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## Help Fight Crime in Brevard

Surveillance video shows up on News 6 all the time, but did you ever think about how it gets from a DVR or computer hard drive to an investigative case file? It takes time. Lots of time. And lots of effort.

There is no better evidence than surveillance video. But to find the video, a detective must first find the camera, then determine if the crime was recorded, then locate the owner of the footage, then figure out how to make a copy of that footage.

Cocoa Police Patrol Officer Anthony Colombo spends hours, days, sometimes weeks trying to track down surveillance footage and determine if a crime was caught on tape. "We have to come up here, look around the building, then go inside, then speak to a manager," said Colombo. "A, do they have cameras? B, are they functioning? C, can we obtain it? One stop could take 15 minutes just trying to grab that information."

Colombo recently spent days looking for footage of a vehicle involved in a traffic homicide investigation. "Just for that part of it, we had to go

down Cocoa Avenue to 20 different businesses," said Colombo. "We tried to find video footage of the accident and the footage leading up to it."

Cocoa, like the rest of Brevard County, has also been working to counter a rash of car break-ins, where thieves go "car hopping," looking for unlocked vehicles and stealing valuables inside. One solution - the "Community Camera Registration Program." Cocoa Police encourage citizens to register their cameras, the address of the cameras, the direction in which they face, contact information for the owner, and even the format in which the footage records.

Colombo said knowing where the cameras are and which way they face would save him countless hours. It would also help him to identify a criminal sooner, potentially catch that criminal quicker, and get results on crime faster.

The Cocoa Police Department posted this description on its website: "The new Community Camera Registration program allows residents and businesses an opportunity to provide information regarding private security cameras

located throughout the city. The information can be entered online via the police department's secure web page and is kept confidential. It allows department personnel to know in advance where private security cameras are located which can assist in evidence gathering during criminal investigations, suspicious incidents, missing persons investigations or other activity that may require police attention.

The information provided to the secure database will be kept confidential. The primary goal of the city's private security camera registration program is to afford residents and businesses an opportunity to voluntarily assist the Cocoa Police Department in deterring crime and promoting public safety. It is part of a focused effort under the department's Community Watch Program which promotes the national, "If You See Something, Say Something™" campaign.

Be sure to put August 30th on your calendar and vote for the candidate of your choice. The next important date is the General Election on **Tuesday, November 8th. Your vote counts!**

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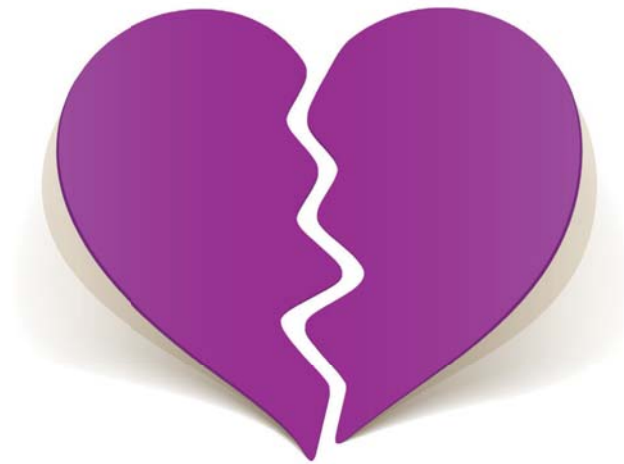
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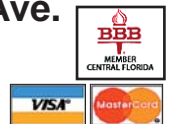
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The center is open Mondays-Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Fridays from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-2 p.m. **Schedule is subject to change. For latest information or to register, call 633-1904.**

### Mondays – Fridays

Please note the center is open only for specified programs during camp hours of 7 a.m.-6 p.m.

Summer Camp 7 a.m.- 6 p.m.

Seniors at Lunch, 10 am - 1 pm

### Mondays

Outside Basketball, 4-8 p.m.

Teen Billiards, 4-8 p.m.

Zumba (Adult Class), 6-7 p.m.

### Tuesdays

Outside Basketball, 4-8 p.m.

Teen Billiards, 6-8 p.m.

### Wednesdays

Senior Billiards, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Outside Basketball, 1-8 p.m.

Teen Billiards, 4-8 p.m.

Zumba (Adult Class), 6-7 p.m.

Kenpo Karate, 7-8 p.m.

### Thursdays

Outside Basketball, 1-8 p.m.

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### Fridays

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### Saturdays

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**Traditional Summer Camps**  
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Community Center Camps are for children who have completed Kindergarten through completed 6th grade. Children will participate in indoor and outdoor games, arts & crafts, swimming, and go on field trips.

### Camp Hours & Fees

**Monday-Friday 7:00am-6:00pm \$90.00 per week or \$30.00 per day**  
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Camp Dates:  
Week 1: June 20-24  
Week 2: June 27-July 1  
Week 3: July 11-15  
Week 4: July 18-22

Camp Dates:  
May 25th-August 9th

### Future Leader Program

Teens who have completed 7th grade through 12th grade will have the opportunity to take a leadership role by serving as a counselor in training. This program is offered at all Traditional Camp sites Monday-Friday 7:00am-6:00pm.

Please contact the community center you are interested in for an application. Cost for this program is \$45 per week. *Additional fees for field trips and T-Shirt.*



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### Good Day! by Maureen Rupe Election Solar Choice

Amendment 1: Bad Choice, Vote No on November 8th.

Amendment 4: Good Choice, Vote Yes on August 30th.

Yes, we are going to have two choices on two different election days. At least they are being voted on different days, so it is easier to keep two entirely different approaches; one truly pro solar choice, the other crafted by utility companies to sound pro solar, but really keeping control of electric power in the hands of the utilities.

On April 28th in Huffington Post, Gable Elsner, Executive Director of the Energy and Policy Institute, in a story titled, "Yes on 1 for the Sun: The Florida Anti-Solar Ballot Initiative from Utilities," he stated, "Energy & Policy Institute previously revealed that Consumers for Smart Solar is funded by utilities and front groups seeking to prevent changes to state law that would open the solar market in Florida and specifically allow third party solar leases. Third

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party solar accounted for 72 percent of residential solar installed across the country in 2014." Apparently the utilities and fossil fuel groups backing Amendment 1 had given \$7 million to get it passed. They are using the confusing name "Yes on 1 for the sun," aka "Consumers for Smart Solar."

An April 5th opinion in the Orlando Sentinel by reporter Beth Kassab explains the November Ballot Amendment 1 well. Why is it that we are known as the Sunshine State, and Massachusetts, New Jersey and a lot of other states rank well ahead of Florida on policies encouraging electric from renewable sources, and the sheer amount of solar energy capacity produced by each state. Duke Energy and Florida Power & Light likes customers paying them for electricity. Although the majority of the Supreme Court (by 1 vote) passed the wording of Amendment 1, Justice Barbara Pariente backed by Justices Peggy Quince and James Perry wrote a scathing dissent.

The opinion quotes the following: "Masquerading as a pro-solar energy initiative, this pro-

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posed constitutional amendment, supported by some of Florida's major investor-owned electric utility companies, actually seeks to constitutionalize the status quo," Pariente wrote.

"The biggest problem with the proposed amendment lies not with what the [ballot] summary says, but rather, with what it does not say," she wrote. "... There is already a right to use solar equipment for individual use afforded by the Florida Constitution and existing Florida statutes and regulations. It does not explain that the amendment will elevate the existing rights of the government to regulate solar energy use and establish that regulatory power as a constitutional right in Florida ... This ballot initiative is the proverbial 'wolf in sheep's clothing.'" The ballot puts more power into the hands of the legislature to regulate power, keeping production in the hands of the true power keepers (the electric industry).

Why vote against Amendment 1? The amendment puts control entirely into the hands of the legislature and public service commission, who seem to be worried more about utilities profits

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than protecting consumers.

Note: FPL gave \$1,345,000 directly backing Yes on 1, and \$50,000 and \$890,000 through the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and Let's Preserve the American Dream. Tampa Electric gave \$1,041,000 backing Yes on 1. Duke Energy donated \$1,287,000 directly backing Yes on 1. Southern Company/Gulf Power donated \$785,000 directly backing Yes on 1, and through Matrix LLC donated \$151,000 through Partnership for Affordable Clean Energy and Partnership for Alabama leadership. Exxon Mobil with Koch Brothers gave \$100,000 through the National Black Chamber of Commerce, who they convinced was subsidizing the rich that could afford solar. Koch Brothers also gave \$1,140,000 backing Yes on 1 through the 60 Plus Association. If that many power companies are pushing Amendment 1, do you think it's in the consumer's interest or the utility companies' interest?

For those who really want to support Solar expansion in the state, you should support Amendment 4 on the August 30th Primary ballot. The

amendment gives tax breaks to property owners who install solar panels and to companies that lease panels to homeowners. If passed, lawmakers would put it into place next year and tax breaks would last at least 20 years.

Why vote for Amendment 4? Lower property taxes on homeowners who invest in solar. Promotes solar technology.

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**Indian River Lagoon - State Picking our Poison**

During the last month we've heard Governor Scott blaming huge Algae blooms on the Army Corp of Engineers; I assume because they haven't built high enough walls on Lake Okeechobee, as they had to release water from the rain swollen lake contaminated by fertilizer. Governor Scott

is also blaming septic tanks, as he's outlined a program to encourage homeowners to change over to sewer.

Both programs are suspect enough, the first as just this year Scott and the Florida Legislature cancelled the purchase of Big Sugar land that would have allowed more water to be held in storage ponds instead of being released, or even that Representative Crisafulli pushed through a Water Bill that allows industry polluters to basically monitor themselves. A July 11, 2016 story in the Miami Herald titled, "Sugar's decades-long hold over Everglades came with a price" and an opinion by Ron Little on Jacksonville.com shows Big Sugar is lining the pockets of our legislature, the Governor, Attorney General Pam Bondi, as well as Agriculture Commissioner Alan Putnam.

Rick Scott's Septic Tank Grant Program would be a bit more digestible if cities actually kept up their systems to avoid spills, instead of using the huge profits to subsidize their budgets, spending the money on everything else besides

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their sewer system upkeep. And do you seriously think it would be a “Voluntary” program if they thought it would really make a difference?

