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

Our 28th Christmas parade will take place on Saturday, December 16th 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 "The Reason for the Season." 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 and inside this issue.

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

A HUGE THANK YOU to our Prime Sponsor, Parrish Medical Center, and our Diamond sponsors FPL and Higginbotham Companies. We are not government run or funded, so these wonderful companies and those companies you see on the parade shirts 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, 321-633-7499.

PSJ Community Carolers

This year they are caroling in Hundred Acre Wood on Sunday, December 17th, 6-8 pm.

The group tries to honor special requests and collect toys, canned goods, and if there are monetary donations, they're given to the local food bank.



The Carolers are sponsored in part by Brevard Arts Academy and Portstjohnflorida.org (I Port St. John). It all started with a girl who wanted to spread cheer...and it spread throughout the land.

Anyone can join the group and help with this wonderful cause. You can find them on Facebook or contact Miss Jackie at Brevard Arts Academy, 321-403-4904.

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PSJ Community Center Schedule - December, 2017

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

25th - Center Closed For Christmas Holiday

Outside Basketball, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

Youth Zone, 3-7 p.m.

Computer Lab, 3-8 p.m.

Teen Billiards, 3-8 p.m.

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

11th: Girl Scout Troop 210, 6-7:30 p.m.

Tuesdays

26th - Center Closed For Christmas Holiday

Outside Basketball, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

Youth Zone, 3-7 p.m.

Computer Lab, 3-8 p.m.

Teen Billiards, 3-8 p.m.

Girl Scout Troop 1902: 4-5 p.m.

Daisy Girl Scout Troop 276: 6-7 p.m.

Wednesdays

Outside Basketball 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

Dream Weavers, 12-4 p.m.

Youth Zone, 3-7 p.m.

Computer Lab, 3-8 p.m.

Teen Billiards, 3-8 p.m.

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

6th & 20th: Cub Scout Pack 704, 6-7 p.m.

13th & 27th: Cub Scout Tiger Den ,4 6-7 p.m.

Thursdays

Outside Basketball, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

Youth Zone, 3-7 p.m.

Computer Lab, 3-8 p.m.

Teen Billiards, 3 - 8 p.m.

Fridays

Outside Basketball, 10 a.m.- 6 p.m.

Game Room /Computers, 3-6 p.m.

Saturdays

23rd - Center Closed For Christmas Holiday

16th - Crafts, Milk and Cookies With Santa \$5 1-4 p.m.

Outside Basketball, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Game Room/Computer, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Crafts, Milk and Cookies With Santa - Make a craft and decorate cookies! Bring your camera for a picture with Santa, December 16, 1-4 p.m. \$5 per child. For information call (321)633-1904.

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“DREAM WEAVERS” – Knitting Club

This group of middle to senior aged folks meets at the Port St. John Community Center to knit, crochet, and cross-stitch. We socialize, have fun teach and involve the seniors that already come to the center. The club is looking to re-spark interest for those who may have once enjoyed this type of skill and may be looking to join the group to donate any completed projects to area non-profit agencies. The group meets on Wednesdays, 12-4 p.m. No fees.

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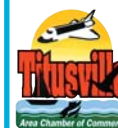
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Good Day! by Maureen Rupe Bill Cannon

I was shocked and saddened on hearing of the passing of Bill Cannon. I have known Bill many, many years. He was a fine man, always wanting the best for his community, Canaveral Groves. Bill will be greatly missed.

Good Night, God Bless.

Biosolids, A Health and Environmental Issue

I've written many articles over the past year on biosolids; how septic tanks may be being blamed for our algae blooms, where cities and counties are spreading biosolids as fertilizer. We may be in luck. I'm hearing St. Lucie Representative Larry Lee, Jr. is introducing a bill this coming session to put restrictions on the application of biosolids in the Indian River Lagoon. Unfortunately, this would be a significant help to the Indian River Lagoon, as an April 2017 article by Lucas Daprile in tcpalm.com, titled, "Human waste dumped near Florida Springs," explained how Class AA isn't even tracked by Florida Department of Environmental Protection, so biosolids can be spread all around Brevard County without tracking, even though it contains

the same amount of algae producing nitrogen and phosphorus.

According to the same article, in 2007 Florida Lawmakers banded Class B waste being spread near lake Okeechobee, St. Lucie River and Caloosahatchee River Watersheds. They did this citing phosphorus pollution. The law didn't mention Class AA biosolids, so many plants began treating to the higher standards. The trouble is, according to the article, Class AA has fecal and heavy metals removed, but has the same amount of nitrogen and phosphorus as Class B biosolids.

The same article stated there are 83 sites where the Department of Environmental Protection allows landowners to dump "Class B" waste. Class B is more regulated due to fecal and heavy metal content it contains after treatment. The article shows a map of the active sites allowing Class B effluent. Two are in Brevard county, both within a couple miles of the Indian River Lagoon. Site FLA395731 (Jakubcin) is 200 acres (4890 Lloyd St., Mims), less than 4 miles from the Indian River Lagoon, and has 176.7 dry tons applied (353,400 pounds). Site FLA844462 (Port St. John Site) is 85.5 acres (Ranch Road, PSJ), less

than 2 miles from the Indian River Lagoon, and has 16.335 dry tons applied (232,670 pounds).

"Biosolids in Florida: 2013 Summary" was published in Dec., 2014. It shows there are a number of Brevard facilities applying biosolids: Cocoa Water Reclamation Facility, applying 232.24 dry tons of biosolids, Melbourne/DB Lee Waste Water Treatment Plant applying 554.2 dry tons of biosolids, Melbourne /Grant Street applying 534.9 dry tons of biosolids, Palm Bay #1 WRF, applying 937.93 dry tons of biosolids, Palm Bay #2, 937.9 dry tons of biosolids, Titusville North - Osprey, 213.3 dry tons of biosolids, West Melbourne/Ray Bullard, 256.1 dry tons of biosolids. To be fair, Titusville seems to be using wetlands and Palm Bay injects some into a deep well, although their Plan shows both Palm Bay sites as producing biosolids for off-site application, but doesn't say where they apply their biosolids. Indian River County seems to have a much higher impact to the Indian River Lagoon as it has four ranches taking in a lot of pollution. Corrigan Ranch (FLA587214) 2336 acres, having 4072 dry tons of biosolids applied. Flying L Ranch (FLA626040) 651 acres, having 1365

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dry tons of biosolids applied. Ox Creek Ranch (FLA790940) 432 acres, having 1291 dry tons of biosolids applied. Pressley Ranch (FLA801097) 3059 acres, having 5744 dry tons of biosolids applied. I know this data seems old, but Biosolids in Florida: 2013 Summary is the last report the Florida Department of Environmental Protection has asked for. I hope this isn't their way of preventing citizens from finding out how much contamination we have done throughout our state.

