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~ Billie Farley

Burn Awareness Week is Feb. 5-11, 2017, and Shriners Hospitals for Children and Shriners International are committed to raising awareness about burn prevention and reducing the number of pediatric burn injuries. The Burn Awareness Week program is part of that effort.

Candle and cooking accidents account for a large portion of house fires and injuries, but the study revealed Americans are not taking simple steps to keep their homes safe. One-quarter of Americans surveyed said they leave lit candles unattended, and slightly more leave them in reach of children. The survey also found that two of the simplest prevention tips are often not followed in the kitchen – turning pot handles to the back of the stove and keeping a cookie sheet nearby to extinguish a fire.

“Some of these findings seem alarming, but each year our burn hospitals see the results – children who have been injured in cooking related accidents or in fires associated with decorations or candles,” said Kenneth Guidera, M.D., chief medical officer at Shriners Hospitals for Chil-

dren. “These injuries can mean years of ongoing treatments to a child’s growing skin and extensive rehabilitation.”

To help reduce fires and burns, Shriners Hospitals for Children is spreading important prevention messages through its Be Burn Aware campaign. Resources and promotional aids in support of burn awareness and prevention are available at beburnaware.org.

“As the nation’s leader in pediatric burn care, we want to remind the public of the simple precautions they can take to reduce the risks of fires and burns,” said Chris Smith, chairman of the Board of Directors, Shriners Hospitals for Children. “Should a severe burn occur, our expert medical staff is here to help, regardless of the families’ ability to pay. It’s just another way we send Love to the rescue®.”



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Mondays

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Teen Billiards, 4-8 p.m.

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

Tuesdays

Outside Basketball, 4-8 p.m.

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

Youth Dodge Ball 4:30-6 p.m.

Teen Billiards, 6-8 p.m.

Wednesdays

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

Outside Basketball, 1-8 p.m.

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Teen Billiards, 4-8 p.m.

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

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The North Brevard Commission on Parks and Recreation will hold its next monthly meeting on Thursday, February 9, 2017, 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.

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Good Day! by Maureen Rupe Septic Tanks

Brevard has a Septic Tank Fact Sheet; "Septic Systems in the Save Our Indian River Lagoon Project Plan" (see link below). It basically starts out saying that all septic tanks are polluters. The flyer states, "They are a cost-effective and reliable means of reducing contaminants, but they still add nutrients even when they are sited, designed and functioning properly. All septic systems must be regularly maintained to prevent build up and clogging of the drain field. If septic systems are failing or not maintained, are installed in porous soils, or are too close to the water table, they can become a large contributor of nutrients, bacteria and other pathogens to the groundwater."

I wrote a few months back how sewer systems are not the savior to our Indian River Lagoon, due to the way communities get rid of bio-solids (left over from sewer plants), or how septic tank pump outs are not watched for where they dump their waste, or the millions of gallons of raw

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sewage that make their way into the Lagoon. This is a continuing saga. I want to concentrate on the plans being made concerning septic tanks that will impact most of us. I'm not saying that the Save Our IRL Plan is wrong, but it seems to concentrate on just some of the problem. I've brought this up and I was told cities were going to be pressured to update their pipes, capacity and monitoring on how companies are distributing waste, both liquid and bio-solids.

The Brevard County Natural Resources "Save the Indian River Lagoon, Save Our Indian River Lagoon Project Plan for Brevard County," along with the flyer, states there are 80,000 septic tanks in Brevard County and 59,400 of them migrate to the Indian River Lagoon, so the odds they are counting your house in that number are good if you happen to be on septic. The plan takes a dual approach to the septic tank issue; removing and/or upgrading septic tanks. The plan states it takes approximately \$20,000 to remove a septic tank (removing, running sewer lines and connection fees), and \$16,000 to upgrade systems to a pas-

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sive treatment system. Using that 59,400 number, it would take \$950,400,000 to \$1,188,000,000 to just upgrade all septic tanks, so they have to concentrate on where they make the most impact (remove the most nutrients, location to lagoon, etc.). The plan says, "The cost to upgrade all 15,090 septic systems within 55 yards of an open water connection to the lagoon, which were not recommended for connection to sewer, would be \$241,440,000." The plan states they plan to remove 2,300 septic tanks over the next 8 years, and upgrade 1,300 septic tanks over the next 10 years. That's \$46,000,000 for removal, and \$20,800,000 for upgrades. The Save the IRL Plan estimates \$41,764,000 to remove 56,509 septic tanks and \$22,192,000 for 27,659 septic tank upgrades.

The plan points out in the opening paragraph on page 21, that, "Florida Department of Health (FDOH) is responsible for the regulation and permitting of septic systems." I've found out that the FDOH has permitted 90,000 septic tanks in Brevard County. The plan said 87,000, so since

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

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

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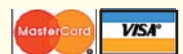
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the Plan was published in July, 2016, FDOH has approved an additional 3,000 septic tanks. From studying the septic tank upgrade areas shown in the plan from pages 29 – 31 and pages 36 – 38, half the cities are concentrating septic tank upgrades within 55 yards of the IRL, but it seems Titusville, Melbourne, West Melbourne and Palm Bay have selected upgrades well away from the lagoon; miles in some instances. I hope they don't spend money on upgrades that benefit those cities from a monetary perspective, as opposed to a true benefit to the IRL.

FDOH, which has jurisdiction over on-site sewers, has a link to several documents and for one, a flyer talking about Sewer and Onsite Sewage Treatment and Disposal Systems (OSTDS). It states "OSTDS generally low cost for passive system: \$3,000 to \$6,000 for standard 3-bedroom single family residence. Nitrogen reduction - \$10,000 - \$15,000." It states maintenance is \$250 - \$400 for inspection and pump-out, with spills limited to 300-400 gallons a day, while "Sewers have high up front cost for construction of treat-



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ment facility and connection lines. Connection costs for family residences range from \$2,500 to \$20,000." They state "Sewer spills can be very large, (1000 – 100,000 gallons), but monitored and reported. Line leaks may be undetected. Failures affect multiple homes and can potentially contaminate large areas." To me, the OSTDS is the better option overall. In 2008, the Florida Legislature directed the Department of Health to contract with experts to develop cost-effective nitrogen reduction strategies for onsite sewage treatment and disposal systems (OSTDS). The report was published in December, 2015.

The report showed 7 different systems set up across the state to show how each system worked compared to the others. The Low (25-35%) Nitrogen Removal Systems were basically what we are using now (septic tanks), installation cost of \$4,000, with low maintenance. Medium (50-70%) Nitrogen Removal Systems, installation costs of \$16,000, but also had \$9,000 maintenance, and \$3,000 for inspections. High (85-95%) Nitrogen Removal Systems, installa-

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tion (\$20,000), with maintenance and compliance cost the same as the Medium Nitrogen Removal Systems. Even with low nitrogen removal, if you don't inspect, you don't know a system has failed until someone reports it. From my view, these inspections also need to be completed for any dump site where septic tank sludge and bio-solids are spread across our fields. The high nitrogen removal system is probably more appropriate for septic tanks close to IRL, but seems there's not a lot of cost difference between the medium and high nitrogen removal systems.

The report determined: "Several of the passive nitrogen systems designed and tested as part of this study provide significant improvements in nitrogen reduction over conventional systems, achieving consistent removal of over 90-95% of the nitrogen and having a concentration less than 5 mg N/L (Nitrogen Level). Current advanced systems available on the market typically achieve 40-70% reduction in TN (Total Nitrogen). The passive systems designed and developed as part

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of this study were simple to operate and only required minimal maintenance after startup. The media used in these systems to perform the nitrogen reduction is expected to last many years, with theoretical estimates based on media stoichiometry indicating a media life of more than 50 years. Prior to implementing any of these systems, several actions need to occur:

1. Develop standard procedures for system performance and maintenance tracking, construction and maintenance inspection requirements, and continued system monitoring and enforcement.

2. Build service provider qualification and certification programs and ensure sufficient service provider capacity.

3. Develop a public awareness campaign.

The report concludes towards the end of the report, "In a press release by the St. Johns River Water Management District on October 7, 2015, DEP Secretary Jon Steverson said, 'Combining efforts and resources with local governments, stakeholders and the water management districts enables us to take a more comprehensive and efficient approach to springs protection.' A col-

laborative approach to nitrogen reduction from decentralized wastewater sources at the local level is the approach that can make the most impact."

In addition, an EPA researcher has asked to test a nitrogen sensor for use on advanced nitrogen removal septic systems to, "offer peace of mind regarding return on investment for homeowners and communities." If the sensor works, it might preclude needing some or all of the annual compliance inspections costing homeowners \$100 - \$400 per year.

What does this all mean? The Save the Lagoon Plan Citizen's Oversight Committee has public meetings on the third Friday of every month at 8:30 am on the third floor of Building C at the Government Center in Viera. This committee has the power to advise the Brevard County Commission to make changes. Remember, this is your plan. You are paying for it, so you should please give the Committee your suggestions. If you have comments or recommendations but can't attend, send your inputs to: Stephen M. Swanke, (321) 633-2069 or steve.swanke@brevardcounty.us.

Questions I would like to be answered: 1) Why is the state still issuing permits for septic tanks

in Florida, especially Brevard, due to our vote to pay for the cleanup of the Indian River Lagoon? 2) Why is the state still allowing the bio-solids from septic and sewer spread over agriculture land in Brevard? Some are near Port St. John.

Bottom Line: The cleanup for our Indian River Lagoon has to be done for our Health and Quality of Life. Septic tanks is only one perspective, and as we go forward and as more information is known, there will be tweaks in various ideas for each aspect of the cleanup. But it takes input on the smartest ways forward.

Reference: www.brevardfl.gov/docs/default-source/natural-resources-documents/septic-tanks-fact-sheet.pdf?sfvrsn=0

www.brevardfl.gov/docs/default-source/natural-resources-documents/save-our-indian-river-lagoon-project-plan-final.pdf?sfvrsn=0

Everglades Dolphins have Highest Mercury Level on Earth

The Treasure Coast Palm reported in a 12/26/16 story by Tyler Treadway, updated on January 3rd, that a study published by Florida International University (FIU) in the Scientific Journal "Environmental Pollution," showed the Bottleneck Dolphins in the Everglades had the

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highest levels of mercury anyone had ever recorded. The story referenced that the 11 parts per million average in this study can be compared to having a pinch of salt in 20 pounds of potato chips. I'm not sure I'd use something that isn't harmful as a good comparison considering the World Health Organization, on their website, considers Mercury "...as one of the top ten chemicals or groups of chemicals of major public health concern." They also say that "Exposure to mercury – even small amounts – may cause serious health problems, and is a threat to the development of the child in utero and early in life." And, "Mercury may have toxic effects on the nervous, digestive and immune systems, and on lungs, kidneys, skin and eyes."

