

# PENINSULA PARK

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## Spring Cleaning Tips and Tricks

1. Save time by planning a spring cleaning schedule and sticking to it. Apply the "80/20 Rule." 80 percent of the dirt in your house lurks in 20 percent of your living space, typically the kitchen and bathrooms. Budget most of your time for those rooms.
2. Use the right equipment for the task at hand. Your "must-have list" should include a squeegee, scrub brush, grout brush, fine-gauge steel wool to safely whisk away soap scum from shower tiles, freshly-laundered and color-coded cotton diapers for different cleaning tasks, and a putty knife to remove scale and mineral build-up from faucets and ceramic cracks.
3. Divide the work and finish each room completely before moving on to the next task. Merry Maids advises that you dust from ceilings to floors and vacuum only after a room has been completely dusted and cleaned.
4. Do the job and do it right. Scrub bathroom and kitchen floors on your hands and knees; mops just move dirt from corner to corner. Don't damage your television screen by spraying glass cleaner directly on it. Spray it lightly on a cloth, first, and then clean. Don't forget to vacuum and rotate sofa cushions; wash knickknacks; remove cobwebs from light fixtures; dust tops of doors, heat registers, baseboards, legs of chairs and tables, light bulbs and picture frames. (See what you've been missing?)
5. Finally, and perhaps the best spring cleaning tip of all, is, keep the phone number of a professional home cleaning service (like Merry Maids) handy!

## Attention Pet Owners:

If you own a pet, please be aware of our community pet policies: • **Make sure you've registered your pet with the Office.** • **When walking your pet, please stay out of common areas.** • Always carry a scoop to **clean up messes** your pet may leave behind. • **Keep your pet on a leash.** Not everyone adores them the way you do.

## Patio Perfection

This is a great time of year to enjoy the benefits of your private patio. Please keep in mind that patios must be kept tasteful and tidy. Patio furniture and potted plants are welcome additions for your outdoor haven. We do not allow items such as indoor furniture, boxes, or trash bags. Open flame devices like oil lanterns and candles also fall into the no-no list. Try adding electric or battery operated soft lighting, wind chimes, and a small fountain to turn your patio into a personal Shangri-La.

## Natural Pest Control Tips

As the weather warms, pests begin to congregate. Here are a few home remedies to repel common pests.

• **Ants.** Sage or white pepper will repel ants. Sprinkle around affected areas, in crevices and in cupboards. • **Cockroaches.** Boric acid is effective. It may take some time, but it generally does work. Just sprinkle in cracks and trouble areas and leave the container open in the cupboard. • **Mosquitoes.** Plant the herb tansy or basil in pots near your doors. Mosquitoes are repelled by the smell. • **Spiders.** Leave a cotton swab dampened with oil of pennyroyal where spiders reside. This repels them quickly.



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### YOUR MANAGEMENT TEAM

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### OFFICE HOURS

**Monday thru Friday**  
8:30 am–5:30 pm  
**Saturday**  
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# Calm your fears about airline travel



## Looking to marry? Grow a beard.

Male beards have been in and out of style for centuries. But do beards send any signal to potential mates? Yes, say researchers in Australia.

University of Queensland researchers gathered more than 8,500 women and divided them into three groups. Each group saw pictures of the same men, whose photos were manipulated to show faces clean-shaved, with light stubble, with heavy stubble, and fully bearded.

The study, published in the *Journal of Evolutionary Biology*, found that women rated men with heavy stubble as sexiest. Men with short stubble were rated the best for a short-term fling. But, while men with full beards were not rated high on the sexiest scale, they won the day as candidates for marriage and family. Researchers said participants rated men with full beards as older, more masculine, generous, sincere, and hard-working.

**F**lying may be the safest way to travel, but getting on an airplane still makes many people nervous. If you're one of them, remember these basic tips for ensuring a calm, safe flight:

▪ **Fly nonstop when possible.** Crashes and accidents are rare, but they're most likely to occur during takeoffs and landings. Look for nonstop flights (remember that direct flights aren't necessarily nonstop, even though you may not change planes).

▪ **Keep your seatbelt fastened.** Yeah, you know this already, but it's still important

advice. Sudden turbulence can cause an injury, even when you're sitting in your seat, if you're not buckled in.

▪ **Know your exits.** If you have to evacuate quickly (and evacuations, along with the deployment of emergency oxygen, are the most common emergency situations you're likely to encounter, although most of the time they're preventative measures), you don't want to waste time. Knowing the location of the nearest exit is an excellent precaution.

▪ **Keep your children safe.** When traveling with a baby or

toddler, a child restraint system like a car seat is a must. Check the labels to make sure it's certified for use on aircraft.

Measure the width of your car seat before boarding: If it's 16 inches or less, it should fit into any airline seat.

▪ **Don't obsess over finding the safest seat.** Though you may want to be closest to the emergency exit, the fact is that no one seat is safer than any other on an airplane. For example, in some emergencies passengers are better off remaining in their seats—wherever they are—than trying to scramble off the plane.



## Even fashionistas can be frugal

Like it or not, your appearance plays a role in your success. But it's tough to build a power wardrobe when you're on a budget. Try these suggestions:

- **Go goth.** Well, not exactly goth, but definitely dark. If you buy staples—pants, skirts, jackets—in darker, neutral colors, you can get away with wearing those garments more often.
- **Think value.** Emphasize long-term value over short-term costs. Buying cheaper shoes and clothing may seem like a good idea, but you could end up paying more if you have to replace them sooner. Instead, choose the best quality you can afford.
- **Be thrifty.** Don't limit your shopping excursions to pricier department stores. Many consignment shops sell top-quality apparel and designer fashions in near-new condition for a fraction of the retail price.
- **Shop seasonally.** Buy clothes at the end of the season after prices have been slashed. Then save them to wear the following year.
- **Steam clean.** Purchase a steamer to help offset the cost of frequent dry-cleaning.



