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## Sugarloaf Key Finds a Friend in Space Coast

Swirling around the paralyzing tension and gripping fears of Irma is a story of two schools that illustrates how the power of a hurricane pales in comparison to the forces of kindness.

Along with millions of others, Mrs. Sylvia Mijuskovic (a.k.a., “Mrs. M”), the principal of Space Coast Junior Senior High School, closely monitored Irma’s path as it relentlessly huffed, puffed and poured its way across the center of the Keys and eventually churned its way up the western coast of Florida.

During the storm, Mrs. M had managed a school shelter to ensure the safety of families in her community. Relieved the Space Coast area did not sustain the debilitating damages that had been forecasted as possible, she immediately turned her attention to other areas she could potentially help.

As post-storm reports gradually captured the widespread devastation Irma left behind, Mrs. M came across a Facebook post requesting fundraising adoptions of affected schools that were in dire need. Anxious to help, Mrs. M decided to include students, teachers and staff at Space Coast in committing to a school-wide adoption of the Sugarloaf School Sharks in Monroe County, Florida.

Sugarloaf Key had been pummeled by sustained winds upwards of 130 mph. Irma’s impact caused short-term challenges such as power outages, limited access to food and water, and empty gas tanks. A much longer-term impact was the loss of hundreds of homes, with roughly four out of five Sugarloaf Key residents facing the daunting reality of having nowhere to call home.



“There is not enough lodging for all of the displaced people here,” said Maria Allen, an Administrative Assistant at Sugarloaf School.

Many Sugarloaf School staff and students lost

everything they held dear to Irma. With so many families facing housing shortages, nearly 100 students who attended Sugarloaf before the storm have had to seek schooling in other areas, and several staff members have also struggled to find a new place to live.

As Irma battered the Keys, Sugarloaf School housed over 500 residents seeking refuge from the storm. In the storm’s aftermath, Sugarloaf School extended lodging beyond campus walls with huge tents. It also formed a distribution center where supplies are collected, packaged and distributed for families and schools in need.

Sugarloaf School’s principal, Mr. Harry Russell, described how the distribution center aimed to meet the diverse needs of families. “We sent home letters to families asking them what they needed, and we sent supplies out to help those families.”

“Our donation center is not only for our Sugarloaf families but also for the public,” said Ms. Allen. “You can get anything on the supply list. We’re having a huge fundraiser for the community this Saturday. The Police Athletic League will help us distribute and open up a donation center to all residents of the Florida Keys.” - More inside

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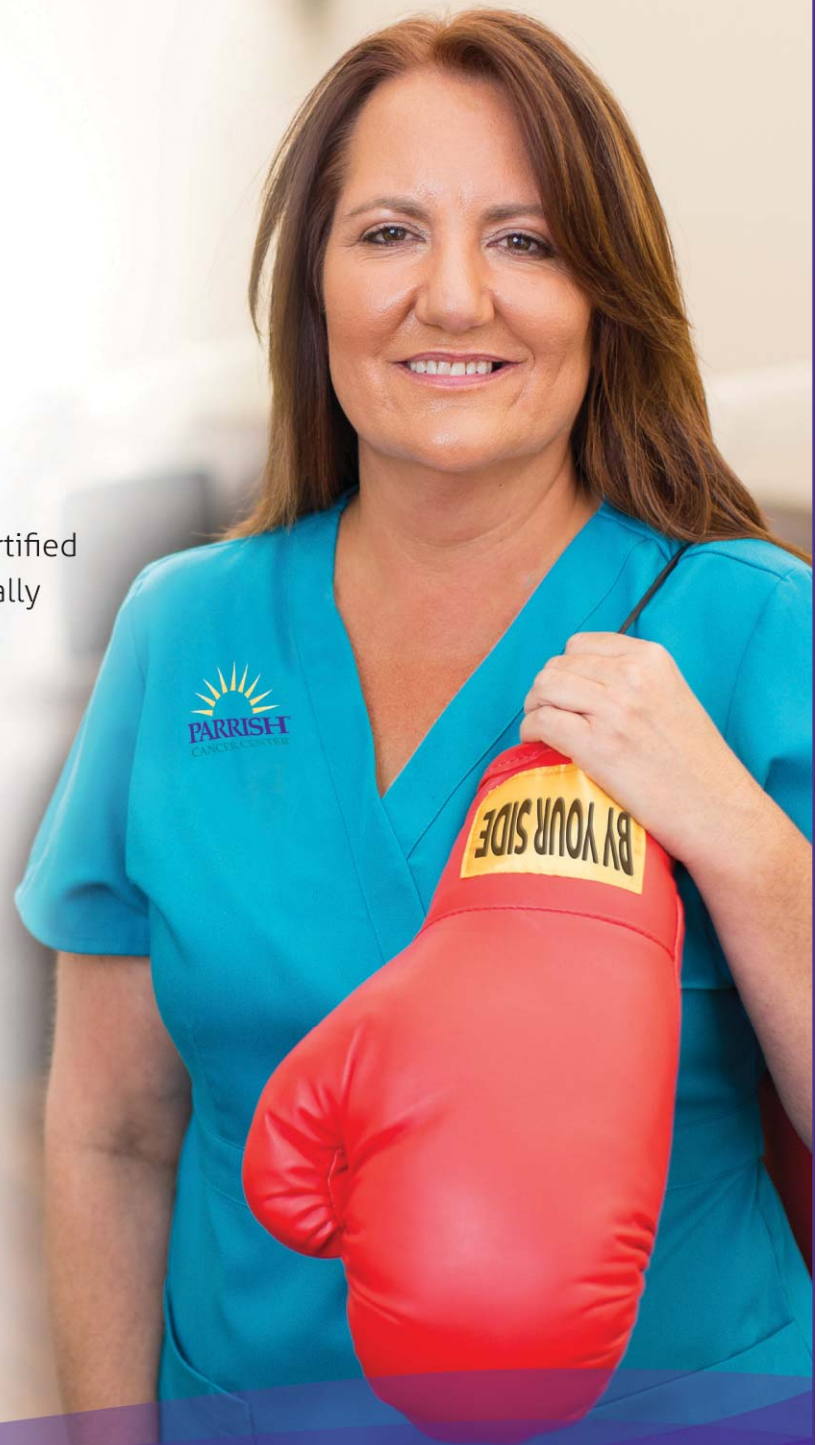
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# PSJ Community Center Schedule - November, 2017

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

## Mondays – Fridays

Seniors at Lunch, 10 am - 1 pm

## Mondays

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

Youth Zone, 3-7 p.m.

Computer Lab, 3-8 p.m.

Teen Billiards, 3-8 p.m.

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

13th & 27th: Girl Scout Troop 210, 6-7:30 p.m.

## Tuesdays

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

Youth Zone, 3-7 p.m.

Computer Lab, 3-8 p.m.

Teen Billiards, 3-8 p.m.

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

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

Country Heat 6-7 p.m.

## Wednesdays

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

Dream Weavers, 12-4 p.m.

Youth Zone, 3-7 p.m.

Computer Lab, 3-8 p.m.

Teen Billiards, 3-8 p.m.

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

1st & 15th: Cub Scout Pack 704, 6-7 p.m.

8th & 22nd: Cub Scout Tiger Den ,4 6-7 p.m.

## Thursdays

23rd - Center Closed For Thanksgiving Day

### Holiday

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

Youth Zone, 3-7 p.m.

Computer Lab, 3-8 p.m.

Teen Billiards, 3 - 8 p.m.

