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No Fireworks In Port St. John This Year

After months of trying to get a permit from Parks and Recreation and hundreds of hours spent by members of the Port St. John Community Foundation and members of the north area Parks office to do our Independence Day celebration and fireworks show, we have been run out of time by the continuous addition of requirements from the Director of Parks and Recreation.

The event was cancelled at Fay Lake Wilderness Park for the safety of HART, a horse farm just north, but close enough for the horses to be stressed by the noise and flashing of fireworks.

Since then we have met with officials from Fire Safety and Parks staff to meet all safety criteria for Space Coast Communities Sports Complex. Every time we gather the information needed for the SCCSC venue, new requests were added.

The latest from Risk Management/County Attorney office included a requirement for an additional insurance policy among a list of other new requirements. That's the kiss of death



today on June 23rd. It takes two days to get a special event policy. That's Friday. No permit until Monday. We started this in February. At this point we've lost our fireworks company for lack of a permit in hand.

I apologize on behalf of the Port St. John Community Foundation and all the members and volunteers who work to bring this show to our community. It wasn't for lack of trying. We hope to be back next year. - Randy Rodriguez

Where to watch fireworks:

- Port Canaveral**, The Cove
Glen Cheek Dr., Cape Canaveral
When: July 2 @ 9 pm
Tell me More: Fireworks over the Harbor
- Cocoa Beach**, Sidney Fischer Park
2200 N Atlantic Ave, Cocoa Beach
When: July 3 @ 9 pm
- Cocoa Village**, Cocoa Riverfront Park
401 Riveredge Blvd., Cocoa
When: July 4 @ 9:15 pm
4th of July BBQ & Symphony Under the Stars
- Titusville**, Chain Of Lakes Park
2300 Truman Scarborough Way, Titusville
When: July 4 @ 7-10 pm
Red White and Boom over North Brevard
- Viera**, USSSA Space Coast Complex
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Space Coast Vipers thanks Domino's for not one, but two \$1,000.00 scholarships for Space Coast High School graduating students to help their college journey.

Dave Brown, the store manager, came to our school with an idea, wanting to do something that would truly make a difference in a student's life. The idea became a scholarship. Students who applied had to write an essay on a time in their life where they had to persevere. All the essays were submitted to choose a winner.

Dave originally was able to budget only enough for one scholarship. After reading all of the essays our seniors submitted, he was overwhelmed with the decision on who to choose. He called the school and said, "I just can't decide between two of the students."

Dave made some calls and made the second scholarship possible.

Space Coast Vipers are so proud of our recipients of the Domino's scholarship, Chloe Weir and Daniel Calvacca.

Thank you again to Dave and the Port St. John Domino's Team that made this possible.



Chloe Weir

Chloe has been accepted to Eastern Florida State College and meantime, she works at Dogs 'R Us in Port St. John.

Daniel is involved in the community working at the Port St. John Community Center. Ms. Weeks loves you both!

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PSJ Community Center Schedule - July, 2021

The center is open Mondays–Thursdays from 10 AM to 7 PM, Fridays from 9 AM to 6 PM, Saturdays 10 AM-2 PM Schedule is subject to change. For latest information or to register, call 633-1904.

Mondays

Summer Camp 7 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Zumba (adult class with Jackie), 5:30 – 6 :30 p.m.

5TH - Closed for July 4th Holiday

Tuesdays

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Thursdays

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Fridays

Summer Camp 7 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Saturdays

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

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

17th - Family Fun Baking-12 - 1:30 pm. Homemade Chocolate Sandwich Cookies. Must Pre-Register.

31st - A Child's Summer Tea-11:30 am-1:30 pm. Blueberry Scone Tea Sandwiches, strawberry lemonade, chocolate dipped berries. Must Pre-Register.

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Family Cooking Classes with Chef Kelly: Must Pre-Register, call 321-633-1904. July 17th,

12-1:30 pm---Family Fun Baking-(Homemade Chocolate Sandwich Cookies). \$15.00 per child, accompanying adult is free.

July 31st from 11:30pm-1:30pm --- A child's Summer Tea (blueberry scone tea sandwiches, strawberry lemonade, chocolate dipped berries). \$18.00 per child, accompanying adult is free. Favorite stuffed animals welcome to join us.

PSJ Housewives Softball League



The Port St. John Housewives Softball League season starts in July and continues through mid-October. Games are on Tuesday and Thursday nights at Fay Park. There is no admission fee to watch games.

We are still accepting applications for sponsors and experienced umpires.

For more information, call: Shannon Freeland, President, at 321-543-5175; Kim Myrick, Vice-President, at 321-536-1372; Angie Burris, Treasurer, at 321-480-1052; or Joan Sottoriva, Secretary, at 321-537-9605.

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Good Day! by Maureen Rupe Forever Chemicals Contaminating Us

I have seen a lot of reports concerning Forever Chemicals. There have been 16 stories since 2018 talked about in Florida Today.

It's not limited to Florida. Forever Chemicals are everywhere. In the March 2021 special report in Consumer Reports (CR) titled, "How Safe Is Our Drinking Water?," CR, partnered with the US Guardian News organization, had 120 people around the U.S. collect water samples from their drinking water to test for arsenic, lead, PFAS (per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances), and other contaminants. The water systems sampled go to more than 19 million people. 118 of the 120 locations had higher levels of PFAS or arsenic above the Consumer Reports recommended limits of those chemicals or lead.

CR's tests revealed about 8 percent of samples had arsenic levels above CR's recommended maximum for drinking water and almost every sample had measurable amounts of lead, which is considered unsafe at any level. The CR story stated, "In response to the report by Consumer Reports, Environmental Protection

Agency spokesperson Andrea Drinkard says that 93 percent of the population supplied by community water systems gets water that meets "all health-based standards all of the time" and that the agency has set standards for more than 90 contaminants. That includes arsenic and lead but does not include PFAS."

In another story from June 10, 2021 in the Wisconsin State Journal, health officials were warning anglers to limit consumption of fish from all but two of Madison's lakes after new test results revealed high levels of toxic "forever chemicals," known as PFAS. In the Wisconsin State Journal story, it stated, "Nathan Kloczko, site evaluation program coordinator for the Department of Health Services, said people who've been eating fish from the lakes may want to talk to their doctors about individual health concerns."

This is definitely not just a United States issue, as I also saw an article on a German website, DW Akademie, a June 11, 2021 story titled, "Teflon and 'Forever chemicals:' The hidden toxins in your body," state "Some 98% of US Americans have PFAS in their blood.