I found an August 5, 2015 Florida Today Story, by Jim Waymer titled “Overwhelmed Brevard sewers tax Indian River Lagoon” talking about sewer systems and spills. According to the article, “A 1990 state law put a stop to most of those discharges by 1996. But several cities are still allowed to discharge treated sewage when plant capacity is exceeded during storms, including plants in Cocoa Beach, Cape Canaveral, Rockledge, Melbourne, Barefoot Bay and Brevard County's South Beaches plant.”

The story went on to say “Utility officials say preventing rain-driven spills like those this past September would require impractical, expensive increases to sewer plant capacity for weather events that happen only once every decade or so.” But if this keeps happening so often, how can we justify spills of millions of gallons at a time, even once every 10 years if it happens for all the cities plus numerous systems run by the county. There's no excuse to force all residents

into systems that can't seriously handle any type of overflow.

According to the story just in 2015, Brevard County (including all the cities) had spills totaling 24,105,140 gallons of sewage, St. Lucie County had total spills of 1,222,000 gallons, Martin County spilt 220,100 gallons, Volusia County spilt 40,600 gallons, Indian River County spilt 38,112 gallons; Total sewage spilt 25,625,952 gallons. The story did say the “Estimates are based on initial reports provided to the State Warning at, which can differ from what's verified upon further investigation. Six spill reports did not include volume estimates.” Just in September – October of 2015, Indian Harbor Beach put 16 million gallons of raw sewage and rainwater into the lagoon, and Palm Bay spilt 5.7 million gallons of partially treated sewage into Turkey Creek, then the lagoon. What is laughable is Jim Waymer's story stated Utility officials said “... When sewage does reach the lagoon, they say it dilutes quickly.” Who are they trying to kid?

What about “Sludge,” the biosolid leftovers from sewer plants? In a May 20th Florida Today story by Jim Waymer titled “Is sludge also sick-

ening the lagoon?,” But Gary Roderick sees the solid leftovers from sewage treatment as one of Indian River Lagoon's most unheralded pollution problems. “This is like a sleeping giant that's causing a silent scream in the lagoon,” said Roderick, an environmental consultant from Martin County and former county and state environmental administrator. “It's the 5,000-pound gorilla that's not saying anything right in the middle of the room.” The story explained that every year, there are about 300,000 dry tons of biosolids that go out to lands around the state contributing 33 million pounds of nitrogen and 13 million pounds of phosphorus into all the state's watersheds.

This Sludge, or biosolid, is left from every sewer plant after sewage is treated. Depending on the level of bacteria, metals and contaminants removed, it's called class AA, class A or class B. The cleanest level of treated sludge is Class AA, but it still contains nutrients and pathogens that can migrate to waterbodies and cause algae blooms. Brevard has just one AA plant in Titusville that produced 244.5 dry tons in 2013. The story said the city put the sludge on rural and cattle ranches and other rural lands from

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Titusville has another sewer plant which produced 213 dry tons of class B sludge in 2013, which the city spreads on 200 acres one mile west of Interstate 95, except when it rains. Then it's buried in the county's landfill. The plant also spread 44 tons of class B sludge in 2013 on 85 acres in Port St. John off Ranch Road. Palm Bay's two sewer treatment plants produced 1,875 dry tons of class B biosolids in 2013. Brevard had 244.5 dry tons in 2013, but the biggest producer of AA sludge is in Volusia County, which had 29,777 dry tons in 2013. Orange County only generated 32,900 dry tons of AA. Even septic tank solids that are pumped out and treated to AA class get spread through our farmland.

I can understand for a priority to have those east of the railroad being hooked up to sewer, but let's get the sewers fixed, which seem to have some serious issues, so the infrastructure has the capacity without continuously spilling year after year.

There also has to be a better way of treatment to get rid of nitrogen and phosphorus that can

flow into the lagoon, as well as being able to remove all other nutrients and pathogens.

What we don't have, or have ever had, is an elected official to be our Indian River Lagoon Champion. Someone to start having some action instead of continually putting off any action, and continuing to study the issue as if we don't know what the issue is. For example, why does Brevard County still allow septic tank permits within ½ mile of the Indian River Lagoon? I was told Septic Tank Permits come from the state, so no one in the county or county office has bothered to approach the state? Why did it take two years to justify spending \$1800 to repair the one truck to clean out the county baffle boxes? Why did we have to argue for years and years for the fertilizer ban? This has been going on for 50 years. Same Nightmare, Different Day!

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### At what age should one be accountable?

A July 6, 2016 Florida Today story, by J.D. Gallop, titled "Child Playing With Lighter Burns Room" told about a 4-year old in Titusville who caused a fire that gutted a Titusville duplex apartment bedroom. The story went on to say "The child may also be recommended to a special program for juveniles involved with setting fires." I can only guess to stop a future arsonist, but where on earth is the common sense? A 4-year old will play with anything that is within reach, and the curiosity at that age will overcome any fear. The question is why was a cigarette lighter within his grasp? He obviously knew how to "make it go" by watching his parents or others. To make a big deal of this will come back in some way for his future.

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### Brexit

As a former British patriot, I was not surprised by the vote to exit from the European Union (EU). I remember voting in the early 70's in England for a trade agreement with Europe. A common market, it was called. It passed at the National Polls and it was implemented. What it has morphed into is not acceptable, or at least wouldn't be to me.

Listening to friends and relatives in England for the past 8 years at least, they have been very vocal in their displeasure with the pact. I heard over time the resistance for the Channel Tunnel, which has brought not only trade but illegal immigrants. Just the amount of lorries now on the road has caused a great deal of roads to repair. Besides this, Brits believe they are losing their

identity. The EU rules how many immigrants can enter Britain. The EU Courts in Brussels can and do overturn the High Courts of England. There are many dissatisfied with the EU system. The younger generation likes being in the EU. They can bring back whatever they like from other countries in the EU and not worry about Customs, unlike when Americans or those in the EU travel between our countries. But also, all EU countries can move between countries and England has had many immigrants - over a million from Poland alone - and the English cannot believe each immigrant can get assistance without paying into the system that the English have paid taxes into for years.

I am now an American, and lived here for over 40 years, but I do know the English, and the English language, did not spread all over the world

because the British are a bunch of pushovers.

Cheerio,  
Maureen  
rupe32927@earthlink.net

## Parks & Recreation Meeting

The North Brevard Commission on Parks and Recreation will hold its next monthly meeting on Thursday, August 9, 2016, at 5:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Brevard Room at 518 South Palm Avenue in Titusville. The public is invited to attend.

The Brevard Room is located in a building on the north side of the parking lot behind the Brevard County Government Center-North.

For questions call Jeff Davis at (321) 264-5105.



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## MONTHLY TAX UPDATE

With the beginning of another school year fast approaching, let's review the education tax benefits you may not be aware of. Tax credits and deductions can help taxpayers with their expenses for higher education. A tax credit reduces the amount of income tax you may have to pay. A deduction reduces the amount of your income that is subject to tax, thus generally reducing the amount of tax you may have to pay.

Certain education savings plans (529) allow the accumulated earnings to grow tax-free until money is taken out (known as a distribution) and may be tax-free. An exclusion from income means that you won't have to pay income tax on the benefit you're receiving, but you also won't be able to use that same tax-free benefit for a deduction or credit.

On the other hand, an education credit helps with the cost of higher education by reducing the amount of tax owed or may increase your refund. This credit may not, however, reduce your tax below zero unless a refundable tax credit is associated with one of the education credits and could increase or provide a refund.

There are three tax education programs available: The Tuition and Fees Deduction (TFD), the American Opportunity Education Credit (AOEC), and the Lifetime Learning Education

Credit (LTEC). Under TFD, the tuition and fees deduction can reduce the amount of your income subject to tax up to \$4,000. This deduction, reported on Form 8917, Tuition and Fees Deduction, is taken as an adjustment to income on the front of your Form 1040, usually on line 34. This deduction may be beneficial if you don't qualify for the AOEC or LTEC.

Now, under AOEC, you may receive a non-refundable tax credit reducing your tax liability up to \$1,500 and/or a refundable tax credit up to \$1,000 providing additional refund or simply a refund. This credit will only be available for your first four years of higher education. Oh, you have to attend a creditable institution providing a college or vocational degree program.

If you have finished your first four years, then the LTEC tax credit will be of interest to you. This may provide you with a nonrefundable tax credit up to \$2,000. All three are also subject to income limitations. You can only choose the one with the most beneficial tax results for each student. Additionally, regardless, qualified education expenses paid by you, your student, the student's grandparents, friends or from a student loan may be claimed on your tax return for each student as paid by you.

Another beneficial option is when, as an employee, your employer pays for your tuition. You

may be able to claim a deduction for the expenses you paid for other work-related continuing education cost as part of your miscellaneous deductions on Schedule A, if all deductions together exceed your standard deduction.

I know this is confusing and don't hesitate to give my office a call. I'll be happy to briefly discuss your circumstances to at least get you headed into the right direction.

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



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## Space Coast Panthers General Information -

The Space Coast Panthers have started our exciting season and we are in full swing. Registrations are still being accepted for flag football (ages 3-6), cheerleading (ages 3-15), and tackle football (ages 6-14). We encourage online registrations at [SpaceCoastPanthers.org](http://SpaceCoastPanthers.org), which offers a more streamlined process. While you are on the website, check out our online store with our new merchandise and help support the league and athletes.

### Cheerleading Stunt Clinic -

We are hosting a stunting clinic and everyone is invited. The date for the clinic will be August 6, 2016 and it will be held at the Space Coast Communities Sports Complex (662 Canaveral Groves Blvd.). The cost for the clinic is \$25.00 and includes 1.5 hours of stunting instruction, a cheer t-shirt and lunch. Come out and join us while we work on our stunting for the upcoming

season. For more information, see our website or email Kim Stacer at [scpcheermom@gmail.com](mailto:scpcheermom@gmail.com).

### Let the games begin -

We invite you to come support our athletes during our games - we would love to see the stands overflowing with fans!! Games begin at 9:00 am and are played throughout the day, ending around 10:00 pm. Home game days are 8/20, 8/27, 9/17, 10/8 and 10/15.

