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Irma Leaves Marks!

We all breathed a sigh of relief when Irma's path went to the west side of the state rather than rolling right over top of us. Fortunately, it looked like no one took down their shutters or returned their water and batteries. Smart choices!

Irma sent a string of tornadoes, water spouts and similar mini-storms our way that whipped, ripped, broke, blasted and shattered homes, businesses and anything/everything else in their paths. She had no prejudice about who or what she destroyed. Many of our residents and neighbors will be making repairs and getting their yards and homes back in shape for some time to come, but we survived. That's saying a lot.

I was a day late to get shots of the water at its highest, but several roads were flooded across and a few homes were in danger, but the drainage in both PSJ and the Groves worked much better this year.



Irma put a lot of lives on hold, but she couldn't stop life from Happening. Between storm warning alerts, the Brahms Lullaby played over Parrish Medical Center's speaker system on Sunday, Sept. 10, signifying a precious new life had just arrived. Mother Nature is indeed a power to behold. Just ask Irene Santell, mom to 6 pound, 8 ounce Chelsea Irma Lynn. Tanya Taival, DO, (right) says mom and baby are fine. Labor and Delivery nurses include (left to right) Chrissy Hutchison, and Ann Marie Ayres.

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EVENT | Meet the Patient Navigator

WHEN | Tuesday, October 10 | 10–11:30 a.m.

WHERE | Parrish Medical Center, 951 N. Washington Ave., Titusville

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PSJ Community Center Schedule - October, 2017

The center is open Mondays–Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Fridays from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-2 p.m. **Schedule is subject to change. For latest information or to register, call 633-1904.**

Mondays – Fridays

Seniors at Lunch, 10 am - 1 pm

Mondays

Outside Basketball, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

Youth Zone, 3-7 p.m.

Computer Lab, 3-8 p.m.

Teen Billiards, 3-8 p.m.

Zumba (Adult Class), 6-7 p.m.

9th & 23rd, Girl Scout Troop 210, 6-7:30 p.m.

Tuesdays

Outside Basketball, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

Youth Zone, 3-7 p.m.

Computer Lab, 3-8 p.m.

Teen Billiards, 3-8 p.m.

Girl Scout Troop 1902, 4-5 p.m.

Country Heat 6-7 p.m.

Wednesdays

Outside Basketball 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

Dream Weavers, 12-4 p.m.

Youth Zone, 3-7 p.m.

Computer Lab, 3-8 p.m.

Teen Billiards, 3-8 p.m.

Zumba (Adult Class), 6-7 p.m.

4th & 18th Cub Scout Pack 704, 6-7 p.m.

11th & 25th Cub Scout Tiger Den ,4 6-7 p.m.

Thursdays

Outside Basketball, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

Youth Zone, 3-7 p.m.

Computer Lab, 3-8 p.m.

Teen Billiards, 3 - 8 p.m.

Fridays

Outside Basketball, 10 a.m.- 6 p.m.

Game Room /Computers, 3-6 p.m.

Saturdays

Outside Basketball, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Game Room/Computer, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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“DREAM WEAVERS” – Knitting Club

This group of middle to senior aged folks meet at the Port St. John Community Center to knit, crochet, and cross-stitch. We socialize, have fun teach and involve the seniors that already come to the center. The club is looking to re-spark interest for those that may have once enjoyed this type of skill and may be looking to join the group to donate any completed projects to area non-profit agencies. Wednesdays 12-4 p.m. no fees.

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Good Day! by Maureen Rupe Hurricane Irma

We had a real trial this time with Hurricane Irma. I hope the 3 storms in the Atlantic pass us by. My mother used to say, as I grew up after World War II, "Pull your Churchill socks up and put your best foot forward." OK, Mum.

Port St. John Dependent District Advisory Board

Important: Commissioner Tobia is asking to eliminate the Port St. John Dependent District Advisory Board and the Merritt Island Advisory Board. In 1996, the Port St. John Homeowner's Association asked the Brevard County Commission to let us have a board that could easily visit sites with a zoning request. The PSJHOA was not against growth, but wanted a local board that could state special concerns within the community.

Brevard County Ordinance 96-30 set up our dependent special district, with a governing board that votes in lieu of the planning and zoning board to review and provide the County Commission with a recommendation on rezoning issues, or in lieu of the applicable CRG review and provide

the County Commission with a recommendation on site specific changes to the Future Land Use Map, or review and provide the County Commission with a recommendation on any issue or subject which matters to priority, location, maintenance and use of public improvements or infrastructure within the district. All nine members on the advisory board are residents of PSJ.

The board has been a great asset to the quality of life in Port St. John. Some years ago before the PSJ Dependent District Advisory Board, the Port St. John Homeowner's Association and many citizens were always at the County Planning and Zoning meetings and County Commission meetings fighting rezoning(s) that would have impacted our children's safety, around schools, overcrowding our roads, etc. These controversial rezoning(s) are rarely applied for now, which justifies continuing the board. Please support the Port St. John Dependent District Advisory Board by contacting the Brevard County Commission and oppose the attempt to eliminate our board. The meeting website is shown under "Reference:", but no agenda was there at the time of the Happenings input deadline.

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District 5 - Commissioner Kristine Isnardi;

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Reference:

www.brevardfl.gov/CountyCommission

http://brevardcountyfl.iqm2.com/Citizens/Detail_Meeting.aspx?ID=1477

Development, the Indian River Lagoon, and Hurricanes

A recent August 29th Washington Post investigative story by Shawn Boburg and Beth Reinhard, titled, "Houston's 'Wild West grow, How



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the City's development may have contributed to devastating flooding," should be a wakeup call to Brevard County. In Houston, zoning is virtually unchecked, building in flood-prone areas, and a resistance to stringent building codes. No green space was left to ensure sufficient drainage for periodic rain events.

Brevard County Commissioners, like most of those elected officials, wants growth, as it adds tax funds without raising taxes. Brevard County is having lots of funding issues as our roads are in a distressed state due to years of neglect. Economically, the County is starting to prosper. The Kennedy Space Center is attracting business. Embraer Aircraft is expanding and attracting other businesses to Melbourne International Airport. The North Brevard Economic Development Zone is flourishing. Unemployment is at its lowest in years.

Unfortunately, Brevard has another issue to think about; the Indian River Lagoon. Every precinct in Brevard County voted for the Indian River Lagoon tax. The citizens understand we need to take care of the lagoon. But wait, didn't we cause the Lagoon issues due to our develop-

ment? Storm-water runoff from a large number of fertilized lawns? Palm Bay considering expanding dock length to 500 feet. Brevard County commissioners continually allowing higher densities on developers' request.

We must revisit our Brevard County Comprehensive Plan and Future Land Use Ordinances to ensure we don't stop growth, but do ensure we have smart growth. There is a current proposal from a developer to weaken our Land Development Regulations. The consequences, if passed, would be devastating.

Wetlands

The "no net loss" of wetlands functionality, mandated by the Comprehensive Plan would be undermined

- The Indian River Lagoon and the St. John's River would be degraded

Site Plan

Elimination of pre-application conference requirements for smaller projects would negatively impact the Indian River Lagoon, St. John's River and other natural resources due to increase in allowable impervious area for commercial and industrial projects.

