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#### Fay Lake FestiFALL & Chili Cook-Off

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5th, from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.!

The PSJ Community Foundation is getting ready for some COOLER WEATHER and HOT CHILI! We are sure your family will have a memorable time! There will be food vendors, craft and business vendors, bounce houses, hay ride, petting zoo, Chili Cook-Off, Kid Zone, Bubble Foam Fun and more! If you enjoyed our food vendors at Thunder Over the Indian River, many are back for FestiFALL, along with a few new ones offering a great variety of gourmet tastes for any foodie.

The Chili Cook-Off has 10 amazing cooks jun Cookin' Chili bringing their best chilis:

The Foodies–Jo

Amvets Post 2415 PSJ Family-Dena Lonneville – Traditional Chili

Bardwell's Bangin' Chili-Wendy Michelle Bardwell-Traditional/ flavorful twist

Black Beard's–Jason Roberts-Smoked Brisket Chili

Drumsmoke–Mike Barker–Smoked Chili IDK Chili–Victor Waltos-Traditional Chili Katie Greet, Realtor–Katie Greet-Traditional Chili

Reel Cajun Cookin'-Sheena Rocque-Reel Cajun Cookin' Chili

The Foodies–John Gaugler-Pumpkin Chili Uncle John's Family Chili–Michael Allen-Original & Spicy Beef Chili

Walt's Chili-Michelle Waltos-White Chicken Chili

Perry's Pot of Gold - Christian Perry Smokin' Armadillo Competition BBQ Team -Clay Messick

Our dedicated volunteers are working many hours to put this event together. The supportive and positive response from the PSJ community is what makes these events worth it!

If you would like more information about FestiFALL, visit our Events page at https://portstjohncommunity-foundation.com/events. html.



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#### **PSJ Community Center Schedule - November, 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**

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.

#### **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), 5:10 - 5:55 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.
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23rd - Closed For Thanksgiving Holiday 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**

10th - Closed For Veteran's Day
24th - Closed For Thanksgiving Holiday
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, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Dancing Little Stars - Tiny Tots (ages 1-3) (Parent Participation), 10 - 10:45 a.m.
Dancing Little Stars - Beginner Ballet (ages 2-4),

Community Cares Aftercare 1:30 - 6 p.m.

10:45 - 11:15 a.m.

**About Kel's Kitchen -** Culinary Kids—Every other Wednesday at 4:30-6:00 p.m. A special program for the child who has a keen interest in all things culinary. The focus is on developing foundational skills to carry into your kitchen at home. \$20.00 per class. Adult must accompany child. Please register at www.floridakelskitchen. com.

**About 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.

About Yoga With Diane - Gentle Yoga -- 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. Recommend not eating two hours prior, small fruit snack okay. Price is \$7 per class. Visit www. psjyoga.com for further information.

~Diane Coben~

About "Yoga For Children" with Sue, Wednesdays 3:30 - 4:15 p.m. This 45 minute class is for children 6 - 12 years old. The children will improve their strength, balance, attention and coordination through music, fun yoga games, challenging yoga sequences, as well as partner and group poses. They will also learn mindfulness activities, useful breathing exercises and relaxation/visualization techniques. Bring a yoga mat and water bottle. Price is \$7 per class. For further information, email: yogisue2023@yahoo.com"

~Sue Timmins

## Free Entrance Day in National Parks

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#### Parade

Planning has begun for the 34th Annual Port St. John Christmas Parade. The parade will take place on December 16, 2023, 11 AM, in Port St. John. The parade

route will be east along Fay Blvd. from Waterloo Ave. to Carole Ave. We are planning for 70-80 entries this year. Please send your entry in early.

This year's parade theme will be "The Wonder of Christmas Morning." Floats and decorations should be planned toward the theme. All entries will be judged and plaques awarded. Categories include Theme, Christmas Spirit, Creativity, Marching Musical and Marching Non-Musical.

Floats should be no more than 17' high to clear power lines, and be 8' wide or less to travel to and from the staging area. Marching groups should plan for a 20' wide roadway.

For everyone's safety, candy may not be thrown from the floats and vehicles.

There is a \$30 charge for any float or vehicle which advertises a business. The fee does not go up if there are multiple businesses on the same float. Nonprofit community support groups and public

schools are \$15, unless they display banners and logos for a business on their float or vehicle(s).

Call us to find out how to get your name on the parade shirts! Your business name will be added to all the Parade t-shirts, staff and public, for a minimum donation of \$75.00.

If there are noise considerations for your entry,

please let us know immediately. We will try to spread out the bands and musical participants.

Any questions, suggestions or needs should be directed to Randy Rodriguez, 321-863-7499 or happenings1@bellsouth.net, or Jeremy Higginbotham, 321-576-2818 or Jhigginbotham@ orionconnectivity.com.

Port St. John Christmas P	Parade	<b>Entry</b>	<b>Form</b>
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NAME OF GROUP:			
CONTACT NAME:			
CONTACT PHONE:			
CONTACT ADDRESS:			
EMAIL:			
Are you having music? Y N Type of music: Band Caroling Other			
Music Volume: Loud Moderate Soft			
Do you have animals? Y N Type & number:			
Approx. number of marchers in group (include moms, coaches, etc.):			
# of vehicles (include follow vehicles): Type:			
Include or attach a description of your entry for the Parade Announcer.			

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#### **Good Day!**

~ by Maureen Rupe

#### **Titusville Business**

A few interesting articles were in the October 23 edition of the North Brevard Business Review published by the North Brevard Economic Development Zone (NBEDZ). By their website, "The North Brevard Economic Development Zone is a special dependent district, created by the local governments of Brevard County (Florida) and the City of Titusville as a tool for stimulating business development in the northern area of the county."

- 1. Draper (an engineering and research firm) is acquiring a 5-acre site in Titusville's Riverfront Center business park (just north of Hyatt Hotel) on U.S. 1. They plan a 37,000 testing and production facility for guidance, navigation and control for missile systems.
- 2. Olympian LED, Inc. is moving their Hopkins Ave. lease when they construct a new 15,000 sq. ft. facility for production, fabrication and assembly on a 4.5-acre lot in Spaceport Commerce Park next to Titusville-Cocoa Airport Authority (TICO) airport.
- 3. Titusville has sent preliminary permitting to the KEY group for construction of a 259,000 sq. ft. industrial building on a site near Grissom Pkwy. and TICO airport. They plan to build at least two additional industrial buildings on the 50-acre parcel for leasing to flight manufacturing firms given the growth of the aerospace industry locally.
- 4. Florida Power & Light has given a grant to Titusville's Economic Development Commission (EDC) of Florida's Space Coast. The program is to improve an industrial site's readiness for development and to assist the EDC with marketing for those sites.

It sure sounds like Grissom and U.S. 1 are going to be very busy in the not too distant future.