### Dogs R Us Grill supports the Space Coast Panthers -

Come out and join us August 22nd at Dogs "R" Us Grill in Port St. John for lunch, dinner or both. Eat in or take out any time of the day, a portion of the proceeds are being donated to the league. Supporting the community is what we are all about and we would like to thank everyone for the support of our league. A HUGE THANK YOU TO THIS AMAZING SPONSOR for their continued support. Let's please do our part and return the support by patronizing their business at every opportunity.

### JAMFEST 2016 -

Time for a day of fun!! Mini carnival booths setup by each of our teams, lots of games and

prizes for everyone! Bounce house, Italian Ice, great food and much more! We will update the details on our Facebook event as they become available.

### Business Partners Wanted -

Do you need to receive substantial exposure for your business? Want to make a positive impact on the youth in our community? Could you benefit from a tax deduction? We are always accepting new sponsors and we have a plan to meet your needs! Sponsorship forms are available online, [www.SpaceCoastPanthers.org](http://www.SpaceCoastPanthers.org). Contact Kenny Dean via email for more information [knights4799@gmail.com](mailto:knights4799@gmail.com).

For more information:  
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## Being Thankful

A Rabbi said to a precocious six-year-old boy, "So your mother says your prayers for you each night? That's very commendable. What does she say?"

The little boy replied, "Thank God he's in bed!"



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## SCHS Cheerleader Receives Scholarship

Congratulations to our 2016 Cheerleading Scholarship winner, Allison Hilton! Every year the SCHS Cheerleading Booster Club awards a \$500 scholarship to a Senior Cheerleader who has demonstrated excellence both academically in the classroom and on the field with good sportsmanship. We are so proud of Allison and wish her the best of luck as she pursues her college career.

Come bowl with our cheerleaders on August 6th! We are hosting a Bowl-a-Thon at River Lanes Family Entertainment Center in Titusville from 6 - 9 pm. The cost of tickets are \$15 each and include 2 1/2 hours of bowling and shoe rental. Bring your family and friends to a fun night of entertainment. Call Hyacinth, 321-863-6121, for tickets.

Save the date! Our Jr. Viper Cheerleading Camp is quickly approaching! Kids ages 4-12 will have the opportunity to practice with the SCHS Varsity Cheerleaders and then cheer with them during the football game on September 9th. Call Hyacinth at 321-863-6121 for registration details.

## Out On the Town

This is the first of a monthly series of reviews on Port St. John restaurants. I have been a resident of Port St. John for 23 years. My wife and I try to support our local establishments when going out to eat and have visited them all, past and present.

On occasion, I have mentioned to others about a meal I enjoyed at a local restaurant and to my amazement, some folks who live in Port St. John admitted they never even knew the restaurant existed. My intention for this article is to raise awareness of the availability of restaurants here and to provide feedback to the restaurant management, including praise for a great meal served right here in our little town. To begin this series, this first month's review will be an old time favorite in Port St. John; Kelsey's, located on US 1 just north of the Fay Blvd. & US 1 intersection.

To avoid the usual dinner rush, we arrived around 5 pm on a Friday. We always like to go early before the crowd arrives because the restaurants seem to be staffed up and service is pretty good. Another advantage of arriving early is it's easier to get a parking spot and beers are

2 for 1 between 4-7 pm.

My wife ordered the Sicilian Shrimp Scampi for \$13.99, which came with a side salad and garlic bread. As usual, the bread and salad were good. When you have salad at Kelsey's you have to order the house dressing, as it is very flavorful.

Speaking of salads, one of us will normally get the Greek salad for \$8.99. This salad comes with the house dressing and the salad is large enough for 2 people, is very good and highly recommended. The Scampi was a nice large portion with an ample amount of shrimp, but we found it to be a little heavy on the spices, which overpowered the flavors of the shrimp and pasta.

For a change of pace, I ordered the Classic American Cheeseburger (without cheese) for \$8.99. It comes all-the-way, lettuce, tomato, onion, etc., with a nice portion of french fries. The burger was large, had an excellent flavor, and looked and tasted homemade. The fries were traditional french fries and were cooked perfectly. I highly recommend the burger and fries. I know I will order it again.

- Ken Carson

*Ed. Note - I didn't clear the article name.*

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**Alcoholics Anonymous** meets in PSJ on **Sundays** at 5 p.m. and Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. at 4797 Curtis Boulevard (St. Patrick's Church).

**Overeaters Anonymous** meets in PSJ on **Saturdays** at 9:30 a.m. at the PSJ Library. Visit [oaspacecoast.org](http://oaspacecoast.org) for other meeting locations.

**Nar-Anon:** Support group for those affected by someone else's addiction, meets on Mondays, 7:00 - 8:00 pm at 1st United Methodist Church, 825 Forrest Ave., Cocoa [www.naranonfl.org](http://www.naranonfl.org).

**Parents Network** meets every **Wednesday**, 10 - 11:30 am at Sunrise Lutheran Church, 4775 Fay Blvd. Call Carol, 633-6312, for info.

**8-2 Compassionate Friends Support Group** meets the first Tuesday of every month at 6 p.m. in Cocoa Beach at the Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, 525 Minuteman Cswy. west of A1A, Fellowship Hall. Call 610-7875 for info.

**8-3 American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 359,** General Membership Meeting on the 1st Wednesday of each month, 7 pm at the Post Home, 7260 S. US 1, just north of PSJ. Call President Valorie Helmer at 321-693-6578.

### Important Phone Numbers

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Emergency Operations Center	637-6670
Waste Management -	636-6894
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SCAT Bus Information -	633-1878
Port St. John Library	633-1867
PSJ Community Center -	633-1904
Florida Power & Light -	723-7795
City of Cocoa Water Dept. -	433-8400
Parrish Medical Center	
Port St. John -	636-9393
Titusville -	268-6111
Atlantis Elementary School -	633-6143
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Enterprise Elementary School	633-3434
Fairglen Elementary School -	631-1993
Campus Charter School -	633-8234
Space Coast Jr/Sr High School -	638-0750
Sexual Offender Registry -	
<a href="http://www3.fdle.state.fl.us/sexual_predators/">www3.fdle.state.fl.us/sexual_predators/</a>	

### 8-5 International Beer Day

**8-5 Brevard Women's Connection** meets at Rockledge Country Club from 11 am until 1 pm on the second Friday of each month. The program includes a luncheon plus an inspirational speaker. For information, call Mary at 636-4713 or e-mail her at [mdean44@cfl.rr.com](mailto:mdean44@cfl.rr.com).

### 8-7 National Sister Day

**8-10 'Remembering Through Sharing'** - a support group for families that have experienced a pregnancy loss, stillbirth or loss of an infant. Meetings are 7 pm - 8:30 pm on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at Cape Canaveral Medical Plaza, Cape Canaveral Hospital. Call April or Jamie at 321-799-7151 for more info.

**8-11 Canaveral Groves Homeowners, Inc.** meets on the 2nd Thursday each month. The Board of Directors meets at 7:00, regular meeting at 7:30 PM at the Fellowship Room of Discovery Christian Church, 3925 Grissom Pkwy.

**8-14 Multiple Sclerosis Self-Help Group** meets on the 2nd Sunday each month (except Mother's Day & Nov.), 2 PM, at the Cocoa Library. Contact Kevin Kelly at 636-0235 for info.

**8-14 Word Weavers Space Coast**, a critique group for Christian writers, meets the 2nd Sunday at 2:00 p.m. at the Central Brevard Library in Cocoa. Visitors are always welcome. Email [angelagardnerwrites@gmail.com](mailto:angelagardnerwrites@gmail.com) for info.

**8-15 Moonport Modelers RC Club** meets at 6:30 pm, 3rd Monday each month at the N. Brevard Library, 2121 S Hopkins Ave., Titusville. For more info, call Wayne Mendez, 505-2361.

**8-17 American Legion Post 359** meets at the Post Home at 7260 S. US 1 in Bellwood, (2 miles north of PSJ), 6:00 PM. All Legionnaires and new members are welcome. The Post meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Please contact the Post at 268-1632 for assistance with your membership or information.

**8-19 PSJ Business Connections Luncheon**, sponsored by the Titusville Chamber of Commerce, meets on the 3rd Friday of the month at 12:00, PSJ Library on Carole Ave. Call Dennis Watkins at 267-3036.

### 8-24 National Aviation Day

**8-26 Moonlight Quilters Guild** meets at the North Brevard Library in Titusville, 2121 Hop-

kins Ave. on the 4th Tuesday of each month. Meet and greet & refreshments at 6:15, meeting at 6:30 usually followed by a program or guest speaker. Call 321-567-5424 for more info.

### 8-31 National Dog Day

*Being 'over the hill' is much better than being under it!*

*Don't take life too seriously--no one gets out alive.*

### Congratulations to:

**Welcoming "Baby Emma" to The Grenet and Brunet Families on July 1st! She is a Wonderful Blessing! With Much Love, Aunt Brooke, Grammy and Papa!!**

**Wayne Weathers turns crazier this month! Jamie Hagar turns 25 on the 3rd.**

**Chase Turner turns 15 on the 4th.**

**Amber Santoso turns 19 on the 4th.**

**Cher Turman turns prettier on the 7th.**

**Nicholas Moore gains one on the 8th**

**Laura Davis turns 11 on the 9th!**

**Toyia Nguyen is more beautiful on the 10th.**

**Mason McGann turns 10 on the 11th!**

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

**Dillon DeVane turns 15 on the 12th.**

**Angie Anthony parties wild on the 12th.**

**Marty Grinstead turns 54 on the 15th.**

**Sally Blum turns 23 on the 16th.**

**Austin Travis turns 34 on the 16th.**

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

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

**Marty Kline turns better on the 24th.**

**Tommy Nguyen turns wilder on the 27th.**

**Ashley Mae turns 12 on the 31st.**

**Randy & Cathy Rodriguez celebrate 40 years on the 1st.**

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

**Charlie and Debbie DiMaria** celebrate 31 years on the 19th!

**Trisha and Scott Orend** celebrate 23 years on the 28th.

**Brett and Patty Benoff** celebrate their 18th on the 30th.

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

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



## Rose's Room

August already! In any state other than ours, this month is considered to be the winding down of summer. School and all its activities haven't begun and the holidays are not yet on the horizon - nothing to do but BBQ's and beaches. Well, OK...if you must nit-pick...there's also that 40 to 50 hour work week thing and kids day camp thing and shopping-cooking-cleaning things, but who wants to pick nits?