- Would negatively affect water bodies like the Indian River Lagoon and the Florida Aquifer
- #### **Flood Plain**

Deletion of residential density requirements, as well as commercial density requirements, would be harmful to the St. John's River.

- Would open agricultural land in the 100-year flood plain to urban style development.

Surface Water

Reduction of Surface Water protection buffer

- Would result in major pollution to the Indian River Lagoon.

Landscaping, Tree Protection, Land Clearing, and Land Alteration

Weakening or eliminating canopy and preserved tree requirements, i.e., land can be cleared, but if the project fails to materialize, the land does not have to be restored to minimum tree and landscape standards.

- Would degrade natural resources and the quality of development in Brevard County.

We must protect the \$340,000,000 investment to the Indian River Lagoon. We can't allow our current rules to weaken. If anything, we need

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to strengthen the rules, as what we had in place wasn't sufficient to prevent the Indian River Lagoon from becoming a cesspool. Please tell your elected officials to protect what we have, not throw our Quality of Life away to the highest bidder.

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Our State Government has caused most of our problems

A story on the website The Intercept, by Edin Higgins, titled "Florida Risks More Irma Devastation Because Gov. Rick Scott Defunded Wetlands Agency," explained the \$700 million

Florida cut from the Water Districts did irreversible damage to our ecosystem which helps during huge storms. We used to have scientists running programs protecting our water districts, but now there are businessmen and development friendly lawyers in their place. Those in charge are more interested in protecting industry as opposed to ensuring our wetlands protect the development we do have. Wetlands that have been built are lower quality, where the filtration and water storage abilities of the ecosystems are less effective. The replacement wetlands are not in the same areas they have replaced, so they don't even protect where the development had replaced the original wetlands. The article stated, "A 1996 Department of the Interior U.S. Geological Survey study found that "no long-term, interdisciplinary research shows unequivocally that a created wetland 'has fully replaced the lost function resulting from a wetland's destruction.' Due to the complexity of the lost ecosystems, the study added, their effective replacement was almost impossible."

"Our wetlands help absorb and hold water," said Angelique Bochnak, past president of the

South Atlantic Chapter of the Society of Wetland Scientists and a former scientist with the St. Johns River Water Management District in northeast Florida. "The more developed the landscape is, the more runoff from rain. And there's nowhere else to go but flooding without wetlands." Bochnak said the Everglades could provide necessary water storage, but the marshes have been "half-developed into cities and roads," cutting down on the ecosystem's potential to lessen the impact of a storm like Irma.

Florida has had a lot of development over the years. Every building put up takes away the ability to handle any heavy rainfall. It either prevents absorption, or it gets in the way of natural drainage.

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Cheerio,
Maureen
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SCHS Baseball/Softball Fundraiser

The Space Coast Viper Baseball and Softball teams will be selling Grimaldi Candy and Popped Perfections until Oct 13th. Delivery will be the week of Oct 30. To order, see one of the baseball or softball players or email Billie Farley at farleybj29@gmail.com to order your treats and help the teams.

Project Graduation 2018



Would you like to help the Space Coast HS graduating class have a safe and fun graduation celebration next year? You can help, and have fun while you're at it. Here's how:

Every Monday Domino's will donate a dollar for every medium pizza with one topping sold. You probably want two!

Every last Saturday of the month they have a bucket drop at the BP station from 9-3. It's a good time to fill your tank.

Also, the class is doing a shoe drive, collecting shoes old and new for needy people. You might imagine there are many after Harvey, Irma and Maria. Drop your donated shoes off at the high school.

Trunk or Treat

October 28th, 2016 6pm – 9pm



Join us at Blessed Sacrament Church 5135 US-1, Cocoa, for a Halloween Trunk or Treat! Prizes for best decorated Car & Costume. Games, Treats, Food and more!

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First of all, if you're reading this, I'm glad you made it through Hurricane Irma! Secondly, Thank You FPL, emergency personnel, and helpful neighbors! I like that folks

pulled together to weather the storm! We have such a wonderful caring community, and that's why I do what I DO for my neighbors.

Don't let your guard down. There are folks preying on hurricane victims and relief efforts, so beware. Make sure you get licensed and insured help for your safety and theirs. Lawsuits have been started over repairs gone wrong, and folks posing as help will rob you blind while you're at the front door and their accomplice is coming in another, while you're distracted.

There's talk of a major get together after the storm, and since parks are closed in most areas, we will forego that and getting permits, and causing an issue with liability when we have no city to help us. I propose that we use the 2nd weekend in October to get together on our individual street at our homes, perhaps taking turns at different times of the day, sharing food and drink and stories.

Thanks for your interest in NHW and portstjohnflorida.org, along with the several community pages and their admins we have dedicated to serving our community. Happy Halloween and please check your child's candy before you allow them to consume it! See you in the Village, the craft fairs, at the Pumpkin Patch, and at the haunted trail rides, and creepy houses in the area this year! Be safe!
- Neighbor Nell

Food Vendors for Festival

The 24th Annual Fox Lake Christmas Festival of Crafts will be held at Fox Lake Park in Titusville on Saturday, November 18th, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Only handmade and homemade crafts will be offered for sale at the event, which is sponsored by the Brevard County Parks and Recreation Department's North Area Parks Operations.

The event is free to the public. There is no parking fee. It's a great opportunity to find a gift that's unique.

Registration for both craft and food vendors has begun at Sandrift Community Center, 585 N. Singleton Ave, Titusville. For an application to be mailed to you, please send a SASE to North Area Parks Operations, 475 North Williams Ave, Titusville, FL, 32796, or email request to jann.faiga@brevardparks.com. Office hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Thursday; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., on Friday. Selected food vendors will be notified by Monday, Oct. 23.

Vendor selection is based on, but not limited to, application submittal date, price of product(s) to the public, proper licensing, and appropriateness of the product(s) to the nature of the event. Special consideration is given to not-for-profit service organizations. The County reserves the right to limit vendors to one or two vendors per product.

There is no cost to submit an application. A \$50 plus tax, non-refundable, special event fee is due from selected vendors by Friday, November 3rd.

For more information about this and other recreation programs in North Brevard, call (321) 264-5037.

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County Effort to Combat Mosquitoes

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Fortunately, Brevard County Mosquito Control suffered minimal damage from Irma and will be able to respond immediately. The surveillance team was active first thing after the storm at a minimum of 53 sites throughout the county. Data collected has been used to determine spray priorities. This will ensure that areas with the biggest mosquito problems will be treated first.

County Grants 90-day Waiver on Hurricane Irma-related Building Permit Fees

The Brevard County Board of County Commissioner on Tuesday approved a 90-day waiver on building permit fees for repairs of Hurricane Irma-related damages. Licensed contractors will still be required to obtain permits, which property owners would need to produce for insurance claims. Permits are needed for a variety of reconstruction and replacement projects, including repair and replacements of roofs, air-conditioning units, carports, and screened patios.

