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July 2nd -Thunder Over the Indian River is Back!

Thunder Over the Indian River is back and will be held on Saturday, July 2nd at the OUC Canaveral plant, corner of Kings Hwy. and US1, again this year. This year's event will include a BBQ contest, food and cold drinks available to purchase, bounce houses, demonstrations and music leading up to the fireworks show at dark (usually about 9:15). Weather conditions may cause the fireworks to be a little early to avoid rain.

The gate to the compound where all the shows, demonstrations and food will be is on Kings Hwy., right across from Capron Rd. The gate at Kings Hwy. & Capron Rd. will open at 4:00 pm with music and fun. The BBQ contest participants will start serving at 5:00. You'll want to have your wristband before that!

The entire compound is unpaved. We'll have people inside to help you park in an order that will help fit many cars and make it much easier to exit after the fireworks show. We will have some spaces designated for handicap parking. Plan accordingly. Those spaces tend to fill up early.



kets or lawn chairs to sit on, insect repellent and sun block. It's Florida in July!

For more information on Thunder Over the Indian River, visit our Facebook site; PSJ Community Foundation (@psjcf); Instagram: psjstrong; or go to www.portstjohncommunity-foundation.com for the entire schedule.

There is no city to do our show and the county doesn't do fireworks shows. Thunder Over the Indian River is put on by the hard work of local volunteers and many fabulous sponsors, plus some generous donations. Thank you to all of our sponsors, especially Parrish Medical Center, Freedom Air and Heat, Higginbotham Companies, Inc. and HAPPENINGS for making our Independence Day celebration possible.

We still need volunteers to help the day of the event and the Friday before. Please email to happenings1@att.net if you are willing to help.

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Hurricane Medical Reminders

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Call your dialysis center for a temporary plan of care. If you are on dialysis, call your dialysis center to make a plan-of-action for your care. Do not miss a treatment prior to bad weather and make sure to follow your doctor-ordered diet very closely. The patient care information provided to you by your doctor includes medical information to assist you and phone numbers to the End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Network. Special needs shelters do not offer dialysis and some centers may be closed during a hurricane. When the storm passes, contact your dialysis center for further instructions or go to your hospital for short-term care if your center is closed.

The hospital is not a county shelter. 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.brevardfl.gov/EmergencyManagement. For hurricane updates and other emergency information from Brevard County, you may text BREVARDEOC to 888777. This will enroll you in text alerts in case of weather and other emergencies impacting our county.

If you are oxygen dependent, make shelter arrangements. You may be eligible for care at a special needs shelter, based on your medical needs and shelter availability. If you are an oxygen-dependent person, be sure to get your oxygen tanks filled. You should try to have two days' worth of oxygen on hand. Also, make shelter arrangements now. If you do not plan to evacuate, contact the Brevard County Office of Emergency Management at 321-637-6670 or visit their website for more information on how to register for special needs shelter. If you wait until a hurricane hits to make shelter arrangements, it may be too late.

General Preparation for a Hurricane

For complete information on what you can do to prepare for a disaster or hurricane, or assistance making a plan for emergencies, please visit www.brevardfl.gov/EmergencyManagement. You will find valuable information to help prepare your home and family before a hurricane or other emergency strikes.

PSJ Community Center Schedule - July, 2022

The center is open Mondays–Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Fridays from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturdays 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.. **Schedule is subject to change. For latest information about any of these programs or to register, call 321-633-1904.**

Mondays

4th - Closed For July 4th Holiday
Summer Camp, 7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Seniors At Lunch, 10 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Outside Basketball, 10 a.m - 7 p.m.

Zumba (adult class with Jackie), 5:15 – 6:15 p.m.

Tuesdays

Summer Camp, 7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Seniors At Lunch, 10 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Outside Basketball, 10 a.m - 7 p.m.

Wednesdays

Summer Camp, 7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Seniors At Lunch, 10 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Outside Basketball, 10 a.m - 7 p.m.

Thursdays

Summer Camp, 7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

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Outside Basketball, 10 a.m - 7 p.m.

Fridays

Summer Camp, 7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Seniors At Lunch, 10 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

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National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE)

NARFE Apollo Chapter 1137 meets monthly on the second Monday of each month. The July meeting will on the 11th.

We have changed our meeting place to the Red Lobster Restaurant, 215 E. Merritt Island Causeway, Merritt Island. You are invited to join us for lunch at 11:30 and an interesting speaker at 12:15.

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by Maureen Rupe
Cement Recycling Facility



The Concrete Plant trying for a permit to build on the north side of the entrance to TICO Airport on US 1 passed the Titusville Planning and Zoning Board and the Titusville Technical Environmental Committee. It then came before the Titusville City Council on June 14th. Operations for the plant would be from 7 am to 4 p.m., Monday to Friday for concrete crushing. The applicant had an expert witness present from Ohio who was not familiar with Florida, but according to him and the applicant's spokesperson, no danger or harm would come from the concrete plant. There would be no dust as the concrete would be cut under a water spray. The water they would use would come from

retention ponds and a well. They also stated the operations would not be daily or even monthly, but the permit says 7 am to 4 p.m. daily, which gives them license to operate daily.

The meeting was packed with concerned people from Riverside Drive and other Titusville residents. They brought forward that the Indian River Lagoon is already in dire straits, the problem of dust blowing, especially since we are prone to high winds and hurricanes. It is not even a quarter mile to these folks' homes and the Lagoon. Folks brought up that TICO Airport is now permitted to have vertical lift planes and may have space related aircraft.

At last, the City Council said that they believed the applicant's expert, but was concerned the expert was paid to ensure the applicant's proposal was in a positive light and may not be telling everything the city needs to know to protect their interests. So, the city would hire an expert to examine the facts and tell the city in a more neutral viewpoint.

This property is zoned Heavy Industrial. I think Titusville must look at all Industrial and rezone before a permit is in front of the city. Any Heavy Industrial use should not be so close to homes,

impaired waters, airports or parks. One more thing that really bothers me; over four weeks ago I went to the site and there were already piles of concrete awaiting crushing.

I thank the City Council but I'm concerned about the way the city staff answered the questions from the Technical Environmental Committee as shown below:

1. Question: Was an environmental Impact Report submitted and where can I see it? Staff Reply: No environmental impact report was required. Titusville does not require one. DEP issues an air quality permit. Stormwater is required to be held on site.

