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PSJ Housewives Softball League Getting Ready

The Port St. John Housewives Softball League is gearing up for another fun season! Don't let the name fool you... women of all playing abilities are invited to join our league.

To register and play in the league, as of July 1st you must be 19 years of age or older. You do not have to live in Port St. John to join our league.

Sign-ups will be on Saturdays and Sundays, May 14th, 15th, 21st and 22nd from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Fay Park, east parking lot. Cost is \$50, which includes approximately 20 softball games, team shirt, and end of year party and awards.

The season starts in July and continues through mid-October. Games are on Tuesday and Thursday nights at Fay Park on Fay Blvd. next to the Sheriff's waystation.

The PSJ Housewives Softball League was born from the PSJ Little League Moms league back in the 80's. They've been around a long



time, always run by volunteers and players. This is a great way to make friends and get some exercise.

We are also accepting applications for sponsors and experienced umpires.

For more information, call:

Veronica Ordner, President, at 321-698-3863; Kim Myrick, Vice-President, at 321-536-1372; Angie Burris, Treasurer, at 321-480-1052; or

Joan Sottoriva, Secretary, at 321-537-9605.

You can also find them on Facebook, www.facebook.com/PSJHSL.

Brevard North Area Parks & Recreation Meeting

The North Brevard Commission on Parks and Recreation will hold its next monthly meeting on Thursday, May 12th, at 5:00 p.m.

The meeting will be held in the Brevard Room at 518 South Palm Avenue in Titusville. The Brevard Room is located in a building on the north side of the parking lot behind the Brevard County Government Center-North.

The public is invited to attend and learn more about our parks, future plans and planned events. Public input is welcome..

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St. Francis Reflections Celebrates Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony of Hospice Care Center at Courtenay Springs Village

St. Francis Reflections Lifestage Care commemorated the official grand opening and ribbon cutting of their new hospice care center at Courtenay Spring Village in March, 2022. The ribbon cutting ceremony was attended by community dignitaries, community members, as well as St. Francis Reflections Board and staff. The new hospice care center originally opened last November, however, the ribbon cutting ceremony was delayed due to the pandemic.

A blessing of the St. Francis Reflections Merritt Island Care Center was provided by Reverend Haywood Davidson, St. Francis Reflections Foundation Board Member and Veteran Volunteer. Jimmy Lane, President of Cocoa Beach Chamber of Commerce, Robin Hayes, Cocoa Beach City Manager, Michael Rivera, Executive Director of RHF (Retirement Housing Foundation), Donn Weaver, Brevard Veteran Memorial Center and Sheriff Wayne Ivey provided opening and closing remarks.



Photo credit is courtesy of St. Francis Reflections Lifestage Care.

“St. Francis Reflections is proud to celebrate this momentous occasion with Courtenay Springs Village and our community. We are honored to be a part of this collaborative effort to help better serve our community,” said Joe Killian, president and CEO of St. Francis Reflections.

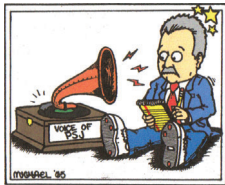
The hospice unit is intended for the short-term management of complex symptoms and periods of respite where families can rest assured that their loved ones are being cared for with compassion and dignity. Located at 1100 South Courtenay Parkway in Merritt Island, the St. Francis Reflections inpatient unit at Courte-

nay Springs Village features all private rooms with en suite bathrooms, 24/7 facility access for family members, and a shared kitchenette with food for families provided by the facility; tranquil outdoor space offers a peaceful environment for mediation and reflection.

Compassionate care offered by St. Francis Reflections Lifestage Care clinicians, board-certified hospice and palliative medicine physicians, social workers, and chaplains will guide the care and comfort of patients during their inpatient stay.

“We are pleased to come together as a community and celebrate as we expand this important service to meet the growing needs of the community,” said Michael Rivera, Regional Vice President of RHF.

The St. Francis Reflections Merritt Island Care Center is the organization’s third hospice care center in Brevard County. The other two hospice care centers are located in Titusville and Melbourne.



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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 - 2 p.m.. **Schedule is subject to change. For latest information about any of these programs or to register, call 321-633-1904.**

Mondays

Closed 30th for Memorial Day.

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

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

Game Room/Computers, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Billiards, 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Community Cares Aftercare, 2:30 p.m. – 6 p.m.

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

Tuesdays

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

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

Game Room/Computers, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Billiards, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Community Cares Aftercare, 2:30 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Wednesdays

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

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

Game Room/Computers, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Billiards, 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.

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

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Game Room/Computers, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Billiards, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Community Cares Aftercare, 2:30 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Advanced Level Line Dance, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Fridays

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

Outside Basketball, 9 a.m - 6 p.m.

Game Room/Computers, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Billiards, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Community Cares Aftercare, 1:30 – 6 p.m.

Saturdays

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

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

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Post 359 - American Legion Riders presents Bike Days at the Tiki Saturday, May 7, 1 - 5:00 p.m.

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Good Day! by Maureen Rupe Cement Recycling Facility

The City of Titusville is about to ruin the main entrance to Space Coast Regional (formerly TICO) Airport and cause harm to the Indian River Lagoon and leave residential areas open to health hazards. A concrete recycling facility is planned for 84 Golden Knights Blvd. (see map adjacent).

According to an article written by MacKenzie DiLeo on May 12, 2021, titled, "Porters Community Residents Are Growing Tired Of Noise And Dust Coming From Neighboring Cement Companies," "Any and all dust that is tracked off site from their facilities is a violation of their permits." The article discussed issues at a Concrete Recycling Facility close to Gainesville, Florida.

I don't understand how a recycling plant stays within the requirements of their permits as the same article stated the following: "Tim Renfroe, the owner of Florida Concrete Recycling, said the company does its best to control dust. They try to minimize dust through sweeping and cleaning the surrounding roads when necessary. Still, he

explained that dust coming from the site is not completely avoidable."

"You can't do what we do and have it 100% dust free," Renfroe said.



Did I mention the noise? The above article stated from an adjacent resident: "Fillie says the noise sounds like a machine gun going off, it's crazy." He can handle the loud music and other noise that comes with living near downtown, but the noise from the industrial plant is more than he would expect in an urban environment.