## Fridays

10th - Center Closed For Veteran's Day

### Holiday

24th - Center Closed For Thanksgiving

### Holiday

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

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

## Saturdays

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

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## “DREAM WEAVERS” – Knitting Club

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

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## Good Day! by Maureen Rupe Port St John Advisory Board Survives

At the October 5, 2017 Brevard County Planning & Zoning Meeting, agenda item VI, New Business under Miscellaneous, there were two items:

F.1. Legislative intent and permission to advertise ordinance dissolving the Port St. John Dependent Special District Board.

F.2. Same wording dissolving the North Merritt Island Special District Board.

I told you about this coming before the County Commission last month. I only knew the date a few days before, as the meeting was originally cancelled due to Hurricane Irma. There were only Wendy Porter and myself from PSJ. Wendy is a member of the Port St. John Advisory Board. There were quite a few people present for the North Merritt Island Board, so both supported each other. Plus, Thank You to all who called or wrote the County Commission with your support.

Commissioner Tobia first gave his reasons, 1) Basic Conservative Government Principles (less government); 2) Slows down the process. Both boards should be immediately and permanently dissolved.

I spoke and asked why Commissioner Tobia would want to exclude residents from giving their input on their own quality of life. Commissioner Tobia said the boards were sunset in 2003 and why were they still in operation. Someone from Merritt Island pointed out that the sunset had come before the County Commission in 2003, and the County Commission authorized the boards to continue without another sunset. Commissioner Tobia then called me a “wonderful woman,” which had to be sarcasm. It was on the tip of my tongue to say; “Please tell us how you really feel!” I hesitated and the moment was lost.

Both requests to dissolve each board were voted down 4 to 1, with Commissioner Tobia being the lone vote. None of the other Commissioners seem to agree with any of his reasoning. **North Brevard Economics Zone Comes Through for PSJ/CG**

Troy Post, the CEO, North Brevard Economics Zone, contacted me about 3 months ago and asked what he could do to set up something in our area for new businesses. He sent the following for everyone’s information:

Here’s a quick summary of the Meet Up group:

We’re calling it the Port St. John, or PSJ, “Startups & Founders Club;” our internet site can be viewed at <https://www.meetup.com/Port-St-John-PSJ-Startups-Founders-Club/>.

Our goal through this group is to meet monthly and provide a free forum for networking, problem-solving (via peer-to-peer feedback), and education on how to better operate a small business enterprise. Small businesses and entrepreneurs will hopefully feel comfortable at these monthly meetings to “bounce” ideas off each other and share with fellow small businesses some of the successes and challenges they have faced while bringing their product or service to market. At each meeting, we will have a speaker on a business topic (such as bookkeeping, or marketing, or business planning, or personnel administration), and include time for questions and comments.

Our program at the November 1st meeting will be on the topic of “crowdfunding.” For more information, contact Troy Post @ 321-264-5205, or [troy.post@brevardfl.gov](mailto:troy.post@brevardfl.gov)

At that meeting he’s hoping to gain input for a monthly meeting to serve our area. It sounds great!

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Reference:

<https://www.meetup.com/Port-St-John-PSJ-Startups-Founders-Club/>

*Ed. Note: A flyer for the event is 5 pages after this.*

### Canaveral Port Authority with Big Dream

“Our Port” was built with Tax Payer funding, based on being a Special Taxing District. The Port has not taxed our District since 1986 (31 years ago), although by current State Legislation, it would only take 3 votes of the 5 Commission total.

I went along on October 16th to the Community Meeting to give public comment, until I realized the Port Authority was not in session and there would be no public comment to verify by minutes of a meeting. We would just walk around the foyer and look at maps and ask questions of the staff of Bermello Ajamil and Partners, and then fill in a card with our comments. Same as last year, when the plan was in its infancy. At that last meeting, the plan was to ship containers from the Port down the Banana River, transfer them to a train, transport them over U.S.1 at Kings Highway, and then catch a train at the old Orlando Utilities Power Station going north or south through Brevard.

What I heard at this meeting was a massive plan, cost at \$2.54 billion, besides \$700 million for maintenance projects. Seems more like \$4 billion in my opinion, to be able to accomplish what they had on their plan.

The Port seems to have no money from the amount of borrowing they have already done. How much more must they borrow while this is being built, as it's not finishing until 2022/2023 for the new cruise terminals, and 2027 to 2030 for the new inlet and inner harbor?

The nearly new Exploration Tower will be adjacent to a Conference Center. I thought last year the Exploration Tower lost money, something close to \$400 million.

New restaurants near the Conference Center/ Exploration Tower. A Fish Market, 3 Parks and an area for Space Industry and storage for Liquid Natural Gas (LNG). Projects like new offices, etc. I would feel a lot better if this project was a private investment.

The Port CEO and Jerry Allander told me  
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## Good Day!, cont.

that bringing back taxes was off the table. Like I said in Florida Today, "If finances don't meet projections, a tax could be put on the table for considerations by a future group of Commissioners." Remember it would only take 3 votes!

Did I mention all the trucks on the road? The County cannot afford to repair our roads, but hasn't charged an impact fee on new construction since 2008. Just think, a Transportation Center that would connect the Port to Orlando. Plans have been made for State Road 528 to include every form of transportation you can think of, except having Ricshaws and a train. I still think a train along SR528 may become a reality.

Note: According to the Charter (State Legislature), the boundaries are as follows: "Canaveral Port District," which shall consist of so much of Brevard County as lies north of that line described as follows: Beginning at a point where the west boundary line of said Brevard County, Florida, intersects with the south boundary line of Township 25 South, Range 35 East, and proceeding thence easterly along the south boundary line of Township 25 South to the intersection of the

east boundary line of Brevard County, Florida, with the south boundary line of Township 25 South.

Reference:

<https://www.portcanaveral.com/About/Recent-News/Canaveral-Port-Authority-Sets-Community-Meeting-to>

### Kneeling in Terms of Respect

Someone asked me for my opinion (Thank You, Friend) on Kneeling in Terms of Respect. I think that to kneel is the ultimate respect anyone can give.

Since time immemorial, people have knelt before Kings and Emperors. Some will say, "I won't kneel before anyone," but will kneel in their church to their God.

I knelt before my mother whilst she died, to show my love, respect and gratitude.

Some kneel before the Pope. Abraham Lincoln's famous quote, "I was driven to my knees, I had no place else to go."

We all pay homage, just in different ways.

Cheerio,

Maureen

[rupe32927@earthlink.net](mailto:rupe32927@earthlink.net)

## Bazaar, Craft and Flea Market

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



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

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

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

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## Fox Lake Christmas Festival

The 24th Annual Fox Lake Christmas Festival of Crafts will be held at Fox Lake Park in Titusville on Saturday, November 18th, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Only handmade and homemade crafts will be offered for sale at the event, which is sponsored by the Brevard County Parks and Recreation Department's North Area Parks Operations.

The event is free to the public. There is no parking fee. It's a great opportunity to find a gift that's unique.

Registration for craft vendors has begun at Sandrift Community Center, 585 N. Singleton Ave, Titusville. For an application to be mailed to you, please send a SASE to North Area Parks Operations, 475 North Williams Ave, Titusville,

FL, 32796, or email request to [jann.faiga@brevardparks.com](mailto:jann.faiga@brevardparks.com). Office hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Thursday; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., on Friday. Vendor selection is based on, but not limited to, application submittal date, price of product(s) to the public, proper licensing, and appropriateness of the product(s) to the nature of the event. Special consideration is given to not-for-profit service organizations. The County reserves the right to limit vendors to one or two vendors per product.

There is no cost to submit an application. A \$50 plus tax, non-refundable, special event fee is due from selected vendors by Friday, November 3rd. For more information about this and other recreation programs in North Brevard, call (321) 264-5037.

