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Vipers Bowling Teams Qualify for Nationals

The Lady Vipers from Space Coast Jr/Sr High School are the 2022 FHSAA State Bowling Champions! Both SCJSHS bowling teams have qualified for the U.S. High School Bowling National Championship.

The Viper Boys qualified with a perfect Baker 300 game. To bowl a perfect Baker 300, all 5 players have to throw two strikes each and the final bowler, or "anchor," has to throw the two fill frames in the 10th for a total of four. Only a handful of Baker 300 games have been shot in high school and even in NCAA bowling

The Championship tournament will take place June 17- 19 in Beaver Creek, Ohio. The trip and the stay will cost a lot. Please help them get to Nationals. The Booster Club is a registered non-profit, so your donation to help get



Viper Boys with a perfect 300 Baker Game!

the teams to Nationals would be tax-deductible.

There are several donation options:
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PSJ Community Center Schedule - April, 2023

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

Mondays

Seniors At Lunch, 10 a.m.-1 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 – 6 p.m.
Zumba (Adult Class with Jackie) 5:30 - 6 :30 p.m.

Tuesdays

Seniors At Lunch, 10 a.m.-1 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 – 6 p.m.
Dancing Little Stars - Ballet/Tap Combo, (ages 3-6), 5 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.

Wednesdays

Seniors At Lunch, 10 a.m.-1 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 – 6 p.m.
12th & 26th, Culinary Kids, 4 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Thursdays

Seniors At Lunch, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Billiards, 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Outside Basketball, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Game Room/Computers 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Community Cares Aftercare, 2:30 – 6 p.m.
Gentle Yoga, 5:30 -6:30 p.m.

Fridays

Outside Basketball, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Game Room/Computers 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Billiards 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Seniors At Lunch 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Dancing Little Stars - Tiny Tots, (ages 1-3), (Parent Participation), 10 a.m.-10:40 a.m.

Dancing Little Stars - Beginner Ballet, (ages 2-4), 10:45 a.m.-11:15 a.m.

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

Zumba Classes With Jackie - A total workout, combining all elements of fitness - cardio, muscle conditioning, balance and flexibility, boosted energy and a serious dose of awesome each time you leave class. Details about my class - We social distance with flair! Bring your water bottle. Bring your towel. Bring a buddy. Only \$5 for an hour of fun while you work out and torch the calories!
~ Jackie Lewis

About Kel's Kitchen - Culinary Kids—Every other Wednesday at 4:00-5:30 p.m. This is a special program for the child who has a keen interest in all things culinary. This program runs every other Wednesday. The focus is on developing foundational skills to carry into your kitchen at home. The cost is \$18.00 per child. An adult must accompany child and you must preregister at www.floridakelskitchen.com.

Dancing Little Stars - Professional Ballet, Tap and Hip-Hop classes for boys and girls, ages 2-7. Classes focus on rhythm, concentration, memory and balance... while having fun! Our full-scale dance recital is held at the end of the dance season in May. Tuition is \$60 per month with the recital costume included with tuition. Register online at: www.dancinglittlestarsbrevard.com.

About Gentle Yoga with Diane - Thursdays, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Relax, rejuvenate, and enjoy yoga that meets you where you are! Appropriate for beginners, all body types with alternatives offered to accommodate physical conditions. All that is needed is a yoga mat and water bottle. We recommend not eating two hours prior, small fruit snack okay. Price is \$7 per class. Visit www.psjyoga.com for further information. ~ Diane Coben

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Mad Science Saturdays Presents



April 4, 6, 8, 11, 12, 13, 14, 20, 23, 25, 27, 29
Registration is now open for the April MAD Science classes, where the kids will be discussing rockets, thrust, fuels.

The students will get to build and launch their own air rocket, and do some hands on experimentation with rocket nozzles, fuel types, and what effect they have on the rocket thrust. This will be a fun and exciting time as Mr. Darin teaches some of the math and physics behind launching a rocket.

These FREE classes are offered on each of the listed dates at 10:00, 12:00, and 2:00. Be sure to register soon at <https://spacewalkoffame.org/register> to reserve a spot, as class sizes are limited to 12 students per class time. If you have a group of nine or more, please contact Professor Darin to schedule private MAD Science class times.

For more information, please contact the American Space Museum at 321-264-0434. The address of the museum is 308 Pine Street, Titusville. It will be lots of fun, as well as educational and it's FREE.

Classes are sponsored in part by the State of Florida, Department of State, Division of Arts and Culture, the Florida Council on Arts and Culture, and the National Endowment for the Arts.



Amvets Post 2415 Schedule

4-5 Sons of Amvets 2415 General Membership Meeting - 1st Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m. Commander Chuck Harrington, 321-208-7897.

4-8 Bike Night! 6:00 on the 2nd Saturday of the month.

4-8 Amvets Riders Chapter 2415 General Membership Meeting- 2nd Saturday of the month at 10:30 a.m. President Craig Doan, 321-208-7897.



4-12 General Membership Meeting- 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m.
4-13 Amvets 2415 Ladies Auxiliary General Membership Meeting - 2nd Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. President Theresa Nikki Anderson, 321-208-7897.

Karaoke every Friday with Bone, 6-10 p.m.
Bingo Sundays 1-?

Post 2415 is located at 688 West Ave., (adjacent to Hwy. US 1), Port St. John. If you are a veteran and would like to visit the Post or would like more information about Amvets, contact Commander Larry Lonneville at 321-208-7897.

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~ by Maureen Rupe

OUC Plant to become Solar Storage

Orlando Utility Commission (OUC) plans to remove the primary power plant located on U.S.1 and replace it with a Solar Storage System. This has been a derelict and potentially dangerous building for quite a few years. The plant's change is planned to start demolition in 2024 and the cost is estimated at approximately \$450 million.

The Malta electro-thermal energy system can work on any generated energy. The system takes energy it receives through a motor, which turns a turbine and compressor to push it through heat exchangers to convert it to heat in Molten Salt and cold in chilled anti-freeze. Then, when it is to be used, it combines the heat and cold through the heat exchangers to convert it to electricity to push the compressor and turbine to turn a generator to push the electricity to wherever it is needed.

They say it is safe, cost effective and scalable, and can store the energy for a long period of time and the system will last at least 20 years. I certainly welcome this overdue action and I'm certain the residents on Kings Highway will be pleased too. You can find more details on this system at their website listed below.

Reference:

<https://www.maltainc.com/solution/>

House Bills 359 & 1197 bad for the Environment

House Bills 359 and 1197 are varying degrees of prevention of standing up for the environment from the citizen's standpoint and local government.

House Bill 359 would prevent people from trying to stop development by allowing the winner

in any lawsuit challenging small scale development amendments to have the losing party pay the winning party's reasonable appellate attorney fees and costs. Most developers hire attorneys charging \$700-\$800 per hour, so this bill should scare off citizens or environmental groups trying to challenge major developments.

House Bill 1197 goes even farther and stops local governments from having any rules, regulations or policies relating to water quality or quantity, pollution control, discharge prevention or removal, or wetlands. It gives all powers to the state, and considering the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency wrote a nasty letter to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection slamming them for doing such a bad job of protecting the environment and threatened to take it over unless they do a lot better, this bill would basically throw the environment to whatever the polluters want. This bill is very dangerous to our citizens and the environment.

Reference:

<https://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2023/359>

<https://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2023/1197>

Four New Space Companies coming to Cape Canaveral Space Force Station

There have been a number of Space Launch Complexes (SLC) at Cape Canaveral Space Force Station through the years, and most had been deactivated if no longer used. The active SLCs are SLC 37 for the United Launch Alliance (ULA) Delta rockets; SLC 40, which is for SpaceX Falcon 9 rockets; and Launch Complex 41, which is used for ULA Atlas rockets. There is also Launch Complex 39 on Kennedy Space Center (KSC), which is controlled by NASA and has three launch pads. There are also three inactive SLCs already reserved for future systems, SLC 36 for Blue Origin, SLC 17 reserved for Moon Express, and SLC 39B on KSC, which is undergoing refurbishment for future missions.

