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Merry Christmas! Happy Hanukkah!

Our 31st Christmas Parade will take place on Saturday, December 19th at 11 AM. The parade route will be along Fay Blvd., starting at Waterloo Ave. and going east to Carole Ave. in the eastbound lane. The floats face the south side of Fay Blvd., so viewing will be best on the sidewalk on the south side.

The theme of this year's parade will be "A Hometown Christmas." The entry form is on the next page and available online to print at www.happenings.net.

We have heard from Santa. He'll be there with his sleigh.

A HUGE THANK YOU to our Prime Sponsor, Parrish Medical Center, and our Diamond sponsors, Freedom AC & Plumbing and Higginbotham Companies. We are not government run or funded, so these wonderful companies make the parade possible, along with the amazing volunteers who work to make the parade happen. It takes a village to put on a parade!

Our Grand Marshal again this year is an unofficial group; our Unsung Hometown Heroes.

These are the people who kept going to work during the pandemic to keep us safe, keep food and other items we need for our families on the shelves, make our children's education and fu-

possible this year. The group can't all show up - **because they're working!** But we appreciate and honor them.

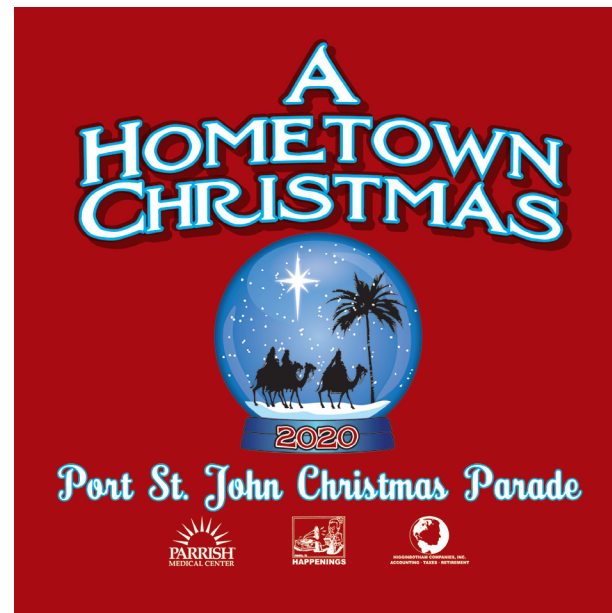
Who is it? First responders, health care workers, teachers, grocery store, convenience store and department store workers, auto and home repair workers of all types. Thank you all!

If you fall into this group and would like to participate in the Christmas Parade, we have a place for you. See the last page of this issue for instructions on how to participate.

Due to COVID there may be less candy than usual. Those in the parade who continue the time-honored tradition of handing out candy will be required to wear masks.

Please be thoughtful of the residents along Fay Blvd. and do not litter their yards with candy wrappers and cups. Bring a bag for your youngster's treasure trove. If you bring a plastic store bag for candy and/or trash, it would help a LOT.

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



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This letter is to invite your organization to participate in the 30th Annual Port St. John Christmas Parade. The parade will take place on December 19, 2020, 11 AM, in Port St. John. The parade route will be east along Fay Blvd. from Waterloo Ave. to Carole Ave. We are planning for 60-70 entries this year. Please send your entry in early.

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

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

This year, if you want to hand out candy, please be sure to have walkers accompany your float wearing masks and gloves.

For everyone's safety, **CANDY MAY NOT BE THROWN FROM THE FLOATS AND**

2020 PSJ Christmas Parade

VEHICLES.

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

Call us to find out how to get your name on the parade shirts! Your business name will be

added to all the Parade T-shirts, staff and public, for a minimum donation of \$50.

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

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

Port St. John Christmas Parade Entry Form

NAME OF GROUP: _____

CONTACT NAME: _____

CONTACT PHONE: _____

CONTACT ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL: _____

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

Music Volume: Loud Moderate Soft

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

Approx. number of marchers in group (include moms, coaches, etc.): _____

of vehicles (include follow vehicles): _____ Type: _____

Include or attach a description of your entry for the Parade Announcer.

Return to: HAPPENINGS, 600 Aloha Ave., Port St. John, FL 32927



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Port St. John Community Center has a new playground! If you have bored kids at home and need a place for them to have fun and burn some energy, the Community Center is ready.

This 5.48-acre community park features a Community Center with a large activity room, kitchen and stage popular for rentals and youth programs. The center also includes two activity rooms which consist of two pool tables, a Ping Pong table and Foosball table. There's also a computer room that is open to the public for use.

Outdoors, the playground and basketball court are neighborhood favorites. Summer camp, Boys and Girls Scout clubs are run and offered as well at the facility. Meetings are suspended at this time for safety, but information is available.

When COVID restrictions ease up, if you are looking to get in shape or just want to get that heart rate up, fitness classes such as Zumba are available.

Post 359 - American Legion Riders presents

Bike Days at the Tiki

Saturday, December 5th
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7260 S. US Hwy. 1 Bellwood (just north of Port St John), 321-268-1632.

Contact Joe Marino, Events Coordinator, American Legion Riders Post 359 at info@alr359.org or visit our website, alr359.org, for more information.

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Space Coast Executive Airport was originally built in 1943 by the U.S. Government as a supplementary airfield to the Sanford Naval Air Station during world War II. The airfield included two 5,000 foot x 150 foot runways with an associated taxiway system. After the war, the U.S. Navy transferred the airport back to the cities of Titusville and Cocoa by a Surrender of Lease and Quick Claim deed dated April 18, 1947.

According to Brevard Public Schools, Atlantis Elementary opened in portables on the campus of Challenger 7 Elementary School in 1989, moving to its current location in 1990. Prior to being built, a committee was formed and there were a number of properties reviewed. The property that Atlantis Elementary sits on today was one of those available. There also wasn't a lot of air traffic over Port St. John at the time and no one even thought about where Atlantis Elementary was in perspective to the runway only a half mile to our community's north.

Then came news that the Space Coast Execu-

tive Airport wanted to expand the north/south runway to allow expansion of the airport to fly in larger aircraft. Or community was not very happy and our PSJ Homeowner's Association met with the Executive Director, and after a time the airport changed their Master Plan (in 1996) to build a 10,000 foot northeast to southwest runway to decrease the amount of traffic over Port St. John, especially over Atlantis Elementary. This would have put air traffic not being over the majority of Port St. John except where the north side of Port St. John crosses I-95, and air traffic would be fairly high both coming into and leaving the airport.

