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## \*\*\* PSJ Christmas Parade Results! \*\*\*

The weather was clear and bright for the 28th annual Port St. John Christmas parade. The Space Coast Vipers Marching Band, always a favorite of the crowd, rocked the whole mile and the cheerleaders from both the Middle School and the High School danced and performed to the music. T.J.'s 4x4's brought the thunder!

The floats were fantastic. Space Coast HS ROTC unit put on a great show and as always, looked extraordinarily sharp doing it.



Our Grand Marshall this year was Donna Nero, long time PSJ resident and known by many as a fellow softball player, coach of the SCHS Softball team, SCHS band supporter, SCHS soccer mom, member of the Thunder Over the Indian River committee for years, Relay for Life teams in PSJ, and a member of the PSJ Christmas Pa-



rade committee for over 20 years, including this year. She's also known by many of us as a good friend.

As always a VERY BIG THANK YOU goes out to Parrish Medical Center and Happenings, who create the parade, and our other great sponsors: Higginbotham Companies, FP&L, Community Credit Union, Sweeney's Auto Repair, Shirt Shack, Maureen Rupe, Dogs 'R Us, All Air & Heat, Inc., Port St. John Auto Repair, Domino's, Freedom AC, Shipping Depot, PSJ Blackbelt Academy and Allstate Insurance. Please remember these businesses and people who give back to make our community a wonderful place to live.

And of course, a BIG THANK YOU to the Christmas

Parade Committee and our newest volunteers, many of whom miss the parade every year working at Challenger 7 Elementary staging the entries to create the parade. YOU ARE AWESOME!

Lots more photos and class winners are inside!

~ Randy Rodriguez



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# PSJ Community Center Schedule - January, 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

1st - Center Closed For New Year's Holiday

15th - Closed For Martin Luther King Jr.

### Holiday

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.

8th & 22nd - 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.

Daisy Girl Scout Troop 276: 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.

3rd & 17th: Cub Scout Pack 704, 6-7 p.m.

10th & 24th: 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.

18th - Art In The Park 5-7 p.m.

## Fridays

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

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

## Saturdays

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

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

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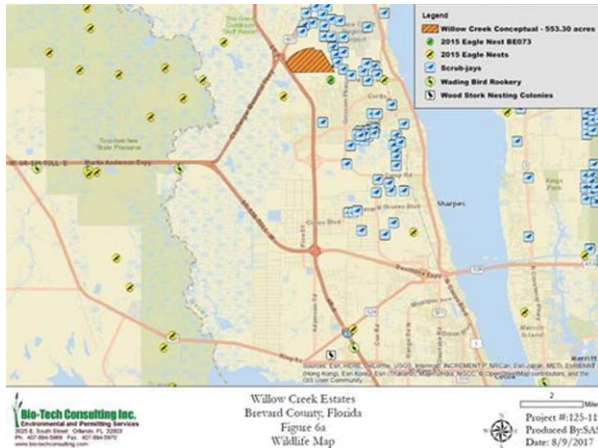
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## Good Day! by Maureen Rupe Willow Creek, North Grissom

Florida Today reporter Jim Waymer wrote an article on December 6th, titled, "More than 1,200 homes proposed in West Titusville," which didn't seem it would impact Port St. John until you looked at the map (shown below) and saw it was just north of our community instead of west Titusville. But this isn't new, it was reported back in January/February Happenings 2012, and the more I've searched, the more I'm finding out.

According to an article "from staff note" in the February 18, 2004 North Brevard Beacon,



the article started, "In a marathon session on February 10, Titusville City Council approved several agenda items that will change the face of the city, hopefully for the better." It listed one of those developments as Willow Creek. The article stated, "Willow Creek is an up-scale development planned for 672 acres west of Grissom Parkway to SR-407, south of Shepard Drive to I-95 and Port St. John. This is a project that's been in the works for several years, and one where the developer has worked closely with city staff to come up with a "developer's agreement," a detailed, multi-phase (7-10 years) plan, spelling out exactly what is to be done on the property, and what improvements the developer is responsible for (like widening Grissom Parkway). Willow Creek, as now envisioned, will consist of 1,277 total homes that the developer agrees to limit to less than two units per acre. There will be a variety of housing, described as cottage homes, executive homes, estate homes, club homes, as well as duplexes and town houses. It was likened to the already existing La Cita development. Plans also include landscaped boulevards, up to 200 acres of undeveloped land or open spaces, a cen-

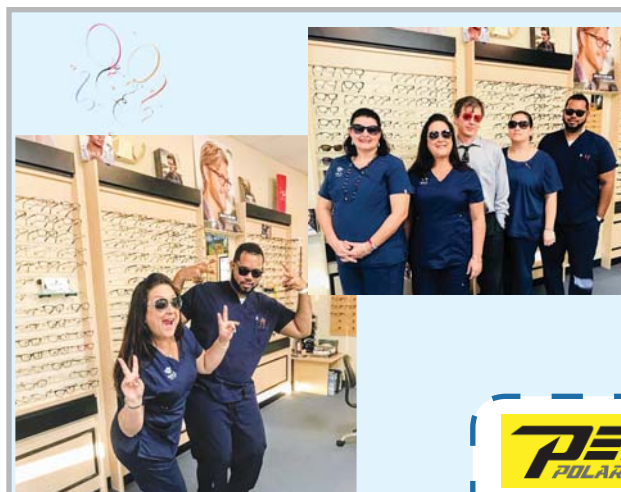
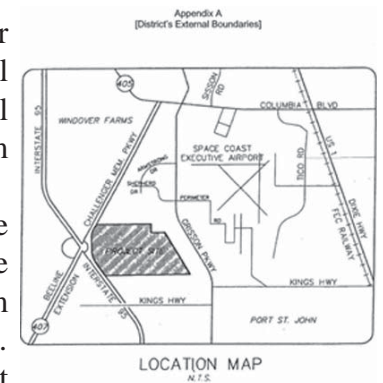
tral park area for residents, as well as a commercial area on Grissom Parkway."

The article stated there were people there from Port St. John ... concerned about

scrub-jay habitat, school funding and traffic on Grissom and on SR-407 at Shepard. I don't remember arguing on this property, but I'm glad someone chose to speak about these concerns.

I found a Titusville Ordinance in December 2005 establishing the Willow Creek Community Development District. The ordinance gave the Willow Creek District the authority to impose special assessments to make improvements.

Willow Creek has completed improvements due to the 1,277 homes, including the widening of Grissom Pkwy. between Kings Highway and Airport Road, the turn signals and turn lanes at Falcon Blvd./Grissom and the Curtis Blvd./Grissom intersections.