The new allocations are ABL Space, based in El Segundo, California, focused on the RS1, capable of deploying 970kg to a 500km Sun-Synchronous Orbit (SSO) to be allocated SLC 15. Stoke Space, based in Kent, Washington, and focused on the development of 100% reusable rockets designed to fly daily, was allocated the use

of SLC 14, and Phantom Space, which specializes in using cheap mass-manufactured rockets, along with Vaya Space, based here in Florida, and is known for the vortex-hybrid rocket engine, will be sharing SLC 13.

There should be more allocations in the future under the Space Force's new Launch Pad Allocation Strategy (LPAS) program.

Reference:

<https://www.space.com/space-force-cape-canaveral-launch-pads-private-companies>

Florida's "Right to Clean & Healthy Water" Amendment:

The following is exact wording from the Florida "Right to Clean & Healthy Water" Amendment Website. It's very important to us all, and I hope you will sign their petition.

"In 1950, there were 2.8 million people in Florida. In 2022, there are 22 million. With this explosion of new residents comes an array of certain human impacts -- the clear-cutting of water filters and nutrient cyclers; the diversion and hastening of water flows; the removal or degradation of habitats for important species; the alteration or destruction of ecosystems; the (legal) pollution of our waters from all kinds of sources; the futility of politics; the exhaustion of having to fight such issues when nothing seems to stick -- and it seems things are somehow getting worse."

"Well, here's the next chapter of this story, the climactic point of critical decision making for our beautiful state, hopefully signaling a "happily ever after" for all Floridians. It is, in its truest sense, our #WatershedMoment."

"A group of folks came together, inspired by the legal possibility and grounds to enact rights-based laws in Florida. They established the Florida Rights of Nature Network and eventually realized that a constitutional amendment would be needed to clarify our actual priorities and a civil action to enforce our right to clean and healthy waters. Please visit their website for more information, backstory and contact info - fronn.org - especially if you'd like to join the grassroots movement."

"The Right to Clean and Healthy Waters is a stopgap, declaring that "no more harm" will be allowed to our waters. We, as Floridians, will decide whether our waters being clean and healthy are more important or less important to our state government than the profits that polluters earn by

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polluting and degrading our waters.”

“This campaign's mission is to take this to Florida's voters; to educate them, to collect their petitions, and to ensure their voice is heard. Whether or to what extent we're able to achieve this mission depends on you, the People, the businesses, the nonprofits, the local governments able to publicly declare and tangibly provide support.”

“It'll be a marathon adventure, but we hope you'll join us in this all-important cause.”

Reference: <https://www.floridarighttocleanwater.org/>

Happenings November 1997: PSJ Soccer League

I was trying to decide what to write about with all that is happening and thought of what used to be our victories and failures, and thought I will try it with an article from a past Happenings. Please let me know if you would be interested to hear about the past, as some of what happened is relevant today. Some issues with septic and sewer could help us to know what happened in the past. This one was from the November 1997 Happenings with a great subject, our soccer players.

“Hi to all our local soccer fans and supporters. Our season is well on the way with 484 kids playing. We have a total of 40 teams and are proud of our Comp teams in the U9, 10, 11 and 12, who are traveling to other clubs playing for Port St. John. This season also saw the development of three all girl teams who are also traveling to various clubs in Brevard. We are very proud of the challenged division which was formed this season. We have 8 kids who are very eager to learn and have fun at their games each Saturday. The Board would like to thank Bob de Wit for coaching this division and a special thanks to their team sponsor, “Childs Play.” This great team has come so far in such a short time they are now also traveling to Melbourne to play a challenged team. I am proud to say that they will also travel to Kissimmee to play in a tournament shortly.

I would like to thank the kids who have helped Bob at practices by becoming soccer buddies and showing them the way. We are proud of you all and thank you.

The Port St John Soccer Club wishes to thank all the team sponsors and all the parents and fans who make this event happen for our kids. I would like to thank my Board and all the coaches and volunteers for helping me this season, and making it fun and easy. Any coaches of a '97, 636-nd teams who want to build a float for the Christmas parade, please contact the President. Thanks to all. See you at the fields on Saturdays.

Gary Faiga, President '97, [his phone number]

March Rose's Room

I want to send my congratulations to Rose Padrick for the March “Rose's Room” that caused me great amusement as she writes of her father's belief of an Irish Ancestry. I understand her father's disappointment, as a lot of folks have had this same experience since DNA reared its head, including for myself.

A few years ago I had my DNA tested and I was fully confident that I was 100% English blood, as my family name had been known in Britain for over a thousand years. The DNA report stated I was 22% English/Anglo, and the great majority was Viking. I was astonished, but the reaction from friends was hilarious. Comments were “I believe that,” “Not at all surprised,” and that makes sense considering your personality.” If I had been the sensitive kind, I

would have spent a week reevaluating myself.

I think that how the modern world has progressed and left its mark on all nationalities to the far reaching ends of the earth; how we have integrated in every country, and I doubt anyone can say they are 100% of any one blood line, but a very mixed DNA. We are all mongrels. At least I can say I'm an American, as I can show anyone my passport.

I do wish prejudice that still exists in relation to color and culture would disappear so we can go forward together in peace and friendship.

Maureen Rupe

rupe32927@gmail.com

Experimental Aircraft Meeting

Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 724 holds regular scheduled gatherings for fun and fellowship on the 2nd Wednesday of each month - April 12th this 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, call 321-514-9456, email watersdwayne@yahoo.com, or visit the website at www.eaa724.org.

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Poker Run

April 15, 10:00 a.m. to 3 p.m.

AMVETS Post 2415 and American Legion Riders Post 359 will be hosting a Poker Run to benefit the AMVETS National Service Office. The cost is \$15 for a solo rider, or \$20 for a rider with a passenger.

The ride starts at AMVETS post 2415, located at 688 West Ave. in Port St. John. The next stop will be at American Legion Post 359, located at 7260 S. US Hwy. 1, Bellwood, (just north of Port St. John). Breakfast can be purchased while there. From Post 359, the ride will go north to American Legion Post 1, then back south to Lone Cabbage on the St. Johns River at 520, then American Legion Post 22 and ending back at AMVETS Post 2415.

The first bike is out at 10:30, the last bike must be in by 3:00. There will be prizes for best and worst hands.



Book Fest

You are invited to the Annual Book Fest in Historic Cocoa Village on Saturday, April 8, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for a day of literary fun. Readers of all ages are welcome to meet writers, purchase some great books by local authors, and enjoy a book walk through Historic Cocoa Village. Stores throughout the Village will have guest authors for the day; providing you with some literary enjoyment while you shop.

At Tails at the Barkery, Touch of Grey Rescue will be showcasing their book, Farkle Finds His Furever Home, based on the true story of a special needs shelter dog and written by local author Wendy Johnson, President and Founder of Touch of Grey Rescue. "Paw-signed" books will be available for purchase with all proceeds going to Touch of Grey Rescue, a 501c3 senior dog rescue founded in Brevard County in February of 2019.

For the safety of our animals and friends, all pets must be on a leash, or in appropriate carriers, and have current vaccinations and county tags.

For more information, contact Touch of Grey Rescue, www.touchofgreyrescue.com/ or Tails at the Barkery, 321-305-4584.

Port St. John Housewives Softball League

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.

As of July 1st, you must be 19 years of age or older. Sign-ups will be on Saturday, May 13th and then again on Saturday, May 20th and Sunday, May 21st 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. This is a great way to make friends and get some exercise. You do not have to live in Port St. John to join our league. We are also accepting applications for sponsors and experienced umpires.

For more information, call: Veronica Ordner, President, at 321-698-3863; Amanda Howell, Vice-President, at 321-368-9890; Angie Burris, Treasurer, at 321-480-1052; or Joan Sottoriva, Secretary, at 321-537-9605. You can also find us on Facebook www.facebook.com/PSJHSL.



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Browser Push Notifications Are On The Rise

These types of notifications are a common browser feature that allow websites to send you push notifications. They can be pretty handy, so of course scammers have found a way to exploit them. They trick you into enabling them so they can then exploit you.

How do these scam notifications work? You can be lured into enabling push notifications while online, usually to access some form of content. Once enabled, scammers trigger multiple push notifications intending to divert your attention and redirect you to scam websites. Scammers will bombard you with messages from fake crypto websites, links to fake dating websites and advertisements for products that are all fake.

