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Spring is Here! Let's Get Out and Play!

Port St. John Housewives Softball League



The Port St. John Housewives Softball League is gearing up for another fun season! Don't let the name fool you...women of all

playing abilities are invited to join our league.

As of July 1st, you must be 19 years of age or older. Sign-ups will be on Saturdays and Sundays, May 19th and 20th, and June 2nd and 3rd from 10:00AM to 2:00PM at Fay Park, east parking lot. Cost is \$50, which includes 20 softball games, team shirt and end of year party and awards.

The season starts in July and continues through mid-October. Games are on Tuesday and Thursday nights at Fay Park. This is a great way to make friends and get some exercise. You do not have to live in Port St. John to join our league.

We are also accepting applications for sponsors and experienced umpires.

For more information, call: Shannon Free-

land, President, at 321-543-5175; Kim Myrick, Vice-President, at 321-536-1372; Angie Burris, Treasurer, at 321-480-1052; or Joan Sottoriva, Secretary, at 321-537-9605. You can also find us on Facebook, www.facebook.com/PSJHSL.



Post 359 - American Legion Riders presents Bike Days at the Tiki

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Contact Jerry Pierce, WebMaster, American Legion Riders Post 359 at 616-634-1212 or info@alr359.com.

Challenger 7 Golf Classic

Our 3rd Annual Charity Golf Classic will be held on Saturday, April 28th at Turtle Creek Golf Club. The cost is \$55 per person 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 12:30pm. All proceeds benefit Challenger 7 Elementary School.

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 Verano sponsored by Ron Norris Buick/GMC.

Anyone who does not play golf can still participate by sponsoring a golf hole for \$100, or attend the awards luncheon for \$10.00.

For an application or additional info, email c7golf@cfl.rr.com or visit <http://c7golf.wixsite.com/challenger7>. The deadline to register is April 20th.

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Community Health Fair

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The day will include free admission, free lunch, health exhibits, free health information and free health screenings for memory, bone density, oral cancer, blood pressure and more. The day will also include a Lunch and Learn and an opioid and drug abuse forum.



This event is put on by the Doctors' Goodwill Foundation collaboration with Parrish Medical Center, Aging Matters in Brevard and Space Coast Daily. Visit www.doctorsfoundation.org for more information and updates.

Parrish Medical Group Welcomes Primary Care Physician



Parrish Medical Group (PMG) welcomes Jibril D. Skaden, MD, as its newest board-certified physician in family medicine. Dr. Skaden joins Benjamin Nettleton, DO; Sandra Ogata Keefe,

MD; Julio Pagan, MD; and Rachel Loeffler, ARNP, at the PMG Primary Care practice, located on the second floor of the Parrish Healthcare Center at 5005 Port St. John Parkway, Cocoa.

Dr. Skaden is board certified through the American Board of Family Medicine. He earned his medical degree from SUNY Downstate Medical School in Brooklyn, New York and completed his residency in Family and Social Medicine with Montefiore Medical Center in Bronx, New York.

Dr. Skaden is also currently pursuing his board certification in Occupational and Environmental Medicine.

PMG Primary Care is currently accepting new patients. Medicare, Medicaid and most insurance are accepted. Visit parrishmedgroup.com to request an appointment online or call 321-504-0556 for an appointment.

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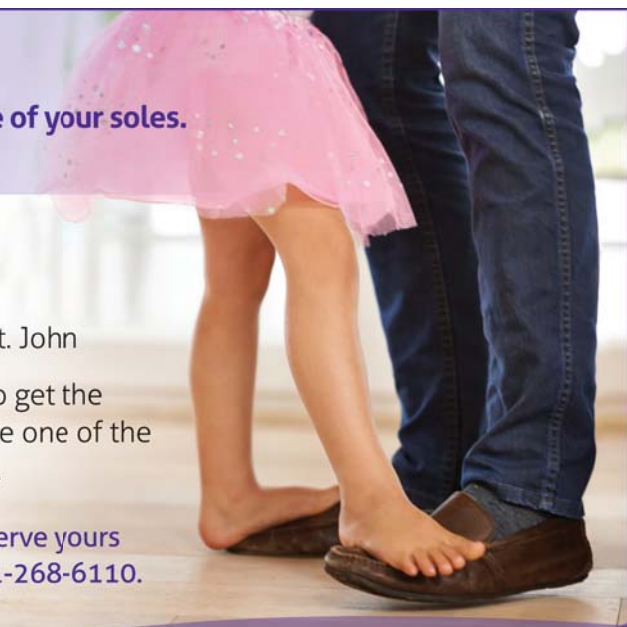
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PSJ Community Center Schedule - April, 2018

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.

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.

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.

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.- 2 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.

A day without laughter is a day wasted.

Community Center Renovation

Beginning April 16th Port St. John Community Center be going through renovations and will be open from 9 am to 5 pm for business transactions only. We apologize for the inconvenience, for more information please contact the center at (321)633-1904.

Art In The Park - Certified art instructor offering beginner and intermediate acrylic paint activities \$25 per project, includes all supplies. Classes are held bi-weekly. For more information, contact Donna at (561)262-4573 or the Port St. John Community Center at (321)633-1904.

Zumba Classes - Zumba incorporates rhythms of Latin and International music to high energy aerobic/fitness dance movements. Zumba tones the body by integrating basic principles of movement and resistance training.

Dancers and long-time exercisers thoroughly enjoy the change in pace - exercising in a healthy, fun, party-like environment. For ages 12 years to adults. Classes are Mondays and Wednesdays at 6-7 p.m. \$5 per class. For more information, contact the PSJ Community Center, 633-1904.

Spring Break Day Camp

Spring Break Day Camp begins April 2 -6, 7 a.m.-6 p.m. The cost is: Monday Thru Friday \$90 week or \$30 daily. For more information, contact the Port St. John Community Center at 321-633-1904. Please leave a message if no answer. Phone service may be interrupted during renovation.

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Good Day! by Maureen Rupe The Conspiracy Changes Direction?

We have episode 2 on the political intrigue surrounding District 2 candidate Robyn Hattaway, who, in last month's Happenings I covered where she set up a private meeting at her home with 3 other candidates. Afterward, the others at the meeting stepped down from running for District 2 County Commissioner.

NOW, Robyn Hattaway decides to drop out of the D2 County Commissioner race and to sign up for the District 5 Port Authority Race in the same day.

What about the other three who dropped out of the race? Do they re-apply and pay money to try to run again? I am a bit curious as to her motives for dropping from one race to announce her candidacy for another race, especially if it was so important to the citizens of District 2, if she was supposedly the best candidate? Does she now think it would be an easier way to an office? Maybe, but maybe not so fast.

Like a blast from the past, Malcolm "Mac" McLouth, a Republican and past CEO at the Port Authority, and between being on the board, Busi-

ness Director and CEO, served on the authority for 3 decades. McLouth announced his candidacy just one day after the Florida Today told us about Robyn Hattaway's political jogging to find the easiest path to office.

I hope Hattaway isn't going to try to jump back to the County Commissioner's race. It would not show anything positive concerning her motives.

Reference:

<https://www.floridatoday.com/story/news/local/2018/03/12/county-commission-candidate-hattaway-moves-canaveral-port-authority-race-instead/415702002/>

<https://www.floridatoday.com/story/news/local/2018/03/13/former-port-canaveral-ceo-mclouth-run-port-authority-seat-he-held-three-decades/422109002/>

A New Low; Term Limits on Volunteering?

According to a March 9th - 10th Florida Today story by Dave Berman titled, "Brevard County Commission Rejects Term Limits for Volunteer Advisory Committees," the story discussed the March 10 Brevard County Commission meeting where Commissioner Tobia for District 5 brought

up a proposal to term limit people on volunteer Advisory Boards. I am not against terms for elected officials, as we see many in the legislature who have made a career of government. In fact, when I was on one of the Charter Review Commissions, I voted to bring in term limits to the elected officials in Brevard. That went to ballot and was voted in by the people.

But volunteer Advisory Boards are different from elected officials. Volunteer boards represent the public, as they advise the County Commissioners, and allow the people interested in various subjects to present their wishes, instead of giving their three minutes in front of the County Commission. These Advisory Boards ensure transparency on issues.

Commissioner Tobia brought the idea up. It was voted down, 3 against term limits and 2 for term limits. Commissioner Pritchett, District 1 Commissioner said, "We have a hard time right now getting enough volunteers on some of our boards, and some of them are really good," Pritchett said. "I've got, like, 1 percent of the community willing to do most of the work, and I don't want to lose that workforce because

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they're really good workers and great people." Jim Barfield, District 2 Commissioner said, "We have to remember these are volunteers, and a lot of times it's hard to get people to volunteer for certain committees. I just know how it is with volunteers."