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Pack 359 meets at Blessed Sacrament Church twice a month. Cub Scouts is open to boys in Kindergarten through 5th Grade. Contact your local pack for more information: psjpack359@gmail.com, or contact the Blessed Sacrament Church office, 321-632-6333.

Bazaar, Craft and Flea Market

The First United Methodist church of Port St. John is announcing our Bazaar, Craft and Flea Market on December 2nd. Time will be 8am to 2 pm.

Table fees are \$10.00 for members with 10% of sales. Non-members can rent for \$15.00 a table or \$25.00 for two. No percentage will be required of non-members. All proceeds will go to pay down a chunk of our roof loan, (which is doing quite nicely).

We hope to have baked goods, hot dogs, cold soda and water, handmade crafts and just plain stuff there. Come on out and see what is calling your name to go home with you. Space is limited, so please note time and date to call and reserve your table(s).

Teaser: I am told that we may even have some games for the kiddies and a band playing oldies. Contact Cathy at 321.636.7777 between 4 pm and 7 pm for reservations. See you where it's "Happening," neighbors!

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BCFR Continuity of Care

Area fire departments may now have an upper hand on dealing with pediatric care emergencies thanks to State of Florida Trust Award funding received by Brevard County Fire Rescue, which used the funds to outfit nine fire rescue agencies with the Handtevy Pediatric System.

The Handtevy system, used for pediatric resuscitation, will reduce valuable time performing mathematical calculations for appropriate medication dosage during emergencies. The system also will help streamline care between Brevard County Fire Rescue and all its municipal partners to increase efficiency and effective continuum of care. BCFR used a Florida Department of Health Trust Award of \$75,000 to not only purchase the system, but also to implement training and the coordinated dissemination of 93 kits within its agency and to municipal fire departments throughout the county.

“This system will assist agencies to proficiently treat a pediatric patient from start to finish,” said BCFR Chief Mark Schollmeyer. “The system roll-out is a positive reflection of BCFR’s



continues commitment to the continuity and excellence of care and the partnerships between municipal fire rescue agencies, and will ensure the delivery of excellent and consistent care to the County's pediatric population.”

In a resolution that passed 5-0, the Board of County Commissioners approved a resolution recognizing BCFR for its efforts in the continual improvement of Emergency Medical Service delivery and the strengthening of partnerships between all first responder agencies.

In a separate resolution, Commissioners also recognized BCFR, its EMS, responding paramedics and EMTs, emergency dispatchers, fleet services and logistics teams for receiving the American Heart Association’s Mission: Lifeline Silver Plus Award. The honor is bestowed on EMS agencies that have demonstrated excellence and quality in the care of cardiac emergencies. The resolution commended BCFR’s emergency medical professionals who respond daily to provide medical care and save lives of victims of sudden, life-threatening injuries and illnesses, often under stressful conditions and in high-risk situations.

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Monthly Tax Update

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) recently announced where victims of Hurricane Irma in parts of Florida and elsewhere have until January 31, 2018, to file certain individual and business tax returns and make certain tax payments. This special tax relief and assistance is available to taxpayers in the Presidential Disaster Areas. So far, the IRS filing and payment relief applies to the following localities identified by FEMA for Individual Assistance due to Hurricane Irma: The counties of Alachua, Baker, Bradford, Brevard, Broward, Charlotte, Citrus, Clay, Collier, Columbia, DeSoto, Duval, Flagler, Gilchrist, Glades, Hardee, Hendry, Hernando, Highlands, Hillsborough, Indian River, Lake, Lee, Levy, Manatee, Marion, Martin, Miami-Dade, Monroe, Nassau, Okeechobee, Orange, Osceola, Palm Beach, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, Putnam, Sarasota, Seminole, St. Johns, St. Lucie, Sumter, Suwannee, Union and Volusia. This includes an additional filing extensions for taxpayers with valid extensions running out on Oct. 16, and businesses with extensions running out on Sept. 15.

The tax relief postpones various tax filing and payment deadlines starting on September 4, 2017, in Florida. As a result, affected individuals and businesses will have until January 31, 2018, to file returns and pay any taxes that were originally due during this period. This includes the September 15, 2017, and January 16, 2018 deadlines for making quarterly estimated tax payments.

For individual tax filers, it also includes 2016 income tax returns that received a tax-filing extension until October 16, 2017. However, tax payments related to these 2016 returns originally

due on April 18, 2017 are not eligible for this relief, only the filing relief is available since the tax payments were due April 15, 2017.

In addition, a variety of business tax deadlines are also affected. This includes the October 31st deadline for quarterly payroll and excise tax returns. Businesses with extensions also have the additional time including, among others, calendar-year partnerships whose 2016 extensions run out on September 15, 2017 and calendar-year tax-exempt organizations whose 2016 extensions run out on Nov. 15, 2017.

You may review the disaster relief page located at irs.gov. It has details on other returns, payments and tax-related actions qualifying for the additional time. In addition, the IRS is waiving late-deposit penalties for federal payroll and excise tax deposits normally due during the first 15 days of the disaster period. You should review the disaster relief page for periods applicable to each jurisdiction at irs.gov.

The IRS automatically provides filing and penalty relief to any taxpayer with an IRS address of record located in the disaster area. Thus, taxpayers need not contact the IRS to get this relief. However, if an affected taxpayer receives a late filing or late payment penalty notice from

the IRS that has an original or extended filing, payment or deposit due date falling within the postponement period, the taxpayer should call the number on the notice to have the penalty abated.

This is very brief overview. 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.

Preliminary Flood Maps

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has completed its restudy for coastal Brevard County and released preliminary Flood Insurance Rate maps. New storm surge modeling will result in changes to flood zone areas on the Barrier Island and Merritt Island. Some areas will have revised flood elevations, which will impact annual flood insurance premiums, both positively and negatively. Some areas not currently in flood zones will change and be included, which will then require mandatory flood insurance for a mortgage.

At press time the maps were not available online, but the site will be included as soon as possible.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Alcoholics Anonymous meets in PSJ on **Sundays** at 5 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. at 4797 Curtis Blvd. (St. Patrick's Church).

Overeaters Anonymous meets in PSJ on **Saturdays** at 9:30 a.m. at the PSJ Library. Visit oaspacecoast.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 1st United Methodist Church, 825 Forrest Ave., Cocoa www.naranonfl.org.

10-4 Sukkot Begins

10-3 Compassionate Friends Support Group meets the first Tuesday of every month at 6 p.m. in Cocoa Beach at the Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, 525 Minuteman Cswy. west of A1A, Fellowship Hall. Call 610-7875 for info.

10-4 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 Dorothy O'Rourke at 321-268-1632.

10-8 Multiple Sclerosis Self-Help Group meets on the 2nd Sunday each month (except Mother's Day & Nov.), 2 PM, Cocoa Library.

10-8 Word Weavers Space Coast, a critique group for Christian writers, meets the 2nd Sunday at 2:00 p.m. at the Central Brevard Library in Cocoa. Visitors are always welcome. Email angelagardnerwrites@gmail.com for info.