How do you protect yourself?

- Visit only trusted websites.
- Think twice before you accept. Be very wary of any push notifications in general.
- Never click on suspicious links. Scammers prey on the idea that you may be curious or busy enough to click through. Classic examples are, "Click if you're not a robot," or, "This site wants to know your notification."

Whatever server you use - Chrome, Edge, Firefox, etc. - there is a way to check what notifications you have allowed and remove those permissions. Usually it's under Settings, (the 3 dots at the top of the screen), then Security and Security or Cookies and Permissions. If you don't recognize or don't want any of the sites on your list, remove them from the list or block them.

I hope this has been useful and helps you keep your computer and personal information safe.

National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE)

NARFE Apollo Chapter 1137 meets monthly on the second Monday of each month. The April meeting will be on the 10th. Our speaker will be Cpl. Jennings from the Brevard County Sheriff's Office, who will talk about cyber crimes and scams.

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.

Our website address is www.NARFE.org/Chapter1137.



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Rose's Room

~ Rose Padrick



Sometimes younger is just easier.

While our little piece of paradise is a calm in the strife, emergencies and terribleness whirling all about us these days, those in the path are not forgotten. If you have loved ones suffering or living in fear, please know they are being thought of and prayed for.

It seems like just yesterday that there were five humans in various stages of shortness residing in our shared abode. Since they called me Mom (among other things muttered under their breath depending on what they were not allowed to do on any given day) it was assumed I was caretaker.

Evidentially I was so busy fulfilling these duties the day that sweet kid from across the street came over to play, I didn't notice he was sporting a suspicious lump under his jaw.

Bright and early two days later I was awakened by, "Mom! Get up! My face is crooked!" By the time all five had been given the very scientific Pickle Test for mumps, it was ascertained three out of five were positive. By the end of the day all five and the nice kid from across the street were comparing lumpy jaws.

Said children passed the eternity until they could return to school by whining, complaining and arguing. I relearned some prayers from my old Catholic school days.

My darlings were back in school for exactly one week before THAT KID came jogging across the street, greeting me with that angelic smile and asking in the politest way if he could stay and play. I noticed the tiny red bump on his forehead and blamed it on a mosquito. Oh, if only that were true!

My firstborn was the first to succumb to the measles as she had the mumps. Then one after the other, like dominoes they fell prey to spots, fever and malaise. Followed by whining, complaining

and arguing. Followed by my Novena (special series of prayers). This go-around made worse because the curtains had to be drawn to protect the eyes.

I had never known my children to have much of an interest about what goes on outside their windows unless the ice cream truck was in the vicinity, or it was Christmas Eve. But when told not to do something, they just HAVE to... even if it's just a peek out of a window.

Never one to hide anything from my children, (the chocolate bar snuggled under the bag of carrots is not hidden, it's just in a safe place), I patiently explained in detail how it's possible to damage the eyes with bright light when you have measles and asked them to promise not to look out the window.

After receiving five wide-eyed promises, I left the room to return a few minutes later to find them with curtains pulled wide staring at the sky. Reminding them about the whole measles/eye thing, I left to do another of their chores, returning when voices were reduced to whispers. Once again finding them at the window, I announced, none too quietly, "I forgot to tell you if the eye ball is hit with direct sunlight, it will fall out of your face and roll into the back of your closet!"

So, as they usually did under similar circumstances, they bribed their baby brother to stare outside and see what happens. Mothers instinct took me back again to quiet room. I watched as my darling, angelic faced, Shirley Temple curled first born boosted her brother high enough to peek out the window, another sister held the curtain back, a third was whispering fervently for him not to do it and the forth asking if she can have his coloring book if he loses his eyes in the closet?

Fast forward to present day, you would think now adult children would have learned Mom knows best... you would be wrong. Starting at the top with broken shoulders, ending at the bottom with foot surgery, bad backs, hips and skin problems thrown in, at various times various offspring waited for Mom to leave the room to do exactly what they were instructed not to, (baby brother wisely finds other places to be), then whine, complain and argue about the worsening symptoms.

I've never been one to stoop to revenge, but I refuse to send them to their rooms with the curtains drawn.



SCHS Track Expansion Project

The SCHS track expansion project is set to begin on March 20th! The track will be going from 6 lanes to 8 lanes, which is absolutely huge for our school, our coaches and our student-athletes. Not only will this expansion allow for a more comfortable place to practice and condition, but it will now allow for Space Coast HS to finally join the many other district schools in hosting our very own meets here on our campus.

Being able to host track events means that the team doesn't always have to travel great distances to meets and they can also start generating funds for their program as a result of this now usable space. This track enhancement will encourage the students to get more involved and this can only help grow student-athlete numbers!

The District is funding a huge portion of this project, which is good news. Our financial responsibility as a school for this expansion is \$5,000. We need help in order to meet this funding contribution goal! Please consider donating to the track expansion project. This project will benefit our school for generations to come!

To donate, please visit:

www.brevardschools.org/Domain/11894

There is a QR code on the site to make it simple.

For those who are new to Port St. John, Space Coast Jr/Sr High School started as a middle school. It was changed to a Jr/Sr High School after then School Board District 1 representative Robert Jordan, told 6th and 7th grade parents there would be no money for a high school for at least 15 years. Those parents asked the School Board to convert Space Coast to a Jr/Sr high school. Viera HS was built two years later. Space Coast still has mostly middle school facilities and parking.

We need to support this project, and we need to get our newly elected School Board representative, Megan Wright, to start working on bringing our high school facilities up to standard.

Operation Career Launch

Have you ever wished you could start a new career? One that pays well, is exciting and will give you the opportunity to grow and make more money in the future, even if you don't have a college degree? If you answered yes, the Sustainable Workplace Alliance can help you!

Over 2 weeks, you will be provided with valuable training and four nationally recognized certifications to help you gain access to the Space Coast's lucrative environmental and construction fields. Upon graduation, we also help with job placement services!

The best part is that this job training opportunity is provided at no cost to you. Your tuition will be paid for through a national grant program. Over the last 25 years, this no-cost job training program has helped over 14,000 graduates find well paying, satisfying jobs. You deserve to be next!

Our next class starts April 17, 2023 in Cocoa. Space is VERY limited, so don't wait! To complete your application now, simply use this link: <https://tinyurl.com/oclswa23P>. There will be a QR code you can scan to complete your application.

There is a mandatory information session on April 11th at 10:00 a.m. or 2:00 p.m. being held at the new Family Promise Firehouse, 114 1st Street, Cocoa. When you join us at the information session we will answer all of your questions.

You must attend one of these times to be considered for this special opportunity. If you are having transportation or childcare needs that would normally prevent you from attending and realizing your dreams, please talk to us and see if we can help you.

If you have an immediate question, contact our Community Outreach Manager, Ms. Kelley by phone 863-438-1467, or email kkelley@sustainablewp.org.

Here is a short YouTube video from the training at the King Center in Melbourne: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rJWjcp2f2jg>.

Calling All Christian Authors!

Dynamic writers group in Cocoa, FL 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 information. Put "Writers Group" in Subject.

PSJ Community Foundation Community Projects!

Annual Events Returning

We have the Annual **Red, White & Bags Cornhole Tournament** coordinated by Mike Barker on Saturday, April 15th.

And the **PSJCF Annual Golf Classic** on Saturday, April 22nd coordinated by Ed Rice.

Thunder Over the Indian River returns on July 1st, coordinated by Tia Mahan and Randy Rodriguez.

Fay Lake FestiFALL will be back this fall. The date hasn't been reserved yet, but it will be coordinated by Tia Mahan and Angie Butler.

The **Port St. John Christmas Parade** will be going down Fay Blvd. again on December 16th, coordinated by Amber Baum, Jeremy Higginbotham and Randy Rodriguez.

Partnerships

We will partner with the SCHS Media Department under the direction of Candace Harlan to have her graphic students design our Thunder Over the Indian River logo for our t-shirts and all marketing purposes. Details will be posted on our website and Facebook page and in future emails.

We are also partnering with SCHS Project Graduation to help let the community know how they can help with giving the graduating class a memorable ending to their high school years.

