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*** It's Christmas Time! ***

Our 27th Christmas parade will take place on Saturday, December 17th at 11 AM brought to you by Happenings and Parrish Medical Center. The parade route will be along Fay Blvd., starting at Waterloo Ave. and going east to Carole Ave. in the eastbound lane. The floats face the south side of Fay Blvd., so viewing will be best on the sidewalk.

The theme of this year's parade will be "A Space Age Christmas." Most of the floats and decorations will be planned toward the theme. Come out and see what the imaginative groups in PSJ and the Groves can come up with. Entry forms are available at www.happenings.net.

We heard from Santa. He'll be there testing his new sleigh for Christmas.

A HUGE THANK YOU to our Prime Sponsor, Florida Home Care Plans, and our FPL and Higginbotham Companies, our Diamond sponsors. We are not government run or funded, so these wonderful companies and those you see on the parade shirts are the ones who make the parade possible, along with the amazing volunteers



who work to make the parade happen. It takes a village to put on a parade!

Please be thoughtful of the residents along Fay Blvd. and do not litter their yards with candy wrappers and cups. If you bring a plastic store bag for candy and/or trash, it would help.

Any questions, suggestions, problems or needs should be directed to Randy Rodriguez, 633-7499.

Merry Christmas & Happy Holidays!

Pancake Breakfast For Toys For Tots

The pilots at Merritt Island Airport will hold their 22nd annual Pancake Breakfast to benefit the Marine Corps Reserve Toys For Tots campaign between 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. on Saturday, December 10th. Breakfast will be served at Merritt Island Airport, S. Courtney Blvd., Merritt Island in the hangar. ANYONE bringing a new, unwrapped toy will be served pancakes, sausage, orange juice and coffee; drive in, walk in, bike in, swim in, fly in – just bring a toy.

The toys will be presented to members of the Marine Corps Reserve. All toys collected will be distributed to children locally who otherwise might not get anything from Santa.

Please join us and help make Christmas merrier for lots of children. For more information, call Don White at 321-266-7410

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Mondays – Fridays

Seniors at Lunch, 10 am - 1 pm

Mondays

26th - Center Closed Christmas Holiday

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.

6 & 13 -Girl Scouts Troop 1902, 4:00-5:30 pm

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, 6-7 p.m.

7th & 21st - Cub Scout 704 Den 3, 6-7:30 p.m.

Thursdays

Outside Basketball, 1-8 p.m.

Teen Billiards, 4-8 p.m.

1st & 15th - Girl Scouts Troop 835, 6-7:30 p.m.

8th & 22nd - Girl Scouts Troop 210, 6-7:30 p.m.

Fridays

23rd Center Closed for Christmas Holiday

Outside Basketball 4-6 p.m.

Saturdays

24th - Center Closed for Christmas Holiday

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Open Recreation, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

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Community Christmas Cantata

The First United Methodist Church of Port St. John will present a community cantata on Sunday, Dec. 11 at 6 pm. ANYONE who would like to participate will be welcome.



There will be a living nativity scene as the choir sings the Christmas story. The cantata is called "The Silence and the Sound:", by Heather Sorenson. Esther Shott will be the director. Rehearsals will be on Thursday nights at 7:00 pm starting October 13th at the Methodist Church. For more information call 321-636-5168.

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Good Day!

by Maureen Rupe
Thanks to the people of Brevard County who voted "Yes" to clean the lagoon. There is now an Advisory Board to watch to ensure the funds are spent on the Lagoon. I know most of these Advisory Board members and trust them, but I shall also be at their meetings along with other government watchers.

Thanks also for voting "No" on Amendment 1. For once the big utilities couldn't trick the people.

Titus Landing

Besides a Facebook page for Titus Landing, there is also a website by the Developer, AG Development Group, Inc., which hadn't been updated in a while, but has a good graphic of what the Shopping Center should look like. Titusville's website has a link to their community's magazine "Talking Points," which the October 2016 issue (link provided) shows the latest in businesses that have signed up or are in the process of signing up to be a tenant. I know a lot of people remember when Titusville's Miracle City Mall was the only place to go, and hopefully this will give north

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Titus Landing Leased (Phase 1), March 2017

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- Rack Room
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Leased (Phase 1.1), date?

- Woody's Barbeque
- Durango Steak
- Wayback Burgers House

Signed Letters of Intent (Phase 2) Aug. 2017

- Bealls
- Tuesday Morning
- Pending Letters of Intent (Phase 2)
- Ulta Cosmetics
- Rue 21

Leased signed but moved to Phase 2.

• Epic Theater

Reference:

www.agdevgroup.com

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<http://www.titusville.com/files/Talking%20Points%20-%20October%202016.pdf>

Lobbyist Crackdown?

A November 11th, 2016 Associated Press story by Gary Fineout reports that Rep. Richard Corcoran will become Speaker of the House, and he is set to place a long list of rules to crack down on lobbyists to battle what could be viewed as influence peddling and corruption.

New rules would include prohibiting legislators from catching rides on lobbyist-owned planes and lobbyists couldn't test or email legislators just before a vote on the House floor. It would also require lobbyists to report specific bills or amendments lobbyists are trying to push through or stop, as well as report much more about their overall lobbying activities.

Legislators will also be under new rules if what the speaker wants passes. It would prevent legislators from adding new hometown spending projects to the state budget. Instead, they would have to file stand-alone bills to include the project. Legislators also could not lobby local

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governments when they aren't in session. These rules are supposedly some of the most stringent in the country, which would mean a lot, as I have thought for a while that our lobbyists have been put in charge due to term limits. Hopefully this will start making things a bit more palatable.

I also read in another story just before publication that the Senate is not going along with this, so rules will be lax for one legislative body and strict for the other. Not sure how that will work.

Reference:

<https://apnews.com/706efd5b025e40c99cb77b47e5cdb863>

Election Day Questions

On November 6th, Dave Berman at Florida Today put out an article on "17 Things to Know About Election Day," in the form of question/answer. One of the questions was as follows:

"Can I wear a Donald Trump hat or Hillary Clinton button while I am voting?"

"Yes. While they are in their polling place voting, voters may wear T-shirts, buttons, hats or other items which express their political prefer-



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ences—as long as they do not actively campaign."

Does this make sense? If wearing a T-shirt and cap for a candidate is allowed, why is a sign, even a small sign, not allowed within 100 feet of the polls? Both a sign and a shirt are an active campaign of a candidate, even more so if wearing it. It is actively campaigning for a candidate.