10-8 Calling all Christian authors! Dynamic writers group in Cocoa, Fla. offers training, critiques, and paid writing opportunities (2nd Sundays 2-4:30pm at Cocoa library). Contact D.P. Clarke at 1royaldy@gmail.com for more information. Print "Writers Group" in Subject.

10-9 Columbus Day

10-11 'Remembering Through Sharing' - a support group for families that have experienced a pregnancy loss, stillbirth or loss of an infant. Meetings are 7 - 8:30 pm, 2nd Wednesday of each month at Cape Canaveral Medical Plaza. Call April or Jamie at 321-799-7151 for more information.

10-12 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.

10-14 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 Mary at 636-4713 or e-mail her at mdean44@cfl.rr.com.

10-16 Bosses Day

10-16 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, 321-505-2361.

10-18 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.

10-20 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.

10-24 United Nations Day

10-24 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 a program or guest speaker. Call 321-567-5424 for more info.

10-31 Halloween

Congratulations to:

Ryan Kremer turns **9** this month.

Danny Huegel turns **23** on the 1st.

Stephanie Puckett is the party girl on the 2nd.

Lisa Troxel has a spanking day on the 3rd.

Connie Partin turns cuter on the 3rd.

Adam Niehoff turns **35** on the 3rd.

Loni Phipps dances til dawn on the 5th.

Gary Turner turns wiser on the 5th.

Jimmy Scott turns **9** on the 10th.

Helen Lapardo is the Queen on the 10th!!

Jimmy Scott turns **9** on the 10th!!

Karrson Unrue turns **20** on the 10th.

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

Kimberly Nicole Kremer turns **10** on the 14th!

Kenny Gow turns wilder on the 15th.

Sophia Lapardo is **20** on the 16th!

Christina Crouse turns prettier on the 16th.

Alex Nero turns smoother on the 17th.

Ryan Kremer turns **30** on the 17th.

Susan Kadlac turns hotter on the 18th.

Sharon Brown turns more charming on the 20th.

Tyler Gaddy turns **Legal 18** on October ??

Duane Gaddy turns crazier on October 20

Danny Bowen turns **19** on the 21st.

Kathy Patterson rocks the night on the 24th.

Michelle Kolczynski gets spanked on the 25th.

Lisa Merrell turns **24** on the 26th.

Lauren Hannon turns **22** on the 27th.

Keith Simpson turns **23** this month.

Bud Simpson parties wild on the 27th.

Kathy Bradley turns better on the 27th.

Andy Bradley turns buffer on the 28th.

Austin Harris turns **21** on the 28th.

Rachel Erickson turns **19** on the 29th.

Craig Kremer turns **58** on the 29th.

William Scheiner is **35** on the 30th!

Sherri Fogarty ages like fine wine on the 31st.

Chris & Sherri Fogarty celebrate their 27th (Snuggling) anniversary on the 6th.

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

Tim and Kelly Rowell will celebrate their 28th anniversary on the 20th.

Bill & Carol Tyler celebrate their **33rd** anniversary on the 20th.

We have lots of room for more good news.

Email inputs to happenings1@att.net.

Important Phone Numbers

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Sheriff: Non-Emergency -	633-7162
Fire Station 26 (Port St. John)	633-2056
Emergency Operations Center	637-6670
Waste Management -	636-6894
Roadway Maintenance -	264-5084
SCAT Bus Information -	633-1878
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
Titusville -	268-6111
Atlantis Elementary School -	633-6143
Challenger 7 Elementary -	636-5801
Enterprise Elementary School	633-3434
Fairglen Elementary School -	631-1993
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Hurricane Irma Comes to Town

Discovery Learning Center has taken care of many of our kids, but Mother Nature did not return the favor.



Roof damage came in many varieties.



The Kangaroo station on US 1 lost their canopy over the gas pumps, along with the Marathon sign. Down the street, Dogs 'R Us lost the center of their sign and spent a week without power. They're open again now if I just made you hungry. Or thirsty.



A lot of trees were down, but this one closed down the street. It wasn't the only one.



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Dear Neighbor,

This letter is to invite your organization to participate in the 28th Annual Port St. John Christmas parade. The parade will take place on December 16, 2017, 11 AM, in Port St. John. The parade route will be east along Fay Blvd. from Waterloo Ave. to Carole Ave. We are hoping for 80-90 entries again this year. Please send your entry in early.

This year's parade theme will be "The Reason for the Season." Floats and decorations should be planned toward the theme. All entries will be judged and plaques awarded. Categories include Theme, Christmas Spirit, Creativity, Marching Musical and Marching Non-Musical.

Floats should be no more than 17' high to clear power lines, and be 8' wide or less to travel to and from the staging area. They can be wider on the parade route. Marching groups should plan for a 20' wide roadway.

For everyone's safety, **CANDY MAY NOT BE THROWN FROM THE FLOATS AND VEHICLES.** Thrown candy ricochets and small children chase it into the street where they might be hit by the next vehicle. If you want to hand out

2017 PSJ Christmas Parade

candy, please be sure to have walkers accompany your float.

There is a \$30 charge for any float or vehicle which advertises a business. The fee does not go up if there are multiple businesses on the same float. Nonprofit community support groups and public schools are \$15, unless they display banners and logos for a business on their float or vehicle(s).

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If there are noise considerations for your entry, please let us know immediately. We will try to spread out the bands and musical participants.

Any questions, suggestions, problems or needs should be directed to Randy Rodriguez at Happenings, 321-633-7499.