## Project Graduation 2018



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

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

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

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## NOVEMBER IS A TIME FOR SHARING

Hey folks! Another 'wave' of vehicle thefts and contents has come through our neck of the woods. Luckily with the help of social media and

working together with law enforcement we'll bring some justice for the victims who were burglarized and stolen from.

It's important we SHARE incidents like these online with one another, as we need to combat this widespread problem. If we become diligent in putting our vehicles in our carports, garages, and locking them up with no valuables, we can greatly reduce the need to 'share' our stuff with unwanted predators and 'professional' thieves who lurk in our neighborhoods between the hours of 2-5 am.

Dress comfortably and wisely and be careful on any rides while attending the local fairs! Shoe-laces, heels, loose clothing and hair is an accident waiting to happen at any age. Carry your money in your front pocket or shoe to avoid losing it to pickpockets.

Don't forget the many food drives around town and Cub Scouts looking for canned goods.

Let's try to take time out of our busy schedules to honor our veterans and families. I'd like to see folks sharing a meal or item with those in need or even with those who cannot feed themselves.

Happy Thanksgiving and Thank  
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~ Neighbor Nell

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They also have a Facebook page.

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

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

## Christmas for the "Not So Merry"

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

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

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

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## New Eagle Scout

We want to share the good news with you. Having completed the requirements for and having been examined by an Eagle Scout Board of Review on 9-27-2017, Noah Ray Mitchell has earned the rank of Eagle Scout.

Noah is a member of the Boy Scouts of America Troop 355 out of Cocoa. He has earned double the number of merit badges required for the Eagle Scout rank.

His Eagle Scout Service Project was done at Harmony Farms Inc. There he built a shade canopy in the pasture for the horses involved in their Equine Therapy Program.

He has served in numerous leadership positions within his troop; Patrol Leader, Asst. Patrol Leader, Quartermaster, Chaplain's Aide to name a few.

He performs community service regularly, always helping out with the annual Scouting for Food drive. He was recently seen on the FOX news show touting the good job his SCHS JV football team did doing community clean-up after Hurricane Irma.

Noah is a member of the Blessed Sacrament



Catholic Church where he is an altar server. He is 15 years old, a sophomore at Space Coast High School. He is a member of the STEAM Academy and is on the A-B Honor Roll. Noah enjoys sports. He has earned his Varsity Letter on the SCHS Track team. He was a Captain on the SCHS JV Football team where he played

wide receiver. He has had the distinction of being named "player of the week" several times by his coach. Noah was recently promoted to the SCHS Varsity Football team.

He hopes to attend college and earn a degree in engineering while continuing to be a student athlete. He will be an Eagle Scout for Life, Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean and Reverent, always ready to lend a helping hand with a smile on his face and in his heart.

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## Monthly Tax Update

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has now released the 2017-18 travel per diem rates. These special per diem rates took effect October 1, 2017, include the special transportation industry rate, the rate for the incidental expenses only deduction, and the rates and list of high-cost localities for purposes of the high-low substantiation method. The special meals and incidental expenses rates for taxpayers in the transportation industry are \$63 for travel within the continental U.S. and \$68 for anywhere outside continental U.S. The rate for the incidental expenses only deduction remains at \$5 per day for any locality within or outside the continental U.S. For the high-low substantiation method, the per diem rates are \$284 for travel to any high-cost locale and \$191 for travel to anywhere else within the continental U.S. The amount of the \$284 high rate and \$191 low rate treated as paid for meals is \$68 for travel to any high-cost locality and \$57 for travel to any other locality within the continental U.S. The per diem rates in lieu of the rates for the meal and incidental expenses only substantiation method are \$68 for travel to any high-cost locality and \$57 for travel to any other locale within the continental U.S. See Publication 463 for more information.

Okay, let's move back to thinking about Hurricane Irma and what you need when reconstructing records lost because of the hurricane or disaster. The reconstructed records might be needed to prove your loss and it's essential for tax purposes, getting federal assistance or insurance reimbursement. Here are ways to help you reconstruct your records: A free tax return transcript is available by using the "Get Transcript"

tool on IRS.gov, or use your smartphone with the "IRS2Go" mobile phone app. You can also call 800-908-9946 to order them by phone.

You need to establish the extent of the damage by taking photographs or videos as soon as possible. You can contact the title company, escrow company, or bank that handled the purchase of your home to get copies of appropriate documents. In addition, you should review your insurance policy to find where the value of a building was established to base the figure for replacement is reflected.

If you made improvements to your home, you may be able to contact the contractor(s), who did the work, to see if records are available. If possible, you should get statements from them to verify the work and cost. You can also get written accounts from friends and relatives who saw the house before and after any improvements.

For inherited property, you can check court records for probate values. If a trust or estate existed, you can contact the attorney who handled the trust. Another place to look is with the county assessor's office for old records that might address the value of the property.

Several other resources are available to help you determine the current fair-market value of most cars on the road, like Kelley Blue Book, or

National Automobile Dealers Association.

You can look on your mobile phone for pictures showing the damaged property before the disaster or look it up on Google's street view map. You can support the valuation of property with photographs, videos, canceled checks, receipts, or other evidence. If you bought items using a credit card or debit card, you should contact your credit card company or bank for past statements. And, if photographs or videos of your property aren't available, a simple method to help remember what items lost is to sketch pictures of each room impacted.

Hopefully, these suggestions aren't needed and we hope you weathered the storm better than you thought you would.

In closing, I want to thank everyone for reading my articles over the past years. I'm also thankful I'm able to provide the information to you. Our office hopes you have a wonderful Thanksgiving and grateful for what you have. Happy Thanksgiving!!!

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. Provided by Tracey C. Higginbotham, E.A., (321) 632-5726, a member of the National Society of Accountants.

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

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

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

**11-1 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.

**11-5 Daylight Savings Time Ends**

**11-5 Multiple Sclerosis Self-Help Group** meets on the 2nd Sunday each month (except Mother's Day & Nov.), 2 PM, Cocoa Library.

**11-5 Word Weavers Space Coast,** a critique group for Christian writers, meets the 2nd Sunday at 2:00 p.m. at the Central Brevard Library in Cocoa. Visitors are always welcome. Email [angelagardnerwrites@gmail.com](mailto:angelagardnerwrites@gmail.com) for info.

**11-5 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](mailto:1royaldy@gmail.com) for more information. Print "Writers Group" in Subject.

**11-7 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.

**11-8 'Remembering Through Sharing'** - a support group for families that have experienced a pregnancy loss, stillbirth or loss of an infant. Meetings are 7 - 8:30 pm, 2nd Wednesday of each month at Cape Canaveral Medical Plaza. Call April or Jamie at 321-799-7151 for more information.

**11-9 Canaveral Groves Homeowners, Inc.** meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month, 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Room of Discovery Christian Church, 3925 Grissom Pkwy. in the Groves.

**11-10 Brevard Women's Connection** meets at Space Coast Convention Center (Holiday Inn Express) on Hwy. 520 from 11 am until 1 pm on the second Friday of each month. The program includes a luncheon plus an inspirational speaker. For more information, call Mary at 636-4713 or e-mail her at [mdean44@cfl.rr.com](mailto:mdean44@cfl.rr.com).