Pritchett noted, though, that she would "have no problem, if somebody is not doing their job on a board, removing them."

Commissioner Curt Smith, District 3 Commissioner said though he was, "very much in favor of term limits," he disagreed with term limits on volunteer boards. He also said, "I understand the idea of clearing out dead wood, but the Commissioners themselves have that ability. You just have to make that tough decision. It comes with the territory. You can't be squeamish ... if opportunity arises." I absolutely agree.

Commissioner Isnardi, District 5 said, "We have too many boards, and I will be the first to say it." She also said she wanted term limits to get fresh perspectives. Unfortunately, I have been on too many boards where you get new people in and you lose all that experience, and the new people won't talk for the first year while they are

trying to get up to speed on all the issues.

Commissioner Tobia said he would bring it up another time. You can see where he's going, trying to get rid of advisory boards, as he feels he's the one that should be providing all input. A couple of months ago, Commissioner Tobia asked the County Commission to disband the Port St John Special District Advisory Board and the Merritt Island Special District Planning and Zoning Board. Tobia obviously doesn't think we should have a say in our quality of life. Once again, Commissioner Tobia has made it plain, it will come back in the future. Does he mean he is trying to get Trudie Infantini back into office in November, 2018? If he does, there will be a three vote majority where Tobia, Infantini and Isnardi would control the County Commission. If that happens, forget about quality of life issues. From discussions, you can see he's not in favor of libraries, parks, ball fields, advisory boards and the environment.

Reference:

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Legislature School Safety Bill has No Money for Resource Officers

According to a March 9 Tallahassee Story by James Call titled, "Officials: Legislature stiffes schools on safety program; arming staff may be only option," the bottom line is stated as follows: "It didn't matter whether Pinellas County Sheriff Bob Gualtieri looked at a calculator or chalkboard Friday morning for him to see that there isn't enough money in the state budget to pay the bill Tallahassee handed sheriffs and school superintendents when Scott signed the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act."

The Governor and state legislature gave \$162 million to have all county Sheriff and School Districts comply with the new law. Unfortunately, it is a very small percentage of what is actually required. The story stated, "Statewide, another 1,500 deputies would be needed for every school campus to be staffed, according to the Florida Education Association, a teachers union. According to the January 2017 Report: "Review of

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Florida's Cost per Student Station," there were 3,070 K-12 Florida Schools at that time. So it's very easy to see why the Florida Sheriffs Association said it would cost about \$360 million to comply.

"Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act requires one safe-school officer at each school. Districts can meet the requirement with any combination of deputy/SRO or a guardian/staff and faculty.

Guardians training to carry guns on campus: The training agreement between a school district and sheriff must:

Specify Criminal Justice Standards Training Commission certified instructors and include an 80-hour block based on CJSTC Law Enforcement Academy training model; 16 hours in firearms precision pistol; 8 hours of firearms discretionary shooting; 8 hours on an active shooter or assailant response; 8 hours on defensive tactics; 12 hours of legal or high liability; and optional 16 hours of additional precision pistol training

Eligibility requirements for a school guardian:

Candidate must be licensed to carry a con-

cealed weapon, pass criminal background check, drug testing and psychological evaluation; Achieve an 85-percent pass rate on firearms training and complete 12 hours of diversity training.

I found a News 4 Jacksonville story about Duval County talking about cost being the impeding factor concerning hardening schools. It only talked about two factors; metal detectors and fences. Duval County has 197 schools and the article was saying metal detectors cost between \$1000 and \$30,000; a moderate one would cost about \$4,000. Given Florida has about 3,070 schools, it would cost \$12,280,000; installation cost would probably double that cost. It would also cost \$32,000,000 to fence all 197 Duval County Schools where some schools are fenced and some are not.

Bullet proof glass isn't discussed, but warranted, at least near entrance areas, and better protection while kids are playing outdoors. Remember, the state legislature only gave \$98 million for hardening schools and \$97 million for resource officers. Neither is enough to protect our children. And what do we do? Create a fortress for our schools? What will be next? Our

Shopping Malls? Our Parks? Will we have to have ID to get into Publix? What has happened to our freedom?

Reference:

<https://www.tallahassee.com/story/news/2018/03/09/lack-money-may-force-schools-arm-teachers-librarians-and-coaches/410471002/>

<http://edr.state.fl.us/Content/special-research-projects/education/CostPerStudentStation.pdf>

<https://www.news4jax.com/news/cost-to-increase-safety-in-schools-becomes-hurdle-in-jacksonville>

No Degree Required?

While researching the School Safety Rules, I happened to find a March 12 Orlando Sentinel article titled, "Private voucher schools face new rules, but still free to hire teachers without degrees." Why would I want a person without a degree teaching my children? The same article said Charter Schools will be facing new rules where they can't make up fire and health inspections or hide criminal activities. Wasn't that a requirement before this year?

Reference:

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<http://www.orlandosentinel.com/features/education/school-zone/os-vouchers-schools-accountability-20180312-story.html>

Florida Legislature Passes Bill Allowing Reclaimed Water Pumped into Aquifer

The Florida Senate voted 27 to 10 to approve House Bill 1149. The House bill allows millions of gallons of reclaimed water to be pumped every day into the surficial aquifer and the lower Floridan aquifer, the same aquifer many Floridians depend on for drinking water. The bill had already been passed by the House of Representatives, voting 86 for and 21 against. The Bill is now being sent to Governor Scott for his signature.

The sponsors of the bill say that the sewage effluent that will be pumped into the aquifer will have to meet all required standards. The real

problem is that there are no standards for many of the pollutants that sewage contains, such as pharmaceuticals and numerous toxic/carcinogenic chemicals. It also contains pathogens that are not destroyed by the chlorine added. Remember this is reclaimed water. It contains high levels of nitrogen and phosphorus, where cities use it for fertilizing lawns because it isn't clean enough to drink. Many cities tell their citizens to keep their children and pets off of the yard for a time period after using it on their lawns.

I was appalled that the legislature would approve such a terrible bill that allows treated sewage water that contains high levels of nitrogen of phosphorus. But I was more appalled to find out from reading the bill, the state has been allowing this to happen since 1983. The bill states: (d)

The provisions of this subsection do not apply to treated or untreated effluent currently discharging into the Floridan Aquifer or Biscayne Aquifer on June 22, 1983. However, any expansion of existing facilities on or after the effective date of this act are subject to the requirements of this subsection.

Reference:

<http://flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2018/1308/Amendment/269542/HTML>

I will end with my favorite quote from Plato: "One of the penalties for refusing to participate in government is that you end up being governed by your inferiors."

Cheerio,

Maureen Rupe

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Space Coast Panthers general board meetings are currently being held tentatively every 2 weeks on Thursdays at 8:00pm. Everyone is welcome to join us and have a voice in the success of our league. Dates will be posted on our website and on our Facebook pages as they are scheduled.



Registration

Registration for the upcoming 2018 Fall Tackle\Cheer season has arrived. Make it easy on yourself and register your football or cheer star from the comfort of your home by going to Spacecoastpanthers.org. Monitor our website for dates and times of live registrations being held near you. While you're on the site checking out the registration go ahead and check out our volunteer information, we are always in need of more volunteers to help with the league.

Cost to register for Football and cheerleading is \$90 and right now is the cheapest time to



register, as the season gets closer the rates will rise. Register early and save some money.

Volunteers Needed

We are currently seeking volunteers and coaches for the upcoming Fall Tackle, Cheer and Flag Season. We are a non-profit, all volunteer organization and we are always in need of volunteers. Space Coast Panthers Coaches and Board members are all volunteers and give their personal time, to train and help the boys and girls of our league. This is a great way to give back to your community and help make a difference in a child's life.



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Brevard Arts Academy Showstoppers



"You can't have grace without graciousness," says Miss Jackie, director and teacher of the award winning studio that's been in Port St. John for over 12 years. This attitude has won the studio many accolades not only in dance, but in music and production.

Dancers Crystal Mack, Ivy Moran, Kaylena Mack and Emily May brought home some GOLD from the other side of the rainbow on St. Patrick's Day weekend at Showstopper Orlando at Gaylord Palms. These young beginning competitors won in their division, against many other studios in Florida and displayed both grace and kindness. Congratulations to the dancers and may the luck continue at StarQuest Lakeland in April!



This year's production in May, "A Splash of Color," will feature film, interactive dances, aerial silks and lyra, and these wonderful dancers, along with many other talented students and guest performer Faith

Clark, hooping artist and instructor.

Pre-sale tickets are available now at the studio or online, or call 321-403-4904 to reserve yours. Tax-free advertising available for the show! Call to reserve your space by no later than May 2, 2018.