He's not alone in his concerns. Janie Williams, a lifelong resident of the historically black community, has also been disturbed by the noise

and specifically its interruption of her and her neighbors' sleep. Williams has, in the past, tried bringing her concerns to the Gainesville City Commission, but to little avail. "The trucks start running about 1, 1:45, 2:45 in the morning when you are in your deep sleep, and that's not good for the neighborhood," Williams said. "Sometimes I can go back to sleep, and sometimes I can't."

A 2018 study in the National Center for Biotechnology Information explored the health effects of environmental pollution for nearby communities. It found dust pollution resulting from activity in industrial complexes could be detrimental to human health. The pollution coming from the site could "...enter the human body through the respiratory system or skin, and can cause allergic reactions, respiratory symptoms and various acute and chronic diseases, such as asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary diseases, lung dysfunctions, skin and eye diseases, acute bronchitis, cardiovascular disease and cancer."

The proposed concrete recycling plant is very close to the Indian River Lagoon and very close

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to a number of residential properties on the east and west side of U.S.1. According to an article titled "Danger in the Air" dated September 25, 2014, no author mentioned, "Mining, processing and transporting sand generates large quantities of silica dust, which is notorious for the damage it does to the lungs and respiratory system when inhaled...." "Silica can impede breathing and cause respiratory irritation, cough, airway obstruction and poor lung function (Rego 2008). Chronic or long-term exposure can lead to lung inflammation, bronchitis and emphysema and produce a severe lung disease known as silicosis, a form of pulmonary fibrosis (Hnizdo 2003)."

Silica-related lung disease is incurable and can be fatal, killing hundreds of workers in the U.S. each year. The National Institute for Occupational

Safety and Health (NIOSH) has estimated that at least 2.2 million workers in the mining and construction industries are exposed to inhalable silica each year. However, the Institute noted, "There is no surveillance data in the U.S. that permits us to estimate accurately the number of individuals with silicosis. The true extent of the problem is probably greater than indicated by available data. (Weissman and Schulte 2011)...."

I would assume that something of this magnitude shouldn't be located close to residential areas as the same EWG article states, "Children, older adults and people with respiratory diseases are especially at risk. Unfortunately, the article also states, "There is no federal standard for ambient air exposure to silica outside the workplace. Based on occupational data, the EPA came up with a

health-protective benchmark for crystalline silica in PM10 particles of 3 micrograms per cubic meter ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$) (Gift 1997; US EPA 1996). Crucially, however, EPA's benchmark did not consider the risks of exposure to vulnerable populations such as children or people with respiratory disease."

The way the wind blows around here will stir up a lot of dust affecting residents at least a mile from this location.

I'm told by an engineer that cement dust (lime and silica) is very corrosive to jet engines. The airport and aircraft owners will not want constant cement dust coming from any east winds blowing into the intakes of all those airplanes. The dust is also corrosive to aluminum - the main metal in all airplanes. This plant could potentially contribute to aircraft failures.

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In addition, do you see the big lake near the plant? If they plan to use that water to spray to lower the amount of dust, the water is at risk of becoming a cesspool of runoff chemicals that will eventually make it to the IRL. This is probably the worst location to locate a cement recycling plant.

Unfortunately, the application stated there would be up to 50 trucks a day, and as it is next to the railroad track, the applicant said being near the railroad tracks was a plus because they will be bringing in concrete trash from distances. This will be a slap to both the city's residents and the residents of the entire county that have put in place the self-imposed tax to clean up the Indian River Lagoon. Why should we be paying to clean up the Lagoon when we have cities within our county that are destroying any progress we make? Decisions affecting the Indian River Lagoon should not be left up to the city.

I've also heard from an individual that has worked at a concrete recycling facility in the past that any building that processed chemicals are always sent to these facilities as opposed to sending the concrete to a dump or burying it on a lot.

This concrete recycling facility, due to its location, will affect us in multiple ways: Entrance to TICO Airport, the Indian River Lagoon, Tom Statham Park with the District 1 County Commissioner's office, and a number of residents living north and south of the facility on U.S.1 and River Edge Drive. This is getting us into the stupid factor as there are no state, county or city requirements to test for what we are putting into the Lagoon after we have supposedly removed various point sources of pollutants.

Reference:

<https://www.wuft.org/news/2021/05/12/porters-community-residents-are-growing-tired-of-noise-and-dust-coming-from-neighboring-cement-companies/> <https://www.flrules.org/gateway/RuleNo.asp?title=SOLID%20WASTE%20MANAGEMENT%20FACILITIES&ID=62-701.730>

<https://www.ewg.org/research/danger-air>

Brevard County Charter Clean Water Amendment

Michael Myjak and Maureen Rupe representing the Indian River Lagoon Roundtable are requesting the Charter Review Commission to pass a proposed amendment for the "Right to Clean Water." I believe we will have a clear majority of Brevard voters who will pass this amendment. But unfortunately, many in the development, business and government only think of what it will cost, not how it will benefit us. If someone sues, it's not a monetary payout. The county commission would have to show the county priorities and a judge would determine what other priorities the county might have to put off moving us close to having "Clean and Healthy Water."

Brevard County Charter Amendment-Right to Clean Water:

Brevard County residents and organizations respectfully request members of the Charter Review Commission (CRC) to consider amending the charter to ensure present and future generations are able to protect themselves and their interests from harm. The "Right to Clean Water" proposal creates a local cause of action for equitable (declaratory or injunctive) relief, which may include a "polluter pays" form of restorative relief. As the proposal's ultimate design will depend on the will of the CRC members and public comments, Attachment 1 is provided as a skeletal framework.

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Attachment 2 provides the legal basis and argument that the County has the authority to enact this measure and that state preemption found in FL Stat. 403.412 (9)(a) does not apply.

This proposal starts off with the premise: Brevard County has the power and duty to protect itself and its residents, businesses, visitors and economy from legalized harm.

Legalized harm is caused by the action or inaction of federal and state governments, be it erratic definitions of health, harm, public interest, various scientific standards or environmental impact considerations or requirements; poor staffing, budgeting or resourcing decisions; substandard design or enforcement of basin action management plans or nutrient load limits; continued permitting of substandard or inappropriately located onsite septic systems; inappropriate use of fertilizers, herbicides; etc.