The following are quotes from the article. All references to "Scott" are talking about Supervisor of Elections, Lori Scott.

Two other questions were:

"What if someone approaches you at the poll?"

"Candidates or their supporters cannot engage in a conversation with you within 100 feet of a polling place. "Outside 100 feet, you can do whatever you want," Scott said. "I have no jurisdiction outside the 100 feet." "But," Scott added, "voters are under no obligation to speak to somebody in the parking lot or do an exit poll."

"Will there be law enforcement at the polling places?"

"No," Scott said, "Having uniformed Brevard

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County Sheriff's Office deputies or municipal police officers at polling places would be considered voter intimidation." Scott deploys "poll deputies" at each polling place as part of her office's staffing on Election Day, and Brevard County Sheriff Wayne Ivey helped participate in their training.

Now Ms. Scott recognizes you can be intimidated at the polls, especially outside 100 feet, but she doesn't allow a police officer at the polling place. This is an election with the possibility of this happening, and police presence may intimidate someone? Ms. Scott says the Sheriff helped train these "Poll Deputies." Are they armed? I don't think so.

I have never been intimidated by a police officer. In fact, their presence has made me feel safer many, many times.

Reference:

Berman, Dave, "17 Things to Know About Election Day," Sunday, 11/06/2016, Florida Today

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Good Day, cont.

Port Canaveral Strategic Master Plan Update

The Port held an open house to gather suggestions from the community on their Master Plan, but I'm not sure what the Port is playing at. You will understand what I mean later in this article.

John Walsh left an awful legacy for the Port. He went forward and spent money on several projects that couldn't possibly be accomplished. The Port Commissioners must have agreed with him. They built the Logistics Center next to OUC for storing containers from the barges that were coming to OUC and crossing US1, but none of that occurred and now the Port is leasing the building. I could go on with his multiple ideas.

This open house was over three time periods during the day. It was very casual with maps around the room and every opportunity to speak with Port Commissioners and staff. The big problem was there being different answers on the rail at different times of the day. I had folks who had already been earlier and they had been told the rail was dead, and others said it was still in negotiation. I had a Port Commissioner look me in the eye and say no rail.

The questionnaire, besides asking the zip code, age group, retired or no, whether you do business or just visit the parks in the Port, also asked questions like: Do you support or oppose hotels, office space, retail or residential at the Port? Whether you used Port facilities: boat ramps, marinas, parks, or open space. Prioritizing the Port's strategic direction in Cruise, Cargo, Aerospace, Parks, recreational marine, commercial fishing or commercial development. What changes you would like to see at the Port, and any concerns or areas of opportunity.

I asked a good friend, Terry Skaggs, who lives in Port St. John, what he thought of the process. Terry summed up very well what the people attending were saying and writing on their questionnaire sheet, and I printed what he sent me in its entirety.

"This new "Sunshine" approach to the Port's way of considering the public's wishes BEFORE executing some clandestine initiative of questionable public value and desirability is refreshing and most welcome. In conversations with CPA leaders, they mostly all said the things they are hearing from the public that night were:

- 1) No barges,
- 2) Increase tourism, not cargo
- 3) Don't mess with [sic] the River
- 4) No rail in/through Port St. John and Merritt Island
- 5) Don't expand outside the 30 year "Master Plan" real estate "footprint"
- 6) No new taxes
- 7) No LNG generator at Port (proximity to tour ships).

Note that they know that there is an existing 4 inch NG line running under the inlet at the Eastern edge of their property (there used to be a road over the inlet under which the gas line ran/runs), so it would be difficult for them to plead ignorance of these concerns in the future.

I expressed to all of them that a tourism infrastructure presently exists in Central Florida (Tampa/Orlando/Cocoa, etc.), and that is how we (Floridians) support the state economy (not to mention avoiding a state income tax) and that trying to expand cargo, an activity that has NO existing infrastructure other than what the Port has now, is like "swimming upstream" against the tide of public preference and making money.

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Also, that adding cruise ships brings people to the local economy (hotels, restaurants, attractions, etc.) and that cargo does nothing for the local economy. They countered that the raw materials are used by Orlando and a little locally. I said yes, but much more value and money is gained locally from cruise ships and reminded them that they are primarily supposed to serve Brevard County (the taxing District) first and then maybe the State a far second. Additionally, trying to build/expand a cargo infrastructure with public money (taxes, Port profits, etc.) is not only a detriment to the local economy, but is against local business owners' wishes.

In any event, the public face-to-face meetings between the public and top Port officials is a great start to improvement of their image and a furtherment of the Port constituents' best interests. The only thing they need to do now is to run the invitation to these meetings in the local newspapers, not just via email.

Cheers,
Terry"

Now, a week later, I open the Florida Today, and it reads "Port Canaveral Considers Rail. In

a Florida Today Story by Dave Berman, rail is definitely not dead, especially through Cape Canaveral Air Force Station (CCAFS), and even talked about possibly using SR 528, which would be a better route overall, since CCAFS will probably be closed a large portion of time due to rocket launches, and there is a lot of high priority storage areas that rails would have to pass, making that route cost prohibitive due to posting of guards, etc. SR 528 could also be used for cruise passengers most of the time, taking a load of traffic from our highways through bus and car traffic. Barge traffic would also come off the table.

The next meeting when this will be discussed is December 20th. Watch the referenced Port Canaveral Website for additional information.

References:

<https://www.portcanaveral.com/>

<http://www.floridatoday.com/story/news/local/2016/11/16/port-cargo-rail-through-air-force-station-considered/93925748/>

Finally, I want to thank Commissioner Robin Fisher for his work on the County Commission the past eight years. He has accomplished great

things for the economy and the environment. Rita Pritchett, the incoming District 1 Commissioner, is a very qualified lady and knowing her, I am sure of a good job. I will wait and see about the other two new commissioners! Be sure I will let you know.

A Very Happy Christmas and hopefully a Peaceful New Year for us all.

Cheerio,
Maureen
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Central FL Accordion Club

The Brevard Chapter of the Central Florida Accordion Club (CFAC) holds its regular meeting the last Sunday of every month.



Members and guests are invited to play accordions or other instruments.

Shows will be held on Sunday, November 27th, 2:00-5:00 p.m. at Elks Lodge #1532, 315 Florida Ave, Cocoa. The event is open to the public. Admission is free.