The Treasure Coast Palm story stated "Dolphins are a 'sentinel species.' High levels of mercury in dolphins shows that there are high levels of mercury in animals throughout the food chain." As dolphins eat many smaller fish and crustaceans, their levels of mercury show how mercury levels are climbing in all species in that area. Adam Schaefer is a Harbor Branch research professor who studies diseases in wildlife at Florida Atlantic University, which relates

why this article referenced a Florida Atlantic University study that was published by Treasure Coast Palm in 2015 concerning the Indian River Lagoon. The Nov 30, 2015 Treasure Coast Palm article by Conrad deFiebre, titled, "High mercury levels found in IRL dolphins may help pinpoint human health hazards," The 2015 article related it to our residents by stating, "Florida residents are known to eat 10 times as much seafood as the U.S. average and the Indian River area may have more mercury exposure than anywhere else in the state." Mercury enters the atmosphere from industrial metal production, waste incineration, coal-fired power plants and even volcanic eruptions worldwide. But more seems to accumulate in South Florida because of heavier rainfall and biochemical characteristics of the region's waterways that speed conversion of inorganic mercury to methylmercury that builds up in animal and human tissue.

"Florida's a big dumping ground for mercury," Schaefer said. Much like dolphins, who eat a steady diet of striped mullet and silver perch, area residents who consumed lots of local snapper, sea trout, cobia and grouper showed the highest levels of mercury in Harbor Branch analysis of

hair samples.

The Everglades FIU study also may tie some of the mercury increase to agricultural runoff. They found that "... mercury levels were much lower in dolphins in the Keys, which don't have agricultural runoff." The article pointed out that mercury sources have been both by natural and unnatural means, such as coal fired power plants. As to how each plays a role in the process and increased accumulations in south and east Florida, the members of the FIU research team from FIU, the University of Liège in Belgium, the University of Gronigen in the Netherlands and the Tropical Dolphin Research Foundation want to expand the study to other species such as sharks, alligators and other species to see how they are contaminated by mercury.

Reference: www.tcpalm.com/story/news/local/indian-river-lagoon/health/2016/12/26/mercury-dolphins-indian-river-lagoon/94998896/

Florida Economic Incentives Lost Cause?

Republican Gov. Rick Scott says we need business incentives to spur job creation and economic growth and is asking for \$85 million this year to expand his program Enterprise

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Florida Inc., which is Florida's primary business development group. Opponents are calling it "corporate warfare." A 01/12/2017 article by William Patrick on watchdog.org titled, "State economist: 70 percent of Florida's economic incentive programs losing money," stated Florida seems to be on the losing end concerning these motivation plans.

Democrats seem to be understanding of the need to generate jobs and the arguments seem to be all in the Republican party. Amy Baker is the state's chief economist and legislative coordinator for the nonpartisan Office of Economic and Demographic Research, and earlier this month did a presentation to the Florida House Careers and Competition Committee. According to the article, "Baker reported that 18 of the state's 26 economic incentive programs failed to bring in enough tax revenue to break even — three of those programs were a total loss and required additional funding." Chris Hart, president and CEO of Enterprise Florida, Inc; Cissy Proctor, executive director of the Department of Economic Opportunity; and Kelly Smallridge, president and CEO of the development board for Palm Beach

County; all spoke at the hearing in favor of the incentives, but without them, it would put them out of a job.

Professor Shawn Kantor at Florida State University said he was opposed to the taxpayer-supported incentives. "They're inherently unfair," Kantor said. "Some of your constituents have been working really hard building their businesses and you're dangling carrots for new businesses who'll grab the golden ring at the last minute while your constituents are paying the bill."

During the hearings, Amy Baker said if the state wants to put money into incentives that are still critical to business growth, they need to spend the money on roads, bridges, airports and seaports. None seem to meet the Return on Investment (ROI) test, but should be in place to assist any business. Wherever the state goes on this, Governor Scott is trying to remove all business taxes, so it's probably going to fall on the Florida taxpayer; you and me.

North Brevard Economic Zone

The North Brevard Economic Zone is doing a good job, in my opinion, in bringing business to North Brevard. Nevertheless, I asked a member

of the board, "What has been done for Port St. John with zone help, as we put up with the pollution over the years?"

The answer was, "No one from Port St John has asked." Any ideas?

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This month has some interesting tidbits you might like. The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and partners from the states are reminding the nation your 2016 tax return is not due until Tuesday, April 18, 2017. The deadline is extended because the Emancipation Day, a holiday for Washington, DC, will be observed on Monday, April 17, 2017, and with April 15, 2017, being on a Saturday, it moves the deadline out. Expect your refund to be delayed. IRS expects to issue more than nine out of ten refunds in less than 21 days. However, a recent tax act mandates the IRS to hold refunds on tax returns claiming the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) or the Additional Child Tax Credit (ACTC) until February 15, 2017, and these refunds will likely not start arriving in bank accounts or on debit cards until the week of February 27, 2017. Additionally, weekends or holidays and the three-day holiday involving President's Day will also affect the refund timing. For your convenience, "Where's My Refund?" icon at www.irs.gov will be updated with projected deposit dates a few days after February 15, 2017. This will be the best way for you to check when you may receive your refund.

Oh, one other thing, if your refund includes the EITC or the ACTC, no portion of your refund will be released, either. No exceptions.

This 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.

Now, something on a good note. The National Society of Accountants (NSA) and the Higginbotham Scholarship Foundation, Inc. (HSF) award annual scholarships to students. The NSA assists dedicated students who are committed to a career in accounting and may be any undergraduate enrolled in a degree program at an accredited two- or four-year college or university. In 2016, The NSA awarded over \$35,000 to 32 deserving students.

The HSF awards \$500 to one graduating student from Space Coast Jr./Sr. High School to help with their college costs. Any student interested in applying for the scholarship should contact my office for application assistance.

Last important thing, know your tax preparer. Make sure they have a Practitioner Tax Identification Number (PTIN). These individuals have a requirement to complete annual training and most likely will complete a creditable tax return. I know there are others without PTIN's and I'm not saying don't use them, just make sure they are knowledgeable and competent to prepare your return. You're ultimately responsible for the accuracy of the return, not them.

In closing, our firm wishes you a prosperous new year and don't hesitate to give me a call to answer questions you may have. I'll be happy to discuss your situation and provide a recommendation if you need to consult an advisor or not. However, this does not include actual form preparation, sorry.

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.

A Barbershop Tribute

The Greater Canaveral Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society will present "A Barbershop Tribute to Musical Trivia," a show that features outstanding Barbershop Singing. The show will include performances by The Space Coast Chorus and chapter quartets, Divine Mercy Children's Choir and the 2009 International Quartet Champions, Crossroads, on Saturday, February 18 at 3:00 p.m. at Merritt Island High School. Admission is \$15.00. For tickets, contact Tim Hanrahan at 321-537-2875.

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This exciting event will include a wide selection of fantastic seafood, top flight entertainment, premier Arts & Crafts Show, a Kids Activities Zone and numerous other special events.



Featuring fresh mouth-watering seafood provided by vendors both local and from all over the United States, don't miss this signature event that will attract tens of thousands of attendees from all over Florida.

Seafood Festival daily tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 on the day of the event. A three-day, Weekend Festival only ticket is just \$18, which is good for three days of access to the festival. Festival only tickets do not include concert admission.

Individual Concert ticket prices start at \$26.50 for General Admission for one concert. A special Weekend Concert General Admission ticket is just \$57 and is good for all three days of concerts and 3 days of access to the festival. All concert tickets also include Seafood Festival access.

Central FL Accordion Club

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



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

Shows will be held on Sunday, February 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.



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Community Events - We would like to thank everyone who came out and participated in any of our fundraisers for January. A big thank you also goes out to Dogs "R" Us and Kelly's Smokin' BBQ for allowing us the opportunity to fundraise with them and help our league.

Registration for Flag Football –

Currently we are accepting online registration for the NFL Flag season. Flag football season practice will begin in March and games will begin in April, continuing through May. The league is for boys and girls, ages 4-15. We will need volunteer coaches. If you are interested, please speak with someone at registration or contact us through our website. The cost of the season is \$60, which includes an NFL Team Jersey, set of flags, league insurance coverage and other fees associated with the season.

The NFL Skills clinic will be held the 28th of

February and the 1st of March. Our flag season practice will begin the week after the clinics are held. Check our website frequently for dates and times for the upcoming flag season.

Volunteers Needed -

We run this league with all volunteers and we are always in need of more. If you would like to join, please check out our website and/or speak to a board member at the field. A list of our board members can also be found on our website at Spacecoastpanthers.org.

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Valentine's Day Couples Yoga

The Cape Canaveral Culture and Leisure Services department is offering a special couples yoga event: "Sweatin' with my Sweetie: A Valentine's Day Wellness Experience" on Tuesday, February 14th at Banana River Park, located at 901 Puerto Del Rio Drive.



Join Cape Canaveral yoga instructors Doug Shorts and Rebecca Chapman for an all-inclusive couple's wellness experience that combines partner yoga with partner fitness. Couples will assist each other through a series of partner exercises and yoga poses to achieve wellness benefits only available working with a partner.

Registration costs \$55 per couple and includes professional, personalized fitness and yoga instruction, food from Euro Kafe, a bottle of champagne (or non-alcoholic sparkling juice) from Bacchae Wine Bar and relaxing live acoustic melodies of Pete Spoth. Pre-registration is required and registration deadline is February 10th.

For more information or to register, please contact: Rebecca Chapman at (407) 620-5978 or via email at alittlelovechangeslives@gmail.com.



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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.

2-1 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.

2-2 Groundhog Day

2-5 Super Bowl!

2-7 Compassionate Friends Support Group meets the first Tuesday of every month at 6 p.m. in Cocoa Beach at the Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, 525 Minuteman Cswy. west of A1A, Fellowship Hall. Call 610-7875 for info.

2-8 '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.

2-9 Canaveral Groves Homeowners, Inc. meets on the 2nd Thursday each month, 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Room of Discovery Christian Church, 3925 Grissom Pkwy.

2-10 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.

2-12 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.

2-12 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.

2-12 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.

2-14 Valentine's Day!

2-15 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.

2-17 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.

2-20 Presidents Day

2-20 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.
2-29 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:

Kara Scott turns **6** on the 2nd.

Kyle Davis turns **23** on the 3rd.

Jack Bray turns crazier on the 3rd.

Alan Preble turns buffer on the 5th.

Drake & Madison Rowell are **20** on the 7th.

Amethyst Crawford turns **Sweet 16** on the 7th

Cassidy Michonski turns **19** on the 7th!

Jennifer Wilson turns **25** on the 9th.

Nicolas Wagner turns **13TEEN** on the 11th.

Segunda Leach turns cuter on the 11th.

Jamey Blevins will turn **12** on the 11th.

Joshua Wilson turns **22** on the 14th.

Karley Moss turns **18** on the 18th.

Missy Crawford turns prettier on the 18th.

Samantha Hurst turns **18** on the 23rd

Jason Sanchez turns **17** on the 26th.

Laura Wagner turns wilder on the 27th.