**11-11 Veteran's Day**

**11-15 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.

**11-17 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.

**11-20 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, 321-505-2361.

**11-23 Thanksgiving**

**11-24 Black Friday**

**11-27 Cyber Monday**

**11-28 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:

**Trey Darville** turns **9** on the 1st.

**Heather Burris** turns **24** on the 5th.

**Steve Sweeney** turns wilder on the 5th.

**Nicole Crouse** turns more lovely on the 7th.

**Joey Hilde** turns **26** on the 9th.

**Doreen Erickson** gets spanked on the 12th.

**Kayla Erff** turns **25** on the 12th.

**Mary Prentiss** turns **27** on the 12th!

**Chelsea Balparda** turns **26** on the 13th.

**Tyler Thomas** turns **20** on the 13th.

**Rita Stanton** turns cuter on the 14th.

**Helen Rutenber** vacations wild on the 15th.

**Dawn Niehoff** turns prettier on the 15th.

**Anthony Wagner** turns **12** on the 15th!

**David Erickson** turns crazier on the 16th.

**Jennifer DiCandio** is the Queen on the 18th.

**Tyler Mangiacapra** turns **24** on the 19th.

**Fred Bradshaw** turns smoother on the 19th.

**Cassie Fogarty** turns **20** on the 20th.

**Cathryn Santoso** turns **28** on the 21st.

**Amy Arnone** turns **38** on the 22nd.

**Kristin Svandrlik** turns **19** on the 22nd!

**Holly Turner** turns hotter on the 23rd.

**Aurora Mayfield** turns wilder on the 23rd.

**Christopher Allison** turns **15** on the 25th.

**Kim Tyner** turns **30(ish)** on the 28th.

**Roger and Jennifer Brunet** celebrate their 12th anniversary on the 6th!

**Teresa & Mike Ragan** celebrate their anniversary on the 10th.

**Kurt and Linda Bird** celebrate 46 years on the 12th.

**Jeff & Betty Couch** celebrate their 37th anniversary on the 15th.

**David and Laura Keefe** celebrate 23 years on the 15th.

**Paul & Pamela Mann** celebrate their 41st on the 15th.

**Mark and Helen Dezendorf** will have been happily married for 37 years on the 16th.

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City of Cocoa Water Dept. -	433-8400
Parrish Medical Center	
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Titusville -	268-6111
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## Sugarloaf Key Finds a Friend in Space Coast, cont.

Maintaining hope is a tall order amidst the sheer devastation of the storm, but the spirit of the Sugarloaf Key community has not wavered.

“The community is coming together to support one another and to help each other,” said Mr. Russell.

Ms. Allen agrees. “Everybody is looking to each other as a brother or a sister. It brought us more together. If you needed a shoulder to cry on, you had four or five people ready to give you a hug.”

Facing an arduous path to the return of normalcy, perhaps most impressive is how Sugarloaf students have responded. “Kids are resilient,” said Mr. Russell. “Many of them were used to living in a house or an apartment, and came back to find they don’t have a home. But they have handled that incredibly well. They have been great.”

Much progress has been made, but due to the magnitude of the storm and the severity of obstacles it left behind, fundraising efforts must continue to surge forward.

“This is going to be a long recovery for people,” said Mr. Russell. “This is a year or two year process, at least.”

Grateful that Sugarloaf School has received ample classroom and school-related supplies, Mr. Russell emphasized a need for the donation of gift cards to Publix or Home Depot to personalize the act of giving. “With gift cards we can say to families, ‘Here’s a gift card for you to go get whatever it is you need.’ It reinstalls a feeling of independence so families can pick up something that they need.”

Mrs. M and Space Coast Junior Senior High School stand firmly behind Mr. Russell and Sugarloaf School. “My goal for Sugarloaf is that we don’t just do a one shot deal upon the sudden impact of the hurricane,” said Mrs. M. “We want to keep them in our thoughts and prayers throughout the year as we do fundraising events so we can provide for them throughout the holidays that are coming up and throughout the year as it will take a long time for them to recover.”

Within a week of adopting Sugarloaf School, Space Coast worked jointly with neighboring school Enterprise Elementary to collect nine pallets of food, clothing, and other supplies to ship to Sugarloaf Key. Arriving with the shipment was a banner signed by Space Coast students, teachers and staff.

Reflecting on firsthand experiences, Mrs. M

understands recovery goes beyond replacing physical losses. “Participating in this project makes me remember a time in 1992 after living through Hurricane Andrew and realizing that there’s a lot more to the recovery efforts of a hurricane than just materialistic things. It is important to reach out to people for emotional support, as well. This is why, aside from the collection of goods, we have begun a penpal campaign that I am hopeful will take off



*Sugarloaf School Assistant Principal, Kelley Lanier (left), and Principal Harry Russell, have worked relentlessly to support Irma-impacted areas in the Keys. On this day, Ms. Lanier and Mr. Russell, along with Ms. Maria Allen, went door-to-door to provide food and cleaning supplies to families in hard-hit Big Pine Key.*



*(From left) Feeder school Enterprise Elementary School Principal, Mrs. Jean Bartleson, Space Coast Junior Senior High School Principal, Mrs. Sylvia Mijuskovic, and other Space Coast staff share their love and support for Sugarloaf School prior to loading up a shipment of donations.*

with a lot of popularity.”

While candles and flashlights can temporarily shine light into darkness, the friendships and unity at the heart of the collective efforts of Sugarloaf and Space Coast to lift up people in need have meaningfully brightened the spirits of those experiencing it.

“I am proud of the interest that our community has shown in this campaign,” said Mrs. M. “It will help our Vipers become even better citizens and even better all-around individuals than they already are!”

Mr. Russell beams with gratitude when he reflects on the massive showing of support that has come from sources all over the country. “Every day is a new day, and it gets better with each day.”

From this tale of two schools comes an unforgettable and uplifting lesson: Hurricanes may be feared but friendships are far more formidable.

Donations of gift cards to Publix or Home Depot are being requested of Space Coast families and businesses, and other interested communities.

Please contact Mrs. Keri Weeks at 321-638-0750 to contribute to Space Coast’s next donation. To reach out directly to Sugarloaf School, contact Ms. Maria Allen at 305-745-3282. Thank you for your consideration.