The month does contain one of my favorite, though little known days (besides my birthday). Sisters Day falls on August 7th this year. Since both of us made our earthly debut on this ninth post-Christmas month, my sister and I try to do something a little special on this day. The fact that in recent years our combined children become just a tad on edge when we do so makes it all the more sweet.

Through the years, my sister and I lamented living in different states because we felt in not growing up together, our kids would not be as close as cousins should be. We got over that in a hurry when they began to speak to each other more frequently and their favorite topic became us.

Carol and I quietly ignored them comparing our forgetfulness, how much medication we are on or how strange we have become since acquiring a pet. However, one cousin screeching into the phone at another, "Do you know where our mothers are now?!" is not exactly the closeness we had in mind.

My sister and I have been blessed with various 'just us two' travel opportunities recently, and have had wonderful times taking advantage of them — to the increasing consternation of our collective offspring.

Our long-awaited trip to Key West was researched and planned to the tiniest detail; the kids knew where we would be and what we would be doing every moment. Except for that one tiny detail.

We still allow that, had we known that the Key West 'Fantasy Fest' did not include any part of Walt Disney's dream, we certainly would have rescheduled.

We thought it very considerate of both our sons to offer to fly down and drive us back. I must say the skepticism in their voices was a tad rude as we explained we would have taken them up on the offer, but we had flyers touting world famous body painters and leather smiths. And, since my sister is such an art lover, we had to go see the exhibits.

You would have thought they would have been proud that we handled the situation that arose on this trip when my big sis paid a short visit to a most un-helpful and un-caring desk clerk, but once again we both received phone calls inquiring about the 'brilliance' of us picking a motel sight unseen because we liked the name.

After we endured way too many "Sorry, we can't help right nows." She overlooked the lack of coffee maker, towels, view and hot water but then she received a call on a property she was trying to sell and could not access the internet. She was polite when she called the desk (5th time), and they told her they have the cable she needs but it will take an hour and a half to get it to our room, not so polite when she went down to the desk, waited 20 minutes for them to find it, and really unpolite when she spent another 15 minutes crawling around under the desk only to find that cable didn't work either.

After a few 'chosen' words, my big sis jerked the cable out of the wall and headed for the door with fire in her eyes... some of the words I could understand (I never learned as many of the really good Italian words as she did) were, "I WILL DEAL WITH THIS...!" I don't want to say Carol

went all Brooklyn on the poor desk clerk, or that she might have mentioned we have an uncle named Guido from Sicily, but within 15 minutes we were in a master suite with a full kitchen, working internet and TWO coffee makers.

Flying home for a wedding would seem the most innocuous of things for a couple of "vintage" ladies to do, but our kids began communication before the plane even skidded to a stop. Having to call one of them for help when the car rental agency refused to accept a credit card compounded the situation, as did the agent resenting the name "Poo-Poo Head."

Forgetting we had one of her offspring in the car when I grabbed the wheel so my sister could answer her phone and turn on the ear thingy — on the Long Island Expressway — resulted in a concerned phone call from one of my offspring.

A phone picture of my sister filching grapes from a winery orchard in the Hamptons resulted in an anxious call from her child.

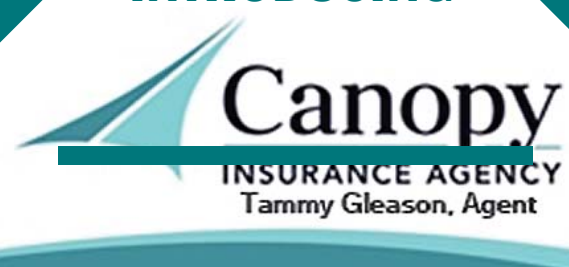
Both sides of the family were heard from when word got out that Carol and I were explaining our temporary living arrangements in various homes by telling an in-law we had been "sleeping around" the whole time. Some people have no sense of humor, other-side grandmothers included.

While my sister and I are deeply moved at the sudden closeness of our families, we must ask that they be more careful with their language when we're in the vicinity. Words like "nursing home," "heavy medication," and "caretakers" are offensive to some of us.

Please pick up the phone right now and invite your sister(s) to help rattle your off-springs mental well-being...you'll be so glad you did.

Immediately after reading Maureens Good Day, Bills Fruit from the Groves and the editors brilliant prose of course.

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## Blueberry 5K Raises Funds for Early Childhood Education

The Jess Parrish Medical Foundation (JPMF) Blueberry 5K Run/Walk held on May 14, 2016 at Holland Family Blueberry Farm raised more than \$8,000, exceeding the goal by more than \$3,000. Proceeds benefitted the Parrish Early Care and Education (PECE) program at The Children's Center in Titusville. More than 400 runners, walkers and volunteers participated in the sixth annual Blueberry 5K, which was the final race in the Titusville Racing Series.

"We'd like to thank Holland Family Blueberry Farms for selecting PECE as the beneficiary program and The Children's Center as the event partner. The community supported this event through sponsoring, running and walking which helped us exceed our goal so more children can be successful in school," said Barbara Terhune, chair of the JPMF Board of Directors.

The PECE program provides high-quality developmental and educational care in fully inclusive classrooms where typically developing children and those with special needs learn together. The Children's Center, a service of Parrish Medical Center, houses seven not-for-profit

agencies that annually provide services for more than 2,200 families. Through collaboration and coordination of specialized services, it offers a continuum of care to all children, regardless of ability or socioeconomic status.

The committee secured sponsorships by community members and organizations. Platinum sponsors included Jeffrey M. Barlow, DDS, PA and N. Christine Sylvester. Gold sponsors included Canaveral Plastering Inc.; Bill and Rachel Terry; and The Watauga Company.

Event co-chairs were Jayne Goehmann and Christina Mitsakos. Other members of the committee included Lori Duester, Lorna Holland, Amy Lord, Esther Porta, Kathy Simonsen and Marty Winkel. The event was chip timed and managed by Space Coast Event Management.

For more information, please contact 321-269-4066 or visit [parrishmedfoundation.com](http://parrishmedfoundation.com).

## Kid Wisdom

An Elementary School Teacher had twenty-six students in her class. She presented each child in her classroom the 1st half of a well-known

proverb and asked them to come up with the remainder of the proverb. It's hard to believe these were actually done by first graders. Their insight may surprise you.

Don't change horses... until they stop running.  
Strike while the... bug is close.  
No news is... impossible.  
Love all, trust... me.  
An idle mind is... the best way to relax.  
A bird in the hand... is going to poop on you.  
A penny saved is... not much.  
Don't bite the hand that... looks dirty.  
A miss is as good as a... Mr.  
Two's company, three's... the Musketeers.  
Where there's smoke there's... pollution.  
There are none so blind as... Stevie Wonder.  
If at first you don't succeed... get new batteries.  
The pen is mightier than the... pigs.  
Never underestimate the power of... termites.  
You can lead a horse to water but... how?  
You can't teach an old dog new... math.  
If you lie down with dogs, you'll... stink.  
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## Parrish Employees Wind Back for Wellness

Parrish Healthcare Employees raised more than \$107,000 in the ninth annual employee giving campaign with a 52 percent in overall participation. "Making our community a better place is part of our mission, vision and values," said Parrish employee and Circle of Giving chairperson Sherry Shelley. "The Parrish employees continue to demonstrate our vision by giving back to the community we serve and investing in future generations of healthcare professionals.

Although divided into six competitive teams, they came together for one common goal, to make a healthier community." The two week, decades-themed campaign engaged employee Care Partners to Wind Back For Wellness by supporting the Employee Care Partner Hardship Fund; STEAM Works Program, a collaboration of Parrish Healthcare, Brevard County Schools, the City of Titusville and the U.S. Space Walk of Fame Museum to help students learn about careers in science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics; and various safety, health and wellness programs.

The employee Circle of Giving program was

established in 2006 by the Jess Parrish Medical Foundation as a means to further the medical center's mission to provide Healing Experiences for Everyone all the Time®. Parrish employees have raised nearly \$950,000 through its Circle of Giving program. Previous campaigns have provided funding for:

- Parrish Senior Solutions—a referral and support service for seniors and their caregivers;
- Digital stereotactic breast biopsy equipment—a less invasive procedure used to diagnose breast cancer;
- Healing in Motion Vans –medical transportation program for patients in need;
- The Children's Center playground renovation and expansion—to provide a safe and healthy early childhood development environment accessible to all children, regardless of ability;
- The Women's Center North Guild—a permanent home to provide programs and services for the more than 650 estimated annual victims of domestic abuse in North Brevard; and
- Parrish Health Village Park –connecting the entrances of Parrish Health Village West and East

is a one-third-of-a-mile, wheelchair-accessible walking path and three fitness stations designed to accommodate athletic, senior and rehabilitation needs.

For more information about Circle of Giving, contact the Jess Parrish Medical Foundation at 269-4066 or visit [parrishmedfoundation.com](http://parrishmedfoundation.com).

## Outdoors Man

During his physical, the doctor asked the patient about his daily activity level and so he described a typical day this way:

"Well, yesterday afternoon I waded along the edge of a lake, drank eight beers, escaped from wild dogs in the heavy brush, marched up and down several rocky hills, stood in a patch of poison ivy, crawled out of quicksand, jumped away from an aggressive rattlesnake and took four leaks behind big trees."

Inspired by the story, the doctor said, "You must be one heck of an outdoors man!"

"No," he replied, "I'm just a terrible golfer."



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## Can You ID A Scam?

According to Global Security Strategist Derek Manky, there are approximately 500,000 attack attempts in cyber space. Knowing how to identify a scam is essential in protecting your personal and financial information. To put into perspective, the FBI notes that victims of online scams in the U.S. lost \$672,080,232 in 2014. Here is a list of the top scams to watch out for in 2016, as well as ways you can stop criminals in their tracks.