2. Question: What is the air pollution limit that the plant must meet? Staff Reply: Applicant said they will control dust by spraying water on the piles of rubble and the machines during crushing events. They stated that they would cease operations on days with high wind velocities. I do not know what triggers high wind velocities.

3. Question: What are the sound limits that the plant must meet? Staff reply: Supposedly, testing at neighboring homes reveals that noise from cars on US 1 will be more intrusive than that of the crushing operation. Noise level at the site is within

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the required decibels.

4. Question: What is the water pollution effluent limits that the plant must meet? Staff Reply: It is thought that the ponds will be dry most of the time because of the position of the ridges, which drains water quickly.

5. Question: Have the nearby neighbors been notified of the sound and air pollution hazards that they will be exposed to? Staff Reply: The only notifications are small yard signs per the CUP request that are posted near the site. It is not the City's job to notify neighbors of potential problems with a site location. Neighbors are getting information from homeowner John Staton.

6. Question: Has the loss of property values for the people living within 1 mile of this plant been calculated? Staff Reply: It was not even part of

the conversation.

7. Question: This plant can produce dangerous cancer-causing air pollution and cause breathing problems for asthmatics and COPD patients. What is being done to protect the people within 1 mile of this plant? Staff Reply: Water is to be sprayed for dust control. Operations will cease on windy days.

8. Question: Who are the TEC members qualified to make these decisions and what are their qualifications? Staff Reply: We are not scientists, nor are we engineers. We were given legal documents to examine that focused on comprehensive plan requirements, not environmental issues. The TEC could not legally deny this permit application based on the materials and presentations that were provided to us at this quasi-judicial hearing.

I asked that a video of the FL state geologist

be played at the beginning of the meeting. In the video, he clearly makes the case that the Atlantic Coastal Ridge has some of the highest propensity for contamination of the surficial aquifer as any location in the state. Judging by their body language, the applicants were clearly uncomfortable with the information in the video.

9. Staff Additional Comments: Perhaps the homeowners can hire a geologist/hydrologist to make the case at the City Council meeting that this operation could endanger their drinking water wells. I see that as the only argument for denial of the CUP. Even if the CUP for recycling is denied by the City Council, the land use of Heavy Industrial is still there, and they can bring in another objectionable project that will not require a Conditional

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Habitat Protections for Florida's Threatened Manatees Get An Overdue Update

Over the next two years, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service must update and improve habitat protection for the state's manatees under a legal agreement announced last week.

The manatees face extraordinary habitat challenges due to widespread water quality problems and seagrass losses in the 156-mile Indian River Lagoon, which is a crucial manatee habitat on the east coast.

Last year, there was a record die-off of more than 1,100 manatees in the state, which prompted wildlife agencies to the unprecedented measure of providing supplement lettuce for the starving manatees in the lagoon. They are still moralized this year, with 562 manatee's deaths recorded statewide since January 2022.

Reference:

<https://insideclimatenews.org/nes/03062022/manatee-habitat-protections>

County Commissioner John Tobia and Brevard County's Advisory Boards

So once again Commissioner Tobia thinks citizen input on their quality of life is a waste of taxpayer money. If you remember, he tried to eliminate our Special District Board that give the county our perspective on Port St. John Planning and Zoning issues. In a June 6, 2022, Florida Today article by Ralph Chapoco, titled, "John Tobia makes good on his vow to reduce advisory boards in Brevard County," it stated, "During an early February Commission Meeting, Tobia provided Commissioners with a list of 69 advisory boards established by the county, 40 of which were not mandated either by state law or intergovernmental

agreement, that he wanted decommissioned.

I am always wary and feel very concerned when government that we rely on for our quality of life tries to silence Citizen Boards and their inputs. It is a disturbing sign. The story went on to state, "The changes potentially reduce ability for advisory boards to gain access to records, and may dampen their ability to conduct oversight. All to save just a few pennies on the dollar when all is said and done. In all, about \$25,000 will be shaved off of the country's \$1.6 billion budget — if even that."

What did Tobia accomplish with this \$25,000 savings? One of Tobia's measures creates the South/Central Brevard Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, comprised of the Cocoa West Recreation Complex Advisory Committee, the Central Area Merritt Island/Beaches Recreation Advisory Board, and the Parks and Recreation Department South Area Advisory Board.

A second measure also creates the South/Central Brevard Public Library Advisory Board. That body will be comprised of South Mainland/Micco Public Library Advisory Board, West Melbourne Public Library Advisory Board, Suntree/Viera Public Library Advisory Board and Melbourne Beach Public Library Advisory Board.

The third resolution creates the North Brevard Library Advisory Board. That advisory committee is made up of the Port St. John Public Library Advisory Board, Mims/Scottsmoor Public Library Advisory Board and Catherine Schweinsberg Rood Central Library Advisory Board.

Advisory boards will submit an annual written report to the commission at the beginning of each fiscal year. The article stated, "That is going to slow down records requests a lot. They have to wait until another meeting, take a vote on it, so

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they can get records they want.” The article also stated, “Limiting their meeting frequencies, as well as their access to county resources, dampens their role in shaping the county’s future.”

“The less frequent meetings is a way to curb their voice,” Muro said. “The advisory boards would have fewer opportunities to provide their advice to different agencies. With the fewer resources they have, it may be less attractive for people to serve on advisory boards. It may be harder to find people to fill those positions.” Christopher Muro is an associate professor at Eastern Florida State College.

So Commissioner Tobia, with all his wisdom, made things a lot more complicated for our citizens to work with the committees and saved pennies on the dollar in sacrificing the Brevard County citizen.

Thank you very much for nothing, Commissioner Tobia.

Parrish Medical Center and Our Personal Experience with COVID

I want to publicly Thank, from the bottom of my heart, Parrish Medical Center doctors and nurses. Both Bob and I had a beating from COVID in May. Thankfully, we had all the vaccinations,

as I honestly think with all the heart problems we both have, it would have made short work of us.

I am over it, but left with no flavor in food. Tasteless, it has put me off from eating. I never realized, or even thought about having no taste. Otherwise, I am good and can function.

Bob was not as lucky. Bob was in Parrish for 2 weeks, but is better than he was and he is home.

In those two weeks I had an awful time with his dog, Harry. I wonder if anyone could give me advice? Problem: Bob and Harry are buddies. Harry is an Australian Shepherd and worships Bob. The first night Harry howled like a wolf and then he laid next to where they sit and would not move. He would not go outside to relieve himself and would not eat. This continued for the 2 weeks Bob was in Parrish. I even brought him treats like Arby’s beef sliders, and he would not touch them. As soon as Bob was home, he was eating and moving around again.