- Written by Mark Zeiler



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

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

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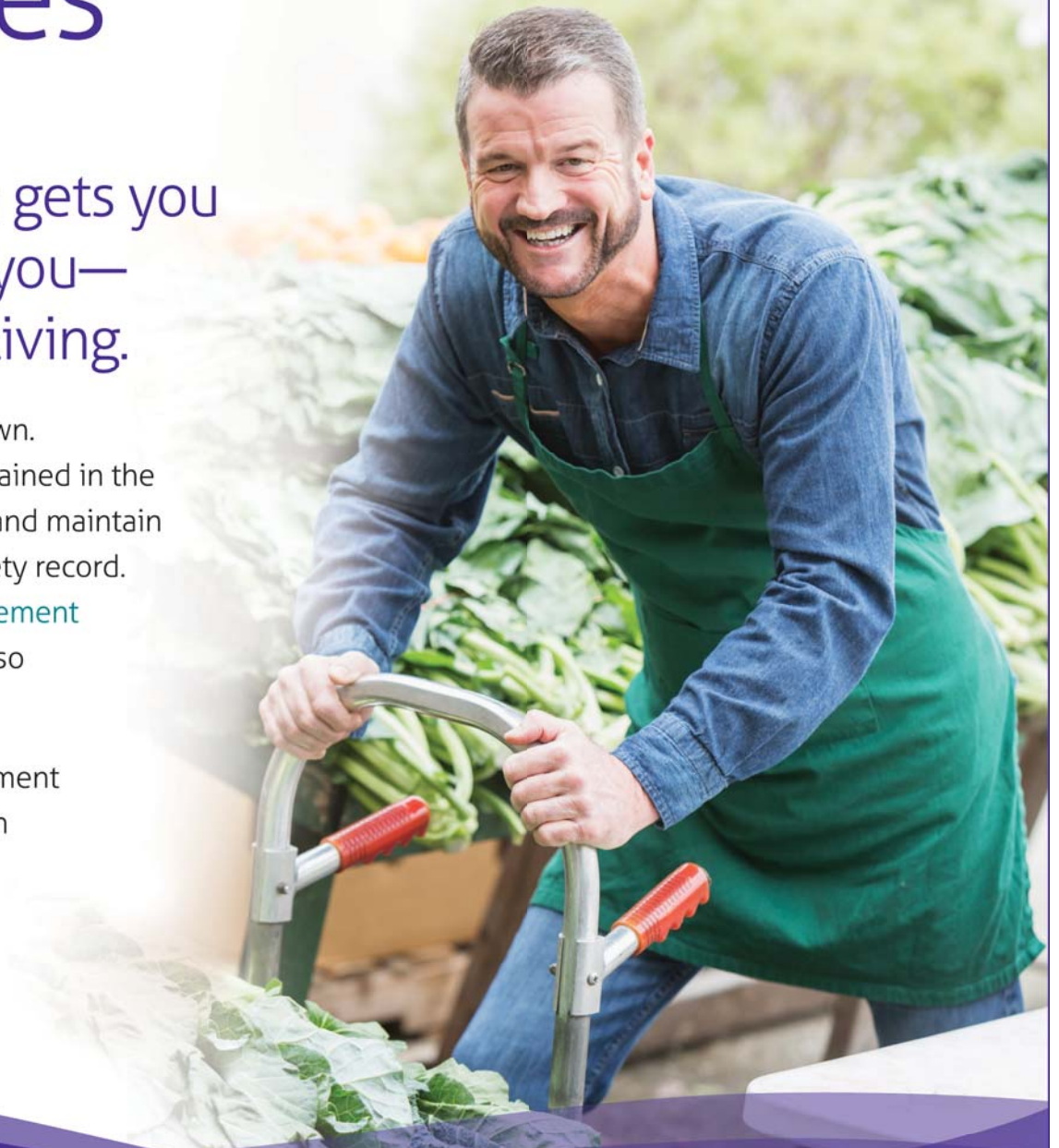
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The project, Metrus' first in the Sunshine State, propels "efficiency-as-a-service" to the next level by incorporating water efficiency measures for the first time. With over 17

efficiency measures – including savings in electricity, natural gas and water – the Parrish project demonstrates the scope and versatility of Metrus' ESA.

The project will save Parrish Medical Center approximately \$830,000 annually, including 3.7 million kilogallons of annual water savings – equal to 5,639 Olympic-sized pools. It will also save 8.9 million kWh/year of electricity and 257,000 therms/year of natural gas. Combined, these reductions will equal 8,466 tons of CO2/year, which is comparable to taking 1,622 cars off the road annually.

"The Parrish project represents the future of efficiency-as-a-service since it includes both energy and water efficiency," said Bob Hinkle, President and CEO of Metrus Energy, Inc. "This project allows Parrish to proactively upgrade its facilities, lower its operating costs and enhance the sustainability of its operations."

"This project enables us to upgrade our hospital with realized energy and water savings and no capital outlay," said Parrish Medical Center Vice President of Operations Jeremy Bradford. "With Metrus's ESA, we are able to save energy, water and money, which will create healthier buildings, a better working environment for hospital employees and a more comfortable environment for our patients."

Metrus is working with Sodexo USA, a subsidiary of Sodexo S.A. which will construct the project and provide ongoing services to the hospital. "Parrish Medical Center has been a longstanding customer of Sodexo," said Anthony Marten, Senior Vice President for Specialty & Prestige, Facilities Solutions & Construction. "We are happy to expand our work with Parrish through this efficiency-as-a-service retrofit. These building upgrades will enhance patient experience and support Parrish's mission of providing optimal patient care."

New Resource Bank, based in San Francisco, is Metrus' lending partner. Chief Credit Officer Bill Peterson explained how working with Metrus fulfills their values-aligned approach to banking: "As a bank focused on using money for good, we appreciate the opportunity to work on projects that benefit both the community and the environment. This project aligns perfectly with our mission by reducing Parrish's energy and water consumption, strengthening their position as an enduring resource for the local community."

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## PMC Welcomes New Emergency Department Medical Director

Gregory P. Cuculino, MD, FACEP, an Emergency Room physician leader who was twice recognized as a “top doctor” while with a Philadelphia, Pennsylvania hospital system, is Parrish Medical Center’s new Emergency Department Medical Director. Dr. Cuculino comes to PMC from Crozer-Keystone Health System in Delaware County, Pennsylvania. Dr. Cuculino chaired the Emergency Departments of the system’s four hospitals, which are staffed by 50 emergency medicine physicians and 20 advanced care practitioners who see more than 120,000 emergency room patient visits annually.

Dr. Cuculino is board-certified in emergency medicine, is a Fellow of the American College of Emergency Room Physicians (FACEP). He was twice recognized as a “Top Doc” in Main Line Today magazine, a regional magazine serving the Philadelphia area. In 2013, he was named a Main Line Today “Health Care Hero” for his work in stroke awareness. Under his chairmanship, the Emergency Room of Taylor Hospital in Ridley Park, Penn., earned National Research Corp.’s



Innovative Best Practice Award for commitment to improving patients’ experiences.

Dr. Cuculino said PMC’s “atmosphere of genuine caring for patients” was his reason for accepting this position after he and his wife decided to relocate after spending the last 18 years in Pennsylvania.

“I was very impressed with PMC’s people and their emphasis on a healing environment,” he said. “A hospital building can be made to look impressive, but what matters goes beyond what

you can see. The friendliness of the PMC care partners and the way the Care Partners genuinely care for their patients, and for each other, were the deciding factors for me. That atmosphere of caring is where I want to be,” he added. “I look forward to being a part of accomplishing great things for the people served by PMC.”

Dr. Cuculino earned his medical degree in 1996 from the Medical College of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia and completed his residency in Emergency Medicine in 1999 at Christiana Care Health System Medical Center of Delaware.

## Fall Rummage Sale



St Patrick’s Church at 4797 Curtis Blvd. in Port St. John is having a Fall Rummage Sale from 8:30 am to 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, November 18th. Everyone is invited to come out and find some “treasure.”

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## Rose's Room

~ Rose Padrick

Grouchy...? I think not.

There are a certain few who have (not so) recently mentioned that I may just have started down the road to Grouchy Old Lady-hood... Since they felt it best to mention this fact via those new-fangled, very confusing and very annoying smart phones, it does not assist in my denying such allegations.

Does it bother anyone else that they are called 'smart' phones? We have all seen videos of users walking into manholes, in front of busses, having a temper tantrum because they can't find the right app, not to mention the prices versus the delicacy of those things! I'm of a mind that something made specifically to be attached to the human hand 24 hours a day should be made of titanium. But then there would not be a need to purchase another one every time it gets wet or dropped...Hmmm...'Smart?'

And why are they called 'phones'? Making a call is only one of their functions. It's kinda' like you can make a call in an office, but you can also surf the interweb, e-mail a friend, look up yet another quick recipe for chicken, check Trump's latest Twitter, (to my boss: The previous sentence is pure conjecture), but we don't call them the phone room...?

I would also like to defend my very infrequent, minor annoyances at some things in the world in general that I have been accused of being grouchy about.

Unless you live in a cave, (if it was waterfront, I could actually be very happy there), you have to fill out forms for everything from renewing your driver's license to picking a new paint color.

