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Spring Holiday Season Is Here!

Mardi Gras Casino Night

The Cocoa Beach Regional Chamber of Commerce will host the 7th Annual Mardi Gras Casino Night on Friday, March 11 from 6-9 PM at Lexus of Melbourne, 6927 Bromley Ave., Viera. This fun community event is open to the public and is sponsored by The Avenue Viera, Victory Casino Cruises, Hometown News, Any Occasion Catering, Melbourne Greyhound Park/Club 52 and Casino Party Planners.

Advanced tickets can be purchased for \$20, or a discounted price of two for \$30. Save \$10 if you purchase tickets by March 4. Entry for this event includes \$100 in chips, a silent auction, entertainment and the Spin-To-Wheel provided by The Beach 98.5. The hors d'oeuvres and cash bars will be provided by Any Occasion Catering.

For more information or to purchase tickets, contact the Cocoa Beach Regional Chamber of Commerce at (321) 459-2200 or visit CocoaBeachChamber.com. For sponsorship opportunities and to donate items, please contact 321-459-2200.



St. Patrick's Dinner Dance

Saturday, March 12th

Doors open at 6:00 pm.

Dinner will be corned beef with all the trimmings.



Tickets are \$15/pp. BYOB.

Children under 12 are FREE.

Contact Donna at 610-500-1824.

Music by Frankie C.

St. Patrick's Anglican Catholic Church
4797 Curtis Blvd. in Port St. John.

Flashlight Egg Hunt & Movie in the Park Saturday, March 19

Fay Park
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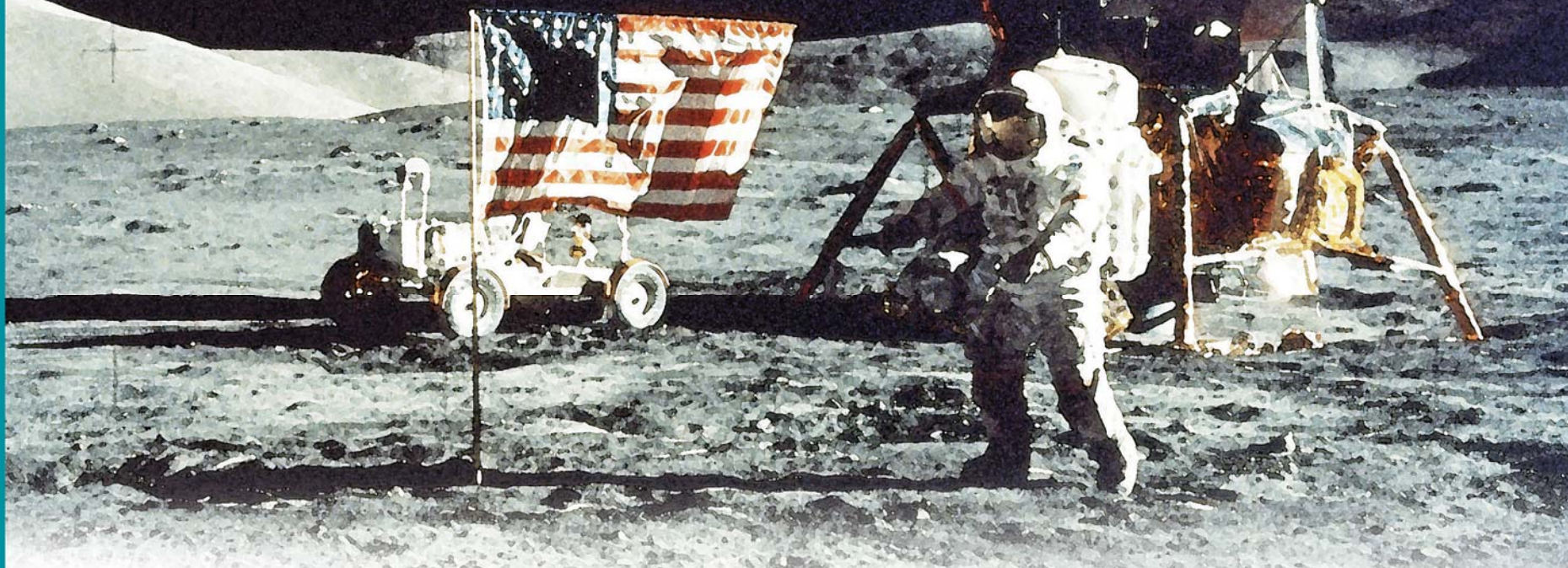
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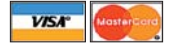
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PSJ Community Center Schedule - March, 2016

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

Seniors at Lunch, 10 am - 1 pm

Mondays

Lil' Sports – Pre-school Athletics, 9:30-10:15 am

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

Outside Basketball, 4-8 p.m.

Teen Billiards, 4-8 p.m.

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

14th & 28th - Girl Scouts Troop 471, 5:30-7 p.m.

14th & 28th - Daisy Troop 210, 6-7:15 p.m.

Tuesdays

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

Senior Wii Bowling, 12-2 p.m.

Outside Basketball, 1-8 p.m.

Teen Billiards, 4-8 p.m.

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

Cub Pack 704, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Wednesdays

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

Dream Weavers (knitting Club) 1-3 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.

Teen Billiards, 4-8 p.m.

Daisy Troop 1902, 4- 5:30 p.m.

Girl Scouts Troop 835, 5:30-7 p.m.

Fridays

Outside Basketball 10-2 p.m.

Teen Billiards 10-2 p.m.

Spring Break Camp: March 21st – 25th.

Open to Children who have completed Kindergarten through 6th grade, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., inclusive of before and after care.

Weekly Camp Fee: \$90 – 1st child; \$81 – additional child. Daily Fee \$30. Discounts are

available to families who receive food stamp assistance or are enrolled in the free-lunch program offered through Brevard County School Board.

Activities include indoor and outdoor games, stories, arts & crafts, special activities and field trips. Participants must participate in 3 days of camp to attend field trips. Special activities and field trip fees are an additional cost.

Spring Break Activities

North Area Parks Operations will be sponsoring 3 Special Event activities during Spring Break, March 21-25, 2016. Children ages 6-12 years of age are eligible to participate.

Rocket Construction: (Tuesday, Mar. 22nd, 10-12 noon), Launch (Friday 10 am). Cost \$5.

Wii Challenge Competition: (Wednesday, Mar. 23rd, 12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.). Cost \$2.

Cup Cake Warz: (Thursday, March 24th, 1-3 p.m.). Cost \$3.

All interested participants must pre-register for the activity no later than March 18th. For more information, contact Dan Cook at (321) 633-1904 or N. Brevard Parks at 321-264-5105.



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Good Day! by Maureen Rupe Saying goodbye to a Dear Old Friend

Sadly we said goodbye to Martin Sullivan last month. Martin was a great supporter of the Port St. John HOA. He was there on the front lines when we argued with state and county for quality of life issues twenty-plus years ago. Martin also helped our Port St. John Seniors and AARP. Good night, God bless.

And So the Bickering on Road Funding Starts - As I predicted last month, there are some stupid suggestions being recommended to find money to fund roads. It only took until the next meeting, where Commissioner Infantini added to the schedule a resolution to dissolve all Community Redevelopment Agencies, plus the North Brevard Economic Zone. Besides that, at the same meeting Commissioner Smith suggested cutting \$510,200 in community grants to non-profit community-based organizations, where the largest was \$90,000 for Senior Meals On Wheels for senior nutrition and assistance, plus cutting funds from Cuyler Park and Mims Community

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Center. Although the vote was tabled, Commissioner Fisher asked for no further discussion on ways to fund roads until a workshop was held to fully understand the implications. It passed three votes to two with Commissioners Infantini and Smith voting against the measure.

Let's look at CRAs - A dependent special district in which any future increases in property values are set aside to support economic development projects within that district. Under Florida law (Chapter 163, Part III), local governments are able to designate areas as CRAs to include, but are not limited to: the presence of substandard or inadequate structures; a shortage of affordable housing; inadequate infrastructure; insufficient roadways; and inadequate parking. The North Brevard Economic Zone was set up because of the dependency on the space shuttle, and how north Brevard got short-changed all the time.

There are currently 178 CRAs in Florida and 19 in Brevard, almost all of them made up of county and city partnerships, not just county money. The CRA is responsible for developing

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and implementing the plan of the targeted area. The plan includes the overall goals for redevelopment in the area, as well as identifying the types of projects planned for the area. The tax increment revenues can be used immediately, saved for a project, or can be bonded to maximize the available funds.

CRAs are a financing tool for redevelopment. The CRA term is limited to 30 years and 40 years if prolonged. After that time, all revenues go back to the taxing authorities.