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Martin Anderson Senior Center Dances

Martin Andersen Senior Center, 1025 S. Florida Ave., Rockledge, will host a Singles/Couples Ballroom Dance on Saturday, December 10th. Doors open at 7 p.m. and dancing begins at 7:30 p.m., ends at 10:30 p.m. Free snacks, BYOB. Music will be provided by Janice and Rene. The cost is \$6; \$5 for members.

There is no dance on the 4th Saturday so everyone can enjoy the holiday season. The cost is \$6; \$5 for members. Call Martin Andersen Senior Center at 321-631-7556 for more information.

Adults of all ages are welcome.



Winter Home Tune-ups

You can keep your home in top shape with simple tasks throughout the year. Here are some ideas for December:

- Replace or clean your furnace filter.
- Drain outside faucets and winterize your sprinkler system.
- Check your driveway for cracks. Fill cracks and reseal as needed.
- Cover and/or remove any window air conditioning units.
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Monthly Tax Update

The following information is based on current law. It may change if Congress and President Elect Trump decide to make any changes as discussed during the election. So, the end of the year is coming and it's time to discuss the new tax changes for 2017. Recently, an announcement was issued detailing more than fifty changes or adjustment for more than 50 tax provisions, including the tax rate schedules, and other tax changes. Here are some of them.

The tax year 2017 adjustments generally are used on tax returns filed in 2018. Let's begin with the standard deduction for married filing jointly; rises to \$12,700, up \$100 from 2016. For single taxpayers and married individuals filing separately, the standard deduction rises to \$6,350, up from \$6,300 in 2016, and for heads of households, the standard deduction will be \$9,350, up from \$9,300 for tax year 2016. The personal exemption for tax year 2017 remains as it was for 2016: \$4,050. However, the exemption is subject to a phase-out that begins with adjusted gross incomes of \$261,500 (\$313,800 for married couples filing jointly). It phases out completely at \$384,000 (\$436,300 for married couples filing jointly). For tax year 2017, the 39.6 percent tax rate affects single taxpayers whose income ex-

ceeds \$418,400 (\$470,700 for married taxpayers filing jointly), up from \$415,050 and \$466,950, respectively. The other marginal rates – 10, 15, 25, 28, 33, 35 and 39.5 percent – and the related income tax thresholds for tax year 2017 are described in more detail at www.irs.gov.

The limitation for itemized deductions to be claimed on tax year 2017 returns of individuals begins with incomes of \$287,650 or more (\$313,800 for married couples filing jointly).

The Alternative Minimum Tax Exemption amount for tax year 2017 is \$54,300 and begins to phase out at \$120,700 (\$84,500, for married couples filing jointly for whom the exemption begins to phase out at \$160,900). The 2016 exemption amount was \$53,900 (\$83,800 for married couples filing jointly). For tax year 2017, the 28 percent tax rate applies to taxpayers with taxable incomes above \$187,800 (\$93,900 for married individuals filing separately). The tax year 2017 maximum Earned Income Credit amount is \$6,318 for taxpayers who file jointly and have 3 or more qualifying children, up from a total of \$6,269 for tax year 2016.

For calendar year 2017, the dollar amount used to determine the penalty for not maintaining minimum essential health coverage (Obamacare, as some know it) remains at \$695 per

adult and \$347.50 per child or 2.5% of adjusted gross income. For 2017 family contributions to your Health Savings Account stayed the same at \$6,750 and single is up \$50 to \$3,400. Remember, if you're over fifty-five years of age, an additional \$1,000 contribution is allowed. For tax year 2017, the adjusted gross income amount used by joint filers to determine the reduction in the Lifetime Learning Credit is \$112,000, up from \$111,000 for tax year 2016, and the foreign earned income exclusion is \$102,100 for 2017, up from \$101,300 for tax year 2016.

Okay, on a happy note, I want to wish everyone a very merry and joyous holiday season. I also hope that everyone will always remember the ones who aren't presently with us, but who are still with us in our hearts forever.

Happy Holidays!!!

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

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Dear Neighbor,

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

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

For everyone's safety, **CANDY MAY NOT BE THROWN FROM THE FLOATS AND VEHICLES.** Thrown candy ricochets and small children chase it into the street where they might be hit by the next vehicle. If you want to hand out

2016 PSJ Christmas Parade

candy, please be sure to have walkers accompany your float.

There is a \$30 charge for any float or vehicle which advertises a business. The fee does not go up if there are multiple businesses on the same float. Nonprofit community support groups and public schools are \$15, unless they display banners and logos for a business on their float or vehicle(s).

Call us to find out how to get your name on

the parade shirts! Your business name will be added to all the Parade T-shirts, staff and public, for a minimum donation of \$50.

If there are noise considerations for your entry, please let us know immediately. We will try to spread out the bands and musical participants.

Any questions, suggestions, problems or needs should be directed to Randy Rodriguez at Happenings, 321-633-7499.

Port St. John Christmas Parade Entry Form

NAME OF GROUP: _____

CONTACT NAME: _____

CONTACT PHONE: _____

CONTACT ADDRESS: _____

Are you having music? Y N Type of music: Band Caroling Other _____

Music Volume: Loud Moderate Soft

Do you have animals? Y N Type & number: _____

Approx. number of marchers in group (include moms, coaches, etc.): _____

of vehicles (include follow vehicles): _____ Type: _____

Include or attach a description of your entry for the Parade Announcer.

Return to: HAPPENINGS, 600 Aloha Ave., Port St. John, FL 32927

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While that news might make retailers giddy, security experts are reiterating their annual warnings that the convenience of online shopping comes with hazards. You could become the target of hackers out to steal your credit card or bank information, or "porch pirates" who prey on those packages left on your doorstep.

Changing all your passwords frequently is one way to protect what's yours. Deleting smartphone or tablet apps you don't use is another smart move, because many of those apps may be malware that spies on you.

Even porch pirates – generally seen as low-tech thieves who simply cruise neighborhoods looking for packages – can go high tech by infiltrating your smartphone where they can eavesdrop on your orders and deliveries. Both porch pirates and hackers count on people being lax with their defenses. Try these tips:

- Shop online only from websites you trust. If you don't know where the merchant is located, don't shop online there. If they don't have a corporate address or are located in another country, it could be iffy whether you ever see the goods you purchased. Also, if their shopping-cart experience is not an HTTPS browser session, then everything you type in – your name, address and credit-card information – is going over the internet unencrypted, in plain view.

- Pay with credit cards rather than debit cards. If you experience identity theft, credit card laws allow you to keep all of your credit immediately, with no responsibility during an identity theft or fraud investigation. With a debit card,

your bank's policy can tie up your money in the fraudulent transactions for up to 30 days. Some have been known to take much longer.