Kobi Ragan parties wild on the 27th.

Ashlee Rickard turns **10** on the 27th.

Kris Robitaille rocks the house on the 28th.

Amber Nero turns hotter on the 29th.

Jack & Sue Bray celebrate their **37th** anniversary on the 1st.

Adam & Dawn Niehoff celebrate their **11th** anniversary on the 4th.

Bev & Myron Musselman celebrate **66** years on the 10th.

Ann & Vincent Cimino celebrate **65** years on the 10th.

Craig & Carol Kremer celebrate their **31st** on the 14th.

To my husband, **Michael Lapardo: "Happy 30th Wedding Anniversary. We are truly blessed."** I love you... Forever yours,.Helen.

Tom & Laura Wagner celebrate their **16th** wedding anniversary on the 17th.

Derek & Leslie Rickard celebrate their **13th** anniversary on the 21st.

We have lots of room for more good news.

Email inputs to happenings1@att.net.

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Augmented Reality Sandbox - Interactive fun for all ages. It's ok... put your hands in the sand at the Augmented Reality Sandbox.

Learn To Ipaint; Ipad Painting Workshops - Yes, you can really learn to paint at this work-

shop by Corliss Blakely. Granted, it is a digital paint class, meaning you'll learn to paint on an iPad, but you can walk away saying you know how to paint.

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Rose's Room

Despite the rumors, I'm really not the Grumpy Cats idol. There are several reasons I'm forgoing the hearts and flowers this go-around.

I've always been a tad creeped out by the idea of a cherub (which seems to be essentially a chunky infant) floating around people's heads brandishing a bow and arrow. To this day I'm not understanding the whole shooting an arrow – flipping the 'Love Light' switch thing. I'm pretty sure if the whole premise was presented these days some sort of Bow and Arrow NRA-like group would be protesting OB/GYN clinics everywhere. I'm also pretty sure there are medications for those of us who can see babies hang gliding throughout restaurants and Tunnels of Love.

My having no special plans nor karat expectations for this cuddliest of all holidays has no bearing whatsoever on my alleged bah, humbug attitude about this year's Lover's day. I'm just fascinated by the odd and unusual (and my best beau busted his budget at Christmas).

I've known for a while now that 'Lover's Month' also contains less celebrated holidays and have become very adept at ignoring strange looks and stranger comments about my method of celebrations. In sharing some with you all I'm also extending the permission to celebrate the ones you see fit – in any way you see fit. I do ask if law enforcement is involved, don't point to this column.

Feb. 2 Candlemas Day – A day to bring candles to church...? If you're Catholic, that's akin to bringing dollar bills to a bank.

Feb.3 Feed the Birds Day – I wasn't aware we needed a day for that. I'll have to enlighten the Blue Jays tomorrow morning – and hope the dive bombing ceases long enough for me to make it to my porch.

Feb. 4 Create a Vacuum Day – I can only paraphrase the Great God Google. A (mad!?) scientist created this day to celebrate the creation of a vacuum during laboratory work. But, I'm pretty sure it had to be a housewife who was totally done with beating rugs on the back fence; or possibly the housewife's husband in an attempt to keep said housewife from using the rug beater in a way that could perhaps leave stains on said rugs.

Feb. 5 Eat Ice Cream for Breakfast Day – I'm very sure a third grader must have been working for Hallmark when this day was conceived, but hey – when in Rome.

Feb. 7 Wave All Your Fingers at Your Neighbor Day – You must not wave with one finger on this day! Not even at the old guy across the street who walks his dog along your front fence every day...

Feb. 9 Toothache day – The only nugget (nougat) of information I could find about this holiday is that it falls on the very day the Hershey corporation was founded...?

Feb. 11 White T-Shirt Day – Began as White Shirt Day honoring a truckers union sit-down strike and somehow morphed into White T-Shirt Day. Wondering if the truckers were hauling beer and convinced the secretaries ...oh well... Never mind...

Feb. 13 Clean out your computer day – It's just so hard to dry all those little pointy things and get the top to clip back on afterward. This is also Get A Different Name Day...I'm not sure the founder actually meant the one that the IT guys gave me when I participated in the previous holiday...

Feb.15 Singles Awareness Day – S.A.D.... Really?...

Feb. 16 Do A Grouch A Favor Day – The idea is to do him or her a favor that will cheer up their day. Why? Some of us enjoy not smiling. Especially those of us who celebrate the above holiday.

Feb. 18 National Drink Wine Day – Probably created by some of the single grouches.

Feb. 25 Open That Bottle Night – How did they drink all that wine? Also Pistol Patent Day – Now we know what drove Annie Oakley to gun slinging perfection.

Feb. 26 Public Sleeping Day... 'nuff said!

Either days you choose to celebrate - either way you choose to celebrate - just enjoy with those you love, but please read the rest of the fine columns in this paper pre-Open That Bottle Day! You'll be glad you did.

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Titusville Fair

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The Titusville Fair will feature free unlimited rides and free shows with gate admission. Gate admission will be \$12 per person Monday through Thursday and \$15 Friday through Sunday. All attendees will pay the gate admission.

The fair will open at 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and at 1 pm on Saturdays and Sundays.

Sand Point Park is situated directly on the Indian River Lagoon and across from Kennedy Space Center. There is convenient parking inside the grounds. Parking will be \$5 during the operating hours of the fair.

Enjoy the Spiderman Show, the Hula-Hoop Groove Show, the High Wire Acrobatic Lyra Show, the Hilarious Clown Troupe, and the world famous Motorcycle Globe Of Death Show.

The Torres Family Circus presented by Space Coast Daily will feature The Motorcycle Globe of Death, free with fair admission. You may have seen them on America's Got Talent.

Mike Klee and his Ag-Magic show will entertain the guests at this year's Fair with his hilarious style of family magic. All of his shows are packed full of interactive magic with strong motivational messages designed to inspire audiences to want to learn more.

Watch as your favorite farm animals come to life in a hilarious rendition of Old MacDonald's farm. The sidesplitting comedy duo of Super Chicken and Chicken Nugget will leave the audience rolling in the aisles with laughter.

Then discover the true hero of agriculture, "The American Farmer" as he makes a memorial appearance at the show. As always, Trix the wonder rabbit and Rainbow the rooster are up to there usual hijinx with funny appearances throughout the show.

There will be two shows at 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. Monday through Friday, and three shows on Saturdays and Sundays at 3 p.m., 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. The Magic Shows will take place on the

Space Coast Daily Stage under the big top tent at the fair.

The shows and unlimited rides will be free with fair gate admission of \$12 Monday through Thursday, or \$15 Fridays through Sundays. All guests entering the Fair pay the gate admission.

It's the Month of Brotherly Love!



Love thy neighbor. Loving thy neighbor is easier said than done. However, it is possible. It could mean a good relationship, either of the working and reciprocal kind or simply a smile and kind gesture.

Getting to know your neighbors and your surroundings is the key element of any neighborhood watch program. It's important to be hospitable without being too nosy. If something doesn't seem quite right, follow your instincts and report it if necessary. If your neighbor is parking their car in the back yard, there's a good chance they are hiding something other than their vehicle.

Reports of Meth labs and prostitution are a concern for residents. Unusual traffic or odd hours being kept at any one residence may be a sign of illegal activity, such as drug trafficking or prostitution. Take note by keeping a written log. Mental notes can be confused and are more questionable. If you feel you have enough validation to report your findings, then do not hesitate to call the BCSO non-emergency line.

If anyone you don't know approaches you and asks you to take them 'home,' no matter if they are crying or in hysterics, please call 911 and ask they send someone to their rescue. Reports of attempted rapes and robberies are on the rise; whether gang related or not. Again, be aware of your surroundings. Avoid anyone who tries to approach you, if possible, and do not turn your attention away from them. Whether or not you are armed with a weapon, you can't defy logic and safety. It's better to be safe than sorry!

How about showing ME some love by liking my Facebook page? I like to post tips on safety and other "quirky" things, so you can get to know me better. After all, I AM your neighbor. You can share your concerns and report suspicious activity anonymously by messaging me.

- Neighbor Nell

PSJ Welcomes Orthopedic Surgeon E. Wayne Mosley

Parrish Medical Group, with offices in Titusville, Port St. John and Melbourne, welcomes E. Wayne Mosley, MD, as its newest board-certified physician in Orthopedic Surgery. Dr. Mosley has practiced orthopedic medicine since 1993 – most



recently in Indiana with the Perry County Surgical Associates—as well as in Kentucky, Georgia, Florida, and Tennessee. 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 Kentucky, College of Medicine in Lexington, Kentucky in 1988, and completed an internship in the university's Department of Surgery from 1988-89 as well as his residency in orthopedic surgery from 1989-93. Dr. Mosley also holds an MBA degree from Emory University (2006) and a Master's in Negotiations from the Mendoza College of Business at the University of Notre Dame (2006).

Dr. Mosley entered military service in 1987 and most recently served as an orthopedic surgeon in the U.S. Army Reserves, including deployments to Afghanistan and Iraq.

He has lectured widely in the military and at the universities of Kentucky and Louisville, Lexington Community College, Hopkinsville Community College, and Jennie Stuart Medical Center, and has received numerous awards and commendations, including the Operation Iraqi Freedom CFLCC Surgeon Award for Excellence, Order of Military Medical Merit, and the Bronze Star.

Dr. Mosley is conveniently located in the Parrish Healthcare Center at 5005 Port St. John Parkway in Port St. John and is currently accepting Medicare, Medicaid, and most insurances.

Please call 321-433-2247 to make an appointment with Dr. Mosley.

Mardi Gras Street Party & Parade

On Saturday, February 11th, historic downtown Titusville will transform into a New Orleans style French Quarter during the Titusville Mardi Gras Street Party and Parade. The 5-block area of downtown Titusville will be the venue for the Mardi Gras beginning at 5 p.m. on Saturday, February 11 and ending at 1 a.m. on Sunday, February 12. Live musical entertainment will begin on all stages at 5 p.m., with each stage featuring a different genre of music

To kick off the Titusville Mardi Gras weekend, on Friday, February 10, from 6 pm – 9 pm, the Brevard County Property Appraiser's Office presents Fat Friday Jambalaya & Gumbo Cook-Off and Sumo Wrestling Block Party, with all proceeds for the United Way of Brevard County. This is a free admission event and features a cook-off with the area's best N'awlins style chefs. To register for the cook-off or for the Sumo wrestling, go to bcpaocookoff.com or email bcpaocookoff@yahoo.com

On Saturday, The Titusville Mardi Gras Street party & Parade will feature six live bands on two premier stages, including rock legends Molly Hatchet on the Welcome Center Stage and high energy rock band The Supervillains, who is a fun, fan-loving powerhouse. The Supervillains have crafted a sound distinctly their own; fresh, fun and embodied by the soul of the party lifestyle.

In the three stage areas: north, central and south, there will be stilt walkers, marching bands, jugglers, strolling musicians and much more to create a festive family atmosphere in the streets of downtown Titusville.