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I wrote an article in the January 2012 Happenings titled, "Who's Going to Pay Up For Willow Creek Improvements?" where I wrote the following:

The Willow Creek subdivision, just north of Port St. John on Grissom Pkwy., made an agreement in September, 2006 with the county and the City of Titusville to make improvements to Grissom. The two parties, Willow Creek Development, LLC and FM Land Management, LLC, agreed to pay the county \$500,000 in two equal payments as their contribution. The first payment was due in 30 days, which happened, and a second payment was to be made in September, 2007 by a bank of the two parties' choosing. A second agreement in January, 2007 was between the two companies, the county and Harbor City Federal Bank (now PNC Bank). The second agreement stated the bank would pay \$250,000 to the county on Sep 7, 2007 from funds being held in escrow. In October 2007, an amended agreement between Harbor Federal Savings Bank and the two parties (not the county), was delivered to the county stating the bank had received the money and would make the payment on September 8, 2008.

In February, 2012 Happenings, I stated "As part of the Grissom Parkway improvements, the county is adding a through-lane on the North-bound lane at the intersection of Grissom Parkway and Port St. John Parkway just south of Port St. John." Well that didn't happen.

I found a March 20, 2013 Titusville Planning & Zoning Meeting agenda where they recommend approval of the 3-year extension to the Willow Creek Residential Development Agreement. The agreement was detailed stating it was 672.90 acres. A minimum of 30% would remain natural condition, and 10% would be open space including common areas, conservation areas, lakes, stormwater and pervious waterways. Overall density would be 2 units per acre. There would be six villages. Village A, 375 homes 1,300 square foot living area with 2 car garages on 50 or 60-foot lots. Village B, 190 homes, 1,300 square foot living area with 2 car garages on 50 or 60-foot lots. Village C, 40 estate homes, 1,800 square foot living area with 2 car garages on 80 or 90-foot lots. Village D, 375 single family executive homes, 1,600 square foot living area with 2

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car garages on 75 or 80-foot lots. Village E, 64 estate homes, 2,200 square foot living area with 2 car garages on 100-foot lots or larger. Village F, 233 single family club homes, 1,350 square foot living area with 2 car garages on 50 or 70-foot wide lots, mixed with 1,300 square foot per unit duplexes, and 1,100 square foot Town Houses.

The agreement also said any clearing or code violation carries a penalty of \$5,000 per occurrence, and no clearing can occur within a conservation easement.

I found a Willow Creek Design Plan by Brad Smith Associates, Inc., which stated Brad Smith Associates, Inc. was hired by the developer to provide landscape architectural planning and design services, including park and recreational improvements, streetscapes, community identity, signage theming and lighting design for this 682-acre master planned community. During an early design team meeting with the client, our Sr. Landscape Architect and Operations Manager, Scott Girard, asked the question, "So just what is a Willow Creek?" When no one had a good answer, Scott proceeded to develop the story

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## Good Day!, cont.

line of the “legendary” Willow Creek, whose headwaters emerge from the center of the large roundabout located in the center of the community. The waters flow under the road and emerge to babble along the edge of the entry boulevard, where the engineer had originally placed a storm water management tract. Scott’s initial vision has evolved into what is now planned to be a linear park that meanders between the “legendary Willow Creek” and the entrance road. In addition to this signature linear park, the community will have a number of other park and recreational areas to complete the amenities package, including a clubhouse with a Jr. Olympic pool, boardwalks, a lakeside park, playgrounds, tennis courts and many pedestrian pathways.

I found a March 16, 2016 Titusville Planning & Zoning Meeting’s agenda requesting a rezone of 24 acres of a 34-acre parcel from Multifamily Medium Density (R-2) zoning district to Single Family High Density (R-1C) zoning district in the Residential Medium Density Future Land Use (FLU) designation. The request is to allow platting of 100 single family home sites for Wil-

low Creek’s Phase I of construction. The agenda keeps referring to the expired development plan. It also states, “The area labeled as Village F was proposed with 233+ units. The proposed R-1C zoning allows a maximum of 5.69 units per acre, which will allow up to 136 units. I don’t know if this request was approved, but doubt if it was disapproved.

I found the Willow Creek Development District Website, which had agenda and minutes, along with fiscal year budgets. FY2017 adopted budget was \$31,211 with projected expense of \$24,799 and FY2018 of \$30,995, so either the budget doesn’t cover construction, or you can



build 100 homes including infrastructure (roads, electric, water, sewer, etc.) with a lot less money than I thought it would cost.

A Therealdeal.com December 9, 2017 article, “Major housing project planned in Titusville as its space

industry expands” reports the developer is proposing an amendment to Titusville’s Comprehensive Plan to change the development to a planned unit development (PUD). According to the article, “The PUD designation would allow construction of houses, rental housing units, light industrial and neighborhood commercial buildings, and convenience stores.”

I guess things got busy, and things got slow at the North Grissom development, except all the improvements that occurred at both the Falcon Blvd./Grissom Pkwy. and the Curtis Blvd./Grissom Pkwy. intersections. Not sure what Grissom Pkwy. is going to look like if 1,277 homes are developed on our doorsteps. If there are just 2 people per home, that is an extra 2,600 people. I am sure there will be many more businesses due to those 1,277 homes. I’m also sure if there are as many Scrub Jays and other endangered species around the property, there must be many of the same on the Willow Creek Development. I also know if they are going to fill 17 acres of wetlands, no matter what anyone says, that water will go somewhere; either on the Willow Creek development, or somewhere close by. There is no

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such thing as an isolated wetland. Even if it is a 6-foot X 6-foot wetland, it will fill a field with water during a heavy rain. I am concerned of the impacts on Port St. John from a development of this size will have on our way of life, our roads, schools, etc. We are already suffering from building in floodplains and wetlands in Brevard and throughout Florida. We will never win; nature will come back and ruin your life if you don't respect her.

Happy New year to all. May good luck and happiness be with you in the coming year.

Please don't turn a blind eye to what is wrong. Wrong is no mans right.

Please get in touch with me if you have questions or another point of view. All the Best.

Maureen Rupe



*The staging crew includes fathers, husbands and grandfathers of other crew members. The parade photographer is wife of one of the above, mom to Hunter on the right. In the background are Chris & Sherri Fogarty. Both have daughters in the crew. The car is for Donna Nero, the Grand Marshall.*



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| 2nd Place Musical               | Space Coast Panthers        |
| 1st Place Marching Non-Musical: | SCHS Vipers Cheerleaders    |
| 2nd Place Marching Non-Musical: | SCHS Vipers JV Cheerleaders |



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## A New Year's 'Resolution' for Area Residents

Happy New Year! I hope you had a safe and happy holiday. Reports are on the rise of burglaries and car thefts.