Studies from India, Indonesia and the Philip-

ines found the toxic substances in nearly all breastmilk samples tested. Every child in Germany has forever chemicals inside them and in a fifth of those cases, concentrations exceed critical levels."

NPR, an independent, nonprofit media organization, in an April 22, 2019 story titled, "Scientists Dig Into Hard Questions About The Fluorinated Pollutants Known As PFAS," states, "Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances are generally referred to by their plural acronym, PFAS. PFAS are resistant to water, oil and heat, and their use has expanded rapidly since they were developed by companies in the mid-20th century."

The PFAS have nonstick qualities which allow them to be used to make products such as food wrappers, umbrellas, tents, carpets and firefighting foam. They allow us to manufacture insulation in wiring, plastic and rubber. They are everywhere. Since they are all around us and so stable they don't break down easily, that's why they are known as "forever chemicals?"

They have found their way into the soil and into our drinking water. According to the NPR story, "We're finding them contaminating many

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ivers, many lakes, many drinking water supplies," says Linda Birnbaum, director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences and the National Toxicology Program. "And we're finding them not only in the environment, but we're finding them in people."

Unfortunately, no one seems to know much about the health effects of most types of PFAS.

Consumer Report did state the following: "Investigation into the health effects of PFAS exposure is ongoing, but some of the strongest evidence about their potential risks comes from research of about 69,000 people in and around Parkersburg, WV. The research—part of a settlement between DuPont, which makes some PFAS, and residents of the community—was depicted in the 2019 movie "Dark Waters." It found a "probable link between exposure to a type of PFAS and

six health problems: high cholesterol, ulcerative colitis, thyroid disease, pregnancy-induced hypertension, and testicular and kidney cancer."

Consumer Reports is trying to do more. They have partnered with the Natural Resources Defense Council and Environmental Working Group in asking the Biden Administration to protect our health, and set tap water standards for forever chemicals. Please go to the link https://action.consumerreports.org/petition_20210331_pfas?INTKEY=BIA14EP001.

EPA is saying they hope to have a standard for forever chemicals soon. In April of this year, Representatives Debbie Dingell (D-MI) and Fred Upton (R-MI) and 25 other members of the US House of Representatives submitted "PFAS Action Act of 2021," H.R. 2467. This bill requires a limit on per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances

(PFAS). This bill is almost identical to a bill, H.R. 535, the House passed last year, but stalled in the Senate.

The University of Florida is planning on releasing what they have found out so far on a 3-year study on PFAS in Brevard County. They have collected water samples from Titusville, Rockledge, Merritt Island, Melbourne and Satellite Beach. I just hope it's not as bad as I expect.

Reference:

<https://www.consumerreports.org/water-quality/how-safe-is-our-drinking-water-a0101771201/>

Marine Resource Council: Indian River Lagoon Report

The Marine Resource Council published their 3rd Indian River Lagoon Report on June 3, 2021.

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The report was better than last year, but the report card was still not good. Overall the Lagoon got a F+. For a score of 0 – 100, the Lagoon received a score of 58. The following is from the Marine Rource Council website: <http://savetheirl.org>.

Lagoon Region:.....	F+
Mosquito Lagoon North.....	B
Mosquito Lagoon Central.....	D
Mosquito Lagoon South.....	C-
Banana River Lagoon.....	F
North Indian River Lagoon.....	F
Central Indian River Lagoon-North.....	F
Central Indian River Lagoon-South.....	C
South Indian River Lagoon-North.....	D
South Indian River Lagoon-Central.....	F
South Indian River Lagoon-South.....	D

Legend:

- A: 90-100..Very Good
- B: 80-89....Good
- C: 70-79.....Average
- D: 60-69....Poor
- F: 0-59.....Very Poor.

The South Indian River Lagoon is composed of Indian River County and Martin County.

The 2020 Report Card includes:

- 137,202 agency data including 25 years of seagrass and 23 years of water quality data.
- 10 lagoon regions and 12 tributaries covering from Ponce Inlet to Jupiter Inlet.
- Scored and color-coded tables and maps to easily see changes over time and space.

The Indian River Lagoon Health Report Card represents the successful outcome of a public-private partnership between MRC and Applied Ecology Inc., (AEI), who have worked closely since 2015 to create an understandable translation of water quality and seagrass data. The report has successfully been used to guide scientific investigation, raise awareness, inspire advocacy and inform policy-makers.

Please go to the Marine Resource Council website and see the complete report. It does show us that since the Indian River Lagoon has taken a very long time to get to the state that it is, it's going to take a very long time to get out of this situation. I hope this does eventually show the Brevard County and Cities Leadership within the county, they have to do better and we cannot just



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keep up with the amount of development they are allowing within the county/cities.

Reference:

<https://savetheirl.org/irl-health-update/irl-report-card/>

Rights of Nature

What is the Rights of Nature? According to therightsofnature.org, "Rights of Nature is the recognition and honoring that Nature has rights. It is the recognition that our ecosystems – including trees, oceans, animals, mountains – have rights just as human beings have rights. Rights of Nature is about balancing what is good for human beings against what is good for other species, what is good for the planet as a world. It is the holistic recognition that all life, all ecosystems on our planet are deeply intertwined. Rather than treating nature as property under the law, rights of nature acknowledges that nature in all its life forms has the right to exist, persist, maintain and regenerate its vital cycles. And we – the people – have the legal authority and responsibility to enforce these rights on behalf of ecosystems. The ecosystem itself can be named as the injured party, with its own legal standing rights, in cases alleging rights violations.

We all know this is needed for the very existence of our species. We are living with a continual destruction that will prove to be the biggest threat the world has faced.

I first became aware of this concept about 7 years ago, but only actually heard of it being taken forward to ballot recently in Orange County. Orange County, Florida, has become the largest municipality in the United States to adopt a 'rights of nature' law when 89% voted to make a law recognizing the rights of Orange County rivers and streams, along with a right to

clean water for the residents.

I tried to bring up an amendment after a year of discussion at the last Brevard County Charter Review Commission in 2015. I asked for an amendment for the county's elected officials to be responsible for Clean Water and Clean Air for Brevard County's residents, and I couldn't even get a second to bring it to a vote.