We can't be talking from both sides of our face. Either we really want to protect the Indian River Lagoon from excessive nitrogen and phosphorus, or we just want our residents to think we are protecting the lagoon. A TC Palm Story by Lucas Daprile in February 2017, titled "Investigation: Human waste fertilizes farms, but fuels toxic algae blooms," says in 2015, Brevard County brought in 824,370 of Class AA biosolids. Remember Class AA biosolids is considered fertilizer, and can be spread anywhere, even though it contains the same nitrogen and phosphorus as the stuff being pulled from your septic tank mixed with a bit of lime. It shouldn't be very comforting. Why would we spend \$300 million plus to clean up the Indian River Lagoon when we are allowing biosolids to be dumped all around the county, so the removal accomplishes basically nothing!

I wonder what the cities and county do with their biosolids during Brevard County's summer fertilizer ban? Are they holding it until fall? What about reuse water? Do the cities shut down their systems during the summer fertilizer ban?


Please call your representatives and tell them we need to put restrictions on the application of biosolids in the Indian River Lagoon. We can't have tons of fertilizer containing nitrogen and phosphorus applied to farm land and ignore what it is doing to our Lagoon. If not submitted by Larry Lee, why not jointly by all the counties' Florida Representatives surrounding the Indian River Lagoon?


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Solar

Members of Women League of Voters of the Space Coast attend a presentation and tour of the NASA Solar Site leased by Florida Power and Light.



Left to Right: Women League of Voters of the Space Coast President Barbara Williams; Lorraine Koss, Chair, Citizens Oversight Committee for Indian River Lagoon and Board Member, Women League of Voters of the Space Coast; and Maureen Rupe, Consultant for Natural Resources for the Women League of Voters of the Space Coast

Solar Co-ops on the Rise

From the January, 2018 “The Pelican Sierra Club Florida.” Sierra Club supports the move to clean, renewable energy! Many counties are forming solar co-ops, a great idea for homeowners. By going solar together as a group, the co-op gets a discount through its bulk purchasing power, saving an average of 20 percent compared to the cost of an individual installation. The group uses a competitive bidding process and selects a single company chosen by the co-op to install systems on members’ homes. If you own a home in one of these counties, or would like to start one in your area, check out <http://www.solarunit-edneighbors.org/florida> (formerly FLSUN.org). Counties with co-ops: St. Johns, Hillsborough North Pinellas, Volusia, Miami-Dade, Sarasota, East/West Broward, Alachua and Seminole.

Brevard had one in 2016, and after those deciding to install, the co-op was disbanded. I’m sure if enough people are interested, we can start another in Brevard. Something to think about.

Port St. John Seniors

Years ago, there was a Port St. John Seniors in PSJ, very popular with the elderly. When it closed about 10 years ago, Bill Hurst brought

me a small suitcase and asked if would I keep it, even though I wasn’t a member.

A month ago, I found the case and opened it. There were just lists of names and issues they brought forward to the county. I began to shred the contents and found two awards from Brevard County to Bill Hurst and George Emr for Services to the Citizens of Brevard County. These wonderful gentlemen passed away quite a few years ago, but if either has relatives in the area who would like them, please let me know.

Titus Landing

I have been asked for information on the Titusville Mall. Straight from the City of Titusville’s “Talking Points”:

Development continues to move with lightning speed at Titus Landing as construction crews raise walls and add roofs to the buildings of Phase 2. Elsewhere, four new stores are slated to open by the end of October, including: Wayback Burgers, Firehouse Subs, E-Smoker, and Titus Nail and Spa.

Julie Hodgdon, Marketing Associate for AG Development Group, Inc. — the developers of Titus Landing — says that due to Hurricane Irma, the completion of Epic Theaters is slightly de-

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laid, pushing the expected opening to January, 2018. Meanwhile, buildout permits have been issued and work continues for Rackroom Shoes and Coldwell Banker, with expected opening dates fast approaching. The buildings for Beall's and Ulta Cosmetics are expected to be done in February, 2018, with interior buildout being completed concurrently.

The developers continue to pursue even more stores and restaurants for the project. Currently, they are actively speaking with smaller clothing stores and two big, national chain restaurants to come to Titusville. Some concepts show a possible restaurant and bar with rooftop seating at the outparcel located in the southeast corner.

Is Hate Speech Free Speech?

We all know the extreme limitations of Free Speech; yelling FIRE in a theater, etc., but does

Free Speech really mean you can say or write anything? I read on a website that the opinion of the writer was the "First Amendment means that you can say anything you want to anyone, a single person, a group of people, or a government entity that doesn't insult them, or hurt their feelings, or makes them cry" (reference to bullied children?).

Cyber Stalking and Cyber Bullying are both serious, and has led to children committing suicide. This is not only heartbreaking, but anyone who thinks this is covered by the First Amendment is wrong; this is illegal in the state of Florida. Cyber Stalking is an expression of control by false accusations, defamation, slander, libel to manipulate or, believe it or not, fun. Cyber Stalking may result in a restraining order being issued, imprisonment, probation, fines and restitution.

If you are the owner of a site with continued Hate Speech at the government, I'm told that the FBI won't come for you, but the site may be monitored by Homeland Security. People who do this need to be evaluated, especially now, when they can be dangerous. The founding fathers couldn't have possibly envisioned cyber stalking & cyber bullying. Report it if you are a victim.

In Closing

Once again Christmas nears. Let us hope for peace for our children's sake. They hear the scary talk and watch TV with shooting and mass killings becoming the normal. A disruptive world does not give anyone peace. We must keep hope and prayers in our hearts.

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Atlantis Elementary Chili Cook-Off



Atlantis Elementary hosted a Chili Cook-Off last month as a fund-raiser. The day brought out lots of chili fans and some darn good chili cooks. Each team made their own special chili, so there were several different recipes to sample. Of course I had to sample all of them. You know, just to be fair, not just because I love chili. :-)

The various chili kitchens included a vegetarian chili, venison chili, hot chili, mild chili, turkey chili and two entrants with sweet potato in their chili. How appropriate for the fall season?