Why do I have to click the 65 or older button on every form known to man? There are days I'm not absolutely sure how old I am and some days I just darn well don't feel like telling anyone. The day I can't remember where my car is after the fourth walk back to the Walmart entrance to start over, I intend to begin bothering my kids for rides. And if the day comes that I want a bright orange wall with lime green pinstripes, it won't be because of my age.

Since frugality is in my DNA, my reaction to all those surveys promising free gift cards or money off your next trip to the grocery store is much the same as my cat's reaction to the crinkle of the treat bag - ears up, eyes wide, feet carrying me in the right direction.

I know the drop downs attached to every question are cleverly designed to make answering about a hundred of them easier and steer us into the answers they want, but if I have to scroll for five minutes to find the year or state of my birth I reply to the survey maker with a couple of suggestions as to what they can do with this particular survey. I'm still waiting for my cards and coupons. They are no doubt lost in the mail.

I know I'm not the only person on this planet who wonders what species the clothes manufacturers are trying to dress. Totally not admitting to grouchiness, I do admit to having a word or two for the young, pierced lady leading me to racks of high-rise, mid-rise, low-rise, stretch, non-stretch, jegging, boot-cut, skinny, relaxed, acid washed (really?) blue, green, orange and lavender denim pants when I innocently asked where the jeans were. I didn't have to make that many decisions when I bought my house!

And what happened to waistlines? I have

lived all my life believing the good Lord placed everyone's belly buttons in approximately the same place and the waist is slightly above at the smallest area of your body. Evidentially I have been wrong all this time. Tags read 'high waistline' 'low waistline' etc. I just want a pair of pants that covers the bulge below my personal belly button.

I am so not grouchy I refuse to complain about the less than brilliant Neanderthals who believe others can read their minds or just guess which way they are going to turn, or who believe I enjoy knowing what color their eyes are when they're behind me at 60 miles an hour. I think said eyes just might be turning a nice shade of red when my foot has a spasm and the car slows to 50.

I hope this little diatribe has convinced those few who may think I can be a tad short on rare occasions. If there are still nagging suspicions, please give me a call, I'll be happy to explain. I'm sure you know my number, if not look under 'Mom' on your smart phone.

## PSJ Boat Ramp Update

Parks and Recreation Department sent a revision to the original plans that were sent to FEMA after Hurricane Mathew to include the added damage done during Hurricane Irma. The entire area has been completely closed off since Irma due to extensive damage done to the bulkheads, docks, even the one that was left after Matthew, washouts in walkways, and the north bank and trees collapsed into the river.

So the good news is that the repairs needed for Hurricane Irma damage will be included when repairs start. The bad news is that it is still in FEMA's hands awaiting approval and funding.

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

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

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

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

**Senior Games:** Tuesdays, 11:00-3:00 pm. Join other seniors for a variety of card games, Rumikub, Dominoes, etc. Bring your favorite game and lunch or a snack.

**SHINE - Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders:** Tues., Noon-3:00 and Weds., 1-4:00pm. Counselors assist seniors and the disabled with Medicare and Medicaid questions. Call for an appointment time 321-222-7981.

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

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

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

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

### Meetings and Events:

- Nov. 1, 5:30 pm Adult Coloring Club
- Nov. 4, 11 am-1 pm Delta Sigma Theta
- Nov. 8, 6:00 pm PSJ Special District  
Advisory Board Meeting
- Nov. 13, 5:30 pm Port St. John Public  
Library Advisory Board meeting
- Nov. 15, 1-3 pm Bookworms Adult Book  
Discussion Group
- Nov. 15, 6:00-7:45 pm Sunrise Village
- Nov. 17, 11:45 am Titusville Chamber of  
Commerce
- Nov. 18, 10:30 -1 pm Painting Class sponsored  
by the Friends of the Library. \$25.00  
covers lesson and materials, \$15.00 for  
Friends Members. Must pre-register/pay  
at the Reference Desk.
- Nov. 25, 10 am-1:45 pm Port St. John Pokémon  
Club
- Nov. 29, 5:30 pm Friends of the Library  
Membership Meeting



### Space Coast State Fair

Come see the 30th annual Space Coast State Fair through November 12 at Space Coast Stadium in Viera with fun rides, games and shows. Gate admission is only \$12 or \$15, depending on the day. The gate charge is for all ages.

Save money and buy fair tickets prior to October 27 at local Walgreen's stores.

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Also, you may want to check out Mark Chesnutt in concert, Friday, October 27. Gates open at 5 pm. Concert 8 pm

Professional Bull Riding: Friday, November 3, Saturday, November 4 at 8 pm, Sunday, November 5 at 3 pm.

Urias Circus Globe Of Death, live bands, Micro Championship Wrestling, The Plant Guy, appearing when you least expect it from open to close, Laser Tag from open to close daily, Olde-Time Busker, entertaining from open to close every day, Robocars, Ag-Magic Shows with Mike Klee and Soccer Collies Show.

Find out more online on Facebook, at [www.spacecoaststatefair.com](http://www.spacecoaststatefair.com).

**PAINT PARTY**  
and Membership Drive on Saturday,  
November 18th, noon thru 2:00.

\$25 for non-Members, or join for \$5/year.

\$15 for Members. Tickets must be purchased at the library prior to the event. Join at the same time! Supplies and expertise provided by "The Painted Turtle" of Titusville. Come and have fun painting a holiday-themed painting on canvas to take home!



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## Water At Last?

Coming across an old article dated January 2004 in the Happenings, it reminded me that the residents and property owners in West Canaveral Groves are a hardy lot. Most of them living out there back then are still there. Some, the good Lord has called to his Heavenly pastures, but the majority are looking forward to having the final, most important item tackled; city water.

No more ground water dug out through individual pumps, or water carried in from outside sources in various containers. Four months ago, before the fall hurricanes approached, we were looking forward to a contract being let out to a local company to accomplish this feat. According to Brevard County's department in charge of this project, Ms. Marcia Newell said several permits had to be obtained yet. The next month we learned that DP Development of the Treasure Coast had been awarded the contract for the job, but several legal items had to be clarified yet. After this was accomplished, we heard that the first pre-construction meeting had been held, but two more meetings were needed before the line could be laid. The big surprise was the fact that the line would start at the Pine and Palmetto St. intersection, not, as expected, at Highway 520 going north.

But two more months and hurricanes have come and gone. Hopefully, the final two meetings have been held, although the expected start dates of late July ~ early August have long gone.

According to Ms. Newell, the hurricane clean-up will cause some more delay, but by early 2018, city water should be flowing along Palmetto, Cherven and Satellite Boulevard.

~ Centi Thompson

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

Reconciliation at 3:30 PM on Saturdays

### Brevard Zen Center

1261 Range Road, Cocoa, Fl

Buddist Sunday Service 9:00am

Meditation in the Zendo 7:00pm

### Calvary Baptist Church, 321-636-8056

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

Pastor Jay Frazier www.calvarybaptistincocoa.org

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

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

### Christ Central Church, 321-636-7671

2010 N. Cocoa Blvd., Cocoa

ChristCentral51@gmail.com

www.cocoachurch.org

Bible Class: 9:00 – 9:45 AM

Worship Service: 10:15 – 11:30 AM

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

Pastor Larry Sparrow, ccatpsj.org

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

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

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

### Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

3000 South Street, Titusville

Two Wards meet in this meetinghouse:

Cocoa Ward... Bishop Kline

Cocoa Ward Sacrament Meeting, 12:00 PM

Titusville Ward... Bishop Newman

Titusville Ward Sacrament Meeting, 9:00 AM

### Coastal Community Church, 639-7346

5795 Falcon Blvd., PSJ: [coastalcommunity.net](http://coastalcommunity.net)

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### Cocoa Presbyterian Church, 321-631-3956

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

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

Nurseries and Children's church

### Cocoa 7th Day Adventist Church & School

1500 Cox Rd, Cocoa, Pastor Amado Luzbet

Church - 632-0640; School - 636-2551

www.cocoasda.org

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

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

### Community Alliance Church

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

Sunday School (all ages), 9:30 am

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

Wednesday Youth, 7 pm.