I have been on 3 Brevard County Charter Review Commissions since 1998. They are held every 10 years, the last in 2015. The 15 members are chosen by the Brevard County Commission from their districts, supposedly in a fair and non-discriminating way set up by the Brevard County Charter. I was in disbelief at the first meeting where I saw a majority of business, ex-county employees, attorneys and other economy thinking individuals. I was the only environmentalist and the only woman out of 15 members. There was only one black person, and according to the requirements of the County Charter, there would be a fair representative of the people, where it definitely was not. Fourteen denied my request for citizens to have a right to clean air and clean water. Draw your own conclusions, but I was very annoyed as it was not necessarily a Rights of Nature request, but a Human Rights issue.

"Speak up Titusville" is a group of people that, after the last 7.2 million gallon sewer spill at Sandpoint Park, is trying to follow the lead of Orange County to place by petition the "Rights of Nature" concept in the Titusville Charter. This is being organized by a good mate of mine, Titusville resident Michael Myjak. We have supported each other with various "Good Trouble" since the 1990s. Only Titusville voters will be able to vote on this amendment, but anyone can

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help with "Our Right to Clean Water Petition at <https://fl5.org/right-to-clean-water> that we are trying to get on the Florida Constitution.

The Ballot Summary is "Ballot Summary: Prohibits pollution of Florida's waters by recognizing a right to clean water for all Floridians and Florida waters, including the Everglades, Florida Springs, the Indian River Lagoon, the St. Johns River, the Caloosahatchee River, Biscayne Bay, Tampa Bay, Pensacola Bay and all other waters within the state; provides for local lawmaking to protect clean water, and provides for enforcement and severability."

The Florida Rights of Nature Network (FRONN) <https://fl5.org> has developed 5 constitutional amendments - FLORIDA RIGHT TO CLEAN WATER; FLORIDA WETLANDS PROTECTION AMENDMENT; FLORIDA TOLL ROAD EXPANSION BAN; FLORIDA ICONIC SPECIES PROTECTION; and CAPTIVE WILDLIFE HUNTING BAN that helps promote the rights of nature, protection of Florida species and their habitat, and public health.

Why have I talked about the Charter Review Commission and collecting petitions? Those are the two ways the County Charter can be changed, either by being brought up every 10 years by the County Charter Review Commission, where the amendment is put on ballot for vote, or by citizens collecting signatures on petitions and the County Commission putting the amendment on the ballot for vote. Orange County's amendment was brought forward from a Charter Review.

We need anyone and everyone to help by collecting petitions, gather signatures or becoming a trained Nature Ambassador. We are all responsible. Let us all get behind this to ensure its success. We may not have any more chances to save our Quality of Life. If we are going to survive, we must realize that we can't do it by damaging everything else around us. We have to protect our air and water, and enough natural areas to protect the other creatures around us.

This is a non-political issue. This is just common sense.

~ Maureen Rupe

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***The nicest thing about the future is that
it always starts tomorrow.***

Juneteenth Is Now A Federal Holiday

On Thursday, June 17th, President Biden signed a bill to recognize Juneteenth — the celebration to commemorate the end of chattel slavery in the United States — as a federal holiday. Biden's signature came after the measure cruised through both chambers of Congress earlier the previous week.

Now that it's a federal holiday, more people should know about the holiday Juneteenth, and its significance in American history. Juneteenth is not about slaves being freed. It marks the day that enslaved Texans had been free for two and a half years, and yet had never been informed. June 19th marks the official end of slavery in all 50 states. If we honor freedom, then we need to honor Juneteenth, the day all slaves were truly freed.

While Lincoln had signed the Emancipation Proclamation in 1862 to free enslaved people in Confederate states, it was not until two and a half years later that many Black people still held in bondage in Texas were told that the order had freed them. Texas' isolation from the rest of the country and remote landscape kept Union soldiers from enforcing the message as quickly there as they had been able to elsewhere.

Lincoln originally only freed slaves in the Confederate states, not the Union states. It was not until months later with the passage of the 13th Amendment that slavery was abolished on the federal level, not just in states that had aligned themselves with the Confederacy.

The first Juneteenth celebrations took place on June 19, 1866, making it the oldest known celebration signifying the end of slavery. The 155-year-old holiday began with traditions of food, singing, dancing, and spiritual readings. Some of the early celebrations included fireworks that involved filling trees with gunpowder and blowing them up. Fortunately, that tradition has ended. Now, it's still popular to sing, dance, and cheer as well as hosting parades.

Today's Work From Home Tip

Blowing on the wine in your mug will help convince the Zoom meeting that your tea is hot.

FRLA Launches Website to Help Fill Florida's Hospitality Jobs

The Florida Restaurant and Lodging Association (FRLA) announced GreatFloridaJob.com, a new easy-to-use website for employers and job seekers to post and find jobs across all levels of Florida's hospitality industry.

According to the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO), Florida has more than 460,000 jobs available, including tens of thousands from entry level to managerial in Florida's hospitality industry. Florida's hospitality industry was devastated by the COVID-19 pandemic. As the travel, tourism, and hospitality industries shut down internationally, more than 934,000 of Florida's 1.5 million hospitality employees were furloughed or laid off. As Governor DeSantis led the nation to re-open Florida and jumpstart our economic recovery, Florida's hotels and restaurants are rebounding but still facing historic labor shortages.

To assist the industry in getting back to pre-COVID service and staffing levels and maintain Florida's status as the number one international tourism destination, FRLA has advocated for policies that will support industry recovery, hosted job fairs, and created a task force to help identify solutions. Visit GreatFloridaJob.com today to get started. The resource is free to job seekers and FRLA members. Nonmembers can post job vacancies for a nominal fee of \$50.

The Florida Restaurant and Lodging Association (FRLA) is Florida's premier non-profit hospitality industry trade association. FRLA's more than 10,000 members include independent hoteliers and restaurateurs, household name franchises, theme parks and suppliers. The association's mission is to protect, educate and promote Florida's nearly \$112 billion hos-

pitality industry which represents 1.5 million employees.

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Parrish Healthcare is now offering community COVID-19 vaccinations to all members of the community ages 12 and older. Vaccinations are being given by appointment only. Appointments to receive your vaccine can be made through our online registration system at:

vaccine.parrishmed.com.

Vaccines are being administered at the Parrish Health and Fitness Center located at 2210 Cheney Highway, Titusville. At this time, all appointments currently available are for either the Pfizer or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine. Any individual under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult at the time of vaccination and is only eligible to receive the Pfizer vaccine.

To register for your COVID-19 vaccination, visit vaccine.parrishmed.com or call our COVID-19 vaccine hotline at 321-268-6311.