As additional background information, the City of Titusville approved the rezoning of Flagler's Development Property from Planned Industrial Park to residential use for 1,400 acres that became Willow Creek, and now known as Verona Homes. In January, 2002, the Brevard County Commission approved the rezoning.

Unfortunately, there was a lot of opposition of the proposed 10,000 foot southeast runway, not from Port St. John, but from those in Titusville. From reading the minutes from a May 10, 2002

meeting that was from VectorSpace property owners with the TICO proposed runway and ordinance revisions; Boeing opposed the development as they were building their new building at the northeast side of the airport aligned with the northeast runway, along with investors of a new hotel being planned in the same area, also on U.S. 1. Flagler Development, that was building Willow Creek (now Verona Homes), did not want air traffic that close to their new development. Astrotech supported the new runway.

There was also a May 13, 2002 TICO Airport Authority Meeting where this runway was discussed. At this meeting, John Evans, representing Boeing, stated their concerns with the northeast/southwest 10,000-foot runway. The same issues that were stated earlier at the May 10th meeting, were brought again, including Knight LLC, VectorSpace, and other residents around the airport. There was an agreement between the City of Titusville and Flagler Development, and an agreement between the City of Titusville and the Airport Authority on conditions to ensure the Airport Authority drops the runway.

At the same meeting, there was a motion to

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drop the 10,000-foot southeast runway and it passed. So much for Port St. John's concerns.

Verona Homes Wetlands & Increasing Density

From a Transcript of the Meeting, "City Council 10-13-20 Verona and Wetland Protection," Item 9B CPA Verona Subdivision; "...The Willow Creek Phase 1 plat has a total of 61 single family residential lots and some common areas that were approved and accepted by City Council in June, 2020,..." The developer was asking on October 13, 2020 that 4.58 acres of wetlands that were not supposed to be developed be changed to 18 buildable lots as they were illegally filled.

The big issue is the order of approval. The city should be approving zoning up front and then St. John's River Water Management District should approve any wetland issues. The city is already allowing a 1,277 house project. In this first phase they are now adding 18 buildable lots, making the project 1,295 homes.

The city needs to fix things where it can't happen again. It might help if someone actually were watching the developers. What will this housing project be by the time it is finished?

I think everyone realizes Verona will have a huge impact on Port St. John. The closest grocery stores are our Publix and Winn Dixie in Port St. John. The closest Elementary Schools, Junior High and High Schools are in Port St. John. The closest gas station is at Kings and Grissom Parkway. Even the zip code is 32927. This development will have a huge impact, especially when it is finished. I hope Titusville can do a better job of controlling their development processes.

As far as their disregard for protecting wetlands, according to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in St. Petersburg, Florida, Florida has lost the most wetland acres of any state—approximately 9.3 million acres or 46 percent of its 1780s total. According to their website on the National Wetlands Inventory: "Wetlands provide a multitude of ecological, economic and social benefits. They provide habitat for fish, wildlife, and plants – many of which have a commercial or recreational value – recharge groundwater, reduce flooding, provide clean drinking water, offer food and fiber, and support cultural and recreational activities.

Reference:

Titusville City Council Meeting, 10/13/2020
<https://www.titusville.com/899/4568/Regular-City-Council-October-13-2020-6?activeLiveTab=widgets>

EPA Wants to Take Over Federal Wetland Reviews

Wetlands are critical for cleaning stormwater and protecting our Indian River Lagoon and other water bodies throughout Florida and around the nation. The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is asking the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to allow them to take over their review and wetland permitting under the Clean Water Act 404. Currently the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers issues permits for filling in wetlands, and the Environmental Protection Agency oversees that process and can veto those permits. These two federal agencies oversee preserving wetlands, along with the local Florida Water Management District. For us, that's the St. John's River Water Management District.

Just about every commentary I've read is against Florida DEP taking over the wetland process. Among those opposed to giving wetland

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permitting from the EPA & Army Corp of Engineers to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection includes the Brevard Indian River Coalition and the Marine Resource Council, two local very environmentally conscious organizations.

Apparently, the request's sponsors are hoping this transfer to Florida DEP will shorten the environmental review process. It is easy to see Florida DEP doesn't necessarily believe in protection of wetlands, and it's important if you just read the wording on its website: "However, just as the general term wetland has been subject to varying opinions, so have some of the concepts of the definition." The words "varying opinions" give it away.

Rick Scott believes the wetland review process was taking too long, so he cut 600 employees from the department and it hasn't improved in recent years. They have lost extensive field experience and are dogged by budget cuts. It's definitely not a formula for protecting something that is so crucial to our water and environment.

Reference:

<https://floridadep.gov/water/submerged-lands-environmental-resources-coordination/content/wetland-evaluation-and>
Final Reports on the Roads to Nowhere

In a 11/12/20 Tallahassee Democrat story by Jeffrey Schweers, titled, "Florida toll roads task force reports sent to Gov. DeSantis, House and Senate leaders," three reports on the Suncoast, Northern Turnpike and Southwest-Central Connectors, all over 70 pages, were delivered to Florida Department of Transportation and government leaders. The reports listed recommendations, but at the same time stated, "there

were no proven needs." The reports can be found at the referenced link.

The article however, did state, "the reports were 15 months in the making and included input from thousands of Florida residents from one end of the state to the other." Florida Transportation Secretary Kevin Thibault said his department was committed to following those recommendations, he said, calling M-CORES a model for future planning.

The article ended with the following: "'The entire M-CORES process has been flawed and represents a callous preference for special interests and developers over what is best for Florida," said Jon Bleyer of Progress Florida, speaking for the No Roads to Ruin Coalition Steering Committee."

Reference:

<https://floridamcores.com/>

I hope and pray for Peace this Christmas for us all.

Cheerio,

Maureen Rupe

rupe32927@earthlink

First Wave of COVID-19 Rapid Tests Sent to Long- Term Care Facilities

Specifically the tests are Abbot lab's BinaxNOW. Florida is getting an additional 6.5 million of these tests in addition to the first 400,000 tests the state received, part of the 150 million being sent out by the federal government nationwide. The tests are distributed by the Florida Division of Emergency Management. About 2,800 facilities statewide should have received those tests.

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1st United Methodist Church

We will have a holiday worship schedule. Starting on November 22, 2020 and ending on December 20, 2020 we will livestream the 11 AM worship service. There will not be a 9 AM on-line service. On December 27, 2020 we will resume our current schedule: 9AM on-line service and 11AM in-person service. Personnel issues necessitated this schedule. Thank you for your flexibility.