Does anyone like sweet potato chili? If you haven't tried it,

don't answer NO. I didn't know such a thing existed, but by the time I'd been to all the tables I found that I DO like sweet potato chili. A lot!

If you would like to try to work out the recipe, (like I will try!), the ingredients are here, courtesy of the lady who made it. I wish I had gotten her name. -RR

Sweet Potato Chili Ingredients

Sweet Potatoes
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PMC Board Votes No Tax

For the 23rd straight year, no taxes will be assessed to support operations of the North Brevard County Hospital District d/b/a Parrish Medical Center (PMC). PMC is a public community hospital, and state law gives the North Brevard Hospital District (d/b/a Parrish Medical Center) the authority to set a tax rate to support hospital operations. However, unlike most public hospitals, the PMC Board of Directors has for 23 years chosen not to use tax dollars as a means of funding the hospital.

PMC's Board of Directors voted "No" unanimously during public hearings on September 18 to establish the millage rate and budget for fiscal year 2018.

"PMC serves the community's health through compassionate and exceptional care and is recognized as one of the nation's best in clinical care, patient safety and patient experience," said PMC Board Chairman Herman A. Cole, Jr. "We are pleased to continue to take this position on behalf of the community we serve. In fact, PMC invests tens of millions of dollars into North Brevard each year."

Christmas Concert

The Space Coast Quartet will be presenting a Christmas Concert at Frontenac Baptist Church, 5500 N. US Hwy 1, on Friday, December 22 at 7:00 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Central FL Accordion Club

The December meeting of the Accordion Club will be held on the 17th of the month instead of the last Sunday so as not to conflict with Christmas or New Years weekends. Members and guests are encouraged to play accordions or other instruments.



The next show will be held on Sunday, November 26th, 2:00-5:00 p.m. at Elks Lodge #1532, 315 Florida Ave, Cocoa. The event is open to the public. Admission is free.

CFAC is a Not-for-Profit Florida Corporation, and is tax exempt under Section 501c4 of the Federal Tax Code. The club is dedicated to promoting the visibility and value of the accordion as a multi-cultural musical instrument in Central Florida. For more information, contact Rod Hall, 866-455-2322.

Bazaar, Craft and Flea Market

The First United Methodist church of Port St. John is announcing our Bazaar, Craft and Flea Market on December 2nd. Time will be 8am to 2 pm. Table fees are \$10.00 for members with 10% of sales. Non-members can rent for \$15.00 a table or \$25.00 for two. No percentage will be required of non-members. All proceeds will go to pay down a chunk of our roof loan, (which is doing quite nicely).



We hope to have baked goods, hot dogs, cold soda and water, handmade crafts and just plain stuff there. Come on out and see what is calling your

name to go home with you. Space is limited, so please note time and date to call and reserve your table(s).

Teaser: I am told that we may even have some games for the kiddies and a band playing oldies. Contact Cathy at 321.636.7777 between 4 pm and 7 pm for reservations. See you where it's "Happening," neighbors!

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Monthly Tax Update

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has reminded employers and other businesses of the Jan. 31st filing deadline that now applies to filing wage statements (W-2's) and independent contractor forms (1099-Misc's) with the government. These forms need to be filed with the Social Security Administration and mailed to the recipients by January 31st. This deadline makes it easier for the IRS to verify income individuals report on their tax returns and helps prevent fraud. Failure to file these forms correctly and timely may result in penalties. In the past, these penalties have not been issued, but this is changing. One of our clients have been penalized over \$3,000 for being one day late.

You are also urged to take advantage of the accuracy, speed and convenience of filing these forms electronically the day before they are due. You should start at the beginning of December to verify current and terminated employees' information. This includes names, addresses, Social Security or individual taxpayer identification numbers. Also, be sure to verify your own information is correct and active with the Social Security Administration before January.

Don't forget, if paper Forms W-2 are going to be used, then you should order early. If you think an extension of time may be needed to file, it's no longer automatic. The IRS will only grant extensions for very specific reasons. You need to review Form 8809 for more details.

Now, normally I would be giving information about the upcoming new limitations, changes to the standard deduction and personal exemptions, changes to the child tax credit, education credits, and all the other adjustments important to you for

2018. However, I don't see any sense in telling you about information subject to change, and I think it's going to change. So, I am simply going to tell you to pay attention to the news and see what new tax bill decisions are. I will update you in the January, 2018, tax update.

It appears personal exemptions are going away, standard deductions are going to almost double, head of household filing status may be going away, child tax credit may be going to \$1,600, Affordable Care Health insurance penalty is being removed and multiple other changes are being considered. So, whatever I would have told you about this current law will probably not be true and I don't like misleading you.

This year has been interesting with all the changes to our community and country. Luckily, I'm still able to be a prime sponsor for many of our local non-profit organizations, thank you. So 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 and still with us in our hearts forever. Love your family, forgive the ones that need forgiven, and enjoy each other. 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.



Christmas for the "Not So Merry"

As Christmas approaches, the whole world seems to be alive with anticipation. Yet, there are many for whom this is a tearful reminder of the harshness of life. Maybe they have lost a loved one, having financial problems, have a medical problem or just upset by all the commercializing of the Christmas message.

Christmas for the "Not So Merry" includes the cantata "The Longest Night," especially written to give peace and hope.

The service will be at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 3rd at First United Methodist Church of Port St. John, 1165 Fay Blvd.

The community is invited. For more information, call Esther Shott 636-5168.



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Alcoholics Anonymous meets in PSJ on **Sundays** at 5 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. at 4797 Curtis Blvd. (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.

12-3 Advent Begins

12-5 Compassionate Friends Support Group meets the first Tuesday of every month at 6 p.m. in Cocoa Beach at the Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, 525 Minuteman Cswy. west of A1A, Fellowship Hall. Call 610-7875 for info.

12-6 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

12-8 Brevard Women's Connection meets at

Space Coast Convention Center (Holiday Inn Express) on Hwy. 520 from 11 am until 1 pm on the second Friday of each month. The program includes a luncheon plus an inspirational speaker. For more information, call Mary at 636-4713 or e-mail her at mdean44@cfl.rr.com.

12-10 Multiple Sclerosis Self-Help Group meets on the 2nd Sunday each month (except Mother's Day & Nov.), 2 PM, Cocoa Library.

12-10 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.

12-10 Calling all Christian authors! Dynamic writers group in Cocoa, Fla. offers training, critiques, and paid writing opportunities (2nd Sundays 2-4:30pm at Cocoa library). Contact D.P. Clarke at 1royaldy@gmail.com for more information. Print "Writers Group" in Subject.

