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## Space Coast Jr/Sr High School Student Awarded the 2023 PJ Wilson and Henry Scott Memorial Scholarship



Hayley Luise, 2023 Winner

Congratulations to Hayley Luise for being awarded the 2023 PJ Wilson and Henry Scott Memorial Scholarship during her attendance at the Eastern Florida State College Minority Summer Youth Golf Program.

This is the second year in a row a Space Coast Jr/Sr High student has been awarded this amazing scholarship. Rusten Clark was awarded the Scholarship in 2022. Both students were awarded this scholarship for not only being committed to learning about golf, but also for being good citizens, valuing academics, displaying good sportsmanship and possessing character consistent with the spirit of Mr. Scott and Mr. Wilson.

The scholarship will cover 100% of the student's in-state tuition, access fees and mandatory course and lab fees, and up to 60 credit hours (AA degree) or Career and Technical Certificates, limited to the number of clock hours required for the program of study. This is the 29th year for the Golf Camp that is FREE for all students 10-17 year old. Watch for this amazing camp in 2024!

If your 7th-12th grade Space Coast student is interested in trying out for the Viper Golf Team, please contact the school at 321-638-0750 for more information.



Rusten Clark, 2022 Winner

### TOIR BBQ Winner

The 2023 BBQ People's Champion at Thunder Over the Indian River was DRUMSMOKE. Mike Barker and team did a great (read: delicious) job! I tried to find the bad BBQ among the contestants, but they were all delicious! - RR

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# PSJ Community Center Schedule - August, 2023

The center is open Mondays–Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Fridays from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. **Schedule is subject to change.**

**For latest information about any of these programs or to register, call 321-633-1904.**

## **Mondays**

Summer Camp, 7 a.m.-6 p.m. thru August 9th  
Seniors At Lunch, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

## **Tuesdays**

Summer Camp, 7 a.m.-6 p.m. thru August 9th  
Seniors At Lunch, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

## **Wednesdays**

Summer Camp, 7 a.m.-6 p.m. thru August 9th  
Seniors At Lunch, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

## **Thursdays**

Summer Camp, 7 a.m.-6 p.m. thru August 9th  
Seniors At Lunch, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

## **Fridays**

Summer Camp, 7 a.m.-6 p.m. thru August 9th  
Seniors At Lunch 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

## **Saturdays**

Outside Basketball, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
Game Room, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

**Returning in September:**

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### **ABOUT DANCING LITTLE STARS**

Returning in September: 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. Enrollment is open through February. Tuition is \$60 per month with the recital costume included with tuition. Register online at [www.dancinglittlestarsbrevard.com](http://www.dancinglittlestarsbrevard.com).

### **ABOUT YOGA with Diane**

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Gentle Yoga --Thursdays 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

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~Diane Coben~

## **Tango for Tails**

Come out to Milpa Tacos y Tortillas, 207 Brevard Avenue in Cocoa Village on Thursday, August 10, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. and enjoy a great evening. Enjoy a four-course dinner with Sangria and a special Argentine Tango Show Presentation. \$50.00 per person. Reservations must be made in advance at Milpa Tacos y Tortillas or by calling (321) 631-1133.



Proceeds will be donated to Rescue Rebels by Cash 4 Canines, Inc. Hosted by Tails at the Barkery and Tango & Ties, this event will help raise much needed funds for Rescue Rebels by Cash 4 Canines, Inc., 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.

You can join Rescue Rebels by Cash 4 Canines, Inc., a nonprofit, volunteer organization at [www.RescueRebels.org](http://www.RescueRebels.org).

For more information, visit [www.TailsAtTheBarkery.com](http://www.TailsAtTheBarkery.com), [www.tangoandties.com](http://www.tangoandties.com), or [www.RescueRebels.org](http://www.RescueRebels.org).

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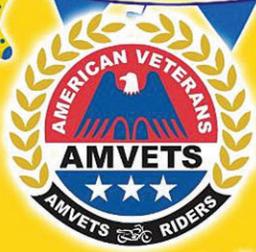


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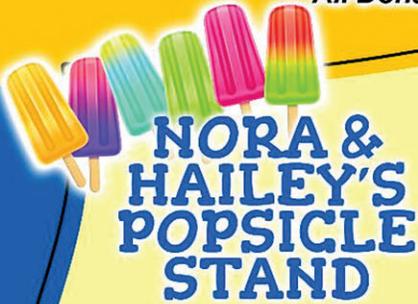
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## Titusville Government Ignoring The Voters

The Titusville City Council is appealing the judges ruling that the Clean Water Charter Amendment that passed by 82% of the city's voters is authorized by the Florida Constitution. The City Council is refusing to amend their charter and has asked to have a rehearing, which is scheduled in Viera Court for August 23rd at 9:00 a.m. in Courtroom 2G. I'll be giving you the results after the hearing.

Reference:

<https://wwals.net/2023/06/02/judge-agrees-with-voters-titusville-right-to-clean-water-charter-amendment-is-legal-2023-05-22/>

## Florida's & Brevard's Fireworks Laws

I've heard a lot of discussions about fireworks and the problems they are causing at all hours of the day for those with PTSD patients, pets, horses and our neighborhood wildlife, so I'm letting everyone know what our laws state:

Florida Chapter 791 has designated holidays for fireworks: January 1 (New Year's Day), July 4 (Independence Day), and December 31 (New Year's Eve). Homeowner Associations can prohibit fireworks, but not during designated holidays.

Brevard County Chapter 10, Article IV covers the Use and Sale of Fireworks. It covers a lot of things on purchase, storage and use, but for personal use, it follows state requirements except for the following:

1) If you use fireworks for signal or ceremonial purposes in athletics or sports, you have to provide proof it is a bona fide ceremony or ceremonial purpose and describe the athletics or sports event for the ceremony the fireworks will be used.

2) If you use fireworks in connection with a military organization, or organization composed of the Armed Forces of the United States, you have to show proof you are a member of the Armed Forces authorized to purchase the fireworks and how it will be used, and the proof has to be in written format signed by a superior officer.

Otherwise you can't shoot off fireworks, so please call the Sheriff's office at (321) 264-5201 if you have any problems.

Reference:

[http://www.leg.state.fl.us/STATUTES/index.cfm?App\\_mode=Display\\_](http://www.leg.state.fl.us/STATUTES/index.cfm?App_mode=Display_)

[Statute&URL=0700-0799/0791/0791.html](http://www.leg.state.fl.us/STATUTES/URL=0700-0799/0791/0791.html)

[http://brevardcounty.elaws.us/code/coor\\_ch10\\_artiv\\_sec10-180](http://brevardcounty.elaws.us/code/coor_ch10_artiv_sec10-180)

<https://www.brevardsheriff.com/home/contact-us/contact-us-page/>

I urge everyone in residential areas to go to organized displays like our PSJ "Thunder Over the Indian River." Neighborhood fireworks on ¼ acre parcels are causing a lot of stress on patients with cancer and other medical conditions. Celebrate one night, as the law states, but night after night for over a week is exactly why the law prescribes one night to celebrate.

Speaking of organized displays, we need to give a big thanks to the Port St. John Community Foundation, which has done so much to help our community events like Thunder Over the Indian River fireworks display, Fay Lake FestiFALL, Annual Golf Classic, Corn Hole Tournament and the PSJ Christmas Parade. They all pull the community together.

## Space Laws and Norms Matter

When the space program started, I was excited about the moon landing, and the achievements since are phenomenal. I also wondered if there were rules in the United Nations on space. Recently I found out when I was sent an article on Space Law and Norms. My husband Bob has a history in space launch and has worked in an Anti-Satellite Missile Program and as an Air Force Test Controller for the Titan rocket, so he has helped me a lot in writing the following.