Candlelight Service

Christmas Eve Candle Light Worship will be outside with a nativity scene in the Western parking lot at FUMC PSJ at 5 PM, Thursday, December 24th.

Remember, worship is a matter of the heart. We can worship anytime and anywhere as long as

we have hearts surrendered to God. (John 4:21-25 and Romans 12:1-2)

Christmas Tree Sale

The Knights of Columbus at Blessed Sacrament Church regret to announce that our annual Christmas Tree Sale will not be held this year. Due to our order being received late and a shortage of Class A trees for a late order, we feel that our loyal customers still deserve a quality product.

Therefore, we do recommend that our regular buyers take their business, THIS YEAR ONLY, to the Knights of Columbus at St. Teresa Catholic Church on US1 in Titusville. They obtain trees from the same supplier and prices are very similar to what we normally charge. Also, all proceeds from Knights of Columbus Christmas tree sales

go to charity.

Thank you, and have a very blessed Christmas season!

- I was sad to get this from the Knights this year. 2020 is a strange year in so many ways. They'll be back with great trees for us next year.

- Randy Rodriguez, editor

Christmas Services at St. Patrick's

We will be holding two Christmas Eve Services:

6:00 PM, which is a shorter family service and;

11:00 PM, which is a Caroling Service with Eucharist.

We will also be holding a Christmas Day Service at 10:00 AM.



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Wednesday: 6:00 PM Eucharist

Christmas Season Schedule

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Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Services

Thursday December 24th –

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Friday December 25th

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Rose's Room

~ Rose Padrick

By the time we have opened our favorite reading material Thanksgiving will have passed and the next season will be upon us. I hope all of you were able to spend valuable moments with loved ones whether in person or through the magic of modern technology. To those of us who weren't through illness or caution, please know there are many of us sending massive amounts of prayers and love.

Truth is, this holiday season will be much different than past. But when it comes down to it, aren't they all different in some ways?

Parents of five year olds know how much easier the tree decorating, cookie making and gift wrapping is now than when said child was a very active and very wobbly one-year-old. Parents of ten year olds know they can actually be quite helpful with all the preparations; however, they also know the days of the child being happy with whatever Santa chooses for them are over forever. Parents of teenagers are happily relieved they no longer have a small torpedo zooming into their beds before daylight loudly declaring "Santa came!" However, they're still in shock that in order to have the latest electronic device under the tree for junior, the house had to be remortgaged. Especially when junior grabs said object, mumbles something that may or may not have been "Thank You," and disappears to their room for a month.

Truth also is, no matter what age our kids are, we are going to miss the previous ages and no matter how we have worked to make the holiday as enjoyable as possible, we will miss the way things were.

There are many ways to combat this blue holiday fog that sometimes descends upon us. My favorite way is to remember the parts of past holidays that were not so great and be thankful they are in the past and hopefully cannot be repeated.

My go-to memory when I start missing a bunch of children around the tree on Christmas morning is the one some Yahoo speeding past our house didn't make the turn, hit the telephone pole and lit up the sky... at four AM. I have absolutely no happy memory from the moment my own baby boy loudly declared, "SANTAS HERE!!" to the sound of thirteen cousins thundering down the hall before I could even lurch out of bed, to my vain attempts to stop the Terrible Thirteen from ripping open whatever gift is within their grasp with wild abandon, to the very painful task of taking some gifts from a sometimes tearful child and giving it to its rightful recipient.

I can only chalk it up to pure dumb luck that the year my husband worked so hard to recondition five used bikes and we actually pulled off the surprise, Florida then got one of the worst cold spells in history... and my youngest had to be taught to ride.

I cannot comprehend that anyone would possibly fondly remember running alongside a frightened, but determined child in thirty-degree weather as the bike twisted and careened down the sidewalk, and the child became more and more upset because everyone else could ride and they couldn't.

Measles running rampant during Thanksgiving week and mumps a week before and a week after Christmas. Ovens conking out, forcing us to dine on Dutch oven turkey, relatives stranded at the airport, Terrible Two's temper tantrums are all

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forced through my doldrums as needed to wake me up that there have been worse times, and be grateful for what is now, and perhaps produce a smile or giggle.

As with everyone I have spoken with this strange year, I don't know what this holiday will bring, but I do know as long as we all stick together, find new and innovative ways to modify old traditions, spread as much love and happiness as we possibly can, that we as a neighborhood, city, county, state and country will make it through this dark time and prevail.

By the way, very musically adept child of mine... I do not agree that my belting out Christmas carols should only be done from behind a very heavy mask, or perhaps two.

God Bless, be kind and safe.

Florida Surgeon General Implements Additional Review Process for Fatalities Attributed to COVID-19 to Ensure Data Integrity

Florida's Surgeon General, Dr. Scott A. Rivkees, announced the Department of Health will conduct a more thorough review of all fatalities reported to the state.

Fatality data reported to the state consistently presents confusion and warrants a more rigorous review. Of the 95 fatalities reported to the state yesterday, 16 had more than a two-month separation between the time the individuals tested positive and passed away, and 11 of the deaths occurred more than a month ago.

Florida Surgeon General Scott Rivkees said, "During a pandemic, the public must be able

to rely on accurate public health data to make informed decisions. To ensure the accuracy of COVID-19 related deaths, the Department will be performing additional reviews of all deaths. Timely and accurate data remains a top priority of the Department of Health."

Of the 95 fatalities reported to the Florida Department of Health today:

11 were over 30 days old;

16 had at least two months between the time the individuals tested positive and passed away;

5 had at least three months between the time the individuals tested positive and passed away.

To find the most up-to-date information and guidance on COVID-19, please visit the Department of Health's dedicated COVID-19 webpage. For information and advisories from Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), please visit the CDC COVID-19 website, this website is also available in Spanish and Creole. For more information about current travel advisories issued by the U.S. Department of State, please visit the travel advisory website.

For any other questions related to COVID-19 in Florida, please contact the Department's dedicated COVID-19 Call Center by calling 1-(866) 779-6121. The Call Center is available 24 hours per day. Inquiries may also be emailed to COVID-19@flhealth.gov.