Port St. John Christmas Parade Entry Form

NAME OF GROUP: _____

CONTACT NAME: _____

CONTACT PHONE: _____

CONTACT ADDRESS: _____

Are you having music? Y N Type of music: Band Caroling Other _____

Music Volume: Loud Moderate Soft

Do you have animals? Y N Type & number: _____

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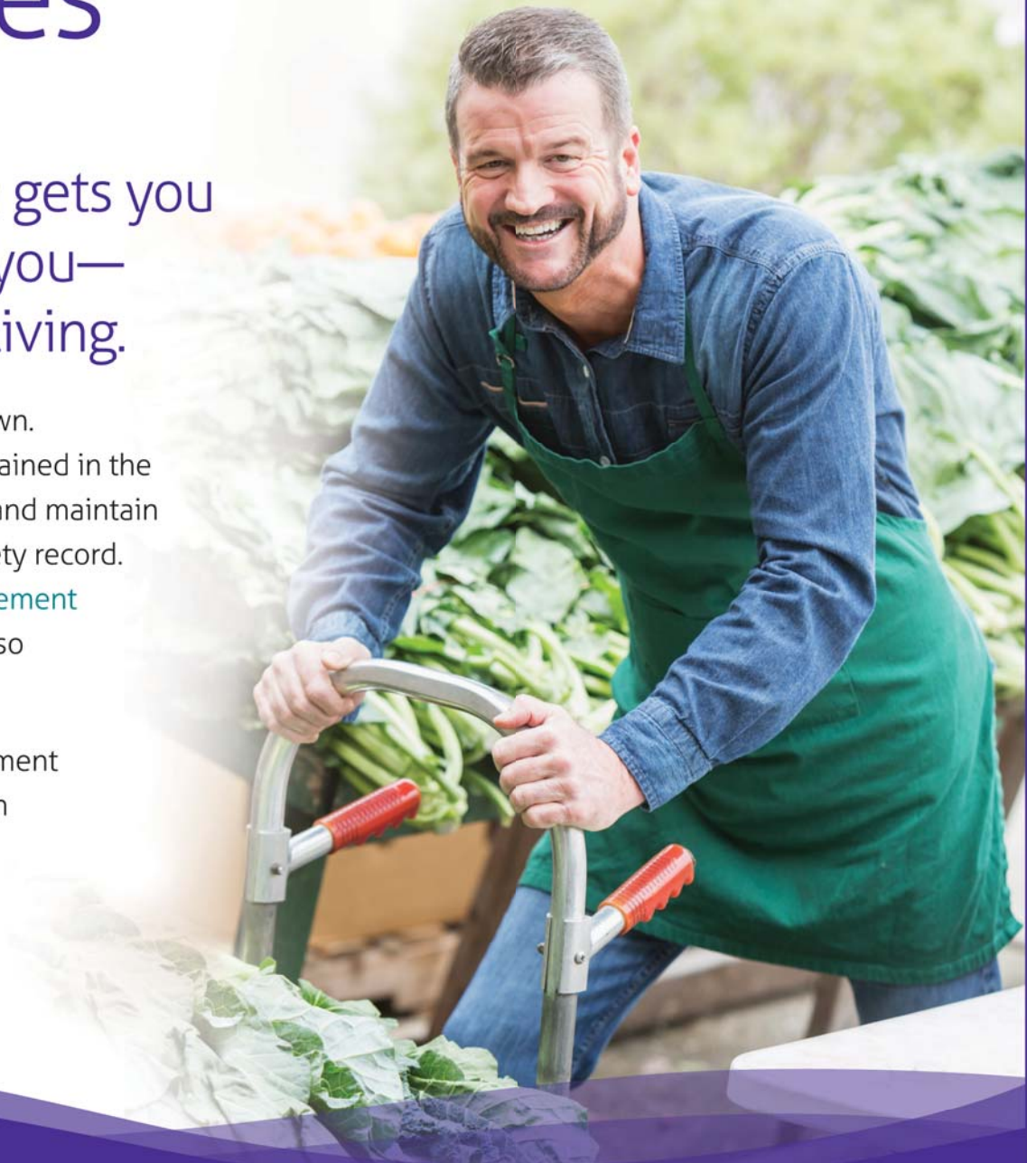
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Rose's Room

Images. I'm sure everyone reading this has memories and perhaps both physical and emotional damage from hurricane Irma, especially since we watched the devastation in Texas just short days before. I believe most of our memories are in the form of images both good and bad, kind of like a mental photo album that will be evoking emotions, both good and bad, for years to come.

- Spaghetti-like squiggles on every TV channel for days, turning into weeks.

- Weather forecasters' grim-faced predictions and warnings.

- News reporters on every TV channel trying their best to smile reassuringly while advising us to stock up on water, food and batteries.

- Co-workers' faces showing worry lines while comparing the impending tempest with past storms.

- Concern and trepidation in the demeanor of co-workers and neighbors newly transported from north of the Mason-Dixon line and those just reaching adulthood who are responsible for their own homes and families for the first time.

- Miles of strange looking electric company trucks lumbering south on I-95 from almost every state in the union like hundreds of huge circus elephants slowly traveling trunk to tail.

- Frustration as we saw all the empty store shelves, people rushing into and out of hardware stores laden with ungainly sheets of plywood and armfuls of whatever else they could find.

- Fear showing in the eyes of a young mother trying to find enough Enfamil to carry her new baby through the next days. Also her relief when the store manager took precious moments from his preparations to find another case in the back of the store.

- News reporters braving the wind, rain and flying debris to show us what the storm looked like as we huddled in our boarded up caves.

- The blessed quieting of the screaming winds, and the first look at our yards and homes.

I'm also sure everyone reading this has their own images of family and friends. Some of mine are sure to match some of yours. There are too many to mention, but I'm sure you all have matching memories.

- Not one or two, but seven people who passed by and saw my husband rushing around on his scooter stopped to ask if he needed help.

- The smile on our neighbor's face as he stopped whatever he was doing to come over and offer help anytime he saw my husband and myself outside.

- Sweat and grime already on the faces of daughter Cindy, husband Garth and grandson Hayden when they piled out of the truck to offer help with whatever preparations needed to be done. This was after assisting several other family members in boarding and sandbagging.

- Determination of military veteran granddaughter Alicia as she did her best to be respectful while explaining to military veteran Grumpy Grampa she is not leaving until he lets her assist in removing the American flag using a ladder to attack the immovable telescoping flagpole.

- Granddaughter Amber, Grandsons Josh and Cameron almost disappointed because there is nothing left to do, (and possibly because the cookie jar was empty).

- Opening my phone (yes, opening...it is a flip phone...kept mostly because it works perfectly well and drives my kids crazy because I choose to stay in the Dark Ages.) and finding a myriad of texts and missed calls offering any help that

is needed from almost every offspring and grand offspring.

- Granddaughter Hanna's comical reaction when she popped around the corner of the house and was told on no uncertain terms that rushing up to his mommy was definitely not a good idea by my new 10-pound fur baby. Raised with Dobermans and Boxers her first reaction was, "What the hell is that!", followed closely by her hand covering her mouth as she realized she cursed in front of her grandmother.

- Daughter Darlene taking time out of her preparations to help me administer fluid to my sick cat.

- Concern and frustration in my son's voice when we chose not to evacuate with him.

- Trying to push away the still clear memories of a long ago identical hurricane during which I struggled to hold my mother's hand while carrying a sick brother in hip deep black water to shelter.

- The sleep deprived look of relief on my husband's face as the final winds quieted.

To all who had injury or damage... you never left my prayers. To those of us lucky enough to be able to do a little cleaning and pick up then get on with our lives, please join me in hitting our knees in thanks. Even though time has passed, there is still much to do and much to be thankful for.

~ Rose Padrick

County Parks and Libraries

Due to damages from Hurricane Irma, Brevard County park and library openings are sporadic. Residents are encouraged to contact local parks and libraries to ensure they are open before visiting.

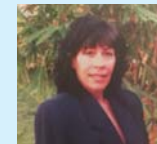
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help support the football players, the cheerleaders, and the league.

Upcoming Functions

Hurricane Irma's impact changed the season dates and pushed everything back 2 weeks. The following schedule is for the following four weeks

Upcoming games for The Panthers in October:

- Saturday, October 7th; SC Panthers @ West Melbourne (3390 Flanagan Ave., Melbourne)
- Saturday, October 14th; Sebastian Sharks @ SC Panthers (662 Canav-

eral Groves Blvd., Cocoa

- Saturday, October 21st; Titusville Terriers @ SC Panthers (662 Canaveral Groves Blvd., Cocoa

- Saturday, October 28th; SC Panthers @ MI Mustangs (600 Hall Road, Merritt Island

Board Meetings

Space Coast Panthers general board meetings are held biweekly, currently every other Tuesday at 8:30 pm. Tentative dates for our meetings in October are the 3rd, 17th and 31st. Everyone is welcome to come out and attend our meetings to add input and help shape our league. Make sure to check our website for updated dates and times for all meetings and upcoming functions.