Reference:

http://www.nbedz.com

#### **Titusville Right to Clean Water Amendment Fiasco**

Back in 2020, a group of Titusville citizens started a petition drive for the Right to Clean Water Charter Amendment due to the number of manatee deaths and pollution in the lagoon from raw sewage at various times. In November, 2022, it went to ballot and over 82% of Titusville voters approved the amendment. Titusville's charter

Section 7.5 and by Florida state statute, Titusville must accept all of the election results, but they did not.

Titusville decided to sue the citizens who brought the amendment forward. Titusville claimed the right to clean water amendment was unconstitutionally vague, violated state preemption law and was 'confusing.'

Senior Circuit Court Judge Charles Holcomb wrote on 05/22/2023, the "... [1980] Florida Supreme Court confirmed that the citizens of Florida have been given the capacity to protect their rights to a clean environment, a right not previously furnished them directly, by enactment of sub-section 7 of 403.412 F.S." So, "The laws now allow a private citizen to file suit to enforce environmental laws of the State." As far as the charge of confusing references to the natural environment, Judge Holcomb stated that, "The term 'Natural Environment' defines itself and isn't likely to confuse or deceive anyone of voting age with all their faculties intact."

On June 5th, 2023, the City of Titusville filed a motion for a rehearing to question Judge Holcomb's verdict. The Court of Appeals directed the City of Titusville charter amendment to be certified promptly. Titusville asked for another hearing, stating Judge Holcomb's ruling did not provide required references. As Judge Holcomb was ill, Judge Paulk canceled the hearing on Judge Charles Holcomb's calendar where it was initially scheduled, and rescheduled it for a later time, specifically August 24, 2023, at 12:15 pm, on his own docket.

The group being sued, "Speak Up Titusville," stated Judge Paulk has a history of handling highprofile cases. In the past, he has been known to delay rendering verdicts, especially when the outcomes do not align with certain political agendas. Speak Up Titusville asked: 1. The removal of this case from the jurisdiction of Judge Paulk, and 2., The immediate return of this case to Judge Charles Holcomb to ensure an impartial and timely resolution.

I've been told the suit is still under Judge George Paulk and will be heard on November 16th, 2 p.m. at Titusville Court, Room 218 at 506 South Palm Avenue, Titusville. The Brevard County Clerk of Court Record gives this time and place:

05-2022-CA-038303-XXXX-XX CITY TITUSVILLE VS SPEAK UP

Reference:

nbbd.com > 210821-right-to-clean-waterpetition

#### **Growth Myths**

I wrote this back in Happenings in 2010. It is even more relevant in 2023.

We seem to be bombarded by State Representatives, County Commissioners and Town Councils giving breaks to development to provide more growth. Everyone seems to think growth is good. Growth will provide us with more jobs, while keeping taxes low. Unfortunately, it seems to be a myth. Our services diminish, our taxes seem to always increase and we never seem to get to the good side. I've been reading a number of books and articles that explain we need to be honest and debunk these grow mongers for what they are.

In Eben Fodor's book titled, "Better, Not Bigger," Eben debunks a number of myths concerning growth.

Myth: Growth provides needed tax revenue. He explains as a general rule, the larger the city, the higher the taxes. It always seems that if you have more development, you are going to need more water, sewage treatment, road maintenance, police and fire protection, and garbage pickup. Never do the new taxes seem to cover the cost required. Fodor says, "Growth rarely pays its own way."

Myth: There must be growth to provide jobs. Fodor explained that there's no guarantee that new jobs will go to the locals. Companies often bring in their current employees to fill many of the jobs. If you look at the 25 fastest growing cities with the 25 slowest growing, unemployment rates are similar. Fodor says, "If you create more jobs, you attract new people that require even more jobs.

Myth: You have to subsidize growth to have good jobs. A "good growth climate" is one with little regulation, low business taxes and public subsidies to business. Fodor states that a study of states with good and bad business climates, and states with good business climate actually had lower growth per capita incomes than those with the worst. Fodor: "Surprisingly, this could be due to those states placing more emphasis placed on investing resources in businesses in those good business climate states rather than directly in people."

logical to you in Brevard County? We have fantastic growth and it has 2021, to reduce stormwater pollution. caused housing prices to spike. Fodor said housing affordability is not so much housing cost as income level, so if you have low-paying retail jobs, housing will be unaffordable. In Brevard, we have high paying jobs and lack of housing, so there are bidding wars. I'm not sure how much longer that is going on. These reasons are probably why Florida passed a law going into effect in July, 2023 which allows developers to build housing in commercial/industrial zoned areas without a plan review as long as they have 40% for low income housing.

Myth: Protecting the environment hurts the economy. Bank of America did a study that showed states with high environmental standards actually grew faster than those with weak regulations. The Institute of Southern Studies ranked all states according to 20 indicators of economic prosperity and environmental health and found both rose and fell together. Vermont ranked 3rd on the economic scale and first on the environmental scale, while Louisiana ranked 50th on both scales.

Myth: Citizens don't support environmental protections. Fodor cites examples in Colorado, Los Angeles, Oregon and the U.S. as a whole that shows polls have disproved this for decades. Almost always over 70% say the environment is more important than economic growth.

Myth: We have to grow or die. What does that mean? Undeveloped land Cocoa. pays more in property taxes than it costs in services. Undeveloped land doesn't have kids in school and trees don't wear out our roads. Undeveloped land absorbs flood waters and recharges our aquifers. Trees clean the air and provide homes to wildlife. Undeveloped land increases the value of property nearby. We should be paying to have undeveloped land be there.

Myth: Environmentalists are just another special interest. Developers who directly profit from growth is a special interest. Citizens who don't make a cent on the growth are fighting for the public, and for the good of the community.

As with many other things, if you repeat the lies enough, it sometimes becomes truth. Not in growth case, just look around you. Do you feel good about the state of the Indian River Lagoon? Do you love the increased traffic and the state of our roads? Growth does not pay for itself, and we should not be encouraging it. It will probably come, but we should be doing it smartly, not just for the sake of growth.

Reference:

https://openlibrary.org/books/OL19292554M/Better not bigger

I still have a t-shirt from nearly 30 years ago that says "Smart Quality Growth for Brevard." I wore it to County Commission meetings to advocate for its message as I could see what was happening and that we live in a natural swamp. Care is needed to deal with stormwater and one solid way is Low impact Development.

"Low Impact Development," also known by its acronym "LID," is design standards to ensure rainwater stays where it falls and is absorbed so that it doesn't go into our streams and canals taking along pollutants, eventually going into our Indian River Lagoon.

SB712 Clean Waters Act passed in 2020 instructed the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) and water management districts

Myth: If growth is limited, housing prices will go up. Does it sound to update stormwater rule making so it would include LID by January 1,

Cities in Brevard are starting to implement it, but most seem to only encourage the use of LID instead of requiring developers to use it. The only one that I know of that has made it mandatory is the Department of Defense (DoD). Developers will find it reduces land clearing and grading cost, reduces infrastructure costs (streets, curbs, gutters, sidewalks, retention ponds), and increases lot and community marketability. Cities will find it reduces infrastructure and utility maintenance costs and improves their residents quality of life.