- Get permission to ship all your packages to work. That way they aren't left unguarded at

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- Ask a friend or neighbor to receive your packages. Trusted friends who are retired or work at home might be happy to let you have packages delivered to them.

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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 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.

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

12- 1 World AIDS Day

12-6 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.

12-7 American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 359, General Membership Meeting on the 1st Wednesday of each month, 6 pm at the Post Home, 7260 S. US 1, just north of PSJ. Call

President Dorothy O'Rourke at 321-268-1632.

12-7 Pearl Harbor Remembrance

12-9 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.

12-10 Human Rights Day

12-11 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.

12-11 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 for info.

12-14 '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.

12-8 Canaveral Groves Homeowners, Inc. meets on the 2nd Thursday each month, 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Room of Discovery Christian Church, 3925 Grissom Pkwy.

12-16 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.

12-19 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.

12-21 Winter Solstice

12-21 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.

12-27 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.

12-25 Hanukkah Begins

12-25 MERRY CHRISTMAS!

12-26 Kwanza Begins

12-31 New Year's Eve

"The true Soldier fights not because he hates what is in front of him, but because he loves what is behind him."

- G. K. Chesterton

Congratulations to:

Erin Lilly turns **22** on the 1st.

Destiney Anthony turns **20** on the 2nd.

Mark Emr turns **26** on the 3rd.

Jennifer Giles turns prettier on the 6th.

The editor is more ancient on the 6th.

Ashley Neal turns **20** on the 6th.

Cherie Brown (Hardin) gets kisses on the 7th.

Brandon Weimer turns **10** on December 8th

John Hansen turns **62** on the 9th.

Debbie Davis turns **53** on the 10th.

Steve Velligan turns wiser on the 12th.

Cary Troxel turns wilder on the 12th.

Betty Couch is the party girl on the 13th.

Jackie Jordan turns cuter on the 13th.

Kiera Ward turns **11** on the 13th!

Kathy Ridgely parties all night on the 15th.

Nicole Kremer has a spanking day on the 17th.

Billy Treadway, Sr. parties wild on the 18th.

Brianna Hardin turns **Sweet 16** on the 18th.

Candace Mattox turns hotter on the 19th.

Teresa Miller gets spanked on the 20th.

Tommy Mattox turns **8** on the 20th.

Cody Hardin turns **21** on the 20th.

Ryan Erff turns **20** on the 23rd.

Sydney Kaminski turns **25** on the 3rd.

Deanna Wiedman rocks the night on the 26th.

Monika Williams turns **10** on the 28th.

Nathan Travis turns **10** on the 28th.

Paul Mann turns **7-0** on the 28th.

Carter Kremer turns **8** on the 31st.

Bob & Lossi Lacoste celebrate their **48th** on the 7th!

Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Good Kwanzaa... Have a joyful holiday.

Randy Rodriguez - Happenings

Email to happenings1@att.net.

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Sheriff: Non-Emergency -	633-7162
Fire Station 26 (Port St. John)	633-2056
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
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Fairglen Elementary School -	631-1993
Campus Charter School -	633-8234
Space Coast Jr/Sr High School -	638-0750
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www3.fdle.state.fl.us/sexual_predators/	

Out On the Town

This month's restaurant review is the Ice House restaurant located on Fay Blvd. next to the railroad tracks. The atmosphere is pretty laid back. When you walk in, there is someone standing behind the counter waiting to greet you and take your order. As soon as you order, you pony up the tab, get your drink cups for the self-serve soda fountain, and choose your own table to dine. From that point on, you're waited on, except for drink refills which you get for yourself. I think they bring the food out as soon as it's done cooking because it's often too hot to eat! If you choose to order take-out, they have seating by the counter you can relax on while you wait.

On this visit, I ordered the fish dinner, which

comes with your choice of two of the following: fish, oysters, scallops, or shrimp. It also includes fries and coleslaw. I selected the fish and fried oysters. My dinner arrived piping hot with a good sized portion of fish and fries. Both the fish and oysters were cooked perfectly and were very tasty. And even though they give you a large portion of fries, I personally did not care for them and I'm a French fry lover. These fries are the batter-coated variety and lack a good potato flavor. Unfortunately, they don't offer a substitute side item or a traditional french fry in lieu of.

My wife got the combo seafood basket with fish, shrimp, bay scallops, fries, and coleslaw. She doesn't care for the battered fries either and since there are no substitutes for the fries, she also ordered the small

basket of onion rings with a yummy tiger sauce for dipping. As usual, the fish was cooked just right, the shrimp were the larger variety, not the little popcorn shrimp, and the scallops were plentiful and tasty.

We both got iced tea which was fresh and not bitter. I would have ordered a beer, but they don't sell Coors Light. All they offer are Anheuser Busch products. Hopefully, they'll add Coors to their selection before our next visit.

Although my wife and I both ordered the seafood, the Ice House also offers Subs, Wraps, Salads, Wings, and Burgers. As far as my recommendation goes, if you like fried seafood and want to support our local PSJ establishments, I recommend the Ice House.

- Ken Carson

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Parrish Medical Center Ranks “A”

New Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grades, which assign A, B, C, D and F letter grades to hospitals nationwide and which provide the most complete picture of patient safety in the U.S., were announced today by The Leapfrog Group, a national patient safety watchdog. Parrish Medical Center once again earned an “A,” ranking among the top 1.2 percent safest hospitals in the United States.

In an email Tom Zemon from the Leapfrog Group wrote, “With the release of the Fall 2016 Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade, it’s official: Your hospital has earned ‘Straight As’ in the Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade since 2012. Your hospital is one of only 72 hospitals across the nation who are able to stake this claim, making it part of an exclusive group consistently dedicated to patient safety. Congratulations on this impressive achievement.”

“As Brevard’s only independent, not-for-profit community hospital, I am incredibly proud of the impeccable and sustained safety record achieved by our talented and dedicated team of care partners,” said George Mikitarian, President/CEO, Parrish Medical Center. “We value and appreci-

ate organizations like The Leapfrog Group who serve to make patient safety a priority and look forward to a day when all of America’s hospitals earn an ‘A’ Hospital Safety Grade, because every person deserves nothing less,” added Mikitarian.

“Protecting patients from harm is the most important charge for any hospital,” said Leah Binder, president and CEO of The Leapfrog Group. “We recognize and appreciate ‘A’ hospitals’ vigilance and continued dedication to keeping their patients safe.”