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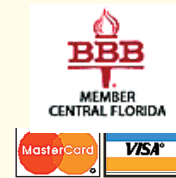
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Covid-19 Vaccine May Have Unpleasant Side Effects

Pfizer Corporation is expected to seek federal permission to release its Covid-19 vaccine by the end of this month. The move sounds good for quelling the pandemic, but consumers need to understand what it will mean to get the shots.

The vaccine will require two doses to work. The injections must be given weeks apart, company protocols show. Scientists expect the shots will cause flu-like side effects including sore arms, muscle aches, fever and possibly others that could last days. They might even sideline some people from work or school.

The push to develop vaccines with unprecedented speed has made us ignore what happens when we get it. The Pfizer vaccine allegedly proves to be 90 percent effective. That means 1 in 10 recipients would still be vulnerable. We can't stop social distancing and wearing masks for a long time.

Pfizer and its partner, the German company BioNTech, said Monday that their vaccine appears to protect 9 in 10 people from getting Covid-19, although they didn't release underlying data. It's the first of four Covid-19 vaccines in large-scale efficacy tests in the U.S. to have posted results. The other vaccines are likely to have similar results. Data from early trials of several Covid-19 vaccines suggest that consumers will need to be prepared for side effects that, while technically mild, could disrupt daily life. Prevnar and common flu shots can cause injection-site pain, aches and fever.


The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has created a strategy called "Vaccinate with Confidence" to make information public, but it lacks funding. As of mid-October, only half of Americans said they'd be willing to get a Covid-19 vaccine.

Discussing potential side effects early could counter misinformation that overstates or distorts the risk. Persuading people who experience those symptoms to return in three to four weeks for a second dose — and a second round of flu-like symptoms — will be difficult.

A Covid-19 vaccine is expected to be distributed first to health care staffers and other essential workers, who may not be able to work if they feel sick. Making sure consumers know that a vaccine is likely to require two doses — and that it could take a month for full effectiveness to kick in — is also crucial. Communicating effectively will be vital to ensuring that consumers follow through with the shots. Until full protection kicks in, people should continue to take measures to protect themselves: wearing masks, washing hands, socially distancing.

Moderna has also released trial results from their vaccine and it's 94.5% effective. No word on whether the side effects will be as severe, but expect so. More in another article.

This is a great start and a giant step forward, but we're still a long way from making the country - and our families - safe.



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Monthly Tax Update

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) made this information available to help struggling taxpayers impacted by COVID-19 more easily settle their tax debts with the IRS. Any assessed collection activities on taxpayers who owe, but are struggling financially because of the pandemic, have decided to expand taxpayer options for making payments and alternatives to resolve balances owed.

The revised COVID-related collection procedures will be helpful to taxpayers, especially those who have a record of filing their returns and paying their taxes on time. Among the highlights of the Taxpayer Relief Initiative:

- Taxpayers who qualify for a short-term payment plan option may now have up to 180 days to resolve their tax liabilities instead of 120 days;
- The IRS is offering flexibility for some taxpayers who are temporarily unable to meet

“We’ve Been Framed” Unique Fundraiser

The Studios of Cocoa Beach, 165 Minuteman Causeway in downtown Cocoa Beach, presents “We’ve Been Framed,” a collection of unique picture frames designed and created by the Studios’ resident artists. All the frames are one-of-a-kind works of art and are available for purchase with proceeds benefiting the Studios. The frames come in all sizes and are perfect gifts for the person who has everything.

While visiting the Studios you can also view the 4th Annual Members Show, “Therefore I Create,” highlighting the latest creations by the member artists. This nonprofit gallery is home to 35 local artists creating a variety of art including painting, photography, pottery, jewelry, fiber art and more.

This year’s show is judged by Cocoa Beach Mayor Ben Malik, with awards sponsored by Sterling Photo and The Art Shop. The show and frame sale runs from November 20 to January 11, 2021.

The Studios is open Wednesday through Saturday (some Sundays). Check daily hours at the Hours Calendar on our website, www.studiosofcocoabeach.org to confirm times: Or call 321-264-3480 for an appointment.

the payment terms of an accepted Offer in Compromise;

- The IRS will automatically add certain new tax balances to existing Installment Agreements for individual and out of business taxpayers. This taxpayer-friendly approach will occur instead of defaulting the agreement, which can complicate matters for those trying to pay their taxes;

- Additionally, to reduce burden, certain qualified individual taxpayers who owe less than \$250,000 may set up Installment Agreements without providing a financial statement or substantiation if their monthly payment proposal is sufficient;

- Some individual taxpayers who only owe for the 2019 tax year and who owe less than \$250,000 may qualify to set up an Installment Agreement without a notice of federal tax lien filed by the IRS;

- Furthermore, qualified taxpayers with existing Direct Debit Installment Agreements may now be able to use the Online Payment Agreement system to propose lower monthly payment amounts and change their payment due dates.

These options may be available to you, and requesting the assistance of a professional tax preparer may be in order.

Changing thoughts to businesses who received the Payroll Protection Program or EIDL Program loans. Everyone needs to understand the amounts forgiven will result in additional income to the business. The situation is, all amounts forgiven are not deductible as they normally would be and this results in less expenses and higher net profit. So, if you received \$45,000 and it was forgiven, then the result would be \$45,000 of less deductible expenses and you would have an additional \$45,000 of income. Oh, this means you will have a higher tax liability and you need to be prepared for this increase. Talk to your accountant/tax advisor for more clarification.

I want to wish everyone a very merry and joyous holiday season. I also hope that everyone will always remember the ones who aren’t present and still with us in our hearts forever. Love your family, forgive the ones who need forgiven, and enjoy each other. Happy Holidays!!!

This information 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.

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On the Road With Rose

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Like everyone else, it has been my wish and prayer that we would be healing from all that has been upon us and I can't help but feel encouraged by all the interest I see in this year's holiday season. Whether Christmas is your thing or not, having something happy on our minds is a welcome break.

While caution and masks are still prudent, we are blessed with paradise-like weather even into the winter and there are many places all around us where we can take advantage of our good luck and still stay socially distant. My intrepid partner

in adventure and I discovered just such a place a short drive north of Port Saint John in the little laid back town of Mims.

You don't have to be of the Buddhist faith to appreciate and enjoy a visit. The drive off the main road winds through old oaks, pines and palm trees studded with signs of affirmation and encouragement, one of my favorites being 'Every step of the journey is the journey.'

Parking is plentiful and a series of small marble (?) pedestals have more words of peace and encouragement artfully chiseled into them.