12-12 Hanukkah Begins

12-14 Canaveral Groves Homeowners, Inc. meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month, 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Room of Discovery Christian Church, 3925 Grissom Pkwy. in the Groves.

12-15 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.

12-16 Crafts, Milk and Cookies With Santa - Make a craft and decorate cookies! Bring your camera for a picture with Santa, December 16, 1-4 p.m. \$5 per child. For more information contact the Port St. John Community Center at (321)633-1904. **12-18 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, 321-505-2361.

12-20 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.

12-21 Winter Solstice

12-25 Christmas

12-26 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.

Congratulations to:

Kaylee Gangraw fir making the 8th grade A/B honor roll at SCHS!

Erin Lilly turns **23** on the 1st.

Destiney Anthony turns **21** on the 2nd.

Mark Emr turns **27** on the 3rd.

Jennifer Giles parties wild on the 6th.

The editor is more ancient on the 6th.

Ashley Neal turns **21** on the 6th.

Cherie Brown (Hardin) turns cuter on the 7th.

Brandon Weimer turns **11** on December 8th

John Hansen turns **63** on the 9th.

Debbie Davis turns **54** on the 10th.

Steve Velligan turns wilder on the 12th.

Cary Troxel gets kisses on the 12th.

Betty Couch has a spanking day on the 13th.

Jackie Jordan turns prettier on the 13th.

Kiera Ward turns **12** on the 13th!

Kathy Ridgely parties all night on the 15th.

Nicole Kremer is the party girl the 17th.

Billy Treadway, Sr. turns wiser on the 18th.

Brianna Hardin turns **17** on the 18th.

Candace Mattox gets spanked on the 19th.

Teresa Miller rocks the night on the 20th.

Tommy Mattox turns **9** on the 20th.

Cody Hardin turns **22** on the 20th.

Winter Erff turns **3** on the 23rd.

Ryan Erff turns **21** on the 23rd.

Sydney Kaminski turns **26** on the 3rd.

Deanna Wiedman turns hotter on the 26th.

Monika Williams turns **11** on the 28th.

Nathan Travis turns **11** on the 28th.

Paul Mann turns mo' better on the 28th.

Carter Kremer turns **9** on the 31st.

Bob & Lossi Lacoste celebrate their **49th** 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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City of Cocoa Water Dept. -	433-8400
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Port St. John -	636-9393
Titusville -	268-6111
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Challenger 7 Elementary -	636-5801
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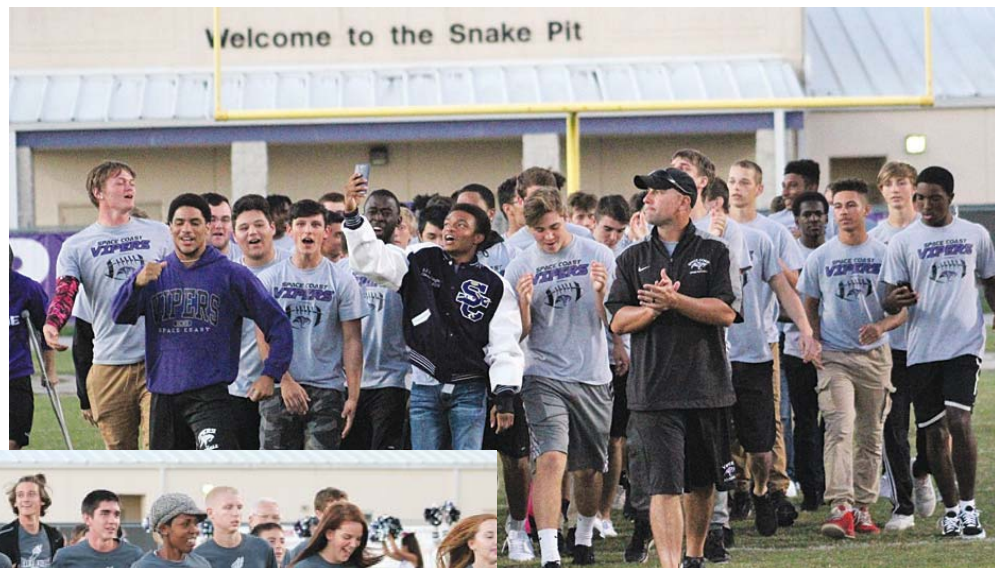
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Space Coast Jr/Sr High Hosts Community Pep Rally



Space Coast Community Unites for Education

If it takes a village to raise a child, it takes a community to support a school's academic, athletic and extracurricular excellence.

Port St. John's commitment was on full display as the Space Coast Junior Senior High School Vipers hosted its first annual Community Pep Rally on October 26th. Held at the football stadium, (i.e., "The Snake Pit"), students, teachers, staff, parents, coaches and community members shared their enthusiasm and appreciation for students' accomplishments inside and outside of the classroom.

Along with the Parent Leadership Team, the athletic director, Eusebio Solis, helped organize the event. The event featured the very best of what Space Coast has to offer.

The pep rally kicked off with the JROTC Color Guard presenting the colors and a pair of talented choir students singing the national anthem. Principal Sylvia Mijuskovic proceeded to welcome all in attendance and shared the theme of, "We are Here: United for Education."

One student group at a time, Mrs. Solis then introduced sports teams, band members, cheerleaders and other extracurricular groups to rousing ovations from the crowd. As each group was called, students would run onto the field as one unit, hands waving with excitement and faces beaming with pride for what they have accomplished together.

In addition to celebrating students' individual

and collective successes, the event rallied the community's support for addressing worthwhile causes. During the pep rally and the "Pink Out" home football game that took place the following event, non-perishable items were gathered to support the local food pantry and cash donations were collected to support the American Cancer Society's Making Strides Against Breast Cancer.

"We felt the need to do something for our community and help our community come together," said Mrs. Mijuskovic. "This was our opportunity to give back to our community, help our community support us, help our community support education, and showcase the wonderful things that happen here at Space Coast Junior Senior High School."

Throughout the event, students laughed together, cheered one another on, and showed respect that transcended any signs of stereotyping and leveled the social playing field across the school.

"The most proud moment tonight was seeing the kids coming together. It wasn't about, 'I'm a football player. I'm a cheerleader. I'm a band player.' It was, 'We are one. We are one team. And we are a Viper.'"

As a community committed to ensuring excellence for all students in the village, Port. St. John stands united.