We cannot delete all CRAs in Brevard without knowing the implications. We don't know how much we lose if we stop funding. Are we, in North Brevard, stuck with an empty lot for a mall? What about the numerous Titusville, Cocoa, Cape Canaveral, Cocoa Beach, Satellite Beach, Melbourne and Palm Bay CRAs, to name a few throughout Brevard? Do we lose federal and state funding in the case of Olde Eau Gallie Riverfront Community Redevelopment Agency or the Indian River Lagoon Scenic Highway? We can't afford to get rid of all our CRAs without

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knowing the consequences of our actions.

People in the county are already looking at defunding or privatizing our parks (leasing to organizations to run). The Port St. John Community Center, Fay Lake Park and the Space Coast Communities Sports Complex were bought and paid for through a Municipal Service Taxing Unit (MSTU) referendum voted on in the 90's which we are all still taxed, so I hope they are not planning to lease our facilities. I'll have all the facts and figures next month. This should be interesting reading for all newcomers to the community.

Reference:

Dave Bergman, Brevard Delays Vote on Roads, Florida Today, January 27, 2016.

<http://redevelopment.net/cra-resources/q-a-for-cras/>

Liquefied Natural Gas Facility Development - The following is from Titusville Talking Points, January, 2016:

City Staff members met with representatives of the liquefied natural gas (LNG) facility to review the site plan on July 17, 2015. The clear-

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ing plan for the site is under review and approval is anticipated in the coming weeks. The project developer plans to begin meetings with interested parties to provide safety related information as key design and thanks to Titusville City Council members, I have been approved to attend these meetings and will present the information to the community.

Reference:

Titusville Talking Points, January 2016.

House Bill Makes it that much Harder For Schools - According to a story in the Tampa Bay Times, by Jeffery Solechek, titled "Florida House would make it harder for school districts to pass tax referenda," the Florida House Appropriations Committee is making life that much harder to ask residents to find revenue for building and capital projects. House Bill 791 passed unanimously to require 60% voter approval for local tax referenda held during primary elections. Those held during general elections would require a simple majority. To top it off, the proposed legislation bars special elections for local tax measures.

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So much for home rule!

Reference:

<http://www.tampabay.com/blogs/gradebook/florida-house-would-make-it-harder-for-school-districts-to-pass-tax/2264861>

Senate Kills Pay Increase, but Who Cares

According to the Palm Beach Post, there was legislation proposed to increase the salary of the Florida Senate from a little less than \$30,000 to \$50,000. "Bill sponsor Sen. Arthenia Joyner said she wanted a pay raise for legislators in order to attract more working class people to the Florida Legislature."

According to a story in FloridaWatchdog.org by William Patrick, "Florida senators carry a combined \$144 million in personal wealth," the combined net worth of the Florida Senate's 40 members was nearly \$144 million." That's one reason they don't seem to care much what the voters want.

To top it off, it's even a 7.1 increase over last year and an 18 percent increase since 2011.

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Good Day, cont.

17 of the 40 state senators are millionaires, and the average net worth of the other 23 senators less than \$1 million is \$361,628. Makes you wonder who they are really working for.

Reference:

<http://www.palmbeachpost.com/ap/ap/florida/florida-senate-kills-bill-to-increase-legislative-/nqQ8m/>

<http://watchdog.org/201681/florida-senate-wealth/>

I Wish I Understood - "Palm Bay Mayor, Council Rejects a Human Rights Proposal," was the headline. At least there is Michele Paccione, who was the first Council member in Brevard to have the heart to bring this ordinance to a city council.

Palm Bay was looking at an ordinance that was entirely political; an ordinance to make their city fair to all tax-paying residents. That is what they are elected for, or at least should have been. They should not be swayed from what is right. Not because 500 people show up saying it's a religious issue. I thought the constitution covered discrimination. But right now, you can

be fired and lose your job for being gay. To be gay or transgender is not against the law. But still this discrimination persists.

Is there a city in Brevard or the county that will stop this discrimination? Let us see how long it takes.

How can that many people turn out with such discriminating signs and comments? A pastor in Palm Bay actually said, "We love all people. We, the people demand you annul the ordinance."

Or, a resident that told the council, "I am not here to take away anyone's rights," and, "We just want to know that this ordinance will not discriminate against our convictions."

I heard reference pertaining to the Old Testament concerning this issue. That I understand, but I have always thought from teachings all the way from childhood, that Jesus came to change man, to end the hatred, "the fighting," the discrimination. "Matthew 7:1; Judge Not lest ye be judged." I could fill a page with Christ's words, which clearly shows he came to make a better life and death for us all. If you are a Christian, then you are supposed to be a follower of Christ, not live out the Old Testament.

I don't understand.

"No matter how noble the objectives of a government, if it blurs decency and kindness, cheapens human life and breeds ill will and suspicion, it is an evil government.

Erik Hoffer, 1954

Reference:

<https://www.americanprogress.org/issues/lgbt/news/2012/10/18/41907/infographic-gay-and-transgender-workers-lack-comprehensive-workplace-protections/>

<http://www.floridatoday.com/story/news/2016/02/04/palm-bay-considers-human-rights-ordinance/79780040/>

Cheerio,

Maureen

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Vintage Clothing Exhibit

The Historic Pritchard House will be hosting their Vintage Clothing Exhibit the entire month of March by appointment. The cost is \$15.00. Call to schedule your tours at 321-607-0203.

The Historic Pritchard House is located at 424 S. Washington Avenue, Titusville.

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Spring is approaching (as evidenced by seemingly faster moving clocks and calendars, not to mention Mr. Punxsutawney Phil). So let us welcome spring with a beautiful Afternoon Tea and wonderful teas, further accompanied by a lovely Vintage Clothing Exhibit.

The event will be held on two Saturdays for your selection: March 5th and April 2nd, each at 2:00 pm at the Historic Pritchard House, 424 South Washington Avenue in Titusville.

Seating is limited, reservations are required and seating is \$25.00. RSVP by phone to 321-607-0203 or by email to thepritchardhouse@yahoo.com to make your reservation.

SCHS Project Graduation 2016

Yard Sale & Car Wash - Sat. March 12, starts at 7am-2pm - 1st Baptist Church (corner of Fay & Carole) Senior volunteers are needed. To volunteer or make a donation to the yard sale, call/text Trish 321-720-2586.

Project Grad Restaurant Nights:

March 3rd, Sonny's BBQ - Thursday, (5-9PM) - Dine in, carry out, or drive thru. Ask your server to put your receipt in the Viper Box.

March 8th, Chippies Frozen Yogurt - Tues. (2:30-8:00pm) - enjoy delicious frozen yogurt customized by you. Choose from several flavors of frozen yogurt & top with your choice of yummy items (everything from fresh fruit to decadent candies). You pay by the ounce. Located in Fay Plaza behind the Kangaroo on Fay Blvd.

March 9th, Pizza Hut - Wed. (all day) - order carryout or delivery. Tell them you are supporting the Vipers or Project Graduation.

Every Monday, Domino's Pizza - (all day) - order "Viper Special," (med. 1 topping for \$6).

Every Wednesday, Domino's Pizza (2:15-5pm) - order "Viper Afterschool Special" (med. cheese for \$4.99), Coupon code "VIP."

Golf Ball Tournament, April 16th: 4 Person Best Ball Scramble, shotgun start, \$40 per person, 8:00 am, Sherwood Golf Club. Contact Kerry Hammers, 321-759-3902 or chammers@bellsouth.net

Golf Ball Drop, May 14th at 12pm, Tickets are \$20 each or 2/\$35. Winner gets \$1,000.00 in cash!! Drop will be at Sam's Executive Golf Course. Contact Linda Galton, 321-633-6805.

Would you or your business like to make a donation to Project Graduation? Your donation may be mailed to: Space Coast Project Graduation, 728 West Avenue #168, Port St. John, Florida, 32927. If you have items in need of pick up, have questions or comments please contact Trisha Reynolds at 321-720-2586. If you would like a donation request letter, send an email to SCprojectGrad2016@gmail.com .

Space Coast Jr/Sr High Project Graduation 2016

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April 11

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Monthly Tax Update

Let's start with getting married. Substantial changes will occur to your tax situation when two single people decide to get married. It really changes when a child is involved. I would highly recommend you review your tax filing results after getting married.

Okay, let's go further and discuss all issues with name changing events. All the names on your tax return must match the Social Security Administration records. A name mismatch can delay your refund. Here's what you should know if you changed your name: Report name changes immediately to the Social Security Administration (SSA). Did you get married and are now using your new spouse's last name or hyphenated your last name? Did you divorce and go back to using your former last name? In either case, you should notify the SSA of your name change. That way, your new name on your IRS records will match up with your SSA records.

It usually takes a few months for the information to be uploaded from SSA to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) computers. Remember, the SSA office is located at the corner of US 1

and Canaveral Groves Blvd. to make the changes and update the information.

Another important change may be reporting the changes to your health insurance coverage provider, especially, the Health Insurance Marketplace. You may receive the benefit of advance payments of the premium health care assistance. These are the payments directly to your insurance company to lower your monthly premium. Report changes in circumstances, such as a name change, a new address and a change in your income or family size to the Marketplace when they happen throughout the year. Reporting the changes will help you avoid getting too much or too little advance payment of the premium tax credit.