Developed under the guidance of an expert panel, the Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade uses 30 measures of publicly available hospital safety data to assign A, B, C, D and F grades to more than 2,600 U.S. hospitals twice per year. It is calculated by top patient safety experts; peer reviewed, is fully transparent and free to the public.

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Panthers’ Paint Party

Space Coast Panthers’ 2017 Competition Cheer

Team is hosting a Paint Party Fundraiser hosted by Creative Canvas. It will be on January 14, 2017 at 3:00 at River Lanes Entertainment Center, 800 Cheney Hwy., Titusville.

Participants will be given step-by-step instruction. No experience needed! Admission includes all materials and 3 hours of guided paint time for \$35.00. Purchase your ticket(s) in advance to reserve your spot and don’t forget to bring your friends to join you for the fun! This would make a great gift for Christmas, a group outing, team bonding or maybe just some “me” time.

Food and drink are not included, but will be available for purchase before, during and after the event. If you are interested in joining us, you may purchase tickets through this link:

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Rose's Room

'Twas The Night...

Many moments running through my memory are shrugged off with a 'What was I thinking' shake of my head, but a few stand above all as 'Ya' really should'a known better!

Thanksgiving over, TV commercials screaming Buy! Buy! Buy! my kids 'I want' list getting longer by the moment ... I wanted to scream STOP! Since I usually saved my screaming for special moments (5-year olds putting the cat in the dryer - 11 year-olds leaving 8-year old sisters in the Chinaberry tree and forgetting to mention it to anyone - there are many more examples but this paper has only so many pages) I decided we should come together as a family for an hour or so every evening just to enjoy each other during what should be the best of all seasons.

The first evening went fairly well save for a few milk, bathroom, are we done yet? breaks ... only because they already knew the story of the birth in the manger and respected it as the reason for the season.

Not so much for the second evening... I blocked Kim's, "I need to call Sheila first," Darlene's, "I can't find the cat," Tommi complaining,

"I wanna watch Fonzie!" and Roy's, "Why can't I have more cookies?" with a raised eyebrow and a growled, "We are going to enjoy a new Christmas tradition with those we love...Get over here and enjoy this story...OR ELSE."

My beautiful babies listened to me read the timeless classic... for roughly 30 seconds before adding their personal touches... 'Twas the night before Christmas... And all through the house not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse. "MICE! Gross!" uttered by one who holds spiders just to freak her sisters out. "Mice aren't gross, they're fuzzy and cute!" was accompanied by a glimpse of Cindy's tongue and crinkled nose. Roy's "I'll bet THEY are eating cookies!" drowned out the rest of the mental picture.

Another raised eyebrow got me to the miniature sleigh and eight tiny reindeer... Kim's "Tiny reindeer! Little old driver? He's not tiny at the mall!" brought Darlene's, "Who wrote this?" ever considerate Cindy's, "How's he going to carry toys?" and Roy's "I asked for one cookie...one lousy cookie...Do I get it? Nooooo." The kid was nothing if not persistent.

Raising my voice enough to drown them out I belted. "On Dasher! On Dancer! Prancer and

Vixen! C'mon guys, join in!"

By the time I got to Blitzen the silence would have been deafening save for Roy's, "I'm not even asking for Oreos... chocolate chip would do!" At least I had their attention...

"Then in a twinkling I heard on the roof the prancing and pawing of each little hoof" brought a tiny snicker from Darlene "Could you imagine what Dad would do if there were reindeer running all over our roof?"

Kim was laughing so hard tears were showing. "He'd be up there chasing them with a broom like he did when Christine's chickens got loose and ended up on the front porch! Remember how mad he was, swinging that broom, chickens squawking -feathers flying and he slipped on poo?!"

Four female figures rolled across the floor laughing so hysterically the object of their mirth stuck his head in the door to ask what was up. The same four female figures quieted as abruptly as they began, saying "Nuthin'" in unison. The lone male figure stands, hands on 5 year-old hips "Dad, do you believe Mom won't let me have even one more cookie? Wanna' know what all the dumb girls are laughing about?"

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kitchen, my 'Happy Christmas to all and to all a good night!' was drowned out by, "Hey! Emmett Otter's Jug Band Christmas is on T.V.!" "I love Christmas stories" "Yeah! Me too! Especially old ones." "I get to sit next to Mom." "Uh huh! You sat with her for the Jesus story!" "Did not!" "Did so!" "Mmmmmooooommmmm! She's glaring at me!"

It has taken a few years but I can now honestly say I love Christmas stories... Especially old ones. Now more than ever before, we need to remember the real Reason For The Season. Please take the time to do so... no matter who gets to sit with you. You'll be glad you did...Eventually

We don't want to start thinking about the jolly fat guy's nocturnal visit, but just like childbirth and wrinkles, it's going to happen whether we're ready or not... and ready is so much better!

Through trial and error I have formulated a month by month plan of attack that has proven to be a sanity saver. In a surprising feat of organization for me, I put it all together and called it a book.

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.

August...Start lists, buy cards, throw hint at hubby.

**Please join us for a
Children's Breakfast
with Mrs. Santa**



**Saturday, December 3rd
10:00am at the PSJ Library**

There will be a reading by Mrs. Santa and some holiday activities.

Sponsored by the Friends of the PSJ Library. We're looking for new friends to join our organization and support our community.

Story time for preschoolers on Fridays, 10:30 am.
See the Events Calendar for specifics.

A humorous, slightly off kilter - but tried and true - guide to preparing for the holidays early - thereby avoiding much of the 'Last minute crazies.'



Available on Amazon, Kindle and www.rosesroom.com

The Absolute Best Way To Make The Holidays Stress Free.....Almost



**First United Methodist Church
at 1165 Fay Blvd, Port St. John,**

**Invites EVERYONE on
Sunday, December 11th
at 6:00 pm**

**to come, listen and enjoy
as the church choir presents
a Christmas Cantata entitled
"The Sound and the Silence."**

**Afterwards in the Fellowship Hall,
Desserts and Refreshments will
be available to ALL!**

Walk Through Bethlehem

1st United Methodist Church, 1165 Fay Blvd., December 16, 17, 18 — 6-8pm nightly
We invite you, your family and friends to come join us and journey back in time to experience the true Bethlehem as if you were there...that special night so many years ago when there was no room in the inn and the Gift of Christ came to us in the stable.