There are quite a few articles on the internet on why different Space Laws and Space Norms matter. There have been things that happened in the past that should have followed these Laws and Norms, or we need to update some known treaties to ensure these concerns are covered. Just last year, SpaceX agreed to provide Starlink internet to Ukraine when cyber attackers on 24 February 2022 (assumed to be Russians) attacked the Viasat's KA-SAT network. There are some thinking Russia may attack SpaceX's Starlink using kinetic energy, but there are many reasons to say this could not be done legally. The International Space Station had to move to ensure it didn't hit debris from an anti-satellite test performed by Russia in 2021.

All the incidents show us space has to be controlled and have someone like the United States

Space Force to assist policing to ensure all countries follow those Centralized rules.

1) Outer space must be kept war-free.

The Outer Space Treaty of 1967 created a treaty between the United States, Russia and European countries for peaceful cooperation in space. The treaty forbids member nations from deploying nuclear weapons or any weapons of mass destruction (WMD) in outer space. Article IV of the Treaty even went so far as to ban any weapons testing on the moon and or any other celestial bodies. The principles of the Outer Space Treaty are:

a. Space activities are for the benefit of all nations, and any country is free to explore orbit and beyond.

b. There is no claim for sovereignty in space; no nation can "own" space, the Moon or any other body.

c. Weapons of mass destruction are forbidden in orbit and beyond, and the Moon, the planets and other celestial bodies can only be used for peaceful purposes.

d. Any astronaut from any nation is an "envoy of mankind," and signatory states must provide all possible help to astronauts when needed, including emergency landing in a foreign country or at sea.

e. Signatory states are each responsible for their space activities, including private commercial endeavors, and must provide authorization and continuing supervision.

f. Nations are responsible for damage caused by their space objects and must avoid contaminating space and celestial bodies.

2) Antisatellite (ASAT) tests must be banned.

There are four counties that have conducted antisatellite tests with their own satellites (United States, Russia, China and India). They usually put something in the path of a satellite and the impact creates a massive debris field. The last test was done by Russia in 2021, destroying a satellite that created about 1,650 pieces big enough to track with a unknown number of pieces too small to track. In April 2022, the United States pledged to not conduct debris-generating direct-ascent anti-satellite tests. In December 2022, the UN General Assembly approved the US-proposed resolution. Today 13 nations have formally pledged to the moratorium. I'm not even sure why. The pledge was just against direct-ascent antisatellite tests, as a country would get the same effect by steer-

ing a non-critical satellite in front of another's country's satellite or using kinetic energy and have the same debris-generating effects. The updated text should ban any country vs. other country's anti-satellite actions unless the owning satellite's owners request assistance.

3) We must follow a Common Jurisdiction and control over all space objects.

This Common Jurisdiction will also ensure development of sustainable best practices for space. With over 5,000 active satellites operating in Low Earth Orbit, at least 42 new satellites being launched every week and over 1,800 defunct satellites still orbiting earth, someone has to track it all. This isn't even considering over 27,000 trackable orbital debris objects and thousands of smaller untracked fragments, traveling around earth at super extreme speeds. Even a small fragment could do a lot of damage to any of those active satellites. In order to keep things orderly, the United Nations has a Registration Convention to register all objects launched into outer space that went into effect in September, 1976. The United Nations has had a catalog of launched objects in space since 1962, and the United Nations Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (COPUOS) tracks them all to allocate where each country can put their satellites and the frequencies they use to ensure there is no interference with each other.

4) We must control reentry of defunct satellites and other products sent into space.

As mentioned previously, with the number of satellites being added each week, there have to be rules on how we get the 1,800 defunct satellites down without landing on anyone's head or on someone's else's property. The United States, under the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), has new rules to de-orbit a satellite five years after it dies, one-fifth of the previous guideline of 25 years. In these new 2022 rules, they require de-orbit of satellites within five years after their completed missions, and they have a two-year transition time before the rule takes effect. This rule has to be incorporated into the United Nations rules for all space actors' accountability, and to ensure we don't have any expensive collisions as the space industry just in the USA is worth \$279 billion a year.

5) Liability must be determined in outer space.

The United Nations General Assembly adopted "The Convention on International Liability for Damage Caused by Space Objects," into force on 1 September, 1972. According to this document, a country is liable for damage caused by any object they launch or purchase. If the damages are on Earth or to an in-flight aircraft, the launching country is responsible. But in space, responsibility depends on "fault," which isn't clearly defined. In Article VI of the Liability Convention, if a country launching can prove there was gross negligence by the damaged country, the launching country is excused of liability.

6) We must follow Common Law for assistance in space emergencies.

The United Nations adopted the "Agreement on the Rescue of Astronauts, the Return of Astronauts and the Return of Objects Launched into Outer Space" in 1968. The signees of this agreement agree to take any action necessary to help or rescue astronauts, and return them to the nation from where they were launched. The signees also agree to return

any space objects that land in their country to the country from where they were launched.

The United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA) works to help all countries access and influence the advances of space to accelerate balanced development. This goal is met through activities that cover all aspects related to space, from space law to space products. Space is getting too busy for countries not to follow a common set of laws. The United States Space Force is a logical organization to assist the United Nations in policing space and to work with space agencies and space leaders around the world to devise solutions to challenges that require an international response.

If we don't have a common set of controls that every country must follow, we could get into another cold war where multiple countries are competing for the largest or most nuclear weapons. As a child, I remember hiding under my schoolroom desk following a teacher's command for practice in case an atomic bomb was dropped. It's laughable that hiding under a desk could protect you from nuclear weapons, but this is what we grew up with. Space could easily be taken over and hurt us all if satellites were weaponized and stopped our communications around the world. We all must push hard for common space law and norms.

Reference

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## **Parrish Medical Center To Help Fund Space Coast Jr/Sr High Track Expansion**

Space Coast Jr/Sr High School is extremely thankful for the generous donation of \$5,000.00 from Parrish Medical Center to help fund our track expansion. We can't overstate the impact this will have on our students for years to come.

Space Coast Jr/Sr High School Principal Joe Flora and Keri Weeks met with Parrish Healthcare (PHC) CEO George Mikitarian at Parrish Medical Center to discuss PHC's generous donation.

Construction has already begun on the project. There will be a ribbon cutting event on August 15th for the community to attend. Representatives from Parrish Healthcare will be there to do the ribbon cutting, along with food trucks, games and more. The gates open for the event at 5:15 p.m. The following food trucks will attend:

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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.

Classes are limited to 12 children per class, so please register soon. If you have a group of nine

or more, contact Professor Darin to schedule private STEM 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, Florida.

American Space Museum & U.S. Space Walk of Fame Foundation is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) charitable organization. The museum is open for public tours on Monday through Saturday, 10 to 5. Located at 308 Pine Street, Titusville. For additional information, please call 321-264-0434 or write [info@americanspacemuseum.org](mailto:info@americanspacemuseum.org).

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## Rose's Room

~ Rose Padrick



### Bathtub Ingenuity

Things in our world are certainly not idyllic, but I believe there just might be a tiny light in the darkness. For all who are suffering from the world's problems, health issues or anything else, please know you're not alone and prayers are being sent.

Evidently there is a certain sub-tribe of citizens in my little piece of America; the Whining and Complaining-ers. And I am their queen.

Anyone who knows me has heard me mention that I never have a couple of moments alone to just occupy the couch and stare mindlessly at the television. I've been told sometimes more than thrice in any short conversation...with strangers.

In true 'be careful what you wish for' fashion, this particular wish came true with a vengeance.