Congratulations to all Seniors for a job well done!

Thank you to all the parents working so hard on this event!

Future New Projects

Thunder Fun Run 5-k. We are in the planning stages for the Thunder Fun Run 5-k. We are ready to start running again!

We are looking for a date in March of next year. Kathy Camick, already a great 5K planner, has graciously agreed to help.

PORTSTJONOPOLY. A Monopoly game where PSJ businesses will purchase spots on the board and the games can be purchased to add revenue for all the events held presently and in the future for our community. We are doing the research and will keep you updated.

Welcome to Port St. John Sign as you enter our community, to be placed on US1, like the signs in Cocoa, Rockledge and Cocoa Beach.

Christmas Decorations on Fay Boulevard.

This is dependent on the interest and participation of the community.

We are always looking for new members and volunteers who would like to help bring some fun to our community. We have very little for our youngsters to do other than sports leagues and schools. This is a chance to make our community a better place.

If you would like to help with any of the projects we are planning, or have a good idea for another one that you would help with, please contact the foundation at psjcommunityfoundation@gmail.com. We'd love to hear from you!

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www.stpatrickspsj.org

He is Risen He is Risen – Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!! Join us this Easter for Holy Week and Easter Sunday Services.

Holy Wednesday, April 5th, 6:00 p.m.

Maundy Thursday, April 6th, 6:00 p.m.

Good Friday, April 7th, 12:00 - 3:00 p.m. - Good Friday Meditation

3:00 p.m. - Children's Station of the Cross

5:00 p.m. Service

Easter Sunday, April 9th

7:00 a.m. - Easter Sunrise Service

10:00 a.m. - Easter Eucharist, or watch on Facebook Live: (<https://www.facebook.com/StPatspsj>).

Veteran's and First Responder Breakfast will be Saturday, April 29th in the Parish Hall at 9:00 a.m. This is open to all veterans, spouses of veterans, police, fire and emergency services individuals.

Regular service schedule is:

Holy Communion Service – Sunday, 8:00 and 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.

Morning and Evening Prayer – Monday, Wednesday, Friday – 9:00 a.m. and Friday 6:00 p.m.

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Thunder Over Indian River Golf Classic

Our Fifth Annual Charity Golf Classic will be held on Saturday, April 22nd at Indian River Preserve Golf Club. The cost is \$70 per person or \$260 per team and includes greens fee, cart, lunch, range balls and on-course contests. Registration will begin at 7:00 a.m. with the tournament officially starting at 8:00 a.m. Afterwards, please join us for lunch, awards and raffle at about 12:30 p.m. All proceeds benefit Independence Day events and fireworks.



In addition to prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place, there will be two "long drives", two "closest to the pin" challenges, and a putting contest. A hole-in-one wins \$25,000 toward the purchase of a new vehicle sponsored by Ron Norris Buick/GMC, a 15 SEER A/C system sponsored by Freedom Air and Plumbing, or a Hybrid Water Heater provided by Freedom Air and Plumbing.

Anyone who does not play golf can still participate by sponsoring a golf hole for \$125, or attend the awards luncheon for \$15.00.

For an application or additional info, email PSJCommunityFoundation@gmail.com or visit <https://portstjohncommunityfoundation.com/>. The deadline to register is April 7th.

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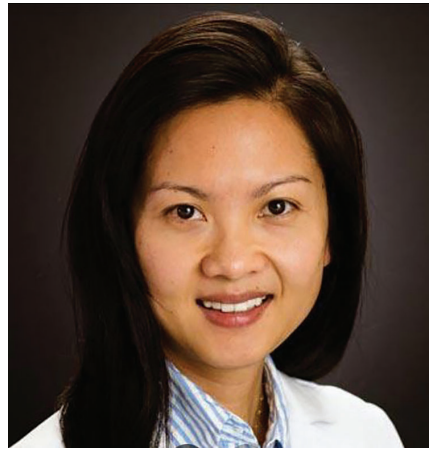
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Parrish Healthcare Welcomes Board-Certified Urologist Beibei Oelrich, MD, PhD

Parrish Healthcare and Parrish Medical Group are pleased to welcome Board-Certified Urologist, Beibei Oelrich, MD, PhD to the North Brevard community. Dr. Oelrich is an internationally trained and award-winning urologist who has completed and published several research studies over the last 15 years. She is certified by the American Board of Urology and sees both male and female patients for the care of all urological conditions including incontinence, disorders of the prostate, kidney stones and erectile dysfunction.

She has a special interest in urological cancers and is an expert in minimally invasive robotic surgeries.

After earning her medical degree from Humboldt University in Berlin, Germany, Dr. Oelrich went on to earn her PhD in Clinical Physiology. She then successfully completed two residencies in Urology; one at Charité University Hospital in Berlin and another at the University of Cincinnati in Ohio.

Before joining Parrish Medical Group, Dr. Oelrich practiced in Destin and Ft. Walton Beach, FL. She has also practiced in Southern California.

Dr. Oelrich is fluent in English, Mandarin and German. She enjoys scuba diving, hiking, biking, sailing and playing the piano.

Conveniently located at Parrish Healthcare Center (at Titus Landing), 250 Harrison Street, Titusville, FL 32780, Dr. Oelrich welcomes new patients to her practice. For more information, visit parrishhealthcare.com/oelrich.

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Monthly Tax Update

If you own a business and have someone helping you, this article is for you. Especially if you classify them as subcontractors and they may actually be an employee. Be advised, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has prioritized this relationship as a priority to investigate. Worker classification remains a priority for the IRS. They continue to seek back payroll taxes and penalties from firms that wrongly treat workers as contractors.

There are three tests used to determine the correct classification of workers. First, the behavioral test looks at whether the firm controls or has the right to control the worker's job. Key factors for employee status include instructions about doing the work, evaluation criteria and training. Second, the financial test looks at who controls the economics of the worker's job. Being able to work for multiple firms and providing your own tools needed for the job are indicative of independent contractor status. Some factors favoring employee status are eligibility for reimbursement of travel costs and payment based on hours worked. And third, the type-of-relationship test examines how the parties perceive each other. Evidence of an employer-employee setup includes giving paid sick days, vacation days and retirement benefits, as well as hiring the worker to render services indefinitely, rather than for a specific time period or project.

Written language in a contract stating the worker is an independent contractor isn't the determinative under this factor. Businesses must weigh all these factors when determining whether a worker is an employee or independent contractor. With these three tests in mind, some factors may indicate the worker is an employee, while other factors indicate that the worker is an inde-

pendent contractor.

There is no "magic" or set number of factors that "makes" the worker an employee or an independent contractor and no one factor stands alone in making this determination. Also, factors which are relevant in one situation may not be relevant in another.

If it is still unclear whether a worker is an employee or an independent contractor after reviewing the three categories of evidence, you may file the Form SS-8, Determination of Worker Status for Purposes of Federal Employment Taxes and Income Tax Withholding with the IRS for their review. The form may be filed by either the business or the worker. The IRS will review the facts and circumstances, and officially determine the worker's status.

The Labor Dept. is also getting aggressive about worker classification. It issued a tougher interpretation of the classification rules for workers under the Fair Labor Standards Act. The proposed regs would rescind previous rules published by the Trump administration in early January 2021.

The new proposal, which focuses on the totality of the circumstances, has a nonexhaustive list of factors for a firm to consider in determining whether its workers are employees or contractors. The rule, if finalized as proposed, is expected to

increase the number of workers that are classified as employees when compared with the 2021 regulations.

In closing, to our clients, THANK YOU!!!. Because of you, our office had another successful tax season. Also, to the many of you who read my articles, THANK YOU. I hope it helps.

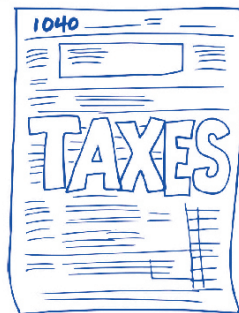
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Post 359 - American Legion Riders presents Bike Days at the Tiki April, 1st, 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Good food on the grill with Fixin's, \$6. Listen to live music, take part in drawings, 50/50. All proceeds to benefit veterans and veterans' families.

