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The Most Important Job In The World

This month of May brings a very special day for us to celebrate. Teachers dedicate their lives to our children. Since 1984, Teacher Appreciation Week has occurred during the first full week of May each year to honor and appreciate teachers and recognize their lasting contributions to education and society and the lives of their students. National Teacher Appreciation Day occurring on the Tuesday of that week. Sometimes students prepare gifts and thank you cards to give to their teachers on this day, and events are held in many schools to mark the occasion.

When people are asked what do you think the



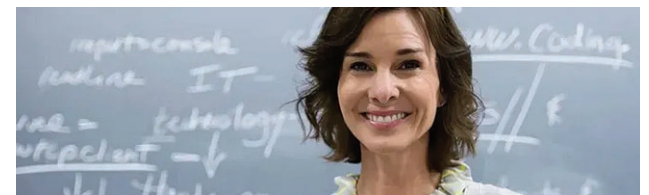
young minds, eager to go out and find their way in the world?

All of the other possibilities start with learning. Teachers are very typically a driven group of people. They take their work seriously, put in tireless hours planning curriculums, lesson plans and critiquing performance of the young minds they seek to mentor. They ensure students are prepared academically, not just for success in school, but for future careers and life.

With all things considered, I cannot think of a more important job to our nation and/or the world today than that of a teacher. Have you thanked a teacher lately for all they do? They are very special people, and They just may have, or have had, the most important job in the world! Mark your calendar for Teacher Appreciation Week.

most important job in the world is, you'll get many different answers; doctors and surgeons often lead the list. The President sometimes at the top of people's lists. First responders and nurses should certainly find themselves near the top of any list as well. On May 7th, I would ask that you consider another job as possibly the most important job in our world today.

What other job cultivates the raw talent of our young people, inspires their interest and helps launch careers of hundreds, if not thousands of



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

Community Center Camps/Events

Mondays

Summer Camp 7 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Seniors At Lunch, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Outside Basketball, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Tuesdays

Summer Camp 7 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Seniors At Lunch, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Outside Basketball, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Wednesdays

Summer Camp 7 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Seniors At Lunch, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Outside Basketball, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Thursdays

Summer Camp 7 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Seniors At Lunch, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Outside Basketball, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Fridays

Summer Camp 7 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Outside Basketball, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Seniors At Lunch, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.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 child. 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 with Diane - Thursdays 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Relax, rejuvenate, and enjoy yoga that meets you where you are! Appropriate for beginners, all body types with alternatives offered to accommodate physical conditions. All that is needed is a yoga mat and water bottle. Recommend not eating two hours prior, small fruit snack okay. Price is \$7 per class. Visit www.psjyoga.com for further information.

~Diane Coben~

Parrish Healthcare Opens 4th Outpatient Lab Services Location

On April 1st, Parrish Healthcare opened its fourth outpatient laboratory services location at

its Parrish Health and Wellness site, which is conveniently located at 3065 Columbia Blvd., Suite C104, Titusville. **PARRISH HEALTHCARE** Outpatient laboratory services including, but not limited to routine blood tests, glucose tests, lipid panels, urine tests, stool tests, drug tests, and more are available Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Walk-in appointments are welcomed.

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Port St. John Housewives Softball League



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

Amvets Post 2415 Schedule



5-1 Sons of Amvets 2415

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

5-8 General Membership Meeting-

2nd Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m.

5-9 Amvets 2415 Ladies Auxiliary General

The Port St. John Housewives Softball League is gearing up for another fun season! Don't let the name fool you... women of all playing abilities are invited to join our league. As of July 1st, you must be 19 years of age or older. Sign-ups will be on Saturday, May 11th and then again on Saturday May 18th and Sunday May 19th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Fay Park, east parking lot.

Cost is \$50, which includes approximately 20 softball games, team shirt and end of year party and awards. The season starts in July and continues through mid-October. Games are on Tuesday

Membership Meeting - 2nd Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. President Theresa Nikki Anderson, 321-208-7897.

5-11 Amvets Riders Chapter 2415 General Membership Meeting - 2nd Saturday of the month at 10:30 a.m. Pres. Steve Carman, 321-446-3394.

5-11 Bike Night! 3:00 - 7:00 on the 2nd Saturday of the month at the Post.

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.

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Six Constitutional Amendments on November Ballot

Passage of each proposal would require support from at least 60 percent of voters. Here are brief descriptions of the six issues:

Abortion: This is the biggest political issue in Florida this year. Last year Gov. Ron DeSantis and lawmakers approved a ban on abortions after 15 weeks. This year they approved another ban preventing abortions after six weeks of pregnancy. The proposed constitutional amendment, in part, says: “No law shall prohibit, penalize, delay or restrict abortion before viability or when necessary to protect the patient's health, as determined by the patient's healthcare provider.”

Campaign Money: Voters approved a constitutional amendment in 1998 giving state matching funds to gubernatorial and state Cabinet candidates. There was a repeal attempt in 2010 that failed and the legislature has put it in again to repeal this matching funds program.

Fishing & Hunting: This constitutional amendment would make it a right to fish and hunt in the state Constitution. The proposal says hunting and fishing, “shall be preserved forever as a public right and preferred means of responsibly managing and controlling fish and wildlife.”

Property Taxes: This Constitutional Amendment would lead to adjusting part of the homestead property-tax exemption for inflation. Currently, homeowners receive tax exemptions on the assessed values of their property up to \$25,000 and on the values between \$50,000 and \$75,000. The new proposal would adjust for inflation the exemption portion between \$50,000 and \$75,000.

Marijuana: A political committee called Safe & Smart Florida led the drive to put this measure on the ballot. This constitutional amendment would allow people ages 21 and older to “possess, purchase or use marijuana products and marijuana accessories for non-medical personal consumption.”

School Board Elections: Florida had partisan school-board elections until voters passed a constitutional amendment in 1998 to make the races non-partisan. Well, now lawmakers have placed an amendment on this year’s ballot to return to partisan races starting in 2026.

Coastal Wetlands Losing to Sea Level Rise

In an article by Randall Parkinson on WLRN Public Radio and Television, he said Coastal Wetlands will be gone by 2050 due to sea level rise caused by climate change. Randall Parkinson is a Research Associate Professor in Coastal Geology at Florida International University. Coastal wetlands have protected our coast from storm surge for thousands of years. Coastal wetlands have also stopped our drinking water from being contaminated by seawater and these same wetlands have created an environment for fish hatchlings, as well as birds and various threatened species.

Coastal wetlands usually migrate as the sea level rises, but our developments have raised roads, farms and homes blocking water movement, not allowing wetlands anywhere to go. The really terrible thing is the sea level is rising much faster than we anticipated. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration is saying by 2050 the sea range will be rising by 100 to 150 meters per year, which is 15 to 100 times faster than wetlands can migrate.

In the article, Randall is saying there are three ways we could help nature keep up with sea level rise. One is creating or buying land for conservation corridors. These would be alongside current coastal wetlands currently to allow wetlands to migrate. Another way is removing dykes or opening tunnels under our raised roads to allow wetlands to naturally migrate. Finally, where we have drained lands for agriculture and flood control, we need surface water projects to restore freshwater flow towards the coastal zones.

The whole point is that except maybe working on the Everglades, Florida hasn’t really done anything from all the research and studies done by Randy Parkinson. Florida has not done much to work on the three ways we could help coastal wetlands. In other words, we have gone almost 50 years and we have completely squandered the time we had.

