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Mobile Launch Platform for Artemis 2 Moved to Launch Pad

The mobile launch platform (MLP) responsible for transporting and supporting NASA's Artemis moon rockets has been rolled to the pad for testing. The 380 foot tall tower will connect to NASA's Space Launch System (SLS), which is set to launch Artemis 2 with a crew of four astronauts around the moon on its next mission once cleared by the FAA.

Artemis 1 launched from the same MLP on an uncrewed lunar mission in November, 2022. When it did, the force of SLS's first-stage engines and solid rocket boosters left the tower in need of some repairs. With those repairs now complete, the platform has been rolled out to Launch Complex 39B (LC-39B) at KSC.

The MLP was kept at a designated parking spot outside KSC's Vehicle Assembly Building (VAB), where NASA's giant crawler-transporter 2 vehicle hoisted and leveled the tower for travel. The 4-mile journey from the MLP's park site to LC-39B was completed over the course of two



Mobile Launcher 1 crawls toward Launch Pad 39B

Image credit: NASA
days, with ground teams pausing overnight.

Now secured at the pad, NASA's Exploration Ground Systems teams will spend the next several months outfitting, upgrading and testing the MLP. This work will include the addition of a 1.4-million-gallon (5.3 million liters) liquid hydrogen

tank to the pad's infrastructure. The tower's egress system, which astronauts and ground teams would use to escape the launch pad during an emergency, will also be refurbished and tested, according to NASA's release.

Teams with NASA's Exploration Ground Systems Program will then conduct a series of tests and continue ground systems upgrades for both the mobile launcher 1 and the launch pad. These preparations will range from a launch day demonstration for the crew, close-out crew, and the pad rescue team to rehearse operations to testing the emergency egress system and the new liquid hydrogen sphere.

Following a successful checkout of the MLP's systems at LC-39B, the launch tower will be transported to the VAB, where it will eventually support assembly and stacking operations for the Artemis 2 SLS rocket. If NASA's schedule holds, Artemis 2 will launch a crew of four astronauts on a journey around the moon for the first time in over 50 years. The mission is currently scheduled for late 2024.

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

Mondays

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Game Room/Computers, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Billiards, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Community Cares Aftercare, 2:30 - 6 p.m.
Zumba (Adult Class with Jackie), 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Tuesdays

Seniors At Lunch, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Outside Basketball, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Game Room/Computers, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Billiards, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Community Cares Aftercare, 2:30 - 6 p.m.
Dancing Little Stars - Ballet/Tap Combo (ages 3-6), 5:10 - 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.
6th and 20th-Culinary Kid's 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.

Thursdays

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

Fridays

Outside Basketball, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Game Room/Computers, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Billiards, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Seniors At Lunch, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Dancing Little Stars - Tiny Tots (ages 1-3) (Parent Participation), 10 - 10:40 a.m.
Dancing Little Stars - Beginner Ballet (ages 2-4), 10:45 - 11:15 a.m.

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~ Jackie Lewis

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~Diane Coben~

Free Entry In National Parks

Come experience the national parks! On 2 more days in 2023, all National Park Service sites that charge an entrance fee will offer free admission to everyone. That includes Canaveral National Seashore Park and more than 400 parks nationwide.

September 23: National Public Lands Day
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Five Ways To Help Honey Bees

"Honey bees are critically important to our food supply," said Amy Vu, UF/IFAS Extension state specialized agent in the Honey Bee Research and Extension Laboratory (HBREL). "Here in Florida, we also host migratory hives from around the country for overwintering, when many other states no longer have flowers in bloom," Vu said. "Florida has the second largest number of honey bee colonies in the United States. This makes bees in our state important for food grown nationwide."

There are many ways to support the powerhouse pollinators. Below, Vu offers five steps anyone can take to help nearby honey bee colonies thrive.

1. Plant a pollinator garden

Choose plants that flower at different times of the year. The UF/IFAS Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Program recommends having at least three plants in bloom at any given point in the year. The bees aren't picky, and container gardening will do for those with limited space.

Learn more about "Gardening for Bees": go.ufl.edu/GardeningForBees.

2. Minimize the use of harsh pesticides

Products that are hazardous to honey bees must state so on the label.

3. Provide a water source

Honey bees need water, too! Leave out a shallow dish where your pollinator visitors frequent. Just be sure to refresh the water source at least every five days to prevent mosquitoes.

4. Support the HBREL or join your local and state beekeepers' association

The HBREL supports beekeepers – from the backyard colony to large commercial operations – with research and educational opportunities year-round. Sponsors can support programming and research through different donation levels to "adopt a bee," "adopt a queen" or "adopt a hive" by visiting UFgive.to/AdoptaHive.

The lab also connects with the Florida State Beekeepers Association and maintains a list of county-level clubs statewide. Joining a group with neighboring beekeepers can lead to local advocacy and support for honey bees.

5. Learn how to keep bees

HBREL has all the introduction you need to get started. Listen to over a hundred episodes of "Two Bees in a Podcast," covering topics from infectious diseases to cottage food laws for honey sales, and so much in between. The lab also offers a variety of online courses through their Master Beekeeper Program and bee-learning short courses.

For in-person instruction, the lab hosts two hands-on Bee College multi-day events each year, one in Gainesville and a second alternates travel to the Panhandle or South Florida.



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~ by Maureen Rupe

DEP fighting new EPA Power Plant Requirements

Before I tell you about the Florida Department of Environmental Protection trying not to safeguard Port St. John and the rest of Florida living close to power plants, I want to explain how we fought in PSJ for over twenty years from around 1990 until 2012 to get Florida Power & Light to replace their fuel oil plant at their current location on the east side of Port St. John, and Reliant Energy (now Orlando Utilities Corporation) to pretty much close their plant north of Port St. John. There were many involved: the Port St. John Homeowner's Association, The condo's east of US. 1, Oak Point Trailer Park, environmental groups. We even had PSJ's Space Coast Jr/Sr High School students, organized by their teacher Matt Susin, (now a School Board member), who did an excellent study in 2008 that showed impacts on their fellow students. I was involved from the beginning, and there have been many more individuals involved throughout our fight.