Hopefully, the cites and our county will wake up soon as with climate change, adding to this problem as well will be our dire straits.

Reference: https://savetheirl.org/education/low-impact-development/ Cheerio,

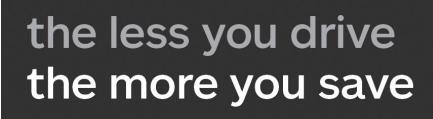
> ~ Maureen Rupe rupe32927@gmail.com

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

NARFE Apollo Chapter 1137 meets monthly on the second Monday of each month. Our meeting place is Kay's BBQ Restaurant, 1552 W King St,

The November meeting will be on the 13th. You are invited to join us for lunch at 11:30 and an interesting speaker at 12:15.

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



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#### First Lady Dr. Jill Biden Visits Space Force Bases

First Lady Dr. Jill Biden visited Brevard County last Monday alongside Secretary of Veteran's Affairs Denis McDonough. The First Lady toured Patrick Space Force Base and Cape Canaveral Space Force Station.

Dr. Biden's trip to the Space Coast is part of her Joining Forces initiative, which focuses on providing three areas of support for military families: employment and entrepreneurship, health and wellbeing, military child education, and hopefully help to alleviate some of the challenges





faced by the families of service members.

The pair met with several service members and military families along the way. Dr. Biden's father served as a U.S. Navy signalman in the Pacific Theater during World War II. Her son Beau deployed in Iraq for a year with the Delaware Army National Guard.

She wants Space Coast military spouses to have sufficient access to employment, child care and assistance with mental health challenges such as substance abuse, depression and anxiety. As part of her Joining Forces initiative, the First Lady said she has met with military families across the world.

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#### **Parrish Medical Center Board Votes No Taxes**

For the 29th straight year, no taxes will be assessed to support operations of the North Brevard County Hospital District d/b/a Par-

rish Medical Center (PMC). PMC's Board of Directors voted unanimously during public hearings on September 11 and 25 to establish the millage rate and budget for fiscal vear 2023-2024.

PMC is an independent, public, HEALTHCARE not-for-profit hospital, and state

law gives the North Brevard Hospital District (d/b/a Parrish Medical Center) the authority to set a tax rate to support hospital operations. However, unlike most public hospitals, the PMC Board of Directors has, for 29 years, voted not to use tax dollars as a means of funding the hospital.

> "PMC serves the community's health through compassionate and exceptional care and is recognized as one of the nation's finest healing environments," said PMC Board Chairman Robert Jordan. "We are pleased to continue to take

this position on behalf of the community we serve while also investing tens of millions of dollars back into North Brevard each year in charity care and services."

#### **PSJCF Storefront Is OPEN**

THE PSJ Community Foundation storefront is now OPEN thanks to Printboy on Merritt Island! The direct link to the Printboy page to order is https:// printboy.net/shop/psjcommunity/.

FestiFALL shirts are available in multiple colors. Please encourage friends and family to show their support for our community by making a purchase. Non-volunteers who purchase and wear their shirt to FestiFALL will receive one Combo Activities & Chili Cook-Off wristband per family.

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#### Rose's Room

~ Rose Padrick



Wishes Do Come True... Ya' just have to overlook a few of the 'interesting' parts.

Hate and fighting reared their ugly heads one more time, this time in an area of our wonderful world that has seen more than their share for more years than we can remember. There's not much we can do except talk to the Big Guy at every chance and reach out to anyone we might know who might have a personal interest and let them know there is more love than hate in this world, and prayers are being said all over the globe.

One of my more fervent wishes - after taking a few years to recover from their teenage years — has been to have my kids all to myself for a nice vacation. Yes, there is madness in my DNA, but it's several generations removed.

Due to surprising circumstances and the world's best travel agent, the opportunity presented itself recently. A dear friend, my favorite daughter and her sister joined me and several thousand others on a huge floating city for a whole week. My friend was the only one to listen to my advice about bringing warm clothes. My darling daughters' poo-pooing me with, "We never get cold, we'll just layer up."

I know I'm not the only one with less than joyous sentiments about the whole flying experience. I still don't quite understand how airplanes stay up, much less get to a destination an hour before we left! I'm refraining from mentioning traversing the Orlando airport...let's just say Mickey wouldn't have giggled.

But get there we did, with big smiles and high expectations, despite kinked necks and growling bellies. Stepping outside, the answers to my comment about how my girls wouldn't be goosepimply had they paid attention to dear old mom's

advice to wear a sweater went ignored.

Four Florida flatlander ladies (term used loosely) traipsing mountainous terrain in thirty-degree weather is fodder for active imaginations. But imagination is not really needed to envision 'a whole lotta' shaking going on' while hanging on to a frosty metal railing while wind rips through the hair. My comment about who should have brought warmer clothes again went ignored.

We had considered sharing a room, but in the interest of avoiding too much togetherness opted for sharing a balcony - a decision I'm not too sure my neighbors appreciated after the first time my child craned her neck around the barrier and screeched "Maaa!"

Enjoying meals outside our normal cuisine together, listening to the laughter of loved ones during the comedy show, unabashedly visiting a famous bordello in a tiny Alaskan town together left indelible imprints on this old heart. Memories made together will be rehashed for a long time to come... including the times I caught my darlings shivering and asked if they wanted to borrow a sweater, only to be told they were not cold, that they had layers on.

My friend's excitement at seeing the Northern Lights waned with every mile as we went higher and higher to a small lodge and the skies got cloudier and cloudier. I felt bad because the lights were the main reason she joined our little crew on our big adventure... and put up with the "Maaa's." But she's a trooper and loves us, so you never know.

Getting sick, broken luggage, just missing catching the whale in every picture were nothing compared to the privilege of spending (mostly) uninterrupted time with some of those I love the most. I think any of us blessed enough to have other humans willing to go traipsing off to the wilds of the frozen north or the frost covered bounding main with us should take full advantage without a second thought. Whether you get together in a living room to watch a favorite movie or crowd into a flying machine to lands unknown, the memories are priceless and tomorrow is not promised.

I will forever remember the moment my darling off-springs looked me in the eye and uttered the words mothers the world over yearn to hear... "Yes! You were right Mom, we should have listened to you and packed warmer clothes. Yes, we will listen to you next time."

## **Downtown Art Gallery In Titusville Relocates**

The Downtown Art Gallery in Titusville is thrilled to announce a significant milestone in its journey. After serving the artistic community for 21 wonderful years at its current location on Washington Avenue in downtown Titusville, the gallery is relocating to a brand-new space, just three blocks away. Owners Jeff and Heidi Thamert are proud to unveil their new standalone building situated at the corner of the upand-coming Palm Avenue and Orange Street.

The new location, which boasts high visibility from Garden Street while still being part of the vibrant downtown scene, promises to offer patrons a fresh and enriched art experience. Visitors can expect uniquely defined show spaces, now with easier access, as parking will now be closer for those who wish to explore the gallery's captivating exhibits.