Waters such as the Indian River Lagoon have suffered from and continue to be impacted by substandard, but legal, government harm. Missing from the current system is the ability to effectively challenge such continued or planned harm. We believe it is the people's inherent right to question and stop such practices to better protect themselves, their families, their businesses and their communities.

The problem isn't a lack of strong environmental laws in Florida, nor is it due to a string of illegal pollution. The problem **set** is systemic and more like

death by 1,000 paper cuts, which is comprehensively difficult and expensive to remedy for large water bodies such as the Indian River Lagoon, much less to fully restore. To make sense of our hundreds-of-millions of taxpayer dollar investment, we must be able to establish a stopgap – a “do no (more) harm” mandate, and allow individuals, businesses and non-profits to engage in the litigation to arrive at a better system. Courts will rule in equity, considering what's possible, what harm is preventable, and declare certain actions or policies of inaction to be in violation of the Right to Clean Water. Courts may award declaratory or injunctive relief, to either prevent harm or, if sufficient evidence is presented, to restore waters to their condition just before the harm occurred. Outside of attorney's fees and court costs, (which can be awarded to prevailing plaintiffs), any money that changes hands will be applied (earmarked) directly to the restoration of waters. Courts have the power to ensure government agencies do what the law says they should do.

A no-cost, non-governmental solution to restore ecological balance for all to enjoy is a win-win opportunity. The only opponents to such a measure will be those who benefit and wish to continue to benefit from exacting harm on Brevard's shared natural resources under the current system, and their banner will likely point to some property rights fear. This proposal only strikes at legalized “rights” to pollute or otherwise irresponsibly degrade waters, infringing on the rights and substantial interests of everyone else. This proposal provides Brevard County a way to pivot back to good while balancing all competing interests through courts of equity, justice and fairness.

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Please consider this proposal and the hope it may bring those living, working and playing in Brevard County. It presents a chance for our leaders to show all other communities and states that it's possible to have a thriving economy AND a thriving ecology, balanced for present and future generations, due to a small systemic tweak to establish and ensure a Right to Clean Water.

The Amendment has to be discussed three times before the Charter Review Commission decides to pass it on for the November ballot. The County Commission has to do a review, but the Charter states they can't turn down amendments provided by the Charter Review Commission.

We need support from everyone who agrees we have the right to Clean Water. Like I said earlier, there are people who say it is too expensive to have clean water. (What!?) In the 2015-2016 Charter Review, I proposed a similar amendment. The proposal was for Unpolluted Air and Clean Water, and out of the other 15 attendees, I couldn't even get one other person to agree with the proposed amendment.

The last meeting will be the middle of May



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when they vote on whether the proposal will move forward. We need you to either come to Viera Government Complex, Building C and attend the meeting or send an email to the Charter Review Commission. Their email addresses are listed at: www.brevardfl.gov/docs/default-source/commissioners/review-commission-2021-2022.

We need to at least get the county to start testing for pollution to tell us if our self-imposed tax is doing good or not accomplishing anything.

Think of the fate of the Manatees and all marine animals and know it will be our species next.

Reference:

https://www.brevardfl.gov/docs/default-source/commissioners/review-commission-2021-2022/charter-review-commission-proposal-6-right-to-clean-water.pdf?sfvrsn=23672c94_4

Cheerio,
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Central FL Accordion Club

The Brevard Chapter of the Central Florida Accordion Club (CFAC) holds its regular meeting the last Sunday of every month. Members and guests are invited to play accordions or other instruments. Shows are held on the last Sunday of each month, 2-5:00 p.m. at Elks Lodge #1532, 315 Florida Ave., Cocoa. The event is open to the public. Admission is free.



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Our weekly Sunday Service schedule is:

- Wednesday, 6:00 p.m., Eucharist
- Friday, 6:00 p.m., Evening Prayer
- Sunday, 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

(10:00 a.m. on Facebook Live: <https://www.facebook.com/StPatspsj>). Children's Sunday School is available May 1st, May 8th, & May 15th.

Other upcoming events:

Veteran's, Veteran Spouses, First Responders are invited to a full breakfast on the last Saturday of each month. Saturday May 28th at 9:00 a.m.

If you are interested in an Adult Bible Study, please join us following the 8:00 a.m. service for a study of the Book of Acts. Study is from 9:00 until 9:40 a.m.

Check out our website for more events; stpatrickspsj.org. For more information and upcoming events please visit our website, stpatrickspsj.org or call the office at 321-802-1311.

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Every taxpayer needs to be aware on ways to pay if you find you owe taxes or need to make estimated tax payments. Therefore, it may be of interest to know the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) offers several payment options. Here are some key points to keep in mind.

- Never send cash! Electronic payment options are the quickest and easiest way to pay your tax. Check out IRS Direct Pay or EFTPS to pay directly from your bank account at www.irs.gov. It's secure and free. You'll get instant confirmation your payment has been submitted. You can pay taxes electronically 24/7. Just click on the payments tab near the top left on the home page.

- If you filed an extension, you may be able to pay through your tax software when you file the return.

- Another method is to choose the option to pay with a credit or debit card. This is also accomplished by going to the irs.gov website and be advised that the company processing your payment will charge a processing fee.

- You may enroll in the Electronic Federal Tax Payment System (EFTPS). The EFTPS method permits you to pay your federal taxes electronically and remembers all of your pertinent information. You have a choice to pay using the Internet, or by phone using the EFTPS Voice Response System.

- If you can't pay electronically, you can still pay by a personal check, cashier's check or money order. Make it payable to "United States Treasury." Be sure your name, address and daytime phone number appears on the front of your payment. Also, write the tax year, Form 1040, and your Social Security number in the memo section of the check and you'll use the social security number shown first if it's a joint return payment. You will also send a completed Form 1040-V payment voucher in the envelope with your payment or mail it with your tax return to the IRS. Make sure you send them to the correct address listed in the instructions for the Form 1040-V. This will help the IRS process your payment and post it to your account correctly. You can get the form on IRS.gov/forms at any time.

If you can't pay your tax in full, the IRS urges you to still file your tax return on time. You should pay as much as you can with your tax return. This will help keep your penalty and interest costs down.

If the amount you owe is more than you can pay in full, then establish an installment agreement which will allow you to pay the balance over time. There will be a processing fee charged by the IRS when you establish this arrangement. There is an Online Payment Agreement tool on IRS.gov that makes it a real easy way to apply if the amount due is under \$50,000.