Dear Neighbor,

This letter is to invite your organization to participate in the 28th Annual Port St. John Christmas parade. The parade will take place on December 16, 2017, 11 AM, in Port St. John. The parade route will be east along Fay Blvd. from Waterloo Ave. to Carole Ave. We are hoping for 80-90 entries again this year. Please send your entry in early.

This year's parade theme will be "The Reason for the Season." 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

2017 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).

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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: _____

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Music Volume: Loud Moderate Soft

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Out On The Town

This month's restaurant review is on the Brix Project. Even though it's not located in Port St. John, it's just north of our town on US1 in south Titusville. The actual name is Playalinda's Brix Project and is Playalinda Brewing Company's second location.

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I have to admit, I'm not much of a craft beer fan. I'm basically a domestic light beer lover, so when I found out that the Brix doesn't even serve domestic beers, I was apprehensive on giving them a try. So when my wife said her work group was meeting there after work, I thought this would be a good opportunity to check this place out. Besides, I've heard the food is very good.

We arrived around 4 pm on a Friday and the place was already near full capacity and parking was limited. I noticed about an hour later, people were waiting for an open table and the parking lot was full, with people parking along US1. I highly recommend arriving between 4-5 pm on a Friday or Saturday night.

As soon as I walked in, I was impressed. Whoever they hired to makeover this former lumberyard did an excellent job. They managed to capture the nostalgic old Florida appeal with an up to date modern flair. Supposedly, the tables, chairs, lighting, taps and signage are all locally made. Even the bathrooms have a unique touch you'll have to see for yourself.

The wait staff was very attentive. As soon as we were all seated, our waitress took our drink orders and was very patient and knowledgeable about the many different beers they serve. I mentioned that I preferred a beer on the lighter side and she recommended a couple. I choose the "Oskar Blues Mama's Yella Pils," which was described as; "Rich aromas of bread, barley with hints of caramel". As I stated earlier, I'm not much of a craft beer fan, but I actually liked this beer. In fact, it tasted just like a beer I was drinking in Ireland a few weeks earlier called "Hop House 13."

After a couple of beers we decided to order some appetizers. We got the Fresh Pork Rinds and the Irish Nachos (large, sharable serving). The Pork Rinds were ok, but the Irish Nachos were superb. They're House kettle chips loaded with a beer cheese blend, jalapenos, bacon, green onions and sour cream. The plate was easily sharable with 6 people and only \$10.

For dinner, I ordered the "Plain Ol' Cheesy." It's basically a traditional cheeseburger with lettuce, tomato & onion. The burger appeared to be homemade, was cooked perfectly, large enough and served on a pretzel bun. Very good.

If you haven't been to the Brix Project yet, I highly recommend it. Not only does the place have an aesthetic appeal, the beer, food and service is way above average.

- Ken Carson



December- A Month to Remember

Part of our Neighborhood Watch Program is to help our community. It's about giving and overseeing the general welfare of the community. Sometimes we let the hoopla of the holidays come first, as it's about giving, because we have such a wonderful, giving community. We have food and toy drives, cantatas,

a live nativity, a parade and community carolers. Pick a cause or two, like I do.

Acceptance is just as important. I'm not referring to getting gifts. I'm talking about acceptance of others and their beliefs and traditions, and accepting ourselves as worthy of our own attention. I hope you will remember to take the time to take care of yourself this time of year, and please remind your loved ones and friends.

Criminals are worthy of our attention this time of year as we may use our credit card for larger purchases or too small purchases that banks may not honor due to suspicious activity. There are card skimmers and scammers. Watch your surroundings when you shop and when you get into your vehicle. Keep your keys handy, and your cell phone handy if you can.

Protect yourself, your family, cards and assets. If you see suspicious activity, call BCSO. It's better to be safe than sorry. Be aware, less stressed, and I hope you'll continue to be blessed in 2018!

~Neighbor Nell

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Rose's Room

Memories for Christmas. My favorite place in the whole world is at a table enjoying good food surrounded by a bunch of humans I am partly responsible for being on this earth. Especially if I'm at the celebration of SOMEONE ELSE growing older. Which is exactly what happened on a beautiful Florida fall evening. After the many candles finally went out and the cake divided, the talk turned to Christmas and slid downhill to gifts.

As I looked around the table catching snatches of one conversation, then another, it occurred to me that each of them have already given me many wonderful presents that will live forever in my heart. I informed one and all please save your money and time, there is nothing in this world that would top all my precious memories of each of them.

I know I'm looking at a full grown daughter, but my heart is gazing at a tiny dark haired beauty staring up at me with the biggest brown eyes God ever bestowed on a baby. Watching her talk and laugh with her daughters, bits and pieces of her crawling, walking, first grade and first boyfriend were competing for my attention.

Another daughter's cheerful laughter brought images of a tiny head cocked to the side listening intently when I spoke, insisting on wearing only skirts and dresses since the first day of kindergarten, ripping my soul apart when her 17-year-old self boarded a bus headed for Paris Island and again when she returned in casts and crutches.

A mention of older sister brought wisps of a screamingly colicky four month old in the arms of a terrified first time mother floating through my soul. The memory of the sudden total silence broken only by a breathless "Ooooh..." when those beautiful gray eyes caught sight of the outside Christmas lights still brings a tear.

Two others missing from the table this night are the lasts – one, the last daughter that I'm remembering on her first day of kindergarten in new dress checked the same color blue as her ribbon and matching those huge ocean blue eyes. The other last is my baby boy... the last child... doomed to grow up with four older sisters and blessed with a personality that just forced him to be such a schooch that one or more sisters were forever yelling, "MOM! Roy's gonna' get

smashed if he reads my diary"- "hides all my underwear!"- "puts bugs in my bed"-or all of the above and much more. I believe it was only that devastating smile that kept him from being rolled in a sheet and stuffed in the closet more than once.

As my musings followed said offspring through elementary school and into high school, bringing some not-so-wonderful recollections...

Come to think of it, wasn't it those beautiful brown eyes that were wide with fright that winter morning when the owner of said eyes crept into my bedroom at 0-dark-thirty and whispered "FIRE!" after she decided she would like biscuit donuts and emptied a half can of shortening into a thin aluminum pot, turned the stove on and went to wash her hair. My heart still skips a beat visualizing the flames licking the bottom of the cabinets.