I finally agreed to have elective surgery recently. (I don't understand how having to pick between getting worse and getting fixed is considered elective...I would have preferred to elect to just leave it alone and have the problem fix itself...but that's another column.) After the pain in my foot overcame my procrastination, I agreed with the world's greatest surgeon that he needed to slice, dice, affix screws and bolts. Afterwards I found myself glued to the couch partially by the pain pills and partially by the weight of my very worried little canine caretaker who took permanent residence on my lap.

The first few days passed pretty easily. The pills made watching Steve Wilkos much more interesting, my dog kept my foot glued to the pillow and a couple of daughters learned how to appear out of nowhere the moment a thought of standing up entered my head.

The third day brought a lessening of the magic pills and a yearning for a bath to all of us – except the dog. Considerations in previous days were satisfied by sitting on the toilet and following the instructions for Dolly Parton's 'Possible' baths.

Facing Steve Wilkos totally sans pills on the fourth day was not all I had dreamed it would be. Still not coherent enough to do any serious writing and unable to leave my house, my W.C. Queen problem-solving imagination started to work overtime. I found where my extra bed pillow was hiding, how to make a quick 360 on my knee walker and reach the paper towels using a spatula.

Ending at the bathroom while mindlessly wheeling from room to room, I had a eureka moment just before my good friend called to check on me and it seemed like a good idea to run it past her.

I heard a small snicker when I explained how I could tie a loop with ribbon and hang it from the faucet. Snorting came at sprinkling the bath salts in the tub, undressing and climbing in before turning on the water. Hanging my plastic wrapped surguried foot from the ribbon loop brought real Ha Ha's and the question of how was I going to exit said wrongly planned bath.

After some thought, I proudly offered that I could empty the tub, turn over and heave my leg out, pull myself over the rim and crawl to the walker thing. I could barely understand her words through the guffaws as she reminded me the tub would be slippery and the plastic covered foot would be on the wrong side to 'heave over' if I was even able slide it out of the loop that would now be higher than my head. She was sure the first responders would bring a Hoyer lift, but I had to call her first so she could record the sight.

Joining her in almost hysterical laughter, I said I would have to drop the whole thing because those poor first responders would have to check themselves into the nearest mental health facility to deal with the image of an overly 'fluffy,' overly aged, overly pale lady flopping around in an almost dry bath tub with her plastic covered foot trapped in a silk hangman's knot. That would leave us short on first responders. I couldn't make all of Port Saint John suffer just because I was getting crusty.

Still trying to work out the kinks of my great plan, I repeated it when my daughter called for her every 10 minute Mom check. With nary a snicker

nor wasted second, she turned and yelled to her husband to grab his tools, that they were going to remove Mom's bath tub faucets.

Sometimes having caring daughters with kind husbands ain't all it's cracked up to be...

## Tuxes & Tails Gala

### Brevard Humane Society's 71st Anniversary

Brevard Humane Society (BHS) is holding its 12th Annual Tuxes & Tails Gala on Saturday, August 26 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Space Coast Convention Center, 301 Tucker Lane in Cocoa. This celebration will honor Brevard Humane Society's 71 years of sheltering and providing safe spaces for homeless animals. The event will also emphasize the benefits of community uniting through a common cause.

Presented by Subaru of Melbourne, supporters of the event include Lite Rock 99.3, Historic Cocoa PlayHouse and Jon's Fine Jewelry.

Additional sponsorship opportunities are available. There are several packages available, including "Platinum Paws" and "Tail Wagger," with reserved and VIP seating, sponsorship recognition, and pet tickets. Join us as a "Furlanthropist and receive special seating for two (2) and a pet, along with special swag bags!

Masters of Ceremonies Mindy & Company of Lite Rock 99.3 FM will be joined by auctioneer Brevard County Sheriff Wayne Ivey. Honorary hosts Tom and Susie Wasdin will open the scene to our occasion.

Other entertainment will be provided by performers of the Historic Cocoa Village Playhouse! Join us to see the America's Got Talent- Menestrelli Performing Circus Dogs.

Jon's Fine Jewelry giveaway is providing hand selected gem pieces to dazzle your night with their "Big Bling" drawing and several chances to win a \$500 gift certificate to Jon's Fine Jewelry. "Big Bling" gemstones will also be available for purchase online at [www.brevardhumanesociety.org/big-bling/](http://www.brevardhumanesociety.org/big-bling/) if you are unable to attend the event on August 16th.

Enjoy a buffet dinner and recognition of the "Humane Heroes" and "Furlanthropists" in our community.

For sponsorship or ticket information, call 321-636-3343, ext. 204 or go to [www.brevardhumanesociety.org](http://www.brevardhumanesociety.org).



## Amvets Post 2415 Schedule

**8-2 Sons of Amvets 2415**  
General Membership Meeting  
-1st Wednesday of the month  
at 6 p.m. Commander Chuck

Harrington, 321-208-7897.

**8-10 Amvets 2415 Ladies Auxiliary** General  
Membership Meeting - 2nd Thursday of the month  
at 6 p.m. President Theresa Nikki Anderson, 321-  
208-7897.

**8-12 Bike Night!** 3:00 - 7:00 on the 2nd Saturday  
of the month at the Post.

**8-12 Amvets Riders Chapter 2415** General  
Membership Meeting- 2nd Saturday of the month  
at 10:30 a.m. President Craig Doan, 321-208-  
7897.

**8-16 General Membership Meeting-** 3rd  
Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m.

**Meat Shoot** - 1st and 3rd Saturdays, 2-4 p.m.

**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.

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the Post or would like more information about  
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## Parrish Healthcare Is Brevard County's First Hospital To Provide Atrial Fibrillation Patients With Same-Day Ablations

Parrish Healthcare is Brevard  
County's first hospital to provide  
atrial fibrillation (AFib or AF) pa-  
tients with same-day ablations, a  
procedure that returns irregular—  
and dangerous—heart rhythms to  
normal.

“Same-day ablations enable pa-  
tients to be treated as outpatients. This reduces  
costs and allows patients to quickly receive re-  
lief and return home, which is where they want  
to be,” said Ajit Janardhan, MD. “Our Parrish  
team studied and reviewed the advantages of  
same-day ablation and concluded that it's a pro-  
cedure with significant benefits for patients seek-  
ing freedom from AFib. We're proud to be the  
first hospital in Brevard to offer this service.”

AFib is a rapid heartbeat that occurs when the  
upper part of the heart, the atria, is beating rap-  
idly: in extreme cases, up to 600 beats per min-  
ute, while the lower part of the heart (ventricles)  
beat normally. AFib's irregular heartbeat causes  
blood to pool in the heart and increases the risk  
of blood clots and strokes.

“AFib can affect people of any age, but the  
highest percentage is among people over age 65,”  
said Dr. Janardhan. “There are perhaps 15,000  
Brevard residents in the over-65 age group who



at present have AFib, and that num-  
ber is constantly changing.”

A cardiac ablation procedure  
“uses heat or cold energy to create  
tiny scars in the heart to block ir-  
regular electrical signals and restore  
a typical heartbeat. The procedure is  
used to correct heart rhythm prob-

lems (arrhythmias),” says the Mayo Clinic. In  
same-day ablation, a surgeon uses catheters—  
thin, flexible tubes—inserted into the heart via  
veins or arteries, to apply the heat or cold that  
stops the errant electrical signals causing AFib.

The surgeon conducts the procedure using a  
video monitor. Same-day ablation usually takes  
three to four hours to perform, including the time  
needed to prepare for the procedure and to re-  
move the catheters from the body. Dr. Janardhan  
is Board Certified in Cardiovascular Disease and  
Cardiac Electrophysiology. He performs same-  
day ablations in Parrish Medical Center's Car-  
diac Catheterization Lab.