Save money – Mardi Gras admission tickets are available at all area Walgreens stores for only \$8. Tickets purchased at the gates on the day of the event will be \$12 per person. Children under the age of 3 are free.

And if you like to eat Cajun style food, there will be plenty to choose from. Delicious shrimp and grits, crawdads, red beans and rice, Jambalaya, Po' Boy sandwiches and much more will be offered at the Titusville Mardi Gras.

Over 50 professional and personal Mardi Gras themed floats are expected to be showcased during the Titusville Mardi Gras Parade of Floats.

The parade will begin at 8 p.m. and will travel

the entire length of the street party, where over 100,000 beads will be tossed to the revelers. Companies, clubs, families, teams and all organizations are invited to enter a float into the parade.

The couple that shows the most Mardi Gras spirit through their costumes and attitude will be crowned the King & Queen of Mardi Gras.

All types of organizations are encouraged to enter the parade. The parade will take place at 8 pm and will proceed through the main street party area, with over 100,000 beads being tossed for all the crowds to enjoy. This will be a wonderful celebration for the City of Titusville. Terrier Sound and Cheer teams from Titusville High School will lead the 2016 Titusville Mardi Gras parade at 8 pm.

Titusville High School will sponsor the Mardi Gras Madness 5K Run and Walk beginning at 4 pm on February 11. People wishing to enter may call 321-264-3100 ext. 5106 or email Berley.Jacqueline@brevardschools.org. Registration is \$25 for students and \$30 for adults and includes entry into the race, an Official Mardi Gras Madness T-Shirt and discounted access into the Mardi Gras Street Party & Parade (\$8 when wearing the Mardi Gras Madness 5K Run/Walk Official T-Shirt – must be wearing the T-Shirt to receive the discount).

The deadline to register for the 5K is January 27, 2017 – in order to guarantee a T-shirt size. People may sign up after January 27 by calling the same phone number.

The 5K will begin at Pine Street at 4 pm sharp and will finish at Julia Street. The awards presentation will take place on the Space Coast Daily stage next to the Titusville Welcome Center at 4:45 pm.

VIP PARTY AND TICKETS: There will be a special VIP Party in the courtyard next to Bar IX restaurant beginning at 6 pm. VIP ticket holders will receive access to the VIP Party, a souvenir mardi gras mask, a delicious cajun style buffet, a Titusville Mardi Gras souvenir goblet with beverage, and a special viewing area for the parade of floats. VIP tickets may be purchased at any Walgreens store for \$29 beginning January 12th.

For more information about the Titusville Mardi Gras Street Party and Parade call 1-855-386-3836 or 321-323-4460, or visit www.TitusvilleMardiGras.com.

PSJ Welcomes Physician Benjamin Nettleton, DO

Parrish Medical Group, with offices in Titusville, Port St. John and Melbourne, welcomes Benjamin R. Nettleton, DO, as its newest family practitioner, board certified by the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians.



Dr. Nettleton has practiced medicine since 2008, after receiving his medical degree from Touro University in Vallejo, California in 2005, and completing an internship and residency at Mercy Suburban Hospital in Norristown, Pennsylvania in 2008. Prior to joining PMG, he practiced family medicine at the Kadlec Clinic Pasco and with Lourdes West Pasco Family Medicine in Pasco, Washington.

He is a member of the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians and the American Osteopathic Association, and is active in church and community health and depression outreach programs.

Dr. Nettleton specializes in the care of families, from newborns to adults, managing chronic conditions such as diabetes and thyroid disease, and offers minor office surgery and procedures, including joint injections.

“It is with pleasure that I join a well-managed and respected healthcare community,” said Dr. Nettleton, “I too believe in taking the time to listen to patients and treating the whole person.”

Dr. Nettleton welcomes new patients as well as patients of Dr. Wendy Worsley, who is preparing to retire.

He is conveniently located in the Parrish Medical Group office at the Parrish Healthcare Center in Port St. John, 5005 Port St. John Parkway, and accepts most insurance plans.

Please call 321-504-0556 for an appointment.

Eat breakfast like a king, lunch like a prince and dinner like a college kid with a maxed out charge card.

Parrish Medical Ctr Is First Hospital to Commit to All 12 Actionable Patient Safety Solutions

The Patient Safety Movement Foundation (PSMF) is very proud to announce that Parrish Medical Center in Titusville, Florida, has become the first hospital to make formal commitments that align with all 12 Actionable Patient Safety Solutions (APSS) toward eliminating preventable patient deaths by 2020. Earlier this year, Parrish Medical Center made nine commitments through which 85 lives will be saved. Parrish was named one of the winners of PSMF's annual competition to win a private fishing trip with former President Jimmy



Carter and First Lady Rosalynn Carter for their estimated projection of “lives saved.”

In October, Parrish Medical Center's Controller, Michael Sitowitz, joined President and First Lady Carter on a private fishing trip in the North Georgia Mountains. They were joined by four other individuals who have contributed significantly to the Foundation's expansion, both domestically and internationally: Dr. Yisrael Safeek of the SafeCare Group; Dr. Robert Kamei and Dr. Michelle Thai, the Foundation's Regional Network Co-Chairs in Asia; and Dr. Javier Davila, the Regional Network Chair in Mexico. Parrish Medical Center will announce their commitments at the 5th Annual World Patient Safety, Science & Technology Summit, February 3–4, 2017, at Laguna Cliffs Marriott Resort and Spa in Dana Point, California.

Since its inception, the Patient Safety Movement Foundation has worked with medical safety experts from around the world to develop a series of simple and easy to follow processes to some of the most common patient safety challenges that hospitals face today. These processes, called Actionable Patient Safety Solutions (APSS), can be adapted to almost any clinical setting, anywhere in the world. There are currently 12 patient safety challenges, and Parrish Medical Center has made a total of 16 commitments that align with all 12 APSS categories, resulting in 142 total lives saved so far in 2016.

“As a responsible medical provider on Florida's east coast, Parrish Medical Center has

always put patient care and safety first,” said Edwin Loftin, Vice President of Acute Care/CNO at Parrish Medical Center. “We are honored to be a part of such a vital movement. The APSS make it easy for medical professionals, in any setting, to follow step-by-step, evidence-based and cost-saving procedures that will spare thousands of families the tragic, yet preventable loss of a loved one.”

“I remember President Carter asking me why we hadn't committed to all 12 APSS,” said Michael Sitowitz, Controller at Parrish Medical Center. “I paused and thought, ‘That's a good question.’ Once we got back from our trip, we went to work on completing the remaining three commitments. It was an honor to meet the former President and First Lady and it was a once-in-a-lifetime experience. We left recharged to do even more.”

“We are impressed to see Parrish make a commitment for every one of our APSS. They are leading the way as an excellent example of an organization that is committed to putting patient safety first,” said Joe Kiani, Founder of the Patient Safety Movement Foundation. “We are proud of the 1,624 hospitals that have made a formal commitment to reach zero preventable deaths by the year 2020. I respectfully challenge every hospital to incorporate all 12 APSS in the upcoming year—it is imperative if we are to reach our goal of zero preventable deaths by 2020. Unlike over 200,000 families that have lost loved ones due to a medical error last year, the

lives saved by these commitments allow someone's mother, father, child or loved one to be a part of their lives.”

“We are extremely grateful to former President Carter and First Lady Rosalynn for once again offering this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to celebrate the winners and lives they will save,” continued Kiani. “Through their leadership, the Carter Center has helped to improve the quality of life for people in more than 80 countries. When they started, Guinea Worm Disease afflicted an estimated 3.5 million

people a year in 21 countries in Africa and Asia. Today, they have taken this number down to 22 cases. We had some deep discussions on how we can expedite our efforts to help eliminate the 3 million preventable patient deaths in the developed world and 17,000,000 preventable deaths in the developing world.”

Mr. Kiani concluded, “We hope to be announcing soon the next fishing trip with President Carter and First Lady Rosalynn; so please go save our neighbors, friends, and loved ones from preventable deaths and enter into our next Fishing Trip competition. Stay tuned...”

For a list of commitments, please visit <http://patientsafetymovement.org/commitments-list/>.

The 12 APSS and Parrish's commitment(s) for each one are as follows:

1. Creating a Culture of Safety - Parrish commits to a Culture of Safety surrounding resuscitation optimization, in which they will implement a system of all call rapid response to promote patient and family involvement in calling rapid response as well as any staff member.

2. Healthcare-associated Infections - Parrish commits to:

- Maintaining zero Indwelling Catheter Associated Urinary Tract Infections

- Achieve zero level hospital onset LAB ID event for MRSA bloodstream infection and Clostridium difficile infection

- Maintain zero Central Line Associated Bloodstream Infection events (CLABSI)

- Maintain zero Ventilator Associated Event

with Infection (VAE) events

Achieve zero deep Surgical Site Infection events for colon and hysterectomy procedures.

3. Medication Errors - Parrish commits to antimicrobial stewardship to achieve optimal clinical outcomes related to antimicrobial use.

4. Monitoring for Opioid-Induced Respiratory Depression - Parrish commits to monitoring for opioid induced respiratory depression & deploying systems, assessment, intervention, electronic medical record (EMR), and equipment.

5. Anemia and Transfusion - Parrish commits to using evidence-based information to drive changes that minimize the use of allogeneic blood while maximizing patient outcomes.

6. Hand-off Communications - Parrish commits to distribute "Baby Boxes" to families post-delivery to decrease the incidence of co-bedding and sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS) through education and emphasis on SAFE SLEEP practices.

7. Suboptimal Neonatal Oxygen Targeting - Parrish commits to utilize evidenced based best practice initiatives to improve patient outcomes and protocols for optimal oxygenation in newborns. Policies and protocols will continuously be updated and reviewed to reflect the monitoring of all resuscitations and oxygen administration in both term and pre-term newborns.

8. Failure to Detect Critical Congenital Heart Disease (CCHD) - Parrish commitment: Critical Congenital Heart Disease Screening in Newborns

9. Airway Safety - Parrish commits to develop and deploy a comprehensive, team-based pathway and implement EBP to prevent delayed, missed, or lost airways.

10. Early Detection of Sepsis - Parrish commits to adopt key initiatives for early detection of sepsis, reduction in variation of care for this patient population, improved compliance with the Early Management Bundle, and severe Sepsis/Septic Shock.

11. Optimal Resuscitation - Parrish commits to deploy a system that supports early recognition of subtle changes in patient condition which allows for early intervention.

12. Optimizing Obstetric Safety - Parrish commits to optimize obstetric safety specifically in the care of pregnant women with Hypertensive disorders. The initiative will include a system of

risk assessment, protocols, medication management and documentation.