You also need to contact your financial advisor to update your account registrations, change your driver's license, notify your medical professionals, go by the bank and have your wills, living trust and power of attorneys reflect your new name.

Another item of importance that kind of goes along with your name change is the increasing IRS Email schemes. The IRS is seeing an approximate 400% surge in phishing and malware incidents this tax season. The phony emails are designed to trick taxpayers into thinking they are official communications from the IRS or

others in the tax industry, including tax software companies. Emails can seek information related to refunds, filing status, confirming personal information, ordering transcripts and verifying PIN information. Variations of these scams can be seen via text messages and the communications are being reported in every section of the country.

Recent email examples the IRS has come across include subject lines and underlying text referencing; numerous variations about people's tax refund, they need to update your filing details, which can include references to your W-2 information or confirming your personal information, efforts to get your Identity Protection or E-File PIN, or requiring you to order a transcript by obtaining your information and finally, they stress they are trying to complete your tax return information and you need to provide them information for verification. There isn't any need to report them to the Sheriff's department or IRS since reports have already been done numerous times.

It's important to remember, IRS will not initiate any contact by phone. Any IRS requirements will be requested by mail. If you want to call me, I'll be happy to discuss the situation with you. I DON'T WANT YOU TO BECOME A VICTIM OF THESE SCAMMERS.

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sibility to discuss any tax and financial changes with your professional advisor so he can assist you in evaluating your situation. 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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It's been pretty quiet in our neck of the woods. There have been more lost pets than incidents of theft that have been reported.

To keep the pets 'contained' a little better, someone started a PSJ lost and found page for pets.

More people are asking to join the page and it's growing.

More folks have shown more interest in my FB page since I started writing in. I'm looking forward to our next get-together in Spring. Nobody really likes attending regular meetings, so we get together a couple of times a year to raise funds and awareness for our community and those in need who can benefit from therapeutic programs to help them to become more productive.

Don't forget to join the OFFICIAL Neighborhood Watch Page and the PSJ Watch and Connection page on Facebook, along with any other PSJ related public service pages.

May the egg you find not be rotten, and may HIS purpose not be forgotten! Happy Easter everyone!
~ Neighbor Nell

SCHS Cheerleader Tryouts

Do you want to be a cheerleader at SCHS next year? It's time to try out for the 2016 - 2017 season!

There is a Mandatory Parent Meeting that the child AND a parent must attend coming up in March. There are 2 dates to pick from: March 15th at 6:30 pm or March 16th at 6:30 pm. Both meetings will be held in the cafeteria. The clinic for tryouts will be held April 11-14th, 5:30 - 7:30 pm in the gym with tryouts being held on April 15th starting at 5:30 pm. You AND a parent must attend one of the Mandatory Parent Meetings in order to be eligible to attend the clinic for tryouts. Come one, come all! The meeting and clinics are for the Middle School, Jr. Varsity and Varsity squads.

Come support the Viper Cheerleaders at our Spirit Day at Kelly's BBQ on March 20th from 11am to 9 pm. Whether you are dining in or taking out, just mention you are there to support the Viper Cheerleaders or put your receipt in the box at the door to show your support! Enjoy some of their delicious BBQ and support the cheerleaders at the same time! Hope to see you there!

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Rose's Room

Spring has sprung!

The other side of the Mason Dixon line is thawing, weather reporters are aiming their pointy things at areas that can expect rain instead of snow and showing pictures of trucks stuck in the mud instead of ice. A furry friend gets held in the air by a gentleman in a top hat. Somewhere among all that someone will snap a picture of a small blue bud pushing through one of the last pockets of snow.

One of the things that makes our little piece of paradise so wonderful is our change of seasons. Despite the old adage that our seasons are Summer-Still Summer-Late Summer and Almost Summer, we do have our ways of noting the change. We don't join our northern neighbors counting the days until we can hang up our snow shovels and parkas, but at this time of year some of us begin resembling Bassett hounds at a Bar B Que, raising our noses into the air searching for the slightest whiff of orange-tangerine-grapefruit blossoms.

I have always been a citrus fruit aficionado. I consume it fresh by the pound; squeeze enough

juice to fill a pool, and spend hours sectioning whole fruit for freezing.

Growing up surrounded by groves in pre-air-conditioned Merritt Island, I was lucky enough to be able to just reach out and pluck whatever I wanted, and most of my adult life I have been lucky enough to have friends and family with fruit trees. But two years ago I finally acquired my own "grove."

The nursery attendant explained it was the last grapefruit tree in stock and he was pretty sure it was a Ruby Red. It was so scraggly the mother in me wanted to take it home and feed it. Carefully positioning the poor little thing in the back floor of my car, I held my breath as I carefully bent the tallest branch so I could close the door. Arriving home and unloading it just as gently, I promptly spent several hours happily digging the hole, planting and watering.

The tree promptly dropped all its leaves save six on its now crooked tallest branch.

The tree grew not an inch the whole summer and winter, but its six little leaves hung on, and in the spring one branch sprouted several more leaves and, lo and behold, three flowers which

eventually became baby grapefruit!

One bright morning I caught just a glimpse of a gray streak moving at lightning speed in the direction of my little tree.

It was like a scene from a bad movie; I spotted the squirrel at the same moment he saw me...I began running across the yard. Scant feet ahead of me he reached the only branch on the whole tree that held the only baby grapefruit on the whole tree and in one smooth motion, yanked it off, bit into it, then threw it to the ground and scampered up the live oak.

I stood open mouthed in amazement for several moments, then headed for the house.

Digging down to the very bottom of my old freezer, I pulled out what appeared to be the few remaining pieces of wild game left from my brother's last hunting season. Thanks to the defrosting ability of the microwave and the quick cook section of our new Bar-B-Que grill, the aroma of what could be Broasted Eastern Gray Squirrel...OR possibly a whole roasting chicken...wafted skyward ...carried by copious amounts of smoke.

I swear I heard a tiny rodent gasp escape the



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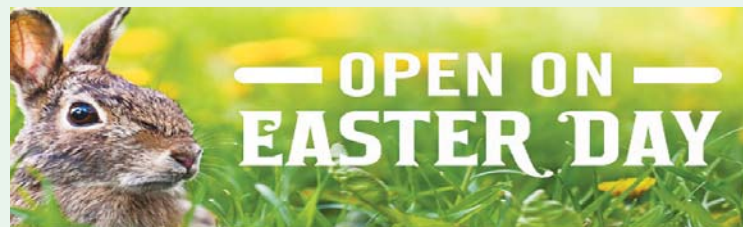
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squirrel's lips as he clutched his chest, just before he left our yard at a full gallop never to return (I think). If there had been anyone home to help douse the flames I would have followed suit.

I don't know how "real" citrus growers do it, but in my little world I'm thinking the BBQ grill parked next to the little tree in my yard may just be my insurance for a good grapefruit crop.

~ Rose Padrick

Spring Festival of Crafts

The Eleventh Annual Fox Lake Spring Festival of Crafts will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 5, at Fox Lake Park in Titusville. Only handmade and homemade crafts will be offered for sale at the event. Sale of direct sales company products is not permitted. Concessions will be available for purchase and the event is free to attend.

Fox Lake Park is located at 4400 Fox Lake Road in Titusville. This event is sponsored by the Brevard County Parks and Recreation Department's North Area Parks Operations. For more information about this and other recreation programs in North Brevard, call (321) 264-5105.

AccordionFest 2016

The Central Florida Accordion Club presents its annual extravaganza, 2016 AccordionFest. Join us on Saturday March 5th, noon – 6:00 pm at the Titusville Elks Lodge #2113, 2955 Columbia Blvd, Titusville.

The event will include LOTS of entertainment: Frank Moravcik Band, John Lobosco (accordionist), Joe Aloï (accordionist), Accordion and Button Box Jam with Linda Hochevar and more, plus raffles, 50/50 and other prizes.

Food and drinks will be available for purchase. Admission is \$12.00 per person in advance, \$15.00 at the door. Make checks payable to CFAC. Send orders to Ailene Picheco (321-652-0680), 345 Hula Circle, Merritt Island, FL 32952.

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Kentucky Derby Party

North Brevard Charities Sharing Center will host an inaugural Kentucky Derby Party fundraiser on Saturday, May 7th, 3:00 pm at Walkabout Country Club, 3770 Walkabout Way, Mims.

Everyone is invited. Wear your best derby hat for a prize and more!

If you are interested in having a great time and helping good causes, reserve your seats by April 30, 2016. Tickets are \$50 per person.

Call 321-383-3026 for more information.

Shred Day In PSJ

BCSO will be hosting a shred event in Port St. John on March 18th, 8 - 9:30 am behind the Sheriff's waystation on Fay Blvd. across from the Kangaroo station.