It may have just been mental suggestion, but I did seem to feel a certain lessening of stress as we followed along reading and considering the words on the pedestals around a pond sporting water lilies and stocked with Koi, turtles poking their heads out of the water as we passed.

The statues are magnificent! White granite and huge, they are set off by the many flowering plants and bushes and each seem to be at total peace with the world around them, something that would be a welcomed addition to everyone's lives.

I admit my knowledge of the Buddhist life-

style is sadly lacking and all I know about the statues is what I read in the pamphlet. Weighing in at forty tons and thirty feet long is Nirvana Buddha, which depicts Siddhartha - the original Buddha. Across the park is a two hundred ton thirty-five-foot statue of the same Buddha at a younger age. There is also a massive statue of Mother Avalokitesvara. She is said to be the Bodhisattva of peace and compassion.

We stuck our heads in the chapel, unfortunately disturbing a worshipper, but getting a glimpse of the opulent furnishings.

A path meanders through more flowering bushes past the house where the monks and nuns live. A gift shop sits across from the also huge Monastery's Great Bell of Wisdom and Compassion. We didn't witness the ringing, but were told it is used to call everyone to service.

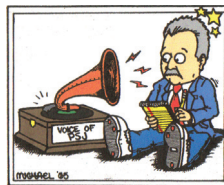
It took us about an hour and a half to wander around, but there was a family with young children there that had spent much longer. I was not able to find anyone to answer my questions about Buddhism, I can call and schedule a tour in the future. Pets are not allowed.

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was a stop at Cruisers frozen yogurt in Titusville. Situated next to a thrift shop on Main Street, it is decorated in the fifties style, complete with red booths and checkerboard floors. You dispense your favorite yogurt yourself and add as many of the toppings as you like, keeping in mind you are charged by weight. (Some of us know this and still manage to over indulge money wise and calorie wise every time.)

The prices are very fair. There is outdoor seating available. Masks are encouraged inside. The premises are sparkling clean. The clerk wears a mask and gloves and cleans the counter and serving utensils between each customer. Pets are allowed outside, but cannot come in the door.

Getting out in the fresh air and experiencing something new with loved ones is always a good idea, but these days call for squeezing every last drop of fun in everything we do, and if this happens to include peace and calm, I think that's all the better no matter what religion you prefer.

Following the Science...

The infection fatality rate, the probability of dying for a person who is infected, is one of the most important features of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic. The expected total mortality burden of COVID-19 is directly related to the infection fatality rate.

Dr. John Ioannadis of Stanford University wrote and the World Health Organization published a 37 page research bulletin that addressed that issue in great detail from a seroprevalence (frequency of individuals in a population that have a particular element in their blood serum) approach.

It's lengthy, but worth the read. Television news embraces the most

shocking. Politicians use the higher numbers to make incumbents look bad. Intelligent medical professionals have to acknowledge the worst numbers; prepare for the worst! But what are the real numbers?

The study included data from several countries and several cities within those countries when possible. Not surprisingly, the worst data came from the poorest areas. The global average for COVID deaths in September, 2020 was 118 deaths per million. Some of the worst data came from Wuhan, China, where the virus broke out. There was no treatment and no studies to tell doctors what to do at that time. Every other country has benefitted from research and treatments since then.

He concluded if one could sample equally from all locations globally, the median infection fatality rate might be substantially lower than 0.23%, the rate his research derived.

213 vaccines or therapeutics are in development. 36 are already in clinical testing. All of this doesn't matter if a person is alone and no one knows if they're ill. When COVID or any flu is untreated, then the worst of fatality rates apply. That can be over 50%. So stay in touch with the ones you love.

Conclusion: The infection fatality rate of COVID-19 can vary substantially across different locations and this may reflect differences in population age structure and casemix of infected and deceased patients and other factors. The inferred infection fatality rates tended to be much lower than estimates made earlier in the pandemic.

Read the entire bulletin here: www.who.int/bulletin/online_first/BLT.20.265892.pdf

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Overeaters Anonymous - Due to Covid-19 we are meeting on Zoom. For meeting times or contact info, please visit oaspacecoast.org.

Nar-Anon: Support group for those affected by someone else's addiction, meets on Mondays, 7:00 - 8:00 PM at St. Patrick's Anglican Church, 4797 Curtis Blvd. - www.naranonfl.org.

12-1 Compassionate Friends Support Group meets the first Tuesday of every month at 6 PM in Cocoa Beach at the Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, 525 Minuteman Cswy. west of A1A, Fellowship Hall. Call 610-7875 for info.

12-2 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 Valerie Helmer at 321-268-1632.

12-2 PSJ Startups & Founders Club, a group for new business owners and entrepreneurs, meets on the 1st Wednesday of each month at the Port Java in Fay Plaza. We'll begin our program at 8 AM. The Port St. John internet site can be viewed at [\[John-PSJ-Startups-Founders-Club/\]\(http://www.meetup.com/Port-St-John-PSJ-Startups-Founders-Club/\).](http://www.meetup.com/Port-St-</p></div><div data-bbox=)

12-3 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.

12-4 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 Pam at 321-752-6896 or e-mail bwc0020@gmail.com.

12-6 St. Nicholas Day

12-10 Hanukkah Starts

12-13 Word Weavers Space Coast, a critique group for Christian writers, meets the 2nd Sunday at 2:00 PM at the Central Brevard Library in Cocoa. Visitors are always welcome. Email angelagardnerwrites@gmail.com for info.

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12-13 Multiple Sclerosis Self-Help Group meets on the 2nd Sunday each month (except Mother's Day & Nov.), 2 PM, Cocoa Library.

12-16 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.

12-18 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.

12-19 PSJ Christmas Parade

12-21 Winter Begins

12-21 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, 505-2361.

12-22 Moonlight Quilters Guild meets at the North Brevard Library in Titusville, 2121 Hop-

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12-25 MERRY CHRISTMAS

12-26 Kwanzaa Begins

12-31 New Year's Eve

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Randy Rodriguez - HAPPENINGS

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We will be closed Thursday and Friday, December 24 and 25 for the Christmas holiday.

We are still unable to have any in person programming like we normally would at the library but groups are starting to return!

The Florida Master Gardeners come to provide gardening assistance and plant identification help every Monday from 2-4pm.

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Please call your local library with questions during open hours, Monday through Friday.

New Vaccine From Moderna is 94.5% Effective

The new Moderna vaccine is 94.5% effective against coronavirus, according to early data released Monday by the company, making it the second vaccine in the United States to have a stunningly high success rate.