Finally, if the amount is more than you can handle and you know there isn't any way that you'll ever pay it off, you may feel enticed to call one of the scammer advertising entities that will charge you unbelievable fees and never settle the debt. I would advise you to determine if an Offer in Compromise is possible first. You can go to the website "http://irs.treasury.gov/oic_pre_qualifier/" to determine if an Offer In Compromise is possible. If you find you fall within the parameters, I recommend you seek the assistance of a local Enrolled Agent, Certified Public Accountant or an attorney to prepare the documentation and settle the debt. Steer away from the "We can reduce your tax liability" nationwide advertising solicitors due to excessive billing techniques.

Any tax strategy depends upon the totality of your own circumstances. Before engaging in any tax strategy, you should first consult competent advisors to whom you make full disclosure of all the relevant facts and circumstances of your case.

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

FREE Shred Days Are Back

Launch CU has scheduled six free Shred Days. Members may bring up to five boxes of paper material to one of these events and have it securely shredded and disposed of at no charge.

The local events are:

Port St. John Branch

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Merritt Island Branch

May 4, 2022 from 8:30am - 10:30am

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No material may be left at the branch. Shred will only be accepted during the event. In order to adhere to safety measures, all shred material must be boxed or bagged, and left in your trunk.

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Backyard Amateur BBQ Contest Rocks!

On April 2nd, 2022 the Sharing Center of Central Brevard held its 7th annual Back Yard BBQ Contest at F. Burton Smith Park in West Cocoa. The event supports the Sharing Center's Children's Weekend Feeding Program.

David Brubaker, President & CEO of the Sharing Center stated, "1,200 people attended the BBQ and we raised \$80,000.00 at this year's event. We can't say thanks enough to all of our Sponsors! Especially JP Donovan Construction, Ivey's Construction, Brevard Concrete Paving, the Cocoa Elk's Lodge & Ambal, Dr. & Mrs. Ravindran

Palaniyandi, Coastal Steel and Skinny's BBQ.

We are very thankful for all the BBQ Competitors, Volunteers, and all those who came out to support the event. The success of this event will allow us to add more families in to the program next year."



This year there were 15 BBQ Teams who competed. Congratulations to all the winners of the competition. 1st Place in the Chicken Category went to Meat Commander. 1st place in the Beef Category went to team Appliance Warehouse BBQ, and 1st Place in the Pork Category went to Hold My Rub BBQ. This year's People's Choice Winner was Bearded Bro's BBQ, and the BBQ Grand Champion was awarded to Appliance Warehouse BBQ.

Congratulations to Teresa Dent of Oviedo who won the Sweet Smoke QDS Drum Smoker Raffle.

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

For more information about the Sharing Center, visit us on the web at www.sharingcenter.org. Thanks again to the community for supporting our Amateur Backyard BBQ Contest. We are always looking for local backyard amateur BBQ teams to join us at next year's BBQ event, tentatively set for April 1st, 2023.



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~ Rose Padrick

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Once again, we are facing hatefulness, illness and any other 'ness that burns into our hearts. Myself and most everyone I know are sending prayers and whatever other help we can to those facing the horrible circumstances overseas and their families. We invite all of you reading this to please join us. I'm also sending thank you's to the Big Guy for giving us what little ability we have attained in bringing the pandemic as under control as we've been able to so far.

It seems like just yesterday that I was privileged to have my two favorite grandsons (calling them my favorites hurts no feelings because I call all my grands and great-grands my favorites!) under my roof for the summer. I was working full time back then, so I trepidatiously put Grampa in charge of most of the care and feeding. I admit to doing the signs of the cross and saying a short prayer every morning as I backed the car out of the driveway, waving goodbye to two small kids and one big one.

Most of my preparations for their arrival was purchasing another box of Band-Aids, (I wasn't sure if they should be for grandkids or Grampa, but knew they would be needed), another bag of frozen meatballs for the spaghetti and blow up the air mattress in the storage/spare room.

I can't say that it was Karma or some other underworld force at work, but a very short time after I re-retired and bragged to everyone who would listen that I finally organized my own private office, I received THE PHONE CALL.

It seems like the stars had aligned during a full moon period and the same cousins, now in their early twenties, had life altering events within days of each other and were in need of a soft place to land just long enough to regroup. Both sets of parents were in the midst of either a move or living in one place until another home became available, so Grammy was second choice and more than happy to do it.

I'm absolutely loving this special time to better get to know the amazing young men those boys grew into, and am grateful to be able to help, however, there are a few differences this time around. The biggest shock to my well organized and quiet little world is the realization that everything about the guys is so big and tumultuous.

The work boots by the front door are humongous! He says he doesn't jump and roll in the dry sugar sand he drives heavy equipment across, but I would guess he brings home at least a pound a day. I must say he swings a great broom; his mom should be proud. I have caught myself staring at those boots and next to them the shiny, suave dress shoes worn by the salesman cousin and remembering the much smaller, worn tennis shoes occupying that same space just a few years ago.

Throwing a second bag of frozen meatballs in the sauce pot still works. I get to enjoy interesting, if loud and 'unique' dinner conversation. I have help with the dishes, and don't look if someone is spinning anything on a middle finger. The extra box of band-aids is well used on hands, elbows and toes of my porch scrubbing, weed pulling, mulch

spreading, trash hauling helpers.

I did have to compromise by allowing occupancy of my finally pristine spare bedroom and sharing my finally organized office... but spending my midnight sweat and swear sessions lying quietly and listening to the dog being out-snoored times two brings big smiles and sweet dreams.

Mornings have gone from enjoying a quiet cup of hot coffee watching the birds at the feeder to sipping cool brew while trying to remember who will be home when and who will use the laundry equipment first.

The whirlwinds will have swept out the door by the time this hits the stands and all will quietly slip back to normal. The spare room will be pristine once again and no one but me will be losing anything in my office.

I don't think I'm looking forward to it.

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New Parrish Health and Wellness Center Opens

Exercising in greater comfort and health safety are the top reasons exercise “pods” are a key feature of the new Parrish Health and Wellness Center in Titusville.

are people who are more comfortable not working out around others, and we’re giving them that option along with traditional ways of exercising.”