New Pastor at FUMCPSJ

First United Methodist Church of Port St. John welcomes their new Pastor Chris Tabone and his wife Carrie, daughters Ella and Kayla. His first service is Sunday, July 4th. He is starting with a Bible study series "Bible Heroes" discovering God's Chosen. And we will have communion.

Please come join us as we welcome a new family to our area and our new Pastor. Service is at 10 a.m. in person and online at Facebook.com/fumcpsj. We are following CDC guidelines.

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Summer!

I'm hoping by the time my tap-tapping on this keyboard sees the light of day, the good illness numbers have bypassed the bad and we can breathe a tiny bit easier. As with most everyone, I have very few friends or relatives who have not been touched by this terrible sickness. Please know you are not alone and prayers are being sent skyward for you.

Summer has sprung!... OK...we in the Sunshine State have been living through the state living up to it's name for quite some time now, but with the little bit of light at the end of the illness tunnel, I believe we can enjoy it just a tad more.

I'm still not comfortable enough in crowds to make the trek to the Mouse House or the Fish Fortress even though I've never been to Aquatica,

but there's lots right here in our own back yard I can get in trouble with.

I had envisioned my retirement as endless days of sleeping until noon, visiting every state and writing the next biggest novel. None of which has come to fruition as yet and probably not likely to any time soon.

Anyone who has blown out more than fifty candles knows the old eyeballs pop open as the sun rises and the old bladder will come through on its threats if you don't pop up ASAP. I have itineraries and a new set of luggage at the ready just waiting for the word. The next biggest novel cannot pour from my computer until I actually have time to sit down and tap the keys.

But I have learned some of the best places to launch a kayak, how to paddle in an almost perfect circle to the left, how to lift both paddles up and wait for the thing to start going straight and begin paddling again... how to apologize to my four-legged kayak partner when he gets upset the third time he slides into the river as the kayak tips.

It's my belief that spending a hot Florida day fully just enjoying family is the best life has to offer, made all the sweeter because it's been such a long time since I felt comfortable being in the midst of others who were with others all day.

Winning several great games of Marco-Polo, Water Tag and Who Can Actually Climb Onto And Stay On The Huge Blow Up Swan in the

pool with 15-, 16- and 44 year-olds was just a prelude to the hard stuff.

The Who Can Hold Their Breath Longer While Swimming Backward and Face Down game went to the 9-year-old... but only barely. I hope his parents talk to him about cheating by lifting his face...and catching Grammy doing the same thing.

The 3-year-old mastered the art of the Fake Grammy Out By Sitting Quietly For A Minute, Then Make A 30 Mile An Hour Dash For The Pool the first time, but being a perfectionist repeated it three more times.

Our Cannon Ball Contest was a tough one this year. The boys lined up on one side of the pool, heckling their poor old Grammy and the 'girls' (ages 37 to 50) finished their hamburgers a safe distance away.

"You're going down Grammy!" "We're bigger than you now, you can't win!" "Give up while you can!" was met with...

"I have won every Cannon Ball Contest since any of you learned to jump in the pool without swimmies. Whenever you feel the urge, you just go ahead and jump, the umpire is watching."

I also just happened to mention that as they know their Grammy was getting a tiny bit longer in the tooth and I hoped I wouldn't hurt my pancake turning arm, as they were cocked and ready to leap. I may have also added it would be a shame if I forgot my secret for the worlds best blueberry and banana pancakes.

Hey...winning is winning!

The well-earned bruises and soreness will fade, but I pray the memories never will. I fully intend to do my best to earn many more this summer, and hope everyone reading this will do the same.

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Monthly Tax Update

I'm going to discuss a number of issues this month. Starting with last month, I discussed the deductible circumstances for S Corporation losses and the possibility the loss isn't deductible due to three tax limitation rules:

The first one, a shareholder has to have stock and debt basis, the second is the shareholder has to have an investment risk in the corporation and known as "at risk" basis, with the third being the passive activity loss limitation, where the shareholder's total income may prevent the loss deductibility. All three of these limitation rules need to be satisfied to deduct the loss.

I'm not going any further in detail, but I wanted to reiterate the importance for you. You need to discuss your circumstances with your tax advisor for accurate tax preparations.

On another note, I have been alerted to an initiative by the Florida Department of Revenue to accelerate sales tax audits to increase revenue for the state. Upon receipt of the audit notice, the auditor is required to begin the audit within 60 days and complete it within 120 days, unless extenuating circumstances prevail. I should also make you aware this type of audit is intense and covers all aspects of your business. Professional representation by an Enrolled Agent, Certified Public Accountant, or lawyer is highly recommended.

The next item I want to discuss is, the Internal Revenue Service has sent out notification they have resumed collection activities. Beginning June 15, 2021, they started following up with taxpayers who failed to respond to prior balance due notices. Taxpayers who failed to respond to the additional letters could be subject to levies or tax liens beginning August 15, 2021, according to the IRS. This means they will start notifying the states to exercise their authority to revoke the passports of taxpayers with seriously delinquent tax debt, should they fail to pay or make installment payment arrangements by July 15, 2021.

This all stems from over 5 million notices mailed to taxpayers who are in arrears in their taxes and have not yet made arrangements for payment recently.

Okay, let's talk about the advance child tax credit payments you may have received or are about to receive. You have to remember, this

is an advance child tax credit and will be reconciled on your 2021 Federal tax return. If you received these payments, and are not entitled to them, you'll have to pay these payments back. Also, the big refund you normally received in previous years will be reduced by the amount of these payments.

I know some of us use the refunds as a forced savings for vacation or other reasons and again, you need to understand your impact with the advance payments.

Last, I hope everyone enjoys the 4th of July fireworks we sponsor, and I thank the Port St. John Community Foundation, Inc. members for their efforts making our community one of the best to live in.

This is a very brief overview. Additional details and specific assistance in applying the general information in this article may be attained by contacting your tax advisor or our office. Provided by Tracey C. Higginbotham, E.A., (321) 632-5726, a member of the National Society of Accountants.