The results came from the Data Safety and Monitoring Board, an independent panel analyzing Moderna's clinical trial data. Vaccinations could begin in the second half of December, Fauci said. Vaccinations are expected to begin with high-risk groups and to be available for the rest of the population next spring.

In Moderna's trial, 15,000 study participants were given a placebo, which is a shot of saline that has no effect. Over several months, 90 of them developed Covid-19, with 11 developing severe forms of the disease.

Another 15,000 participants were given the vaccine, and only five of them developed Covid-19. None of the five became severely ill.

The company says its vaccine did not have any serious side effects. A small percentage of those who received it experienced symptoms such as body aches and headaches.

Moderna plans to apply to the US Food and Drug Administration for authorization of its vaccine soon after it accumulates more safety data later this month. Initially, there won't be enough vaccine for everyone. The highest priority groups, which include health care workers, the elderly, and people with underlying medical conditions, will get the vaccine first.

Pfizer's and Moderna's vaccines have similar results because they use the same technique to

activate the body's immune system. The vaccines deliver messenger RNA, or mRNA, which is a genetic recipe for making the spikes that sit atop the coronavirus. Once injected, the body's immune system makes antibodies to the spikes. If a vaccinated person is later exposed to the coronavirus, those antibodies should stand at the ready to attack the virus. No vaccine currently on the market uses mRNA. Both vaccines are given in two doses several weeks apart.

While the two vaccines appear to have very similar safety and efficacy profiles, Moderna's vaccine has a significant practical advantage. Pfizer's vaccine has to be kept at -75 degrees Celsius. No other vaccine in the US needs to be kept that cold. Doctors' offices and pharmacies do not have freezers that go that low. Moderna's vaccine can be kept at -20 degrees Celsius. Other vaccines, such as the one against chickenpox, need to be kept at that temperature.

Another advantage of Moderna's vaccine is that it can be kept for 30 days in the refrigerator, the company announced Monday. Pfizer's vaccine can last only five days in the refrigerator.

Photos with Santa!

Bring your pet and children, too, on Sunday, December 6, 2020, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and join The Animal Sanctuary (TAS), a non-profit, volunteer organization, for Photos with Santa! at Myrt Tharpe Square, Cocoa Village.

Sponsored by Tails at the Barkery, this event will help raise much needed funds for the animals TAS rescues and the building of Brevard County's first no-kill, no-cage, animal sanctuary. The majority of animals who come to TAS have medical conditions resulting from neglect or abuse, some have behavioral and emotional issues, some arrive as strays, suffering from illness and injury, and all are in need of love and attention, which TAS is happy to provide.

For a \$10.00 donation, receive a goody bag and a framed 4x6 color photo with Santa. No appointment necessary! All pets must be on a leash or in appropriate carriers, and have current vaccinations and county tags for the safety of our animals and friends.

For more information, call (321) 259-9627 or visit <http://www.theanimalsanctuary.org>.

Merry Christmas to all!

Santa and Mrs. Claus cannot come to the library this year. So there will be no cookies and milk, and we are so sorry about that. But, all you kids ages 3-8, come to the library to mail your letters to Santa. Each child can pick up a goodie bag with letter writing materials and some surprises. These will be available to be picked up at the library check out counter.



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**We hope to see you all at the library
in December!**

PMC Offers the World's Smallest Pacemaker

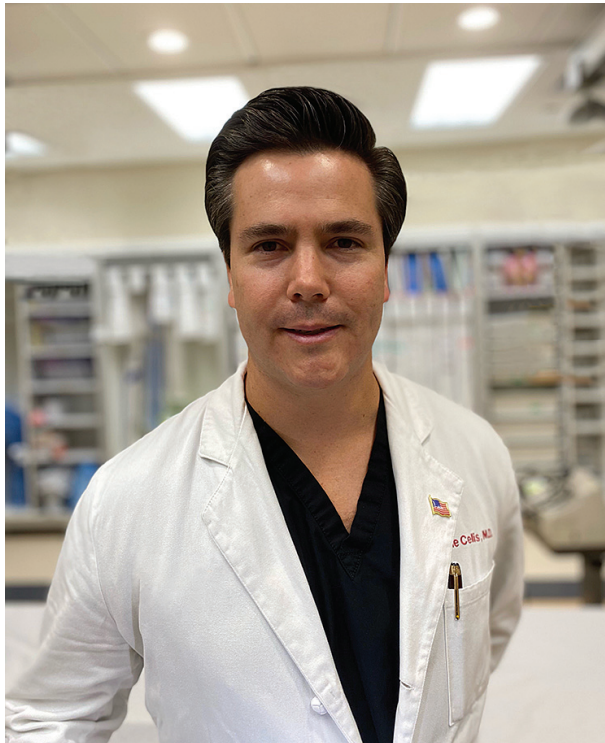
Parrish Medical Center is one of the first hospitals in the state of Florida to offer Micra™ AV, the world's smallest pacemaker with atrio-ventricular (AV) synchrony. This new device, indicated for the treatment of patients with AV block, extends the most advanced pacing technology – at one-tenth the size of a traditional pacemaker – to more patients than ever before. The first procedure was performed by Interventional Cardiologist Rene Celis, MD, on December 19, 2019 and since then 14 have been performed at Parrish Medical Center.

AV block is a type of heart block in which the electrical signals between the chambers of the heart (the atria and the ventricles) are impaired. Pacemakers, the most common way to treat AV block, help restore the heart's normal rhythm and relieve symptoms by coordinating the electrical activity of the atria and the ventricles. When this process – known as AV synchrony – is achieved, patients are healthier and have decreased likelihood of pacemaker syndrome, improved quality of life, and increased blood flow from the left ventricle.

Historically, patients with AV block have been treated with traditional dual-chamber pacemakers which are implanted in the upper chest, under the skin below the collar bone, and connected to the heart using thin wires called “leads.” Micra™ AV has several internal atrial sensing algorithms which detect cardiac movement, allowing the device to adjust pacing in the ventricle to coordinate with the atrium, providing “AV synchronous” pacing therapy to patients with AV block.

“At Parrish Medical Center we are extremely proud to be the first in Brevard County to offer the latest fully self-contained pacemaker. This minimally invasive technology is a game changer. With nearly the same capabilities as a traditional pacemaker, we are able to offer an alternative that is cosmetically invisible to the patient post-implementation and implanted within 15-30 minutes. The Micra™ AV pacemaker has reduced the rate of complications by approximately 60%, decreasing infection rates and proving to be most ideal for older patients where a short recovery time is essential,” said Dr. Celis.