Business Partners Wanted -

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Port St. John Public Library October Calendar of Events (321) 633-1867

Mon., Tues., Fri., 9 am - 5 pm; Wed., 12 - 8 pm;
Thurs., 10 am - 6 pm; Sat., 10 am - 2 pm

Master Gardener: Mondays, 2-4 pm. Bring
problem plant sample.

Yarning for a Cause: Mondays, 10 am-1 pm.

Writing Your Story: Mondays, 2-4 pm. Bring
a notebook and writing utensil.

Senior Games: Tuesdays, 11:00-3:00 pm. Card
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STIR - Story Time for Independent Readers:
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Story Time: Fridays, 10:30. All ages welcome.

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Overeaters Anonymous: Saturdays, 9:30-10:30.

Meetings and Events:

Oct. 4, 5:30 pm Adult Coloring Club

Oct. 7, 11 am-1 pm Delta Sigma Theta

Oct. 9, 5:30 pm Port St. John Public
Library Advisory Board meeting

Oct. 11, 6:00 pm PSJ Special District
Advisory Board Meeting

Oct. 14, 10 am-Noon PSJ Pokémon Club

Oct. 18, 1:00-3:00 pm Bookworms Adult Book
Discussion Group

The next meeting of The Friends of the Library
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Oct. 18, 6-7:45 pm Sunrise Village
Oct. 18, 6-7:45 pm Hundred Acre Woods
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Oct. 21, 10-Noon Fall Festival sponsored by
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Craft Program
Oct. 28, 10 am-1:45 pm Port St. John
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Space Coast State Fair

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National Integrated Care Leader

America's premier health care accrediting
and certification organization spotlights on its
website Parrish Medical Center in a white paper
written to help hospitals benefit from PMC's ex-
perience in achieving a national patient-care first.
The Joint Commission, which accredits nearly
21,000 health care organizations and programs,
has published, "A Framework for Achieving
Clinical Integration," which details how PMC
designed and carried out the years-long effort
that earned PMC the nation's first Joint Com-
mission certification for integrated care.

"Integrated care certification offers an oppor-
tunity to measure success within the network for
reducing readmissions, cost of care, and effective
management of patients with chronic diseases,"
the white paper says. Officially named, "The
Joint Commission's Gold Seal for Integrated
Care Certification," the process reviews how
well an organization handles information shar-
ing, including handoffs, IT integration and other
integration points. Integrated care - health care
providers communicating, sharing, and working
together - benefits patients in their care, safety,
and outcomes, said George Mikitarian, PMC
president and CEO.

"Integrated care is quite literally a worldwide
movement to improve patient care," Mikitarian
said. "Unfortunately, it takes no effort for a health
care provider to claim it's providing integrated
care, and such claims can mislead patients. That's
precisely why we sought certification, so patients
could have confidence in us and to use what PMC
has done as a benchmark to measure against
providers who make claims without substance."

The white paper explains how Parrish Medi-
cal Center in 2009 made integrated care emphasis
part of its strategic plan; the decision to seek
Joint Commission integrated care certification;
and how it used The Joint Commission's initial
review to make care improvements that met
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Pastor Jay Frazier www.calvarybaptistincocoa.org

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2010 N. Cocoa Blvd., Cocoa

ChristCentral51@gmail.com

www.cocoachurch.org

Bible Class: 9:00 – 9:45 AM

Worship Service: 10:15 – 11:30 AM

Christian Church at PSJ, 4645 Fay Blvd.,

Pastor Larry Sparrow, ccatpsj.org

ccatpsj.org -- email: ccatpsj@rocketmail.com

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www.cocoasda.org

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4725 Fay Blvd.,

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Service: Sunday, 10:30 am

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1855 Friday Rd., Cocoa. (321) 452 1060

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3757 N. US Hwy. 1 Pastor Les Ray

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Wednesday, 7 pm, Youth Group Fellowship.

First Baptist Church of Port St. John

(321)636-5455

3900 Fay Blvd., www.firstbaptistpsj.com

Sunday School 9:15

Worship & Kid's Church 10:30 am.

Adult Bible Study, 7 p.m. Wednesday

Wednesday: TeamKids & Youth, 6:30-8 pm.

Thrift Store Hours: M,T,Th,F, 10 - 4. W&Sat, 10 - 2

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First Baptist Church of Cocoa (321)636-2868

750 Brevard Ave. in Historic Cocoa Village

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<http://baptist1.com/church/fl/cocoafbc>

First Free Will Baptist Church

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5311 Barna Ave. Titusville 269-4033, 268-1705

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Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship - 10:27 a.m.

Pastor Bible Study, 6:00 pm

Wednesday Evening Services, 6:30 pm weekly.

Glory of God Anglican Church (321)632-6812

3735 N. Indian River Dr., Reverend Paul W. Young

Sunday service at 9:30 a.m.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

2073 Garden St., Titusville, 321-267-4323

Pastor Bruce Alberts; titusvilhelutherans.org

Traditional Worship, 8:30 am; Contemporary, 11:00

HOPE United Church of Christ, 636-0250

2555 Fiske Blvd.,

Reverend Celestine Slater-Brooks

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Pastor Tom Unrath, (321) 636-0777

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Pentecostals of Cocoa, 636-6560

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am

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Wed's: 6pm Taize Mediation Service

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St. Patrick's Anglican Catholic Church, 632-7634
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Mass Sunday at 8, 10 & 5:30 and Friday noon Mass
Wednesday Mass, 6:30 pm, then Pot Luck Supper
Alcoholics Anonymous, Sun., 5 pm, Tuesdays and
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Narcotics Anonymous, Mondays, 8 - 10 pm.

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Sun Valley Christian Church, 321-264-1337
4825 S. Barna Ave., Titusville, Minister Reggie Reed
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Surfside Community Fellowship, 321-607-2111

thesurfsidefellowship.com

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Saturday night at 6:00 pm at

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5005 Barna Ave. 267-8893.

Saturday Worship, 11 am.

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Wednesday Bible Study and
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www.sgcfla.org sgcoffice@
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www.unitymerrittisland.org. We are on Facebook.

Victory Baptist Church, Pastor Raymond Hall
632-6148 at 242 Capron Road, PSJ.

www.victorythroughjesus.org

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Preventing Hospital Errors

Preventable hospital errors lead to the deaths of thousands of Americans annually, but lives are being saved because Parrish Medical Center (PMC) and a growing number of other U.S. hospitals are making patient safety their priority, the leader of one of America's premier healthcare safety organizations told PMC care partners this month. Leah Binder, president and CEO of The Leapfrog Group, a national non-profit organization promoting "giant leaps" in healthcare quality and safety, was in Titusville on August 8th to tour PMC and congratulate its Board of Directors and staff on being one of only 63 (of 2,600) U.S. hospitals since 2012 to earn the Leapfrog Group's patient safety 'A' grade in every grading period to date.