I cannot tell you the pressure this put on me and the worry. If Bob has to stay anywhere again, I am thinking of boarding Harry, as we do if we are on vacation. As they say, he behaves. Any suggestions?

Cheerio,
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Parrish Healthcare Community Support Groups - July

To get more information or register for any of the Support Groups, visit <https://www.parrish-healthcare.com/patients-visitors/support-groups/> and follow the link to the group you want.

Fearless Café

A collaboration with St. Francis Reflections Life Stages Care, this group shares a casual discussion about advanced directives, power of attorney, wills, living wills and all of the often, scary conversations about death and dying.

- When: Wednesday, July 6, 10-11 a.m.
- Where: Heritage Hall, 931 N. Washington Ave., Titusville
- Facilitated by Janet Rooks, MA, CDP
- For additional information, please contact Janet Rooks at 321-268-6800.

Diabetes Support Group

This support group is for anyone age 18 and older with diabetes. Join us for tips to live better with this disease.

- When: Monday, July 11, 3-4:30 p.m.
- Where: Heritage Hall, 931 N Washington Ave., Titusville
- Facilitated by Peggy McLaughlin, BSN, RN, CDCES
- For additional information, please contact Peggy McLaughlin at 321-268-6699.
- Register at <https://www.parrishhealthcare.com/patients-visitors/support-groups/>

Mom's Support Group

A group for mothers with babies ages birth to six months. During this time, moms will be able to discuss topics such as infant feeding, sleeping, milestones, car seats, play, development, post-partum care, birth control, post-partum depression, dietary needs and much more. Space is limited.

- When: Mondays, July 11, 18, and 25, 10-11 a.m.
- Where: The Children's Center, 5650 S. Washington Ave., Titusville
- Facilitated by Teri Newman, MSN, RNC-MNN, IBCLC
- For additional information and to register, contact Teri Newman at teri.newman@parrishmed.com.

Caring for Caregivers Support Group

Care giving is a rewarding, yet demanding labor of love. Join us to learn how to care for yourself while you care for your loved one.

- When: Thursdays, July 14 and 28, 9:30-11:30 a.m.
- Where: Heritage Hall, 931 N. Washington Ave., Titusville
- Facilitated by Janet Rooks, MA, CDP
- For additional information, please contact Janet Rooks at 321-268-6800.

Stroke and Heart Survivors Support Group

If you've experienced a diagnosis or event, or are caring for someone living with heart disease or stroke, our community is here to support you.

- When: Tuesday, July 19, 2-4 p.m.
- Where: Heritage Hall, 931 N. Washington Ave., Titusville
- Facilitated by Janet Rooks, MA, CDP
- For additional information, please contact Janet Rooks at 321-268-6800.

Cancer and Survivor Support Group

This group is for cancer patients, cancer survivors and anyone touched by the disease. Enjoy refreshments and talk with others sharing similar situations and experiences.

- When: Wednesday, July 20, 4-5:30 p.m.

- Where: Heritage Hall, 931 N. Washington Ave., Titusville
- Facilitated by Shannon Luker, RN, BSN, OCN, CBCN
- For additional information, please contact Shannon Luker at 321-268-6111, ext. 3544.

A.W.A.K.E Sleep Support

This group is dedicated to exchanging information and increasing awareness of sleep, sleeping disorders, and related health concerns. Everyone with an interest in sleep and health is encouraged to attend.

- When: Wednesday, July 29, 6-7:30 p.m.
- Where: Heritage Hall, 931 N Washington Ave., Titusville
- Facilitated by Michele Roberge, RT(R), RPSGT
- For additional information, please contact Michele Roberge at 321-268-6408.

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Parks & Recreation Meeting



The North Brevard Commission on Parks and Recreation will hold its next monthly meeting on Thursday, July 14th, at 5:00 p.m.

The meeting will be held in the Brevard Room behind the Brevard County Government Center—North at 518 South Palm Avenue in Titusville. The public is invited to attend. For questions, call Jeff Davis at 321-264-5105.



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This month I want to discuss the aspects of selling your main home. Are you aware you may qualify to exclude all or part of any gain from the sale? Well, you need consider the following facts to determine how much is excluded.

You are required to have ownership and use of it as your primary residence for at least 2 years out of the last five-year period.

So, how much of the gain are you able to exclude? The amount is up \$250,000 for single filers, and up to \$500,000 for married filing joint filers, without having to reinvestment into another home. Taxpayers who are permitted to exclude all their gain do not need to report the sale on their tax return, unless a Form 1099-S was issued. Taxpayers who don't qualify to exclude all of the taxable gain from their income must report the gain from the sale of their home when they file their tax return, and anyone who chooses not to claim the exclusion must report the taxable gain on their tax return using Form 8949 and Schedule D.

Also, taxpayers who receive Form 1099-S, Proceeds from Real Estate Transactions, must report the sale on their tax return, even if they have no taxable gain, and follow the procedure to exclude the taxable gain if so permitted.

Now, what if you have a loss? A loss is when your main home sells for less than your basis and this is not deductible. What is basis? This is the purchase price of the home and land, some of the purchase closing cost, major improvements and repairs, and some of the closing costs on the sale. This basis is subtracted from the selling price to arrive at your gain.

Oh, your original loan, refinancing and home equity loans are not part of the equation to determine the gain or loss on the sell of the residence.

Remember, taxpayers who own more than one home can only exclude the gain on the sale of their main home where they have lived two of the last five years. Any other home sales will be taxable.

Next, what if you didn't live in this home two out of the last five years? Well, you are permitted take a proportionate part of the two-year period. Let's say you lived in the home exactly one year out of the last five. Then you would be permitted to take a 50% exclusion of the gain. In other words, 365 days divided by 730 days equates to 50%. It's the number of days as your primary

residence, divided by 730 days, to arrive at the correct excluded percentage.

What if you bought and sold more than one main home within the five-year period? Call your tax advisor!

There are other exceptions to what I have stated in this brief overview for taxpayers with disabilities, certain members of the military, intelligence community, Peace Corps workers, and natural disasters. Again, if you fall within one of these exceptions, you'll need to consult your tax advisor.

For additional information you can review Publication 523, Selling Your Home.