New Device Means More Patients Are Now Candidates for a Leadless Pacing Option.



Dr. Rene Celis, Interventional Cardiologist

Comparable in size to a large vitamin pill, physicians at Parrish Medical Center have elected to use Medtronic's Micra AV based on its ability to deliver therapy via a minimally invasive approach. During the implant procedure, the device is inserted through a catheter and implanted directly into the heart with small tines. Because Micra AV does not require leads or a surgical "pocket" under the skin, potential sources of complications related to leads and pockets are eliminated - as are any visible signs of the device.

The Micra AV, world's smallest pacemaker, is the latest cardiovascular advancement being offered as part of Parrish Medical Center's cardiovascular service line. Parrish Medical Center was also the first in Brevard to offer the minimally invasive Impella® heart pump, an advanced, percutaneous cardiac assist device that pumps for the heart, allowing the heart to rest during stent placement or balloon angioplasty. The Impella heart pump is for patients with advanced heart failure, cardiogenic shock or to assist with protected percutaneous coronary interventions.

For more information visit parrishhealthcare.com/MicraAV.

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The Show Must Go On!

For nearly 30 years, Parrish Medical Center's Gift of Light celebration has paid tribute to the wonder and joy of the holiday season—lighting the way to the healing power of hope, love and joy. We are deeply saddened to announce that the public tree lighting celebration has been canceled due to COVID-19 precautions, but will continue virtually.

"The show must go on!" has been our mantra since the inception of our beloved community tree lighting event. It has become a tradition to celebrate Healing Families—Healing Communities® in North Brevard as our "Gift of Light" is a tradition that has provided resources to help heal our community. The grand 50-foot tree of lights will stand as a landmark-tribute as we honor and memorialize community loved ones.

All proceeds benefit Jess Parrish Medical Foundation. To make a gift or dedicate a light in a loved one's name, contact Jess Parrish Medical Foundation at 321-269-4066 or visit parrishmedfoundation.com/donate.

Join us for the following Gift of Light virtual events on the Parrish Medical Center Facebook page:

- Tuesday, Dec. 1: Holiday Sing-Along with Titusville Playhouse at 6 p.m.
- Wednesday, Dec. 2: Holiday Eats with Chef John
- Thursday, Dec. 3: A Special Gift of Light Message at 6 p.m.
- Tuesday, Dec. 7: Titusville Playhouse Soloist Feature at 6 p.m.
- Thursday, Dec. 10: Santa's Workshop: Family Edition at 6 p.m.
- Sunday, Dec. 13–Saturday, Dec. 19: Ugly Holiday Sweater Contest

It's time to put your crafting skills to the test with this year's Ugly Sweater Contest! Show off your creations by using #GOLUglySweater on social media. Prizes will be given to winners of the following categories: Ugliest, Most Creative, Funniest, Cutest, Most Festive and Best Couple.

Feel free to share your favorite Gift of Light memories with us by using #GOLMemories and you will be entered to win various prizes.

See the ad on the back cover for the Gift of Life celebration.

Heart Patients Need to Be Wary of Coronavirus

The coronavirus pandemic and flu season pose a double risk for heart disease patients, so they need to be extra vigilant about their health, the American College of Cardiology (ACC) says.

"Heart disease patients bear a greater burden during the pandemic since they are having to navigate managing their heart health while also protecting themselves from COVID-19, as they are at increased risk of serious complications," ACC President Dr. Athena Poppas said.

"The ACC has worked with experts around the world to assess best treatment practices, and the consensus on how to protect heart disease patients comes down to several simple, easy-to-follow steps," Poppas explained in an ACC news release:

Wear a mask, keep a safe distance from others and wash your hands.

Get a flu shot. Contact your health care provider or pharmacy today.

Keep your health care appointments and call if you notice something new or worse with your health. If you think that you may be having a heart attack or stroke, dial 911 immediately.

Keep a supply of your medicines handy. Let your care team know if you need help with your medications.

Stay active and stay calm. Regular exercise can help keep your heart healthy and manage stress.

"We hope that the near future will bring progress against COVID-19, but right now, these actions go a long way in keeping heart disease patients healthy and safe," Poppas said.

The American Heart Association has more on heart patients and the coronavirus at <https://www.heart.org/>.

Walter Butler Community Center - December, 2020

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

The center is open Monday–Thursday from 10 - 8 p.m., Fridays from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Schedule is subject to change. Call 321-433-4448 for latest information.

Limited Summer Camp

Summer Camp is available to ages 6-11 at community centers throughout the county for parents who are returning to work. **A note from an employer will be required to register.**

At this time no day registrations will be accepted, only weekly.

Camp will be offered from 7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. on Monday through Friday. Camps will include mandatory temperature checks for camp-

ers and staff members. Children will not be admitted if their temperature is 100.4 degrees or higher. Activities will be restricted to abide by CDC recommendations and there will be no field trips. Children will be in groups less than nine with one counselor to each group and socially distanced. Camp fees will be \$90 per week or \$45 for neighborhood strategy areas. Registrations will be accepted online, phone and in person.

Meet your neighbors and stay informed of Events & Community Happenings!

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**Won't you come join us? We meet the 2nd Thursday of the month at Discovery Church,
3925 Grissom Pkwy. at 7:00 PM. www.CanaveralGrovesHOA.com**

SLEEPY HOLLOW



Fruit From The Groves



At the Canaveral Groves Homeowners meeting that was held on November 12, 2020 it was decided not to have a meeting in December. The next meeting will be January 14, 2021. It will be held at Discovery

Church on Grissiom Pkwy. at 7:00 p.m. At that time there will be nominations and elections of officers for the association.

At the meeting on November 12, a number of things were discussed. There was a Deputy at the meeting from Brevard County Sheriff's Office. He advised that our crime rate is one of the lowest in the County. Let's try and keep it that way. They have increased traffic enforcement and patrols in the area. A number warnings and citations have been given out.

They are also enforcing the uncovered loads. This includes big trucks, pickups and vehicles pulling trailers.

The Deputy also advised about the "porch pirates" and the "driveway divers" that steal packages after they are delivered, and we all need to be on alert. Also remember that Fed-X, USPS, UPS and others will be working after dark and extra hours. Please call Brevard County Sheriff's Office if you see something that is suspicious. That is the only way we can keep the area safe.