April Is Crime Awareness Month

Are you aware that you may be an easy target for theft and other crimes? You have the power to change your circumstances and any given situation, if you prepare well. Here are my 6 TOP PICKS for protecting yourself, your belongings, and family.

1. Don't give too much information when online or out and about. Preying eyes can see and monitor your habits, lifestyle, family and whereabouts.
2. Be aware of your surroundings at all times. Keep keys in hand, and a way to protect yourself. Use a buddy system.
3. Do not use a credit card at the pumps. Not all stations have a secured system or proper surveillance. Use cash or credit inside, if you must.
4. Do not give any personal information over the phone when a stranger calls. The IRS will never call you! Ignore Medicare calls, too!
5. Sexual predators and local arrest records are updated often. Please familiarize yourself with your area and whereabouts of criminals and their activity.
6. Vehicle and home thefts and their contents are on the rise. Disable thieves by parking in the garage, carport, and LOCK doors. Do not open a door to a stranger.

Don't let anyone take advantage of you and your trust. It's a known fact that you have to think like a thief to stop one. Crimes of opportunity are just that, so the fewer opportunities you give them, they will have less, and hopefully you'll have more.

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Parks & Recreation Meeting

The North Brevard Commission on Parks and Recreation will hold its next monthly meeting on Thursday, April 12th, 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.

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 Jeff Davis at (321) 264-5105.



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BCFR Launches PulsePoint Application

Brevard County Fire Rescue (BCFR) launched their new mobile application, PulsePoint last month. PulsePoint is aimed at providing bystander CPR and Automated External Defibrillator (AED) assistance to those in immediate need.

PulsePoint works by notifying application users, including trained citizens, visitors and health-care professionals if someone nearby is having a cardiac emergency, while local paramedics and firefighters are simultaneously dispatched. The app also directs citizen rescuers to the exact location of the closest publicly accessible AED.

Cardiac arrest is a leading cause of death in the United States, accounting for an estimated 424,000 deaths each year, or more than 1,000 deaths per day. The American Heart Association estimates that effective bystander CPR, provided immediately after cardiac arrest, can double or triple a person's chance of survival. However, less than half of cardiac arrest victims receive bystander CPR, or CPR administered by a trained person on scene, or the use of an AED.

“With such a short window of opportunity in

cardiac arrest cases, early CPR and defibrillation is the key to survival. Brevard County Fire Rescue and our municipal partners are committed to improving the chain of survival,” said Brevard County Fire Chief Mark Schollmeyer, “and ultimately positive cardiac arrest outcomes, through the use of technology and citizen engagement.”

Brevard County Fire Rescue was able to initiate the PulsePoint project and application launch with the receipt of the State of Florida EMS Trust Award, through which Brevard County Fire Rescue was awarded \$23,000 of initial funding, and \$13,000 of funding per year guaranteed for the next 5 years.

PulsePoint and Brevard County Fire Rescue, along with partner agencies, are providing our community with a unique opportunity to build a partnership between citizens and first responders. Through this collaboration, BCFR is determined to bring immediate CPR and AED assistance to anyone in need.

To learn more about PulsePoint or how your agency can be involved, visit pulsepoint.org.



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Easily Get Replacement Social Security Tax Forms Online

By Blanca Taylor, Social Security Public Affairs Specialist

Tax time is fast approaching. Preparing your documents can seem overwhelming. Some forms and paperwork might be difficult to track down. Social Security has made it easy to track down your annual Benefit Statement.

An SSA-1099, or your annual Benefit Statement, is a tax form Social Security mails each year in January to people who receive Social Security benefits. It shows the total amount of benefits received from Social Security in the previous year so people know how much Social Security income to report to the IRS on their tax return. You should receive your SSA-1099 by January 31, 2017.

For noncitizens who live outside of the United States and received or repaid Social Security benefits last year, we'll send form SSA-1042S instead. The forms SSA-1099 and SSA-1042S are not available for people who receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI).

If you currently live in the United States and need a replacement form SSA-1099 or SSA-1042S, we have a way for you to get an instant replacement quickly and easily. Go online to www.socialsecurity.gov/my-account and request an instant replacement form. The online replacement form is available now. Every working person in the U.S. should create a *my Social Security* account. The secure and personalized features of *my Social Security* are invaluable in securing a comfortable retirement — for today and tomorrow.

Monthly Tax Update

This month I want to discuss Internal Revenue Service (IRS) communications. In the past, you have been told time after time the IRS will not call you and this still stands true to a certain extent. I recommend the following actions when IRS contacts you personally, by mail, or telephone. The IRS initiates most contacts through regular mail delivered by the United States Postal Service (USPS). However, there are special circumstances in which the IRS will call or come to a home or business.

Visits are usually conducted when a taxpayer has not responded on an overdue tax bill, to secure a delinquent tax return or a delinquent employment tax payment, or during criminal investigations. Upon arrival, you will want to verify they have valid identification cards and then inquire as to what their purpose for the visit is. They will explain their requirements and at this point, I would recommend you call my office or your tax advisor for how to respond to their requirements. I would suspect your tax advisor will request you have them contact your tax advisor directly. This will require you to complete a power of attorney for your tax advisor, and then let your tax advisor handle all future communications with the representatives. IRS will provide

your tax advisor the professional courtesy time to secure the documents or information required and relieve the pressure and stress you'll experience when they arrive.

The next step by the IRS is the task of collecting taxes established from their visit. If this is so, they will initiate communications again by mail delivered by the USPS. If securing the tax liability fails due to your failure to respond, it may result in them utilizing a new private collection program from a select four contractors. The groups are: CBE Group of Cedar Falls, Iowa; Conserve of Fairport, N.Y.; Performant of Livermore, Calif.; and Pioneer of Horseheads, N.Y. The taxpayer's account will only be assigned to one of these agencies, never to all four. Also, no other private group is authorized to represent the IRS.

Again, the IRS will always notify a taxpayer before transferring their account to a private collection agency (PCA). The IRS will send a letter to the taxpayer and their tax representative informing them that their account is being assigned to a PCA and giving the name and contact information for the PCA. This mailing will include a copy of Publication 4518, What You Can Expect When the IRS Assigns Your Account to a Private Collection Agency. Be advised, I recom-

mend you listen carefully to what they have to say, request their name and contact information, and tell them your tax advisor will contact them to resolve the collection issue.

In both of these circumstances, my main point is that you don't give them any personal information, financial information or what action will be taken. Let your tax advisor handle the situation to validate the requirement requested and advise you on the proper action to resolve the situation.

In closing, to my clients, THANK YOU!!! Because of you, my office had another successful tax season. Also, to the many of you who read my articles, THANK YOU, I hope it helps.

For additional details and specific assistance in applying the general information in this article, contact your tax advisor or call us at your earliest convenience. Provided by Tracey C. Higginbotham, E.A., (321) 632-5726, a member of the National Society of Accountants.

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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.

4-1 Easter

4-3 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.

4-4 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.

4-4 PSJ Startups & Founders Club, a group for new business owners and entrepreneurs, meets on the 1st Wednesday of each month at the Port St. John Library. We'll begin our pro-

gram at 5:30 PM, and wrap up before 7 PM. The Port St. John internet site can be viewed at www.meetup.com/Port-St-John-PSJ-Startups-Founders-Club/.

4-7 National Beer Day

4-8 Multiple Sclerosis Self-Help Group meets on the 2nd Sunday each month (except Mother's Day & Nov.), 2 PM, Cocoa Library.

4-8 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.

4-8 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.

4-12 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.

4-13 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.

4-16 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.

4-17 Tax Filing Deadline

4-18 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.

4-20 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.

4-22 Earth Day

4-24 Moonlight Quilters Guild meets at the

First Christian Church in Titusville, 2880 Jay Jay Rd., on the 4th Tuesday of each month. Meet and greet & refreshments at 6:00, 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.

4-27 Arbor Day

Congratulations to:

Brianna Romans turns **24** on the 1st.

Jeremy Rausch turns **17** on the 1st.

Vickie Wiedman has a party day on the 2nd.

April Staner turns cooler on the 3rd.

Bobby Hudspeth turns wiser on the 5th.

Lydia Hudspeth turns **20** on the 6th.

Bill Aglitz turns **51** on the 8th.

Dylan Thomas turns **19** on the 9th.

Madison Thomas turns **14** on the 9th.

Lori Johnson remains beautiful on the 9th.

Jason Wolfe turns **17** on the 10th.

Amanda Hosler is **25** on the 12th.

Ryland Travis turns **7** on the 12th.

Dawne Parker parties wild on the 14th.

April Blake has a spanking day on the 16th.

Jamie Kline turns more lovely on the 16th.