What finally pushed FPL and Reliant into doing the right thing was District 1 Commissioner Truman Scarborough leading the Brevard County Commission to fund a study by Environmental Health & Engineering and the Harvard School of Public Health, both based in Massachusetts. The 2008 Study found there was an increase in Port St. John's health related problems due to fine particle output from the power plants. Emissions from FPL were estimated to contribute up to 7 parts per billion and 4 ug/m³ of 24-hour SO₂ (Sulfur dioxide) and PM 2.5 (fine particles) respectively, in Port St. John. Contributions from Reliant were 10 times less than FPL during the monitoring period. The increased risk identified for fine particles included 8% for Asthma attacks, 4% for Asthma Exacerbation, 3% for Asthma Emergency Room visits, 2.7% for hospital admissions, Pneumonia, 0.8 – 2% for hospital admissions – Asthma, 1.2% for hospital admissions – Cardiovascular, 0.8 – 3% for hospital admissions – Pneumonia and COP in the elderly, and 0.4% for mortality (all causes, cardiovascular, respiratory).

Now Florida's Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is fighting the federal Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) new rules on

power plants. The new rules give new pollution standards for coal and natural gas power plants. The rules also take steps to new clean technology like green hydrogen. Florida has done away with coal for the most part, but 70 percent of power plants are fueled by natural gas. Florida DEP stated the rules "place the reliability, affordability and capacity of the nation's energy supply at risk." Florida's Energy Secretary Shawn Hamilton said, "Florida's superior air quality is a result of ingenuity and smart governance. The proposed rules put states like Florida at greater risk by attempting to force unproven transitional energy practices ahead of generating the energy capacity necessary to meet the demand of our residents, visitors and businesses." Various websites list Florida from 7th to 10th in the country for air quality.

When we won the battle for air quality and natural gas was implemented, I was asked to speak at the opening of the new FPL Natural Gas Plant and remember thinking and saying how I honestly thought our air quality was taken care of, at least in PSJ. How naive of me! At least our Florida air is doing better than our Florida waters. But I don't think it's enough to fight against any improvement for those of us living close to Florida's Power Plants.

Reference:

<https://wusfnews.wusf.usf.edu/environment/2023-08-10/florida-department-environmental-protection-fights-power-plant-rules>

<http://www.usa.com/rank/us--air-quality-index--state-rank.htm#>

Study Questions Fertilizer Bans

Florida Atlantic University had a new study saying sewer was a key killer of the Indian River Lagoon instead of fertilizer. The fertilizer ban was put into place because it added to the Indian River Lagoon's problems, not that it was the only issue. Nitrogen and phosphorus both add to causing algae blooms, so should we stop those bans in the summer if they aren't really needed? It's the same with reuse water. It has a high content of nitrogen and phosphorus, so it should be stopped too, but since reuse water is a by-product of our sewer plants, the county and cities continue to use it. But using reuse water should be stopped, at least in the summer months.

Reference: <https://coremessage.com/news/wbbh-nbc-uf-study-questions-fertilizer-ban/>

Fertilizer and the Indian River Lagoon

I wrote the following in the Happenings, May 2013:

In 2005, it was recognized that the Indian River Lagoon was in serious trouble. They started finding things like 2,000 dolphins, as well as turtles and clams, with tumors, fungal diseases and suppressed immune systems, and hundreds of dead catfish were washing up on the shore in Rockledge. The Indian River Lagoon puffer fish, which many consider a delicacy, in 2002 had turned poisonous, and was sending many to the hospital, and forced a ban on collecting them. In 2005 a multi-agency task force, led by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), began a study to find out what was wrong. The study showed much of the algae blooms, which seems to be the center of the damage, is caused by nutrients (fertilizer) and the length of time it takes to change water in the lagoon.

From a state level, the fertilizer and lawn care industries have worked hard to ensure their interests are protected. Nothing much has been done by the state to date to protect our "Natural Treasure." In 2007, the IRL National Treasure Book downplayed any damage to the lagoon and pretty much stated the lagoon was getting better. In 2011, the Florida Legislature passed a mandatory ordinance on fertilizer run-off, so weak it was all but useless. Counties and cities around Florida decided to exercise their right of home rule to make more restrictive ordinances. Many have implemented more stringent standards, such as around Tampa Bay, which has been very effective in cleaning up their waterways with zero impact on the turf industry.

No matter what these studies say, it doesn't help to stop the summer bans, and it would definitely help to ban reuse water, as without it, it isn't really stopping summer fertilizer completely.

Florida Lost \$354 Million in Federal Funds

An August 4th article by Mitch Perry in the Florida Phoenix stated that among the Florida vetoes at the end of June was a \$5 million line-item by the Inflation Reduction Act that would have the state train staff to administer federal funds totaling \$354 million to address energy efficiency. The funds rejected by Florida would have allocated \$174 million in rebates for energy efficiency, \$173 million for rebates to purchase

energy-efficient home appliances, and \$7 million for a training program for electrical contractors. With the temperatures so hot recently, we could all have used more money to aid us in energy efficiency. Now Florida will never receive those funds. We've lost those funds forever.

Reference: <https://floridaphoenix.com/2023/08/04/kathy-castor-still-upset-over-desantis-veto-that-cost-fl-350-million-in-energy-funds/>

Student Nicknames

In the August 16, 2023 Florida Today, an article was trying to explain a new law on students' nicknames. Apparently, Florida Board of Education states that if a student wishes to be called by an alternative name other than what is on their birth certificate, a form has to be filled out and signed by the parent(s).

I thought of my own situation. My name on my birth certificate says "Maureen Elizabeth Burton." All through school I was nicknamed "Bertie." It never bothered me. In fact, it was said affectionately by friends and occasionally by the teachers having a joke. It never worried my parents. A lot of kids were nicknamed. Some are still called by an alternative name. We have a daughter-in-law whose given name is Samantha. She has been Sam since her childhood. I think if there is a problem here, the solution will make the situation much worse. Attention is being drawn to it.

What about immigrants attending our schools? Some have long foreign names, so the kids, teachers and friends can't shorten their names. Teachers and students are going to have to say and use the whole name? I have a doctor named Nagamani Kurusanganapalli. Everyone calls her Dr. K. What happens if the kids don't follow the law? Can you sue children for name calling? How do you stop children from using nicknames with a form or not?

Just a minute. What were Shakespeare's thoughts on this in Romeo and Juliet? "What's in a name? That which we call a rose by any other word would smell as sweet." Is Shakespeare next to be banned?