The conditions of the roads was discussed and the best thing to do is call Brevard County Road and Bridge at 321-264-5084 when there is a problem.

**Please be safe and have a
Happy Holiday season!**

Ed Silva
Canaveral Groves
Homeowners Association

25th Annual Reindeer Run 5k in Cape Canaveral

Brevard County Sheriff's Office Charities, Inc. Police Athletic League (PAL) will host the 25th Annual Reindeer Run in Cape Canaveral on Saturday, December 12 at 8:00 a.m. The race will be held at Cherie Down Park located at 8330 Ridgewood Avenue in Cape Canaveral.



Registration is \$30. The first 500 registrants will receive tech shirts in their race bags at packet pick-up.

Medals will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each age division as well as overall top male and female for the Masters, Grand Master and Senior Grand Masters divisions. All racers have a chance to win one of many great door prizes such as restaurant gift cards, free mini golf, hotel stays and much more. This year's race can be run in-person or virtually.

Registration for this race is open now through December 11th and can be completed online at <https://runsignup.com/Race/FL/CapeCanaveral/CapeCanaveralReindeerRun> or in person at the Running Zone located at 3696 N Wickham Road in Melbourne. For additional information call 321-360-9936. All proceeds from this race directly benefit the youth in local beachside communities through the Brevard County Sheriff's Office PAL Program.

COVID-19 precautions are being taken at this year's race. To view the COVID plan please visit the website at <https://runsignup.com/Race/FL/CapeCanaveral/CapeCanaveralReindeerRun>.

Contact Aaron Leyte at (321) 868-1226 or LeisureServices@cityofcapecanaveral.org for more information.

SeniorLivingGuide.com Podcast Now Available

The medical experts from the Parrish Senior Consultation Center, Geriatrician Dr. Tronetti and Dementia Care Specialist Janet Rooks have teamed up with SeniorLivingGuide.com on their podcasts to provide health information and resources for seniors and their caregivers.

You can listen to the podcasts at <https://www.buzzsprout.com/1311730>.

Brevard County Utility Services to Begin Sewer Assessments in West Cocoa

RedZone Robotics has been contracted by the Brevard County Utility Services Department to inspect and assess the sanitary sewer within the Brevard County West Cocoa service area. Assessments are scheduled to begin the week of October 26, 2020. RedZone will begin at the northern end of the service area north of 520 and work their way south through the entire West Cocoa service area.

The impact to residents and businesses will be very minimal. When accessing manholes and lines that run through rear easements of homes, Brevard County Utility employees will be present to assist with access. All RedZone employees will have a letter with them to verify they have permission to access our sewer lines.

For questions about the work being performed, please contact RedZone Robotics Project Manager, Spring Misera, 724-293-8977.

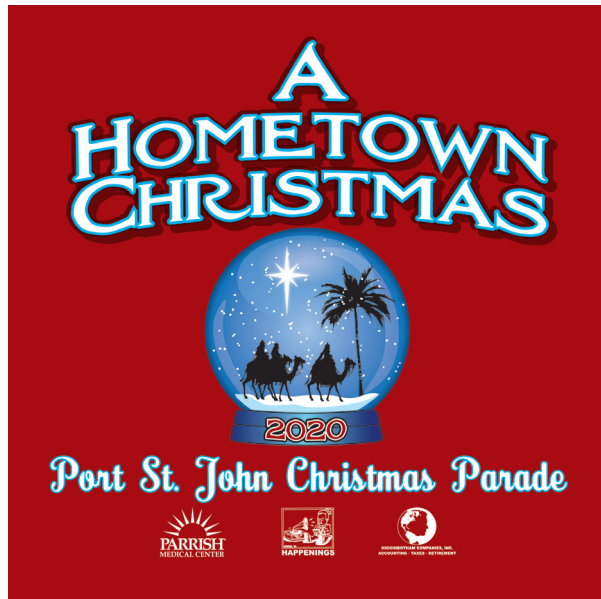
For additional questions you may contact Brevard County Utility Services Department at 321-633-2093.

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Our Unsung Hometown Heroes - This Year's Christmas Parade Grand Marshals

Thank you to all our Unsung Heroes who kept our homes and families provided for during this crazy year and pandemic. If you are a member of first responders, health care workers, teachers, grocery store, postal service employees, convenience store and department store workers, auto and home repair workers of all types, restaurant and food service workers, delivery people or any other group who stayed on the line and kept working to provide materials and services for families to continue on with their home lives, you're invited to join us and participate in the 2020 Port St. John Christmas Parade as our Grand Marshals.

You can walk and be seen by your friends and neighbors, or if you think the 1.1 mile walk is too long, you can ride. The parade moves at the speed of the parade banner that's carried at the front of the parade, so power walking won't be necessary. We will have as many trucks as we can round up to help those who need a ride, or you may bring a group and ride in your own vehicle. Our vehicles will be first come, first



served, but people with ambulatory challenges will still take priority.

Because space is very limited in the Challenger 7 playground where we stage, and also, Challenger 7 locks the gates after Santa leaves staging, so cars could potentially get locked in, this year we are adding Fay Park just for staging

our Unsung Hometown Heroes. There is a lot of additional parking and you will be able to leave your vehicle as you participate in the parade.

We would like to have an idea how much space we will need, so if you wish to participate, please email Donna Nero at mrsemp@yahoo.com with your name, profession/job, phone number and email address, or call Donna at 321.698.9545, or go to www.portstjohncommunityfoundation.com (or www.happenings.net) and register there.

Parks & Recreation Meeting



The North Brevard Commission on Parks and Recreation will hold its next monthly meeting on Thursday, January 14th, 2021, 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 264-5105.

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Acknowledgment cards will be mailed to the donor and the honoree or honoree's family.

We invite you and your family to join us for the following **Gift of Light** virtual events on our Facebook page.

TUES., DEC. 1 | 6 PM
Holiday Sing-Along
with Titusville
Playhouse

WED., DEC. 2 | 6 PM
Holiday Eats with
Chef John

THURS., DEC. 3 | 6 PM
A Special Gift of Light
Message

TUES., DEC. 7 | 6 PM
Titusville Playhouse
Soloist Feature

THURS., DEC. 10 | 6 PM
Santa's Workshop:
Family Edition

**SUN., DEC. 13 –
SAT., DEC. 19**
Ugly Holiday
Sweater Contest



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