Reference:

www.wlrn.org/environment/2024-04-10/coastal-wetlands-sea-level-rise

In the article I’m referencing on Coastal Wetlands, Randall (also known as Randy) Parkinson is a longtime friend of mine, a brilliant professor, and an avid supporter of the environment. He has been studying wetlands and coastal geology for more than 40 years. In the early years of 2000, I was

the President for A Sustainable Future, a group of 30 environmental groups and individual memberships. I remember Randy constantly speaking in Satellite Beach on climate change and how it would change the Brevard County shoreline.

The following article is one I wrote for the League Of Women Voters way back in January, 2011.

Local Climate Change Effects

The City of Satellite Beach (City), Florida voted in the fall of 2009 to conduct a study to assess the city's vulnerability to rising sea level and to help facilitate talks of potential adaptation strategies. This project was one of the first in Florida to try to seriously address what will be the potential consequences of global sea-level rise, which is forecasted to rise a meter or more by the year 2100. There's a lot of information in the City's 30-page study, which makes it hard to summarize it into a short article for the voter, but I'll try.

The city was able to obtain funds from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Climate Ready Estuaries (CRE) Program made available through the Indian River Lagoon National Estuary Program. The program's goal is to, “enhance local efforts to develop a climate change adaptation plan that may not occur or otherwise be limited by inadequate financial resources.” The City promoted objectivity by basing the scope of work on sound scientific principles and the best scientific information available.

The study showed the City will probably lose 5% of its land during the initial 2 feet of sea-level rise, which will probably be limited to fringing wetlands and canals, but the next 2 feet will probably submerge 20% more of the city, including critical assets, important roads and residential neighborhoods. Once the sea level reaches a 6-foot increase, 52% of the city is gone. Besides the flooding and submergence, the study stated every stage in the sea-level rise will also compromise the functionality of the city's emergency evacuation routes and it's gravity driven storm-water system.

The Satellite Beach study’s results also suggested the city has approximately 40 years to figure out how to formulate and implement a city adaptation plan, as it seems 2050 is the time frame where the "tipping point" will occur; Tipping Point meaning, where impacts on how important elements of the city will change from “minor

inconveniences” to major disruptions. As a result, the City of Satellite Beach's Comprehensive Planning Advisory Board has approved a series of updates and revisions to the City's Comprehensive Plan. If the changes are approved by the City Council and Florida's Department of Community Affairs, the new Comprehensive Plan will provide a basis to help reduce the City's vulnerability to sea-level rise.

Unfortunately, no other local government in Volusia, Brevard or Indian River County have looked at anything to seriously address either climate change or sea-level rise. This may be due to some people's perception about the scientific uncertainty of climate change, or that "climate change" programs will require financing from local governments already struggling to meet existing demands. It becomes questionable whether anything Satellite Beach could do will have any effect if no one else does anything. How would the city survive if no one can reach it except by boat.

The City of Satellite Beach's study link I used doesn't work anymore. See Randall Parkinson's article on page 13.

Cheerio,
Maureen Rupe
rupe32927@gmail.com

Best Pets Calendar

The Brevard Humane Society is excited to announce the launch of its 2025 Best Pets of Brevard Calendar. With a mere \$10 donation, pet owners are invited to submit their most adorable, charming and photogenic snapshots of their pets for a chance to be featured in the 2025 Best Pets of Brevard Calendar. Whether it's a playful pup, a purring feline friend, a chirpy bird or any other beloved creature, all entries are welcome. Participants may also submit multiple entries to boost their pet's chances of being featured in the calendar.

Moreover, the calendar includes an exclusive 'In Memory Of' section, providing an opportunity to commemorate pets that have crossed the Rainbow Bridge. For a \$50 donation, pets will be guaranteed a place of remembrance.

Participation in the Best Pets of Brevard Calendar not only offers pet owners a chance to showcase their beloved companions but also provides vital support to the Brevard Humane Society's mission of promoting compassion and advocating for the welfare of all animals.

To ensure a seamless entry process, participants are advised to adhere to the following guidelines:

- All submissions must be received by the Brevard Humane Society no later than noon, June 30th, 2024, to be considered.
- Only color photographs featuring companion animals will be eligible for selection; images including humans will not be considered.
- Depiction of animals must uphold principles of dignity and humanity.
- All photographs will undergo cropping to fit the calendar dimensions; thus, landscape orientation is required.
- Digital entries in JPEG format are preferred, with a minimum file size of 2.5 MB for consideration. Photos must be of sufficient clarity to print at 8.5" x 8.5" for inclusion in a month or cover page.

- If submitting a professionally taken photograph, a signed copyright release must be provided via mail to the Brevard Humane Society (Brevard Humane Society, 1020 Cox Road, Cocoa, FL 32926, Attn: Media). Be sure to include your full name and the file name of the photo you submitted along with the release.

- If submitting an entry in 'Honor Of' or in 'Memory of' a pet that has passed and do not have a digital copy, please send physical photos, by mail, to 1020 Cox Road, Cocoa, FL 32926, Attn: Media. The photo must be 5" x 7" or larger and will be returned after the calendar production.

All submitted photographs become the property of the Brevard Humane Society and may be utilized or modified for calendar production and fundraising initiatives. Selected contributors will be duly notified of their pet's inclusion for the front cover of the calendar or as a Photo of the Month. All other photo entries will appear in the calendar in the Honorable Mention section.

Additionally, the Brevard Humane Society invites prospective business partners to align with its noble cause by sponsoring the 2025 Best Pets of Brevard Calendar. Several thousand copies of these beautiful full color calendars are sold all over the Space Coast each year to pet families and pet lovers alike and celebrate the joys of pet ownership. This year, businesses have the opportunity to elevate their visibility and demonstrate their commitment to the local pet community by securing ad space alongside the adorable calendar features. Not only does this support local enterprises, but it also makes a tangible difference in the lives of homeless animals within our community.

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5-1 Auxiliary General Membership Meeting - 1st Wednesday of the month, 6 p.m.

5-13 Sons of the Legion, 6 p.m. on the 2nd Monday of the month at the Post.

5-15 General Membership Meeting- 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m., 7260 S. US Hwy. 1, Bellwood, (just north of Port St. John), 321-268-1632. Contact Commander Michelle Aaron at 321-289-2880 for more information. The Post is located at 7260 S. US Hwy. 1, Bellwood, (just north of Port St. John), or call 321-268-1632.

5-19 American Legion Riders General Membership Meeting- 3rd Sunday of the month at 10:30 a.m. Director Wayne Fowler, Director, 321-307-1450 or visit our website, alr359.org.

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., Cocoa.

