

# Village of Tequesta

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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

As we wait to see what businesses and social activities our Governor and County officials decide to re-open, I have been thinking about some interesting things occurring despite the uncertainty. To be sure, more people are walking and bicycling in my neighborhood than ever before. Keeping a safe distance between us, it is nice to say hello and inquire about what they are doing to stay safe. It's giving us a chance to learn each other's names and I look forward to keeping these relationships when we exit our time of hibernation.

Are you one of those who have reached out to friends or family that you may not have been in contact for a long time? Recently I was "reunited" via WhatsApp with a friend I had not spoken with for eight years! You can only imagine how much catching up we had to do. It's amazing how a crisis of this magnitude encourages us to care about the welfare of those we haven't seen or heard from. It does not matter how or why the period of separation occurred.

I recently learned about two Village-based efforts to help members of our community. Long-time Tequesta resident Jacqui Kapinowski and her non-profit Shifting Gears United are sponsoring the Feeding Friends Food Drive to donate non-perishables to four local food banks. Her reason? Simply finding a means for our local residents and business community to participate in helping those less fortunate and in desperate need of feeding their families. You can drop off non-perishable items this Saturday and Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> between 10 AM and 4 PM at 107 Fairway West in the Tequesta Country Club community.

Tequesta's Order of Sons and Daughters of Italy is sponsoring an event to help Tequesta residents who are experiencing difficulties associated with the COVID-19 virus. Six Village of Tequesta restaurants have come together to prepare their signature dishes which will be placed in cars by volunteers. Alternatively, State Farm Insurance and Under the Palms Realty will be offering baskets of fresh vegetables. The location, date and time has yet to be released. Please note that only Village of Tequesta residents who are experiencing difficulties because of the COVID-19 virus are eligible to participate. More information will be posted on the Village's website and Facebook page.

The Village is recognizing our "Tequesta Hometown Heroes". This is our way of saying thank you to those who are serving our community during the pandemic. We are looking for community

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members making a difference through their dedicated efforts on the frontlines, in the heart of the crisis, through random acts of kindness. If you know a Tequesta resident, or a business employee that works in the Village, who is going the extra mile, please submit a nomination form to honor them. The forms are available on our website and Facebook page.

Our Village is unique and we are fortunate to have each other as we work to keep this virus at bay. I would love to hear from you if there is something noteworthy that you, or someone you know, is doing to help others in our community.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Abby Brennan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Mayor Abby Brennan