Not all AFib patients are eligible for same-day  
ablation; some may need more extensive surgi-  
cal procedures. A physician can best determine  
the right treatment. Ask your physician if same-  
day ablation is right for you. To find a physician,  
visit [parrishhealthcare.com/providers](http://parrishhealthcare.com/providers).

## Parrish Healthcare Announces Preparticipation Sports Physicals for Young Athletes for 2023/2024 School Year

Parrish Medical Group will  
be offering two pre-participation  
sports physical events for the up-  
coming school year. Who We Play  
For will offer Electrocardiograms  
(ECGs) on site. Visit [whoweplay-  
for.org](http://whoweplay-<br/>for.org) to register for your ECG.

The first event will be held Sat-  
urday, July 22, 8 a.m.-noon at Parrish Healthcare  
Center at Titus Landing, 250 Harrison St., Floor  
1, Titusville.

A second event will be held Saturday, August  
5, 8 a.m.-noon at Parrish Healthcare Center in  
Port St. John, 5005 Port St. John Pkwy., Ste.  
2100, Port St. John.

Dr. Anthony Allotta and Dr. Bryan Parry, as-



sisted by athletic trainers, will pro-  
vide the physical exams. “This as  
an opportunity to ensure our stu-  
dent athletes are physically able to  
compete,” said Dr. Allotta, who is  
fellowship trained in sports medi-  
cine. “If a student has a physi-  
cal condition that would prevent  
or prohibit their participation in sports, we can  
identify that early on.”

No appointment is necessary. The cost is  
\$10 and will be donated to Jess Parrish Medical  
Foundation. A parent or guardian must accom-  
pany the athletes.

For additional information call: 321-433-  
2247, ext. 8225.

## 4TH ANNUAL SPACE COAST WING BATTLE

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## Space Coast Wing Battle

Who serves up the BEST WINGS in Central Florida? Enjoy this 21+, all-inclusive wings event as Florida's best wing makers compete to be champion. Vote for your favorite for People's Choice!

Come out on Saturday, August 19, 6 - 10 p.m. at Wickham Park, 2500 Parkway Drive, Melbourne for a great time. Attendees will stop by each booth to sample what each competitor is serving up. After tasting each wing, be sure to drop your token off with your favorite competitor to give them your "People's Choice" vote. Then continue to enjoy UNLIMITED wing samplings, alcohol, game area, and live music all night long! Entertainment includes:

Live Music All Night Long by HOT PINK!

Game Area + Axe Throwing Sponsored by East Coast Axe Co.

Got a sweet tooth? Desserts will be available for purchase at the event, with 15% of their proceeds going directly to The Children's Hunger Project.

A panel of qualified judges will announce the 2023 SPACE COAST WING BATTLE CHAMPION based on a blind taste-test.

Your admission ticket includes unlimited wing samplings and unlimited domestic beer and hard seltzers for the entirety of the event. VIP Ticketholders also get unlimited local craft draft beer and liquor/cocktails and early entry. This is a 21+ event - A valid id is required for entry.

General Admission event hours are 7 - 10 p.m. VIP hours are 6 - 10 p.m. V.I.P. Admission includes exclusive early entry to enjoy an extra hour of the event with shorter lines and first dibs on wing samplings, unlimited domestic beers, hard seltzers, local craft draft beer and liquor/cocktails

### COMPETITORS

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Ms T's Kitchen & Tainted Treats	
Pho Wheels Orlando	4th Street Fillin' Station
Cindy B's Simple Life Food	
Fluffies Catering	The B.A.W. House
Dining with Duke & Catering	
Karalyn's Vegan	Beef '0' Brady's
Island Lemonade Shakers	Empanini
Fast Eddie's Wings & Grill	
Appliance Warehouse featuring Mr. Delicious Pizzeria	
More to be Added Soon!	

If you would like to be a Wing Competitor at this large community event partnered with a local non-profit, please email [SpaceCoastWingBattle@gmail.com](mailto:SpaceCoastWingBattle@gmail.com)!

This event is put on by Battle Bros., LLC with non-profit The Children's Hunger Project. Attendance is capped - event will sell out - buy early! For more information, visit [www.spacecoastwingbattle.com](http://www.spacecoastwingbattle.com).

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## Monthly Tax Update

This month, I want to discuss a new requirement for employers with more than 25 employees. As of July 1, 2023, employers must verify each new employee's employment eligibility through the free online E-Verify System. The website is [www.e-verify.gov](http://www.e-verify.gov). You'll need to establish your portal, and this website is for comparing the information the employee enters on the Form I-9 to the records available through the Social Security Administration and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. It will also provide verification the employee is eligible to work in the United States.

Completion and verification of the Form I-9 is required within three business days from the new employees' start date, and it should only take 3-5 seconds for verification. There hasn't been any clarification on employees working out of state and the present interpretation is that all employees are subject to verification.

You can obtain a copy of the Form I-9 by using your internet search engine. You are also required to retain the completed Form I-9 for three years. The term employee does not include an individual hired for casual labor to perform services entirely within a private residence or an independent contractor hired to perform a specified portion of labor or services. You'll also have to certify you used the system on its first reemployment tax return filed each calendar year confirming the E-Verify system was used to verify employee eligibility to work in the United States.

Okay, now that you know what is required. Let's assume you failed to meet the verification process. The Florida Department of Commerce is required to issue a fine of \$1,000 per day if it is determined the E-Verify system was not used three times in a 24-month period. The fine will continue to accrue until the employer demonstrates compliance with the law. And don't forget you still need to file your Florida New Hire Reporting Form in addition to this new verification requirement.

Next, I want to discuss where the Internal Revenue Service Center (IRS) has released numerous statements where the IRS will now, and in the future, look to see if Corporate Officer's compensation is either too high or too low, and if it is to the benefit of the taxpayer's overall tax liability. What they are looking for is whether the S-Corporation skinny down the owner compensa-

tion to reduce payroll taxes or fatten up payroll to avoid double taxation for C-Corporations. It is now standard procedure for every corporate audit to look at Officer Compensation. There are rumors IRS has trained and graduated agents specifically to target Reasonable Compensation.

There is a Form 1125-E filing requirement for all corporations with gross revenue above \$500,000 to disclose officer compensation. However, it is recommended you file Form 1125-E, for all corporations to potentially prevent accuracy related penalties.

Another reminder; Form 7203, establishing shareholder or member basis, is a required form when filing your personal tax return to provide information in the event a loss is the end result, and a potential deduction from your other income is allowed.

This is just a brief overview. Further details and specific questions may be obtained by contacting your tax advisor or our office. Provided by Tracey C. Higginbotham, E.A., (321) 632-5726, a member of the National Society of Accountants.

## US1 Light Project

According to the Senior Project Engineer, Doug Schumann, PE, the project is progressing at a great pace in spite of the weather. They are anticipating the project to be completed ahead of schedule.

If the Contractor is able to continue at this pace, estimated completion of the project is the end of September/beginning of October. However, please note that this completion date may change due to the hurricane season weather or any other unforeseen issues.

Currently, there are four more light poles to be erected. Approximately half of the pull boxes have been installed. Once these items are finished, the Contractor will begin to install and connect the wiring. While the project may look complete with the lights turned on, there is an inspection and burn-in period which will need to be completed before final acceptance.

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It's always amazing how quickly the summer break goes by and now school is starting back on the 10th of August. We remain very busy at St. Patrick's Anglican Church and August is no exception.

On July 31st to August 2nd, at St. Patrick's, we have our intergenerational Vacation Bible School. Our VBS is from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m and includes a study on "The Beatitudes," craft, activities and snacks. If you are 6 years to 90 years, please feel free to join us (no nursery is available). Signup for VBS is available on our church website at [stpatrickspsj.org](http://stpatrickspsj.org).