Reference: <https://www.floridatoday.com/story/news/2023/08/15/florida-parents-must-sign-school-form-if-their-child-has-a-nickname/70570817007/>

Lobbying Law Nicked

This next observation is a huge elected official problem for the people, regardless of party affiliation. On the County Commission, in a short time, there was Bryan Lober, Kristin Zonka and Mr. Mallick on the Melbourne City Council, who resigned from their jobs representing the people for better paying, or more prestigious (in their opinion), or any old reason to no longer do what they swore an oath to do for the people. Now we have Mr. Jason Steele, who was appointed by the Governor to represent Brevard County District 5, who felt he had to still be a lobbyist as it paid so well. He sued in federal court and the federal judge stated the law, passed by 79% of Florida voters against city, county or state representatives from lobbying while they are in office, was unconstitutional as it was against their Freedom of Speech. BUT, the judge left in place the part of the law requiring that the representative (city, county, or state) could not lobby for 6 years after the person left office? Does that make sense?

According to a section of the article in Tampa Bay Times:

"The amendment was placed on the 2018 ballot by the Florida Constitutional Revision Commission, a citizen-led group that has the power to

recommend changes to the Constitution every 20 years.

The sponsor of the amendment, former Senate President Don Gaetz, a Niceville Republican and member of the Commission, was quoted as saying that the goal of the amendment was to "nail shut the revolving door" between public office and private lobbying. Voters approved it with 78.9% in favor.

The ruling said Gaetz argued that the purpose of the amendment was to end the practice of officials in public office leaving for lucrative careers lobbying the agencies "they previously headed" or by "serving on the County Commission while simultaneously lobbying another local government that has interconnected interests."

The judge said there was no proof that this was a problem, but if you look at Florida's lobbyists, you will see a large number of former elected officials. To leave the 6-year rule in place shows either the stupidity or the judge didn't think the whole problem through.

Reference: <https://www.tampabay.com/news/florida-politics/2023/08/09/judge-ends-voter-lobbying-ban-amendment-elected-official-lobbyist/>

Cheerio,

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If kids knew what they wanted to be at age eight, the world would be filled with cowboys and princesses. I wanted to be a pirate. Thank goodness nobody took me seriously and scheduled me for eye removal and peg leg surgery.

—Bill Maher

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Rose's Room

~ Rose Padrick



Age is just a number?

The time had come.

A whole day and a half with nothing on the calendar, wonderful Florida summer weather, and my once beautiful Butterfly Garden sadly neglected. There would be no Home Improvement channel marathon for this old gal today... Well, maybe not for a couple of hours anyway.

I've been planning to pull a few weeds and spread a little mulch. I just didn't realize the jungle of Belize had moved in while I was doing the planning.

As usual, almost everything I had so carefully planted was no more, and everything I've been trying to keep out had flourished. Sometimes I can almost understand why the five smart alecks I brought into this world refer to my gardens as 'The Killing Fields.'

Hair pulled back, gloves pulled on, armed with hand rake and knee pads, the weeds, old mulch and dirt went flying. I worked non-stop; my glasses became so covered in sweat that I had to look over and under them to see. When my back begged me to stop, I threw the knee pad aside and adopted the 'Old Lady Bend.'

Stopping to empty weeds and junk from the smaller container into the larger container, I turned to survey the acreage I had cleared. Maybe acreage is too big a word for a foot and a half...

Shaky legs dragging my sweaty body into the house for a drink I checked the clock. I had been toiling for a total of thirty minutes, not counting the ten minutes it took to program the TV to record "Cabinet Remodeling for Beginners." With the help of copious amounts of ice water and a strategically placed chair, I finished pulling weeds by dinner time.

Mulching was easy, although buying mulch on sale at different stores does make for surprises. Matching mulch colors to planter colors also makes you second think all those home improvement shows. It was a very wise man who penned, "Hard work is it's own reward."

It is a wiser (and sorer) lady who penned, "From now on, reward grandchildren for DOING your hard work."

And with all this new-found free time, I think I'll join the Red Hat Ladies club. Those old broads seem to be everywhere recently.

Lord knows I fit the criteria...age. Therein lay the Ben-Gay. I KNOW I'm old...but I don't want to know I'm OLD! Being born in the cusp between the 'All Good Women Grow Up To Be Nurses' generation and the 'If It Feels Good, Do It' generation, I have been proud to be part of changes such as Women's Lib, and have never had time to worry about what people think.

It was our generation that put matches to undergarments, and we got things done! I can't help but think that if we had a good cause, we could do it again. It doesn't take much imagination to picture a platoon of wrinkled Grammys...body parts in question having gone south many moons ago... marching on Washington.

We could have the world in our pockets. Of course, we would probably forget what we did with it and end up running it through the spin cycle. But we would overcome again!

Our generation has challenged and changed every facet of life as it was known in the day our mothers met us at the door with warm cookies. I dare say most changes were brought about by young wives and mothers.

You would think with all that changing and challenging going on, we would have come up with a way to change calories from chocolate into mini wrinkle erasures or at least challenge fat cells from multiplying like bunnies on our thighs. The ad campaign would begin with, "Eat Hershey's, it's the right thing to do."

So now after all that underwear igniting and overcoming, those self-same ladies are stowing their A.A.R.P. cards and rocking chairs and having pajama parties in red hats. They are walking poster children for, "Age is just a number."

My double digit numbers have been starting with 7's for a while now. I admit I am no longer a

spring (or summer) chick and I usually embrace fun where I find it, be that on my knees in the sand with a two year old or in a red hat with a seventy-two year old. I encourage everyone reading this to do the same. Life is way too short to be hung up on numbers.

I'm still working on the fat-cell-chocolate-wrinkle thing.

~ Rose Padrick

Fall Charity Auction Benefiting the American Space Museum & Space Walk of Fame

If you love space and you have a passion for preserving space history, then you won't want to miss the American Space Museum's Fall Charity Auction on October 7, 2023!

The auction will be held online only.

Early online bidding will open on September 7, 2023

...and final live bidding will start on October 7, 2023 at noon. So make sure to get this on your radar (or calendar). What ever works best for you.

The American Space Museum is a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving and sharing the history of space exploration. They have an exceptional educational program and feature their "Stay Curious" video podcast that airs weekdays at 4:00. It is available on YouTube.

The museum's collection includes thousands of artifacts, including flown items, Shuttle and Launch Complex Consoles, and mission memorabilia. Come visit sometime. This is your chance to own a piece of space history and help support a great cause.