Come experience what daily life was like in Bethlehem; taste the foods, smell the aromas, walk the streets, stop by the synagogue, visit the shops. When you finish your journey, drop by the fellowship hall for a drink to quench your thirst, some Christmas goodies to fill your stomach, and the music of the season to stir your Spirit. Come as our guest and leave as a friend.

Christmas Eve Service

5:30pm - Family Service/
A Charlie Brown Christmas
7:00pm - Candlelight Service

Please come and join us for a Special Christmas Eve Service - ALL are Welcome!

First United Methodist Church
1165 Fay Blvd., Port St. John

Our Church Family invites Your Family to join us for a special **Christmas Day Worship Service** on Dec. 25th at 10:00 am. After you open your presents, come give Thanks to the Lord!




Breakfast with Santa

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Purchase tickets in advance at Sandrift Community Center and skip the lines the day of the event!



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Find us on Facebook: Brevard County North Area Parks and Recreation



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

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

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

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

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.

Cocoa Presbyterian Church, 321-631-3956

1404 Dixon Blvd., Cocoa, cocoapc@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

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, 10:30 am

Prayer Time: 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

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/cocoaabc>

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

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

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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

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

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

414 Pine St., Titusville www.stgabs.org

The Rev. Rob Goodridge, Rector

Sat's: 5:30pm Rite II (Contemplative)

Sun's: 7:30am Rite I (Historical), 9:30am Rite II (Traditional), 11:30am Rite III (Contemporary)

Wed's: 6pm Taize Mediatlional Service

Thur's: 11am Healing Service

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

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

Pastor Amado Luzbet. ALL are welcomed.

5005 Barna Ave. 267-8893.

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

Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer, 7:30 pm.

Trinity Community Church

Tim Merwin, Sr. Pastor

6750 South U.S. 1 (3 miles north of Fay Blvd.)

Sunday Celebration at 10 am

www.sgcfla.org 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

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. We are on Facebook.

Victory Baptist Church, Pastor Raymond Hall

632-6148 at 242 Capron Road, PSJ.

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

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 be located in chapel back on Friday, Dec. 2 at 6 pm. Please join us.

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

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

Day + Spring
It's a new day!

Farmer's Market



SEASONAL GIFTS AVAILABLE

OPEN 9 AM - 2 PM

Saturday, November 5th

Breaking News: God's not mad at you!

A certain man had two sons. And the younger of them said to his father, "Father, give me the portion of goods that falls to me." So he divided to them his livelihood. And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together, journeyed to a far country and there wasted his possessions with prodigal living. But when he had spent all, there arose a severe famine in that land and he began to be in want. Then he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the swine ate, and no one gave him anything.

But when he came to himself, he said, "How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against Heaven and before you, and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like on of your hired servants."

And he arose and came to his father, but when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him. And the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against Heaven and in your sight, and am no longer worthy to be called your son."

But the father said to his servants, "Bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet. And bring the fatted calf here and kill it, and let us eat and be merry; for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found."

Your Father Loves You. He Will Accept You.

He Wants You To Come Home.

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4725 Fay Blvd., Port St. John

(Right next to Family Dollar) Service Sunday at 10:30 AM.

www.daysspringpsj.com * 407-516-5767



Howdy neighbors!

I can't believe it's the holiday season already. While Neighborhood Watch members are busy gathering items for shoeboxes and canned goods to help others, please be aware that there are others that may prey upon folks this time of year. I'm sharing my story in hope that others will learn from it.

I had everything stolen from under my Christmas tree when I was gone one evening many years ago. The thieves managed to steal my handgun and sentimental pieces of jewelry, liquor, and ALL of the gifts under the tree - my child's Christmas gifts - AND an expensive VCR I bought for my folks. I was a single parent not getting child support, and I worked very hard to provide a home and things for my family and friends. This was devastating! I had a toddler wondering what happened to the tree!

I had to replace everything because the stolen property couldn't be retrieved. I had to break in to my own savings and borrowed money from friends to make sure they weren't going to ruin our holiday, because the home insurance check wasn't going to arrive in time for Christmas.

I was NOT GOING TO SIT IDLE. My primal instincts kicked in and I became an instant "superhero" turned into a private investigator ready to fight back. I helped to catch the thieves weeks following the incident. They were crackheads. They didn't "look" like it, but they were stalking me; watching and preying on me while I prayed.

They were my neighbors and were coming and going as they pleased up to the time they stole our stuff. I kept noticing things out of place and

thought it was strange, but I thought I had a good explanation and didn't think much of it. They were soon caught and were released and spent no jail time due to lack of evidence. I was too nervous to stay in the home and was forced to move to another place, which added more stress to us, our family, friends, and broke the bank.

My advice for you is to KNOW where you put your things and keep a written record in a safe place. If you can't afford a good security system, then find another way to protect your belongings. Get to KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS! You don't have to be friends or associate with them, but at least you can get a sense of who they are and who you can trust within such close proximity that may know of your comings and your goings.

If you're not convinced you need to be more aware of your surroundings, take a look at the statistics provided from the last survey taken in 2012. We should be due for a new survey in another year. I hope to help keep these numbers down. YOUR help is needed too! We MUST remain vigilant.

Have a safe, happy, and prosperous holiday season and new year everyone!
-Neighbor Nell <{}=)

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Humane Society Stressed

Although there was no structural damage to any of the facilities and no animals were harmed, Brevard Humane Society lost precious revenue due to the closing of the Shelter, Adoption Center, Low Cost Spay/Neuter and Wellness Clinic, Chapel Services and the Molly Mutt Thrift Shops during the Hurricane. The lost revenue from these locations was financially draining and the non-profit organization is in need of support to recover. The public is encouraged to donate funds to help offset the loss of revenue due to Hurricane Matthew.

The Disaster Ride-out Team from the Brevard Humane Society was on 24 hour watch at the shelter facility on Cox Road in Cocoa during Hurricane Matthew. During the storm the dedicated team was available to receive three young squirrels and one dog (Nellie) who had torn free from her restraining rope in Rockledge and was found confused and wandering alone after the storm. Three puppies (Matthew, Michelle and Megan) were also found running in the woods of North Merritt Island. The puppies were dehydrated and hungry. All animals, including the squirrels and dogs, remained safe, secure and healthy.

Adoption is also needed for all animals at the Shelter.