Christina D'Amico turns **24** on April 18th

April Higgs turns **29** on the 19th.

Donnie Crouse turns buffer on the 20th.

Dusty Stricker turns **25** on the 24th.

Pamela Mann turns hotter on the 25th.

Kolby Davis turns **26** on the 26th.

Wanda Daugherty gets spanked on the 27th.

Sharon Hightower turns cuter on April 28.

KC, Happy Birthday! Love, Joe. Spankings and champagne on the 28th!

Elizabeth Blum turns **17** on the 29th.

Jaden Travis turns **14** on the 29th.

Sonny & Gayle Wardlow celebrate their 39th on the 14th. It's Party Time!

Randy & Michele DeVane celebrate their 23rd on the 14th.

Paul and Sarah Bennett celebrate their 4th Wedding Anniversary on the 5th!!

Brenda and Bill Townley celebrate their 22nd wedding anniversary on the 5th.

Michael & Cheryl Rausch celebrate their 36th on the 17th.

Gary & Holly Turner celebrate their **41st** Anniversary on the 28th.

We have lots of room for more good news.

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Port St. John Library	633-1867
PSJ Community Center -	633-1904
Florida Power & Light -	723-7795
City of Cocoa Water Dept. -	433-8400
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PUT YOUR BEST FOOT FORWARD

It's time to show a little love and respect for the body part most of us take for granted

Our poor, neglected feet. From morning to night, they take us everywhere we need to go, yet we rarely seem appreciative.

Maybe the truth is that we take our feet for granted because they almost always get the job done without a hassle. But when something is amiss, our feet let us know. This raises the question, are we treating our feet with enough TLC?

"Poor footwear choices, poor hygiene or personal foot care, and lack of exercise, cause most of the problems," says Parrish Medical Group's Jonathon Lubitz, DPM. "Things like arch height, propensity for bunions and foot shape and size are inherited. However, these are just anatomical features. They don't cause problems."

While some foot woes are painful and others are just uncomfortable, they all can lead to bigger concerns if not dealt with early on. With this in mind, here are some rules to help you put your best foot forward. And keep it there.



Wear Shoes Around the House

Forget about leaving them at the front door; wearing shoes at home is a suggested habit for foot care. Shoes protect you from the environment (heat and cold) and man-made surfaces, like cement and other obstacles that can damage the foot. Dr. Lubitz recommends wearing specifically designed supportive sandals around the house.

Practice Good Hygiene

Consider how much time you spend washing your hair versus your feet. Now ponder this: According to the American Podiatric Medical Association (APMA), each of your feet has more than 250,000 sweat glands and can produce four to six ounces of perspiration a day if you're active.

Combat the stench by washing your feet, including between each toe, with warm, soapy water and a washcloth, and dry them thoroughly. (This will help remove dead skin and bacteria and prevent nail fungus.) And for goodness' sake, change your socks and shoes.

Wear Shoes that Fit

Many foot conditions—bunions, heel pain and hammertoes are three of the most common—are aggravated by ill-fitting footwear.

"Your shoes should offer plenty of support and be wide enough to accommodate the ball of your foot," Dr. Lubitz says. "The back should be cushioned and not dig into your heel or touch your anklebone."

It's also important to match the shoe to the activity. There are some shoes, such as running shoes that can be used for walking or aerobics; but if you do a sport three or more times a week, you should purchase a specialty shoe.

Get Regular Exercise

You already know that stretching can help you stay flexible, and that regular exercise can build stronger bones and muscle and help maintain your weight. Being fit also keeps your feet happy. "Obesity is associated with plantar fasciitis [heel pain] and tendinitis—especially the posterior tibial tendon that supports your arch and the Achilles," says Dr. Lubitz.

Observe and Report Problems

Examine your feet daily, looking for minor changes such as redness, irritation, calluses and toenail fungus, and don't ignore pain. If you have pain in your feet that lasts for two or more days—even with rest, ice and simple over-the-counter cushions and anti-inflammatories—you should see an orthopedic foot and ankle specialist.

WHAT'S YOUR FOOT TYPE?

You put weight on your feet 1,500 to 2,500 times each day. Does having a flat or arched foot make the stress harder to bear? And how do you know which type you have? Hop out of a pool and step onto the concrete or walk in the sand.

"A good way to see what foot type you have is by examining your footprint," says Dr. Lubitz. "There are three types of arches, flat, high and average. A footprint showing a lot of contact with the floor is a flat foot. A footprint showing contact with the ball of the foot and the heel is a high arch. Finally a footprint showing contact with the outside the ball of the foot, the heel area and the edge of the foot is an average arch."

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Old Adult Truths...

- Sometimes I'll look down at my watch 3 consecutive times and still not know what time it is.
- Nothing irks me more than that moment during an argument when you realize you're wrong.
- I totally take back all those times I didn't want to nap when I was younger.
- There is great need for a sarcasm font.
- How the heck are you supposed to fold a fitted sheet?
- Was learning cursive really necessary?
- MapQuest or Google Maps really need to start their directions on # 5. I'm pretty sure I know how to get out of my neighborhood.
- Obituaries would be a lot more interesting if they told you how the person died.
- I can't remember the last time I wasn't at least kind of tired.
- Bad decisions make good stories!
- You never know when it will strike, but there comes a moment when you know that you just aren't going to do anything productive for the rest of the day.
- Can we all just agree to ignore whatever comes after Blu-Ray? I don't want to have to

restart my collection... again.

- I'm always slightly terrified when I exit out of Word and it asks me if I want to save any changes to my 10 page technical report that I swear I did not make any changes to.
- I keep some people's phone numbers in my phone just so I know not to answer when they call.
- How many times is it appropriate to say "What?" before you just nod and smile because you still didn't hear or understand a word they said?
- I love the sense of camaraderie when an entire line of cars team up to prevent a jerk from cutting in at the front. Stay strong, brothers and sisters!
- Even under ideal conditions people have trouble locating their car keys in a pocket, finding their cell phone, and Pinning the Tail on the Donkey - but I'd bet everyone can find and push the snooze button from 3 feet away, in about 1.7 seconds, eyes closed, first time, every time.
- It just gets better as you get older, doesn't it? At what point in life do we become "OLD PEOPLE?"

Central FL Accordion Club

The Brevard Chapter of the Central Florida Accordion Club (CFAC) holds its regular meeting



the last Sunday of every month. Members and guests are invited to play accordions or other instruments.

The next show will be held on Sunday, April 29th, 2:00-5:00 p.m. at Elks Lodge #1532, 315 Florida Ave, Cocoa. The event is open to the public. Admission is free.

CFAC is a Not-for-Profit Florida Corporation, and is tax exempt under Section 501c4 of the Federal Tax Code. The club is dedicated to promoting the visibility and value of the accordion as a multi-cultural musical instrument in Central Florida. For more information, contact Rod Hall, 866-455-2322.

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American University of Antigua College of Medicine in Woods, Antigua and Barbuda. She completed her residency at the Genesys Regional Medical Center, affiliated with Michigan State University, in Grand Blanc, Michigan.

Born in Giessen, West Germany, Dr. Abiodun grew up in Nigeria, graduating from Babcock University in Ogun State, Nigeria with a Bachelor of Science degree in Microbiology.

Dr. Abiodun joins Patricia Alexander, MD; Victor Boodhoo, MD; Madonna Hanna, MD; Rhu-Jade Raguindin, MD; and Ethan Webb, MD at the PMG Primary Care – Titusville practice conveniently located in the Parrish Healthcare Center at Titus Landing, 250 Harrison Street, Titusville.

The practice is currently accepting new patients with Medicare, Medicaid and most insurances. Please call 321-268-6868 for an appointment.

PMG And The Faith Community

Parrish Medical Center Celebrates 1,000th Enrollment in Partners in Healing Program

One thousand Parrish Medical Center patients

have enrolled in Partners in Healing, a collaboration between PMC and the local faith community.

“The Partners in Healing program is great!” “I love that my church and my hospital are working together to offer support to me when I’m in the hospital and when I go home,” said George C. Partelow, the 1,000th person to enroll in the program as of February.

As a healing hospital, PMC began partnering with local faith communities in 2013 to provide patients with spiritual and emotional support. Today, 25 congregations are actively involved.

For many patients, a hospitalization brings treatments requiring a brief recovery and quick return to good health. For others, it is a new reality of a life changed.

“Recognizing that good spiritual and emotional health has a positive effect on physical health and recovery from illness, our program provides a team of hospital pastoral care and local congregation members to provide follow-up support,” said Jerald Smith, PMC Chaplain. “We want to be sure that our patients have everything they need for a full recovery and that their healing continues after they leave the hospital.”