1. Job Offer Scams - Job offer scams are a hot topic right now. If you receive an unsolicited email offering you a job as a mystery shopper or similar position, be highly skeptical. In a situation such as this, you are paid by check or money order for more than what your "employer" offered to pay you. Then, your "employer" will ask you to send back the additional funds. Later, you will find out that the check was a fake and you will be out the entire amount you sent your fake employer.

2. Virtual Wallet Scams - Increased consumer use of virtual wallets such as Apple Pay, Android Pay, Google Wallet, Samsung Pay and PalPay will bring increased instances of scams via these tools. Don't be afraid to utilize these convenient tools, just make sure if you do that you check your bank accounts frequently to make sure there are no unauthorized charges or withdraws.

3. Credit Repair Scams - You have probably seen numerous advertisements from companies promising to "fix" your credit and erase your debt. The FTC advises that many of these companies charge a fee, but don't do anything to help you. Be highly skeptical of a company that promises to erase your debt and repair your credit at a cost.

4. Bank Draft Scams - As online sites like

eBay and Craigslist have grown in popularity, so have the amount of fraudulent bank drafts and cashier's checks. The best way to protect yourself from a scam like this is to not accept a bank draft or a cashier's check. If you do choose to accept either of these, offer to go to the bank with the buyer to witness the draft or check being created. If the check is made out for more than the price you are asking, a red flag should be raised.

5. Charity Impersonation Scams - Fraudsters pull at your heart strings and fool you into thinking you are donating your money to a worthy cause. Before donating your money to a charity, make sure to verify the identity of an organization. You can do this by checking with the BBB or by utilizing a website like Charity Navigator.

6. Home Improvement Scams - Fraudsters are also flocking to home improvement scams, where the scammer shows up at your door wearing what appears to be legit work attire and offers to do a job at your home for cheap. The scammer will ask for the money up front and promise to come back at a later date to do the work. The scammer never comes back. Make sure to stick with a company that is licensed, bonded, insured and reputable. Angie's List or the BBB provide great references.

7. Presidential Election Scams - Since this is an election year, it has been predicted that there will be an increase in email and phone scams associated with the 2016 presidential election. It can be very difficult to differentiate between legitimate and fraudulent calls. Some fraudsters will spoof a candidate's phone number so that the call appears to be from the campaign's headquarters. The scammer will invite you to join a virtual "town hall" that will sound very legitimate. At some point the call is interrupted and

you are asked to make a donation. Do not fall for this. One way to protect yourself is to only make donations on the candidate's website. Make sure that the site is encrypted (https).

8. Fear Of Legal Repercussion Scams - For example, a scammer may advise that you are being fined for not showing up to jury duty, but you can avoid the fines by providing personal information, or paying a small fee. Be advised that courts will not call you and threaten you with a fine. If you get this type of phone call, hang up immediately. Call your local court house to report the scam.

9. Lottery Scams - You may receive a phone call or email stating that you have won a lottery with a huge payout. You may be asked to pay a small fee in order to release your winnings. In addition, the scammer will ask you to send your personal details as verification, thus releasing your identity to the scammer. Three good indications of a lottery scam are:

Email is from an individual, not a company.

You are not the only recipient.

You have never heard of the lottery before.

If you get such an email, conduct a quick Google search to see if it is legit. Chances are it is NOT. Do not provide any personal information, and do not pay the "small fee."

10. Online Dating Scams - Online dating scams are skyrocketing. In this type of scam the fraudster will make the relationship feel very real. Then, he or she will start asking for money. Some tell-tale signs of an online dating scam include:

Demonstration of strong emotions in a very short amount of time.

Quick movement from conversing on dating sites into private means of communication.

Requests for money by showcasing personal hardships.




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## Port St. John Public Library

### August Calendar of Events

(321) 633-1867

Mon., Tues., Fri., 9 am - 5 pm; Wed., 12 - 8 pm;  
Thurs., 10 am - 6 pm; Sat., 10 am - 2 pm

**The library will be closed Monday, July 4th.**

**Yarning for a Cause:** Mondays, 10 am-1 pm.

**Senior Games:** Tuesdays, 11:00-3:00 pm. Card games, Rummikub, Dominoes, etc. Bring your favorite game and lunch or a snack.

**SHINE - Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders:** Tues., Noon-3:00. Counselors assist seniors and the disabled with Medicare and Medicaid questions. Call for an appointment time 321-222-7981.

**STIR:** Story Time for Independent Readers. Thursdays, 3:30 - 4:30. 1st grade and up. Pre-registration required.

**Story Time:** Fridays, 10:30. All ages welcome.

**Yarn Club:** Fridays, 2:00-4:00 pm. Knit, crochet and needle arts. Sit, talk and create. All ages and abilities welcome. Want to learn? We can help!

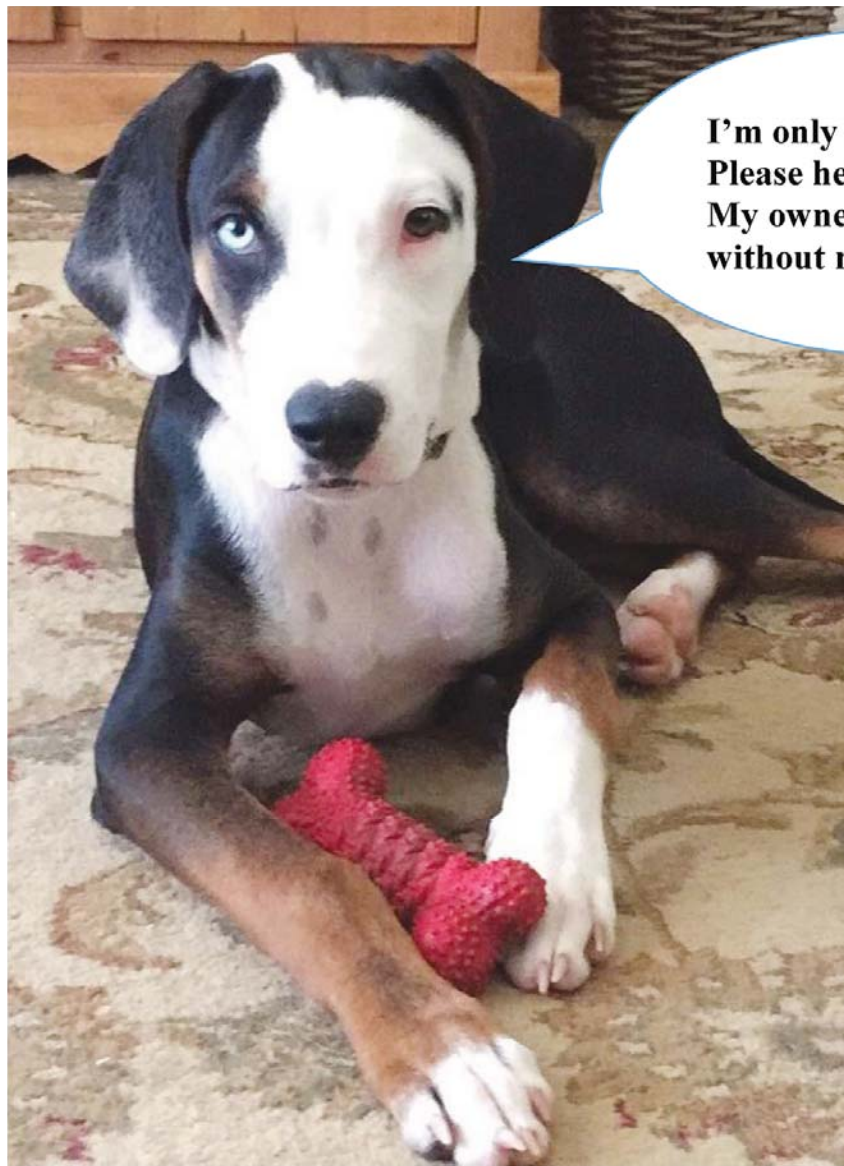
**Over-Eaters Anonymous:** Saturdays, 9:30-10:30.

#### Meetings and Events:

- Aug. 3, 5:30 pm Adult Coloring Group,  
Ages 12 and up
- Aug. 6, 10:30-Noon Teen/Adult Book Locker  
Craft. Preregistration required.
- Aug. 8, 5:30pm Port St. John Public  
Library Advisory Board meeting
- Aug. 10, 6:00pm PSJ Special District  
Advisory Board Meeting
- Aug. 13, 10-Noon Port St. John Pokémon  
Club
- Aug. 17, 1-3:00 pm Bookworms Adult Book  
Discussion Group.
- Aug. 17, 6-7:45 pm Sunrise Village
- Aug. 19, 11:45 am Titusville Chamber of  
Commerce
- Aug. 21, 3:30pm Balloon Twisting with  
Q-Tee. 8 years and up. Must preregister.
- Aug. 24, 5:30 pm Friends of the Port St.  
John Public Library membership meeting
- Aug. 27, 10-1:45 pm PSJ Pokémon Club

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**The Absolute Best Way To Make The Holidays Stress Free.....Almost** is available (really cheap) on Amazon. I will be sharing some excerpts right here until the big day, please let me know if they work for you.

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# The Lamp Stand

A monthly Church Bulletin Board for the community.  
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## Anchor Baptist Church

1545 N. Cocoa Blvd., Cocoa, FL 32922

Dr. Donald M. Davis - Pastor 321-433-2033

Sunday Morning Worship 10 am (nursery provided)

Sunday Evening Worship 6:30 pm (nursery provided)

Wednesday Prayer and Bible Study 7 PM.

## Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

5135 N. Cocoa Blvd., Cocoa, FL, 321-632-6333

[www.blessedsacramentcocoa.org](http://www.blessedsacramentcocoa.org)

Saturday Mass, 4:30 pm.