One of the most frequent questions I hear when talking about St. Patrick's in Port St. John is, "What is an Anglican Church?" It is a very reasonable question since the Anglican Church in the United States is relatively new compared to other denominations. However, worldwide the Anglican Church is the third largest Christian denomination.

The Anglican Church has ancient roots, going back to the original 70 disciples sent out by Christ to preach the word. St. Aristobulus (brother of St. Barnabas) is the apostle that St. Paul sent to Britannia (or Great Britain) to spread the Gospel of Jesus. This church eventually became the Church of England. The Church of England was foundational in the early United States, but following the American Revolution, the Church of England in the United States became known as the Episcopal Church.

Between 1950 and 1990, the Episcopal Church

became more liberal and there were many who felt the Episcopal Church was compromising itself on traditional Biblical teachings and morality. Finally, the Anglican Church separated itself from the Episcopal Church to remain true to traditional Biblical teachings and morality. Although the history and tradition of the Anglican Church goes back to the first apostles who served Jesus, the unique identity of the church in the United States is only 70 years old. For additional information, please see our website at [stpatrickspsj.org](http://stpatrickspsj.org).

Our Veteran's and First Responder breakfast is scheduled for Saturday August 26th at 9:00 a.m. All Veterans, spouses of Veterans, Police, Fire, and EMT are welcome.

Regular service schedule is: Holy Communion Service – Sunday 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m., Wednesday 6:00 p.m. Morning and Evening Prayer – Monday, Wednesday, Friday – 9:00 a.m. (available through Facebook Live only - <https://www.facebook.com/StPatspsj>) and Friday 6:00 p.m. Please see our website for service information ([www.stpatrickspsj.org](http://www.stpatrickspsj.org)) or call our church office at 321-802-1311.

## Experimental Aircraft Meeting

Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 724 holds regular scheduled gatherings for fun and fellowship on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, August 9th 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 Courtenay Parkway. Turn off Courtenay 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](mailto:watersdwayne@yahoo.com), or visit the website at [www.eaa724.org](http://www.eaa724.org).

## National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE)

NARFE Apollo Chapter 1137 meets monthly on the second Monday of each month. The August meeting will be on the 14th.

Our meeting place is 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.

On June 12 our speaker will be Sandy Stauffer, Program Manager at Health First Memory Disorder Clinic. Her topic will be What is Normal and Not Normal Aging and Healthy Brain Lifestyle

The website address is [www.NARFE.org/Chapter1137](http://www.NARFE.org/Chapter1137).

## Drone Attack - A Good One

Everyone in Brevard County knows we've had LOTS of rain lately. Everyone in Florida knows that means MOSQUITOES. Now Brevard County Mosquito Control is flying over hard to reach areas to kill larvae.

The work comes amid a statewide malaria warning; several cases were reported in Sarasota County. It's critical to warding off illnesses and being proactive amid a statewide malaria warning.

Workers are using a state-of-the-art drone to reach wooded areas too dense and difficult to reach by land. What would normally take a whole day is done in just five minutes.

"It's very efficient, it cuts down drastically the amount of time doing it this way, it's just astronomical," said Jonathan Koegel of Brevard County Mosquito Control.

But before they fly, they have to map out the plan. After crews test water for larvae, Koegel plots the areas to cover. The plan includes the types of mosquitoes, the amount, and what type of diseases they carry. There are some 40 different species of mosquitoes in Brevard County, and each can carry a different type of illness. The team monitors their habitat and even a preferred host they like to bite.

The chemicals are loaded up and delivered to the designated spraying site. Koegel is a certified drone pilot, but due to the state banning the use of certain drones by government agencies, he isn't able to fly. Instead, the county has contracted with a private drone operator to do the job under his supervision.

## Alcoholics Anonymous

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4797 Curtis Blvd., Port St. John

East off Grissom Pkwy.

### Sunset Group Meeting

(C) Sunday 5:00 Living Sober book

(C) Tuesday 6:30 AA Topic Mtg

(O) Thursday 6:30 Beginners Topic Mtg

**Alcoholics Anonymous** meets on **Sundays** at 5 p.m, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. **Women's AA** meets on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays, 10 a.m.



## Parrish Healthcare Community Support Groups - August

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

### 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, Monday, August 7, 14, 21, 28, 10-11 a.m.
- Where: The Children's Center, 5650 S. Washington Ave., Titusville

For additional information and to register, visit [parrishhealthcare.com/Moms](http://parrishhealthcare.com/Moms).

### 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, August 14, 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](http://www.parrishhealthcare.com/DiabetesSupport).

### 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, August 2, 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](http://www.parrishhealthcare.com/FearlessCafe).

### 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, August 10 and 24, 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](http://www.parrishhealthcare.com/CaregiverSupport)

### Early Steps Community Play Date

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

- When: Wednesday, August 16, 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](http://parrishhealthcare.com/EarlySteps).

### 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, August 15, 2-4:00 p.m.
- Where: Heritage Hall, 931 N. Washington Ave., Titusville
- Facilitated by Janet Rooks, MA, CDP
- For additional information, please contact Janet Rooks at 321-268-6800.
- To register, please visit [www.parrishhealthcare.com/StrokeandHeartSupport](http://www.parrishhealthcare.com/StrokeandHeartSupport).

### 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, August 16, 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](http://www.parrishhealthcare.com/CancerSupportGroup).

### Parrish Healthcare A.W.A.K.E Sleep Support

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

- When: Monday, August 14, 6-8 p.m.
- Where: Manatee Conference Room, 5005 Port St. John Pkwy., Port St. John
- Facilitated by Michele Roberge, RT(R), RPSGT
- To register, please visit [www.parrishhealthcare.com/SleepSupport](http://www.parrishhealthcare.com/SleepSupport).

For more information about available classes, support groups and events, visit [parrishhealthcare.com/events](http://parrishhealthcare.com/events).

### 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, August 22, 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](http://parrishhealthcare.com/quitsmoking).

For more information about available classes, support groups and events, visit [parrishhealthcare.com/events](http://parrishhealthcare.com/events).

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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, 2:00-5:00 p.m. at Elks Lodge #1532, 315 Florida Ave., Cocoa. The event is open to the public. Admission is free.

CFAC is a Not-for-Profit Florida Corporation, and is tax exempt under Section 501c4 of the Federal Tax Code. The club is dedicated to promoting the visibility and value of the accordion as a multi-cultural musical instrument in Central Florida. For more information, contact Rod Hall, 866-455-2322.

## Parrish Medical Center's Oncology Program Nationally Accredited

Parrish Medical Center's (PMC) Oncology Program has once again earned the Commission on Cancer's (CoC) accreditation. Currently, it is the only oncology program with this distinction in Brevard County. PMC has maintained this accreditation since 1990, making it the longest, continuously accredited program in the area.

To earn voluntary CoC accreditation, a quality program of the American College of Surgeons (ACS), an oncology program must meet 34 CoC quality care standards, be evaluated every three years through a survey process, and maintain levels of excellence in the delivery of comprehensive patient-centered care. As a CoC-accredited program, PMC takes a multidisciplinary approach to treating cancer that includes consultation among surgeons, medical and radiation oncologists, diagnostic radiologists, pathologists and other oncology specialists.

"The CoC Accreditation Program provides the framework for PMC to continuously improve its quality of patient care through various programs that focus on the full spectrum of cancer care, including prevention, early diagnosis, cancer stag-

ing, treatment, rehabilitation, life-long follow-up for recurrent disease and end-of-life care," said Alex Gutierrez, manager of oncology and infusion programs.