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

Proceeds from the auction will benefit the American Space Museum, a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving and sharing the history of space exploration.

SPACE COAST LADY VIPERS SOCCER 2023

Date	Day	District Opponents	Opponent	H/A	Time
11/7	Tue		@ Eau Gallie	A	5:30/7:00
11/9	Thur		Edgewood	H	5:30/7:00
11/15	Wed		East River	H	5:30/7:00
11/17	Fri		@ MCC	A	6:00
11/28	Tue		@Astronaut	A	5:30/7:00
11/30	Thur		@Rockledge	A	5:30/7:00
12/4	Mon		@Cocoa Beach	A	5:30/7:00
12/6	Wed		Titusville	H	5:30/7:00
12/8	Fri		Ocoee	H	6:00
12/12	Tue		@Cocoa	A	5:30/7:00
12/14	Thu		Colonial	H	5:30/7:00
1/10	Wed		Merritt Island	H	5:30/7:00
1/11	Thu		Palm Bay	H	5:30/7:00
1/17	Wed	CCC	@ CCC	A	6:00
1/19	Fri		@ University	A	6:00/7:30
1/22			@ Satellite	A	5:30/7:00
			District Dates TBD		

JANUARY 11 WILL BE SENIOR NIGHT

SPACE COAST BOYS SOCCER 2023

Date	Day	District Opponents	Opponent	H/A	Time
10/30	Mon	Preseason	@ Bayside	A	6:30
11/1	Wed	Preseason	@ Palm Bay	A	6:30
11/6	Mon		@ Eau Gallie	A	5:30/7:00
11/8	Wed		West Shore	H	5:30/7:00
11/14	Tues		@ Melbourne	A	5:30/7:00
11/16	Thurs		Harmony	H	5:30/7:00
11/27	Mon		Astronaut	H	5:30/7:00
11/29	Wed		Rockledge	H	5:30/7:00
12/5	Tues		@ Cocoa Beach	A	5:30/7:00
12/7	Thurs		@ Titusville	A	5:30/7:00
12/11	Mon		Cocoa	H	5:30/7:00
12/13	Wed		@ Edgewood	A	5:30/7:00
1/9	Tues		MCC	H	5:30/7:00
1/11	Thurs		@ Merritt Island	A	5:30/7:00
					5:30/7:00
1/18	Thurs		CCC Crossover Game	H	6:00
			Districts		TBD
			Regionals		TBD
			State		TBD

September Art Classes

The Studios of Cocoa Beach is hosting a variety of art classes in September. Don't let the kids have all the learning fun. Come in out of the heat and enjoy being creative.

Classes include a three session Color Theory Workshop, and three session Introduction to Stained Glass. One day classes include Precious Clay Jewelry, Creative Photography, Hand Built Pottery, Needle Felting and Printmaking. A four week children's pottery class Making Clay Cupcake Boxes has two opportunities Saturday morning or Thursday evening.

For complete details and registration, visit the studio's website: www.studiosofcocoa-beach.org, or follow them on Facebook and Instagram. The gallery and classroom are located at 165 Minutemen Causeway in downtown Cocoa Beach. This non-profit, artist staffed gallery is open Monday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Tuesday to Saturday 9:00

a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and 1:00 to 6:00 p.m. on Sundays.

Experimental Aircraft Meeting

Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 724 holds regular scheduled gatherings for fun and fellowship on the 2nd Wednesday of each month - September 13th 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, or visit the website at www.eaa724.org.

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US Space Force Creates 1st Unit Dedicated To Targeting Adversary Satellites

The United States Space Force has activated its first and only unit dedicated to targeting other nations' satellites and the ground stations that support them. The 75th Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Squadron (ISRS) was activated on August 1. This unit is part of Space Delta 7,

an element of the U.S. Space Force tasked with providing intelligence on adversary space capabilities. It will analyze the capabilities of potential targets, locate and track these targets, as well as participate in "target engagement," which refers to disrupting adversary satellites, the ground sta-

tions that support them and transmissions sent between the two.

The 75th ISRS will also analyze adversary space capabilities, including "counterspace force threats," according to the Space Force's statement. Counterspace forces refer to adversary systems aimed at preventing the U.S. from using its own satellites during a conflict.

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*The patch of the 75th Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Squadron
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The new unit will revolutionize the targeting capabilities of not just the Space Force, but also the entire U.S. military. The unit will change the way targeting is done across the joint community when it comes to space and electromagnetic warfare. These systems range from ground-based lasers that can blind optical sensors on satellites to devices that can jam signals or conduct cyber attacks to hack into adversary satellite systems.

The U.S. Space Force has conducted multiple training exercises to practice its own "live fire" satellite jamming and "simulated on-orbit combat training."

As militaries worldwide become increasingly reliant on space-based assets like navigation and communication satellites, early warning missile tracking systems and targeting sensors, the Space Force's and other nations' militaries will no doubt be increasing their abilities to monitor both defensive and offensive adversary capabilities in Earth's orbit.

Monthly Tax Update

This month I'm going to enlighten you on some of the Secure 2.0 Act of 2022. First, I'll start with employer items. Anyone who starts up a small business with up to 50 employees is eligible to receive a credit to cover up to \$5,000 for the first three years of a new retirement plan. In addition, employers with, less than 100 employees, are able to receive a credit of \$1,000 per employee, to offset the cost of an employer retirement plan.

Another aspect is new plans established after December 29, 2022 will be required to automatically enroll all eligible employees into their plan unless they opt out. Beginning in 2024, all catch-up contributions to employer plans, where the employee is earning more than \$145,000, will require their contributions made as a Roth basis contribution instead of a tax deductible contribution.

Also, beginning in 2025, all employees between the age of 60-63 will be able to make catch-up contributions up to \$10,000.

Now, let's switch over to individual taxpayers. Are you approaching the required minimum distributions (RMDs) requirement. Well, the RMDs increases over the coming years. In 2023, from 72 to 73, and up to 75 in 2033, and the penalty for not taking the correct RMD is reduced to 25%, and in some cases only 10%. Another interesting item is the opportunity for individual retirement arrangement participants, who will generally have the opportunity to withdraw up to \$1,000 per year for emergency expenses without having to pay the 10% premature distribution tax penalty for early withdrawal, if they're under the age of 59½ beginning in 2024. Also, companies could allow employees to set up an emergency savings account through automatic payroll deductions.