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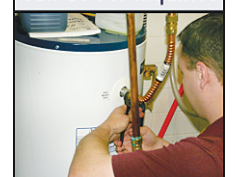


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Alcoholics Anonymous meets in PSJ on **Sundays** at 5 p.m. and Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. at 4797 Curtis Boulevard (St. Patrick's Church).

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.

Women's Step Study on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays 10 am, at St. Patrick's Church, 4797 Curtis Blvd. Call Jean, 321-637-1392.

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

3-1 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.

3-2 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.

3-8 International Women's Day!

3-9 '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.

3-10 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.

3-11 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.

3-13 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.

3-13 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.

3-16 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.

3-17 St. Patrick's Day

3-18 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.

3-20 Palm Sunday

3-21 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.

3-22 Moonlight Quilters Guild meets at the North Brevard Library in Titusville, 2121 Hopkins 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.

3-25 Good Friday

3-27 Easter

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Isaac Kois turns **26** on the 6th.
Mandy Pannullo turns **23** on the 8th.
Aiden Firth turns **6** on the 8th.
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Paris Ragan parties LOUD on the 9th.
Jason Rockhill turns mo' better on the 9th.
Brett Messer turns **20** on the 10th.
Patty Benoff has a spanking day on the 10th.
Timothy Rausch turns **34** on the 12th.
Carol Kremer rocks the town on the 14th.
Rhonda Rockhill is more lovely on the 15th.
Paige Burris dances all night on the 17th.
Tonya Dees remains beautiful on the 18th.
Lucas Erickson turns **18** on the 18th.
Amaya Rockhill turns **10** on the 18th.
Brent Bray turns **27** on the 21st.
Cheryl Rausch turns **59** on the 23rd.
Alexys Sladyk turns **15** on the 24th.
Carter Niehoff turns **5** on the 27th.
Jim Carnell has a spanking day on the 29th.
Tommy Kenney breaks thru to 22 on the 31st.
Norm & Sue Blum celebrate their 33rd Anniversary on the 4th.
Lisa & Cary Troxel celebrate the day Cary robbed the cradle on the 26th. Rock on!
Dave and Valerie Hannen celebrate their 31st wedding anniversary on March 30th.
We have lots of room for more good news.
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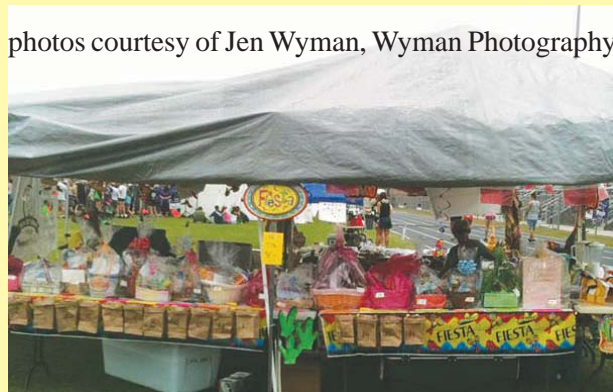
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1165 Fay Blvd, Port St. John. For tickets call the church office at 631-0183.

K9s 4-Equine 4-Harmony Paws & Their People; Fun Dog Walk

Harmony Farms will be hosting a Fun Dog Walk from 11am-3pm, Sunday, March 13th. The walk will start at Harmony Farms, 2205 Pluckebaum Rd. Cocoa, then proceed down Pluckebaum Road (which will be closed to vehicle traffic), then to Brevard County Sheriff's Farm to admire all they do there, wrap around the lake, heading back to Harmony Farms & the

festivities! Total walk for you and your pooch is 2.5 miles.

Early registration is \$25. Day of event registration is \$30. The day will also include K-9 rescue groups, raffles and a lure course. Registration forms are available on HarmonyFarmsInc.com.

Free Tax Preparation

AARP Tax-Aide will be doing free tax preparation at the Port St. John Library on the following days: Monday, February 29, Wednesday, March 2



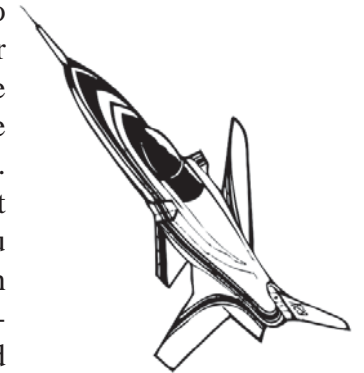
and Monday, March 7. The hours are from 1 PM to 5 PM. No appointment necessary.

You must have the Social Security card for everyone on your return and the taxpayer must have a photo ID. Be sure you have all your paperwork from employers, banks and brokers. If you want your refund directly deposited to your bank, you must have a check to determine the routing number and account number.

Helen Dezendorf, District Coordinator
AARP Tax-Aide, Brevard County

Experimental Aircraft Assn.

The next meeting of EAA Chapter 724 will be March 8th in the club house on Merritt Island Airport at 7:30 pm. If you have a passion or interest in aviation, then EAA 724 will bring you closer to the action. You don't have to be a pilot or aircraft owner to enjoy our group. Our chapter is a mixture of pilots, wannabe pilots and non-pilots. If you like aircraft and aviation you are welcome. Each month we have an interesting speaker and lots of hangar flying.



The airport is approximately 2 miles south of SR 520 on Courtney Parkway. Turn off Courtney onto the airport and then bear right. Across from the Fire House is the club house with the EAA logo on the end of the building.

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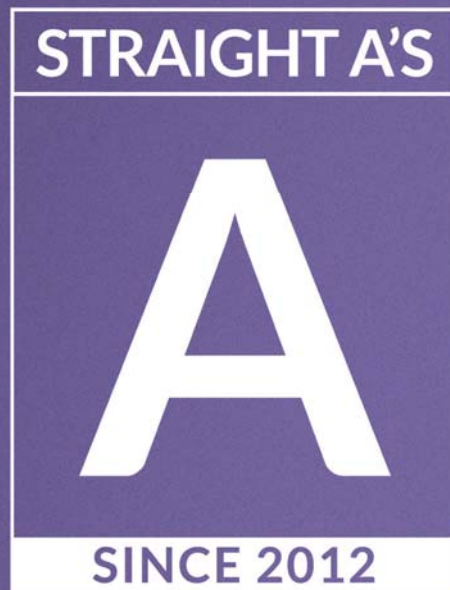
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JPMF Scholarship Applications

Jess Parrish Medical Foundation (JPMF) and Parrish Medical Center (PMC) Auxiliary are now accepting scholarship applications from high school seniors who plan to pursue a career in a medical or healthcare field related to human health. New this year, both organizations have combined their scholarship programs and will announce scholarship recipients in May, 2016.

Scholarships will be awarded to graduating high school seniors who reside in the Parrish Medical Center service area (SR 528 north to the Brevard/Volusia county line). Students must have a 3.0 grade point average or greater, based on a 4.0 scale. Students who have been awarded a JPMF and/or PMC Auxiliary scholarship in previous years may reapply provided they are continuing in a medical/healthcare field related to human health and have maintained at least a 3.0 grade point average. Graduate students are not eligible.

High school students who attend Astronaut High School, Space Coast Jr./Sr. High School and Titusville High School may obtain an application from the Guidance Office at their school. Others

may obtain an application by calling the Jess Parrish Medical Foundation at 321-269-4066 or by visiting parrishmedfoundation.com/scholarships. The deadline for submitting applications is Friday, March 11, 2016.

Martin Anderson Senior Center Dances

Martin Andersen Senior Center, 1025 S. Florida Ave., Rockledge, will host a Singles/Couples Ballroom Dance on Saturday, March 12th. 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.

Martin Andersen Senior Center will host a Singles/Couples Dance on Saturday, March 26th. 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. Call Martin Andersen Senior Center at 321-631-7556 for more information.



Karla Foster, RN, Scholarship Recipient

Jess Parrish Medical Foundation awarded the 2015 Karla Foster, RN, Memorial Scholarship of \$3,000 to Hannah Ball. The scholarship was established by Doug Foster in loving memory of his wife, Karla, who was tragically killed on September 11, 2006 by a hit and run driver. Karla had been a nurse at Parrish Medical Center for more than 22 years.

"I am so honored to receive this scholarship and carry on Karla Foster's legacy of providing healing care. I'm passionate about making a difference and nursing helps me provide hope to those in my care. I'm sincerely grateful to Jess Parrish Medical Foundation for awarding me with this scholarship, which will help me pay for tuition and achieve my goal of becoming a Registered Nurse," stated Ball, bachelor's degree student at University of West Florida.

For more information, please contact Jess Parrish Medical Foundation at 321-269-4066 or visit parrishmedfoundation.com.

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Passport to Wines

Aging Matters in Brevard will present the 9th Annual Passport to Wines Around the World, hosted by Miller & Hurt Financial Group, on Saturday, April 16, 2016 at the Space Coast Convention Center Holiday Inn, 301 Tucker Lane in Cocoa at 6:00 pm. The evening promises to be filled with tempting hors d'oeuvres, select wines, enjoyable entertainment, balloon pops, live auction and much more!