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 our website, alr359.org, for more information.



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Why Are Florida Homeowners Insurance Rates Going Up?

Florida regularly sits near the top of the list when it comes to home insurance costs. The average annual premium in the state is over \$4,000 – or nearly three times the national average, according to the Insurance Information Institute (III). That’s enough to create serious sticker shock if you’re a first-time buyer, but Floridians may feel even more dismay come renewal time. The III also reports the average percentage increase for home insurance across the state is 30%.

Please note that recent special legislative sessions addressed several of the issues Florida’s property insurance market faces, however, the impact might not be felt immediately.

Some of the laws governing insurance rates in Florida are unique and strict. For example, Florida property insurers:

Can’t just charge whatever rates they want.

Can’t exceed a maximum profit of 4.2%.*

Must set rates that cover reinsurance costs and the number of claims they expect.

Must get any proposed rate changes approved by Florida’s insurance regulator.

Must prove that any requested rate change is fair and necessary.**

So what’s causing Florida homeowners insurance rates to increase?

There are many reasons, but they all point to one general culprit: rising costs. Insurance companies exist to protect customers from the high cost of a devastating loss. But over time, their rates have to be higher than their costs or the insurance companies wouldn’t have any capital left.

Several well-known insurance companies have already gone insolvent or stopped selling home insurance in Florida because of this struggle. The main reasons fall into five categories:

Insurance fraud

Litigation costs

Reinsurance

Catastrophic claims

Inflation

Combine these with fees assessed by the Florida Insurance Guarantee Association (FIGA) in October 2021 and May 2022, and you can see why Florida homeowners insurance rates are on the rise.

Insurance fraud. Litigation costs are a big issue Florida insurance companies have to con-

tend with, and that problem is compounded by fraud, particularly insurance scams involving assignments of benefits (AOB) and repairs. The scenarios usually go like this:

Scenario 1: Manufactured damage

A contractor sends a solicitation or knocks on an insured’s door saying that he or she has been able to get a “free new roof” for neighbors in the area and they’d like to inspect the insured’s roof.

The contractor goes on the roof and creates “damage” with a hammer or other method.

The contractor tells the insured that they have damage from a prior storm and that the contractor can get them a new roof from the insurance company.

The contractor submits an insurance claim.

Scenario 2: Inflated damage

A homeowner calls a contractor to fix roof damage. The contractor has the homeowner sign an assignment of benefits contract that allows the contractor to manage the claim directly with the insurer. The contractor inflates the cost of repairs and sues the insurer.

“The cost of bad actors and third parties filing false or inflated insurance claims is passed along to all of us,” according to Florida’s Insurance Consumer Advocate. In fact, the FBI estimates insurance fraud costs over \$40 billion per year. That translates into approximately \$700 to \$800 in increased annual premium per family.

In the December 2022 special session, Florida legislators passed a law that could help reduce instances of insurance fraud. Senate Bill 2A (SB 2A) prohibits the assignment of benefits signed on or after January 1, 2023. But that date means claims from Hurricanes Ian and Nicole aren’t affected. Those claims are still coming in, so insurers will still be paying for AOB-related insurance fraud.

The May 2022 special session also brought about a law designed to reduce fraud. Senate Bill 4D (SB 4D) intends to curb contractors’ ability to solicit policyholders by prohibiting contractors from encouraging policyholders to contact a contractor or public adjuster to make a roof claim unless the communication includes the following information:

The policyholder is responsible for paying the deductible.

It’s insurance fraud for the contractor to pay

or waive an insurance deductible.

Filing a claim with false, misleading or fraudulent information is insurance fraud.

Litigation costs passed on to policyholders.

Ever wonder why Florida has so many attorney advertisements on television and billboards that are focused specifically on suing insurance companies? Until the special session this past December, Florida’s incredibly high rate of insurance litigation was driven by a unique Florida law.

The law, F.S. sec 627.428, created a situation of “one-way attorney fees.” Basically, plaintiff attorneys were rewarded for filing lawsuits against insurance companies without any counterbalancing risk that these attorneys could owe legal costs if their lawsuits are unsuccessful.

Because of this, Florida had over 76% of home insurance lawsuits, but only 8% of homeowners claims. Worse, between 2013 and 2020, Florida insurers paid \$15 billion in claims costs, but only 8% of that went to consumers. Lawyers fees accounted for 71%. SB 2A repeals one-way attorney fees. Each party is now responsible for their own attorney fees in many property insurance lawsuits, with a few exceptions.

Reinsurance. The most important factor contributing to Florida’s rising home insurance rates are recent increases in reinsurance costs. Essentially, insurance for an insurance company, reinsurance is a necessary part of an insurer’s ability to pay claims — particularly in catastrophe-prone states like Florida. When the cost of reinsurance goes up, so will homeowners insurance premiums. Recently, bigger storms have caused bigger losses. In just the first part of January, reinsurance rates in the U.S. went up between 45% and 100%. That’s a cost home insurance companies have to cover when they set their rates.

The Florida legislature passed bills to create the Reinsurance to Assist Policyholders Fund (RAP Fund) and the Florida Optional Reinsurance Program (FORA). The RAP Fund provides some reinsurance to insurers for free, but only in either 2022 or 2023. FORA, on the other hand, is an optional program that lets insurers purchase coverage at reasonable rates. However, the amount of coverage from these programs is limited.

Catastrophic claims. They directly impact the cost of homeowners insurance and also cause

reinsurance rates to rise. Florida insurance companies must price policies so that they have enough money to cover claims expected. Because Florida has the highest risk of catastrophe of any state, Florida homeowners insurance typically costs more than the national average.

Inflation hits everyone. One of the biggest factors in determining the insurance rate is the amount of money it would take to replace that home if it were destroyed. This is currently being significantly impacted by inflation.

The supply chain issues that plague other industries, like the cost of lumber and/or limited supplies, coupled with high demand, drove up homes' replacement cost estimates. If your home costs more to repair or replace, then your home insurance is going to cost more too.

Finally, Florida homeowners are also being hit with an additional fee from the Florida Insurance Guarantee Association (FIGA). This is the state-sanctioned organization dedicated to protecting insurance consumers in the event an insurer is unable to meet its obligations.

There is hope and help available.

Take part in My Safe Florida Home. This program, which was bolstered by SB 2D, provides homeowners with funds for hurricane mitigation inspections and home-strengthening improvements. See if you're eligible at the My Safe Florida Home website, <https://mysafehome.com/>.

Install wind mitigation features. You may want to look into hardening your home against wind damage. The right window coverings and roof ties can make a big difference in a storm and could earn you a discount.

Install security devices. Deterring crime is a good way to minimize claims, and that can help you lower your cost.

Comparing rates from multiple insurance companies is also a good way to get affordable coverage. Just be sure you look at the entire offer, not just the price.

Public Notice

The American Police Hall of Fame in Titusville, FL will be constructing a heliport for helicopter tours beginning the second quarter of 2023.

For more information please contact Mr. Shepherd at 321-264-0911.

Solving Space Junk Problem

NASA and other entities are looking to clean up space debris around Earth before it gets severe. A new NASA report finds the space debris problem could be greatly reduced in as little as 10 years, with a little help from lasers or space tugs.

Dealing with the many thousands of pieces of space debris generated by more than 60 years of rocket launches could be done at relevantly low cost and swift speed, if operators focus on removing the smallest pieces or nudging bigger satellites out of the way of collision, a March 10 report states.

While space junk removal plans are in their infancy, the report emphasizes there is a pathway to success as long as the space community works together and is clear about where to prioritize solving the problem. There is hope, however: The report says "some remediation approaches may achieve net benefits in under a decade" once a viable method is put in place.

Removing space debris would have positive implications for missions to the International Space Station, which has had to maneuver out of the way of space debris twice in the past month alone. Satellites in low Earth orbit like SpaceX's Starlink are also responsible for numerous close encounters in space.

While it is difficult to quantify the space debris risk (as not all pieces are trackable), humanity has sent more than 15,000 satellites aloft since the first 1957 launch of the Soviet Union's Sputnik, and only about 7,200 of that number are operational, according to the European Space Agency's December 2022 figures. A recent paper in the journal *Science* calling for an international treaty to address space debris says there might be 100 trillion pieces of junk floating out there.