The American Cancer Society estimates that more than 1.9 million cases of cancer will be diagnosed in 2023. When patients receive care from PMC's CoC accredited program, they have access to the Mayo Clinic Care Network, information on clinical trials and new treatments, genetic counseling, and patient-centered services including psycho-social support, a patient navigation process, and a survivorship care plan that documents the care each patient receives and seeks to improve cancer survivors' quality of life. Like all CoC-accredited programs, PMC maintains a cancer registry and contributes data to the National Cancer Data Base (NCDB), a joint program of the CoC and American Cancer Society. Data on all types of cancer are tracked and analyzed through the NCDB and used to explore trends in cancer care. CoC-accredited programs, in turn, have access to information derived from this type of data analysis, which is used to create national, regional, and state benchmark reports. These reports help CoC programs with their quality improvement efforts.

The CoC provides the public with information on the resources, services and cancer treatment experience for each CoC-accredited cancer program through the CoC Hospital Locator at <https://www.facs.org/search/cancer-programs>.

For more information about PMC's Oncology Program, visit [parrishhealthcare.com/cancer](http://parrishhealthcare.com/cancer), or call the cancer care patient navigator at 321-268-6111, ext. 3544.

## Virgin Galactic Completes First Commercial Flight Into Space

The flight is a milestone for the space tourism venture founded by Sir Richard Branson. Branson officially entered the billionaire space tourism race last month when his Virgin Galactic rocket plane, Unity, reached an altitude of about 53 miles. Two Italian air force colonels and an aerospace engineer from the National Research Council of Italy joined a Virgin Galactic instructor and the plane's two pilots on the 90-minute

suborbital ride. At the apex of the flight, the crew experienced a few minutes of weightlessness and unfurled an Italian flag before the craft shifted into re-entry mode and glided back to the runway at Spaceport America near El Paso, Texas.

All five crew members officially became astronauts. NASA and the US air force both define an astronaut as anyone who has flown at an altitude of 80km (50 miles) or higher.

The flight marks a decisive moment for Virgin Galactic Holding Inc, as it inaugurates commercial service after several years fraught with development setbacks. It was the company's sixth piloted sub-orbital space flight, but the first to carry paying customers.



Photo credit: Joe Skipper/Reuters

Branson's company has sold about 800 tickets for trips on the aircraft at a cost of up to \$450,000 a seat. The company plans to build a large enough fleet to accommodate 400 flights annually.

The potentially dangerous trip came just days after the loss of the Titan submersible, which was taking customers to see the Titanic at the bottom of the ocean when it imploded. Such risky voyages are part of a growing trend for billionaires.

The flight also comes two years after Branson himself rode along with five other Virgin Galactic personnel for the first fully crewed test space-flight of Unity in July, 2021. At the time, the company was targeting regular commercial service to begin in 2022 after additional test flights.

The mission of the Italian team was billed as scientific as well as touristic. One of the astronauts wore a special suit that measured biometric data and physiological responses. Another conducted tests using sensors to track heart rate, brain function and other metrics while in micro-gravity. A third experiment assessed how certain liquids and solids mix in that environment.

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**MainStage Show:**

Show times are Friday, Saturday and select Thursdays at 8:00 p.m., Sunday and select Saturdays at 2:00 p.m. Lobby Doors open 30 minutes before show time. Seating begins 30 minutes before showtime. Ticket prices from \$29 to \$40. Season tickets available. Visit the website or call 321.268.1125 for tickets.

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. Balcony seats are only accessed by walking up a flight of stairs. **THERE IS NO ELEVATOR.**

For more information, visit <https://titusville-playhouse.com/>.



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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**Alcoholics Anonymous** meets on **Sundays** at 5 p.m., **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays** at 6:30 p.m. **Women's AA** meets on **Mondays**, **Thursdays** and **Fridays**, 10 a.m. **Both AA Groups meet at St. Patrick's Church, 4797 Curtis Blvd.**

**8-1 Compassionate Friends Support Group** meets the first Tuesday of every month at 6 p.m. in Cocoa Beach at the Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, 525 Minuteman Cswy. west of A1A, Fellowship Hall. Call 610-7875 for info.

**8-2 American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 359**, General Membership Meeting on the 1st Wednesday of each month, 6 p.m. at the Post Home, 7260 S. US 1, just north of PSJ. Call President Valerie Helmer at 321-268-1632.

**8-2 Sons of Amvets 2415 Meeting-** 1st Wednesday of the month, 6 p.m. 688 West Ave., PSJ. Commander Chuck Harrington, 321-208-7897.

**8-5 Bike Days at the Tiki, 1:00 - 5:00 PM**  
First Saturday of each month. 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,

### Important Phone Numbers

County Commissioner -	321-607-6901
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Waste Management -	321-636-6894
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SCAT Bus Information -	321-633-1878
Port St. John Library -	321-633-1867
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Florida Power & Light -	321-723-7795
City of Cocoa Water Dept. -	321-433-8400
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Port St. John -	321-636-9393
Titusville -	321-268-6111
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Challenger 7 Elementary -	321-636-5801
Enterprise Elementary School	321-633-3434
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Space Coast Jr/Sr High School-	321-638-0750
Sexual Offender Registry -	
<a href="http://www3.fdle.state.fl.us/sexual_predators/">www3.fdle.state.fl.us/sexual_predators/</a>	

for more information.

**8-10 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.

**8-10 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](mailto:bwc0020@gmail.com).

### 8-12 International Youth Day

**8-12 Amvets Riders meeting**, 2nd Saturday at 10 a.m. Call President Craig Doan, 321-208-7897.

**8-13 Multiple Sclerosis Self-Help Group** meets on the 2nd Sunday each month (except Mother's Day & November), 2 p.m., Cocoa Library.

**8-13 Word Weavers Space Coast**, a critique group for Christian writers, meets the 2nd Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Central Brevard Library in Cocoa. Visitors are always welcome. Email [angelagardnerwrites@gmail.com](mailto:angelagardnerwrites@gmail.com) for info.

**8-13 Multiple Sclerosis Self-Help Group** meets on the 2nd Sunday each month (except Mother's Day & November), 2 p.m., Cocoa Library.

**8-15 North Brevard Republican Club** meets 3rd Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. at the Police Hall of Fame, 6350 Horizon Dr., Titusville. All are welcome.

**8-16 American Legion Post 359** meets at the Post Home at 7260 S. US 1 in Bellwood, (2 miles north of PSJ), 6:00 p.m.. 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.

**8-16 Amvets Post 2415** General Membership Meeting on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. at 688 West Ave., PSJ. Commander Larry Lonneville, 321-208-7897.

### 8-21 Senior Citizens Day

**8-21 Moonport Modelers RC Club** meets at 6:30 p.m., 3rd Monday each month at the N. Brevard Library, 2121 S Hopkins Ave., Titusville. For more info, call Wayne Mendez, 505-2361.

**8-22 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 p.m., meeting at 6:15 p.m., usually followed by show and tell or a guest speaker. Email [Moonlight.Quilters@yahoo.com](mailto:Moonlight.Quilters@yahoo.com) for more information.