Last, I hope everyone enjoyed the 4th of July Fireworks, Thunder Over the Indian River, even though it was done on Saturday, July 2!!! We appreciate the opportunity to be a prime sponsor and I want to thank the Port St. John Community Foundation, Inc. members for their efforts making our community one of the best to live in. Especially, Randy Rodriguez, Supreme Pyromaniac. Be sure to let him know!

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.

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Rose's Room

~ Rose Padrick

Pleeze Grammy?

There were a few moments recently when it appeared that the world was spinning as it should, then several horrific moments set it asunder once again. To those touched by illness or tragedy, please know you are not alone, there are prayers and love being sent by many.

Our family tries to get together several times a month. We play in my daughter's pool, or at the beach, and then cook on the grill as the sun sets.

I am the same Grammy who receives great rolling of the eyes, accompanied by "Oooohh Grammy!" all afternoon as I admonish various grandchildren not to climb so high, not to wrestle in the dirt, not to hit each other with anything, but suddenly I become every grandchild and great grandchild's favorite person at dinnertime.

I don't want to know how many pounds I have gained by giving in to a pair of big, beautiful, grandchild eyes, sorrowfully staring while the child sighs heavily, and whispers "Grammy, you know I don't like meat and I'm only yiddle, and I can't eat the whole mamburger, and then I'll get in trouble and I won't be allowed to go for a walk with you later, and you know I love to be with you, and if you would take just one bite I could eat the rest, plllleeease?"

Being the eternal optimist, I ask, "You promise

you will eat the rest?"

Little sad eyes answers with, "Well, maybe if you could take TWO bites, or maybe THREE...."

His cousin, knowing a good thing when he hears it, adds, "And you know how much I hate green beans. If you eat one forkful I will eat the rest, I prommisssse." Again with the eyes.

Another adds, "This potato salad is really gross but Mom says I can't get up until I finish it. I'll be here all night." This child is a master of the quivering bottom lip.

A voice from the adult table warns, "Mom, every one of those kids asked for what was put on their plates and agreed to finish everything, and I better not catch anyone begging Grammy to finish their food." The owner of the voice turns back to her meal.

More heavy sighs, the eyes are getting sadder by the minute.

"All right! All right! This is what we'll do! Hannah, you let me know when no one is looking. Morgan, hand me that burger quickly! Jay, you be lookout, and Hannah, hand me your plate, I'll eat ONLY the potato salad. R.J., you watch while I eat half of Greg's hot dog. Greg, you keep an eye out while I finish Jay's green beans. Carter, you make sure Daddy's not looking while I take some of R.J.'s carrot salad. Amanda, Amber and Alicia, stand between us and the adults while I finish Dominic's hot dog, Morgan and Dominic, you

watch so I can eat whatever Carter doesn't want."

The plan was working like a charm up to the part about taking something off 3-year-old Carter's plate. I'll have to remember if this child is staring at, and poking his finger in a scoop of baked beans, it does not always mean he doesn't want them. I swept a spoonful into my already bulging mouth and he screamed like he had been stuck with a pin.

It's hard to look innocent with a mouthful of hamburger, hotdog, potato salad, green beans, carrot salad and baked beans.

"Didn't I just say not to ask Grammy to eat your food?" My daughter makes an imposing figure when she draws her 4 foot, hundred pound body ramrod straight, arms crossed, catlike eyes darting from one child to another, finally landing on her mother.

"I guess since you couldn't eat dinner, you can't eat dessert then, can you?" Ten sets of children's really sorrowful eyes turned to me in unison as she turned and walked away.

Whispering so as not to be heard by 'Cat Woman,' "Hurry up and eat everything. We are still going on our walk after dinner and we can't help it if we just happen to pass a store that sells ice cream cones."

Grammys know more than one way to skin a Cat Woman... and create memories.

Martin Andersen Senior Center Dances

Martin Andersen Senior Center will host Singles/Couples Ballroom Dances on Saturday, July 9th and 23rd. Music will be provided by Janice and Rene.

For both dances, doors open at 6:30 p.m. and dancing begins at 7:00 p.m., ends at 10:00 p.m. Free snacks, BYOB.

Adults of all ages are welcome. The cost is \$8; \$9 for members.

Adults of all ages are welcome to our dances. MASC is located at 1025 S. Florida Ave., Rockledge.

Call Martin Andersen Senior Center at 321-631-7549 for more information.



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4-H Summer of Gaming Day Camp

Do your kids enjoy playing board games? Then consider signing them up for 4-H's Summer of Gaming! Brevard County 4-H is offering a summer of gaming for 4-H members ages 8 - 18. Kids can learn various life skills like problem solving and cooperation while having fun with a new hobby!

Several days of gaming are available in July. Each day we will focus on different types of tabletop and card games that can help improve your child's life skills. You can sign up for all the offered days or just your favorites!

The currently available days are July 9 & July 23, 2022. We will meet from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the UF/IFAS Extension Office in Cocoa. The registration fee is \$10 per participant per day. Lunch will not be provided, please bring a bag lunch. Light snacks and drinks will be available.

Register on Eventbrite: <https://bit.ly/39hoyCd>.

If you have any questions, please contact the instructor, Keith Newman, at 321- 633-1702 or email keith.newman@ufl.edu.

Port St. John Public Library 6500 Carole Ave., Port St. John 321-633-1867

Mary Lena Penna, Library Director
All Brevard County libraries will be closed on Monday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day.

Library Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9 a.m.-5 p.m.. Wednesday 12-8 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Meeting rooms are 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, wireless printing and faxing.

7/6 6:30 p.m.: **Bookworms Bookclub**, see the Reference desk for monthly book selection.

7/9 & 7/23 10 a.m.-noon: **Pokemon Club of Port St John**. All ages welcome.

7/13 5:30 p.m.: **Budgeting: Smart Money Choices seminar**. Presented by the UF/ IFAS Extension Office. Free class. Please call to register!

7/27 6:00 p.m.: **Friends of the Port St John Library Membership Meeting**.

7/30 10:30 a.m.: **Friends of the Library Craft Event!** Registration is required, please see Reference for more information and to sign up.

Book BINGO continues through August for Adults & Teens 12+. See Reference.

Humanatee Yoga will be on hiatus for the month of July.

Summer Reading Continues!

Thursdays, 3:00 p.m.: **Summer Reading Program** storytimes and programs. Ages 6-12. See library for schedule specifics.