The wellness center’s 20 pods are configured for different types of workouts – each pod includes a variety of cardio and weight-training equipment. The exercise pods can be reserved, eliminating the need to wait for someone else to finish with a piece of equipment. The Parrish Health and Wellness center is located at Crossroads Shopping Plaza, 3065 Columbia Blvd., Suite C104, in Titusville.

The 5,500 square-foot center, which opened on March 5, also has personal training services, private restrooms and shower, and complimentary WiFi.

“The pod concept is growing in popularity throughout the country, particularly as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic,” said Kellie Way, director of the health and wellness center. “There

“The Parrish Health and Wellness Center has new answers to an old question: how can someone get the best possible workout in the most convenient and comfortable place,” Way added. Way said the pods were a hit from the opening day.

“People come in specifically to use a pod and they’re really happy with the variety of workout options from which they can choose,” said Way. “Others arrive, see the pods, are intrigued and make it a regular part of their exercise routine.”

Annual and monthly membership options are available for individuals and families. Daily guest passes are also available for \$10 per day. Senior and student discounts are available.

For more information, visit parrishhealthcare.com/healthandwellness or call 321-268-6200.



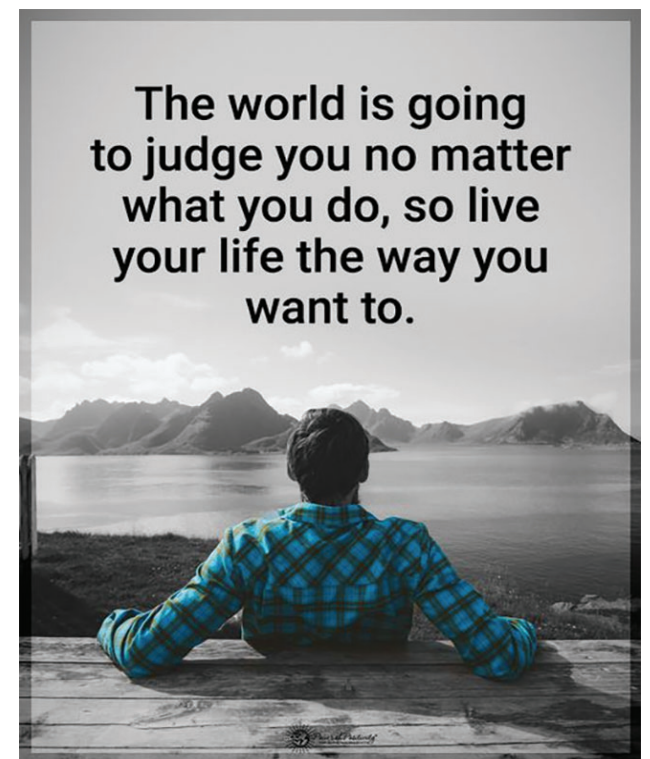
New COVID Vaccines Update

On Tuesday, Moderna released clinical data demonstrating that a new version of its Covid-19 vaccine that targets several mutations produced a stronger immune response against the major virus variants, including omicron and delta, than the company’s current shots. Moderna’s redesigned vaccine includes nine mutations found in the beta Covid variant.

The current vaccines were developed to recognize the spike protein which the virus uses to invade human cells. But the more the spike protein has evolved, the less likely the antibodies produced by the vaccine are able to recognize the virus and fight it, which reduces the efficacy of the shots. A 50-microgram dose of Moderna’s new vaccine doubled the antibodies, which block the virus from infecting human cells, against the omicron variant six months after injection compared with the original booster at the same dosage, the data indicated. The updated shot also increased antibody levels against the delta variant six months after injection.

Moderna and Pfizer are developing new shots that target multiple virus variants in the hope of producing vaccines that provide longer-lasting protection against infection.

The FDA is debating whether the U.S. will need updated Covid shots ahead of an expected wave of infection in the fall.



Charter Review Commission to Examine Home Rule Charter

The Brevard County Home Rule Charter requires that every six years, a Charter Review Commission be appointed for the purposes of reviewing the existing Charter. The Charter Review Commission is made up of 15 members, three appointees from each of the Brevard County Commissioners to represent their Commission Districts. The 2021-2022 Commission has elected Mr. Mike Haridopolos as the Chair.

The Charter Review Commission is scheduled to meet on a regular basis until its sunset date of August 12, 2022. The deadline for any new proposal submission will be on Thursday, May 12, 2022, no later than 5 p.m.

All meetings are open to the public. Future meeting dates, agendas, minutes and video recordings will be posted on the Brevard County Government website on the following page: <https://brevardfl.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>.

If any individual, group, or organization has a desire to comment on the Charter or offer any amendments, you may appear before the Charter Review Commission during Public Comment at any of the scheduled meetings. Due to input and proposals from the public, there were three adopted amendments to the charter in November of 2010.

Further information can be found at: <http://www.brevardfl.gov/CountyCommission/CountyCharter/ReviewCommission2021-2022>

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and Section 286.26, Florida Statutes, persons needing special accommodations or an interpreter to participate in the proceedings, please notify Melissa Brandt no later than 48-hours prior to the meeting at (321) 301-4438.

Pursuant to 286.0105, Florida Statutes, the County hereby advises the public that if a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Charter Review Commission with respect to any matter considered at its meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings and that for such purpose, affected persons may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. This notice does not constitute consent by the County for the introduction or admission into evidence of otherwise inadmissible or irrelevant evidence, nor does it authorize challenges or appeals not otherwise allowed by law.

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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!

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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 ospacecoast.org.

5-1 Eid al Fitr Starts

5-2 Ramadan Ends

5-2 Yom HaZikaron Starts

5-3 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.

5-4 Yom-HaAtzmaut

5-4 American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 359, General Membership Meeting on the 1st Wednesday of each month, 6 PM at the Post Home, 7260 S. US 1, just north of PSJ. Call President Valerie Helmer at 321-268-1632.

5-6 Brevard Women's Connection meets at Space Coast Convention Center (Holiday Inn Express) on Hwy. 520 from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. 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.

5-7 Bike Days at the Tiki, 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.
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.

5-8 Mother's Day

5-8 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.

5-8 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 1royaldy@gmail.com for more information. Print "Writers Group" in Subject.

5-8 Multiple Sclerosis Self-Help Group meets on the 2nd Sunday each month (except Mother's Day & Nov.), 2 PM, Cocoa Library.