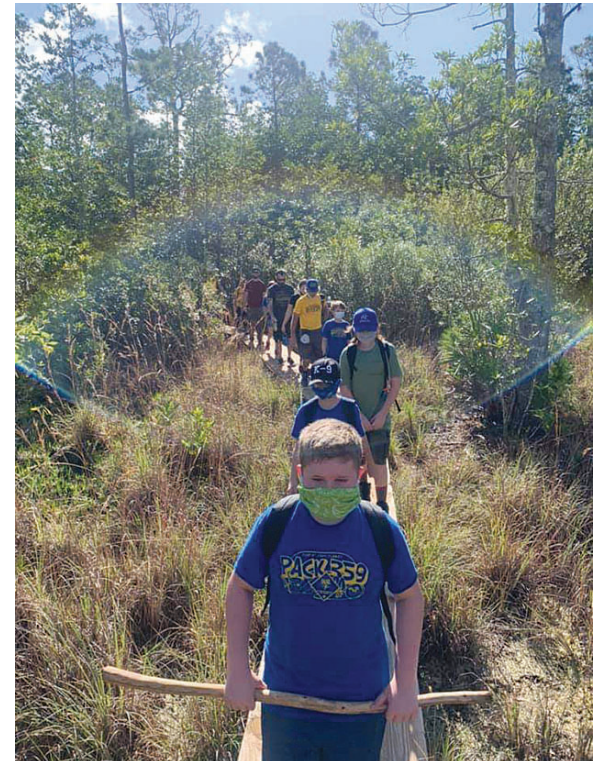
COVID Can't Stop Pack 359!

Our families are having a blast with summer activities. From an outdoor water fun day and an upcoming beach cleanup, Pack 359 is doing great

things for the community.

Pack 359 is a Cub Scout pack chartered by Blessed Sacrament Church in Port St. John. We learn life skills, make friends, and have adventures! Den meetings are the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month during the school year.

Email us for more information: psjpack359@gmail.com. [facebook.com/psjcubscouts359](https://www.facebook.com/psjcubscouts359)



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More Vaccine Site Options

As more of the original designated people have received their two doses of COVID vaccine, it is now available to people who are 12 or older. But where can you get the vaccine? And how?

You can register with the Brevard County Health Department. Brevard County Emergency Management is using the Nixle Alert emergency notification system to announce appointment opportunities as they arise, and based on supply availability, for COVID-19 vaccinations. Users will receive the alerts on their mobile phone from the Nixle notification system. To register for text alerts, create a new text message on your mobile phone to 888777, and in the text message body write Brevardeoc, then hit send.

The Florida Department of Health will provide free, appointment-only COVID-19 vaccinations of the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine. Appointments for COVID-19 vaccinations through Florida Department of Health-Brevard can now be made online via the Eventbrite platform at the following link: <https://brevardcovidvaccine.eventbrite.com>.

You can visit <https://myvaccine.fl.gov/> to register and your place in line will be held as more vaccine becomes available. They are using the Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines.

Florida seniors who cannot leave their homes but in need of a COVID-19 vaccine have a new way to sign up for an appointment. Email HomeboundVaccine@em.myflorida.com with your name and phone number and someone will get back to you about setting up an appointment.

Walgreen's has limited amounts of COVID vaccine. Visit Walgreens.

com, then log in to your pharmacy account. Don't have an account? No problem. Creating one is quick and easy. Complete a short eligibility screening. If you're eligible, the site will look for available appointments in your area.

For Walmart or Sam's Club, to check availability and schedule an appointment, visit www.walmart.com/COVIDvaccine and www.samclub.com/covid.

To register for the vaccine from Publix, visit <https://www.publix.com/covid-vaccine/florida>. The dates that the next round of appointments are available will be on the site, and the link to apply for them.

To schedule with Winn-Dixie, visit <https://www.winndixie.com/pharmacy/covid-vaccine>. Follow the links.

For CVS, visit <https://www.cvs.com/immunizations/covid-19-vaccine>, then click on Florida. A pop-up will give you a link to "Schedule an appointment now." Click it!

With the state having expanded COVID-19 vaccination eligibility, Brevard County's two health care systems—Parrish Healthcare and Health First—are collaborating to encourage area residents to be vaccinated against COVID-19 and to ensure residents know when, where, and how its hospitals are receiving and administering the vaccines.

Appointments can be made online at:

- Parrish Healthcare: vaccine.parrishmed.com
- Health First: HF.org/staywell (Register now for Vaccine Interest List and we will reach out to community members directly next week to schedule an appointment. Direct scheduling will open Tuesday.)

More information on Brevard hospital systems' COVID-19 vaccination programs can be found by visiting either Parrish Healthcare's web site at parrishhealthcare.com or Health First's web site at hf.org.

Additional information is also available through the FL Department of Health; visit floridahealthcovid19.gov.

To make your appointment with Parrish Healthcare, use the QR code below:



For more information about public vaccination plans for Brevard, call 1.866.779.6121 or email COVID-19@flhealth.gov.

Coronavirus Information

www.parrishhealthcare.com/coronavirus

<https://floridahealthcovid19.gov/> or COVID-19@flhealth.gov

The COVID-19 Call Center is available 24/7 at 1 (866) 779-6121. For updates from the FL Department of Health, text FLCOVID19 to 888-777.



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Hear Jaime's story and the stories of others in recovery who successfully re-entered the workforce.

The agenda includes:

- Basic overview of addiction and pre-disposition
- The stigma and misconceptions about this public health crisis
- Benefits of hiring individuals in recovery from Substance Use Disorder
- Hear personal stories of recovery and re-entry into the workforce

The event will take place on Thursday, July 1st, 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/achieving-a-recovery-friendly-workplace-tickets-160196458921> and you'll be able to join on Microsoft Teams.

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.



Shows are held on the last Sunday of each month, 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.

Medical Reminders for a Hurricane

2021 is predicted to be an active storm season. Be prepared!

Specific for 2021, make sure you have face masks and protective equipment stored. You may still need to go out for gasoline for the generator, make repairs to wind or rain damage, or to help friends and family.



Get a 30-day supply of necessary medications! If you are taking prescription medications and normally purchase them from your local pharmacy, try to have a 30-day supply on hand. This is not as easy as it sounds — many insurance companies will not authorize the filling of additional days or months worth of a medication unless ordered by the state to do so in emergency situations, such as natural disasters.

Make your medication plan now. This plan should include speaking with a health insurance representative, pharmacist or your physician about options to acquire extra medications, one of which may include paying cash for your 30-day supply.

The hospital is not a county shelter. County shelters are designated throughout the county, mostly in elementary schools. The hospital is not a designated shelter and does not take evacuees. For more helpful information visit www.brevardcounty.us/emergencymanagement/preparedness/shelters.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Alcoholics Anonymous meets on **Sundays** at 5 PM, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6:30 PM.

Women's AA meets on Thursdays and Fridays, 10 AM. **Both AA Groups meet at St. Patrick's Church, 4797 Curtis Blvd.**

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.

