



# June 2020 ROSS Newsletter



## Fairway Gardens & Paradise Trail

### COVID-19 Resources...



**Florida Department of Health  
COVID-19 Call Center is  
Available 24/7**

**(866) 779-6121  
COVID-19@FLHealth.gov**

**For Emotional Support, Call  
(727) 524-4464, ext. 1001  
Monday-Sunday, 8 AM-8 PM**

**FREE COVID-19 Testing  
Monday-Friday, 8:30 AM-1:30 PM**

**Community Health Centers  
707 E. Druid Rd.  
Clearwater, FL 33756**

**Call for appointment  
(727) 824-8181, select option 0**



### COVID Cares Pinellas Funds 211tampabay.org



This fund helps Pinellas County individuals and families affected by the COVID-19 pandemic with a one-time payment to maintain housing. You qualify for funds if:

- You are a Pinellas County resident/family 18 years of age or older
- You have a COVID-related qualifying event (loss of income/job, laid off, or company closed due to COVID-19)
- Your income is at/below the 200% Federal Poverty Level at the time of your application
- You have less than \$4,000 savings in the bank
- Willing to submit verifiable documentation



To get help, call **(727) 442-5355** for assistance or an appointment, or go to **211tampabay.org**

### Food Pantry Resources...

#### RCS Mobile Food Distribution

**Tuesday, June 9, 2020  
9:30 AM-11:30 AM  
Ralph Richards**



**Tuesday, June 23, 2020  
9:30 AM-11:30 AM  
Barbee Towers**

Please contact the ROSS Coordinator prior to the scheduled event at **(727) 446-1045, ext. 265** or e-mail at **swhite@clearwaterhousingauth.org**



#### Pinellas MEGA Pantry...

Feeding Tampa Bay is serving the community during COVID-19 through drive-thru pickup at the following location on these days/times:

**Tropicana Field  
5th Avenue South from  
16th Street  
St. Petersburg, FL 33712  
(Please enter LOT 1)  
(813) 254-1190  
[www.feedingtampabay.org](http://www.feedingtampabay.org)**

**SATURDAYS  
9:00 AM-12:00 PM  
June 6, 2020  
June 13, 2020  
June 20, 2020  
June 27, 2020**

### Free Electronics Collection/Recycling Event



**Wednesday, June 24, 2020  
7:00 AM-3:00 PM**

**Solid Waste Complex-Campbell  
1701 N. Hercules Avenue  
Clearwater, FL 33765  
(727) 562-4920**

- ♦ Pinellas County residents (only)
- ♦ Proof of residency is required
- ♦ Up to six unwanted electronics accepted
- ♦ No scavenged electronics will be accepted
- ♦ Acceptable items include televisions, cell phones, computer towers/CPU's, drives (such as hard drives and CD drives), laptops, desktop monitors, smart phones and tablets.



## Barnes and Noble Summer Reading Program 2020

The program is available to school aged children in grades 1-6. Visit your local Barnes and Noble to pick up a reading journal and follow these three easy steps:

1. Read any eight (8) books this summer and record them in your Summer Reading Journal. On the reading log, your child will need to explain which part of the book is their favorite, and why.
2. Bring the completed and signed reading journal into your local Barnes and Noble Book Store between **Wednesday, July 1, 2020 and Monday, August 31, 2020.**
3. Choose your FREE book from the book list featured in the journal.

**Barnes and Noble**  
**23654 US Hwy 19 North**  
**Clearwater, FL 33765**  
**727-669-1688**



For more information on summer reading for all ages, visit [www.BN.com/SummerReading](http://www.BN.com/SummerReading) and click your child's age category! You can also follow along on social media using the hashtag **#BookYourSummer**. Happy summer reading, everyone!

## Virtual Career Enhancement Workshops...



There are opportunities available for you to sharpen your professional skills during the COVID-19 pandemic.



### June 10, 2020 at 12 PM Branding the Professional YOU

Students will learn the concept of personal branding, gain insight on their brand, and learn how to leverage their brand in their job search.

### June 17, 2020 at 12 PM Resume Workshop

Students will learn how to modify their current resume to make it more effective.



For more information, call **727-524-4344**  
 To complete the pre-register form for the live Zoom training session(s), visit [www.careersourcepinellas.com/virtual/](http://www.careersourcepinellas.com/virtual/)



## Ways to Avoid Coronavirus Scams

- **Don't respond to texts, emails or calls about checks from the government.**
- **Ignore online offers for vaccinations.** There are no products proven to treat or prevent COVID-19 at this time.
- **Be wary of ads for test kits.** Most test kits being advertised have not been approved by the FDA and aren't necessarily accurate.
- **Hang up on robocalls.** Scammers are using illegal robocalls to pitch everything from low-priced health insurance to work-at-home schemes.
- **Watch for emails claiming to be from the CDC or WHO.** Don't click on links from sources you don't know. Use sites like [coronavirus.gov](http://coronavirus.gov) and [usa.gov/coronavirus](http://usa.gov/coronavirus) to get the latest information.
- **Do your homework when it comes to donations.** Never donate in cash, by gift card, or wiring money.

For more information, visit [www.ftc.gov/coronavirus](http://www.ftc.gov/coronavirus).

## Wide Open School...

An Online Platform for  
Summer Learning for Children



Wide Open School is a new, free platform containing some of the best online learning resources/activities that can help parents combat the summer slide and keep kids learning, engaged, and entertained over the summer. Features include:

- Free digital skills training
- Daily Schedule
- Reading & Writing
- Emotional Well-Being
- Virtual Field trips
- Low-cost Internet access & devices
- Family Services



For more information or to get started, visit [www.wideopenschool.org](http://www.wideopenschool.org)