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Swinging for Success Golf Tournament

Atlantis Elementary School presents the 2nd Annual Swinging for Success Golf Tournament on Sunday, May 6th at Indian River Preserve Golf Club, 3950 Walkabout Way, Mims. A Hole in One Grand Prize is sponsored by Ron Norris Buick GMC Honda Ford.

The cost is \$55 per player. It will be a Best Ball Scramble Format, 8:30a.m. Shotgun Start. Anyone age 21+ may play.

Prizes for all players! Purchase a \$20 Blue Rocket Ball, take 3 strokes off team total. A buffet lunch is provided following the tournament.

Register no later than April 27th. LIMITED SPACE of 72 golfers. You must pay in advance to be guaranteed a spot. Pay in full with cash or check. Make checks payable to Atlantis Elementary PTO.

Alcohol is available for purchase during the event. Players must be ages 21 and up. All proceeds are used to benefit Atlantis Elementary School.

For more information or to register, contact Coach Andy Hanson, 321-446-9173, hanson.andrew@brevardschools.org, or CJ Burns 321-412-0127, cburns2307@cfl.rr.com.



Rose's Room

I still don't know how I'm going to make my way through whatever remaining years the Big Guy has allotted me with a black void where half my heart and soul used to be, but with the love and support of the very best family in the world I'm bumbling through.

Bumbling being the operative word...

Being totally done with pain from collapsed ankles, clomping around in ungainly braces that weren't actually doing the job anymore and supposedly going into a slow period at work, I contacted my Podiatrist office and asked the scheduler to get me in for corrective surgery as soon as she can before I changed my mind again.

Being possibly the best staff working with possibly the best doctor in all of the U.S.A., they made it happen quickly, only after one more visit, X-ray's and serious questioning by said doctor (who had also treated my husband) that I would have help at home afterward.

Except for the pain, nausea, shots, vitals every three hours throughout the night... (did I mention pain?), my stay at Cape Canaveral hospital went very smoothly, due in no small part to the caring and patient caregivers, and the love of the best family in the whole world. Being one to try to learn and share new life lessons, I would like to share a few that you may find handy especially

if you're considering a hospital stay.

Modesty of any sort is superfluous. Name and date of birth are demanded every time a medical person enters the room. After the first very painful attempt at the bathroom race, it makes no difference if the person helping to drag your drawers up is a family member or the X-ray tech.

You must be involved in your own care. If the Physical Therapist comes at you with a wide, bright orange nylon belt explaining it's for safety reasons, the belt does not go around your waist as a cute accessory to the somewhat bland backless hospital gown. It fits snugly across the upper ribs so if you start to sway, the 4 foot tall, 80-pound PT lady can keep you from finding the floor with your nose. Readers of a certain sex and age will understand there are certain body parts that need to be redeployed prior to belt tightening.

If said nausea is not abated with meds or old wives' remedies, the newest container for proof of said failures is by far the most interesting I have ever seen. Made of biodegradable plastic-like material shaped like a blown up long balloon with a somewhat stiffer ring at the top to press against your cheeks and chin if necessary - the new Barf Bag takes on the appearance of a personal device to be used by a racehorse concerned



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with safe sex.

After gulping very constipating pain killers for four days, the phrase, "I went Poo Poo in the potty!" uttered by a grey haired hop-a-long takes on a totally new meaning, notwithstanding two-year-old pride.

Things really begin to get more interesting upon medical parole and arrival home – more daily life lessons – just different, and I have to admit, a tad funner.

I learned that even though there are only 8 rooms to my house - 5 which are accessible to me at the time - it does not prohibit every offspring in the house to gasp simultainiously, "Where are you going? What do you need?" This little knowledge nugget went into my box of 'Drive the kids nuts' gems.

I am no better at driving the knee walker than I was at driving my husband's scooter...and small gashes in corners can be repaired with gum and a dry marker... sort of.

One offspring has all the others on speed dial and the resident mama-sitter gives hourly reports. This is followed by phone calls or visits from all involved praising my newest tiny step toward independence but asking/warning/begging me to be more careful. Ma Bell would have to call in help if they ever find out what happens on the rare occasions I am left to my own devises.

Sons, son-in-laws and grandsons make quick work of computer problems, outside labor and interim mama-sitting. The latter apologizing for ratting me out when he caught me traipsing (if bumbling through thick grass on a wheeled foot stool can be classified as traips-

ing) to the mailbox. He explained if anything was to happen to me on his watch, there would not be a tiny place in the whole giant snake infested Everglades that would hide him from three generations of furious Padrick women and the guys who would just be glad it wasn't them. Another gem for my little box of tricks...

Meals prepared to specifications, all sorts of edible treats, pillows being arranged under and around all appendages, small furry couch buddy, un-ending phone calls and visits by the best family in the world, flowers and cards from great coworkers... this being incapacitated stuff might not be all bad.



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Backyard BBQ Contest

The Sharing Center of Central Brevard is proud to announce the 3rd Annual Amateur Backyard BBQ Contest on April 7th. Come out to F. Burton Smith Park in Cocoa to sample some of the best local BBQ around.

Amateur BBQ Teams from across the county

will vie for the title of Amateur Champion Griller in three categories: beef, pork, and chicken. Each team will be providing samples of their delicious BBQ for you, the public, who will be voting for the People's Choice Champion Griller. While serious competitors are sweating it out, we will be soaking up the rays with great food and live

entertainment.

The event's proceeds will benefit the Sharing Center's Children's Weekend Feeding Program, a program designed to empower families with children by providing access to healthy food on the weekends during the school year.

Last year's BBQ raised over \$36,000 to feed hungry kids and was well attended by nearly 1,000 people. Tickets for the event are \$15.00. This includes entry to the event, 1 BBQ dinner and samples from the BBQ teams. Come enjoy live music by the band Just Us, vendors, 50/50 and raffles including a large Big Green Egg Smoker.

Don't wait until the last moment to get your tickets! Tickets can be purchased at the following locations:

- Sharing Center Thrift Store at 113 Aurora Street, Cocoa
- West Cocoa Pharmacy at 2711 Clearlake Rd, Cocoa
- Jeniffer Neuman Dicandio Allstate Insurance, 950 Fay Blvd, Port St. John
- Sharing Center Thrift Store at 172 E. Merritt Island Causeway, Merritt Island
- Fidelity Bank of Florida at 1380 N Courtenay Pkwy, Merritt Island

Tickets are also available the day of the event. Come join us for some great BBQ and help feed hungry kids here in our own community.

Martin Andersen Senior Center Dances

Martin Andersen Senior Center will host 2 Singles/Couples Ballroom Dances in April. The first is on Saturday, April 14th and then again on Saturday, April 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. Adults of all ages are welcome.

Music will be provided by Janice and Rene. 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.



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Port St. John Public Library

April 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

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

Master Gardener Clinic: Monday, 2-4 pm. Our master gardener will answer your plant questions. Bring samples.

Senior Games: Tuesdays, 11:00-3:00 pm. Join other seniors for a variety of card games, Rummikub, Dominoes, etc. Bring your favorite game and lunch or a snack.

SHINE - Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders: Tues., Noon-3:00 and Weds., 1-4 pm. Counselors assist seniors and the disabled with Medicare and Medicaid questions. Call for an appointment time 321-222-7981.

AARP Tax Preparation: Wednesday, April 4 & 11, 12:30-4:30 pm. Bring your W-2 forms and other tax documents.

STIR - Story Time for Independent Readers: Thursdays, 3:30-4:30 pm. Kindergarten and up. Pre-registration required.

Story Time: Fridays, 10:30. All ages welcome.

Yarn Club: Fridays, 2:00-4:00 pm. Knit, crochet and needle arts. Sit, talk and create. All ages and abilities welcome. Want to learn? We can help!

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

Meetings and Events:

- Apr. 2, 1:30-4:00 pm Diabetes Control Class
Apr. 5, 10:30-11 am PPD/PPA Support Group
Apr. 9, 1:30-4:00 pm Diabetes Control Class
Apr. 9, 5:30 pm Port St. John Public Library Advisory Board Meeting
Apr. 14, 10 am-Noon Port St. John Pokémon Club
Apr. 16, 1:30-4 pm Diabetes Control Class
Apr. 18, 1-3 pm Bookworms Adult Book Discussion Group
Apr. 18, 5-7 pm North Brevard Economic Development
Apr. 18, 6-7:45 pm Sunrise Village
Apr. 20, 11:45 am Titusville Chamber of Commerce
Apr. 25, 5:30 pm Friends of the Library Craft Night
Apr. 28, 10 am-Noon Port St. John Pokémon Club

Shred Event

On Friday May 18th, 2018 between the hours of 8 am to 9:30 am, the Brevard County Sheriff's Office will be holding a Shred Event at our North Precinct Parking lot, 2290 Columbia Blvd., Titusville.