We must remain vigilant in combatting theft by removing temptation, unless you're trying to lure them by leaving your valued things out in the unprotected areas of your home. All it takes is that ONE TIME and you could potentially be at risk for being a victim. Let's stop being victims of theft, and start being more proactive.

Most thefts occur between the hours of 3:00-5:00 am. Not only the contents in a vehicle are being stolen, but the vehicle as well. Truck tailgates are a hot item on the black market and need to be locked and secured. A local resident's truck tailgate was stolen in broad daylight while eating at a local restaurant with cameras, whose neighboring business also had surveillance.

We were unable to identify the thief and apprehend them yet, due to 'grainy' and poor resolution photos and video. I encourage residents and local businesses to make it a New Year's resolution to invest in a high resolution surveillance system, or invest in a sign and fake cameras to deter potential thieves, and to actively join our local watch program, which usually does not meet in person, and takes minimal effort to join. We utilize the internet DAILY on Facebook, in a few groups we have established, including 'my page,' and report suspicious activity to the Sherriff's North Precinct in PSJ, and Central area for Canaveral Groves and Cocoa.

Be aware that FB groups do not monitor members and, as a safeguard, you should never share your personal information. Some groups are known to protect those within their group, so it's good to be a member of more than one group to ensure you're getting important information. Practice good internet security to get optimum protection. I cannot stress this enough!

Protect yourself, your family and your belongings. Lock it or lose it! If you haven't and you didn't, you were lucky, and taking a gamble. Theft is a crime of opportunity.

Let's lower our high theft rating in our community by being vigilant and simply using common sense.

~Neighbor Nell



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- Always lock up your car. Taking five seconds to do it can save you from weeks of headaches and paperwork.
- Shut your windows and sunroof. Leaving them open, even just a crack, encourages break-ins.
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### State-of-the-Art Technology & Treatments

The modern facility includes medical oncology services; radiation therapy using the VitalBeam™ radiotherapy system that enables the treatment of advanced cases efficiently and accurately; IV infusion suite; the latest treatments, the most up-to-date prevention education; as well as the most advanced diagnostic equipment, including access to Positron Emission Tomography (PET Scan). This nuclear medicine scan can detect cancer and other diseases long before it can be seen on X-rays, CT Scans, Ultrasound or MRI.

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treatment planning software. Parrish Cancer Center is part of the Parrish Healthcare, the nation's first certified integrated care network.

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New patients are welcome and most insurances are accepted. Visit [www.parrishmed.com/programs-services/parrish-medical-center/cancer-programs/](http://www.parrishmed.com/programs-services/parrish-medical-center/cancer-programs/) for more information.

## Out On The Town - Wayback Burgers

This month we travel again to Titusville to WayBack Burgers for this month's restaurant review. Wayback recently opened up their new franchise in the Titus Landing shopping center, facing US1, right next door to Pet Supermarket. They're open daily from 10:30 AM to 9:00 PM, You can dine in or order ahead for takeout by either calling 321-458-5303 or online at [waybackburgers.com](http://waybackburgers.com).

I don't normally do restaurant reviews of fast food joints, but if you read my articles, you know I'm a burger lover. And because one of my favorite burger places (Quam's) is temporally out of business, I thought I'd give Wayback a try.

Even though Wayback may be considered a franchised fast food restaurant, I consider them a step above the popular ones we're used to visiting over the past 40+ years. The place was impeccably clean, as well as the bathrooms, and the staff were very friendly and greeted everyone who walked in with a smile.

Daicreshia, who took my order, took the time to explain to me the menu and how they operated. Unlike most fast food places, after you place your order, you get your drink and they bring your order to the table when it's ready. She even came by my table later on to ask me how everything was.

I ordered the double Wayback classic burger, all the way except for cheese, which came with the usual; lettuce, pickle, onion, tomato, mustard and ketchup. I couldn't decide if I wanted the fries or the sea salt house made chips. When they realized I was in a dilemma over the potato products, they let me try a sample of the chips. I thought the homemade Kettle style chips were excellent, so I ordered a serving of both the fries and the chips (Must be the Irish in me). The fries were the traditional fast food type french fry, cooked to perfection. Neither the fries nor the chips tasted greasy, which tells me they use good quality cooking oil.

You can't get a beer at Wayback, but that's OK. They have Pepsi products, which I prefer over Coke any day. They also have fresh brewed tea or, if you so desire, have them make you a hand dipped milkshake.

If you're really hungry, you can order the triple-triple, which is a hamburger with 9 beef patties. If you desire something other than a burger, Wayback also offers cheesesteak, chicken or fish sandwiches and hotdogs. If you're health conscious, you can get a veggie or turkey burger with a salad.

As I stated earlier. Even though Wayback is a franchise, they're a step above the rest.

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## MONTHLY TAX UPDATE

So, you want to know what the new tax laws are? Actually, so do I. The new tax law was not signed by the President at the time of writing this article. Additionally, the Senate and the House version had been merged but was pending the final vote. Therefore, I'll not discuss any issues dealing with this until it has been accepted.

However, there are issues I can tell you about and the first one is the maximum amount you may contribute to your 401(k), 403(b), most 457 plans, and the federal government's Thrift Savings Plan is increased from \$18,000 to \$18,500. The catch-up contribution limit for employees aged 50 and over who participate in a 401(k), 403(b), most 457 plans and the federal government's Thrift Savings Plan remains unchanged at \$6,000. The limit on annual contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA) remains unchanged at \$5,500. The IRA additional catch-up contribution limit for individuals aged 50 and over was not subject to an annual cost-of-living adjustment and remains at \$1,000.

The standard deduction is changing under the new law. The personal exemption is probably removed under the new law. The tax brackets are changing under the new law. The penalty for not maintaining minimum essential health coverage is probably going away.

For tax year 2018, the adjusted gross income amount used by joint filers to determine the reduction in the Lifetime Learning Credit is \$114,000, up from \$112,000 for tax year 2017. For tax year 2018, the foreign earned income exclusion is \$104,100, up from \$102,100 for tax year 2017. Estates of decedents who die during 2018 have a basic exclusion amount of

\$5,600,000, up from a total of \$5,490,000 for estates of decedents who died in 2017, and may change under the new tax law. That's the best I can tell you right now.

Next, let's talk about who prepares your taxes. Did you know anyone can be a paid tax return preparer, as long as they have an IRS Preparer Tax Identification Number (PTIN). However, these PTIN preparers have differing levels of skills, education and expertise. Also, they may prepare your tax return, but they can't represent you in audit or any inquiry by IRS, unless they prepared the return. You may pay more for an Enrolled Agent, CPA, or an attorney, but it's worth it in the long run. Their continuing education requirements can be invaluable.