One of the gallery's hallmark services, impeccable custom framing, will continue to be available with improved front row pull-up and dropoff access. Most importantly, the Downtown Art Gallery will continue to showcase an outstanding selection of art, featuring talented local artists and exciting newcomers, all available for purchase to take home and enjoy or give as gifts to your friends.

Heidi Thamert, co-owner of the Downtown Art Gallery, expressed her enthusiasm for the move, stating, "We are confident our new home will be welcoming and an inspiration for your senses. And, of course, we will continue to host our exhibitions, art receptions and wine soirées!" The addition of a charming "backyard" space will elevate these events, providing a more spacious and enjoyable atmosphere for attendees.

The gallery anticipates being fully operational in its new location by November. Heidi Thamert added, "We will be closed during the last two weeks of October for the move, and at some point services will be split between the two buildings. So, give us a call if you have specific needs."

They can be reached at 321-268-0122 or 321-960-2930. The new address is 400 Orange St.

#### Post 359 - American Legion Riders



## presents Bike Days at the Tiki

Saturday, November 4th 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.

11-1 Ladies Auxiliary General Membership Meeting - 1st Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m. 11-13 Sons of the Legion, 6 p.m. on the 2nd Monday of the month at the Post.

**11-15 General Membership Meeting-** 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m.

**11-19 American Legion Riders** General Membership Meeting- 3rd Sunday of the month at 10:30 a.m. President Steve Carman, 321-446-3394.

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.

# Carrier Scammers Over The Holidays

If you come across suspicious websites that pretend to be FedEx, UPS, DHL or USPS or if you have received suspicious calls, emails or text messages, regarding any packages that say you shipped or are receiving them, THIS IS FRAUD! Delete these messages immediately without opening them.

This also applies to text messages on your cell phone which have a link attached. The carriers do not communicate by calls, email or text unless you have instructed them to do so. With most of these emails and texts, there are viruses attached.

If you have any questions about a text or email, call the carrier directly after looking up their phone number on a trusted site. Don't use the links or phone numbers in the text or email.

Porch pirates will be roaming, too. If you need a safe place to have your packages delivered, contact Shipping Depot on West Ave. in Port St. John, 321-632-3759. Ask about their program to have deliveries come there instead and keep your holiday packages safe.



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

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It's already November and we are looking forward to Thanksgiving followed by Christmas. Remember to pray for all those who are alone this Thanksgiving or who have lost someone. Having lost someone myself during the holiday season, I know what it can mean to have someone pray for me or just call to say I am thinking of you. So, reach out to those who are hurting or call our church office and we will add you to our prayer list.

We are beginning to plan our Christmas activities and we hope that everyone in Port St. John takes advantage of these opportunities to prepare and celebrate Christmas.

Our 4th Annual Cookie Walk will be on Saturday, December 9th in front of the church from 9 a.m. – 12 noon. Come and experience the "WALK" and start a new family tradition. A variety of Christmas cookies, traditional favorites, homemade, & gluten free cookies will be available, including our own Fr. Tim and Gina's famous chocolate covered bacon. As usual, we will have local vendors selling jewelry, plants, Christmas gifts and more. If you are interested in selling items and having a table, please call the church office. Tables are available for PSJ vendors only and it is first come, first served and pre-reservations and acceptance is required. Tables are limited and we will not duplicate types of vendors.

In November and December we will have our monthly Crafty Ladies get together on the 2nd Monday of the month (November 13th & December 11th) from 6 - 8 p.m. Bring a craft or come and learn a craft (snacks and drinks provided). I know that I am working on some Christmas crafts I was unable to complete last year. For more information on the Crafty Ladies group, please check our website or Facebook page.

We are continuing our Adult Bible Study on Sundays between services from 9:00 - 9:40 a.m. on the Book of Revelation, as well as our Children's and Teen Sunday School during the Sunday 10:00 a.m. service.

Our Veteran's and First Responder Breakfast

will be Saturday, November 25th 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., and Wednesday 6:00 p.m. Morning and Evening Prayer Services are Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. (available through Facebook Live only - https://www.facebook.com/StPatspsj) and Friday 6:00 p.m. (in person and Facebook Live).

Christmas Eve Services will be Sunday, December 24th at 6:00 p.m., which is a Family Service with no Holy Communion and 11:00 p.m. will be our "Lessons with Carols," followed at 11:30 p.m. with our Midnight Holy Communion to celebrate the birth of our savior Jesus Christ. Christmas Day Holy Communion Service on Monday December 25th will be at 10:00 a.m.

Please see our website for service information (www.stpatrickspsj.org) or call our church office at 321-802-1311.



#### Amvets Post 2415 Schedule

**11-1 Sons of Amvets 2415** General Membership Meeting -1st Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m. Commander

Chuck Harrington, 321-208-7897.

**11-9 Amvets 2415 Ladies Auxiliary** General Membership Meeting - 2nd Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. President Theresa Nikki Anderson, 321-208-7897.

11-11 Bike Night! 3:00 - 7:00 on the 2nd Saturday of the month at the Post.

**11-11 Amvets Riders Chapter 2415** General Membership Meeting- 2nd Saturday of the month at 10:30 a.m. President Steve Carman, 321-446-3394.

**11-15 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. 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.

# Fay Lake FestifffLL

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### Participation Activities

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#### **Project Kuiper's Protoflight Mission Begins**

On Friday, October 6, Project Kuiper sent its first two satellites into space from Kennedy Space Center on board an Atlas V rocket from United Launch Alliance (ULA). The launch kicked off the Kuiper Protoflight mission, a months long series of tests to validate the system design and network perfor-



mance. Already, engineers have collected some of the most critical data from the mission.

"There's plenty of work ahead, but at this point in the mission, I'm thrilled to report that KuiperSat-1 and KuiperSat-2 are operating nominally," said Rajeev Badyal, Project Kuiper's vice president of technology. "The two satellites are stable in orbit, harvesting energy from the sun and communicating across all links from Earth to space and space to Earth. We're already learning a lot from this mission that will inform further improvements to our production systems, and the team should be very proud of this milestone."

In the next phase of the mission, Amazon will test the data network end to end. That involves routing data from the internet through Amazon Web Services (AWS)-powered ground network, from a ground gateway antenna up to the prototype satellites, and then down to customer terminal antennas at their test site, as well as sending data in the other direction.

Project Kuiper plans to begin satellite production in Kirkland, Washington, before the end of the year, in parallel with the Protoflight mission. Learnings from the mission will help refine the hardware, software, and infrastructure that underpin the Kuiper System. The first of these production satellites are on track for launch in the first half of 2024, and entering beta testing with early commercial customers in the second half of 2024.



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#### **Parrish Medical Center Awarded Triennial Re-Accreditation from The Joint Commission**



Parrish Medical Center (PMC) received notification on October 3, 2023, that it has again earned accreditation from The Joint Commission (TJC) by demonstrating continuous compliance with its performance standards. Every three years, TJC conducts a rigorous review of every facet of PMC's operations. This is a voluntary survey that supports PMC's commit-

ment to continuous quality improvement. TJC's Gold Seal is a symbol of quality that reflects a health care organization's commitment to providing safe and quality patient care.