PMC is the sole central Florida hospital over that same period to achieve straight-A grades from The Leapfrog Group. The Leapfrog Group estimates that preventable hospital errors cost some 1,000 Americans their lives every day.

"People's lives and health are better protected in hospitals that make safety their priority," Binder told PMC board members, administration, employees and volunteers gathered in the hospital's atrium. "To earn four straight 'A' grades is evidence for everyone to see of Parrish Medical

Center's determination to serve its patients well and safely."

The average cost of a hospital-acquired surgical site infection is \$39,000, demonstrating the financial impact that is also affected by hospital safety, she said.

"Hospital safety can't be a slogan, an objective, or a desire; it has to be a daily, hourly, minute-by-minute commitment and practice because lives are literally at stake," said George Mikitarian, PMC president and CEO.

The Leapfrog Group was formed by employers and other large healthcare purchasers to bring about significant healthcare improvements. The Leapfrog Group's Hospital Survey enables healthcare purchasers to make informed decisions on which hospitals are safest and where they can receive the highest-value care.

The Leapfrog Group assigns A, B, C, D, and F, grades based on a composite of 30 safety measures covering injuries, infections, and errors. Included in the survey are management practices that promote quality and safety; maternity care outcomes; high-risk procedure outcomes; and hospital acquired condition prevalence and medication safety.

A recent national example of the importance of hospital safety was the aftermath of the June

14 shooting in Arlington, VA., of U.S. Rep. Steve Scalise. His condition, at first listed as critical, improved to fair until an infection caused him to be readmitted to the intensive care unit. The hospital in which Rep. Scalise was treated had received a 'D' grade from The Leapfrog Group.

Martin Andersen Senior Center Dances

Be patient this month, some items may change as availability is affected, but plans for a good time and fun go on.

Martin Andersen Senior Center will host a Singles/Couples Ballroom Dance on Saturday, October 14th. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and dancing begins at 7:00 p.m., ends at 10:00 p.m. Free snacks, BYOB. Music will be provided by Steve. The cost is \$6; \$5 for members.

MASC will also host a dance on October 28th. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and dancing begins at 7:00 p.m., ends at 10:00 p.m. Free snacks, BYOB. Music will be provided by Steve. The cost is \$6; \$5 for members.

Adults of all ages are welcome to our dances. MASC is located at 1025 S. Florida Ave., Rockledge. Call Martin Andersen Senior Center at 321-631-7556 for more information.



Operation Christmas Child

First Baptist Church of Port St. John will be a drop off location for shoeboxes again this year!

Never heard of Operation Christmas Child? This is a ministry started by Franklin Graham and Samaritan's Purse. Go to their website: <http://www.samaritanaspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>

They also have a Facebook page.

You can use and fill any shoebox you have or we will have a limited supply of shoeboxes available at the church. National Collection Week will be November 13-20.

For more local information, you can call Ginger Platt at 321-403-5886, or First Baptist Church of Port St. John at 321-636-5455.

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Walter Butler Community Center - October, 2017

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The center is open Monday–Thursday from 10 - 8 pm, Fridays from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Schedule is subject to change. Call 433-4448 for latest information.

Mondays - Fridays

Pickleball, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Kids in Motion, 2-6 p.m.

Open Gym, 6-8 p.m.

Open Computer Lab, 6-8 p.m.

Tuesdays

Pickleball, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Kids in Motion, 2-6 p.m.

Open Computer Lab, 6-8 p.m.

Zumba, 6-7 p.m.

Boy Scouts, 3:30-4:30 p.m. every other Tuesday

Wednesdays

Pickleball 11 a.m.- 2 p.m.

Open Computer Lab, 12-2 & 6-8 p.m.

Kids in Motion, 2-6 p.m.

Volleyball Fundamentals, 5-8 pm

Open Gym, 6-8 p.m.

Zumba, 6-7 pm

Thursdays

Pickleball, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Open Computer Lab, 12-2 & 6-8 p.m.

Kids in Motion, 2-6 p.m.

5th & 19th - Girl Scouts Troop 373, 5-7 p.m.

Volleyball Fundamentals, 5-8 p.m.

Open Gym, 6-8 p.m.

Zumba, 6-7 p.m.

Fridays

Open Gym, 9 -11a.m.

Open Computer Lab, 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Pickleball, 11 am-2 pm

Kids in Motion, 2-6 p.m.

Saturdays

Basketball League, 10 a.m.- 2 p.m.

Zumba Classes - Zumba is an adult dance-based fitness class that uses a fusion of Latin and International rhythms with easy-to-follow moves. It includes both cardio and resistance training components designed to tone and sculpt the entire body. Zumba is designed for adults of all ages and fitness levels. Class participants exercise in a healthy, fun, party-like environment. Classes will be held Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 6-7 p.m., \$5 per class (discount punch cards available). Contact Debbie Kowaleuski at (321) 403-6918 for more information.

Volleyball Fundamentals is a class which teaches proper playing techniques and teamwork. This class focuses on teaching beginners how to properly bump, set, spike and more. Classes will be held on Wednesdays & Thursdays 5-8 p.m. For more information contact Donovan Gilbert at Walter Butler Community Center, 433-4448.

Basketball Fundamentals - Program designed for boys and girls ages 5 to 8. Each week the participants will learn/review basic basketball skills and apply them to a variety of drills. Games played but primary focus will be to build on and improve the skills sets of each participant. Practice will be held Monday and Tuesday 3-4 p.m. For more information contact Donovan Gilbert at (321)433-4448.

Kids in Motion - After school program that focus on Anti-bullying and educational hands on projects that helps to stimulate learning, and growth; such as the Choice Program, 4-H Club and Stem Programs to enhance learning. Monday – Friday 2-6 p.m. \$30 a week. Discounts do apply if you live in the target area and if the child is eligible for free or reduced lunch and if the household receives any assistance.

Parks & Recreation Meeting

The North Brevard Commission on Parks and Recreation will hold its next meeting on Thursday, October 12, 2017, 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. For questions call Jeff Davis at 264-5105.

SCFN Dinner & Silent Auction

Space Coast Feline Network (SCFN) will be holding its annual dinner and silent auction fundraiser “Autumn Gala” on Saturday, October 21st, at the Space Coast Holiday Inn Convention Center, 301 Tucker Lane, Cocoa with proceeds going to SCFN’s programs, including its low-cost spay/neuter program for feral/community cats.



Doors open at 5:30 PM with appetizers, cash bar and silent auction. Gourmet buffet dinner starts at 6:30 PM with complimentary table wine and chef’s choice dessert. Dinner will be followed by a short presentation for the Feral/Community Cat Supporter of the Year and Feral Cat Bingo. Raffles & door prizes for all. Bring a six-pound or larger bag of cat food and get a free raffle entry ticket (for every six pounds donated) to win a great prize TBD!