If you want, at [irs.gov](http://irs.gov), there is a "Directory of Federal Tax Return Preparers with Credentials and Select Qualifications" where it can help you find preparers in our area who currently hold professional credentials recognized by the IRS, or who hold an Annual Filing Season Program Record Completion. You can also check the professional organizations many tax preparers belong to. It is in your best interest to learn about your tax preparer's credentials and qualifications before your appointment and make sure you're comfortable to trust them to

prepare your tax return. Remember, you are ultimately responsible for the return, not your preparer or friend.

This is a 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.

## 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.

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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](http://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](http://www.naranonfl.org).

### 1-1 Happy New Year!

**1-2 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.

**1-3 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.

**1-3 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 program 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/](http://www.meetup.com/Port-St-John-PSJ-Startups-Founders-Club/).

### 1-7 Orthodox Christmas

**1-11 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.

**1-12 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](mailto:mdean44@cfl.rr.com).

**1-14 Multiple Sclerosis Self-Help Group** meets on the 2nd Sunday each month (except Mother's Day & Nov.), 2 PM, Cocoa Library.

**1-14 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](mailto:angelagardnerwrites@gmail.com) for info.

**1-14 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 [lroyaldy@gmail.com](mailto:lroyaldy@gmail.com) for more information. Print "Writers Group" in Subject.

### 1-14 Orthodox New Year

**1-15 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**  
**1-15 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.

**1-17 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.

**1-19 PSJ Business Connections Luncheon,** sponsored by the Titusville Chamber of Com-

merce, meets on the 3rd Friday of the month at 12:00, PSJ Library on Carole Ave. Call Dennis Watkins at 267-3036.

**1-23 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.

## Little League Baseball and Softball Registration

Port St. John Little League Baseball and Softball registration is going on now until January 15th. Cost is \$115 and Opening Day is March 3, 2018.

### Congratulations to:

**Brandi McGann** turns more beautiful on the 1st.

**Nathan Weimer** turns **10** on the 1st.

**Brandon Crissman** turns **42** on the 1st.

**Angie Crissman** turns prettier on the 3rd.

**Haley Higginbotham** turns **18** on the 4th.

**Karissa Davis** turns **22** on the 4th.

**Brittney Parks** turns **25** on the 4th.

**Craig Taylor** turns **37** on the 4th.

**Michelle Parks** turns cuter on the 5th.

**Lisa Sarivola** turns hotter on the 5th.

**Tom Hunt** turns wilder on the 5th.

**Carl Anderson IV** turns **17** on the 5th.

**Lucha Hunt** gets spanked on the 6th.

**Natalee Prentis** turns **24** on the 7th.

**RaeLynn Weathers** parties wild on the 12th.

**Mark Walters** turns **20** on the 16th.

**Jack Woerner** turns **21** on the 22nd.

**Makylie Taylor** turns **11** on the 24th.

**Joe Casey** turns cooler on the 25th.

**Brittanie Grenet** on the 31st.

**Dylan Carmichael** turns **12** on the 31st

**Rob & Cheryl Wratchford** celebrate their 34th anniversary on the 29th.

**The Christmas Parade Committee** for a Great Job on Dec. 16th. Well done, team!!

*We have lots of room for more good news.*

Email inputs to [happenings1@att.net](mailto:happenings1@att.net)

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## General Information

Well, the year has come to an end and another has begun. We are excited to begin 2018 after closing out 2017 with a bang. Our Pee Wee football team went undefeated in the regular season and took first place in their conference.

The Pee Wee and Rookie Cheer Teams won 1st place at the annual

BCYFCA Cheer Competition. Congratulations to all our young talent. The hard work and dedication paid off.

Board nominations were held and we have new members joining the league to help support the community. Thank you to everyone on the Board who has made this league a success. Without volunteers we would have no league. We currently still have open positions if anyone would like to volunteer their time to help our league and the athletes. Reach out to anyone on the Board through the website - SpaceCoastPanthers.org.

### Upcoming for the SCP Panthers

Registrations are being accepted for flag football and competition cheer. We encourage anyone registering to do so online at Space-



CoastPanthers.org, which offers a more streamlined process.

Competition Cheer will include uniform: vest/shirt, skirt/pant, under-shirt, socks, hair bow, t-shirt, insurance and field lights (night practices) - (uniform will be returned at the end of season). Currently we have 2 proposed competitions; one in March and one in April. Cost is \$200.

Coed Flag Football will include an athletic dry-fit shirt as a jersey to keep at the end of the season. Ages are 3-15 and there is no travel. It is all in house and played at the Space Coast Sports Complex. Practices are generally 2 nights a week with games on Saturdays. Practices will begin in February and games will begin in March and go through mid-May. Cost is \$70.

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# Gift of Light

Parrish Medical Center's annual Gift of Light was held in the park on Dec. 7, 2018. An estimated 2,500 community members came out to enjoy the tree lighting and holiday entertainment, including a fly-over by The Tico Belle, a C-47 from World War II.

Special thanks to Bagel 13, Cruisers Frozen Yogurt, Papa John's Pizza, Popped Perfections Gourmet Popcorn, Parrish Health & Fitness Center, Nemours Children's Hospital, Titusville Fire and Emergency Services, Titusville Police Of-

ficial Page, Titusville Playhouse, Titusville High School, Astronaut High School, Space Coast Junior/Senior High School, Valiant Air Command Warbird Museum and the many Parrish care partner volunteers!

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## Free Tax Preparation

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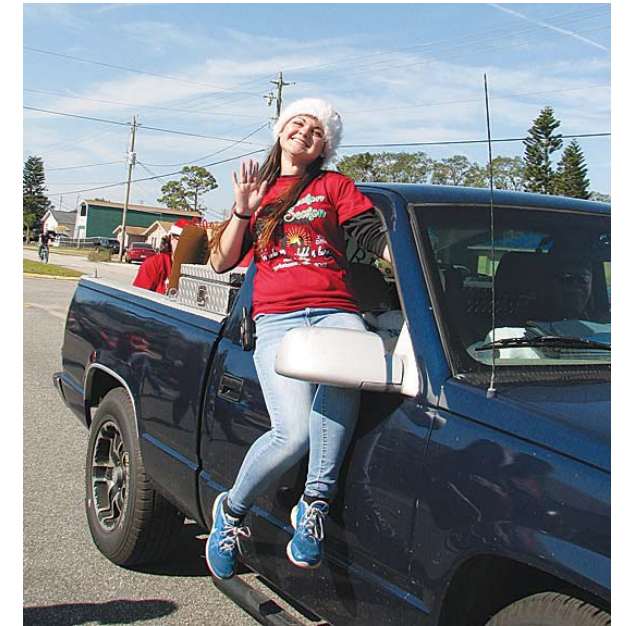
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## Port St. John Startups & Founders Club

Our MeetUp.com group is for anyone in the communities of Port St. John, Sharpes, and Canaveral Groves who is interested in starting a new business, or who has launched a small business enterprise in the last few years. Our goal is to meet monthly and provide a free forum for networking, problem-solving (via peer-to-peer feedback), and education on how to better operate a small business enterprise.