The May 13th meeting will be on the 8th. 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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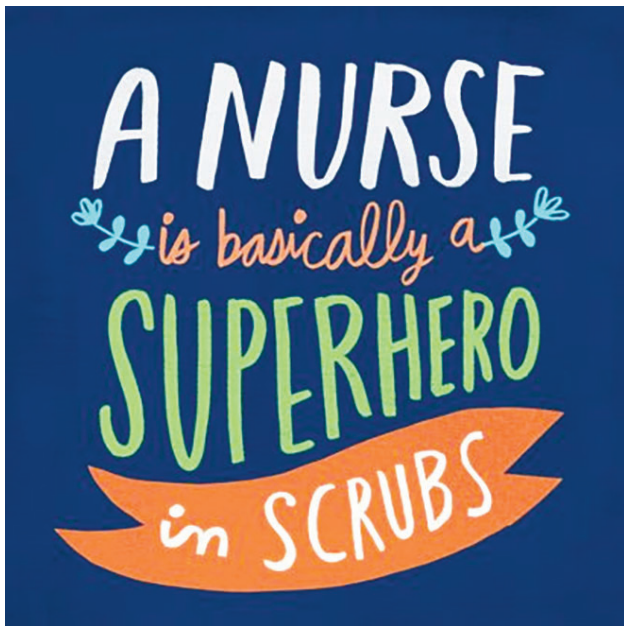


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Nurses Make the Difference

In February, 1982, a joint resolution of the United States Congress designated May 6 as "National Recognition Day for Nurses," better known as National Nurses Day. In 1990, the ANA Board of Directors expanded the recognition of nurses to a week-long celebration, designating May 6 - 12 as permanent dates to observe National Nurses Week in 1994 and in all subsequent years.

For 2024, the ANA has selected the theme "Nurses Make the Difference" to honor the varying roles of nurses and their positive impact on our lives. Nurses make a difference as trusted advocates who ensure individuals, families and communities receive quality patient care and services.

Thank you to all the nurses in Brevard - and everywhere else - who help to keep us all healthy and safe. Please join Happenings in celebrating the contributions of nurses who provide expert care, support patient safety, and advance the nursing profession.



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Rose's Room

~ Rose Padrick



This Mother's Day is working out to be the quietest ever for me. All my kids are doing their own thing and we will celebrate together later...I haven't decided if that's a good thing or not, but it gives my old gray matter plenty of 'Remember when' time.

When my kids were just growing their families, we tried to get together several times a month. We played in my daughter's pool or at the beach, and then cook on the grill as the sun sets.

I am the same Grammy who received great rolling of the eyes, accompanied by, "Ooohhh Grammy!" all afternoon as I admonished various grandchildren not to climb so high, not to wrestle in the dirt, not to hit each other with anything, but suddenly I become every grandchild's favorite person at dinner time.

I don't want to know how many pounds I have gained by giving in to a pair of big, beautiful, grandchild eyes, sorrowfully staring while the child sighs heavily, and whispers, "Grammy, you know I don't like meat and I'm only yiddle, and I can't eat the whole mamburger, and then I'll get in trouble, and I won't be allowed to go for a walk with you later, and you know I love to be with you, and if you would take just one bite I could eat the rest, plllleeease?"

Being the eternal optimist, I ask, "You promise you will eat the rest?"

Little sad eyes answers with, "Well, maybe if you could take TWO bites, or maybe THREE..."

His cousin, knowing a good thing when he hears it adds, "And you know how much I hate green beans, If you eat one forkful I will eat the rest, I prommisssse." Again with the eyes.

Another adds, "This potato salad is really gross but Mom says I can't get up until I finish it. I'll

be here all night." This child is a master of the quivering bottom lip.

A voice from the adult table warns, "Mom, every one of those kids asked for what was put on their plates and agreed to finish everything, and I better not catch anyone begging Grammy to finish their food." The owner of the voice turns back to her meal.

More heavy sighs. The eyes are getting sadder by the minute.

"All right! All right! This is what we'll do! Hannah, you let me know when no one is looking. Morgan, hand me that burger quickly! Jay, you be lookout, and Hannah, hand me your plate, I'll eat ONLY the potato salad. R.J. you watch while I eat half of Greg's hot dog. Greg, you keep an eye out while I finish Jay's green beans. Carter, you make sure Daddy's not looking while I take some of R.J.'s carrot salad. Amanda, Amber and Alicia, stand between us and the adults while I finish Dominic's hot dog. Morgan, and Dominic, you watch so I can eat whatever Carter doesn't want."

The plan was working like a charm up to the part about taking something off 3-year-old Carter's plate. I'll have to remember if this child is staring at, and poking his finger into, a scoop of baked beans, it does not always mean he doesn't want them. I swept a spoonful into my already bulging mouth and he screamed like he had been stuck with a pin.

It's hard to look innocent with a mouthful of hamburger, hotdog, potato salad, green beans, carrot salad and baked beans.

"Didn't I just say not to ask Grammy to eat your food?" My daughter makes an imposing figure when she draws her 4 foot, hundred pound body ramrod straight, arms crossed, catlike eyes darting from one child to another, finally landing on her mother.

"I guess since you couldn't eat dinner, you can't eat dessert then, can you?" Ten sets of children's really sorrowful eyes turned to me in unison as she turned and walked away.

I would whisper so as not to be heard by 'Cat Woman,' "Hurry up and eat everything. We are still going on our walk after dinner and we can't help it if we just happen to pass a store that sells ice cream cones."

Grammy's know more than one way to skin a Cat Woman... and create memories.

Food For Thought

Community Gardens: A Call to Action

Community gardens are often found in urban areas to bring accessibility to healthy fruits and vegetables. Even in food-secure areas, community gardens benefit neighborhoods by serving as a designated place for education, relaxation and community building.

There are two main types of community gardens; allotment and communal gardens. Allotment gardens are divided into individual plots to be rented and maintained by individual gardeners. Communal gardens are shared and cared for by the community as a whole.

Last year, I was fortunate enough to travel to Columbus, Georgia to experience a community garden in action. The garden was about a quarter acre in size and flourishing. There were rows of squash, kale, pumpkins, tomatoes, flowers and more. This food was then harvested, sold to the community at a fair price or used in their cafe next door. It was a fantastic representation of the farm-to-table experience. Since then, they have expanded their efforts by offering a farm-to-school program that implements nutrition education through gardening, cooking and other valuable hands-on experiences.

Our community is capable of replicating something like this for our own use. We can create positive change within our community by initiating something we can all benefit from and enjoy. Think about how something as simple as a garden can become a focal point for future community-led initiatives, such as cooking classes or other health workshops.

Do you know of any vacant lots or under-used lands that can be turned into vibrant, green spaces? Are you aware of any private or corporate sponsors interested in improving the community through helping provide accessibility to healthy foods? What kind of garden would work best for our community?

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Please check out our Ladies Fellowship and Craft Group on the third Monday in May - May 20th. Bring a craft to work on and join us for great fellowship and a light snack.

In May we will hold our annual Cinco de Mayo Potluck Dinner on Saturday, May 4th at 6:00 p.m. – we have a list of items to bring in our parish hall.

Veterans' and First Responder Breakfast will be Saturday, May 25th in the Parish Hall at 9:00 a.m. This is open to all veterans, spouses of veterans, police, fire and emergency services individuals. On the May 25th breakfast we will be placing American flags in the Memorial Garden to mark those in our church who are no longer with us and served in the military in remembrance of Memorial Day.

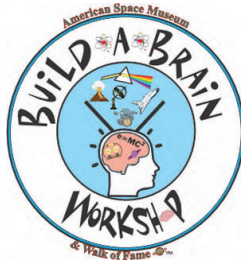
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Are you interested in finding out more about the Anglican Church and St. Patrick's Anglican Church? Feel free to contact us at: St. Patrick's Anglican Church, 4797 Curtis Blvd., Port St. John, 321-802-1311 or stpatrickspsj@gmail.com.