There is no limit on how much shredding that you want to bring. The Shred Truck will be there and all you have to do is drive up and we will take it from your vehicle and dump it into the bins to be shredded. If you have any further questions, you can call the Community Services Office @ 321-264-7755.

Wanda Mulcahy, Crime Prevention Officer
Brevard County Sheriff's Office
Office (321) 264-7755

Bike Rodeo & Bike Giveaway!

Friends of the Port St. John Library will be hosting a Bicycle Rodeo for boys and girls on May 12, 10:30 am in the back parking lot of the library. There will also be a children's bicycle safety clinic. It's a great way for your youngster to increase both their riding skill and road awareness. Some of the skills that will be taught are rules of the road, stopping, vehicle scanning and hazard avoidance.

The program is through the Space Coast Transportation Planning Organization. According to their pamphlet, it's a "one day safety clinic that is designed to teach children safety skills and the rules of the road."

And there will be a boy's and girl's bicycle giveaway by the Friends of the Library. You must be present to win.

National Bike to School Day is on May 9th, 2018. Make sure your child is ready and safe.

May 12, 10:30 am Bike Rodeo & Bike Giveaway!

The Rodeo will be in the back staff parking lot. The event includes a children's bicycle safety clinic. Also, Friends of the Port St. John Library is hosting a Bike Giveaway.

In the near future the library will be holding some informative and entertaining events for adults, plus another Book Sale. Come join us and learn more about your library!

Earth Day Festival

Come out and enjoy the Earth Day Celebration at the Enchanted Forest Sanctuary on Saturday, Apr. 21st, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission is FREE!

During this free event, guests are invited to enjoy guided hikes, special presentations, meet bats and other Florida wildlife, explore environmental exhibitors, listen to live music, and much more! Earth Day Festival will feature many children's activities, including face painting, crafts and hands-on activities!

Earth Day was founded by Senator Gaylord Nelson to promote ecology and the respect for life on the planet as well as to encourage awareness of the growing problems of air, water and soil pollution. Earth Day in 1970 marked the creation of United States Environmental Protection Agency and the passage of the Clean Air, Clean Water and Endangered Species Acts.

Today, Earth Day is celebrated by billions of people around the world and is observed in over 190 countries. Worldwide, Earth Day celebrations utilize educational programs to inform people of ways that can help protect the environment and its natural resources. It is observed annually on April 22nd and is celebrated as International Earth Day.

Earth Day Things to Do

Organize a group of volunteers to help clean up and restore a green space. Some suggestions include planting trees and adding waste receptacles.

Try to go the whole day without creating any garbage.

Try not to use your car for the entire day. Instead, use public transit, walk or ride your bicycle. For more events or information on the Enchanted Forest Sanctuary and the Environmentally Endangered Lands Program, visit www.eelbrevard.com or call (321) 264-5185.

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Reconciliation at 3:30 PM on Saturdays

Brevard Zen Center

1261 Range Road, Cocoa, Fl
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Meditation in the Zendo 7:00pm

Calvary Baptist Church, 321-636-8056

1 1/2 miles south of 528 overpass, east side of US 1
Pastor Jay Frazier www.calvarybaptistincocoa.org
Sunday Morning Svc. - 10 a.m. (nursery provided)
Sunday Eve. Service - 6 pm, Wed. Evening - 7 pm

Christ Central Church, 321-636-7671

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
Sunday - Bible Study 8:30 a.m. Worship at 9:30.
Wednesdays - Youth Group, 7:00 p.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

3000 South Street, Titusville. 2 Wards meet here.
Port St. John Ward... Bishop Marty Kline
Sacrament Meeting, 9:30 PM
Titusville Ward... Bishop George Newman
Sacrament Meeting... 12:00 pm
General, Stake & Ward information: www.lds.org
Port St. John full-time missionaries: 321-320-6395
Titusville full-time missionaries: 407-403-2973

Coastal Community Church, 321-639-7346

5795 Falcon Blvd., PSJ: coastalcommunity.net
Services on Sunday, 9 & 10:45 am.

Cocoa Presbyterian Church, 321-631-3956

1404 Dixon Blvd., Cocoa, cocoapc@att.net
Sunday: Church school 9:15 pm/Worship 10:30 am
Nurseries and Children's church

Cocoa 7th Day Adventist Church & School

1500 Cox Rd, Cocoa, Pastor Amado Luzbet
Church - 632-0640; School - 636-2551
www.cocoasda.org

Saturday Sabbath School classes all ages, 9:45 am.
Worship at 11:30 am; Wed. Bible Study, 7:00 pm.

Community Alliance Church

321-639-1717. 4855 Fay Blvd., PSJ
Sunday School (all ages), 9:30 am
Sunday Worship 10:45 am and 6:00 pm.

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Wednesday Youth, 7 pm.

Day Spring Church, (407) 516-5767

4725 Fay Blvd.,

Kid's Service: Wednesday, 6:30 pm

Service: Sunday, 10:30 am

Prayer Time: Sunday, 6:30 pm

Discovery Christian Church (321) 636-0316

3925 Grissom Parkway, Canaveral Groves

Bill Thompson - Preaching Minister

Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. Classes for all ages.

Worship Service: 11:00 a.m.

East Coast Christian Center Cocoa Campus

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

First Assembly of God (321) 632-5228

3757 N. US Hwy. 1 Pastor Les Ray

Sunday School, 9:30 am, Worship 10:30 and 6:30 pm

Wednesday, 7 pm, Bible Study: Rainbows (3-4),

Royal Rangers (boys 5-12), Missionettes (girls 5-12).

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

Food Pantry Hours: M & W, 10 am - 1 pm

First Baptist Church of Cocoa (321)636-2868

750 Brevard Ave. in Historic Cocoa Village

Worship 11 am & 6 pm, Sunday School 9:30 am

Wednesday Service/Youth Prayer & Share, 6:30 pm

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

First Free Will Baptist Church

Pastor Darrell "D" Miller, 795-4780.

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

Sunday School 9:00 am, Morning Worship 10:00 am

Sunday Evening Service 6:00 pm

First United Methodist Church, (321) 631-0183

Rev. David Charlton at 1165 Fay Blvd.

Contemporary service - 9:00 am

Sunday School - 10 am; Traditional Service, 11 am

Wonderful Wednesday Worship, at 7 pm

Senior (High) Youth & Jr. (High) Youth at 3 pm, Sun.

Kingdom Kids, K - 5, meet at 3 pm. Sunday

Frontenac Baptist Church (321)636-1369

5500 N. US Hwy 1 Pastor Bill McInnish

Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday Evening Meal, 5:30 pm

Wednesday Bible Study, 6:00 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; titusvillelutherans.org

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

HOPE United Church of Christ, 636-0250

2555 Fiske Blvd.

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Sunday Morning Service - 10 a.m. (w/nursery)

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Pastor Tom Unrath, (321) 636-0777

400 Lucerne Dr. Cocoa

Sunday Worship Service - 10:00 AM

Bible Study - Wed. 6:00 PM

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321-638-0890; www.nwbcofcocoa.org

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Sunday evening, 6 p.m.; Wed. Nights, 7 p.m.

Pentecostals of Cocoa, 636-6560

1901 Michigan Ave., Cocoa

Sunday Worship at 10am; Sunday School at 10:30

am

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Redeemer Presbyterian Church 264-0035

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www.myredeemer.cc

St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church, 321-267-2545

414 Pine St., Titusville www.stgabs.org

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Sun's: 7:30am Rite I (Historical), 9:30am Rite II

(Traditional), 11:30am Rite III (Contemporary)

Wed's: 6pm Taize Mediatlional Service

Thur's: 11am Healing Service



St. Patrick's Anglican Catholic Church, 632-7634
4797 Curtis Blvd. Bishop John Vaughan, Rector
Mass Sunday at 8, 10 & 5:30 and Friday noon Mass
Wednesday Mass, 6:30 pm.

Alcoholics Anonymous, Sun., 5 pm, Tuesdays and
Thursdays, 6:30 pm

Narcotics Anonymous, Mondays, 8 - 10 pm.

1st Friday Anglican Rosary every month, 11:30 am.

St Peter's Orthodox Catholic Church

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Every Friday during Lent, 6 PM Stations of the
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March 17th-2018 St. Patrick Dinner Dance out-
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Cabbage dinner at 4:30 PM. Backyard, donations
only. Limited seating. Music By Deacon Frankie C.
March 25, 2018 Palm Sunday-Distribution of
Palms Service, 4:30 pm

March 30, 2018 Good Friday Prayer services from
12 noon to 3 PM---3 PM chaplet of Divine Mercy
April 1, 2018 Easter Sunday, weather permitting
Sunrise Service on outdoor deck at 7 & 11 AM.