**ONWARD** Two teenage elf brothers, Ian and Barley Lightfoot (**Tom Holland** and **Chris Pratt**), go on a journey to discover if there is still a little magic left out there in order to spend one last day with their father, who died when they were too young to remember him.



**THE WAY BACK** A former high school basketball phenomenon (**Ben Affleck**), struggling with alcoholism, is offered a coaching job at his alma mater. As the team starts to win, he may have a reason to confront his old demons. But will it be enough to set him on the road to redemption?

**MY SPY** JJ (**Dave Bautista**), a demoted CIA operative, finds himself at the mercy of a precocious 9-year-old girl, named Sophie (**Chloe Coleman**) where he has been sent undercover begrudgingly to surveil her family. When Sophie discovers hidden cameras in her apartment she uses her tech savviness to locate where the surveillance operation is set. In exchange for not blowing JJ's cover Sophie convinces him to spend time with her and teach her to be a spy. Despite his reluctance JJ finds he is no match for Sophie's disarming charm and wit.

**MULAN** When the Emperor of China issues a decree that one man per family must serve in the Imperial Army to defend the country from Northern invaders, Hua Mulan (**Yifei Liu**), the eldest daughter of an honored warrior, steps in to take the place of her ailing father.

Masquerading as a man, Hua Jun, she is tested every step of the way and must harness her inner-strength and embrace her true potential. It is an epic journey that will transform her into an honored warrior and earn her the respect of a grateful nation...and a proud father.

**SOMETIMES ALWAYS NEVER** Alan (**Bill Nighy**) is a stylish tailor with moves as sharp as his suits. He has spent years searching tirelessly for his missing son Michael who stormed out over a game of Scrabble. With a body to identify and his family torn apart, Alan must repair the relationship with his youngest son Peter and solve the mystery of an online player who he thinks could be Michael, so he can finally move on and reunite his family.

**A QUIET PLACE II** Following the deadly events at home, the Abbott family (**Emily Blunt, Millicent Simmonds, Noah Jupe**) must now face the terrors of the outside world as they continue their fight for survival in silence. Forced to venture into the unknown, they quickly realize that the creatures that hunt by sound are not the only threats that lurk beyond the sand path.

**THE ROADS NOT TAKEN** The film follows a day in the life of Leo (**Javier Bardem**) and his daughter, Molly (**Elle Fanning**), as he floats through alternate lives he could have lived, leading Molly to wrestle with her own path as she considers her future.

**EMPEROR** Dayo Okeniyi portrays Shields Green who in 1859 escaped from a plantation and made a daring journey north where he met Frederick Douglass (**Harry Lennix**) and John Brown. With the opportunity to continue to freedom in Canada, Green instead chose to fight to end slavery. Also stars **James Cromwell** as American Abolitionist John Brown.

**BLOODSHOT** Vin Diesel stars as a soldier recently killed in action and brought back to life as the superhero Bloodshot. With an army of nanotechnology in his veins, he's an unstoppable force -- stronger than ever and able to heal instantly. But in controlling his body, the company has sway over his mind and memories, too. Now, Ray doesn't know what's real and what's not -- but he's on a mission to find out.

**HOME ENTERTAINMENT RELEASES**

March 3	Dark Waters
March 3	Queen & Slim
March 10	Uncut Gems
March 10	Bombshell
March 10	Charlie's Angels
March 10	Spies in Disguise
March 17	Jumanji: The Next Level
March 17	Richard Jewell
March 17	Black Christmas

# Spring is in the air!

FIRST DAY OF SPRING IS THURSDAY, MARCH 19TH



sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
1 <b>Rent Due.</b>	2 <i>Read Across America Day</i>	3 <i>National Anthem Day</i>	4 <b>Late Fee Starts Today.</b> <b>Bible Study 2-3pm Clubroom</b>	5 <i>National Cheese Doodle Day</i>	6 <i>Employee Appreciation Day</i>	7 <i>Genealogy Day</i>
8 <i>Daylight Saving Time</i> <i>Don't Forget to "Spring Forward" One Hour</i>	9 <i>Get Over It Day</i>	10 <i>International Day of Awesomeness</i>	11 <b>Bible Study 2-3pm Clubroom</b>	12 <i>Girl Scout Day</i>	13 <i>National Good Samaritan Day</i>	14 <i>Pi Day (As in 3.14159)</i>
15 <i>Ides of March</i>	16 <i>Everything You Do is Right Day</i>	17 <i>St. Patrick's Day</i> <i>Don't Forget to Wear Green!</i>	18 <b>Bible Study 2-3pm Clubroom</b>	19 <i>First Day of Spring</i>	20 <i>Won't You Be My Neighbor Day</i>	21 <i>Common Courtesy Day</i>
22 <i>As Young as You Feel Day</i>	23 <i>National Chip and Dip Day</i>	24 <i>March is Red Cross Month</i>	25 <b>Bible Study 2-3pm Clubroom</b>	26 <i>Live Long and Prosper Day</i>	27 <i>March is Women's History Month</i>	28 <i>Brothers' and Sisters' Day</i>
29 <i>Vietnam War Veterans Day</i>	30 <i>Take a Walk in the Park Day</i>	31 <i>National Crayon Day</i>	<h1>March 2020</h1>			