During the visit, a team of Joint Commission reviewers evaluated compliance with all TJC standards spanning all areas including emergency management, inpatient care, life-safety and the environment of care, infection prevention and control, leadership, medication management, rights and responsibilities of the individual, to name a few.

TJC's standards are developed in consultation with health care experts and providers, measurement experts and patients. They are informed by scientific literature and expert consensus to help health care organizations measure, assess and improve performance. The surveyors also conducted onsite observations and interviews.

"As a healthcare accreditor, The Joint Commission works with healthcare organizations across care settings to inspire safer and higher quality of care that is more equitable and compassionate," says Ken Grubbs, DNP, MBA,

RN, executive vice president of Accreditation and Certification Operations and chief nursing officer, The Joint Commission. "Through collaborating on innovative solutions and evidencebased resources and tools, The Joint Commission helps drive improvement while maintaining accountability through our leading survey methods and standards. We commend Parrish Medical Center for its commitment to advance safety, quality, equity and compassion for all patients."

"Our Care Partners are committed to the safe and healing care of all patients in our care and it is through that commitment that Parrish Medical Center has maintained this valued accreditation from The Joint Commission," said Parrish Healthcare President/CEO George Mikitarian.

"Parrish Medical Center prides itself on hardwiring The Joint Commission's standards as well as other leading-practices into our standard operating procedures to assure the highest levels of patient safety and quality clinical practices," added Mikitarian.

For more information, please visit The Joint Commission website (jointcommission.org).

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# On the Road With Rose

#### ~ Rose Padrick rosepadrick@gmail.com Patriotism in Brevard County

This newest horribleness that slammed us straight in the face has left me and many others almost breathless. There seems to be no reasonableness to the suffering and death. We can only pray that an end is in sight as soon as possible. If those reading this are affected either directly or indirectly, please know you're not alone and prayers are being sent.

If you can read this, thank a teacher. If you're reading it in English, thank a veteran. This bumper sticker has stuck with me through an Army husband, Marine daughter, Navy son, Air Force, Navy and Army grandchildren and various military nieces and nephews.

Some say patriotism is on the ropes - I choose not to believe it.

I think patriotism can take many forms - waving the flag and shooting fireworks being rampant in July is but one way. Listening to a neighbor explain what the flag means and why we ooh and ahh over lights flashing in the sky to his child made my chest expand with pride.

One of the times I wish schools would teach more about the past and the world around us was when one of my grandchildren asked what Armistice Day was. I explained the whole 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month thing and why we celebrate veterans on this day. His reply of "Wow!" made me both glad and sad.

There's going to be lots of fun stuff to do in Brevard this holiday, some on the 11th and some carrying on until the weekend, those who I know of right close to our own back yard follow.

Kennedy Space Center is offering a Salute to Brevard. They are offering a discounted admission with proof of residency to all Brevard residents. They are also encouraging visitors to bring nonperishable foods and hygiene items to be donated to Brevard Sharing Center. Admission will then be \$19.00 for adults and \$14.00 for children ages three to eleven. This is a great way to learn all about our contribution to all the space programs right here in our back yard.

An event honoring all who served will take place at the Veteran's Memorial Center, 400 S. Sykes Creek Pkwy, Merritt Island at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, November 11. There will be a ceremony featuring guest speakers, special exhibits and you can have a guided tour of the museum. Bring your own chairs. Visit veteransmemorialcenter.org.

Valiant Air Command, the Warbird Air Museum, 6600 TICO Rd., Titusville, is hosting a Veterans Day open house on Friday through Sunday, November 11-13 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The museum features a collection of over 50 historic combat aircraft, including over 50 vintage Warbirds. Many veteran pilots will be on hand to talk about their flying experiences. There will also be model trains, radio-controlled aircraft, flybys and more. Admission is free for U.S. military and veterans, their family members and all Florida residents. Donations of non-perishable foods are requested. Call 321-268-1941 or visit valiantair-command.com.

There will be a ceremony at Veteran's Memorial Park, 8 Broad Street, Titusville, on Friday, November 11, starting at 10 a.m. Following the ceremony, the event continues at American Legion Post #1, 1281 N. US1, Titusville from noon to 4 p.m. with a small ceremony, live music, vendors and more. Lunch will be offered for \$5 or free for a veteran and one guest. Call 321-604-2900.

Our own American Legion Post #359 on U.S.1 will do a short ceremony, have a live band and be doing hot dogs and hamburgers outside. All are invited. Call (321) 268-1632 for info and times.

I'm sure there are more that I have overlooked, but whatever you do, please enjoy our wonderful weather together and remember even with all of it's problems, the good old U.S.A. is still the best nation on God's green earth.

#### **Helping Local Families**

It is that time of year again when Space Coast Jr/Sr High School reaches out to faculty, staff, clubs, teams and business partners to make a difference in our community. We know that it can be especially difficult during the holiday seasons

for our families.

I know how busy we all are and wanted to give you plenty of time if you wanted to participate in our Thanksgiving program. We won't need the baskets until the Thursday before Thanksgiving, November 16th.

Please contact Keri Weeks, Guidance Clerk / P.I.E. Coordinator at 321-638-0750, ext. 27009 if you are interested in making a Thanksgiving basket for a family or families in need. We had several business partners and clubs find it easier to donate gift cards to Walmart, Publix or Winn Dixie for the families. Whatever works best for you, works for us.

Sometimes it takes only one act of kindness and caring to change a person's life. Thank you in advance,

~ Keri Weeks

#### **Space Coast Viper Spirit Day**

Come out and support our home team at Skyzone Trampoline Park, 624 Barnes Blvd., Rockledge, on Tuesday, November 21st for a Thanksgiving Vacation Tuesday.

Enjoy special rates of \$24.99 for 90 minutes or \$29.99 for Unlimited Open Jump.

#### Viper Football Proceeds Night

Come to Time Out Sports Bar+ in Cocoa Village on Monday, November 27th to support the Space Coast Vipers football team. Just drop your receipt in the Vipers box on your way out.



There will be a raffle for autographed Chicago Bears merchandise. Be sure to buy your tickets!

#### SCHS Soccer Cornhole Tournament

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Everyone is welcome to come out to Beef O'Brady's PSJ at 3745 Curtis Blvd. and play. The event is a Florida Cornhole League game and will include a Knock Out Bounty, Throw for the Hole contest, cash prizes and a 50/50 raffle.

Player fee is \$20 per player and the tournament will be a blind draw double elimination tournament. Bags fly at 12 noon.

#### **Parrish Healthcare Community Support Groups - November**

Parrish Healthcare offers a variety of support • When: Monday, November 13, 6-8 p.m. groups as a free service to the community.

#### 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, November 6, 13, 20, 27, 10-11 a.m.
- Where: The Children's Center, 5650 S. Washington Ave., Titusville
- For additional information and to register, visit parrishhealthcare.com/Moms.