Speaking of eyes...those beautiful gray eyes so taken by the Christmas lights staring blankly while their 16-year-old brain tried to come up with a good reason she was crawling out of her bedroom window in the middle of the night and happened to fall on her father working on the boat under it.

Memories are continuing to become a tad darker about this time.

And it seems Miss Blue Eyes was also wearing a deep blue dress when I happened on her walking into Burger King at 10:00 am... on a school day!

I can feel my blood pressure rising just with this cruise down memory lane.

No negative reminiscing would be complete without the Ghost Thing floating to the surface... A trip to Cassadaga and VIP tour of the haunted hotel ended in a room where it is said a man pos-

sessed by terrible madness hanged himself. The guide was explaining sometimes the door slams for no reason or the bed bounces off the floor, when the door moved just a little and both my ex-Marine daughter and my ex-Navy son leaped the bed in unison and made it out the door in one leap, leaving poor old Mom to fend for herself. Even though my guffaws must have been heard all the way to wherever that poor man is now spending time, you would think they would have at least tried to save Mom!

You know... maybe I need to re-think this gift thing. I'm thinking the bigger the better. Isn't there an old saying, something about guilt buys large jewels? If not, there should be. I'll see what I can do.

P.S.

Whether your memories are wonderful or a bit less than... Hold them and the people attached to them firmly in your heart. We never know how long they will be with us. Please pray Bill Cannon's family may have peace this holiday and always. He is much missed.

~ Rose Padrick

Christmas Eve Services



Candlelight Service

Surfside Community Fellowship will hold Christmas Eve Services at their new building located at 1720 Cox Rd. (on the corner of Cox Rd. and 524) in Cocoa. The Candle Light Service times are Saturday, December 23rd at 6 pm and Sunday, December 24th at 4, 5:15, and 6:30.

Everyone is welcome to attend and visit their new church.

After The Parade, Milk & Cookies with Mrs. Santa Clause

December 16th,
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Bring the children in after the parade for milk and cookies, letter writing to Santa and poem reading by Mrs. Clause.



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Port St. John Public Library December Calendar of Events (321) 633-1867

The library will be closed Dec. 25 & 26 and Jan. 1.
Mon., Tues., Fri., 9 am - 5 pm; Wed., 12 - 8 pm;
Thurs., 10 am - 6 pm; Sat., 10 am - 2 pm

Master Gardener: Mondays, 2-4 pm. Bring your problem plant sample.

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

Writing Your Story: Mondays, 2-4 pm. Bring a notebook and writing utensil.

Senior Games: Tuesdays, 11:00-3:00 pm. Join other seniors for a variety of 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 and Weds., 1-4:00pm. 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 pm. 1st grade and up. Pre-registration required.

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

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

Overeaters Anonymous: Saturdays, 9:30-10:30.

Meetings and Events:

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| Dec. 2, 11 am-1 pm | Delta Sigma Theta |
| Dec. 2, 12-1:30 pm | North Brevard Writing Group |
| Dec. 6, 5:30 pm | Adult Coloring Club |
| Dec. 6, 6:30-7:45 pm | Hundred Acre Woods |
| Dec. 11, 5:30 pm | Port St. John Public Library Advisory Board meeting |
| Dec. 13, 6:00 pm | Friends of the Library Craft Night |
| Dec. 16, 12:30-1:30 | Stories with Mrs. Claus sponsored by the Friends of the Library. |
| Dec. 20, 1-3 pm | Bookworms Adult Book Discussion Group |
| Dec. 20, 6-7:45 pm | Sunrise Village |
| Dec. 23, 10 am-1:45 pm | PSJ Pokémon Club |

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His general orthopedic practice includes specialized surgical procedures such as anterior hip replacement, reverse shoulder surgery and geriatric fracture repair.

He received his medical degree from the University of Nebraska College of Medicine in Omaha, Nebraska in 1976, and completed an internship at the City of Memphis Hospital Department of Surgery in Memphis, Tennessee in 1980. His residency was completed at the University of Tennessee Center for the Health Sciences, Department of Surgery in 1981 and University of Tennessee, Campbell Foundation Department of Orthopedic Surgery in 1984. He became a Fellow at the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons in 1987.

Dr. Near is conveniently located in the Parrish Healthcare Center at 5005 Port St. John Parkway, Suite 2200, Port St. John, FL 32927 and is currently accepting patients with Medicare, Medicaid, and most insurances.

Please call 321-633-8660 for an appointment.



December 8, 9 & 10, 2017
from 6pm to 8pm
1165 Fay Blvd.,
Port St. John

1st United Methodist Church of PSJ Presents
Journey with Mary & Joseph (formerly known as Walk Through Bethlehem) as they journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem. Learn the significance of their journey and how it changed the world. 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 & much more.

All Nights: "At 6:30PM & 7:30PM, Mary and Joseph will take you through the Christmas Story."

Christmas Eve Services

Come join us on Christmas Eve, December 24 at First United Methodist Church of Port St. John, 1165 Fay Blvd., for Christmas Eve Service.

The schedule is:

10am – Christmas Eve Morning Service

5 PM – Family service

7 PM – Candle light service

NOTE: The regular 9am & 11am services are combined.

Everyone is welcome to attend and enjoy. Call (321) 631-0183 for more information.



Martin Andersen Senior Center Dances

Due to the Christmas holiday, there will only be one dance in December. Martin Andersen Senior Center will host a Singles/Couples Ballroom Dance on Saturday, December 9th. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and dancing begins at 7:00 p.m., ends at 10:00 p.m. Free snacks, BYOB. Adults of all ages are welcome. Music will be provided by Janice and Rene. The cost is \$6; \$5 for members.



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

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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

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.org -- email: 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:

Port St. John Ward... Bishop Kline

Port St. John Ward Sacrament Meeting, 12:00 PM

Titusville Ward... Bishop Newman

Titusville Ward Sacrament Meeting, 9:00 AM

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5795 Falcon Blvd., PSJ: coastalcommunity.net

Services on Sunday, 9 & 10:45 am.

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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

1500 Cox Rd, Cocoa, Pastor Amado Luzbet

Church - 632-0640; School - 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.

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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.

East Coast Christian Center Cocoa Campus

1855 Friday Rd., Cocoa. (321) 452 1060

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

Sunday 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/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.

Contemporary service - 9:00 am

Sunday School - 10 am; Traditionally Service, 11 am

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 service at 9:30 a.m.

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.

Reverend Celestine Slater-Brooks

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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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 Mediation 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, Sun., 5 pm, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:30 pm
Narcotics Anonymous, Mondays, 8 - 10 pm.
1st Friday Rosary every month at 6 pm.