The event will feature auctioneer Sheriff Wayne Ivey, culinary creations by The Kitchen, special guest chefs and wine curated by Florida Wine and Spirits. Your support will help our Brevard aging community for years to come.

This event continues to grow and has become one of the most anticipated fundraising events of the year in Brevard County. Proceeds from the event support the Meals on Wheels Program, Seniors at Lunch, in-home personal care, the Sunflower House, Caregiver Support and Respite Care, transportation for seniors and veterans, and volunteer recruitment; all services that help seniors remain living in their own homes and avoiding long-term care placement.

Aging Matters in Brevard is recognized by the Florida Department of Elder Affairs and the Area Agency on Aging as the lead agency for senior services in Brevard County. Aging Matters in Brevard services are funded by federal, state, and local grants (Eligibility requirements may apply). Private pay services are also available.

Aging Matters in Brevard offers a wide variety of services to enable seniors to live safely and independently in their own homes.

For tickets, more information, or if you would like to sponsor this signature event, please call Jeanne at (321) 806-3767 or email at jhakkila@agingmattersbrevard.org.

Republican Club Meeting

Space Coast Republican Club meets at the Red Lobster on Merritt Island the last Wednesday of the month at 11:00 a.m. Lunch can be ordered from the menu. Guests and new members are always welcome.

If you'd like to know more about our group, you don't have to have a sponsor to attend. Come join us! Contact Sue Kunze, 321-735-4420 or email ssk2442@aol.com.

Central FL Accordion Club

The Brevard Chapter of the Central Florida Accordion Club (CFAC) presents a musical program the last Sunday of every month. Members play accordions and sometimes other instruments with various music styles. Guests are invited to attend and participate. Due to the Easter holiday, there will be no meeting in March, but a meeting on April 3rd as well as the 24th. The event is open to the public. Admission is free. The shows are on Sunday, 2:00-5:00 p.m., at the Elks Lodge #1532, 315 Florida Ave., Cocoa.

The club is dedicated to promoting the visibility and value of the accordion. For more information, contact Rod Hall, 866-455-2322.

National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE)

NARFE Apollo Chapter 1137 meets monthly on the second Monday of each month at Kay's BBQ Restaurant, SR 520 in Cocoa. You are invited to join us for lunch at 11:30 and an interesting speaker at 12:15. The March meeting will be on the 14th. No reservations required. Our website address is www.NARFE.org/Chapter1137.

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Mosquito Control Efforts Enhanced To Ward Off Zika Virus

Mosquito control inspectors are canvassing homes and businesses in the county to spread the word on preventive measures residents can take to avoid the mosquito-borne Zika virus.

The Florida Department of Health on Tuesday confirmed Brevard County's first case of the travel-related Zika infection. In all, there are now 22 confirmed cases of Zika in Florida. Earlier this month, Florida Surgeon General John Armstrong declared a public health emergency in response to the growing number of confirmed cases of imported Zika virus. All of those infected had traveled outside the country.

Enhanced mosquito control protective actions have been implemented in Brevard County to combat container-breeding mosquitoes. The *Aedes aegypti* and *Aedes albopictus* mosquitoes, which can carry the Zika virus, are not produced in wetlands or other typical habitats – roadside ditches, retention ponds, swales -- normally associated with mosquito production.

"We are currently working with residents and businesses in the county on disposing of mosquito-producing containers by distributing leaflets and through conversations," said Chris Richmond, Mosquito Control environmental scientist. "We are also treating various containers that cannot be dumped or drained. We have crews out all day collecting tires from illegal waste tire piles countywide. We are spraying for adult mosquitoes in various neighborhoods."

The *Aedes aegypti* and *Aedes albopictus* mosquitoes are daytime feeders, take cover by nightfall and do not travel far. One of the primary prevention tips is for homeowners to inspect for

mosquito breeding areas around their homes, such as old tires, gutters that collect leaves and debris and containers that might hold standing water. Brevard County Mosquito Control has been on the lookout for those types of breeding areas because the mosquitoes that breed there are the same species that carry Dengue and other viruses.

Symptoms of Zika may include acute onset of low-grade fever, rash, joint pain, conjunctivitis (reddening of eye), body aches, headache, eye pain and vomiting. Illness typically resolves within a week.

The Florida health department has activated a Zika information hotline (855-622-6735) offering daily updates and answers to questions from the public.

Protective Measures:

- In order to mitigate the risk of Zika in Brevard County, it is important to limit/reduce the numbers of mosquitoes by eliminating standing water which would serve as mosquito breeding grounds.

- Mosquitoes use puddles of any size – in pots, abandoned pools, bird baths, old tires, etc. – as reproductive areas. Elimination of these areas around homes and businesses is the most effective form of control.

- If mosquitoes are observed, survey the area for open containers of standing water where the mosquitoes may be reproducing and notify Natural Resources/Mosquito Control, 321-264-5032.

- To reduce the likelihood of mosquito bites, wear mosquito repellent with DEET, and cover up with clothing.

- For other protection tips, visit: http://www.brevardcounty.us/docs/default-source/scgtv-documents/mos-prevention-qxp_02-16.pdf?sfvrsn=2

Additional Information:

These websites can be shared or utilized to find additional information about Zika:

<http://www.brevardcounty.us/MosquitoControl>

<http://www.embrevard.com>

<http://www.floridahealth.gov/diseases-and-conditions/zika-virus/index.html>

<http://www.cdc.gov/zika/fs-posters/index.html>

<http://www.cdc.gov/zika/disease-qa.html>

<http://fmel.ifas.ufl.edu/>

Seussical Celebration

The Central Area of Brevard County Parks and Recreation will host its 4th Annual "Seussical Celebration" from 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Saturday, March 5, at McLarty Park located at 790 Barton Blvd., in Rockledge. The celebration features stories, live performances, games and activities based on the creations of Dr. Seuss.

The Cat in the Hat and Thing 1 & 2 will be available for photo opportunities. The Rockledge Fire Department will also be on hand giving tours of one of their fire trucks.

Following the activities, the movie "How the Grinch Stole Christmas!" will be shown on an outdoor movie screen at 6:30 p.m. This is a free event. Patrons are encouraged to bring blankets and chairs. Vendors and Food trucks will be available for purchases.

For more information please contact the Central Area Parks Office at (321) 633-1874.

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Boys State Candidate Selection. Post 359 elected to sponsor six (6) representatives at the cost of \$350 each for a total of \$2100. The Post Boy State interview and selection committee comprised of Chairman Lew Talbot and committee members Phil Duncan and David Perez met with candidates at Space Coast Jr/Sr High School in Port St. John at 1 pm on January 8th to interview and select candidates. Eight students were selected by school representatives, from a field of sixteen applicants. These numbers were both records for the school and Post. Committee and Candidates:



Daniel Bowen(P)



Angelo Perri(P)

All candidates were Juniors and held GPA's of 3.3 to 4.0. Although not a requirement, all candidates had someone in the family that served in the military – a First for Post 359. One candidate is an JROTC participant, one an Eagle Scout and two are National Honor Society recipients. Each is active in a variety of music, sports, government, and leadership activities. Each was well



Jalen Gaymon(P)



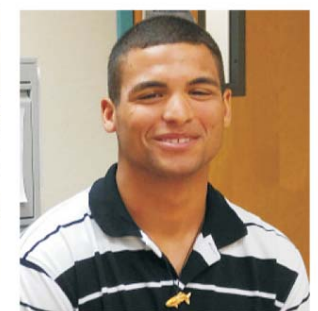
Zackry Corter(P)

dressed and mannered and projected himself with respect and clarity. Members can feel well assured that these fine young men will bring honor and credit to our Post. Each was asked to keep us informed of their progress and were invited to present a short synopsis of their adventures at the general membership meeting after their return.

The Boys State program encompasses the following objectives: civic leadership and pride in American



Patrick Christi(P)



Zaqueri Viers(P)

Citizenship, a determination to maintain our form of government in our citizens and arouses a keen interest in the detailed study of our government. Two boys will participate in Boys Nation in Washington D.C. in July. Five delegates will receive a two year



**Jarrett Webster Quentin Johnson
Alternates**

scholarship from Tallahassee Community College with the remaining two years at Florida State University. And finally, one delegate who is a direct descendent of a war-time veteran will receive a \$1000.00 scholarship and a chance of one of ten scholarships offered by the Samsung Corp. and American Legion

Holy Thursday
March 24, 2016
6:30pm



Maundy Thursday is the day Jesus celebrated the Passover with His disciples, known as the Last Supper. He washed their feet as an act of humility & service, setting an example that we should love & serve one another in humility. All are welcome to attend this powerful service.

If more info is needed about this service, call the church office at 321-631-0183.