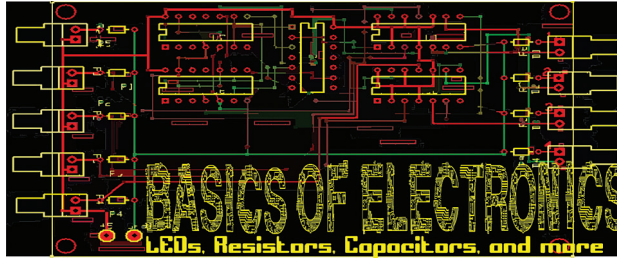
Updated event information and services are available on our website at <https://stpatrickspsj.org>.

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Why didn't Noah swat the
two mosquitoes?***



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ASM Build-A-Brain Presents



Basics of Electronics: LEDs, Resistors, Capacitors and More

This month at Build-A-Brain Workshop, Professor Darin will be teaching the students about electronic components and how they work. They will then get to build two simple circuits, and then take their projects home.

May 2, 3, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, 16, 17, 18, 22, 23, 25, 28

Registration will open April 9th.

The workshop will be offered at 10:00, 12:00, and 2:00 each of the above listed days.

It will be lots of fun, as well as educational and it's FREE. Be sure to register soon at <https://spacewalkoffame.org/register> to reserve a spot, as class sizes are limited to 12 students per class time, for children grades 1-6. For more information, please contact the American Space Museum at 321-264-0434. The address of the museum is 308 Pine Street, Titusville.

Please be sure to park in the FRONT parking lot, and enter through the REAR of the building at the door by the trailer. Thank you.

The museum is open for public tours Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, please contact the American Space Museum at 321-264-0434. The address of the museum is 308 Pine Street, Titusville.

Sponsored in part by the State of Florida, Department of State, Division of Arts and Culture, the Florida Council on Arts and Culture, and the National Endowment for the Arts. For additional information, please call 321-264-0434 or write

info@americanspacemuseum.org.

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ASM Build-A-Brain Workshop Needs your help.

Thanks to people like you, our ASM Build-A-Brain Workshop STEM classes are a resounding success. Last year, 2023, we had a total of 4151 students attend our workshop, and we are over 1000 already for 2024. It is due to your participation and support which has helped us grow, allowing us to inspire more and more students to see science as fun and exciting.

Last year we were very grateful to receive a state grant which covered salary, equipment, consumables, and more. This year, our grant covers salary and nothing else. With the help of those who have been faithfully supporting us financially, we have not had to cut any of our programming.

Saying that, in May, we will be offering our Basics of Electronics class, where we will be teaching about what electronic components (resistors, capacitors, diodes, transistors, etc.) are and how they work. Each student will assemble two circuits as part of this class, and then get to take the pieces home with them. We are planning for five hundred students to participate. Once we assemble the parts for each kit, the class in May will cost the museum just over \$3000. Instead of charging individual students to attend, knowing that many families would not be able to do so, we are instead asking for your help. We have set up a specific account for all Build-A-Brain Workshop donations with a link for those who are able to contribute. Donations can be made by going <https://square.link/u/0jQyKxkX>.

Thank you again for being part of the American Space Museum and Build-A-Brain Workshops, I look forward to seeing you again soon.

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- June 3-7 (Beginner)
- June 17-21 (Beginner)
- June 24-28 (Intermediate)
- July 8-12 (Vaulting)
- July 22-26 (Beginner)



9:00am – 2:00pm daily

Cost is \$350/student with a \$100/down payment due one week prior to start of the class. Classes limited to 10 students
** Students bring lunch/snacks



Click here for more info and payment options.
Or go to GiveButter.com/SummerHorseCamp2024

Note: Please annotate student's name in the Notes of the ticket

Parrish Medical Group Primary Care Welcomes Gary Chee Seng Oh, BSc Hon, MD

Parrish Healthcare and Parrish Medical Group are pleased to welcome Gary Chee Seng Oh, BSc Hon, MD.

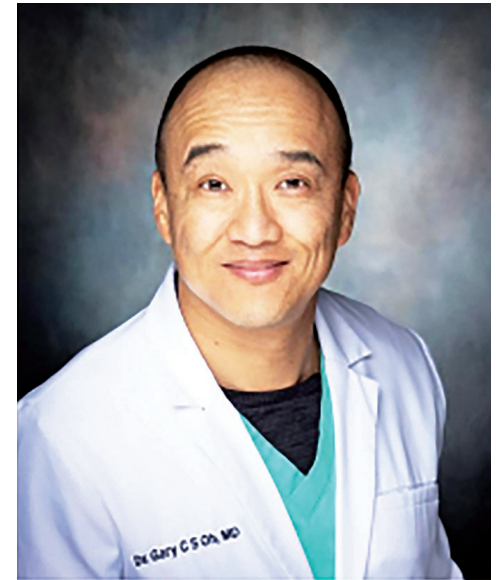
Dr. Oh is a Family Medicine Physician with Parrish Medical Group Primary Care.

Dr. Oh received his medical degree from the University of Alberta in Edmonton, Canada and Saint James School of Medicine in Arnos Vale, St. Vincent and Grenadines. His clinical specialties for patients of all ages include diagnosis and treatment of acute illness and injury, management of chronic conditions, lifestyle medicine, wellness and preventive screenings, as well as health counseling and patient education.

Dr. Oh is a board-certified physician with the American Board of Lifestyle Medicine, American Board of Family Medicine and American Academy of Family Physicians. He is also a member of the Canadian College of Neuropsychopharmacology and Medical Council of Canada. Dr. Oh's professional passions include lifestyle medicine, neurosciences/mental health, mind and body health, physical fitness and athletics.

Dr. Oh will be conveniently located in the Parrish Healthcare Center in Port Canaveral at 390 Challenger Road, Cape Canaveral. New patients are welcome. Most insurance plans accepted. To schedule an appointment, call 321-633-8640.

For more information about Dr. Oh, Parrish Medical Group, or primary care at Parrish Healthcare, visit parrishhealthcare.com.



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Monthly Tax Update

Finally, April is over. First, it has been reported on googlemaps.com that our company has been closed permanently. Our company has changed its name from Higginbotham Companies Inc. to Higginbotham – Baldeon Enrolled Agents, Inc. and neither closed. We have continued offering the same services to our clients for the last 35 years.

Now, in the past month, there have been many people affected by their lower W-2 withholdings and that resulted in them paying the IRS. To avoid paying taxes at the end of the year, you will need to have extra withholding from your paychecks. People with a business filing as sole proprietors should estimate their tax liability and pay an estimated tax to the IRS on the four payments due dates: April 15th, June 15th, September 15th, and the fourth payment by January 15th of the following year.

It is essential to reconcile your monthly income and expenses to establish your net income or loss. You will then be able to project your tax liability and evaluate how your expenses are related to your income to determine if your business needs to increase prices or lower your costs to maximize your profit. This evaluation should be done by July and October. This information will be crucial to give you a better understanding of your business.

It is essential to mention it is not always a good practice to buy expensive equipment or a vehicle, especially if you don't need it; another option would be to invest the money in a retirement account, which may have been overlooked.