7-3 St. Thomas Day

7-3 PSJ Fireworks Show

7-4 Independence Day

7-6 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.

7-7 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.

7-9 Brevard Women's Connection meets at Space Coast Convention Center (Holiday Inn Express) on Hwy. 520 from 11 AM until 1 PM

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County Commissioner -	264-6750
Sheriff: Non-Emergency -	633-7162
Fire Station 26 (Port St. John)	633-2056
Emergency Operations Center	637-6670
Waste Management -	636-6894
Port St. John Library	633-1867
PSJ Community Center -	633-1904
Florida Power & Light -	723-7795
City of Cocoa Water Dept. -	433-8400
Parrish Medical Center	
Port St. John -	636-9393
Titusville -	268-6111
Atlantis Elementary School -	633-6143
Challenger 7 Elementary -	636-5801
Enterprise Elementary School	633-3434
Fairglens Elementary School -	631-1993
Space Coast Jr/Sr High School -	638-0750

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.

7-11 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.

7-11 Calling all Christian authors! Dynamic writers group in Cocoa offers training, critiques, and paid writing opportunities (2nd Sundays 2-4:30 PM at Cocoa Library). Contact D.P. Clarke at 1royaldy@gmail.com for more information. Print "Writers Group" in Subject.

7-11 Multiple Sclerosis Self-Help Group meets on the 2nd Sunday each month (except Mother's Day & Nov.), 2 PM, Cocoa Library.

7-16 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.

7-18 Taji Starts

7-18 Tisha B'av Starts

7-19 Day of Arafat Starts

7-19 Eid al Adha Starts

7-19 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.

7-21 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 321-268-1632 for assistance with your membership or information.

7-22 Eid Al Adha Ends

7-27 Moonlight Quilters Guild meets at the North Brevard Library in Titusville, 2121 Hopkins Ave. on the 4th Tuesday of each month (no meeting April or December). Meet and greet and refreshments at 6:00 pm, meeting at 6:15 pm, usually followed by show and tell or a guest speaker. Email Moonlight.Quilters@yahoo.com for more information.

7-31 Veteran's Breakfast, 9:00 at St. Patrick's Anglican Church, 4797 Curtis Blvd., PSJ

Congratulations to:

Emma Grenet turns **5** on the 1st! Love, Gramma

Allan Woerner turns **28** on the 2nd.

Rick Harmon turns crazier on the 3rd.

Talan Turner turns **14** on the 3rd.

Tyler VanSielen turns **24** on the 4th.

Lori Ebbensgard turns cuter on the 4th!

Brayden Engelson turns **16** on July 4th.

Chris Fogarty turns wilder on the 6th.

Jim Smith turns **59** on the 6th.

Kim Brown turns more lovely on the 7th.

Denise Brown dances till dawn on the 8th.

Jill Hill turns prettier on the 8th

James Bowen turns cooler on the 8th.

Brittani Davis turns **26** on the 9th.

Kelly Messer has a spanking day on the 9th.

Nancy Taylor parties wild on the 10th.

Nick Brown turns buffer on the 10th.

Michael Turner turns **15** on the 10th.

Jonathan Benoff is a star on the 10th.

Brittany Harmon turns **30** on the 11th.

Jack LaPorte is the King on the 11th.

Logan Helms turns **17** on the 13th.

Charlotte Divine turns **4** on the 17th.

Connor Smith turns **18** on the 19th.

Isabella "Bella" Orvis turns **8** on the 20th!

Eamon Wright has a party day on the 23rd.

J.D. Carnell turns **26** on the 24th.

Savannah Bowen is **23** on the 24th.

Kathy LaPorte is the Queen on the 25th.

Sarah Hannen turns **27** on the 26th.

Sydney McGann turns **17** on the 26th.

Conor Henderson turns **17** on the 26th.

Greg Messer turns grayer on the 26th.

Brett Benoff rocks on wild on the 27th.

Madi McGann turns **19** on the 28th.

Roger Brunet Happy B-day on the 29th!!
Love, Jennifer and Brooke.

Happy Anniversary to Kari & Marty Grinstead on the 1st.

David & Doreen Erickson celebrate their **27th** on the 2nd.

Jack and Kathy LaPorte celebrate **41** years of marriage on the 16th.

Donny Roberts and Linda Carlton celebrate their **10th** on the 20th.

Lori & Rich Ebbensgard celebrate their **10th** anniversary on the 23rd.

Tim and Karrson Unrue celebrate their **5th** wedding anniversary on the 24th.

Email your inputs to happenings1@att.net.



Another Pawesome Pooch Contest!

The Patriotic Pooch Parade sponsored by Brigdawg's Pet Supplies had great weather and a lot of fun for all the participants. Enjoy the photos!

Results from the Pooch Contest.

- 1st Place Leroy
- 2nd Place Drusilla
- 3rd Place Hera

The event raised \$200 for the Port St. John Community Foundation to be used for the fireworks show. Thank you to all who attended and all who participated.



Walter Butler Community Center July 2021

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

The center is open Monday–Thursday from 10 a.m. - 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.

MONDAYS – FRIDAYS

Pickleball, 11 am – 2 pm

Open Computer Lab, 11 am – 2 pm & 6 – 8 pm

Kids in Motion, 2 pm – 6 pm

S.T.E.M. Program (3rd to 6th grade), 3– 4 pm

Summer Camp, 7 am – 6 pm

TUESDAYS

Pickleball, 11 am – 2 pm

Open Computer Lab, 11 am – 2 pm & 6 – 8 pm

Kids in Motion, 2 – 6 pm

S.T.E.M. Program (K to 2nd grade), 3 – 4 pm

Zumba, 5:30 – 6:30 pm

Pickleball, 6 – 8 pm

WEDNESDAYS

Pickleball, 11 am – 2 pm

Open Computer Lab, 11 am – 2 pm & 6 – 8 pm

S.T.E.M. Program (3rd to 6th grade), 3 – 4 pm

Volleyball Fundamentals, 5 – 8 pm

THURSDAYS

Pickleball, 11 am – 2 pm

Open Computer Lab, 11 am – 2 pm & 6 – 8 pm

S.T.E.M. Program (K to 2nd grade), 3 – 4 pm

Volleyball Fundamentals, 5 – 8 pm

FRIDAYS

Open Gym, 9 – 11 am

Open Computer Lab 9, am – 2 pm

Pickleball, 11 am – 2 pm

SATURDAY

Open Computer Lab, 10 am – 2 pm

Open Game Room, 10 am – 2 pm

Youth Basketball League, 10 am – 3 pm

Volleyball Fundamentals - Teaching 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 from 5 pm – 8 pm. For more information contact WBCC at (321) 433-4448.