Sunday Masses at 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM

Reconciliation at 3:30 PM on

Saturdays

## Brevard Zen Center

1261 Range Road, Cocoa, Fl

Buddist Sunday Service 9:00am

Meditation in the Zendo 7:00pm

## Calvary Baptist Church, 321-636-8056

1 1/2 miles south of 528 overpass, east side of US 1

Pastor Jay Frazier [www.calvarybaptistincocoa.org](http://www.calvarybaptistincocoa.org)

Sunday Morning Svc. - 10 a.m. (nursery provided)

Sunday Eve. Service - 6 pm, Wed. Evening - 7 pm

## Christ Central Church, 321-636-7671

2010 N. Cocoa Blvd., Cocoa, FL

Email: [ChristCentral51@gmail.com](mailto:ChristCentral51@gmail.com)

[www.cocoachurch.org](http://www.cocoachurch.org)

Bible Class: 9:00 – 9:45 AM

Worship Service: 10:15 – 11:30 AM

## Christian Church at PSJ, 4645 Fay Blvd.,

Pastor Larry Sparrow, [ccatpsj.org](http://ccatpsj.org)

[ccatpsj.org](http://ccatpsj.org) -- email: [ccatpsj@rocketmail.com](mailto:ccatpsj@rocketmail.com)

Sunday - Bible Study 8:30 a.m. Worship at 9:30.

Wednesdays - Youth Group, 7:00 p.m.

## Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

3000 South Street, Titusville

Two wards meet in this meetinghouse:

Cocoa Ward Sacrament Meeting, 9:30 PM

Titusville Ward Sacrament Meeting, 1:00 PM

## Coastal Community Church 639-7346

5795 Falcon Blvd., PSJ

Services on Sunday, 9 & 10:45 am.

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Web site at [www.coastalcommunity.net](http://www.coastalcommunity.net).

## Cocoa Presbyterian Church, 321-631-3956

1404 Dixon Blvd., Cocoa, [cocoaapc@att.net](mailto:cocoaapc@att.net)

Sunday: Church school 9:15 pm/Worship 10:30 am

Nurseries and Children's church

## Cocoa 7th Day Adventist Church & School

State & County Certified Voluntary Pre-K

1500 Cox Rd, Cocoa, Pastor Amado Luzbet



## Tolerance of other faiths imparts to us a truer understanding of our own.

Church 632-0640 Sch 636-2551; [www.cocoasda.org](http://www.cocoasda.org)

Saturday Sabbath School classes all ages, 9:45 am.

Worship at 11:30 am; Wed. Bible Study, 7:00 pm.

## Community Alliance Church

321-639-1717. 4855 Fay Blvd., PSJ

Sunday School (all ages), 9:30 am

Sunday Worship 10:45 am and 6:00 pm.

Wednesday Youth, 7 pm.

## Covenant Life Fellowship (321) 639-7734

Non-Denominational - Pastor Jamie McIlwain

3770 Curtis Blvd., PSJ.

Sunday Service, 10:30 am

Wednesday Worship, 6:30 pm

## Day Spring Church, (407) 516-5767

4725 Fay Blvd.,

Kid's Service: Wednesday, 6:30 pm

Service: Sunday, 6:30 pm

## Discovery Christian Church (321) 636-0316

3925 Grissom Parkway, Canaveral Groves

Bill Thompson - Preaching Minister

Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. Classes for all ages.

Worship Service: 11:00 a.m.

## First Assembly of God (321) 632-5228

3757 N. US Hwy. 1 Pastor Les Ray

Sunday School, 9:30 am, Worship 10:30 and 6:30 pm

Wednesday, 7 pm, Bible Study: Rainbows (3-4),

Royal Rangers (boys 5-12), Missionettes (girls

5-12).

Wednesday, 7 pm, Youth Group Fellowship.

## First Baptist Church of Port St. John

(321)636-5455

3900 Fay Blvd., [www.firstbaptistpsj.com](http://www.firstbaptistpsj.com)

Sun. school 9:15; Worship & Kid's Church 10:30 am.

Adult Bible Study, 7 p.m. Wednesday

Wednesday: TeamKids & Youth, 6:30-8 pm.

Thrift Store Hours: M,T,Th,F, 10 - 4. W&Sat, 10 - 2

Food Pantry Hours: M & W, 10 am - 1 pm

## First Baptist Church of Cocoa (321)636-2868

750 Brevard Ave. in Historic Cocoa Village

Worship 11 am & 6 pm, Sunday School 9:30 am

Wednesday Service/Youth Prayer & Share, 6:30 pm

<http://baptist1.com/church/fl/cocoa/bc>

## First Free Will Baptist Church

Pastor Darrell "D" Miller, 795-4780.

5311 Barna Ave. Titusville 269-4033, 268-1705

Sunday School 9:00 am, Morning Worship 10:00 am

Sunday Evening Service 6:00 pm

## First United Methodist Church, (321) 631-0183

Rev. David Charlton at 1165 Fay Blvd.

Saturday service - 5:30 pm

Sunday Worship - 10:55, Sunday School - 9:45

Wonderful Wednesday Worship, at 7 pm

Senior (High) Youth & Jr. (High) Youth at 3 pm, Sun.

Kingdom Kids, K - 5, meet at 3 pm. Sunday

## Frontenac Baptist Church (321)636-1369

5500 N. US Hwy 1 Pastor Michael Franzone

Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship - 10:27 a.m.

Pastor Bible Study, 6:00 pm

Wednesday Evening Services, 6:30 pm weekly.

## Glory of God Anglican Church (321)632-6812

3735 N. Indian River Dr., Reverend Paul W. Young

Sunday, Eucharist (Rite 1) at 8 am, (Rite 2) at 10:15

Children's Church, 10 am

## Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

2073 Garden St., Titusville, 321-267-4323

Pastor Bruce Alberts; [titusvillelutherans.org](http://titusvillelutherans.org)

Traditional Worship, 8:30 am; Contemporary, 11:00

## HOPE United Church of Christ, 636-0250

2555 Fiske Blvd., Pastor Clarice Mitchell

Sunday School, 9 a.m. Children's Service - 10 a.m.

Sunday Morning Service - 10 a.m. (w/nursery)

<http://www.hopeucc.com>

## Ma'gen David Messianic Synagogue

Rabbi Jem Golden (321) 213-2259

3815 N. US1, Suite 123 in Cocoa Commercial Ctr.

Erev Shabbat Service - Friday, 6:30 pm

## Messiah Evangelical Lutheran Church ELCA

Pastor Tom Unrath, (321) 636-0777

400 Lucerne Dr. Cocoa

Sunday Worship Service - 10:00 AM

Bible Study - Wed. 6:00 PM

## Ministerio Un Nuevo Comienzo

(A New Beginning Ministry)

2010 North Cocoa Blvd., Cocoa

Miercoles (Wednesday); 7pm

Domingo (Sunday); 7pm

## New Life Christian Fellowship 269-7578

Pastor Larry Linkous [www.findnewlife.com](http://www.findnewlife.com)

Interdenominational Multi-Cultural Ministry for

Entire Family 6755 S. Washington Ave.

Sunday - 9:00 & 11:00, Wednesday - 7 pm

Youth Church - Wed., 7 pm

Nursery & Children's Church available all services

## Northwest Baptist Church, 1720 Cox Rd., Cocoa

321-638-0890; [www.nwbcofcocoa.org](http://www.nwbcofcocoa.org)

Sunday School for all ages, 9:00 am

Classic/Modern Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.

Sunday evening, 6 p.m.; Wed. Nights, 7 p.m.

## Pentecostals of Cocoa, 636-6560

1901 Michigan Ave., Cocoa

Sunday Worship at 10am; Sunday School at 10:30

am

Sunday evening Evangelistic Service, 6 pm

## Redeemer Presbyterian Church 264-0035

Meeting at 5005 Barna Ave., Titusville



Worship Celebration - Sundays at 10 am  
Christian Education - Sundays, 11:15 am  
[www.myredeemer.cc](http://www.myredeemer.cc)

**St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church, 321-267-2545**

414 Pine St., Titusville [www.stgabs.org](http://www.stgabs.org)

The Rev. Rob Goodridge, Rector

Sat. 5:30; Sun. 7:30 & 10:00; Wed. 7:30 Youth Rock

**St. Patrick's Anglican Catholic Church, 632-7634**

4797 Curtis Blvd. Bishop John Vaughan, Rector  
Mass Sunday at 8, 10 & 5:30 and Friday noon Mass  
Wednesday Mass, 6:30 pm, then Pot Luck Supper  
Alcoholics Anonymous, Sunday, 5 pm; and Tuesdays, 7:30 pm

Narcotics Anonymous, Mondays, 8 - 10 pm.

**Sun Valley Christian Church, 264-1337**

4825 S. Barna Ave., Titusville, Minister Reggie Reed

Sunday School at 9 am, Worship at 10 am & 6 pm

Ladies Group each Tuesday and Thursday

**Surfside Community Fellowship, 607-2111**

[thesurfsidefellowship.com](http://thesurfsidefellowship.com)

Pastor Dr. Erick Brookins

Meeting at the Port St. John Community Center,  
Sunday Services at 9:00 & 10:30 am.

Saturday night at 6:00 pm at 1st Baptist of PSJ

**Titusville Church of Seventh-day Adventist**

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Saturday Worship, 11 am. Sabbath School, 9:15 am.

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[www.sgcfla.org](http://www.sgcfla.org) [sgcoffice@sgcfla.org](mailto:sgcoffice@sgcfla.org) 268-8004

**Trinity Lutheran Church & School - LCMS**

1330 S. Fiske Blvd., Rockledge, 636-5431

Michael Hageman, Pastor

Worship: 10:30 am

**Trinity Lutheran Church-LCMC**

Pastor David Trexler | Dial-A-Story, 607-6742

3671 S. Hopkins Ave., Titusville, FL 32780

Sunday Worship Service 9:30am

**Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Cocoa**

1261 Range Road, Cocoa. [www.uucocoa.org](http://www.uucocoa.org)

Sunday Service 11:00am

**Unity of Merritt Island, 321-452-2625**

4725 N. Courtenay Pkwy, Merritt Island

Reverend Rose Whitham

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[www.unitymerrittisland.org](http://www.unitymerrittisland.org). We are on Facebook.

**Victory Baptist Church, Pastor Raymond Hall**

632-6148 at 242 Capron Road, PSJ.

[www.victorythroughjesus.org](http://www.victorythroughjesus.org)

Sunday Bible Study at 9:30 am.

Sunday Worship Service at 10:30 am and 6 pm.

Children's clubs and teen groups

Prayer Service, Wednesday, 6:45 pm.