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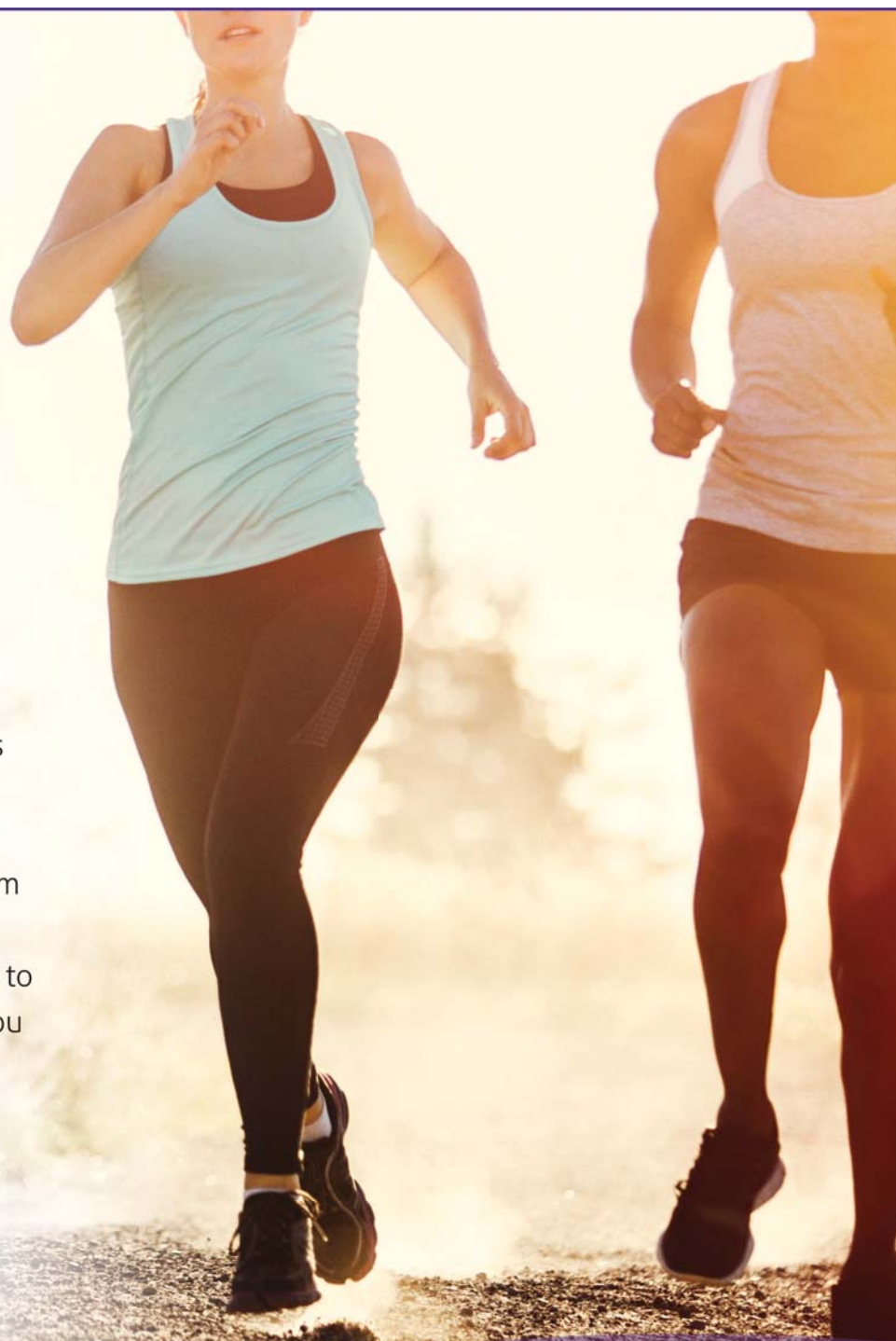
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# Parrish Medical Center Recognized for Stroke Treatment Excellence

Parrish Medical Center's recertification as a Primary Stroke Center extends its first-in-Brevard County achievement for area patients endangered by stroke's potentially debilitating effects.

PMC's latest Gold Seal of Approval® and Primary Stroke Center designation was awarded by The Joint Commission, which accredits nearly 21,000 healthcare organizations globally.

"The Joint Commission established the Primary Stroke Center program to set a care standard to protect and saves lives," said George Mikitarian, Parrish Medical Center president and CEO. "Meeting that standard takes tremendous commitment, resources, and work, but we have long dedicated ourselves to providing the highest levels of patient safety, clinical quality, and healing patient experiences on behalf of the people and communities we serve.

"This Joint Commission's Gold Seal affirmation of PMC's quality stroke care means that patients and families can have confidence in the objective measurement, accomplishment, and results, of PMC's treatment program," Mikitarian added.

According to The Joint Commission, "The stroke program requirements were developed in collaboration with the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association. Applicants for advanced certification must meet the requirements for Disease-Specific Care Certification plus additional, clinically specific requirements and expectations."

In 2004 PMC became the third Florida medical center – and Brevard's first – to reach Gold Seal certification for stroke care. Every two years since 2004, The Joint Commission has evaluated PMC's stroke care treatment program on national standards and stringent performance measures. The most recent evaluation, in 2017, resulted in the latest certification.

"Reaching Joint Commission Gold Seal designation is one thing; keeping it by meeting the Joint Commission's requirements year-after-year is another challenge," said Edwin Loftin, PMC vice president of Acute Care Services and chief nursing officer. "Constant focus and improvement is essential because the faster and more effective the treatment, the greater the

chance to minimize a stroke's effects or damage."

"Stroke is a major cause of death and disability," said David Miller, MD, director, National Comprehensive Stroke Center, Mayo Clinic's Florida campus. "Stroke care has been greatly improved with new drug therapies, including the clot busting agent tPA, administered in appropriate patient populations. About 85 percent of strokes are due to a blood clot blocking a blood vessel to the brain."

PMC is a Mayo Clinic Care Network member and Mayo Clinic is part of the Parrish Healthcare integrated care team. In 2010, PMC became the first hospital in Florida to participate in the Mayo Clinic telestroke program. Via a self-propelled remote presence robot that stands five feet tall, neurologists at Mayo Clinic's Comprehensive Stroke Center in Jacksonville can remotely evaluate acute stroke patients and assist with diagnosis and treatment, despite them being more than 130 miles away.