#### 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, November 1, 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 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, November 13, 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.

#### 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.

- Where: Manatee Conference Room, 5005 Port St. John Pkwy., Port St. John
- Facilitated by Kristina Weaver, Sleep Center
- To register, please visit www.parrishhealthcare. com/SleepSupport.
- For additional information, please contact the Sleep Center at 321-268-6408.

#### 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, November 9 and 23, 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 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, November 14, 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.

#### **Early Steps Community Play Date**

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

- When: Wednesday, November 15, 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/Early Steps.

#### 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 HEALTHCA experiences.



- When: Wednesday, November 15, 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/CancerSupport.

#### **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, November 28, 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.

#### **Medicare Fraud: Stop It Now**

What's the best way to stop Medicare fraud? Help prevent it in the first place. Follow these tips to protect yourself from scammers:

- 1. If you get a call, text or email asking for your Medicare Number, don't respond. Don't give your Medicare card or Medicare Number to anyone except your doctor or people you know should have it. Remember, Medicare will never call you unprompted and ask you for your personal information.
- 2. Check your Medicare Summary Notices or claims statements carefully. If you see a charge for a service you didn't get or a product you didn't order, (like a COVID-19 over-the-counter test), it may be fraud.

If you suspect fraud, report it at 1-800-MEDI-CARE (1-800-633-4227). Visit Medicare.gov to learn more about preventing Medicare fraud.

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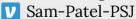
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#### Santa Claus At PSJ Library

All the children in Port St. John are invited and should not be late, as Santa is on a tight schedule. December is his busiest month and he wants to hear what every child wants for Christmas.

The Friends Of The Library are busy planning this for Random Acts of Kindness, to see if we could year's arrival of Santa Claus on December 2nd, 10 a.m. until 12 noon. Santa's helpers will also have a to graduate." craft project, coloring, letter writing, a snack and a special bicycle giveaway!

cycle. Drawing is at 11am. Make plans early. Last year over 100 children attended!



#### **Random Acts of Kindness**

"Sometimes it takes only one act of kindness to change a person's life." - Jackie Chan

"We have two seniors working together to help each other out to ensure they walk across that stage in May. One of the students decided to have a change of heart and wants to graduate high school and then attend college. They need extra classes for graduation and we have an awesome program after school that can really help get classes made up quick. Demantay did not have transportation and without a second thought, Gavin said, 'No worries, man. I got you.' They now go every day after school and are working so hard to ensure the goal of graduation becomes a reality," said Mrs. Keri Weeks, Guidance Clerk Space Coast High School. "I contacted our local non profit, The Foundation do something to reward them or encourage them

Random Acts of Kindness said, "Mrs. Weeks, You must be present to win drawings and a bi- told us about these two young men and the effort they were making after school to encourage each other to graduate. We are big believers in education, whether it be higher learning or trade low on Facebook.



Gavin Mennillo and Demantay Lewis school. So we gave the two young men a laptop, bag and wireless mouse. We were truly inspired by these young men. If they can work together to reach a common goal, why can't we all? Laptops are materialistic things. We can always make more Sam Patel, Founder, The Foundation for money, however, if this little act can alter their future, then we succeeded as a non profit."

> The Foundation of Random Acts of Kindness is based out of Port St. John, Florida. Please visit their website, www.foundationforrak.org or fol-



#### **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.

#### 11-1 All Saints Day

11-1 American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 359, General Membership Meeting on the 1st Wednesday of each month, 6 p.m. at the Post Home, Valerie Helmer at 321-268-1632.

11-1 Sons of Amvets 2415 Meeting-1st Wednesday of the month, 6 p.m. 688 West Ave., PSJ. Commander Chuck Harrington, 321-208-7897.

11-4 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, for more information.

11-5 Daylight Savings Time Ends 11-7 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.

11-9 Amvets Ladies Auxiliary 2415 General

#### **Important Phone Numbers**

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Atlantis Elementary School - 321-633-6143

Enterprise Elementary School 321-633-3434

Fairglen Elementary School - 321-631-1993

Space Coast Jr/Sr High School - 321-638-0750

321-636-5801

Challenger 7 Elementary -

each month at 6 p.m. President, Theresa N. Anderson, 321-208-7897.

11-10 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.

#### 11-11 Veterans Day

11-11 Amvets Riders meeting, 2nd Saturday at 7260 S. US 1, just north of PSJ. Call President 10 a.m. Call President Craig Doan, 321-208-7897. 11-12 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 for info.

> 11-12 Multiple Sclerosis Self-Help Group meets on the 2nd Sunday each month (except Mother's Day & November), 2 p.m., Cocoa Li-

> 11-15 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.

> 11-15 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.

> 11-20 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.

> 11-21 North Brevard Republican Club meets 3rd Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m. at the Police Hall of Fame, 6350 Horizon Dr., Titusville. All are welcome.

#### 11-23 THANKSGIVING!

11-25 Veterans & First Responders Breakfast - 9:00 a.m. at Saint Patrick's Anglican Church, 4797 Curtis Blvd., Port St. John. This is open to all veterans, spouses of veterans and all first responders. Last Saturday of each month.

#### 11-27 Cyber Monday

11-28 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.,

Membership Meeting on the 2nd Thursday of usually followed by show and tell or a guest speaker. Email Moonlight.Quilters@yahoo.com for more information.

#### **Congratulations to:**

Trey Darville turns 14 on the 1st. Elias Bennett turns 6 on the 1st!! Heather Burris turns 29 on the 5th. Steve Sweeney turns wilder on the 5th. Nicole Crouse turns cuter on the 7th. Joev Hilde turns 31 on the 9th. **Doreen Erickson** has a party day on the 12th. **Kayla Erff** turns more lovely on the 12th. Mary Prentiss turns 32 on the 12th! Chelsea Balparda turns 31 on the 13th. **Tyler Thomas** turns **25** on the 13th. James Maxwell turns cooler on the 13th. **Rita Stanton** has a spanking day on the 14th. **Dawn Niehoff** turns prettier on the 15th. Anthony Wagner turns 17 on the 15th! **David Erickson** turns crazier on the 16th. Jennifer DiCandio dances all day on the 18th. Tyler Mangiacapra turns 29 on the 19th. Fred Bradshaw turns buffer on the 19th. Cassie Fogarty turns 25 on the 20th. Olivia Brackin turns 29 on the 20th!! Cathryn Santoso turns 33 on the 21st. Amy Arnone turns 43 on the 22nd. Kristin Svandrlik turns 24 on the 22nd! **Holly Turner** is the Queen on the 23rd. **Aurora Mayfield** rules the world on the 23rd. **Christopher Allison** turns **20** on the 25th. Kim Tyner parties wild on the 28th. **Aaron Patrinostro** turns **4-0** on the 29th. **Deborah Pierce** has a **Happy 39th Birthday** (again) on the 30th.

Roger and Jennifer Brunet celebrate their 17th anniversary on the 6th!