**Victory Baptist Church of Titusville**

Pastor Tracy Covell, 321.264.0665

Services at Indian River Civic Ctr., 4220 S. Hopkins

Sunday School 9 am, Sunday Morning 10 am

Sunday Evening 6 pm, Wednesday 7 pm

[www.victorybaptistchurchintitusville.org](http://www.victorybaptistchurchintitusville.org)

**Victory Worship Center, 431-7964**

Pastors Jeff & Nancy Kleinman

Meeting Sundays, 10AM

Wednesday Mid-Week Manna & Prayer, 7-8 PM

Community Center, 4201 US Hwy 1, Cocoa

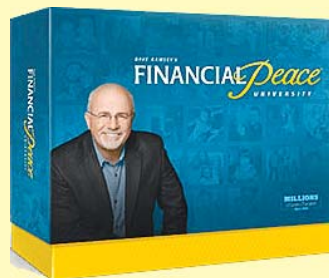
## First Friday Rosary

1st Friday Rosary will now be located in chapel back on Fridays at noon. Please join us.

St. Patrick's Angelican Church welcomes all to come visit our New St. Bridgette chapel, located inside the church.

St. Patrick's Angelican Catholic Church is located at 4797 Curtis Blvd. in Port St. John. People of all faiths are welcome to attend services.

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# Walter Butler Community Center - August, 2016

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The center is open Monday–Thursday from 10 - 8 pm, Fridays from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Schedule is subject to change. Call 433-4448 for latest information.

## **Mondays**

Summer Camp, 7 a.m.-6 p.m.

Open Gym, 5-8 pm

Open Computer Lab, 6-8 pm

Pickleball 11 a.m- 2 p.m.

Girl Scouts 5:30-7:30 p.m. (Every other Monday)

## **Tuesdays**

Summer Camp 7a.m.-6 p.m.

Pickleball, 11 a.m- 2 p.m.

Open Computer Lab, 6-8 pm

4-H Gardener Program 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Zumba 6-7 p.m.

Boy Scouts 3:30-4:30 p.m. (Every other Tuesday)

## **Wednesdays**

Summer Camp 7a.m.-6 p.m.

Open Gym, 5-8 pm

Pickleball, 11 am-2 pm

Open Computer Lab, 6-8 pm

Volleyball Fundamentals, 5-8 pm

Zumba, 6-7 pm

## **Thursdays**

Summer Camp 7a.m.-6 p.m.

Open Gym 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Dance It Off 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Pickleball, 11 am-2 pm

Open Computer Lab 6-8 p.m.

Volleyball Fundamentals, 5-8 pm

Zumba, 6-7 pm

## **Fridays**

Summer Camp 7a.m.-6 p.m.

Open Computer Lab, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Open Gym, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Pickleball, 11 am-2 pm

## **Saturdays**

Pickle-Ball, 11 am-2 pm

Program Activities, 10 am - 2 pm

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**Basketball Fundamentals** - A program designed for boys and girls ages 5 to 8. Each week the participants will learn/review basic basketball skills and apply them to a variety of drills. Games are played but the primary focus will be to build on and improve the skill sets of each participant. Practice will be held Monday and Tuesday, 3-4 p.m. For more information, contact Donovan Gilbert at (321) 433-4448.

**Persons With Disabilities Dances** are held every 1st and 3rd Friday of the month from 7-9 p.m. all ages welcome. For more information contact Andrea Chestnut 264-5058 or 264-5105.

**Zumba Classes** - Zumba is an adult dance-based fitness class that uses a fusion of Latin and International rhythms with easy-to-follow moves. It includes both cardio and resistance training components designed to tone and sculpt the entire body. Zumba is designed for adults of all ages and fitness levels. Class participants exercise in a healthy, fun, party-like environment. Classes will be held Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 6-7 p.m., \$5 per class (discount punch cards available). Contact Debbie Kowalewski at (321) 403-6918 for more information.

**Volleyball Fundamentals** is a class which teaches proper playing techniques and teamwork. This class focuses on teaching beginners how to properly bump, set, spike and more. Classes will be held on Wednesdays & Thursdays 5-8 p.m. For more information contact Donovan Gilbert at Walter Butler Community Center, 433-4448.

**Brevard County 4-H Junior Master Gardener Program** - The Junior Master Gardener Program engages participants in novel, hands-on group and individual learning experiences that promote a love of gardening, develop an appreciation for the environment, and cultivate the mind. Classes will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays 3:30-4:30 p.m. For more information contact Jan Jordan at (321) 433-4448.

# Tuxes & Tails Gala

The Brevard Humane Society will be hosting their most highly anticipated event of the summer; the 5th Annual Tuxes & Tails Gala - Black & White with a Red Flair - on Saturday, August 27th, at the Cocoa Civic Center, located at 430 Delannoy Avenue in Cocoa Village, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Sponsorship opportunities are available for individuals and businesses at all levels, beginning at \$300 for the "Happy Tails" sponsorship and up to \$5,000 for the primary sponsorship, "Platinum Paws." Contact the Brevard Humane Society at (321) 636-3343 for details.

Hosted by Susie & Tom Wasdin, this pet-friendly gala will be a howling good time filled with excitement to see who will show up live on the Catnip Carpet with their pet parents. In addition, guests will enjoy star performances from the Historic Cocoa Village Playhouse Presenters, live & silent auctions, a buffet dinner, festive dance music and a special presentation to recognize community leaders who have significantly contributed to the organization's success over the past year. The dress for the evening will be black, white and red (long or short gowns/tuxes optional).

The Tuxes & Tails Gala serves as a major fundraiser for the Brevard Humane Society with proceeds raised being used to care for the hundreds of homeless pets that visit their (2) Adoption Centers in Cocoa and Merritt Island each year.

For more information, contact the Brevard Humane Society at (321) 636-3343 or visit [www.brevardhumanesociety.com](http://www.brevardhumanesociety.com).

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# Four Craigslist Scams To Outsmart

## 1. Home or Apartment Rental Scams

**Fake Rentals:** In these type of scams, a "landlord" will list a home or apartment for rent at an unbelievable price to lure you in. Many of these posts will feature beautiful photos filled with desirable amenities. The "landlord" will be all too willing to collect a deposit, first month's rent and your personal information to be used for a "credit check." The problem comes when the renter attempts to move in and finds that the house or apartment was never actually for rent. They are out the money they paid in deposits and rent, and also risk their identity being stolen since they disclosed their personal information to the "landlord." If a "landlord" asks for any money or any of your personal information before you even view the property, this should be a huge red flag.

**The Middleman:** With this type of scam there is usually a story about the owner of the apartment or home being sick or out of the country, so a friend is helping him or her out by renting the place out. Renters never come into contact with the actual owner of the property. That's because if they did, he or she would find out that the property is not for rent! After the renter pays the deposit and the first month's rent, the middleman disappears and the renter is out the money and a place to live.

## 2. Car Buying Scams

**Fake Funds:** If you are selling your car on Craigslist, watch out for fraudulent checks, money orders and cashier's checks. Some sellers who have fallen victim to this type of scam realize the check is fraudulent after he or she has released the car to the scammer. The seller is then out the car, without a way to trace the buyer's identity or location.

**Out-Of-Town Seller:** Many times these sellers will price cars at unbelievably low prices and often times have a "sad" story as to why they need to get rid of the car to justify the low price. The seller will state that he or she is out of town or out of the country, and request that the buyer wire them the funds. Like magic, the so called seller will disappear.

**The Safe Deal:** In this type of scam, the fraudster will sense your hesitation to wire funds and suggest a "safer" way to conduct the transaction such as utilizing a company like Escrow.com or a different escrow service. They will ask that the

buyer send the funds via Western Union to the escrow account where the funds will be held until the buyer picks up the car. A spoof email will be sent to the buyer from the "escrow site" and the funds are not routed to a legit escrow account, rather a fake one. The seller disappears and the buyer is left with less money and no car.

## 3. Ticket Scams

Living in Florida we have a plethora of theme parks, great concerts and amazing sporting events within our reach. This is the perfect playing field for scammers. Many people turn to Craigslist to find discount theme park tickets or sold out tickets to concerns and sporting events. It's always best to buy from a reputable dealer such as the actual theme park, your employer or a trusted site like Ticketmaster or Stub Hub. However, if you do choose to turn to Craigslist for ticket purchases, do so with high scrutiny.

**Fake Tickets:** Scammers are fully able to use a printer against you. The scammer will print out fake tickets that look very real and then sell them to buyers. When the buyer goes to use the ticket at the event, they are told that the tickets aren't real.

**Selling Cancelled Tickets:** This is the latest and greatest of Craigslist ticket scams. For instance, a scammer may buy airline tickets with a credit card, and place the tickets for sale on Craigslist. Once he or she gets the money from the buyer, they will cancel the sale, which makes the tickets worthless. The buyer will not know that the tickets have been cancelled until he or she shows up to the airport.

## 4. Job Scams

**Work From Home Scams:** Many times these jobs hold titles such as "merchandising manager" or "package processing assistant." Duties of this job include receiving packages and mailing them to a foreign address on behalf of the "employer."

**Payments Job:** An "employer" will state difficulty in receiving payments from their customers because of trouble with their bank or country's financial regulations. They will offer to pay a percentage of each sale to you for receiving payments into your account. They will then ask you to take out your cut, and wire the balance back to them. The received payments will bounce from your account, and you will be out the money that you wired from your own account.

**Nanny Jobs:** Many scammers post a need for

nannies to target the young and inexperienced job seekers. They state that their family is moving to the area and are in need of someone to watch their children. They will usually tout a large salary, but not too high to raise suspicion. Once they hire someone, they will mail them a check with instructions on what to do with the money. The check the scammer sends is not real, and the employee will send back money from his or her own account per the "employer's" instructions.

## 11 Ways To Identify A Craigslist Scam

1. The response to an ad posting or job posting is overly detailed and full of grammatical and spelling errors.

2. The Craigslist scammer will not refer to the specific item you're selling. Often times they will simply reply with, "Is this item still for sale." Scammers don't have time to customize each one.

3. Scammers do not like to talk on the phone. If they refuse to call you and come up with elaborate excuses as to why they cannot talk on the phone, it's a red flag.

4. Scammers who try to buy items will never come see it in person. They will ask that the item be shipped.

5. Scammers that "rent" apartments and houses will ask that you pay via Western Union, Moneygram or Green Dot pre-paid card.