St Peter's Orthodox Catholic Church
(Western Rite)

3805 Fay Blvd., 321-208-2356
Services: Every Sunday 4:30 PM
Social Following Mass---Coffee & Cake
Celebrant: Deacon Frank Cossentino
Governing Bishop: Bishop Manuel Otero

Sun Valley Christian Church, 321-264-1337
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, 321-607-2111
thesurfsidefellowship.com

Pastor Dr. Erick Brookins
1720 Cox Road, Cocoa
Sunday Services at 9:00 & 10:30 am.
Saturday night at 6:00 pm

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, 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 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

Come join us on Friday, December 1, 2017
at St. Peter's Orthodox Catholic Church, a new
church in Port St. John located at 3805 Fay Blvd.
6 Pm-----Christmas Rosary
Call 321-208-2356 for information.
Celebrant: Deacon Frank Cossentino



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Experimental Aircraft Meeting

Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter
724, Merritt Island (EAA724) will hold their
next meeting on Wednesday December 13th
in the club house on Merritt Island Airport at
7:30pm. If you have a passion or interest in avia-
tion, 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. 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.

For more information, contact President Don
White at don@eaa724.org or 321-266-7410, or
visit their website at www.eaa724.org.

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 in-
vited to join us for lunch at 11:30 and an interest-
ing speaker at 12:15. No reservations required.

Our website address is [www.NARFE.org/
Chapter1137](http://www.NARFE.org/Chapter1137).

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Operation Christmas Child

First Baptist Church of Port St. John will be a drop off location for shoeboxes again this year!

Never heard of Operation Christmas Child? This is a ministry started by Franklin Graham and Samaritan's Purse. Go to their website: <http://www.samaritanaspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>

They also have a Facebook page.

You can use and fill any shoebox you have or we will have a limited supply of shoeboxes available at the church. National Collection Week will be November 13-20.

For more local information, you can call Ginger Platt at 321-403-5886, or First Baptist Church of Port St. John at 321-636-5455.

Project Graduation 2018

Would you like to help the Space Coast HS graduating class have a safe and fun graduation celebration next year? You can help, and have fun while you're at it. Here's how:

Every Monday Domino's will donate a dollar for every medium pizza with one topping sold. You probably want two!

Every last Saturday of the month they have a bucket drop at the BP station from 9-3. It's a good time to fill your tank.

Also, the class is doing a shoe drive, collecting shoes old and new for needy people. You might imagine there are many after Harvey, Irma and Maria. Drop your donated shoes off at the high school.

I was thinking about old age and decided that old age is when you still have something on the ball, but you are just too tired to bounce it.

The choir and Praise Band will present: "The Song Heard 'Round the World" by Joseph Martin. A live nativity scene is included with a candlelight ending. The Cantata will be held on December 17, 2017 at 10 am at First United Methodist Church of Port St. John, 1165 Fay Blvd. The regular 9am & 11am services are combined.



Everyone is welcome to attend and enjoy. Call (321) 631-0183 for more information.

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Walter Butler Community Center - December, 2017

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 - Fridays

25th - Center Closed Christmas Day Holiday

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

Kids in Motion, 2-6 p.m.

Open Gym, 6-8 p.m.

Open Computer Lab, 6-8 p.m.

Tuesdays

26th - Center Closed Christmas Day Holiday

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

Kids in Motion, 2-6 p.m.

Open Computer Lab, 6-8 p.m.

Zumba, 6-7 p.m.

Boy Scouts, 3:30-4:30 p.m. every other Tuesday

Wednesdays

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

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

Kids in Motion, 2-6 p.m.

Volleyball Fundamentals, 5-8 pm

Open Gym, 6-8 p.m.

Zumba, 6-7 pm

Thursdays

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

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

Kids in Motion, 2-6 p.m.

5th & 19th - Girl Scouts Troop 373, 5-7 p.m.

Volleyball Fundamentals, 5-8 p.m.

Zumba, 6-7 p.m.

Open Gym, 6-8 p.m.

Fridays

Open Gym, 9 -11a.m.

Open Computer Lab, 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Pickleball, 11 am-2 pm

Kids in Motion, 2-6 p.m.

Saturdays

23rd Center Closed Christmas Day Holiday

Basketball League, 10 a.m.- 2 p.m.

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 at 321- 264-5058 or 321-264-5105.

Blessed are those who can give without remembering and take without forgetting.

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

Basketball Fundamentals - 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 played but primary focus will be to build on and improve the skills 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.

Kids in Motion - After school program that focus on Anti-bullying and educational hands on projects that helps to stimulate learning, and growth; such as the Choice Program, 4-H Club and Stem Programs to enhance learning. Monday – Friday 2-6 p.m. \$30 a week. Discounts do apply if you live in the target area and if the child is eligible for free or reduced lunch and if the household receives any assistance.

There are no new sins; the old ones just get more publicity.

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.

Holiday Art & Craft Bazaar

On Saturday, December 9, 2017 Edgewood Project Graduation 2018 will be sponsoring an Art and Craft Bazaar in the Media Center Parking Lot and Cafeteria, 180 E. Merritt Ave., Merritt Island, from 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. We invite all local crafters, artists and home based businesses to join us in this fundraising event.

Outdoor display spaces are 10' x 10' on cement and tents/canopies are permitted. You must furnish your own tables, chairs and displays. There are a limited number of spaces available indoors which are available with 2 cafeteria style tables and some with electricity (please specify if you are in need of electricity).

Vendors are responsible for collecting and reporting of all Florida State Sales Tax.

Setup on Saturday morning begins at 8:00 a.m. and is required to be completed by 9:15 a.m. All crafters are required to remain until the end of the bazaar, 2:30 p.m.

Inside Cafeteria Space - 10x10 \$30.00 and an item donation for raffle (Limited Space Available.) Registration form and fees must be received no later than Monday, December 4th and Spaces will be assigned on a first come basis.

If you have any questions, please contact Cindy Greene at cgreene4@icloud.com or 321-615-2966.

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

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Phone _____ May we include your phone number on our membership roster to CGHI members? Yes No

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. Contact wcandei@aol.com

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Bill and his wife Blanche went to the state fair every year, and every year Bill would say, "Blanche, I'd like to ride in that helicopter."

Blanche always replied, "I know, Bill, but that helicopter ride is fifty bucks, and fifty bucks is fifty bucks!"