Now, let's turn to non-profit organizations. Every organization must file an extension or tax return by May 15th, 2024. Here is guidance for the requirements; use Form 990 for organizations

if they have gross receipts of \$200,000 or more, or total assets of \$500,000 or more; Form 990-EZ, called the Short Form for organizations, if their annual gross receipts are less than \$200,000 and total assets, at the end of their tax year are less than \$500,000; Form 990-N for organizations with annual gross receipts normally \$50,000 or less, which most school non-profit organizations are and created for involved parents to promote sports.

It is crucial to remember the tax-exempt status of an organization which does not file a required return or notice for three consecutive years will be automatically revoked, as of the due date of the third unfiled return. Once it is revoked, organizations must file Form 1120, U.S. Corporation Income Tax Return, or a Form 1041, U.S. Income Tax Return for Estates and Trusts, and may need to pay income taxes. An automatically revoked organization may apply to reinstate its exempt status using the procedures explained in Revenue Procedures and reinstate its exempt status retroactively.

Last, the amount of the penalty depends on the size of the organization. The penalty for late filing is \$20 a day, not to exceed the lesser of \$12,000, or 5% of the gross receipts of the organization for the year, unless the organization can show the late filing was due to reasonable cause.

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 Pedro L. Baldeon, E.A., 321-632-5726, a member of the National Society of Tax Professionals.

Experimental Aircraft Meeting

Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 724 holds regular scheduled gatherings for fun and fellowship on the 2nd Wednesday of each month - May 8th - at 7:00 p.m. in the club house on Merritt Island Airport. For more information, call 321-514-9456, email watersdwayne@yahoo.com, or visit the website at www.eaa724.org.



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Parrish Healthcare Community Support Groups - May

Parrish Healthcare offers a variety of support 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, May 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, May 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, May 6, 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.

- When: Monday, May 6, 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, May 9, 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, May 21, 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, May 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/EarlySteps.

Parrish Healthcare Cancer and Survivor Support Group

This group is for cancer patients, cancer survivors and anyone touched by the disease. Enjoy refreshments and talk with others sharing similar situations and experiences.

- When: Wednesday, May 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, May 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.

Parrish Healthcare's Amputee Support Group of Titusville

A safe and supportive environment for individuals living with limb loss or limb difference as well as their family. Join us for resources, education, fellowship, refreshments, and snacks on the second Tuesday of every month.

- When: Tuesday, May 14; 3-4:30 p.m.
- Where: Manatee Conference Room, Parrish Healthcare Center Port St. John, 5005 Port St. John Pkwy, Port St. John
- For more information and to register, visit parrishhealthcare.com/amputeesupport.

Kidney Smart Class

Take control of your kidney health by attending a 90-minute, no-cost Kidney Smart class led by expert educators in your community. You'll learn about chronic kidney disease and its causes, diet and nutrition, benefits of employment and managing insurance, and treatment choices that may be available to you.

- When: Thursday, May 23; 1-2:30 p.m.
- Where: Heritage Hall, 931 N. Washington Ave., Titusville
- For more information and to register, visit parrishhealthcare.com/kidneysmart.

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



Coastal Wetlands Can't Keep Pace With Sea-Level Rise

<https://www.wlrn.org/environment/2024-04-10/coastal-wetlands-sea-level-rise>

By Randall W. Parkinson | The Conversation

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Wetlands have flourished along the world's coastlines for thousands of years, playing valuable roles in the lives of people and wildlife. They protect the land from storm surge, stop seawater from contaminating drinking water supplies and create habitat for birds, fish and threatened species. Much of that may be gone in a matter of decades.

As the planet warms, sea level rises at an ever-faster rate. Wetlands have generally kept pace by building upward and creeping inland a few meters per year. But raised roadbeds, cities, farms and increasing land elevation can leave wetlands with nowhere to go. Sea-level rise projections for mid-century suggest the waterline will be shifting 15 to 100 times faster than wetland migration has been clocked.

I have been studying coastal geology and wetlands for more than 40 years. The rates of sea-level rise that we're seeing now mean portions of today's coastal wetland ecosystems will be lost to the ocean in the years and decades to come at a tempo never seen before.

Wetland plants were able to keep pace in the past. The presence of expansive wetlands along the coasts is in large part because sea level has been relatively stable for millennia.

Wetland plants could easily adapt to small changes in the ocean level because those changes were typically less than 1 millimeter per year. The plants naturally create or trap sediment, building elevation to keep up with rising seas. Wetland ecosystems are also adept at migrating horizontally and therefore could colonize areas of the coastline that were slowly flooded over time.

However, the world's climate began to change about a century and a half ago. Fossil fuel combustion in factories and vehicles sent increasing amounts of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere, raising global temperatures. This also warmed the oceans, causing them to expand, and accelerated the melting of glaciers and ice sheets. The combination of thermal expansion of seawater and melting land ice has added volume to the ocean, causing sea level to rise at ever-faster rates.

Water level data collected by the National

Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration at gauges distributed along the U.S. coast indicates the average rate of sea-level rise is now about 10 millimeters per year – much faster than in the past – and it is expected to continue accelerating. During the second half of the 21st century, scientists expect sea-level rise to average about 30 millimeters per year. That's 30 times faster than it was rising before the Industrial Revolution.

Sea level is rising faster than wetlands can adapt. The rates of sea-level rise along the mid-Atlantic and southeastern U.S. coasts are now faster than most coastal wetland plant communities can build elevation. Within decades, it is very likely that much of these crucial ecosystems will drown. Areas once occupied by a lush, expansive and contiguous coastal wetland ecosystem will, over time, become riddled with small, isolated ponds that enlarge, interconnect and eventually transform to open seawater.

A regional analysis I recently conducted of published horizontal rates of wetland migration along the U.S. mid-Atlantic and eastern Gulf of Mexico coastal plains suggests wetlands can move inland at an annual pace measured in meters to tens of meters. In the same areas, however, theoretical rates at which the shoreline will move inland – calculated using NOAA sea-level projections in the year 2050 – range between 100 to 150 meters per year. That's 15 to 100 times faster than wetlands can move.

The inundation models that scientists typically use to emulate coastal wetland resilience to rising seas assume wetlands will migrate inland at the same rate as the shoreline. As a result of the work I recently completed, it appears the models have overestimated coastal wetland resilience and that wetland losses this century will be higher than predicted.

Even under the most ambitious scenarios for reducing carbon dioxide emissions, sea-level rise will likely continue to accelerate this century. That means the loss of wetland ecosystems as they currently exist along our coastlines will continue for generations as the climate continues to warm and the oceans rise.

So, what can be done to save our coastal wetlands? What actions can be undertaken to minimize the loss of these ecologically and economically important areas?

First, land managers could implement programs to acquire or create conservation corridors adjacent to areas where coastal wetlands currently exist. These undeveloped or natural landscapes will provide a pathway through which the wetlands can move inland as sea level rises.

Second, it seems ever more urgent to remove human-built structures — roads, dikes, levees — that will prevent the landward advance of coastal wetlands.

A project in Oregon did this by removing an earthen dike to allow the wetlands to migrate. In South Florida, engineers elevated miles of U.S. Highway 41, locally known as the Tamiami Trail, between Miami and Naples to allow the resumption of water flows that had been cut off.

Elevating the Tamiami Trail allowed fresh water that had been blocked by the road to flow into the wetlands, reviving the ecosystems.