Commitments that fall outside of current PSMF APSS categories include:

Zero falls with injury for patients

Maintain zero hospital-acquired stage III and IV pressure ulcers

Parrish Medical Center (PMC) is a public, nonprofit, acute care hospital in Titusville, Florida, within sight of the launch towers of Kennedy Space Center. PMC has been nationally recognized for clinical care quality, patient safety, low cost, and overall patient experience. It has committed to zero preventable patient deaths caused by indwelling Catheter Associated Urinary Tract Infection (CAUTI), Surgical Site Infection for colon resection and total abdominal hysterectomy procedures, methicillin-resistant staphylococcus aureus (MRSA), Clostridium difficile infection (CDI), and Sepsis, among many other potential causes.

About The Patient Safety Movement Foundation:

More than 200,000 people die every year in U.S. hospitals in ways that could have been prevented. The Patient Safety Movement Foundation was established through the support of the Masimo Foundation for Ethics, Innovation, and Competition in Healthcare, to reduce that number of preventable deaths to 0 by 2020 (0X2020). Improving patient safety will require a collaborative effort from all stakeholders, including patients, healthcare providers, medical technology companies, government, employers, and private payers. The Patient Safety Movement Foundation works with all stakeholders to address the problems and solutions of patient safety. The Foundation also convenes Patient Safety, Science and Technology Summits. The first annual Summit was held in January 2013, and brought together some of our nation's best minds for thought-provoking discussions and new ideas to challenge the status quo. By presenting specific, high-impact recipes to meet patient safety challenges, encouraging medical technology companies to share the data for whom their products are purchased, and asking hospitals to make commitments to implement Actionable Patient Safety Solutions, the Foundation is working toward zero preventable deaths by 2020. Visit www.patientsafetymovement.org.

Port St. John Public Library

February 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: 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. 1st grade and up. Pre-registration required.

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

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

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

Meetings and Events:

Feb. 1, 5:30pm	Adult coloring club
Feb. 4, 11-1:45pm	North Brevard Actor's Workshop
Feb. 9, 6:00pm	PSJ Special District Advisory Board Meeting
Feb. 11, 10am-Noon	Port St. John Pokémon Club
Feb., 13 5:30pm	Port St. John Public Library Advisory Board meeting
Feb. 15, 1-3:00pm	Bookworms Adult Book Discussion Group.
Feb. 16, 10-Noon	North Brevard Homeschool Co-op
Feb., 17, 6-7:45pm	Sunrise Village
Feb. 18, 11-1:45pm	North Brevard Actor's Workshop
Feb. 22, 5:30pm	Friends of the Port St. John Public Library membership meeting
Feb. 24, 5:30pm	Friends of the Port St. John Public Library membership meeting.
Feb., 29, 10-1:45pm	Port St. John Pokémon Club

First United Methodist Church of Port St. John at 1165 Fay Blvd. hosts:

· Youth Group (grades 6th-12th) meets monthly at 3pm on the 1st and 3rd Sundays.

· Kingdom Krew (grades K-5th) meets monthly at 3pm on the 1st and 3rd Sundays.

Martin Andersen Senior Center Dances

Martin Andersen Senior Center, 1025 S. Florida Ave., Rockledge, will host a Singles/Couples Ballroom Dance on Saturday, February 11th. 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 Ballroom Dance on Saturday, February 25th. 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.

Adults of all ages are welcome to our dances.



Brewmaster's Invitational Beer Festival

The 3rd Annual Brewmaster's Invitational Beer Festival will occur at Port Canaveral's Exploration Tower on March 4, 2017 from 12:30 pm - 6 pm for VIPs, and 2 pm - 6 pm for General Admission. The festival will feature unlimited tastings of over 150 beers from 50+ breweries, live music, local artists, lawn games, vendors and food trucks. The event is 21+ and pet-friendly. Pets must be leashed. The event is presented by Fishlips Waterfront Bar & Grill in Port Canaveral and 9 Mile Media.

VIP passes are available for \$60 in advance. VIP pass-holders can enjoy early access to the event at 12:30 pm to try beers without the crowd, VIP tent access and a Brewmaster's swag bag, along with all of the other event perks. General Admission tickets are available in advance for \$30 and \$40 at the gate. Designated Driver wristbands will be available for purchase at the gate for \$10. Tickets can be purchased online at TicketWeb.com and BrewmastersInvitational.com. They can also be purchased in-person at Fishlips Waterfront Bar & Grill in Port Canaveral and 9 Mile Media in Cocoa Beach. This is a limited-ticket event that sells out quickly. The events reach capacity at 3,000 people each year.

There will be food, bottled water and sodas available for purchase inside the event, so no coolers will be allowed.

Exploration Tower is located at 670 Dave Nisbet Dr., Cape Canaveral. For more information, please visit BrewmastersInvitational.com. Follow Brewmaster's Invitational on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram for updates.

Accordion Fest

The Central Florida Accordion Club presents its annual extravaganza, 2017 AccordionFest on Saturday February 18, 2017, Noon – 6:00 pm, at the Titusville Elks Lodge #2113, 2955 Columbia Blvd., Titusville.

Musical entertainment will be provided by Jimmy Horzen (accordionist), The Key Tunes Trio and The Kolb Combo Ensemble;

Other entertainment will include raffles, drawing for an Accordion, 50/50, other prizes.

Admission is \$15.00 per person. Make checks payable to CFAC and send orders to Ailene Picheco, 345 Hula Circle, Merritt Island, FL 32952.


Food and drinks will be available for purchase.

For more information, call 866-455-2322 or visit our website, www.cfaccordionclub.com. Or contact Rod Hall, 321-799-2267.



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Walking to Find a Cure

Join the Parrish Healthcare Bravehearts and help finish the fight against heart disease. Parrish Healthcare is fielding a team at this year's Heart Walk on Saturday, February 18 at Wickham Park in Melbourne. The Bravehearts have set a fundraising goal of \$5,000. Take the first step in finding a cure by joining the Bravehearts and making a small donation of just \$20. Whether you enjoy walking, running or cheering for the Bravehearts from the sidelines, there's an opportunity for everyone to get involved.

Every team member who contributes at least \$20 will receive a team fanny pack and a chance to win a \$25 gift card.

What is the Heart Walk?

The Heart Walk is the American Heart Association's premiere event for raising funds to save lives from this country's No. 1 and No. 5 killers -- heart disease and stroke. Designed to promote physical activity and heart-healthy living, the Heart Walk creates an environment that's fun and rewarding for the entire family.

Did you know?

- Almost 800,000 people lose their lives to cardiovascular diseases and stroke in the United States every year, including more than 1,500 right here in our community.

- Currently more than 1 in 3 adults (85.6 million) live with one or more types of cardiovascular disease.

- Every year, 36,000 newborns are born with congenital heart defects.

- The American Heart Association is the largest voluntary health organization dedicated to defeating heart disease, stroke and other cardiovascular diseases.

- The American Heart Association has been on the job for more than 90 years to combat these diseases.

Through the Heart Walk, we are making a difference by saving lives, helping people get well, finding cures through research, and we are fighting back against a disease that has taken far too much from too many.

Saving lives from heart disease starts one team, one walker and one dollar at a time. Don't wait. Visit <https://goo.gl/C6764R> to join the Parrish Healthcare Bravehearts today or visit iCare and click on the heart.

HOSF Bereavement Support Groups

Hospice of St. Francis' Bereavement Support Groups are held throughout Brevard County. Bereavement services are available free of charge to any Brevard County resident. Monthly support groups meet regularly each month. Call to register and learn locations.

First Wednesday at 9 a.m. - Men's Breakfast, Titusville.

First Thursday at 11:30 a.m. - Ladies' Luncheon, Titusville.

Second Monday at 11:30 a.m. - Melbourne Lunch Bunch, Melbourne.

Third Thursday at 11:30 a.m. - New Beginnings Luncheon, Titusville.

Mondays at 3 p.m. - Support Groups, Hospice of St. Francis, 4875 N. Wickham Rd., Ste. 108, Melbourne.

Second and fourth Thursday from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. - Support Groups, Hospice of St. Francis, 1250-B Grumman Place, Titusville.

Second and fourth Thursday from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. - Support Groups, Hospice of St. Francis, 4875 N. Wickham Rd., Ste. 108, Melbourne.

Hospice of St. Francis' Bereavement Program supports and assists those who are grieving as they progress through their bereavement period. We are committed to providing a no cost comprehensive program available to any Brevard County resident in need of assistance. The program includes a variety of adult programs, social activities and community events.

For more information about dates, times and locations of support group meetings and activities, please call Kristie Roling, MSW, North County Bereavement Coordinator or Christy Taylor, LCSW, South County Bereavement Coordinator at 321-269-4240 or 866-269-4240.

Hospice of St. Francis (HOSF) is a local, non-profit, non-sectarian organization that serves the needs of terminally ill patients and their loved ones. In addition to caring for the terminally ill and providing the adult bereavement program, HOSF offers North Star, a grief support program for children, the Caregiving Education and Resource program and Partners in Compassionate Care volunteer program. For more information on these programs and services, please call 321-269-4240 or visit www.hospiceofstfrancis.com.

Educational Programs

Join UF/IFAS Extension Brevard County for educational programs based on the latest research and technology on topics including Agriculture; Family finance and Nutrition; 4-H Youth development; Garden, landscape and pest management; water quality and conservation; and much more! Visit our website at <http://brevard.ifas.ufl.edu/> for class schedules, and to learn more!

2017 Brings New Changes to Full Retirement Age

Changes are coming with the New Year to Social Security retirement beneficiaries. People who were born 01/02/1955 through 01/01/1956 will attain full retirement age at age 66 and two months. Full retirement age is the age at which a person may first become entitled to full or unreduced retirement benefits. You can check your full retirement age at www.socialsecurity.gov/planners/retire/retirechart.html.

As the full retirement age increases, there will be decreases in benefits claimed at ages prior to full retirement age. You can learn more about the full retirement age on our website and how to calculate your own.

Some things you must remember when you are thinking about retirement:

1. You may start receiving Social Security benefits as early as age 62 or as late as age 70. The longer you wait, the higher your monthly benefit will be.

2. Your monthly benefits will be reduced if you start them any time before full retirement age: www.socialsecurity.gov/planners/retire/agereduction.html.

3. If you elect to receive benefits before you reach full retirement age, you should understand how continuing to work can affect your benefits: www.socialsecurity.gov/planners/retire/whileworking.html.

4. If you die, your retirement date can affect the payment to your surviving loved ones. If you started receiving retirement benefits before full retirement age, we cannot pay the full retirement age benefit amount to your survivors. Their benefit amount will be based on your reduced benefits.