Some of these satellites have shattered due to accidental collision or deliberate destruction. A notable recent incident was a Russian anti-satellite debris test in 2021 that created so much debris it interfered with both ISS and Starlink operations.

NASA's 147-page report assesses numerous options to remove debris in orbit, mostly targeting the smallest pieces (4 inches/10 cm and smaller) or entire satellites. Lasers appear to be one of the leading options, although the report is not calling for any particular action. Lasers appear to particularly be useful when trying to remove

large numbers of small debris, as both space- and ground--based lasers alike are forecasted to provide a net benefit in terms of cost.

But other options such as space tugs or manually moving pieces out of the way are also considered. Laser-nudging the top 50 objects of concern also would be useful, the report says, although higher-cost options such as rocket nudges could work more rapidly. The authors emphasized that their discussion, however, should be taken as a beginning to addressing the problem in the near future.

Some early-stage projects show promise, such as the ELSA-d spacecraft of Japan-based startup Astroscale that captured a simulated piece of space junk in 2021, and a European Space Agency effort with ClearSpace-1 to test debris removal efforts as soon as 2025.

NASA also announced it will seek a \$1 billion space tug to safely remove the ISS when the orbiting complex concludes operations in 2030 or so.

Thanx to - Elizabeth Howell

Firefly Aerospace Selected For Mission To Moon's Far Side

NASA has selected Firefly Aerospace to land payloads on the moon and send another into orbit to provide communications with the lunar far side. The mission will use Texas-based Firefly Aerospace's robotic Blue Ghost lander to safely deliver two payloads to the far side of the moon, which permanently faces away from Earth.

The launch will first send the European Space Agency's (ESA) Lunar Pathfinder communications and navigation satellite into an elliptical orbit around the moon to relay signals between Earth and the payloads on the surface.

The payloads destined for the surface are the Lunar Surface Electromagnetics Experiment-Night (LuSEE-Night), which is designed to understand the moon's radio environment and peer into the unobserved cosmic "dark ages," and User Terminal (UT), which will provide communications support for LuSEE-Night.

In 2021, Firefly Aerospace was selected to put 10 payloads on the near side of the moon. That Blue Ghost mission will launch on a SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket in 2024.

Thanx to - Andrew Jones



Parrish Healthcare Community Support Groups - April

Parrish Healthcare offers a variety of support groups as a free service to the community. The April 2023 schedule is as follows:

Parrish Healthcare's 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, April 5, 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.
- To register, please visit www.parrishhealthcare.com/FearlessCafe.

Parrish Healthcare 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, April 3, 10, 17, 24, 10-11 a.m.
 - Where: The Children's Center, 5650 S. Washington Ave., Titusville
- For additional information and to register, visit parrishhealthcare.com/Moms.

Parenting Unique Minds (Autism Spectrum Disorder Workshop)

An 8-session workshop series for parents of preschool children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). Parents will learn the importance of play, childhood self-care and independence and the basics of Applied Behavior Analysis.

- When: Wednesday, April 12, 5:30-6pm
- Where: The Children's Center, 5650 S. Washington Ave., Titusville

For additional information and to register, visit parrishhealthcare.com/ASD.

Parrish Healthcare's 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, April 13 and 27, 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.
- To register, please visit www.parrishhealthcare.com/CaregiverSupport

Parrish Healthcare 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, April 10, 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.
- To register, please visit www.parrishhealthcare.com/DiabetesSupport.

Early Steps Community Play Date

A special play date for children five and under and their parent(s)/guardian(s).

- When: Wednesday, April 19, 9-10:30 a.m.
- Where: The Children's Center, 5650 S. Washington Ave., Titusville
- Facilitated by Mary Cancel, Family Resource Specialist
- For additional information visit parrishhealthcare.com/EarlySteps.

Parrish Healthcare 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, April 19, 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.
- To register, please visit www.parrishhealthcare.com/CancerSupportGroup.

Parrish Healthcare 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, April 18, 2-4:00 p.m.
- Where: Heritage Hall, 931 N. Washington Ave.,

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- Facilitated by Janet Rooks, MA, CDP
- For additional information, please contact Janet Rooks at 321-268-6800.
- To register, please visit www.parrishhealthcare.com/StrokeandHeartSupport.

Parrish Healthcare A.W.A.K.E Celebration

Alert, Well and Keeping Energetic (AWAKE). Is your family AWAKE? All are invited to join for this free sleep event. Learn how getting a better night's sleep can improve the overall health of your family. Enjoy a delicious meal and register to win multiple door prize drawings.

- When: Thursday, April 27, 5-8 p.m.
- Where: Indian River Preserve, 3950 Clubhouse Dr., Mims
- Facilitated by Michele Roberge, RT(R), RPSGT
- For additional information, or to register, please visit www.parrishhealthcare.com/AWAKE.

Tools to Quit Smoking Now

We know quitting tobacco isn't easy, but finding help should be. Parrish Healthcare has partnered with Tobacco Free Florida to offer this free class which equips those who use tobacco with tools and services to quit.

- When: Tuesday, April 25, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- Where: Parrish Medical Center, 951 N. Washington Ave., Titusville
- For more information and to register, visit parrishhealthcare.com/quitsmoking.

For more information about available classes, support groups and events, visit parrishhealthcare.com/events.

Cornhole Tournament

Come join us at Beef O'Brady's - PSJ on April 15th for PSJ Community Foundation's Red, White and Bags Tournament.



PSJCF Member Mike Barker is organizing our Cornhole Tournament. If you are a cornholer and would like to join the tournament, we guarantee it will be a lot of fun!

For more info or to register, visit <https://portstjohncommunityfoundation.com/events.html>.

A graphic for an Easter celebration. It features pink and white flowers scattered around the text. The text reads 'celebrate' in a small font, 'Easter' in a large, stylized pink font, and 'with us' in a small font below it. The background is a light blue and white floral pattern.

Victory Baptist Church
Service Time: Sunday 10:30 am
www.VictoryBaptistPSJ.com
242 Capron Road, Port St. John, FL 32927

A graphic for a golf tournament. It has a green background with white and yellow text. At the top, it says 'INDIAN RIVER PRESERVE GOLF CLUB' and '3950 CLUBHOUSE DRIVE • MIMS, FLORIDA'. Below that is a yellow banner with 'SATURDAY • APRIL 22ND'. The main title is 'HOLE-IN-ONE CONTESTS'. Below that are three prize categories: '\$25,000 - Courtesy of Ron Norris Buick/GMC', '15 SEER A/C System - Courtesy of Freedom Air & Plumbing', and 'Hybrid Water Heater - Courtesy of Freedom Air & Plumbing'. The next category is 'FOUR PERSON TEAM SCRAMBLE' with details: '\$70.00/person or \$260 per team includes lunch, green fees, range balls and putting contest', 'Prizes for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place, Long Drive and Closest to Pin - front and back nine!', 'BBQ Lunch, Raffle and Awards following tournament', and 'All Non-Golfers/Guests for Lunch @ \$20.00 per person'. At the bottom, it provides a registration link: <https://portstjohncommunityfoundation.com/Golf2023-Register/> for Registration & Payment Information. Contact information for Port St John Community Foundation is also listed: PO Box 472 • Sharpes, FL 32959-0472, Email: PSJCommunityFoundation@gmail.com. A note at the very bottom states: 'The Port St John Community Foundation is a 501(c)(3) Florida nonprofit corporation.'

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A graphic for the 5th Annual Golf Tournament 2023. It has a green background with white and yellow text. On the left, it says '5TH ANNUAL' and '7:00am REGISTRATION 8:00am SHOTGUN START'. In the center is the Port St John Community Foundation logo with the text 'Port St John COMMUNITY FOUNDATION' and 'TODAY | TOMORROW | TOGETHER'. Below the logo is 'GOLF TOURNAMENT 2023'. On the right, it says 'FUNDRAISER FOR THUNDER OVER THE INDIAN RIVER' and 'SPACE LIMITED TO FIRST 120 PLAYERS!'.

5TH ANNUAL
7:00am
REGISTRATION
8:00am
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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.**

4-1 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.