Finally, in areas historically drained for agriculture and flood control, surface water management projects can restore freshwater flow toward the coastal zone. In South Florida, for example, rainwater in the Everglades prevented salt water from advancing underground – until extensive canals were built to drain the region for development and agriculture. Several large water management projects are now redirecting rainwater back into the Everglades to slow the advancing underground saltwater plume, which can be lethal to freshwater wetland and upland plant communities.

Randall W. Parkinson, Research Associate Professor in Coastal Geology, Florida International University. This article is republished from The Conversation under a Creative Commons license.

SCHS Class of 2025 Parents

Project Graduation is a thrilling, substance-free celebration for the SCHS Class of 2025, featuring fun, food, music and prizes. Join us in the fundraising/planning to ensure a safe night for our graduates! First meeting: May 19, 2024, at 4 p.m., Port Java, 4795 Fay Blvd. #13, Port St. John.

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MainStage Show:

Show times are Friday, Saturday and select Thursdays at 8:00 p.m., Sunday and select Saturdays at 2:00 p.m. Lobby Doors open 30 minutes before show time.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit <https://titusvilleplayhouse.com/> or call 321-268-1125. Season tickets are available.

At the Shuler Stage:

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May 17 - 26, 2024



Based on the cult classic movie of the same title, this Tony Award-nominated fun-filled, roller skating, musical adventure about following your dreams rolls along to the original hit score. A Greek muse inspires love, laughter and the world's first roller disco in this 1980s inspired glitter explosion. Xanadu follows Kira, a young muse from Mt. Olympus, whose quest to inspire a struggling

artist to achieve his dream is complicated by the prospect of forbidden love with a mortal.

Lace up your skates for this electrifying tale full of chart-topping hits! Book your seats early as Xanadu is jammed full of silly bliss and is probably the most fun you'll have at the SHULER STAGE this season.

Shuler Stage

The Shuler Stage is an open-air pavilion with amphitheatre-style seating located at 316 S. Palm Ave., Titusville.

Show times are Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m., Sunday at 2:30 p.m. Gates open 30 minutes before show time. NO late seating or at the discretion of the House Manager.

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Amateur Backyard BBQ Rocks!

The Sharing Center of Central Brevard held their 9th Annual Amateur Backyard BBQ contest on April 6th at F. Burton Smith Park in Cocoa. This

fundraising event is put on by a committee of volunteers who dedicate themselves to generating an impact in the community while coordinating a family friendly contest. This year, 12 BBQ teams entered the contest and were judged in chicken, pork and brisket, and provided samples to over one thousand guests.

In addition to sampling BBQ from each team, guests enjoyed a full BBQ dinner included in the \$20 entree fee. Over one hundred volunteers came together to make this year's event successful and their efforts paid off big time, raising \$51,000.00 towards the Sharing Center's Children's Weekend Bag-pack Program. With the success of this year's BBQ, David Brubaker, President/CEO of the Central Brevard Sharing Center, says they are well on their way to funding the 2024-2025 school year, but with an increased need for their program, continued support from the community is crucial.

BBQ teams arrived to F. Burton Smith Park on the afternoon of April 5th for meat inspection and attended a mandatory meeting at 6 p.m. They spent the night preparing for the big day marinating, smoking and grilling chicken, pork and beef. Each team invested time and money to participate and that resulted in a successful event, which is something to be proud of. At the conclusion of the event, the results of the volunteer judges and People's Choice were announced, with the Grand Champions being Brevard County Sheriff's Office Ag/Marine Unit, winning both the overall and the People's Choice awards! Congratulations to BSCO and the other winning teams, Smoking Armadillo, who placed first in Pork and Brisket and took home the title of Reserve Grand Champion, and Drum Smoke BBQ for placing first in the chicken category.

For more information on the Central Brevard Sharing Center or how to get involved in next year's event please do not hesitate to contact the Sharing Center at 321-631-0306 or bbq@sharingcenter.org.

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 dedicated to promoting the visibility and value of the accordion in Central Florida. For more information, contact Rod Hall, 866-455-2322.



You are invited to "Paws for Cinco de Mayo" hosted by Tails at the Barkery on Sunday, May 5th, from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m., at Milpa Tacos y Tortillas, 207 Brevard Ave. in Cocoa Village.

Bring your canine companion and join us for an afternoon of fun, including raffle baskets, a 50/50 drawing and games of Mexican Bingo. For purchase, there will be delicious food, beverages, and Artist Lori Prell will be on hand for caricature drawings and face painting.

All proceeds to benefit Touch of Grey Rescue, an all-volunteer, nonprofit organization whose mission is to provide foster care, re-homing assistance and hospice care to senior dogs that have been left behind by their owners or who are residing in shelters.

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

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



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 321-543-2924
 6360 ARBORWOOD AVE, COCOA FL 32927



POKER RUN FOR THE ROSES!



MAY 4, 2024
SIGN IN 10 AM ~ BRASAS GRILL

Supporting Hidden Acres Rescue for Thoroughbreds, Cocoa FL
 Hidden Acres is a 501 C3 non-profit organization dedicated to saving America's Racehorses from a dark and uncertain future

JOIN US AND UN-LEASH THAT HORSE POWER TO SAVE A HORSE.
2, 3, OR 4 WHEELS ARE WELCOME. \$10 PER HAND

1ST STOP ~ Brasas Grill and Brazillian Steakhouse, Merritt Island

Breakfast munchies, 1st Card and 50/50 Tickets

2ND STOP ~ Salty Sisters, Cocoa Beach

Get your second card and maybe a Mint Julip??

3RD STOP ~ Squid Lips Melbourne

Get your 3rd Card and a Beautiful River View

4TH STOP ~ Pineda Inn, Rockledge

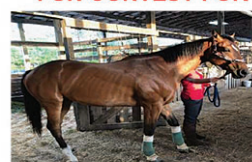
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FUN CONTEST FOR THE BEST DERBY HAT, WIN A GRAB BAG OF GOODIES!!



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Alcoholics Anonymous meets on **Sundays** at 5 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.**

5-1 Port St. John Zoning Board meets at PSJ Public Library, 6 pm.

5-1 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.

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

5-4 Kentucky Derby

5-4 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.

5-5 Cinco de Mayo

5-5 Orthodox Easter

5-6-12 National Nurses Week

5-7 National Nurses Day

5-7 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.

5-9 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.

5-10 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.

5-11 Amvets Riders meeting, 2nd Saturday at 10 a.m. Call President Craig Doan, 321-208-7897.

5-12 Mother's Day

5-12 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.

5-12 Multiple Sclerosis Self-Help Group meets on the 2nd Sunday each month (except Mother's Day & November), 2 p.m., Cocoa Library.

5-15 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. Contact Commander Michelle Aaron at 321-289-2880 for more information. .

5-15 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.

5-18 Armed Forces Day

5-20 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.

5-21 North Brevard Republican Club meets 3rd Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m. at the Police Hall of Fame, 6350 Horizon Dr., Titusville. All are welcome.

5-25 Veterans & First Responders Breakfast - Last Saturday of each month, 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.

5-27 Memorial Day

5-28 Moonlight Quilters Guild meets at the First United Methodist Church, 206 S. Hopkins Ave., Titusville on the 4th Tuesday of each month (no meeting in April or December). Meet and greet 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.

Congratulations to:

Cathy Rodriguez turns prettier on the 11th.

Stephanie Hilde turns **28** on the 1st.