Now, back to employers, but this should also be of interest to employees. There is a new federal employer reporting system called "E-Verify." This system requires all employers with 25 or more employees to establish an account to report new employees within three business days of their start date. If you have a late filing, a late filing penalty may be assessed. The information being reported is the same information required on the

Form I-9, and be advised a new revised I-9 was released August 1, 2023. More information on this is located at E-Verifygov. The information is to verify the employee identity, authorization to work in the United States, or for a company governed by the laws of the United States, and the employees' email address. This reporting requirement is in addition to the current State of Florida New Employee Reporting requirement, since this is a federal requirement.

On a short note, taxpayers may claim the energy efficient home improvement credit for having a home energy audit. You are permitted to claim a 30% tax credit on audits costing up to \$500. The home energy audit must identify the most significant and cost effective energy efficiency improvements to the residence, with the estimate of the savings for each improvement. It has to be a written audit report to the taxpayer, and will also cover qualified energy efficiency improvements and residential energy property expenditures.

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

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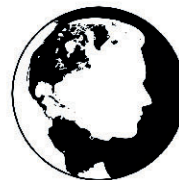
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Legendary Queen Guitarist Brian May Helped NASA

Queen guitarist Brian May and Dante Lauretta, the chief scientist of NASA's asteroid-sampling OSIRIS-REx mission, have collaborated on a book about the asteroid Bennu. OSIRIS-REx snagged a sample of Bennu in October, 2020 and is currently returning toward Earth with the precious space-rock material. It's scheduled to touch down on September 24th.

May, best known as a member of Queen, was voted the greatest guitarist of all time by readers of Total Guitar magazine earlier this year. He has actually been hard at work for years leading up to the sampling attempt, helping to process images captured by NASA's flagship space rock explorer to find a suitable landing spot on the treacherous surface of asteroid Bennu. The results turned scientists' understanding of asteroids upside down.

The two detailed the journey at the launch of "Bennu: 3-D Anatomy of an Asteroid," a glossy 200-page tome packed with stunning photographs, at an event held at the Natural History Museum in London in July.

May, who holds a PhD in astronomy, had previously collaborated with the science teams behind Europe's comet-chasing Rosetta probe and NASA's Pluto explorer New Horizons. He joined the OSIRIS-REx team in January 2019, a few months after the probe reached its destination.

As it turned out, May's skill set came with serendipitous timing. May's interest is in stereoscopic imaging, a technique that involves capturing pairs of photographs in a way that they would appear when viewed by a two-eyed creature, such as a human being. Stereoscopic cameras separated by a set distance that take images of the same object from slightly different angles are commonly used to generate such views. When looked at through 3D glasses, the captured scenes emerge in three vivid dimensions, allowing viewers to perceive the depth and distance between the structures in the image.

OSIRIS-REx wasn't fitted with a stereo camera. May, however, knew a way around this limitation, as he had previously produced 3D images of Comet 67P, the target of the Rosetta mission, and of Pluto as seen by New Horizons, by carefully selecting and aligning images taken by a single camera from different angles.

The van-sized OSIRIS-REx, NASA's first at-

tempt to collect a sample from an asteroid, left Earth in September, 2016. Based on contemporary understanding of the nature of space rocks, engineers designed the craft to touch down in a smooth area at least 82 feet wide. As data from OSIRIS-REx started pouring in, the scientists realized that Bennu's surface was not at all what they had expected and designed their mission for. Instead of mostly smooth, beach-like plains of sand occasionally strewn with smatterings of bigger rocks, they found a body covered in boulders that sometimes rose against the asteroid's barely existent gravity in formations tens of feet tall.

The images quickly revealed that there was no such open space on the spinning-top-shaped Bennu, and the team faced the very real possibility that the mission might not accomplish its main goal.

Two craters were eventually deemed good enough to host a landing attempt. The first of the two, called Osprey, was the site of choice of the spacecraft engineers, as there were fewer potentially dangerous rocks scattered around its rim. The other, Nightingale Crater, was the scientists' favorite, as its color indicated an abundance of ancient regolith, which the researchers hoped held a record of the space rock's past — and that of the entire solar system. Both of these craters are much smaller than what the mission originally required.

Eventually, science won and Nightingale was selected despite a massive boulder nicknamed Mount Doom looming at its edge. And then Bennu delivered yet another surprise.

The surface gave almost no resistance as the probe touched down, retreating with the smoothness of water. Bennu, a so-called rubble pile asteroid, is essentially just a heap of sand, gravel and rocks loosely bound by gravity that's so weak it makes the object completely unpredictable.

In the past, scientists believed that the majority of asteroids are solid blocks of rock, but after a series of recent visits to a handful of near-Earth space rocks, including Japan's Hayabusa missions to the asteroids Itokawa and Ryugu, they now think that most of these space travelers are just like Bennu, conglomerates of fragments likely created via past collisions.

These piles of rubble are, however, incredibly scientifically valuable, as their material has not

been substantially chemically altered since the birth of the solar system.

OSIRIS-REx left Bennu in May, 2021 with almost 9 ounces (250 grams) of asteroid dust and gravel stowed in its return capsule. That is four times more than the original goal, meaning the mission accomplished its aims with flying colors. The probe will drop off the capsule at Earth this September before heading to Apophis, another hazardous asteroid whose path might intersect with that of our planet in the centuries to come.

OSIRIS-REx will reach Apophis in 2029, and May said he can't wait to get his hands on the images. "If I'm still around, I certainly want to be involved," the 76-year-old rock legend joked.



Amvets Post 2415 Schedule

9-6 Sons of Amvets 2415
General Membership Meeting - 1st Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m. Commander Chuck Harrington,

321-208-7897.

9-9 Bike Night! 3:00 - 7:00 on the 2nd Saturday of the month at the Post.

9-9 Amvets Riders Chapter 2415 General Membership Meeting - 2nd Saturday of the month at 10:30 a.m. President Craig Doan, 321-208-7897.

9-14 Amvets 2415 Ladies Auxiliary General Membership Meeting - 2nd Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. President Theresa Nikki Anderson, 321-208-7897.

9-20 General Membership Meeting - 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m.

9-30 Nora & Hailey's Popsicle Stand fundraiser for Down's Syndrome at Miracle City Harley Davidson, 2405 S. Hopkins Ave., Titusville, 1 - 4 p.m. Entertainment follows at Amvets PSJ, 688 West Ave., PSJ, from 4 - 8 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, visit the Post or contact Commander Larry Lonneville at 321-208-7897.