Kurt and Linda Bird celebrate 51 years on the 12th.

Jeff & Betty Couch celebrate their 42nd anniversary on the 15th.

David and Laura Keefe celebrate 29 years on the 15th.

Mark and Helen Dezendorf will have been happily married for 43 years on the 16th.

Email your inputs to email to: happenings1@att.net.

#### 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 Friday 11/10 and Saturday 11/11 in honor of Veteran's Day. Libraries will also be closed Thursday 11/23 and Friday 11/24 for Thanksgiving.

Our digital collections are available 24/7/365 with your Brevard County library card!

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.

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

Thursdays, 11 a.m.-noon: **Humanatee Yoga** for Beginners or Intermediate. \$5 Instructor Fee.

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11/1 6:30 p.m.: Bookworms Bookclub, see the Reference desk for monthly book selection.

11/2 10 a.m.: One-On-One Tech Help. See Reference for information and to sign up.

Friday 11/3 & 11/17 9:30-10:00 a.m.: Baby Storytime. Ages 3 and under.

Fridays 11/3 & 11/17 10:30 a.m.: Toddler Storytime. Ages 3-5.

11/4 10:30 a.m.: Fall or Thanksgiving Doorhanger Craft class. \$40 fee due at signup. Registration ends 11/1. See Reference Desk for more information and to sign up.

11/4 1p.m.: Read-to-a-Dog! Ages 6-12. Practice reading skills with the best four-legged listeners around from Space Coast Therapy Dogs. Register with Youth Services.

11/8 5 - 7 p.m.: Food Truck Rally, come get dinner with us in the back parking lot!

11/8 6 p.m.: Port St John Special District Advisory

Board Meeting.

11/13 & 11/27 1:30-5 p.m.: Community Support Advocate office hours. Can help with Housing Assistance, SNAP Benefits, Social Security/ Medicare Benefits and more.

11/15 6:00 p.m.: Friends of the Port St. John Public Library Membership Meeting. All are welcome. Final planning before Santa's Visit!

The show will include items for gift giving from the substitution of the Port St. John Sales with military ID.

11/16 2:00 p.m.: Spice Travelers Spice Club! Pick up a kit including this month's featured spice at the Reference Desk beginning 11/1. Join us on the third Thursday at 2pm to discuss and share recipes. 11/30 2-3 p.m.: Turning Science into Action with the Marine Resources Council. Learn more about our Indian River Lagoon at this Free discussion! 12/2 10 a.m.: Santa is here! Come visit and take pictures with Santa from 10 a.m. - noon. In addition to special gifts from Santa for the kids, there will be drawings for giveaways happening at 11 a.m. Please check with the library and follow the Friends of the PSJ Library on Facebook for more information.

#### **Photos with Santa!**

Bring your pet and children, too, and join Rescue Rebels by Cash 4 Canines, Inc., an all-volunteer, nonprofit organization, for Photos with Santa! The event will take place from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 3rd at Myrt Tharpe Square in Cocoa Village.

Sponsored by Tails at the Barkery, this event will help raise much needed funds for the animals Rescue Rebels rescues. Their 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.

For a \$10.00 donation, receive a goody bag and a framed 4x6 color photo with Santa. Photo sign-in ends at 2:15 p.m.

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 additional information, please visit Tails at the Barkery in Cocoa Village, visit www.TailsAtTheBarkery.com or call 321-305-4584. You can learn more about Rescue Rebels at www.rescuerebels.org.

#### **Holiday Artisan Market**

The North Brevard Art League will hold a Holiday Artisan Market on Saturday, November 11th from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. In honor of Veterans Day, they will be offering a 10% discount on all sales with military ID.

The show will include Holiday themed art or items for gift giving from over a dozen artists. Get your Holiday shopping done with unique cards, ornaments, soaps, pottery, decorations, jewelry, artwork and more. The Market will include food trucks – NOB (No Ordinary Burritos) and Just Cupcakin' Around, as well as an adoption event with the SPCA.

The Market will be held in the NBAL Studio located at 1421 Draa Rd., Titusville. Admission and parking are free.



# Holiday Craft Fair & Food Truck Event

Join us for the 10th Annual Holiday Craft Fair & Food Truck event on Saturday, December 9, from 9:00-3:00 at Edgewood JSHS in Merritt Island! There will be holiday crafts and decor, unique gifts, handmade jewelry, beachy decor, quilted items, handcrafted soaps, fused glass, Tupperware, Park Lane Jewelry, Scentsy, Color Street and much, much more!

You can also enjoy some delicious food at one of the food trucks!

Proceeds support Edgewood Project Graduation 2024! For more details, check out our event on Facebook! https://www.facebook.com/events/979918379910575

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# SLEEPY



#### **Fruit From The Groves**

Remember we are still in hurricane season until November 30th. There were currently tornadoes that did damage on both the east and west coasts of Florida. Please make sure that your phones are set for alerts. It is also a good idea to have a weather radio that will alert you. A lot of tornadoes happen after dark when people are sleeping.

The time change from Daylight Savings to Standard occurs on November 5th. It will get darker in the late afternoon. Be alert for the kids getting out of school and the busses.

It's also a good idea to change all your smoke detector batteries as most fires happen during the holiday season. All smoke detectors need to be replaced every 10 years whether they are battery operated or electric. Batteries may need to be changed more often. Press the Test button on your smoke detectors to make sure they have power.

With the holiday season, please be careful with fires and cooking.

The Guardians of the Groves (BCFR #29), Four Communities Fire Dept. #28, and BCFR #26 (in PSJ) have been extremely busy with the number of vehicle accidents, medical calls and fires. Some people are still NOT yielding to the emergency vehicles when they are responding.



This can cause a delay in them getting where they are needed.

Brevard County Sheriff's Office has been busy patrolling the area and responding to calls. The traffic unit also issued a number of tickets. If you see something they need to know about, call the non-emergency number at: 321-264-5100. Press button #4 to go directly to dispatch. If hand is \$10. Riders

its an emergency, please call 911.

There are still a large number of animals both playing card if they dogs and cats roaming the Groves. Please try to secure your animals better and have them chipped so that they can be returned to you.

The next meeting of the Canaveral Groves Homeowners Association will be on January 11th at 7 p.m. at Brevard Christian Church, located on Grissom Parkway. This meeting is very important because it will be the election of officers for 2024 and we will set the agenda for the year. I hope we will see both old friends and new ones. Remember this is YOUR homeowners association.

Wishing everyone a very happy & safe Thanksgiving.

Ed Silva President Canaveral Groves Homeowners Association

#### **Critter Run**

On Sunday, November 19th the Brevard Humane Society will host the 26th Annual Critter Run. The motorcycle poker run begins at the Cocoa Adoption Center located at 1020 Cox Rd., Co-

coa, FL. The Critter Run begins with first and the last bike out at 11:30 a -will receive an extra donate an item from



the shelter wish list. Cash Prizes will be awarded for the Best, Worst, and Mystery Hands.