By Robin Haynes

Social Security Manager, Cocoa, FL

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5135 N. Cocoa Blvd., Cocoa, FL, 321-632-6333
www.blessedsacramentcocoa.org
Saturday Mass, 4:30 pm.
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Brevard Zen Center

1261 Range Road, Cocoa, FL
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Calvary Baptist Church, 321-636-8056

1 1/2 miles south of 528 overpass, east side of US 1
Pastor Jay Frazier www.calvarybaptistincocoa.org
Sunday Morning Svc. - 10 a.m. (nursery provided)
Sunday Eve. Service - 6 pm, Wed. Evening - 7 pm

Christ Central Church, 321-636-7671

2010 N. Cocoa Blvd., Cocoa, FL
Email: ChristCentral51@gmail.com
www.cocoachurch.org

Bible Class: 9:00 – 9:45 AM

Worship Service: 10:15 – 11:30 AM

Christian Church at PSJ, 4645 Fay Blvd.,

Pastor Larry Sparrow, ccatpsj.org
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Sunday - Bible Study 8:30 a.m. Worship at 9:30.
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1404 Dixon Blvd., Cocoa, cocoapc@att.net
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Nurseries and Children's church

Cocoa 7th Day Adventist Church & School

1500 Cox Rd, Cocoa, Pastor Amado Luzbet
Church 632-0640 Sch 636-2551; www.cocoasda.org

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

Saturday Sabbath School classes all ages, 9:45 am.
Worship at 11:30 am; Wed. Bible Study, 7:00 pm.

Community Alliance Church

321-639-1717. 4855 Fay Blvd., PSJ
Sunday School (all ages), 9:30 am
Sunday Worship 10:45 am and 6:00 pm.
Wednesday Youth, 7 pm.

Covenant Life Fellowship (321) 639-7734

Non-Denominational - Pastor Jamie McIlwain
3770 Curtis Blvd., PSJ.

Sunday Service, 10:30 am

Wednesday Worship, 6:30 pm

Day Spring Church, (407) 516-5767

4725 Fay Blvd.,
Kid's Service: Wednesday, 6:30 pm
Service: Sunday, 10:30 am
Prayer Time: Sunday, 6:30 pm

Discovery Christian Church (321) 636-0316

3925 Grissom Parkway, Canaveral Groves
Bill Thompson - Preaching Minister
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. Classes for all ages.
Worship Service: 11:00 a.m.

First Assembly of God (321) 632-5228

3757 N. US Hwy. 1 Pastor Les Ray
Sunday School, 9:30 am, Worship 10:30 and 6:30 pm
Wednesday, 7 pm, Bible Study: Rainbows (3-4),
Royal Rangers (boys 5-12), Missionettes (girls 5-12).
Wednesday, 7 pm, Youth Group Fellowship.

First Baptist Church of Port St. John

(321)636-5455
3900 Fay Blvd., www.firstbaptistpsj.com
Sun. school 9:15; Worship & Kid's Church 10:30 am.
Adult Bible Study, 7 p.m. Wednesday
Wednesday: TeamKids & Youth, 6:30-8 pm.
Thrift Store Hours: M,T,Th,F, 10 - 4. W&Sat, 10 - 2
Food Pantry Hours: M & W, 10 am - 1 pm

First Baptist Church of Cocoa (321)636-2868

750 Brevard Ave. in Historic Cocoa Village
Worship 11 am & 6 pm, Sunday School 9:30 am
Wednesday Service/Youth Prayer & Share, 6:30 pm
<http://baptist1.com/church/fl/cocoa/bc>

First Free Will Baptist Church

Pastor Darrell "D" Miller, 795-4780.
5311 Barna Ave. Titusville 269-4033, 268-1705
Sunday School 9:00 am, Morning Worship 10:00 am
Sunday Evening Service 6:00 pm

First United Methodist Church, (321) 631-0183

Rev. David Charlton at 1165 Fay Blvd.
Contemporary service - 9:00 am
Sunday School - 10 am; Traditional 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, Eucharist (Rite 1) at 8 am, (Rite 2) at 10:15
Children's Church, 10 am

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

2073 Garden St., Titusville, 321-267-4323
Pastor Bruce Alberts; titusvillelutherans.org
Traditional Worship, 8:30 am; Contemporary, 11:00

HOPE United Church of Christ, 636-0250

2555 Fiske Blvd., Pastor Clarice Mitchell
Sunday School, 9 a.m. Children's Service - 10 a.m.
Sunday Morning Service - 10 a.m. (w/nursery)
<http://www.hopeucc.com>

Ma'gen David Messianic Synagogue

Rabbi Jem Golden (321) 213-2259
3815 N. US1, Suite 123 in Cocoa Commercial Ctr.
Erev Shabbat Service - Friday, 6:30 pm

Messiah Evangelical Lutheran Church ELCA

Pastor Tom Unrath, (321) 636-0777
400 Lucerne Dr. Cocoa
Sunday Worship Service - 10:00 AM
Bible Study - Wed. 6:00 PM

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(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
Interdenominational Multi-Cultural Ministry for
Entire Family 6755 S. Washington Ave.
Sunday - 9:00 & 11:00, Wednesday - 7 pm

Nursery & Children's Church available all services

Northwest Baptist Church, 1720 Cox Rd., Cocoa

321-638-0890; www.nwbcofcocoa.org
Sunday School for all ages, 9:00 am
Classic/Modern Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.
Sunday evening, 6 p.m.; Wed. Nights, 7 p.m.

Pentecostals of Cocoa, 636-6560

1901 Michigan Ave., Cocoa
Sunday Worship at 10am; Sunday School at 10:30 am
Sunday evening Evangelistic Service, 6 pm

Redeemer Presbyterian Church 264-0035

Meeting at 5005 Barna Ave., Titusville
Worship Celebration - Sundays at 10 am
Christian Education - Sundays, 11:15 am
www.myredeemer.cc



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

414 Pine St., Titusville www.stgabs.org

The Rev. Rob Goodridge, Rector

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

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

Wed's: 6pm Taize 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, 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.sgcfcla.org sgcoffice@sgcfcla.org 268-8004

Trinity Lutheran Church & School - LCMS

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

Michael Hageman, Pastor

Worship: 10:30 am

Trinity Lutheran Church-LCMC

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

3671 S. Hopkins Ave., Titusville, FL 32780

Sunday Worship Service 9:30am

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Cocoa

1261 Range Road, Cocoa. www.uucocoa.org

Sunday Service 11:00am

Unity of Merritt Island, 321-452-2625

4725 N. Courtenay Pkwy, Merritt Island

Reverend Rose Whitham

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www.unitymerrittisland.org. We are on Facebook.

Victory Baptist Church, Pastor Raymond Hall

632-6148 at 242 Capron Road, PSJ.

www.victorythroughjesus.org

Sunday Bible Study at 9:30 am.

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

Children's clubs and teen groups

Prayer Service, Wednesday, 6:45 pm.

Victory Baptist Church of Titusville

Pastor Tracy Covell, 321.264.0665

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

Sunday School 9 am, Sunday Morning 10 am

Sunday Evening 6 pm, Wednesday 7 pm

www.victorybaptistchurchintitusville.org

Victory Worship Center, 431-7964

Pastors Jeff & Nancy Kleinman

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

Community Center, 4201 US Hwy 1, Cocoa

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I Don't Get it!!

Have you read the bible only to become frustrated because you don't understand what you are reading??

Consider the following. Jesus sent some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists and some pastors and teachers. Why would He give us a teacher if we didn't need one? Obviously we need to LEARN what God says to us in His Word. But there is a problem. "The natural man does not receive the things of The Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. Even so, no one knows the things of God except The Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but The Spirit who is from God, that we may know the things that have been FREELY given to us by God.

You might be thinking, "Ok, I want to know what the bible teaches. How can I get this Holy Spirit?" ASK!!!

Jesus said, "I will pray The Father and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever, The Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive. The Helper, The Holy Spirit, whom The Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things I have said to you."

When a person is born again, The Holy Spirit lives inside of the individual, just like Jesus said. God uses other Christians to teach you sound doctrine from the Bible, The Holy Spirit guiding both the teacher and the student.

Join us for Bible study Sunday, 10:30
Prayer Sunday, 6:30



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Out On the Town

This month's restaurant review is on Troy's Pizzeria, located at 3720 Curtis Blvd., across the street from the Shell gas station near the corner of Fay Blvd. Troy's starts serving at 11 am Monday through Saturday and noon on Sundays. They have a few tables that can accommodate approximately 30+ people, or you can call in an order for pickup or delivery.

My wife and I like to get pizza from somewhere about every week and we have tried every pizza place in PSJ. I will say, Troy's has absolutely the best pizza in town. It's a New York style pizza, so the dough is on the thinner side and has that rich yeast flavor. In fact, it's one of the few pizzas I enjoy eating the crust. The pizza sauce has a tangy homemade tomato taste with just the right amount of spices, and their toppings seem to be a high quality because you don't see an excess amount of grease floating on top of the pizza. The pizzas come in 16", 18" or even an extra-large 24". They also sell pizza by the slice during peak hours.

They also have: calzones, subs, salads and garlic knots. We enjoy their pizza so much, we haven't had the chance to try anything else (although we occasionally get a side order of garlic knots). If you do order the garlic knots, be sure to tell them to cook them a little longer, since sometimes they are a little doughy.

Another thing that really impressed me about Troy's was that during the hurricane when most businesses were closed due to a power outage for several days, they were open and operating their pizza ovens off a generator.

So if you want the best pizza in PSJ, give Troy's a call. Troy's doesn't have a web site, but you can access their menu thru Facebook or call 321-877-4601.

- Ken Carson

Parks & Recreation Meeting

The North Brevard Commission on Parks and Recreation will hold its next monthly meeting on Thursday, February 9, 2017, 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, 264-5105.

Fighting Flu The Natural Way Nutritional Supplements May Help Keep Those Sniffing, Sneezing Symptoms at Bay

Cold and flu season has arrived, which means the potential could be high for lots of sniffing co-workers and children who need to stay home from school. Vaccinations help many people stave off the flu, but a number of Americans also try an alternative approach, using nutritional supplements in their efforts to stay healthy.

"Certain herbs, mushroom extracts and other natural compounds contain powerful antiviral properties," says Naum Burman, the founder and researcher for BioLab Rx, a dietary supplement company. "Combine them together and you can get a natural boost to your immune system. The body's own immune system is probably our best defense, but illness, stress, medical therapies, diet and lack of sleep can all compromise our immune system. That's why it can help to give the immune system a boost."

He notes that it's always important to check the ingredients, instructions and warnings for any over-the-counter supplement. The flu season routinely takes a toll on Americans. According to the Centers for Disease Control:

- The timing of flu is unpredictable and can vary in different parts of the country and from season to season. Most seasonal flu activity typically occurs between October and May. Flu activity most commonly peaks in the United States between December and February.

- It's estimated that each year an average of 5 percent to 20 percent of the U.S. population gets the flu and more than 200,000 people are hospitalized from seasonal flu-related complications.

- Estimating the number of flu-related deaths can be difficult because death certificates don't always specify flu as the cause. But there's little doubt that flu seasons can be severe. The CDC, for example, reported that over a period of 30 years, between 1976 and 2006, estimates of flu-associated deaths in the United States ranged from a low of about 3,000 to a high of about 49,000 people. Some people, such as older people, young children, pregnant women, and people with certain health conditions, are at high risk for serious flu complications.