First United Methodist Church
1165 Fay Blvd, PSJ
(behind CVS)
Friday, March 25th
6:30pm



The church is open to everyone to come and join us in worship as we remember the gift of love that was offered on the cross of Calvary over two thousand years ago.

Need more details? Call the church office at 631-0183 or visit Mon.-Thurs., 9 am-3 pm and Fri. 9 am-Noon.

Saturday, March 26 at 10-11:30 am for ages 2 thru 10 years.

Bring your own basket and join us for our Annual Community Easter Egg Hunt and MORE!!!

There will be egg coloring, face painting, games, egg hunts broken down by age group and well. Come out and see what else is in store at the HUNT... Questions? Call the office at 631-0183.

1st United Methodist Church
1165 Fay Blvd, PSJ (Behind CVS)



Sunday, March 27
- All Are Welcome -
7am Sunrise Service
Nicol Park
(US Hwy 1, PSJ)

Breakfast will begin after Sunrise Service and will be served in the church Fellowship Hall.

Easter Service - 10 am (one service only)
1st United Methodist Church
1165 Fay Blvd, PSJ (Behind CVS)



Yes, the community study for Lent entitled: "Together to the Cross," provided by the local area United Methodist Churches continues. ALL ARE WELCOME!!! Below are the remaining scheduled dates, times and locations:

March 2 at 6:30 PM – St. Andrew United Methodist Church, 3380 Dairy Rd, Titusville / 321-269-7321

March 9 at 6:30 PM – Indian River City United Methodist Church, 1355 Cheney Hwy, Titusville / 321-267-7922

March 16 at 6:30 PM – Mims United Methodist Church, 3302 Green St, Mims / 321-267-6202



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Spring Adult Sports Leagues

Sign-ups will soon be underway for spring leagues for adult co-ed softball, kickball and flag football, sponsored by Brevard County Parks and Recreation Department, North Area Parks Operations.

The co-ed softball league will be held on Wednesdays, beginning March 9, at 6:30 p.m., at a fee of \$342 per team. All teams must be registered with FL USSSA, which costs \$25 per year. All games will be held at Chain of Lakes, 2300 Truman Scarborough Way, in Titusville. Registration will begin Feb 8, with a fee deadline of Monday, March 7.

The co-ed kickball league will be held on Tuesdays, beginning March 15, at 6:30 p.m., at a fee of \$200 per team. All kickball leagues will be held at Chain of Lakes, 2300 Truman Scarborough Way, in Titusville. Registration for co-ed kickball will begin Feb. 8, with a fee deadline of Friday, March 11.

The adult flag football league will be held Sundays, beginning March 20 at 9 a.m., at a fee of \$492, at the Space Coast Communities Sports Complex, 662 Canaveral Groves Boulevard, in Sharpes. Registration for adult flag football will begin Feb. 8, with a fee deadline of Thursday, March 18.

Teams may register at the North Area Parks Operations office during business hours of Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The office is located at 475 N. Williams Ave in Titusville. Teams may also register at North Area Parks & Recreation community centers.

For more information, please call the North Area Parks Operations office (321) 264-5105.

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Recycled Paint Giveaway

Recycled paint will be available to residents of Brevard County at five Richard Paint stores, one Ace Hardware store and the South Patrick Hardware & Lumber beginning Saturday, March 5. The paint is free to homeowners in limited quantities only. Homeowners will be able to receive up to 10 gallons of one color for the shell of the house, up to three gallons of a second color for trim.

Paint will be available on a first come, first served basis only. Proof of home ownership will be required in order to obtain paint (i.e., valid driver's license with the current residential address or property tax notice). The recycled paint is available in five colors and one floor paint.

COLORS:

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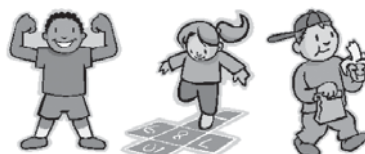
Richard's Paint - 1510 Cheney Highway, Titusville | 230 East Merritt Island Causeway (520) Merritt Island | 1950 Viera Boulevard, Viera
South Patrick Hardware & Lumber - 1847 South Patrick Drive, Indian Harbour Beach

For more information regarding the recycled paint, call 633-1888, 633-2042 or visit us at www.brevardcounty.us/Solidwaste.

It's Time to be a Parent Again

Join Sheriff Wayne Ivey and State Attorney Phil Archer on Monday, March 14th at 9:30 a.m. at the Bill Posey Conference Center located at 2555 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, Viera, Florida, for "It's Time to be a Parent Again" Seminar, hosted by Grandparents Raising Grandchildren of Brevard County, Florida. This seminar is designed to empower parents/grandparents to become the Chief Law Enforcement Officer in their children's lives by giving them the tools, resources and philosophy to steer their kids away from trouble and toward success.

Seating is limited, so please call 631-7776 to make your reservation.



Port St. John Public Library

March 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

Yarning for a Cause: Mondays, 10 am-1 pm.
Master Gardener's Garden Clinic: Monday, 2-4 pm. Our master gardener will answer your plant questions. Bring samples.

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. Kindergarten 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:

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| Mar. 3, 10-1:00 pm | Preschool Co-op |
| Mar. 5, 11-1:00 pm | Delta Sigma |
| Mar. 9, 5:30 pm | Special District Advisory Board |
| Mar. 11, 6:00 pm | Family Fun Night |
| Mar. 12, 10 - Noon | PSJ Pokémon Club |
| Mar. 14, 5:30pm | Port St. John Public Library Advisory Board meeting |
| Mar. 16, 1-3 pm | Bookworms Adult Book Discussion Group. |
| Mar. 16, 6-7:45pm | Sunrise Village |
| Mar. 17, 3:30-6 pm | St. Leo University information session |
| Mar. 18, 11:45am | Titusville Chamber of Commerce |
| Mar. 23, 3:30 pm | Cake Decorating by Christy's Cake Creation. 4 weeks \$25.00. |
| Mar. 23, 5:30pm | Friends of the PSJ Public Library membership meeting |
| Mar. 24, 10 am | Digital Magazine Class. Free! Space is limited, call 633-1867 or sign up at Reference Desk. |
| Mar. 26, 10-1:45pm | PSJ Pokémon Club |



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

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Cocoa 7th Day Adventist Church & School

State & County Certified Voluntary Pre-K
1500 Cox Rd, Cocoa, Pastor Tom Baker
Church 632-0640 Sch 636-2551; www.cocoasda.org
Saturday Sabbath School classes all ages, 9:45 am.
Worship at 11:30 am.

Wednesday Bible Study, 7:00 pm.

Community Alliance Church

639-1717 4855 Fay Blvd.

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

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

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First Baptist Church of Cocoa (321)636-2868

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

<http://baptist1.com/church/fl/cocoafbc>

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.

Sunday Worship - 8:30, 10:55, Sunday School - 9:45

Wonderful Wednesday Worship, at 7 pm

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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
FREE Children's Mentoring & Tutoring, Thu, 6-8 pm

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)

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Ma'gen David Messianic Synagogue

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

Erev Shabbat Service - Friday, 6:30 pm

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Pastor Tom Unrath, (321) 636-0777

400 Lucerne Dr. Cocoa

Sunday Worship Service 10:00 AM

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

Youth Church - Wed., 7 pm

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Northwest Baptist Church, 1720 Cox Rd. 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. 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

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.sgcfra.org sgcoffice@sgcfra.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
Practical Christianity. Sunday Services at 10 am
www.unitymerrittisland.org. We are on Facebook.

Victory Baptist Church, Pastor Raymond Hall

632-6148 at 242 Capron Road.
www.victorythroughjesus.org
Sunday Bible Study at 9:30 am.
Sunday Worship Service at 10:30 am and 6 pm.
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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

Rummage Sale

Frontenac Baptist Church, 5500 N US 1, Cocoa, will be hosting a Rummage Sale on Friday, March 18, 10:00 am -6:00 pm and Saturday, March 19, 8:00 am-2:00 pm.

Easter Sunrise Service

Service will be held at 6:30 am at the church riverfront, on Easter, March 27, 2016. Everyone is welcome to attend. Continental Breakfast to follow.

First Friday Rosary

First Friday Rosary will be held on March 4th at 6 pm. All faiths are welcome to attend. A Social Hour will be held in the Church Hall following prayer service.

SPANISH MASS - Saturdays, 5:30 pm

Indoor/ Outdoor Flea Market: Food, Music and Vendors on March 12th, 2016. Contact Donna to reserve your space! 610-500-1824.

St. Patrick's Dinner Dance - March 12th, doors open at 5:30 pm. Dinner will be corned beef with all the trimmings. Tickets are \$15/pp, children under 12 are FREE. BYOB. Contact Donna at 610-500-1824. Music by Frankie C.

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

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday - March 20, Masses at 8 a, 10 am, 5:30 pm.

Maundy Thursday - March 24, 6:30 Mass.

Lent: Mass every Wednesday night at 6:30, followed by Pot Luck Dinner.