Quick administration of a drug called tPA to dissolve a stroke-causing blood clot and restore blood flow is part of the Joint Commission's standards followed by PMC, said Gregory P. Cuculino, MD, FACEP, Emergency Department medical director.

"In many cases the drug results in the patient having minimal or no neurological damage from the stroke," said Dr. Cuculino, "It's one aspect of our approach to stroke care, which includes prevention, treatment and rehabilitation while always working as a team."

PMC's team approach also includes Brevard's Emergency Medical Services (EMS).

"Partnering with PMC's Emergency Department as part of its stroke team ensures that life-saving measures are provided to patients at the scene in the first few minutes of a stroke," said Orlando Dominguez, Jr., RMP, assistant chief of Emergency Medical Services Operations, Brevard County Fire Rescue.

PMC's Stroke Program includes:

- A team of neurologists, cardiologists, radiologists, emergency medicine physicians, nurses, nurse practitioners, first-responders (EMS/paramedics), case management, therapists (occupational, speech, respiratory and physical),

and community educators.

- A stroke unit. Stroke unit nurses (along with ICU and ER nurses) undergo extensive training to become certified in stroke assessment, treatment and rehabilitation. They have annual continuing education requirements.

- PMC's 14-bed Emergency Department, 12-bed critical care unit (ICU), and full-service rehabilitation center.

- Advanced diagnostic technology, including telemedicine technology, ultra-speed CT and MRI, which provides doctors with accurate results in minutes.

- Community education programs and screenings for stroke risk factors.

## **Signs of stroke are sudden:**

1. Numbness or weakness of the face, arm or leg, especially on one side of the body.
2. Confusion, trouble speaking or understanding.
3. Trouble seeing in one or both eyes.
4. Dizziness, loss of balance or coordination or trouble walking.
5. Severe headache with no known cause.

An individual experiencing any of these signs, or someone observing an individual dealing with one or more of these indicators, should call 911 immediately.

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## **Experimental Aircraft Meeting**

Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 724, Merritt Island (EAA724) will hold their next meeting on Wednesday 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. 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.



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

The library will be closed Jan. 1. & Jan. 15  
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:** Mondays, 2-4 pm. Bring your  
problem plant sample.

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

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

**Life Skills Training:** Wednesdays, 4-5 pm. Pre-  
sented by the Dept. of Juvenile Justice.

**STIR - Story Time for Independent Readers:**  
Thursdays, 3:30-4:30 pm. 1st grade 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:

- Jan. 3, 5-7:00 pm North Brevard Economic  
Development
- Jan. 3, 5:30 pm Adult Coloring Club
- Jan. 6, 11 am-1 pm Delta Sigma Theta
- Jan. 8, 5:30 pm Port St. John Public  
Library Advisory Board Meeting
- Jan. 10, 6:00 pm PSJ Special District  
Advisory Board Meeting
- Jan. 11, Noon-1:30 Plant Swappers
- Jan. 13, 10 am-Noon Port St. John Pokémon  
Club
- Jan. 17, 1-3:00 pm Bookworms Adult Book  
Discussion Group
- Jan. 24, 6 pm Friends of the Library  
Membership Meeting
- Jan. 20, 10:30-11:30 Author talk with Jackie  
Haines, author of Little Mill on Beaver  
Creek.
- Jan. 27, 10 am-Noon Port St. John Pokémon  
Club

## Healing the Family

Each life encounter has a ripple effect. That's  
because, as it has often been said, no one is an  
island. We're all interconnected in one way or  
another. This is as true in our professional heal-  
ing work as it is in our personal lives. Some-  
times it's hard to remember that as we focus our  
healing care on the person before us. But Mr.  
and Mrs. Messina remind us of our greater im-  
pact on healing families and healing communi-  
ties as they share their recent experience.

One moment last April, Mr. Messina was  
manning his post as a school crossing guard; the  
next, he was found unresponsive by a group of  
students on their way to school. "The students  
were so caring and brave," said Mrs. Messina.  
"They called 911 and stayed with him until help  
arrived."

Mr. Messina's condition was dire. He had  
suffered several seizures, a stroke and had a  
heart condition. "John spent four days in the In-  
tensive Care Unit at Parrish Medical Center,"  
she continued. "The staff members in the ICU  
were so good to us both; they were so kind and  
took amazing care of John! They even allowed  
our church to come in and pray with us."

Complicating matters, Mrs. Messina had just  
had surgery prior to John falling ill. She was  
in a wheelchair, unable to drive herself to and  
from the hospital. With no family in the area,  
the community pulled together to help her and  
to make sure she made it to the hospital every  
day to be with her husband. The school children  
who had found him that day in April sent 60 get-  
well cards.

On the fourth day, Mrs. Messina and the  
ICU care team witnessed something miracu-

lous. John woke up. He was alert and answering  
questions and was very grateful after hearing of  
the care and love he received. Mrs. Messina ex-  
plained that the loving, healing care did not stop  
there. After John was allowed to go home, his  
nurses and doctors arranged for Home Health  
and Therapy to come daily. When they found  
out that Mrs. Messina had recently had surgery,  
they made arrangements for her to have Home  
Health as well. "This is beyond what you would  
expect," said Mrs. Messina. "The kindness and  
support we received was overwhelming! John is  
now back to 100 percent, and we are so grate-  
ful to Parrish Medical Center staff. The Home  
Health nurses and therapists have all been so  
delightful and attentive. I wish I could remem-  
ber everyone's name, but please know that you  
are wonderful. You saved him-- you made him  
stronger and you helped me along the way.  
Thank you, Parrish Medical Center, for excel-  
lent care!"

## Martin Andersen Senior Center Dances

Martin Andersen Senior Center will host a  
Singles/Couples Ballroom Dance on Saturday,  
January 13th. 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.



MASC will also host a dance on Saturday,  
January 23rd. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and danc-  
ing begins at 7:00 p.m., ends at 10:00 p.m. Free  
snacks, BYOB. Music will be provided by Janice  
and Renee. The cost is \$6; \$5 for members.

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

### Our upcoming election of officers for the Friends of the Library will be in February. We are looking for candi- dates to fill positions.

Please leave a message for Margie at fotl.  
psj@gmail.com if you are  
interested in helping The  
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Library in our endeavor to  
bring community aware-  
ness about the needs of our library.

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## The Lamp Stand

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### Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

5135 N. Cocoa Blvd., Cocoa, FL, 321-632-6333

www.blessedsacramentcocoa.org

Saturday Mass, 4:30 pm.