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

Pastor Dr. Erick Brookins

1720 Cox Road, Cocoa

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Saturday night at 6:00 pm

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5005 Barna Ave. 267-8893.

Saturday Worship, 11 am. Sabbath School, 9:15 am.

Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer, 7:30 pm.

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www.sgcfla.org sgcoffice@sgcfla.org 268-8004

Trinity Lutheran Church & School - LCMS

1330 S. Fiske Blvd., Rockledge, 636-5431

Michael Hageman, Pastor

Worship: 10:30 am

Trinity Lutheran Church-LCMC

Pastor David Trexler | Dial-A-Story, 607-6742

3671 S. Hopkins Ave., Titusville, FL 32780

Sunday Worship Service 9:30am

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Cocoa

1261 Range Road, Cocoa. www.uucocoa.org

Sunday Service 11:00am

Unity of Merritt Island, 321-452-2625

4725 N. Courtenay Pkwy, Merritt Island

Reverend Rose Whitham

Practical Christianity. Sunday Services at 10 am
www.unitymerrittisland.org. We are on Facebook.

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

www.victorythroughjesus.org

Sunday Bible Study at 9:30 am.

Sunday Worship Service at 10:30 am and 6 pm.

Children's clubs and teen groups

Prayer Service, Wednesday, 6:45 pm.

Residents Urged to Report Fish Kills to FWC

Brown tide conditions on Indian River La-
goon, especially in the Banana River and Sykes
Creek, have prompted a reminder for residents
to report any sighting of fish kills to the Florida
Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.
The state agency administers a toll-free Fish
Kill Hotline (1-800-636-0511) for reporting the
locations of fish kills and/or diseased or abnormal
fish. When reporting an incident, the following
additional information is helpful:

- Condition of the fish (include pictures if avail-
able)
- Date and time the incident was first noted
- Location
- Species of fish
- Water color abnormalities

Reports can also be submitted on the FWC
website. If calling after hours or on the week-
end, a biologist will return your call on the next
business day. There is also an FWC phone app
where the fish kills can be reported: [http://my-
fwc.com/news/news-releases/2018/february/19/
sighting-app/](http://my-fwc.com/news/news-releases/2018/february/19/sighting-app/)

Isolated fish kill events occur most often dur-
ing the spring and summer as temperatures rise.
The most common cause is low dissolved oxygen
in the water. Algal blooms, like the brown tide
currently blooming in the Indian River from Port
St. John to Vero and throughout the Banana River,
consume oxygen at night and during cloudy days,
sometimes leaving insufficient oxygen for fish
and other marine life. Algal blooms are fed by
excess nutrients often related to human activities.

Residents can play a role in helping avoid
fish kills. That includes keeping leaves and grass
clippings off the streets, canals and out of storm
drains; following local fertilizer ordinances;

preventing over irrigation; maintaining septic
systems; and repairing leaky sewer pipes.

In response to the record-breaking fish kill
of March 2016, Brevard County residents voted
to impose a half-cent sales tax to fund a 10-year
plan to cleanup and restore health to the Indian
River Lagoon.

The Save Our Indian River Lagoon Project
Plan is updated annually and posted online at
<http://www.brevardfl.gov/SaveOurLagoon>. To
date, six projects have been completed and over
60 projects are scheduled to begin this year. After
many decades of allowing too much pollution to
enter the lagoon, it will take hundreds of projects
and years of cleanup to reduce the risk of severe
algal blooms and associated fish kills.

Hospice Seeking Volunteers

Hospice of St. Francis
is seeking compassionate
people to join our mission of
uplifting lives by becoming
a hospice volunteer. Volun-



teers are needed to visit patients and perform
clerical duties in the office. Opportunities are also
available in other capacities throughout Brevard
County. No previous experience is needed. Train-
ing is provided at no cost to the participants.

Anyone can learn how to be involved by
attending one of our upcoming Hospice 101 –
Volunteer Introduction Classes. The classes will
be held at the Melbourne office located at 4875
N. Wickham Road, Ste. 108, Melbourne, on the
following days and times: Tuesday, April 24,
2018 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturday, May 19,
2018 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. or Wednesday, June
27, 2018 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

For more information and to register, call the
South Volunteer Coordinator, at 321-269-4240
or 866-269-4240 (toll free).

Hospice of St. Francis, Brevard County's first
hospice, is a local, independent, non-profit orga-
nization and is celebrating its 40th anniversary
of providing care for terminally ill patients and
support for their families. All of Hospice of St.
Francis programs are free of charge to Brevard
County residents. For more information on
programs and services, call 321-269-4240, toll
free 866-269-4240 or visit the website at [www.
hospiceofstfrancis.com](http://www.hospiceofstfrancis.com).

Parrish Medical Center Recognized at World Patient Safety, Science & Technology Summit

A world conference held in London, England on patient safety, science and technology recognized Parrish Medical Center (PMC) as the world's first hospital to commit to a series of lifesaving patient safety goals and presented a humanitarian award to the PMC official leading the hospital's work on the safety project.

The Patient Safety Movement Foundation's 6th annual World Patient Safety, Science & Technology Summit, co-convened by the European Society of Anesthesiology, took place Feb. 23 – 25 in central London with healthcare practitioners and industry members attending from at least 25 countries. PMC was recognized as the world's first hospital to earn the Patient Safety Movement Foundation's 5-Star Hospital Ranking, which acknowledges PMC for implementing the Foundation's 13 Actionable Patient Safety Solutions (APSS). The Patient Safety Movement seeks by 2020 to eliminate preventable hospital errors, thereby saving an estimated 1,000 lives every day in U.S. hospitals.

Edwin Loftin, PMC's senior vice president of Integrated and Acute Care Services and chief nursing officer, received one of two humanitarian awards presented by the Foundation for his work at PMC in implementing the APSS. The conference's other humanitarian award was presented to Rt. Hon. Jeremy Hunt, a member of the British House of Commons and Secretary of State for Health and Social Care.

"These are events of great pride and even more satisfaction for PMC's 1,300 care partners," said George Mikitarian, PMC president and chief executive officer. "Pride in that their efforts have

once again merited international recognition, and even greater satisfaction in making patient safety a lifesaving, care-improving, priority within PMC's mission of healing experiences for everyone all the time."

Joe Kiani, Patient Safety Movement Foundation founder, said at the London presentation that the staff was taken aback when PMC first announced its intention to meet all Actionable Patient Safety Solutions. "Parrish made so many commitments to implement processes that were proven to reduce medical error that our staff



PMC's senior vice president of Integrated and Acute Care Services and chief nursing officer received one of two humanitarian awards from Joe Kiani (left), Patient Safety Movement Foundation founder, at the 6th annual World Patient Safety, Science & Technology Summit in London, England last month.

believed it was an error," Kiani said. "However, when we spoke with Edwin, his response was "Why wouldn't we make all these commitments?"

Kiani visited PMC in January 2018 to personally present the 5-Star Hospital Ranking Award to PMC's board of directors, administration, and care partners. During his visit he also used Twitter to commend PMC and said, "We can get to zero (preventable hospital errors) worldwide if every hospital plans for zero by implementing all of the processes."

PMC has in recent years been named Florida's safest hospital by Consumer Reports; by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services as Florida's No. 1 hospital for patient safety, quality

of care, and patient experience; and has earned multiple other care and safety honors.

During Kiani's January visit, some of PMC's specific patient safety accomplishments were noted:

- Zero ventilator-related pneumonia in 12 years.
- One catheter-related urinary tract infection in 10 years.
- One central-line associated bloodstream associated infection in 10 years.

When PMC committed itself to meeting all 13 Actionable Patient Safety Solutions, Mikitarian charged Loftin with implementing the program hospitalwide.

"It was George Mikitarian's vision to make PMC not just a nationally, but internationally recognized hospital for patient safety," Loftin said.

Loftin, accepting his award, told the conference, "One of the first questions I am often asked is 'why?' followed closely by 'how?' Why do we commit to patient safety? That's easy. Every patient's life, every person's life, matters. Committing to zero by 2020 is the right thing to do, and like most things worth doing, it isn't easy. It takes hard work. The commitment our care partners make to apply every Actionable Patient Safety Solution comes from the heart and from a deep love and respect for our community."

The conference's keynote speaker was former U.S. President Bill Clinton, who has undergone several heart procedures, including open-heart surgery. The Patient Safety Movement Foundation's website says that for 2017, 81,533 lives have been saved worldwide through the implementation of processes such as APSS.



Walter Butler Community Center - April, 2018

Bernice G. Jackson Park, 4201 North US Hwy. 1, Sharpes

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.
Open Gym, 6-8 p.m.