Looking for some Christmas decor? Like cactus? Centi has many blooming Christmas cacti at the cottage, \$2 and up, all sizes. Call 321-631-4100 for information and directions.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

CHRISTMAS TREE SALE

Friday, 11/25 thru Friday, 12/23

Monday thru Friday, 3:00 - 8:00

Saturdays 9:00 - 8:00, Sundays, 12:00 - 6:00



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General Information

Please monitor our website for any future news and announcements on upcoming registration and events. Do not forget to look at our website for holiday gifts and ways to support your Space Coast Panthers. We have gym bags, stuffed bears, apparel, and even pillows, most of which can be personalized.

Community Events

Come see your Space Coast Panthers in the Port St John Christmas Parade on December 17th starting @ 11AM. Come cheer us on and continue your support of our community. The Parade will come down Fay starting at Waterloo Avenue and ending at Carole Avenue.

Registration

Flag Football – Currently we are accepting online registration for the NFL Flag season. We will be holding live registration for Flag season at the Christmas Parade, with a location and time TBD. Flag football season practice will begin in March, and games will begin in April continuing through May. The league is for boys and girls, ages 4-15. We will need volunteer coaches, if you are interested please speak with someone at reg-

istration or contact us through our website. The cost of the season is \$60 which includes an NFL Team Jersey, set of flags, league insurance coverage, and other fees associated with the season.

Volunteers Needed

The Space Coast Panthers have been a huge success and it could not have been done without the help from the Coaches. All our coaches are volunteers and give their personal time up to train and help the boys and girls of our league. We are always in need of more volunteers for coaches. We are currently seeking volunteers for the Spring and Fall Season, please speak with a board member or contact us through our website. This is a great way to give back to your community and help make a difference.

We are also gearing up for the annual voting for the Board of the Space Coast Panthers league. Nominations will be accepted on December 6th and the board elections will be made on December 10th. Every 2016 volunteer is eligible to vote, so come out and make a difference and make your voice heard.

Thank You –

We would like to make sure our parents, board members, all volunteers, and our sponsors know how much we appreciate all they have done. Without you we would not be a success. We

would like to thank you all for being a huge part of our league and helping make the 2016 year great. Support from the community is what keeps our league going year after year. A very special thank you goes out to our sponsors:

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For more information:
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Frisbee Golf Fridays

Cape Canaveral Culture & Leisure Services Department will be hosting family friendly Frisbee Golf evenings every third Friday. A temporary nine hole course will be set up at Manatee Sanctuary Park, located on 701 Thurm Boulevard in Cape Canaveral from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. Frisbee golf is for all ages and there is no cost to participate. A limited amount of Frisbees are available for use and players are encouraged to bring their own.

For more information, call the Culture & Leisure Services office at (321) 868-1226 or visit us at www.cityofcapecanaveral.org for the latest information on this and all other events hosted by the City of Cape Canaveral.



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Walter Butler Community Center - December, 2016

Bernice G. Jackson Park, 4201 North US Hwy 1, Sharpes.

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

26th Center Closed Christmas Holiday

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

Open Gym, 5-8 pm

Open Computer Lab, 6-8 pm

12th Girl Scouts Troop 505, 5:30-7:30 pm

Tuesdays

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

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

13 & 27 - Boy Scouts 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Open Gym, 5-8 pm

Open Computer Lab, 6-8 pm

Zumba 6-7 p.m.

Wednesdays

Pickleball, 11 am-2 pm

Open Computer Lab, 12-2 & 6-8 pm

Volleyball Fundamentals, 5-8 pm

Zumba, 6-7 pm

Thursdays

Pickleball, 11 am-2 pm

Open Computer Lab 12 - 2 & 6-8 p.m.

Volleyball Fundamentals, 5-8 pm

Zumba, 6-7 pm

Fridays

23rd - Center Closed for Christmas Holiday

Pickleball, 11 am-2 pm

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

Art Club, 3-4 pm

Saturdays

24th Center Closed Christmas Holiday

3rd, 10th & 17th Basketball League Games

PickleBall, 11 am-2 pm

Program Activities, 10 am - 2 pm

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 Kowaleuski at (321) 403-6918 for more information.

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.

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.

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.

The trouble with life is there's no background music.

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Won't you come join us? We meet on the 2nd Thursday of every month at the Discovery Church at 3925 Grissom Pkwy. at 7:00 pm. www.canaveralgroveshoa.org

Fruit From the Groves, Cont.

the birth of the Baby Jesus. Joy and Celebration was everywhere, but not at the mean old man's house. All was dark and dank while he sipped on gruel and lukewarm tea, even though he was the richest man in the village. When all of a sudden, there was a bright light descending from the Heavens and in this light was an army of Angels carrying Christmas trees. There was a loud knock at the old man's door. He, like Scrooge, dressed in his bed clothes and a night cap, shuffled to the door. "Alright, alright, I am coming." he shouted. Upon opening the door, there stood an Angel with a Christmas tree. "Sir, I am here with your Christmas tree and it is \$50.00 COD." "Where would you like me to put it?"

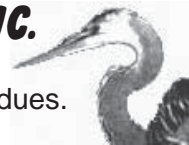
And that, dear friends is how the angel got on top of the christmas tree!

Please, lets not lose sight of the true meaning of Christmas. Whatever your faith may be, this is a time of celebration: Connecting with friends and family, both near and far. Having compassion for others who may be less fortunate. Showing tolerance and expressing love by either a hand shake, a pat on the back, a hug or maybe just a smile may suffice. Pay it forward when you can and above all, love God and love people. A new year is upon us and we are all going to have to come together to move ahead for a better tomorrow.

Be sure and read all our staff articles. There is always something for everyone and utilize our advertisers. Without their support, there would be no Happenings.

Until next month, Lord willin' and the creek don't rise. I remain your servant.

- Bill Cannon



Fruit From the Groves, Cont.

Gosh Canaveral Groves" and all is as well as it can be. Please remember that ya'll can get your copy of Happenings at the Exxon Station on 520.

With the new year upon us, we at CGHI would like to encourage that you participate in your Homeowners Association. Participation is down and we would like for more families to take part. We are all volunteers and membership is voluntary as well. Dues are only \$15.00 annually and that is one heck of a deal. We are not a proactive organization looking for code violations in our community, but rather a clearing house for information that can be beneficial to our residents. If we can't give you a good answer, we can steer you in the right direction to get the information you need. So, be on the look out for our 2017 Membership Drive and take an active part in your community. If you have any questions, please call me, Bill Cannon at 321-632-7483.