In addition to vaccines, the CDC suggests several preventive measures, such as washing

your hands frequently, keeping a distance from those who are ill and staying home yourself if possible when you are sick.

Fine Art Show

The Central Brevard Art Association (CBAA) will be holding its 15th Annual Fine Art Show and Sale Friday, February 10th through Sunday, February 12th at the Cape Canaveral Public Library, 201 Polk Ave. in Cape Canaveral.

This year's event will feature more than 30 juried pieces of art made by CBAA members and will be open to the public Friday and Saturday from 10:00 am – 5:00 pm and Sunday, February 12th from 12:00 - 4:00 pm. The event will also include a fundraising raffle to support the CBAA Student Art Scholarship Fund. For more information, please contact the Central Brevard Art Association at (321) 632-2922.

The Importance of Walking

Walking can add minutes to your life. This enables you at 85 years old to spend an additional 5 months in a nursing home at \$7000 per month.

My grandpa started walking five miles a day when he was 60. Now he's 97 years old and we don't know where he is.

I like long walks, especially when they are taken by people who annoy me.

The only reason I would take up walking is so that I could hear heavy breathing again.

I have to walk early in the morning, before my brain figures out what I'm doing...

I joined a health club last year, spent about 400 bucks. Haven't lost a pound. Apparently you have to go there. Every time I hear the dirty word 'exercise,' I wash my mouth out with chocolate.

The advantage of exercising every day is so when you die, they'll say, "Well, he sure looks good, doesn't he?"

If you are going to try cross-country skiing, start with a small country.

I know I got a lot of exercise the last few years... just getting over the hill.

We all get heavier as we get older because there's a lot more information in our heads.

Every time I start thinking too much about how I look, I just find a Happy Hour and by the time I leave, I look just fine.

That's my story and I'm sticking to it.

PMC 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. The organizations have combined their scholarship programs and will announce scholarship recipients in May, 2017.

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 10, 2017.

Experimental Aircraft Assn.

EAA 724's next meeting will be February 8th in the club house on Merritt Island Airport at 7:30pm. 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. Contact info:

www.eaa724.org

President Don White, 321-266-7410

don@eaa724.org

Top Predictions For Next Year

By Dr. Hoyt W. Allen, Jr.

With all the problems the World is facing, it can be unsettling to one's mind. No matter how gloomy the world looks – consider the following:

1. The Bible will still have all the answers to life's problems and questions.
2. Prayer will still be the most powerful thing on Earth for every generation.
3. The Holy Spirit will still move through the spoken Word.
4. God will still honor the praises of His people.
5. There will still be God blessed preaching by many.
6. There will still be singing of praise to God, in various styles of singing.
7. God will still pour out blessings upon His people, if one watches for them.
8. There will still be room at the Cross for anyone wanting forgiveness.
9. Jesus will still love us and wants all to respond to Him.
10. Jesus will still save the lost when they come to Him.

Isn't it great to remember who is really in control, and that; "but the Word of the Lord endures forever..." (1 Peter 1:25) This verse of Scripture should find this encouraging to believers! Sometimes we need the reminder of just "WHO" is really in control. May we encourage one another to be sowing the Word and watering it, till the nets are full? Thus, may we keep on fishing?

Due to many American Christians not understanding the basic teachings of Christianity, they are apt to believe anything. An old saying is, "If a person is not taught the truth, they will believe a lie." One of the biggest lies that Satan has promoted is that anyone can make his/her own way to Heaven. Jesus said in John 14:6 "I am the way, the truth, and the life and no person comes to the Father except through me." This is why everyone needs to be seeking the truth of God, which He has recorded in His book (Bible). Yes, Sunday School & personal Bible study is still needed!

Plainly, don't get short changed. Let's be ready to meet our Maker. The Bible (in Acts) teaches that to avoid hell and gain Heaven - one must:

- 1) Believe In Jesus As Savior (16:31)

- 2) Repent Of Sins (17:30)
 - 3) Confess Christ Audibly (8:37)
 - 4) Be Baptized In Water (2:38)
 - 5) Live A Christian Life (14:22)
 - 6) Be Active In the Church (2:47)
- hoytallenjr@yahoo.com

Super Bowl of Trivia

The Women's Center North Guild is proud to host the 5th Annual Super Bowl of Trivia – A Space Odyssey! The fund raiser will be held on Saturday, February 4th 2017, 5:00 pm at Indian River Preserve in Mims.

The Super Bowl of Trivia is a themed fun and competitive Trivia Challenge. This year's atmosphere theme is A Space Odyssey! The challenge consists of 8 rounds of 10 trivia questions on a variety of topics. Dress is casual. Bring your team of eight or request we add you to a team of brainiacs.

Teams will compete for the coveted "Trivia Trophy" and of course, bragging rights. Prizes will be awarded to the top three placing teams. There will be food, a grand prize chance drawing and multiple silent auction items available for bidding. A fun night of fast thinking and rubbin' heads as teams compete to be grand champions. Player Tickets are \$50 per person and event sponsorship is available at multiple levels. Reserve your team table today. The \$3000 Entertainment Package Super Prize Chance Drawing Tickets are \$25 each or 5 for \$100.

This charity event raises funds for the Women's Center, a 501c3 Non-Profit Organization dedicated to changing lives for the better, forever. Hunger, homelessness, domestic violence and sexual assault occur daily in Brevard County. The Women's Center is committed to addressing these needs by providing a progressive step towards safe, healthy, self-sufficient lives. Thanks to our volunteers and loyal supporters we are able to provide counseling services, financial assistance, career guidance, job training, transitional housing and victim advocacy now available in North Brevard.

For more information email womenscenternorthguild@gmail.com, visit www.WomensCenter.NET or call the Event Chairwoman at 321-298-5839. The Women's Center North Guild is located 400 Julia Street, Titusville, 607-6811.

Fruit From the Groves, Cont.

of the manufacturing process and are incredibly proud to see these spectacular trains coming together."

Each train includes four stainless-steel passenger cars, bordered on each end by a bright yellow locomotive. The diesel-electric engines powering the trains will produce low emissions and reduced noise, according to All Aboard Florida. The first completed train is to be delivered to Florida later this year, according to All Aboard Florida. Officials have said the railroad initially will operate five trains when operations begin next year. As ridership grows, the trains could run with up to 10 passenger cars.

In its ridership and revenue study released last year, the company predicted ridership would hit 1 million passengers in 2017 and would grow an average 2.8 percent a year, increasing to 3 million in 2018, 5.35 million in 2020 and 7 million by 3030.

Michael Cahill, Siemens Rolling Stock president, said the company is proud to manufacture Brightline. "This is a significant milestone for our manufacturing plant, for future Brightline riders that will soon experience a new era of transportation in Florida and for the nation to see higher-speed rail systems continue to become a reality," Cahill said in the news release.

The trains are being built by nearly 1,000 employees at Siemens' 60-acre rail-manufacturing hub. Siemens will service and maintain the trains once they're delivered to Florida, providing full-time jobs for 70 Siemens and 40 Brightline employees, according to the news release.

Other rail components will come from more than 40 suppliers across 20 states.

Brightline officials at the event also unveiled more details about train car interiors and ticketing. The railroad will offer two seat classes, "Smart" and "Select," both of which will allow riders to make reservations for specific seats. Brightline will offer advance purchases of parking and ground transportation for a "seamless door to destination" experience, officials said.

In its ridership study, All Aboard Florida indicated ticket prices would range from \$11 for a one-way coach seat between Miami and Fort Lauderdale to \$143 for a one-way business-class seat between Miami and Orlando.

Officials showed off power outlets, including USB connections, that will be built into the

train seats and in the pop-up tables. All Aboard previously has said it expects business travelers to comprise about one-third of its clientele.

On the Treasure Coast, most governments have been vocal in their opposition to rail expansion — which includes increased freight traffic and the addition of Brightline's 16 daily round trips — on the Florida East Coast Railway tracks. Indian River County and Martin County are in the midst of legal action against All Aboard Florida, and court documents indicated the counties dispute the findings of the company's ridership study.

At the same time, Brightline has received a much warmer reception from Space Coast officials, who hope the railroad adds a stop in Brevard County. Two locations recommended by the Space Coast Transportation Planning Organization are on Clearlake Road in Cocoa and near Rosa L. Jones Boulevard along the Cocoa/Rockledge line.

Reporter Nicole Rodriguez contributed to this report.

Florida Train Lawsuits Reveal 'Disturbing' Federal Financing Policies - By Shelly Sigo

The U.S. Department of Transportation told a Florida congressman that the agency "does not evaluate ridership, revenue or creditworthiness" when project developers request a private activity bond allocation.

The USDOT provided the information in a Nov. 1 letter to U.S. Rep. Bill Posey, R-Fla., who had written the agency nearly six months earlier seeking answers about alleged scandals involving a government consulting firm. The same consulting firm also performed a ridership and revenue study for All Aboard Florida, the company developing a privately owned passenger train system between Miami and Orlando.

Posey wrote to the USDOT in a May 2016 letter to say that he understood the consulting firm's ridership and revenue study had been used in 2014 to assist the agency in determining that AAF was eligible to receive \$1.75 billion in tax exempt bond financing for the 235-mile project.

"The U.S. Department of Transportation does not evaluate ridership, revenue, or creditworthiness in determining the eligibility of projects for Private Activity Bond allocations, and therefore did not consider the study in connection with its PAB allocation to the AAF project," Blair Anderson, USDOT Under Secretary for Policy,

said in a response to Posey.

The correspondence between USDOT and Posey was made available in federal lawsuits filed by Martin and Indian River counties, who are pursuing the first-ever challenge of a USDOT bond allocation contending that the financing should have been considered during a federal environmental review process, but was not, in violation of federal law.

It is "a surprising claim that DOT did not consider the economics of the AAF Project in December 2014, even though the \$1.75 billion PAB allocation effected up to a \$600 million federal subsidy for AAF," the counties said in a joint court filing Dec. 21.

The lack of "vetting" from the USDOT regarding its approval process for private activity bonds is disturbing, said George Cecala, spokesman for Rep. Posey. Posey has cited public safety concerns about the project and opposed what he calls federal subsidies for AAF and other rail projects in the form of federal low-interest loans and PABs. "We've been working on this for quite some time," Cecala said Tuesday. "All along we've been trying to provide some accountability to the project on behalf of taxpayers."

A spokeswoman for the USDOT said the agency could not comment on the PAB application review process at this time.

Cecala said the congressman is concerned about the bond approval process and plans to wait until President-elect Donald Trump is in office to discuss new federal policies toward financing passenger train projects that have been favored by the Obama administration. He also said potential investors in All Aboard Florida's bonds may think that the USDOT has vetted the project, "when in fact they've rubber stamped it. They are putting this out as an investment tool and saying it's appropriate, and haven't studied it," Cecala said. "We think that's disturbing."

Martin and Indian River counties said they believe an evaluation of AAF's financing plan and revenue study — and DOT's consideration of that plan and revenue study — are critical to assessing the status of their lawsuits, which are now being considered for dismissal due to a new financing strategy employed by All Aboard Florida.