Parrish Healthcare Community Support Groups - September

Parrish Healthcare offers a variety of support groups as a free service to the community. The September 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, September 4, 11, 18, 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, September 6, 10-11 a.m.
- Where: Heritage Hall, 931 N. Washington Ave., Titusville
- Facilitated by Janet Rooks, MA, CDP
- For additional information, please contact Janet Rooks at 321-268-6800.
- 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, September 11, 3-4:30 p.m.
- Where: Heritage Hall, 931 N Washington Ave., Titusville
- Facilitated by Peggy McLaughlin, BSN, RN, CDCES
- For additional information, please contact Peggy McLaughlin at 321-268-6699.
- To register, please visit www.parrishhealthcare.com/DiabetesSupport.

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

This group is dedicated to exchanging informa-

tion 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, September 11, 6-8 p.m.
- Where: Manatee Conference Room, 5005 Port St. John Pkwy., Port St. John
- Facilitated by Kristina Weaver, Sleep Center Director
- 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, September 14 and 28, 9:30-11:30 a.m.
- Where: Heritage Hall, 931 N. Washington Ave., Titusville
- Facilitated by Janet Rooks, MA, CDP
- For additional information, please contact Janet Rooks at 321-268-6800.
- 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, September 19, 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, September 20, 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 [\[care.com/EarlySteps\]\(http://care.com/EarlySteps\).](http://parrishhealth-</div><div data-bbox=)

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, September 20, 4-5:30 p.m.
- Where: Heritage Hall, 931 N. Washington Ave., Titusville
- Facilitated by Shannon Luker, RN, BSN, OCN, CBCN
- For additional information, please contact Shannon Luker at 321-268-6111, ext. 3544.
- 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, September 26, 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.

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.

Limited Income Senior Tax Exemptions

If you qualify for Homestead Exemption, are at least 65 years old on January 1, and your household adjusted gross income for 2022 did not exceed \$35,167.00, you may qualify for an additional exemption on your property tax.

Call the Brevard County Property Appraiser's office at 321-264-6700 (Titusville), 321-690-6880 (Viera), 321-255-4440 (Melbourne) or 321-952-4574 (Palm Bay) and speak to an exemption specialist.

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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. Ticket prices from \$29 to \$40. Season tickets available. Visit the website or call 321.268.1125 for tickets.

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Happy September to everyone. The weather is hot, but all the Brevard County schools are back in session. When I walk and drive early in the morning and afternoons, I am always mindful of the care we need to take with children on bikes, and skateboards, and school buses. Make sure you add a little extra time to make sure everyone arrives safely.

September is a bit slower at St. Patrick's Anglican Church. We are starting our Childrens and Teens' Sunday School on September 10th during the 10:00 a.m. service. We will be concentrating on Old Testament heroes, Saints and the parables of Jesus.

September 10th is also the beginning of our Adult Bible School. This is open to everyone, whether you are a member or not at St. Patrick's. It starts at 9:00 a.m. and finishes at 9:40 a.m. Bring your bible and we will supply the coffee.

In response to the question, "What is an Anglican Church," last month we covered some history of the Anglican Church in the United States. This month, a little more of who we are as Anglicans.

The Anglican Church has the teaching and preaching that is common to evangelical Protestant churches, but delivered within the framework of the sacraments that are common to the Roman Catholic church. The result is a church which would be familiar and comfortable to both Evangelicals and Catholics. In fact, couples who have both Evangelical and Roman Catholic influence have found the Anglican Church to be a home that works for each of them.

If you are looking for a friendly church or if you're just curious, please stop by for one of our services, or please give us a call - 321-802-1311

Our Veteran's and First Responder breakfast will be Saturday, September 30th at 9:00 a.m. All veterans, spouses of veterans, police, fire and EMT personnel are welcome.

Saturday, October 7th will be our annual "Blessing of the Animals." This will be at 5:00 p.m. This is open to everyone in the community who has a beloved pet they wish to be blessed.

Regular service schedule is: Holy Communion

Service – Sunday, 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, 6:00 p.m. Morning and Evening Prayer – Monday, Wednesday, Friday – 9:00 a.m. (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) or call our church office at 321-802-1311.

Martin Andersen Senior Center Dances

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



For both dances, doors open at 6:30 p.m. and dancing begins at 7:00 p.m., ends at 10:00 p.m. Free snacks, BYOB. Adults of all ages are welcome. The cost is \$8; \$7 for members.

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

Call Martin Andersen Senior Center at 321-631-7556 for more information.

At the Shuler Stage:

**HALLOQWEEN -
Rated R**

**September
22, 23, 29, 30 2023**



The Shuler Stage is an open air stage across the street at 316 Palm Ave. Seating is first come. There is no reserved seating.

Join our very own JORDYN LINKOUS as he brings a night of over-the-top drag to the Shuler Stage. Featuring a cornucopia of great songs and characters you will know and love in time for the Halloween season. Leave your cares at the door as the party continues through the night after the fun at The Prom! This event is for ages 18+ due to mature content.

Shuler Stage Show times are:

Friday and Saturday at 11:00 p.m.

Doors open and seating begins 30 minutes before show time. NO Late Seating or at the discretion of the House Manager.

\$20 General Admission* (No Discounts)



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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.**

9-2 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.

9-4 Labor Day

9-5 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.

9-6 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.

9-6 Sons of Amvets 2415 Meeting- 1st Wednesday of the month, 6 p.m. 688 West Ave., PSJ. Commander Chuck Harrington, 321-208-7897.

9-8 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.

Important Phone Numbers

County Commissioner -	321-264-6750
Sheriff: Non-Emergency -	321-633-7162
Fire Station 26 (Port St. John)	321-633-2056
Emergency Operations Center	321-637-6670
Waste Management -	321-636-6894
Port St. John Library	321-633-1867
PSJ Community Center -	321-633-1904
Florida Power & Light -	321-723-7795
City of Cocoa Water Dept. -	321-433-8400
Parrish Medical Center	
Port St. John -	321-636-9393
Titusville -	321-268-6111
Atlantis Elementary School -	321-633-6143
Challenger 7 Elementary -	321-636-5801
Enterprise Elementary School	321-633-3434
Fairglen Elementary School -	321-631-1993
Space Coast Jr/Sr High School -	321-638-0750

Call Pam at 321-752-6896 or e-mail bwc0020@gmail.com.