4-2 Palm Sunday

4-4 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.

4-5 --13 Passover

4-5 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.

4-5 Sons of Amvets 2415 Meeting- 1st Wednesday of the month, 6 p.m. 688 West Ave., PSJ. Commander Chuck Harrington, 321-208-7897.

4-8 Amvets Riders meeting, 2nd Saturday at 10 a.m. Call President Craig Doan, 321-208-7897.

4-9 Easter

4-9 Multiple Sclerosis Self-Help Group meets on the 2nd Sunday each month (except Mother's Day & November), 2 PM, Cocoa Library.

4-9 Word Weavers Space Coast, a critique

group for Christian writers, meets at 2 p.m. at the Central Brevard Library in Cocoa. Email angela-gardnerwrites@gmail.com for info.

4-9 Calling all Christian authors! Dynamic writers group in Cocoa offers training, critiques, and paid writing opportunities Contact D.P. Clarke at lroyaldy@gmail.com for more information. Put "Writers Group" in Subject.

4-9 Multiple Sclerosis Self-Help Group meets on the 2nd Sunday each month (except Mother's Day & November), 2 PM, Cocoa Library.

4-12 Amvets Post 2415 General Membership Meeting on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. at 688 West Ave., PSJ. Commander Larry Lonneville, 321-208-7897.

4-13 North Brevard Parks and Recreation meets at 4 p.m. at 518 South Palm Ave., Titusville. For questions, call Jeff Davis at 321-264-5105.

4-13 Amvets Ladies Auxiliary 2415 General Membership Meeting on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. President, Theresa N. Anderson, 321-208-7897.

4-14 Brevard Women's Connection meets at Space Coast Convention Center on Hwy. 520 from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m., 2nd Friday of each month. Call Pam at 321-752-6896 or e-mail bwc0020@gmail.com.

4-17 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.

4-19 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.

4-21 Eid Al Fatr

4-22 Earth Day

4-25 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.

4-28 Arbor Day

4-29 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.

Congratulations to:

Brianna Romans turns **28** on the 1st.

Michiyo Hall turns more beautiful on the 1st.

Jeremy Rausch turns **21** on the 1st.

Vickie Wiedman parties wild on on the 2nd.

Jennifer Maxwell gets spanked on the 3rd.

April Staner on the 3rd.

Bobby Hudspeth turns cooler on the 5th.

Lydia Hudspeth turns **24** on the 6th.

Bill Aglitz turns **55** on the 8th.

Dylan Thomas turns **23** on the 9th.

Madison Thomas turns **18** on the 9th.

Lori Johnson turns hotter on the 9th.

Jason Wolfe turns **21** on the 10th.

Amanda Hosler is **29** on the 12th.

Ryland Travis turns **11** on the 12th.

Dawne Parker rules the world on the 14th.

Joel Smith turns wiser on the 14th.

April Blake prettier on the 16th.

Jamie Kline turns prettier on the 16th.

Christina D'Amico turns **28** on April 18th

April Higgs turns **33** on the 19th.

Donnie Crouse has a party day on the 20th.

Dusty Stricker turns **29** on the 24th.

Pamela Mann turns more lovely on the 25th.

Kolby Davis turns **30** on the 26th.

Wanda Daugherty turns classier on the 27th.

Sharon Hightower is the Queen on the 28th.

KC, Happy Birthday on the 28th! Love, Joe.

Elizabeth Blum turns **21** on the 29th.

Jaden Travis turns **18** on the 29th.

Sonny & Gayle Wardlow celebrate 43 on the 14th. It's Party Time!

Randy & Michele DeVane celebrate their 27th on the 14th.

Paul and Sarah Bennett celebrate their 9th wedding anniversary on the 5th!!

Brenda and Bill Townley celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary on the 5th.

Michael & Cheryl Rausch celebrate their 38th on the 17th.

James and Jennifer Maxwell celebrate their 19th anniversary on the 26th.

Gary & Holly Turner celebrate their 45th anniversary on the 28th.

We have lots of room for more good news.

Email inputs to happenings1@att.net.

Important Phone Numbers

County Commissioner -	321-264-6750
Sheriff: Non-Emergency -	321-633-7162
Fire Station 26 (Port St. John)	321-33-2056
Emergency Operations Center	321-637-6670
Waste Management -	321-636-6894
Port St. John Library	321-633-1867
PSJ Community Center -	321-633-1904
Florida Power & Light -	321-723-7795
City of Cocoa Water Dept. -	321-433-8400
Parrish Medical Center	
Port St. John -	321-636-9393
Titusville -	321-268-6111

On the Road With Rose



Brevard Zoo Linear Park/Trail

28°13'18.6"N 80°42'51.1, West Dr., Melbourne
Behind Brevard Zoo - 8225 N. Wickham Rd.

brevard+zoo+linear+park

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 that are still going on overseas and their families. We invite all of you reading this to please join us. But for the grace of God and the bravery of our warriors we could be facing similar fates.

I can't think of a better way to spend a beautiful Florida afternoon than wandering the flora and fauna of our little piece of paradise, especially if I get to do it with my favorite sister. We didn't have time to walk the whole 5 miles, but plan to return soon. The mile that we walked was all raised boardwalk with railing composed of composite boards, not conducive to slipping as bad as real wood when wet and it doesn't heat up as badly, which is a good thing in the summer. I've been told the whole route is the same, and makes the walk even more enjoyable.

If the weather had been a little warmer, we wouldn't have braved a long walk in the middle of the day, but there was still a cool breeze blowing short whiffs of the flowering bushes as we passed. I managed to spot a black snake wriggling under the bridge, a lazy alligator floating in the lake and a hawk circling overhead for a while, I'm sure had we gone early morning or early evening we would have been privy to much more wildlife comings and goings.

Even at that time of day, there were many bicyclists, a lone jogger and walkers, all kind enough to ring a bell, whistle or just tell us they were coming up behind us, all passing with a smile and cheerful, "Good Morning!"

The trees and bushes lining the very well maintained trail make for comfortable shady walking. Various informational plaques tell of the notable critters that you would never believe had been in Florida... Mastodons. Really!?

Also, we were walking in the footprints (kinda') of Native Americans, Conquistadors, U.S. soldiers and settlers. Standing very quietly, one could almost imagine a Seminole peering through the giant ferns.

Benches scattered along the trail make for easy traveling for the most un-walkable among us, (not mentioning names, but I was doing fine). The benches also make for a great place to have a picnic lunch surrounded by nature, and there are many trash cans so the pristine scenery needn't be ruined. Since most of the trail parallels I-95, the vehicle noise is noticeable, but if you concentrate on listening for a Mocking Birds warble, a crows caw or an armadillo's rustling in the underbrush, you can soon tune it out just as the animals do.

Pets are allowed but must be leashed, and please clean up after your pet. Children may be off leash. I plan on bringing a couple of grandchildren and will peruse a book on flora and fauna first so we can be on the lookout. Allowing children to run ahead is fun if they don't get so far as to be in danger of a cyclist or jogger coming around a corner too fast to stop and colliding.

I recommend the Brevard Zoo Linear Park for a great family afternoon or just a quick dog walk. If you've not had the pleasure of visiting the zoo... well, you're right there also. A great afternoon or short dog walk is always made better with a stop at the soft serve ice cream place down the road.

Bug spray and sunscreen will be needed as the weather heats up. As always, please take only pictures and leave only footprints.

Alcoholics Anonymous

Port St. John

Saint Patrick's Church

4797 Curtis Blvd., Port St. John

East off Grissom Pkwy.

Sunset Group Meeting

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| (C) Sunday | 5:00 | Living Sober book |
| (C) Tuesday | 6:30 | AA Topic Mtg. |
| (O) Thursday | 6:30 | Beginners Topic Mtg. |

Parks & Recreation Meeting

The North Brevard Commission on Parks and Recreation will hold its next monthly meeting on Thursday, April 13th, 2023 at 4:00



p.m. The meeting will be held in the Brevard Room at 518 South Palm Avenue in Titusville. The public is invited to attend. The Brevard Room is located in a building on the north side of the parking lot behind the Brevard County Government Center-North. For questions, call Jeff Davis at 321-264-5105.