Due to everyone's busy schedules, THERE WILL BE NO CGHI MEETING IN DECEMBER. The next meeting will be Thursday, January 12th. I would like to thank all the officers for helping us make it through 2016. Also, thanks to VP Ed Silva for keeping us up to date and managing the Canaveral Groves Bulletin Board on Facebook. We at CGHI wish all a very Merry Christmas, a Joyous Holiday Season and a Happy New Year.

An update on citizens against the train.....

More excellent coverage from The Bond Buyer regarding Martin and Indian River counties' motions for summary judgments requesting a federal judge block the \$1.75 billion private activity bond allocation for the ill-conceived All Aboard Florida passenger rail project. "We're hoping the case will be submitted to the judge in early December, and then the judge will dispose of the case as he sees fit," said Stephen Ryan, a partner with McDermott Will & Emery LLP, which represents Martin County. Both counties said in filings that the judge should rule in favor of their claim that the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) violated the National Environmental Policy Act at the time it approved AAFs bonds. The DOT has given AAF until Jan. 1 to issue the bonds. The federal judge who ruled in favor of allowing the lawsuits to move forward said that "...the counties proved that the DOT bond allocation should have been considered in a federal environmental review process." He also

said "The counties had legal standing to proceed with their challenges because they demonstrated that the project likely would not be built without tax-exempt financing. Information produced during discovery ...raised 'legitimate questions' about All Aboard Florida's commitment to completing the second phase of its project, from West Palm Beach to Orlando, without the use of private activity bonds." The judge also said the issue "casts some doubt as to whether AAF is truly serious about moving forward with phase 2 of the project regardless of the outcome of this lawsuit."

From Citizens against the Train: "Without a permit, the Train is toast."

Previously, we noted that All Aboard Florida's done deal was coming undone. Martin, St. Lucie and Indian River Counties are trying to make sure that's so. These counties are scheduled to meet with an Administrative Law Judge on December 19-22 to address a permit granted to All Aboard Florida by the South Florida Water Management District. This is not just a public comment, this is a legal challenge.

The challenge relates to AAF impacts on wetlands, degraded water quality and harm to endangered species. In addition, the counties believe SFWMD failed to consider that high speed passenger trains are fundamentally different than lumbering freight trains.

All three counties are determined to protect the natural resources and quality of life of their residents from the invasion of All Aboard Florida. We stand with the counties.

AAF appears to be losing ground as their plans continue to be challenged. Already they can't sell their bonds to raise needed capital. And their parent company, Fortress, may abandon the freight business. Now some of their permits to proceed may be revoked. No permit means no deal. All Aboard Florida is not only coming undone, they may be done.

MORE RAIL NEWS.....

The following article was written by Mr. Dave Berman, Florida Today, on 11/16/2016

A proposed cargo rail route through Cape Canaveral Air Force Station looks more promising now than it was perceived a year ago, Canaveral Port Authority Chairman Tom Weinberg says.

Weinberg — who was elected by port commissioners as chairman on Wednesday — told commissioners they likely will hear a consultant's

report on the route at their Dec. 20 meeting.

That route is among three that have been considered by port officials during the last several years. "It's been an important issue for this board, our staff and community," Weinberg said.

Weinberg said the port commissioners want to focus on an option that is the "least expensive" of the three, would have the "least impact on the community" and "would meet the environmental studies that would be required."

Port officials are looking to establish a rail link between the port cargo area and an existing Florida East Coast Railway line west of U.S. 1 as a way to boost the port's cargo business.

Christ Central Church would like to invite you and your children to visit their Christmas Village and tree lot. Proceeds benefit the Youth Program. The tree lot opened on November 25 and runs until all the trees are sold. Santa's Workshop will be on Friday, Nov. 25, Friday, December 2nd and Friday, December 9th from 7-9 P.M. There will be Christmas crafts and baked goods for sale as well as Santa and his elves, so stop by and visit with Santa. Christ Central Church is located at 2010 N. US 1.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, December 17th. It is the 27th Annual PSJ Christmas Parade. It begins at 11:00A.M. and the route is east along Fay Blvd. from Waterloo to Carole Ave. This year's theme is "A Space Age Christmas." For more information, call Randy at Happenings, 321-633-7499. Hope to see you there!

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

This month's offering is one of my favorite Fractured Fairy Tales for Christmas.

Once upon a time in a far away place, there lived a mean old man. This old man was very similar to Mr. Scrooge of the Victorian age story. He was all alone and it was Christmas time, not his favorite time of the year. Like Scrooge, he owned an accounting firm and was very demanding on his employees, even wanting them to work on Christmas Day with no extra compensation. Twelve hours a day, seven days a week, he was relentless in his demands. He scared small children and kicked any dog that got close enough for him to do so. What a terrible soul with no relief in sight. It was Christmas Eve and all was covered with glorious snow. What a beautiful sight to behold. The residents of the town were making preparations for the arrival of Santa and

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WOW, what an exciting month November was with the election. I had hoped that all the negative discourse from the media would have quieted down by now, but the media folks are still hanging on. Oh well, life goes on and the sun will come up tomorrow.

The GREAT NUT SALE OF 2016 was a huge success. Conley Jordan was responsible for coordinating and facilitating this year's sale and, as usual, went above and beyond to make this year's sale such the success it was. Conley wanted to publicly thank all those residents from Titusville, Port St. John, Canaveral Groves,

Cocoa/Rockledge, Merritt Island and Cocoa Beach who purchased our pecans and cashews this year. Without your support our success would not have been possible. Thanks also to our members who helped with the sale as well.

November's CGHI meeting was attended by Lt. Simpkins of the Brevard County Sheriff's Department. He reported that statistically, the crime rate here in the Groves is below the norm. He was informed that speeding is still a major issue on our roads. There is an increased presence of Deputies and tickets have been issued, but the situation still exists. Just today, I was illegally passed on Lee street because I was doing the speed limit. I guess maybe that guy had an emergency.

Speaking of emergency, the young man who airs out his rice rocket almost every work day

on Pine Street is going to be part of one. You are a dangerous, selfish young man, I think. You are going to kill someone; more than likely yourself. You can't have any regard for your own or any one's safety. You are going to make your parents very sad one day, so I would like to give you some advise. Please contact Mr. Cary Troxel at Funeral Solutions, 638-1373. They have a wonderful insurance plan that will cover the cost of your funeral and you can get the pay-as-you-go plan. That way you can relieve your family of any unexpected cost due to your stupidity. Don't bother to sign up as an organ donor because when you crash, your organs will be useless. Cary is the last person to let you down. I hope you have a wonderful Christmas Season, if you live that long.

I have heard from Jerry Wall out in "West by
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