9-9 Amvets Riders meeting, 2nd Saturday at 10 a.m. Call President Craig Doan, 321-208-7897.

9-10 Multiple Sclerosis Self-Help Group meets on the 2nd Sunday each month (except Mother's Day & November), 2 p.m., Cocoa Library.

9-10 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.

9-10 Multiple Sclerosis Self-Help Group meets on the 2nd Sunday each month (except Mother's Day & November), 2 p.m., Cocoa Library.

9-11 Patriot Day

9-14 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.

9-15 - 17 Rosh Hashanah

9-18 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.

9-19 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.

9-20 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.

9-20 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.

9-24 Yom Kippur Starts

9-26 Moonlight Quilters Guild meets at the North Brevard Library in Titusville, 2121 Hopkins Ave. on the 4th Tuesday of each month (no meeting April or December). Meet and greet and refreshments at 6:00 p.m., meeting at 6:15 p.m., usually followed by show and tell or a guest speaker. Email Moonlight.Quilters@yahoo.com for more information.

9-29 Sukkot Starts

9-30 Veterans & First Responders Breakfast - 9:00 a.m. at Saint Patrick's Anglican Church,

4797 Curtis Blvd., Port St. John. This is open to all veterans, spouses of veterans and all first responders. Last Saturday of each month.

Congratulations to:

Cooper Campbell turns **16** on the 1st.
Sheila Grenet has a Heavenly day on the 2nd.
Liz Montes turns prettier on the 2nd.
Teri Bynum turns cuter on the 2nd.
Corabeth Ridgely turns **19** on the 3rd.
Derek Rickard turns wilder on the 3rd
Mary Hornsby has a party day on on the 4th.
Diane Sangalang gets kisses on the 10th.
Sue Bray turns more beautiful on the 13th
Michelle Walker is more lovely on the 16th.
Shane Orend turns **27** on the 16th.
McKenzie Mounts turns **13TEEN** on the 17th!
Jayne Hannon turns hotter on the 18th.
Jennifer Brunet - Love from Roger and the girls on the 18th.
Mitchell Hannon turns crazier the 20th.
Carol Drabek rocks the night on the 20th.
Teresa Higginbotham parties wild on the 21st.
Cloyd Manuel will be a hot **76** on the 21st
Belinda Crouse is the Queen on the 21st.
Lincoln Unrue turns **6** on the 22nd.
Naomi Beasley has a spanking day on the 22nd.
Vance Gaddy and Charles Samples have a party day on the 22nd.
Kyle Troxel turns cooler the 24th.
Kathy Patterson is Khaleesi on the 24th.
Brooke Brunet turns **Sweet 16** on the 27th.
Henry Snavelly turns **10** on the 28th!
William Taylor turns **74** on the 28th
Colton Orvis turns **25** on the 30th.
Sam & Keri Weeks celebrate **28** happy years this month.
30 happy ones for **Sandy & Joe Thomas** on the 4th. And a late Happy 54th to Joe!
Ronni & John Hansen celebrate **30** happily married years on the 5th.
Jim & Dolores Scott celebrate **49** on the 15th.
James & Kathleen Ballinger celebrate their **50th** anniversary on the 15th.
Steve & Lisa Sweeney celebrate their **24th** anniversary on the 19th.
Aaron and Sharon Hightower celebrate their **36th** anniversary on the 20th.
We have lots of room for more good news.
Email your inputs 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 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.
Tuesdays 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.

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.

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

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

9/6, 6:30 p.m.: **Bookworms Bookclub**, see the Reference desk for monthly book selection.

9/6, & 9/20, 1:30-5 p.m.: **Community Support Advocate** can help with Housing Assistance, SNAP Benefits, Social Security/Medicare Benefits and more.

9/7, 10 a.m.: **North Brevard Public Library Advisory Board Meeting**.

9/13, 6 p.m.: **Port St. John Special District Advisory Board Meeting**.

9/16, 10:30 a.m.: **Spooky Doorhanger Craft** class. \$40 fee due at signup. Registration ends 9/13. See Reference Desk for more information and to sign up.

9/23, Noon-1:00 p.m.: **Read-to-a-Dog!** Practice reading skills with the best four-legged listeners around from Space Coast Therapy Dogs.

On the Road With Rose



Manatee Cove Park

4905 North Tropical Trail, Merritt Island
(321) 821-8513

www.brevardfl.gov/ParksInMerrittIsland/ManateeCove

At the time I'm pecking at my little laptop, we have been blessedly lucky concerning hurricanes so far and I'm steadily thanking The Big Guy. But I'm also asking him to wrap his arms around those souls in Hawaii and all the friends and loved ones. If you have someone affected by the terrible fires, please know you are not alone and prayers are being sent.

My favorite daughter lives on North Tropical Trail, I love to visit - and not just because North Tropical is almost at the top of my list of favorite roads for slow, leisurely drives (although I have to admit, there are many times I 'accidentally' drove past her house a mile or so).

Taking Grant Road to the dead end and turning right onto North Tropical winds past a vintage mobile home park, old homes, mango tree shaded yards and small horses before it enters the older sections. Once past Hall Road you meander past old Florida Cracker houses intermingled with modern mansions and various fruit stands both manned and unmanned. These fruits are supplied by the myriad of mango, papaya, dragon and star fruit groves lining the road.

Tucked between various groves and oak covered oak trees, both Bethel African Methodist Episcopal and Saint Luke's Episcopal Churches and cemeteries are over a hundred years old and are worth a closer look.

You have to keep a lookout for the Manatee Cove Park sign, but it's worth the trouble. If you pass the 4-H Equestrian Center, you went a tad too far. The well-maintained little drive is surrounded by forest, oaks and palmetto brambles just asking to be explored. A parking lot to the right opens to a large pavilion complete with BBQ and bathrooms,

and a short pathway to a full playground.

I wandered around the edge of the woods surrounding the playground, not expecting to see any wildlife because it was the middle of the day, but I surprised a tortoise and a black snake.

The shaded playground appears to be fairly new, and also well maintained with baby and big kid swings, monkey bars, slides and all kinds of good stuff to play and climb on. There's also a large grassy area perfect for kite flying, a quick game of tag football or just blowing bubbles while someone mans the grill for lunch. The grassy area continues to the back fence of the equestrian center. I don't know the schedules, but if you happen to be there on a day the horses are prancing and trotting, you're in for a real treat. Watching and enjoying are encouraged, just don't annoy or do anything to scare them.