Seniors In Motion - Seniors in Motion will meet Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 am – 1 pm. Coffee and snacks will be provided. Thursdays are field trip day. Outings are in county and are 2 to 3 hours, depending on the outing location(s). For more information, call (321) 433-4448.

Kids In Motion - After school program that focuses on anti-bullying and educational hands on projects such as the Choice Program, 4-H club and STEM programs, and Kids Art to enhance learning. Monday – Friday 2 pm – 6 pm. Program cost is \$30 weekly. Discounts are available for households living in the target area, eligible for free or reduced lunch and/or qualifies for any other assistance offered. For more information, contact WBCC at (321) 433-4448.

ZUMBA - Let It Move You! There are a lot of ways to lose weight. Some are just more fun. Join the ultimate dance-fitness party that beats a boring old workout any day! Classes are Every Tuesday, 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm. Half the class is Zumba Toning, the other half is Zumba. Cost is \$5 per class or \$15 for the month. Adults of all ages/fitness levels are welcome.

Wear comfortable clothes and sneakers and be prepared to dance! Bring a towel and water. For more information, call Debbie Kowalewski at (321) 403-6918.

Youth Basketball League - May 1 – June 12, ages 6 – 14. Registration now open. Games played Saturdays 8 a.m. through 2 p.m. Player Evaluation on April 24, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Registration \$20. For more information call (321) 433-4448.

Cornhole - Cornhole on Monday's 5 p.m. – 8 pm For more information, call Dominik Lacasse @ (321)433-4448.

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Our new hours are: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9am-5pm. Wednesday 12-8pm and Saturdays 10am-2pm.

All Brevard County libraries will be closed Sunday 7/4 and Monday 7/5 for the Independence Day holiday.

Meeting rooms are now available for reservation by calling the library and study rooms are open on a first-come-first-served basis.

Computers are available, and we also offer scanning and wireless printing.

7/1 10am : Kids Storytime on the Lawn! Bring a blanket or chair.

7/8 10am : Storytime on the Lawn

7/10 10am-2pm : 2nd Dose Vaccine Clinic

7/15 10am : Storytime on the Lawn

7/21 6pm : Friends of the Port St John Library Membership meeting

7/22 10am : Storytime on the Lawn

7/24 10am-12pm : Port St John Pokemon League for all ages

7/29 10am : End of Summer Reading Party!

Ongoing : Adult and Teen Book Bingo with prizes (See Reference). Weekly take-home craft bags for kids.

Master Gardener visits are paused for the summer.

~ Mary Lena Penna

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On the Road With Rose

Various Places Nearby

Like most everyone else, there were many times in the past months that I thought it seemed like this dark winter would never end, but like most others, I have been paying special attention to the medical personnel on the airwaves offering hope that just maybe this terrible illness might be on the wane. If you have been touched by the pandemic in any way, please know you are not alone and prayers are being sent out for you.

As anyone who has lived in our great Sunshine State for more than five minutes knows, summer has hit with a vengeance. Hundred-degree weather and humidity will be the norm for a while, as will afternoon thunderstorms. With the kids out of school and many parents working from home, we have to be creative to have any kind of outdoor entertainment.

We are blessed that our little piece of paradise has many places to fully enjoy various water sports, swimming and just plain lazing. Everything is close enough that mom or dad could take a long morning lunch from work, enjoy the kids and have everyone back home before the thunder rolls or the boss catches on.

Right here in good old PSJ we have three or more parks; Fay Lake Wilderness Park at the west end of Fay Blvd. has two playgrounds, pavilions, shaded walkways and paths. I've heard the fishing is pretty good. The dog park is huge, totally fenced and small and large dogs are separated. I walk the large park several times a week and always spot one or more of the small brown bunnies, racoons, armadillos, ducks, turtles and alligators, even had a deer cross in front of me once. I'm getting better at recognizing the various trees and bushes, some of which are fruit bearing and several are memorial.

Behind the police sub station, Fay Park is nicely shaded and has a small pavilion, plenty

of room, and bushes for a great game of Hide and Seek. I heard they may reinstall the little playground. There's also a basketball court, two racquetball courts, a hand ball court and tennis court. It's a short walk across the field to the baseball fields.

Nicole Park - pronounced nickel, like the coin, as the officer's name the park was dedicated to - on US1 has a nice playground, pavilions and benches that offer some of the best views of the river to be found anywhere. There's a very large open field perfect for kite flying, and a bathroom.

I have launched my kayak from the PSJ boat ramp several times and always see something new as I paddle up and down the river. There's a small shallow cove just to the left of the parking lot where horseshoe crabs, sting rays and many kinds of fish gather. Also, a small beach covered in tiny sea shells and driftwood. I enjoy putting the paddle down, just drifting and watching or letting my four-legged kayak partner splash around.

Not many of us PSJ'ers are not aware we have a community pool. It's on Macco Rd. You have to join the HOA and pay a yearly fee, but all of PSJ is eligible. The pool is huge, always clean and fresh because it is maintained and water tested daily. Steps in the shallow end and stairs in the deep end give lots of access, and there's

an attendant on duty most all day in the summer. It's a great place for birthday parties. Besides the pool, there's a tennis court, horseshoe court, pavilion with BBQ, inside room and bathroom. The outside areas stay open until 9 pm. Parents must accompany all children and no pets are allowed.

A back yard slip and slide, sprinkler and splash pools can also be lifesavers for kids and parents alike. A certain house bound Grammy has been known to chase a two-year-old down the slip and slide, under the sprinklers, jump in the pool, have a picnic lunch, put the child down for a nap, (lucky kid), and get back to work in time for the final computer check-in with the boss.

I invite all of you to give all of the above a try, hopefully to find a way to not only survive, but enjoy our Flamin' hot Florida summer.

As always please take only pictures, (sun screen, bug repellent), leave only footprints and be kind.

Editor's Note - It's little known because it's not on any highly used road, but there is also Friendship Park on Barclay Drive in the front (original) section of Port St. John. It's not quite a full acre, but it has playground equipment and a park bench and no picnic tables nor restrooms. The park is located north of Fay Boulevard. Take Arabella or Espanol north, then turn on Barclay.