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 p.m.

Thursdays

13th & 27th - Home School 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
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 p.m.
Open Gym, 6-8 p.m.

Fridays

Open Gym, 9 -11 a.m.
6th & 20th - Home School 9:30 a.m.- 11 a.m.
Open Computer Lab, 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
Pickleball, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
Kids in Motion, 2-6 p.m.

Saturdays

Open Gym, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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 focuses 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. For more information contact WBCC at (321)433-4448.

Brevard County 4-H Junior Master Gardner Program - The Junior Master Gardner Program engages participants in novel, hands-on group and individual learning experiences that promote a love of gardening, develop an appreciation for the environment, and cultivate the mind. Classes will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

For more information contact Jan Jordan at WBCC, (321)433-4448.

Persons With Disabilities Dances are held every 1st and 3rd Friday of the month from 7-9 p.m. all ages welcome.

For more information contact Andrea Chestnut at 321-264-5058 or 321-264-5105.

"Make A Splash"

Dog Surfing Competition

Dogs will shred more than homework when they hit the waves as part of Cocoa Beach's annual Easter Pro-Am dog surfing competition at Lori Wilson Park on Sunday, April 1st. Now in

its second year, the Brevard Humane Society is requesting "all paws on deck" in an effort to raise awareness and life-saving funds for homeless animals.

Beginning at noon, each "surFUR" will hit the waves to showcase their best Kelly Slater impression before being graded on their confidence level, length of ride and overall wave-riding ability by local celebrity judges: Laura Kutryb, Ms. National United States; Crystal Cooper of Salty Sweet Clothing; and Tony Sasso, Executive Director of Keep Brevard Beautiful. The winner will receive a trophy, \$500 in prizes, and of course, exclusive "barking rights." The event is also garnering attention from outside Brevard which could pose "ruff" competition for Surf Pig, a three-legged Jack Russell, and Waldo, last year's winner who will return to defend his title.

For canines who enjoy the water, but are not quite ready to compete, dog surfing lessons will be available for a \$10 donation to the Brevard Humane Society. Meanwhile, pets preferring to keep their paws dry on land are encouraged to enjoy a doggie Easter egg hunt and fun zone including Pet Psychic, Morgana Starr.

The day's festivities run from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and are free for all spectators— dogs are also welcome to access the beach, Sunday only, for a fee of \$5 per dog. Pre-registration for the dog surfing competition is strongly encouraged and includes reserved parking for the first 10 registrants. To register your pet, please visit <https://brevardhumanesociety.org/events/easter-pro-am-dog-surfing-registration/> or for more information regarding this event, please contact Theresa at 321.636.3343 ext. 204.

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Add Gardening Space, Beauty and Ease with Elevated Gardens

By Melinda Myers

Elevate your gardens to waist high level for convenience and easy access. Elevated gardens are easy on your back and knees and are perfect for the patio, balcony, deck or any area where a bit of planting space is desired. Place them near your kitchen door, grill or table for easy cooking and serving access. You'll be able to plant, weed and harvest with minimal bending or even from a chair.

Purchase one on wheels or add casters to the legs of your elevated garden for added mobility. Then wheel it into the sun or shade as needed each day or out of the way when you entertain.

Set the garden in place first. Once it's filled with soil, it will be very heavy and difficult to move. Those gardening on a balcony should confirm the space will hold the weight of the elevated garden you select when filled with soil and mature plants.

Make sure you have easy access to water. Since this is basically a container, you will need to check the soil moisture daily and water thoroughly as needed. Fill the elevated garden with a well-drained planting mix that holds moisture while providing needed drainage.

Incorporate a low nitrogen slow release fertilizer like Milorganite (milorganite.com) at planting. It contains 85% organic matter, feeding the plants and soil. Slow release fertilizers provide plants with needed nutrients for several months, eliminating the need for weekly fertilization.

Grow a variety of your favorite herbs and vegetables like basil, parsley, compact tomatoes, and peppers. Support vining plants or try compact ones like Mascotte compact bush bean. Add color and dress up your planter with flowers like edible nasturtiums and trailing herbs like thyme and oregano which will cascade over the edge of the planter.

Maximize your growing space by planting quick maturing vegetables like radishes, beets



and lettuce in between tomatoes, peppers, cabbage and other vegetables that take longer to reach their mature size. You'll be harvesting the short season vegetables just as the bigger plants need the space.

Further increase your garden's productivity with succession plantings. Fill vacant spaces that are left once a row or block of vegetables are harvested. Add more planting mix if needed.

Select seeds and transplants that will have time to reach maturity for harvesting before the growing season ends. Broccoli, cabbage, compact Patio Pride peas, lettuce, spinach and other greens taste best when harvested in cooler fall temperatures.

Once you discover the fun, flavor and ease of waist high gardening, you'll likely make room for more elevated planters for your future gardening endeavors.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including *Small Space Gardening*. Myers' web site is www.MelindaMyers.com.

So I Got My Concealed Weapons Permit Yesterday

... and went over to Bass Pro Shop to get a small 9mm for home protection. When I was ready to pay for the gun, the cashier said, "Strip down, facing me."

Making a mental note to complain to the NRA about the gun control whackos running amok, I did as she had instructed.

When the hysterical shrieking and alarms finally subsided, I found out she was referring to how I should place my credit card in the card reader.

I've been asked to shop elsewhere in the future. I think they should make their instructions a little clearer for seniors. I still don't think I looked that bad.

Fight To Defund Brightline

Congressman Brian Mast says Brightline has shown consistent dishonesty and deception in its business practices. Also, in its first week of service, Brightline was involved in the deaths of two Florida citizens.

Now, Brightline is seeking public funding for Phase Two from West Palm Beach to Orlando. By claiming the service is a "highway" rather than a passenger rail train, they seek to distort and circumvent current statutory regulations for use of public funds. To Brian Mast, this is an example of Brightline's "ongoing efforts to mislead the public."

Congressman Mast is demanding a Federal hearing for a closer examination of Brightline's funding. Express your opinion by sending a letter to Representative Mark Meadows, Chairman of the Subcommittee on Governmental Operations and the subcommittee members. Go to citizensagainstthetrain.com and follow the directions to send your letter. It's easy. Or, you can design your own letter. Demand an investigation now.



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.

Experimental Aircraft Meeting

Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 724, Merritt Island (EAA724) will hold their next meeting on January 10th in the club house on Merritt Island Airport at 7:30pm.

If you have a passion or interest in aviation, then EAA 724 will bring you closer to the action. You don't have to be a pilot or aircraft owner

to enjoy our group. Our chapter is a mixture of pilots, wannabe pilots and non-pilots. If you like aircraft and aviation, you are welcome. Each month we have an interesting speaker and lots of hangar flying.

The airport is approximately 2 miles south of SR 520 on Courtney Parkway. Turn off Courtney onto the airport and then bear right. Across from the Fire House is the club house with the EAA logo on the end of the building.

For more information, contact President Don White at don@eaa724.org or 321-266-7410, or visit their website at www.eaa724.org.

National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE)

NARFE Apollo Chapter 1137 meets monthly on the second Monday of each month at Kay's BBQ Restaurant, SR 520 in Cocoa. You are invited to join us for lunch at 11:30 and an interesting speaker at 12:15.

No reservations required. Our website address is www.NARFE.org/Chapter1137.

Stop Me If You've Already Heard This

A man goes to his rabbi and says, "I'm so worried about my son. He left home and came back a Christian."

The rabbi says, "You know, it's funny you say that, my son too, left home and came back a Christian."

They decide to pray to God about it and God responds, "You know, it's funny you say that....."

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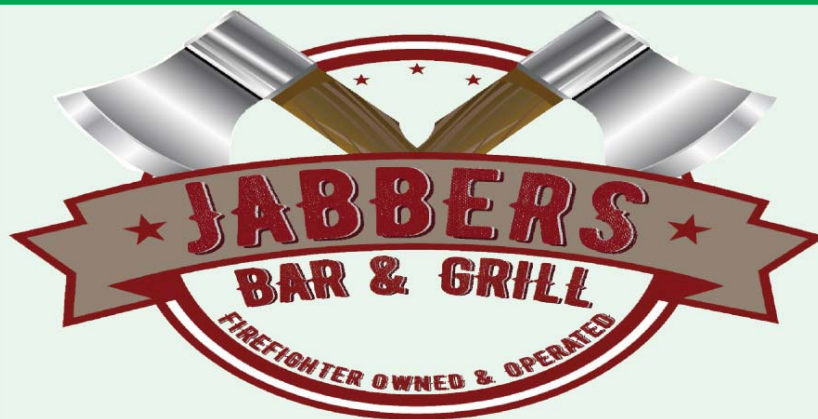
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