6. Scammers trying to make a purchase from you will usually try to pay via certified check by sending it via UPS, FedEx or a similar service, and the check will be over the selling price.

7. A listed job posting is very generic. It doesn't provide the company's location, name, or even contact phone number. It often times will not provide you with information on the skills you need to have. Often times email responses will come from a Google, AOL, or Yahoo! account that anyone could create.

8. Requiring payment or financial information. Even if an ad looks legit, do not reply to an email stating that you need to fill out an extensive and personal form to be considered for renting a home or apartment, or buying a product.

9. Asking for an instant message interview. If you are asked to conduct a job interview via instant messaging, this should be a good indication that the job is a scam.

10. Huge salary for little work.

11. Remember, if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.



## Skimmers At Self Checkout

We have all heard about the skimmers that can be present at ATMs and gas station terminals, but few of us have heard about skimmers making their way into self checkout terminals at popular retailers. Many retailers utilize Ingencio credit card terminals in their stores. The below information will help you identify skimmers in these type of devices.

The first sign that a skimmer is present at a self checkout terminal is the size of the target device. In order for the overlay to fit atop the POS (point-of-sale) terminal, it must be longer and wider than the target device. This will cause the overlay to look noticeably larger than the actual POS terminal.

Another sign of a skimmer has to do with the PIN overlay. The skimming device that crooks attach on top of the card reader blocks the backlight from coming through the fake pin overlay. Thus, the numbers and buttons will not light up.

If you notice the numbers and buttons on the terminal are not lit, don't use it. Ingencio advises that the backlight can be best seen while shading the keypad from room lights. Source: Ingencio.

A third sign of a skimming device is the blocking of the green LED light that is illuminated during contactless card reads via Apple Pay, Andriod Pay, Samsung Pay, etc. The green LED light that lights up during contactless payments is obstructed by the overlay skimmer. Source: Ingencio.

In addition, another good indication of a skimmer is slow transaction processing. The overlay readers often interfere with the legitimate magnetic card reader on the underlying device, causing compromised self-checkout lines to move a bit slower than others. This can also result in a greater number of read failures, causing consumers to swipe their cards multiple times.

Finally, all self checkout terminals have a tethered stylus. The skimmers made to fit the

iSC250 device prevent the ordinary placement of the stylus due to the obtrusive overhang of the skimmer. Source: Ingencio.

Self checkout is a convenient option for many consumers who wish to skip long lines and get in and out of a store in a timely manner. Scammers have caught onto this trend, targeting those who crave convenience. If you suspect there is a skimmer at a self checkout terminal, notify a sales associate immediately and do not swipe your card.

I encourage you to share this information with your friends and family, as well as on your social networks. You work too hard for your money to have it stolen. Stay informed, and stay safe.

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## Fruit From the Groves, Cont.

sentation. Some of the topics that were discussed were the ones that have been plaguing us for many years, roads and ditches. Given the fact that D-1 is the largest district in area, we have five times more unpaved roads and storm drain ditches than any other district in the county, but the funding pot is divided equally (20%) between the districts, so ours are not maintained properly, yet we all pay the same taxes.

I know that the road paving is still a controversial subject because of the fact that many of our residents own horses. Commissioner Fisher has done a good job in getting many of our roads paved but now we are facing a new issue. We are seeing an increase in heavy truck traffic using Canaveral Groves as a short cut to the landfill. Their increased weight on roads that were not designed to sustain those capacities is causing early deterioration. Another problem is that some of these trucks are exceeding the speed limits and causing a safety to life situation. I have personally followed some of them and they were not following the posted speed limits.

The storm drains and ditches have been of concern for at least the 30 plus years that I have been a resident of Canaveral Groves. The county has done an excellent job clearing many of our main ditches but there are some of our ancillary ditches that are still being neglected. Cleaning and then maintaining on a regular schedule, is going to have to be implemented. We have not had a bad storm or rain event in over 10 years, so we are overdue. I know that Canaveral Groves is just a part of District 1, but we deserve all the services that are being utilized to the rest of Brevard County.

A big thank you to Senior Pastor Bill Thompson for his help and cooperation to help CGHOA host this public service venue. A personal thank you to those who helped with set up, tear down and the Meet and Greet. I just can't keep up with Conley.

Be sure to put August 30th on your calendar and vote for the candidate of your choice. Also, check your voter registration to make sure where your precinct is located. You will not be able to vote if you are at the wrong precinct. The next important date is Tuesday, November 8th. That is the General Election and your vote does count.

I have not heard from my brother by another mother, Jerry Wall for quite a spell. I know that he wasn't feeling well the last time we talked. He did say that his pet hog had gotten under the house and destroyed the air conditioning vents but that is a West, By Gosh, Canaveral Groves thing. I am sure that he is reeking havoc in his own way, somewhere. I will give you an update next month.

Reminder....WEDNESDAY AUGUST 11TH, IS THE FIRST DAY OF PUBLIC SCHOOL FOR GRADES 1-12. BE ESPECIALLY CAREFUL WHEN LEAVING FOR WORK BECAUSE OUR STUDENTS WILL BE WAITING ON THEIR BUSES FOR SCHOOL AND I AM SURE THAT THEY WILL BE GLUED TO THEIR ELECTRONIC DEVICES. They, more likely than not, will not be aware of what is going on around them, so it is our responsibility as operators of motor vehicles to stay alert!

### SUMMER COOK'S CORNER

Peach cobbler recipe

Ingredients ...

- 1 1/2 cup self-rising flour
- 8 tablespoon (1 stick) butter
- 1/2 cup water
- 2 cups sugar, divided
- 4 cup peeled, sliced peaches
- 1 1/2 cup milk
- ground cinnamon, optional

How to make it: Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Combine the peaches, 1 cup sugar and water in a saucepan and mix well. Bring to a boil and simmer for 10 minutes. Remove from the heat.

Put the butter in a 3-quart baking dish ( I used a cast iron skillet) and place in oven to melt.

Mix remaining 1 cup sugar, flour and milk slowly to prevent clumping. Pour mixture over melted butter. Do not stir. Spoon fruit on top, gently pouring in syrup. Sprinkle top with ground cinnamon, if using. Batter will rise to top during baking. Bake for 30 to 45 minutes.

#### My post recipe notes:

Next time I would probably use more peaches. To me, the fruit is the star of the dessert and there's no such thing as too much.

I also ended up with a lot of syrup and didn't use it all as I felt that it would end up too wet. In general this is a very sweet dessert, so be aware.

.....A Parting Shot From The Cannon.....

DON'T MESS WITH OLD PEOPLE, THEY WILL GET YOU EVERY TIME.....

Yesterday I was at the local Publix on 524 buying a large bag of Purina Dog Chow for our attack Chihuahua, "Tiney the Wonder Dog." I was about to check out when a woman behind me asked if I had a dog. What did she think, I had an elephant? So, because I am retired and have little to do, on impulse I told her no, I do not have a dog. I was starting the Purina Diet again.

I added that I probably should not because I ended up in the hospital last time but I had lost 50 pounds before I awoke in the I.C.U. unit at Wuesthoff. I had tubes coming out of most of my orifices and IVs in both arms. I told her that it was essentially a perfect diet and the way it works is to fill your pant pockets with Purina nuggets and simply eat one or two every time that you feel hungry. The food is nutritionally complete, so it works well and I was going to try it again. (I have to mention here that practically everyone in the line was enthralled with my story.)

Horrified, she asked if I ended up in I.C.U. because the dog food poisoned me. I told her no, I had stopped to tinkle on a fire hydrant and a car hit me. I thought the guy behind her was going to have a heart attack, he was laughing so hard. Publix has banned me for six months. I am hurt by that because I really enjoy shopping at Publix.

Be sure and read "Good Day" and Rose's Room for more good information, and as always anything the Boss, Randy Rodriguez, writes about. We encourage you to patronize our advertisers who are essential to our publication, so until next month, Lord willin' and the creek don't rise, I remain your faithful servant.

- Bill Cannon

## Higher Power

A Sunday school teacher said to her children, 'We have been learning how powerful kings and queens were in Bible times. But, there is a Higher Power. Can anybody tell me what it is?'

One child blurted out, 'Aces!'

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# SLEEPY HOLLOW



## Fruit From The Groves

August 2016 - 8/4 - U.S.Coast Guard's Birth-day; 8/7 - Purple Heart Day; 8/10 - First Day of School For Grades 1-12; 8/11 - CGHOA monthly meeting at 7:00 P.M., Discovery Christian Church; 8/14 - Tisha B'av (Jewish holiday); 8/19 - National Aviation Day; 8/21 - Senior Citizens Day; 8/26 - Women's Equality Day; 8/30 - 2016 Brevard County Primary

July was a tragic month for us here in the Groves; two traffic fatalities that could have been avoided. One was due to a collision at US 1 and Canaveral Groves Blvd. and the second a pedestrian not paying attention on Citrus Blvd. just before daylight. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the families of the deceased and those who were innocently involved. Life is such a precious commodity and we never know when

we will be called Home. The day we are born we begin to die and I guess in the grand scheme of things, we need to live life to its fullest. Live every minute of every day as though it was your last so when you are done, all we leave is an outer shell. Ashes to ashes and dust to dust as the saying goes, so enjoy the time you have because we never know when our time is up.

Moving on, All Aboard Florida/Bright Line has been denied permitting to move fiber optic cables in Indian River County by the Army Corps of Engineers. I am sure that this is only a minor setback for this multi-million dollar project, but it will slow down their progress to complete the West Palm to Orlando leg of their project. Channel 9 News also uncovered the possibility of the Florida East Coast Railway

moving more Liquid Natural Gas product on their north/south line. A storage and transfer point facility has been built in the community of Delespine just north of the old Reliant Energy Plant. In a recent discussion with an elected official from the north end of the county, there is a possibility that this may or may not happen due to the dropping price of natural gas. I could not confirm this, so I guess we will just have to wait and see how this develops. Oh, happy day.

The CGHOA Political Forum was a great success with 50 plus residents attending. All District 1 candidates participated and they were well received. Each candidate had ten minutes to speak followed by a meet and greet in the Fellowship Hall of Discovery Church after the formal pre-

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