The final stop, H&D Roadhouse, located at 1811 E. Merritt Island Causeway, Merritt Island, promises lots of fun for everyone. The last bike in is 3:30 p.m. There will be a live band, 50/50, food, vendors and door prizes, with proceeds benefiting the rescued pets of the Brevard Humane Society.

We are so grateful to H&D Roadhouse for sponsoring our 26th Annual Critter Run again. It has always been a fun event for the bikers and is a huge help towards caring for the homeless animals.

Founded in 1952, The Brevard Humane Society is Brevard County's oldest established animal welfare organization. A no kill for space shelter, BHS is dedicated to speaking for those who cannot speak for themselves. BHS educates the community on responsible pet ownership and the humane treatment of animals, advocates for spaying/neutering to reduce the homeless pet population and provides the best quality care to Brevard's abandoned animals by placing them with responsible, caring pet parents in forever homes.

For more information call Events at (321) 636-3343, ext. 218, view our website at www. brevardhumanesociety.org, email events@brevardhumanesociety.org

#### Meet your neighbors and stay informed of Events & Community Happenings! CANAVERAL GROVES HOMEOWNERS INC.

If you'd like to join and support our Homeowners' group, just cut out and fill out this form and mail with a check for \$15 to cover the current year's membership dues.

Mail to: CGHI, P.O. Box 675, Sharpes, FL 32959	
Name	
Address	
E-mail	
Phone	
Won't vou join us?	

#### The Space Coast State Fair Is Back

The 38th annual Space Coast State Fair is set for October 27-Nov.12 at Space Coast Daily Park in Viera. The fair offers a tremendous new offer – pay just \$10 at the gate and all 20 different shows are included from open to close. Ride tickets may be purchased for individual rides and unlimited ride armbands will also be available.

Similar to Disney, each person pays a gate admission fee and when you are inside, all shows and concerts are included at no extra charge. Gate admission applies to all ages, with the exception of infants under 36 inches tall and seniors over 65 who are admitted at no charge. If you choose not to ride, there are still lots of shows and entertainment for you and your family to enjoy inside. See below.

All the shows listed below are FREE inside the fair, with gate admission of \$10.

- Experience Squawk The Amazing Bird Show as seen on America's Got Talent.
- Space Coast Pro Wrestling Slam Down see the exciting pro wrestling bouts inside the fair, including stars from national TV: Shows on October 27,28,29, November 3,4,5 and 10,11,12. See WWE World Tag Team Champion, Eddie "Primo" Colon compete on November 3, 9 p.m.; 4, 9 p.m.; and 5, 7:30 p.m., WWE Superstar "Little Boogeyman" aka "No Limit Micro Soldier" - Chris Hollyfield on Saturday, November 11 at 9 p.m.
- Urias Family Circus: Shows every day and night of the fair.
- Globe of Death Show: Shows every day and night of the fair.
- Zombie Show."
- Professional Bull Riding Shows: Friday, November 3, 8 p.m.; Saturday, November 4, 8 p.m. and, Sunday, November 5 at 3 p.m.
- Meet The Plant Guy at the entrance to the fair, November 3-5 and 10-12.
- Meet Ryan's World "Red Titan" and "Combo Panda" children's fun characters at the fair entrance every day and night. All children will be thrilled to see and high five with their favorite YouTube characters Red Titan and Combo Panda.
- The Groove Kids live in concert, Saturday, November 4 at 3 p.m.
- Vintage The Band in concert on Saturday, November 4 at 5 p.m.

A special VIP FAST-PASS will be available for \$10 more, which includes all the rides and allows the VIP to enter rides at the FAST-PASS avoiding the regular lines at the rides. Inside the fair, you may purchase tickets for individual rides or unlimited rides armbands for \$25 (Mondays – Thursdays) or \$30 (Fridays-Sundays):

Visit https://modernmidways.com/pageserver/ about for ride details.

For more information, visit the website for fair info at www.SpaceCoastStateFair.com.

#### **Is Your Smoke Detector Expired?**

Like most electronics, smoke alarms don't last forever. The US National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) issued NFPA Standard 72, National Fire Alarm and Signalling Code (2010 edition), which states: "Replace all smoke alarms, including those that use ten-year batteries and or sooner if they don't respond properly when tested."

Not sure how old your smoke detector is? Look for the expiration date on the detector. To check, carefully twist the detector off it's mounting plate. The expiration date is printed on the back of the unit. If you don't see an expiration date, it means the unit is too old to operate and needs to be replaced immediately.

If the date is within 10 years, you should also - Anastasini Family Circus presents, "The press the Test button to make sure it has enough power to sound the alarm. If it doesn't sound, replace the battery (batteries).

> Don't be fooled by the test button. The test button only tells you that the battery, electronics and alarm system are working. It doesn't mean that the smoke sensor is working. Without a functioning sensor, the smoke detector is worthless. To test the sensor, use an aerosol can of smoke alarm test spray that simulates smoke. If the alarms go off, you're probably OK. But keep in mind, the older the alarms get, the more the alarm sensors lose sensitivity.

Most CO alarms expire after 7 years, so if you have a combo smoke and CO detector, you should replace it every 7 years.

#### "Therefore I Create VII"

#### Member Exhibit at Studios of Cocoa Beach

On Saturday, November 4th from 6 to 9 p.m., the Studios of Cocoa Beach will hold an opening reception for its latest exhibition, "Therefore I Create VII," their annual Members Exhibition. Please join us as the Studios celebrates its seventh anniversary and starts the holiday season. Meet our artists and patrons, enjoy wine, refreshments and nibbles as you explore the best of local art. The exhibition runs October 31 through December 31.

The Studios has approximately twenty-nine artists who create paintings, fused glass art, ceramics, woodworks, jewelry, palm art, surf art, cards and reproductions. They will also be displaying a variety of unique, handmade ornaments donated by the gallery artists with all proceeds benefiting this non-profit gallery. Plus, their monthly fundraising raffle gives you an opportunity to win an artwork by one of the gallery's talented artists.

The Studios also offers a variety of classes in hard-wired alarms, when they are ten years old various media including acrylic and watercolor painting, photography, stained glass, felting, ceramics and classes for children.

> The Studios of Cocoa Beach is located at 165 Minutemen Causeway in downtown Cocoa Beach. Gallery hours are Mondays, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Tuesday to Saturday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and-Sundays, 1 to 6 p.,m. For more information, visit www.studiosofcocoabeach.org or follow them on Facebook or Instagram.

#### **Martin Andersen Senior Center Dances**

Martin Andersen Senior Center will host Singles/Couples Ballroom Dances on Saturday, November 11th and Saturday, November 25th. 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. and ends at 10:00 p.m. Free snacks, BYOB. Adults of all ages are welcome. The cost is \$8; \$7 for members.

Adults of all ages are welcome to our dances. MASC is located at 1025 S. Florida Ave., Rockledge. Call Martin Andersen Senior Center at 321-631-7556 for more information.

THURSDAY, DEC. 7 5:30 to 7:30 PM

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