Table

In the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, many of us have turned to cooking more meals at home. Cooking meals and eating at home has many benefits. When preparing meals, you can select the ingredients and choose healthy recipes lower in saturated fats, sodium, and sugar. When eating out, we tend to eat more food. You can more easily control your portion sizes when eating at home. Remember to include a variety of fruits and vegetables in your main dishes and side dishes. Finally, preparing and eating meals together is not only a fun way to teach healthy eating habits and cooking skills, but it is also a great way to connect with each other at the end of the day.

UF/Brevard Extension Service invites you to join us for A Healthy Table: Virtual Cooking School. In our virtual cooking school, you will learn how to prepare healthy meals for your family through self-paced online lessons and hands-on cooking activities. You will have opportunities to engage in monthly live virtual cooking demonstrations and interactive learning experiences.

Ask about access to a bonus class and kick-off event. Tickets are on sale for \$25. Registration officially closed on February 23rd because of February classes, but space may be available for the other classes. Once registered, you will receive the Zoom class link and the link to the class website.

**Register here: <http://bit.ly/ahealthytable>.**

The Monthly Zoom class events will be held from 6:30 pm CT/7:30 pm ET on:

Tuesday, March 23rd: Lesson 2, Cooking techniques – baking, grilling, roasting

Tuesday, April 27th: Lesson 3, Simple dishes – eggs, breads, salads, pasta

Tuesday, May 25th: Lesson 4, One dish

meals – one-pot, slow cooker, packet meals

Tuesday, June 22nd: Lesson 5, Entertaining and special occasions – setting a table, appetizers



## Bark Brew Fest

You are invited to the 12th Bark Brew Fest presented by Tails at the Barkery and the Dirty Oar Beer Company on Saturday, March 13th, at the Dirty Oar Beer Company from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in Cocoa Village.

Play St. Patrick's Day Bingo to win a fabulous Prize! Bring your canine companion to our Outside Doggie Beer Garden, sip your favorite libation, enjoy delicious food from the Rockstar Lobster Food Truck, and join us for an evening of fun, including raffle baskets and a 50/50 drawing.

All proceeds to benefit Mid Florida Sheltie Rescue, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization founded in 2004, whose mission is to help with the rehabilitation, fostering, and placement of homeless Shetland Sheepdogs. Many of the Shelties are recovering from being neglected, abused or abandoned by people they loved. MFSR's primary concern is placing each Sheltie into a loving, FUREVER home.

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

We hope you can join us!

**Society Has Gotten To The Point Where Everybody Has A Right But Nobody Has A Responsibility.**

## Historic Cocoa Village Set For a Terrific Art & Craft Season

It is that time of year and once again we are in planning for a great 2021 Art & Craft Fair season here in Historic Cocoa Village. Despite the current pandemic, we were able to conduct very successful Fall and Holiday craft fairs late last year. For the foreseeable future, we will be continuing the use of the layout and safety techniques that made those events safe and productive.

We kick off with the Spring Fine Art & Craft Fair on March 6-7, and if you do not have your reservation in for this Fair, it is time to go to VisitCocoaVillage.com and complete your application so that we know you are coming. We have not experienced the usual slow start following the New Year, we are filling up fast.

Once again we will be offering cash and awards for the Spring Fine Art Craft Fair; they will total over \$6,600.00. Please remember that you can enter your art or craft for judging on site, ask at check in. While entering the judging portion of the event is encouraged, it is not required.

This event will be compliant with all City of Cocoa mask and COVID 19 ordinances in place. See you at the Fair!!



### Jacquilyn Eusanio Exhibit

The Studios of Cocoa Beach continues its series of mini solo exhibitions with the work of painter Jacquilyn Eusanio. You can view the exhibition the entire month of March at the gal-

lery, 165 Minuteman Causeway in downtown Cocoa Beach.

Jacquilyn Eusanio began painting as therapy while dealing with cancer. Having won that battle she continues to create works that showcase the vibrancy of life, focusing on the natural world which we too often take for granted. Her acrylic paintings, some as large as 4 by 6 feet, demand attention.

Jacquilyn's love of flowers produces meadows of windblown blooms filled with texture and bold colors. In contrast her water series paintings are cool and blue, inspired by her Cocoa Beach locale. Her recent abstracts include subtle layers in silvery grays. The exhibition includes a varied selection of her work.

The Studios of Cocoa Beach is a non-profit gallery, home to 35 local artists working in a variety of mediums. The Studios is open most days Wednesday through Sunday and Monday or Tuesday by appointment. Please visit, [www.studiosofcocoabeach.org](http://www.studiosofcocoabeach.org) to confirm hours and for more information on all the Studios artists.

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