Cost is \$60 per person for reservations made by October 14th. Tables for eight are available, so invite all your friends. The last date to make reservations (If seat is available) is Wednesday, October 18th. For reservations: go to www.scfntr.org OR you may mail a check to SCFN, PO Box 624, Cocoa, Florida 32923 (if mailed, must reach SCFN by Wednesday, October 18th.)

For more information contact Carmen (321) 960-8812 or Sandy (321) 759-5242.

Space Coast Feline Network is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to the humane care and control of the homeless cat population of Brevard County, Florida, and to decreasing the feral/community cat population through low-cost spay/neuter services. Further information can be found on the SCFN website at www.scfntr.org.

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A Cancer Diagnosis Changes Everything

A cancer diagnosis is perhaps one of life's most difficult pieces of news to receive. Although survival rates are improving for many forms of the disease, cancer is still a serious illness that may consume your physical, emotional, mental and spiritual—as well as your financial—attention for quite some time. Your overall healthcare journey may be changed forever, and it can be difficult to know just where to start or what to do next.

Mayo Clinic recommends finding someone to talk to about your hopes and fears as one coping tactic. It could be a friend or family member, a clergy member, a counselor, a medical social worker or a cancer support group. Parrish Medical Center's Cancer Program includes Brevard County's only certified cancer navigator service—and the service is free.

A Parrish cancer navigator is a certified oncology registered nurse who is not only knowledgeable about your disease, but also will help you navigate the integrated healthcare system. Parrish navigators are certified in chemotherapy and biotherapy through the Oncology Nursing Society. Parrish also has a certified breast patient navigator, who is certified through the National Consortium of Breast Centers.

A Survivor's Story

Samantha Fender was 29 years old and expecting her second child in just a few weeks when she noticed unusual changes in her breasts. Thinking it was nothing more than the pregnancy, she nevertheless talked to her doctor about it at her next regular visit.

The tests revealed an awful truth. Samantha had an aggressive form of breast cancer. She recalls her mind racing with what this could mean for her toddler daughter, her husband, Paul, and their unborn child. To be carrying new life while having a disease that could take hers seemed impossible.

"When the doctor told us the lump in her breast was cancerous, I felt my heart drop," Paul recalls. "Sam was young and expecting our second baby. I couldn't believe what I was hearing."

With overwhelming concern for her family, Samantha was determined to meet cancer head-on and literally began the fight of her life. Shortly after giving birth, she began the difficult treatment of a double mastectomy, chemotherapy



and radiation.

Invaluable Support

The support of family and friends carried her through the most frightening times and allowed her to focus on getting better. "Not only did they care for me, they took care of my children when I couldn't," Samantha said. "It means the world to me."

During her treatment, Samantha also had the support of Parrish Cancer Center's nationally certified breast cancer navigators, Marsha Richardson and Shannon Luker. "It was wonderful to have Marsha and Shannon as my navigators," Samantha says. "They were always there for me, even in the middle of the night."

After Samantha's husband, Paul, shaved Samantha's head at home, where they could laugh and cry together, Richardson and Luker fitted Samantha with a wig from Parrish Medical Center's Cancer Boutique.

Samantha and Paul found solace in their shared faith to get through the tough times. "We were never sure what the day may bring," Paul said. "We took them one at a time and just kept swimming, as Sam likes to say."

New Perspective

Happily, Samantha is now cancer-free. She says the experience made her a better, more empathetic person. Today she spends time helping others by making gift bags full of comfort items for newly diagnosed breast cancer patients.

Paul says cancer truly changed their perspective. "It made us realize what is really important in life."

Fall Prevention

The Sunflower House, a service of Aging Matters in Brevard, announces a guest speaker from Health South Sea Pines Rehabilitation Hospital, presenting "Fall Prevention." A Sea Pines Physical Therapist will discuss fall risk factors, strategies to reduce falls, keeping yourself safe, and more. The presentation will be held at the Sunflower House on Monday, October 23rd from 2:00-3:00 pm. The Sunflower House is located in the Merritt Square Mall at 777 E Merritt Island Causeway, Suite 201. Light refreshments will be provided. Please call 321-452-4341 to RSVP.

Established in 1965, Aging Matters in Brevard is a non-profit organization whose mission is to promote and maintain independence and maximize quality of life for the citizens of Brevard County, particularly the elderly and disabled. Aging Matters in Brevard services are funded by federal, state, and local grants (Eligibility requirements may apply). Private pay services are also available. Aging Matters in Brevard offers a wide variety of services to enable seniors to live safely and independently in their own homes.

Storm Debris

If you still have debris from the storm that needs to be removed, FEMA will be the responsible group and they have already started arranging trash pickup. Here's some information that may help.

Contractors hired by a homeowner for tree trimming, fence repair/replacement, or construction are responsible for hauling away all yard waste, fencing and construction materials.

Containerize loose vegetative debris (leaves, grass clippings, pine needles or shrubbery).

Cut up trees and limbs into 4' lengths.

Don't place any debris beside utility poles or transformers, under power lines, on top of water meters, on storm drains, by fire hydrants, near vehicles, next to mailboxes or fences. It makes it difficult for the claw mechanism to grab.

If you'd rather not wait, residents may also bring their yard waste and construction/demolition materials to one of the County. Disposal locations:

- Mockingbird Way Mulching Facility, 3600 South Street, Titusville.

- Central Disposal Facility, 2250 Adamson Rd., Cocoa.

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Fruit From The Groves

October, 12/ CGHI meeting 7:00 at Discovery Church

WOW, did most of us dodge the bullet. Some of us lost power and water, but for the most part we made out just fine. Our usual evening quiet was replaced by the hum of generators.

I know that the water drainage this time was a lot less than previous storms. This was not true in all instances, but thanks to the extensive work by Brevard County Road and Bridge, there was no major damage to our bridges or culverts.

There was a lot of yard debris from Irma and a few downed power lines. I saw today where independent contractors were starting trash removal on Citrus (9/18).

A big thank you to the Sheriff's Department

and our Firefighters for being there when they were needed.

It was great to see neighbor helping neighbor in their time of need after the storm. You ought to try to do this with a broken arm and shoulder. I owe so much to my family and my Church Family, especially Pastor Don Adkins of Christ Central Church in Cocoa.

October is the GREAT NUT SALE so be on the lookout to get your holiday baking and snack treats. Proceeds are used for the Scholarship and Educational Fund.

October 31st is Halloween, so be on the lookout for our youngins' looking for candy. The best thing to do is find a local Church that does "Trunk or Treat" to make sure that all stay safe.

I will be so glad when my arm heals so I can go back to typing with both hands.

No update on the High Speed Rail or the Waterline Projects. More news as it comes in.

.....A Parting Shot From The Cannon.....

A man came home to find his house in flames. In a panic, he rushed to his neighbor's house to use the phone to call 911. He dialed and the dispatcher quickly answered. "Help!" he said to the dispatcher. "My house is on fire!"

"Okay sir, we can help. How do we get there?" the dispatcher calmly asked.

"What? Don't you still have those big red trucks?"

Until next time, Lord willin' and the creek don't rise.
- Bill Cannon



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