One year they went to the fair, and Bill said, "Blanche, I'm 75 years old. If I don't ride that helicopter, I might never get another chance."

To this, Blanche replied, "Bill, that helicopter ride is fifty bucks, and fifty bucks is fifty bucks."

The pilot overheard the couple and said, "Folks I'll make you a deal. I'll take the both of you for a ride. If you can stay quiet for the entire ride and don't say a word, I won't charge you a penny! But if you say one word, it's fifty dollars."

Bill and Blanche agreed and up they went. The pilot did all kinds of fancy maneuvers, but not a word was heard. When they landed, the pilot turned to Bill and said, "By golly, I did everything I could to get you to yell out, but you didn't. I'm impressed!"

Bill replied, "Well, I almost said something when Blanche fell out, but you know, fifty bucks is fifty bucks!"

"What do you do...?"

Groups of Americans were traveling by tour bus through Switzerland. As they stopped at a cheese farm, a young guide led them through the process of cheese making, explaining that goat's milk was used. She showed the group a lovely hillside where many goats were grazing.

"These," she explained, "are the older goats put out to pasture when they no longer produce." She then asked, "What do you do in America with your old goats?"

A spry old gentleman answered, "They send us on bus tours!"



WILLIAM CANNON

November 25, 1943 - November 3, 2017



Our long time writer for Canaveral Groves, Bill Cannon passed away on November 3rd. Services were held at Christ Central Church.

Bill had a lot of friends in Brevard County. He will be remembered for his wit, his smile and his fierce representation of his community and their needs. He served as President of Canaveral Groves Homeowners for many years.

And he'll be remembered as a great husband, father, grandfather, neighbor, teacher and friend, as well as someone who was always willing to help someone in need.

Sail to the Sun

On Saturday, December 2nd, the City of Cocoa and the Historic Cocoa Village Association will host the first Sail to the Sun Cruising Seminar at the Cocoa Civic Center. The Sail to the Sun Cruising Seminar is the brainchild of noted cruising columnist Wally Moran and the Historic Cocoa Village Association, a merchant's group in Historic Cocoa Village, and is supported by media sponsor, Cruising World Magazine. The day-long seminar will help highlight Cocoa as a worthwhile rest and refresh stop to the many thousands of cruisers who pass by Historic Cocoa Village on the Intracoastal Waterway every year.

The seminar will feature cruising writer and personality Captain Fatty Goodlander. Additional speakers include Pam Wall on Crossing the Gulf Stream and Cruising the Bahamas, Wally Moran on Changes in Cruising Cuba, Mike Gianotti will offer his valuable insights on marine electrical systems and plans also call for a presentation by a weather expert. The day's schedule will include an hour long Question and Answer Roundtable, lunch and dinner, plus happy hour and entertainment.

The Historic Cocoa Village Association's mission is to help promote and encourage growth of the Historic Cocoa Village community and the City of Cocoa by organizing and hosting community events and activities in the Village. Funds raised by the organization support various promotions, general advertising and tourism development for the community. A Portion of the proceeds from the Sail to the Sun Cruising Seminar will be devoted to the ongoing development and improvement of Cocoa's boating and cruising facilities along the Indian River.

For further information contact Allan Chapman at 321-631-9075, email to info@VisitCocoaVillage.com, or visit the website VisitCocoaVillage.com.

Seeking Community Assistance With Senior Santa Project

Brevard County TRIAD is working on the 18th Annual Senior Santa Project. The goal of the Senior Santa project is to provide the elderly in nursing homes and hospice settings with a personal gift around the holidays. Recipients of these gifts are residents who have little or no support in the area and would not otherwise receive a special gift when family and friends usually gather.

For 2017, TRIAD has adopted nearly 1,700 senior Brevard County residents to receive gifts. To accomplish this, they need assistance from the community. Santa face ornaments with specific items these seniors want or need have been placed on Senior Santa trees located at the Schechter Community Center in Satellite Beach; One Senior Place on Spyglass Hill Road, Viera; Parish Senior Solutions office on Century Medical Drive, Titusville; Titusville Police Department on John Glenn Blvd., Titusville and the Palm Bay Chamber office on U.S. 1, Palm Bay. Check at the Senior Santa tree location for a list of Gift Drop Off locations or visit <http://brevardtriad.org/> for details. All gifts purchased must be received by

December 5, 2017. TRIAD asks that all gifts be returned unwrapped in a shopping bag with the Santa head of recipient.

Donations are welcome, and TRIAD will do the shopping. Please send donations to Brevard County TRIAD, Inc. P.O. Box 410518, Melbourne, FL 32941. For more information, contact Jennifer Helin at 321-544-3052.

Brevard County TRIAD, Inc. is a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization. TRIAD and its many organizations and community partners work together to develop programs that address the issues of our growing senior population, as identified at the regional SALT Council meetings. The local Brevard County TRIAD, Inc. is a partnership agreement between the Brevard County Sheriff's Office, local Law Enforcement agencies, and the State Attorney's Office. Nationally, TRIAD comprises the AARP, the National Sheriff's Association, and the International Association of Chiefs of Police. For additional information, visit <http://brevardtriad.org/>.



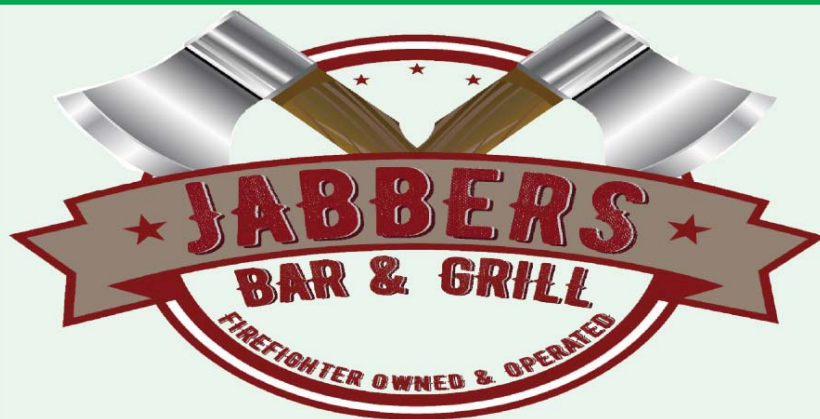
Pancake Breakfast for Toys For Tots

The pilots at Merritt Island Airport will hold their 23rd 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 9th. 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 and help make Christmas merrier for lots of children. For more information, call Don White at 321-266-7410

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