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Mondays

Open Gym, 10 am-2:30 pm & 5-8 pm
Open Computer Lab, 10 am - 2 p.m. & 6-8 pm
Pickleball, 11 am-2 pm
Homework Table, 2:30-3:30 p.m.
Basketball Fundamentals 3-4 pm
Girl Scouts 5:30-7:30 pm (Every other Monday)

Tuesdays

Open Gym, 10 a.m.-2:30 pm & 5-8 pm
Pickleball, 11 am-2 pm
Open Computer Lab, 12-2 pm & 6-8 pm
Homework Table, 2:30-3:30 pm
4-H Gardener Program 3:30-4:30 pm
Basketball Fundamentals 3-4 pm
Parks & Rec Flag Football Practice, 4-5 pm
Zumba, 6-7 p.m.
Boy Scouts 3:30-4:30 pm.

Wednesdays

Open Gym, 10 am-2:30 pm
Pickleball, 11 am-2 pm
Open Computer Lab, 12-2 pm & 6-8 pm
Homework Table, 2:30-3:30 pm
Parks & Rec Youth Flag Football Game, 3 pm
Volleyball Fundamentals, 5-8 pm
Zumba, 6-7 pm

Thursdays

Open Gym, 10 am-2:30 pm
Dance It Off, 10:30 am- 12 pm
Pickleball, 11 ..-2 pm
Homework Table, 2:30-3:30 pm
Open Computer Lab, 12-2 pm & 6-8 pm
Parks & Rec Flag Football Practice, 4-5 pm
Volleyball Fundamentals, 5-8 pm
Zumba, 6-7 pm

Fridays

Open Computer Lab, 9 am-2:30 pm
Open Gym, 9 am-2:30 pm
Pickleball, 11 am-2 pm
Karate, ages 5-Up 4:30-5:30 pm
Karate, ages 10-Adults 5 pm

Saturdays

Pickle-Ball, 11 am-2 pm
Program Activities, 10 am - 2 pm

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in every joint, you are probably dead!***

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

Flag Football - Parks and Recreation is offering coed youth football to participant ages 10-13 years old. Participants will develop speed, strength, endurance, coordination, flexibility and agility. Practices will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays 4-5 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.

American Kenpo Karate is offered for ages 5 years to adults Friday evenings at \$30 per month. Age's 5-Up 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Age's 10-Adult at 5 p.m. For more information, contact Sharon Fox at (321) 632-9184.

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, 3:30-4:30 p.m. For more information, contact Jan Jordan at (321) 433-4448.

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.

Parks & Recreation Meeting

The North Brevard Commission on Parks and Recreation will hold its next monthly meeting on Thursday, March 10, 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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Fruit From the Groves, Cont.

All Aboard Florida/Brightline continues to boggle my mind. Martin County, Indian River County and now the Micco Homeowner's Association continue to challenge the building of their high speed rail system. Martin County budgeted \$1.2 million originally to battle All Aboard Florida and as of February 9th, they allocated another \$850,000.00 to continue their battle through 2016. Indian River County originally allocated \$2.7 million to do the same thing. Micco Homeowner's Association has now joined the fight. Of course they don't have the monetary resources like Martin and Indian River Counties, but this is what they have initiated:

TO: St. John's River Water Management District

RE: Permit # 135214-2 - All Aboard Florida North South Rail Corridor Segment D08

Micco Homeowner's Association (MHOA) represents more than 9,000 residents of unincorporated Brevard County.

We are writing with our continued opposition to the planned Florida East Coast Railway - All Aboard Florida/Brightline passenger rail project.

In May of 2014, MHOA presented our Resolution opposing this expansion of the Florida East Coast Railway (FECR) and addition of All Aboard Florida (AAF) services to our local, state and federal leaders. We expect the proposal to have many negative impacts on our community's safety, environment, quality of life and wallets.

The following is our list of comments, concerns and questions on the Environmental Resource Permit Application #13514-2 submitted by All Aboard Florida/Brightline:

1. The notice of receipt of the permit application for this project was published online on Friday, Christmas Day, December 25, 2015. Additionally, Friday, January 1, 2016 is a holiday within the 14 days required to provide comments, questions or objections. As you might expect, many interested parties were out of town, on vacation and unavailable during this holiday period.

Will the District provide additional time for comments on this permit application due to the conflict with two holidays within the 14 days allowed to respond?

2. AAF/Brightline has yet to obtain funding for this portion of their planned project. Is it fiscally prudent for the SJRWMD to proceed with reviewing and/or permitting the rail proposal when the \$1.75 billion in funding needed to complete expansion of

the AAF/Brightline system has not been secured by AAF/Brightline?

3. The applicant for permit # 135214-2 is All Aboard Florida (AAF). However, the Florida East Coast Railway (FECR) owns the property and the rail right-of-way which will be leased to AAF/Brightline. It has been well reported the FECR is expanding their freight operations from 14 times a day to more than 20 times a day. These trains are now longer and higher than ever before. Additionally, while the footprint of the FECR right-of-way has never changed, the railway chose to remove a second track in the 1960's which accommodated passenger rail service at that time. The FECR has successfully operated on ONE track for more than 50 years.

The change in intensity of FECR freight operations PLUS the proposed addition of 32 daily passenger trains should be a trigger requiring additional inspections and review of water management practices by the railway.

If the AAF/Brightline proposal fails, will the District initiate a review and/or reevaluation of the processes and procedures necessary to protect our water resources from the activities of the FECR freight operations? If not - why not?

4. While there is a Preliminary 90% Construction Plan provided within the permit documents, this is more information than either Indian River or Brevard County officials have received regarding the AAF/Brightline's construction plan.

Are you aware the 90% road crossing and construction plan promised to Brevard County officials over a year ago has yet to be received and reviewed by the Brevard County Commission?

If there is no firm construction plan for AAF/Brightline, how can you properly evaluate the permit application and possibly decline or approve the project?

5. As stated earlier, the FECR right-of-way has not accommodated two tracks for more than 50 years. Yet, the permit application states, "historically double tracked, stormwater treatment is only required in areas of additional track construction." Just by saying the tracks were double tracked before should not preempt the District from doing its job to protect and preserve our water resources and natural wetlands and waterways. Part of the mission of the SJRWMD is to determine if and when stormwater treatment - surface water management - pollution prevention measures are required. These protections should not be determined by the FECR/AAF/Brightline project because once there was a second track. This is not our grandfather's railroad. Today's FECR freight trains can

be in excess of 2 miles long and double stacked with materials unknown to adjacent businesses, residents, local elected officials and first responders.

In order to remediate possible damage to our water resources by pollutants traveling on FECR freight trains side by side with passenger rail service, will the SJRWMD review the type of cargo traveling on the FECR in order to better prepare for possible environmental damage?

6. Mr. Eric Muldowney, Senior Regulatory Scientist for the SJRWMD, sent a letter to Ms. Charlene Stroehlen of Amec Foster Wheeler Environment & Infrastructure, Inc., requesting additional information concerning the permit application. Much of the information requested concerned the proper identification of property and rail right-of-way.

Separately, the Districts permit application attached as Additional Material: 2, 11/13/215, 251KM, Section A; includes a list of tax parcel identification numbers for properties in Brevard and Indian River Counties. In an attempt to identify properties in Brevard County on the Property Appraisers website, not one parcel could be found. Has the District verified and identified the properties described in the permit application?

Has the District received a response to Mr. Muldowney's request for information?

7. The attachment to the permit titled: Additional material: 2, 1/13/215, Appendix 9, Construction Methodology is extremely general in its scope and makes a lot of promises concerning the use of best management practices (BMPs), erosion control, stormwater runoff management during construction and right-of-way maintenance. The existing FEC track (one) has not benefitted from any of these practices and maintenance measures. A short walk from the St. Sebastian River Bridge north to Micco Road is a good example of the failure of right-of-way maintenance over recent years. Additionally, there are a number of encroachments which the FECR has failed to correct, as well as debris and equipment stored on the right-of-way. The FECR does not follow BMPs or clear their right-of-way of exotics, encroachments or debris now. What entity is supposed to enforce and monitor pollution control measures once installed, as well as the maintenance and use of rail right-of-way?

8. It's interesting that some bridges are excluded from this permit request, but will be addressed at a later date. Included in this permit application is the Brevard County Goat Creek Bridge. The earlier Draft EIS submitted to the Federal Rail Administration states the Goat Creek Bridge is eligible for inclusion

in FEC Railway Linear Historic District. It should be noted here that Indian River County has notified the District, as well as various other permitting agencies that AAF/Brightline failed to meet the requirement of NEPA - Section 106. These issues have yet to be remedied.