Port St. John Public Library

6500 Carole Ave., Port St. John

321-633-1867

Mary Lena Penna, Library Director

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.

Thursdays, 11 a.m.-noon: **Humanatee Yoga for Beginners or Intermediate.** Bring your own yoga mat! \$5 Instructor Fee.

Thursdays, 3:30 p.m.: **Story & Craft Time** for School-aged kids. Ages 6-12.

Fridays, 9:30-10:00 a.m.: **Baby Storytime.** Ages 3 and under.

Fridays, 10:30 a.m.: **Toddler Storytime.** Ages 3-5.

4/4 & 4/18, 3:00-4:00 p.m.: **STEAM** time. Ages 6-12. Come build & make things with us! Activities centered around Science, Technology, Engineering, Art & Mathematics.

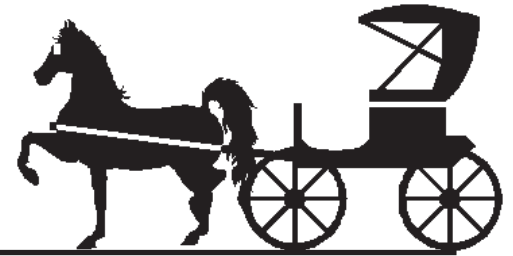
4/5, 6:30 p.m.: Bookworms Bookclub, see the Reference desk for monthly book selection.

4/8 & 4/22, 10 a.m.-noon: Pokemon Club of Port St John. All ages welcome.

4/12 & 4/26, 1:30-5 p.m.: Community Support Advocate office hours. Can help with Housing Assistance, SNAP Benefits, Social Security/Medicare Benefits and more.

5/6, 10:30 a.m.: Craft class. \$40 fee due at signup. Registration ends 5/3. See Reference Desk mid-April for more information.

SLEEPY HOLLOW



Fruit From The Groves

Brevard County Road and Bridge has had the south end of Pine St. and Coconut St. resurfaced. This will help eliminate some problems due to the building of the train tracks and numerous trucks taking dirt to the landfill. They also extended the resurfacing onto some of the side roads.

Pine St. has been re-marked and striped, and the side streets have also been marked with stop lines that have been added. Hopefully, vehicles will use them instead of going out onto Pine Street and stopping.

There was also an ATV accident on Pine Street that was a trauma alert, where the patient was flown to the hospital.

Brevard County Fire Department and Four Communities Fire Department have responded to a number of brush fires in the general area. They were assisted by State Forestry. Brevard County Sheriff's Office used their helicopters to drop water onto the fires.

There have been many reports of ATV's speeding, overloaded and children driving them. Many of those vehicles have no lights and are putting themselves and others at risk.

Brevard County Sheriff's Office has been out here doing patrols and giving out citations and warnings for driving offenses. The Florida High-

way Patrol has also been out here going after commercial vehicles and people with trailers that have unsecured loads going to the county landfill.

There have been a lot of lost animals that have been recovered in the area. To make the recovery easier, please have a County tag and have your animal chipped.

The train this month will be making high speed runs along the track beside US 1. Please be careful at the crossings.

Ed Silva

Canaveral Groves HOA

Martin Andersen Senior Center Dances

Martin Andersen Senior Center will host Singles/Couples Ballroom Dances on Saturday, April 8th and Saturday, April 22nd. 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. 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 321-631-7556 for more information.



Public Book Sale

Books, CDs, DVDs, Audiobooks, Textbooks

Thursday, April 13th, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Thursday Only: \$5.00 Cash Admission

Friday, April 14th, 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 15th, 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 16th, 1:00 - 4:30 p.m.

CASH SALE. This is a public sale performed by "The Friends Group" in support of Central Brevard Library Activities.

Catherine Schweinsberg Rood Central Library
308 Forrest Ave., Cocoa

April Art Classes

Spring is here and its time for your creativity to bloom. Learn more about art at the Studios of Cocoa Beach, where you can choose from a variety of techniques for adults and children.

Jan Bryant will help you master Watercolor Painting. Join her on April 6 and go home with a completed "April Showers. To learn more attend her "Introduction to Watercolors" class, April 4, then follow it with a weekly "Watercolor Workshop" April 11 to May 2.

Glauca Romano will teach "Needle Felting with Wool" on April 14 and "Handbuilt Clay Pottery" on April 28. Her children's classes include weekly "Art for Homeschoolers" on Mondays and "Create a Pottery Swimming Pool" on Saturdays.

For a fun night out, grab a friend and let Jaymee Weinreich guide you as you create a beach side "Coconut Hut" with acrylic paint on canvas on April 14.

Complete details and registration are on the Studios website, www.studiosofcocoabeach.org.

The Studios' workshop room is behind their gallery at 159 Minutemen Causeway in downtown Cocoa Beach. The gallery is open Monday to Saturday 9 am to 7 p.m. and Sundays 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. For more information on the Studios, artist profiles, and all upcoming classes, visit the website or follow the Studios on Facebook and Instagram.

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

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Won't you join us?



Walter Butler Community Center April, 2023

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, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

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

Kids In Motion Aftercare, 3 p.m. - 6 p.m.

TUESDAYS

Zumba, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Open Computer Lab, 6 – 8 p.m.

Pickleball, 6 – 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAYS

Pickleball, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Volleyball Fundamentals, 5 – 8 p.m.

Open Computer Lab, 6 – 8 p.m.

THURSDAYS

Volleyball Fundamentals, 5 – 8 p.m.

Open Computer Lab, 6 – 8 p.m.

FRIDAYS

Pickleball, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

SATURDAY

Basketball League, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Open Computer Lab, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Open Game Room, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

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.

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 at

10:45 a.m. for one hour at Parrish Health & Fitness Center. \$5 per class or \$15 per week.

For class details, contact Debbie Kowaleuski, your licensed Zumba instructor, at 321-403-6918, or visit www.dkowaleuski.zumba.com.

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.

Classes are Monday – Friday, 3 p.m. – 6 p.m. Program cost is \$31.79 weekly. Discounts are available for households living in the target area, eligible for free or reduced lunch and/or qualifies for EBT assistance.

For more information, contact Walter Butler Community Center at 321-433-4448.

Three Friends, Three Artists, Three Passions

The April exhibit at the Studios of Cocoa Beach is, “Three Artist, Three Friends, Three Passions: Works by Phyllis Deveriks, Jacquilyn Eusanio and Carol Wyles.” All three artists have been friends for years and the exhibition celebrates their common passion for painting.

The exhibit will be on view April 4 to April 30. On Saturday, April 8, from 6 to 9 p.m. there will be an Opening Reception . This is an opportunity to meet the artists, view great local art, and enjoy wine and other refreshments.

Phyllis Deveriks and Jacquilyn Eusanio paint with acrylics in contemporary abstract style. Both of them love to paint large colorful paintings and experiment with textures and materials. Carol Wyles, on the other hand, does more traditional watercolor paintings. She enjoys experimenting with a more technical emphasis.

The Studios' gallery at 159 Minutemen Causeway in downtown Cocoa Beach is open Monday to Saturday 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information on the exhibit, gallery artists and a workshop schedule visit www.studiosofcocoaeach.org.



You are invited to the 27th Bark Brew Fest presented by Tails at the Barkery and the Dirty Oar Beer Company on Saturday, April 22nd, at the Dirty Oar Beer Company from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. in Historic Cocoa Village.

Play Bingo to win a fabulous Prize! Bring your canine companion, sip your favorite libation, enjoy delicious food from 56@, and join us for an evening of fun, including raffle baskets and a 50/50 drawing.

All proceeds to benefit Coastal Boxer Rescue of Florida, Inc., an all-volunteer, nonprofit rescue organization dedicated to the successful re-homing of boxers that have been abandoned, neglected or surrendered by their owner. CBR believes that every dog should be given a second chance. Donations are 100% tax-deductible and all proceeds go directly to the boxers under their care.

All pets must be on a leash, or in appropriate carriers, and have current vaccinations and county tags for the safety of our animals and friends.

For more information, contact:

Coastal Boxer Rescue of Florida, www.coast-alboxers.org, (866) 281-8209, or

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

Dirty Oar Beer Company, (321) 301-4306

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. 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.

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