5-12 The North Brevard Commission on Parks and Recreation meets at 518 South Palm Avenue in the Brevard Room, located in a building behind the Brevard County Government Center-North in Titusville. The public is invited to attend. For questions, call Jeff Davis at 321-264-5105.

5-16 Moonport Modelers RC Club meets at 6:30 PM, 3rd Monday each month at the N. Brevard Library, 2121 S Hopkins Ave., Titusville. For more info, call Wayne Mendez, 505-2361.

5-18 American Legion Post 359 meets at the Post Home at 7260 S. US 1 in Bellwood, (2 miles north of PSJ), 6:00 PM. All Legionnaires and new members are welcome. The Post meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Please contact the Post at 321-268-1632 for assistance with your membership or information.

5-19 Lag B'Omer Starts

5-24 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.

5-26 Ascension

5-28 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.

5-30 Memorial Day

Congratulations to:

Cathy Rodriguez is the Queen on the 11th.
Stephanie Hilde turns **28** on the 1st.
Emily Waters turns **18** on May 1st.
Kaitlyn Davis turns **18** on the 4th.
Eric Bray turns **28** on the 4th.
Sarah Travis turns cuter on the 5th.
Finley Link turns **9** on the 9th.
Jacob Prentis turns **3-0** on the 10th.
Ryan Maxwell turns **18** on the 10th.
Brandy Lampton turns **29** on the 11th.
Jesse Jordan turns **26** on the 11th.
Christopher Pistilli is **21** on the 12th.
Anthony Nero turns **33** on the 14th.
Cathy Unrue turns prettier on the 15th.
Tim Unrue turns wilder on the 15th.
Peyton Anderson turns **13TEEN** on the 15th.
Harry Weidman turns wiser on the 16th.
Ruthe Middleton turns wilder on the 18th.
Alynza Sladyk turns **17** on the 19th.
Jake Wardlow turns **39** on the 20th.
Sandy Link turns more lovely on the 20th.
Ellie Grace Moore has a spanking day on the 27th.
Delaney Hermes turns **11** on the 28th.
Allison Henzmann turns **24** on the 28th.
Madison Firth turns **11** on the 29th.
Brittany Benoff turns **SWEET 16** on the 31st.
John Phipps turns buffer on the 31st.
Steve Prentis turns better on the 31st!
Diane Rivers turns hotter on the 31st.
Carol Horsman parties wild this month.
Christopher Spears turns **3-0** this month.
Irene Spears has a spanking day in May.
Joe & KC Casey celebrate their **57th** wedding anniversary on the 1st.
Paul & Kathi Hildebrandt celebrate **36** on the 10th.
Harry & Vickie Weidman celebrate **41** on the 17th.
Robert and Vonnie celebrate **68** on the 21st.
Joe & Leigh Waters celebrate **23** on May 30th.
Email inputs to happenings1@att.net.

Important Phone Numbers

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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



You are invited to the 21st Bark Brew Fest presented by Tails at the Barkery and the Dirty Oar Beer Company on Saturday, May 14th, at the Dirty Oar Beer Company from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. in Cocoa Village.

Play Bingo to win a fabulous Prize! Bring your canine companion, sip your favorite libation, enjoy delicious food from the Soul Hibachi Food Truck, and join us for an evening of fun, including raffle baskets and a 50/50 drawing.

All proceeds to benefit Rescue Rebels by Cash 4 Canines, Inc., an all-volunteer, nonprofit organization whose mission is to provide a better life and second chance for companion animals. Dedicated and devoted to saving dogs that are left abandoned in shelters, surrendered by their owners, and those that are abused and neglected, Rescue Rebels rescues them, gives them the care they need, and finds them loving forever homes.

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.

We hope you can join us!

For more information, contact :

Rescue Rebels, www.rescuerebels.org, or

Tails at the Barkery, (321) 305-4584, or

Dirty Oar Beer Company, (321) 301-4306.

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All Brevard County libraries will be closed on Monday, May 30th in observance of Memorial Day.

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.
5/4, 6:30 p.m.: Bookworms Bookclub, see the Reference desk for monthly book selection.
5/7, 10:30 a.m.: Americana Door Hanger craft class. \$40 fee due at signup. Registration ends 5/3. See Reference Desk for details and more information.

5/9, 5:30 p.m.: Port St. John Library Advisory Meeting.

5/14 & 5/28, 10 a.m.-noon: Pokemon Club of Port St. John. All ages welcome.

5/21: Community Baby Shower. See Youth Services desk for more information!

5/25, 6 p.m.: Friends of the Port St. John Library Membership meeting.

Tuesdays, 10-11 a.m.: Humanatee Yoga for Beginners or Intermediate. \$5 Instructor Fee.

Thursdays, 3:00 p.m.: Storytime for Young Readers. Ages 6-12.

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

There will be no story times the last two weeks of May as we prepare for the Summer Reading Program! Registration Kickoff for Summer Reading begins June 2nd.

Property Insurance Special Session

Governor Ron DeSantis has said he will call a May special legislative session to address problems in the property insurance system that have led to homeowners losing coverage and getting hit with large rate increases. DeSantis made the announcement during an appearance in Jacksonville but did not immediately specify the dates for the session. DeSantis indicated the insurance session would try to "...bring some sanity and stabilize and have a functioning market." DeSantis also said, "I am not confident we'd be able to punch it through this week. But what I will be signing this week is a proclamation to set the dates for a special session in May. We're going to work with the legislative leaders on those dates, and it will have as the main focus the reform of the property-insurance market."

DeSantis said the special session could address other issues that did not get resolved during the regular legislative session. Among the issues that did not pass were a plan to put additional requirements on condominium buildings after the deadly collapse last year of the Champlain Towers building in Surfside.

The House and Senate were at odds during the regular session about how to address the property-insurance problems. The Senate proposed allowing new deductibles of up to 2% on roof-damage claims – an outgrowth of complaints by insurers that questionable, if not fraudulent, roof claims are driving up costs, but the House rejected the idea.

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Titusville Playhouse Launches Master Planning For A Downtown Performing Arts Hub

Titusville Playhouse wants its patrons, supporters and community stakeholders in on the next Act. The award-winning operator of the historic Emma Parrish Theatre and newly opened Shuler Stage announced today that it has begun a master planning process to support an expansion of Titusville Playhouse, Inc. (TPI) arts facilities, operations and programming in downtown Titusville.