7/21 3-4:00 p.m.: **Summer Reading Finale Party!**

Fridays, 10:30 a.m.: **Little Listeners** storytime. Ages 2-5.

7/16 10:30 a.m.: **Author Reading**.

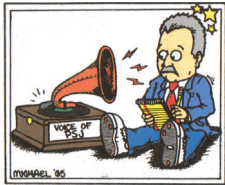
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Tuxes & Tails Gala

Brevard Humane Society is holding its 11th Annual Tuxes & Tails Gala on Saturday, August 27 from 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Space Coast Convention Center, 301 Tucker Lane in Cocoa. This year's event, hosted by the Wasdin family, celebrates Brevard Humane Society's 70 years of helping thousands of homeless animals in our community and beyond.



Sponsorship opportunities are available. Packages range from "Platinum Paws" to "Fur-lantrhopist," and include reserved and V.I.P. seating, various levels of sponsor recognition, and private tables. For sponsor information, call 321-636-3343 ext. 204.

Master of Ceremonies Mindy of Lite Rock 99.3 FM will be joined by auctioneer Brevard County Sherriff Wayne Ivey. This year's entertainment will be unlike any before, including a private performance by the Historic Cocoa Village Playhouse players, legendary band Hot Pink, and a special pet exhibition.

The "Big Bling" drawing, sponsored by Jon's Fine Jewelry and buffet dinner round out the evening, with recognition of the "Humane Heroes" in our community.

The Brevard Humane Society is a no-kill for space shelter. BHS is dedicated to speaking for those who cannot speak for themselves. BHS educates the community on responsible pet ownership and the humane treatment of animals, advocates for spaying/neutering to reduce the homeless pet population and provides the best quality care to Brevard's abandoned animals by placing them with responsible, caring owners in forever homes.

2022 Fireworks Shows

Thunder Over the Indian River

Saturday, July 2. Gates open at, 4:00 PM, fireworks at 9:15 p.m. at OUC Indian River Plant, US 1 in Port St. John. Come out to celebrate our Nation's Independence!! Inflatables, DJ, Demonstrations, BBQ Contest, Food/Dessert Trucks, Raffles and of course, the best fireworks show in Brevard county!

Independence Day Celebration at The City of Palm Bay

Saturday, July 2, 5 - 9 p.m. The City of Palm Bay's Annual Independence Day Celebration will return to the Palm Bay Campus of Eastern Florida State College, 250 Community College Pkwy SE, this year. The celebration will be held on Saturday, July 2 from 5 to 9 p.m. with fireworks capping off the evening around 9:15 p.m. In addition to the fireworks, the event will feature more than 20 food trucks, vendors, live music, and a kids' zone with free inflatables, games, and face painting.

Fireworks over the Harbor at The Cove

Saturday, July 2, 9 p.m. Glen Cheek Dr., Port Canaveral

Cocoa Beach Fireworks

July 03, 2022. Fischer Park, 2200 N. Atlantic Ave., Cocoa Beach

Viper Lemonade

Space Coast Vipers Football is VERY excited to partner with Pucker Up Old Skool Lemonade! Every Wednesday from 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. at Freedom Optical, 4725 Fay Blvd. in PSJ. Come check out their new Venom lemonade, created just for us!

Please come support our football program and this amazing local business!!

The poster features a purple background with white and yellow text. At the top left, a purple speech bubble says "Can you Taste the Venom". Below it is a circular logo for "PUCKER UP Old Skool Lemonade" with two lemons. The main text reads "SCHS VIPERS FOOTBALL" with a viper logo, "FUNDRAISING Event" in large pink and green letters, and "WEDNESDAYS 5PM - 8PM". At the bottom, it says "VIPERS" in large purple letters and "FREEDOM OPTICAL Eyewear & Contacts 4725 FAY BLVD".

Once again the City of Cocoa Beach will have fireworks at Fischer Park at dark, (approximately 8:30-8:45 p.m.)

Red White and Boom over North Brevard

Monday, July 4th, 2022. 2300 Truman Scarborough Way, Titusville. The City of Titusville is once again hosting a free, family event in conjunction with the fireworks display. Enjoy music, food, business vendors and other family friendly activities in Chain of Lakes Park. Fireworks will begin at approximately 9:15 p.m.

Symphony Under the Stars with Brevard Symphony Orchestra

Sun Jul 4, 8:00 - 11:59 p.m.

Cocoa Village Park, 401 Riveredge Blvd., Cocoa

Come celebrate the 4th of July at our annual FREE concert by the Brevard Symphony Orchestra at Cocoa Riverfront Park! Enjoy festivities throughout the day, then catch the fireworks display over the river presented by the Cities of Cocoa and Rockledge. Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy festivities throughout the day.

Great American Celebration 4th of July Fireworks in Viera

Monday, July 4, 2022 at 9:00 p.m. 6091 Stadium Pkwy, Viera

Plan for fireworks in Viera on Monday, July 4th in honor of the Great American Celebration! Promptly at 9:00 p.m. (weather permitting), look for the vibrant display of lights filling the nights sky just east of USSSA Space Coast Complex.

Brevard Public Schools

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Central Area Elementary Schools

Cambridge, Endeavour, Saturn, Sherwood

North Area Elementary Schools

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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.**

7-2 Thunder Over the Indian River. Gates open 4:00.

7-2 Bike Days at the Tiki, 1:00 - 5:00 PM

7260 S. US Hwy. 1, Bellwood, (just north of Port St. John), 321-268-1632. Contact Wayne Fowler, Events Coordinator, American Legion Riders Post 359 at 321-307-1450 or visit their website, alr359.org, for more information.

7-4 Independence Day

7-5 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.

7-6 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.

7-6 Sons of Amvets 2415 Meeting- 1st Wednesday of the month, 6 pm. 688 West Ave., PSJ. Commander Chuck Harrington, 321-208-7897.

7-8 Brevard Women's Connection meets at Space Coast Convention Center on Hwy. 520 from 11 AM until 1 p.m., 2nd Friday of each month. Call Pam at 321-752-6896 or e-mail bwc0020@gmail.com.

Important Phone Numbers

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

7-9 Amvets Riders meeting, 2nd Saturday at 10 AM., 688 West Ave., PSJ. Call President Craig Doan, 321-208-7897.

7-10 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 angelgardnerwrites@gmail.com for info.