Emily Waters turns **18** on May 1st.

Kaitlyn Davis turns **18** on the 4th.

Eric Bray turns **28** on the 4th.

Sarah Travis turns hotter on the 5th.

Finley Link turns **9** on the 9th.

Jacob Prentis turns **30** on the 10th.

Ryan Maxwell turns **18** on the 10th.

Brandy Lampton turns **29** on the 11th.

Jesse Jordan turns **26** on the 11th.

Christopher Pistilli is **21** on the 12th.

Anthony Baum turns **33** on the 14th.

Cathy Unrue turns prettier on the 15th.

Tim Unrue turns cooler on the 15th.

Peyton Anderson turns **13TEEN** on the 15th.

Harry Weidman turns wiser on the 16th.

Ruthe Middleton parties wild on the 18th.

Alynza Sladyk turns **17** on the 19th.

Jake Wardlow turns **39** on the 20th.

Sandy Link turns cuter on the 20th.

Ellie Grace Moore is the Queen on the 27

Delaney Hermes turns **11** on the 28th.

Allison Henzmann turns **24** on the 28th.

Madison Firth turns **11** on the 29th.

Brittany Benoff turns **16** on the 31st.

John Phipps turns sexier on the 31st.

Steve Prentis turns buffer on the 31st!

Diane Rivers rules the world on the 31st.

Carol Horsman gets kisses this month.

Christopher Spears turns **30** this month.

Irene Spears has a spanking day in May.

Joe & KC Casey celebrate their **57th** wedding anniversary on the 1st.

Paul & Kathi Hildebrandt celebrate **36** on the 10th.

Harry & Vickie Weidman celebrate **41** on the 17th.

Robert and Vonnie celebrate **68** on the 21st.

Michiyo Hall - Happy **48th** anniversary to my Beautiful Bride on the 21st.

Joe & Leigh Waters celebrate **22** on May 30th.

Email inputs to happenings1@att.net.

Important Phone Numbers

County Commissioner -	321-607-6901
Sheriff: Non-Emergency -	321-633-7162
Fire Station 26 (Port St. John)	321-33-2056
Emergency Operations Center	321-637-6670
Waste Management -	321-636-6894
Port St. John Library	321-633-1867
PSJ Community Center -	321-633-1904
Florida Power & Light -	321-723-7795
City of Cocoa Water Dept. -	321-433-8400
Parrish Medical Center	
Port St. John -	321-636-9393
Titusville -	321-268-6111

On the Road With Rose



The Enchanted Forest

444 Columbia Blvd. Titusville
321-264-5185

www.brevardfl.gov/EELProgram/Sanctuaries/EnchantedForestSanctuary

While there are many places in Brevard to get out and enjoy the great outdoors, we are fortunate enough to have an ecological gem right here in Titusville. The Enchanted Forest is a wonderland of trails, foliage and wildlife. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day except Monday. There is no charge.

It has been a favorite place to enjoy with my grandchildren since some of them were old enough to walk. You can actually feel the spirit of the forest as soon as you pull off Columbia Blvd. and begin to follow the winding road back to the Discovery Center. Have everyone keep an eye out on each side of the road. We have spotted tortoises, raccoons, rabbits and more just driving through. If you do happen to see wildlife, please do not attempt to pet or catch them. They are not tame. Just enjoy from afar.

As you pull into the parking lot, be sure to stop for a moment to say hello to the resident tortoise. If he's not too busy, he'll stare back at you while bobbing his head.

There's a small butterfly garden at the entrance. The blooms depend on the season, but there is always something blooming and several butterflies hovering. Be sure to sign in at the door and pick up a pamphlet or two. They are most informative. The trail maps are updated and easy to read, I recommend you take one of their maps. It's hard to get lost, but I have managed to do it a couple of times when I gave young grandchildren freedom to navigate for our group. The trails wind around and end back at the building, but it can take longer than you had planned on hiking.

There are five basic habitat types found at the Enchanted Forest Sanctuary; oak scrub, mesic and

hydric hammocks, wet prairie and pine flatwood.

The large screened room is used most every weekend for various classes, shows and informational talks. You can go to the Enchanted Forest website for upcoming events.

There are several interactive rooms inside the center, also a well-stocked library carrying books available for checking out, from stories for toddlers to informative for adults and children.

My grandchildren's favorite room is the Discovery Room where they can don a suit just like the ones used by wildfire fighters. Touching everything is encouraged. Study dozens of creepy bugs and Lord-knows-what under the microscopes, make animal footprints in the sand and much more.

The second discovery room contains more books, pictures and crayons, almost real reptiles and almost real animal scat. There's much more for the kids, but it changes often. Most of the time I had to repeatedly remind my grands there were trails to be discovered, imaginary pilgrims, Indians or pirates waiting!

The trails begin at the back of the building right after the wooden bridge spanning a beautiful little pond and another butterfly garden flanked by huge coquina rocks. They are very well marked and there are many informative plaques pointing out the flora and fauna. We (meaning mostly me) are always in awe of the Addison Canal. I believe it and the trail leading to it is one of the most beautiful places in Brevard. It is so difficult to imagine it being dug so many years ago mostly by pick ax!

The Enchanted Forest is a great place to spend an afternoon. There is something for kids of all ages and interests, and it's free! Check the website for new goings on.

Service animals are allowed, but household pets are not, I advise bringing pest repellent and sun screen.

As always, please take only pictures and leave only footprints.

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. New Library hours be-

ginning May 11th: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Wednesday 12-8 p.m. and Sunday 12-5 p.m.

5/1 6:30 p.m.: Bookworms Bookclub, see the Reference desk for monthly book selection.

5/2 10 a.m.: One-On-One Tech Help. See Reference for information and to sign up.

5/4 10:30 a.m.: Summer Theme Painting & Craft class. \$40 fee due at signup. Registration ends 5/1. See Reference Desk for more information and to sign up.

5/9 & 5/23 9:30 a.m.: Children's Craft class. Ages 6+ Homeschool groups welcome! Sign ups encouraged, see Youth services.

5/11 2 p.m.: New hours Launch Day & Library Fun Day! Join us for a fun filled day with crafts, outdoor games and activities, a visit from the Mobile Library, face painting and more! All ages welcome at this free event!

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

5/16 2:00 p.m.: Spice Travelers Spice Club! Pick up a kit including this month's featured spice at the Reference Desk beginning 4/1. Join us on the third Thursday at 2 p.m. to discuss and share recipes.

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 1-3 p.m.: SHINE Medicare assistance through the Senior Resource Alliance of Brevard.

Fridays 9:30-10 a.m. Baby Storytime. Ages 3 and under. Songs, short stories and surprise activities!

Fridays 10:30-11 a.m.: Early Bird Toddler Storytime. Ages 3-5. Songs, short stories and a craft!

Fridays 11:15-11:45 a.m. : Later Gator Toddler Storytime. Ages 3-5. Same songs, short stories and craft as the early storytime, just later!

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.

SLEEPY HOLLOW



Fruit From The Groves

We are now in brush fire season, so please make sure that 30' feet around your house is free of brush or debris. Since all of us out here in the Groves are on septic tanks and leaching fields, please notify the Fire Department as to where these are due to the weight or their trucks. If it is necessary for them to fight a fire on your property, this could do damage to the septic tank and their trucks.