Additionally, and not addressed as part of permit #135214-2, is the St. Sebastian River Bridge and Eau Gallie River Bridges which are each eligible for registration with the National Register of Historic Places. The Brevard County Commission failed to ask its staff or historic organizations to comment on the draft EIS. As a result, AAF/Brightline has no validation their assessment of historic, cultural or archeological concerns is complete in Brevard County. We know the EIS is incomplete in Indian River County and there are similar concerns in Miami-Dade County. We urge the SJRWMD to validate information provided by AAF/Brightline project with Brevard historic and environmental agencies and organizations.

9. Lastly, it should be noted that the inclusion of a letter from the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) seems very disingenuous. This letter sent to AAF in October, 2013 by the SFWMD notifies the rail service that Phase 1 (between Miami and W. Palm Beach) is exempt from the permitting process the Water Management District is charged to perform within their jurisdiction. There is no comparison to be drawn between the urbanized commercial corridor of the FEC Railway from Miami to West Palm Beach and the Phase 2 counties of Martin, St. Lucie, Indian River and Brevard Counties. We would like confirmation the SJRWMD will not abdicate its authority and responsibilities to the FEC Railway/AAF/Brightline railroads.

The businesses and residents of Micco appreciate the good works of the St. John's River Water Management District and look forward to your review of our questions and comments.

We look forward to your timely response.

Copy: Senator Bill Nelson, Senator Marco Rubio, Governor Scott (snail mail), Brevard State Legislative Delegation; Brevard County Board of County Commissioners, MHOA Board of Directors.

So, what are our County Commissioners doing to address this problem? They have adopted a wait and see philosophy. Well ain't that just peachy? Millions of dollars are being spent to our south to try and derail a project that presumably is only going to cost us, the tax payer, more money without generating any income for Brevard County. Mr. Rusty Roberts, with All Aboard Florida, keeps dangling the possible station construction and stops for Martin and Brevard Counties. Why

does everything with AAF need to be so secretive? It seems to me that the more transparent they could be would certainly put them in a much better light. Talk of increasing more liquid natural gas cars in their freight operation is scaring the hell out of many residents along the proposed north/south leg of the project. I must be missing something somewhere.

Brevard County, the home of the Space Program,, and our elected officials are going to wait and see? Wait and see if that train going like a bat out of purgatory through our municipal areas takes out a few vehicles or derails out in the St. Johns flood plain. Then what. Time to wake up Brevard! As to when AAF/Brightline will begin service, Rusty Roberts is making a presentation at the last Commission Meeting in February as to 90% of the construction plans for Phase II which is from West Palm to Orlando. I will have to report on those results in April. The 2017 start date for service only applies to Phase I which is West Palm to Miami.

We have lost another close friend who owned several properties here in the Groves. I am referring to Jerry "Coach" Lott. Jerry and I were friends for many years. He taught Drivers Education, was part of the Coaching Staff at Cocoa High, worked security at BCC and was a Reserve Officer with the Cocoa Police Department. Jerry and I served in the 705 MP Company of the Florida National Guard in Cocoa. Jerry was one of the last "Good Old Boys" from Mississippi. If you ever had Jerry in class or worked with him, you have at least one Coach Lott story. Jerry always told it like it was. I know that he made me grimace more than once and to quote close friend, Bill Gregory, "Jerry, I don't think I would have said that." He will be missed.

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

With the Primary this month, I thought this might help you to decide who you were going to vote for.

If God wanted us to vote, he would have given us good candidates. ~Jay Leno~

If we got 1/10 of what was promised to us in these State of the Union speeches, there wouldn't be any inducement to go to Heaven. ~Will Rogers~

Politicians are the same all over. They promise to build a bridge even where there is no river. ~Nikita Khrushchev~

When I was a boy I was told that anybody could become President; I'm beginning to believe it. ~Clarence Darrow~

Why pay money to have your family tree traced; go into politics and your opponents will do it for you. ~Author unknown~

Politicians are people who, when they see light at the end of the tunnel, go out and buy some more tunnel. ~John Quinton~

Politics is the gentle art of getting votes from the poor and campaign funds from the rich, by promising to protect each from the other. ~Oscar Ameringer~

I have come to the conclusion that politics is too serious a matter to be left to the politicians. ~Charles de Gaulle

Instead of giving a politician the keys to the city, it might be better to change the locks. ~Doug Larson~

There ought to be one day -- just one -- when there is open season on Congressmen. ~Will Rogers~

As always, don't forget to read Mrs. Maureen Rupe's article "Good Day!," Mrs. Rose Padrick's article Rose's Room and what ever the Boss, Randy, chooses to write about. All good stuff. Don't forget that our communities, Canaveral Groves and Port St. John, the Happenings is our home town news so please, whenever possible, use the services of our advertisers. I know they will appreciate it.

The next meeting of the CGHOA will be on Thursday, March 10th in the Fellowship Hall of Discovery Christian Church on Grissom. Again, thanks to all who attended in February. It was great to see some old friends and many new faces. PLEASE, we need your support by joining our Association. Again the dues are just \$15.00 a year and we need your input and ideas to help us grow as a community. There is an application in Happenings every month that you can fill out and either drop it in the mail or bring it with you to the next meeting. There really is strength in numbers. Also, I invite you to check out the Canaveral Groves Bulletin Board for current information about the Groves. Ed Silva is doing a great job maintaining that site.

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

- Bill Cannon

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Paddle Board Catch & Release Tournament

On Saturday, March 12th paddle-board anglers will be heading to Cocoa Beach's Thousand Islands area for the 2016 Beach 'N Boards Fest Paddle Board Catch & Release Tournament to fish the shallow grass flats and mangrove lining islands of the Banana River Lagoon. Competing for over \$1000 in prize-money, these anglers will be targeting sea trout, snook, tarpon, sheepshead red and black drum.

The popularity of the area has budded during the past twenty years, attracting various interna-

tionally recognized television fishing celebrities here to film shows of them fishing the area's very fishy waters with local shallow-water guides.

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There will be free food and drinks, and also door prizes by Go-Pro and Ron Jon's on the day of the event, along with fishing demonstrations

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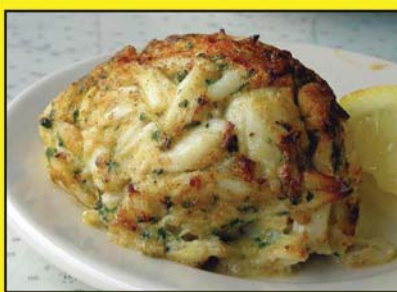
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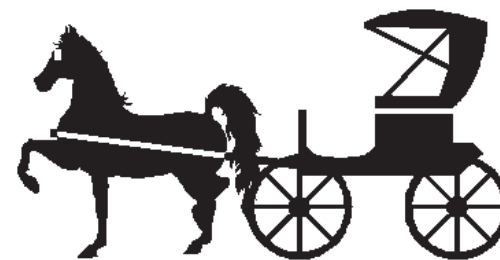
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We had an outstanding meeting in February with 41 in attendance. A big thank you goes out

to the Brevard County Sheriff's Department and Sheriff Wayne Ivey for sharing Cpl. Davis with us. She gave an excellent presentation on Public Awareness and Public Safety. Thank you again for a job well done.

We will have another presentation at a future meeting about forming Neighborhood Watch Units here in the Groves as well as other helpful topics for our residents.

We will still be pursuing more information about the situations and challenges being created by the boy's home on Vancouver. There are still questions about a for-profit business being operated in the middle of a residential area. The clients are wandering through the neighborhood confronting homeowners with requests for rides or favors.

The Groves is not the proper setting for this

kind of facility. We, as citizens, have rights too and this home for troubled youth has been shoved down our throats. What is fair about that? I know that we have at least two senior care facilities here in the Groves, but they don't pose any threat to their neighbors.

There has been an increased police presence at the Vancouver facility due to their clientele. I am aware that the area residents were warned of this being a possibility, but that still does not make it right. The only recourse we have now is to call the Sheriff's Department and report any suspicious or irregular activities pertaining to the home or their clients.

I know that these boys need to have a place to live, but things are just not working out for them in Canaveral Groves.

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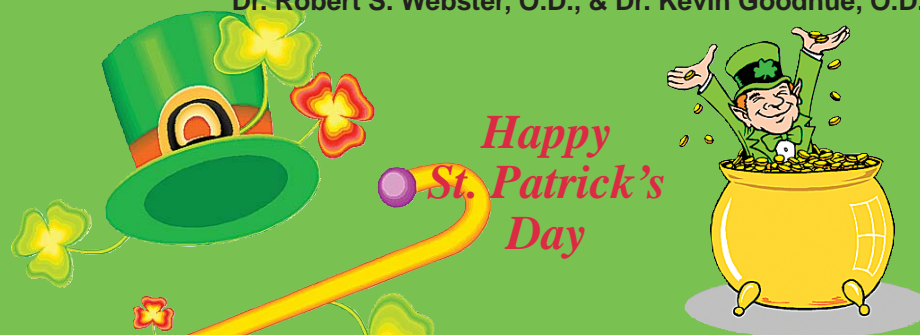
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