**8-26 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.

### 8-26 Womens Equality Day

### 8-30 National Beach Day

### Congratulations to:

**Wayne Weathers turns crazier this month!**

**Roman Arieux** turns **9** on the 3rd.

**Jamie Hagar** turns **31** on the 3rd.

**Chase Turner** turns **21** on the 4th.

**Amber Santoso** turns **25** on the 4th.

**Cindy Kolonich** turns more lovely on the 4th.

**Cher Turman** is the Queen on the 7th.

**Nicholas Moore** turns cooler on the 8th

**Laura Davis** turns **17** on the 9th!

**Toyia Nguyen** turns prettier on the 10th.

**Mason McGann** turns **16** on the 11th!

**Riley Arieux** turns **10** on the 11th.

**Brittany Osburn** turns hotter on the 12th.

**Dillon DeVane** turns **21** on the 12th.

**Angie Anthony** rocks the day on the 12th.

**Kensli Davis** celebrates her **2nd birthday** on the 14th!

**Marty Grinstead** turns **61** on the 15th.

**Sally Blum** turns **29** on the 16th.

**Austin Travis** turns **4-0** on the 16th.

**Kyle Maxwell** turns **19** on the 16th.

**Chase & Alex Turman** turn **24** on the 18th.

**Terri & Tera Nguyen** turn cuter on the 20th.

**Marty Kline** is the King on the 24th.

**Tommy Nguyen** parties wild on the 27th.

**Ashley Mae** turns **18** on the 31st.

**Randy & Cathy Rodriguez** celebrate **47** years on the 1st.

**Sam & Sharon Brown** celebrate the beginning of another wonderful year together on the 12th.

**Louis and Deborah Pierce** celebrate 49 years on the 18th.

**Charlie and Debbie DiMaria** celebrate **37** years on the 19th!

**Trisha and Scott Orend** celebrate **29** years on the 28th.

**Brett and Patty Benoff** celebrate their 24th on the 30th.

*We have lots of room for more good news.*

Fax your inputs to 633-4313 or  
email to [happenings1@att.net](mailto:happenings1@att.net).

# 2023 Disaster Preparedness Sales Tax Holidays

## August 26 through September 8, 2023

The second Disaster Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday for 2023 begins on Saturday, August 26, and ends on Friday, September 8. During this sales tax holiday, sales tax is not due on the retail sale of eligible items related to disaster preparedness.

The sales tax holiday does not apply to commercial purchases of eligible pet evacuation supplies or sales within a theme park, entertainment complex, public lodging establishment or airport, or the rental of any of the eligible items listed below.

### Eligible Items

**Sales price of \$20 or less:** Reusable ice packs

**Sales price of \$40 or less:** Any portable, self-powered light source (powered by battery, solar, hand-crank, or gas), candles, flashlights, lanterns. Eligible light sources and radios qualify for the exemption even if electrical cords are also included.

**Sales Price of \$50 or less:**

Any gas or diesel fuel container, including LP gas and kerosene containers

Batteries, including rechargeable batteries, listed sizes only (excluding automobile and boat batteries): AAA-cell, AA-cell, C-cell, D-cell, 6-volt, 9-volt

Portable Radios (powered by battery, solar, or hand-crank), two-way, weather band

**Sales Price of \$60 or less:**

Coolers and ice chests (food storage, nonelectrical)

Portable power banks

**Sales Price of \$70 or less:**

Carbon monoxide detectors

Fire extinguishers

Smoke detectors or smoke alarms

**Sales Price of \$100 or less:**

Bungee cords

Ground anchor systems

Ratchet straps

Tarpaulins (tarps)

Tie-down kits

Visqueen, plastic sheeting, plastic drop cloths, and other flexible waterproof sheeting

**Sales Price of \$3,000 or less:** Portable generators used to provide light or communications, or

to preserve food in the event of a power outage

**Eligible Common Household Consumable Items (New for 2023)**

**Sales Price of \$30 or less:** Laundry detergent and supplies, powder, liquid or pod detergents, fabric softener, dryer sheets, stain removers, bleach

**Other household supplies:** Toilet paper, paper towels, paper napkins and tissues, facial tissues, hand soap, bar soap, and body wash, sunscreen and sunblock, dish soap and detergents, including powder, liquid, and pod detergents or rinse agents that can be used in dishwashers, cleaning or disinfecting wipes and sprays, hand sanitizer, trash bags

**Eligible Pet Evacuation Supplies:** Sales price of \$10 or less per can or pouch (or the equivalent if sold in a box or case): wet pet food

**Sales price of \$15 or less per item or package:** Cat litter pans, collapsible or travel-sized food or water bowls, hamster or rabbit substrate, manual can openers, pet waste disposal bags

**Sales Price of \$20 or less per item or package:** collars, muzzles, leashes, pet pads

**Sales Price of \$25 or less per item:** cat litter weighing 25 lbs. or less

**Sales Price of \$40 or less per item:** pet beds

**Sales price of \$100 or less per item:** bags of dry cat or dog food weighing 50 lbs. or less, pet carriers, portable kennels, over-the-counter pet medications

For more information and/or forms, visit the Department of Revenue's website at [floridarevenue.com](http://floridarevenue.com).

If you don't have access to a computer, you can also call Taxpayer Services at 850-488-6800, Monday through Friday (excluding holidays).

**Post 359 - American Legion Riders**  
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**Saturday, August 5th**

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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](http://alr359.org), for more information.

**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.

**All Brevard County libraries will be closed on Monday, September 4th for Labor 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. More information on services offered, how to get a library card and events for all the Brevard County libraries can be found at [brevardfl.gov/PublicLibraries](http://brevardfl.gov/PublicLibraries).  
Thursdays, 11 a.m.-noon: **Humanatee Yoga** for Beginners or Intermediate. \$5 Instructor Fee.  
Thursdays, 1-3 p.m.: **SHINE Medicare assistance** through the Senior Resource Alliance of Brevard.

8/2 6:30 p.m.: **Bookworms Bookclub**, see the Reference desk for monthly book selection.

8/9, & 8/23 1:30-5 p.m.: **Community Support Advocate** can help with Housing Assistance, SNAP Benefits, Social Security/Medicare Benefits and more.

8/11 10:30 a.m.: **Special Guest Toddler Storytime**. Ages 3-5.

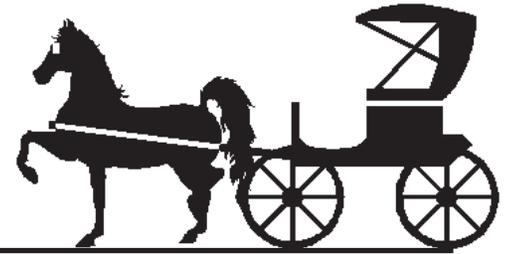
8/15, 8/22 & 8/29 3:00-4:00 p.m.: **STEAM time**. Ages 6-12. Come build & make things with us! Activities centered around Science, Technology, Engineering, Art & Mathematics.

8/18 & 8/25 9:30-10:00 a.m.: **Baby Storytime**. Ages 3 and under.

8/18 & 8/25 10:30 a.m.: **Toddler Storytime**. Ages 3-5. 8/19 10:30 a.m.: **Doorhanger Craft class**. \$40 fee due at signup. Registration ends 8/16. See Reference Desk for more information and to sign up.

8/23 6:00 p.m.: **Friends of the Port St. John Public Library Membership Meeting**. All are welcome! Come help plan future events, including Santa's Visit.

# SLEEPY HOLLOW



## Fruit From The Groves

The worst part of hurricane season is now approaching. Now is the time to make plans and prepare: make sure ALL items can be secured quickly. Brush and yard waste need to be put out now so they can be picked up by Waste Management so they don't cause any hazards.

If you will need a shelter, please look on Brevard County Emergency Management's website, [www.brevardfl.gov/EmergencyManagement/](http://www.brevardfl.gov/EmergencyManagement/). They also have a list of the ones that are pet friendly.

Out here in the Groves we must always be prepared that we could be without utilities for days.

Brevard County Fire Station 29 (Guardians of the Groves), Four Communities Fire Dept. and other units have been extremely busy in the area with a variety of types of calls. They have lights and sirens for a reason. That reason is for you to get out of their way! This includes ALL Emergency vehicles.

Brevard County Sheriff's Office, West Precinct, and other units of the Sheriff's Office have been busy doing traffic stops, patrolling and DUI arrests. Just because you don't see them out there patrolling, it doesn't mean that they aren't.