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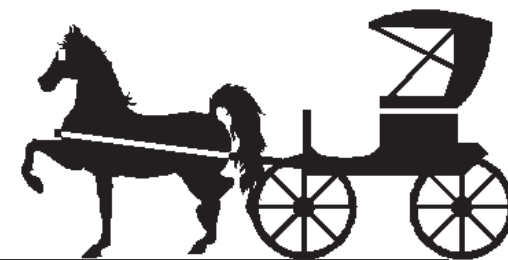
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Hurricane season is here. There are plenty of places to get information and supplies. Now is the time to get ready. Make sure that you have supplies for 5 days. This includes food, water, medicines, first aid items for people and pets.

Know where the shelters are and make plans and arrangements now.

There are times during a storm that emergency services can not respond and after a storm they can be overwhelmed. Power and internet may also be down for an extended period of time. Plan ahead for this and see what your neighbors are doing to be safe. We all need to help each other.

There are streets and areas here in the Groves

that flood. Some people only know one way in and out of their neighborhood, as it was found out in the past. There are also sections that can lose access in and out of the area. Now is the time to drive around and look at how to get in and out of your neighborhood if a roadway is blocked or gone.

Emergency services and other county services will get to us as soon as possible. Yards and ditches should be cleaned now, NOT when a storm is coming. Putting brush and others items out as a storm is coming can create a hazard.

There have been some vehicle burglaries, and the vehicles may have been left unlocked. I hope the items are returned or recovered. Brevard County Sheriff Office is out here patrolling, doing traffic control and as always, needs help identifying issues out here in the Groves. So if you see something, let them know. It is the only way to keep the Groves safe and a low crime rate.

Brevard County Fire and Four Communities Fire Dept. have been busy. Remember to yield to them and all emergency vehicles when they are responding. Do not follow them when they pass thinking you can get through traffic faster.

- Ed Silva

Pre-Participation Sports Physicals – 2021/2022 School Year –

Parrish Medical Group is offering pre-participation sports physicals for the upcoming school year. Athletes should wear t-shirts and shorts. A legal guardian **MUST** accompany the student.

WHEN	Saturday, July 24 8 AM-12 PM	LOCATION	Parrish Healthcare Center Port St. John 5005 Port St. John Pkwy. Ste. 2100 Port St. John, FL
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Please use the following link to schedule your sports physical
parrishhealthcare.com/sportsphysical.

Cost: \$10 (will be donated to the student athlete's school). *Cash or check only.*

Electrocardiograms (ECGs) will also be available on site.

Any questions, please call
321-433-2247, ext. 8225.



Cooking in an Instant

Want to have a fun night out with your significant other, friends, or co-workers? Join us to learn some fun recipes perfect for summer!

This pressure cooker class is a hands-on experience, and you get to eat what you made in class! Materials are provided and space is limited to 12 people, one ticket per person. Our class will be held on Tuesday, July 13 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the UF/Brevard Extension Office in Cocoa.

Register on Eventbrite by July 11 at 8 p.m.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/cooking-in-an-instant-tickets-157053008777>

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<https://brevard.ifas.ufl.edu>

Paws for a Sip

Hosted by Tails at the Barkery, bring your pet and join Mid Florida Sheltie Rescue at Paws for a Sip on Saturday, July 10th at The Wine Lady from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in Cocoa Village.

Tickets are \$25.00 and available for purchase at Tails at the Barkery in Cocoa Village. Each ticket includes a keepsake wine glass, wine tasting, hors d'oeuvres, and chances to win door prizes, raffle baskets and a 50/50 drawing.

All proceeds to benefit Mid Florida Sheltie Rescue, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization founded in 2004, whose mission is to help with the rehabilitation, fostering, and placement of homeless Shetland Sheepdogs. Many of the Shelties are recovering from being neglected, abused or abandoned by people they loved. MFSR's primary concern is placing each Sheltie into a loving,

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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.

Mid Florida Sheltie Rescue

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Be Healthy: Grow Your Own Food

It doesn't matter if you have a huge yard or just a balcony, everyone can grow their own nutritious food! Join us to learn how to grow vegetables, culinary herbs, and even fruit crops in our upcoming gardening class.

Be Healthy: Grow Your Own Food is a 4-class series beginning on Monday, July 19 (meeting for four consecutive Mondays) and ending on August 9. The cost of the class is just \$45.

Register online for the morning or evening class on Eventbrite today!

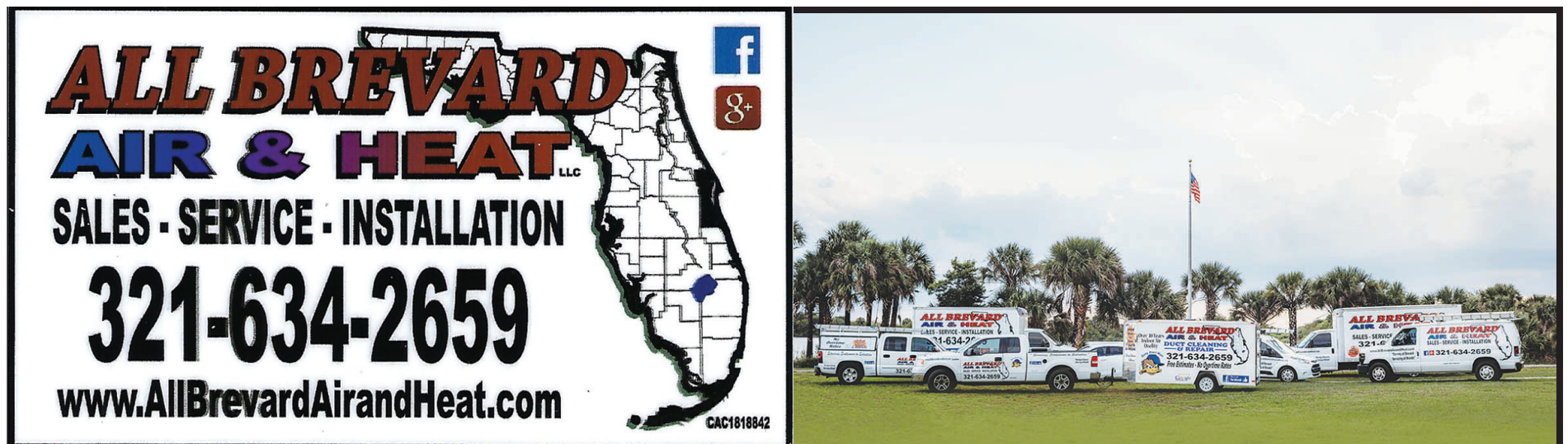
10 a.m. class: <https://bit.ly/3sO17Ep>

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