The National Hurricane Center is predicting an active hurricane season this year. Please make sure to make all necessary arrangements for your health and safety. Remember to check on your neighbors before and after a storm.

Brevard County Sheriff's Office has been handling a number of calls out here in the Groves. Remember to report speeding and dangerous driving and other things they need to know about.

Brevard County and Rescue have also been running numerous calls in the Groves for accidents, fires and medical calls. Four Communities Volunteer Fire Department could always use volunteers. It is a rewarding experience to help support your community. Training is on Tuesday nights if you want to see what it is all about.

Ed Silva

Canaveral Groves Homeowners Assn.



ON JUNE 13, 2024 CANAVERAL GROVES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION WILL BE HOSTING A PUBLIC MEETING TO "MEET THE CANDIDATES" FOR DISTRICT 1 COUNTY COMMISSIONER.

THIS MEETING IS GOING TO BE HELD AT BREVARD CHRISTIAN CHURCH, LOCATED AT 3925 GRISSOM PARKWAY IN COCOA. THE MEETING WILL START AT 7:30 PM SHARP.

ALL RESIDENTS IN DISTRICT ONE ARE INVITED!

**Alcoholics Anonymous
Saint Patrick's Church, Port St. John**

4797 Curtis Blvd., Port St. John

East off Grissom Pkwy.

Sunset Group Meeting

(C) Sunday 5:00 Closed topic
(Alcoholics Anonymous meets on Sundays at 5 p.m.)

Women's AA meets on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays, 10 a.m.



*Tussock moth: A tussock moth caterpillar.
Photo courtesy UF/IFAS*

Caterpillar cascade: Where are all these caterpillars coming from across Florida?

Florida is full of caterpillars this month. But what are they and what can you do about them? Are they dangerous?

Some fast facts from University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences Extension agent Jackie Leboutitz:

- Some common caterpillars are the tussock moth, the echo moth, oak leaf-roller and the woolly gray moth.
- Most are not poisonous, but some have sticky hairs that are itchy if touched. The echo moth caterpillar can be toxic if eaten.
- They do not harm property but can be a visual nuisance.
- Caterpillars are important for the local ecosystem and provide food for birds and bats.

One of the most commonly spotted caterpillars is the tussock moth, a yellow-and-black insect covered with spiked hairs, which is commonly found on oak trees. And yes, it does seem like they're just about everywhere.

"They're out now and there's a lot of them. They tend to come out in large numbers," said Leboutitz, Chemicals in the Environment agent with UF/IFAS Extension Sarasota County.

***You can't tell me what to do.
You're not my dog.***

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, Sharps, FL 32959

Name _____

Address _____

E-mail _____

Phone _____

Won't you join us?



Boost Your Business After-Hours Event at Launch Credit Union

Launch Credit Union is hosting a Boost Your Business after-hours event on Tuesday, May 7, 2024 at the Port St. John branch, located at 7347 North Hwy. U.S. 1. This “Boost Your Business” event begins at 5:30 p.m. and is designed to help business owners and potential business owners when it comes to choosing a financial partner. Professionals from Launch CU Business Services, Heartland, Business Investment Services, Commercial Real Estate Lending and Cyber Security will be there along with a business insurance and a business tax representative to answer questions and get you better informed.

Attendance is free but space is limited. Please RSVP by registering online. Those who register, attend and drop their business card in a drawing at the event will be entered for a chance to win a Keurig Coffee Station gift basket.

Anyone who opens a new Launch business savings and checking account during the month of May 2024 will receive \$100 in their new Launch Business savings account.

Launch Credit Union recently upgraded its Business Accounts to better fit our surrounding communities’ business needs. Launch offers no monthly fees on Business Classic Checking Accounts. Features and benefits include ACH Origination, Business Remote Deposit Capture, Positive Pay, Wire Transfers and Digital Banking. Whether you are a small business just starting out or a large business looking to make a positive change and want to work with a local financial institution, Launch CU may be the right fit for you. Visit Launchcu.com or talk with a Business Services Specialist at 800-662-5257, x5412 to find out how Launch CU can help grow your business.

Launch Credit Union is a full service, community credit union with seventeen branches. Launch CU has \$1.4 Billion in assets with 80,000 members.

Membership is open to all who live, work, worship or attend school in one of the counties we serve. Launch CU is CDFI certified and is dedicated to building a culture of belonging. For more information about Launch Credit Union, please visit Launchcu.com or call 321-455-9400.



You are invited to the 33rd Bark Brew Fest presented by Tails at the Barkery and the Dirty Oar Beer Company on Saturday, May 18th at the Dirty Oar Beer Company from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. in Historic Cocoa Village.

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

All proceeds to benefit Great Dane Love – A Central Florida Rescue, Inc., an all-volunteer, non-profit rescue that was established in September 2012 and whose mission is to help with the re-homing of displaced Great Danes and providing ongoing education regarding responsible Dane ownership and care.

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

For more information, contact Great Dane Love – A Central Florida Rescue, Inc., www.gdlcf.org/ or Tails at the Barkery, 321-305-4584 or www.tailsatthebarkery.com/, or Dirty Oar Beer Company, 321-301-4306.

Martin Andersen Senior Center Dances

Martin Andersen Senior Center will host Singles/Couples Ballroom Dances on Saturday, May 11th and Saturday, May 25. Music will be provided by Janice and Rene.



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

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

Woofie's® of Space Coast Launches Premier Pet Care Services

Woofie's Space Coast, serving Cocoa Beach, Melbourne, Merritt Island, Rockledge, Satellite Beach, and beyond, is now offering premier pet care services for dogs, cats, birds, potbellied pigs and other animals. It will celebrate its grand opening at a community event, Pet Fest 2024 5K Walk & Wag, coordinated by the Cocoa Beach Main Street Association, benefitting the Animal Safehouse of Brevard, a 501c3 non-profit organization. The event will be held on Saturday, April 20th, from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Downtown Cocoa Beach on the Minuteman Causeway, 30A Woodland Ave, Cocoa Beach. Then they will participate in the Pet Fest 2024 5K & Wag event on April 20th as part of the fundraising event. Woofie's will donate 10% of proceeds to the Animal Safehouse of Brevard for wash-and-go baths, brushings, nail trims, and ear cleanings. Attendees can enter raffles for gift certificates from local merchants and a free luxury bath, Woofie's baskets, or add-on services.

Woofie's mobile pet services comprise a wide range of services, including dog walking, grooming, nail trimming, Bed 'n Biscuit pet stays, overnight and daytime pet sitting, and other personalized services for area pet owners who need an extra helping hand or want to pamper their pets. Services are available for all types of family pets who need care.

The franchise is independently owned and operated by Merritt Island resident Glenn Ferron, former director of training for a network of veterinary hospitals across the U.S., who is passionate about animals. With a household comprising two dogs, a cat, and a menagerie of livestock, including goats, chickens, and more, Ferron's commitment to animal welfare is ingrained in his DNA. After meticulous consideration, he selected Woofie's due to its sterling reputation, cutting-edge technology, and a team dedicated to excellence. Ferron is trained in pet first aid and CPR and plans to offer these courses to others. Woofie's Space Coast is hiring overnight pet sitters, professional pet groomers, pet bathers, and dog walkers. Those interested can apply here.

Visit for more information: www.woofies.com/spacecoast, call 321-379-8079, or follow them on social media.

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