7-10 Calling all Christian authors! Dynamic writers group in Cocoa offers training, critiques, and paid writing opportunities (2nd Sundays 2-4:30 p.m. at Cocoa Library). Contact D.P. Clarke at lroyaldy@gmail.com for more information. Print "Writers Group" in Subject.

7-10 Multiple Sclerosis Self-Help Group meets on the 2nd Sunday each month (except Mother's Day & November), 2 PM, Cocoa Library.

7-9 thru 7-11 Eid al Adha

7-13 Amvets Post 2415 General Membership Meeting on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6 PM. 688 West Ave., Cocoa. Commander Larry Lonneville, 321-208-7897.

7-14 Amvets Ladies Auxiliary 2415 General Membership Meeting on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6 PM. 688 West Ave., Cocoa. President, Theresa N. Anderson, 321-208-7897.

7-14 North Brevard Parks and Recreation meets at 5 p.m. at 518 South Palm Ave., Titusville. For questions, call Jeff Davis at 321-264-5105.

7-18 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.

7-20 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.

7-25 Veterans & First Responders Breakfast - 9:00 a.m. at Saint Patrick's Anglican Church, 4797 Curtis Blvd., Port St. John. This is open to all veterans, spouses of veterans and all first responders. Last Saturday of each month.

7-26 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.

Congratulations to:

Emma Grenet turns **6** on the 1st! Love, Gramma

Allan Woerner turns **29** on the 2nd.

Rick Harmon turns cooler on the 3rd.

Talan Turner turns **15** on the 3rd.

Tyler VanSiclen turns **25** on the 4th.

Lori Ebbensgard turns hotter on the 4th!

Brayden Engelson turns **17** on July 4th.

Chris Fogarty is the King on the 6th.

Jim Smith turns **6-0** on the 6th.

Kim Brown turns cuter on the 7th.

Denise Brown is the party girl on the 8th.

Jill Hill turns more lovely on the 8th

James Bowen turns buffer on the 8th.

Brittani Davis turns **27** on the 9th.

Kelly Messer has a spanking day on the 9th.

Nancy Taylor turns prettier on the 10th.

Nick Brown is a star on the 10th.

Michael Turner turns **16** on the 10th.

Jonathan Benoff t has a party day on the 10th.

Brittany Harmon turns **31** on the 11th.

Logan Helms turns **18** on the 13th.

Charlotte Divine turns **5** on the 17th.

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

Isabella "Bella" Orvis turns **9** on the 20th.

Eamon Wright parties all day on the 23rd!

J.D. Carnell turns **27** on the 24th.

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

Kathy LaPorte is the Queen on the 25th.

Sarah Hannen turns **28** on the 26th.

Sydney McGann turns **18** on the 26th.

Conor Henderson turns **18** on the 26th.

Greg Messer turns crazier on the 26th.

Brett Benoff turns grayer on the 27th.

Madi McGann turns **20** 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 **28th** on the 2nd.

Donny Roberts and Linda Carlton celebrate their **11th** on the 20th.

Lori & Rich Ebbensgard celebrate their **11th** anniversary on the 23rd.

Tim and Karrson Unrue celebrate their **6th** wedding anniversary on the 24th.

Email your inputs to happenings1@att.net.

Parrish Early Care & Education Program Celebrates VPK Class of 2022

Parrish Early Care and Education, a program of Parrish Healthcare's Children's Center, sent the class of 2022 off in style at their VPK graduation held on May 20, 2022.

"We are so proud of these children," said Vaneesha Greco, Center Manager. "Our team works closely with our families to create a learning environment that helps each child grow and thrive. Today is the culmination of their hard work and evidence of the passion our educators have for enriching the lives of our littlest learners," said Greco.

The well attended ceremony took place at First United Methodist Church in Titusville and hosted 17 VPK graduates along with their families and other guests. "These children are the future of our community" said Kathy Bradley, VPK Teacher at The Children's Center. "They are the next generation of thinkers, builders, teachers and healers. It is always an emotional day to see them progress on their journey to Kindergarten."

The ceremony included the traditional parade of graduates, a special selection of songs performed by the class of 2022 and ended on the high note of the official presentation of diplomas.

For more information on services provided by The Children's Center, please visit their website or call 321-264-0855.

The Parrish Early Care and Education (PECE) program opened its doors in November 2002. Since then, PECE has become an integral part of The Children's Center, a partnership of community agencies whose collaborative vision is to develop a family-friendly environment where children are assisted in their development regardless of their abilities or socio-economic status. PECE offers quality care to children ages six weeks through five years.

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The overall goal is to provide services that will enhance the child's individual health and growth, ultimately preparing students for kindergarten. PECE practices a model of inclusion by offering special education and therapy services to children with varying levels of development. The classroom teachers work closely with parents and use resources on site as needed from the exceptional education consultant, speech, occupational, physical therapists, and behavior consultants in order to optimize each child's potential.

CONGRATULATIONS, CLASS OF 2022!



The Future has Landed at Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex with the Opening of Gateway: The Deep Space Launch Complex

The future of space travel will come to life at Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex with the opening of its brand-new attraction on June 15, Gateway: The Deep Space Launch Complex, which will feature the spaceport of the future, Spaceport KSC, and an all-new restaurant, Space Bowl Bistro. With a focus on the present and future of collaborative space exploration, guests to Gateway can experience the interstellar travel of tomorrow while celebrating everything happening right now within the space program. It features a showcase of NASA and commercial spacecraft hardware with immersive displays, as well as a “journey” through space, a unique launch viewing opportunity and more.

“Gateway: The Deep Space Launch Complex is a bold new attraction where guests will personally experience NASA’s next giant leap and beyond highlighting all the excitement within the space industry,” said Therrin Protze, chief operating officer, Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex. “Guests will see a peek at the future of space travel with Spaceport KSC, an immersive experience with multiple journeys the guest can select to travel and learn through a thrilling simulated space flight.”

The 50,000-square-foot, multi-level attraction rises majestically in the shadow of the Rocket Garden and is sure to engage and inspire guests through one-of-a-kind experiences, artifacts and exhibits. Featuring a comprehensive collection of modern-day spacecraft, Gateway gives guests the chance to see the airport of the future and experience the future of space travel in ways never before possible. Through immersive education, atmospheric effects and a motion theater, guests will see, experience and feel what it’s like to travel in space.

The striking façade of the Gateway building is designed to capture attention and spark imagination even before entering. The outside walls are accented with iridescent panels of bright turquoise that will alternate with shades of purple, replicating the constant motion and brilliant colors of the universe.