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

### Covenant Life Fellowship (321) 639-7734

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3770 Curtis Blvd., PSJ.

Sunday Service, 10:30 am

Wednesday Worship, 6:30 pm

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

4725 Fay Blvd.,

Kid's Service: Wednesday, 6:30 pm

Service: Sunday, 10:30 am

Prayer Time: Sunday, 6:30 pm

### Discovery Christian Church (321) 636-0316

3925 Grissom Parkway, Canaveral Groves

Bill Thompson - Preaching Minister

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

Worship Service: 11:00 a.m.

### East Coast Christian Center Cocoa Campus

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

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

3757 N. US Hwy. 1 Pastor Les Ray

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

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

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

Wednesday, 7 pm, Youth Group Fellowship.

### First Baptist Church of Port St. John

(321)636-5455

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

Sunday School 9:15

Worship & Kid's Church 10:30 am.

Adult Bible Study, 7 p.m. Wednesday

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

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

750 Brevard Ave. in Historic Cocoa Village

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

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

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

### First Free Will Baptist Church

Pastor Darrell "D" Miller, 795-4780.

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

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

Sunday Evening Service 6:00 pm

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

Rev. David Charlton at 1165 Fay Blvd.

Contemporary service - 9:00 am

Sunday School - 10 am; Traditionally Service, 11 am

Wonderful Wednesday Worship, at 7 pm

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

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

### Frontenac Baptist Church (321)636-1369

5500 N. US Hwy 1 Pastor Michael Franzone

Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship - 10:27 a.m.

Pastor Bible Study, 6:00 pm

Wednesday Evening Services, 6:30 pm weekly.

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

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

Sunday service at 9:30 a.m.

### Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

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

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

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

### HOPE United Church of Christ, 636-0250

2555 Fiske Blvd.,

Reverend Celestine Slater-Brooks

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

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

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### Ma'gen David Messianic Synagogue

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### Messiah Evangelical Lutheran Church ELCA

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400 Lucerne Dr. Cocoa

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

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

Sunday School for all ages, 9:00 am

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

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

### Pentecostals of Cocoa, 636-6560

1901 Michigan Ave., Cocoa

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

am

Sunday evening Evangelistic Service, 6 pm

### Redeemer Presbyterian Church 264-0035

Meeting at 5005 Barna Ave., Titusville

Worship Celebration - Sundays at 10 am

Christian Education - Sundays, 11:15 am

[www.myredeemer.cc](http://www.myredeemer.cc)

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

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

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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  
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 Wednesday Mass, 6:30 pm, then Pot Luck Supper  
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 Narcotics Anonymous, Mondays, 8 - 10 pm.  
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**Sun Valley Christian Church**, 321-264-1337  
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 thesurfsidefellowship.com  
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**Trinity Lutheran Church & School - LCMS**  
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 Michael Hageman, Pastor  
 Worship: 10:30 am  
**Trinity Lutheran Church-LCMC**  
 Pastor David Trexler | Dial-A-Story, 607-6742  
 3671 S. Hopkins Ave., Titusville, FL 32780  
 Sunday Worship Service 9:30am  
**Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Cocoa**  
 1261 Range Road, Cocoa. [www.uucocoa.org](http://www.uucocoa.org)  
 Sunday Service 11:00am  
**Unity of Merritt Island**, 321-452-2625  
 4725 N. Courtenay Pkwy, Merritt Island  
 Reverend Rose Whitham  
 Practical Christianity. Sunday Services at 10 am  
 www.unitymerrittisland.org. We are on Facebook.  
**Victory Baptist Church**, Pastor Raymond Hall  
 632-6148 at 242 Capron Road, PSJ.  
 www.victorythroughjesus.org  
 Sunday Bible Study at 9:30 am.  
 Sunday Worship Service at 10:30 am and 6 pm.  
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**Victory Worship Center**, 431-7964

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## "Christmas for the Not So Merry"

On December 3, 2017 at 4 pm.

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Lost a loved one, have a bad holiday memory... It's okay to feel a little down during this season.

Come join us to hear the message and receive the hope of Jesus Christ. All are welcome.



## Community Thanksgiving Service

First United Methodist Church of Port St. John

1165 Fay Blvd  
 (321) 631-0183

November 21st at 6:30pm

All are welcome to come out and receive a firsthand account of the first Thanksgiving.

FREE refreshments and GREAT fellowship will immediately follow the service.

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## One PSJ Good Neighbor is Moving South

- Submitted by Carmella Chinaris

The Surfside Community Fellowship Church has been a good neighbor here in Port Saint John. For more than six years, Pastor Erick Brookins and the Surfside congregation have held 9:00 and 10:30 Sunday morning worship services at the PSJ

Community Center, and a 6:00 Saturday evening service at the First Baptist Church building on Fay Blvd.

Beginning October 21, Surfside will be relocating to a church building at 1720 Cox Road, Cox Road and 524. The worship service schedule will remain the

same at the new location.

Pastor Brookins said, "Our folks are excited to have a church home that we can use all the time, and we are thankful to all the Brevard Baptist churches who made this possible."

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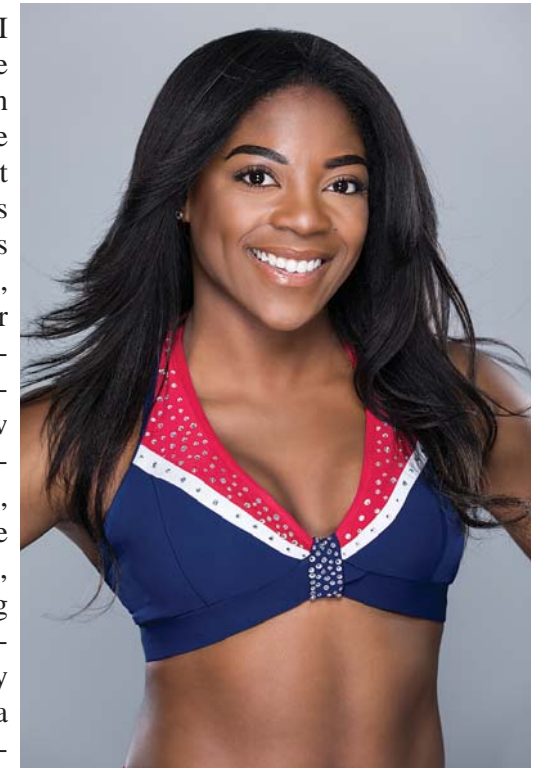
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Last month I had the pleasure of sitting down to talk with one of Space Coast High School's more famous graduates, cheerleader Khamare Farar, now cheering for the New England Patriots. I know, I'm a lifetime Dolphins fan, but after talking with this charming young lady I've become a Patriots Cheerleader fan, too.



This will be Khamare's first winter in New England. She is enjoying the change of seasons so far. She lives in Rhode Island, outside the Boston traffic and chaos. She likes hiking and eating outdoors. Fall is great! Time will tell about snow and ice. She thinks our weather forecasters are accurate. That's so cute!

Khamare is not a top tier cheerleader by accident. When younger, she participated in competition teams and took private lessons. Now she is a student of healthy foods and energy foods, and an avid workout participant. Together, those habits keep her fit and energized. She is a Fitness Operations Manager for BMAX.