The road curves around to end up at a little cove in the Indian River, complete with canoe and kayak launches. In the short time I sat and watched the water ripple, I caught sight of a small dolphin and several mullet jumping. Calypso Kayaks offers guided tours up and down the lagoon both during the day and the bioluminescent ones at night. Call 321-821-8513 for dates and times.

After wandering a while longer, my four legged partner in adventures and I continued driving to the end where North Tropical Trail ends at North Courtney Parkway. We passed more moss covered oaks, various fruit trees and areas that used to be home to cattle in years past, a couple that appear to be starting again.

Passing Sams House, I noticed it looked like someone may be doing some work on the property and made a mental note to visit again. I'm inviting all who are reading to do so, also.

Whether you enjoy canoeing, kayaking, exploring woods, perhaps finding a treasure that may have been left by a pioneering farmer, sliding-swinging-climbing, or just enjoying a Florida afternoon with family, Manatee Cove will fit the bill.

I advise lots of sunscreen and pest spray, and as always, please take only pictures and leave only footprints.

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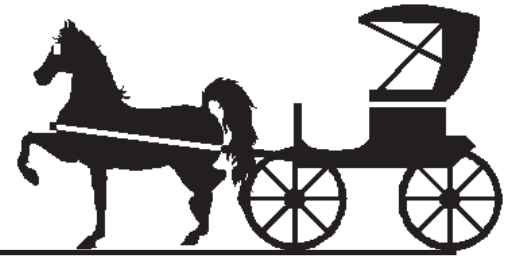
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Fruit From The Groves

We are in the part of the year that gets the most hurricanes. Please make sure you are prepared by getting brush and anything that could be thrown around secured. Waste Management can be called at 321-636-6894 for pickups. Please make sure all drainage ditches are cleared from debris. One clogged ditch can affect an entire area.



who also own property on the Indian River Lagoon. The letters did not state that the property was on the Indian River Lagoon, as it should have. Therefore, there is no need for the people in the Groves to be concerned.

Ed Silva
President
Canaveral Groves Homeowners

Stormwater Mitigation Your Driveway and Culvert Matter

It's been raining almost daily for over a month now and it looks like it will continue for another one or two... or three. And we haven't had a hurricane this year, at least not yet. We all know that will mean a few days of non-stop rain on top of our already very damp property. Where will all the water go?

If you think it's the county government's problem, they agree. A lot of time, planning, engineering and work go into creating the canals, ditches, swales and miles of pipes to remove water from our homes and roadways and put it into lakes, retention ponds and of course, the two rivers that border PSJ and the Groves.

But part of that planning goes through our front yards where our driveways meet the road -

that part between our actual property line and the road (an easement that belongs to the county). According to Brevard County Ordinance 86-70 (a) (4), which addresses driveways, "**Maintenance of all private improvements within the right-of-way associated with a driveway permit is the responsibility of the property owner.**"

That means that if your driveway dips at the bottom before reaching the road, you need to maintain that swale, or valley as it passes across the easement so that water can flow freely to where it's supposed to go.

If your driveway has a culvert, (a pipe that runs below the driveway to channel water through), you are responsible for keeping it clear so water can actually go through instead of pooling up in your, and your neighbors', yards and flooding out into the street. This is not the county's responsibility. Keeping it clear protects your home and your neighbors as well.

We're all familiar with the afternoon rainstorms that fill the swales and ditches until it looks like rivers running alongside the road. Clearing your culvert and/or doing a little digging in your swale to make sure the heavy stormwater moves past your home to a place where it can safely accumulate may save you long hours of damage repair and landscape repair/replacement.

Take a look at the roadside as you travel to and from your home this week. Please share this information with your neighbors if you see properties where there might be blockages forming that they're not even aware of. Remember last year and many previous years when the wind caused branches of all sizes and even trees to come down. The more easily water can flow out of your neighborhood, the safer everyone will be.

If you see any of the county's roadway culverts or storm sewers that appear to be clogged, contact Brevard County Public Works -Road and Bridge Maintenance, at 321-264-5084.

There have been reports of people passing stopped school busses. Speeding is still a problem. Also, people are NOT coming to a complete stop at Stop signs, Brevard County Sheriff's Office is out here patrolling and making traffic stops.

There was a report of a couple walking to houses stating they were looking for a lost dog. No car was seen and the people that reported it felt that the couple didn't belong in the area. So beware!

Brevard County Fire Department Stations 26, 29, as well as Four Communities Fire Department, have been busy responding to various calls for assistance.

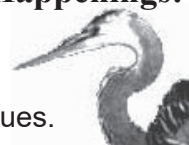
There have been numerous reports of dogs running loose in the area. Please try to secure your animals better, especially around the hours that school children are out.

In regards to people getting letters from the County, they were sent to people in the Groves

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

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Won't you join us?

Paws and Escape

Hosted by Tails at the Barkery, join Golden Retriever Rescue of Mid-Florida, Inc., a nonprofit, volunteer organization, for Paws and Escape, at Epic Escape Rooms, in Historic Cocoa Village on Saturday, September 16, anytime between 5:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.

Have you ever walked alone and felt someone watching you? Are you bored and looking for a new challenge? By combining social interaction with challenging adventures, each Escape Room is designed to immerse you into entirely new worlds. Find clues and solve a series of puzzles to escape before time runs out.

\$40 per person includes beverages, refreshments, chances to win door prizes, and one immersive, 60-minute, Escape Room selection – Killer Basement (Scary)

Welcome to Eatenville (Even Scarier)

The Lost Temple

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This event will help raise much needed funds for golden retrievers and golden retriever blends rescued by GRRMF, whose ongoing mission is saving, protecting, and re-homing golden retrievers and golden retriever blends that have lost their home and family. Serving our community since 1991 and supported by an all-volunteer staff, donations, and foster homes, GRRMF provides intervention, medical care, a home-based foster care environment, adoptions and community education.

Experience this exciting adventure with your family and friends and help GRRMF at the same time. For more information, visit Tails at the Barkery, 14 Oleander Street, Cocoa Village, or call (321) 305-4584.

National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE)

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

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. New members and guests are always welcome.

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

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 (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 genera-

tors 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.

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

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