In reference to the letters that were reported



from Save the Lagoon and other agencies requesting information regarding property and location of septic tanks, it is being looked into. There should be no reason because all septic tanks should have had permits with the County when they were installed and are on file.

Remember that the school buses will be back on the road this month taking children to and from

schools. The flashing yellow lights mean for you to be prepared to stop. Red flashing lights means that you come to a full stop, wait until the lights are off and the bus goes forward before proceeding. Watch out for children who may not be watching for vehicles.

Ed Silva  
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## Alcoholics Anonymous

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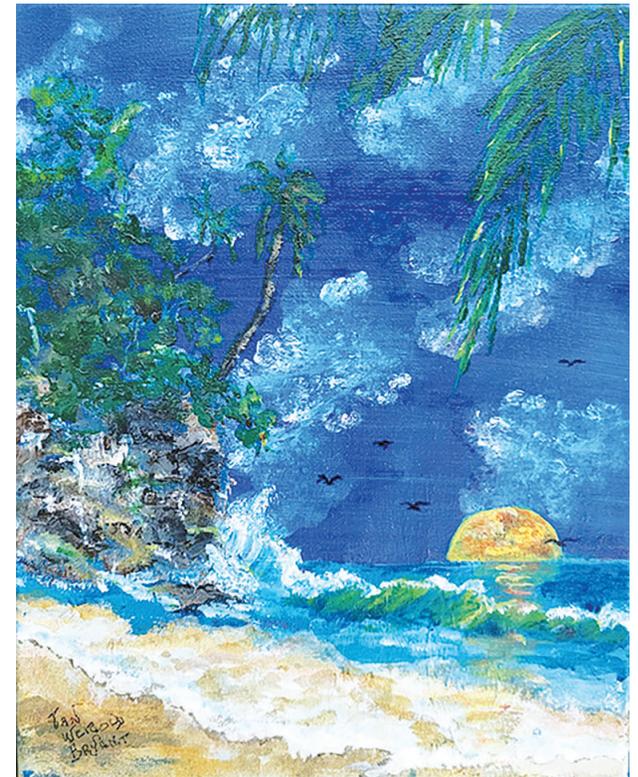
4797 Curtis Blvd. - East off Grissom Pkwy.

### Sunset Group Meeting

(C) Sunday 5:00 Living Sober book

(C) Tuesday 6:30 AA Topic Mtg

(O) Thursday 6:30 Beginners Topic Mtg



## "Summertime Blues"

The Studios of Cocoa Beach presents "Summertime Blues," an exhibit featuring works by member artists. Visit the gallery to view a variety of art in many media celebrating summer and the color blue. Works on display include paintings, art photography, fused glass, ceramics, woodworks, jewelry, palm art, surfboard fin art, note cards and prints.

This two month long exhibition begins Tuesday, August 1st and ends September 30.

Studios of Cocoa Beach is located at 165 Minutemen Causeway in downtown Cocoa Beach. This non-profit gallery is open Monday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Tuesday to Saturday 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday 1 to 6 p.m.

For details on exhibits, artist portfolios and a list of classes and workshops, visit [www.studio-sofcocoabeach.org](http://www.studio-sofcocoabeach.org) or follow them on Facebook and Instagram.

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## Be Prepared for the Peak of Hurricane Season

The peak of hurricane season is upon us once again. It's always a good reminder to know your risks, build a kit, make a plan and stay informed.

Know Your Risks - Do you live in an evacuation zone or a flood-prone area? Do you live in a mobile or manufactured home? If any of those are the case, ensure that you have a plan in place for yourself and your family by visiting <http://www.brevardcounty.us/EmergencyManagement/Preparedness> - Does a friend or family member have special medical needs, including electricity? Have them register for a special needs shelter at <http://web.brevardcounty.us/SpecialNeeds/Registration.aspx>.

Build a Kit - Your kit should contain enough non-perishable food, water and medications to support yourself, your family and your pets for at least three days. Don't forget a solar, portable or automotive cell phone charger in case your home loses power; gas for your car and generator; and cash. Consider these things: <https://www.ready.gov/build-a-kit>.

Make a Plan - Create your personal disaster plan at [www.floridadisaster.org/family/](http://www.floridadisaster.org/family/). Don't wait until an emergency is occurring, and you are under pressure.

Stay informed - Follow @BrevardEOC on Twitter, like "Brevard County Emergency Management" on Facebook, and/or sign up for text messages (Text Follow BrevardEOC to 40404).

Visit the Brevard County Emergency Management website - [www.brevardcounty.us/EmergencyManagement](http://www.brevardcounty.us/EmergencyManagement) - for more information.

- Courtesy of Parrish Medical Center

## On the Road With Rose



### Riverfront Park

401 Riverfront Drive, Cocoa Fl.

<https://www.cocoafl.org/facilities/facility/>

While we're still on the roller coaster of ups and downs of world events, I can't help but feel that somehow our prayers have to be doing some good. I fervently hope so! If you or a loved one have been affected by either nature or man-made disasters, please know you're not alone and prayers are being sent. Also please know that you don't have to face hardships alone. There is a myriad of organizations, church outreach groups and the like. You just have to put a hand out.

Combining Riverfront, Taylor and Lee Wenner Parks makes for almost ten acres to enjoy. This time of year, the splash pad would be the big draw for the younger set, but there's plenty to do for all ages. It's possible to make a whole day without ever leaving the area, I would advise you to get there early as the parking is a little limited.

Huge areas of well maintained, lush green grass just invites barefoot running, jumping, all kinds of ball games and picnics. A Greek styled covered walkway begins and ends beside the stage and you can visit a statue of one of our local military heroes. If you wander the circle, take note of the memorial bricks. On one side of the covered walkway there is a large amphitheater where events from Reggae to Shakespeare to life-sized chess games are held. Movies in the park are particularly popular. A sand pit made for volleyball is hardly ever empty and the bathrooms are cleaned daily.

Walking along the concrete river edge walkway, I spotted a couple of dolphin herding fish against the wall and an old boat. The walkway leads to St. Mark's Academy in one direction and you can meander around all the way to Lee Winner Park in the other direction. The walkway continues around to the large pavilion and bathrooms, past docked boats and boat launches. There is ample

parking for vehicles towing boat trailers, making for a fun day boating, then utilizing the splash pad for kids and the pavilion with BBQ for dinner.

I visited recently and took note that the splash pad has been updated and fenced, making it easier to keep excited little ones corralled. They also re-surfaced the whole area so bare feet do not sizzle or slip. Benches inside and outside the fence give respite to parents and grandparents while keeping an eye on our precious fun-seekers as we enjoy the cool breeze off the water.

It doesn't seem possible, but sometimes the splashing gets a tad old for some little ones, so a short walk to the playground in Taylor Park could be in order. This plot of land was donated to the City of Cocoa in the late 1800's and the lore is that children began playing and swinging on a rope tied to a tree limb, so someone suggested they make it a park. It has not changed much since my brothers and myself enjoyed the coolness and playground while our parents shopped in the late fifties.

Offering soft seat regular swings, baby and mama swings, monkey bars, slides and all sorts of things to climb on, over and around, the park also has many beautifully decorated benches which makes waiting for little ones to tire themselves out (Ha!) and a chance to chat with others in comfort possible.

There are several pubs and shopping directly across the street from Riverfront Park, which may be a welcome change when the little ones wind down (again, Ha!), and of course you're almost in the middle of Cocoa Village with its many and varied restaurants and shops.

Pets are allowed in the parks, but must be leashed, but they are not allowed inside the splash pad fence. Each pub and shop makes their own rules as to animals inside. If you should take your fur, scaled or feathered babies, please clean up after them.

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