It still blows her mind when young girls ask for her autograph. But she loves making other people feel good and encouraging youngsters, so it all works out.

Both of her parents are Air Force veterans, so we let the subject of players kneeling for the national anthem go. The NFL Cheerleaders Assn. said they weren't going to get into the discussion as a group, so many cheerleaders with veterans in their families will be spared similar conflicts.

Just so you know she's human, she does like Philly cheesesteaks and salmon sliders.

Khamare did leave a few shout-outs from her short visit: Brenda Adams from SCHS, coach Jake Owens, the McKenzie family, the teachers and coaches at Space Coast HS and The Grove Church.

- Randy Rodriguez



# Walter Butler Community Center - November, 2017

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

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

## **Mondays - Fridays**

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

Kids in Motion, 2-6 p.m.

Open Gym, 6-8 p.m.

Open Computer Lab, 6-8 p.m.

## **Tuesdays**

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

Kids in Motion, 2-6 p.m.

Open Computer Lab, 6-8 p.m.

Zumba, 6-7 p.m.

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

## **Wednesdays**

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

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

Kids in Motion, 2-6 p.m.

Volleyball Fundamentals, 5-8 pm

Open Gym, 6-8 p.m.

Zumba, 6-7 pm

## **Thursdays**

**23rd - Center Closed for Thanksgiving Day**

### **Holiday**

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

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

Kids in Motion, 2-6 p.m.

2nd & 16th - Girl Scouts Troop 373, 5-7 p.m.

Volleyball Fundamentals, 5-8 p.m.

Zumba, 6-7 p.m.

Open Gym, 6-8 p.m.

## **Fridays**

**10th - Center Closed For Veteran's Day**

### **Holiday**

**24th - Center Closed For Thanksgiving**

### **Holiday**

Open Gym, 9 -11a.m.

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

Pickleball, 11 am-2 pm

Kids in Motion, 2-6 p.m.

## **Saturdays**

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

**Persons With Disabilities Dances** are held every 1st and 3rd Friday of the month from 7-9 p.m. all ages welcome.

For more information contact Andrea Chestnut at 321- 264-5058 or 321-264-5105.

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

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

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

*Did you ever notice: When you put the 2 words 'The' and 'IRS' together, it spells 'Theirs...'*

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

## **Holiday Art & Craft Bazaar**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **CANAVERAL GROVES HOMEOWNERS INC.**

If you'd like to join and support our Homeowners' group, just cut out and fill out this form and mail with a check for \$15 to cover the current year's membership dues. Mail to: CGHI, P.O. Box 675, Sharpes, FL 32959



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

**Won't you come join us? We meet on the 2nd Thursday of every month at the Discovery Church at 3925 Grissom Pkwy. at 7:00 pm. Contact wcandei@aol.com**

# SLEEPY HOLLOW



## Fruit From The Groves

Bill has been under the weather so we are absent his wonderful humor and knowledge of all things that affect the Groves this month. I'll try to fill in and of course, Bill would hunt me down if I didn't include some humor for his fans.

- Randy Rodriguez, Ed.

### Martin Andersen Senior Center Dances

Martin Andersen Senior Center will host a Singles/Couples Ballroom Dance on Saturday, November 11th. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and dancing begins at 7:00 p.m., ends at 10:00 p.m. Free snacks, BYOB. Adults of all ages are welcome. Music will be provided by Janice and Rene. The cost is \$6; \$5 for members.



MASC will also host a dance on November 25th. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and dancing begins at 7:00 p.m., ends at 10:00 p.m. Free snacks, BYOB. Music will be provided by Janice and Renee. The cost is \$6; \$5 for members.

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

### Hospital Regulations

Hospital regulations require a wheel chair for patients being discharged. However, while working as a student nurse, I found one elderly gentleman already dressed and sitting on the bed with a suitcase at his feet, who insisted he didn't need my help to leave the hospital. After a chat about rules being rules, he reluctantly let me wheel him to the elevator. On the way down I asked him if his wife was meeting him. "I don't know," he said. "She's still upstairs in the bathroom changing out of her hospital gown."

### Men's Holiday Chorus

Men of all ages who love to sing are invited to join The Men's Holiday Chorus, a community musical group now forming. The group will perform traditional Christmas holiday music arranged in four-part harmony. The chorus will make several public performances with the exact schedule to be determined. The chorus also will be arranging informal sing outs in nursing homes hospitals and churches during the holiday season.

All interested men are encouraged to join us. If you enjoyed singing in high school or college, or you sing in the shower, come on and sing with us. No prior experience is necessary, just the desire to have fun and bring joy to others in the community.

Rehearsals will begin immediately, every Tuesday evening at 7 to 8pm in Room 214 - Building 4, Simpkins Fine Arts Center at Eastern Florida State College. We will provide music, direction and good fellowship. Please call Bob at 321-615-4700 for more information.

### 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.



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

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

### Sail to the Sun

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

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

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

For further information contact Allan Chapman at 321-631-9075, email to [info@VisitCocoaVillage.com](mailto:info@VisitCocoaVillage.com), or visit the website [VisitCocoaVillage.com](http://VisitCocoaVillage.com).



## Solid Waste Collection Fee

Homeowners in unincorporated Brevard County were recently mailed a Brevard County Solid Waste Assessment notice regarding a proposed increase in the annual solid waste collection special assessment for curbside solid waste collection service.

In 2013, following a competitive bidding process, the Board of County Commissioners entered into a seven-year contract with Waste Management, Inc. of Florida, for curbside solid waste collection services. This contract does not include solid waste collection for hurricane debris. The county contracts hurricane debris collection to other contractors and must comply with FEMA rules.

The Waste Management contract became effective on Oct. 1, 2013, and provided Waste Management with a Consumer Price Index (CPI) increase, not to exceed three percent per year, for the life of the contract. At that time it was determined that the income generated from the existing solid waste collection assessments paid by homeowners would be less than the County's costs to provide the solid waste collection service.

However, the Board of County Commissioners was fully aware of the impact of the economic downturn on homeowners and, therefore, no rate increase has been imposed on homeowners for several years. Instead the Solid Waste Management Department was authorized to use a portion of its hurricane reserves of \$5.5 million to make up the difference. Due to the low rate of inflation of 0.7 percent since 2013, along with drawing down the reserves, the Board has not raised the annual assessment rate for several years. It was understood, however, that within three to four years of the new contract, the Board would have to revisit the collection assessment rates and make adjustments to stabilize the reserves.

In 2016, Brevard County suffered the effects of Hurricane Matthew and the remaining \$4.1 million in Solid Waste reserves were not sufficient to cover the cost of the massive yard waste debris cleanup. A loan of \$10 million was approved by the County Commission to pay hurricane debris contractors until the County received FEMA reimbursement. "The Solid Waste Collection Enterprise Fund funded by the annual solid waste collection assessments and

used to pay off solid waste collection services can no longer be sustained out of reserves and the Board of County Commissioners will need to revisit the collection rates and adjust them to stabilize the reserves" said Solid Waste Management Department Director Euripides Rodriguez.

The Board of County Commissioners held a public hearing on August 22nd to consider a proposed Solid Waste collection assessment rate increase of 4.8 percent. Based on the assessment notice mailed out, whatever direction the Board takes in setting the rates, the citizens of Brevard will have the lowest rates of surrounding counties and among the lowest rates in Brevard.

Please visit [www.brevardcounty.us/solidwaste](http://www.brevardcounty.us/solidwaste) or the Waste Management, Inc. site [www.brevardthinksgreen.wm.com](http://www.brevardthinksgreen.wm.com) to receive additional information regarding this valuable critical service that occurs at your curbside every week.

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