Sunday Masses at 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM

Reconciliation at 3:30 PM on Saturdays

### Brevard Zen Center

1261 Range Road, Cocoa, Fl

Buddist Sunday Service 9:00am

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

Two Wards meet in this meetinghouse:

Port St. John Ward... Bishop Kline

Port St. John Ward Sacrament Meeting, 12:00 PM

Titusville Ward... Bishop Newman

Titusville Ward Sacrament Meeting, 9:00 AM

### Coastal Community Church, 639-7346

5795 Falcon Blvd., PSJ: coastalcommunity.net

Services on Sunday, 9 & 10:45 am.

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### 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.

Wednesday Youth, 7 pm.

## Tolerance of other faiths imparts to us a truer understanding of our own.

### Covenant Life Fellowship (321) 639-7734

Non-Denominational - Pastor Jamie McIlwain

3770 Curtis Blvd., PSJ.

Sunday Service, 10:30 am

Wednesday Worship, 6:30 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/cocoafbc

### 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; Traditionally 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 Michael Franzone

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; titusvillelutherans.org

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

### HOPE United Church of Christ, 636-0250

2555 Fiske Blvd.

Reverend Celestine Slater-Brooks

Sunday School, 9 a.m. Children's Service - 10 a.m.

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

http://www.hopeucc.com

### Ma'gen David Messianic Synagogue

Rabbi Jem Golden (321) 213-2259

3815 N. US1, Suite 123 in Cocoa Commercial Ctr.

Erev Shabbat Service - Friday, 6:30 pm

### Messiah Evangelical Lutheran Church ELCA

Pastor Tom Unrath, (321) 636-0777

400 Lucerne Dr. Cocoa

Sunday Worship Service - 10:00 AM

Bible Study - Wed. 6:00 PM

### Ministerio Un Nuevo Comienzo

(A New Beginning Ministry)

2010 North Cocoa Blvd., Cocoa

Miercoles (Wednesday); 7pm

Domingo (Sunday); 7pm

### New Life Christian Fellowship 269-7578

Pastor Larry Linkous www.findnewlife.com

Interdenominational Multi-Cultural Ministry for

Entire Family 6755 S. Washington Ave.

Sunday - 9:00 & 11:00, Wednesday - 7 pm

Nursery & Children's Church available all services

### Northwest Baptist Church, 1720 Cox Rd., Cocoa

321-638-0890; www.nwbcofcocoa.org

Sunday School for all ages, 9:00 am

Classic/Modern Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.

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

Sunday evening Evangelistic Service, 6 pm

### Redeemer Presbyterian Church 264-0035

Meeting at 5005 Barna Ave., Titusville

Worship Celebration - Sundays at 10 am

Christian Education - Sundays, 11:15 am

www.myredeemer.cc

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

414 Pine St., Titusville www.stgabs.org

The Rev. Rob Goodridge, Rector

Sat's: 5:30pm Rite II (Contemplative)





Sun's: 7:30am Rite I (Historical), 9:30am Rite II (Traditional), 11:30am Rite III (Contemporary)  
Wed's: 6pm Taize Mediation 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, then Pot Luck Supper  
Alcoholics Anonymous, Sun., 5 pm, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:30 pm

Narcotics Anonymous, Mondays, 8 - 10 pm.  
1st Friday Rosary every month at 6 pm.

**Sun Valley Christian Church**, 321-264-1337  
4825 S. Barna Ave., Titusville, Minister Reggie Reed  
Sunday School at 9 am, Worship at 10 am & 6 pm  
Ladies Group each Tuesday and Thursday

**Surfside Community Fellowship**, 321-607-2111  
thesurfsidefellowship.com

Pastor Dr. Erick Brookins  
1720 Cox Road, Cocoa

Sunday Services at 9:00 & 10:30 am.

Saturday night at 6:00 pm

**Titusville Church of Seventh-day Adventist**

Pastor Amado Luzbet. ALL are welcomed.

5005 Barna Ave. 267-8893.

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

Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer, 7:30 pm.

**Trinity Community Church**

Tim Merwin, Sr. Pastor

6750 South U.S. 1 (3 miles north of Fay Blvd.)

Sunday Celebration at 10 am

www.sgcfcla.org sgcoffice@sgcfcla.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](http://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](http://www.unitymerrittisland.org). We are on Facebook.

**Victory Baptist Church**, Pastor Raymond Hall

632-6148 at 242 Capron Road, PSJ.

[www.victorythroughjesus.org](http://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.

**Victory Worship Center**, 431-7964

Pastors Jeff & Nancy Kleinman

Meeting Sundays, 10AM

Wednesday Mid-Week Manna & Prayer, 7-8 PM

Community Center, 4201 US Hwy 1, Cocoa

## First Friday Rosary

Come join us on Friday, January 5, 2018 at 6 PM in Port St. John, located at 3805 Fay Blvd.

There will be Rosary, Family and Friend Prayer Hour with coffee & cake to follow.

Call Deacon Frank Cossentino at 321-208-2356 for more information.



## Calling All Christian Authors!

Dynamic writers group in Cocoa, FL, offers training, critiques and paid writing opportunities. (2nd Sundays 2-4:30 pm at the Cocoa library.)

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## 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, January 28th, 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.

## 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](http://www.NARFE.org/Chapter1137).



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# The Reason For The Season!



An 8 year old Port St John boy wrote a book report and turned it into a Christmas Song. The song is available on iTunes, Amazon and all major streaming sites. There is also a video on YouTube titled, Santa Claus is a Zombie Remix 2017.

The video is very creative. Loved the ZommmBros and ZommmBabes. That's a lot of musical talent and creativity for the actors/dancers to be so young. All local kids were used in the video and it was shot here in Port St. John.

"Jojo Zombie" is currently in the studio finishing up 3 more songs he wrote when he was 7, including a Valentine's Day Song and he will be shooting video soon.



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# Walter Butler Community Center - January, 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**

**1st - Center Closed New Year's Holiday**

**15th - Center Closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday**

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.

4th & 18th - Girl Scouts Troop 373, 5-7 p.m.

Volleyball Fundamentals, 5-8 p.m.

Open Gym, 6-8 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.

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**Kids in Motion** - After school program that focuses P25 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.

**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 Kowalewski at (321) 403-6918 for more information.

**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.

**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.

**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.

## CIRQUE ITALIA

Did you know Cirque Italia has two traveling shows?! For the first time ever, The new Gold Unit is coming to Melbourne on January 4-7 at Wickham Park, 2500 Parkway Drive. The show will be located inside the park, near the horse stables, under the white & blue big top tent with the state of the art water show!