The public outreach and community engagement will begin immediately with public workshops and an online survey instrument being sent out to TPI's patrons and community groups. To lead this effort and assist TPI with other business and feasibility assessments, TPI has selected Theatre Projects after conducting a national search and concept development competition.

Founded in 1957, Theatre Projects is an internationally recognized group of planners, designers and innovators who have worked on more than 1,500 projects in 80 countries, including the Dr. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts (Orlando), New World Center (Miami), and the Woodruff Arts Center's Alliance Theatre Coca-Cola Stage (Atlanta), to name a few.

TPI envisions creating a community gathering space and cultural arts hub that is approachable, welcoming, and enriching to Titusville and surrounding communities. As a destination, it should support diverse, engaging, and quality experiences.

A centerpiece to the development plan is a new state-of-the-art multi-use venue programmed to include a 500-seat main stage theatre and an adjoining "black box" venue that can also host special events. The historic Emma Parrish Theatre (274 seats)—acclaimed for its unique, intimate house accommodations—will be retained to allow concurrent show offerings in addition to the newly added Shuler Stage. Other community gathering and event spaces may also be developed.

"We are very enthusiastic about working in partnership with Theatre Projects and the City of Titusville," said Executive Artistic Director Steven Heron. "It is our vision to have a variety of entertainment that will reach all facets of our community here in Central Florida."

"We look forward to hearing from our home community and all other markets that we serve,

as well as our many stakeholders," said TPI Board President Katy Ball. "As we develop a master plan for this performing arts hub as a destination in our downtown, we want to ensure we have captured the dreams of all who would like to help us vision it. Having our community's support will be essential to building a cultural asset that will positively impact our city for generations to come."

Protect Yourself From Scams, Fraud And Impostors

Scammers are aggressively targeting utility company customers across Florida and the rest of the country using sophisticated tactics to pocket quick cash. Here's a look at local scams happening now:

The caller pretends to be a Florida Power & Light Company (FPL) employee and insists your account is delinquent. Caller ID may even falsely display our number and appear to be FPL. The caller threatens to turn off power to your home or business within an hour if payment isn't made immediately, and may even claim a truck is on the way. The caller demands immediate payment only with a prepaid card or wire transfer and provides a call back number that mimics our customer service line. It's a scam. Don't pay.

FPL WILL NEVER:

- Demand immediate payment with a prepaid card or wire transfer through services such as MoneyPak, Zelle or Venmo to avoid service disconnection.

- Ask for personal information, such as account numbers or your Social Security number, unless you call us – in which case we will ask questions to confirm you are the account holder.

- Knock on your door to sell a product or service. Always ask to see the FPL employee or contractor's photo identification badge and work request number prior to letting them in for scheduled appointments.

If this happens to you, take action:

Suspicious caller – Hang up.

Suspicious text or email – Delete it.

A visitor without official FPL identification – Shut the door and call the Sheriff's office to report the time and location. Call the BCSO North Precinct at 321-264-5100, not 911.

National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE)

NARFE Apollo Chapter 1137 meets monthly on the second Monday of each month.

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.

The May meeting will on the 9th.

Our speaker will be sharing useful information with all in attendance.

For more information, our website address is www.NARFE.org/Chapter1137.

2022 Lifeguard Course

Brevard County Parks and Recreation's Central Area Operations will be offering a lifeguard course May 2-14 at McLarty Park Aquatic Center, 790 Barton Boulevard in Rockledge. Course dates and times are as follows:

Lifeguard Class - Call to schedule a swim test

- May 2, 5-9 p.m.
- May 4, 5-9 p.m.
- May 6, 5-9 p.m.
- May 9, 5-9 p.m.
- May 11, 5-9 p.m.
- May 14, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

Participants will need access to the internet as this course has online components. All classes must be attended.

The cost is \$253 per participant and must be paid upon successful completion of a skills test. Those who commit to working for Brevard County Parks and Recreation this summer can qualify for a reduced fee. Class size is limited. Pre-registration is recommended with a minimum of five participants to hold the class.

Interested candidates must be 15 years of age, able to swim 300 yards nonstop (front crawl and breaststroke), complete a timed 10-pound brick retrieval, and tread water for two minutes using legs only.

Upon successful course completion, participants will receive American Red Cross certification in Lifeguard, First Aid, and CPR for Professional Rescuer.

For additional information and to schedule a swim test, call Debbie Bowling at 321-633-1870 or email debbie.bowling@brevardfl.gov.

Martin Andersen Senior Center Dances

Martin Andersen Senior Center will host Singles/Couples Ballroom Dances on Saturday, May 14th and 28th. 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; \$7 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.



Titusville Playhouse Shows MainStage Show:

Legally Blonde, The Musical

Rated PG-13. May 6 – May 29, 2022

A fabulously fun, award-winning musical based on the adored film, *Legally Blonde The Musical*, follows the transformation of Elle Woods when her life is turned upside down after her boyfriend dumps her to attend Harvard Law. Determined to win him back, she ingeniously charms her way into the school where she struggles with her peers and professors. With the support of new friends, though, Elle quickly realizes her potential and sets out to prove herself to the world.

The Titusville Playhouse, Inc. is located within the Historic Emma Parrish Theatre 301 Julia St., (corner of Hopkins Ave. - US1 southbound), providing professional quality entertainment on the Space Coast. The MainStage theatre includes a 150 seat orchestra section and a 124 seat Balcony Section.

On the Road With Rose



Chain of Lakes Park

2300 Truman Scarborough Way

www.brevardfl.gov/ParksAndRecreation/ParksByCity/ParksInTitusville/ChainOfLakes

Sitting at this machine with the door open enjoying our small piece of paradise, my heart goes out to all who are going through such hardship and terror that is upon so many places at this time. Please know that many of us are offering up prayers for all of those who need it, whether illness or hatefulness is plaguing you.

I honestly don't know why I never knew of this wonderful park until now. It is exactly the kind of place I love visiting with or without young people. Every inch of its ninety-two acres offers something for most everyone, whether it be hitting, kicking or chasing a ball, hiking, jogging, or biking the three miles of pathways, flying a kite or enjoying a fresh grilled hot dog.