Upon entering Gateway, “space travelers” are greeted with a futuristic design setting the stage



for their journey. Visitors are surrounded by actual flight flown artifacts and full-scale models, placed around the floor and suspended from above to allow 360-degree viewing and interaction. They include:

- Aerojet Rocketdyne RL10 Upper-stage Rocket Engine
- Boeing Crew Space Transportation-100 Starliner Mock-Up Capsule (full-scale engineering model)
- Boeing Spacesuit
- Boeing Starliner Simulator (full-scale model)
- LIFE Habitat Cut-Away (scale model)
- Lockheed Martin Space Habitat (full-scale mockup)
- NASA Space Launch System (SLS) rocket (scale model)
- Orion Exploration Flight Test-1 Capsule (flight flown)
- Orion Heatshield Tiles
- Sierra Space Dream Chaser (full-scale model)
- Sierra Space Shooting Star™ (full-scale model)
- SpaceX Cargo Dragon COTS-2 (flight flown)
- SpaceX Falcon 9 booster, officially known as Booster B1023 (flight flown)
- United Launch Alliance Atlas V rocket (scale model)
- United Launch Alliance Delta IV Heavy rocket (scale model)

In addition to offering a “nose-to-nose” view of the SpaceX Falcon 9 booster, Gateway’s second floor features a 30-foot, floor-to-ceiling Robotic Space Explorers Interactive Wall with interactive,

touchscreen displays, where guests can learn about 40 different satellites and probes in space. Guests can also visit the HoloTube presentation station to learn about the high-powered James Webb Space Telescope by manipulating holographic imagery, video and animation through a touchscreen kiosk.

At Spaceport KSC, guests are transported to an airport of the future, hearing the atmospheric airport chatter and seeing distant views of active launches and landings through the galactic spaceport windows. The main concourse showcases destination, departure and arrival information. Guests then board “spaceships” – in the form of a two-story, motion theater – for one of four journeys: Cosmic Wonders, Daring Explorers, Red Planet or Uncharted Worlds. Each distinct destination allows for the possibility of a different experience with each visit.

Plus, guests can refuel their energy at Space Bowl Bistro, a new restaurant featuring Bistro Bowls, including refreshing acai bowls and choose-your-protein savory bowls. Choices range from quinoa, rice, greens and noodle bases to proteins – including barbecue short rib, marinated ahi tuna, jackfruit, and more. It also offers a selection of soft drinks, as well as coconut water, coffee, tea and domestic beer.

For more information, visit www.kennedyspacecenter.com/landing-pages/gateway.

Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex brings to life the epic story of the U.S. space program, offering a full day or more of fun, inspiration and educational activities. Included with admission: The all-new Gateway: The Deep Space Launch Complex; Heroes & Legends, featuring the U.S. Astronaut Hall of Fame®, presented by Boeing; Space Shuttle Atlantis®; Journey To Mars: Explorers Wanted; space films; the Rocket Garden; recently opened Planet Play and the Apollo/Saturn V Center.

KSC Visitor Complex is open daily from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. For more information, call 877-313-2610 or visit www.KennedySpaceCenter.com.

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On the Road With Rose



Cool Places to Cool Off

As I sit pecking on this black box, we are experiencing yet another horrible moment in time. Between monstrosities occurring in faraway lands and those in our own back yard, it's easy to become despondent. For all of you reading this, please understand that person driving the car that cut you off or the person in front of you at the fast food line who can't make up their mind may be struggling with their own turmoil. A smile and a silent prayer will bring peace to both you. For those of you experiencing or have loved ones fighting grief and fear, please know prayers are sent every day.

Well, it's July in Florida... Long, hot days, afternoon thunderstorms violent enough to make some of us who happen to be covering in the bedroom almost question her loyalty to the Sunshine State...Almost.

We P.S.J-ers are lucky enough to have a number of places nearby where it is possible to spend a couple of hours cooling off, getting the kiddos tired, enjoying all our wonderful state has to offer and still be home before the first clap of thunder.

Riverfront Park in Cocoa Village sports a nice splash pad. The multiple geysers keep the little

ones dancing, the water is cool enough to be delightful and it's large enough for several families. There are benches for watching (or replacing sensible shoes for those of us of a certain vintage who couldn't resist joining a great grandchild), a large grassy area with trees for ball games, picnics or a favorite book and recently refurbished Taylor Park.

Sand Point Park has a large splash pad, it's fully fenced in – lowering parents' chase time. With 15 or so geysers, 10 or so overhead water spouting trees, whales, birds and an arch spraying cool water in every direction, there's fun for everyone. Shaded areas inside the fence for guardians to watch (or join) little ones and a large shaded playground for older ones are still within sight. The park also has many open grassy areas, an exercise trail and a boat ramp. The Veterans fishing pier and Pier 220 restaurant are just down the road a-ways.

There's also a beautiful splash pad at the Cocoa Beach Aquatic Center as I mentioned in my last column. There is a small charge for an all-day pass to the entire Aquatic Center.

West Melbourne Community Park/Field of Dreams has a large splash pad which unfortunately has been out of commission for a little while. The very helpful person I spoke with assured me it would be up and splashing very soon. I would advise calling Melbourne Parks and Rec. before taking the trip.

Viera Town Center has a splash pad in front of the theater, I haven't had the pleasure of visiting, but friends have told me they watched their younger kids play in the water while the older ones watched a favorite movie. Win-Win!

Also, don't forget the great Atlantic Ocean. I have always used the many access roads and parks in Cape Canaveral. Cheri Down Park and the Jettys have showers. I advise to get there early to assure parking and have hours to play before the skies darken.

We are blessed to be able to pull off the road at almost any point in the county to launch a canoe or kayak, swim, fish or just enjoy each other and our rivers in our piece of paradise. Again, it's best to get there early to assure a good area to spread a blanket and set up for the day, but there's not a bad place on either side of the roads.

Hours spent at any of these places will certainly tire young ones out, and a cool shower followed by lunch will certainly put them (and guardians) in the mood for a nice long nap. July heat in Florida problem solved and we're back home before the thunder rolls!

Please take only pictures and leave only footprints, slather on the sunscreen and insect spray... Please make sure to wear water shoes anytime you're in or around splash pads and rivers.

But most of all get outside and have fun with each other.

Amvets Port St. John Opens



The new Amvets in Port St. John has received their license and has passed all of their inspections.