In 2017 Cirque Italia introduced a second unit, the Gold Unit: a luxurious experience where technology and performing arts are mixed to create a one-of-a-kind show. Now for 2018, a

brand-new performance has been created. This new performance will feature an ultra-modern water curtain that controls every droplet of water meticulously. Audience members can expect to see words and beautiful patterns as the water falls to the 'lagoon' below. Cirque Italia is ready to provide a breathtaking experience. This new stage by itself is enough to amaze the most demanding audience, and synchronized with the most creative display of superhuman talent - the result is simply out of this world!

A careful casting selection has united the best artists from all over the world. This production will feature acts all the way from Russia to Mexico. Cirque Italia believes in multi-culturalism as one of our strongest assets. Packed full of incredible acts, there is no room for boredom. The variety presented is exceptional.

For those who enjoy whimsy, we have an Avatar and not one, but two mermaids. There is almost no bodily limit for our contortionist, Ricardo, as he bends in ways you never would have imagined. Our incredible wheel of death performance features a front summersault flip, something you will be hard-pressed to see anywhere else. If that doesn't get your head spinning, perhaps our 5 roller skaters and their incredible tricks and turns will. And although Cirque Italia does not use animals in our performances, this year we will be featuring amazing lifelike elephant puppets. They are so well made, you might just think they are real. Whether it's a futuristic laser act or mesmerizing aerial performances, the show has something for all tastes and expectations. Cirque Italia creates a type of world-class entertainment suitable for all age groups.

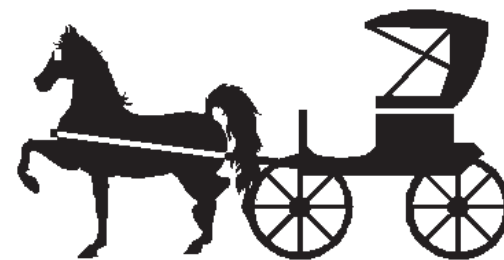
For more information, visit [www.cirqueitalia.com](http://www.cirqueitalia.com). Tickets can be purchased now starting at \$10.00-\$50.00 depending on availability. Cirque Italia offers one free child admission with every full price adult ticket in levels 2 or 3. This offer cannot be combined with any other offers, discounts or deals. Call 941-704-8572 to find out the promo code for this location.

The box office opens on-site on Tuesday, the week of the show. Non-show days: 10am – 6pm, On show days: 10am – 9pm.

Call (941) 704-8572 or visit the website for more information and /or tickets.



# SLEEPY HOLLOW



## Fruit From The Groves

I am looking for a writer to continue the Fruit From the Groves article. With the passing of Bill Cannon, it is a big pair of shoes to fill. Bill kept up with community events, utility service and road events that affect the Groves and of course, All About Florida and the proposed high speed rail. It helps if you can spell and have good grammar, but the most important trait that Bill brought to us was that he cared about all of the residents of Canaveral Groves and what happens there.

If you're interested, please contact Randy Rodriguez, Editor, at happenings1@att.net.

In the meantime:

Canaveral Groves Homeowners, Inc. will be holding elections at the January meeting. It's a good time to take part in the guidance of the Groves. There is no mandatory home owners association in the Groves. This is a voluntary group who works with the residents and sometimes with the county or Sheriff's Office to improve the safety and quality of life in the Groves.

CGHI meets on the 2nd Thursday of every month at Discovery Church, 3925 Grissom Pkwy. at 7:00 pm.

### A Parting Shot...

#### AAADD. Know The Symptoms.....

Thank goodness there's a name for this disorder. Somehow I feel better, even though I have it!

Recently, I was diagnosed with A.A.A.D.D. - Age Activated Attention Deficit Disorder. This is how it manifests:

I decide to water my garden. As I turn on the hose in the driveway, I look over at my car and decide it needs washing. As I start toward the garage, I notice mail on the porch table that I brought up from the mail box earlier. I decide to go through the mail before I wash the car. I lay my car keys on the table, put the junk mail in the garbage can under the table, and notice that the can is full. So, I decide to put the bills back on the table and take out the garbage first.

But then I think, since I'm going to be near the mailbox when I take out the garbage anyway, I may as well pay the bills first. I take my check book off the table, and see that there is only one check left. My extra checks are in my desk in the study, so I go inside the house to my desk where I find the can of Pepsi I'd been drinking. I'm going to look for my checks, but first I need to move the Pepsi aside so that I don't accidentally knock it over. The Pepsi is getting warm and I decide to put it in the refrigerator to keep it cold.

As I head toward the kitchen with the Pepsi, a vase of flowers on the counter catches my eye--they need water. I put the Pepsi on the counter and discover my reading glasses that I've been searching for all morning. I decide I better put them back on my desk, but first I'm going to water the flowers. I set the glasses back down on the counter, fill a container with water and suddenly spot the TV remote. Someone left it on the kitchen table. I realize that tonight when we go to watch TV, I'll be looking for the remote, but I won't remember that it's on the kitchen table, so I decide to put it back in the den where it belongs, but first I'll water the flowers.

I pour some water in the flowers, but quite a bit of it spills on the floor. So, I set the remote back on the table, get some towels and wipe up the spill. Then, I head down the hall trying to remember what I was planning to do.

At the end of the day: the car isn't washed, the bills aren't paid, there is a warm can of Pepsi sitting on the counter, the flowers don't have enough water, there is still only 1 check in my check book, I can't find the remote, I can't find my glasses, and I don't remember what I did with the car keys. Then, when I try to figure out why nothing got done today, I'm really baffled because I know I was busy all day, and I'm really tired.

I realize this is a serious problem, and I need to get help for it, but first I'll check my e-mail....

### Parrish Medical Group Welcomes Homi S. Cooper, MD, FACOEM

Parrish Medical Group, with offices in Titusville, Port St. John, Suntree/Melbourne and now Port Canaveral, welcomes Homi Cooper, MD, FACOEM, as its newest board-certified physician in Occupational/Environmental Medicine.

He received his medical degree from Grant Medical College at the University of Bombay in India, and completed residencies in neurology and internal medicine in India and the U.S. He completed a fellowship in Occupational/Environmental Medicine in 1997. He is a Fellow of the American Association of Disability Evaluating Physicians and American Board of Quality Assurance and Utilization Review Physician Fellow of the Institute of Health Care Quality as well as a Diplomate of the American Board of Preventive Medicine in Occupational/Environmental medicine. He holds certification in workers' compensation, managed care, risk management and case management by the American Board of Quality Assurance and Utilization Review Physician.

Dr. Cooper joins Parrish Medical Group from Space Coast Orthopedics in Merritt Island. In addition to practicing in Florida, Dr. Cooper has practiced medicine in Louisiana and Pennsylvania.

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