The day my daughter and I found this jewel was a perfect post card day. The sky was azure blue, slight chill to the gentle breeze and every once in a while, I caught a tiny whiff of something floral.

Prior to walking the paths, we took a slow drive around the perimeter and were very impressed with the expansive game fields. The parks website lists two multi-use fields, eight soccer fields, two of which are lighted, two lighted youth softball fields and five lighted adult softball fields. I have to admit I can't tell a youth softball field from an adult softball field or a multi-use field from a soccer field, lighted or not, but there were laughing kids and cheering adults on most of them. And that is what's important. Several of the fields have their own concession stands and all are very well maintained.

There are pavilions at each field complete with BBQ grills. The large ones will accommodate one hundred people and all are available for rent. There are ample restrooms. All are very clean,

bug and spider free.

I saw three large playgrounds for the youngest visitors, again well maintained and almost new looking. And there was lots of stuff to climb, swing on and slide down, not to mention space to just plain run around.

Anyone who knows me will not be surprised that after wandering the forested and marshy areas of the walking trails, I chose to take the wrong turn on the path that leads to and from the observation tower. We walked approximately two miles in the wrong direction before a kind fellow traveler pointed out that the tower was more than a mile behind us.

The trails are paved and also very well maintained. They meander through shaded areas and in full sun around the lakes. Families and singles on bikes and on foot passed us with a smile and a hearty "Good Morning." What a great way to start the day!

The bridges span smaller areas, affording glimpses of small bass and catfish. We were there toward the middle of the day so I wasn't expecting to see much wildlife. I looked for turtles or alligators to be sunning themselves, but didn't catch sight of any, save for one lone Aflac duck dozing among the hyacinths. I did see some kind of tracks in the soft soil between the pathway and the trees that were probably raccoon or armadillo.

The fifty-foot-tall observation tower sits in a beautiful old Florida marshy area. The wooden construction seems to blend in perfectly. I have to admit by the time we finally arrived at the tower my hips were warning me that attempting to climb five flights of stairs would certainly remind me I am no longer in the Spring Chicken category. I will conquer the tower on my next visit!

This park is well worth the thirty-minute drive north on U.S. 1. It's a great place to enjoy the great outdoors for a couple of hours or a day. I recommend insect repellent and sun screen and as always, please take only pictures and leave only footprints.

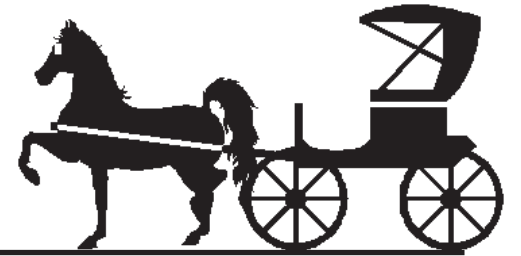
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Fruit From The Groves

On April 14th, 2022, at 7 p.m. at Brevard Christian Church, a meeting was held of the Canaveral Groves Homeowners Association. It was nice to see a couple of new faces. The position of Vice President was filled. There were a number of topics brought up and discussed.

The train bridge that runs over Pine Street has been completed. There will be no second trestle at this time. Construction crews will still be using that area for access points to the tracks. It was brought up that they have had some construction problems, but they are resolving them.

Flooding in the area was brought up and people need to call Brevard County Road & Bridge. Also, call County Commissioner Pritchett and let her know what needs to be done.

Now is the time to start getting ready for hurricane season by cutting back trees and cleaning the ditches. When placing brush on the side of the road, make sure it does not go onto the roadways. If something were to happen, it would be your responsibility. Also, call Waste Management so they'll know to come pick it up.

There have been a couple of incidents of crime reported of trailers and an ATV stolen out of the area. There have also been reports of youths dressed in all black riding bicycles in the area after

10 p.m. This is unsafe and they could be up to no good. There were other reports of people walking onto individuals' property trying to sell things. Please call the Sheriff's Office non-emergency number (321-264-5100) unless you feel there is a threat, then call 911.

The homeowners received bids for replacing the current signs that have faded or have been damaged. It was decided to have a committee and they will go look at samples and make the decision as to which signs would best fit our area. The signs will be at the current locations.

Keep an eye on Facebook for when the next meeting will be. Look under the Canaveral Groves Community Bulletin Board.

Everyone stay safe and look out for your neighbors.

- Ed Silva

"The Blue Series," a Solo Exhibit

The Studios of Cocoa Beach presents, "The Blue Series," an exhibit of work by Phyllis Deviericks. You can view these paintings, inspired by the blues of Florida skies and the ocean, during the month of May.

Phyllis captures shades of blue in cloudy, sunny or stormy Florida skies and translates them beautifully to the canvas. Her ocean pieces evoke the dynamic range of the ocean from calm and



tranquil to raging tempest. Her images capture the shades of blue and green in the ocean, which vary with the strength and direction of sunlight and the water's depth. All the paintings evoke the feelings that inspire her paintings.

Phyllis developed an interest in art during an art appreciation course at Drew University. Work life pointed her towards teaching, raising three sons and finally the finance industry, trading bonds for a financial firm in Connecticut.

After moving to Florida, her interest in painting resurfaced. She discovered painting with acrylics and experimenting with inks, oil pastels, pigments, metallic paints, glitter and gold leaf. She often paints with a pallet knife and uses heavy pigment to create thick texture. Her subjects have included flowers, birds and landscapes, and recently she has moved to a more contemporary, abstract style.

"I paint as often as I can and love the time I spend painting. Having outgrown a home office space, I now share studio space with a friend. I am thrilled with the change and the new space gives me greater inspiration. I feel extremely fortunate to have a pursuit in which I feel such passion."

The Studios of Cocoa Beach is located at 165 Minutemen Causeway in downtown Cocoa Beach. You can view Phyllis' work throughout the month of May. The gallery is open Wednesday to Saturday 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Sundays 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information on Phyllis, other artists and classes, visit studiosofcocoabeach.org or follow the Studios on Facebook and Instagram.

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

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Walter Butler Community Center May, 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.

MONDAYS – FRIDAYS

Pickleball, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

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

Kids in Motion Aftercare, 2:45 p.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.

Kids in Motion Aftercare, 1:30 – 6 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.

Kids In Motion - An 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 p.m. – 6 p.m. 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 Walter Butler Community Center at 321-433-4448.

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 information, 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 Tues-

days & 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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