The lawsuits, filed in 2015, were headed for a final judgment after U.S. District Judge Christopher R. Cooper ruled Aug. 16. Cooper determined that the counties had proved the USDOT's

bond allocation should have been considered in the environmental review process under the National Environmental Policy Act before a decision was made to award the financing.

With a decision looming that could – for the first time ever – subject the agency's PABs to the rigorous federal review process, AAF changed course and asked USDOT to rescind its \$1.75 billion authorization. AAF then submitted a request for a \$600 million bond allocation saying that the proceeds would be used to finance construction work on phase one of its project along a 67-mile corridor from Miami to West Palm Beach, with a stop in Fort Lauderdale. USDOT approved the smaller allocation on Nov. 22 for phase one, which has received federal environmental review clearance.

AAF also told the USDOT that it would submit at a later date a separate application for \$1.15 billion in PABs for the second phase of its project, which has not completed the NEPA review process.

By bifurcating the bond financing requests, AAF left unfunded the second phase of the project: the 168 miles from West Palm Beach to Orlando, which would take the train through Martin and Indian River counties without stopping.

The new financing strategy led AAF and USDOT to argue that the legal challenges brought by the two counties were moot. AAF and USDOT filed motions to dismiss the suits on Nov. 28. All Aboard Florida has said that it remains committed to building the entire project.

On Dec. 8, the counties filed motions seeking a stay and for permission to conduct a "limited" amount of discovery to examine documents that they said would shed light on the evolution of the new financing plan developed by AAF and its bearing on the status of their suits. The motions requesting additional documents were opposed by the U.S. Attorney General, which represents the U.S. Department of Transportation and All Aboard Florida.

In the new court filing Dec. 21, the counties said that AAF and DOT appear to be treating their lawsuits and the environmental review of the project as a "game of credit yo-yo," in order to wait for the suits to be dismissed before authorizing bond financing for the second phase of the project. Cooper has yet to rule on the requests for discovery.

However, under the current schedule he has

ordered the counties to respond to the motions to dismiss by Jan. 13. AAF and USDOT must file their replies by Jan. 27. More information as it comes in.

A Little Something Positive....

During a radio interview this morning, Hollywood actor Vin Diesel took a moment to praise Cocoa, Florida residents who had helped him with a mechanical issue with his rental car as he passed through the city recently:

"We were just leaving the city limits of Cocoa, Florida when the damn car overheated or something so I pulled it over to the side of the road and within just a minute or two there were a couple of cars that pulled over to help me out. I told them that I was on the phone with the rental car company, but one of them had a brother who owned a tow truck and a few minutes later it was there and he towed it to a place nearby to get fixed.

So then the one guy finds out that I'm not from there and offers to take me in to get lunch while my car is getting fixed and I'm thinking, 'Sure, what the hell.' So we drove to the finest dining spot in Cocoa – some place called Mitchell's Family Diner – and got a sandwich. Great freakin' sandwich, too. These guys had no idea who I was either, which made my day, honestly.

I'm telling you, these people in Cocoa are the real deal. I'm going to move there after I retire," Diesel said with a laugh.

Diesel added later, "You have to understand, this is something that would've never happened in L.A.! So yeah, that's my story about Cocoa, Florida. It's nice to know there are still places like this in America."

The End of an Era...

Ringling Brothers announced that they are folding their tents at the end of May, 2017. This announcement was made to cast members recently. They cited poor attendance, continuing litigation with animal rights groups and changing public taste for their type of entertainment as the main causes for their decision to pull the plug. How sad. I can remember as an elementary student in Jacksonville back in the late 1940's and early 1950's looking forward each year for the arrival of the circus. I could walk to the rail spur on North Main Street and watch the circus unload. What a thrilling site. The animals would then be paraded to the set up site where the elephants would assist with the erection of the big top. What fond memories for me and the other

children and adults who thrilled each year at the circus coming to town. What a loss.

And now some news for our friends in West Canaveral Groves.....

In a recent e-mail from Marcia Newell, Administrative Assistant to D1 Commissioner Rita Prichett, the Satellite Blvd. water project Design Phase is being completed and should go out to bid in March. This is good news for those residents who have had to rely on well water or purchasing bottled water for drinking. It has been a long time coming and the result of many hours of work by Mr. Len Beckett, former officer with the West Canaveral Groves Homeowner's Association, over these many years.

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

This is for all our Church going friends and anyone else who would like to read it.....

Three churches in Cocoa were overrun with squirrels. After much prayer, the elders of the first church determined that the animals were predestined to be there. Who were they to interfere with God's will? They did nothing, and the squirrels multiplied.

The elders of the second church, deciding that they should not harm any of God's creatures, humanely trapped the squirrels and then set them free outside of town. Three days later the squirrels were back.

The third church succeeded in solving the squirrel problem. The elders simply baptized the squirrels and registered them as members of the church. Now they only see the squirrels on Christmas and Easter.

Can I get an AMEN?

I guess that is enough for now. Thanks to our avid readers and please try to take advantage of our advertisers' services. Always some great coupons.

In fact, my wife and I bumped into Randy and his significant other the other evening at Kelsey's in Port St. John. Randy had an extra coupon for Kelsey's, so he gave it to us. I ordered the Linguine with Shrimp and when it came, there was enough to feed two or three hungry adults. Outstanding! Needless to say, there was a box that went home. Kelsey's is so much more than pizza.

Be sure to read the offering of our other staff writers. It is all good stuff.

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

- Bill Cannon

Walter Butler Community Center - February, 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

Pickleball, 11 a.m.- 2 p.m.
Basketball Fundamentals 3-4 p.m.
Open Gym, 5-8 pm
Open Computer Lab, 6-8 pm
6th & 27th Girl Scouts Troop 505 5-7 p.m.

Tuesdays

Mommy-Plus Me, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.
Pickleball, 11 a.m.- 2 p.m.
Basketball Fundamentals 3-4 p.m.
4-H Gardener Program, 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Boy Scouts, 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Open Gym, 5-8 pm
Open Computer Lab, 6-8 pm
Zumba 6-7 p.m.

Wednesdays

Pickleball, 11 am-2 pm
Open Computer Lab, 12-2 & 6-8 pm
Volleyball Fundamentals, 5-8 pm
Zumba, 6-7 pm

Thursdays

Pickleball, 11 am-2 pm
Open Computer Lab 12 - 2 & 6-8 p.m.
4-H Gardener Program, 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Volleyball Fundamentals, 5-8 pm
Zumba, 6-7 pm
2nd & 16th Girl Scouts #373, 6-7:30 p.m.

Fridays

Open Computer Lab, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
Pickleball, 11 am-2 pm
Art Club, 3-4 pm

Saturdays

PickleBall, 11 am-2 pm
Program Activities, 10 am - 2 pm
4th, 11th, 18th, 25th, Basketball League Games 1-5 p.m.

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.

Mommy-Plus Me - is a program for mothers to come in and spend time with their preschool age children. Arts and crafts and other hands-on activities will be planned, and snacks will be served. 11a.m.-12 p.m. every Tuesday of the month.

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.

Volleyball Fundamentals is a class which teaches proper playing techniques and teamwork. This class focuses on teaching beginners how to properly bump, set, spike and more. Classes will be held on Wednesdays & Thursdays 5-8 p.m. For more information contact Donovan Gilbert at Walter Butler Community Center, 433-4448. **Brevard County 4-H Junior Master Gardener Program** - The Junior Master Gardener Program engages participants in novel, hands-on group and individual learning experiences that promote a love of gardening, develop an appreciation for the environment, and cultivate the mind. Classes will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays 3:30-4:30 p.m. For more information contact Jan Jordan at (321) 433-4448.

Mardi Grows Paws In The Park

The Brevard Humane Society invites local businesses and rescue organizations to participate in our annual Mardi Gras Paws in the Park held at Riverfront Park in Historic Cocoa Village. The animal friendly event is February 19th from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. and is held in conjunction with Cocoa Village Mardi Gras celebration.

Sponsorship opportunities for Mardi Gras Paws in the Park are available for individuals and businesses of all kinds. Sponsorships range from \$50 to \$1000 and above for “The Big Easy” primary sponsorship. This annual event is a unique and charitable way to promote businesses and help provide exceptional care for animals in need.

Mardi Gras Paws in the Park is a free family friendly event for people and animals of all ages. The event includes a pet parade, live music, a silent auction and a kid’s bounce house. All animals must be on a leash and have all shots up to date as well as a county tag.

For more information please contact Kat at (321) 636-3343 x218 or visit www.brevardhumanesociety.org

Three Original Plays

Playwrights Workshop of Brevard will present, The Eye of the Beholder, a program of three short original plays by local writers on Friday, February 3 and Saturday, February 4 at 8:00 p.m. and Sunday, February 5 at 2:00 p.m. at Surfside Playhouse, 301 Ramp Road, Cocoa Beach.

The plays are "Can You Believe It" by Mario Busacca, "Dad's Driving School" by Mario Busacca, and "The Power of Imagination" by Jan Salmon. Admission is \$10.00. For information, call 321-720-1227.

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The first meeting of CGHOA for 2017 was held on 1/12/2017 and there was a nice crowd in attendance. Lt. Simpkins with BCSO and one of his zone deputies from our area, gave an update on what was happening in the Groves. Lt. Simpkins said that over the holidays there was no spike in any criminal activity. I think that this is due to increased BCSO presence and our residents taking a more active roll in reporting any suspicious activity. Lets all keep up the good work and keep crime at a minimum.

It is HOA election time again and I am pleased to announce we have a complete slate of officers

to present for election at the February meeting. All our current officers have consented to serve again but we will take nominations from the floor. A special thank you to those who continue to serve. President - Bill Cannon, Vice President - Ed Silva, Treasurer - Sue Bradin, Secretary - Kathy Rooney, Board Members - Richard Tomson and Paul Kroning.

We will be selling Vidalia Onions again this year, so stay tuned for when the sale will begin this Spring. Also, don't forget your significant other on Valentine's Day. Publix has great flowers and Valentine cards for that last minute thought. Just don't forget!!!

UPDATE ON ALL ABOARD FLORIDA/BRIGHT LINE.....

The following excerpts are from T.C. Palm, Florida Today and Facebook.....

All-Aboard Florida has unveiled its first completed Brightline locomotives and passenger cars.

The \$3.1 billion passenger railroad is to begin service between Miami and West Palm Beach in mid-2017 and expand service through the Treasure Coast and Space Coast to Orlando International Airport by late 2017. This was revealed during an event this week at Siemens' rail-manufacturing plant in Sacramento, California.

All Aboard Florida and Brightline President Michael Reininger described the Brightline train design as "deliberately detailed." "With Brightline, we are re-imagining what it means to travel by train in America, and have taken a thoughtful and innovative approach to how we designed our trains," Reininger said in a news release. "We are working closely with Siemens through all stages

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