If you're a US military veteran, they're open for business at 688 West Ave., PSJ, and they're going to pick a grand opening date.

The General Membership Meeting is on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. at 688 West Ave., Port St. John. Commander Larry Lonnenville, 321-208-7897.

And they have groups within the group. **Sons of Amvets** meets on the 1st Wednesday of the month, 6 pm. Commander Chuck Harrington, 321-208-7897.

Amvets Riders meets on the 2nd Saturday at 10 a.m. Call President Craig Doan at 321-208-7897. **Amvets Ladies Auxiliary 2415** meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6 PM. Call President, Theresa N. Anderson at 321-208-7897.

Bus Driver, Bus Mechanics Needed

Brevard County is interviewing and hiring bus drivers and mechanics. Go to 2091 W. King St. (Hwy. 520) for an interview, or call 321-633-3680, extension 14050 for more information.



SLEEPY HOLLOW



Fruit From The Groves

A decision was made on the new signs. This was done after the committee went to a number of vendors in the area. The new signs will be erected in the same location as they have been for years. One sign will be on Canaveral Groves Blvd. and Grissom Parkway. The other sign will be on Pine Street near Coconut Street. These signs will be to welcome people to our area.

Even though we are getting into the rainy season, brush fires are still possible. Even though it rains due to the heat, the brush dries quickly and can become a fire hazard. Please make your home and property fire wise.

Over the Fourth of July holiday, please use fireworks properly and safely. Also, remember that fireworks scare animals and can cause problems to our Veterans who are members of the Groves.

Now is the time to clear brush and other items around your house for hurricane season. Have a plan in case one comes our way. Remember to check on your neighbors.

Brevard County Fire Station 29 (Guardians of the Groves), as well as Four Communities Fire Dept. have been busy with brush fires, rescues, accidents and structure fires. They do a lot to assist the public.

Brevard County Sheriff's Office has responded

to a number of incidents in and around the Groves. They again want to remind us to secure your vehicles and homes at night and when not using them.

This month there have been a number of calls to Animal Services. Please keep your animals secure so they and others aren't put in danger.

August 23, 2022 is the Primary Election in Florida. Please come out and Vote.

- Edward F Silva

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.



St. Patrick's Anglican Church
4797 Curtis Blvd., Port St. John
321-802-1311

Classical Christianity Engaging the World

Welcome to the long hot days of summer in Florida. We do not have the Friday PM Evening Prayer during the summer, but we have many other worship opportunities for you.

Our weekly Sunday Service schedule is:

- Wednesday 6:00 p.m. Eucharist
- Sunday 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

(10:00 a.m. on Facebook Live) (<https://www.facebook.com/StPatspsj>)

Other upcoming events:

Veteran's, Veteran Spouses, First Responders are invited to a full breakfast on the last Saturday of each month; Saturday, July 30th at 9:00 a.m.

Put on your hard hats and tool belt – St. Patrick's will be holding Adult and Child Vacation Bible School – August 3rd, 4th, & 5th (Wednesday – Friday) 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. Snack provided. We will be doing a study on building a strong foundation in Jesus Christ: Faith & Scripture, Reason & Tradition, and finally Church & Community. Lots of Games, Teaching, Crafts and Fellowship. Please contact the church for more information.

We have a special speaker July 13th after our 6 p.m. Eucharist. 6:30-8:00 p.m. to discuss end of life transitions with a support group to follow! Sally Deane Norton is a Licensed Practical Nurse, End of Life Doula, Author, and Speaker who helps people with Transitional Navigation: the term she prefers to use when talking about navigating everything that comes with Chronic Illness, Terminal Illness. The Dying Process, Death, and Grief. <https://sallydeanenorton.com>. Please join us!



Check out our website for more events: stpatrickspsj.org

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

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Won't you join us?

Walter Butler Community Center July, 2022

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.

CLOSED JULY 4TH

MONDAYS – FRIDAYS

Pickleball, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Open Computer Lab, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. & 6 – 8 p.m.

Summer Camp 7 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Open Gym, 6 – 8 p.m.

TUESDAYS

Pickleball, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Zumba, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Open Computer Lab, 6 – 8 p.m.

Pickleball, 6 – 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAYS

Pickleball, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Open Computer Lab, 6 – 8 p.m.

Volleyball Fundamentals, 5 – 7 p.m.

Volleyball League Play, 7 – 9 p.m.

THURSDAYS

Pickleball, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Volleyball Fundamentals, 5 – 8 p.m.

Open Computer Lab, 6 – 8 p.m.

FRIDAYS

Pickleball, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

SATURDAY

Open Computer Lab, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

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

Open Game Room, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

SUMMER CAMP

- Grade: Completed Kindergarten through 6th grade.
- When: Monday - Friday, 7 AM-6 PM
- Cost: \$91.10 for a week or \$30.37 for a day
- Food: Breakfast and lunch is included for child/children daily

- Discounts available for those who qualify. Contact Walter Butler Community Center at 321-433-4448 for more information on discount criteria.

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 p.m. – 8 p.m. For more informa-

tion, contact WBCC at 321-433-4448.

Seniors In Motion will meet Tuesdays from 10:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. and Thursdays 10:00 a.m.-1 p.m. first week in June only. 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.

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 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. 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 Kowaleuski at 321-403-6918.

AQUA ZUMBA - Jump into the Latin-Inspired, easy to follow, calorie-burning, dance fitness party that makes working out a splash! Classes are Tuesdays & Thursdays at 10:00 a.m., and Saturdays a 10:45 a.m. for one hour at Parrish Health & Fitness Center. \$5 per class or \$10 per week. For class details, contact Debbie Kowaleuski, your licensed Zumba Instructor at 321-403-6918, or visit www.dkowaleuski.zumba.com.

Experimental Aircraft Meeting

Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 724 holds regular scheduled gatherings on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the club house on Merritt Island Airport.

If you have a passion or interest in aviation, then EAA 724 will bring you

closer to the action. You don't have to be a pilot or aircraft owner to enjoy our group. Our chapter is a mixture of pilots, wannabe pilots and non-pilots. If you like aircraft and aviation, you are welcome. Each month we have an interesting speaker and lots of hangar flying.

The airport is approximately 2 miles south of SR 520 on Courtney Parkway. Turn off Courtney onto the airport and then bear right. Across from the Fire House is the club house with the EAA logo on the end of the building. For more information, visit the website at www.eaa724.org.

- Dwayne Waters, President

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